



Draft Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion Plan of Management 2014–2024

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Following contributions from thousands of community members, Waverley Council prepared a detailed draft 10 year plan for Bondi Park, Bondi Beach and Bondi Pavilion.

This draft plan was considered by Council on Tuesday 20 August, 2013 and was reviewed and approved by the State Government in July 2014.

The main development to the draft plan is the addition of an action plan, which outlines how the key projects will be implemented and when the proposed improvements will be delivered.

You have one last opportunity to comment on the draft plan – and its action plan – before it is finalised.

Key features of the draft plan include:

- More toilets and upgrade of existing toilets
- More trees and shade
- Extension of the coastal walk to create a boardwalk near Bondi Icebergs
- Creating 15 per cent more green and recreation space through:
 - Pedestrianising Queen Elizabeth Drive
 - Building an underground car park on Park Drive behind Bondi Pavilion
 - Roofing over Park Drive with green space
- Restoring the rear of Bondi Pavilion as the grand entrance to the beach
- Upgrading the children's playground
- Ensuring Bondi Pavilion is well looked after and is a cultural and community hub
- A new beginners skate park
- An upgraded, bigger fitness station
- Replacing temporary facilities for Council parks' staff
- Re-aligning pathways to improve access to the beach
- A shared pedestrian and traffic path along Notts Avenue.

ARTIST'S IMPRESSIONS



Bondi Pavilion (rear)



View of the playground and shade tree planting in the park

HOW WAS THIS DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT DEVELOPED?

Technical studies, input from independent design experts and community consultation have guided the draft plan of management.

The first stage of consultation in late 2012 invited people to identify issues and share ideas surrounding the draft. Over 1000 people participated and shared their suggestions.

Council then used this feedback to prepare draft future directions and proposals. Specific feedback was invited on these proposals in April–May 2013. Close to 900 people told us their views. All the proposals attracted a majority of support. People provided useful suggestions for amending the proposed directions.

The Plan of Management and Master Plan have been drafted incorporating the latest round of feedback.

Technical studies of the site have also been undertaken. These studies focused on heritage, traffic and parking and universal access.

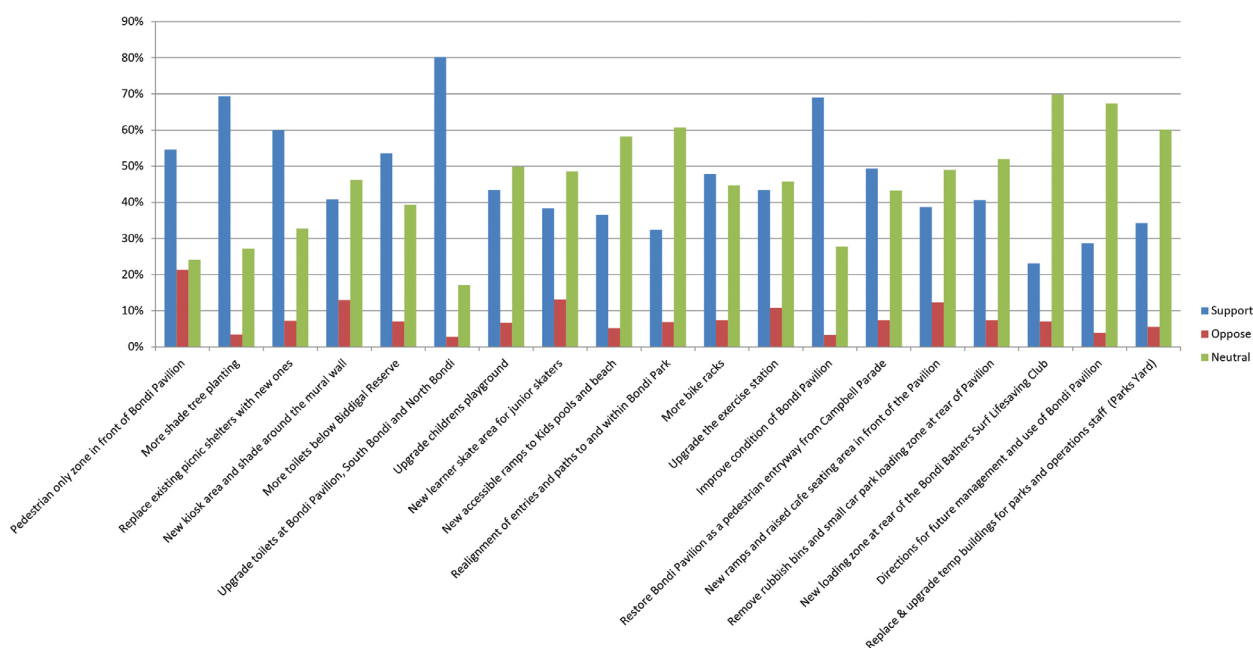
WHAT IS A PLAN OF MANAGEMENT AND MASTER PLAN?

