ST KILDA’S FUTURE: SOLAR-HYDRO MACHINE

Perched high above St Kilda Triangle, the Hydro-Solar Generator acts as a visual beacon for renewable energy, expressing the potential energy of hydro batteries. At sunset, when the hydro battery is fully “charged,” the movement of water propels two turbines, providing clean energy to the grid. The release of water is a lively community event, demonstrating the full potential of St Kilda’s natural resources.

ST KILDA’S PAST: UNDEVELOPED POTENTIAL

St Kilda’s seaside location on Port Phillip Bay has always been a special place, but over time public spaces around St Kilda Triangle have become fragmented and disconnected. The Hydro-Solar Generator activates and links these underutilized spaces, connecting city to bay, people to place, and resources to energy.

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The Hydro-Solar Generator stands as a new model for renewable energy storage, demonstrating that batteries can be renewable and non-toxic. A battery solution that incorporates ocean water could be extended to coastal cities across Australia and the world, positively impacting the global landscape of renewable energy deployment.

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