

Bayside NEWS Council



SUMMER 2017

Mayor's Message



Since returning to office in September your elected representatives have hit the ground running. There has been a lot to catch up on and we have begun to lock down our vision for the next three years.

Your Councillors are out and about in their local communities listening to what you have to say

and gathering feedback on a range of issues. In Council we are catching up on the changes that have occurred reviewing budgets, policies and programs and planning for the next 12 months.

It is a busy time, especially with Christmas just around the corner. However I want to assure you all that whilst your 15 elected representatives might have different ideologies we are all unanimous about why we are here and our long term goal – to improve the quality of life of the people we represent. There are some great projects which have just been completed which will do just that, and there are some still in the pipeline. The new Customer Service Centre at Eastgardens and the re-location of our Community Service Staff to Hillsdale Community Centre are two great initiatives which are now making accessing Council's services and information easier for everyone.

Over the next 12 months major sporting fields across the LGA will be improved, as will many of our key parks and playgrounds. Our Arts and Cultural program has received a \$50,000 boost for the Sculptures on the Bay.

Your 15 elected representatives are committed to working for you – our residents ...our community. Our details are on the back page of this newsletter please do not hesitate to contact us.

As our new symbol – the boat – reminds us, we can achieve anything as long as we all work together.

Mayor Bill Saravinovski

Charity Benefits from Mayoral Chains

Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski is using his mayoral chains to raise money for local charities and is asking local businesses to get behind him.

The tone of his term was set the moment he was elected and posed for his first official photograph with Mr Sarraf of Sarraf Strata who asked if he could try on the mayoral chains.

"I told him he could wear the chains for five minutes if he donated \$25,000 to a worthy charity. I thought he would never agree but he said throw in the first photo and you have a deal," Mayor Saravinovski said. "I didn't hesitate. He wore the chains for five minutes. I posed for a photo with him and Camp Quality received a very nice donation."

Mayor Saravinovski, who has a proud record raising funds for local charities, is hoping for the same generosity from the local business community. "Who knows, for \$50,000 you could be Mayor for the Day," he said.

This year the Mayor and Councillors are using the Mayor's Christmas Charity Auction to raise money for two charities – Safe Haven Project and Bay City Care. Both provide support and assistance to women and families in times of need.

The Mayor's Christmas Charity Auction will be held on Thursday 7 December at the Grand Roxy Ballroom, Brighton Le Sands. Local businesses who wish to donate an item for auction can contact Council's Event Team on 9562 1593 or email events@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Mr Sarraf and Mayor Bill Saravinovski in the first official photograph following the mayoral election on Wednesday 27 September.





VISITORS FLOCK TO NEW LIBRARY

Bayside Council's newest facility is attracting around 800 visitors a day!

The Eastgardens Library and Customer Service Centre, located within the Westfield Eastgardens Shopping Centre is becoming a well patronised community hub.

On the first day of business more than 1300 visitors enjoyed the new facility and staff issued over 100 new memberships and this continues to grow.

The addition of the Customer Service Centre is also proving popular.

"It has had a slower start, but word is spreading and business is picking up," Bayside Director of City Life Debra Dawson said.

"When customers visit they are loving the new location, the feedback has been extremely positive."



Senior Centre Celebrates 50 Years



Deputy Mayor Councillor Joe Awada and the Member for Heffron Ron Hoenig were delighted to join the members of the Mascot Senior Citizens Centre as they celebrated its 50th anniversary on Sunday 15 October.

Cr Awada took the opportunity to congratulate the President Annette Gardiner and her team on the great work they do providing programs to keep local seniors engaged and active.

Serving the Community

Council's Community Services has moved back to its traditional home in Hillsdale.

After a 10 year absence Bayside Council's Community Services returned to the Hillsdale Community Centre located right next door to Southpoint Shopping Centre on Bunnerong Road.

"I am pleased to see Council moving back into the community and not just operating out of a central administrative building," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

"This move to decentralise some of Council's key services will help ensure more vulnerable members of our community can easily access the services they need and engage with Council staff in an informal atmosphere."

More than 20 Community and Recreation staff, including two Managers and the Director of City Life have moved into the downstairs area of the refurbished premises. The upper floor is dedicated to community activities and will continue to operate as a Youth Drop in Centre on Thursday evenings from 4pm to 7pm.

Locating two, closely aligned teams at Hillsdale and building on the

existing youth services provided from the site, reinforces Council's commitment to have a presence across the whole of the Bayside Local Government Area.

"With staff on location we will certainly be taking advantage of the opportunities to engage directly with the community, particularly the youth," Director of City Life Debra Dawson said.

