

# Bayside NEWS Council

AUTUMN 2017

## One Council One Place



As we celebrate our six month anniversary as Bayside Council it really is an exciting time to be in Local Government. There are so many opportunities and challenges ahead and it gives us all a renewed energy and enthusiasm. I am pleased to report that Bayside Council is progressing well.

We have maintained services and completed projects that were scheduled by the two former councils, and we are planning for the next 12 months as we move forward as one unified organisation. By working smarter and combining the talent and resources from both councils we are finding more money to put back into frontline services and infrastructure. And at the next Council Meeting on Wednesday 12 April in Rockdale Town Hall we will be in a position to announce how the Stronger Communities Funding grants will be distributed.

The General Manager, Meredith Wallace, and council staff have been working diligently to minimise the impact of the amalgamation on residents and the community. I thank them all for their commitment and hard work. The various teams within council are gradually coming together. Council approved an Interim Accommodation and Co-location Plan at its March Meeting. The plan affects a small percentage of the indoor staff, as the workplace for the majority of our 840 strong workforce will remain unchanged. The full report is a public document and it is on our website [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)

The new Premier has reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to the new councils and confirmed that there will be no de-amalgamations. As we continue to become one unified organisation I would like to stress to all in our community that every decision Bayside Council has made, and will make, is guided by one principle – doing what's right for residents and ratepayers.

We look forward to working with our community in the coming months as we build on what we have started.

**Greg Wright** | Administrator

## Design competition for new logo

Bayside Council is holding a design competition in search of a new logo and corporate branding and it has side stepped the traditional path of going directly to a professional company and will instead partner with the local community.

General Manager Meredith Wallace said "It is important we create a sense of belonging which reflects ownership and pride, key elements in building a strong organisation and a strong community."

"We will replace the interim square logo with a corporate symbol that will be readily recognised as Bayside Council while retaining the colours, image and type face that are already being associated with our new organisation."



The new logo must be adaptable for use across a range of applications from letterhead and brochures to websites and social media, as well as welcome signs, street flags and vehicle signage.

Anyone interested can obtain a copy of the brief and current style guide at [haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au)

The only restriction for submitting a proposal is that you must live or own a business within the Bayside Council Local Government Area. All proposals must be received by Council by the close of business on Friday 5 May 2017.



# New Aquatic Centre Opens



Council's new Aquatic Centre in Bexley, named after the late Councillor Angelo Anestis, opened to the public on Australia Day 26 January 2017.

The Centre features a 25 metre 8-lane indoor pool, a 50 metre outdoor pool, health club, group fitness classes, and a children's splash pad and crèche.

Bayside Council Administrator Greg Wright said he was pleased the new

centre was completed ahead of schedule and within budget.

"It's a rare thing these days to be able to say a project has been completed on time and budget," Mr Wright said "and I congratulate all involved who made this happen. The late Councillor Anestis would have been extremely proud."

"It was his *Notice of Motion* in 2008 that led to the construction of this

magnificent facility which is now being enjoyed by our residents and the wider community. It is very sad that he was not here for the opening," he said.

The new Aquatic Centre is open all year round and is easily accessible by car and bus.

For more information visit the Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre website at [www.bexleyaquatic.com.au](http://www.bexleyaquatic.com.au)



**ANGELO ANESTIS**  
AQUATIC CENTRE

## DROP OFF DATES

Residents can dispose of e-waste, excess greenwaste (one trailer load) and old mattresses (maximum 2).

**Monday 24 April, 7am - 11am**

Botany Depot, Corner of Pemberton and Clevedon Streets

**Saturday 13 May, 8am - 12 noon**

Tupia Street Car Park, Sir Joseph Banks Park, Botany

For a full list of Council's free Drop Off dates and what is accepted visit our website at [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)





## Improved purchasing strategies

Bayside Council has established a new specialist team to provide a more strategic and contemporary approach in the way the Council procures its goods and services.

Bayside has increased focus on strategic procurement and partnerships, supply chain management, contract management and governance controls by bringing together experienced and versatile staff into one team.

Administrator Greg Wright supports the initiative. "Providing an increased focus in procurement by a dedicated specialist team will ensure Bayside Council achieves best value outcomes for its business and community in accordance with Local Government requirements," he said.



