



<u>AUGUST 2020</u>



Bayside Ferry Service

Bayside Council is urging the State Government to expand its proposed Botany Bay ferry service to include Brighton Le Sands and Sans Souci.

"The proposal currently under consideration is for the re-instatement of the La Perouse to Kurnell service. The inclusion of Brighton Le Sands and Sans Souci would increase the viability of the Government's planned ferry route," Mayor Joe Awada said.

"Ferries on the Bay would be a great tourism initiative and opportunity, especially if Brighton Le Sands and Sans Souci are included in the route." In 1903 the S.S. Erina provided a weekend service bringing hundreds of visitors to Brighton Le Sands, Kurnell, Sans Souci and La Perouse.

There is huge, untapped tourism potential in our local beachfront with family friendly swimming, a culturally inclusive environment, and a wide selection of quality cafes and restaurants.

"If the NSW Government is serious about an industry led recovery and supporting tourism, they must support the return of this ferry service," Mayor Joe Awada said. "I have written to the Minister for Transport and Roads, and the Minister for Tourism seeking meetings to progress Council's proposal. I have also contacted the local member for Sutherland, the Hon Mark Speakman, and our local member for Rockdale, Steve Kamper, seeking their support."

Council will ask the State Government to undertake a feasibility study into costs required for the construction of the extra ferry wharves and the economic benefits for our local community.

This study will ensure Bayside is not left behind when ferry services resume.

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NEW CHILD Care Centre Opening 2021

Garrigarrang Early Education and Care Centre, the new child care centre owned and managed by Bayside Council, is expected to open in early 2021.

"Families can now get onto the waiting list for this state-of-the-art centre which will provide a much needed service for the local community," Mayor Joe Awada said.

The Garrigarrang Early Education and Care Centre will cater for 66 children with fees ranging from \$119 to \$125 depending on the child's age.



Residents who want to get on the waiting list should complete the waiting list form at: **haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au/garrigarrang**

Bayside Council owns and manages two other centres in Mascot and Hillsdale as well as running a Family Day Care Scheme. For more information contact Laura Browning, Coordinator Children and Young People on 9366 3876 or via email to laura.browning@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Honouring George Lundy

Bayside Council will pay tribute to the late George Lundy and his contribution to the local community by naming the sporting fields in Jellicoe Park, the George Lundy Sporting Fields.

"George was well known and held in high regard by the soccer community, not just in Bayside, but throughout New South Wales," Mayor Joe Awada said.

"Jellicoe Park was 'home' to George so it is only fitting that this is where his legacy will be immortalised and honoured," he said.

George was the long term President and life member of Pagewood Botany Football Club and a big supporter of many local charities.

Under George's leadership the Pagewood Botany Football Club formed a close working relationship with the Windgap Foundation to create opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in sport.

He was also instrumental in getting the club involved with projects outside of football such as the Bayside Women's Shelter, raising funds for Kids with Diabetes, Black Dog Institute, the Randwick Children's Hospital, the Mitochondrial Foundation, Breast Cancer Council and Autism Australia.

The final wording and placement of a plaque will be determined after consultation with George's family and the Pagewood Botany Football Club.



L-R: Councillor Christina Curry, Mayor Joe Awada, Mrs Kathleen Lundy (wife), Stephen Lundy (son), Member for Heffron Ron Hoenig MP and Councillor Bill Saravinovski.



Ali Jomaa Acknowledged

Council recently acknowledged the contribution Ali Jomaa made to the local sporting community.

Ali started at the Arncliffe Aurora Football Club as a committee member back in 2008, becoming President in 2010. As President, Ali continued his grassroots support for the club, marking and setting up fields and contributing to the everyday chores that keep local sporting clubs operating.

With Ali at the helm of Arncliffe Aurora FC the club raised over fifty thousand dollars for charity.

Ali's contribution to his sport extended throughout the St George region and he is making a real difference for young people in our area.



NSW Planning Portal Changing how we do business

Council now accepts and processes Development Applications, Complying Development Certificates and post-consent certificates via the NSW Planning Portal.

"This is changing how we do business," Bayside Mayor Joe Awada said.

"Anyone lodging a Development Application is no longer restricted to office hours or having to physically attend Council's Administration offices. Council has been moving towards digital DAs for some time. This will bring everything online in real time." Council will continue to accept applications in person until January 2021 at which time all applications must be made via the NSW Planning Portal.

Council's Development Advisory Service will still work closely with anyone lodging a Development Application in Bayside to ensure the process runs smoothly, answer any questions or arrange pre-development meetings.

