

Bayside News



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Message from the Mayor Dr Christina Curry



In this edition we have included a detailed financial summary of where your Council spends its revenue. We pride ourselves on our strong financial management disciplines. We also endeavour to maintain equality across our five wards and there has been some

proposed refinement in ward boundaries to align resident numbers more evenly.

The months ahead will see Council continuing to focus on customer experience with improvements to make our website more user friendly together with better online and mobile tools to help residents log and track Council matters.

We continue to also work on Bayside infrastructure through our road resurfacing program, upgrading footpaths, parks and playgrounds. Our larger projects include Sir Joseph Banks Playground, Barton Park, Mascot Oval and Town Park Wolli Creek.

You may have heard that we recently won a prestigious national award for our work on the Circular Economy. The award recognised the many waste reduction initiatives that form our Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy.

We received an honourable mention for our Family and Domestic Violence Action Plan which included our community walk where our message was a strong NO to domestic violence in all its forms. Our action plan has also just been updated.

This newsletter contains details of a couple of great events occurring soon.

The first is our Bayside Spring Fair which is a great family event. The other event is our Annual Food and Wine Festival. Hope to see you there.

As always, please reach out to me or my fellow Councillors if we can assist you with any Council matter.

Dr Christina Curry
Mayor



Bayside votes to say Yes

Bayside Council overwhelmingly voted to support the Federal Government's 'Yes' campaign to recognise our First Nations people within the Constitution.

A referendum will be held later this year when all Australians will have their say on changing the constitution to give a 'Voice to Parliament for our First Nations people'. The Voice will create an advisory body to provide recommendations on matters affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Scan the QR code for more information on both the referendum and the YES and NO campaigns.



NAIDOC week in Bayside

We began our NAIDOC Week celebrations with a flag raising ceremony, an inspirational Welcome to Country and the wonderful sounds of the didgeridoo at Botany Town Hall.

Representatives from the community, including our local schools, were then invited to view a stunning black and white photographic exhibition featuring local Elders and to take part in traditional activities such as shell art.

Council also hosted a Family Fun Day and BBQ at Ramsgate Beach which included a traditional dance demonstration and workshop by the Gamay Dance Group.

Local First Nation Photographer and Artist, Dennis Golding, also gave a talk at Rockdale Library discussing the stories behind his exhibition 'For Our Elders'.



Christmas competitions

Bayside residents and local school kids, it's time to get creative and submit a design for our Christmas flags and the Mayor's Christmas cards!

We are looking for a bright and festive design that represents Christmas in Bayside. For more information and templates visit Council's website.



Sunrise Duel by John Stamatelopoulos

Bayside photo competition

Get your cameras and smartphones out and start clicking for your chance to win a cash prize in the *Our Bayside* photography competition. Run by Council, the photography competition is looking to capture *Our Bayside* through the eyes of the community.

We are looking for moments in time that illustrate the rich multicultural tapestry of life celebrated in Bayside. For more information visit Council's website.

Botany Bay saved!

We are very grateful to the Minns Labor Government for ruling out the building of a cruise ship terminal in Yarra Bay.

The proposed terminal may not have been in Bayside, but it would have greatly impacted our roads and traffic, as well as being disastrous for the coastal and marine environment in Botany Bay and its surrounding foreshore.

A very vocal, Save Yarra Bay, community campaign was run by the Save the Bay Coalition and supported by Bayside and Randwick Council, as well as the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council.



Bayside Business Awards

Thank you to our local businesses who have registered and everyone who voted for your favourite Bayside business. Winners will be announced on Tuesday 17 October at a Gala Presentation evening.

Grant recipients

Bayside Council awarded \$69,300 worth of Community Grants to 32 community organisations following the recommendations of an independent assessment panel.

Our Community Grants Program is designed to help support the valuable work done by our community organisations. We thank all the community organisations for all their great work.

Apply now on Council's website for the latest round. Applications for Seeding Grants up to \$5,000 and for Small Grants up to \$2,000 close on Friday 29 September.



Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre

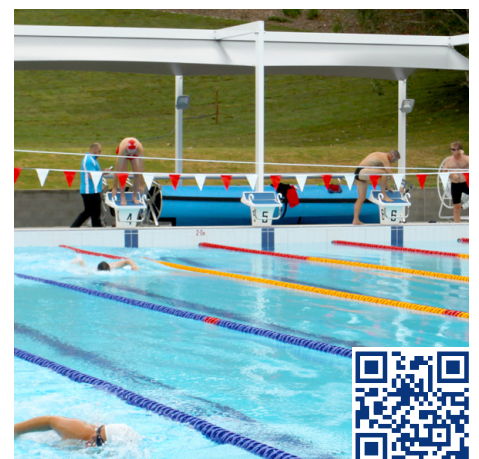
The Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre in Bexley has reopened and is now managed by Council.

