

SUBMISSIONS ON THE NON-COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE SOUTH NEW BRIGHTON RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Consultation open from 14 April to 12 May 2021. During that time we received 14 submissions.

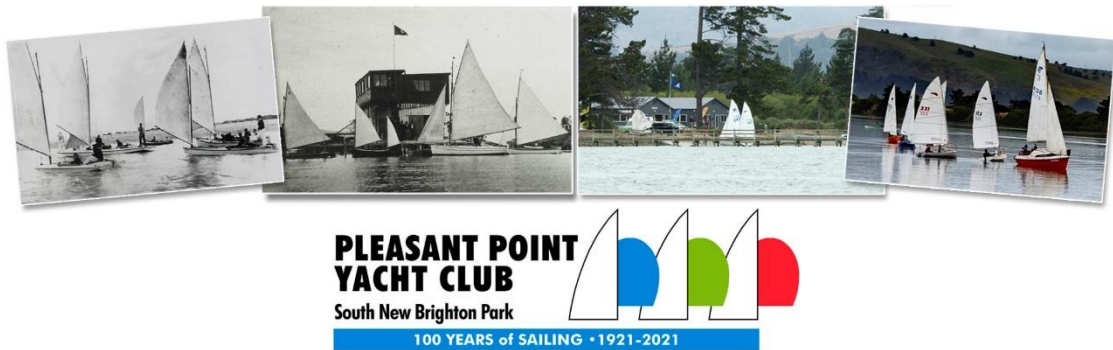
	Submission	Comments	Name
1	39955	<p>Estuary Trust Submission to the Christchurch City Council Changes to the South New Brighton Reserves Management Plan</p> <p>The Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust</p> <p>1. The Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust (AHEIT, The Estuary Trust) is a charitable society registered in 2003. It was formed as a result of community requests over many years for the formation of an organisation that included committed representation from statutory bodies, tāngata whenua and other agencies.</p> <p>2. The vision of the Trust is: Communities working together for Clean Water Open Space Safe Recreation, and Healthy Ecosystems that we can all enjoy and respect Toi tū te taonga ā iwi Toi tū te taonga ā Tāne Toi tū te taonga ā Tangaroa Toi tū te iwi</p> <p>3. Further details about the Trust, it's Constitution, the Memorandum of Understanding between the Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, Ngāi Tahu and the Trust, and the Trust's Estuary Management Plan, please visit our website at www.estuary.org.nz</p> <p>The Trust's submission We thank Christchurch City Council for their ongoing support of the Estuary Trust's work.</p> <p>Chapter 3.2 Climate Change - Section 3.2.5 The installation of rock armouring and cobbled beach on the Estuary edge should only be where the salt marsh is not able to offer the required erosion protection.</p> <p>Chapter 3.6 Recreation and Sport We wish to see greater control of dogs in this area and submit that a similar policy as the Southshore Spit Reserve and Foreshore (Dog Control Policy 2016 Schedule 1 page 22) is applied here -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs are prohibited from the estuary edge of Blighs Garden, Bridge Reserve and South New Brighton Park areas to protect wildlife (particularly godwits and oyster catchers). • Dogs are allowed under effective control on the vegetated reserve area. <p>We believe dogs should be prohibited from all wetland, conservation and bird nesting areas. Goal 4: Management of Open Space of our Estuary Management Plan, states that in advocating for regulation to protect habitat, we will "advocate strongly to enforce bylaws for dog control"</p> <p>6.5 Erosion of the Estuary and River Margin As climate change will continue to cause negative effects and further erosion of the Estuary edge we believe that the only sustainable solution is to extend the existing salt marsh areas. The marshes provide the soft engineering response and the changing environmental response we and the community desire. As is stated, salt marsh plants must be allowed to migrate inland to protect the edge and to provide habitat. We therefore request that the Council manage the inland retreat of the salt marsh plants and install cobbled edging only where necessary.</p>	Kit Doudney, Chair, Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust

