

Bayside NEWS Council



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Meet Your New Councillors



After being officially sworn in at an Extra Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 5 January, the newly elected Council for the 2021-2024 term got straight down to business and elected the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The successful candidates were Councillor Dr Christina Curry, who was elected Mayor and Councillor Scott Morrissey was elected Deputy Mayor. They will both hold the positions for two consecutive years.

Last weekend the Councillors, both new and returning (pictured above) attended a special series of inductions and workshops on the roles and responsibilities of elected representatives at the Botany Town Hall.

In her inaugural address to the Council, Mayor Dr Christina Curry thanked former Bayside Mayors, Cr Bill Saravinovski and Cr Joe Awada for their commitment to Council and the community during their terms.

The Mayor also welcomed the new Councillors saying they would each bring a fresh approach and new ideas.

Pictured above back L-R: Cr Joe Awada, Cr Mark Hanna, Cr Paul Sedrak, Cr Ed McDougall, Cr Andrew Tsounis.

Middle L-R: Cr Heidi Lee Douglas, Cr Jennifer Muscat, Cr Greta Werner, Cr Liz Barlow, Cr Jo Jansyn, Cr Ann Fardell.

Front: Mayor Dr Christina Curry and Deputy Mayor Cr Scott Morrissey.

Inset: Cr Bill Saravinovski and Cr Michael Nagi.

Mayor's Message



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

I am honoured to be elected as your Mayor and I look forward to serving our wonderful community. I am grateful for the trust placed in my leadership by my Councillor colleagues and I will work every day, alongside all Councillors, to ensure we earn your trust and respect.

I'm joined by a great team consisting of Deputy Mayor, Councillor Scott Morrissey and my fellow Councillors who bring diverse professional and personal experience to their roles. I speak on behalf of all Councillors when I say that we are passionate about creating a great future for Bayside. We are committed to working together to ensure Bayside Council is inclusive, proactive, responsive, and accountable to all residents.

Our focus on the job at hand, to work to ensure we make decisions that improve your quality of life, improve the visual amenity of our area and allow for community pride to be endured for the whole of Bayside.

Working with all Ward Councillors, together with you – the residents, ratepayers and community members – on the opportunities and the challenges ahead is an exciting prospect as we will build on a strong and sustainable future for Bayside.

If you have any suggestions or if you see something of concern to you that needs attention, please email me on mayor@bayside.nsw.gov.au as I want to hear from you. It's a two-way street and all Councillors are here to serve.

For those of you who prefer to use social media, I am also contactable on Facebook and, if you still enjoy the art of letter writing, drop me a note.

Together, we can make a difference.

Dr Christina Curry, Mayor

Dr Christina Curry Elected Mayor

Dr Christina Curry is the new Mayor of Bayside Council and Councillor Scott Morrissey will serve as Deputy Mayor following an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 5 January 2022.

Dr Curry and Cr Morrissey will hold office until September 2023. Both are experienced Councillors, with a wealth of Local Government knowledge having served on the inaugural Bayside Council.

Dr Curry is Bayside's first female Mayor.

She was also a Councillor on the former City of Botany Bay Council and is currently the NSW Local Government delegate to the National Women's Safety Taskforce and Chair of the Bayside Women's Shelter.

"I thank you all for your support. I look forward to working with you and delivering on the expectations of our entire Bayside community," Dr Curry said.

"Together we have an opportunity to deliver outstanding services, effective community engagement and strong financial governance."



Bayside's first female Mayor Dr Christina Curry with Deputy Mayor Cr Scott Morrissey.

Parks People!

Eastlakes, Jack Munday and the Green Bans

EXHIBITION

 ...on display at Mascot Library until 28 February 2022

AUSTRALIA DAY 2022



Australia Day @ the Botany Aquatic Centre

Botany Aquatic Centre provided the perfect venue for a family friendly event that encouraged residents to reflect, respect and celebrate this Australia Day.

The day included cultural craft activities, Indigenous dance, didgeridoo performances and live music.

Australia Day @ the Rockdale Town Hall

Bayside welcomed 60 new citizens at a citizenship ceremony in the Rockdale Town Hall on Australia Day 2022.

Coming from 30 different countries ranging from Austria to Zimbabwe, our newest citizens have decided to make their home in Bayside and add to the rich, cultural diversity of area.



Bayside Citizens of the Year 2022



Rachael Smith was named Bayside Citizen of the Year as part of Council's Australia Day ceremony at the Rockdale Town Hall on Wednesday 26 January.

Mayor Dr Christina Curry presented Rachael Smith with the Bayside Citizen of the Year 2022 award in recognition of her ongoing commitment to the Bayside community.

Rachael set up *Pantry4thePeople* in Botany to provide anyone suffering from financial stress access to food staples during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pantry4thePeople, open 24/7, is stocked with food staples donated by individuals and businesses.

This simple idea has made a huge difference and Rachel is an inspiration to anyone wanting to help others in need.

Ammrutha Vashetharan was named Bayside Sportsperson of the Year. Ammrutha started competitive archery in June 2017 and has won many Gold and Silver medals throughout her short sporting career.

