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Message from the Mayor



Summer is almost here. We will be celebrating this great time of the year with a comprehensive program of events for you to enjoy.

Our summer activities start early with our Food & Wine Festival on 5 November at Mascot Memorial Park. This is a great way for residents and visitors

to experience Bayside's fine local produce. We will also host a variety of Christmas family events in various locations across our LGA. I hope you take the opportunity to attend these events to connect and support our community.

Council runs extra services each summer to help make those times where we are all our and about, more enjoyable for you and your family.

Bayside has 8 kilometres of coastline and runs a Summer Foreshore program annually. Our theme for this year's program is 'Leave only footprints'. We have a number of measures to ensure that our community areas are clean, safe and welcoming. We are also bringing back our Bayside Buddies - friendly faces who

will assist people with directions and enquiries.

I'd also like to pass on my thanks to all who responded to our recent survey on how we can improve our communication. The feedback we received was very helpful and extremely useful in helping to guide us in providing you with more of the information you'd like to receive.

The Councillors and I invite you to reach out to us. Our contact details are on the back page along with a map to help you determine your ward. Please feel free to share your ideas, so we can better serve you.



Dr Christina Curry
Mayor

Floating island for swans and turtles of Sir Joseph Banks Park

We are partnering with the Fix It Sisters Shed, WIRES and Western Sydney University in a pilot research project funded by NSW Ports to create a floating island in Sir Joseph Banks Park pond for swans and turtles.

Anchored in the middle of the ponds, this innovative collaboration will allow for a safe location for swans and turtles to nest and breed. It will increase the chances of survival for both species and enrich our local environment.

It's an excellent example of what can be achieved when we work together to build strong, sustainable, prosperous neighbourhoods of which we can all be proud.



*DISCLAIMER
The above image isn't exact but an example of a similar pontoon.*

2022/23 Summer Foreshore Program

Council's popular beaches are set to thrive this summer and Council has launched the annual Summer Foreshore program which runs from 1 October 2022 to 10 April 2023.

This year's program 'Leave Only Footprints' focuses on the environment and providing a safe and welcoming space for the community to enjoy. We are encouraging visitors to respect the environment, put their rubbish in the bin and leave only footprints.

The program will also see more than 300 fixed and mobile bins spread over 8kms of foreshore, more scheduled waste services, increased ranger patrols, new no smoking signage and CCTV cameras. This year will also see the return of the popular Bayside Beach Buddies who will be on duty to guide and help visitors to our foreshore and talk about waste education.

Council continues to work closely with St George Police and the Water Police to provide

Green investment

Council recently invested \$9.65m in a 12 month Commonwealth Bank of Australia Green Term Deposit. At 4.06% for 12 months that's a real win win with a good return on investment while also doing the right thing for our environment.

Paving the way with rubber roads

Sydney disposes of approximately 64,000 truck tyres and 34,000 car tyres per year. Our Council collects about 1,200 tyres every year. We are trialling the use of crumbed rubber from used tyres to make a modified mix of road base.

Early results of the project called 'Paving the way with rubber' are very positive with lower noise levels and extended road life.

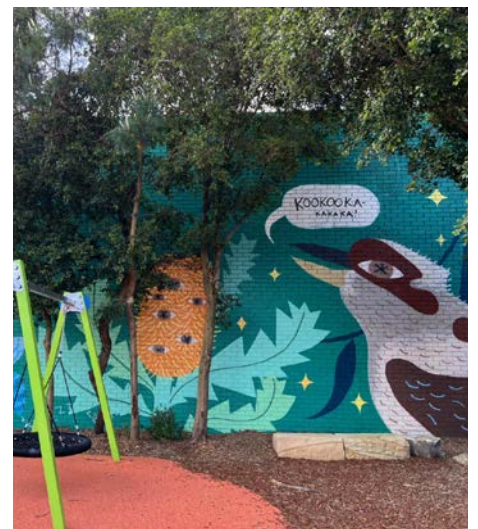


a coordinated response to issues and to keep our community safe.



Parks & Places

Bayside Council is working hard to improve our area by greening and upgrading our streetscapes and parks. We have so many great spaces and want everyone to enjoy them. Here are a few of the projects completed since the last newsletter.



Depena Reserve playspace

The new Depena Reserve playspace got a big tick of approval from the local kids when it was officially opened for play on Saturday, 6 August.

Council received a \$300,000 contribution from the NSW Government towards the creation of a new playground. It provides opportunities for kids of all ages and abilities.

The new park features a wheelchair accessible playspace, inclusive playground equipment and furniture, nature play and sensory spaces, and upgraded swings and slides.

There are also lots of shaded areas for parents and carers to sit around and watch the kids play.



Smart CCTV network 2022

Council has expanded its state-of-the-art CCTV network to include the public car park at Sanoni Avenue. The network is helping to combat anti-social behaviour, dangerous driving and hooning, while supporting law enforcement and improving public safety.

