



Mayor's Message



Another financial year is over! I'm pleased with what we've been able to achieve.

We've worked hard on improving the overall

presentation of our Bayside area and we're continuing to improve the experience for our residents in every interaction you have with Council.

The first week of July is dedicated to recognising and celebrating the contributions indigenous people make to our country. We've developed a fun and informative

week of celebrations so you can get involved in the activities occurring right across Bayside. Details are on Council's website.

I have been out and about recently, dancing to Abba with our Seniors at the popular High Tea and speaking with our young people at the Kingsgrove High School Careers Expo. It was an inspiring event for students to explore future possibilities.

Council is currently upgrading numerous playgrounds around Bayside. Our work to rejuvenate the Sir Joseph Banks Park play area has also commenced with a sod turning ceremony.

This exciting new adventure play area, based on ideas from local

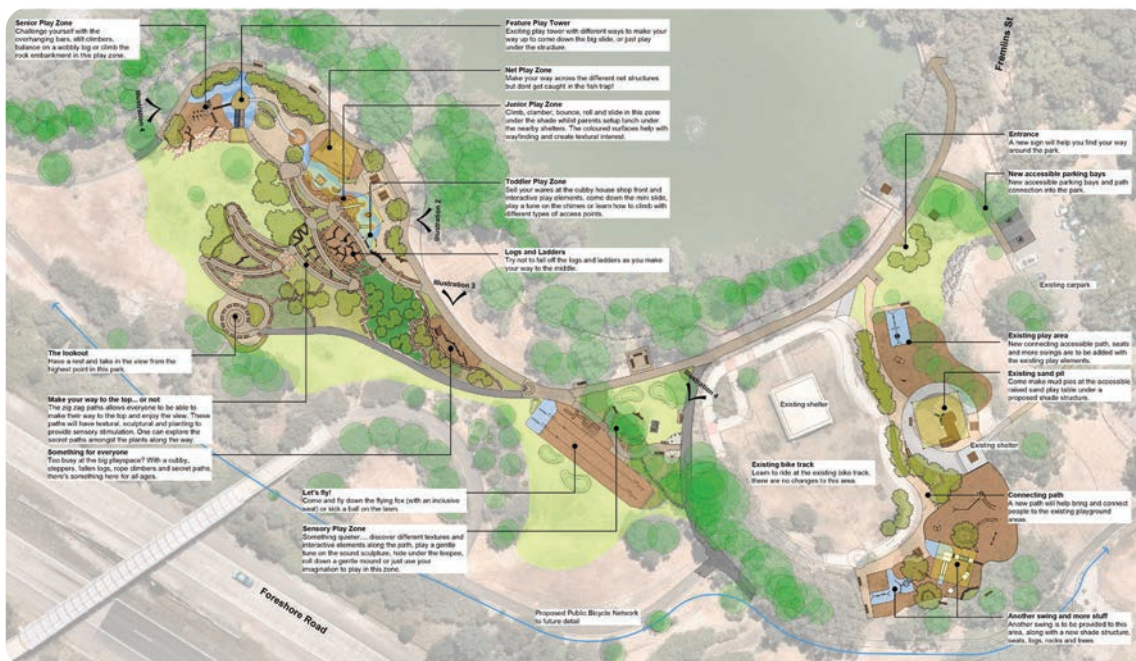
children, has been made possible with \$2.5 million in funding through the NSW Government's Legacy Grant program and a substantial contribution from Sydney Airport. Work should be completed in December.

Further details of all the parks being upgraded can be found on Council's website.

The Councillors and I are working hard to improve the local area for all residents.

I invite you to share your ideas and suggestions with us. You can find your Councillors contact details on the back page.

Dr Christina Curry
Mayor



L-R: Mayor Dr Christina Curry, Michael Daley MP Member for Maroubra and Jake Atkins Co-Head of Sustainability, Safety and Environment, Sydney Airport at Sir Joseph Banks Park.

Overall concept design of the new Sir Joseph Banks Regional Playspace.

Minister Launches New Action Plan



New Policy Puts Art on the Map

Bayside Council has adopted its first Public Art Policy which covers everything from the acquisition, assessment, development, and management of public art from street sculptures to murals.

A key focus, which the Council is keen to explore, is the inclusion of permanent public artwork as part of all future town centre renewal projects.

