



JULY 2021

Mayor's Message



Dear residents,

The past few weeks have been challenging for us all as we again battled to get the latest COVID-19 outbreak under control.

At Council we had just begun to get excited about hosting a number of events and celebrations which had to be

postponed at the last minute such as our Mad Hatters Tea Party for Seniors, NAIDOC Week's Flickerfest in the newly renovated Botany Town Hall and several small playground openings.

However, we did manage to officially open the Arncliffe Youth Centre in May, as well as name the Jellicoe Park sporting fields in honour of the late George Lundy.

COVID aside, your Councillors have continued to work in the best interests of the community. We have lobbied the State Government over cuts to public transport which impact our residents in Mascot and Eastlakes; and we have taken a strong stance against the M5 East Toll which is impacting our local roads in Kingsgrove and Bexley.

We finalised the lease of McBurney Avenue Reserve to the Government for 3 years for use as a site compound for the Botany Rail Duplication Project. Council will receive more than \$108,000 in rent and this money will be used on a project to benefit the residents of McBurney Avenue in Mascot.

During these unprecedented times please stay safe and follow the public health orders. Remember, stay at home where possible to protect yourself and your family.

Cr Joe Awada, Mayor

Vandalism Costs Ratepayers

Council-owned facilities at Scarborough Park that are used by the Kogarah Waratah's Football Club were severely damaged in a gross act of vandalism recently.

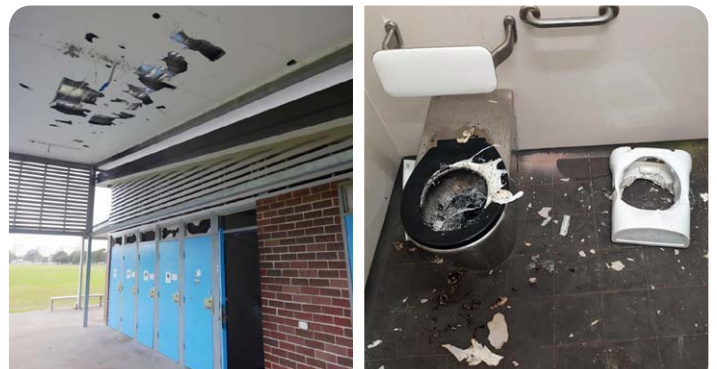
"This is a sickening and pointless act of vandalism that ends up costing all residents," Mayor Joe Awada said.

"Not only do we have a hefty repair bill, but we also have to now look at the cost of installing CCTV."

Significant damage was done to the external ceilings, light fixtures, doors, disabled toilet, baby change table, toilet roll dispensers, toilet bowls, stormwater pipes. Initial quotes indicate it will cost over \$25k to repair.

Police are investigating.

Anyone with information that could help the police investigation should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



BAYSIDE CELEBRATES YOUTH CENTRE OPENING



Council recently celebrated the official opening of the Arncliffe Youth Centre with a morning of intense activity that started with a dynamic high energy acrobatic display performed by the Dauntless Movement Crew.

More than 100 people representing local clubs, sporting and cultural groups, and local schools attended



the opening to tour the facilities and enjoy the demonstrations on how it can be used to work and engage with local youth.

In officially declaring the Centre open for business Mayor Joe Awada said the need for an all-inclusive Youth Centre was identified by Council several years ago.

“It was acknowledged that we needed a safe space where young people from all walks of life could engage in sporting activities as well as educational programs that develop a strong sense of self-worth,” he said.

“This magnificent state-of-the-art facility is also a great example of what can be achieved when Council engages with the local community and enacts a Voluntary Planning Agreement with a developer to deliver not only a modern residential and commercial hub, but also a community facility.”

Organisations already running programs from the Centre include:

- ▶ **3Bridges Community Services:** community programs.
- ▶ **St George Community Housing:** a weekly multisport program.
- ▶ **Southern Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service:** weekly outreach for women and their children with information.
- ▶ **Al Zahra College and J.J. Cahill Memorial High School:** school P.E.
- ▶ **Moorefield Girls High:** workshops and leadership training from the Centre.