More information can be found at **www.bayside.nsw.gov.au**

BEXLEY OVAL 4 TIMES WINNER

Bexley Oval has won the Ground of the Year Award in the Sydney Shires Cricket Competition for the fourth time.

"This award would not have been possible without the resources and staff provided by Council, and especially Bexley Oval Groundsman Trent Malley who is responsible for preparing the ground throughout the season," Mayor Joe Awada said.

The Ground of the Year award acknowledges the contribution of grounds staff and is judged by officiating umpires who assess each of the 14 grounds on every match day during the season.

The high quality of the pitch and playing surface is a credit to Trent Malley who has been responsible for its upkeep for many years.

The award is further testament to Council's ongoing commitment to providing high quality community and sporting facilities.

Cricket pitches require a high level of skill and time to ensure they are kept at a premium standard and Trent employs both his well-developed skills, and dedication to his work, to ensure it is maintained at this very high level.

Bexley Oval is a much loved and utilised community asset, enjoyed by schools and community groups alike.



andalism

The facilities at Mutch Park tennis courts were vandalised at the start of the July school holidays.

Council acted quickly to mitigate the damage and start repairs but the cost of this sort of senseless vandalism is borne by all ratepayers.

If you have any information or are witness to any malicious damage to Council property contact Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

nsw.crimestoppers.com.au

BAYSIDE COMMUNITY GRANTS



Community Grant recipients from Round Two of Council's 2019/20 Community Grants Program were announced at a recent online Council Meeting.

A total of 33 applications were received and the Evaluation Panel recommended 14 of them be funded.

The next round of grants would normally open in October 2020. However, due to the current restrictions on meetings and physical distancing, it was noted that many organisations could struggle to fulfil the grant obligations.

Council decided to delay the next round of grants which will now be advertised in February 2021. This would also enable a smooth acquittal of all previous grants. Funding was awarded to the following organisation:

2connect Youth & Community Inc.	\$1,776.00
3bridges Community Limited	\$1,995.00
Banksmeadow Public School P&C Association	\$2,000.00
Bayside Anglican Church	\$2,000.00
St George and Sutherland Shire Human Services Information Project	\$2,000.00
St George Randwick Hockey Club Incorporated	\$2,000.00
The Crateful Group Australia Ltd	\$2,000.00
The Trustee For Raise Foundation	\$2,000.00
Calvary Health Care Sydney Limited	\$5,000.00
Fix It Sisters Shed Incorporated	\$5,000.00
Learning Links	\$4,955.00
Sans Souci Community Veggie Patch	\$3,376.00
The Shepherd Centre - For Deaf Children	\$5,000.00
Waverley Action For Youth Services	\$5,000.00

Total

\$44,102.00

Renaming Eastakes Reserve



Bayside Council is set to rename Eastlakes Reserve in honour of the late Jack Mundey, whose leadership during the green ban movement was instrumental in the establishment of this open space reserve in Eastlakes.

"Bayside residents have the enjoyment of some of the most beautiful parks and gardens Sydney has to offer. One of these parks, the much loved and utilised Eastlakes Reserve, came about through the tenacity and leadership of the legendary, and recently departed, Jack Mundey," Mayor Joe Awada said. "I cannot think of a better way to express our gratitude to Jack Mundey, and ensure his role in socially responsible development is preserved in our local history. It is a fitting tribute to a man who shaped Sydney and gave us the precious green spaces, like Eastlakes Reserve, that we now treasure."

As Secretary of the Builders Labourers Federation (BLF), Jack Mundey listened to the concerns of Eastlakes residents, who were frustrated with the sudden raft of apartment buildings in their area. The call to preserve land from the former Rosebery Racecourse for open space and recreation came via the introduction of a green ban, commencing in November 1971.

This was one of the earliest green bans and was successful in stalling building work on this site. By mid-1974 an agreement was reached with the Council and the developer, ensuring this land would be free from further development.

"The success of the green ban movement speaks volumes for the strength, courage and leadership of Jack Mundey," the Mayor said.

"Jack convinced workers not to work, he stood up to developers at a time when violence and murder was far too common in the building industry. Jack, with strong grassroots support made rational decisions based on long term socially and culturally responsible objectives.

"There was no personal gain for Jack Mundey, everything he did was for the greater community. Beyond the green ban movement, Jack also supported safer workplaces, gay rights, the aboriginal community and feminism," Mayor Joe Awada said.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Bayside Council is considering changes to the Sandringham Baths car park to address ongoing feedback from residents around anti-social behaviour.

