



Coast Park - Hamra Avenue Precinct

Coast Park is one of the most significant open space and recreation initiatives being implemented by the South Australian Government in association with Metropolitan Adelaide Councils. When completed it will provide a continuous bicycle and pedestrian trail for the full length of the metropolitan area coastline, from Outer Harbor in the north to Sellicks Beach in the south (approximately 70 kilometres).

The Hamra Avenue coastal node provides an opportunity for the community to access Coast Park via Hamra Avenue. At the same time as creating the Coast Park node, Hamra Avenue itself was fully upgraded, and an attractive walkway constructed linking Coast Park to the top of the dunes to create a magnificent public look out over Gulf St. Vincent.

The shared use path was redesigned to gently flow through the space by creating sweeping curves and circular patterning constructed in exposed concrete and cobblestones in muted coastal colours of driftwood greys and bleached whites. The pathway network is obvious but is intersected by the circular patterning of the "node" announcing a change in spatial relationships where pedestrians mix with cyclists. Each user of the space is respected within the design.

The low timber boardwalk was designed to skim the sand dunes offering a safe but low impact structure amongst the natural surrounds of dunal vegetation opening out to a viewing deck where people can sit and admire the ocean and view stunning sunsets. Timber and steel street furniture – contemporary in flavour – was specifically designed to give a new meaning to the bench which is long in length but sociable in nature. Marine type bollards were selected to complement the coastal nature of the project, with low native dunal grass mass planted to strengthen the visual and environmental amenity. The design is gentle, simple and elegant.



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