

Media Release

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ST KILDA PIER REDEVELOPMENT POWERING AHEAD

The new St Kilda Pier is starting to take shape with significant progress made during the first six months of construction.

The Andrews Labor Government's \$53 million investment will include a new curved pier with a wider and more accessible walkway, tiered seating, better access to the bay and clear views of the iconic city skyline and an additional 140 metre protected habitat for local penguins.

More than 130 solid steel piles have been installed and concrete crossheads have been installed, forming a strong base for the new pier.

Removal of the old timber pier deck to the south of the kiosk was also completed over winter with the timber salvaged for reuse to build the seating on the new pier.

Dozens more steel piles will be installed in the coming months over spring and summer as well as the relocation of the foreshore rock groyne wall.

St Kilda Pier's breakwater is home to a colony of little penguins. Construction will include a new penguin viewing area that separates visitors from the penguins giving them an additional 140 metres of protected habitat.

Parks Victoria, EarthCare St Kilda and a team of other experts have been undertaking regular monitoring throughout construction to ensure the safety of penguins and other local marine life.

The Labor Government is investing \$18 million in the 2022-23 *Victorian Budget* so Victorians can continue to enjoy piers and jetties across the state, including for works at Hampton, Rye, Flinders, McLoughlins Beach, Raymond Island, Lakes Entrance, Williamstown and Mornington.

For more information visit www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"It's great to see works powering ahead on the new St Kilda Pier, which will be better than ever."

"St Kilda is an important drawcard for tourists and visitors to this vibrant area and we're safeguarding its future by getting on with this important redevelopment."

Quotes attributable to Member for Southern Metropolitan Nina Taylor

"The redevelopment of St Kilda Pier will deliver not only a better and more accessible pier for visitors but also a safer and better-protected habitat for the little penguins that call it home."

"Significant progress has been made over winter and while work will need to progress as we head into summer the existing pier will remain open for the public to enjoy."

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