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Bayside Council

Serving Our Community

Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

It is has been a busy 12 months since returning to Council but we are definitely making progress and one of the benefits of being Bayside is that we have been able to deliver some big budget items ahead of schedule.

We have delivered new facilities such as the amenities buildings at Jellicoe Park, Pagewood and Booralee Park, Botany.

We opened the new synthetic playing field in Ador Avenue Reserve, Rockdale, as well as a number of high quality playgrounds across the Local Government Area.

As a council we have been looking at how we can deliver our services more efficiently. Adopting the philosophy "working smarter" we have invested considerable funds in new technology, up-to-date equipment as well as purchasing new vehicles for our fleet.

For example the new GPS Line Marker is saving us time and money in the parks area. Previously it took two men four hours to mark up one field, now it takes one man 45 minutes!

With summer just around the corner our new selection of mowers will help us keep on top of nature strips and parks during the growing season. Our new scrubbing machine is working solidly to keep our town centres looking clean and tidy. The new vehicle used for clean ups compacts 24 cubic metres instead of 19 cubic metres, increasing our productivity.

These are just a few examples of how we are working smarter, saving time and money which can be reinvested in improvements, new services or programs.

Foreshore to get \$7 million face lift

Bayside Council will invest over \$7 million to upgrade the water front areas at Ramsgate and Wolli Creek to improve safety and provide better foreshore access.

Mayor Bill Saravinovski said the hefty investment would make the historical foreshore of Botany Bay more accessible and safer for pedestrians, cyclists and park users.

"The upgrades will occur around Cahill Park and Pine Park and will include major construction works including retrofitting the existing seawall and new car parks, as well as pathways and cycleways, landscaping and new street furniture.

"The works which are expected to be completed by the end of the year will cause some disruption over the next few months but it will be worth it as the improvements will create a dynamic recreational resource that everyone can use and enjoy," Mayor Saravinovski said.

Temporary fencing will be installed to restrict access to parts of Cahill Park and Pine Park during the construction period.



Member for Rockdale, Steve Kamper MP and Mayor Bill Saravinovski were joined by local resident Karen Haylings and Councillor Ed McDougall as they turned the first soil sod to kick start the project.

Cr Bill Saravinovski Mayor

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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AWARD

Bayside Council has declared war on rubbish and is tackling the issue from all sides.

"Rubbish is on the top of everyone's list of complaints," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said. "We all hate having rubbish in our homes, we hate rubbish on our streets and it is bad for the environment.

"We have been vigilant in introducing services and opportunities to try and get it under control and we are making inroads," he said.

Council was a finalist in the Sustainable Cities Award entering five key initiatives:

- Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy 2030 WINNER
- Waste Services App HIGHLY COMMENDED
- Community Recycling Drop Off Events
- Kerbside Orphan Waste Recycling Collection Service
- Recycling Behaviour Change Initiative

More information on Council's Waste Services at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/services/recycling-and-rubbish



Waste Drop Off Days

Bayside residents can now drop off electronic waste, metal, mattresses, green waste, printer cartridges and x-ray films at their Council's depots at Bexley and Botany on designated days throughout the year.

"I am pleased to see so many residents making use of this Council initiative that is reducing waste sent to landfill. This is a great way for residents to get rid of items that are no longer usable," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Proof of residence is required and the following waste items are accepted:

The next drop off days are:

- Saturday 20 October
- Saturday 17 November
- Saturday 15 December

More information visit Council's website at **www.bayside.nsw.gov.au**

RECYCLING OUR GARBAGE



Council's weekly household waste (red lid bin) collection now goes directly to a \$60 million sorting facility at Woodlawn where recoverable materials and organic matter are extracted before it is sent to land fill.

"We are literally sorting the rubbish from the rubbish," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said. "It is a great initiative and each week we are reducing the amount of garbage going directly to land fill."

The facility services the Southern Sydney Region of Councils (SSROC) and accepts around 20 percent of Sydney's putrescible waste materials. It produces about 72,000 tonnes of compost each year simply by sorting the organic matter from household garbage.



Did you know that nearly all waste collected from Council's Gross Pollutant Traps is recycled?