For more information call the Centre on (02) 9366 3892 or visit: www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/ArncliffeYouthCentre

Jellicoe, George's Forever Home

Council recently paid tribute to the late George Lundy when the playing fields at Jellicoe Park were named in recognition of his contribution to sport and the inaugural George Lundy Memorial Charity Shield played in his honour.

In thanking Council, Pagewood Soccer Football Club stalwarts and friends of the Lundy family, Stan Stamatellis and Stevie Lawrence said:

“To Bayside Council, the Mayor Joe Awada and the Bayside Councillors, thank you for sponsoring the inaugural

George Lundy Charity Shield and naming the playing fields here in Jellicoe in George's honour.

“A day spent playing soccer and raising money for a good cause has been the perfect way to honour him.

“George was a humble, gracious man... he would not have liked the fuss.

“From the Lundy family and from our members past, present and future we thank you for honouring his legacy and ensuring his name will live on for ever more in his forever home Jellicoe Park.”



Wolli Creek Speed Limit Reduced

A new 40km/h speed limit in Wolli Creek is making the area safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

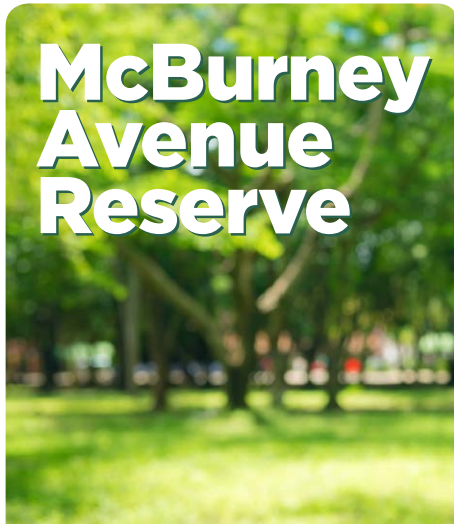
Road users are asked to keep an eye out for the changes and follow the directions of signs.

Police will enforce the 40 km/h speed limit in the same way that they enforce the 50 km/h and 60 km/h speed limits.

All existing speeding penalties including double demerit points on public holidays will apply.

The speed limit has been reduced to 40km/h on:

- ▶ Arncliffe Street north of Allen Street
- ▶ Guess Avenue
- ▶ Mount Olympus Boulevard
- ▶ Brodie Spark Drive
- ▶ Magdalene Terrace
- ▶ The roads within Discovery Point



McBurney Avenue Reserve

Council has agreed to lease McBurney Avenue Reserve to the State Government for 3 years during which time it will be used as a compound for the Botany Rail Duplication Project.

“Council will receive more than \$135,000 for this 3-year lease, and we will make sure it is used on a project to benefit the residents of McBurney Avenue in Mascot,” Mayor Joe Awada said.

The Botany Rail Duplication Project, approved by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces on 28 July 2020, will increase the capacity of the line between Mascot and Botany.

YOUTH ADVOCACY AND FUTURE LEADERS



Council coordinated a successful 10-week Youth Advocacy and Future Leaders Program at JJ Cahill Memorial High School that culminated in a mini expo on Tuesday 22 June.

Council partnered with 2Connect Youth and Community and South Eastern Community Connect to run the program. Sydney Multicultural Community Services, 3Bridges and 2Connect supported the program by mentoring students.

Students engaged in world issues and positive ways to create constructive change.

They also picked up skills in teamwork, advocacy, project development, ethical leadership presentation and public speaking.

Students were helped by four mentors:

- ▶ Indigenous rights mentor
- ▶ Refugee rights mentor
- ▶ Domestic and Family Violence Advocate mentor
- ▶ Anti-Racism mentor

Students choose one of the four topics above and then worked in small groups with the relevant mentor who helped deepen their understanding.

