



Maritime Cove Community Park

Fact Sheet

- Waterside park and playground destination, overlooking Sandridge Beach at Perce White Reserve
- Continues the Port of Melbourne's commitment to create attractive public open space as part of the \$1.6 billion redevelopment of Webb Dock into an international container port and automotive hub
- Port of Melbourne undertook extensive community consultation to seek the best ideas for the park, mindful of the natural landscape and vegetation
- The park features various maritime-themed and interactive elements. There is a life-saving tower - which is the centre-piece of the play space - and salvaged port equipment including buoys, a crow's nest, channel markers, ladders and bollards for children to climb and explore
- Sea-animal sculptures and open stage areas resembling shipping containers enhance the maritime theme. Other features include a younger children's play area, obstacle courses, interactive elements, water-based and sand play areas, wobble boards, a rocking boat, ropes, ladder bridges, climbing towers and climbing posts of varying heights
- The park is the latest in a line of improvements delivered in the area as part of the Webb Dock project, for example, new exercise stations, extra lighting, drinking fountains and beach showers, seating, landscaped garden beds and additional car parking
- Raised timber boardwalks link to the beach, and a shared cycling and walking trail leads to an observation platform providing an unobstructed vantage point of the Melbourne skyline. Shared bike and walking trails link the foreshore to Westgate Park and Yarra River
- Every effort wherever possible was made to preserve the natural habitat of the area and minimise the ecological footprint on the foreshore. For example, the raised timber boardwalks help protect the foreshore dune and enable movement between the beach and car park. Invasive weed species were removed and local indigenous plants were planted
- Playground equipment includes hand-driven water pumps whereby water is drained back into the sandy landscape. Recycled elements include the salvaged port equipment
- The design was informed through a collaborative and consultation program over approximately two years involving a stakeholder liaison group, City of Port Phillip, Life Saving Victoria as well as focus groups comprising residents, primary school students and children
- The park was officially opened by the Minister for Ports Luke Donnellan on 20 February 2017