St Kilda Pier Renewal
A new pier for St Kilda
September - October 2017

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As the existing pier approaches the end of its design life, Parks Victoria has been asked by the State Government to develop a concept design for a new St Kilda Pier.

The project is seeking community feedback on options for the pier, and desired characteristics, design, facilities and services. This feedback will inform a finalised concept design, to be provided back to the Victorian Government in late 2017.

Why do we need a new pier?

The St Kilda Pier is an iconic part of Melbourne’s history, and Parks Victoria is committed to ensuring it remains a great place to visit. The pier has been rebuilt and repaired in response to age or damage many times since the 1850s. The current pier, built in the 1970s, is approaching the end of its 50-year design life. Parks Victoria has been considering the future of the Pier for several years, in response to both the expected replacement works, and in response to recent and future planning in the surrounding areas.

Designing a new pier provides us with an opportunity to refresh the services and amenity the pier provides to Victorians and our visitors, and to strengthen its connection to the foreshore and the broader beach experience.

What might the new pier look like?

That is, in part, up to you! Two options for the pier were developed, based on previous feedback from community and professional advice from engineers and designers. We are also asking for your feedback on the area surrounding the kiosk and entrance to the pier, and advice on viewing the penguins whilst keeping them safe.

How can I get involved?

Parks Victoria is talking to stakeholders, community groups and community members to identify the preferred design as we plan for the pier’s replacement.

To contribute:


Talk to us in person at a community event (details on our project website)

Send us your feedback via email [info@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@parks.vic.gov.au)

We want to know what design elements, experiences and services matter most to your visit to the pier, focusing on the entrance, the pier and the area surrounding the kiosk and the penguins – to ensure that the concept provided to the government meets the needs of its users now and for the next 50 years.

Project timelines

Sep-Oct 2017: Public Engagement Phase
• Online information and survey
• Consultation events

Nov 2017: Analysis and Reporting
• Finalised concepts

Dec 2017: Submission to Government
• Design submitted to Government
• Engagement Summary Released

Option 1 - Straight Pier alignment

This option places the St Kilda Pier on a straight alignment located approximately 10 meters to the south of the existing Pier. The pier references both the current and previous piers through the straight extension out to the breakwater. Unlike the existing pier, which terminates at the entry to the Kiosk, this option extends the pier past the Kiosk. A low level timber boardwalk with integrated seating is constructed on the protected northern side of the breakwater extension, capturing a body of water between the new pier and the breakwater that becomes a swimming lagoon. This provides a new swimming experience, referencing the grand timber sea baths now lost to the St Kilda foreshore.

Option 2 - Curved Pier alignment

This design option recognises the constant evolution of St Kilda foreshore and its local environment. The design places St Kilda Pier on a new alignment that bridges between the foreshore and the southern breakwater. The alignment protects the important bayside vista as you walk along the pier and over the southern rock breakwater, allowing uninterrupted views across the water to the south (which is an important experiential quality of the existing pier). The realignment provides access and swimming opportunities to the calm water created by the southern rock breakwater. Seating terraces will cascade down to the water’s edge, allowing excellent views across the harbour to the city skyline to the north. A generous public space is created on the south side of Kiosk, with the provision of improved public toilet and change facilities.