

## Elwood Foreshore

**Location:** Elwood, Australia **Designer:** ASPECT Studios **Photographer:** Andrew Lloyd **Completion date:** 2009 **Site area:** 10,000 sqm



1. Elwood Sea Scouts
2. Elwood Angling Club
3. Elwood Sailing Club
4. Elwood Life Saving Club
5. Sails on the Bay (Restaurant)
6. Loading Zone
7. Access Road

The Elwood Foreshore is the focus of the beach activity for residents of the Elwood area and beyond. The project includes a new regional cycle way, beach plaza, indigenous plantings, and a new car park with water sensitive urban design (WSUD). The design created shared pathways and surfaces, introducing a continuous and safe cycle path. The roadway and car parking systems were rationalised to minimise conflict between bicycles, pedestrians and motor vehicles. The City of Port Phillip and ASPECT Studios keenly pursued an integrated approach to water, with planning and installation of water tanks for the various clubs and restaurants in the foreshore and full WSUD for the renovated car park.

The design provides elegance and sustainability within the limits of its scale and budget. Recycled asphalt was used for pavements to car parks, existing subgrades were used for pavements where possible. Existing furniture such as BBQ's and site furniture were served and reused to minimise material wastage.

This project demonstrates that a seamless connection can be made between functional design (ie cars, bikes, walkers, boats, cleaners) and design elegance. The design has provided back to the community an open and inviting foreshore place, that can be used from causal to large scale, surf life saving and sailing club festivals.

Right: Overall view of Elwood Foreshore

