

APRIL 2025

## Message from the Mayor Cr Edward McDougall



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. We also pay tribute and express our gratitude to the men and women who continue to serve.

We must preserve their legacy and ensure that future generations are educated about their sacrifices. I encourage everyone to participate in one of our local ANZAC Day services.

This year, our ANZAC flags proudly honour the contributions of local women during times of war. The flags depict images of a just a few of the many local women who have served in our armed services.

This is part of an ongoing project to recognise the important role that women have played when Australia mobilised for war.

Council is collecting information on local women who served during times of war.

Our local history librarians would love to hear from any women that served in the military or provided support. You can provide details via an online form on our website.

Bayside Council is redeveloping the much-loved Botany Aquatic Centre, which is on track to start this year after the pool has closed for winter.

Anyone interested in learning more about what is planned for the Botany Aquatic Centre can find more information on our website.

Council will also be providing regular updates to keep everyone informed on the progress of the project.

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 Edward McDougall**  
Mayor



## ANZAC Flags: Celebrating the Contributions of Local Women



Council's ANZAC flags feature the images of eight local women who contributed to the war effort.



### **Gwendoline Lorna Gregory, RAAF Corporal WWII, Bexley**

Gwendoline enlisted in October 1941, at the age of 18. Gwendoline worked as a clerk, posted across a number of depots until being discharged in March 1944.



### **Gwendolen Mary Cohen, RAAF Corporal WWII, Ramsgate**

Gwendolen was a Ramsgate resident when she enlisted in the WAAAF in April 1942 at 18 years of age. Gwendolen served in the WAAAF as a clerk general, a clerk and a recorder. Gwendolen married Leon Cohen, a wireless operator in the Royal Australian Air Force in 1944. She was working at Air Defence HQ Sydney when she was discharged in January 1946.



### **Eileen Theresa Fazakerley, RAAF Corporal WWII, Bexley**

Eileen enlisted into the WAAAF at 21 years of age. Eileen served as a clerk general and a clerk. Eileen was discharged from service in September 1945.



### **Elsie Maud Barker, RAAF Corporal WWII, Botany**

Elsie joined the WAAAF in July 1942, at 18 years old. On enrollment, Elsie was enlisted as a trainee cook and was later remustered to cook. Elsie was discharged from service in December 1944.



### **Ruby Violet Gladys Beard, RAAF Corporal WWII, Sans Souci**

Ruby enlisted into the WAAAF in October 1942 at the age of 26. Ruby joined the WAAAF, where she worked as a storekeeper and an equipment assistant. Ruby was married to Flight Lieutenant Warwick Brian Poulton of the 122 Squadron. Ruby was posted at 2 Stores Depot Waterloo upon her discharge in July 1945.



### **Nancy Lauraine/Lorraine Cartwright, RAAF Sergeant WWII, Eastlakes**

Nancy was 18 when she enlisted into the WAAAF in November 1942. Nancy worked as a cypher assistant within the WAAAF. Nancy was a sergeant in the Telecommunications and Communications Unit and posted at Melbourne Wireless/Telegraphic Station at the time she requested to be discharged from service in August 1944.



### **Nita Mary Hayes, RAAF Corporal WWII, Brighton Le Sands**

Nita was 24 years old when she enlisted into the WAAAF in April 1943 and worked as a cypher assistant. Her husband, George Rennie Hayes had enlisted into the Army in August 1940 and was called up for full time duty in October 1940 until being discharged in December 1942. Nita was a corporal, posted at Air Force Headquarters Melbourne when she was discharged in September 1946.



### **Lilian May Brennan, RAAF Aircraftwoman WWII, Botany**

Lilian enlisted into the WAAAF in August 1943 at age 19. Lilian served as a fabric worker until her discharge in October 1946.