To understand the impact of these changes and ensure the success of the proposal Council is asking for feedback on the current proposal that includes:

- Converting Vanston Parade to a northbound one-way road;
- Separation of the parking area and the traffic lane;
- Installation of new managed gates (operate 7 days a week, 5am - 9pm); and
- 18 car spaces including 1 accessible parking space.

To comment visit: haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au



The State Government has introduced annual permits for owners of non-desexed cats, restricted dog breeds and dogs declared to be dangerous. Owners can pay for annual permits using the online NSW Pet Registry.

www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

Bushcare Returns

Bushcare volunteers help protect local bushland that provides a home to many native plants and animals.

No experience is necessary but volunteers should wear suitable gardening clothes plus hat, bring their own water, morning tea, gloves and keep at least two metres apart at bushcare.



Council provides hand sanitiser and a sanitised set of tools for each volunteer to keep and bring to bushcare each month.

Bushcare sites:

- Lambert Road Reserve, Bardwell Park 9am-12pm on first Saturday of each month
- Hawthorne Street Natural Area, Ramsgate
 9am-12pm on second Saturday of each month
- Binnamittalong Gardens, Bexley
 9am-12pm on third Saturday of each month
- Sir Joseph Banks Park, Botany 1pm-3:30pm on third Saturday of each month
- Stotts Reserve, Bexley North
 9am-12pm on fourth Saturday of each month

To register or get more information contact Council's Environment Officer on phone 9562 1615 or via email to bushcare@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Do not come to buschcare if you are self-isolating, have a cold, flu or any other respiratory infection or are in a high risk category.

RECYCLE EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE

Bayside Council's Community Recycling Innovation Hub is now accepting Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) which can be recycled instead of ending up in landfill.

"This is great news for our community and the environment. Residents can now drop off their unwanted EPS at our regular community drop offs and help keep it out of landfill," the Mayor Joe Awada said.

EPS is that large bulky foam material that is used in packaging, building insulation and safety equipment.

It is a highly valued product due to its durability, versatility, sterility, thermal insulation, and shock absorbency.

At the last community recycling drop off day residents bought in enough EPS to fill up approximately 58 red-lidded domestic kerbside bins.

Recycled EPS is used for many things including wood-like outdoor furniture. The material costs less than hardwood and can be used instead of woods such as mahogany and teak, which are harvested from rainforests.

More information at: **www.bayside**. **nsw.gov.au/services/waste-recycling** or download the Bayside Waste App.



COUNCIL'S PROJECTS





Scarborough Street Cycleway

Bayside Council is constructing a new cycleway on the Grand Parade opposite Scarborough Street.

"This is part of our plan for a healthy, safe and sustainable future, based on community feedback from those who cycle or want to cycle around Bayside," Mayor Joe Awada said.

"We are working with the community to make our roads safer and more enjoyable to cycle on."

The new Scarborough Street Cycleway also has a 4-Tier sandstone block retaining wall to achieve a cascade effect, bollard installation to distinguish the cycleway from the carpark and line markings, new concrete kerb return entry and exit points with new boom gates.

Arncliffe Youth Centre

The Arncliffe Youth Centre will be operational from early 2021 following Council's unanimous decision to seek expressions of interest to manage the Centre.

"This is a great example of Council working with the local community to provide much needed services," Mayor Joe Awada said.

The Arncliffe Youth Centre will house two indoor sports courts suitable for futsal, basketball, table tennis, volley ball and netball.

The Arncliffe Youth Centre will also have a dedicated area for the delivery of youth services including a "drop-in" chill zone, visual arts and music rooms.

There will also be offices to provide referral services such as employment, health and drug and alcohol counselling.





A new hat for Town Hall

The Botany Town Hall now has a new roof as part of a significant refurbishment in order to return it to use for the broader community.

The gutter system has been upgraded to provide adequate stormwater capacity. The dilapidated 1966 extension has been demolished, creating a courtyard space and exposing the heritage facade of the Town Hall.

Accessibility will be improved with the construction of a new lift, external and internal ramps and accessible amenities to comply with regulatory requirements.

The refurbishment started in January.

There have been some delays due to Covid-19 and the work, which was due to be completed in April, is now anticipated to finish by September 2020.



Rockdale Park

Rockdale Park has been transformed into a major drawcard for our community.

The new, contemporary water gardens with shallow reflection pools, water plants and streams of moving water is a central feature of the park and a reminder of the original waterway.

The new playground equipment includes a fully accessible carousel, trampoline and junior play unit and features musical chimes and nature play areas.

