



City of Canada Bay Council

Bayside Brief

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Mayor Angelo Tsirekas

The City of Canada Bay was acknowledged for its increased efficiencies in Council's development assessment processes in the recent publication of the Department of Local Government Comparative Statistics for 2003/04.

Increased efficiencies in Council's development application procedures instituted since 2002 have meant that even though the actual number of development applications submitted to Council has increased from 759 in 2002 to almost 1,200 in 2004, Council has actually decreased the average processing time of a development application by 24%. This represents the best improvement of any Council in its relative Group 1 which includes Sydney City, Leichhardt, North Sydney, Willoughby, Woollahra and the former South Sydney Council.

The quality of assessments has also improved. This has all been achieved

without an increase in staff. Council's performance will continue to improve as new facilities, such as better pre-lodgement conferences are introduced.

Environment

The City of Canada Bay is known as a local government leader in environmental management and sustainability. On Wednesday, 8 June, Council received two recognition awards at the ICLEI Awards for completing Milestone 1 in the Water Campaign and for recommitting to the Cities for Climate Protection Plus Program.

The City of Canada Bay was the first Council in New South Wales to receive all five milestones in the Cities for Climate Protection Program. Council recently joined the CCP Plus Program which will provide a framework to further reduce our corporate and community greenhouse gas reduction goals that were set early on in the program.

As part of the program Council has completed energy audits and lighting retrofits of Council buildings, there's solar lighting in parks, solar and gas heating at Cabarita and Drummoyne Pools as well as community and staff waste minimisation and recycling programs.

Ensuring the sustainability of our local environment is important especially in terms of water conservation. The Water Campaign addresses a range of water management issues to help us better protect our local environment to ensure its sustainability.

Council has completed milestone one in the Water Campaign which involves the inventory of water consumption and water quality issues. The campaign provides a framework which addresses a range of water management issues that are of vital importance so that we can better protect our local environment to ensure its sustainability.

National Tree Day



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Esra Basol, Chiara Cecchetelli, Council's Bushcare Coordinator David Wells, Thomas Braithwaite, Ally Braithwaite and Principal of Abbotsford Public School Peter Widders.

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas joined Principal Peter Widders and students from Abbotsford Public School on Wednesday, 22 June to launch the 10th anniversary of National Tree Day. The event is a community initiative organised by Planet Ark which will be held on Sunday, 31 July. Council will be working closely with local schools on Friday, 29

July which is School Tree Day. Last year, 250,000 volunteers planted over a million native trees at more than 3,200 sites. To volunteer or to find out more about National Tree Day call the Planet Ark Tree Day Hotline on 1300 88 5000 or go to planetark.com/treeday.

VISY Recycling Tour



L to R: John Audrewartha, Pat Bradwell, Lil Bradwell, Robin Pidd, Pam Roebuck, Don Roebuck, Frank Bamford, So Yin Cheung-Wong, Chi Tak Cheung-Wong, Council's General Manager Michael G McMahon and Cr. Tony Fasanella

Local residents were recently given the opportunity to explore the environmental benefits of recycling by attending a tour of the VISY recycling plant with Council.

Nine residents visited the centre to see where their recycling material is processed and what actually happens to it once it leaves the kerbside.

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F.e.r.r.a.g.o.s.t.o

On Sunday, 14 August Five Dock will host the eighth annual Ferragosto. From 10am - 4pm Great North Road will come alive with the wonderful sights and sounds of Italy. There will be over 100 specialty stalls, two stages of live entertainment, including a very special cooking demonstration on the main stage by Food Editor of Super Food Ideas, Janelle Bloom. Also taking to the stage will be comedian Gabriel Rossi, The 'Other' Three Tenors, Umberto Tozzi Jnr and The Giro Italia Show.

Cheekie the Clown, Go Seek, Murphy's Puppets and the Dr Puzzlewitz Magic Show will keep the children entertained. There will also be performances from local

Rachel's School of Dance, Domremy College Brass Band, Ariel School of Dance, ED5, the Family Self Defence Academy and Five Dock Leisure Centre.

A highlight of the festival each year is the annual local wine making competition. There are three main categories light red, full bodied red and best white. There will be one overall category winner chosen as the Best Home Wine.

If you live in the City of Canada Bay and would like to enter please contact Heidi Rutledge, Council's media and events coordinator on 9911 6562 for an application form. All entries must be returned to Council by Friday, 22 July 2005.



Janelle Bloom
Food Editor, Super Food Ideas



Keren Alexander and Simone Collins from Go Seek!



Gabriel Rossi

1st Birthday of the Waste and Recycling Service

As Council's waste and recycling service approaches its first birthday it is the environment that is celebrating. Residents have shown their true commitment to the environment by presenting 7,054 tonnes for recycling which is a significant amount of waste that has been diverted from landfill.

