

# Bayside NEWS Council



ANZAC | APRIL 2019



# LEST WE FORGET



## Mayor's Message



This month Council is proud to support our local RSL Sub Branches to commemorate ANZAC Day and honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs and those who paid the ultimate price for the freedom we enjoy today.

We also remember and pay

tribute to the men and women who continue to serve and defend our values and freedoms in wars and peace keeping operations around the world.

I urge all residents, their family and friends to join their local RSL veterans and attend one of the local services. It is important we keep the legacy alive and continue to educate the younger generation.

April also sees the start of the *Bayside Arts Festival* which is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our community's rich and diverse cultural heritage. The month long festival features competitions, exhibitions, forums, workshops, theatrical performances, public art projects as well as a series of cultural events.

The highlight is *Sculptures@Bayside* which will showcase more than 30 artworks along the foreshore of Botany Bay. The artworks will be on display from Saturday 6 April.

This month we are also getting ready to celebrate with our senior residents at our annual Garden Party in Sir Joseph Banks Park, Botany. Seating is limited, so don't forget to book your spot at [bit.ly/BaysideSGP](http://bit.ly/BaysideSGP) or contact our Events Team on 9562 1845.

**Cr Bill Saravinovski, Mayor**

## Soldiers

When Australia went to war on 4 August 1914 the world changed for every community.

Locally, more than 2,000 men from Bayside answered the call of King and Country and enlisted. Following are some of Bayside's individual stories.

For more local soldiers and their stories please visit [historyatbayside.wordpress.com](http://historyatbayside.wordpress.com)

### Francis Chirgwin (1898-1969)



Image courtesy of Kathryn White.

Frank Chirgwin sailed on the *Osterley* on 8 May 1918. In England, he suffered from the measles and arrived on the Western Front at the end of October, just in time for the Armistice. He served in France after the war, returning home in 1919. In 1922 he married his sweetheart, Doris Speechley and they settled in Hurstville in a house called *Osterley*. Frank Chirgwin was known as a gifted runner and cricketer.



## Alwyn Speechley (1900-1941)



Image courtesy of Kathryn White.

Alwyn Speechley was a cadet draughtsman when he enlisted in March 1918. Like his mate, Frank Chirgwin he arrived on the Western Front at the end of the war. After hostilities had ceased he served with the Australian Motor Transport Company in Belgium, guarding the company repair workshops. He returned home on 12 January 1920 but was badly injured by a falling tree during the 1920s. He became a paraplegic and opened a small shop in the Southern Highlands.

## Hector Hicks (1900-1918)



Image courtesy of Kathryn White.

Mechanic, Hector Hicks was the son of Mascot Alderman, Thomas Hicks and enlisted in 1918, aged just 18. He sailed aboard the Medic, but the ship was recalled when the Armistice was signed. Back in Australian waters, many soldiers were infected with the pneumonic influenza. The Medic was quarantined at North Head and Hector Hicks died there on 30 November 1918. As Mayor, Thomas Hicks campaigned for the purchase of land to erect a fitting war memorial, now Mascot Memorial Park.

## Donald MacAlpine (1897-1984)



Image courtesy of Kathryn White.

Donald was a Botany currier when he enlisted in August 1915. He served as a signaller with the 4th Light Horse Brigade Signal Troop in the Middle East, becoming a Sergeant in 1917. He was twice mentioned in Despatches, including just after the famous Battle of Beersheba on 31 October 1917: 'He displayed enthusiasm and great initiative in his tireless efforts to perfect the Brigade's Communications by day and night often operating under fire.' Donald MacAlpine returned to Australia in July 1919.

# ANZAC DAY



## PRE-ANZAC DAY SERVICES SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019

### Mascot RSL Sub Branch

**2pm:** Meet at Mascot Library car park, off King Street and march to Mascot Memorial Park, corner Botany Road and Coward Street, Mascot, for Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony. A Community BBQ will follow.

### Rockdale RSL Sub Branch

**2:30pm:** Church Service Uniting Church 9-11 Bay Street, Rockdale, followed by March to the Wall of Remembrance Memorial Gardens, Seven Ways, for Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony.

## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICES THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2019

### Arncliffe RSL Sub Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service, Cenotaph Arncliffe Park, 71B Wollongong Road, Arncliffe.

### Botany RSL Sub Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service, Cenotaph Booralee Park, corner Bay Street and Daniel Street, Botany. A Community Breakfast will follow the Service.

### Bexley RSL Sub Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service in front of the RSL Club, 24 Stoney Creek Road, Bexley.

### Brighton Le Sands RSL Sub Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at the Memorial next to the RSL Club, 251 Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands.

### Earlwood/Bardwell Park RSL Sub Branch

**5:45am:** Meet in the RSL car park at 18 Hartill-Law Avenue, Bardwell Park, for short march to Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at the Memorial Garden.

### Kingsgrove RSL Sub Branch

**6:45am:** Assemble on the corner of Shaw Street and Kingsgrove Road, Kingsgrove

**7am:** March to Kingsgrove RSL Club for Memorial and Wreath Laying Service in Memorial Park, 4 Brocklehurst Lane, Kingsgrove.

