

# Bayside NEWS Council



**Bayside Council**  
Serving Our Community



FEBRUARY 2020

## Mayor's Message



Welcome to a new year and our first community newsletter for 2020.

Australia Day was a great success and I would like to once again congratulate our Citizen of the Year Alan Hoynes, Young Citizen of the Year Rachel Bevan and Sportsperson of the Year Lea Yanitsas.

Bayside Council celebrated Women's Week with two popular events focussed on women and the challenges they face on the road to success.

Our Bayside Seniors Festival is also in full swing with a range of free events for our seniors including the popular Seniors Garden Party which will be held on Sunday 29 March.

Bayside Council is also hosting a Harmony Day Festival on Saturday 21 March at Dacey Gardens in Daceyville when we pay tribute to our diverse multicultural community.

The Bayside Arts Festival kicks off in April and I would encourage everyone to get involved with this amazing festival that showcases the thriving local artistic talent found here in Bayside. The full program will be published on Council's website.

I would like to thank Council staff for the work that goes into organising these wonderful events that help bring our community together.

Of course there is a lot of hard work ahead as well. Council has already held its first Meeting of the year. There are a number of exciting projects ahead and I am looking forward to working with my fellow Councillors to meet the needs of our diverse community.

In this issue you will read about some of the projects coming up and how you can get involved in Council's decision making process.

**Cr Joe Awada, Mayor**

## Storm Clean Up

Council received over 640 calls on Monday 10 February following the 'once in a generation' storm event on the preceding weekend.

"I would like to thank Council staff for their professionalism in responding to the challenges following the major storm damage," Mayor Joe Awada said.

Council worked in partnership with Sydney Water, Ausgrid and the SES on the most urgent cases.

This has meant some disruption to regular maintenance services. It will take some weeks for the clean up to be completed and all regular maintenance services to return to normal.





# NO CRUISE SHIPS

Bayside Council at its November 2019 Meeting voted unanimously to say 'No Cruise Ships in Botany Bay' because:

- ▶ Yarra Bay, on the eastern side of Botany Bay near La Perouse is one of the only remaining areas in Sydney where indigenous people have had a continuous connection to the land and sea for thousands of years **#RESPECT!**
- ▶ The beautiful foreshore all around Botany Bay will be eroded by changed wave patterns - these are **REALLY BIG SHIPS!**
- ▶ Increased pollution such as greywater, hazardous wastes, oily bilge water, ballast water and solid waste will make the Bay unfit for recreational activities.

- ▶ Traffic congestion on the local roads as buses transfer all those visitors into the city, meaning no money will be spent here - yet all the impacts will be!

Get a FREE 'No Cruise Ships in Botany Bay' bumper sticker from any Bayside Library or Customer Service Centre.



[haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au)

## Pavement Renewal

A \$2.6 million Road Pavement Rehabilitation and Renewal Program was one of the major projects approved at the first Council Meeting for 2020.

Council carried out a comprehensive road pavement review and prepared a priority list of roads which need attention, this includes a number of streets in Botany, Mascot, Eastlakes, Hillsdale, Mascot and Pagewood.



The work, to be undertaken by D & M Excavations and Asphaltting, is fully funded under Council's Transport and Infrastructure Program.

Residents and local businesses will be notified prior to work commencing in a particular street.

Information on the extent and timing of the works will be posted on Council's website.

## Citizens of the Year

Alan Hoynes was named as the 2020 Bayside Citizen of the Year at Council's Australia Day Ceremony in Depena Reserve. Mayor Joe Awada presented Alan with the award in recognition of his dedicated community work with the State Emergency Service (SES).

Alan has been with the SES Bayside Unit, formerly the Rockdale SES, since 1996. He has supported the Bayside community and on many occasions, assisted communities throughout the state during times of storms and floods.

Lea Yanitsas was named Bayside Sportsperson of the Year 2020. Lea has been playing water polo for almost 10 years and represented Australia at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

Rachel Bevan is the 2020 Bayside Young Citizen of the Year. Rachel has served the St George District Netball Association and Arncliffe Scots Netball for 10 years.



