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The Swimming Enclosure.

We recently saw a face book storm relating to the swimming enclosure. As usual most comment was well meant but in some cases uninformed. A few were from sources that are always critical of council and of many other things.

For the benefit of the majority of those making comment I provide the following details;

- The enclosure arrangements have been guided by the Safe Swimming Enclosure committee. This hard working group has been involved for up to 17 years and has at times found that far too few people were being involved.
- It is fair to say that this project has taken too long and I am happy to apologise for this on behalf of council.
- It is not safe or desirable to build close to the jetty. This would have invited the adventurous to dive into the enclosure and risk injury.
- The pending enclosure (which will now be ready for next summer) is not intended for people who cannot swim.
- The design is suitable for our waters and is approved by council insurers.
- The process is too advanced (the steelwork is already complete and contracts are largely completed) to cater for last minute changes.

Members of the Safe Swimming Enclosure committee deserve our thanks for the huge efforts made in fund raising and long term persistence.

The Thevenard Fish unloading facility.

The initial part of this project has involved raising rock for the building of an earth wall out to the facility. This work has been undertaken by contractors Rock and Crete who were asked to try to minimize the amount of dust and noise disruption to nearby residents.

We congratulate them on the way that they have completed this challenging task through protective earth walls and keeping dust to a minimum.