

# Bayside NEWS Council

SUMMER 2016

## WELCOME



When the new Bayside Council was proclaimed on 9 September 2016, we were given just 12 months to bring about the merging of the two former Council organisations prior to the next general election of councillors.

As Administrator for that period, and in company with the management

team of the new Council, we have dedicated ourselves to harmonising policies and practices, building staff cohesion and ensuring that your services and infrastructure continue without disruption.

I'm pleased to report that, some two months into the task, we are making great progress. Already we have identified millions of dollars in potential savings and many opportunities to make improvements and enhancements to services and facilities over time. There are many challenges to be met and overcome too, of course. However, I am confident that we can deliver better outcomes for our community.

One of the immediate benefits to come from the merger of the two Councils is the Stronger Communities Fund.

I am delighted to announce the availability of \$10 million for community projects:

- ▶ \$1 million for a community grant program, in grants of up to \$50,000 to incorporated not-for-profit community groups for projects that build more vibrant, sustainable local communities; and
- ▶ \$9 million for projects of larger scale priority infrastructure and services that deliver long-term economic and social benefit.

Make sure that you look out for the opening of applications for these funding opportunities. Together we can capitalise on this opportunity for major improvements to our community.

**Greg Wright** | Administrator

## Minister Visits



**Minister for Local Government The Honourable Paul Toole with Bayside Council Administrator Greg Wright.**

The Minister for Local Government The Honourable Paul Toole spent the morning at Bayside Council on Monday 14 November to see the progress since amalgamation.

The Minister met Administrator Greg Wright and General Manager Meredith Wallace.

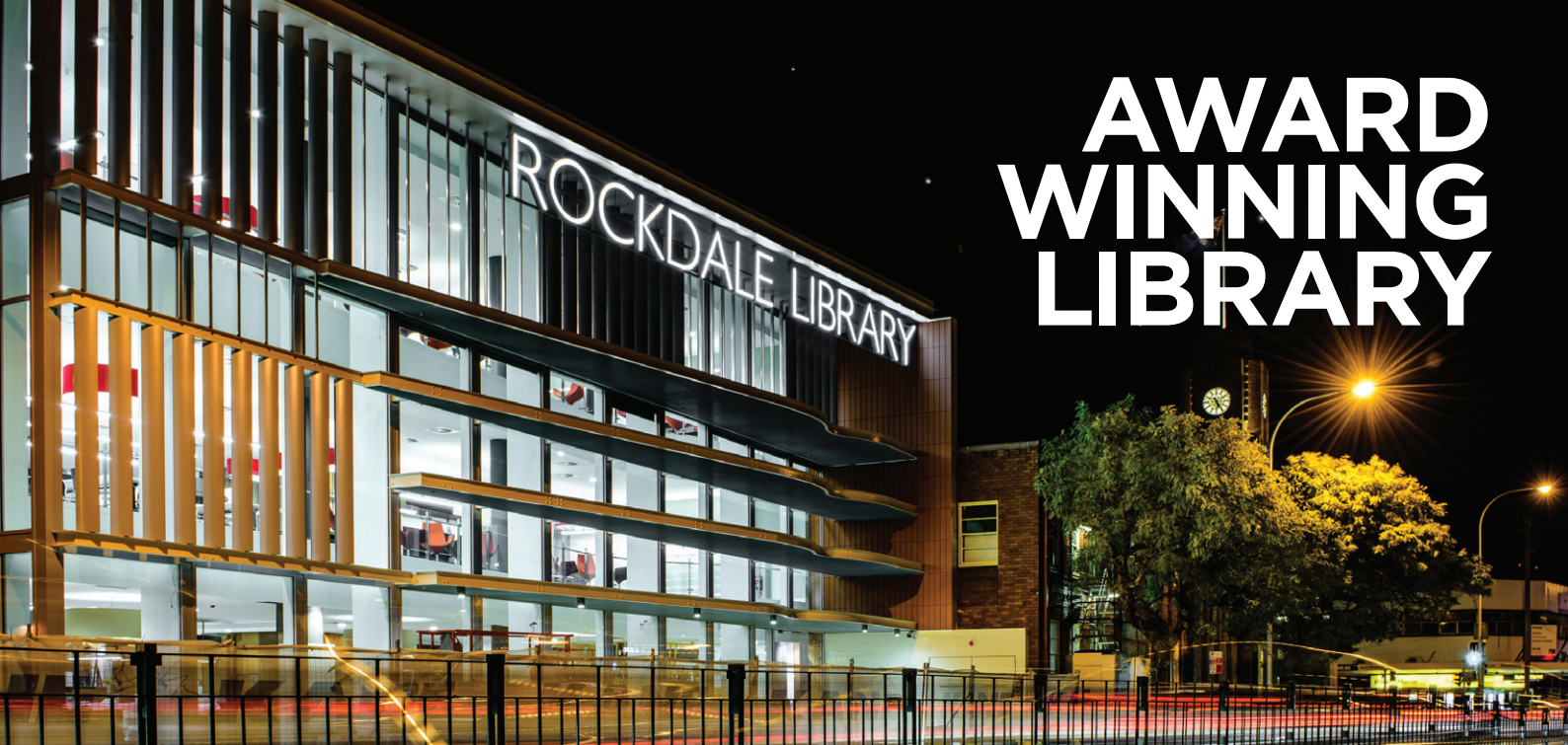
"The Administrator Greg Wright, Interim General Manager Meredith Wallace and staff have all done an incredible job since the new council was created. The creation of Bayside Council is a fresh start for residents and ratepayers," Mr Toole said.