Bayside Council is committed to making its services more accessible and easier for residents and visitors to use.

"Establishing a community hub in Hillsdale is an important step," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Bayside Looking for Special Piece of Art



Bayside Council will offer up to \$50,000 to acquire one of the entries from the 2018 Sculptures on the Bay exhibition held along the waterfront at Kyeemagh.

Mayor Bill Saravinovski said the Council was looking to acquire a piece of art which could be installed in the public domain.

"Ideally it will be something that we can install in a park or along the foreshore for the community to enjoy," Mayor Saravinovski said. "We will be looking for an outstanding piece of art, the next Michelangelo with a modern twist!"

The Council's annual Sculptures on the Bay exhibition has grown and last year included 26 individual entries. Council is hoping the offer of up to \$50K will entice more entries from both professional and amateur sculptors and take the exhibition to the next level.

"We want our Sculptures on the Bay to be a prestigious event in the art world," Mayor Saravinovski said. "The Archibald Prize Purse is \$100,000 so \$50,000 is a pretty good start."

"The chance of taking home \$50K and having their work permanently on exhibition will make it worthwhile for artists to take part," Mayor Saravinovski said "we know that to create something special takes time and a lot of work and we are acknowledging that by offering a substantial reward."

The Council is hoping to build a collection of unique sculptures over the next few years that will not only be of interest to residents, but tourists and visitors as well.

The council will also retain the right not to acquire the winning entry, or any entry, if it is not suitable for placement in the public domain or is not of a high standard.

RAMSGATE BEACH UPGRADE COMPLETE



Mayor Bill Saravinovski, Councillor Ed McDougall and Robyn Batley at the opening of the new Bill Batley Square.

The works to upgrade the Ramsgate Beach Shops has been completed and Council recently welcomed back shoppers and visitors by treating them to a number of free fun activities including ice-skating, face painting, live music and a chance to win one of four \$250 worth of gift vouchers.

The highlight of the month long activities was the official naming of the new square in honour of the late Bill Batley. The Mayor Councillor Bill Saravinovski was joined by the wife of the late Bill Batley, Mrs Robyn Batley and their children. Bill was actively involved in activities associated with the beach area for Botany Bay and Cook Park, particularly the installation of the Rock Groynes along our coast that have increased the area of sandy beach.

As the President of the Ramsgate Life Saving Club for over 28 years, Bill was involved in the inaugural and successful on-going Brighton-Ramsgate inter-club Life Saving Carnival.

In 1999 Bill was Rockdale Citizen of the Year and in 2000 he carried the Olympic Torch for the Bexley leg of the Olympic Torch Relay. He received the Order of Australia Medal on Australia Day 2011. He was an inspiration to many. Naming this Square in his honour will ensure his spirit will live on.

SUMMER RUBBISH NIGHTMARE

Rising temperatures are already bringing crowds to local beaches.

Bayside Council staff often collect over 3 tonnes of rubbish from along the foreshore from Kyeemagh to Dolls Point after a sunny weekend.

"During the peak summer months we put additional bins and staff on at popular locations, but it is not making an impact. Now I am appealing to the public to pick up your rubbish and put it in the bin," Mayor Saravinovski said.



A TASTE OF SUCCESS... IN MASCOT



A Taste of Mascot, one of Council's most popular events now in its fourth year, moved to Mascot Oval. Visitors with young kids enjoy the grassed venue as well as the adjacent Lionel Bowen Park.

Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski joined celebrity chef Ed Halmagyi on stage for a cooking demonstration.

The Mayor also bestowed the title of Mayor for the Day on 11 year old Charlie Redding (pictured left) in recognition of his commitment to the local community and the help he has given to Council's Events Team over the past few years.



Damian Gleeson Wins \$5,000 History Prize

Local resident Damian Gleeson has won the 2017 Ron Rathbone Local History Prize for his research work titled The Rock of St George which celebrates the 125th anniversary of the first St Joseph's Church School in Rockdale.



Announcing the winners at a special morning tea, Deputy Mayor Councillor Joe Awada, said Damian's comprehensive research contained a lot of information about the early residents of Rockdale making it a valuable addition to the Council's archives.

The Local History prize valued at \$5,000 is offered each year by Council in honour of the late Ron Rathbone, a

former Mayor and Councillor, to encourage and promote the research and writing of local history.

A record number of entries was received this year and the judges were particularly impressed with the growing number of primary school students taking part.

A full list of winners and their works can be found at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/RonRathbonePrize

Mayor Addresses BEC

Mayor Bill Saravinovski was the keynote speaker at Bayside Business Enterprise Centre's annual dinner.

