

Seaford Life Saving Club



Seaford Life Saving Club, Melbourne
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\$1.2m

The proposed building floats above the fragile re-establishing dune system. The deck, platform and pier structure provides sheltered access to service zones and allows sand and fauna to freely move beneath the main portion of building. The main structure uses conventional construction techniques and is covered in a translucent material canopy providing a deck sheltered from rain, sun, glare and wind. This covered area of tempered light provides for a variety of community needs including passive beach surveillance, sheltered outdoor activities for the club and just a place to eat your fish and chips from the local store.

The ecologically sustainable aspects of the proposal are carefully woven into the fabric of the design. The predominantly raised structure allows for full dune re-growth around the building. Heat gain is minimised by the double roof, water is collected from a wide roof surface area and the pipeline in the existing pier is used as a heat sync to provide temperature control within the building.

The building encourages cultural engagement for all members of the community both in, on and under the building and re-activates both the pier and town via a strong axial link from the train station to the pier and beach. Additional carparking requirements are accommodated in the adjacent streets - this will in turn assist in street activation within the town. The project proposes a sustainable rejuvenation for an ecological sensitive and important community facility.