

Bayside News



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Message from the Mayor Cr Edward McDougall

It is both an honour and a privilege to have been sworn in as a Bayside Councillor and elected as Mayor for the next two years during the Council Meeting on Wednesday 9 October 2024.

Having served as a Councillor since 2017, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead our

community and congratulate my colleague, Heidi Lee Douglas who was elected as Deputy Mayor.

I would like to express my gratitude to all Councillors for their trust and support. The combination of experienced, long-serving Councillors and new voices brings a diverse range of perspectives to the Council Chamber, which I believe will result in better outcomes for our community.

I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our former Mayor, Bill Saravinovski, and Deputy Mayor, Joe Awada, for their dedicated service to our community.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to the many residents, community groups, sporting organisations, and churches across Bayside with whom I've had the privilege to work over the years. Your support has been a driving force behind our shared progress.

As Bayside continues to grow in response to the State's

housing requirements, it's vital that we also invest in the amenities, open spaces, services, provide places to connect and town centres that our community needs.

We understand the significant impact that high-quality open spaces have, and we will continue to seek opportunities to expand and improve these facilities.

As your Mayor, my priority is to ensure that Bayside remains a wonderful place to live, work, and play. I look forward to collaborating with you to enhance and serve the community we all proudly call home.

If I can assist you with any Council matter, please contact my office via email at mayor@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Cr Edward McDougall
Mayor



Meet Your Councillors

Bayside Council is divided into five wards, each represented by three publicly elected Councillors to make decisions about policies, strategies, and key community issues.

The new Mayor, Cr Edward McDougall, and Deputy Mayor, Cr Heidi Lee Douglas, were elected at an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 9 October for a two-year term. At the end of the two-year term the Councillors elect a new Mayor for the following two years.

For a complete biography and more information, please scan the QR code.



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Spring Fair 2024

The Bayside Spring Fair at Jack Munday Reserve, Eastlakes was a resounding success with families and friends enjoying an impressive line-up of food, fun and music celebrating Bayside's multicultural community.

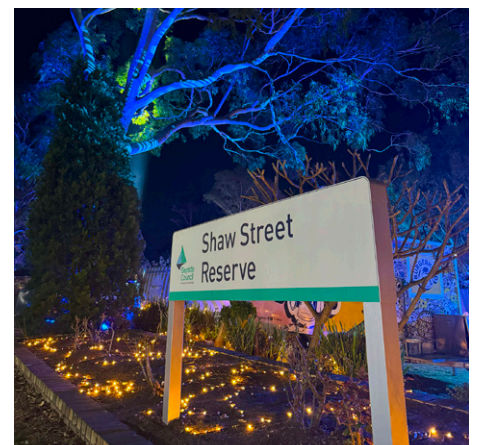


Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland attracted more than 10,000 people to Shaw Street, Bexley North for a family-friendly event that included ice-skating, market stalls and an appearance by Bluey and Bingo™.

The large crowd supported local businesses while making the most of the activities in and around Shaw Street.

This event was made possible by a \$150,000 Open Streets Program grant from Transport for NSW.



2024 Community Grants Program

Local community projects were celebrated at the 2024 Community Grant Presentation Evening, held at Rockdale Town Hall on Wednesday 24 July.

Bayside Council awarded \$106,522 in grants to 42 local

groups that proposed impactful community initiatives.

Projects included a program supporting children affected by domestic and family violence, a food share initiative for those in need, an art program for

refugee women in Bayside, and a community garden project designed to engage children, among others.

The next round of community grant details will be available on Council's website shortly.



Bayside Recreation

If you are looking for recreation activities, we have something for everyone. Council runs two Aquatic Centres, the Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre in Bexley and the Botany Aquatic Centre. Both offer a range of exercise programs and swimming lessons.

The Botany Golf Course is a nine-hole, par 33, 2300m course that is great for learners or those seeking a quick nine. The course is open to the public seven days a week. No bookings are required.

The Arncliffe Youth Centre offers basketball, volleyball, pickleball and other fitness activities. There are also parks with tennis courts, cricket nets, outdoor fitness equipment and a petanque court.

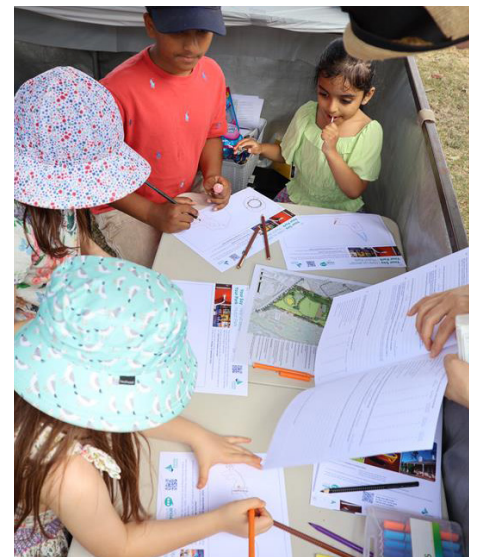


Have Your Say

Thank you to all the community members who have participated in our engagement activities.

We are particularly grateful to the 100+ local children who took part in drawing, describing, and designing their vision for the future of Mutch Park, Pagewood.

Have Your Say is our dedicated community engagement website, where you can take part in surveys and provide feedback on a variety of issues.





Grandstand Renaming

The Hensley Athletic Field Grandstand was officially renamed the Tony and Judy Vecellio Memorial Grandstand on Saturday 26 October.

