

Bayside NEWS Council

WINTER 2017

Operational Plan Goes on Exhibition



The Draft Operational Plan 2017-2018 is now on Public Exhibition. This is the first fully integrated Operational Plan for Bayside Council and it outlines the Council's planned operations and budget for the next financial year.

Council is in a strong financial position and I would like to congratulate the General Manager, Directors and the Finance team for presenting a

balanced budget with a capital works program of \$56 million with no new loan borrowings proposed which will be spent across the local government area.

Major projects include:

- ◆ The new Eastgardens Library and Customer Service Centre.
- ◆ A new sporting amenities building for Booralee Park, Botany. The project to improve facilities for the community will include new public amenities, change rooms, canteen and storage areas.
- ◆ The construction of a new skate plaza in Mutch Park, Pagewood.
- ◆ The installation of a synthetic playing field that meets the requirements of Football NSW at Bicentennial Park South.
- ◆ New sporting amenities in Jellicoe Park, Pagewood, including change rooms, canteen and storage areas. The project will also include a shade structure for the playground, a new fitness station as well as an upgrade to existing pathways and fencing.

I am confident the 2017/18 Operational Plan will provide a solid foundation for the future of our Council. The Plan will be on exhibition until Thursday 22 June at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au or our Customer Service Centres. Submissions will be received up until 4:30pm on 22 June and can be sent via the post, email or online at haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au

Greg Wright | Administrator

It's Your Council... It's Your Community...

Have you always wanted to be more vocal about what happens at Council but not sure how to make your voice heard? Here is your chance!

Find out how by coming to an Information Evening on **Wednesday 19 July at 6:30pm** at the Rowers On Cooks River, 1 Levey Street, Wolli Creek.

"Being actively involved in your community is not just about volunteering, it can be an exchange of skills, knowledge and experience," Administrator Greg Wright said.

"Council is the hub of the community and there are numerous opportunities for interested residents to get involved and to share their opinions and ideas."



On the 19 July Council will outline the many and varied opportunities there are for residents to become involved and help Council to deliver better programs, policies and community engagement.

"It doesn't matter who you are, how old you are; there are contributions you can make that will make a difference. Having a say in what your Council does, or what happens in your community can be as simple as filling out a survey, making a comment online or, as complex as taking on a role in a Community Group or becoming a Councillor," Mr Wright said.

For more information or to register your interest go to haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au

COUNCIL PROJECTS

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

Botany Shopping Precinct

The streetscape around Botany shops was improved with a new footpath with sealed natural stone pavers, pram ramps at the crossings and new planter boxes, seats and litter bins (see below).



Silver Jubilee Park

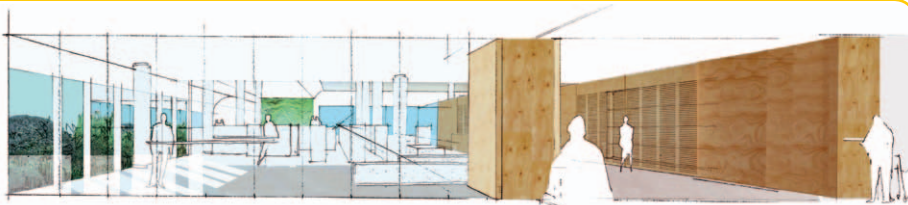
A new playground in Silver Jubilee Park catering for multiple age groups includes a shade area and a circuit path where younger children can safely ride their scooters and bikes.

Gaiarine Gardens

The refurbishment and upgrade of the Gaiarine (Gay-re-nee) Gardens playground in Pagewood has been completed. The *Leash Free Dog Park* was also improved with new turf and new landscaping. The bubbler was moved and the northern entrance was enhanced.



COMING SOON:



New Library & Customer Service Centre

Eastgardens Library has closed for renovations and will re-open in October with an extended range of programs and services.

The renewed library will offer contemporary services including self-service kiosks, a print management and PC booking system, and a range of new activities and programs for all age groups with additional community space including meeting rooms and study areas.

