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Event savings lead to more fun

Bayside Council continues to make significant savings since bringing all events in-house where they are now managed by a dedicated team of specialist event planners.

"We have our own in-house Events Department, who plan and operate all council events, saving us from having to pay for contractors," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

"I am proud to host community events but equally proud to see new community infrastructure changing the look and feel of our valuable playing spaces and putting a smile on people's faces. As a parent I know how important it is for kids to experience fun and exercise outdoors. Our new playgrounds are second to none. They are simply the best."

Council's in-house Events Department has made substantial savings while still presenting a comprehensive community events program.

Some events like the Annual Seniors Garden Party held in Botany has seen savings of \$110k. A further \$107K was saved on Citizenship Ceremonies and over \$71k was saved on the annual A Taste of Mascot Festival. These savings are passed on to the community.

Newly completed public playgrounds in Eastlakes and Wolli Creek, as well as new synthetic resurfacing of playing fields throughout the Bayside Council areas are testament to substantial savings in many areas of council.