

# Bayside NEWS Council



MARCH 2018

## Mayor's Message



Welcome to our first community newsletter for 2018. Future newsletters will keep you up-to-date on what Council is doing and what we are proposing to do.

This year got off to a great start with a magnificent fireworks display over Botany Bay.

Australia Day saw residents welcome 60 new citizens and

enjoy a community barbecue at Depena Reserve. In Botany record crowds took advantage of the free entry into the Botany Aquatic Centre. It was truly great to see so many out and about enjoying our community facilities on Australia Day.

But it is not all fun and celebrations. The real work is done each day managing our streets, our parks and our garbage and recycling.

Our parks crews and mowing gangs are hard at it but sometimes it is not enough when competing with nature.

Please consider giving the nature strip in front of your home a quick trim when mowing your lawn. If we work together we can keep our streetscapes looking great.

Looking after Bayside Council is a two way street between us and the community. We need your help and welcome your input on everything from development proposals to footpaths, parks and gardens.

If you see something of concern, or something that needs fixing, please contact one of our Customer Service Centres. Our new Waste app also allows you to message Council but you can still send an old fashioned letter if you prefer.

There is work to be done, but together we can improve the quality of life for all who live in Bayside.

**Mayor Bill Saravinovski**

## COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR THE NEXT MICHELANGELO



'Sailing Off the Edge of the World' by Simon Grimes (2012).

Bayside Council is hoping to uncover the next Michelangelo by offering a prize of up to \$50,000 in the 2018 Sculptures @ Bayside exhibition held during the Bayside Arts Festival.

"Council is looking for a piece of art which could be installed in the public domain," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

"It will be something for the community to enjoy. We will be looking for an outstanding piece of art and hopefully even discover the next Michelangelo.

"Sculptures @ Bayside is becoming 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. Creating something special takes time and a lot of hard work that is why we are offering this prize."

The Sculptures @ Bayside exhibition attracted 26 entries last year and continues to grow.

Details and entry forms are available on Council's website <https://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/artawards>

# KEEPING OUR AREA LOOKING GOOD

Council's outdoor staff are responsible for keeping our parks, gardens and streetscapes looking neat and tidy. It's a job that never ends.

"We have purchased some new and innovative equipment and this combined with a revised schedule will see an improvement by next summer.

"It is something we are constantly working on as the visual amenity of our area is so important.

"This past summer has been particularly long and hot which is great, but it has not been kind to our streetscapes, parks and reserves. Our outdoor staff are doing a great job, but we all know after two or three weeks without attention, grass and gardens can look untidy."

"So, I have been asking residents to lend a hand by giving our street trees and nature strips a quick water or mow whenever they are maintaining their own front gardens.

"We all benefit from clean, neat tidy streetscapes and if we work together we can stay on top things," the Mayor said.

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Register a park, bushland area or waterway in the Bayside Council Area that you, your friends or your group would like to clean up on Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 4 March.

[www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au)



## Barking up the wrong tree

A canopy of green healthy trees the size of a major football stadium is facing the chop.

The total obliteration of the trees running along O'Riordan Street, Mascot is to make way for a new six lane roadway to alleviate road congestion, but does little to alleviate pollution, in fact it's adding to it say disgruntled residents.

"The RMS must replace and pay for what they take from us. I can't for the life of me believe that in this day and age, with a scarcity of trees in this area that the RMS are willing to destroy what is left," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Bayside Council maintains over 150 kilometres of streetscape/nature strips.

This is equal to driving from Sydney to Port Macquarie.

## Crackdown Nets \$64,000

Bayside Council recently issued \$64,000 in fines to developers for failing to implement sufficient erosion and sediment controls on development sites.

"Council is ensuring all construction sites have best practice erosion and sediment controls in place to help to protect our waterways," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

"It doesn't matter if it's a large scale development or a home renovation it is important to make sure sediment is not ending up in our waterways."

Bayside Council participated in the recent 'Get the Site Right Campaign' targeting erosion and sediment control in large scale developments.

During the campaign Council undertook inspections of 192 construction sites and issued 95 warnings. Builders and developers were given seven days to undertake corrective works.

Council officers issued \$64,000 in fines during follow up inspections and are monitoring sites for further potential breaches.

