

Frequently Asked Questions – Bay Trail at Middle Brighton Baths

Why is a separate bike path being provided at Middle Brighton Baths?

A separate bike path is being provided to reduce conflict between pedestrians and cyclists at the front of Middle Brighton Baths. The site has been prioritised as the next site to be addressed by Council as part of a phased approach to resolving 13 high risk sites in need of improvement along the 17km Bay Trail.

Creating a dedicated bike path will also enable the extent of pedestrian forecourt area at the front of Middle Brighton Baths to be increased, making it a more appealing and welcoming area for pedestrians to enjoy with additional public seating to be provided.

Why can't cyclists use the circulation road through the Middle Brighton Baths Precinct?

The Bay Street to Sandown Street section of the Bay Trail already carries over 290,000 cyclists a year with the majority of these travelling through the Middle Brighton Baths precinct. Just like pedestrians and cyclists don't mix at Middle Brighton Baths, neither will this volume of cyclists and vehicles. To avoid creating conflict between cyclists riding through the precinct and those vehicles arriving, leaving and parking at the precinct, a separated bike path is being provided.

Will we lose any car parking as a result of these changes?

Currently, four car park spaces have been proposed for removal to locate the cyclist crossing points and to provide adequate sight lines for cyclists. Further design work associated with the project will investigate opportunities to establish other car park spaces in the precinct to offset the proposed removal of the four car park spaces.

What impact will the bike path have on the garden area?

The bike path will not impact the existing grassed area as there is sufficient space available to locate it within the compacted sand area between the existing parking spaces and the grassed area. The existing plants in the compacted sand area will need to be removed.

How wide will the proposed bike path be and what will it be made of?

It is proposed that bike path will be 2.5m wide which is the desirable minimum width as per VicRoads design guidelines. The bike path will be made of coloured concrete. It is proposed to use the same colour concrete that has been used for new bike path between Bay Street and Sandown Street.

Will cyclists still be able to access the restaurant, gym and kiosk at Middle Brighton Baths?

Yes, cyclists will still be able to access these facilities and improved bike parking will be provided within the vicinity of Middle Brighton Baths so that cyclists can park their bikes when using these facilities.

Why is a pedestrian boardwalk proposed at the back of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club?

The existing 2.5m wide shared path at the back of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club is not wide enough to cater for the volume of pedestrians and cyclists (approx. 290,000 per year) that use this section. Establishing a pedestrian boardwalk will enable pedestrians and cyclists to be separated along this section of the Bay Trail.