

Bayside NEWS Council



Bayside Council
Serving Our Community



DECEMBER 2018

Mayor's Message



As the year draws to a close I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Together with my fellow Councillors, I have been actively pursuing good governance and an open and transparent Council. I am very proud of what we have achieved for Bayside.

Major projects of the year include the new amenities blocks in key parks such as Jellicoe Park in Pagewood, Tonbridge Street Reserve in Ramsgate and Booralee Park in Botany, two new synthetic playing fields, and some outstanding playground upgrades.

Over the past 12 months I have had the opportunity to attend many events and meet with residents. I have been overwhelmed with the support and goodwill in the community.

Council delivers an extensive calendar of community events. This is part of our strategy to provide accessible and affordable events for our diverse, multicultural community.

Highlights of the year were our successful school holiday activities including our Christmas program and of course we have the spectacular New Year's Eve fireworks display to look forward to.

Next year the Bayside Arts Festival promises to be bigger and better than before and once again we will be offering a \$50,000 prize for Sculptures @ Bayside.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Councillors, administrative staff and the community for their time and commitment over the past 12 months.

I hope everyone will have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, filled with the joy of catching up with good friends and family. If you are driving on the roads please take care. Don't drink and drive.

Cr Bill Saravinovski Mayor



SUMMER RANGERS PROGRAM

Council's beachfront education and enforcement program started in November and will continue until late April 2019.

The Summer Ranger Program sees extra staff patrolling the Kyeemagh, Cook Park and Dolls Point areas to:

- ➔ Hand out litter bags and *Cook Park User Guides* to beach users;
- ➔ Educate users on the need to comply with park signage, dispose of their litter and enjoy our beachfront responsibly;
- ➔ Carry out parking enforcement;
- ➔ Ensure animal owners are aware of correct control methods and prohibited places where dogs are not allowed; and
- ➔ Impound off-leash and unattended animals in parks and on beaches.

Patrols will be conducted both on foot and in vehicles in conjunction with the Parks & Waste Team to cover the entire beachfront area. Additional waste bins along the foreshore will be collected on a rotational roster and tipped daily.

Rangers do not deal with anti-social behaviour but will notify NSW Police for assistance if needed. Council does not deal with the following issues that should be taken up with the relevant authorities:

- ➔ Water craft – RMS and the Water Police
- ➔ Driving – NSW Police
- ➔ Fishing – Fisheries Inspectors
- ➔ Open flame BBQs on Fire Ban Days – NSW Fire Brigade

GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS

The 2018 winners of the Bayside Garden Competition were announced at the Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport recently.

There were 90 entries this year including seven in the schools and children's garden category.

"As Mayor, and also a local resident, it is wonderful to see the effort residents put into creating beautiful spaces to enjoy whether they live in a free standing home or a unit with a balcony," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Bayside Council is grateful for the support of Bank of Queensland (Rockdale Branch), Flower Power, Shawl Group and the Bayside Community Nursery.



The 2018 Garden Competition Winners are:

Best Front Garden Joanna Nowakowska, Sans Souci

Best Back Garden Rolfe Kolbe, Botany

Best Annuals Display Michael Fentoullis, Pagewood

Best Native Garden Jackie Luker, Pagewood

Best Balcony or Courtyard Veronica Cooper, Botany

Best School or Children's Garden Matraville Public School

Best Residential or Industrial Complex Terrence Connolly, Mascot

Best Vegetable Garden Denise Butcher, Bexley

Best Nature Strip Jason McFadyen, Daceyville

Roy & Aileen Bilton Memorial Encouragement Award Hayden Ingle, Botany

2018 OVERALL WINNER:

Robert Macaulay, Rosebery Garden pictured above

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Botany Town Hall

Council's plan to spend \$700,000 on repairs to the Botany Town Hall roof was approved at the Council Meeting on Wednesday 14 November.

Roof repairs will ensure the building is adequately protected from the elements while Council implements a plan to restore the building and re-open it for public use.

Council has engaged NSW Public Works Advisory to facilitate an assessment of the building's heritage and compliance with building standards and essential services.