The Customer Service Centre will give residents access to the full range of Council services where they can make an enquiry, pay fees and registrations, apply for a parking permit, pay rates or lodge a DA.

New Synthetic Soccer Field

The new synthetic soccer field for Bicentennial Park South is a step closer as Council accepts a \$1.5 million tender for the project.

Construction will begin in August and be completed by January 2018.



Logo Design Competition

The search for a new Bayside Council logo is almost over.

Administrator Greg Wright said entries had now closed and more than 78 designs were received from children as young as 11 through to professional designers.

"Some of the concepts are amazing and I think residents will be very happy with the outcome," he said.

"Botany Bay and aspects of the airport featured strongly, but what was interesting was to see how some took that idea and used it to create something abstract, yet still recognisable."

The next step is to put the shortlisted

entries on display via Have Your Say and Facebook.

"We will put each entry up along with the creator's explanation," Mr Wright said, "and residents and ratepayers will be able to vote for their favourite for the People's Choice Award."

The final determination will be made by Council.



HAVE YOUR SAY

New Council Website

Council's website is being upgraded. The new user-friendly website will allow for a whole range of new online transactions making it easier to connect and interact with Council no matter what device you use.

To help us understand what you want from Council's web you can help by filling out a short survey at haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au



Jellicoe Park Amenities

Council is proposing an upgrade to the amenities buildings in Jellicoe Park. The existing amenities will be demolished and a new building providing accessible facilities for park users and the community will be built to provide:

- ◆ Accessible toilets with baby change facilities;
- ◆ Canteen facilities;
- ◆ Storage;
- ◆ Showers and change rooms;
- ◆ Meeting room;
- ◆ External hand wash and bubbler;
- ◆ Staff kitchenette and storage; and
- ◆ Covered areas.

You can help by completing the online survey by Friday 30 June 2017 on haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au

Disability Plan

Bayside Council is currently developing a Disability Action and Inclusion Plan which will focus on 4 key areas:

- ◆ Developing positive attitudes towards inclusion and disability;
- ◆ Creating liveable communities;
- ◆ Supporting access to meaningful employment; and
- ◆ Improving Access to services through better systems and processes.

Council welcomes your ideas, comments and suggestions.

You can contact Council's Age and Disability Specialist to access the Disability Inclusion and Action Plan on (02) 9562 1862 or via email to carol.arrowsmith@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Strategic Reference Groups

Council is establishing a series of Strategic Reference Groups to provide community views across a range of strategic activities and projects.

For more information on how to be a part of these groups visit www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/committees

Family Day Care Educators Needed



Bayside Council's Botany Family Day Care Service is looking for educators to educate and care for children in their own homes.

"The demand for quality childcare with flexible hours is growing and we are actively looking for educators to join our scheme," Administrator Greg Wright said. "Family Day Educators enjoy the flexibility of choosing their own hours and days of work making it a win for both Educators and the parents."

Family Day Care Educators are self-employed and provide home-based quality education and care to a small group of children with the support of Council's Botany Family Day Care Coordination unit. To become a registered Family Day Care educator you must have, or be willing to obtain, a Certificate III in Children's Services and also abide by the Education and Care regulatory requirements.

For more information call 9366 3576 or email familydaycare@bayside.nsw.gov.au



MUMBLES & BETTY

Bayside Council's Family Day Care chickens Mumbles and Betty have put us on the map.

Kidnapped from their coop and thrown on to a suburban train at Mascot Mumbles and Betty became an overnight sensation. Their adventure, reported on the Channel 7 news was the most watched story for the week and their tale got more than 16,000 likes on Facebook.

Thanks to Channel 7 the two adventurers were reunited with the children of the Botany Family Day Car the next day.

