

Bayside NEWS Council



Bayside Council
Serving Our Community



JUNE 2019

Mayor's Message



As we get ready for a new financial year we can take stock and look at our achievements. Our program of renewing amenities, improving key services and updating our town centres is progressing well.

The Bayside Arts Festival has been embraced by the community and continues to grow. Our \$50,000 Acquisitive Prize is one of the richest in the country. This year it attracted over 45 entries and gave us another permanent sculpture.

The wonderful Seniors Garden Party in Sir Joseph Banks Park was enjoyed by all. It was also a great opportunity to meet many of our senior residents.

A new Walz Street night food market, held over four Saturdays during Ramadan, was also embraced by our community. It was a chance to share the hospitality and sample the delicious food of our multicultural community.

I also had the opportunity to personally thank our volunteers at a Volunteers Recognition Evening a few weeks ago. I have been serving in local government for some 30 years and I am constantly impressed by the number of organisations and people in our community who willingly give their time, skill and energy to help others.

It is an enormous challenge and privilege representing over 164,000 residents as Mayor of Bayside. I will continue to listen to your views and encourage Council to incorporate your ideas into our future plans.

Engaging with our community and providing them with opportunities to participate is also an important role of Local Government and something we at Bayside take pride in doing well.

I encourage all residents to take part in Council discussions and share your thoughts on key projects and services in your neighbourhood. Your feedback helps shape the delivery of Council services, facilities and infrastructure.

Cr Bill Saravinovski, Mayor

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The flavours of Ramadan came to Bayside when Sydney's newest night market kicked off in Walz Street, Rockdale on Saturday 11 May.

Run over four Saturdays this family-friendly night food market was an opportunity for the whole community to share the spirit of Ramadan.

"Ramadan at Bayside is like a community Iftar – an opportunity to break the fast – and a chance to share the hospitality and food of our multicultural community during this special month," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Children were kept entertained with a jumping castle, play centre and face painting.

Feedback from the community and social media has been very positive and Council is looking at making this a yearly event.



Bayside Arts Festival Winners

The Bayside Arts Festival culminated in an awards ceremony at Baker Street Studios, Banksmeadow on Tuesday 30 April when the winners of the various competitions run during the Festival were announced.

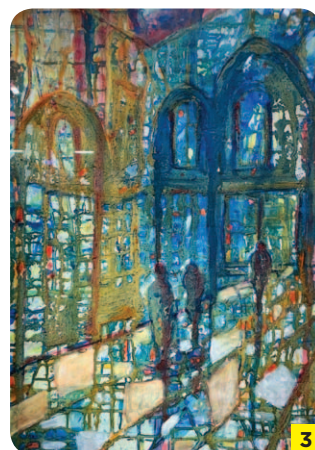
The big winners of the 2019 Bayside Arts Festival were local artists Gillie and Marc Schattner who won the Sculpture Acquisition Prize for 'Come out, Come out Hippo, Wherever you are'. The large brass sculpture of a hippo emerging from a drain will go on permanent display at Cook Park, Kyeemagh.

"The Bayside Arts Festival has been embraced by the community and continues to grow," Mayor Saravinovski said.

"This is the second year of our \$50,000 Acquisitive prize. It is one of the richest in the country and this year it attracted over 45 entries.

"This Festival would not be possible without help from the community and I would like to congratulate the winners and thank everybody who participated in the event."

Other winners on the night were Mohamed Khaki who took out the CamerArt first prize with 'The Rockdale Rain Man' and Nauha Dabboussy the Visual Arts winner with 'Meditation Room Series'.



**Bayside
Arts
Festival
2019**

1. Sculpture Acquisition Prize & People's Choice Award:
Come out, Come out Hippo, Wherever you are
by Gillie and Marc Schattner

2. CamerArt First Prize:
The Rockdale Rain Man by Mohamed Khaki

3. Visual Arts Winner:
Meditation Room Series by Nauha Dabboussy



Seniors Garden Party

The Seniors Garden Party, one of Council's signature events, offers a morning of food, friendship and familiar music for our seniors.

"Our Seniors Garden Party is an opportunity to recognise and thank our senior residents for their contribution to our community.

It gets better every year," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.



SPOTLIGHT ON BANKSMEADOW



Since work on upgrading Botany Road in Banksmeadow between Pemberton Road and Wilson Street has commenced, it's time to shine a spotlight on the culinary surprises that await in this little Bayside pocket.

There are seven fabulous eateries offering a range of cuisines and it all starts with burgers and hot rolls at Cloris Gourmet. But if South East Asian is more your thing, right next door you'll find traditional Thai dishes at Café Thai on Botany.

Hankering for a coffee as good as you get in Melbourne? Then drop in to De Luca where they take their coffee seriously and compliment it with a seasonal menu prepared by Head Chef Rhiannon Coombs (ex Icebergs Dining & North Bondi Italian).