The Centre has undergone refurbishment and is open 7 days a week. We are pleased to have employed nearly 100 new full time and casual staff who are now on board and ready to help users of the facility.

We sincerely appreciate your patience during the transition and look forward to welcoming you to our Council-owned, managed and operated Centre.

Our Learn to Swim enrolments are also open.

For more information including opening hours and membership visit Council's website.



At a glance...



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

The Sans Souci Literary Institute, located on Ramsgate Road, celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Friday 7 July 2023.

To celebrate, Council commissioned artist Ruby Laxton to hand paint the sign over the front door and hosted a small open house for invited guests and local residents.

The Institute is used by local dance groups and as a meeting place for local church and senior groups. The hall is available for hire, subject to eligibility.

MATILDAS LIVE SITES

Council held two live sites, one in Cook Park the other in Mutch Park, in support of the Matildas and the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Despite the cold it was great to see our community come out and cheer on the Matildas!



CEO SLEEPOUT

Our General Manager, Meredith Wallace and Mayor Dr Christina Curry together raised over \$15,000 to assist Vinnies provide more beds for the homeless by sleeping out on one of the coldest nights of the year at the White Bay Cruise Terminal.

CAROLS BY THE SEA IS BACK!

Our popular Carols by the Sea returns to our foreshore in 2023.

Council unanimously voted to reinstate the event in addition to the 3 family Christmas nights at Bexley, Wolli Creek and Botany.



Defibs for seniors

Council has installed defibrillators in 7 local Senior and Community Centres. CPR workshops and training will be provided.

The devices are extremely user-friendly and straightforward to operate, ensuring anyone can use them effectively.

Once activated, the user receives instant voice prompts to guide them through the actions.

However, it's essential to understand that defibrillators do not replace the vital role of CPR in emergency.

Defibrillators have been installed at:

- ▶ Alf Kay Community Centre, Eastlakes
- ▶ Brighton Meeting Room
- ▶ Kogarah-West Senior Citizens Centre
- ▶ Mascot Senior Citizens Centre
- ▶ Pagewood Senior Citizens Centre
- ▶ Ramsgate Senior Citizens Centre
- ▶ Rockdale Senior Citizens Centre

2023/2024 Budget summary

Council’s adopted budget is designed to deliver major projects while focusing on sound financial stability and economic leadership. Funding for these major projects comes from a variety of sources including developer contributions and capital grants.

For more information, scan the QR code below and see Bayside’s Delivery Program 2022/2026.

