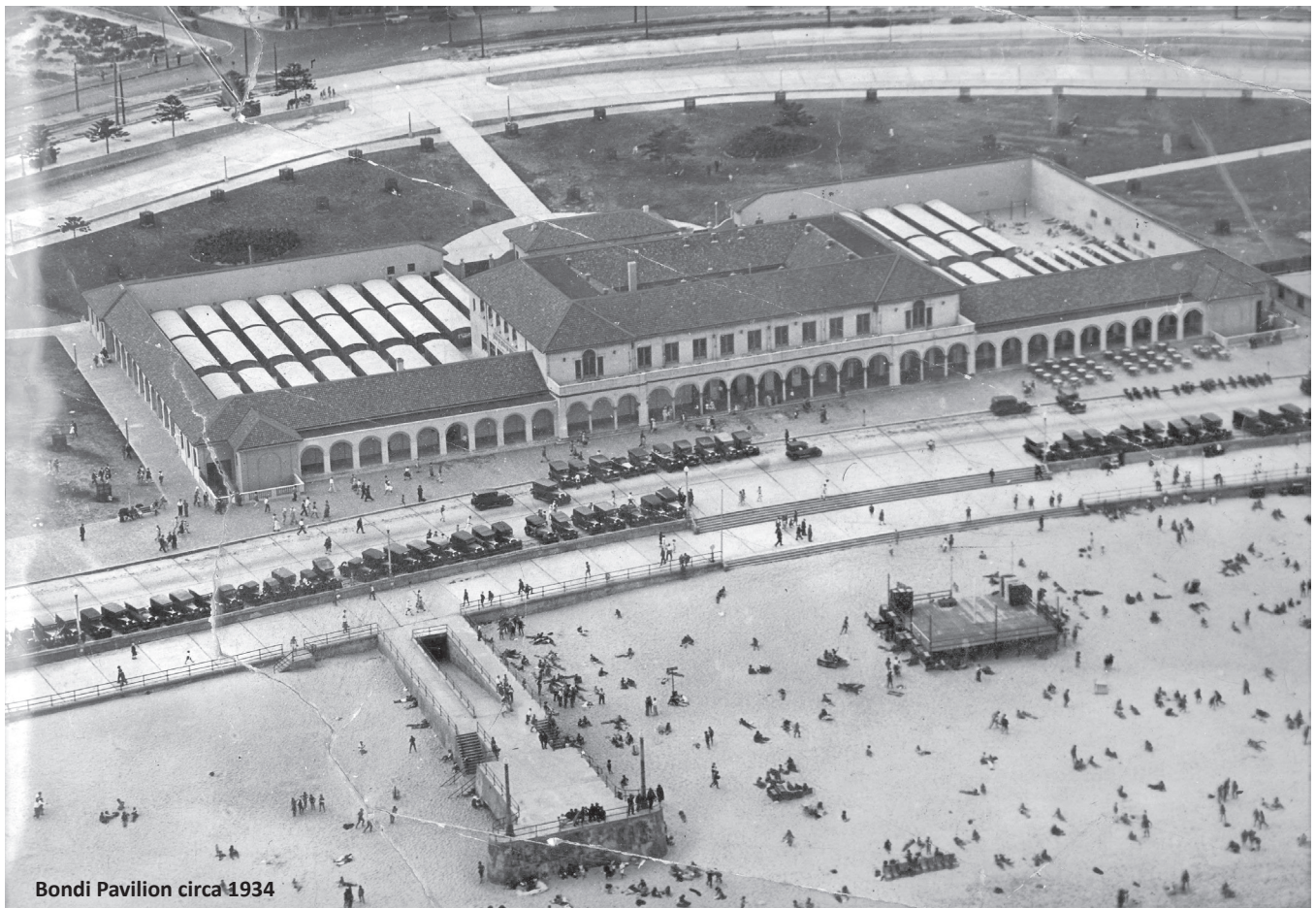


HERITAGE PARAMOUNT TO THE REVITALISATION OF BONDI PAVILION



Situated right on Sydney's most famous beach, the current Bondi Pavilion has a colourful history dating back to 1928 when the Pavilion was known as the 'Playground of the Pacific'. People bathed in the Turkish baths, danced in the ballroom and used the numerous change rooms before descending on the beach.

Built in a mixture of Georgian revival and Mediterranean styles, the colonnade facades were as exotic then as they are iconic now. The Esplanade was a restaurant-cabaret area located upstairs. There were popular dance

nights every Monday and Thursday, with the De Luxe Supper Dance held every Saturday night. Afternoon tea and a soda fountain were available at all times to be enjoyed on 'Spacious Verandahs commanding an unrivaled panorama of the Ocean and Beach.'

There have been changing purposes of the Pavilion over the years to suit community needs, as well as structural additions in the 1970s, such as staircases and outdoor amphitheatre, leading up to its current iteration as a cultural and community hub, albeit one which is in need of a refresh and restoration.

BONDI PAVILION UPGRADE AND CONSERVATION PROJECT

With this rich history in mind, Council places a significant focus on keeping the character and heritage of the Pavilion. The concept, created by award-winning architects, Tonkin Zulaikha Greer, restores the Pavilion to its architectural roots; reconnecting it with its surrounds – the beach, park and street.

To enable visitors to get a real sense of the Pavilion as a whole, the concept restores the following aspects:

- reinstating the east-west corridor through the building, reinforcing the connections to the park
- replacing the current concrete roof tiles with terracotta tiles, of similar shape and appearance to the original tiles
- moving the fire staircase back to their original location to revitalise the space
- reinstating the layout of the rooms upstairs (originally the Ballroom and Dining Room) for possible future use as restaurants, cafes, or meeting rooms, as well as reinstating the arched windows. The balconies associated with the original Ballroom and Dining Room have also been interpreted and incorporated into the concept
- interpreting the design of the original colonnades and inserting them into the inside parameters within the Pavilion
- opening up the former proscenium to the north western façade to encourage the community to access the Pavilion from Campbell Parade along the original pathways through the park.



The upgrade will reinstate the symmetry of the building, inside and out, true to the original layout.

This includes removing non-heritage aspects constructed post 1970s including:

- the stairs in the rear of the main central block
- outdoor amphitheatre
- intrusive outdoor additions, including back and front of house structures.

Additionally, the concept will breathe new life into the building by encouraging use of the courtyard spaces.

The landscaping of the courtyards are an imaginative and beautiful interpretation of the original layout of the changing sheds.

Community consultation on the concept will commence on Friday 18 December 2015 and will run until Sunday 14 February 2016. For more information please head to waverley.nsw.gov.au/bondipavilion.