The NSW Government has given Bayside Council \$10 million through the Stronger Communities Fund, for local community and infrastructure projects. \$1 million will go towards community groups, with grants of up to \$50,000.

"These grants have seen community groups in other new councils upgrade facilities and I encourage all interested groups to attend one of Bayside Council's sessions and find out how they can apply."

The Minister also visited the new Rockdale Library and took time to meet and thank Council staff for their work.

The Minister will visit the Mascot office in the near future.



# AWARD WINNING LIBRARY

The Rockdale Library recently won two awards.

Council's Project Management Team won the Multi-Disciplinary Project Management Award at the recent Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Awards.

The in-house team managed many issues in the design and construction of the library and are looking forward to working on the major projects program that will be delivered through the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund.

The Library also received the Masterbuilders Excellence in Construction Award for public buildings on Saturday 5 November.

Many challenges were resolved to create a state-of-the-art library that blends into the existing Town Hall building with exceptional aesthetic finishes and facades, combined with the latest engineering materials and structure.

The new Rockdale Library is testimony to the skill and experience of the design and construction team.



Council's Project Management Team Stefan Trajkovski, Karin Hartog and Bernie Iffland with the MBA award.



## NZ Librarians Tour Library

New Zealand librarians (pictured left) in Australia on a study tour took the opportunity to visit the Rockdale Library as they look for ideas for the development of community libraries in Auckland.

They also had the opportunity to meet with Minister for Local Government The Hon Paul Toole and Administrator Greg Wright.

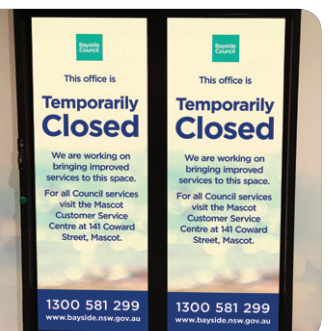
## FREE LEARNING COURSES

Library members have access to over 500 free online learning courses. Over 332 library members have already signed up for courses ranging from accounting to vocabulary building.

For more information visit your local library.

## EASTGARDENS OFFICE UPDATE

The former mayor's office is closed for renovations. It will reopen as a Customer Service Centre later in 2017. The next newsletter will include more information about this exciting refurbishment.





# Local Representation Committee

Council's Local Representation Committee of former Councillors meets monthly to ensure residents' concerns on local issues are heard. They provide advice to Administrator Greg Wright. The Committee also has input into Council's operational plan and community communication and engagement plans.

L-R: **Former Rockdale and Botany Bay Councillors** Joe Awada, Tarek Ibrahim, James Macdonald, Mark Hanna, Mark Castle, Greg Mitchell, Petros Kalligas, Brian Troy, Andrew Tsounis, Nicholas Mickovski, Peter Poulos and Michael Nagi.

Seated L-R: **George Glinatsis, Liz Barlow, Meredith Wallace (Bayside Council General Manager), Greg Wright (Administrator Bayside Council), Shane O'Brien and Bill Saravinovski (former Rockdale City Mayor).**



## WINNING GARDENS

Administrator Greg Wright attended the Bayside Garden Competition Awards on Thursday 3 November. He presented the awards and congratulated the winners for their hard work making our suburbs some of the most attractive in Sydney.