Working Party for Traffic Solutions

The M5 Working Party, which includes Councillors, business and community representatives, has been set up to provide advice to Council on the impacts of traffic congestion throughout the Forest and Stoney Creek Roads area.

The community representatives are Hussain Muslmani, Peter Anderson and Linda Prince.

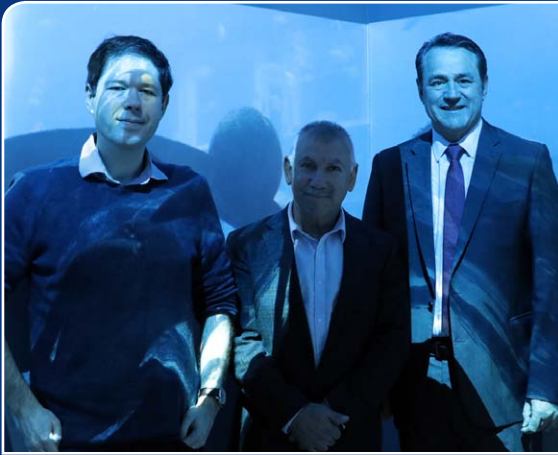
Business representatives are Jeff Tullock (Bexley Chamber of Commerce) and Yasmin Kovacevic.

The group will meet to discuss traffic issues and how the community and local business are impacted.

Suggestions or issues can be raised with the working party by emailing council@bayside.nsw.gov.au attention M5 Working Party.



Councillors Out & About



NEW IMMERSIVE ROOM AT ST GEORGE SCHOOL

Mayor Joe Awada, Cr Ed McDougall, Member for Rockdale Steve Kamper MP and Member for Barton Linda Burney MP at the new immersive room, along with school principal Diana Murphy and Garry Morris from the St George Children with Disabilities Fund. The immersive room uses sounds, images and other sensations to give students with severe and physical disabilities a full sensory experience. The room has been made possible with the help of government funding including a Community Grant from Bayside Council.

3BRIDGES OPENS COMMUNITY HUB

Mayor Joe Awada, together with Deputy Mayor James Macdonald, Councillor Liz Barlow and Steve Kamper MP Member for Rockdale attended the official opening of the 3Bridges Kyeemagh Community Hub in the former Kyeemagh RSL.



MULTICULTURAL IFTAR DINNER

Mayor Joe Awada attended the inaugural Multicultural Iftar Dinner co-hosted by Al Zahra College and 3Bridges in the newly opened Arncliffe Youth Centre during Ramadan.



BUSH CARE IN SIR JOSEPH BANKS PARK

Mayor Joe Awada, Councillor Christina Curry, Member for Kingsford Smith the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP and CEO NSW Ports Marika Calfas, joined a team from Community Volunteers Australia to plant 2000 grasses, shrubs and trees in Sir Joseph Banks Park as part of the Federal Government's Communities Environment Program.



DOING IT DIFFERENTLY GRANT AWARDS

Council once again partnered with South Eastern Sydney Local Health District to present Round 3 of the Doing it Differently Grant program.

This year the program distributed a total of \$30,000 in funds to six local community projects. Bayside Mayor Joe Awada and Myna Hua, the Manager of Health Promotion Service, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District presented the six community recipients with their awards on Thursday 20 May.



GEORGE LUNDY SPORTING FIELDS

Mayor Joe Awada, Deputy Mayor James Macdonald joined fellow Councillors Bill Saravinovski, Christina Curry, Scott Morrissey and Ed McDougall for the inaugural George Lundy Charity Shield Match and the unveiling of new signage at Jellicoe Park in his honour recently.

Pictured with the Lundy Family and Pagewood representatives are Cr Saravinovski, Cr McDougall, Cr Curry, Cr Morrissey and the Member for Heffron Ron Hoenig MP.



