

Flooding of Steenbok Park

Occasionally Steenbok Park experiences a rare occurrence of a particularly high tide flowing over the seawall near the inlet/outlet pipes and flooding into the Park.

This phenomena happens as a result of a high spring tide accompanied by high seas, strong westerly winds and low atmospheric pressure. The highest recorded flooding occurred on 31 August 2008 whilst the last flooding was on 16 July 2014. The most recent high tide level is estimated to be about 300mm below the 2008 record high. After each flood visitors are greeted with the amazing sight of a lake stretching onto sections of the brick pathway with hundreds of water birds enjoying the rich feeding waters. The main flood level abates over the next few days but evidence of the flood is still visible for another week.

Our records show that previous floodings occurred in March 2008 and then in 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 and 1996 and prior to that no recorded flooding for 10 years until the early eighties when flooding occurred five times.