Bayside Arts Festival 2017



Sculptures @ Bayside Winner: Christopher Diaz for 'Oceania'



CamerART Photographic Competition: Open Category Winner: Maria Franklin for 'Rays'

The Bayside Art Awards, part of the Bayside Arts Festival, was established to encourage the development of local artists. The Awards recognise outstanding achievements in sculpture, photography and the visual arts.

Stronger Community Fund

Council's Stronger Communities Fund Panel accessed 37 applications for the first round of the \$1M Community Grant Program, with 11 applications successful in gaining funding totalling nearly \$500K.

"It was fantastic to see the diversity and breadth of the applications and I look forward to seeing the projects in action in the local community in coming months," Administrator Greg Wright said.



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The Annual Community Grants will see almost \$60K shared by 22 organisation that submitted successful applications. These grants include small amounts up to \$1,500 for equipment, special activities or information resources and seeding grants up to \$5K to support new community, social, cultural or leisure programs.

URBAN DESIGN WORKSHOP

Future architects/planners took to designing the future of Brighton Le Sands with total enthusiasm at an Urban Design Workshop organised by Bayside Council during Youth Week.



SENIOR'S GARDEN *Party*



The Seniors Garden Party has been an annual event in Botany for over 30 years. The party, traditionally held in Sir Joseph Banks Park, is just one of the ways Council recognises the valuable contribution senior residents make to the local community.



THANK YOU



Council celebrated its volunteers with a morning tea on 13 May at the Graphic Arts Club, Mascot. The role of the volunteer is extremely important and Council, together with its residents and ratepayers, thank them for their selfless contribution to our community.





WEED SPRAYING

Bayside Council is about to start weed spraying in parks, playgrounds, open space and sports fields for Broadleaf weed and Bindii control. Spraying will continue until late August 2017. Signage will be in place to inform the public.

MUDDY CREEK

Bayside Council and Sydney Water are working to reduce the litter reaching Botany Bay.

Sydney Water recently placed a large gross pollutant trap (GPT) into Muddy Creek, one of our largest catchments, flowing from Hurstville before it enters the Cooks River near Bestic Street, Rockdale.

This will catch a large portion of rubbish but not everything. Residents can help by throwing rubbish in bins when out and about.



2017 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.

Entry forms and guidelines are available on Council's website and must be received by Friday 1 September 2017.

For more information contact either:

Kirsten Broderick on 9562 1821 or kirsten.broderick@bayside.nsw.gov.au
Jenny MacRitchie on 9366 3863 or jenny.macritchie@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Be a Responsible Dog Owner

- ◆ Make sure your dog can be identified with a collar, tag and microchip.
- ◆ Make sure your dog is registered with Council so it can be identified if it becomes lost.
- ◆ Keep your dog in your yard.
- ◆ Consider desexing your pet.
- ◆ Always keep your dog on a leash in public unless in an off leash area.
- ◆ Clean up after your pet.



If you see a dog wandering the street off leash, report it to Council immediately on 1300 581 299.

Local Youth Activities



Are you aged between 12 and 18 years and already thinking about what to do during the July school break?

If you love a challenge or an adventure check out Council's July holiday program especially designed for those aged 12-18 years that includes a Ghost Tour at the Manly Q Station or a visit to Social Escape in Alexandria!

There is a great range of activities. Some are free, some are available for a fee.

Free activities include table tennis, pool competitions, PS3 and PS4 games at the Youth Centres.

A fee applies to the ghost tour at Manly Q Station \$45 transport included; laser tag and arcade \$25; archery \$20; and a half day visit to the movies with snacks and transport for \$20.

For a full list or to book your spot call (02) 9366 3889.

Hillsdale Youth Centre, 236 Bunnerong Road



If you are a purveyor of fine food, produce or beverages looking for a unique opportunity to promote your goods, then this event is for you.



A Taste of Mascot boosts a huge range of quality food and produce stalls, cooking demonstrations and entertainment attracting crowds of 10,000+.

Stallholder positions are now open and local businesses are invited to apply, or if you would like to get more involved, why not become a sponsor.

