

Bayside News



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*Wharf, Michelle Sparkes
2024 Bayside Photo Competition
Open Category Winner*



Message from the Mayor Cr Edward McDougall

Another year is coming to an end with Christmas and the holiday break just around the corner. On behalf of my fellow Councillors and staff at Bayside Council, I wish you all a safe and joyful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Council's program to create a magical Christmas atmosphere in Bayside has seen six new Christmas trees installed around Bayside and the return of the popular family-friendly

Christmas Nights and Carols by the Sea.

Christmas flags, designed by Bayside locals are flying on flagpoles across Bayside and our Christmas Lights Competition has encouraged residents to light up their homes with festive light displays.

Of course, this time of year means different things to each of us, but it is an opportunity to reconnect with family and friends, as well as reflect on our achievements over the past year.

Council delivered several major projects including the \$51.7 million upgrade to Barton Park creating a state-of-the-art sporting and recreational facility for our growing population.

Mutch Park Skatepark received a stunning makeover as artists worked with local youth to turn the concrete skate ramps into a colourful canvas.

Rockdale and Mascot train station precincts received new brighter lighting as part of Safer Cities: Her Way, a collaborative project with Transport for NSW to improve safety for women, girls and gender diverse people around public spaces and transport hubs.

Our Sand Nourishment Project, successfully completed on schedule, means our beaches are ready for summer, while our Summer Foreshore Program is encouraging everyone to 'Love Our Bay', protect our environment and stay safe on our waterways.

Council delivered several exceptional events this year including Winter Wonderland in Bexley North which saw local families and the community enjoying terrific entertainment and a real ice-skating rink on a sunny winter's day.

The Bayside Food and Wine Festival in Mascot Memorial Park was spectacular, and Chapel Nights brought a fusion of Asian and Western classical music to Wollli Creek with a series of sold-out concerts.

I am looking forward to the exciting opportunities 2025 will bring. If I can assist you with any Council matter, please email me at mayor@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Cr Edward McDougall
Mayor





Walk Against Family and Domestic Violence

Council's annual community walk was held on Saturday 23 November. The walk started at Ramsgate Life Saving Club and finished with a community BBQ at Depena Reserve with St George Area Command, as well as community services and organisations sharing their stories and information.



Christmas Flag Competition Winners

This year Christmas flags feature the designs of Ilaria Marsella from Brighton Le Sands (A) and Tiana Noy from Botany (B).

The artistic creativity of all the entries made the Mayor's task of selecting the winners very difficult.

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry.



16 Days of Activism

Each year Council supports the annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign to help raise awareness about the impact of family and domestic violence in our community.

This international campaign runs from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day).



For more information on 16 Days of Activism and how to help make the world a place where everyone can be free from violence and discrimination visit:

www.unwomen.org/en

1800RESPECT is available for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to support people impacted by domestic, family or sexual violence.

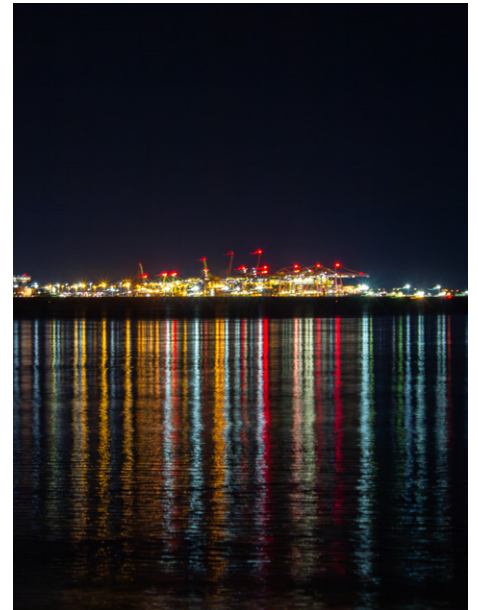
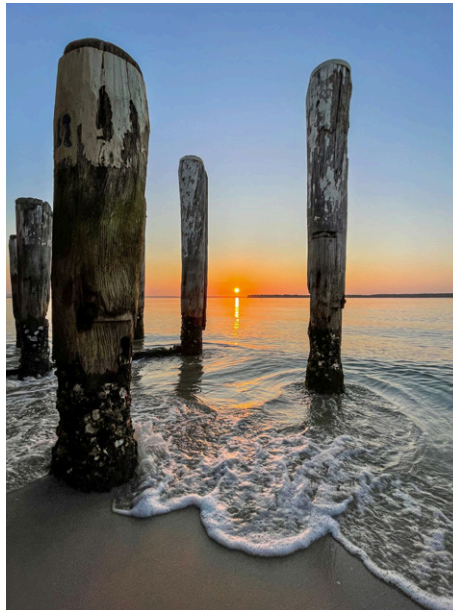
Bayside Photography Competition