The cameras can identify offending vehicles, recognise licence plates, and capture the required footage/images to process infringements. Video and photographic evidence also helps Police with investigations and can also be used as evidence for prosecution.

The cameras run on 100% renewable energy through solar and wind power generation.

Developer contribution reforms dropped

The NSW Government has abandoned its contentious developer contribution reforms following a concerted campaign by local councils.

This proposal would have seen Bayside Council lose \$140M in contributions over the next 15 years if these changes had come into effect.

The NSW Government's proposed Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021 would have diverted developer contributions into a State Treasury controlled fund, and away from local councils.

Bayside Council, together with other local councils, campaigned against these changes that would have financially crippled councils and left them unable to fund local infrastructure including, roads, libraries, sports fields, and playgrounds.

No 24/7 McDonald's on Botany Road

McDonald's has withdrawn their appeal from the Land and Environment Court in a bid to build a 24/7 outlet at 1581 Botany Road, Botany. The application attracted an angry response from residents concerned about traffic and noise.

Thank you Rachel Thornton for your efforts and Michael Daley MP and Matt Thistlethwaite MP for joining the fight.



Matraville incinerator withdrawn

Another great win for the community as plans for the proposed incinerator have been officially withdrawn. A great outcome for our area with the fight against the incinerator a real team effort.

All levels of government rallied against the incinerator with local residents leading the charge. Special thanks to the No More Incinerators Eastern Suburbs Group for their tireless efforts in achieving this great outcome.

Business Support

Council will implement a series of initiatives to support local businesses struggling with the ongoing impact of COVID-19 lockdowns, staff shortages and supply chain issues.

We want all businesses to thrive and grow.

We have created a Bayside Business Newsletter and this is just one of the ways we'll be spreading that message. It will be issued bi-monthly and will assist in sharing information on the products and services that are available across Bayside.

You can subscribe to the Business Newsletter at:
haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au/baysidebusiness

Spring is in the air

A wonderful celebration of culture and diversity at our Eastlakes Spring Fair at Jack Munday Reserve this year.

Thousands of residents turned out to enjoy the glorious sunshine, amazing stalls and free entertainment from our very talented local residents.

As always, the SES crew's display proved ever popular with Council's garbage truck also drawing the younger crowds.



Bayside says NO to domestic violence

Walk with us at 10am on Saturday 26 November

The Australian Statistics are very alarming with 1 in 6 women having experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner.

This year Bayside Council will be joining the Global 16 Day campaign against Domestic Violence which runs from 25 November to 10 December.

A community walk will be held on Saturday 26 November 2022 from Ramsgate RSL to Depena



Reserve at Dolls Point, including a community BBQ at the Reserve. Save the date and, if you can join us, please wear something orange to show your support.

1800 RESPECT

24/7 Counselling helpline, information and support.

National: **1800 737 732**
Domestic: **1800 656 463**

Closure trial for Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands



After years of campaigning and lobbying by Council and State Member Mr Steve Kamper MP, officers from TfNSW have agreed to work with Council to trial a series of weekend closures of Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands, over the coming summer.

The closure of Bay Street will not only assist with the weekend hooning and anti-social behaviour issues, but it will allow our local businesses to expand their trading footprint. This will create a community space to bring people together to enjoy wonderful entertainment and dining experiences.

This is a great outcome for our residents, businesses and the many visitors who come to enjoy our beautiful foreshore.

There is still a lot to do before the trial can proceed but we now we have a project to work towards.

Book Week 2022

Council celebrates Book Week every year with an art competition and activities for young school children. This year we received 1,764 entries from 14 Bayside schools for this year's Dreaming With Eyes Open themed competition.

Thank you to all the teachers and parents for your ongoing support and encouragement for this initiative that celebrates the importance of books in children's lives. Students received their awards at a ceremony in the Rockdale Town Hall on Thursday 8 September.



Ron Hoenig MP recognised

Mayor Dr Christina Curry had the pleasure of congratulating Mr Ron Hoenig MP on his 10 year Anniversary representing the people in the seat of Heffron in the NSW Parliament on Thursday 25 August.

Prior to entering Parliament Mr Hoenig served as the Mayor of the former City of Botany Bay for 31 consecutive years. Congratulations Mr Hoenig on this significant anniversary and thank you for your exceptional service to our community.



HAVE YOUR SAY

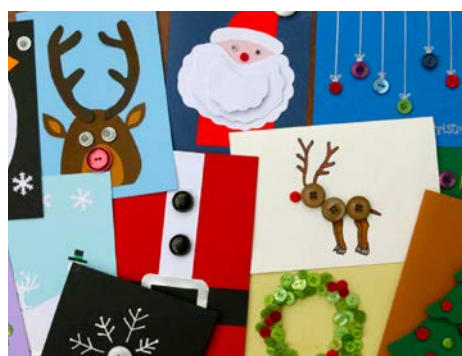
A place where you can participate and influence Bayside Council's decision-making process.

haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au

Grant funding

Council has been able to deliver an additional 50 projects for the community made possible through State and Federal Government grants.