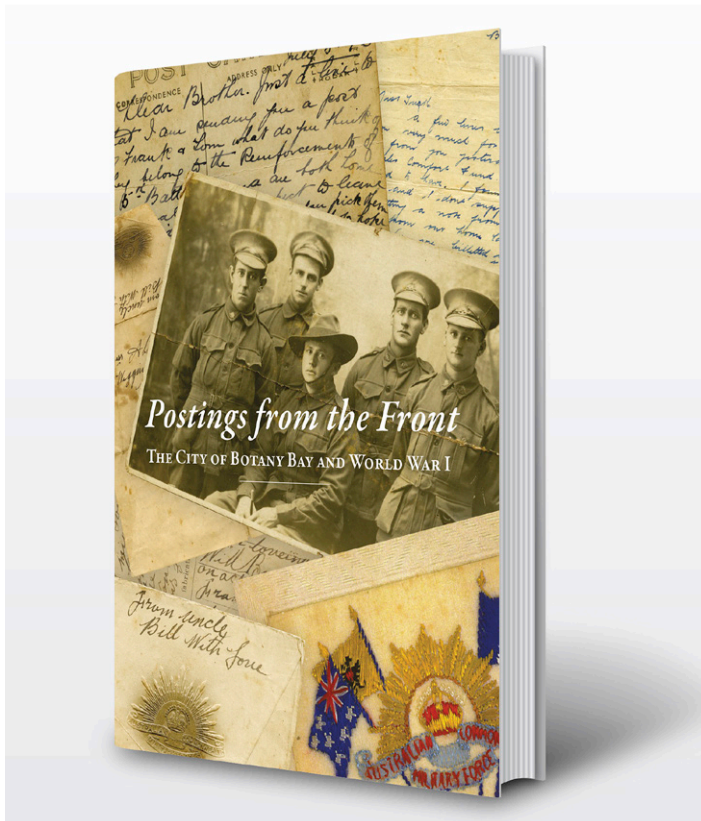
Council is seeking information on local women who contributed during World War I and World War II to enhance our local history collection and ensure these remarkable women are remembered.

If you are aware of any local women who served in the armed forces, worked as nurses, volunteered, or made other significant contributions, please share their stories with us. Scan the QR code and fill in the form.

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## Postings from the Front

As part of the ANZAC Day commemorations, Council is giving away copies of *Postings from the Front*, which details the lives and experiences of the men and women from Botany and Mascot who served during World War I.

To reserve your free copy, send an email to [local\\_history@bayside.nsw.gov.au](mailto:local_history@bayside.nsw.gov.au) before Wednesday 7 May. Please include your name, email address, a phone number and library where you would like to collect your free copy. Copies must be collected before June 2025.

## WWI Centenary Street Names Trail

Many local streets in Daceyville and Pagewood were named in honour of heroic servicemen and important military leaders.

In 2016 a WWI Centenary Street Names Trail, with interpretive signs was created to pay tribute to 17 heroes from WWI and WWII.

Council is restoring these interpretative signs to preserve the legacy of these servicemen.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



# SERVICES

## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICES FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2025

### 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

**5:30am:** 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 RSL Club/Memorial Park.

**7:15am:** Service Commences. 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 7:15am. Contact: 0452 229 529.

## MASCOT ANZAC DAY MARCH SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2025

### 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.

## Meet our 2025 Citizens of the Year

Three exceptional Bayside residents were recognised with Bayside Citizen of the Year Awards on Australia Day. Thank you to all who nominated and congratulations to our winners! Thank you also to Pam Richardson, our outgoing 2024 Citizen of the Year, for her contributions to our community.



**Fred Poole**  
*Citizen of the Year*

Recognised for his dedicated community work at the Bayside Men's Shed. A retired electroplater, Fred is the President of the Bayside Men's Shed at Kyeemagh where he dedicates many hours each week to lead a team of volunteers.



**Princess Delany**  
*Young Citizen of the Year*

Recognised for her community work with the Salvation Army and her involvement in the NSW Youth Parliament Program. In her role as Youth Premier during the Youth Parliament, she championed the voices of young people, particularly First Nations students.



**Jessica Henville**  
*Sportsperson of the Year*

Recognised for her achievements and volunteer work in Surf Life Saving, touch football and netball. Jessica represented Surf Life Saving at all levels throughout 2024, winning gold at the Australian Surf Lifesaving Titles and at the World Titles.

## International Women's Day

Council celebrated International Women's Day with a Hand Made Exhibition and Ceramics Market featuring 11 local female artists at the Botany Town Hall on Saturday 8 March.

The exhibition highlighted the vibrant creative precinct of Botany while showcasing the potential of the Botany Town Hall as a venue to support the local arts industry.



## Australia Day 2025

Council's Australia Day started with a 6am Wuri-Rise ceremony at Ramsgate Beach that celebrated the resilience and culture of Australia's First Nations people.

This unique event on the foreshore of Botany Bay attracted a large crowd who were treated to a smoking ceremony, cultural performances and a spectacular sunrise over the bay.

Later in the morning, Council welcomed 70 new citizens from 30 different countries at a Citizenship Ceremony at the Rockdale Town Hall.

## Mayoral Community Awards

Residents can nominate someone in the local community who deserves recognition for their outstanding community achievements.