While enjoying meeting members of the Bayside Business Community Mayor Saravinovski took the opportunity to discuss his ideas and vision with CEO NSW Ports Marika Calfas and the Member for Heffron Ron Hoenig.



BUSH CARE

Sir Joseph Banks Park in Botany is the largest and most environmentally significant area of natural vegetation remaining on the northern shores of Botany Bay.

If you are interested in joining a monthly volunteer group to help protect the unique natural ecosystems in Sir Joseph Banks Park contact Council's Natural Resource Management Officer on 0411 028 198 or email stewart.harris@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Bayside's Gardeners Big Night Out

Following the judging of the 2017 Bayside Garden Competition the Mayor and Councillors hosted a special function to officially thank all the entrants and announce the winners. It was a great night and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet fellow gardening enthusiasts, viewing photos of the winning gardens and exchanging gardening tips.

The judges, appointed by the Professional Garden Judges Association, were extremely complimentary of all entries and most categories had very close decisions.

2017 OVERALL WINNER Tony and Anna Tuzarovski



This year's winners were:

Best Front Garden:

Jason McFadyen, Daceyville

Best Back Garden:

Tony and Anna Tuzarovski, Ramsgate

Best Annuals Display:

Merv Matheson, Botany

Best Native Garden:

Rolfe Kolbe, Botany

Best Balcony or Courtyard Garden:

Christopher Diaz, Brighton Le Sands

Best School or Children's Garden:

Matraville Public School

Best Residential or Industrial Complex:

David Rothery, Botany

Best Vegetable Garden:

Parichart Thongsiri, Pagewood

Best Kept Nature Strip:

Helen McLeod, Botany

Overall Winner:

Tony and Anna Tuzarovski

Roy and Aileen Bilton Memorial Award:

Matraville Public School

Vandals Shatter Kid's Fun

For the past eight years local youngsters – from toddlers up – have enjoyed playing on the climbing gym in Chapel Street Reserve, Rockdale. Sadly that has been shattered by vandals who decided it would be fun to pile up some leaves, set them alight and burn down the children's play equipment.

"There are some things that make me angry," Mayor Saravinovski said, "and mindless vandalism gets to me the most. We've had a spate of arson attacks recently - Fry's Reserve, Depena Reserve, Pine Park and Bicentennial Park have all been targeted."

Council has removed the burnt equipment from Chapel Street Reserve and is working on the replacement but it will take several months before the playground is back to normal.



COUNCIL AWARDS



Bayside Council is celebrating the end of a challenging year with a string of prestigious awards recognising the outstanding work being done by Council staff.

"I would like to thank all staff involved in winning these awards. As the newest council in New South Wales we are setting a high standard," the Mayor said.

Winner: Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre

2017 Master Builders Excellence in Construction Awards for sporting facilities.

Highly Commended: Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre

Institute of Public Works Engineers Australia, Engineering Excellence Awards.

Highly Commended: Council's Illegal Dumping Campaign

Keep NSW Beautiful Blue Star Sustainability Award.

Commendation: Development Application Turnaround Times

Planning Institute of Australia, Awards for Planning Excellence NSW.



Vale Geoff Hedge

"I was saddened to hear of the passing of former Rockdale Mayor Geoff Hedge. Our thoughts at this time are with his family and I think I speak for every member of Council," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Geoff was elected in a by-election in 1985 and served until 2004. He was a hard working Councillor who gave so much of his time in serving the community, not only as a Councillor, but also as an outstanding Mayor of the former Rockdale City Council.



Water Fountains on the Beach

Bayside Council has teamed up with Sydney Water to install permanent water fountains in Cook Park and Sir Joseph Banks Park that will allow users to drink from a bubbler or refill a reusable bottle.

"I think having easy access to Sydney tap water will provide park users with a healthy alternative to sugary drinks. This will lead to a healthy community and help reduce the amount of park litter that Council workers have to clean up," Mayor Saravinovski said.

Residents will be familiar with the water fountains as they have been used at many of Council's outdoor events. Council expects the new water fountains will be installed before the end of the year.

Linear Park Progress

Work on transforming 0.9 hectares of unused land into Linear Park, Mascot stopped earlier in the year when areas of contamination were discovered.

The owner of the land, Sydney Water is currently working to resolve this issue and are preparing a remediation plan (RAP) to restore the park and ensure it meets community recreational open space standards.

These works will take some time and Council will continue to work closely with Sydney Water.