ARNCLIFFE YOUTH CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING

Mayor Joe Awada, Deputy Mayor James Macdonald, Cr Christina Curry, Cr Tarek Ibrahim, Cr Liz Barlow and Cr Dorothy Rapisardi join special guest, Australian Basketball hero, Shane Heal, to officially unveil the plaque at the opening of the new Arncliffe Youth Centre.



FIRST NATION ART COMPETITION

Bayside Council hosted the inaugural First Nations Art Competition in May. Mayor Joe Awada and Councillor Liz Barlow were on hand to congratulate the winners.



KINGSGROVE HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS EXPO

On Friday 11 June, Bayside Mayor Joe Awada attended the first Kingsgrove High School Future Links Careers Expo. The Expo was part of Careers Week, and its main focus was to help students make suitable choices for their futures.



COUNCIL'S PROJECTS

This is just a small snapshot of some of the projects Council has been working on in the area.

Colson Reserve

Council recently upgraded the playground at Colson Reserve, Monterey. Pictured below the park before and after the renovations.



BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER

Circle Garden at Mutch Park

Council's Parks & Open Space Landscape Services Team recently cleaned and replanted the overgrown circle garden in Mutch Park. When established it will be a central piece of colour in the park.

Bumps & Laughs

Council recently held a number of free Drop In Girls Skating lessons at the Mutch Park Skate Park in Pagewood.

Organised by Council's Youth Worker the sessions were extremely popular and from all accounts a lot of fun despite a few bumps and bruises.



Affordable Housing Portfolio

Bayside Council's Affordable Housing Portfolio will be managed by Evolve Housing Limited following a decision at the Council Meeting on 12 May.

"Our Affordable Rental Housing program will give up to 3 years assistance for employed people on lower incomes. It provides a greater level of housing certainty and could hopefully lead to them entering the private rental market or home ownership in the future," Mayor Joe Awada said.

Council has secured 45 affordable housing units through a Planning Agreement with Meriton at the BATA II site in Eastgardens. The first 5 units will be available from mid-2021.

Evolve Housing Limited will provide management services for Council's Affordable Housing Portfolio for a period of 5 years.



Improved Sir Joseph Banks Park Pond

The new water fountains in the main pond at Sir Joseph Banks park do more than just add to the visual amenity of the area – they act as aerators, restoring oxygen and improving water circulation.

Council staff have also begun to remove some of the smaller Casuarinas and Melaleucas that have sprouted around the pond over the last 40 years which will also help to improve the water quality.

Kyeemagh Boat Ramp

Council recently completed a small project to restore the deteriorated top section of the Kyeemagh Boat Ramp.

This popular boat ramp was originally constructed in the 1980s and the concrete apron of the ramp had deteriorated. The top section of the ramp was replaced with new concrete paving making it easier for people launching their boats.



Sir Joseph Banks Park Off-Leash Dog Park

Bayside Council has upgraded the off-leash dog park in Sir Joseph Banks Park (off Hayden Place), Botany.

The existing facility was enlarged and includes:

- ▶ New and improved gated entries and seating areas with larger concrete areas to reduce wear and tear.
- ▶ Improvements to the off-leash area such as different surfacing to reduce wear and tear of grass, including deco granite and sand/mulch digging areas.

There will be openings through the centre fence.



Mayor Joe Awada with Barbara Barnes accepting the award on behalf of previous winner Leonie Bell.

\$7500 History Prize

The Ron Rathbone Local History Competition returns with \$7,500 in prize money to encourage local historians to explore the history and heritage of Bayside.

The competition honours the memory of Ron Rathbone OAM, a Councillor and former Mayor of the City of Rockdale who was passionate about local heritage and history. His actions led to heritage listings for many significant buildings in Bayside and he is the author of books on the history of Rockdale, Bexley, Arncliffe and Carlton.

This year there are three categories:

- ▶ Kindergarten and Primary School Students: **\$1,000** pool to be distributed amongst the winners
- ▶ High School Students: **\$1,500** pool to be distributed amongst the winners
- ▶ Open: **\$5,000** major prize

Entries for the 2021 Ron Rathbone Local History Competition are now open and can be submitted online, by email or in person by 5pm on Friday 10 September.