A video of the winning gardens can be seen at <https://youtu.be/LnPT0c3I6h8>



## Council Recognition

Bill Batley's extraordinary community service was acknowledged at a Council Meeting on Wednesday 9 November.

Bill was actively interested in the foreshore area of Botany Bay and Cook Park. He was also President of the Ramsgate Life Saving Club and was Citizen of the Year in 1999. In 2000 he carried the Olympic Torch for the Bexley leg of the Olympic Torch Relay.



Bill's wife Robyn accepted the award with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren pictured with Ramsgate Life Saving Club President Andrew Tsounis.



Council held a community fun day on Saturday 8 October for the completion of a large mural celebrating the life of local author Patricia Carlon. The mural acknowledges her writing, the fact that she was profoundly deaf and her love of cats.

Patricia Carlon (1927-2002) was a Bexley local and an internationally renowned crime thriller author who had 14 novels published between 1961 and 1970. Her books can be found in Council's libraries.



# COUNCIL PROJECTS

## New Cycleway Strategy

Council is preparing a new cycling strategy to improve current infrastructure and facilities to encourage more residents to take up cycling.

All Bayside cycleways have been inspected by Council officers as a first step to map out the current environment.

Look out for postcards and posters about the project as well as opportunities to provide community feedback.



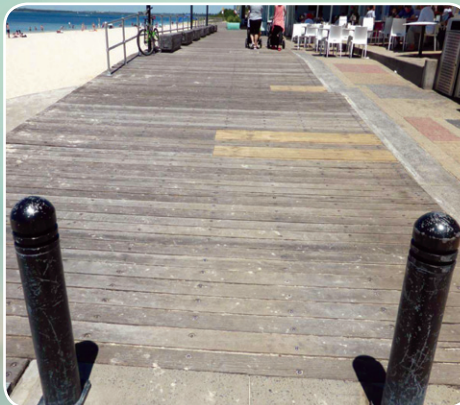
Bourke Street cycleway near Mascot Station.



## Cook Park Amenities

Council is upgrading Cook Park public amenities to provide the community with high quality facilities accessible to everyone. The proposed building will include a new accessible unisex toilet, baby change and four new unisex toilets.

Construction will be completed in autumn 2017. Access to affected areas will be restricted with temporary fencing during construction periods.



## Brighton Le Sands Boardwalk Upgrade

The original decking is being replaced and will be done in short sections to minimise interruptions. The timber block seats will be refurbished and lights will be replaced.

Work is scheduled to start late November and is expected to finish mid-December.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Council together with the St George Domestic Violence Committee is helping raise awareness of domestic violence by encouraging people to talk about this serious issue.

Over 25,000 disposable coffee cups with an anti-violence message have been distributed to cafés in the area for use from Friday 25 November – Saturday 10 December. This coincides with the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign.

Support the many cafés taking part in the scheme and raise awareness about domestic violence.

The St George Domestic Violence Committee, comprising the Police, NSW Health, local councils, charities and churches across the St George area, meets monthly to consider local domestic violence issues.





## Pool Update

The Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre in Bexley is on schedule and if everything goes to plan and the fine weather continues it is expected to open before Australia Day 2017.



## Linear Park, Mascot

A new park is coming to Mascot. Linear Park will become the largest area of public open space within the Mascot Station Town Centre Precinct and will provide valuable green space to the growing residential and working population of Mascot.

## Dog Park Upgrade

Council is installing irrigation systems at Sparks Street Reserve leash free dog park (Mascot) and at Hayden Place leash free dog park within Sir Joseph Banks Park, Botany. Work will start on 30 November and take about two weeks (weather permitting).



## Rhodes Reserve

Rhodes Reserve West in Hillsdale was funded and built by developer contributions. Works are now complete with new paths and landscaping.



## Lever St Reserve

Lever Street Reserve in Mascot opened in September. Includes new playground equipment, furniture and landscaping.



# EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Bayside Council is looking to expand the high quality education and care services offered for children.

Botany Family Day Care, sponsored by Council, has been providing quality services, exceeding national standards, for the past 39 years.

If you have a passion for children's services, have attained a Certificate III or higher in Children's Services and are considering starting your own small business call Botany Family Day Care 9366 3576.

Other early education and care services include:

- ▶ Mascot Child Care Centre
- ▶ Hillsdale Child Care Centre
- ▶ Botany Family Day Care
- ▶ Pagewood Before and After School Care
- ▶ Botany Before and After School Care
- ▶ Botany Vacation Care

For more information visit [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)



# A TASTE OF MASCOT



A Taste of Mascot, now in its third year, was a huge success. Over 13,000 visitors sampled delicious food from various stalls, watched cooking demonstrations and listened to live entertainment.