Pesticide Use Notice

From Monday 27 November to Tuesday 5 December, Council will undertake an annual Noxious Weed Control Program to control Ludwigia and Alligator Weed (both Weeds of National Significance). The pesticide *Roundup* Biactive will be used for the control of Ludwigia and the pesticide *Associate* will be used for the control of Alligator Weed.

The following sites in the Bayside LGA will undergo this weed control: Bado Berong Creek, Scarborough Park, Bicentennial Park, Shepherd Parade Reserve, Barton Park.

For more information contact Council's Natural Resource Management Officer on (02) 9562 1703.



OUR ENERGY FUTURE

Our Energy Future, an initiative of councils in the South Sydney Region of Councils (SSROC), provides free information to help residents and businesses reduce energy costs.

Our Energy Future can also recommend suppliers and installers who have been through a procurement process run by the Alternative Technology Association.

Our Energy Future staff offer advice and answer questions on energy efficiency and renewable energy such as solar panels, solar hot water and batteries.

Visit: ourenergyfuture.org.au or www.ata.org.au



HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Council's Customer Service Centres and Libraries will be closed Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January.

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

Australia Day



Council will celebrate Australia Day on the shores of Botany Bay at Depena Reserve, Dolls Point. We will welcome our newest citizens with a citizenship ceremony and present the Bayside Citizen of the Year awards.

There will be entertainment for all ages and a sausage sizzle hosted by the local scout group.

More details online at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY



New Boundary

Council has received a request for an amendment regarding Eastgardens' suburb boundary.

The change affects two allotments 128 and 130-150 Bunnerong Road which was the former British American Tobacco site at the corner of Banks Avenue and Heffron Road.

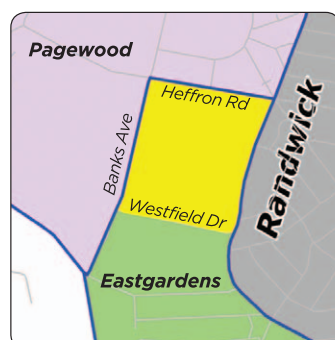
The proposal would see the boundary for the suburb of Eastgardens move from Heffron Road between Banks Avenue and Bunnerong Road, to Westfield Drive between Banks Avenue and Bunnerong Road. The yellow section on the map would become part of Pagewood.

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) of NSW has

statutory responsibility for naming and amendment of suburbs. Before considering any such request the GNB requires feedback from the local community.

Comment on the proposal at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au and click on 'Have Your Say' or you can send an email to council@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Submissions or comments must be received by Friday 8 December 2017.



Brighton Le Sands
Lady Robinsons Beach



NYE FAMILY FIREWORKS

SPECIAL EVENT CLEARWAYS

from 4am 31 December to 2am 1 January

- General Holmes Drive between Bruce Street and Bestic Street
- The Grand Parade between President Avenue and Bruce Street

from 1pm 31 December to 1am 1 January

- Bay Street between The Grand Parade and Moate Avenue

from 4pm on 31 December to 2am 1 January

- Crawford Road between Bay Street and Kurnell Street
- Crawford Road between Bay Street and Block No. 2 Driveway
- Francis Avenue between Bilmark Place and Bestic Street

ROAD CLOSURES

from 4pm to 10:30pm 31 December

- The (Little) Grand Parade between Bestic Street and General Holmes Drive
- Bestic Street between General Holmes Drive and The Grand Parade

from 6pm 31 December to 2am 1 January

- Bay Street between Moate Avenue and The Grand Parade

from 7:30pm to 10:30pm 31 December

- General Holmes Drive between Bruce Street and Bestic Street
- Francis Avenue between President Avenue and Bruce Street
- The Grand Parade between President Avenue and Bruce Street

DETOURS

North and South Bound via Princes Highway or West Botany Street



**9pm Fireworks Only
No Midnight Fireworks**



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CAROLS By THE SEA

Saturday 2 December 2017, 6pm
Lady Robinsons Beach, Brighton Le Sands
THE GRAND PARADE (OPPOSITE BAY STREET)

Hosted by Jay Laga'aia featuring
community groups & local churches performing
everyone's favourite carol sing-a-longs

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Walk, Ride
or Bus to
the event

CAROLS IN THE PARK

AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Saturday 9 December 2017
Markets 3:00pm - 7:30pm ★ Carols 6:30pm
Mascot Memorial Park
Corner of Botany Road & Coward Street, Mascot

Special Guest **Monica Trapaga**

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Customer Service Centres

EASTGARDENS 152 Bunnerong Road
Mon to Fri 8:30am-4:30pm; Sat 9am-1pm

ROCKDALE 444-446 Princes Highway
Mon to Fri 8:30am-4:30pm; Sat 9am-1pm

