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Next steps for Southshore and South New Brighton Regeneration Strategy



Regenerate Christchurch is starting the next phase of developing a regeneration strategy for the Southshore and South New Brighton area.

The Southshore and South New Brighton area is highly valued by residents and visitors for its sea views and easy access to the beach and recreational activities.

Regenerate Christchurch chief executive Ivan Lafeta says it is engaging with the local community in partnership with Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury and Ngāi Tahu to identify and develop options for the future.

“We have an opportunity to develop an adaptive approach to how we manage the effects of climate change – including sea level rise – on these coastal communities,” Mr Lafeta says.

“The regeneration strategy will focus on short, medium and long-term options to adapt to these effects, and consider the future of Southshore’s and South New Brighton’s former residential red zones.”

“Our goal is to build a shared understanding of the values, opportunities and risks for Southshore and South New Brighton, and the ability and capacity to work together to address them. There are approximately 2000 households in South New Brighton and Southshore and we want to ensure they have the opportunity to be involved in these important conversations.”

On Sunday 8 July, a community hub will open at 82 Estuary Rd, where people will be able to find out more about the regeneration strategy process.





“This project is one of the first examples of adaptive planning in New Zealand. Climate change, including sea level rise, could significantly affect many coastal areas, and these conversations about possible options for adaptation and implementation could benefit Canterbury, and even other parts of New Zealand.”

The next phase of the project follows work by a ‘How Team’ of nine community members and three agency (Regenerate Christchurch, Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury) staff, who co-designed an engagement plan that identified the best ways to engage with Southshore and South New Brighton residents.

The Southshore and South New Brighton regeneration strategy will cover the area from Rodney Street to the end of the Southshore spit.

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