## New computer system

TechOne, Council's new corporate financial system, is up and running. The new system, which has been live for three months, tracks expenditure and is very user friendly.

Director of City Performance, Daniel Fabri, said there were a few minor teething problems in the early days which were quickly resolved and the Finance Team has made a seamless transition from the old Enterprise One system to TechOne.

"The new system simplifies reporting, streamlines processes and consolidates information making our financial information easier to track and more transparent," he said.

## Meet Albert the Smart Tablet

Rockdale Customer Service Center has a new helper *Albert the Smart Tablet*! Albert is helping to reduce waiting times to pay bills or accounts by allowing customers to simply scan the barcode on their invoice and then use a credit or debit card to pay.

"It is that simple" Bayside Council Administrator Greg Wright said. "But if customers are unsure or need assistance with Albert, both the customer service and library staff can walk them through it. Albert will also email you a receipt or print you a hard copy."

Albert, named after the computer program, has been online for two weeks and Council's staff said the smart tablet option is popular with customers and has cut the waiting time significantly.



## WORK DELAYED ON LINEAR PARK MASCOT



Work on transforming 0.9 hectares of unused land into Linear Park, Mascot, has temporarily stopped while Sydney Water and Bayside Council take steps to address an area of asbestos contamination found by contractors at the site.

Sydney Water, the owner of the land and Bayside Council the entity responsible for transforming the site into useable public space, will carry out further investigations in the immediate future, following which, it is anticipated that any required remediation will take place either before, or concurrently, with the development of Linear Park.

Council Administrator Mr Greg Wright said "Work on the site ceased immediately and it was secured to ensure that there was no public health

risk. Sydney Water is now working with Council to try and determine the best means of addressing the contamination while moving forward with the project."

"Finding asbestos is a concern but I can assure everyone that Sydney Water and Council are treating the find seriously and in a responsible manner. We appreciate the public's patience while we carry out further investigations and address this issue. At the moment the work has stopped, the public is safe and we are working on resolving the issues with Sydney Water," he said.

Following further investigations and discussions with Sydney Water, the Council expects to be able to provide a further update to the community.

## HAVE YOUR SAY



Take part in discussions affecting your neighbourhood and Bayside Council. Get involved and find out more about Council projects, download documents, community engagement, online discussions and surveys.

Your feedback will help shape the delivery of quality Council services, facilities and infrastructure. More information at [haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au)

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR



Bayside Council recognised three very special people on Australia Day when the Administrator Mr Greg Wright announced Council's annual Citizen of the Year Awards.

The Bayside Citizen of the Year for 2017 Mr Paul Graham is well known for his tireless work with the Windgap Foundation an organisation that supports people in the community with intellectual disabilities. He started working with the foundation more than 30 years ago and has since help raise funds through an annual St Patrick's Day breakfast, charity soccer game and has been instrumental in forming the Windgap Choir.

Mr Graham, who is also President of the Mascot RSL Sub Branch, successfully lobbied the State Government to have poppies projected onto the sails of the Sydney Opera House for Remembrance Day last year.

Joshua Del Prado was named the Young Citizen of the Year for his work in combating racism and injustice. The James Cook Boys Technology High School student presents workshops at schools and in the community to educate people on community harmony. He has also actively participated in making four anti-racist films.

Shokatan Karate Champion, Ana Nikolovska was named Sportsperson of the Year. Ana has won many awards in her chosen sport, the most recent being at the 2016 Shotakan National Championships where she was placed first in the individual sparring event.

"Each one is a great ambassador for Council and our community," Mr Greg Wright said. "The Bayside Community salutes them and thanks them for their commitment and contribution."



## INCREASING OUR SOLAR POWER

Bayside Council is committed to investing in energy conservation and moving to renewable energy to become a greener, more environmentally friendly and sustainable council where possible.

The latest investment has seen solar panels installed on the roof of the Bexley Depot.

"The move to solar power will save council around \$2000 a year," Administrator Mr Greg Wright said.

Bexley Depot brings the number of council owned buildings using solar power to four.

"The Mascot Administration Centre, Coronation Hall in Mascot and the Vera Lever Childcare Centre in Hillsdale are all doing their bit to reduce greenhouse gas emission," Mr Wright said.

"Solar powered fluorescent lights are also being used in local parks to improve community security and surveillance without adding to council's energy costs."