Administrator Greg Wright was there meeting residents and General Manager Meredith Wallace took part in a cooking demonstration with celebrity chef Miguel Maestre from the Living Room.



Miguel Maestre and General Manager Meredith Wallace.

## Stronger Communities Fund

As part of the recent amalgamation of the former City of Botany Bay and Rockdale City Councils the State Government has provided Bayside Council with \$10 million under the Stronger Communities Fund to kick start the delivery of priority infrastructure and services for the local community. Of this, \$1 million has been allocated towards a community grants program whilst \$9 million has been allocated towards a Major Projects Program.

Local community groups will be able to apply for community grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000. Grants of less than \$5,000 will also be made available through Council's Community Grants program.

Community groups which are eligible and interested in applying for a grant will be able to attend information sessions in December. Applications will open in December and close at the end of February 2017.

Further information will shortly be made available on Council's website at [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)



Discover the impact of Port Botany and Sydney Airport on the once isolated suburb of Botany with this self-guided tour.

As well as obscure landmarks and site specific photographs, you will hear fascinating stories – like the octopus which was seen holding a hand grenade or the reclamation work needed to build the airport.

To get started download the 'izi travel' app and search for Botany Foreshores Then & Now Tour.



## Local History



*Postings from the Front: The City of Botany Bay and World War I* by Anne Slattery, Jenny MacRitchie and Paula Grunseit

Launched by The Honourable Matt Thistlethwaite on Saturday 12 November this book is now available for purchase from Eastgardens Library at a cost of \$30.

The book includes a social history of the Botany and Mascot districts during the Great War.

The stories of local servicemen and a nurse, are also told through their diaries, photographs and letters.

For more information contact Council's Local History Team on 9366 3863 or Eastgardens Library on 9366 3888.

Copies are also available for loan from Council libraries.

St George Migrant Information Day in the Rockdale Town Hall attracted a large crowd eager to learn about the many services offered to new migrants in the region.





# EVENTS IN BAYSIDE

Council is working on a comprehensive 2017 events program that will combine the best of both former Councils to ensure our diverse community continues to celebrate important cultural events.

As well as a spectacular fireworks display to bring in the New Year residents can look forward to a month-long Arts Festival of performances, exhibitions and workshops celebrating our vibrant, talented creative community.



## Food Care Program

The local Food Care Program run by Bay City Care provides affordable groceries and emergency packs to people in need.

Donation bins have been placed in Customer Service Centres for anyone wanting to donate non-perishable food such as canned food, breakfast cereal, long life milk, rice and sugar. Pet food is also appreciated.

Donations can also be made at the Christmas Tree Lighting in King Street Place, Rockdale and Carols by the Sea at Lady Robinsons Beach, Brighton.

## Australia Day Celebrations



Council will celebrate Australia Day on the shores of the historic Botany Bay and welcome our newest citizens with an Australian citizenship ceremony at Depena Reserve. Council will also present the Bayside Citizen of the Year awards.

There will be a wide range of entertainment for all ages including performances by Peppermint Jam and a sausage sizzle hosted by the local scout group.

Council's information booth will give residents an opportunity to find out more about the numerous facilities available to them across the Bayside Council area.

More details online at [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)



## Start a Business WORKSHOP

Perfect for anyone thinking about starting their own business or those who have been in business for less than six months and want to make sure they are on the road to success.

Run by the BEC Southern Sydney with Council support, for participants with a range of experience, skills and knowledge.

**Tuesday 6 December**  
**Pindari Room**  
**Rockdale Town Hall**

More information and registration:  
<http://becsouthernsydney.com.au>

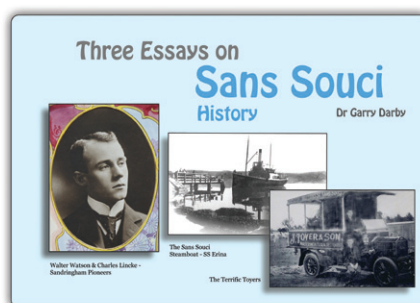
## LIBRARY BOOK LAUNCH

Dr Garry Darby's new book on the history of Sans Souci will be launched in the Rockdale Library by State Member for Rockdale Stephen Kamper MP and will be followed by morning tea.

