

## 5. NEW BRIGHTON FORESHORE - PADDLING POOL SHELTER



The following memorandum was received in response to the removal of the paddling pool shelter:

*"This memorandum is to clarify the sequence of events that lead up to the demolition of the paddling pool shelter and its replacement.*

*The shelter was identified as being in poor condition as part of the City Solutions biennial maintenance inspection of Greenspace assets. A more comprehensive assessment was carried out in mid-July and the area immediately cordoned off.*

*A meeting involving the relevant Council officers was held to discuss the most appropriate option and course of action to be taken in dealing with this issue. At that stage it was not known whether total or partial removal of the seaward wall was the best practical option and further costings and investigations were needed.*

*In order for the Board to have a full understanding of the final outcome it was decided to wait until all the facts were known and a solution decided upon. In taking this approach there was a 10 to 12 week delay, far longer than originally thought and in hindsight the Board should have been informed earlier. This situation, coupled with the fact that the contractor started work earlier than expected, not allowing sufficient time for Board to be fully informed, this undoubtedly would have caused members' concern and for this I apologise.*

*As can be seen from the work already carried out the most practical option was total removal of the shelter. The only sections to remain were the paddling pool plant room and the storage shed. Because this work was unforeseen and required some urgency, the action to replace the shelter is only an interim measure until an overall design of the foreshore reserve is undertaken. At this stage there are no definite plans for any work on the Foreshore Reserve as a result of work that has occurred in relation to development options.*

*The shelters will be replaced with a 1.2 metre high wooden trellis wind break and six picnic tables. To withstand the harsh coastal environment the materials to be used will have an expected life of 30 plus years. The **attached** plans show the detailed of the proposed layout. It is envisaged that this work will be completed prior to the busy Christmas/New Year period."*