

FINALISED THEMES AND COMMUNITY NEEDS

Flooding

Statement of need:	Protection from flooding from the estuary
Specific needs:	<p>Address increased risk of flooding caused by changes in land or estuary levels in South New Brighton and Southshore.</p> <p>Protect the South Brighton Domain and playground, South New Brighton School, South New Brighton Tennis Club, South Brighton Playcentre and the South Brighton Holiday Park from any increased flooding risk as a result of earthquake-related changes.</p> <p>Protect houses from any increased flooding risk as a result of earthquake-related changes.</p> <p>Ensure that stopbanks are well-constructed and do their job of keeping people safe from flooding.</p>
Quotes from workshops:	<p><i>“Security from flooding.”</i></p> <p><i>“I need to feel safe from inundation from the sea.”</i></p> <p><i>“Flood protection for assets in the reserve – tennis club, campground, school, playcentre, yacht club.”</i></p>

Erosion

Statement of need:	Protect estuary edge from further erosion across the whole project area.
Specific needs:	<p>Repair of estuary edge erosion protection, taking into consideration the protection that was previously afforded by structures that were privately owned.</p> <p>Make safe any unstable estuary edge structures and related hazards (including debris and demolition waste).</p> <p>Address any increased erosion risk as a result of earthquake-related changes (for example, lowering of land in the red zone and other areas).</p>
Quotes from workshops:	<i>“Protection of the Estuary from bank erosion and silation.”</i>

	<i>“Estuary edge repair and protection – environment, property, people.”</i>
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Stormwater

Statement of need:	A well-constructed, monitored and maintained stormwater system that functions in the coastal environment, and provides adequate drainage.
Specific needs:	<p>Address street flooding in all areas including Jervois Street, Tovey Street and the Ebbitide Street end of Rocking Horse Road.</p> <p>Prevent stormwater from Halsey Street flooding the South Brighton Holiday Park and South New Brighton Tennis Club and impacting on surrounding homes.</p> <p>Ensure functioning stormwater outlets across the project area.</p>
Quotes from workshops:	<p><i>“Drainage, stormwater management, surge.”</i></p> <p><i>“To sort out drainage/stormwater inundation/flooding issues (Jervois, Tovey Streets that happens because of failure of stormwater drainage pipes.”</i></p>

Ecosystems

Statement of need:	Options to address flooding and erosion should also support a healthy, diverse and abundant estuary edge ecosystem.
Specific needs:	<p>Protect the existing natural environment and recognise its international significance as part of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway network for migratory birds.</p> <p>Maintain and enhance the salt marsh.</p> <p>Support appropriate estuary edge planting.</p> <p>Provide clarity about any planned works and how community planting can support this.</p>
Quotes from workshops:	<p><i>“Sensitive to the area and safe planting and protection for the estuary edge and birdlife etc.”</i></p> <p><i>“Bird life in estuary - kingfishers, shags, dotterels, wading birds, feeding grounds maintained.”</i></p> <p><i>“To have (maintain and enhance) salt marsh habitats - Jellicoe Swamp, remnants in Southshore, Bridge Street jetty and mudflats.”</i></p>

Recreation, access and enjoyment

Statement of need:	Use and enjoyment of the natural and built environment.
Specific needs:	<p>Repair, maintain and develop cycling and walking paths along the estuary edge that increase connectivity within the immediate area and to amenities in neighbouring suburbs and the wider city.</p> <p>Create opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to access and enjoy the estuary edge.</p> <p>Maintain the unique natural values of the area.</p>
Quotes from workshops:	<p><i>“Cycle/walking track needs to be reinstated – usable by diverse groups, walkers, runners, scooters, bikes and pushchairs.”</i></p> <p><i>“Access to the Estuary – recreational and cultural (eg fishing, flax weaving).”</i></p> <p><i>“Providing environments enticing the imaginations of the children and give learning experiences.”</i></p>

Maintenance and levels of service

Statement of need:	Well-maintained and cared for parks and public spaces that demonstrate a commitment to the community, and allow for safe enjoyment of the area.
Specific needs:	<p>Address maintenance of boardwalks, tracks, verges, and trees on Council-managed land.</p> <p>Address maintenance of red zone land.</p>
Quotes from workshops:	<p><i>“Community needs certainty and confidence in commitment to repairs and maintenance. This would provide security.”</i></p> <p><i>“Maintenance of roads, footpaths, verges and mowing of stopbanks.”</i></p> <p><i>“Safe access to the school around the estuary.”</i></p>

Information

Statement of need:	Provision of clear, transparent, timely and easily accessible information about all Council technical reports and decision-making related to current and future hazards.
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Specific needs:	<p>Enable residents to make informed decisions about their properties and businesses.</p> <p>Provide clear information on Council decisions since the earthquakes.</p> <p>Identify any earthquake-related changes to groundwater levels and any impacts of this.</p> <p>Continue to seek community input into how information is communicated and distributed.</p> <p>Where and when practicable, release information and reports in context with the rest of the city, or other coastal areas.</p>
Quotes from workshops:	<p><i>“Need to have information easily available so that people buying houses are aware of the risks.”</i></p> <p><i>“Need for clear information, for example stability of the land in the event of another earthquake, especially in light of high groundwater. And monitoring to keep an eye on that issue.”</i></p>

Future - certainty and wellbeing

Statement of need:	<p>Prioritise actions and activities that improve individual, family and community wellbeing.</p>
Specific needs:	<p>Build confidence that Council and community can work together to address the earthquake-related and longer-term issues facing the community.</p> <p>Demonstrate the Council's commitment to equitable treatment of the earthquake effects on Southshore and South New Brighton, with consideration to investment in other coastal areas.</p>
Quotes from workshops:	<p><i>“Give community hope – improving wellbeing – action that ensures the community has a future.”</i></p> <p><i>“Being treated equitably to the rest of the city.”</i></p> <p><i>The need for equity with regards to addressing the EQ legacy issues – important for mental health.”</i></p>

Other issues

A range of other issues were raised by the community. The loss of shops and businesses in the area, and the state of footpaths and roads away from the estuary are outside the scope of the Earthquake Legacy Project as they do not relate specifically to the estuary edge. Insurance, insurability of the area and property equity are also outside of the scope of this project, but may be discussed further as part of the climate change adaptation strategy conversation. And

remediating earthquake-related land damage is something that's handled by EQC - you can read more about that on their [website](#).

While these issues are outside the scope of the immediate focus of this project, we will continue to explore what options there are to address them.