The Public Art Policy can be viewed on Council's website:

<https://haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au/draft-public-art-policy>

The Hon Linda Burney, Minister for Indigenous Australians launched Bayside Council's first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) during Reconciliation week.

The RAP lays the foundations for future RAPs and Reconciliation initiatives through a program of actions and deliverables developed in consultation with key staff and community stakeholders.

The Minister thanked the community members, Elders, Land Councils and Council staff who contributed to this plan.

Bayside Mayor Dr Curry also attended the launch and told the gathering that together, as a community we can inspire and help each other to be part of the reconciliation journey.

Council's Reconciliation Action Plan is available on Council's and Reconciliation Australia's websites.



Celebrating Our Heritage



Council recently celebrated NAIDOC Week through a series of events which showcased the history, culture and achievements of our first nation people, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

This year's theme was *Get Up!, Stand Up! Show Up!* And that's exactly what we did at Bayside.

Our street flags across the whole LGA showcased the winners of Bayside's inaugural Indigenous Art competition and the activities began with an official Flag raising ceremony in the courtyard of the Rockdale Town Hall.

Celebrating our Seniors



Over 600 seniors were treated to high tea with entertainment by Abbasback at the Rockdale and Botany Town Halls. The Mayor hosted these events to pay tribute to and thank our seniors for their contribution to our community.



Streets Alive

BRIGHTON LE SANDS

Bay Street in Brighton Le Sands came alive with food, music and art when Council hosted the Streets Alive Festival funded by the NSW State Government Open Streets program to help communities recover after the COVID-19 lockdowns.



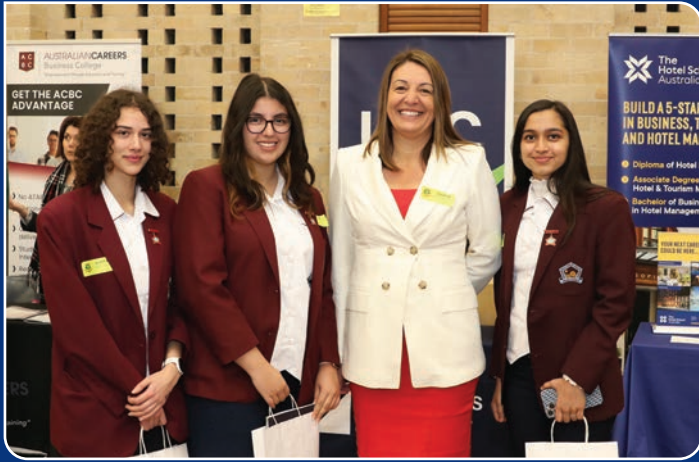
Following the success of the festival, Council resolved to write to the Minister for Roads, Minister for Tourism and Sport to request that the State Government facilitate the closure of Bay Street between Moate Avenue and The Grand Parade for similar weekend events on an ongoing basis.



Out and About in the Community

CAREER EXPO DAY

Kingsgrove High School recently held their annual Career Expo and many of the students were keen to chat with the Mayor, Dr Christina Curry about opportunities in Local Government.



TREES FOR MUM

Council's Trees for Mum initiative saw local families out in force planting 170 trees on Mother's Day that will also help increase the local tree canopy. All the trees were supplied by the Bayside Garden Centre, a joint venture between Bayside Council and the Intellectual Disability Foundation of St. George.



RAMADAN IN WALZ STREET

The Bayside Ramadan Street Fair attracted large crowds again this year and showcased a wonderful range of traditional halal foods.

WELL BEING ART EXHIBITION

Mayor Curry visited Sydney Multicultural Community Services in Daceyville on Friday 3 June for the launch of their *Art for Wellbeing Exhibition*. The art therapy program was funded by a Council Community Grant



FLOOD VICTIMS BENEFIT

The Bayside Men's Shed, through generous donations from their members, has raised over \$1000 for flood victims. What a great effort and thank you!



BANGLADESHI MORNING TEA

The Bangladeshi Community recently hosted "Good Morning Bangladesh" in Mascot, in support of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for Cancer Research.

GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Making clothes for the needy is a labour of love for Gabbies Sewing Angels. The group of dedicated volunteers meet in St Gabriel's Catholic Church, Bexley, every Tuesday and Thursday. New members always welcome.



BEXLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Mayor and Councillors attended the Bexley Chamber of Commerce end of Financial Year gathering with Member for Kogarah, Mr Chris Minns MP and Member for Rockdale Mr Steve Kamper MP.

KARITANE HUB WOLLI CREEK

Mayor Dr Christina Curry, Councillor Jo Jansyn and Steve Kamper MP, attended the launch of the new Wolli Creek integrated care hub that will provide accessible services promoting health and wellbeing for women, children and families living in the area



Council's Projects

Depena Reserve

The new playspace is expected to open in August. The refurbishment includes new park furniture, pathways, landscaping, safety fencing and shade sails. It was partially funded by a grant from the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play Program.



Rosebery Town Centre

The upgrade includes new street furniture, kerbside landscaping and new footpath pavers.



Park Upgrades

Council is upgrading numerous parks with new playground equipment, landscaping, and park furniture. Parks currently being upgraded include:

- ▶ Jellicoe Park, Pagewood
- ▶ Haig Reserve, Daceyville
- ▶ Flack Reserve, Hillsdale
- ▶ G B Holt Reserve, Carlton
- ▶ Shepard Parade Reserve, Bardwell Valley
- ▶ Evatt Park, Bexley
- ▶ Belmore Reserve Arncliffe

Find out more at:

www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/your-council/city-projects



\$6M Multi-Sport Grant Windfall

A \$5 million funding boost from the State Government will help fund Bayside Council's plans to build a first-class sporting and recreational hub in Barton Park, Rockdale.

Bayside Mayor Dr Christina Curry said she was over the moon following the announcement over the weekend that the State Government had approved a \$5 million Multi-Sports Community Grant for Barton Park, as well as a further \$1 million for the upgrade of the Scarborough Park Tennis Courts.

"A \$6 million gift is a big win for our community," Mayor Dr Curry said.

"Our vision for Barton Park is to make it a place for everyone, particularly for the growing populations around Arncliffe, Banksia and Wolli Creek. It will be inclusive for all ages and all levels of activity from morning walks to bird watching, or from cycling to playing organized sports and places for families to enjoy quality time together.

"This multi-sport grants must be used to develop the more active areas and these grants will make

this possible for work to begin at both Barton Park and the the Scarborough Park Court Upgrade," she said.

The Barton Park Recreational Precinct project will deliver Zone 1 and 2 of the Barton Park Masterplan. The project will provide premium sporting fields, open space for passive and active recreation, an accessible sharepath along Muddy Creek and a new children's playground, for the growing populations of Arncliffe, Banksia and Wolli Creek.

The Active Centre, known as Zone 1 or the former St George Sporting Fields and Stadium will be the beneficiary of the Government's \$5 million Multi Sport Community Grant.

The former stadium will be replaced, and the area transformed into the main activity hub.

It will include new natural turf sporting fields, a new state of the art 450 seat stadium, two multi-use courts suitable for basketball, futsal and hand ball, four tennis courts, new amenities, improved road access and parking.

Mayor Dr Curry said the new sporting and recreational hub would form the heart of the Barton Park transformation which includes Open Space area and the new sharepath along Muddy Creek.

Bayside Council will invest \$30 million over the next 2 years transforming and improving the parkland.

The \$1 million grant will be used to upgrade the six existing courts in Scarborough Park. The make-over due for completion in 2023 will see the courts resurfaced and new energy efficient lighting installed.

"In keeping with the grant, the new surfaces will ensure the courts can be used for more than just tennis and that the facilities are easily accessible for everyone," Mayor Dr Curry said.

"The grants don't cover the whole cost of the projects, but the infusion of funds certainly takes the pressure off and allows work to get under way," Mayor Dr Curry said.

Community Groups Grants

Council recently distributed \$46,633 in small grants to 18 local community organisations.

The next round of Community Grants is expected to open in August and details will be promoted on Council's Website.

The successful applicants for this round were:

- Advance Diversity Services
- Arncliffe Aurora Football Club
- Botany District Music Association
- Botany Family and Children's Centre
- Holistic Wellbeing Club Inc.
- Kogarah Waratah Football Club
- Lever Street Community Garden
- Morris Children's Fund Inc
- Pagewood Senior Citizens
- Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd (PCYC Eastern Suburbs)
- Ramsgate Rams Junior Australian Football Club
- Rockdale City Raiders
- Rockdale Ilinden Football Club (Juniors) Inc.
- Rockdale Musical Society Incorporated
- St George Historical Society Inc
- St George Randwick Hockey Club Inc.
- The Deli Women & Children's Centre
- Wrap with Love Inc





Duckweed Removal

Work was undertaken at Sir Joseph Banks Park to help remove the build-up of duckweed in the ponds.