A network of paths weave throughout the park linking all of the new features and enabling enhanced community enjoyment of the park.

The park also has new seating, picnic areas, a BBQ area as well as some new planting.

Swinbourne Street Improvements

Council has appointed Mack Civil Pty Ltd to undertake the public domain improvements and replace the retaining wall at Swinbourne Street, Botany. Access to businesses will be maintained while the following work is undertaken:

- Construction of a pedestrian crossing and speed threshold.
- Improved street lighting at the new pedestrian crossing.
- New high quality paving treatments and footpaths and pedestrian refuges in the side streets.
- Construction of a new bus zone and bus shelter.
- Landscaping works, street trees and street furniture.
- Stormwater works.
- Construction of a two-tiered concrete retaining wall.
- The installation of guardrails and landscaping to the retaining wall.





Chapel Street Reserve Playground Upgrade

The recently upgraded Chapel Street Reserve playground is now open and ready for local children to enjoy.

This upgrade was made possible thanks to a \$50k funding from the NSW State Government's Everyone Can Play grant scheme.

The playground follows the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play guidelines for creating spaces where people of all abilities can access play and recreation facilities.

An official opening and plaque unveiling to acknowledge the NSW State Government's contribution will be announced later this year depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

Kyeemagh Boat Ramp Gates

Gates and appropriate barriers have been installed at the Kyeemagh Boat Ramp to restrict access following a review of the facility and the impact of public access on local residents.

"This is a great outcome for local residents who have expressed concern about late night anti-social behaviour," Mayor Joe Awada said.

The gates will be open daily from approximately 5am to 9pm.



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ibraries Open

Welcome back to the Library!

We are excited to welcome everyone back to your library from 1 August with the following opening hours:

Eastgardens and Rockdale: Mon to Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm; Sat 9am - 1pm

Brighton Le Sands: Tue & Thu 10am - 6pm

Arncliffe, Bexley North, Mascot, Sans Souci: Mon to Fri 10am - 6pm

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Browse and Borrow
- Computers
- Printing
- Study rooms (max 2 people)

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Safety guidelines will include:

- Strict physical distancing
- Safe hygiene practices
- Max visitor numbers at one time

Bayside Customer Service Centres

EASTGARDENS Westfield Eastgardens, 152 Bunnerong Road **ROCKDALE** Rockdale Library, 444-446 Princes Highway Open from Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm and Saturday 9am - 1pm. Check Council's website at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au for latest updates.



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Ron Hoenia MP

Bayside 20/21 Budget

Delivering a Strong Budget



Bayside adopted its annual budget for the 2020/2021 financial year at the June Council Meeting.

These are unusual times with COVID-19 changing how we live and do business. Council promptly implemented Rate Relief measures for residents experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, as well as rental and fee relief for our business and sporting communities.

Despite COVID-19 having a negative impact on our revenue streams, Council has delivered a robust and responsible budget investing \$56 million in capital works while allowing for a small surplus of \$34,500.

This budget provides a platform for stable and sustainable growth, while delivering essential services and important infrastructure. This has been achieved through careful financial management and planning.

Highlights from the budget will see improvements to our parks and playgrounds, as well as roads, storm water drainage, town centres and waterways.

This newsletter gives you a snapshot of where the money comes from and where it goes.

You can view the full report online on Council's website.

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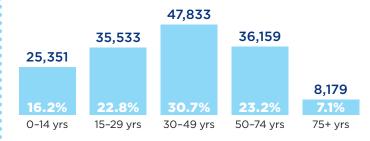
Cr Joe Awada Mayor

Our Community

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POPULATION BREAK DOWN (2016)*

156,055 residents of Bayside Council47% born in Australia (1% are indigenous)73.7% Australian citizens



BAYSIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA



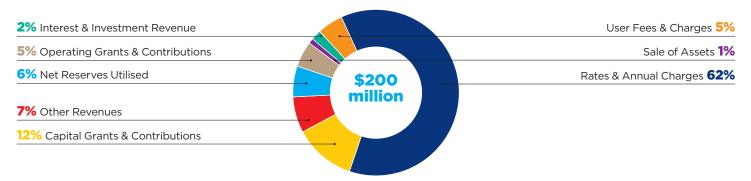
HOUSING TYPE (2016) Separate house 23,785 | 38.5% Semi-detached, row or terrace house 9,075 | 14.7% Flat or apartment 28,729 | 46.8%

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Budget Summary

The following diagrams illustrate Council's revenue streams and expenditure allocation for the 2020/2021 financial year.

