

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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St Kilda Pier Redevelopment Community Update

Once complete, the new pier design as chosen by the community will provide improved recreational space for more people to enjoy.

It's all systems go on the St Kilda Pier Redevelopment with Jackson Clements Burrows Architects in partnership with AW Maritime and Site Office Landscape Architects announced this week as the successful tenderer for the detailed design stage of the project. This appointment takes us one step closer to bringing the \$50 million redevelopment to life.

Design solution

The rebuilt pier will include new features that will boost tourism and preserve it for future generations to enjoy. It will include:

- public access for the community and visitors out onto the bay
- views of St Kilda and the city skyline
- improved protection and viewing area for the Little Penguins.
- a wider all abilities walkway, new toilets and tiered seating

- preservation of the precinct's heritage features

The pier will extend about 450 metres and will be built with a 50-year design life.

Your feedback

In 2017, we engaged with more than 550 people to identify a design for a redeveloped St Kilda Pier that could best support the local community and visitors.

A stakeholder reference group was established, and feedback was given in community and stakeholder forums, at market stands and via an online survey on Engage Victoria. Approximately half the respondents were from the local area, and approximately 70 per cent of respondents used the pier regularly (once or more per month).

We heard support for a curved pier option over a like-for-like replacement of the old straight pier.

This curved design was supported by Parks Victoria and City of Port Phillip. Over the coming

months our team will work with the local community, Traditional Owners and other stakeholders to refine and finalise the detailed design of the pier.

Stakeholder Reference Group

Local knowledge and insights are important as we head into the detailed design and construction phase of the project. We've established a new stakeholder reference group (SRG) to help share information and minimise impacts during construction on stakeholders and community. The SRG consists of members who represent the views and interests of stakeholders and community groups. It will provide a forum for sharing information, gaining feedback and capturing local views.

The group will be facilitated by Parks Victoria and chaired by St Kilda local and former Chair of Healthy Parks Healthy People Global, Rob Gerrand. The first meeting will be held in late May/early June then approximately every two months to help shape the final design in the lead up to the project's construction.

Where to from here?

With Jackson Clements Burrows Architects in partnership with AW Maritime and Site Office Landscape Architects selected as the successful design partners, work will now commence to undertake detailed design work to inform the construction process on architectural, engineering, planning, heritage and environmental services.

Project timeline

- 2020 – 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

St Kilda Pier's heritage

St Kilda Pier is an iconic Melbourne tourist destination with an estimated 830,000 visits annually. The pier provides access to a marina, and is home to the historic Kirby's Kiosk, and a popular Little Penguin colony.

St Kilda Pier's history dates back to 1853 when a wooden jetty was built to assist early settlers to unload timber, building materials and firewood. The current St Kilda Pier was constructed in 1971 and is approaching the end of its 50-year design life.

Penguins and wildlife

Protecting the penguins and other plants and animals that reside in and around the pier is critical for this project. We will establish an expert panel to make sure that any impacts before, during and after development are minimised.

The new design will provide locals and tourists with a better viewing area to watch the Little Penguins when they waddle back to their rock homes after sunset.

We will provide updates on environmental and heritage assessment and management as the project progresses.

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