Dreaming of French pastries? Dream no more because Croquembouche Patisserie is a dream come true.

Take a seat outside and watch the world go by in true Parisienne style. All you have to do is decide between a macaron, quiche or pissaladiere.

Need a business lunch or party catered for? Touch base with Botany Bites and order a platter or two.

Then there's Banksmeadow Pizza. With 59 Google reviews and an average rating of 4.7 out of 5, it sounds like that could be dinner sorted.

To round it all out, cross the road to find Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, a classic pub with a variety of spaces including a family-friendly sun filled garden bistro.

So there you go, Botany Road, Banksmeadow has so much gastronomic goodness in just a few hundred metres. Trading continues through the streetscape upgrade.

Bon appetite!



Gateway Signs

New gateway signs have been installed at Bexley North and Wolli Creek. Signs will also be installed at General Holmes Drive Mascot, near the airport and Dacey Gardens, Daceyville.

The metal plinths will include an acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land. The patina of the plinths will change over time to more closely reflect the rich ochres of a traditional Australian landscape.

Council is looking at installing a further six gateway signs in the near future.



FOOTPATH & OPEN SPACE SURVEYS

Council is undertaking two comprehensive surveys over May and June:

- ▶ All pathways including footpaths, shared paths and off-road cycleways; and
- ▶ All open spaces including playgrounds and fitness equipment, sportfields, BBQs, shelters and fences.

Information gathered will help Council manage these assets and target ongoing maintenance work.

Library Nominated for Top Award



The Eastgardens Library and Customer Service Centre Refurbishment is one of three Council projects in the running for a NSW Local Government Excellence Award.

The two other projects are an internal training video and an information project that merged two Council databases into one. The winners in each category will be announced at the LG Awards Dinner on Thursday 20 June.

Councillors Out & About



PRE-ANZAC MARCH – MASCOT RSL



ANZAC DAWN SERVICE – BOTANY RSL

Garden Centre Recognised

Council acknowledged the success of the Bayside Garden Centre as a profitable nursery while also providing a meaningful work environment and experience for those with a disability.



Public School Recognised

Mayor Bill Saravinovski and Bayside Councillors recognised Brighton Le Sands Public School for their very moving ANZAC Day assembly.



Super Saturday Park Openings

Mayor Bill Saravinovski and Councillors made a round of park visits on Saturday 4 May to officially open some new facilities and take the opportunity to talk with local residents. *Clockwise from top left:* Bexley Oval, Tonbridge Street Reserve, Pine Park and Depena Reserve.





Aboriginal present to Council

Local Aboriginal elder, Barbara Simms-Keeley presented Bayside Council with a traditional hand carved journey stick at the Volunteer's Reception held at the Lakes Golf Club recently. A journey stick is a memento of a journey taken - it is a stick beautifully decorated to tell what happened along the way. It was created by Aunty Barbara's daughter who lives in Nowra.

Rockdale City Suns 50th Anniversary

On Friday 24 May the Mayor Bill Saravinovski presented a certificate of recognition to Dennis Loether, President of the Rockdale City Suns, to mark their 50th Anniversary. Ron Hoenig MP, Member for Heffron, was also present to celebrate the milestone.



Outdoor Cinema

The Botany Aquatic Centre hosted another successful outdoor cinema night on Saturday 27 April to mark the end of the 2018/19 swimming season.

The Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite, Mayor Bill Saravinovski and Councillors were also there to meet residents and talk about the planned upgrade for the Centre.



WORK ON



Rowland Park

The upgrade of Rowland Park is well underway and is expected to be completed by the end of June.

The new amenities building is taking shape and new play equipment and shade cloths are being installed in the playground. Other improvements will include new seating, picnic shelters and tables, as well as an outdoor ping pong table and a basketball practice area.

Access to parts of the park is restricted while the construction work is being done.



Yambawoorra Reserve

The playground equipment at Yambawoorra Reserve in Herbert Street, Rockdale has been upgraded.



Community Grants

Recipients of the 2019 Bayside Community Grants attended the Council Meeting on Wednesday 8 May when the Mayor thanked them for their contribution to Bayside residents.

"The services you provide are making a real and lasting difference to the lives of our residents," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

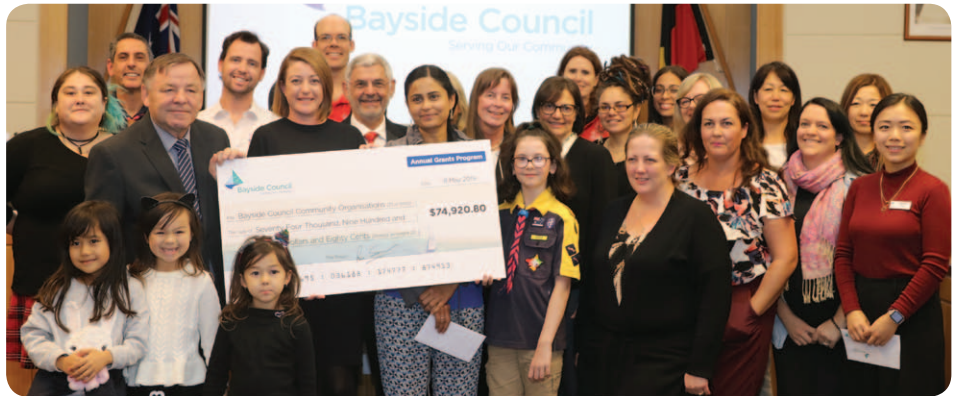
The Bayside Community Grant Program is a unique opportunity for Council to work with not-for-profit community organisations to improve the services offered to residents.