Apply for a stall at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/events

For more information or for a sponsorship prospectus, call (02) 9562 1666 or email events@bayside.nsw.gov.au

GARDEN COMPETITION 2017



Bayside Council's 2017 Garden Competition will be judged in September but now is the time to start planning, planting and weeding! Residents, schools, community groups and businesses from across the Bayside LGA are invited to enter this great community event. Gardens will be judged during the week commencing Monday 18 September and the judges will be looking for gardens that are well-maintained with a healthy plant selection.

There are eight categories: Best Front Garden; Best Back Garden; Best Native Garden; Best Annuals Display; Best Vegetable Garden; Best School/Childcare or Children's Garden; Best Balcony/Courtyard (Unit or Townhouse only); and Best Industrial/Commercial or Residential Complex.

For registration visit Council's website at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au



AQUATIC CENTRE CLOSURE

The Botany Aquatic Centre is closed for winter and will re-open in October as it has done for the last 50 years. Alternative pools available include:

Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre | 98c Preddys Road, Bexley
Phone: 9150 5288 - Web: www.bexleyaquatic.com.au

Des Renford Leisure Centre | Corner Robey Street and Jersey Road, Maroubra
Phone: 9093 6300 - Web: www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/drlc

Events Calendar

MON 26 JUN

Intergenerational Technology Swap

Need help using your mobile technology? Tech savvy students provide seniors with help on using smartphones and tablets. For people aged 50+.

Rockdale Library
444-446 Princes Highway
10am to 12noon

FRI 30 JUN

Girls Only Youth Centre

The Centre provides a safe, friendly environment for young girls aged 12 to 18. Bookings essential. Please call Yasemin on 9366 3889. Free (snacks provided).

Alf Kay Eastlakes Community Hall
Every Friday, 4pm - 7pm

MON 3 JUL

School Holiday Program: Mad Scientists

Start of the free holiday activities for primary school children at various Bayside libraries. Online bookings are essential at baysidelibrary.eventbrite.com.au

TUE 4 JUL

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Council Administration Building - Forecourt
2 Bryant Street, Rockdale
10:30am - 1pm

TUE 15 AUG

The Reading Hour

Rediscover the joy of reading with one of the most celebrated annual reading initiatives in Australia.

Rockdale Library
444-446 Princes Highway
6pm

THU 31 AUG

Red Cross Blood Bank Visit

You're just a few steps from saving lives. To donate blood and save three lives visit the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Coronation Hall
1007 Botany Road, Mascot
9:30am - 3pm

TUE 5 SEP

High Voltage: The Life of Angus Young - AC/DC's Last Man Standing

Jeff Apter introduces this biography on Angus Young, founder and the last surviving member of AC/DC.

Rockdale Library
444-446 Princes Highway
6pm

SUN 22 OCT

A Taste of Mascot

Features food and produce stalls and entertainment - from buskers and bands to live cooking demonstrations. This event attracts anyone who enjoys good food, fresh produce or simply a relaxing wine, boutique beer or cider.

Mascot Oval
Cnr O'Riordan Street and Coward Street, Mascot
11am to 4pm

Council Election Day



Bayside Council

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Bayside Council residents and ratepayers will go to the polls to elect 15 councillors to represent them for the next 3 years.

Bayside Council has five wards:

- ◆ Bexley
- ◆ Botany Bay
- ◆ Mascot
- ◆ Port Botany
- ◆ Rockdale

Your ward name and boundary has changed. To find out which ward you are in visit the website www.votensw.info

ROCKDALE OPERA COMPANY

W.S. Gilbert - Sir Arthur Sullivan

The Gondoliers or, The King of Barataria

Director: Ralph Bott
Musical Director: Jon Smith

Rockdale Town Hall
24 & 25 June, 1 & 2 July



Bookings: iwannaticket-rockdaleopera.iwannaticket.com.au
Phone: (02) 8197 1796 - www.rockdaleopera.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



Phone **1300 581 299** Web www.bayside.nsw.gov.au