

# Media Release

**The Hon Melissa Horne MP**

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Minister for Ports and Freight

Minister for Fishing and Boating



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## A NEW ST KILDA PIER IS COMING SOON

Work on the new St Kilda Pier will soon begin with the appointment of the lead construction partner following a two-stage public tender process.

Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne today announced Simpson Constructions would complete the \$53 million St Kilda Pier Redevelopment project with off-site works starting shortly.

Construction alongside the existing St Kilda Pier is scheduled to start in early 2022, with the new pier due to be completed by early 2024.

Featuring a spectacular curved design showcasing a wider and more accessible walkway, tiered seating, additional toilets, and a new community space near the kiosk, the new look pier will ensure more people can enjoy one of Melbourne's most popular locations.

The redevelopment will also provide better views over the city, while also better protecting the famous St Kilda penguin colony with a new viewing platform forming part of the design.

The new design sees the pier extended approximately 450 metres from the shore to the breakwater, and a low landing constructed near the foreshore, providing easier access for passengers to ferry and tour operator vessels.

The Andrews Labor Government has allocated an additional \$3 million in funding to the project for further works to improve the integration of the pier with the foreshore, enhancing the visitor experience. This integration complements the partnership between Parks Victoria and the City of Port Phillip to revitalise the St Kilda foreshore precinct.

Once complete, the works will create an iconic visitor entrance to the pier and provide a better connection between the Catani Gardens and vibrant St Kilda neighbourhood.

St Kilda's famous colony of Little Penguins will be monitored and cared for by Parks Victoria and Earthcare throughout construction. Penguins will be viewed safely from a distance while ensuring they can move freely without the current intrusions.

The existing pier will remain open as often as possible during construction before closing for removal in 2024. For more design images and to sign up for the latest email updates, visit [parks.vic.gov.au](https://parks.vic.gov.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

*"St Kilda Pier is an iconic part of Melbourne's history and has played a key role in the city for many years. That's why we're investing in celebrating its past and ensuring this important facility continues to serve the community for many more years to come."*

*"The tender process attracted keen interest from high calibre marine and civil contractors, and we look forward to seeing this project takes shape, through the work of Simpson Constructions."*

**Quotes attributable to Member for Albert Park Martin Foley**

*"After talking to local community users about how the new pier will look and operate, it's exciting to see the pieces come together to transform St Kilda's waterfront for greater community use."*

*"The new pier will make St Kilda an even more important venue as we build our post-COVID comeback for locals and tourists alike. It will also provide improved access and facilities for recreational and licensed tour operator activities including boating, fishing and penguin viewing."*

**Quote attributable to Mayor of City of Port Phillip Louise Crawford**

*"Port Philip Council is proud to be partnering with the Victorian Government to provide a welcoming connection from the foreshore to the new St Kilda Pier for visitors and our community to enjoy."*