2	39832	Southshore Residents Association support the proposed amendments to the South New Brighton Reserves Management Plan to enable the implementation of the estuary edge earthquake legacy repair.	Sue Carbines Chair, Southshore Residents' Association
3	39952	See attachment at bottom of table	Jocelyn Humphreys Pleasant Point Yacht Club Inc
4	39953	See attachment at bottom of table	Nigel Humphreys
5	39886	Happy to have the Reserves plan updated to allow for the repairs to be conducted. Our biggest concern is that that they are expedited and get underway without any further delay as we are losing more land each time there is a king tide event. Access via the reserve is key for our members as they want to ride/walk safely to the club facility especially from SNB School for coaching lessons.	Kate Latimer South Brighton Tennis Club
6	39951	<p>I support the reinstatement and protection of the estuary edge from erosion along with most of the measures listed in the management plan to enhance and preserve the estuary edge near the mouth of the Avon River as a place of significance for New Brighton and greater Christchurch.</p> <p>I think as part of enhancement work the carpark area between the two ramps should be sealed to be of the same standard as the carpark area to the north. This would remove hazards (old tree stumps large stones), improve utilisation (easier for biking, walking, pushing prams, buggies and boat trailers whilst discouraging antisocial loss of traction car activity (skidding and donuts).</p> <p>The proposed bund shown running through the middle of the grassed park adjacent to / east the yacht club should be moved as far east as possible to maximise the flat area of this part that has flat level access to the boat ramps as this is used for boat rigging on busy sailing days and boats rigged in this area are moved by hand to the boat ramps, see attached aerial photo marked up.</p>	Christopher Hawkes
7	39943	The whole Estuary edge area from Southshore to New Brighton is a great recreational asset for local residents and those from all of Christchurch. It is imperative that the Estuary edge is protected in the best and most natural way. The budget for this needs to be allocated now. I also read that the Park needs to be replanted and damaged trees replaced. Trees take several years to grow and the budget needs to be allocated now. There was a planting plan made very soon after the major earthquakes, why has it not been acted on. A lot of money has been spent surveying the Estuary edge, this is wasted unless work commences soon.	Kathy Morris
8	39938	<p>Submission to the South New Brighton Park Management Plan from Dan O'Sullivan, Pleasant Point Yacht Club member</p> <p>1. Carpark and Rigging area in front of Pleasant Point Yacht Club</p> <p>The untidy state of the area at present encourages hoons that skid around before taking off again. This is happening when the yacht club are using the area, as this is when the gate is open. This is potentially dangerous.</p> <p>Juniors (and others) need to trolley their boats across this area to get to the water. It is really rough and not easy for young people to drag trolleys with small wheels across this gravel.</p> <p>When Pleasant Point Yacht Club first visited this area with a view to relocating from the other side of the river, it was a skidding zone for hoons and very untidy. I believe that our presence has improved the area and made it more inviting to visit. I would like the council to help tidy the area by sealing the area and creating a more attractive space.</p> <p>2. Estuary edge erosion</p> <p>If this area was remote and not inhabited by residences, businesses and sports clubs, I would say let nature take its course. However, given the high use the area receives, this approach would not be appropriate. I support the erosion protection proposed. I would support the replanting of saltmarsh where appropriate.</p>	Dan O'Sullivan

