

DECEMBER 2023



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Message from the Mayor Cr Bill Saravinovski



Another year is coming to an end. I hope that 2023 has been an excellent year for you.

I am very pleased with all that Council has been able to achieve in our Bayside Local Government Area over the last 12 months.

This year saw so many activities restart after the cancellations in previous years due to COVID. Thankfully, 2023 was also a year where we resumed our usual routines.

We delivered some great projects for our community over the year. I'd like to call out a few that we are particularly proud of. Firstly, we successfully brought the Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre back under Bayside Council management. We also completed upgrades to Sir Joseph Banks Park with a new wild play area and a revamped children's playground.

The other major project that is progressing well is the Barton Park Recreational Precinct Project. We've improved many of our spaces and created some new ones including the new Town Park at Wollie Creek and substantially improved many of our local parks.

Our key events and festivals made a strong comeback in 2023 and are bigger and better than ever. From our movie nights, food festivals and many celebrations, it was great to be able to share so many wonderful events with our Bayside residents. And we have listened to the calls to bring back Carols by the Sea and this popular event will be returning to Brighton Le Sands on Saturday 16 December.

Earlier in the year, I was re-elected as your Mayor. It is an honour and a privilege for me to represent the people of Bayside. You have my commitment that I will continue to do my best to make Bayside an even better place to live.

I would also like to thank our previous Mayor Dr Christina Curry for her hard work and dedication over the past two years.

Together with my fellow Councillors, I would like to wish you and your loved ones the very best for the festive season and I hope that 2024 is a peaceful and prosperous year for everyone.

As always, if I or my fellow Councillors can assist you with any Council matter, please contact us. Our contact details are on the back page together with a map to help you determine your ward.



Cr Bill Saravinovski
Mayor





Bayside Local Business Awards

Born to Bake Greek in Eastlakes was named Business of the Year at the inaugural 2023 Bayside Local Business Awards gala evening at the Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach on 17 October.

Other big winners on the night included:

- ▶ Jim Kouzoukas from Jeff Mills Auto Electrics and Mechanical in Banksia who won the Business Person of the Year Award;
- ▶ The Bayside Garden Centre in Kogarah took home the Inclusion and Accessibility Award;
- ▶ Defy Design in Botany won the Sustainability Award;
- ▶ Puppuccino Pet Spa Wollie Creek won the Youth Award.

Bayside Council was a major sponsor of the Awards, launched in partnership with Precedent who own the NSW Local Business Award brand.

Scan the QR code to see the full list of winners.



Flight Paths

The Federal Government has released a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the \$5.3 billion Western Sydney International Airport in Badgerys Creek. The EIS outlines the noise, social and environmental impacts of the proposed flight path, as well as possible changes to flight paths for other Sydney airports.

Bayside Council Mayor Bill Saravinovski highlighted that the document shows the airport “is going to affect our residents of Carlton, Bexley and Bardwell Park – areas that have never had planes flying over their houses.”

Council is reviewing the EIS document before making its submission on issues impacting Bayside.

Residents have until 31 January 2024 to make a submission. Visit the Bayside Council website for more information.



Student Excellence Awards

Thirty-four local schools participated in the Mayoral Student Awards for 2023. This prestigious award recognises students who have demonstrated kindness, respect for others and go above and beyond to positively contribute to their school community. Congratulations to all the winners for being a positive role model to your peers:

