



Dendy Street Beach pavilion and surrounds



Artists impression of the Dendy Street Beach pavilion

Designs for the new Dendy Street Beach pavilion and surrounds have been refined based on community feedback.

You asked for

- Natural materials
- Less concrete
- More planting
- More shade
- Easy access for prams, wheelchairs and the elderly
- A kiosk
- A bar/restaurant/cafe
- More car parking
- Sustainable design

We've achieved

- ✓ Timber and natural stone cladding
- ✓ Exposed stone aggregate concrete
- ✓ Timber seating and edging on the terraces
- ✓ More garden beds
- ✓ Lift and ramp access
- ✓ Café with kiosk window
- ✓ Energy efficient design features
- ✓ Solar power generation
- ✓ Water capture and reuse

What we can't deliver

- ✗ More parking
- ✗ More shade

Look and feel

Much of the feedback was that the building was too grey and uninviting. Some people suggested colour to soften the look of the building while others wanted bright colours that reflect the bathing boxes.

The majority of respondents wanted the building to blend in, which is in line with earlier consultation and the brief to the architects for a 'natural and beachy' feel.

We also had lots of feedback about using natural materials such as wood, stone, glass, sandstone and bluestone.

The two upper level pavilions will feature floor to ceiling glass windows with timber battens and natural stone cladding. The timber will help soften the appearance of the building and achieve the aim of blending in with the banksia trees behind.

Forecourt and terrace

This area has been designed to withstand extreme high tide and storm surge conditions and emergency services vehicle movements. Many people understood the use of concrete on the foreshore promenade and terrace but had some suggestions about breaking up the concrete.

Garden beds will allow for planting of hardy native species that can survive the coastal conditions and timber seating and edging will further break up the concrete terraces.

We will use feature aggregate concrete with an exposed stone surface that blends into the natural surroundings where possible.

Shade

West facing veranda edges to both pavilions offer shade and weather protection to the lower level forecourt outside the public toilets and storeroom.

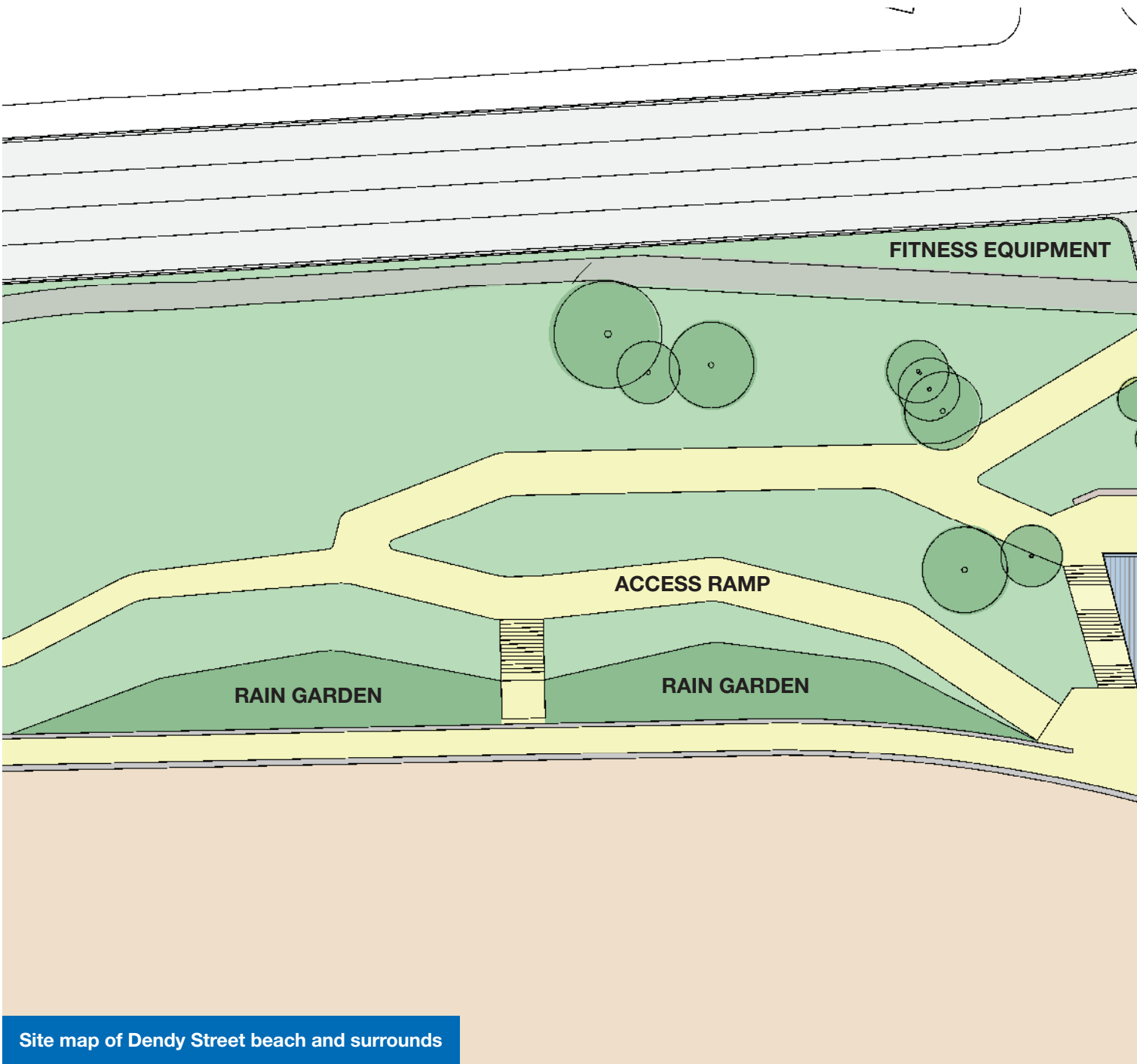
The upper level café deck and community space are also shaded by a veranda with operable sliding shade screens.

