

COMMUNITY UPDATE

St Kilda Pier
Redevelopment

Edition 2 – August 2020



Work on the St Kilda Pier Redevelopment is underway. The new look pier will curve out into the bay and will be designed to increase focus on the safety and enjoyment of visitors and penguin protection and viewing.

Detailed design work on the highly anticipated St Kilda Pier Redevelopment has begun, with the project team undertaking geotechnical studies, detailed design investigations and work with stakeholders to refine the design of the new pier.

Early works

St Kilda Pier is exposed to a harsh marine environment and the current pier, built in the 1970s, is nearing the end of its 50-year design life.

In addition to the current harsh marine environment, rising sea levels and climate change need to be factored into the new design to ensure it is robust to endure the next 50 years and provide a safe environment for visitors during storm events.

Over the past few weeks we've been undertaking a range of technical and non-technical investigations. This has included borehole samples collected from the pier for geotechnical

investigations. These investigations will give us an indication of the sub-surface conditions of the site to inform the design and construction methods.

The pier is also used as a structure to carry utilities such as gas, power, and water; including the incoming water for the St Kilda Sea Baths. Investigations have been undertaken to ensure the project avoids impacting these services.



On site borehole logging

We've been meeting with the Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) to gather input and knowledge. For more information and a list of SRG representatives please visit the project webpage <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/st-kilda-pier-redevelopment>.

One of the key messages heard during consultation is that the current entrance to the pier is underwhelming. We've been working with City of Port Phillip on options to create a better landscaped pier entry point that integrates with existing foreshore spaces.

Benefits of the new design

St Kilda Pier has become one of Melbourne's most popular visitor attractions with more than 800,000 visits a year. The rebuilt pier will have a greater emphasis on visitor experience, with features such as better views over the city and bay, a wider more accessible walkway, additional toilets and an improved gathering and seating space near the heritage kiosk. The new pier will also provide an improved visitor experience and greater protection for the breakwater's Little Penguin colony.

Pier access

In response to advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer about COVID-19, as of August 2020, St Kilda Pier remains open, however, the breakwater and viewing platform are closed until further notice. For current information on COVID-19 restrictions to parks, please visit www.parks.vic.gov.au/covid19

Project sustainability

Parks Victoria is committed to delivering social and sustainable outcomes in its project delivery. As part of redeveloping St Kilda Pier, we will generate social value beyond the value of the goods and construction works we procure. This includes the following social procurement priorities:

1. Environmentally sustainable business practices;
2. Opportunities for Victorian Aboriginal people;
3. Sustainable Victorian social enterprise and Aboriginal business sectors;
4. Opportunities for disadvantaged Victorians;
5. Women's equality and safety;
6. Implementation of the Climate Change Policy Objectives.

What's next?

The design team is currently developing the concept design of the pier. This work will be shared with the community in late August 2020.



St Kilda Pier during a storm

Project timeline

- 2020 – Concept, schematic and detailed design
- Mid 2021 - Construction commences
- Late 2023 - Completion of the new pier
- Demolition of the existing pier will commence following completion of the new pier

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