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| Aethan Manuel | Jaoudat | Nicholas Maratos |
| Ajda Ozacardi | Mohammad Faraj | Nuhaa Joarder |
| Asha Vilo | Jaxon Calica | Olivia Lillis |
| Audrey Heiss | Jayden Kaikati | Patricia Sada |
| Azra Balabanel | Jayden Tan | Pearl Sumners Nuth |
| Batoul Zayour | Jonah Rosales | Phoebe Isaias |
| Benjie Ziliotto | Josephine Curtis | Rachel Holmes |
| Bianca Naumovski | Kayla Hasankhani | Rhiannon Moylan |
| Brigid Sitchon | Kindah Mourad | Ringo Pike |
| Catherine Smith | Lachlan Fraser | Robbie Bishop |
| Charlize Wu | Lara Khoury | Ruby Pereira |
| Connor Poeltl | Layla Taoube | Scarlett Dixon |
| Daniel Burton | Lina Hamadi | Shalini Rajamoorthi |
| Dexter Olsen | Loghan De Freitas | Thomas |
| Eden Fernando | Lucas Daviskas | Uruena-Escobar |
| Emily Rostirolla | Luella Evans | Thomas Walsh |
| Erin Carter | Marco Triulcio | Victoria Wulff |
| Ethan Milionis | Mayson Razmovski | Yianni Macrozonaris |
| George Lahoud | Matthew Wheeler | Zara |
| Harry Hazadonis | Mia Ni | Gould-Sedlarevic |
| Isabella Ivanoski | Michael Green | Zara Sly |
| Isabelle Rahmat | Nathaniel Cassis | Zixuan Chen |
| Isla McCartney | Nevaeh McConkey | |

Bayside Photography Competition 2023



Chantelle Polley won the 2023 Bayside Photo Competition, with *Storm over Botany Bay*.

She has captured a split-second moment of wonder as lighting dances across the Bay. The image (pictured) presents a vista where the sky has opened, and the approaching storm is seen with both wonder and dread – a perfectly planned snap of the impressive strength of mother nature.

The winning photographs, along with several finalist photos, will be on public display at the Brighton Le Sands pavilion in the coming weeks.

Scan the QR code to see the winners.



EV Charging Station at Wollri Creek

Bayside Council is officially powered up for electric vehicles, with the first EV street charger installed in Wollri Creek in November.

Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen officially unveiled the 22 kW charger in the busy suburb alongside Bayside Councillors, signifying the start of an endeavour to improve accessibility of electric vehicles.

The Wollri Creek charger is the first of seven chargers that will be installed for use by EV owners who live in apartments, townhouses or units that do not have access on-site.



L-R: Phil Barton, Intellihub; Deputy Mayor Joe Awada; Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, The Hon Chris Bowen MP; Darren Miller, Australian Renewable Energy Agency.



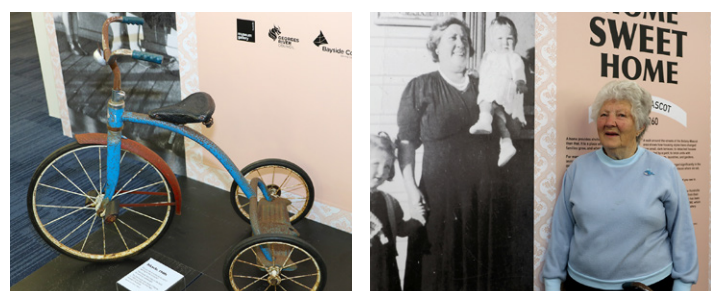
Mayoral Recognition

Congratulations to Rockdale City Suns Football Club – Ilinden’s Premier League coach Hassan Reda who was recognised at the October Council Meeting for his outstanding contribution to local football.

Home Sweet Home

Mascot Library is currently hosting an exhibition, *Home Sweet Home: Botany and Mascot 1920-1960* showcasing how much our homes and domestic life changed during these decades.

The exhibition officially opened on Saturday 28 October and will run until February 2024.



Bayside says NO to Family & Domestic Violence

16 Days of Activism Against Family & Domestic Violence

Council supports the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence program which takes place annually from 25 November (International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day) to raise awareness about the impact of family and domestic violence in our community.



Taking steps to end Family and Domestic Violence, walk with us!

A community walk was held on Saturday 25 November from Ramsgate Life Saving Club to Depena Reserve, Dolls Point.