She is currently preparing for the 2022 Asia Cup and World Archery Championships.

Tameeka Johnson was named Bayside Young Citizen of the Year 2022. As well as focusing on her own swimming achievements, Tameeka continues to mentor and encourage younger swimmers.

She also volunteers at sporting meets and carnivals.

She is a friendly, natural leader and an outstanding young representative for Bayside.

Pictured above: Mayor Dr Christina Curry and Deputy Mayor Scott Morrissey with award winners Ammrutha Vashetharan, Rachael Smith and Tameeka Johnson at the Rockdale Town Hall.

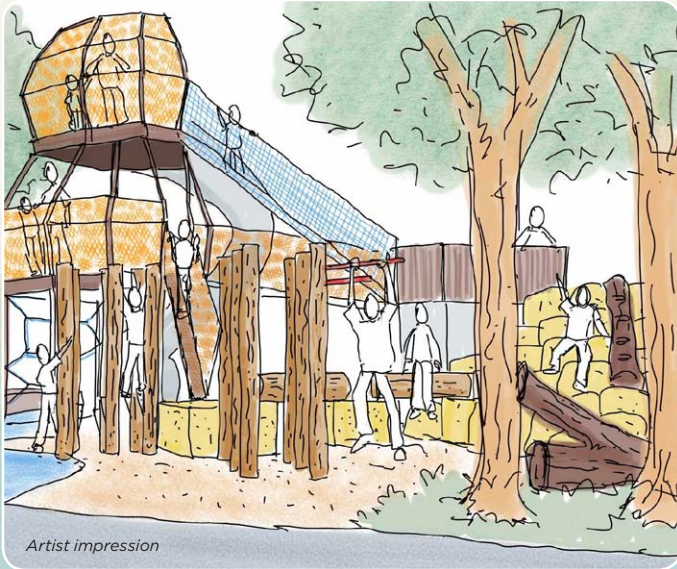
COUNCIL'S PROJECTS

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

Sir Joseph Banks Park

A major upgrade to the playspace at Sir Joseph Banks Park is due to start later this year.

Designs for the new playspace are based on extensive community engagement with approximately 1000 people reviewing earlier concept designs, sharing ideas or completing an online survey.



Playground Update

Playground improvements are planned for Arncliffe, Bardwell Park, Bexley, Carlton, Daceyville, Dolls Point, Hillside, Kingsgrove and Mascot.

More information at:

www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/your-council/city-projects



Lighting Up Bayside

Bayside Council has installed new permanent exterior lighting on the Botany Town Hall to ensure this beautiful building is showcased day and night.

The lights enhance the visual amenity of Bayside and provide a lasting legacy for the community to enjoy.

Council has also installed permanent fairy lights in the plaza at Trafalgar and Bay Streets, Brighton Le Sands.



Ador Park | Adventure Playground

The former Rockdale Bowling Club site has been transformed into a recreational hub for all ages as part of the NSW State Government's M6 Stage 1 Project.

Fully funded by the Government it includes an adventure playground, state-of-the-art skate park, sporting fields, bike tracks, animal sculptures, BBQs and picnic areas.

"The Councillors and I are pleased that the upgrade was completed, and opened, before the kids went back to school. It's a fabulous facility and a great day out for all our Bayside families," Mayor Dr Christina Curry said.

"We look forward to showcasing the transformation when we officially rename the park in the new year."

The park will named in keeping with Council's policy to recognise our First Nations people.

“Sorry for the inconvenience”

Council is preparing for temporary service interruptions over the next few weeks as the number of local active COVID-19 cases continues to rise.

Staff shortages are being experienced in our Customer Service areas including Libraries, Children’s Services, Public Pools, as well as our Waste and Resource Recovery teams.

Council is doing everything possible to keep all services operating, prioritising essential services, and moving staff around where possible to cover shifts and shortfalls.

Kerbside Bins and Scheduled Clean up



If your bins have not been collected please leave them out for collection to occur the following day.

Similarly, there are delays with the scheduled clean up program with some areas to be finalised over the weekend, resources and weather permitting.

Council appreciates your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

Parks

Our outdoor teams, especially our mowing crews, have been impacted by COVID-19.

Staff shortages and ideal growing conditions have disrupted our regular mowing schedule. It’s a bit like a bad haircut – only temporary.

Our priority is to keep all our parks and open space areas accessible for residents and visitors to use and enjoy.



Report an Issue

Please use Council’s 24/7 online services to report any issues or call Customer Service on **1300 581 299** between 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

Report an issue on Council’s website at:
www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/feedback/contact-us

‘World First’ Smart Camera Trial Extended



Bayside Council’s recent trial of sophisticated high-tech cameras incorporating licence plate recognition technology has been expanded to include Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands and the surrounding area.

“Recent trials were a success and Council believes this technology can help combat hooning and bring the culprits destroying the reputation of Bayside to account,” Mayor Dr Christina Curry said.

Council is working with its suppliers to look at further possible use of this technology including monitoring jet skis coming too close to swimmers in the bay.

The new technology has also been given the tick of approval by the Parking Officers and Council has seen a significant reduction in the number of incident reports and community complaints.