### Ramsgate RSL Memorial Club

**6:30am:** Assemble at the Sans Souci Literary Institute corner Campbell Street and Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate.

**7am:** March to the Ramsgate RSL Club for Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at 7:20am.



## Sneak Peak...

*This happy hippo is just one of 30 amazing sculptures which will dot the foreshore of Botany Bay as part of Sculptures @ Bayside from Saturday 6 April. Come down and check them all out!*



# Bayside Arts Festival 2019

SATURDAY 6 APRIL  
TO  
SUNDAY 5 MAY

The Bayside Arts Festival kicks off on Saturday 6 April with stART – a fun filled arts festival – in Cook Park, Kyeemagh from 11am to 3pm.

There will be a range of arts and craft activities for kids and adults, as well as a fabulous feast of food provided by the Aussie Night Markets that will be trading on site from 11am to 9pm.

Visitors can try their hand at some arts and crafts then grab lunch or dinner and stroll along the bay viewing the 30 sculptures competing for a chance to join the giant crab as a permanent fixture in Bayside.

The Bayside Arts Festival is a month long festival featuring a photography and art competition, as well as forums, workshops, theatrical performances and public art projects.

For the full program visit:  
[www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/artsfestival](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/artsfestival)

# COMMUNITY GARDENS

Community gardens contribute to community well-being, as well as providing many social opportunities for residents. Bayside has 5 community gardens where residents can grow their own vegetables. The newest community garden is located in Sans Souci and plans to establish more are underway.

## Maloney Street Community Garden, Rosebery

**Contact:** Patrick Hidalgo on phone 9366 3676 or email [patrick.hidalgo@bayside.nsw.gov.au](mailto:patrick.hidalgo@bayside.nsw.gov.au)

## The Bay Community Garden

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## Lever Street Reserve Community Garden, Rosebery

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## Sans Souci Veggie Patch

### Bona Park, Sandringham Street, Sans Souci

**Contact:** Andrea Dell on [andrea@frescocreative.com.au](mailto:andrea@frescocreative.com.au)

## Alexandra Parade Verge Garden

Large verge garden run by a few neighbours.



The general public can visit the community gardens at any time. Residents can apply to join an existing community garden. More information at [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)



# Clean Up Australia Day

Bayside Council would like to thank all staff and volunteers who helped collect approximately 3,000kg of waste and litter on Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 3 March 2019.

Council also arranged a BBQ on the day for all participants.



# Spotlight on Bexley



Bayside includes numerous shopping centres and smaller villages. One that's often overlooked is Bexley Shopping Village. This Village is developing a new role as a health care, personal well-being and niche business destination.

There are many hidden gems to be discovered. Come to see a health care professional and stay for a massage, coffee or a tasty pub lunch, enrol in an art class or violin academy, buy a guitar or look at the latest remote controlled toys and drones on offer.

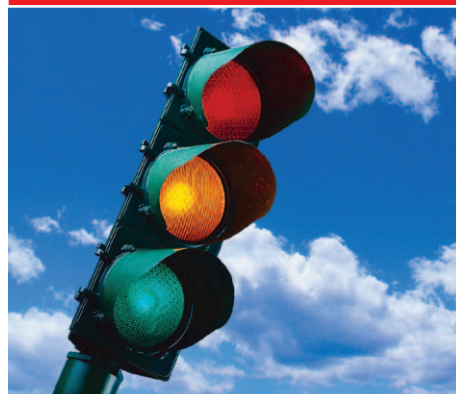
Venture off the main drag (Forest Road) to find 3 council owned car parks with generous time limits. The Village is well serviced by buses to all surrounding suburbs.

Bexley Village dates back to the early 1920s when electricity was first introduced. There are many grand homes in the area, including Lydham Hall in Lydham Avenue and others in Dunmore Street and Harrow Road.

Bexley also boasts its own School of Arts and Masonic Hall plus the Uniting Church in Gladstone Street which has a most unusual internal layout.

Bexley Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1924 by the then Mayor of Bexley Municipal Council Alderman F S Stephens and is still going strong. The Chamber welcomes feedback and suggestions via their Facebook page on how business and the community can work together to improve the area.

## RMS Asked to Pay



Council will send plans for a \$17.7 million upgrade for two intersections on Wentworth Avenue, Pagewood, to the State Government's Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for approval and also lobby the State Government to fund the six million dollar shortfall.

"A local council would not normally fund projects on state roads or the installation of traffic lights as they come under the jurisdiction of the State Government. We will honour the process started by the former City of Botany Bay and use the contributions set aside to fund the works, however the Government must make up the shortfall," Mayor Cr Bill Saravinovski said.

Works proposed include installing traffic lights at the Baker Street/Wentworth Avenue intersection and road widening at Page Street/Wentworth Avenue intersection.

## GREENING BAYSIDE

Council received a \$100,000 grant from the NSW State Government's Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney Grant to improve the green canopy in Bayside. This funding will be used for the first stage of a tree planting program to increase tree canopy cover throughout the LGA that will see trees planted in Banksmeadow, Kyeemagh, Mascot, and Sans Souci.