Last year 193 tonnes of waste were trapped of which 89 percent was recycled, and 11 percent sent to land fill. In the last quarter over 25 tonnes of waste has been trapped; 82 percent was recycled and 12 percent sent to land fill.

"This is good news for Council, good news for residents and very good news for our environment," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

The Gross Pollutant Traps stop waste from entering our waterways, in particular Botany Bay.



Council is using closed circuit television (CCTV) to help reduce crime and illegal dumping.

"These cameras are there to protect the community against those who deliberately want to ruin it and make it unsafe for everyone. Dumping rubbish is a criminal offence and I want to see those responsible face the strongest penalties. It's not fair to the ratepayers who have to pay for the actions of these criminals," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Council uses fixed cameras with 360 degree rotation capability as well as mobile cameras that are positioned to capture illegal activity in trouble areas.



Bayside says no to cruise ships

Bayside Council has added its voice to the "No Cruise Ships in Botany Bay" campaign.

In July the State Government released its NSW Cruise Development Plan – building on NSW's reputation as a world-class cruise destination – which proposes building a new passenger terminal at either Molineaux Point or Yarra Bay.

"I am extremely concerned about this proposal which would see cruise ships docking in Botany Bay," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said. "Botany Bay has never recovered from the damage caused by dredging for the expansion of the port and the third runway – and Bayside residents have been paying the ongoing environmental repair costs ever since. Any further dredging would lead to the erosion of the few sandy beaches left around the bay, including our own beach front at Brighton Le Sands."

"Modern cruise ships can already hold 6000 passengers and are only getting bigger. How is the Government planning to deal with the increased transport needs?" Mayor Saravinovski said. "The roads around the port and airport are already at capacity. The light rail being constructed on Anzac Parade, if it ever gets completed, stops at Kingsford opposite Souths Juniors.

"Botany Bay might well be the birth place of our nation but sadly its tourist potential has been ignored for decades. Successive State Governments have surrounded it with obnoxious industries, polluted its waters with industrial waste and damaged its ecology.

"The State Government must consider the historical and environmental importance of Botany Bay and look at other options," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.



COUNCIL'S PROJECTS

Sir Joseph Banks Park gets a tidy up

Bayside Council has partnered with NSW Ports and Conservation Volunteers Australia to undertake significant environmental restoration work to enhance the unique natural ecosystems in Sir Joseph Banks Park, Botany.

To find out more about this project or how to become a Bayside Bushcare Program volunteer please contact bushcare@bayside.nsw.gov.au





Cahill Park

The upgrade to Cahill Park includes:

- Major reconstruction and retrofit of the existing seawall as an environmentally friendly seawall;
- Construction of pathways to improve connections within the park, construction of viewing platforms and a formal picnic area;
- New park furniture including seats, picnic settings, BBQs, drinking fountains, bins and picnic shelters;
- New fenced off leash dog park on the corner of Levey Street, Rockwell Avenue and Marsh Street;
- New landscaping, tree planting and new park lighting to improve safety.

SCIENCE BOOSTS SPORTING FIELDS

Bayside Council has conducted extensive soil testing across all its sporting fields to determine how best to rejuvenate the playing surfaces. Soil on all playing fields was tested to tailor the fertilisers to specific needs.



"We no longer spread a generic fertiliser across all our parks. Council has a big investment in community sports fields. It is important we manage and look after them correctly," the Mayor said.

This is the first time that Bayside Council has used this technique that can see up to four different fertilisers used on different areas of a playing field.

After testing each field is dethatched, aerated, fertilised and top dressed. This holistic approach strengthens the grass and toughens the playing surface so it lasts longer throughout the playing season.



Pine Park

The Pine Park upgrade includes:

- Turning Carruthers Drive carpark into a new shared promenade featuring a decorative pavement treatment and 'parklets' comprising garden beds and lawns;
- Construction of new carparks featuring porous pavers, and renewal of existing car parking;
- Repairs to the existing seawall;
- A new feature share zone gateway to the park at Ramsgate Life Saving Club;
- New pathways, kerb and gutter and a new commuter cycleway;
- New lighting for improved safety;
- New balustrades and park furniture including seats, picnic settings and shelters, bins and outdoor shower;
- New landscaping and tree planting for improved shade and amenity in the park.