		I applaud the council for working toward a great plan for a hidden jewel of Christchurch.	
9	39919	Leave it as it is, actually maintain the current tracks!! Including the dune track and put the bloody flood protection in!! Stop stalling and respect the rate payers of the area! You take their money so it's about time you look after them!! Absolute joke of council, you should be ashamed of your incompetence!! I have lived in the area for 32yrs and the lack resources, respect and time you put into East CHCH is frankly sad and shameful!	Sam Hawke
10	39903	<p>It is great to see Council addressing the issues of the estuary edge and amending their initial post-earthquake plan to include a sustainable mix of engineered approaches (cobble beaches etc.) and natural estuary edge protection where appropriate. I support this along with most of the measures to enhance and maintain the ecological, recreational, cultural, landscape and heritage values in order to make the estuary edge near the mouth of the Avon River a place of significance for New Brighton and greater Christchurch.</p> <p>I think as part of the estuary edge mitigation and park enhancement the carpark area between the two launching ramps should be upgraded to make this area useful and accessible for people of all ages and families. Upgrading this area to be of the same standard as the area before the locked gate would have economic, social and visual benefits and would also reduce the negative environmental effects on the estuary edge by this area remaining unmaintained.</p> <p>It is great seeing the sailing on this part of the estuary and the recreational water activities here make this a unique part of this reserve that is different from any other council reserve in Christchurch. Upgrading this carpark and access area would make the preparation and movement of sailing and water craft across this area from the launching ramps much easier to achieve for people of all ages (young children, youth, adults and older people) and allow greater ease of use of the council launching ramps.</p> <p>Furthermore, from a health and safety perspective removing the left over tree stumps and maintaining this area to a higher standard would also enhance the access through this area for walkers and bikers. It would also prevent any unintended consequences to users, especially when the gate is open for club activities or council use, of antisocial behaviours by cars with hoons coming in and intentionally using this gravel surface for undesirable driving practices which have in the past caused many close calls and significant impact to the estuary edge.</p> <p>With regard to tree planting and maintenance it is important that the large macrocarpa trees along the estuary edge are mitigated for fall hazards and shading for users of the trails, as well as users of the carpark areas and buildings. I would support removal of these large trees within this area and outside the Pleasant Point Yacht Club in favour of strategic planting of grasses and ground cover plants so that safety of users of these facilities and the carpark around the launching ramps is given top priority. Furthermore, unimpeded views from outside the club and the carpark is essential to make sure that all sailing and water activities both within the inner estuary and further out towards the middle can be viewed. Strategic planting here would also enhance the general public's enjoyment of such activities and further promote the area's unique recreational characteristics to the wider Christchurch community.</p>	Luke Mahon
11	39892	I feel the estuary edges should be made as a beach and the new raised berm should have been made into a walking track.remove the old pines along the edges as well.	Robert Baker
12	39890	It is most important for both local residents and Christchurch residents in general that the current estuary South New Brighton Track from the Jetty in the north to the boardwalk in the south east is kept, repaired and maintained. This well utilised picturesque walk is one of the most beautiful in Christchurch for variety of birdlife, fish species at high tide and a healthy well being effect, so important to our residents. Walkers, dog exercisers, day hikers, joggers, recreational and serious mountain bikers all use this track on a daily basis. Sports groups and schools use it regularly for cross country running activities as well.	Warren Hawke
13	39884	<p>Submission for Amended draft South New Brighton reserves management plan</p> <p>It is great to see Council addressing the issues of the estuary edge erosion and amending their initial post-earthquake plan to include a sustainable mix of engineered approaches (cobble beaches etc.) and natural estuary edge protection where appropriate. I support this along with most of the measures to enhance and maintain the ecological, recreational, cultural, landscape and heritage values in order to make the estuary edge near the mouth of the Avon River a place of significance for New Brighton and greater Christchurch.</p> <p>I think as part of the estuary edge mitigation and park enhancement the carpark area between the two launching ramps should be upgraded to make this area more attractive, useful and accessible for people of all ages including families. Upgrading this area to the same standard as the area North of the yacht club gate would have recreational, social and visual benefits.</p>	Alastair Burgess