Bayside's annual photography competition encourages residents to capture the beauty of the local area through their camera lens.

The winner of this year's open category was Michelle Sparkes for 'Wharf'.

This year, for the first time, the winning photographs will be on display at Sydney Airport T1 international terminal where they will be seen by thousands of people arriving every day.

The winning photos will also be exhibited at Mascot Library and the boardwalk at Brighton.



Please scan the QR code to see all the winners and finalists in the seven categories.



Pictured above L-R:
Wharf, Michelle Sparkes, Open Category Winner.
Across the Bay, Ethan Napper, Junior Category Winner.

Bayside Food & Wine Festival

Every year Bayside's foodie event of the year sees thousands of residents and visitors sampling the best food, wine, craft beer and live music on offer.

This year there were over 60 vendor stalls and an exciting line-up of live music on stage covering everything from, blues, funk, jazz, soul and swing, to keep everyone entertained.



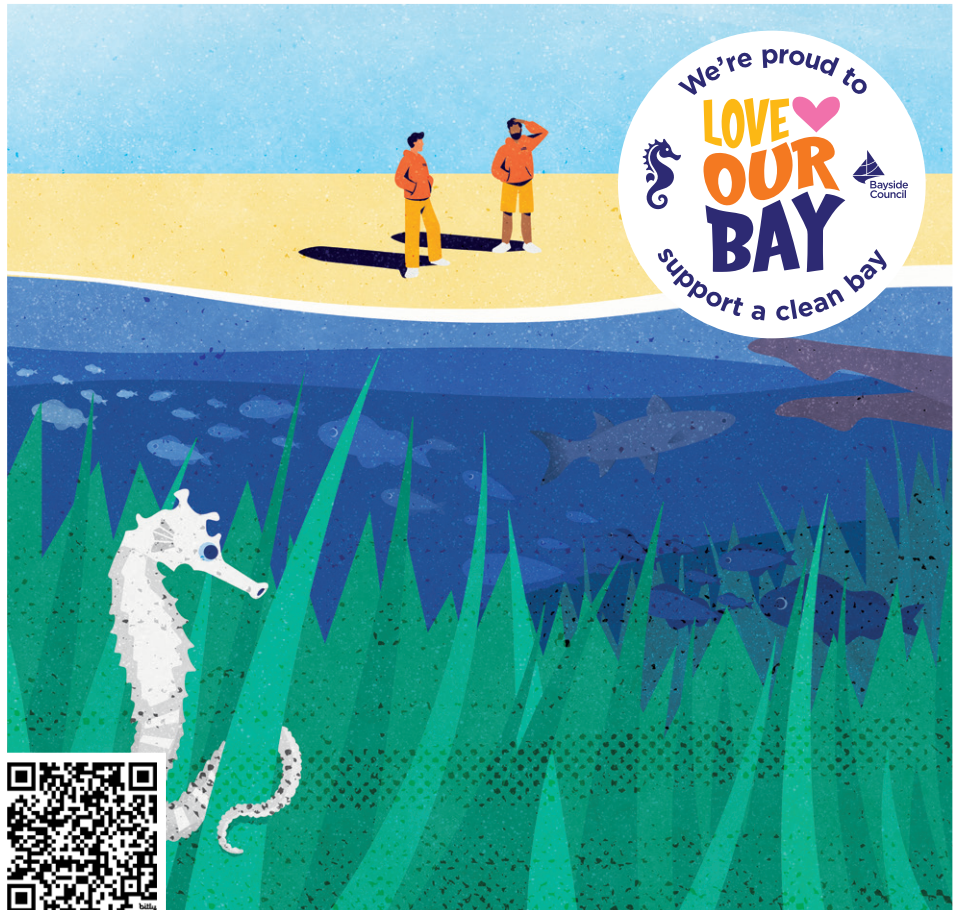
Summer Foreshore Program: Love Our Bay

Bayside Council's annual Summer Foreshore Program helps reduce our environmental footprint, preserve our marine life and beaches and maintain safe and enjoyable open spaces.