This technology is recognised as a ‘world first’ and Bayside Council is at the forefront for using technology to combat anti-social behaviour.

Scarborough Park Pathway Closed

The Scarborough Park pathway is closed and temporary fencing installed to allow workers to safely remove some vegetation in preparation for the construction of a new shared cycle and pedestrian pathway.

Transport for NSW is undertaking the works as part of the M6 Stage 1 Project. Vegetation will be removed in preparation for construction of a shared bicycle and pedestrian pathway to expand the existing active transport network and improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The entrances to Scarborough Park at the intersection of O'Connell Street, Chuter Avenue and Robinson Street, and the intersection of Civic Avenue near Annette Avenue will be temporarily closed.

More information at: <https://caportal.com.au/rms/m6>



UPGRADE FOR ADOR AVE PCYC



Bayside Council has signed a five-year lease agreement with PCYC NSW that is set to breathe new life into the PCYC building and facilities at 9 Ador Avenue, Rockdale.

“Council is committed to supporting PCYC NSW and the important youth activities and services they deliver to our community,” Mayor Dr Christina Curry said.

Council has offered a 95% rental subsidy and the PCYC has agreed to undertake essential repairs on the 50-year-old building.

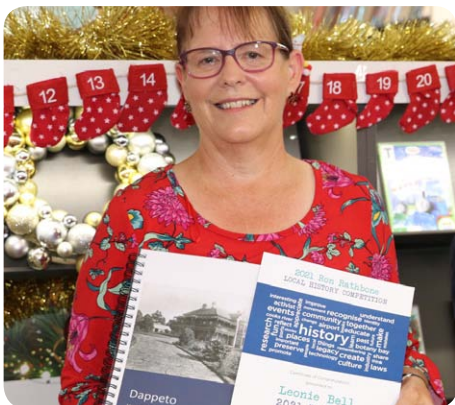
The PCYC will continue to operate while the upgrade takes place. The initial lease is for five years after which a long-term lease will be negotiated.

Local History

Leonie Bell won the 2021 Ron Rathbone Local History Competition.

Leonie's entry, Dappeto, is an engaging story of Dappeto House, its owner and builder Frederick Gibbins, and the girls who lived there when it was a Salvation Army home for girls.

This annual competition honours the memory of Ron Rathbone OAM, a Councillor and former Mayor of the City of Rockdale who was also the author of several local history books.



Last year's Grants recipients.

Bayside Community Grants Open

Bayside Council provides funding through its annual Community Grants Program to help support local community projects. The Community Grants Program 2021/2022 opens 1 February 2022 and closes 28 February 2022.

Local, incorporated (or able to be auspiced), not for profit, community groups and clubs are invited to apply for:

- ▶ Small Grants (up to \$2,000) for the purchase of equipment, special activities or information resources.
- ▶ Seeding Grants (up to \$5,000) to establish innovative programs that foster initiatives to address the social, cultural, creative, artistic and leisure needs of the community.

Council is only accepting online applications. For more information visit: www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/community/grants-and-donations

For enquiries contact Council's Grants and Donations Officer on 02 9366 3671 or email grantsanddonations@bayside.nsw.gov.au

IN SHORT



Keep Australia Beautiful Awards

Our Waste and Cleansing Services team received a Highly Commended for their Resource Recovery and Waste Minimization project and was a finalist for the fourth consecutive year in the Keep Australia Day Beautiful NSW Overall Sustainable Cities Award.

Bayside Mayor Dr Christina Curry said it was high praise indeed, and showed that Bayside was committed to improving its waste and cleansing services through sound environmental initiatives.

"I congratulate and commend everyone involved in delivering each of the projects entered in this year's Keep Australia Beautiful Awards," she said.



Lunar New Year

Council celebrated Lunar New Year with a dazzling display of lanterns and light sculptures around the Mascot precinct.



Clean Up Australia Day

The official Clean Up Australia Day is Sunday 6 March 2022. Visit www.cleanup.org.au to find out how you can get involved.



MAYOR VISITS FIX IT SISTERS

Mayor Dr Christina Curry and Cr Liz Barlow visited the *Fix It Sisters Shed* to find out more about the services they offer the community.

The *Fix It Sisters Shed*, based at the Kyeemagh Community Hub, is a not-for-profit organisation empowering women of all ages with practical and creative skills. One of their ongoing projects is making penguin burrows for breeding colonies of little penguins.



Booster Shots

If you require transport assistance to vaccination appointments, you may be eligible for Council assistance. Call 02 9366 3685.

HAVE YOUR SAY



We need to make sure our Community Strategic Plan still reflects your vision. This is your opportunity to give feedback on the Plan. Take a short survey and be in the running for a \$50 voucher.

Please visit: <https://haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au/bayside2030-2>

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NO

MATRAVILLE INCINERATOR

The proposed Matraville incinerator will mean: more pollution across Bayside, more trucks on our local streets and smoke stack as tall as the Opera House.

Say **NO!** Sign the petition at: nomoreincinerators.wordpress.com/object-2



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.



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