Following the walk a community BBQ was held in Depena Reserve and there was an opportunity to hear from several advocates sharing their stories and expertise.

Key speakers were the CEO, Women's Community Shelter and Chair of DV NSW, Annabelle Daniel and Superintendent Rohan Cramsie from the St George Area Command.



Reflection Space

The Domestic and Family Violence Reflection Space in Mutch Park, Pagewood includes seating, paving, and inspirational words with a healing garden featuring purple and orange plants and trees.

Council worked with the Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence network on the words of inspiration and the design. The garden includes:

- ▶ Circular and curved shapes and open-ended pathway representing the healing process, flow and journey. The subtle changes in level represent protection but not enclosure.
- ▶ The patterned pavement represents fracturing but also completion and coming together.
- ▶ The healing garden contains a variety of ornamental plants with coloured foliage in tones of purple and orange representing the colours of domestic violence.
- ▶ The garden is in a teardrop shape representing tears shed - both happy and sad.
- ▶ The deciduous trees represent change and evolution as well as brightness in the dark with their autumn foliage.
- ▶ Inspirational words are included for reflection, healing and encouragement.

Do You Know a Shining Star?



It's that time of the year when we need your nominations for 2024 Citizen of the Year, including Young Citizen and Sportsperson of the Year.

Nominate your local hero who has done something exceptional in Bayside and who has made a difference! Scan the QR code and use the online form on our website to nominate now!



Jet Ski Hotspots

Did you know that if you witness anti-social Personal Water Craft and Jet Ski behaviour you can let us know by dropping a pin on an online, interactive map. This will help us identify the problem areas and collect data to inform future decisions. Scan the QR code to see the map.



If you see dangerous PWC behaviour, call the NSW Maritime PWC hotline on 13 12 36, or the NSW Police Assistance Line on 131 444.



Swimming Pool Safety Check

Every home pool owner should check, fix and maintain their home pool and surrounds to prevent child drowning.

The NSW Government provides pool safety barrier checklists for pools and spas that can be used before booking a Council pool compliance inspection. Scan the QR code for more information.



2023 Christmas Art Competition Winners

Council's 2023 Christmas flags feature the designs of Adelaide Leong, a Year 5 student from Arncliffe, and Tiana Noy, a graphic designer from Botany.

The Mayor's Christmas cards have been designed by Helena Angelov, Tiana Noy, Brigid Sitchon, Estelle Wilson and Isla McCartney. Thank you to all who showcased their creativity and participated in this year's competition.

The Mayor's task of selecting only five winners was an incredibly challenging one!

2023/2024 Summer Foreshore Program

The Summer Foreshore Program is focused on water safety with several blitzes on Jet Skis planned as Council works closely with the Police to keep our community safe.

This years program encourages visitors to be safe, respect the environment, put their rubbish in the bin and "Leave only footprints".

This summer there will be more than 300 bins spread over 8kms of foreshore, more scheduled waste services and extra rangers on patrol.

Council's mechanical beach rake operates daily to help keep the beach clean, we increased our waste services and rangers on patrol as well as our Beach Buddies who will guide visitors and provide waste education.

For more information on the Summer Foreshore Program scan the QR code.



The Christmas flags and one of the Christmas card winners.



LOOKING BACK ON THE YEAR THAT WAS



Sir Joseph Banks Park Wild Play Area

Our new state of the art facility caters for people of all ages



Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre

Bayside Council has taken over the management of the Centre

Bexley Tennis Centre

Courts and clubhouse were refurbished together with new landscaping



Guess Avenue, Wollri Creek

A wonderful new community space, proposed to be named Dharaggang Park, has been built at Wollri Creek for all to enjoy

Sandringham Seawall and Cycleway

Remediation work is underway including construction of a rock revetment apron and new shared path