Once the assessment is complete community input and feedback will help shape the future use of the Botany Town Hall.



DESIGN EXCELLENCE



Artist impression by Mogamma

Bayside Council recently held a design excellence competition for 64 - 68 The Grand Parade, Brighton Le Sands.

Three architect firms, Carter Williamson Architects, Fox Johnston, and Olsson & Associates Architects developed designs for the site.

The Jury included an independent juror nominated by the Government Architects Office, two proponent nominated Jurors, and two Council nominated Jurors.

The Jury selected Fox Johnston for its innovative design, high degree of landscape integration, and the successful integration of the residential building with the heritage terraces.

Fox Johnston will now be able to lodge a Development Application to Council.

Rockdale Wetlands Project

Bayside Council, in partnership with Sydney Airport and Conservation Volunteers Australia launched a three year project to revive the Rockdale Wetlands.

“Council’s partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia and Sydney Airport will help improve Bayside’s natural environment.

It complements the work of our Bushcare volunteers and supports our plan for the Hawthorne Street Natural Area and Scarborough Ponds,” Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.



The Rockdale Wetlands, extending from the Cooks River to Sans Souci, supports local biodiversity and is popular with birdwatchers and nature study groups.

The area also supports a range of other recreational activities, including

extensive cycling tracks, sporting fields and playgrounds used by the community.

Volunteers can sign up by visiting www.conservationvolunteers.com.au or contacting Conservation Volunteers Sydney on 9331 1610.



The Mayor Bill Saravinovski with Sydney Airport's CEO, Jeff Culbert.

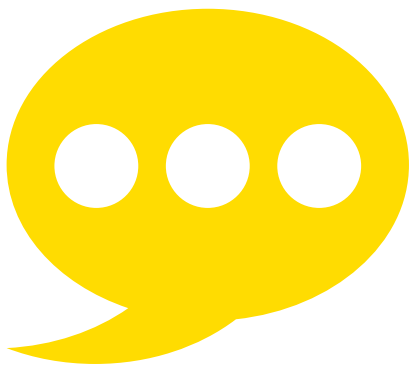
Sydney Airport Partnership

Bayside Council and Sydney Airport have entered into a multi-million-dollar partnership that will fund community and environmentally based projects.

“This partnership is a big win for the people of Bayside that will deliver much needed programs and facilities. Together we will commit more than \$11 million over the next 10 years to develop community and environmental initiatives for the benefit of the local communities.” Mayor Saravinovski said.

The Community and Environmental Projects Reserve Fund will focus on delivering initiatives and key projects for the benefit of both residents and the broader community.

Sydney Airport is also a major sponsor of the annual Bayside Arts Festival.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Council wants to hear from you. Some of the proposals Council needs your feedback on include:

- ➔ Bardwell Creek Flood Study: Draft Report
- ➔ Revised Planning Proposal and Draft Masterplan (Bata site): 128 and 130-150 Bunnerong Road Eastgardens
- ➔ Renaming our wards
- ➔ Kingsgrove Town Centre: Streetscape Improvements
- ➔ Botany Aquatic Centre upgrade

Have Your Say includes an Advocacy Hub with all relevant state/federal and third party projects:

- ➔ Three Ports SEPP
- ➔ F6 EIS
- ➔ Sydney Airport Masterplan
- ➔ Cooks River

Have Your Say on Bayside's Future

Bayside residents, ratepayers and interested parties can have their say on Bayside's future by completing an online survey.

“We want to make sure that everyone in our community can have a say in our future,” the Mayor said.

Council is developing 3 documents that need your input:

- ➔ Local Strategic Planning Statement
- ➔ Local Environmental Plan
- ➔ Development Control Plan

Draft documents will go on exhibition in mid-2019. Register online to become a Talking Bayside Member and provide input into Council's future.

haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au

Councillors Out & About



Mr Afif Bazzi presented Council with a plaque from the Mayor of Bint Jbeil in recognition of our Sister Cities relationship.



Councillors Dorothy Rapisardi and Michael Nagi presented a certificate of recognition to Anise Jomaa, Arncliffe Aurora FC's 2018 Volunteer of the Year.