Council endorsed the recommendations of the Assessment Panel that saw \$74,920.80 in Small and Seeding Grants awarded to 21 successful community organisations:

- ▶ Botany Family & Children's Centre;
- ▶ Brighton Bunnies Playgroup;
- ▶ Kingsford Smith Scout Group - Scout Association;
- ▶ St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation;

- ▶ St George District Netball Association;
- ▶ St George North Anglican Church;
- ▶ Advance Diversity Services;
- ▶ Bayside Anglican Church;
- ▶ Botany District Music Association;
- ▶ Exodus Youth Worx;
- ▶ South Eastern Community Connect;
- ▶ The Arts GRaB (Georges River and Bayside) Committee;

- ▶ The Deli Women & Children's Centre;
- ▶ 3Bridges;
- ▶ Kytherian Association of Australia - Genealogy Club;
- ▶ Rockdale Public School P&C Association;
- ▶ St George Family Support Services Inc;
- ▶ Australian Sydney Southern Chinese Cultural and Entertainment Centre Incorporated;
- ▶ Bayside Womens Shelter;
- ▶ Sayeda Zainab Holdings Ltd;
- ▶ South Asian Australian Association.



Apprenticeship Program



Connor Armstrong (left) and Steven Cipi (right), Bayside's newest apprentices are part of the City Works team working in civil construction.

Bayside Council partners with My Gateway to provide young people with the opportunity to 'earn and learn' while forging a career in Local Government.

Council has a number of apprentices and traineeships across the organisation including our Parks and Open Spaces team, and a successful student and graduate program for engineers, planners and our library.

Council is proud of all of our apprentices, trainees, students and graduates and encourages local young people to apply for these roles when they become available.

ABANDONED VEHICLES TARGETED

A recent joint operation between Council's Compliance & Regulation staff and St George Police found 105 abandoned motor vehicles in the Bayside Council LGA.

"I am very pleased with these results and I think residents will be too. Removing these vehicles will benefit our community by increasing available parking spaces." said Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski.

This is a follow on from two previous operations where Police, utilising the latest technology, patrolled Bayside streets with a Council Ranger.

When an unregistered vehicle was detected, Police removed the number plates of the vehicle and the Ranger attached an abandoned vehicle sticker, took photographs of the car and filled out the relevant documentation.



This Porsche Boxter was, surprisingly, one of the abandoned vehicles.

VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATED

A Volunteers Recognition evening was held on Tuesday 21 May to thank local volunteers for the incredible service they provide to the community.

"I am impressed by the number of people who willingly give up their time, skill and energy to help others. You are the backbone of our community. Thank you for your tireless efforts. It really is an inspiration to see the way you help our community," Mayor Bill Saravinovski told the volunteers.



Trees Planting



Staff from the DHL Express Go Green team helped plant 2,500 native plant species in Sir Joseph Banks Park on Friday 24 May.

This will significantly improve the natural environment and compliment Council's Natural Areas Restoration and Bushcare programs in the park.

Council will host another tree planting with Conservation Volunteers Australia for World Environment Day on Wednesday 5 June. This will see 100 people from eight corporate groups planting 3,000 native species in Sir Joseph Banks Park.

For more information contact Council's Natural Resource Management Officer, Stewart Harris, on (02) 9562 1703 or bushcare@bayside.nsw.gov.au

bayside garden centre

The Bayside Garden Centre, formerly the Rockdale Community Nursery, was established in 1994, as a joint venture between Bayside Council and the Intellectual Disability Foundation of St George.

"This is a very a popular garden centre. I think we can all be proud of the dedicated employees who have made this nursery what it is today," the Mayor said.

Approximately 80,000 plants are available for sale, ranging from tube stocks to advanced trees.

The Bayside Garden Centre is at 41 Beach St, Kogarah
Open hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-3:45pm, Sat 9am-2pm

HAVE YOUR SAY



Floodplain Risk Management

Join the Bayside Floodplain Risk Management Committee. This advisory committee meets once every three months.

You will have the opportunity to meet with Council staff, Councillors and government agencies to provide advice to Council on floodplain risk management studies and plans.

Nominations close Sunday 30 June 2019.

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Sunday 23 & 30 June @ 2:00pm

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