The program runs from October 2024 to March 2025. This year's theme *Love Our Bay* encourages the community to say no to single use plastics, keep our bay free from litter, protect our seagrass and wildlife.

It also encourages safe swimming and watercraft use on our waterways.

Please scan the QR code to find out more.



New Basketball Courts

Council is constructing new 3-point basketball practice areas at Shaw Street Reserve in Bexley and at Tonbridge Reserve in Ramsgate.

The new facilities will include a coloured concrete practice court area, new seating, bike racks and new landscaping.

Construction is expected to finish in December when the courts will be open to the public.

Swimming Pool Safety Check

Home pool owners should check, fix and maintain their home pool and surrounds to prevent children drowning.

The NSW Government provides pool safety barrier checklists for pools and spas that can be used before booking a Council pool compliance inspection.

Please scan the QR code for more information on your swimming pool inspection or certification.



Local History Competition Winners



The winners of the annual Ron Rathbone Local History Competition were announced on Saturday 26 October at the historic Lydham Hall.

Local historian Olga Sedneva won the \$5,000 open category for her work *Tempe - Change of Landscape, Change of Purpose* looking at Tempe House.

Riya Yeshwant-Suvarna from St George Girls High School won the high school category.

The competition, established in 2006, is named after Ron Rathbone, past Mayor of Rockdale and avid historian, has resulted in many works of local history being added to Council's collection. Entries can be viewed online or at the Rockdale Library.

First Nations Business Forum

First Nations business owners, entrepreneurs, organisations and business support services came together for the Naggangbi Business Connect at Botany Town Hall on Tuesday 22 October 2024.

Attendees were able to network, share knowledge and experiences, swap tips and learn how to grow a thriving First Nations business.



Business Awards

Bayside Council is a major sponsor of the annual Bayside Local Business Awards, in partnership with Precedent, to acknowledge and honour the remarkable contributions our local small businesses make to the Bayside Community.

Winners were announced at a gala event at the Novotel and the full list of winners can be found on Council's website or by scanning the QR code.

By shopping local we help support small businesses!



Garden Centre Special

Terracotta coloured bowls planted with annuals for Christmas Cheer, ideal for outside dining settings or on balconies only

\$30 PER BOWL

Bayside Garden Centre, 41 Beach Street, Kogarah



A YEAR IN REVIEW

A snapshot of projects around Bayside



BARTON PARK

Barton Park officially opened after a \$51.7 million upgrade transformed an old sporting field into a state-of-the-art sporting and recreational facility for Bayside's growing population offering new sports fields, tennis and multi-purpose courts, playspaces, fitness stations and amenities.



SCARBOROUGH PARK COURTS

Council upgraded the courts creating an accessible, multi-play facility for the community. The new facility boasts six new courts, player and spectator shelters, and sports fencing including sporting infrastructure such as goals, netting and posts.



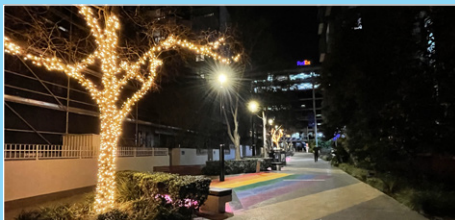
MUTCH PARK MAKEOVER

The skatepark received an innovative makeover with four artists helping local young people turn the concrete skate ramps into a colourful canvas reflecting skateboarding culture.



KINGSGROVE RESERVE AMENITIES

A major project to upgrade the amenities building at Kingsgrove Avenue Reserve is now officially complete, with improved facilities for sporting participants and the community.



LAYCOCK WALK MASCOT

New light poles and lights installed in Laycock Walk in Mascot and existing seating replaced with new street furniture featuring colour changing lights and a mural, part of Safer Cities: Her Way project.