Council is continually working to improve the water quality of the ponds while retaining natural habitat for native wildlife and plants.



What a Difference Some Paint Makes

Council's outdoor staff have been busy giving our roundabouts and traffic islands a fresh coat of white paint as part of their annual refurbishment program.

The newly painted traffic controls are now more visible, increasing safety. The fresh coat of paint has been complemented with some new plantings giving the local streetscape a real boost.

Roundabouts at Bexley, Brighton Le Sands, Eastlakes and Hillsdale have all been given a refresh

Driving Greener and Cleaner

As part of council's ongoing commitment to work towards a more sustainable future they will be adding six electric vehicles to its fleet and installing a fast-charging station at the Bexley Depot.

The Council is also working closely with developers to ensure suitable charging stations are included in all new projects and actively engaging with all levels of government to ensure funding is made available for the installation of public EV charging infrastructure.



News in Brief...

Exceptional Service on the radar

Bayside Council recently endorsed its Delivery Program 2022-2026 which has a strong focus on delivering exceptional service.

Mayor Dr Christina Curry said one of the key components was to align resident's customer service experience with Council's values of exceptional service.

The Delivery Program has set several actions and targets to ensure improvements are made across the whole of council.

Sunday Ban reinstated

The NSW Government has reversed its proposal to allow construction work on Sundays and Public Holidays.

The Government had removed the ban on Sunday and Public Holiday work during COVID to help keep the economy going and people in jobs, and were happy to keep it going.

Thanks to a joint campaign by Councils across New South Wales on behalf of their residents it has gone back to how it should be – No construction work on Sundays or Public Holidays.

Wolli Creek

The Bonar Street Stage 2 drainage upgrade work has started. Council is undertaking sewer relocation works and will move on to the drainage culvert installation in a few weeks

State wants LG funds

The State Government is proposing reforms to the Developer Contribution Scheme, which will see a large portion going directly into the State's coffers, robbing local governments and depriving residents in those growing communities of vital infrastructure and facilities.

Bayside Council is lobbying against the proposal and has urged all Members of the Upper House of the NSW State Parliament to reject the changes when they come before it.

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE OUR COMMUNICATION?

Please take a minute to fill out the survey below and return to us.

Email: communications@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Post: **Communications Survey Bayside Council, PO Box 21 Rockdale NSW 2016**

Online: **Via the QR code or visit www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/comms.survey**

How do you engage with Council?

- Mayoral Office
- Phone
- Email
- Customer Service Centre
- Social media
- Waste App
- Ward Councillors
- Website
- Local Library
- Other _____

Please select and rate all the ways you currently receive news & information from Bayside Council

1 being the least preferred and 5 the most

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Next Door
- E-News
- Website
- Hard copy Community Newsletter
- Local Library
- The Leader

What is your overall satisfaction with our letterboxed hard copy community newsletter overall?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Rate the frequency of our letterboxed hard copy community Newsletter?

- Too infrequent
- About right
- Too often

What is your overall satisfaction with our E-Newsletter?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Rate the frequency of our E-Newsletter?

- Too infrequent
- About right
- Too often

Please rank the importance of the following topics to you.

1 being the least preferred and 5 the most

- Events and Programs
- Library news
- Waste and Recycling
- Planning and Development
- Traffic Management
- Playground upgrades
- Sport and Recreation
- Passive Parks and Green Spaces
- Other - please list

Is there anything else you would like to hear about?

What can we do to improve our communication with you?

Your Suburb / Postcode:

age group:

- Under 18
- 18 - 35 years
- 35 - 45 years
- 45 - 65 years
- 65 - 75 years
- Over 75

Scan the QR code or visit the URL to do the survey online.



Thank you for filling out this survey, your feedback is important to us.

CONTACT YOUR WARD COUNCILLOR

To contact your Local Ward Councillors go to www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/your-councillors

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.

Check Council's website at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au for latest updates.



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