		<p>It is great to see the resurgence of sailing on this part of the estuary along with other recreational water activities that make this a unique part of South New Brighton and different from any other council reserve in Christchurch. Upgrading this carpark and therefore estuary access, would make the preparation and movement of recreational watercraft to and from the launching ramps much easier for people of all ages (young children, youth, adults and older people). Many of these groups currently struggle drag their boats and equipment across the uneven and stoney ground.</p> <p>Furthermore, from a health and safety perspective removing the left over tree stumps and maintaining this area to a higher standard would also enhance the access through this area for walkers and bikers. It would also prevent any unintended consequences to users, especially when the gate is open for club activities or council use, of antisocial behaviours by cars with hoons coming in and intentionally using this gravel surface for undesirable driving practices which have in the past caused many close calls and significant danger to cycles, dog walkers and other visitors to the area.</p> <p>With regard to tree planting and maintenance it is important that the large macrocarpa trees along the estuary edge are mitigated for fall hazards and shading for users of the trails, as well as users of the carpark areas and buildings. I would support removal of some trees within this area and outside the Pleasant Point Yacht Club in favour of strategic planting of grasses and ground cover plants so that safety of users of these facilities and the carpark around the launching ramps is given top priority. Furthermore, unimpeded views from outside the yacht club and the carpark is essential to make sure that all sailing and water activities both within the inner estuary and further out can be viewed to ensure safety. Strategic planting here would also enhance the general public's enjoyment of such activities and further promote the area's unique recreational characteristics to the wider Christchurch community.</p>	
14	39830	I think the beach should be a combination of salt marsh, rock armour and cobble.	Tony Armstrong

SUBMISSION 39952 – Pleasant Point Yacht Club



12th May 2021

Katy McRae
Engagement Manager
Christchurch City Council

Dear Katy

Submission by Pleasant Point Yacht Club to the Amended South New Brighton Reserves Management Plan

As a significant user of the South New Brighton Park, Pleasant Point Yacht Club generally supports the Amended South New Brighton Reserves Management Plan but would like to make the submissions in relation to the following matters:

1. Park signage
2. Estuary edge erosion
3. Flood protection bunds
4. Unsafe trees
5. Carpark upgrade
6. Maintenance of the Park
7. Crime Prevention – anti-social behaviour.

Park Signage

Pleasant Point Yacht Club [PPYC] would support improved signage at the Beatty Street and Jellicoe Street entrances, including a site map of the amenities and walking tracks within the South New Brighton Park.

The information should include the times that the gates to the Park will be locked and a contact phone number for after-hours opening.

An information board including the history of the reserves would also increase the understanding of the heritage and cultural values associated with the Park.

Estuary Edge Erosion

A major concern to PPYC is the threat to the Club facilities caused by the erosion of the Estuary edge. At the time that the Club's new building were erected, they complied with the required setback and level above the Christchurch datum. Part of the frontage is protected by gabion baskets and these have worked well to stabilise the bank to the Estuary.

However, where the gabions end and across the front of the Club's buildings we have become aware of significant undermining of the existing bank. The pine trees that are currently holding the banks together are being killed by salt water inundation. If these are lost or removed due to instability dangers, then rapid erosion of the bank is likely.

PPYC requests that the existing gabion baskets be extended across the front of the Club's buildings for erosion protection. The proposed gravel beach could then extend along the rest of the Estuary frontage.

Flood Protection Bunds

We refer to the map showing the position of the proposed bund. The bund as shown on the map crosses the open field on the Estuary side of the Beatty Street playground.

PPYC currently has permission to use the grassed field as overflow parking on major event days. We would ask that the siting of the bund be towards the rear of this field, closer to the playground so as to maximise the use of this open space as an overflow rigging area.

Unsafe Trees

PPYC has put considerable effort into landscape planting, generally of natives, around its buildings.

There is considerable concern at the maintenance of the current plantings in the Park. The area adjacent to the Club's buildings has been allowed to grow with little maintenance. It includes wilding pines and overgrown lupins. The Club is concerned that these present several safety hazards such as danger to the Club's building from fire or falling. They also impede clear sight lines which is in breach of Crime Prevention through Design Principles [CPTED]. PPYC requests that future planting plans allow for a clear perimeter from the Club's facilities.

Where lupins have been cleared from the existing plantings they have been piled up beside the entry road without being cleared away in a timely manner. The dried pile of vegetation presents a fire hazard and should be cleared on a regular basis.

