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DESIGNS TAKE SHAPE FOR INSPIRED ALTONA PIER

The much-anticipated Altona Pier redevelopment is beginning to take shape with the release of the detailed design tender.

The community vision to recognise the historical significance of the precinct and provide an improved recreational space for people to enjoy for many years to come are the guiding principles of the detailed design brief.

The new pier design was chosen based on community feedback and features a modern angled head that will provide large functional community space, shade for hot summer days as well as better access for people fishing or swimming at Altona Beach.

The new pier's proposed alignment with Pier Street will provide a connection to the historical elements of the pier's heritage. A heritage interpretation plan will ensure the historical significance of the pier precinct is preserved for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Funded through the Victorian Government's \$24 million Piers and Jetties Stimulus Package, the project will revitalise the pier precinct, upgrade facilities and create local jobs.

The majority of the local community chose the preferred concept design from three options following a thorough consultation process undertaken in mid-2020. The next stage of the project will refine and review the designs to create more detailed schematic and construction ready plans.

Construction is set to commence in the first half of 2022 with the new pier expected to be open to visitors by late 2023. The old pier will be removed following construction of the new pier.

The Altona Pier concept design can be viewed at www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"We have listened to the community from the beginning and the concept design reflects what locals and visitors have asked for."

"Being able to deliver on the vision to recognise the precinct's heritage values while also meeting the current and future needs of the community will be a key consideration of the detailed design stage."

Quotes attributable to Member for Altona Jill Hennessy

"I'm excited to see this project progressing with our community's views taken on board - the pier is such an iconic part of Altona so it's important that the new structure reflects local people's aspirations for our much-loved foreshore."

"The Altona Pier redevelopment will make this much-loved local icon better and safer for anglers, swimmers, and people who simply want to go for a stroll."

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