Tony and Judy both dedicated 50 years of service to the Randwick Botany Little Athletics Centre. Tony spent a lifetime ensuring local children had the opportunity to run, throw, jump and compete.

Many locals remember being coached by Tony or having their children participate in athletics at the Randwick Botany Little Athletics Centre.

Community Walk Against Domestic Violence

Bayside's annual community walk to 'Say No to Family and Domestic Violence' is on Saturday 23 November. Join us at Ramsgate Life Saving Club and walk to Depena Reserve where there will be a community sausage sizzle.

If you can join us, please wear something orange to show your support.

1800 RESPECT 24/7 COUNSELLING HELPLINE

National: 1800 737 732

Domestic: 1800 656 463



Citizen of the Year Nominations

Nominations for the Bayside 2025 Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen and Sportsman of the Year are now open. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise a local hero who has made an exceptional contribution to Bayside. Scan the QR Code and use the online form on our website to nominate now.

Book Week Awards

The winners of this year's Book Week art competition attended a magical Awards night at the Rockdale Town Hall and received a certificate to recognise their creative talent. Congratulations to all the winners.





Beach Sand Nourishment

Council is progressing with the Sand Nourishment project currently underway at Brighton and Ramsgate.

The project involves moving sand from Kyeemagh and Dolls Point to Brighton Le Sands and Ramsgate to reform sections of the beach that have been affected by erosion.

The works are expected to be complete in November, with a long-term beach management plan being investigated.

Summer Foreshore Program

Bayside Council's Summer Foreshore Program is encouraging residents and visitors to respect and care for our bay over the warmer months to keep our foreshore safe for everyone.

This year's campaign message is 'Love Our Bay' and encourages foreshore visitors to practice safe behaviour, protect the environment and wildlife and keep the bay clean.

Find out more about the Summer Foreshore Program on Council's website or scan the QR code.



Kingsgrove Reserve Amenities

The upgraded amenities at Kingsgrove Avenue Reserve were officially opened on Saturday 19 October.

As well as new toilets, baby change and accessible facilities, there is a referee and first aid room, a meeting room, canteen and a storage room.



Trees for Dad

Local families planted 67 trees at our popular Trees for Dad events to celebrate Father's Day at Bona Park, Sans Souci and Garnett Jackson Reserve, Botany. The project has helped to build our tree canopy in the area.



Green Bin Rollout

Council has completed the rollout of our Garden Organics service to ensure the service is available to all Bayside residents.

There has been no impact on current waste services as a result of the rollout.

Information on the service, as well as waste collection calendars and waste guides, are available on Council's website.




Native Beehive Workshop

Council's free native bee workshop gave residents the opportunity to learn about the species, inspect a native beehive and taste the honey.

This workshop on Thursday 10 October focused on native, stingless Sugarbag bees found on the north-east coast of Australia.

Bushcare

Bayside has six bushcare groups that meet regularly to help restore and maintain our many beautiful natural areas that are home to a wide variety of native plants and animals.

Volunteers are welcome, with no previous bushcare experience needed, and equipment provided by Council. Find a bushcare group near you and register as a volunteer on Council's website at www.bayside.nsw.gov.au



What's On

SAT 2 NOV

Food & Wine Festival

Join us for lunch or dinner, enjoy live entertainment.

11:00am – 9:00pm
Mascot Memorial Park

SAT 23 NOV

Community Walk Against Domestic Violence

Bayside's annual community walk from Ramsgate Beach to Dolls Point.

10:00am
Ramsgate Life Saving Club
274 The Grand Parade
Ramsgate Beach

SAT 1 DEC

Christmas in Bayside: Bexley Oval

Live music, food trucks, face painting, a movie and a visit from Santa.

from 5:00pm
Bexley Oval, Bexley

SAT 7 DEC

Christmas in Bayside: Botany Aquatic Centre

Live music, food trucks, face painting, a movie and a visit from Santa.

from 5:00pm
Botany Aquatic Centre

SUN 8 DEC

Christmas in Bayside: Wolli Creek

Live music, food trucks, face painting, a movie and a visit from Santa.

from 5:00pm
Cahill Park, Wolli Creek

SAT 14 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 Robinson Beach
Brighton Le Sands



Christmas Lights

Council is introducing a Christmas lights competition to encourage residents to decorate their homes and help spread the Christmas spirit across Bayside.

One winner, selected from each Ward will receive \$1,000 and there will be an additional \$1,000 awarded to the best overall winner. Nominations open on Friday 29 November and close on Monday 9 December.

Holidays Opening Hours

COUNCIL'S CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES

Tuesday 24 December	8:30am – 3:00pm
Wednesday 25 December	Closed
Thursday 26 December	Closed
Tuesday 31 December	8:30am – 3:00pm
Wednesday 1 January	Closed
Thursday 2 January	8:30am – 4:30pm

Visit www.bayside.nsw.gov.au for the latest update

Bayside Customer Service Centres

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

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



Christmas Trees

Six new Christmas trees will be set up across Bayside. Standing at five metres high and decorated with vibrant LEDs and sparkling ornaments, these trees create a magnificent backdrop for festive photos with family, friends and even pets.

The trees will be at: Brighton Le Sands, Ramsgate Beach, King Street Mall Rockdale, Arthur Park Botany, Mascot Memorial Park and Bexley.



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