Councillors Dorothy Rapisardi and Michael Nagi presented a certificate of recognition to Hassan Reda, Arncliffe Aurora FC's 2018 Volunteer Coaching Support.



L-R: Samir Hassan, Councillor Michael Nagi and Jaafar Khamis winner of the Arncliffe Aurora FC's 2018 Supporter of the Year.



Councillors Dorothy Rapisardi, Scott Morrissey and Christina Curry with Tanya Coleman who received a Certificate of Recognition in recognition of her contribution to the sport of Netball in the Bayside Local Government Area.

Mayor Bill Saravinovski and Councillors congratulate the Arncliffe Aurora FC U13 Boys Team on their outstanding achievement, winners of the 2018 Minor Premiers and Grand Final, AAFC Best Team, Best Competition Team and NSW Champion of Champions.



Mayor Saravinovski and Councillors congratulate the Arncliffe Aurora FC U18 Boys Team on their outstanding achievement, winners of the 2018 Minor Premiers and Grand Final and finishing in the top 16 in the NSW Champion of Champions.



Deputy Mayor Joe Awada and Councillor James Macdonald presented a certificate to Paul Richardson from Patterson Building Group in recognition of their Master Builders Award for Eastgardens Library and Customer Service Centre.



President of the Aurora Arncliffe FC Samir Hassan presented Council with a token of appreciation for its ongoing support.

STANDFIELD PARK BBQ

Mayor Bill Saravinovski and Councillors joined local residents at a community barbeque on 23 October to celebrate the refurbishment of Standfield Park, Mascot.





LIGHT HORSE PLAQUE

On Saturday 3 November, Bayside Council and the Botany Historical Trust unveiled a plaque at the Light Horse Memorial in Eastlakes to mark the 100th anniversary of the victory of the charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade at Beersheba.



ST GEORGE MASONIC LODGE

Cutting the centenary cake to mark the 100 years of service to the St George District. *L-R*: Ramen Faroukhi, Brian Seklaoui, Patrick Medway AM (President of the St George Masonic Museum Society), the Mayor and Christopher Blaxland-Walker.



ARMISTICE DAY PLAQUES

Mayor Bill Saravinovski and Councillors attended Remembrance Day services in Mascot Memorial Park and Booralee Park on Sunday 11 November when plaques commemorating the Armistice Centenary were unveiled. Council is grateful for the work done by the BHT and the local RSL Clubs in organising these events.



ANZAC AMBASSADORS

Steve Kamper, and the ANZAC Youth Ambassadors recently travelled to Athens and Lemnos in Greece, Villers-Bretonneux and Paris in France and London in the UK, as part of a 10-day tour.



ST MARY & ST MINA COPTIC CHURCH OPEN DAY

Mayor Bill Saravinovski attended the open day at St Mary & St Mina Coptic Church in Bexley on Sunday 4 November.



MEETING LONG TERM RESIDENT

The Mayor received a visit of Kiro Pasovski (ex Council employee) and his wife Blagorodna. Kiro has written a book about his journey from Macedonia to Rockdale.



SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Bill Saravinovski attended the 75th Anniversary celebration at Bardwell Park Infants School on Friday 30 November.

Library Award

Bayside Council's reputation for excellence has been cemented with the Eastgardens Library and Customer Service Centre's recent Award.

The Patterson Building Group won the *Excellence in Construction Master Builders Award* for its work on the Eastgardens Library and Customer Service Centre refurbishment.

Located on the ground floor of the Westfield Eastgardens Shopping Centre, the Library and Customer Service Centre provides a range of services and activities including popular workshops and programs and it is a quiet haven to relax, read the papers, catch-up on work or study.

The Customer Service Centre provides residents with a convenient location to pay their rates, enquire or lodge a Development Application and access to Council services.



CALLING ARTISTS

The third annual Bayside Arts Festival starts in April 2019 with an exciting series of arts and cultural events, competitions, workshops and exhibitions that are accessible, innovative and engaging.

Bayside Arts Festival 2019

We are seeking applications from local arts and cultural groups, individuals and businesses, to get involved in this month long festival celebrating the creativity and artistic talent of the local community.