The month-long compliance campaign saw Bayside Council join forces with the Cooks River Alliance, Georges River

Combined Council Committee and Parramatta River Catchment Groups and Sydney Coastal Councils Group, NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Planning and more than 20 Sydney councils.

Studies have estimated that 18,000 tonnes of sediment wash down the Cooks River and out to Botany Bay each year.



Washed out sediments can end up in our waterways.

# COUNCIL PROJECTS

## New Playgrounds

### Cahill Park Playground



About 200 people turned up to the official opening of the Cahill Park playground in Wolli Creek on Saturday 3 February. Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski officially opened the park and took the opportunity to meet with local residents together with Councillor Michael Nagi as well as Steve Kamper Member for Rockdale who were also there.

### Eastlakes Reserve



Eastlakes Reserve has been upgraded with an exciting new playground including a toddler play area with shade sail, an older children's play area and a nature play zone.

A new BBQ, picnic tables, seating, bins and a shelter have also been included in the upgrade.

The playground is open to the public and will be officially opened during the Multicultural Fair on Saturday 10 March.

## Synthetic Sports Field

Construction on the Ador Avenue synthetic sports field started on Monday 22 January.

The St George Football Association received a \$2million Commonwealth of Australia grant for this project and asked Council to manage the design and construction process.

"I am pleased that this new synthetic field is going ahead. A lot of work has gone into this project and I am sure it will be a major boost for local sports clubs, our rising sports stars and our community," the Mayor said.

Council's other synthetic fields are at Bicentennial Park and Hensley Athletics Field.



# Community Recognitions



2018 Citizen of the Year at Australia Day.  
L-R: The Mayor, Mona Luxton (2018 Bayside Citizen of the Year), Mark Fokas (2018 Sportsperson of the Year) and Bayside Ambassador Clary Castrission OAM.

Mayor Bill Saravinovski presented John Nour with a Certificate of Recognition for his support and dedicated service to the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Sydney.



Mayor Bill Saravinovski met members of the 16 community organisations in Bayside who shared \$40,000 as part of the Bayside Community Grants program at a function before the Council Meeting on Wednesday 14 February.



Statehood celebration of the Republic of Serbia and flag raising ceremony by the Consul General of the Republic of Serbia Branko Radosevic (left), the Mayor and the President of the Serbian (Aust) Community Association Miodrag Pesic on Tuesday 13 February.

On Wednesday 14 February Councillor James Macdonald presented Lyn Cavey with the 2018 Noel Seiffert Memorial Award for her contribution to senior residents and the Ramsgate Senior Citizens' Centre.

L-R: Anne Field, Lyn Cavey and Councillor James Macdonald.



## Council Opportunities for Young People

Bayside Council is giving school leavers an opportunity to 'earn as they learn', obtain qualifications and start a career in Local Government through an innovative apprenticeship program.

I am pleased Council is investing in the future of local young people through this program," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Pictured on the left Mayor Bill Saravinovski with some of the young graduates at Bayside Council.

## The Waste Education Trailer

Council's Waste Education Trailer was a popular Australian Day attraction for parents and their children who were keen to learn more about dealing with waste.

The Waste Education Trailer, which provides information on recycling and waste services, will be at Council and community events throughout 2018.



## Renewable Energy

Bayside Council has joined the Cities Power Partnership (CPP).

"The Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership is a great initiative bringing together Councils that are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Joining the CPP gives Council an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences with other Councils exploring the use of renewable energy sources.

If you need more information visit: <http://citiespowerpartnership.org.au>



## RECYCLE WORKSHOPS

Council is hosting a variety of workshops with the Bower to help residents repair and reuse household goods.

Pictured a recent Kids 'Recycled Art' workshop hosted by the Council's Waste & Cleansing Services and the Bower. See Council's website for details.



Solar panels on the Bexley Depot.

## Planning Panel Meetings

The Bayside Planning Panel meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Botany Town Hall to consider Development Applications.

Minutes and Agendas are published on Council's website.

Members of the public can speak on any matter on a meeting agenda. Details can be found on Council's website at [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)



## Council Meetings

Council Meetings are held in the Rockdale Town Hall on the second Wednesday of the month (except in January).

## Waste App

Bayside Council's new mobile waste services app provides real time information on recycling and waste services including bin collection, clean up and drop off dates.

Residents can also use the app to report illegal dumping, and damaged or stolen bins.

