

Bayside NEWS Council



Bayside Council
Serving Our Community



FEBRUARY 2019

Mayor's Message



Welcome to a new year and our first community newsletter for 2019.

Our Australia Day celebrations were a great success and I would like to once again congratulate our Citizen of the Year Marion Cartwright, Young Citizen of the Year Winola Su and Sportsperson of the Year Cooper Kilpatrick.

Council also held its first meeting of the year on Wednesday 13 February. I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead as I and my fellow Councillors continue to ensure the many needs of our diverse community are met.

Bayside was out in force celebrating Lunar New Year in Dacey Gardens. I would like to thank Council staff for the hard work in organising this wonderful event. It was a great opportunity to meet many residents and discuss their issues.

The Bayside Arts Festival also kicks off soon and I would encourage everyone to get involved with this amazing festival that showcases the thriving local artistic talent found here in Bayside.

Council is also gearing up to start work on a new skate park at Mutch Park. As well as providing improved recreational facilities, this park will provide a safe and challenging place for skaters of all levels to get physically active and develop their athletic skills.

Of course government elections are just around the corner and I look forward to working with our state and federal members to meet all the challenges that lie ahead.

Cr Bill Saravinovski, Mayor

Council Meetings

Held on the second Wednesday of the month (except in January).

Planning Panel

Meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Botany Town Hall.



Council staff work hard to maintain 8km of beach along Cook Park which is raked every day during summer.

Bayside Council's Beach Anti-Litter Program is well under way with 18 new beach bins and extra anti-littering signs on the beach between Kyeemagh and Brighton Le Sands.

The bins are emptied daily and approximately 300kg of litter was collected in the first week.

"Having these extra bins near the walkways as well as on the beach is already making it easier for visitors to dispose of their rubbish. Beachgoers are doing the right thing putting their litter in these bins. This is a great achievement and helps stop rubbish entering our beautiful waterways," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Another 42 beach bins and signs will be installed over the next two weeks.

This program is funded by the NSW EPA Waste Less Recycle More initiative and the state waste levy.



Council Rangers hand out litter bags and advise people how to dispose of their rubbish correctly.

AUSTRALIA DAY



Marion Cartwright was named as the 2019 Bayside Citizen of the Year at Bayside Council's Australia Day ceremony in Depena Reserve.

Mayor Bill Saravinovski presented Marion with the award in recognition

of her dedicated community work. For over 15 years Marion has nurtured a local community informally by creating a garden which provides a space for the Department of Housing estate residents to congregate.



L-R: Awards winners Marion Cartwright, Winola Su, Cooper Kilpatrick and Australia Day Ambassador Indira Naidoo.

Cooper Kilpatrick was named Bayside Sportsperson of the Year 2019. Cooper has played AFL for Ramsgate Rams Junior AFL from age of 3 and now plays at UNSW Senior AFL Club.

Winola Su is the 2019 Bayside Young Citizen of the Year. Since 2016 Winola Su has been involved in various community development projects for 2Connect Youth & Community Service (formerly known as St George Youth Service).

YEAR OF THE PIG



Bayside Council ushered in the Year of the Pig with a Lunar New Year celebration at Dacey Gardens, on Saturday 9 February.

"Lunar New Year is a highlight on our festive calendar. The Asian community is an integral part of Bayside. This celebration provides residents and visitors an opportunity to experience the beauty of Asian music, dance, and culture," Mayor Saravinovski said.

Traditional musicians, singers and lion dances entertained the crowd.

Council thanks the Confucius Institute at UNSW Australia and the University NSW Sydney for helping make this event possible.





SWIMMING ENCLOSURES

There are a number of enclosed swimming areas along our beaches. These seabed-to-surface enclosures are eco-friendly and, unlike shark nets, prevent the entanglement of marine animals.

The enclosed swimming areas are maintained and inspected monthly by Sea Dragon Protective Enclosures.

Happy Birthday

Nancy Allen celebrated her 100th birthday at the Ramsgate Senior Citizens' Centre on Wednesday 13 February. Mayor Bill Saravinovski popped in to wish her happy birthday. She also got a wonderful letter from the Queen.



Women's Cricket Premier League at Cahill Park

A Women's Cricket Premier league semi-final was played at Cahill Park on Sunday 20 January.

The game was between Gordon Women's and Sydney Women's Cricket Clubs. The Sydney team included Australian wicket keeper Alyssa Healy.