Residents celebrating a special birthday or wedding anniversary can also apply for a personal letter of congratulations from the Mayor.

Scan the QR code for more information.



## Ron Rathbone Local History Competition

This year the annual Ron Rathbone Local History Competition includes an optional ANZAC category exploring the wartime efforts of local women who served during WWI and/or WWII.

Scan the QR code for entry forms and guidelines.



## Library Membership

Join the library and get access to library resources including books, e-resources, free use of public computers, study rooms, and access to library programs including early literacy, craft workshops and technology classes.

Sign up online anytime via the QR code.



## Lunar New Year

Thousands of people turned up to the inaugural Lunar New Year Festival in Cahill Park, Wollsi Creek to welcome the Year of the Snake. The festival was hosted by Bayside Council in partnership with Aussie NightMarkets.

It was a jam-packed evening with amusement rides, market stalls, food trucks, vibrant cultural displays and traditional performances celebrating our multicultural community.



## New Bayside Library App

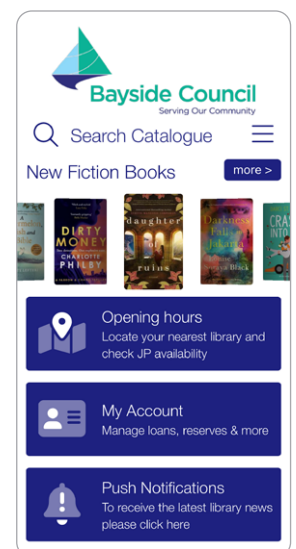
**READ. LISTEN. LEARN. ANYWHERE.**

Bayside Council has launched a new library app that provides easy access to library services from mobile devices.

The app allows users to manage their library accounts, search the catalogue, renew and reserve books, and access a wide range of digital content such as eBooks, eMagazines, eAudiobooks, and newspapers.

This initiative is part of the Council's ongoing efforts to improve the accessibility and convenience of its library services for all users.

Please scan the QR code to download the Bayside Library NSW App for free.



## Botany Aquatic Centre

The redevelopment of the Botany Aquatic Centre is due to start after the pool closes for winter.

The upgrade includes:

- ▶ Adventure waterplay and slides;
- ▶ A 50-metre outdoor competition pool and 25-metre indoor lap pool;
- ▶ An indoor learn to swim pool;
- ▶ A new building with entrance, amenities, gym space, change rooms and kiosk;
- ▶ A new grandstand; and
- ▶ Landscaping of the open green space.

We actively engaged with the community and gathered hundreds of insightful and passionate responses. Your feedback was carefully considered and integrated into our project plans.

Use the QR code to find out more about redevelopment of the Botany Aquatic Centre.

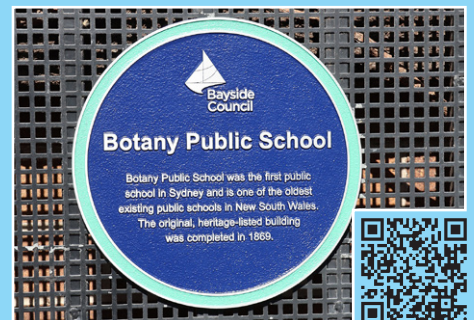
**Enjoy one last swim at the Botany Pool on Sunday 27 April 2025, 9am to 12:30pm before the pool closes for renovations.**



## Young at Heart Expo

Bayside Council's Young at Heart Expo in the Rockdale Town Hall on Saturday 15 March was enjoyed by many seniors who turned up to learn more about the wide range of senior services in Bayside.

The Young at Heart Expo is part of Bayside Council's Seniors Festival celebrating the role of seniors in our local community, which runs in conjunction with NSW Seniors Festival.



## Historical Markers

Bayside Council has installed the first Historic Markers as part of its inaugural program to recognise local sites of historical significance.

The first five sites to be recognised are Bexley Public School, Botany Public School, the Former Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, Tempe House, and Wilson's Farmhouse.

The historical markers include a brief description of the site as well as a QR code for more information.



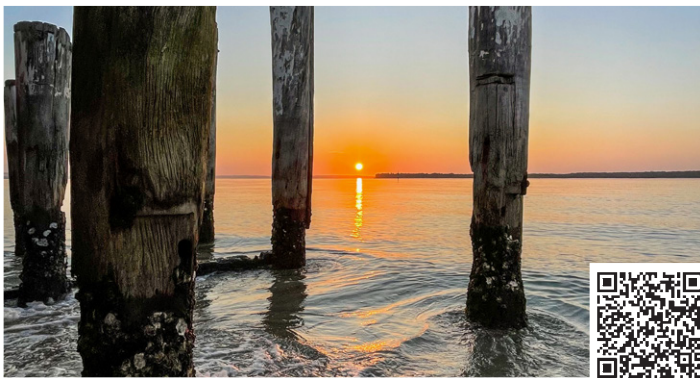
## Have Your Say

Share your thoughts on the proposed Lady Robinsons Management Plan design to create stronger coastal protection, a thriving natural environment and improved coastal access.