For more information visit www.bayside.nsw.gov.au

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POSTPONED

Save the date

2021 NSW Local Government elections

~~Saturday 4 September~~
4 December

Voting is compulsory

elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21
1300 135 736

HAVE YOUR SAY



Council's online engagement portal provides a space where you can participate and influence Council's decision-making process.

Visit **Have Your Say** to see how you can provide feedback on new projects. Look out for upcoming projects later in July including proposed changes to parking in the Mascot precinct.

<https://haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au>

Bayside Customer Service Centres

EASTGARDENS Westfield Eastgardens, 152 Bunnerong Road

ROCKDALE Rockdale Library, 444-446 Princes Highway

Open from Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm and Saturday 9am - 12pm.

Check Council's website at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au for latest updates.



Register for our regular e-news at bit.ly/Bayside-eNews

Bayside 21/22 Budget



As Mayor, it is a privilege and honour to guide Bayside Council through the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is a huge challenge representing more than 164,800 residents and the ongoing COVID-19 crisis has changed the way we live and do business.

Despite negative impact COVID-19 has had on our revenue stream Council has successfully delivered a budget that allows for sustainable, stable growth.

We have also been able to continue delivering essential services and important infrastructure.

This has all been achieved through careful financial management and planning and a robust reporting system.

Not only are we managing the short-term budgetary needs, but we have also set out a positive vision of our future to guide long term decision making, future partnerships, lobbying and grant funding.

This budget snapshot provides a summary of how Council is meeting the aspirations of a growing community.

This newsletter provides an easy-to-understand snapshot of where the money comes from and how it is spent.

The full report can be viewed on Council's website.

Cr Joe Awada
Mayor

Council Projects: **Delivering for the Community**

Council is committed to delivering for Bayside and will continue to update ageing infrastructure and ensure urban renewal projects deliver liveability and sustainability outcomes that benefit our diverse community.

To achieve this Council will continue to invest in our infrastructure assets to ensure Council assets are delivered and maintained in line with community expectations.

Council's focus for the year ahead is very much on improving existing services and programs and consolidating our future.

As we head into 2022 there are some exciting projects that Council is working to deliver including the Bexley Town Centre Upgrade and the Barton Park Recreational Precinct.

The Botany Aquatic Centre Upgrade is also going ahead which will incorporate new water play facilities, adventure water slides and family friendly amenities.

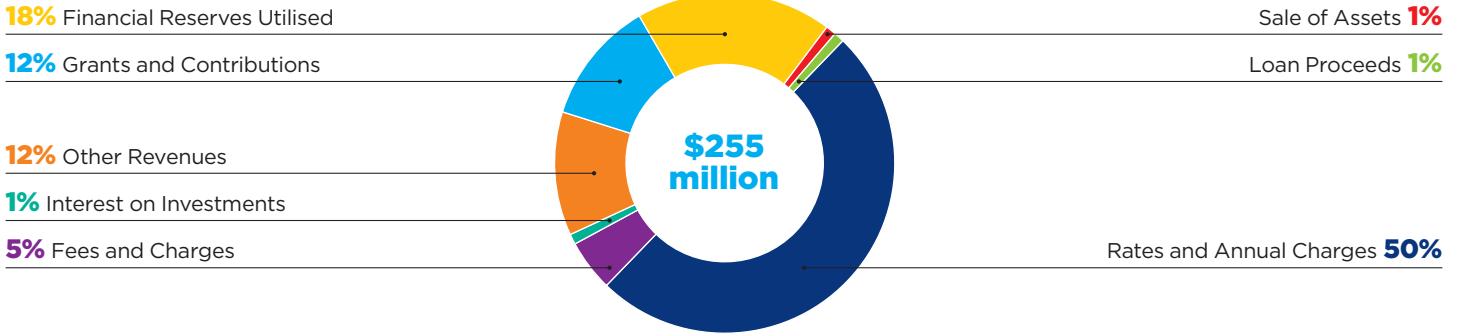
This budget insert provides a small snapshot of Council's vision and future projects. The full budget report can be found in the Bayside 2018-2030 report published on Council's website.



