

**3. NEW BRIGHTON PARK/PIER LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT** RR 9456

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The purpose of this report is to seek the reallocation of funding within the Parks Unit's 1998/99 sub-budget.

Work has now been completed on the detailed design and costing for the New Brighton Beach Park area. The advertised concept prepared in 1997 has been largely adhered to with the development of an elevated entry court area around the building, a family garden and playground to the north and an amphitheatre to the south but with a car park for the Pier terminus building, as required by the resource consent. The design consists of quality clay pavers around the front of the building broken by concrete header strips and including sponsored pavers, a wooden deck around the macrocarpa tree, planters to separate the entry court from the road and concrete and grass surfaces in the amphitheatre and an asphalt car park.

As indicated in the 1997 document the gap between expenditure and budgeted funds remains a problem. The park, including the north and south car parks, is very large and the entire area needs upgrading. To date the northern toilet/changing rooms have been rebuilt and some landscape enhancement spread throughout the remaining area. While work in the remaining park area has been reduced to accommodate the need to fund the library/terminus building site works, some demolition work and planting was needed and a total of \$200,000 now remains out of the total budget of \$255,000.

As reported at the time of letting the contract for the Pier terminus building contract, a provisional sum of \$300,000 was included in the building contract in order to mitigate any potential co-ordination problems between different contractors/contracts and to ensure that the siteworks are completed in conjunction with the building contract. The source of funds was identified as the Parks Unit's foreshore enhancement budget for New Brighton Beach as a whole. This provisional sum included in the contract was for siteworks immediately surrounding the building. However, now that the landscape concept plan has been completed the scope of works was extended to include as much of the park area to the south of the pier terminus building as possible because of its rough state. The final design has now been completed and priced at \$385,000. All avenues to reduce costs have been investigated and any further reductions in cost would compromise the design's quality or leave

areas in a rough state. The implications of this is that the remaining beach park landscape budget of \$200,000 needs to be increased. (Note: demolition work, roadside planting, landscaping, car park upgrading, and design fees etc. have already been spent over the last two years.)

It is proposed that the new district playground funds of \$111,500 be reallocated to increase the current landscape budget of \$200,000 within this financial year, giving a total 98/99 siteworks budget of \$311,500 (\$200,000 plus \$111,500), leaving a shortfall in funds of \$73,500).

The balance of funding remaining \$23,500 could be funded from the 1999/2000 landscape budget for New Brighton Beach Park. The timing of the physical work will run up to, if not in to, the new financial year and contract payments can accommodate the later payment for part of the landscape work if necessary. This is considered to be appropriate as the playground and whale pool, while getting run down, still remains a well used and popular area and can be maintained for another year or two. Where as the \$7.5 million Library and Pier complex must have a quality entrance and surrounding when it opens in June/July.

The reallocation of the playground funds and commitment of \$23,500 in the next year's budget will allow the surroundings of the Pier complex to be completed for the opening. The remaining parts of the New Brighton Beach Park including the playground still require to be upgraded but these improvements can be spread over the next few years to provide ongoing interest in the site and spread development costs.

In his report, the Parks Manager suggested that the New Brighton car park special fund be used for the proposed car park enhancements. This fund was established to improve car parking in the New Brighton Mall and has a current balance of approximately \$50,000. The Committee endorsed this suggestion and decided to recommend to the City Services Committee that the proposal to fund the development of the new car park on the corner of Marine Parade and Beresford Street from the fund be supported. The City Services Committee is reporting separately to the Council on this issue.

**Recommendation:** That the proposed new district playground funds of \$111,500 be reallocated to the New Brighton landscape budget in the current financial year.