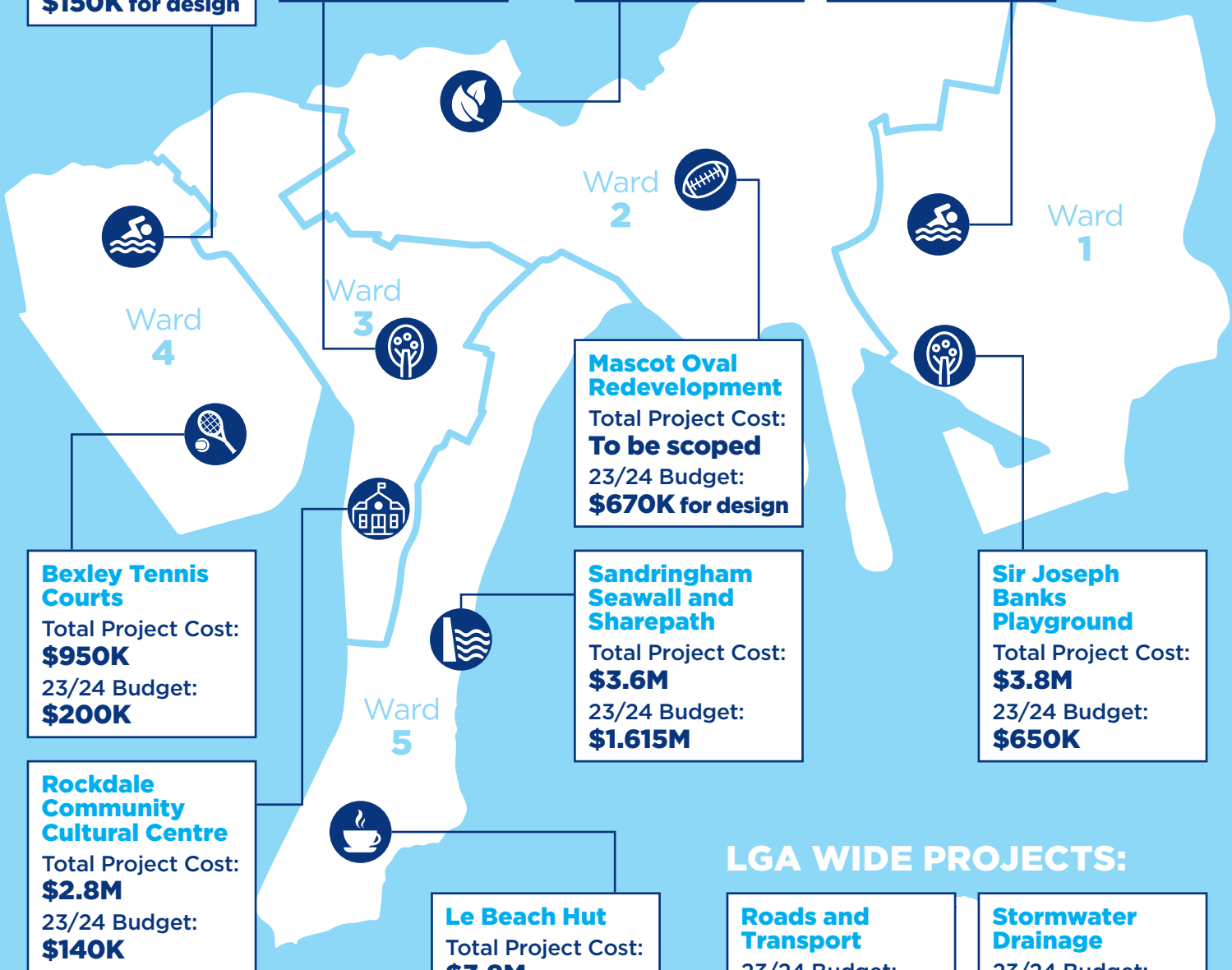


Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre Car Park
Total Project Cost: **To be scoped**
23/24 Budget: **\$150K for design**

Barton Park Redevelopment
Total Project Cost: **\$47.8M**
23/24 Budget: **\$23M**

Wolli Creek Town Park
Total Project Cost: **\$3M**
23/24 Budget: **\$2.15M**

Botany Aquatic Centre
Total Project Cost: **\$53.7M**
23/24 Budget: **\$2.12M**



Mascot Oval Redevelopment
Total Project Cost: **To be scoped**
23/24 Budget: **\$670K for design**

Sandringham Seawall and Sharepath
Total Project Cost: **\$3.6M**
23/24 Budget: **\$1.615M**

Sir Joseph Banks Playground
Total Project Cost: **\$3.8M**
23/24 Budget: **\$650K**

Bexley Tennis Courts
Total Project Cost: **\$950K**
23/24 Budget: **\$200K**

Rockdale Community Cultural Centre
Total Project Cost: **\$2.8M**
23/24 Budget: **\$140K**

Le Beach Hut
Total Project Cost: **\$3.8M**
23/24 Budget: **\$550K**

LGA WIDE PROJECTS:

Roads and Transport
23/24 Budget: **\$14.16M**

Stormwater Drainage
23/24 Budget: **\$4.45M**



Technology to improve accessibility in Bayside

Bayside Council recently installed 160 in ground occupancy sensors in all accessibility parking spaces so anyone with a valid Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit will find it easier to locate an accessible parking spot.

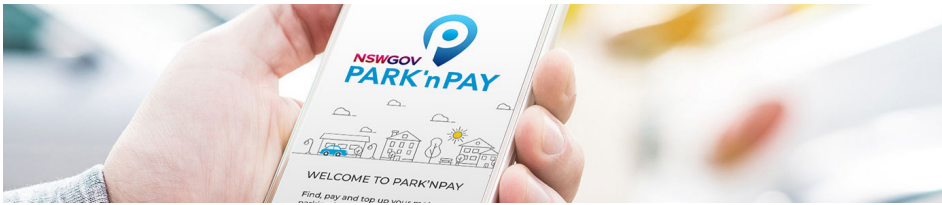
The locations and live occupancy of Bayside's accessible parking spaces are available on the Park'nPay mobile app. This project was funded by a grant from the NSW Department of Customer Service.

For more information please scan the QR codes below.



Park'nPay
mobile app

Park'nPay
accessibility
portal



Pétanque court

Bayside's first Pétanque Court is now operational at Bexley Park. The new facility allows people of all ages and abilities to enjoy this fun outdoor game.

Sir Joseph Banks Park openings

The upgrade of the original playground at Sir Joseph Banks Park has now been completed and was officially opened in late July this year.

The playground complements the new Adventure Playground with activities catering for all age groups.



Road resheeting

As part of a joint regional trial, a section of Willison Road in Carlton was resurfaced with an asphalt mix which includes rubber from end-of-life car and truck tyres.

Roads and potholes

Council has 673km of footpaths and 370km of roads to look after. Our current road resurfacing program is designed to help improve Bayside's suburban streets.

If you notice a pothole in your area you can report it to Council immediately using the online form on Council's website.



