

implementation

The City of Port Phillip has commenced implementation of the St Kilda Foreshore Urban Design Framework plan. Under the St Kilda's Edge banner an extensive program of projects is planned, with many already in development.

1. St Kilda foreshore promenade and pier entry

An attractive fusion of movement with improved paths for cycling, walking and rollerblading along the entire length of the St Kilda foreshore and particularly to streamline movement at the St Kilda Pier entry. Concept plans are in preparation.



2. Shakespeare Grove

A concept plan for a linear urban plaza to provide better visual and pedestrian connection between Acland Street and the foreshore is in preparation.



3. Acland Street / Carlisle Street / O'Donnell Gardens intersection

New traffic signals and a new tram stop to ease congestion for vehicles and improve pedestrian access to the green space of the O'Donnell Gardens, are being investigated. Includes realignment of the streets to create a regular cross road intersection.



4. Triangle site redevelopment

A reinvigorated public entertainment and cultural space including a restored Palais Theatre and a new neighbouring public plaza is being investigated.

Potential uses include a dance and music venue, cinema, galleries, a bar or nightclub, boutique hotel, reception and conference facilities, cafes and some retail.

This site offers tremendous opportunity for partnerships with the private sector.

Expressions of interest will be invited from potential developers for part, or all, of this vibrant site.

5. West Beach Pavilion redevelopment

The heritage pavilion at West Beach is being brought back to life. Housing a kiosk/cafe, external decking, public toilets/change facilities and other public uses such as skate hire, tourist information and beach-related retail uses.

Early in 2004, three short-listed consortia will tender for the redevelopment of this landmark site.



6. St Kilda skate park

Design, construction and site options are being investigated.

7. St Kilda harbour

A safer vibrant harbour with improved wave attenuation, additional moorings and public recreational facilities is being investigated.

8. St Kilda Pier kiosk

An accurate reconstruction of the fire-destroyed heritage building, will see this modest but whimsical icon returned to its place at the end of the pier.

Parks Victoria, the responsible authority for the kiosk, has commenced the re-building design process, with completion planned for late-2004/ early-2005.

9. Marina Reserve

Stage One works, including earthworks, tree planting and extension of the bike/pedestrian path, are now complete.

Further works over the long term will see the installation of drinking fountains, seating and tables; paths throughout the site; and shrub planting.

10. Vineyard Restaurant

This former boat shed (and much loved icon) will be upgraded to bring it in line with contemporary standards while retaining its quirky charm and appeal. Building works commence mid-2004.



11. Veg Out

The popular community garden and arts studio site, open to the public, will remain in its current location.

12. Catani Gardens

The council's master plan for these popular seaside gardens will continue to be implemented. The vision set by Carlo Catani in the early 1900s for the gardens will be reflected in the landscape.

Currently in the second of a three-stage program, recent improvements include repair of the heritage volcanic rock wall and heritage path. Forthcoming improvements are plantings and upgrades of the playground and facilities.



13. Esplanade fence

The 'rust proof and resilient' 1960s Besser block wall along the Upper Esplanade will be replaced with a fence more suited to its foreshore setting.

14. Fitzroy Street / Upper Esplanade intersection

To improve pedestrian flow from Fitzroy Street to the foreshore, and better traffic movement, the intersection will be reshaped.



15. Upper Esplanade tram improvement works

A new tram stop will be created to make tram travel easier and safer.

16. Alfred Square

Design works will commence in late 2004 to improve the park and its surrounds, aesthetically, historically and contextually for passive recreation.

17. Club buildings, kiosks, toilet blocks and other structures

The St Kilda's Edge plan aims to return foreshore land to open space over the next 20 years, ensuring fewer, better used facilities remain.