Attracting this high level of professional women's sport was a coup for Shane Kavanagh the Council greenkeeper and groundsman at Cahill Park who works hard to meet the standard needed to attract this level of competition.

In 2016 Council undertook a major re-construction of the cricket turf wicket facility at Cahill Park. This upgrade, the first in about 34 years, rectified the uneven surface and poor drainage.

St George Cricket Association currently use this facility for summer sport with their 5th grade seniors and junior representative cricket sides.

The Arncliffe Scotts Rugby League Club also use this facility for winter sport for under 6 juniors through to the Senior A grade.



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Love Your Life is the theme of this year's Bayside Seniors Festival.

Bayside Council is running a range of free events and information sessions for our seniors.

From favourites like Rock Around the Clock at Bayside to Dance and Salsa Workshops, there is something to get you moving.

The full program is available from our Customer Service Centres, libraries or Council's website.

COUNCIL'S PROJECTS



Cahill Park

Works at Cahill Park include construction of new pathways, new areas of paving, construction of a new off leash dog park on the corner of Levey Street, Rockwell Avenue and Marsh Street, a new picnic area, new park lighting and park furniture including seats, picnic settings, BBQ's, drinking fountains and picnic shelters. New landscaping and tree planting will also be installed.

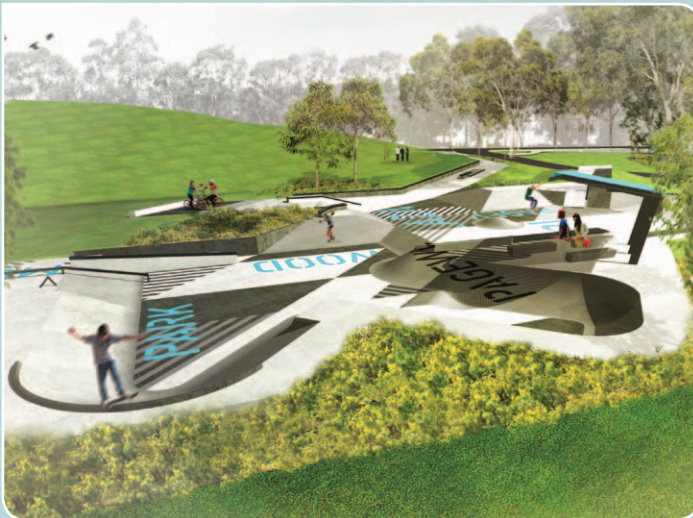
Cahill Park seawall & levee anticipated completion early 2019

The seawall and levee upgrade project includes major reconstruction and retrofit of the existing seawall as an environmentally friendly seawall, construction of two new feature viewing platforms and levee works to improve flood protection to major assets within the park.

Mutch Park Skate Park

Construction of the new park is due to start soon.

The new skate park will have a footprint 1,135 m² and is a "plaza style" design that allows participation by users of a range of ages and skill levels.



Pine Park

Anticipated completion early 2019. The upgrade includes a new decorative promenade, new pathways and commuter cycleway, a new carpark featuring porous pavers.

The existing seawall has been repaired, new balustrades and park furniture installed. There will also be new picnic areas, outdoor showers and landscaping with new trees planted.



Pool Figures Swell

Botany Aquatic Centre attendance figures are up this season following the introduction of 'Movie and Pizza Nights' and free inflatables on Australia Day.

"Our movie nights are attracting around 300 visitors, while Australia Day saw a record crowd of over 2000," the Mayor said.

"These numbers reinforce what the community told us in our recent survey on the pool. Almost 400 responses were received and the majority said they wanted to keep the open space and to use it for more family and community focussed activities. The second most popular request was for a child friendly water feature."

Working at Bayside

www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/jobsatbayside



Did you know that Council's outdoor staff care for more than:

- 365 km** of road surface
- 677 km** of kerb and gutter
- 588 km** of paved footpaths
- 5,986** drainage pits
- 374** parks and sporting fields



#Mascot100



Sydney Airport will be turning 100 towards the end of this year.

Crowds surrounding the Vickers Vimy at Mascot (State Library of South Australia).

Originally known as Mascot Aerodrome, its existence has had a tremendous impact on the local community. As the home of Sydney Airport, Bayside has a unique and multi-layered history to tell.