Meet the machine keeping staff on track

Council's new satellite guided Smartline GPS line marker used for marking up sporting fields is so accurate that it stops if the human in control goes off track.

"No more string and pegs or crooked lines," the Mayor said when introducing Council's latest time saving acquisition. "Simply select the field you want, select the park you are in and position your start point and off you go," he said. "One man, one machine and 45 minutes later you have a whole rugby or soccer field marked.

"Straight lines, perfect circles and accurate length and width.



"This one machine is saving us valuable time. For example all the playing fields in Jellicoe Park can be marked up in eight hours. It used to take two staff over 28 hours (four working days) to do the same job.

"It's a win, win for everyone and a great example of how we are working smarter to deliver services," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.



Spring Street Tree Planting

Council has planted 120 Street trees in Kogarah as part of a winter/spring planting program.

Street Trees enhance the visual amenity of our suburbs as well as providing environmental, social, and economic benefits for the community.



GARDEN COMPETITION Entries Up

The judging of our annual Garden Competition has been completed and it was pleasing to see the number of entries this year jump from 60 to 90! The two independent judges, appointed by the Garden Judges Association, were very impressed with the quality saying some decisions were very close.

Entrants will have to wait a little longer to find out how they fared as the winners will be announced at a special awards ceremony on Thursday 1 November.

SWIM PROGRAMS

To ensure you and your children are safe around water this summer why not join one of the Learn to Swim Programs on offer at the local Aquatic Centres. More information at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au

- Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre
 98C Preddys Road, Bexley North | Phone (02) 9150 5288
- Botany Aquatic Centre Cnr Myrtle and Jasmine Streets, Botany | Phone (02) 9316 6218



Councillors Out & About



Book Week Winners Deputy Mayor Joe Awada, Councillor Liz Barlow and Mayor Bill Saravinovski and some of our Book Week winners at the Rockdale Town Hall, Tuesday 11 September.

Mayor Meets Former Dragon Players Mayor Bill Saravinovski, Steve Kamper MP and Councillor Ed McDougall met former St George Dragon players Steve Edge and Craig Young.





St George Soccer Club Penny Hancock and players from St George Football Association Special Needs Program, the St George Warriors, presented the Mayor with the soccer ball used for the inaugural match on the synthetic turf at Ador Avenue Reserve. Pictured with Councillors James Macdonald, Andrew Tsounis, Tarek Ibrahim and Paul Sedrak.



Beachside Dash

Deputy Mayor Joe Awada with some of the Beachside Dash junior winners. The Beachside Dash, run on Sunday 9 September, raised funds to support medical research at St George & Sutherland Hospitals - **ssmrf.com.au**

Playground Opening

Councillor Christine Curry opening the Botany Family and Children's Centre new playground, financed with \$50,000 from the NSW State Government Stronger Community Fund. Enquiries: 9666 5047.



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The Place on Market Mayor Bill Saravinovski, Councillor Ed McDougall and Steve Kamper MP for Rockdale attended the official opening of 'The Place on Market' in Rockdale.





Hellenic Lyceum Sydney Council agreed to provide Hellenic Lyceum Sydney with temporary storage space for traditional costumes and historical artefacts.

Fish Joint Opening The Mayor cutting the ribbon for the opening of the Fish Joint. The Hon Shaoquett Chaher Moselmane MLC, Member for Rockdale Steve Kamper and Crs Ed McDougall and Tarek Ibrahim participated at the opening.





Jellicoe Park: Amenities Block Opening The Mayor and Councillors joined Pagewood Soccer Club for the official opening of the new amenities block in Jellicoe Park.







Community Recognition

Mayor Bill Saravinovski recognised Mohd Humayon Chowdhury and family for their services to the local community.

St Therese Catholic Church

Mayor Bill Saravinovski and Ron Hoenig MP, Member for Heffron, at St Therese Catholic Church, Mascot, for the installation mass for the new Parish Priest Rev Father Valentin Mendoza-Morales.





Delegation from Bitola

Mayor Bill Saravinovski welcomed visitors from Bayside Council's Sister City Bitola, Macedonia. The delegation included well known singer Efto Pupinovski and the band Grupa Milenium pictured here with the Mayor.