L-R: Bayside Young Citizen of the Year Rachel Bevan, Mayor Joe Awada, Bayside Sportsperson of the Year Lea Yanitsas and Bayside Citizen of the Year Alan Hoynes.



# COUNCIL'S PROJECTS

## Botany Aquatic Centre

Council is upgrading the Botany Aquatic Centre to ensure future generations enjoy our popular pool.

"I am very excited for the future of the Botany Aquatic Centre. The pool with its open lawn area is well loved by the community who will be given a say in the design process," Mayor Joe Awada said.

Community feedback has already been taken on board and more will be sought as the project proceeds. A Community Reference Group is also being set up to guide Council's decisions. For more information visit: [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/BotanyAquatic](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/BotanyAquatic)



## Hensley Athletic

The running track at Hensley Athletic Field is being replaced with a new synthetic surface that has the approval of the IAAF – International Association of Athletics Federation.

"Hensley Field is a vibrant sporting hub," Mayor Joe Awada said. "It is in demand year round for sporting events and school carnivals."

Hensley is a multi-purpose facility used for both athletics and soccer. The track was last refurbished in 2010.

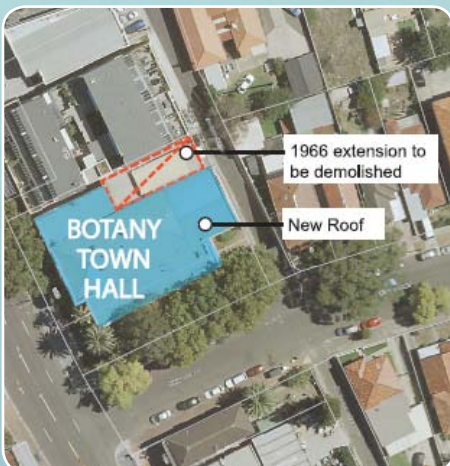
## Botany Town Hall Roof

The Botany Town Hall is undergoing a significant refurbishment before its return to community use.

The dilapidated 1966 extension is being demolished to create a courtyard space and expose the heritage facade.

The gutter system is also being upgraded.

Accessibility will be improved with the construction of a new lift, external and internal ramps and accessible amenities to comply with regulatory requirements.



## Rockdale Park

The new water feature in Rockdale Park is taking shape and the recent rains gave us a sneak preview of what it will look like when full!

The upgrade, which also features a new amenities block and playground, is progressing and is on track to finish in April.



**NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL**

*Love to Celebrate!*

**24 FEBRUARY TO 20 MARCH**

The Bayside Seniors Festival: Love to Celebrate is an opportunity to get involved in a range of free events around Bayside that will get your brain thinking and your body active.

“The Bayside Seniors Festival provides a variety of free events for our seniors with something for everyone. Bring your friends or take the opportunity to make new friends,” Bayside Mayor Joe Awada said.

The Bayside Seniors Festival runs from Monday 24 February – Friday 20 March and includes a matinee musical, senior centre open days, and a coach trip. Over 25 events with a health, recreation and technology focus will take place during the Festival.

Festival events are open to all seniors. Bookings are required for some events, while for others you can simply drop in.

The full program including the ballot form is available from Council’s Customer Service Centres, Libraries and website: [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)

**CIRCUS**

**Outdoor Cinema**

Watch a Disney classic as we celebrate the close of the swimming season. Food available for purchase.

**Friday 17 April, 7pm – 9pm**  
**Botany Aquatic Centre**

Cost: pool entry  
More information on 9316 6218



# OOSH SERVICES

The NSW Department of Education has appointed a Victorian based company to run the Botany Before and After School Care and Vacation Care.

“Sadly, the State Government have now put this much needed service in the hands of a private operator,” Bayside Mayor Joe Awada said.

The State Government put the ongoing operation of the service up for tender late last year. Bayside Council submitted a tender but was unsuccessful.

Council will finish up on 9 April and Team Holiday Pty Ltd, a Melbourne based company operating as Team Kids will take over from Tuesday 14 April.

