

Southshore Beacon

Looking after local people and interests



OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE

The Southshore Residents Association was formed to be an advocate for the community, to take on and help solve wherever possible the concerns and issues that affected the community. During the last 8 years we have confronted many issues and had our share of wins and losses the key unresolved issue was that of the repair and protection of the estuary edge.

Due to a lot of hard work and support from the community along with previous Community Board members Kim Money and Tim Sintes and Councillor David East we persuaded the Council to listen to our concerns and take action. Resulting in the Southshore Earthquake Legacy Project to investigate

Lynda Burdekin
SSRA Chairperson

TAKE ACTION NOW:

We are requesting that you take the time to read the information in this issue of the Beacon and respond to our questionnaire, either by hand or email, so that we can work together on this Project with Council to ensure this community has a safe and secure future.

BACKGROUND

The Southshore Earthquake Legacy Project which was passed by a Council Resolution on 29 August 2019 requests:-

- Staff to investigate immediate and longer-term erosion options in Southshore.
- That a collaborative group be established which includes a technical expert nominated by the Southshore community, to investigate the immediate Earthquake Legacy edge issues for the Estuary Edge repair and protection including the development of a suitable erosion mitigation plan with costings. And:
- Notes that the Southshore Erosion Mitigation Plan will be presented in the first instance to the Southshore Residents Association and the Coastal-Burwood Community Board for comment before presentation to the Council. And:
- Recommended that funding be made available for implementation of the estuary edge earthquake legacy repair in 2020 and urgently prioritised.

Since August 2019 things are now finally moving quite quickly and members of the SSRA committee have had several meetings with Council staff. **As part of this process we have been asked to survey the community in order to nominate a technical expert to represent Southshore's interest and be part of the project on our behalf.**

According to the Council brief:

The role of the technical expert is to provide input into the investigation with the purpose of providing the community with a high level of confidence in the process and acceptance of the outcomes. As we work together we will determine more clearly the outputs expected from the technical expert but as a starting point we expect their responsibilities will include

- Helping set the terms of reference for the investigation to be undertaken by the lead contractor
- Reviewing key components of the investigation, for example the general approach and methodology, interpretation of findings and the identification and analysis of options
- Leading the interface with the Southshore community by identifying opportunities to disseminate information and engage the community, for example through community field trips and meetings
- Helping to find solutions to issues identified by the community
- Helping to build community understanding distinction between the earthquake legacy issues and proposed solutions to the longer term adaptation issues
- Regular review of the development of the earthquake legacy plan with opportunity to raise queries to ensure the final plan is acceptable to all parties

WHERE TO FROM HERE

The Council have called for tenders from 3 engineering companies and will make an appointment by the end of November, with contracts signed by the end of the year.

Southshore's technical expert to be nominated by the end of November and contracts signed by the end of the year.

It is expected that work will begin mid-January.

The Council see the collaboration for this project to be between 3 parties, Christchurch City Council staff, the lead contractor and the Southshore community technical expert, but the SSRA committee will ensure that we are kept informed at all times with progress and will continue to keep you aware of what is happening through the delivery of the Beacon, our Facebook page and community meetings as needed.

Council have set Terms of Reference for the collaboration that they feel will likely reflect the following principles:

- Decisions will be made where possible by consensus with a process to capture any points of disagreement
- All parties will attend any community engagements
- All parties will attend any meetings with elected members of Council
- All parties will agree all external communication material such as diagrams and presentations

SSRA believe that these reflect our wishes for a process that is inclusive and transparent though we will continue to closely monitor the project.

Final output:

The three parties will produce a single report that includes:

- The outcome of the investigation into the immediate earthquake legacy edge issues for the estuary edge repair and protection
- The development of a suitable erosion mitigation plan with costings

It is envisaged that this will be completed for presentation to the Council by mid-2020

ACTION REQUIRED

As most of you will recall SSRA asked Gary Teear from OCEL (www.ocel.co.nz), to provide a design solution back in 2016. Known as the OCEL Report this was distributed to all residents, following that a survey and public meetings were held and 98% of the community were in support of the report.

Gary Teear is an international marine engineer and is experienced in the design and construction of coastal protection structures and small dams, including temporary works for the recently completed Beachville Road seawall protection in Redcliffs.

Given your previous support for the OCEL Report and Gary's knowledge of the area and community, the SSRA would like to endorse Gary Teear as the community's nomination for the role as the Southshore Technical Expert.

This is a project that affects all of our futures and we are looking for your positive support of our endorsement. **The Council is very clear that the nomination must be a community decision - not just the SSRA - so we are asking you to confirm your support of nominating Gary Teear as our Southshore Technical Expert or alternatively advise who you would nominate.**

If Gary is nominated this does not imply that the OCEL Report will be implemented, only that Gary will play a key role on the community's behalf, in the solution that the Council, the lead contractor and Gary's team will develop.



Name.....

Address

We nominate Gary Teear as Southshore's Technical Expert

Yes

No

Alternative nomination

Please either place your nomination in the mail box of either:

- 47a Rocking Horse Rd
- 137 Rocking Horse Rd
- 2/16 Plover St

Or e-mail ssrabeacon@gmail.com

By Friday 29 November