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Corporate Plan Output: New Brighton Beach Park	

The purpose of this report is to update the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board on progress on developing the New Brighton Beach Park. Chris Freeman will be in attendance to present the plans and working drawings for the for the area.

INTRODUCTION

New Brighton Beach Park is one of 12 Beach Parks identified as part of the five year foreshore enhancement project now in it's fourth year. The area now is managed as a regional park under the Council's Coast Care Program. Progress over the last four years in New Brighton included dune reshaping, boardwalk access and native planting on the dunes and on the roadside. These core foreshore works have been complemented with the redevelopment of Marine Parade power undergrounding etc and some work on the car parks and garden areas.

The large area of park needing renovation has always been a problem and much of the New Brighton Beach Park's 9,200 metres still needs work. The progress however over the last four years is arguably the most positive development in New Brighton since the Mall was created.

AREA AROUND THE PIER TERMINUS

The Parks Unit has always supported and promoted the need for a building to complement the Pier. The construction area was cleaned up and toilets and old soundshell demolished following the advertised Development plan in March 1997. The Terminus building's design and associated site works has been followed carefully with input into the resource consents particularly coastal protection and car parking. The following is a summary of the siteworks contract recently negotiated with Mainzeal for the landscape around the Pier building. The budget for this work is \$385,000

Stage One Landscape Works Associated With The Pier Terminus Development.

Key Features (North to South):

- At the base of the steps leading up to the Pier is the start of the promenade linking the north car park to the Pier Terminus at the one level (approximately 800mm above existing ground level).
 - into the concrete paving at the base of the steps a glass art work reflective of the northerly toilet block wall feature.
 - the promenade will remain at existing levels throughout the garden and playground areas until funding is available.
 - some shelter planting will be established this winter.
 - the reno mattress will be covered with a range of coastal sand binding plants.

- The existing Macrocarpa will be retained and because of the heightened levels around the base of the tree a large 20 metre diameter timber deck at the same level as the ground floor of the building will be constructed to ensure an uninterrupted flow of air and water to the trees root system.
- Podium area at the front of the Terminus Building:
 - constructed at the floor level of the Terminus approximately 800mm above Marine Parade footpath level and providing a large forecourt zone to the building.
 - the Clock Tower is to be retained and painted in colours more in sympathy with the Terminus Building.
 - Monier clay paving units used throughout the Podium area will provide a flexible easily maintained, colour fast system that has been used successfully in major projects throughout Australasia.
 - raised garden beds at the front of the building separates the upper Podium level from the footpath level, as well as providing significant opportunities for native theme planting of coastal indigenous tree shrub and tussock species to soften the buildings environs and provide a sense of scale to the building.
- The use of clay unit pavers has provided the Pier Trust with the opportunity to sell approximately 3800 pavers at \$25/unit. The pavers will be laid alphabetically in blocks of names on the podium level from approximately half way along the building down through the ramped access area and into the amphitheater.
- Stage One works in the amphitheatre will only partially complete the intended final picture:
 - the car park, for library uses only, will be completed as will the tree and shrub planting separating/screening it from Marine Parade.
 - planter No 2 intended in the long term to be a raised lawn and planted viewing area for activities within the amphitheater will at this stage remain a lawn area at ground level.
 - the toilet block and associated club and storage facilities beneath the south car park ramp will be completed.
 - the existing amphitheatre will be retained as is until funding allows for an extension to it at the base which incorporates raised lawn and stage areas.
 - the RSA memorial area is to be developed and enhanced at a future stage.
 - site furniture such as seats and rubbish bins will be installed at a later stage.

SUMMARY

While the landscape works to the north and south of the Pier Terminal have to be staged, a consistent theme approach to use of materials, (planting, paving, timber, steel) the design of elements such as site furniture and the regular inclusion of feature items such as glass art will ensure, at the completion of the project, the entire site from north car park to south car park will be seen as a single beach park experience.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.