

FLEMINGS POOL PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

WHAT WE HEARD



Thank you for your participation and feedback during the initial consultation for Flemings Pool Pedestrian Access

We appreciate the time you have taken to let us know your thoughts and valuable local knowledge and input to the design for the new access ramp to Flemings Pool.

Approximately 90 people attended two drop in sessions. We received over 40 online surveys and had lots of comments across Council's social media channels. Thank you for your feedback and contributions – we had valuable input into our concept design and we are currently working with the designer to refine the design to provide suitable infrastructure as well as creating a space that meets the needs of the community and various user groups.

In this flyer we will address the main themes that we heard from the consultation recently undertaken on Flemings Pool.

Do works have to happen at Flemings Pool?

Yes, works do need to occur. There are structural and safety issues associated with the existing ramp and proposed works will address the integrity of the structure following degradation over time. If these works are not undertaken, the access will eventually have to close, due to safety concerns.

What we heard

In summary there were nine key themes that came out of the consultation and these are summarised below in no particular order:

Timeframes for consultation and construction

We heard that you wanted to be involved further in the design development. We have taken this on board and as a result construction will not commence until after this summer. We will continue the conversation and consultation with you on the issues that you raised and amend the design and come back to you with the redesign for further input.

Marine science

We heard a variety of concerns about the biodiversity within Flemings Pool, particularly your concerns about the health of the marine life.

There is a strong desire amongst the community to protect existing species and to create an area where species can thrive. We will continue to build on the coastal and marine analysis. This analysis will further inform the redesign.

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City Presentation and visual amenity

Items to be considered to improve Flemings Pool included:

- Smart Bins- waste and recycling
- Bike hoops / kayak trailer hoop
- Seating to be included on new pedestrian refuge
- Pedestrian refuge crossing The Esplanade
- Treatment of nature strip
- Retain the historic context of Flemings Pool through the interpretation
- Solar light

Location and design

We heard concerns about the impact of the design on the natural environment particularly ensuring we continue to protect Flemings Pool. Consideration through the redesign will be given to establishing the access further west to protect the area known as Flemings Pool adjacent to the rock revetment.

Personal watercraft users

We heard that the pedestrian access to Flemings Pool caters for many different activities and uses, including kayakers, canoes, stand-up paddle boards, snorkelers, swimmers and spectators. Personal watercraft turning circles have been considered to enable craft to access the water.

Temporary access

We are aware that during the construction period when the pool will be closed to the community that access to the water will still be required for users. We will work with the users to find a temporary alternative access point during the works.

Ongoing seaweed maintenance

Seaweed gathers along the entire Altona / Seaholme foreshore and recently there has been a lot of complaints east of the Bayview Street section of the foreshore. The proposed pedestrian access design for Flemings Pool provides the capacity for a small bob cat to access this section of the foreshore to remove the seaweed. Without the upgraded ramp, this will not be possible as Council will not have the ability to safely access this section of the foreshore.

The Millers Road outfall groyne

We heard that the community's concern on the extension of the groyne has changed the marine environment.

We heard that after construction of the groyne there was building rubble left behind. All contractors working at Flemings Pool will be required to remove any remaining building rubble when they finish. A pre-construction condition report will be undertaken and used as a standard for the post construction site.

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Safety

Two key safety concerns relating to the design were raised. These included potential – slip hazards on the stairs and the radiant heat generated from the concrete in summer coupled with a lack of shade. These two issues will be addressed as part of the concept design.

Dogs

The Altona / Seaholme foreshore, with the exception of P A Burns Reserve, is a dog on leash area, that is dogs at Flemings Pool must be on leash at all times. It has come to our attention that when the groyne was extended the signage detailing this was removed and not replaced. This signage will be replaced.

Council's Local Laws can be contacted directly on 9932 1000 to report any issues.

Project timelines

Activity	Timeframe
Level Surveys	Early September
Community consultation to provide update on design. Information session dates to be advertised on Council's <i>Participate</i> portal and communicated in September.	Early October
Geotechnical Assessments	October
Detailed Design	October/November
Presentation of final design to community	Commencing December
Consent approval from Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	Submit January 2019
Construction	Late March - June

If you would like more information on the project please email kwood@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au or call Kirsten on 9932 1247.

Regular updates on the project can be found at participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/Flemings

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