

PROPOSED CONCEPT ENCOURAGES HIGH CLASS ARTS AND CULTURE AT BONDI PAVILION

Since its inception, Bondi Pavilion has been a hive of activity – a place for the community and visitors to enjoy theatre shows, art exhibitions, community activities and events.

Waverley Council is looking to extend and develop Bondi Pavilion as a leading centre for community and cultural expressions in the Eastern Suburbs. Award-winning architects, Tonkin Zulaikha Greer, who are behind such reconstructive and cultural upgrades on such buildings as Carriageworks in Redfern, and the Eternity Playhouse in Darlinghurst, have conceived a model for the Pavilion which makes this a reality.

Exhibition space in the concept has doubled in size from the existing space, allowing for both contemporary art exhibitions and heritage displays.

Continued access to local artists will be provided, as well as for those further afield.

The concept encourages flexible uses of rooms and courtyards. For example, rooms can open up to expand available space, as well as sectioned off to allow for numerous activities and events to run simultaneously.

Two natural outdoor amphitheatres will be available for outdoor events. By pedestrianising the space which is currently a road and car park, and reopening the grand entrance from Bondi Pavilion to Campbell Parade, the original natural amphitheatre used for events and concerts in the Pavilion's inception is reinstated. There is also a natural amphitheatre to the southwest of the Pavilion, which will connect seamlessly with the foyer and theatre in the courtyard.

The pièce de résistance of the concept is the creation of a state of the art, multipurpose theatre in the courtyard, where the music studios are currently located.

The theatre will be constructed with reflective material, built in a way to appear curved, evoking the colour and feel of the water, in keeping with its

beachside location. The material used is ideal for the sandy and windy conditions, able to mask any dirt or marks. This performance space can be used for music performances and rehearsals, as well as other presentations and community use.

We will continue to provide avenues for developing the musical talents of our local children, emerging musicians and music producers. The Bondi Wave program will continue and much of the program will be accommodated in the new theatre and community spaces at Bondi Pavilion.

Community activities, such as dance classes, martial arts, exercise workshops, meetings and functions will flourish in the upgraded Pavilion, with dedicated community spaces, as well as the revitalised courtyard suitable for a range of purposes.

Community consultation on the concept will commence on Friday 18 December 2015 and run until Sunday 14 February 2016.

For more information please visit waverley.nsw.gov.au/bondipavilion.