More information at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)



## Bayside Cycleways

Active transport plays a large role in how we grow and move as a community and Bayside Council is working towards increasing the number of residents using their feet and bikes to access local shopping centres, schools and parks.

Council is planning and building new and connected cycleways throughout the LGA and some of the latest projects include:

- ▶ Feasibility study for upgrading Banks Ave and Denison St (Pagewood)
- ▶ Wentworth Avenue share path upgrade
- ▶ Cook and Cahill Park cycleways
- ▶ Bike parking rollout across our town centres

The Bayside Transport Strategy and Bike Plan aims to make bike riding an easier, safer, and attractive transport option but we need your help.

Have Your Say at <https://haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au/planningourfuture>



# Councillors Out & About



A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Mr Stephen Milgate, in recognition of being made a Member of the Order of Australia for service to the community.

The Mayor Bill Saravinovski recently recognised the Board of Directors of the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW for their ongoing commitment to organising the annual Greek Festival.



Sophia Catharios is congratulated by the Local Members of Parliament on receiving the late 'Angelo Anestis Memorial Award' for her volunteer work with the OEEGA. *Right:* Mayor Saravinovski is pictured with Councillor Vicki Poulos and her daughter at the Greek National Day celebrations.



A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Ms Carolyn McMahon, OAM, in recognition of being awarded the Order of Australia Medal for service to the community.



A Certificate of Recognition was presented to the Australian Sydney Southern Chinese Cultural and Entertainment Centre (ASSCCEC) in recognition of their outstanding performances at the 2019 Lunar New Year Extravaganza.

Mayor Bill Saravinovski presented a Certificate of Recognition to Bayside's Men Shed in appreciation of the great work they do providing opportunities for men from all walks of life, skilled and unskilled, to come together to share time with each other, swap yarns and work together on community projects.



James Zhou was the recipient of a Certificate of Recognition for his contribution to the 2019 Lunar New Year Celebrations held in Rockdale Town Hall.



# COUNCIL'S PROJECTS



## Banksmeadow Town Centre Upgrade

Council will start work on upgrading the Banksmeadow Town Centre in May. Improvements include: new high quality decorative footpath paving on Botany Road; feature landscaping throughout the town centre at ground level and in planter boxes; street trees to increase green canopy coverage and reduce the urban heat island and new street furniture such as seating, bins and bike stands.

## Road & Pavement Program

Bayside's Road & Pavement Renewal Program started in February and is expected to finish by the end of May. The program will improve the condition of 6km of our roads.



## International Women's Day

Council staff raised \$500 for the Bayside Women's Shelter and made a video including messages of support from the Hon Linda Burney MP, Member for Barton and from Ms Sophie Cotsis MP, Shadow Minister for Women (NSW).

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Watch the video on Council's YouTube channel at [bit.ly/BaysideIWD2019](https://bit.ly/BaysideIWD2019)



## RECYCLING DROP OFF

Council would like to thank all residents who participate in our popular Community Recycling Drop Offs. This is just some of what residents have dropped off for recycling and recovery so far this year.

- ▶ 9,780kg of green waste
- ▶ 27m3 of mixed metal & white goods
- ▶ 36 m3 of e-waste
- ▶ 615kg of cardboard
- ▶ 520kg of clothing
- ▶ 75 mattresses
- ▶ 53 tyres
- ▶ 17 gas bottles
- ▶ 21 empty paint tins
- ▶ 13 lots of x-ray film
- ▶ 13 toners & cartridges

See Council's website for more information on Drop Off dates or to download our award winning Waste Services App.

## 2019 Ron Rathbone Local History Prizes

A prize of **\$5,000** will be awarded to the author of the best piece of original research on any aspect of the history of the Bayside Council area.

Students are invited to submit an essay on any subject related to our area's history. Both the winning primary school student and the winning high school student will receive **\$500**.

Entry forms and guidelines are available from all Bayside libraries or at [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)

All entries must be received by Friday 26 July.





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Council's Seniors Month Festival saw 1,400 seniors and their families actively take part in over 20 events across Bayside. Below are some ongoing activities.

### Dance that Walk

Fridays 9:15am - 10am. Exercise classes @ Alf Kay.  
**Contact:** Carol on 9366 3679 - \$5 per class.

### Chair Yoga

Kogarah West Seniors, 15 Taylor Street, Kogarah.  
**Contact:** Jeanette Farrant on 9588 5050.

### Sing Your Heart Out Seniors Choir

Thursdays 10am - 12pm @ 23 Barden Street, Arncliffe.  
**Contact:** Christina on christinapossum@bigpond.com

## BAYSIDE COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO

# Seniors Garden Party

**SUNDAY 5 MAY 2019**

— FROM 11AM TO 2PM —  
**SIR JOSEPH BANKS PARK**

*Entertainment, Canapes & Drinks*

Tickets are essential  
Book at [bit.ly/BaysideSGP](http://bit.ly/BaysideSGP) or call 9562 1845



## 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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