Enquiries Contact Caroline Cortes on 0447 097 502 or email caroline.cortes@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Business Award WINNERS

The winners of the inaugural 2018 Bayside Business Awards were announced at a gala dinner at the Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport Hotel.

Bayside Council sponsored the Awards in partnership with the Bayside Business Enterprise Centre (BBEC) and local businesses were encouraged to enter. Council engaged ACA Research to accept all nominations and conduct the judging. There were over 72 nominations and 40 finalists.

The winners are:

Emerging Business Excellence (under two years trading):
FKG Law Pty Ltd

Excellence in Education and Child Services:
South Eastern Community Connect Inc (SECC)

Excellence in Health, Fitness and Medical Services:
Back to Basics Chiropractic

Excellence in Hospitality Services (less than 10 employees):
La Piazza Woodfired Pizzeria and Restaurant

Excellence in Hospitality Services (more than 10 employees):
Ble Greek Kouzina

Excellence in Professional Service: **Recruitment Edge**

Excellence in Retail: **German Butchery Deli & Cafe**

Excellence in Service & Trade: **Call a Cooler**

Student Awards



Bayside Council continues to support local schools through the Student Excellence Award Program.

This program provides \$200 to each school located within the Bayside Local Government Area.

Schools can distribute this money to a deserving student or students who have achieved in their specialist areas or who have made a significant and positive contribution to their school's culture and community.



Recruitment Edge, winner of the Excellence in Professional Service Award.

ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES

Bayside Council's English learning program, run by long-term volunteer Dr Anthony Gallagher, is very popular with our migrant community.

Dr Anthony (Tony) Gallagher has been a library volunteer since 2007, using his 20 years of teaching experience to offer English classes and conversation to our migrant community.

For more information on English classes visit www.bayside.nsw.gov.au



Dr Anthony Gallagher with some of his students in the Rockdale Library.

Lion
Dances
Food
Stalls
Music
and
more...

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

YEAR OF THE PIG

Saturday 9 February 2019
4:00pm - 9:00pm
Dacey Gardens, Daceyville

NYE FAMILY FIREWORKS

EVENT CLEARWAYS

4am 31 Dec - 2am 1 Jan

- ✦ General Holmes Drive between Bruce and Bestic Streets
- ✦ The Grand Parade between President Avenue and Bruce Street
- ✦ The (Little) Grand Parade between House No. 45 Driveway and General Holmes Drive

1pm 31 Dec - 1am 1 Jan

- ✦ Bay Street between The Grand Parade and Moate Avenue

4pm 31 Dec - 2am 1 Jan

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

ROAD CLOSURES

4pm - 10:30pm 31 Dec

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

6pm 31 Dec - 2am 1 Jan

- ✦ Bay Street between Moate Avenue and The Grand Parade

7:30pm - 10:30pm 31 Dec

- ✦ General Holmes Drive between Bruce and Bestic Streets
- ✦ Francis Avenue (South Bound) between Bestic and Bay Streets
- ✦ 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
Brighton Le Sands
Lady Robinsons Beach

IN SHORT



NEW PARK SIGNS

Council workers are busy installing new signs in Council parks.



POP-UP LIBRARY

The pop-up lawn library was a popular attraction at Eastlakes Reserve on Saturday 10 November, giving away many books and providing library information.



CHILDREN'S WEEK

The Rockdale Town Hall was a riot of colour and activity recently. Over 140 families turned up to celebrate Children's Week and learn about local childcare services in Bayside.

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Opening Hours

Customer Service Centres and Libraries will be closed Tuesday 25 December, Wednesday 26 December and Tuesday 1 January.

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

Share Your Australia Day



Council will celebrate Australia Day at Depena Reserve, Dolls Point starting at 8:15am. We will welcome our newest citizens and present the Bayside Citizen of the Year Awards.

There will be entertainment from 10am for all ages and a sausage sizzle hosted by the local scout group.

...and at the Botany Aquatic Centre

Free inflatables from 10am

Cnr Myrtle and Jasmine Streets
Open from 6am to 7pm
Phone: (02) 9316 6281

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



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