Approximately \$30 million of additional funding has been received which has helped deliver key projects including the two-day Streets Alive Festival on Bay Street in Brighton Le Sands, as well as road safety improvements, playground upgrades and renewals, sporting facility upgrades and a new bridge at Riverine Park.



Christmas card competition

All Bayside residents and local school kids are invited to get creative and design the Mayor's Christmas cards to celebrate the Christmas holiday season!

The competition closes on 18 November and up to five designs will be selected to form the Mayor's Christmas cards, Christmas displays and online promotions.

A template is available at: www.bayside.nsw.gov.au

Nominate your local hero

The Bayside Citizen of the Year Award is an opportunity to recognise the achievements and contributions of an everyday Bayside resident who has done something exceptional. Nominate a local 'hero' who may have excelled in their chosen sport, had a positive impact for our community, promoted a good cause or run a campaign to get something done.

Nominations close on Friday 4 November 2022.

Award categories are:

- ◆ Citizen of the Year
- ◆ Sportsperson of the Year
- ◆ Young Citizen of the Year (16 to 25 years)

www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/area/citizen-year

2022 Winners:
(L-R) Bayside Sportsperson of the Year Ammrutha Vashetharan, Bayside Citizen of the Year Rachael Smith and Young Citizen of the Year Tameeka Johnson.



Council's services

Parks and facilities hire

Most of our parks, sporting and recreation facilities can now be booked online at bayside.bookable.net.au

You can also book or enquire via phone by calling Council on **1300 581 299**

Waste services app

The Bayside Waste Services app can set reminders for your collection day, report an issue or request a service, find out a nearest waste and recycling facility and waste info.

For Android and iPhone.

Report it

Lodge a request to report any Council related issues and go to *My Requests* to see your previously lodged requests.

Visit the *Online Services* page on Council's website at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au

What's On

WED 26 OCT

Migrant Information Day

Info on housing, health, employment, education, support and services. Include information stalls, cultural performances and a BBQ.

10:00am - 2:00pm
Rockdale Town Hall

SAT 29 OCT

Halloween Movie Night

E.T. The Extra Terrestrial. Bring a picnic or purchase food and refreshments from the food stalls. Prizes for best dressed Halloween outfit. No alcohol or glass allowed. Cost: entry to the pool.

6:45pm - 9:30pm
Botany Aquatic Centre

SAT 5 NOV

Food & Wine Festival

Join us for lunch, dinner or drinks, enjoy the live entertainment or take part in one of the many workshops.

11:00am - 9:00pm
Mascot Memorial Park

SAT 26 NOV

Family and Domestic Violence Walk

A community walk to show our support for ending domestic violence, including a community BBQ at Depena Reserve.

from Ramsgate RSL
to Depena Reserve

Bayside Customer Service Centres

Westfield Eastgardens, 152 Bunnerong Road
Rockdale Library, 444-446 Princes Highway
Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Phone **1300 581 299** | **02 9562 1666**



SAT 19 - SUN 20 NOV

Die Fledermaus Gala Concert

The Rockdale Opera Company showcase some of the glorious music from Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus as well as many favourite songs and arias!

Sat 7:30pm - Sun 2:00pm
Rockdale Town Hall

FRI 9 DEC

Christmas at Bexley Park

Outdoor cinema, food stalls, face painting, live music and a visit from Santa.

5:00pm - 9:00pm
Henderson Road, Bexley

SAT 10 DEC

Christmas at Botany Aquatic Centre

Outdoor cinema, food stalls, face painting, live music and a visit from Santa.

5:00pm - 9:00pm
Myrtle Street, Botany

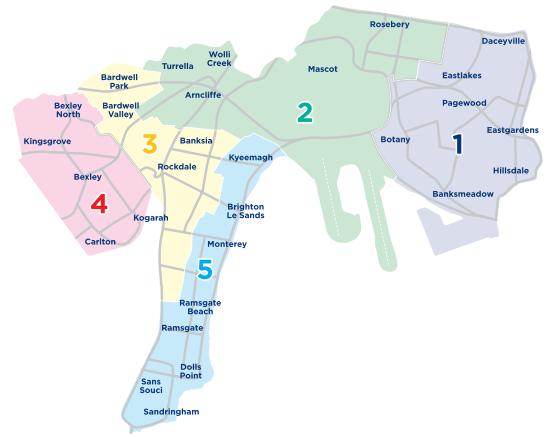
SUN 18 DEC

Christmas at Cahill Park

Outdoor cinema, food stalls, face painting, live music and a visit from Santa.

5:00pm - 9:00pm
Gertrude Street, Wolli Creek

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