This plan sets out a staged approach for upgrading our foreshore to improve resilience, accessibility, and community enjoyment.

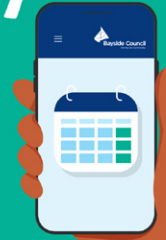
The Precinct Two Concept Design, covering the area from Teralba Road, Brighton Le Sands to Solander Street, Monterey is now on public exhibition and open for feedback.

Scan the QR code for more information.



## Waste Services

Your bin day may have changed.



Visit: [bayside.nsw.gov.au/waste](https://bayside.nsw.gov.au/waste)

Waste Service calendars have been delivered to Bayside residents and bin collection days may have changed for some residents.

Residents can view their collection dates for all waste services on the Bayside Waste Services App, Bayside Council website, or contact Council via 1300 581 299 for assistance.

Please ensure you have updated your app to the latest version to see the 2025 dates.

Residents who have not received a new waste calendar can scan the QR code to request one.



## Community Drop Offs

Residents can drop off unwanted items including batteries, e-waste, metals and whitegoods at the Bexley Depot on the first Saturday of the month and Botany Depot on the third Saturday of the month. Drop Off days run from February to December.



## Grow It Local Awards

Congratulations to Michelle Elliot, the winner of the Grow It Local Award for Bayside. Michelle, a member of the Rockdale Community Garden, received a compost bin from Bayside Council as part of her prize.

## Clean Up Australia Day

Community groups helped collect 187kg of rubbish in Bayside on Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 2 May.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Clean Up Australia Day this year to help clean up our foreshore areas, bushland and parks.



# What's On

**FRI 25 APR**

## ANZAC Day Services

See page 3 for details.

**SUN 27 APR**

## Post-ANZAC Day March

See page 3 for details.

**SUN 27 APR**

## Last Swim @ Botany Pool

Join us for one last swim and find out more about what is planned for the new pool.

Botany Aquatic Centre  
Cnr Jasmine & Myrtle Streets

**TUE 6 MAY**

## DV Remembrance Vigil

Domestic and family violence candle vigil.

6:30pm - 8pm

Reflection Garden  
Mutch Park, Pagewood  
(off Heffron Road)

For more information visit [Council's What's On page](#)

**SAT 10 MAY**

## Trees for Mum

Plant a tree for Mother's Day. Registration will open soon.

**THU 22 & FRI 23 MAY**

## Seniors High Tea

Registration for the four events will open in April on Council's website.

Thu 22 May, 10am and 2pm  
Botany Town Hall

Fri 23 May, 10am and 2pm  
Rockdale Town Hall

**FRI 23 MAY**

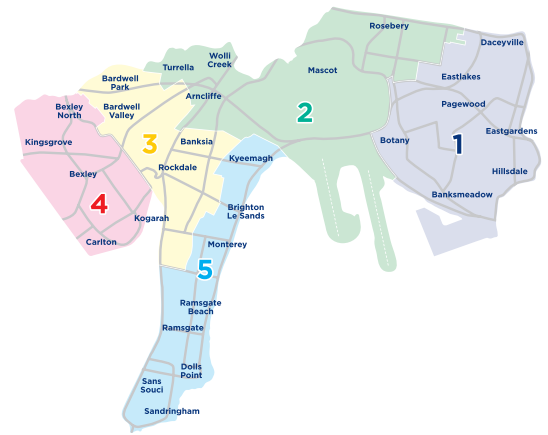
## Sydney Writers' Festival

Author Talk: Debra Oswald,  
One Hundred Years of Betty

Fri 23 May, 7pm  
Botany Town Hall  
Edward Street, Botany

*No Worries Writing  
Workshops taking place  
across the week.*

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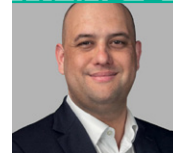


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## Libraries and Customer Service Centres



will be closed on

**Good Friday 18 April**  
**Easter Saturday 19 April**  
**Easter Sunday 20 April**  
**Easter Monday 21 April**

will also be closed on  
**ANZAC Day**  
**Friday 25 April**



## 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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