

WAVERLEY COUNCIL CULTURAL PLAN

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION



In developing this draft Cultural Plan, we undertook community consultation from January–May 2019. This included an online survey (185 responses), focus groups with community and key stakeholders (35 participants), community intercept conversations (75 participants), and long-form submissions from community members, groups, organisations and businesses (6 submissions).

Council also considered the feedback already received as part of other Council projects, such as the Bondi Pavilion Restoration and Conservation project, and the Waverley Community Strategic Plan.

The key themes of feedback can be summarised as:

- The Plan should champion the value of arts and culture, and outline a clear commitment to and vision for arts and culture that is integrated across Council’s planning
- There is a need for ongoing community involvement and collaboration
- We should leverage our unique places to deliver creative and cultural outcomes
- Our famous beaches, cliffs and parks play an important role in shaping our cultural identity and inspiring creativity
- Aboriginal culture, traditions, knowledge and stories should be acknowledged and more visible
- Further support community and cultural uses at Bondi Pavilion
- Include more opportunities to share and reflect on Waverley’s unique cultural heritage and our ongoing local stories
- There needs to be improvements to cultural, creative and inclusive participation for all residents, and a more equitable distribution of activities and facilities across Waverley’s suburbs and more programs in the winter season
- There is a need to support creatives to live and work in Waverley
- Improvements to promotion and marketing of existing cultural and creative facilities and activities is important
- Existing community and cultural spaces in Waverley are highly valued and it is important to support local talent, creative participation and social connections
- Venue hire requirements, processes and costs are barriers to community use and access
- Increase activation of streets, footpaths and urban plazas to support local cultural opportunities and community connections, particularly in Bondi Junction
- Develop Waverley’s night-time economy and to support live music like providing and promoting smaller live music venues and facilities that encourage live music
- Enliven village centres and suburbs (like the Junction and Charing Cross) through an increased creative and cultural presence

More detail on these themes are outlined in the Cultural Plan on pages 17–19.