New Synthetic Playing Field



The new synthetic pitch at Ador Avenue Reserve was christened with a special match between the Under 12A Bexley North Bombers and the Sans Souci Football Club in August following the official opening by the Hon. David Coleman MP, Assistant Minister for Finance & Member for Banks and Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski.

"Achieving this all-weather field for our local sporting community was a team effort between Bayside Council, the St George Football Association and the Federal Government," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

2018 ROTARY POLICE AWARDS





The St George Football Association was awarded a \$2 Million Commonwealth of Australia grant for this project. Council managed the design and construction process.

The new multi-million dollar facility includes a new synthetic football pitch that meets FIFA International Standards, fencing, seating and a raised viewing area.

Work started in January and was completed in August in time for the Summer Football program in September.



Bayside Council was proud to again sponsor the annual Rotary Police Awards which were presented at a dinner held at the Bonnie Doon Golf Club last month.

The Awards recognised outstanding service by police representing the Botany Bay Local Area Command.



Sponsorship for Local Schools

Bayside Council will again recognise local students who have made a positive contribution to their school community through its Student Excellence Award program.

The program is offered to schools within the Bayside Local Government Area and provides \$200 to each school to reward and encourage a deserving student or students who have made a significant and positive contribution to their school community. "Bayside Council has 31 primary schools and nine high schools. Each of these schools will receive \$200 and have discretion in selecting the student or students to be the recipients for 2018," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

"The \$200 can be divided amongst several students and turned into an appropriate prize or gift card for educational purposes."

Getting Kids Reading

A free Literacy Box has been installed in front of the Family Day Care Cottage in Coward Street, Mascot, as part of the State Government's 'Let's Read' program.

The Literacy Box is stocked with quality early childhood books as well as Let's Read 'Tip Sheets.'



The books are accessible 24/7 and families are encouraged to take the books and return them when they have finished. There is no checking in or out.

"The idea of "sharing books" is becoming more and more popular in community neighbourhoods and it is great to see one set up in Bayside to help our young families," the Mayor said. "It means local families can access reading material for their little ones at no cost, and at any time."

The Let's Read initiative aims to raise the importance of early exposure to language and literacy for young children and is helping to improve literacy levels, Australia wide, by giving playgroups and families the information and tools needed to encourage reading from a young age," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Government Grant for LADY ROBINSONS BEACH

Council has agreed to match a \$245,000 grant from NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to combat beach erosion near the Ramsgate Baths.

"Erosion of our beaches is an ongoing struggle and all levels of government must work together to ensure they are preserved for future generations," the Mayor said. "The grant will be used to rectify the hazards of exposed rocks and a large step down from the ramp on to the beach. Work is expected to begin in 2019 Autumn/ Winter period and be completed in time for the summer," Mayor Saravinovski said.

Pictured the severe erosion near President Avenue in 1966.





LED LIGHTS REDUCE COUNCIL'S BILL

Bayside Council has partnered with SSROC and Ausgrid to fast track the upgrade of over 4000 residential street lights to energy efficient LED lights.

"By upgrading all pre-2009 lights with more efficient and reliable LEDs, Council will save over \$350,000 a year," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Ausgrid owns and maintains all the street lights and council pays for the use.

"Ausgrid will eventually replace all pre-2009 street lights with LED lights but this could take years," Mayor Saravinovski said. "There are 10,944 street lights just in the Bayside LGA and currently they are only upgraded as they need replacing.

"The new street lights will be good for the environment, good for council's finances and we all know good street lighting is an important part of making our community safer," he said.

Streetlight not working? Report it online at **ausgrid.com.au/streetlights** or call 1800 044 808.

SUMMER TRAFFIC CHANGES



Traffic changes are in place on Bay Street, west of The Grand Parade, Brighton Le Sands.

There is no right turn into The Grand Parade between 8pm and 5am on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during summer. This is because of the partial road closure of Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands.

These changes are in place from Friday 5 October 2018 to Monday 1 April 2019.

Ghosts and Goblins

The Botany Aquatic Centre has opened for the summer season and is now counting down the days to the first big event of the season 'Halloween by the Pool' on Saturday 26 October.

"This is the first of what we hope will be a number of wonderful family orientated community events," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said. "The end of season movie was very popular, so we will be looking to do more of the same over the summer."

The staff are excitedly planning a night of fun, fright and food!