# Harmony Festival



# HARMONY DAY



**Saturday 21 March**  
**Hogben Park, Kogarah**  
**10am – 1pm**

Bayside Council and Georges River Council are partnering with local services for a free family day of cultural activities and entertainment.

Celebrate the multicultural heart of our community with a fashion show, cultural dancing & singing, children’s activities, food, arts & craft stalls.

**Saturday 21 March 2020, 12 noon – 4pm**  
**Dacey Gardens, Gardeners Road, Daceyville**

# Memorial Moves

In preparation for ANZAC Day 2020 Council is relocating the Kyeemagh War Memorial to Pemberton Reserve in Sans Souci where it will be under the custodianship of the Ramsgate RSL Sub-Branch.

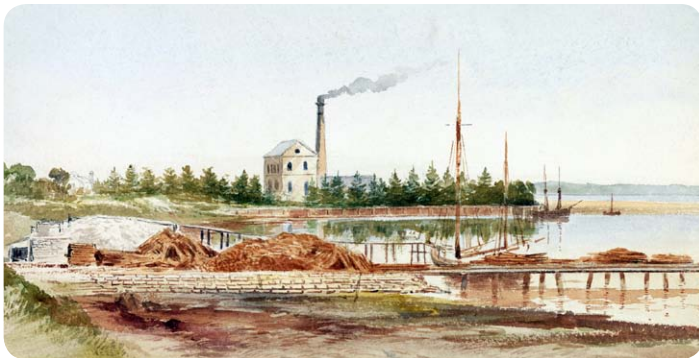
“This decision means the monument will remain in Bayside where it will be open to ongoing appreciation and recognition by the community.” Mayor Joe Awada said.

This 100 year old war memorial will also be assessed by NSW Heritage Stoneworks before it is restored and relocated.



L-R: Ms Sallianne Faulker, President Ramsgate RSL Club, Bayside Mayor Joe Awada and Gary Mawson, President Ramsgate RSL Sub-Branch.

## 2020 Ron Rathbone Local History Prizes



Botany Water Works by William Andrews (State Library NSW).

**\$5000** will be awarded to the author of the best piece of original historical research on the Bayside area.

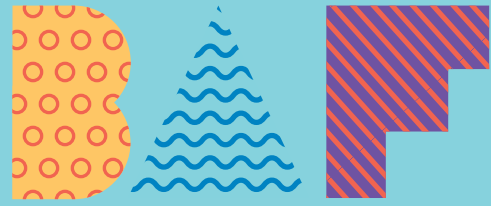
A prize of **\$500** will be awarded to each of the winning high school and primary school students.

Entrants may research any aspect of Bayside Council's history including its heritage buildings, residents, geographical features, local organisations, or events.

Entries must be received by Friday 24 July. Entry forms and guidelines are available at [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)

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## BAYSIDE ARTS 2020 FESTIVAL

FROM 1 TO 30 APRIL



The Bayside Arts Festival is a month long celebration shining a spotlight on the arts, with cultural initiatives happening across Bayside. This year's event is bigger and better including:

### SCULPTURES @ BAYSIDE

#### **\$50,000 Acquisition Prize**

Cook Park, Kyeemagh, 4 - 26 April.  
Enjoy the sculpture walk and vote for your favourite work.

### HANDMADE MARKET

4 April from 10am to 3pm, Cook Park, Kyeemagh. This new event launches Sculptures @ Bayside with stalls, creative workshops, live music and family friendly activities.

### CAMERART EXHIBITION

1 - 30 April at Eastgardens, Mascot and Rockdale libraries. A photography exhibition for local photographers.

### A MONTH LONG PROGRAM

Animating and activating Bayside that includes theatre, a visual art exhibition and curator floor talk, a moonlight tour of the Sculptures @ Bayside, open studios plus creative school holiday activities ...and more.

