

## 15. NEW BRIGHTON BEACH PARK

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The purpose of this report is to update the Community Board and the Parks and Recreation Committee on the work remaining in the New Brighton Beach Park following the completion of the Pier and the Library.

### THE CONCEPT

The pier and new pier terminus building incorporating the New Brighton Public Library and two cafés have generated renewed interest in the New Brighton foreshore. Now that the pier and terminus have been completed the aim is to develop the surrounding beach park as a complete experience that will both add to the attraction of these existing features and the beach, and become an important recreational destination in its own right.

In order to achieve this the plan provides for the following:

- A variety of paved, grassed and planted spaces offering a range of passive and active recreational opportunities catering to all age groups.
- Extensive planting, reflective of the vegetation once native to the area, to create large areas sheltered from the predominant easterly winds.
- Easy pedestrian access from the north and south car parks to the pier, terminus and main areas of the park including an extensive promenade linking the north car park to the pier building.
- Improved beach access via timber decks and/or ramps at key points from the beach park.
- A new children's playground incorporating an improved and enlarged water play area.
- A completed southern amphitheatre area incorporating raised lawn and garden bed area, an extensive raised lawn/stage area integrated into the existing amphitheatre steps and an enlarged hard paving area to maximise the area's potential for a range of activities from skateboarding, basketball and volleyball to organised market days and concerts.
- A revitalised RSA memorial area incorporating paving, planting, walls for screening shelter and additional commemoration, seating and improved access from the south car park.
- A reorganised south car park incorporating a short term/drop off zone and a more efficient vehicle parking and circulation layout.

The preliminary design cost estimate breakdown is as follows:

Northern 'family park' area incorporating decking, walls, promenade linking north car park to terminus, seating and planting	\$506,000
New children's playground	\$100,000
New water play feature	\$150,000
Shade canopies to seating areas	\$180,000
Southern amphitheatre area incorporating seating, raised lawn and planted areas, additional paving	\$120,000
RSA Memorial courtyard incorporating walls, seating, planting and paving	\$237,000
Shade canopies to memorial courtyard	\$37,000

While only limited funding is available in budget over the next 5 years (\$150,000) the plan as drawn represents a high quality regional coastal park concept and deserves serious consideration in future funding rounds to ensure this area continues to act as a catalyst for rejuvenation of the New Brighton district. Alternative funding sources will also be pursued, currently an application has been lodged with the Lottery Board for \$242,000.

A copy of the design plans has been circulated separately from the Agenda.

**Recommendation:** That the plan be approved and funding be considered as part of the current and future budget rounds.

**Chairperson's**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the aforementioned recommendation be adopted.
  2. That a list of projects with the year of proposed commencement, be prepared to enable community groups to adopt particular projects.