Further shade options are limited by the requirement for life savers to observe the beach in both directions and wind speed in coastal locations.

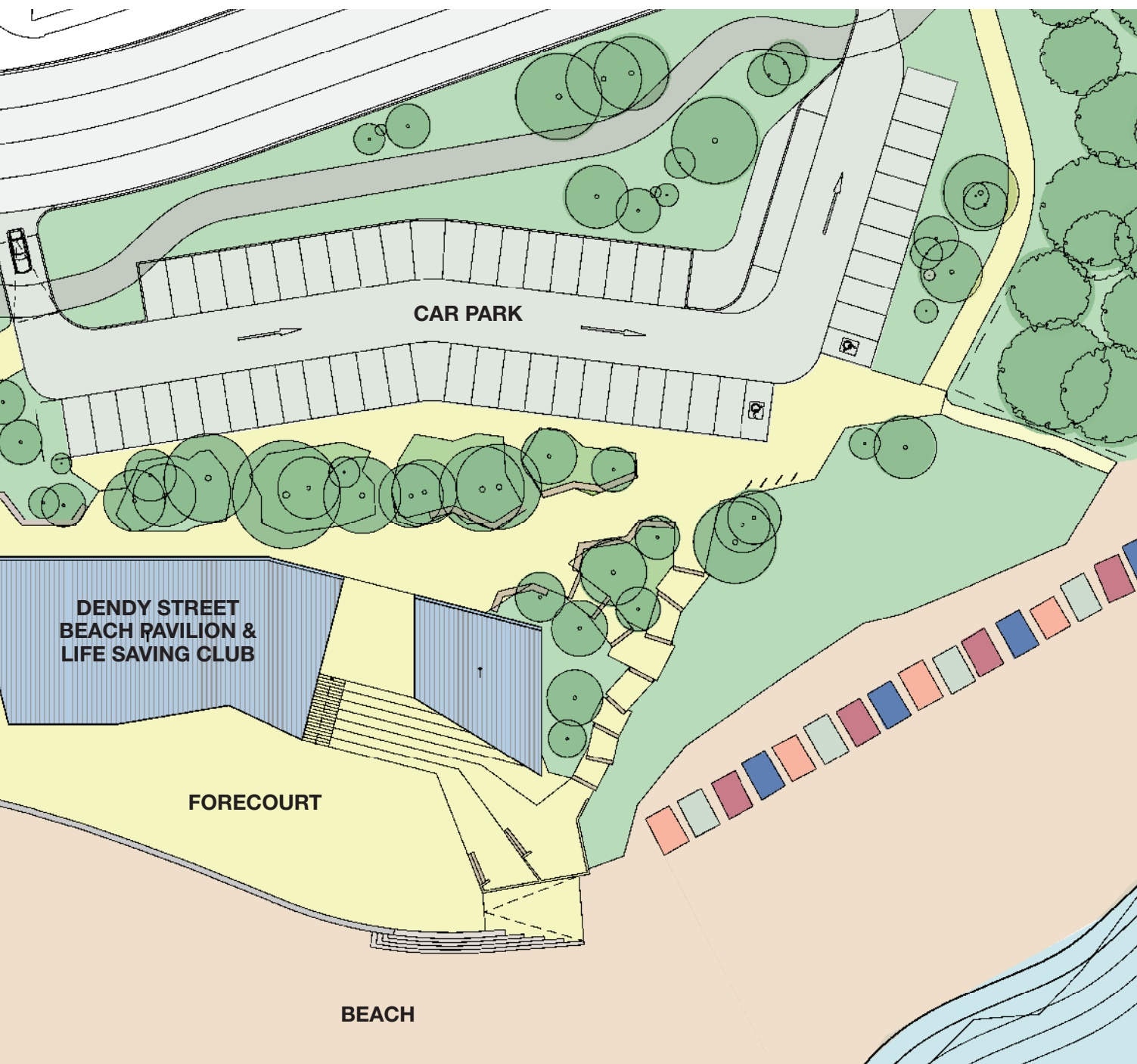
We considered the possibility of a tree in the forecourt but the growing conditions would pose significant challenges and the tree would need to be heavily pruned to retain sight lines, negating any shade benefit. Shade sails were ruled out due to wind speed.



