

COMMUNITY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2019

HE PUNA TAIMOANA'S CONSTRUCTION ENTERS NEXT PHASE!

Since our last update, things have really started taking shape at the site. The roof of the main building is on and all structural works are complete. The five pools are in place and September will see the start of the fibreglass lining of the pools. The sauna room blockwork is complete and all service works are progressing well. The seawall has been completed and is currently undergoing its finishing touches, once this is done landscaping will commence in the area behind the seawall.



Artists impression South Building and Marine Parade



South Building as at Sept 10 2019

Pier and Foreshore Society visit site.

From the beginning, the development of hot pools in New Brighton has been a community project. The Pier and Foreshore Society has supported the development right from the start and its this support that has helped make He Puna Taimoana happen.

Local champion for the development of the hot pools in New Brighton, the Pier and Foreshore Society, has raised \$15,000 for He Puna Taimoana. The donation was presented to Development Christchurch Limited (DCL) this week. It follows four years of fundraising at the annual Ray White New Brighton Duke Festival of Surfing to support the hot pools development.

Stewart McNeice, Chair of Pier and Foreshore Society said: "We've promoted the hot pools development for a long time and it's fantastic to see it progressing. We're excited by what we see so far and look forward to opening day. The design has really reflected the local environment and taken care to accommodate existing businesses and organisations. It's going to be a real asset for Christchurch."



Apollo and DCL were pleased to host the Pier and Foreshore Society at the site and show them the progress that had been made.


UNION ST INFORMATION HUB

DCL has an information hub every Tuesday at the Community Board rooms in Union Street. We are always keen to discuss the New Brighton Regeneration Project with the community. We would love to hear what you think about the work we are doing.

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He Puna Taimona staff recruitment

The Council are in the process of appointing the new operational management team for He Puna Taimoana including the Facility Manager, Customer Experience Team Leader and Aquatics Team Leader roles. These positions are expected to start work in early November. Starting in early October the Council will begin advertising and recruiting for other key roles - Aquatic Supervisors, Customer Experience Supervisors, Lifeguards and Customer Representatives. These will be advertised on the Council's job website – <http://www.cccjobs.co.nz/> and through other main job-seeker sites.

Café lease

The Request for Proposal for the café lease closed in early September. The Council has set up a panel to review applicants and are now in the process of reviewing the proposals received with a decision pending on the preferred operator. With its beachfront location, indoor-outdoor seating, and serving both hot pools and beachside customers, an experienced operator with a proven track record in hospitality and a passion for great food and service, will be the order of the day!



SPOTLIGHT ON:

Andrew Watson - He Puna Taimoana architect



Left: Andrew Watson. Right: Blair Paterson

Andrew Watson is an award winning architect and is responsible for the interpretation of the design of He Puna Taimoana. Andrew leads a practice engaged in a diverse range of work spanning residential, commercial, cultural, heritage and master planning projects throughout Australasia. We asked Andrew what his influences were around the design for He Puna Taimoana.

Andrew says: "The layout of the buildings and pools is a direct response to the environment, with wind, sun and view shafts informing the scheme. The site is terraced, responding to a conceptual idea of 'hunkering down in the dunes' (a story told at a community engagement workshop). The overall scheme beds well into the dune environment. Wind mitigation fences further enhance this idea by being irregular and playful, helping blur the lines again between built form and landscape.

Some of Andrew's works include:

- Christchurch Adventure Park
- New Brighton Playground
- Scarborough Paddling Pool
- Maruia Hot Springs Steam and Sauna upgrades and
- Governors Bay Community Centre.


Marine Parade upgrade and urban artworks

The improvements along Marine Parade from Beresford Street to Hawke Street will start in late Spring. The streetscape enhancement along Marine Parade is intended to help the redevelopment and recovery of the New Brighton commercial centre by improving access between the foreshore and the commercial centre. As part of these works the Council has run a Registration of Interest (ROI) process to commission a sculptural artwork for Marine Parade. This is to enhance and contribute to amenity and respond respectfully to the landscape and history of the area. A Public Art Advisory Group with local representatives will make the final selection and we expect an announcement on the preferred artist to be made in October.



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