

# Bayside News



**APRIL 2024**

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## Message from the Mayor Cr Bill Saravinovski



Council is proud to support our local RSL Sub-Branches to commemorate ANZAC Day honouring the service and sacrifice of our ANZACs and those who paid the ultimate price for the freedom we all enjoy today.

It is important to remember and pay tribute to the men and women who continue to serve and defend our values and freedoms around the world.

We need to keep the legacy alive and continue to educate the younger generation.

I encourage all residents, their family, and friends to join their local RSL veterans and attend one of these ANZAC services.

I am pleased to provide an update to our major projects, firstly the redevelopment of the Botany Aquatic Centre reached a major milestone last month when the Development Application for the whole project was lodged.

As this will be independently assessed, Council can't predict the time frame, so for this reason, we have decided to keep the pool open for one more season.

Construction is now due to start in winter 2025. More information on the Botany Aquatic Centre development is available on Council's website.

Secondly, Barton Park in Banksia, one of Council's other major projects, is nearing completion and is due to open to the public on Saturday 4 May. I have had a sneak preview and residents will be amazed with the way this space has been transformed.

This huge park upgrade will provide our growing population with state-of-the-art sporting facilities for organised sport as well as opportunities for a variety of recreational activities, exercise, family outings and environmental education.

We have done all this while still providing protection for the endangered Green and Golden Bell Frogs that live in the area.

I would like to thank Council staff who have worked so hard to bring these projects to life.

While Councillors have the vision and make the financial decisions it is our dedicated staff who juggle deadlines and budgets to get the job done.

Finally, if I or my fellow Councillors can help you with a council matter please reach out. Our contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

**Cr Bill Saravinovski**  
Mayor



## Pam Richardson 2024 Citizen of the Year

Local resident Pam Richardson OAM is known in the community for her passion and dedication to helping others.

For over 50 years Pam has worked tirelessly to help those in need and serve the community and the country through a range of endeavours from serving in the Army Reserve, working for the NSW Police and volunteering for a number of charitable organisations such as Meals on Wheels and the State Emergency Service.

Pam's lifetime of service started long ago, with 16 years spent serving in the Army Reserve as a Warrant Officer from 1974.

"It was peace time and I never saw active service, but it was still very exciting and adventurous," Pam explained.

"I had many friends in the Army Reserve, so it seemed natural that I would enlist too. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Army."

Pam was a truckie by trade, driving large supply trucks for training exercises, and went on to teach others how to drive the trucks.

After her time serving in the Army Reserve, Pam moved back into civilian life with ease, continuing to serve the community.



"It was very easy for me to get back into civilian life because it was basically a part time role, and I still had a regular job," she said.

Pam was a member of the NSW Police Force for 32 years, where she worked as a business analyst and helped the organisation transition to the digital world.

"It was big mainframe computers back then, nothing like the computers we have today," Pam explained.

Having already contributed so much to the community through her life, Pam became involved in the Returned Services League in 1999.

After 17 years of involvement, Pam created history in 2016 by becoming the first female President of the Mascot RSL Sub-Branch.

Her four-year tenure as President was "very interesting and challenging."

"There is also a lot more to the Mascot RSL Sub-Branch than most people realise," Pam explained.

"We are not just around on ANZAC Day - we do a lot to attract new veterans and hold many community events like family days as well.

"It's very important to consider the needs of older veterans and what they want. We did get the flag poles in Mascot Memorial Park which I am very proud of.

Pam is also involved with the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association where she served as President for seven years and is the current Vice President.

In 2018 Pam was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to veterans, their families, and the community.

# SERVICES

"It was just an overwhelming experience, I don't think I will ever forget it," Pam said of being awarded the prestigious honour.

Pam was officially recognised for her contribution to the local Bayside community in 2024, receiving the Bayside Citizen of the Year award.

Pam continues to serve the community, volunteering with St Vincent de Paul Society, St Therese Catholic Church Mascot and South East Community Connect working in The People's Pantry. Pam's recognition embodies the community's appreciation for her ongoing passion and dedication.



## Handrails Installed at Memorial Parks

Bayside Council has installed handrails at several memorial parks in the LGA to improve accessibility.

These handrails have been installed at Booralee Cenotaph's, Mascot and Arncliffe.



### PRE-ANZAC DAY MARCH SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

#### Mascot RSL Sub-Branch & Bayside Council

**2:15pm:** March from Mascot Library to Memorial Park.

**2:40pm:** Wreath Laying Service, Cenotaph Ceremony, Mascot Memorial Park, Coward Street, Mascot. Contact: 1300 581 299.

### ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICES THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024

#### Botany RSL Sub-Branch & Bayside Council

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service, Cenotaph Ceremony at Booralee Park, corner Bay and Daniel Streets, Botany. Contact: 1300 581 299.