Residents and their family and friends are invited to come for a swim and stay for the movie and entertainment or simply come along at 6:30pm for the party.

Don't forget to dress up! There will be prizes for the best costumes on the night. Food can be purchased at the pool or bring a picnic dinner.

For more information call (02) 9316 6218.



2018 Ron Rathbone History Prize Winners



Councillor Ed McDougall, Deputy Mayor Joe Awada, Anne Slattery and Councillor Liz Barlow with winners and finalists of the 2018 Ron Rathbone Local History Prizes.

This year's winner is **Leonie Bell** for an absolutely wonderful work of history exploring the Botany Wool Trade.

Highly Commended Awards went to **Dr Garry Darby** for his work on the famous Mick Moylan's Pub at Sans Souci and to **Sheila Ngoc Pham** for her essay examining the evolution of the suburb of Wolli Creek.

The winner of the Junior Local History Prize Primary School Category is **Natasha Small,** from Botany Public School, for her work on local soldier Clifford Small.

The winner of the Junior Local History Prize High School Category is **Houda Hamadi,** from St George High School, for her work on the impact of the War on the Bayside Community.

All entries are on display in the Local Studies section of the Rockdale Library.

Learning on the job

Bayside Council has partnered with My Gateway to provide a number of apprenticeship opportunities to young people and school leavers interested in a career in Local Government.

"This program is a fantastic opportunity for young people to obtain qualifications in a supportive environment whilst giving themselves the chance to secure a permanent role at the Council," the Mayor said.

Council offers a wide range of apprenticeships including Greenkeeping, Horticulture, Landscaping, Plumbing, Painting, as well as Traineeships in Childcare.

If you want to know more please contact the People and Organisational Culture Team on (02) 9562 1666.

Pictured below one of Council's young apprentices. Brodie, 18, enjoys learning on the job while studying horticulture at TAFE.





Did you know that on our website there is a 'Have Your Say' link where you can take part in discussions, complete surveys and share your thoughts on key projects and services?

Feedback from residents is used in the decision making process for the delivery of Council services, facilities and infrastructure.

Currently Council is looking for residents input on:

- AS Tanner Reserve Amenities Upgrade;
- Mascot, Rosebery and Eastlakes Flood Study and Floodplain Risk Management Policy; and to
- Botany Aquatic Centre Upgrade.

It's a great way to be involved in key issues. To join the conversation go online at **www.bayside.nsw.gov.au** and click on 'Have Your Say'.

KNIT TÜGETHER

More youngsters are joining this group that meets in the Eastgardens Library every second Wednesday of the month from 4:30pm – 5:30pm.

Everyone is welcome. Knitting supplies provided. For more info call Keren on (02) 9366 3888.





The Bayside Garden Centre is a joint venture between Bayside Council and The Intellectual Disability Foundation of St George. The Centre was established in 1994 to become a quality Garden Centre and provide employment opportunities for people with a disability.

The Garden Centre supplies plants to Councils, landscapers, builders and the general public.

Approximately 80,000 plants are available for sale, ranging from tube stocks to advanced trees, including a wide variety of Murraya, Buxus, Camelia, Gardenia, Grevillea and many more.

> **Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 7:30am – 3:45pm Saturday 9:00am – 2:00pm



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NEW STREET SIGNS

Council staff have started installing new residential street signs that have a white reflective background making them easier to read at night.



NEW SHADE CLOTH

Council workers installed a new shade cloth in time for the warmer weather at Jellicoe Park, Pagewood.



DA TRACKER

Whether you are a home owner, architect or developer you can track the progress of your Development Application by using council's DA Tracker on Council's website.

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Sunday 11 November is Armistice Day. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the day the Great War (WWI) ended. Wherever you are at 11am on that day - out shopping, walking, on public transport or at home relaxing - we ask that you stand and pause for a minute of silence to remember our veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice and express gratitude for the peace and prosperity that we enjoy today.

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We conclude our 70th year with a celebration of the glorious music performed by the Company over the past seven decades. Featuring many past performers, famous and otherwise.

Rockdale Town Hall, Sunday 18 November, 4:00pm

Tickets: \$60 incl. complimentary souvenir program Bookings: www.rockdaleopera.com.au or 8197 1796

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



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