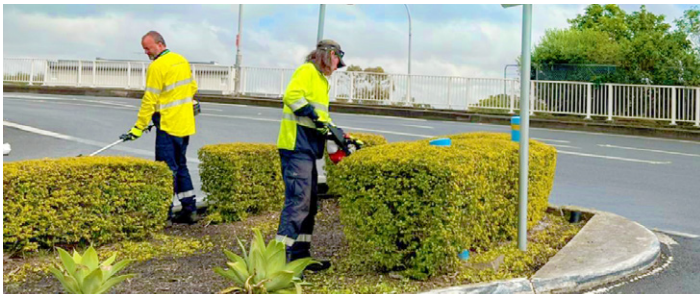


Pétanque Courts

Bayside's first pétanque courts were opened earlier this year

Recycled Roads

Putting old tyres to good use to make new road surfaces



City Presentation

We're very proud of our beautifully manicured hedges



Bayside Events

Seniors High Tea, May 2023

NAIDOC Week, July 2023

FIFA Women's World Cup, July-August 2023

Spring Fair, September 2023

Book Week, September 2023

Food and Wine Festival, November 2023

Mayoral Student Awards, November 2023

Citizenship Ceremonies

Bayside's Largest Mural: Reflection

Council has commissioned artists Maddison Gibbs and Jason Wing to paint the largest First Nations public artwork on a 9-metre-tall wall in a new park, proposed to be named Dharaggang Park, in Wolli Creek.

Titled 'Reflection', the artists responded to stories by Aunty Barb Simms that explore how the River Provides, the River Transports and the River is Time, and have created a mural that highlights the significant Aboriginal Heritage around Wolli Creek.



McBurney Park, Mascot

Local children gave the new pocket park in McBurney Avenue Mascot a resounding thumbs up when it was opened recently.

Residents contributed to the design of the park that was built by Council, and features a small bike and scooter loop track, Netball hoop, a climbing structure, new seating, landscaping and trees for shade.

SJBP Amenity Block and Carpark Upgrade

Residents have provided feedback on the designs for the new amenities block and car park upgrade in Sir Joseph Banks Park.

The new design, focused on retaining the tree canopy, includes landscape improvements with accessible pathways.



Barton Park

Council's exciting upgrade of Barton Park is on track to open in autumn 2024.

The park will provide a welcoming space with accessible facilities for a variety of recreational activities including organised sport family outings and bird watching.

There will also be opportunities for walking and cycling along the Rockdale Wetlands corridor.

What's On

Mayor Cr Bill Saravinovski and Councillors invite you to

Carols by the Sea

Saturday 16 December 2023 from 6pm
Lady Robinsons Beach
 Brighton Le Sands
 The Grand Parade (Bay Street)

Celebrate Australia Day



Friday 26 January 2024
 Botany Aquatic Centre, from 7am ★ Entry fee applies

bayside garden centre

CHRISTMAS HAMPER \$65

A whitewashed wooden tray, a garden trowel, hand cream, a scented soy candle, a plant and plant tonic. Plants grown at Bayside Garden Centre. Candle and Hand cream made by The Intellectual Disability Foundation of St George.

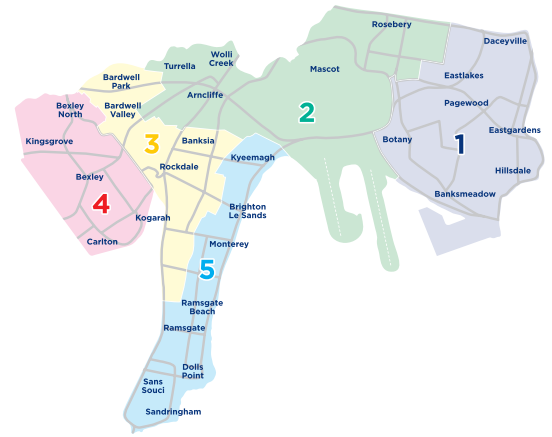
41 Beach Street, Kogarah | Phone 02 9553 7346



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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