The Plan of Management is a 10 year plan which guides the future use and management of the site. The Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion Plan of Management also includes a Master Plan, which is a long-term plan illustrating the design direction and layout for the site.

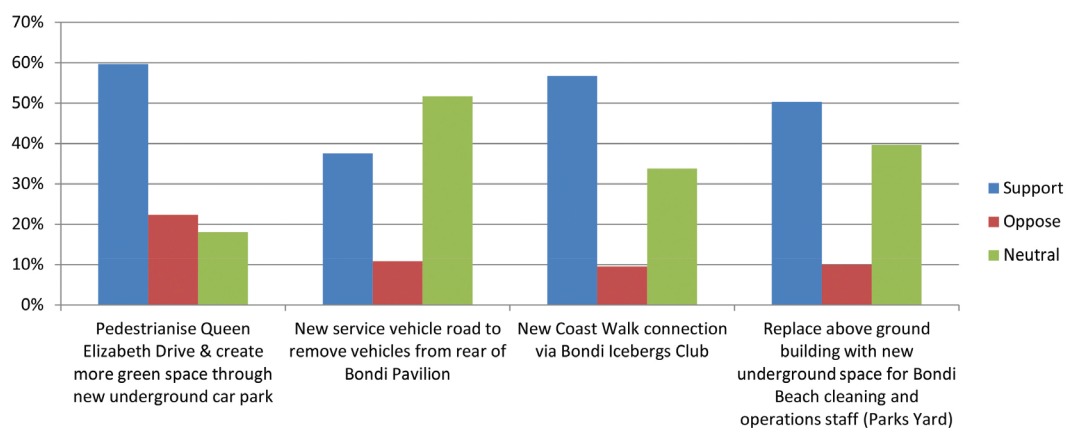
HOW HAS FEEDBACK FROM THE LAST ROUND OF CONSULTATION BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE DRAFT PLAN?

Community feedback in May 2013 was generally supportive of the draft directions and concepts. Below is a table showing community feedback on key ideas in the plan:

SHORT-TERM PLAN



LONG-TERM PLAN



Some particular areas of feedback which have influenced the final Draft Plan of Management are:

- Some people expressed concern at the pedestrianisation of Queen Elizabeth Drive, especially in relation to carrying surfboards from the Park Drive car park to the beach. There is considerable support for pedestrianisation therefore this has remained in the draft Plan, however a drop off and pick up zone for surfers would be established. There will be investigation of whether there should be a specific area for surfers to wash or wax their boards. The exits from the underground car park would also be designed so that surf boards could be easily accommodated. Kiosks cut into the promenade would ensure that the community can continue to enjoy a protected and close view of the beach.
- Council received specific proposals to expand the fitness station as part of its upgrade. The footprint of the fitness station will now be increased as part of the Plan of Management.
- Some people expressed concern that public transport needs to be significantly improved and that this was not sufficiently highlighted. The Plan now includes clear mention of Council's intent to further investigate light rail options for Bondi.
- Suggestions for a children's play water feature in the playground which has been included.
- Some concerns were expressed that the graffiti wall may be lost. The Draft Plan states that the graffiti wall will be retained.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FROM HERE?

The Draft Plan of Management and Master Plan were formally considered by Waverley Council on Tuesday 20 August, 2013 for authorisation to exhibit (the third stage of consultation). Approval was received and Council was required to provide time for the State Government to review the plan before the consultation starts.

Council received State Government approval in July 2014 for the final exhibition period, which will commence on Monday 11 August and end Sunday 14 September. This provides a further opportunity for any member of the public to make a submission and suggest changes to the Draft Plan. Updates will be provided on Council's website.

Following the final stage of consultation, Council will consider all feedback received on the Action Plan and finalise the Plan of Management. This is expected to be in late 2014.

HOW CAN I MAKE A SUBMISSION?

The formal submission period on the final Draft Plan will begin Monday 11 August and end Sunday 14 September. You can make a submission in the following ways:

- Online by visiting **haveyoursaywaverley.com.au**
- In writing to the attention of **Bianca Simpson, PO Box 9, Bondi Junction 1355**
- Via email to **bondipom@waverley.nsw.gov.au**

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

More information, including information on the pedestrianisation of QED car park can be found at **www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/bondipom**.

You can also contact Council on **(02) 9369 8000** or email **bondipom@waverley.nsw.gov.au**.