Our History Team is looking for your airport related stories, photographs and memorabilia for an exhibition later this year. Email: museum@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Arts Festival Official Launch

KICKSTART YOUR INNER ARTIST

StART

Saturday 6 April 2019
11:00am – 3:00pm
Cook Park, Kyeemagh

Awaken your inner artist with free art and craft activities

bayside.nsw.gov.au/events

Councillors Out & About



Lebanese Parliament Visit

The Mayor Bill Saravinovski and Bayside Councillors welcomed Mustafa Ali Hussein MP, Member of the Lebanese Parliament during his visit on 3 January.



Rockdale City Suns Winner of the 2019 Maso Cup

Mayor Bill Saravinovski, Councillors and Steve Kamper MP, Member for Rockdale, congratulated the Rockdale City Suns FC on their outstanding performance at the Maso Cup Tournament in Queanbeyan over the Australia Day weekend. Both the Premier and the U20s team were winners.



St George District Netball Association Champions

Mayor Bill Saravinovski and Councillors congratulated the St George District Netball Association U14s on their outstanding achievement winning the 2018 State Age Championship at the Council Meeting on Wednesday 12 February. Member for Rockdale Steve Kamper MP also congratulated the team.

Serbian Flag Raising and Statehood Celebration

L-R: The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC, Consul General of the Republic of Serbia Branko Radosevic, Mayor Bill Saravinovski, Councillor Dorothy Rapisardi, Councillor Liz Barlow and the Member for Rockdale Steve Kamper MP.



Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Timothy Clifford and Dr Daryl Le Cornu from ICAN attended the February Council Meeting when Bayside endorsed the ICAN cities appeal supporting the prohibition of nuclear weapons.



Lunar New Year Celebrations at Rockdale Town Hall

The Mayor Bill Saravinovski, Member for Rockdale Steve Kamper MP and Member for Kogarah Christopher Minns MP at Lunar New Year celebrations in the Rockdale Town Hall.



Tree Planted to Celebrate the Official Visit to Bayside

On Tuesday 15 January a tree was planted to mark the official visit to Bayside Council by Sheikh Mohamad Khoder Asfour, Acting President of the Islamic Alawite Council of Lebanon.



Mayoral Christmas Charity

Garry Morris from the St George Children with Disability Fund receiving the cheque from the Mayoral Dinner Fund Raising. Total amount raised during the night was \$9,485.00. Member for Rockdale Steve Kamper MP was also present.



Banksia Art Gallery

The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC and Councillor Liz Barlow at the opening of the Christmas Art Exhibition at Banksia Art Gallery on Monday 10 December.

HAVE YOUR SAY

PLANNING OUR FUTURE

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is a new document that will guide the future of Bayside, develop a vision for the next 20 years and determine how we manage our land. Have your say on this LSPS. Come to a community workshop:

Thursday 28 March, 6:00pm – 9:00pm, Eastlakes Community Centre
Saturday 30 March, 10:00am – 1:00pm, Rockdale Town Hall

Visit: haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au/PlanningOurFuture
 Email: planningourfuture@bayside.nsw.gov.au



TECH SAVVY SENIORS

Free program for seniors with little or no digital experience. Programs in English, Arabic, Greek, Italian, Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin.

Enquiries: Rockdale on 9562 1821 or Eastgardens on 9366 3888.



CLEAN UP

At the beginning of each calendar year residents are provided with Household Clean Up Service dates.

Use our online calendar to check the dates of your clean up services. Search for clean up dates on our website at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au



Summer Reading Success

This year the Preschooler Summer Reading Club saw 230 participants read 2866 books.

"This is a wonderful result and I would like to thank all parents and carers who took part. I would like to thank our library staff who do a tremendous job. It's important that children are introduced to books from an early age," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Parents who registered for the program and read 5 books or more were invited to a morning tea with prizes.

Rockdale and Eastgardens early literacy programs are now taking bookings. Bookings will open on the day before each scheduled session.

For more information see Council's website at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au

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Bayside Art Awards

Over \$70,000 Prize Money ★ Call for Entries ★ Closes 17 March

The third annual Bayside Arts Festival kicks off in April 2019 with an exciting series of cultural events, competitions, workshops and exhibitions. Applications from local arts and cultural groups, individuals and businesses wanting to get involved in this month long festival are welcome.

For more information contact Council's Arts & Culture Specialist Caroline Cortes on 0447 097 502 or email caroline.cortes@bayside.nsw.gov.au

www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/artawards

The Guild Theatre Presents

Daylight Saving.

15 FEB – 9 MARCH

<https://guildtheatre.com.au>

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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