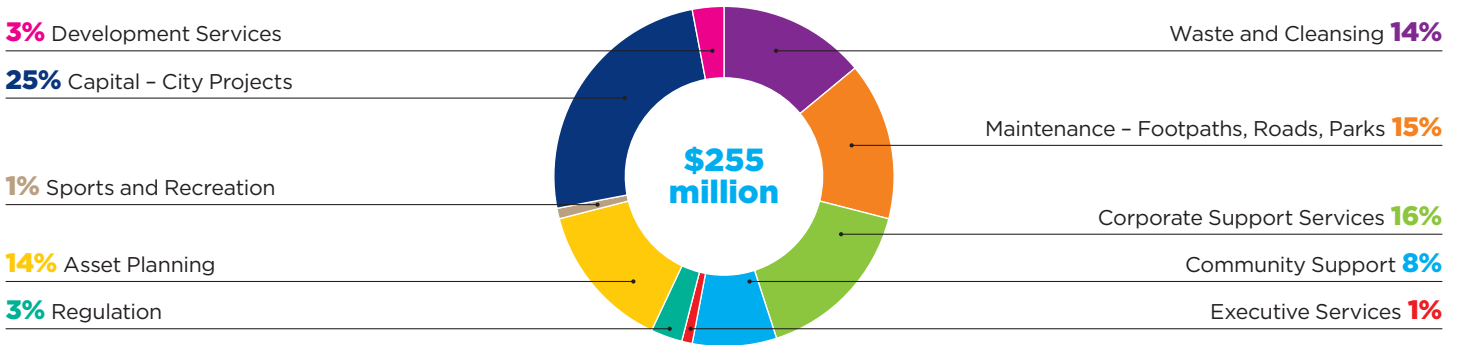
Budget Summary

The diagrams illustrate Council's revenue streams and expenditure allocation for the 2021/2022 financial year.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



WHERE THE MONEY GOES



PARKS AND OPEN SPACES
\$16.4 million



TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY
\$6.9 million



FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS
\$5.8 million



PLAYGROUND UPGRADES
\$4.9 million



ROAD PAVEMENT RENEWALS
\$2.1 million



LIBRARY RESOURCES
\$0.5 million

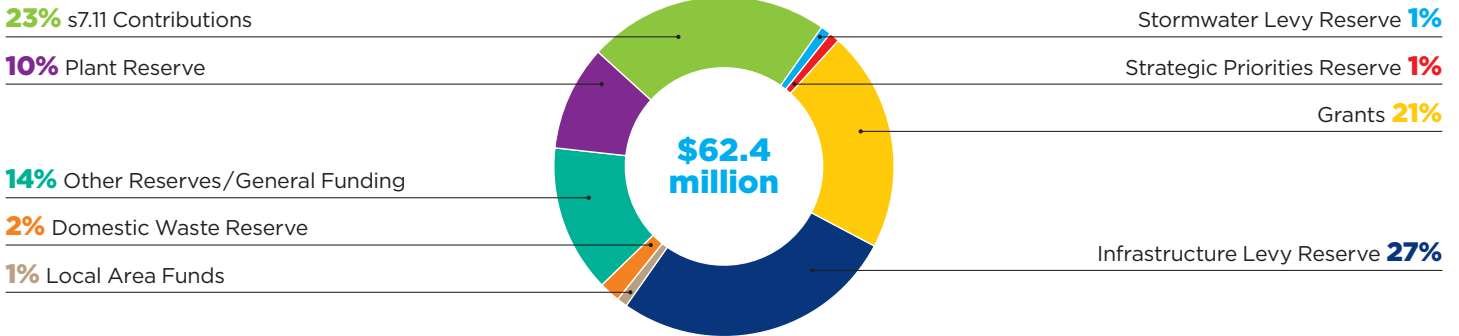


City Projects Program

The City Projects Program outlines Council's plan for renewal, expansion and/or new infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE) assets. These community-owned assets help to support the many services and facilities provided to the public such as parks and open space, playgrounds, footpaths, public swimming pools, roads, stormwater systems, community buildings and libraries.