[bayside.nsw.gov.au/artsfestival](http://bayside.nsw.gov.au/artsfestival)



# Councillors Out & About

Mayor Joe Awada and fellow Councillors Scott Morrissey, Christina Curry and Dorothy Rapisardi congratulated and thanked Kate Melhopt, CEO of South Eastern Community Connect for her 10 years of service to the Bayside community.



Mayor Joe Awada accepted *Jerusalem Reader*, a book by Ali Kazak that The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC presented to the Bayside Library collection.



Mayor Joe Awada, Deputy Mayor James Macdonald and Steve Kamper MP presented Nancy Evelyn Maud Allen a 101st birthday card and a certificate at her celebration on Wednesday 12 February.



Mayor Joe Awada attended the 2nd Sydney Metropolitan Mayors' Meeting on Tuesday 28 January where the activities of the Local Government Bushfire Recovery Support Group were discussed.

Mayor Joe Awada, Deputy Mayor James Macdonald, with Crs Ed McDougall, Vicki Poulos, Andrew Tsounis and Steve Kamper MP attended the official upgrading of Scott Park and AS Tanner Reserve on Saturday 1 February.



Mayor Joe Awada at the opening of a new Japanese Language School in Kyeemagh which was made possible with help from Bayside Council's Community Grants Program.



# HAVE **YOUR** SAY

## **800 TREES FOR BAYSIDE**

Between March and June 2020, Council will plant 800 trees across Banksmeadow, Eastgardens, Hillsdale, Mascot, Kyeemagh and Sans Souci – areas which have less than 10% tree cover!

In 2019 Council successfully applied for a grant to co-fund \$200,000 towards this project. It forms part of the NSW Government's 5 Million Trees initiative that will see 5 million trees planted across Greater Sydney by 2030.



## **MANAGING OUR WATER**



This is your opportunity to shape how we use water to 2030 and beyond!

Bayside will face a number of key water management challenges over the next decade. We have developed a draft strategy to steer our work until 2030.

Visit our Have Your Say page before Monday 2 March to join the conversation and help us achieve our vision for water management.

## **NEW CHILD CARE CENTRE**

Council will own and operate the new Garrigarrang Early Education and Care Centre located on the former Darrell Lea site in Kogarah.

"Garrigarrang or 'sea country' is the Aboriginal name that was unanimously agreed at the first Meeting for 2020. Council is looking forward to taking over this state-of-the-art centre which will provide a much needed service for the local community," Mayor Joe Awada said.

Council already owns and manages two child care centres, one in Mascot and one in Hillsdale as well as a Family Day Care Scheme.

**Artist's impression of the new child care centre.**



Find out more and Have Your Say at [haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au)

## **Drop Off**



Make sure to provide evidence that you live within Bayside. There is a limit of 3 cubic metres (or a box trailer) per resident. Opening time is 8am – 3pm.

**Bexley Depot, 10-14 Rye Ave.**  
Saturday 7 March, 4 April, 2 May and 6 June.

**Botany Depot, Pemberton St.**  
Saturday 21 March, 18 April, 16 May and 20 June.

Download the full calendar on Council's website.

## **Youth Week Festival**



**Friday 3 April, 4pm – 7pm**  
**Mutch Park**  
Wentworth Ave, Pagewood

Join us for skateboarding lessons (beginners and intermediate) and skate jam. Register online at [www.totemskateboarding.com](http://www.totemskateboarding.com)

Free food, workshops and activities including: drumming, sports competition with prizes, art, yoga, youth speak-out area with comedians and ...much more.

Coordinated by Bayside Council and local Youth Organisations.

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## Seniors Garden Party

**SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2020**  
FROM 11AM TO 2PM, SIR JOSEPH BANKS PARK

Tickets are essential.  
Phone (02) 9562 1593 or visit [bayside.nsw.gov.au/events](http://bayside.nsw.gov.au/events)



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@ Mascot Library

## Bayside Customer Service Centres

Open from Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm and Saturday 9am-1pm at two locations:

**EASTGARDENS** Westfield Eastgardens, 152 Bunnerong Road

**ROCKDALE** Rockdale Library, 444-446 Princes Highway



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