COWARD STREET CYCLEWAY

Upgrading the cycleway, new pavements, signage, pedestrian crossings and landscaping.



MURALS

New murals brightening up Bayside include:

- ▶ Bexley North Library, Bexley North
- ▶ Dharaggang Park, Wollli Creek
- ▶ Cahill Park Water Tank, Wollli Creek
- ▶ Botany and Mascot Amenities Blocks
- ▶ Bus Stop, Carlton
- ▶ Astridge Lane, Rockdale

EVENTS

- ▶ Bayside Food and Wine
- ▶ Winter Wonderland
- ▶ Bayside Local Business Awards
- ▶ Ramadan in Bayside
- ▶ Chapels Nights Wollli Creek
- ▶ First Nations Business Forum
- ▶ Spring Fair
- ▶ Nine Citizenship Ceremonies

Christmas Waste Services

All Council waste services operate as normal over the Christmas period. Please remember not to throw batteries into household bins as they can cause catastrophic fires to Council garbage trucks and waste facilities. They are also hazardous to the environment.

Please take them to a collection site or one of our Community Drop Off Days.



Waste Service Changes

Council's Waste schedule is changing in the new year to deliver a more effective and efficient waste service to all residents. Old bins will be replaced with new bins, made of 80% recycled material.

Service routes have been optimised and there will be some changes to bin collection days and kerbside clean up days.

Residents are encouraged to check their waste calendar, download the Bayside Waste Services App or visit Council's website for more details.



Community Drop Off Days

Council offers 22 Community Drop off Days when residents can drop off items for recycling at the Bexley or Botany Depots. You will need to provide proof you live in the Bayside area. The Drop Off Days run from February to December.

- ▶ **Saturday 21 December at Botany Depot**
Cnr Clevedon & Pemberton Streets, Botany
- ▶ **Saturday 1 February at Bexley Depot**
10-14 Rye Avenue, Bexley
- ▶ **Saturday 15 February at Botany Depot**
Cnr Clevedon & Pemberton Streets, Botany



Bushcare

Become a bushcare volunteer and help restore and maintain the many beautiful areas of bushland, wetlands and dunes which are home to a wide variety of native plants and animals in Bayside. Everyone is welcome, with no prior bushcare or horticulture experience required.

See Council website for details at: www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/area/environment/bushcare

What's On

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 Robinsons Beach
Brighton Le Sands

SUN 26 JAN

Australia Day at Botany Aquatic Centre

Bring the whole family, a picnic basket and a rug. Entry fee applies.

Event from 10:00am
Botany Aquatic Centre
Myrtle & Jasmine Streets

SUN 26 JAN

Wuri-Rise Dawn Ceremony

Wuri-Rise for Resilience to respectfully honour the survival of the First Nations peoples and their culture.

6:00am – 8:00am
Ramsgate Beach

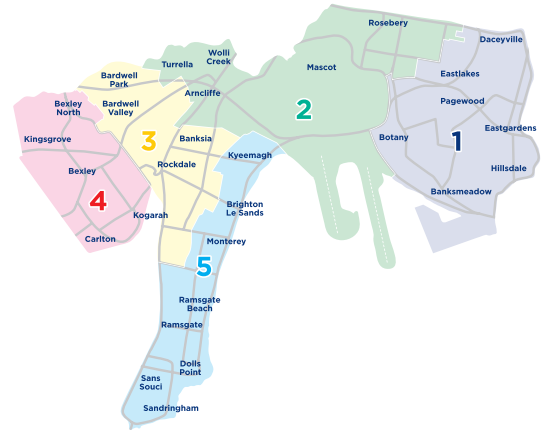
FRI 31 JAN – SAT 1 FEB

Chapel Nights

Chapel Nights return to Saint Magdalene's Chapel in Wolli Creek as part of Bayside's Lunar New Year celebrations.

7:00pm – 9:00pm
8 Brodie Spark Drive
Wolli Creek

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新年快乐

Stay tuned for more details on celebrations for the **2025 Year of the Snake**



Holiday 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

For more information visit www.bayside.nsw.gov.au

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**



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