The investment of community funding in these assets helps to ensure the availability of these services for current and future generations of Bayside residents.

EXPENDITURE BY FUNDING SOURCE



Botany Aquatic Centre Upgrades

After extensive community engagement there are a number of elements that the community wanted to keep as well as new improvements including adventure slides, waterplay and a splash pad. The upgrades include:

- ▶ New family friendly adventure water play facilities;
- ▶ 3 new adventure water slides;
- ▶ New splash pad;
- ▶ New outdoor family friendly amenities and change;
- ▶ New plant to operate facilities.



Barton Park Recreational Precinct

The upgrade will provide a welcoming space with accessible facilities, good lighting, walking and cycling connections to open space along the Rockdale Wetlands Corridor. The upgrade will include:

- ▶ 3 x full size turf fields with lighting;
- ▶ New tiered grandstand with covered seating;
- ▶ Sporting amenities including changes rooms, canteen, toilets, storage, first aid room;
- ▶ Fitness walking/running tracks and fitness equipment;
- ▶ BBQ area, picnic shelters, cycleway and seating.

Bexley Town Centre Upgrades

The proposed upgrades are intended to revitalise the town centre by improving amenity, liveability, accessibility and safety. This will include new pavements aimed at minimising the impact on businesses from the recent extension of clear zones.

- ▶ New pavements of high quality aggregate concrete;
- ▶ Pavers;
- ▶ New street furniture and signage;
- ▶ New trees and landscaping to screen pedestrians from busy Forest Road, lowering temperatures and creating a welcoming space for outdoor dining;
- ▶ Landscaping and measures to improve traffic circulation in the Albyn Street Council carpark.



Payment Methods

Details on how you can pay your rates are shown on the back of the rate notice. Please note a 0.5% service fee is charged for all credit card payments.

How to pay

ONLINE

Online at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/pay-my-rates using your debit or credit card (Visa and Mastercard). Your reference number is stated on your rates notice.

DIRECT DEBIT

Payment can be made via direct debit from your nominated savings or cheque account (credit accounts are not applicable). Download and complete all sections of the direct debit authority form at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au

Send completed form to Council via:

Email: council@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Post: PO Box 21, Rockdale NSW 2216

BPAY

Contact your bank or financial institution to make payment from your account. The BPAY biller code is: **10272**. Your reference number is stated on your rates notice.

PHONE

Call **13 18 16** and use the automated Post Billpay service provided by Australia Post (using Post Billpay Code: **0530**) to pay using your debit or credit card (Visa and Mastercard).

MAIL

Make your cheque or money order payable to Bayside Council and cross 'Not Negotiable'.

Post with payment advice from the bottom section of your rate notice to: **PO Box 21, Rockdale NSW 2216**

Please do not send your full statement or cash.

BY PERSON

Visit one of our Customer Service Centres:

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm; Saturday 9am - 12pm
Please check Council's website for up-to-date opening hours.

Payment by debit and credit card (Visa and Mastercard) is preferable. However, we do still accept cash and cheques.

POST OFFICE

Payment can be made at any Australian Post Office by cash, cheque, debit card and credit cards (Visa and Mastercard).



Important Information



Bayside 2018-2030

Delivery Program
2018-2022

Operational Plan
2021-2022



Read the full budget report in the 'Bayside 2018-2030' document.

The document contains the 'Delivery Program 2018-2022' and the 'Operational Plan 2021-2022' and it is available on Council's website.



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