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# Save our village vibe: residents

## RSL DEVELOPMENT FACES STIFF OPPOSITION

Shae McDonald

BRONTE residents gathered in their hundreds on Thursday night to oppose the proposed RSL site redevelopment.

Protesters with "Save Bronte" signs stood outside the centre as others went inside to see the draft plans for the Macpherson St site.

The meeting was organised by Winston Langley developers - the firm behind the redevelopment - to get feedback from residents before they lodge a DA with Waverley Council.

But their response to the 20-metre high building was

overwhelmingly negative.

Sue Assad's family owns the general store on Macpherson St.

She said the plans for a 1200 square-metre retail space would kill their business.

"Retail already is very bad, it will just tear us all apart," she said.

"It's atrocious."

Keri Spooner has set up the Save Bronte Village group in opposition to the RSL development.

"We all recognise there needs to be a development here," she said.

What they didn't want, Ms Spooner said, was a

major retailer like Harris Farm.

"It's not just Harris Farm, we don't want a Woolworths or a Coles either," she said.

"We love shopping at Harris Farm in Bondi Junction, but we don't need 30,000 people shopping here."

Winston Langley executive director David Hynes said it was clear the residents were passionate about their community.

"I'm not going to be able to persuade everybody that this is a good thing," he said.

Mr Hynes said he would take on board all comments.



Bridget and Matilda O'Neill protest the proposed RSL redevelopment.

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per cent of the Australian girls participating in organised sport are swimming, according to an ABS survey. Soccer is the most popular sport for boys, with 22 per cent choosing the round-ball game. The survey showed that 60 per cent of all Australian kids participated in organised sport in the 12 months to April this year.

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