#### Arncliffe RSL Sub-Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service, Cenotaph Arncliffe Park, 71B Wollongong Road, Arncliffe. Contact: 9567 3966.

#### Bexley RSL Sub-Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at the RSL Club, 24 Stoney Creek Road, Bexley. Contact: 9502 1966.

#### Brighton Le Sands RSL Sub-Branch

**6am:** Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at the Memorial next to the RSL Club, 251 Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands. Contact: 9567 5157.

#### Earlwood / Bardwell Park / Marrickville RSL Sub-Branch

**6am:** Dawn and Wreath Laying Service at the RSL, 18 Hartill-Law Avenue, Bardwell Park. Contact: 9335 9999.

#### Kingsgrove RSL Sub-Branch

**6:30am:** Assemble at the corner between Shaw Street and Kingsgrove Road.

**7am:** March to Kingsgrove Memorial Park.

**7:15am:** Service. Contact: 9336 1500.

#### Ramsgate Rockdale RSL Sub-Branch

**6:30am:** Assemble at the Sans Souci Literary Institute corner Campbell Street and Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate.

**7am:** March to the Ramsgate RSL Club for Memorial and Wreath Laying Service at 7:30am. Contact: 9504 8000.

# Citizen of the Year Awards

Four exceptional Bayside residents were named as recipients of the 2024 Bayside Citizen of the Year Awards at the Australia Day ceremony.



**Pam Richardson OAM**  
*Citizen of the Year*

Pam was recognised for her long history volunteering and helping veterans and their families in Bayside.



**Dylan Adams**  
*Young Person of the Year*

Dylan was recognised for his service as a youth advocate for young people in our community and NSW.



**Charlotte Ryan**  
*Sportsperson of the Year*

Charlotte was recognised for her outstanding achievements in netball.



**Massimo Cassino**  
*Sportsperson of the Year*

Massimo Cassino was recognised for his excellence in athletics.

## International Women's Day

Local community members celebrated International Women's Day at Botany Town Hall with the opening of the Bayside Women's Shelter Art by Women exhibition.

NSW Safety Commissioner Hannah Tonkin, acclaimed author Kathryn Heyman, Bayside Women's Shelter General Manager Sallianne Faulkner and Councillor Christina Curry formed the panel for the event, sharing their knowledge and experience to empower women.



## Housing Proposal

You may have heard talk about the NSW Government's plans to increase the supply of new homes. Bayside Council supports additional housing to accommodate our growing community, and has a strong record of exceeding its housing targets. It is just as important that new housing is delivered in a way that creates a good quality of life for new residents and builds great communities.

Council has made two submissions to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on the Transport Orientated Development (TOD) which is around Kogarah, Rockdale, Banksia and Turrella railway stations and the Low/Mid Rise Housing proposal that effects other centres in Bayside. These submissions address Council's concerns and recommendations.

Scan the QR Code to read the submission.



## Harmony Week

Council celebrated Harmony Week 2024 with a series of workshops paying tribute to the diverse cultures and communities that give Bayside its unique identity.

Special story time sessions in our libraries gave children an opportunity to hear their favourite stories in different languages, and adults learned the crafts of beading and brooch making.



## Seniors Festival

Bayside seniors came together for NSW Seniors Festival to enjoy several excellent events, activities and offers as part of Council's celebration.

Our first Walking Football event at Hensley Athletic Field was a huge success with over 30 participants enjoying the sport with the support of Football NSW. Attendees also benefited from a free heart health check on the day.

A Beatles themed Seniors Sing-A-Long was held at Botany Town Hall as part of the celebrations, with performances from the local Sing Your Heart Out and Lakes Singers Choirs.

Council also offered free aqua aerobics lessons, free golf, free pool entry, and discounted plants through the Bayside Garden Centre.

## Local History Competition

The Ron Rathbone Local History Competition is back, encouraging local historians to explore the diverse history of Bayside. Entries close on Thursday 18 July 2024.

Scan the below QR code to find out more about the competition.



## Botany Pool Update

A major milestone for Botany Aquatic Centre was reached with the lodgement of the Development Application (DA) for the entire project to the NSW Planning Portal.

The DA will be assessed by an external planning consultant and the Independent Planning Panel will undertake the determination. Council cannot predict the time frame for this independent process, so the decision was made to keep the pool open for another season for all to enjoy.

The pool will remain open for the 2024/25 summer season, and construction will commence in winter 2025.

Due to site complexities and a requirement for updated flood modelling as part of the DA, the timeline has taken longer than expected. However, Council is excited at the prospect of delivering this high-calibre facility to the community.



There are a range of activities planned for the community to enjoy our pool and this decision allows Council to ensure continuity of employment, programs, and services, such as learn-to-swim classes, swim clubs and school carnivals.



Concept design for future mural: 'Safe Travels' by Christina Huynh.

