

St Kilda Pier Redevelopment

Community Update



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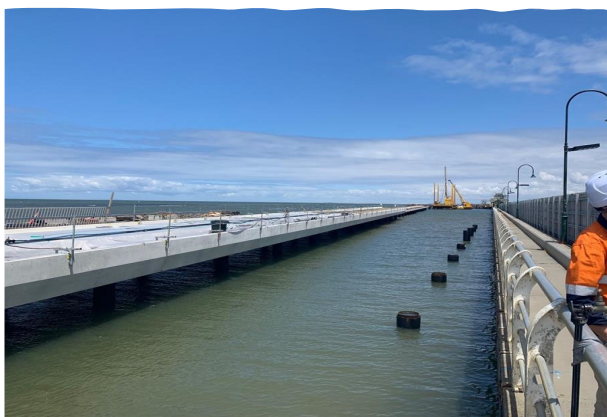
Pier taking shape

The new St Kilda Pier is really starting to take shape with the new alignment now clearly visible. Jutting out into the bay to the south of the existing pier, the layout of the new main pier section and low landing are prominent following significant work over the past months installing piles, concrete headstocks and concrete deck panels.

New low landing

An important design inclusion in the new pier is a new low landing. We're building it as an arm off the main pier on the northern side which follows an alignment similar to the original 1853 pier. The low landing will support passenger ferry arrivals including the St Kilda to Williamstown Ferry and provide better public access for activities like kayaking and paddle boarding.

The angle of the new low landing can now be easily seen on site as shown in the below image.



Upcoming works

Steel piles, concrete headstocks and concrete deck panels have been installed as the structure and main pier walkway. Into 2023 the project will see the start of the installation of the finished deck surface - a combination of concrete and hardwood timber. Timber is being used throughout the new pier including the penguin viewing deck and pier seating to create a warm texture and reflect the maritime heritage of piers in Port Phillip.

We're using Darwin Stringybark from Queensland, a sustainably sourced hardwood, harvested from State government and indigenous owned land, in accordance with the Code of Practice for Native Forest Timber Production on Queensland's State Forest Estate 2020. This timber will be seasoned, meaning it is likely to be more consistent and of a higher quality than if it were constructed with 'green' unseasoned boards.

Over the coming months, we'll continue to install steel piles, concrete headstocks and concrete deck panels in the new terrace seating area, adjacent to the kiosk.

The pier's history

Impressively, St Kilda Pier has been around since 1853! Originally built as a private working jetty it has since become a public pier and rebuilt by government departments several times including as early as 1859 after storm damage.

Throughout its lifetime, the Pier has seen an incredible change in community expectations and recreational activities from promenading to the sound of grammar phones to casual walks with the best local coffee. The new design retains sense of nostalgia of days long past with a sense of modern flamboyance that will reflect the character of St Kilda and Melbourne.

Enjoying the seaside playground

St Kilda Pier is in a unique environment, with a long and narrow project site in one of Melbourne's most popular outdoor playgrounds. Works are being undertaken from barges and work boats and will involve piling and general construction activities in the water.

During summer, whether you're swimming, on a boat, personal watercraft/Jet Ski, kayak or kite surf it's important to understand the safety rules in place around the project.

- There is an 100m marine exclusion zone around the project worksite – enacted as on water works are underway. All vessels and swimmers must not enter this zone.
- A shared wind sports area is located north of St Kilda Pier where kiteboarding and other wind sports are permitted to exceed 5 knots.
- Speed limits and boating/swimming zones apply around St Kilda Pier - including 5 knot speed zones within 200m from shore and 50m from a structure, another vessel or person.
- Jumping and diving from St Kilda Pier is illegal and extremely dangerous. Always enter the water from the beach or use ladders provided. Swimmers are encouraged to use the beach adjacent to St Kilda Lifesaving Club 400m south of St Kilda Pier which is patrolled in summer.

Pier access and restrictions

We're minimising impacts and inconvenience where possible and appreciate your patience as we deliver this critical and exciting project. Click [here](#) for the latest updates on disruptions and closures.

The old/existing pier is currently open to the public as far as the area near the kiosk so you're welcome to enjoy a walk down the pier to enjoy the views, sunset and the salty St Kilda sea air. You can even check in on the project progress –the best vantage points to see the works are from the shore to the south of the existing pier.

The breakwater and penguin viewing area are currently closed.

As works progress around the existing timber head of the pier, early in 2023 some disruption to access is anticipated. During this time, temporary access to the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron marina will be established for members requiring access to their vessels. Public access will be restricted approximately 50m inland of the kiosk. Public berths within St Kilda harbour will be closed for most of 2023 due to the change in access required to work on the pier head.

Project timeline

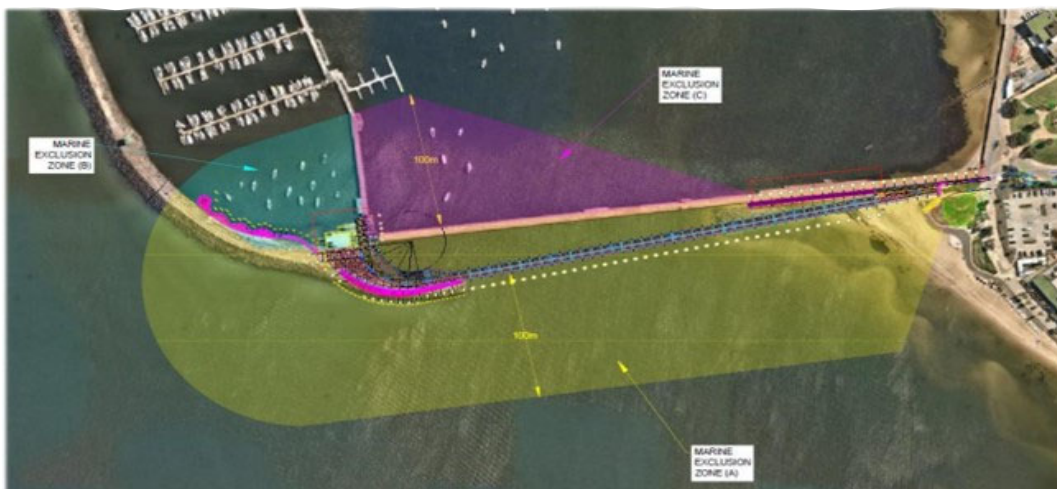
December 2022 – Continued installation of steel piles, precast concrete headstocks and deck panels, and pouring of the concrete deck.

January – April 2023 – Establish temporary diversion away from the kiosk using gangways and pontoons. Continued installation of steel piles, precast concrete headstocks and deck panels, pouring of the concrete deck, and commence installation of timber structure and service conduits.

Start 2024 - Mid 2024 – Completion of new pier. Deconstruction of the existing pier will commence following completion of the new pier

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An access exclusion zone is in place around the pier