

BONDI SURF CLUB CONSERVATION AND UPGRADE

Fact sheet

Waverley Council in partnership with Bondi Surf Bathing Life Saving Club (Bondi Surf Club) is embarking on an historic heritage conservation and upgrade of the world's oldest surf lifesaving club.

The building

The clubhouse was built in 1934 and is recognised for its exceptional cultural and heritage significance.

It is an exquisitely beautiful building, designed by architects Ross + Rowe, renowned for the Commonwealth Bank building in Martin Place.

The design

- equality of facilities for females, who now comprise 40% of new membership;

- increased space for training and educational programs and;
- storage for the increasing amount of essential modern-day lifesaving equipment
- improved and safer facilities for Nippers;
- to address workplace health & safety and building code non-compliance issues, poor disabled access, adherence to fire standards, flood damage and general disrepair.

Footprint and the effect on public land

Removing the mock-heritage additions and renovating the rear works yard will see a reconfiguration of the Club's footprint.

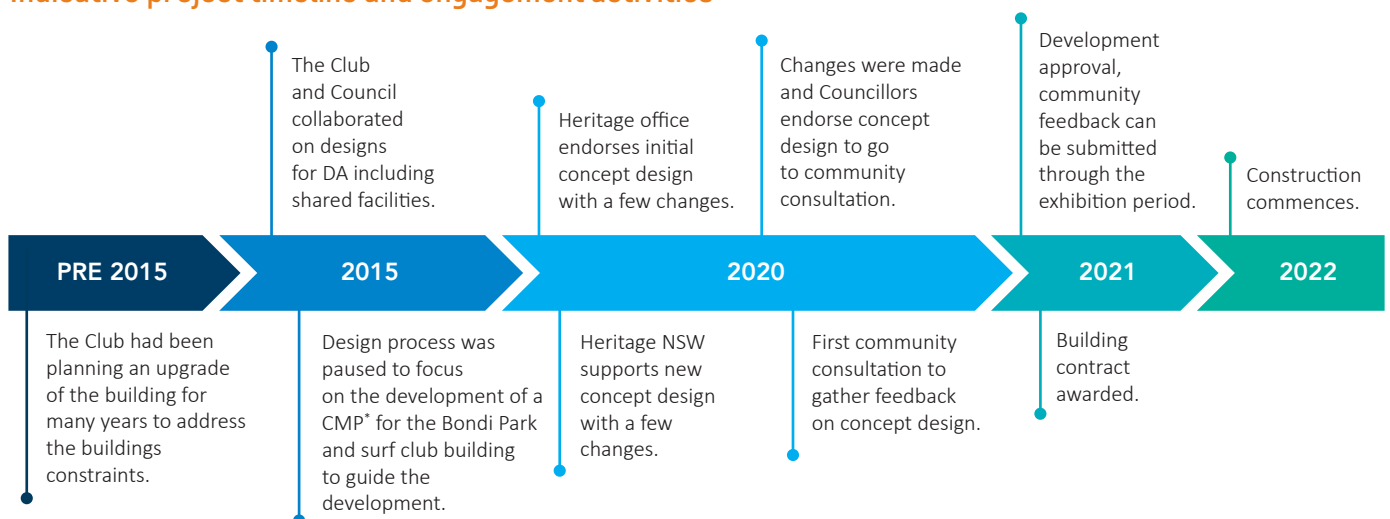
The footprint of the clubhouse will remain the same and there will be increase in publicly accessible green space however an area of park behind the existing clubhouse will be reduced.

Despite the loss, the proposal increases useable public parkland, is of reduced bulk and scale and retains all existing views.

The proposed concept design includes improving public space with a courtyard, open terraces and kiosk all to provide greater public interaction with the club.

While upgrading the original clubhouse, the main hall would become a publicly accessible surf museum honouring the birthplace of the world's surf lifesaving tradition.

Indicative project timeline and engagement activities



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