

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

St Kilda Pier  
Redevelopment

Edition 3 – December  
2020



Over the past twelve months, extensive technical studies have been undertaken to develop the schematic design of the new St Kilda Pier. These designs will support construction to commence in 2021.

Building on community influenced concept designs produced in 2017, this year we've undertaken detailed investigations and stakeholder conversations to refine the pier's design and engineering. This work included better understanding the pier's relationship to changes in sea level and storm events, penguin management and visitor experience. We've also looked at how the pier services the local port and harbour and supports the provision of utilities to and from facilities such as the kiosk, marina and St Kilda Sea Baths.

## Design features

### New arrival area

The look and functionality of the new pier are based on community feedback to improve the pier's visitor experience and arrival area. The new

pier will curve from the land to the iconic kiosk and will be widened by approximately one metre. It will feature new signs, lighting and the use of timber to create a warm aesthetic environment. Seats will be installed at regular intervals along the pier's length to encourage people to walk along the pier and pause to enjoy views over the bay and city skyline.

The pier will continue to be a pedestrian experience but will accommodate authorised vehicles servicing the kiosk and marina and emergency access.

### New community area

A key feature of Melbourne's piers is their connection with nature and the changing weather conditions. To enhance this experience, the pier will have a large new open-air community space near the kiosk. The space will feature terraced seating which steps down to the water. The design will improve the sense of connection to the

bay, in turn creating new areas for fishing, a great new walking experience or short lunchtime escape from the city.

### **New facilities**

The St Kilda Pier Kiosk is listed as a place of regional significance by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). New elements have been designed to reflect the kiosk's iconic arched details. The design includes facilities to enhance social and tourism experiences including toilets and all-abilities access.

### **Penguin viewing area**

The penguin viewing experience will be enhanced with an elevated boardwalk moved away from the breakwater which will improve the visitor experience and will ensure penguins don't have to pass beneath visitors' feet to get back to their homes each night. To protect the penguins, access will continue to be prohibited from the breakwater where penguins nest.

### **Lower landing**

To support passenger ferry arrivals including the St Kilda to Williamstown Ferry, the pier will include a new lower landing on an alignment similar to the existing pier and the original 1853 pier alignment. The low landing will also support activities like kayaking and paddle boarding.

### **Current pier access**

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

### **What's next?**

Working closely with the project stakeholder reference group, City of Port Phillip and project partners Department of Transport, the schematic design will undergo further analysis and resolution during the detailed design phase of the project in early 2021. Construction of the new pier is set to commence mid 2021 with completion in 2023.

### **Project timeline**

- Mid 2021 - Construction commences
- Late 2023 - Completion of the new pier
- 2024 - Demolition of the existing pier will commence following completion of the new pier

### **More information**

For more design images and to sign up for the latest information, visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/st-kilda-pier-redevelopment](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/st-kilda-pier-redevelopment)



*New Penguin Viewing Area*