

Apartments for Life at Ocean Street Community Newsletter



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Dear Resident

The Benevolent Society has been talking about the Apartments for Life (AFL) project with Council and the community for some two years now, and in that time we have taken on board a diverse range of feedback. We believe that the substantial number of changes we have made to the original development plans – reflecting feedback from Council and the community – have delivered a very balanced design for the site.

We've received many comments from older Bondi and Waverley residents have commended the Society for its vision and commitment to a scheme that will provide a locally-based alternative to nursing home/ hostel care and accommodation. Many of these are people who are concerned about their future health who realise they will need to shift to more suitable premises as they age, and who are determined to stay in the local area and continue to live as independently as possible.

AFL is about allowing older Australians to live in their own specially designed 'age-friendly' home until the end of their life, without having to move to a nursing home or hostel that removes them from their neighbourhood, family, friends and familiar facilities.

Our register of residents actively interested in AFL now numbers more than 120. The revised plans are now on display at Waverley Council until 24 April 2009.

Sincerely

Richard Spencer
Chief Executive Officer



Green Space

Green open space is a strong feature of the design for the Society's Apartments for Life project. The site area totals 11,650 sq metres (the size of two football fields). As the drawing overleaf shows, more than 50 per cent of the land use will be for lawns, gardens, trees and recreational grounds.

These services will be fully accessible to members of the local community, and will deliver benefits not only to residents, but to everyone living locally. Areas such as the landscaped gardens and café will provide a space where residents and the public can meet and interact.

The \$2 million refurbishment of Scarba House – a key social benefit of the Society's plans – will not only guarantee preservation of this historic centre, but allow for improved access to the new facilities and services in this building.

A further \$1.6 million will be spent on landscaping the precinct.



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