## GM HONoured

Bayside Council General Manager Meredith Wallace has been recognised as a 'woman of distinction' by the Organisation of Hellene and Hellene Cypriot Women of Australia (OEEGA) as part of their annual International Women's Day celebrations.

President of the OEEGA, Mrs Irene Anestis OAM, said they had chosen to recognise Ms Wallace because of her exceptional leadership and organisational skills in local

government which she has used to benefit the local community and general public.

The OEEGA also recognised: The Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore for her contribution to Local Government, Dr Efrosini Deligianni, a linguist specialising in Greek History and Mrs Catherine Valis for her work in the development of the Hellenic Lyceum, the most prestigious Greek Folkloric organisation in Australia and Europe.





## FLEET UPGRADE

Council is updating an aging fleet of vehicles and assets including heavy vehicles ranging from trucks, backhoes and sit-on-mowers. The cost of replacement is estimated at \$9 million. "The amalgamation has given the new Bayside Council an opportunity to explore all financial options to replace this aging fleet with new, safe vehicles," Administrator Greg Wright said.

## Bayside Planning Panel to assess DA's



An independent panel of appropriately qualified persons has been set up by Council to assist with the determination of Development Applications and to provide recommendations on planning proposals.

The Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) will be known as the Bayside Planning Panel and it will be made up of three professionals with a strong background in planning and a pool of five community based representatives. The five community based representatives will ideally include one from each of the five council wards.

Bayside Council Administrator Mr Greg Wright said the Panel would assist in the determination of development applications, particularly those applications which are larger and more complex and attract considerable community attention.

"The independence and expertise of the Panel members will provide greater integrity in the decision making process of larger developments through transparency and public confidence," he said. "The panel will also improve the efficiency in the decision making process for all Development Applications."

"Council anticipates the panel will deal with around 120 applications of the 850 received. Of the remaining 730 Development Applications that are of a regional significance will continue to be dealt with by the State Government's Central District Planning Panel and small applications by Council staff under delegated authority."

## Frequently Asked Questions

**My gutters are blocked with leaves from trees that are not on my property why should I pay to have them cleaned?**

The homeowner is responsible for clearing and maintaining the gutters around their home regardless of where the leaves may come from. You can ask your neighbour to trim their tree away from your property or if it is a street tree contact council and request the tree be trimmed. Council also suggests homeowners install gutter guards.

**I have reported an abandoned vehicle and it has not been moved?**

Council investigates all reports of abandoned vehicles but must follow a process. Firstly it must determine if the vehicle is registered.

If it is registered and parked legally it can remain parked for as long as the owner chooses. If it is not registered, then council must endeavour to contact the last known owner.

If contact is made and the owner claims the vehicle they are given notice to remove it. If it is not removed it is referred to the local police who then issue an infringement notice on an unregistered vehicle. Council does not have this authority. If no owner is found the vehicle is deemed to be abandoned and can be removed. The process can take up to six weeks.

**Why can't I park in my driveway?**

You can only park in your driveway if your vehicle is parked wholly within your property. If your vehicle is parked on the section of the driveway between your boundary and the roadway (as pictured below) it is parked on public property and therefore incurs a \$108 fine under the *Australian Road Rules Section 197 and 198*.



# LOOKING FOR QUALITY CHILDCARE?

Bayside Council runs two *Child Care Centres* and a *Family Day Care* program.

The *Child Care Centres* located at Mascot and Hillsdale cater for eight weeks to five year olds and the hours of operation are strictly 7:30am to 6pm.

*Family Day Care*, where children are educated and cared for at the Educator's premises, caters for children from eight weeks old and the hours can be flexible. The *Family Day Care* program can also offer occasional care, before and after school care as well as vacation care.

All Educators, both in the centre based care and home based care, are qualified professionals who provide educational programs and activities for the children. Council's Children's Service Coordinator is happy to meet with and discuss options with families looking for child care. Visits to the *Child Care Centres* or a *Family Day Care* provider can be arranged.

Council also runs an interesting and entertaining Vacation Care program for working families. Vacation Care operates every school holidays out of Botany Public School, Botany. It provides activities and care for five to 12 year olds from 7am to 6pm.