View along Dendy Street Beach to the Melbourne CBD



Site map of Dendy Street beach and surrounds



Sustainability features

The building has been positioned to be used all year round and make the most of the natural light and reduce energy consumption needed to heat and cool the building.

Solar panels will generate power and water will be captured and reused for flushing toilets.

Sliding timber panels shade the western facing decks to reduce direct sunlight and control heat in the café and community space.

In other improvements to the surrounding area the stormwater drain will be redirected to a rain garden to filter and detain stormwater flows to the beach.

Accessibility

The design makes the most of the natural fall across the site. The upper level can be accessed directly from the car park and the building has a lift which provides access to the forecourt area. A ramp provides easy access for prams, wheelchairs and emergency vehicles. New pathways will improve access to the beach for people of all abilities.

Parking

The carpark has been reconfigured to allow for bus parking and maximise the availability of car parking. The footprint of the carpark cannot be further extended without impacting on sensitive dunes and vegetation.

Facilities

Dendy Street beach is patrolled by 650 volunteer members of Brighton Life Saving Club on weekends and holiday periods from November through to April providing nearly 2,700 patrol hours for the 65,000 visitors and tourists swimming at the beach.

The old club house needs replacing to meet modern requirements for life saving.

The redevelopment includes new visitor and community facilities incorporating:

- Brighton Life Saving Club
- café with kiosk window
- public amenities ie toilets and showers
- community meeting space

The ground level houses life saving club storage and public amenities. The community space and cafe sit above as separate pavilions, optimising the views and maximising public access in and around the site.

Other improvements

- improved stormwater drainage: the unsightly stormwater drain will be redirected to a rain garden to filter and detain stormwater flows to the beach
- new pathways: to improve access to the beach for people of all abilities
- exercise equipment
- landscaping
- improved signage

Find out more

Meet the project team and have your questions answered at two drop in sessions on site:

When

Sunday 20 March
3pm–5pm

Wednesday 23 March
5pm–7pm

Where

Brighton Life Saving Club
Esplanade, Brighton between
Dendy and Wellington streets

Online

bayside.vic.gov.au/latestprojects

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