

BONDI PAVILION CONCEPT: A BOON FOR TOURISTS AND COMMUNITY ALIKE

In 2012, Waverley Council embarked on an in-depth community engagement process to develop a 10 year plan of management for Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion. We heard from local residents and people all over Sydney about how much they loved Bondi, including the landmark located right on the beach – Bondi Pavilion, a building that has been an iconic beach facility since 1929.

As part of this plan of management, Waverley Council committed to restoring the Bondi Pavilion to its former glory. In June 2015, Council awarded a tender to renowned architects, Tonkin Zulaikha Greer, to develop a design concept to revitalise Bondi Pavilion as a place

for visitors and community members to enjoy, connect and relax.

One exciting feature is the addition of a dedicated tourist information centre, where the Office is currently located.

This information centre will enable visitors to get essential information to make the most out of their visit to the Waverley area.

Bondi is fast becoming a must-visit dining precinct, attracting contemporary and renowned restaurants while maintaining the unique village, community feel. This concept builds on this appeal, and the first floor is able to accommodate a kitchen and bar, and a restaurant, café or meeting space.



Courtyard Conceptual Render. Image credit: Tonkin Zulaikha Greer 2015

BONDI PAVILION UPGRADE AND CONSERVATION PROJECT

Moving into the centre of the Pavilion, the courtyard will be transformed as relaxing gardens with seating.

The designs for the courtyard gardens include a water feature and suitable palm trees. Event space in the courtyard will be available through use of the new theatre, the new theatre foyer, and the new exhibition spaces. People will be able to sit and relax and kids are free to play in this beautiful space. Flexible outdoor seating will also be available, which can be able to be moved around the courtyard to suit patrons.

We know toilets and change facilities are one of the main reasons the community and visitors will be using Bondi Pavilion, and we want to ensure our facilities can manage increasing use.

The concept doubles the number of female toilets, increases the number of female showers, male toilets and urinals, and male showers. There will also be three change rooms and an increase in family spaces. There

are also dedicated toilets attached to the tenancy spaces, multipurpose theatre and upstairs' spaces.

The overall look and feel of Bondi Pavilion will be greatly improved by this concept. The symmetry of the building will be restored and you'll be able to get a real sense of the Pavilion as a whole – to see it in its full, original form. The balcony also will be re-envisioned for the 21st century, while maintaining its heritage appeal. Through the introduction of vertical slats, people on the first floor looking towards the balcony will be able to see the ocean, improving the views immensely. The appearance of the balcony will appear solid from a distance, connecting well with the park and surrounds of Bondi Pavilion.

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.



Aerial View Concept Render. Image credit: Tonkin Zalaikha Greer 2015