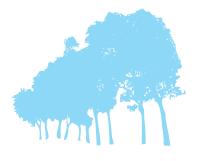
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



WHERE THE MONEY GOES

4% Community Support		Asset Maintenance (Roads, Parks, Drainage) 15%
		Asset Planning & Management 4%
11% Corporate Services		City Planning, Approval & Certification Services 7%
3% Customer Experience & Library Services	\$200	
8% Executive Services	million	
2% Regulation		Sports & Recreation 1%
16% Waste & Cleansing Services		City Projects Program 29%
Vaste & Cleansing Services	→	

Open Spaces



Roads & Transport



\$3,912,500 Active Parks

\$3,392,750 Playgrounds

\$490,000 Beaches & Waterways

\$369,237 Passive Parks

\$240,000 Natural Environment

\$8,604,976 Road Pavements

\$875,000 Bridges & Structures

\$746,360 Pedestrian Access

\$709,500 Traffic & Road Safety

\$665,000 Car Parks

\$370,000 Street Lighting

\$60,000 Kerb & Gutter

Town Centres



Buildings



Stormwater Drainage

Fleet & Equipment **\$8,215,000** Thriving Town Centres **\$92,000** Street Furniture

\$6,752,000 Renewals & Rehabilitation

\$4,434,000 New & Improvements

\$2,330,000 Drainage Infrastructure

\$1,470,000 Water Quality

\$6,991,100 Fleet Replacement

COVID-19 Response

Summary of COVID-19 impact and Bayside Council's response



The COVID-19 pandemic is a public health crisis causing enormous economic strain across NSW and Australia.

Unemployment is forecast to rise, with job losses impacting sectors particularly concentrated in our community, such as accommodation, food and beverage services, retail trade, arts and recreation services, construction and professional services.

Council is often the first point of contact for our local communities.

We not only play an important role in ensuring the safety of our community but also a key role in supporting our local businesses and communities during challenging times.

While Council is experiencing negative financial impacts as a result of COVID-19, we have actively responded in a number of different ways including instigating a number of proactive actions to contain current workforce costs or achieve savings. We have also made provisions to assist those in genuine hardship due to COVID-19.

The estimated impact of COVID-19 to the 2019/20 budget was around \$2.4m and it is forecast that there will be an impact on the 2020/21 budget which we are actively monitoring.

Currently COVID-19 is having an impact on Council's revenue streams in the following areas:

- Sports and recreation
- Development fees
- Inspection fees
- Grants and contributions
- Compliance income
- Rental income
- Interest income.



Council's Rate Relief measures for residents experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 will continue into the new Financial Year 2020/21 and includes:

- Payment plan to be established and maintained with payments commencing from July 2020.
- Waiving new interest charges on overdue rates.
- Ceasing legal action on rates recoveries.



Payment Methods

Details on how you can pay your rates are shown on the back of the rate notice. Please note a 0.5% service fee is charged for all credit card payments.

How to pay

ONLINE

Online at **www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/pay-my-rates** using your debit or credit card (Visa and Mastercard). Your reference number is stated on your rates notice.

DIRECT DEBIT

Payment can be made via direct debit form your nominated savings or cheque account (credit accounts are not applicable). Download and complete all sections of the direct debit authority form at **www.bayside.nsw.gov.au**

Send completed form to Council via: Email: council@bayside.nsw.gov.au Post: PO Box 21, Rockdale NSW 2216

BPAY

Contact your bank or financial institution to make payment from your account. The BPAY biller code is: **10272**. Your reference number is stated on your rates notice.

PHONE

Call **13 18 16** and use the automated Post Billpay service provided by Australia Post (using Post Billpay Code: **0530**) to pay using your debit or credit card (Visa and Mastercard).

MAIL

Make your cheque or money order payable to Bayside Council and cross 'Not Negotiable'.

Post with payment advice from the bottom section of your rate notice to: **PO Box 21, Rockdale NSW 2216**

Please do not send your full statement or cash.

BY PERSON

Visit one of our Customer Service Centres: **Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm; Saturday 9am - 1pm** Please check Council's website for up-to-date opening hours.

Payment by debit and credit card (Visa and Mastercard) is preferable. However, we do still accept cash and cheques.

POST OFFICE

Payment can be made at any Australian Post Office by cash, cheque, debit card and credit cards (Visa and Mastercard).



Important Information



Read the full budget report in the 'Bayside 2018-2030' document.

The document contains the 'Delivery Program 2018-2021' and the 'Operational Plan 2020-2021' and it is available on Council's website.



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