This book tells the story of two Sandringham pioneers, details the history of the Sans Souci Steamboat and uncovers the history of the Toyer family and their nursery.

**Monday 5 December**  
**10:30am**  
**Rockdale Library**  
**446-446 Princes Hwy**

Free event - Bookings essential [www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents](http://www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents)





# Events Calendar

**FRI 25 NOV**

## **Christmas in Rockdale**

Lighting of the Christmas Tree at 8pm, Santa meet and greet, crafts... and more!

**3pm – 8pm**

**King Street Place, Rockdale**

**SAT 26 NOV**

## **Bushcare: Stotts Reserve**

Volunteer to look after natural areas. Morning tea provided.

**9am – 12:30pm**

**Kingsland Road North (Beside #156)**

**SAT 3 DEC**

## **Carols by the Sea**

Bring a picnic blanket, dinner and enjoy the night.

**6pm, Lady Robinsons Beach Brighton Le Sands**

**MON 5 DEC**

## **Book Launch**

Dr Garry Darby's new book 'The history of Sans Souci' will be launched by the State Member for Rockdale Stephen Kamper MP.

**10.30am – 12 noon**

**Rockdale Library 444-446 Princes Hwy**

**TUE 6 DEC**

## **Sylvandale Art Exhibition Launch**

Sylvandale Disability Services will launch its art exhibition in celebration of International Day of People with a Disability.

**Rockdale Library**

**444-446 Princes Hwy**

**TUE 6 DEC**

## **So You Want To Be An Author: Getting Your Book Published**

Lisa Hanrahan explores genres of books and current trends, how to promote yourself, how to deliver the perfect pitch, the pros and cons of an agent... and more.

**6:30pm – 7:30pm**

**Rockdale Library 444-446 Princes Hwy**

**THU 8 DEC**

## **Christmas Hurly Burly on Musical Island**

A musical comedy about a fabled royal family and their Christmas adventure on Musical Island.

**St George Auditorium Kogarah**

**SAT 10 DEC**

## **Wild Things: Welcome Back Botany Bay Shorebirds**

Observe the birds soon after their arrival from the Arctic. Several local bird experts from the NSW Wader Study Group will be on hand to point out the various species and tell the amazing migration stories.

**8:30am – 10:30am**

**35 Riverside Crescent Sandringham**

**SUN 11 DEC**

## **Carols in the Park**

Bring a picnic blanket, dinner and enjoy the night.

**6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Mascot Memorial Park**

**SAT 17 DEC**

## **Bushcare: Binnamittalong Gardens**

Volunteer to look after natural areas. Morning tea provided. Wear gardening clothes and bring a bottle of water.

**9am – 12:30pm**

**End of Veron Road, Bexley**

**SAT 31 DEC**

## **New Year's Eve Family Fireworks**

Fireworks only at 9pm.

**Lady Robinsons Beach, Kyeemagh to Dolls Point**

**THU 26 JAN**

## **Australia Day 2017**

Celebrate Australia Day on the shores of Botany Bay.

**8:15am, Depena Reserve Dolls Point**

**SAT 4 FEB**

## **Lunar New Year 2017**

Dragon and lion dances, stalls, performances, asian food and children's activities.

**4pm – 9pm**

**Daceyville Gardens**



## **HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS**

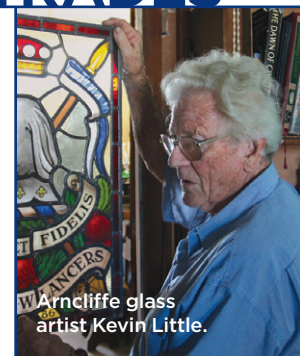
Council's Customer Service Centres and Libraries will close Friday 23 December at 12 noon and will reopen on Wednesday 28.

For more information and detailed opening hours please visit Council's website.

## **VANISHING TRADES**

Local filmmaker Howard Matthew has been commissioned by The Royal Australian Historical Society to create a series of short films about vanishing trades. He is looking to work with a small number of tradespeople or artisans based in the area to create a record of obscure or dying trades.

For more information, please email [kirsten.broderick@bayside.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kirsten.broderick@bayside.nsw.gov.au)



Arncliffe glass artist Kevin Little.

## **Customer Service Centres**

**MASCOT** 141 Coward Street  
Monday to Friday 8:30am–4:30pm

**ROCKDALE** 444-446 Princes Highway  
Monday to Friday 8:30am–4:30pm; Saturday 9am–1pm



**Phone 1300 581 299 Web [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)**