Seawall upgrade

The Sandringham Bay Seawall, built in the 1930s by the State Government, is undergoing a \$3.6 million upgrade.

Extensive work on the seawall is necessary to minimise deterioration and improve the existing footpath along Cook Park, Sandringham Bay.

The work will include the construction of a rock apron next to the existing seawall to protect it from storms in the Bay.

A new 5m wide shared path will also be built between Vanston Parade and the Primrose Avenue Walkway.

National Waste Award winner

Bayside Council has won the prestigious 2023 National Award for Local Government in the category of Waste Management, beating 537 councils Australia-wide. Our Domestic Violence Action Plan also received an honourable mention.

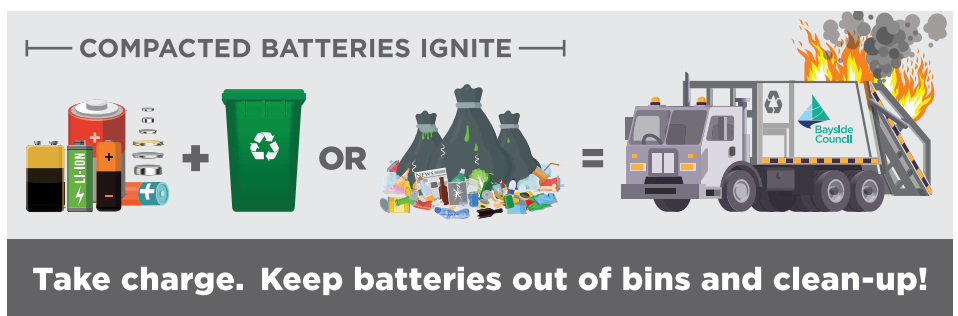


NO batteries in bins

Batteries do not belong in domestic waste, recycling bins or clean up piles as they can cause a fire and endanger lives.

Recently one of our garbage trucks caught fire because of a battery. Staff acted quickly to eject the load, contain the area and call the fire fighters. Thankfully no one was injured in the incident.

Unwanted or used batteries can be taken to one of our Recycling Drop Off Events or to other suitable drop off points in the area.



Andrea Jackson receiving a Mayoral Community Award.

Mayoral Community Award

You can nominate someone in our community who deserves recognition for their outstanding achievements in making Bayside a better place for a Mayoral Community Award.

If successful, they will receive a certificate and recognition from the Mayor.

Additionally, Bayside residents celebrating a special birthday or wedding anniversary can receive a personal letter of congratulations from the Mayor.

For more information on how to apply see Council's website and send your nominations to mayor@bayside.nsw.gov.au

What's On

SAT 9 SEP

Spring Fair

Celebrating our cultural diversity. Free rides, arts and crafts, live music and more.

11:00am – 7:00pm
Jack Munday Reserve
Eastlakes

SAT 23 SEP

Hear Our Voice

Concert and family fun day to highlight and promote local Indigenous culture. Live music, food stalls and more.

2:00pm – 5:30pm
Sir Joseph Banks Park Oval
Botany

SAT 28 OCT

Halloween Movie at Botany Aquatic Centre

Movie for family and friends. Food available for purchase or bring a picnic.

6:00pm – 9:00pm
Botany Aquatic Centre

SAT 4 NOV

Food & Wine Festival

Join us for lunch or dinner, enjoy live entertainment or take part in workshops.

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

SAT 25 NOV

Bayside Community Walk

In support of 'Say No to Family & Domestic Violence'.

10:00am
Ramsgate RSL
Ramsgate Rd & Chuter Ave
Sans Souci

SAT 16 DEC

Carols by the Sea

Featuring community groups performing everyone's favourite carol sing-a-longs with a visit from Santa.

6:00pm – 9:00pm
Lady Robinsons Beach
Brighton Le Sands

Wear orange and walk with us

Bayside's second 'Say No to Family and Domestic Violence' community walk, is on Saturday 25 November. Participations will gather at Ramsgate RSL and walk to Depena Reserve. Join us to show your support!

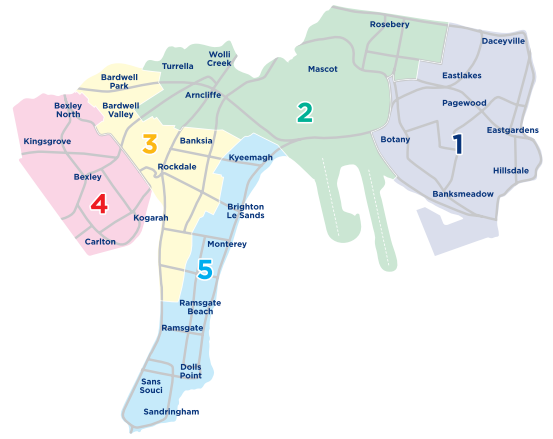


Bayside Customer Service Centres

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