

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

St Kilda Pier  
Redevelopment

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## Construction of the new St Kilda Pier starting soon!

Construction of the new St Kilda Pier is ready to begin following the appointment of Simpson Constructions as the lead construction partner following a two-stage public tender process.

Offsite work will start over summer 2021-22 with site establishment to commence in February 2022. By 2024, the new pier will be open and ready for fun, relaxation and sunset walks.

The existing pier, which is approaching the end of its serviceable life, will remain open as much as possible during construction, then will be closed and removed in 2024. We will continue to monitor the pier's condition to ensure the safety of all visitors ahead of its removal.

The Victorian Government is investing more than \$53 million into the pier redevelopment will ensure this important waterside facility continues to serve the community for many more years to come.

For more information on the new pier design please visit the project website .

### The project

St Kilda Pier has been a focus for recreation throughout its history and retains this significance today. With an innovative curved design, more seating and a wider all abilities accessible walkway, the visitor experience will be enhanced and upgraded to meet contemporary needs and demand. It will remain about 450-metres long but realigned on a curve from a starting point slightly south of the existing pier toward the heritage kiosk. The new pier will feature prominent use of natural Australian timber.

## The evolving landmark

Since its initial construction in the 1850s, St Kilda Pier has been a thriving commercial facility and focal point for this bustling inner-city suburb. St Kilda Pier Pavilion was built in 1904, capitalising on the area's fast-growing attraction as a sought-after seaside destination. The original pier was later replaced in the 1970s with the pier that exists today. The heritage kiosk building, which is to be retained and repurposed for new exciting uses in the redevelopment, features stunning sunset views of the city and bay, unique architectural design and easy access. It remains one of Melbourne's most visited and photographed landmarks and one of the most popular places to go for a walk and watch the sunset over the bay.



*St Kilda Pier Pavilion was built in 1904. The curves of the heritage building were a source of design inspiration for the new pier.*



## Iconic new entrance

In addition to the new pier, Parks Victoria and the Port Phillip City Council will partner in a revitalisation project on the adjoining foreshore. This upgrade will create an iconic visitor entrance to the pier from the St Kilda foreshore precinct and provide a better connection with Catani Gardens to the vibrant St Kilda neighbourhood.



*Improved entrance experience and pedestrian connections*

## Preparing for construction impacts

From February 2022, site establishment and major construction will commence which will include a large construction site, pedestrian and traffic detours and some noise/vibration. To ensure neighbours and visitors are aware of these impacts, we will be working with council, our established stakeholder reference group, local businesses and other stakeholders over the next few weeks to work through the construction program and expected impacts. We'll also keep you informed and provide more detail on what impacts to expect during construction early in 2022 via the project website and project updates.

- Cyclists and trail users should be aware a slight detour of the Bay Trail will be necessary during construction. A map to show detours and access changes will be provided in early 2022.
- Where safe and practical, access to the existing pier will be retained while the new pier is being constructed on a new alignment.
- Penguin viewing and the St Kilda Pier Kiosk will remain closed to the public. The kiosk building will provide an onsite office for contractors.
- Pier Road will be open to the Sea Baths carpark from Jacka Boulevard. Access north of St Kilda Pier will only be via Pier Road from the north (Beaconsfield Parade entrance). Onsite signage and a map will be provided once the detour is confirmed.



### **Penguin colony**

The St Kilda Breakwater is home to a colony of Little Penguins. The penguin viewing area and breakwater area will remain closed to the public until the completion of this project. Parks Victoria, DELWP and Earthcare St Kilda will carefully monitor the health of the penguins during construction.



### **Pier access and restrictions**

St Kilda Pier is currently open to the public. The breakwater and penguin viewing area are currently closed.

## **Project timeline**

Early 2022 - Construction commences

2024 –Target completion date of the new pier

2024 - Demolition of the existing pier will commence following completion of the new pier

## **Thank you for your feedback**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute their feedback and ideas to the design. Between 2017 and 2020 we heard from hundreds of people who provided detailed feedback about what they would like to see in a new St Kilda Pier. Key consultation findings included:

- Support for a curved alignment over a traditional straight pier
- Improved penguin protection and visitor viewing experience
- Provision of seating and lighting and a more attractive pier entrance
- Improved public toilets
- Improved delivery vehicle and pedestrian separation
- A more iconic entrance

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