THE EASTOKE PENINSULA

Past, Present and Future.

PAST

Since the early 1920's the Eastoke Peninsula has been increasingly developed as a residential area. The building of beach huts and bungalows commenced in the 1930's along the backshore of the wide shingle beach. Natural erosion of the foreshore made it necessary to build defences to protect these properties.

By 1939 it was necessary to build a concrete seawall in front of the Beach Club, with a timber revetment (sloping surface) and groynes adjacent to it.

By 1974 these defences had extended to the east and west, for a total of 2.6km. It was this seawall which excacerbated the natural erosion of the foreshore. Beach levels continued to reduce and by 1978 repairs to the seawall were required.