For more information call 9366 3876 or visit [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)



## FREE Child Immunisation

Bayside Council conducts free child immunisation clinics for children aged six weeks to four years old. Immunisation protects your child against measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio and hepatitis B. You will need to bring along your child's Blue Book and Medicare Card if you have one.

The dates for upcoming clinics are: 6 April, 4 May and 1 June. Clinics are held from 9am to 11am in Coronation Hall, corner Botany Road and Coward Street, Mascot (enter via Botany Road).

Call Council's Environmental Health Department on 1300 581 299 to book an appointment.



Mascot Child Care Centre has a brand new nursery which means it now provides care for children as young as eight weeks old and up to two years old. All spots in the nursery, which opened last month, have been filled and there is a waiting list.

Both staff and parents are excited with the new facilities and the holiday make-over which saw all rooms painted and new flooring installed. A new babies outdoor play area, a new sandpit and soft fall along with new garden beds were added to enhance the visual amenities.

The Baby Health Centre attached to the centre is now the new administration block for staff.

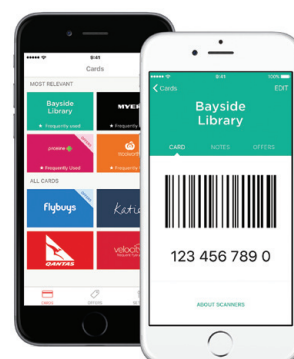
The former Baby Health Centre services run by Sydney Children's Hospital Network (Randwick and Westmead) has been relocated to the newly refurbished Baby Health Centre in Arthur Park, Botany.



## STOCARD LIBRARY APP

Access your Bayside Library Card from your smartphone with the free Stocard app and still get all the rewards from Bayside Library.

1. Download and install **STOCARD** from the App Store or Play Store.
2. Add a new card and search for 'Bayside Library'.
3. Enter your card number and save your card.
4. Add all your loyalty cards (optional).





# Ron Rathbone Local History Prize

A prize of \$5,000 will be awarded to the author of the best piece of original research on any aspect of the history of the Bayside Council area.

The prize was inaugurated in 2006 to honour Ron Rathbone OAM, a noted local historian and a councillor and mayor of the former Rockdale Council. The aim of the Ron Rathbone Local History Prize is to encourage original research into the history of the Bayside Council area.

Entry forms and guidelines are available on Council's website and must be received by Friday 4 August 2017.

**For more information:** Kirsten Broderick on 9562 1821, [kirsten.broderick@bayside.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kirsten.broderick@bayside.nsw.gov.au) or Jenny MacRitchie on 9366 3863, [jenny.macritchie@bayside.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jenny.macritchie@bayside.nsw.gov.au)

## Local History Museum

Council operates a Museum inside Mascot Library that has been showcasing the area's fascinating history through a series of changing exhibitions for over 20 years. The George Hanna Memorial Museum is located in Mascot Library, 2 Hatfield Street, Mascot.

Follow the *History at Bayside* blog to learn more about the Museum, exhibitions and the Bayside history [historyatbayside.wordpress.com](http://historyatbayside.wordpress.com)



1950s. Dorothy Hargraves (nee Muller) enjoying Botany's original shoreline before the construction of Port Botany. Courtesy of Dorothy Hargraves and Denis Muller.

## Online Driving Test



Get ready for your Learners Test or Drivers Licence Test with a free online driving test offered by Bayside Council Libraries. This service is offered by Bayside Council Libraries in partnership with Aussie-Driver.com

Take the free test at [rockdale.aussie-driver.com/nsw](http://rockdale.aussie-driver.com/nsw)

## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICES



### PRE-ANZAC DAY SERVICES SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2017

#### Mascot RSL Sub Branch

**2pm:** Meet at Mascot Library car park, off King Street and march to Mascot Memorial Park, corner Botany Road and Coward Street, Mascot, for Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony.

#### Rockdale RSL Sub Branch

**2:30pm:** Church Service Uniting Church 9-11 Bay Street, Rockdale, followed by March to the Wall of Remembrance Memorial Gardens, Seven Ways, for Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony.

### ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICES TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2017

#### Arncliffe RSL Sub Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service, Cenotaph Arncliffe Park, 71A Wollongong Road, Arncliffe.

#### Botany RSL Sub Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service, Cenotaph Booralee Park, corner Bay Street and Daniel Street, Botany.