The pine trees directly in front of the Club on the Estuary edge are being undermined by sea water and are dangerous. They also obstruct clear views to the Estuary for our race management, which is an issue as far as the safety of our sailors is concerned. The Club requests that these trees be removed, in conjunction with bank stabilisation measures as discussed above.

The Club requests that a clear view to the wider Estuary be considered when replacement planting is planned.

Carpark Upgrade

PPYC requests that the carpark adjacent to the Club's buildings be upgraded to the level of the carpark beside the jetty.

Currently the carpark above the ramps is surfaced by large rough gravel stones and contains several tree stumps. The tree stumps are a trip hazard and also a danger to vehicles. We are aware of injuries to walkers and that a car became stuck on one of the stumps. They also reduce the usable parking space along the foreshore. We ask that the stumps be removed.

The rough gravel encourages "hoon" behaviour. Club members and the public have been put in danger by drivers doing "doughnuts" and driving at speed through the rigging area while the Club

is operating. Consideration of calming measures on entry roads should be considered as part of the Park upgrade.

The rough surface of the carpark makes it difficult for young cyclists to maintain balance; and for our members [particularly juniors] to pull their boat trolleys through the large stones to the launching ramps. Sealing the carpark to the same standard as the jetty carpark would allow better use of the space by all park users.

Maintenance of the Park

PPYC maintains the leased area on which the Club's buildings are situated and also the grassed areas around those buildings. However, the rest of the Park to the South of our buildings has been generally neglected.

Trees have been allowed to grow uncontrollably and existing trees are poorly maintained.

Lupins have choked native vegetation and created visual barriers.

The footpath along the edge of the Estuary is subject to flooding and has eroded in places. Despite the lack of repairs, the footpath is highly used by families, cyclists and dog walkers. Reinstatement of all-weather access along the footpath should be a priority.

Anti-social Behaviour

The Club's buildings are protected by motion sensor cameras and lighting, and are monitored and alarmed.

The Club is proactive in removal of graffiti as soon as it occurs. We believe that a well-maintained facility discourages anti-social behaviour.

On several occasions, we have approached the Council about locking the gate at the Beatty Street entrance. Despite our understanding that the gates would be locked each night, we are aware that this has not been done.

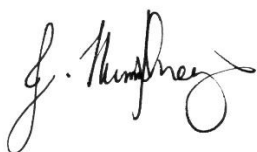
On one occasion, the gate on the side road to the Club was vandalised at night to gain entry to the carpark beside the Club buildings.

We are aware that the Park has been used by people sleeping in their cars. While they have not been anti-social, and do provide some oversight of the Park, we are concerned at the lack of security.

The area is remote and does not have oversight from neighbours, therefore security of the Park should be a priority for the Council.

PPYC is happy to work with the Council on these issues for the benefit of all Park users.

Yours Sincerely



Pleasant Point Yacht Club
Per: J Humphreys
Treasurer

SUBMISSION 39953 – Nigel Humphreys

Submission Introduction – submission on the revised South New Brighton Park plan

I am a member of Pleasant Point Yacht Club and as such visit the Park on average once a week over any given year.

Although I don't live in the area, my commitment to the Yacht Club and the recent efforts we have been through to establish our facilities means I have observed the lack of attention this eastern jewel has had recently ... but now I applaud the fact that there a start has been made to tidy up this park.

Stop-bank placement

Having established new Club facilities in the Park, the Yacht Club has run several popular events attracting yachties from the wider Canterbury area and recently from across New Zealand when we ran a National Championship in January.

The influx of visiting yachties with their cars, trailers and yachts has required the use of the enclosed paddock beside the Club.

The location of the proposed stop-bank cutting across the west end of the open paddock will divide and restrict the area available for large events and over-flow parking.

I suggest that the line of the stop-bank be placed further back in the paddock and run from the proposed storm water basin, arcing back towards the east, to then finish against the high ground at the playground. This will ensure a large open are to the west is available for public picnicking and overflow parking for the Yacht Club.

