

# Healthy by Design

## CASE STUDY

### Bayside City Council Brighton Beach Shared Path



While the Brighton Beach Shared Path was conceived, planned and built with the enhancement of the health and wellbeing of the community in mind, it is also a functional and environmentally sound infrastructure development. Identified as the 'missing link' in the path network around Port Philip Bay, the area between Bay Street, Brighton and the Middle Brighton Baths is now connected by a multi-use, shared path that enables continuous off-road travel from Altona to Beaumaris on the Bay Trail. This has positive outcomes for both visitors to the area and for the local community by enhancing active transport and access opportunities.

Achieved through funding from both Parks Victoria and Bayside City Council, the features of the design for the Brighton Beach Shared Path are examples of the kind of elements, and are based on the design principles, outlined in the 'Healthy By Design' guide. These include an elevated boardwalk, viewing decks, lighting, seating, landscape improvement and beach renourishment works. A comprehensive consultation process was undertaken to ensure that the key project factors,

including meeting the needs of all potential user groups, creating an environmentally appropriate and sustainable development, enhancing the existing area and encouraging use were met.

The Brighton Beach Shared Path project involved many stakeholders, as the path itself is part of wider transport strategies, but must function and meet the needs of the local community. Led by the Bayside City Council, the

consultative and inclusive approach to project management has resulted in an outcome that meets its stated objectives and has seen an initial increase in foreshore usage of 60%.

The Brighton Beach Shared Path project is an excellent example of the kind of outcome that can be achieved through partnerships, consultation and planning that incorporates active design principles.

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