## Amenities Upgrades

Work to improve amenities blocks in Mascot and Botany is underway.

The project includes refurbishment of existing amenities and the installation of artwork to add vibrancy to the area.

An Expression of Interest for artists was held and two were selected to deliver the project based on an impressive submission.

## Barton Park Precinct

The Barton Park Recreational Precinct upgrade project is nearing completion and an official opening to unveil the exceptional facility will be held on Saturday 4 May from 2pm.

This monumental project was made possible by grants from the NSW Government and has given Bayside Council the opportunity to provide facilities and cater for a variety of recreational activities.

All residents are encouraged to come along to the opening and enjoy a family-friendly day with Bluey™, food trucks, inflatable games and much more. Come along and check out everything the new facilities have to offer.



## Keep Batteries out of Bins

Batteries are the leading cause of fires in garbage and recycling trucks, endangering the lives of our hardworking Waste Team and the community.

**Do not put batteries in domestic waste and recycling bins.**

Batteries can be taken to one of our community recycling drop off days. For drop off locations go to the A-Z Guide in the Bayside Waste Services App or scan the QR Code.



**Keep batteries out of bins and clean-up!**



## Mutch Park Skate Park

Mutch Park Skate Park received a vibrant and innovative makeover in January thanks to the support of a grant from the Department of Communities & Justice.

Four artists were selected to install captivating murals at the skate park, working with local young people to turn the concrete skate ramps onto a colourful canvas reflecting skateboarding culture and the Bayside area.

## Arts and Culture Strategy Endorsed

The new Arts & Culture Strategy has been endorsed by Council and will strengthen Bayside's commitment and support for the arts across all forms.

Scan the QR code to view the strategy.



## Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day has been embraced by residents who have helped remove tonnes of waste from our foreshore areas, bushland and parks over the years.

Twelve community groups helped collect 1.4 tonnes of rubbish in Bayside on the day.

Bayside staff also organised the clean up of Cook Park at Kyeemagh, collecting more than 40 large bags of rubbish including a broken tent and a shopping trolley.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Clean Up Australia Day this year.



# What's On

**SUN 21 APR**

## Pre-ANZAC Day March

See page 3 for details.

**THU 25 APR**

## ANZAC Day Services

See page 3 for details.

**TUE 30 APR**

## Remembrance Vigil

Domestic and Family  
Violence Candle Vigil.

**6:30pm - 8pm**

Reflection Garden

Mutch Park, Pagewood

**SAT 4 MAY**

## Trees for Mum

Planting for Mother's Day.  
Registration open soon on  
Council's website.

**10am, Mutch Park, Pagewood**

**1pm, Evatt Park, Bexley**

**SAT 4 MAY**

## Barton Park Opening

Come along and enjoy a  
family friendly day.

**From 2pm, Barton Park**

**Bestic Street, Banksia**

**FRI 17 & SAT 18 MAY**

## Chapel Nights

Cultural music nights.  
Registrations opening soon  
on Council's website.

**7pm - 8pm**

**St Magdalene's Chapel**

**8 Brodie Spark Drive**

**Wolli Creek**

**FRI 17 & SAT 25 MAY**

## Seniors High Tea

Recognising our Seniors.  
Registrations opening soon  
on Council's website.

**17 May, Rockdale Town Hall**

**25 May, Botany Town Hall**

**SAT 25 & SUN 26 MAY**

## Sydney Writers Festival

Multiple events over two  
days. See Council's website  
for more information.

**Sans Souci Literary Institute**

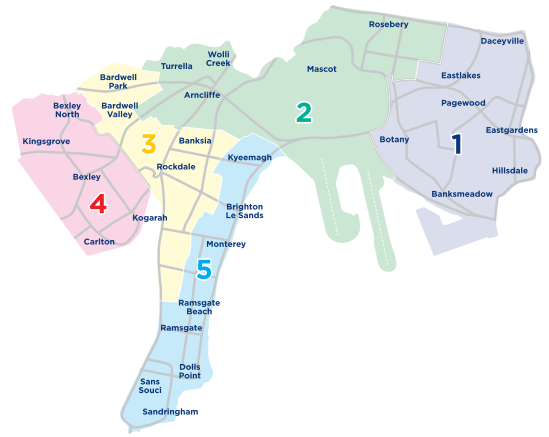
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**27 MAY - 3 JUNE**

## Reconciliation Week

Celebrate Indigenous history  
and foster reconciliation  
discussion and activities.

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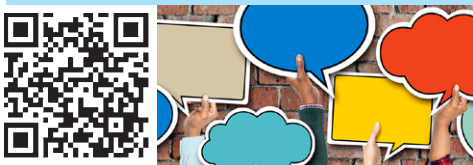


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# HAVE YOUR SAY



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

## Bayside Customer Service Centres

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Westfield Eastgardens, 152 Bunnerong Road  
Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

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



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