Gravel area beside the Yacht Club.

The rough gravel car park beside the Yacht Club is the cause of several issues.

There are the remains of three tree stumps in this area that cause problems with car parking. I know of one car that got caught on one of them that had to be lifted of the stump. These tree stumps contribute to the uneven ground in this area and have been the cause of at least one person tripping and falling. They are a health and safety issue and restrict parking.

The rough gravel in the car park near the large ramp is akin to marbles, making walking and moving prams across this area difficult. Also, the rough gravel makes it difficult moving the yacht club's small yachts and coach boats on their hand trolleys to the launching ramps.

I suggest that the Council include removal of the loose material and compaction of a new base or better still, full sealing of this area in the revised plans.

Protection of the Estuary Edge

I have long believed that a solid wall protection for the estuary edge is the best defense against losing more of the park to the sea, but it now seems that the Council Staff have had their way and that a variety of protection measures will be used along the estuary edge to the board walk.

However, there is one area that I must ask be protected with the installation of Gabion Baskets. This is the area that runs from the existing gabion baskets (that the Club had installed with our new launching ramp) to around 20 metres past the line of the southern-most club building towards the south.

The reason I (and the Club) see this as necessary is that the estuary bank directly in front of the new Club buildings is severely undercut by at least 1.5 metres under the existing pine trees. The undercutting is not obvious to the casual observer, but the Club discovered this last winter and presented our findings and our concerns about this to the Coastal Burwood Community Board late last year.

See attached images.

I believe that the pine trees in this area are the only things holding this bank together and if this is not protected with a solid gabion basket wall, the estuary edge in this area will retreat by at least 1.5 to 1.8 metres towards the walkway.

Walkway service gate installation

The walkway beside the Club's launching ramp has posts placed across it to prevent vehicle passage down the walkway. However, when service vehicles (such as Tree Tech vehicles and others) need to travel down this path, they remove the middle post and then replace it after passing, while other vehicles drive across the top of the launching ramp, around the outside post at the estuary side, along the top of the gabion baskets and back onto the walkway. I suggest that the Council install a locked steel bar gate here for vehicle access with a walking path on the estuary side of this through a line of posts that go right to the existing Gabion Baskets.

This solution will ensure only those authorized to work in the park can gain vehicle access along the walkway.

Future Plantings and maintenance.

The Council seems to have no plan for the wilding pines that have sprouted since the logging in 2014.

If any of these are to be kept, they need to be thinned and limbed up to open up sight lines under the canopy.

Several of the pines in front of the Yacht Club are not healthy as their roots are often in seawater and the bank has been under cut. These need attention and or removal.

I have observed volunteers clearing lupins from around the earlier native plantings west of the playground, but the cut matter often lies in piles for some weeks before removal, creating a fire risk. More effort will be needed to clear under growth and dry debris to help reduce the fire risk.

A recent fire behind the basket ball court this year should be a reminder that fire is a very real threat to all the facilities in the park.

Park signage

The existing steel frame (once a notice board) at the entrance, should be reinstated with a diagram of the park, featuring its walk ways and facilities.

A thought for the future

The South New Brighton Park should be included in the Red Zone Cycle way from the city to the sea, with a cycle and walking trail continuing right down to the spit.

I have long thought that the park could become a sculpture park, with pieces of outdoor sculpture placed along the walkway, making the park a destination for the rest of Christchurch to explore. Perhaps local artists could be approached to donate a piece for the park?

You only need to look at the river walkway in Whangarei to see how sculpture along this walkway creates a pleasant, interesting and educational area. A South New Brighton Sculpture Park would lift the spirit of the park, creating pride in the new Brighton area, while bringing more visitors to the east.

Nigel & Jocelyn Humphreys



Location of undercut on estuary edge.



Location of undercut relative to the Yacht Club.



Rake lying on shore edge.



Rake under shore edge.