#### Bexley RSL Sub Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service in front of the RSL Club, 24 Stoney Creek Road, Bexley.

#### Brighton Le Sands RSL Sub Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at the Memorial next to the RSL Club, 251 Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands.

#### Earlwood-Bardwell Park Sub Branch

**5:50am:** Meet in the RSL car park at 18 Hartill-Law Avenue, Bardwell Park, for short march to Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at the Memorial Garden.

#### Kingsgrove RSL Sub Branch

**6:45am:** Assemble on the corner of Shaw Street and Kingsgrove Road, Kingsgrove, march to the RSL Club for Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at 7am in Memorial Park, 4 Brocklehurst Lane, Kingsgrove.

#### Ramsgate RSL Memorial Club

**6:30am:** Assemble at the Sans Souci Literary Institute corner Campbell Street and Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate.  
**7am:** March to the Ramsgate RSL Club for Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at 7:30am.

#### Rockdale RSL Sub Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at the Wall of Remembrance at Memorial Gardens, Seven Ways, Rockdale.

# Events Calendar

**SUN 9 APR**

## **2017 Bayside Arts Festival Opening**

Inaugural day of the Bayside Arts Festival with stART a free creative workshop.

Cook Park, Kyeemagh  
(General Holmes Drive)  
11:30am – 3:30pm

**MON 10 APR**

## **Ice Skating at Erina**

Start of the Youth Holiday Program (12-18 yo).

Bus leaves Eastgardens at 8:30am and returns at 4pm. For more information call Yasemin on 9366 3889. Cost: \$20.

Eastgardens Library at Eastgardens Shopping Centre, 8:30am – 4pm

**MON 24 APR**

## **E-Waste, Mattresses and Green Waste Drop Off Service**

Free drop off service of e-waste, metals, mattresses and green waste. For more information call Council on 1300 599 281.

Botany Depot, Corner of Pemberton and Clevedon St  
7am – 11am

**TUE 25 APR**

## **ANZAC Day**

Official celebrations of one of Australia's most important national commemorative occasions.

Check page 7 for all local RSL Sub Branches services or visit Council's website.

Booralee Park, Botany  
6am – 7am

**THU 4 MAY**

## **FREE Child Immunisation Clinics**

Child immunisation clinics for children aged 6 weeks to 4 year. Held on the first Thursday of each month.

Coronation Hall  
1007 Botany Road, Mascot  
9am – 11am

**TUE 16 MAY**

## **Transition to Retirement Seminar**

This seminar provides a detailed overview of what the strategy is, and how it could add benefit to your situation. Light refreshment will be provided.

Rockdale Library, 6pm  
Level 3 Meeting Room

**SAT 27 MAY**

## **Stotts Reserve Bushcare Group**

Help look after our natural areas and meet like-minded people. Morning tea will be provided. Wear your gardening clothes and bring a bottle of water.

Stotts Reserve, Kingsland Road North, Bexley North  
9am – 12:30pm

**SAT 27 MAY**

## **Stories on Saturday**

For pre-schoolers from 10:30am – 11am.

### **Game on!**

Grab a fun board game or puzzle and play with friends or family 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Rockdale Library,  
444-446 Princes Highway



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PART OF THE **Bayside Arts Festival 2017**

**Sunday 9 April 2017**  
**11:30am – 3:30pm | Cook Park, Kyeemagh**



**Bayside Arts Festival 2017**

**Sydney Airport**

The first ever Bayside Arts Festival will kick off on **Sunday 9 April** and will run until **Sunday 7 May**.

For four weeks the Festival will include over 20 events comprising of awards, exhibitions, markets, workshops and performances.

Entries are now open for the Bayside Art Awards 2017 with over \$15,000 in prize money on offer.

Visit: [bayside.nsw.gov.au/artsfestival](http://bayside.nsw.gov.au/artsfestival)

Rockdale Opera Company presents...

## Gala Fundraising Concert

featuring international stars  
Josè Carbo and Emma Matthews

**Saturday 8 April, 7:30pm**  
**Rockdale Town Hall**

**BOOKINGS** [rockdaleopera.iwannaticket.com.au](http://rockdaleopera.iwannaticket.com.au)  
**PHONE** 8197 1796 **EMAIL** [rocopinfo@tpg.com.au](mailto:rocopinfo@tpg.com.au)



## 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