For more information visit: [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/services/recycling-and-rubbish](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/services/recycling-and-rubbish)





**MULTICULTURAL**  
*Fair 2018*

**SATURDAY 10 MARCH 2018, 11AM - 3PM**  
**EASTLAKES RESERVE, EASTLAKES**

Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun filled program of entertainment and activities including:

**FREE RIDES ❁ ARTS & CRAFTS ❁ LIVE MUSIC**  
**PETTING ZOO ❁ FOOD STALLS ❁ FACE PAINTING**  
**...AND MUCH MORE!**

## Youth Week

### Unity Through Diversity

**13 APRIL - 22 APRIL**



**Monday 16 April, 10:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Rowland Park, Bunnerong Road, Daceyville**

Soccer tournament, volleyball, boxing workshops, zombie face painting and race, basketball, guerrilla knitting, BBQ.

**Friday 20 April, 10:00am - 2:00pm**  
**Venue TBC**

Soccer tournament, zombie face painting and race, guerrilla knitting, BBQ. Other activities to be confirmed.

Activities are planned through the libraries and our youth school holiday program. See Council's website for updates.

## Pool Record Day

Over 1500 residents celebrated Australia Day at the Botany Aquatic Centre. This was the biggest day ever for the pool with locals taking advantage of free entry and water inflatable activities for kids.

"It was wonderful to see the community enjoying this facility," Mayor Saravinovski said.

For more information call the Centre on 9316 6218.



## ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM

The NSW Government's Active Kids program is helping kids get active. Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a \$100 voucher per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. The program runs year-round, so kids can get active at any time.

More information at: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids>

## FAMILY PLANNING

Family Planning NSW is inviting women in the LGA to come in for a free Cervical Screening Test.

Operating out of Rockdale Community Health Centre three days a week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 4:30pm, clients do not require an appointment or referral so are welcome to simply drop in.

This program is funded by Central and Eastern Sydney PHN.

For more information contact (02) 8752 4322 or email [outreach@fpnsw.org.au](mailto:outreach@fpnsw.org.au)



## Sculptures @ Bayside

Sculptures @ Bayside will be displayed on shores of Cook Park, Kyeemagh from Sunday 15 to Sunday 29 April as part of the Bayside Arts Festival.

This year Council is offering an acquisitive prize of up to \$50,000 to eligible local, national and international artists taking part in this event. Entries close at midnight on Sunday 18 March.

More info and entry forms:  
[www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/artawards](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/artawards)

# Bayside Arts Festival

The Bayside Arts Festival kicks off on Sunday 15 April with stART, a community celebration of art and crafts, in Cook Park, Kyeemagh.

This is a chance to celebrate the artistic and creative talent of our community and learn more about our local arts and crafts community.

The Bayside Arts Festival runs from Sunday 15 April – Sunday 6 May and features a series of art events, workshops, activities and exhibitions across Bayside.

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



## Seniors Month 10 March – 30 April 2018

**Welcome to Seniors Month at Bayside Council. We've got a range of FREE events and information sessions to celebrate our theme of making an Inclusive Community and doing more things together.**

Program highlights include Rock Around the Clock at Bayside Dance, Salsa Workshops, High Tea at the Alf Kay, Matinee Musical Fiddler on the Roof, Open Days, Coach Trips to Kiama, How to Keep your Brain Healthy and Active, Come and Try the Ukulele, Chair Yoga and Make and Meditate.

Pick up a copy of the program at any of Council's libraries, Customer Service Centres or download a copy from Council's website. Each activity will list how you can book at the end of its description. It might be by phone, email, by ballot or online at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)

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Guild Theatre

### A Bad Year for Tomatoes

BY JOHN PATRICK  
DIRECTED BY RACHEL CLIFFE  
**9 FEB - 10 MAR 2018**

Booking phone number  
**9521 6358**

### Did you know?

Bayside Council's Customer Service Centre has handled over 44,600 phone calls in the last six months!

That is on average 327 calls per working day!

### 36<sup>TH</sup> GREEK FESTIVAL OF SYDNEY

**Starring George Kapiniaris with Johnny Kats**

**Council will give away 25 double passes to Bayside residents. To get in the ballot, please complete the form at <http://bit.ly/2F2Sles> by Friday 30 March.**

Terms and Conditions apply.

MALAKAS WITH ATTITUDE

**WED 18 APRIL**  
Rockdale Town Hall

## 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