In just one year residents have saved:

- 150,264,091 litres of water
- 11,821 barrels of oil
- 61,467 trees
- 19,385,865 kWh of electricity

Garden organics collected in the City of Canada Bay are processed and then used as garden mulch to help reduce water usage. By using the service residents have saved 2,400 tonnes of garden organics from going to landfill.



The Waste Hotline staff is available from 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday. Call 1300 551 659 for more information.

Facing a bright future



Rhodes Shopping Centre is the brand new shopping destination directly off Homebush Bay

Drive in Rhodes. It is part of the new Rhodes Waterside development, overlooking the waters of Homebush Bay.

Lang Walker of Walker Corporation - developer of Rhodes Shopping Centre said, "Too many developments in Australia are coming to fruition where there is no sense of community or fellowship between the residents and their retail

and commercial centres. People like to live, work and shop in friendly and interesting environments, where they can interact with each other, enjoy their open spaces, be entertained, shop or just relax - that's what we bring to you with Rhodes Shopping Centre".

The Rhodes Waterside development is not just a shopping centre - built on a 40 hectares site it has transformed a former industrial eyesore into a brand new mini-city. There are public parks through out the development, as well as cycle and pedestrian paths that join in to Bicentennial Park.

Seniors Save at Rhodes Shopping Centre

Rhodes Shopping Centre has gone the extra mile for the seniors in the City of Canada Bay. Seniors can enjoy dedicated free parking, seniors' discounts, and special services because the team at Rhodes see them as one of the most valued groups in our community.

Over 60 of Rhodes Shopping Centre Retailer's have come together to offer great all year round special offers at their stores. Seniors can save on practically anything from coffee and cake, pots and pans to all the latest fashion and great gifts for the family. Simply present a valid Government seniors card when making a purchase at participating stores to receive the special offer!

Seniors parking is also free at the centre

every day! Seniors simply present their seniors card at the car park booth when leaving the centre to receive the special free parking deal. Special Seniors Parking spots are located on Levels 1 and 2 of the car park conveniently adjacent to the entry doors.

Every Monday, seniors can have a great day out at the centre and make some great savings! By presenting their seniors card at Reading Cinemas they can see any of the latest movies for just \$7 for any session on Mondays! As a special bonus, when seniors then show their movie ticket at Michel's Patisserie on the ground floor, they will receive a cake and coffee for just \$3! And seniors shopping at Coles can take advantage of free home delivery every Monday.



Craig Cook's Prime Quality Meats, Winner - Best Butcher/Deli, Inner West Community Business Awards

Convenience driven, just for you

Rhodes Shopping Centre, your newest local shopping centre, has been built from the ground up with convenience top of mind!

All stores at Rhodes Shopping Centre are open conveniently late until 7pm on weeknights (9pm on Thursday) so that you have more time to shop - everyday. This includes the entire fresh food precinct, fashion, home wares and entertainment retailers so whether it's a loaf of bread or a new outfit for the next day, you'll have extra time to browse. Weekend trading is also extended to 6pm to cater for the busiest shopper.

Coles and BiLo are open until midnight daily (11pm on Sunday)

and Harris Farm markets is open weekdays from 7am until 9pm and weekends from 7am until 8pm so fresh food and grocery shopping can pretty much be done at any hour of the day!

Some of the convenient services located in the centre include Maurice Dry Cleaners, Alterations Now, Ozwash Car Wash, Australia Post and Rhodes Camera Centre, plus new additions ANZ Bank and Westpac. Rhodes Health Care has recently opened providing GP, dental, podiatry and physiotherapy services. The Learn and Play Children's Centre is also open on Level 7 of the centre too!

Oliveto Restaurant and bar

Did you know...

- Rhodes is one of the most important employment areas in the City of Canada Bay. The Waterside centre alone will employ a workforce of over 1500 people. Rhodes Commercial Park is home to some major multinational corporations including Nestle, Unisys and Hewlett Packard.
- Rhodes is home to the only cinema in the City of Canada Bay. Reading Cinemas are open everyday till late with free parking!
- Rhodes is home to the renowned Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway, which runs from Brays Bay Reserve to the Concord Hospital. It features tropical vegetation similar to the real Kokoda Track and a memorial to the diggers who lost their lives their in World War II. An experience not to be missed.

FoodieFeature

Where	Brays Bay Reserve, 443 Concord Road, Rhodes NSW 2138. Tel: 8765 0006 or see www.oliveto.com.au
Speciality	Gourmet Italian dishes
Price range	\$12 - \$70 (Degustation)
Opening Hours	Lunch: 12pm - 3pm Tuesday - Friday and Sunday Dinner: 6pm - 10pm Tuesday - Sunday
Reviewer selection	Garlic pizza bread and dips Grilled Whole whiting with oven roasted tomatoes, green beans and pureed celeriac Sun dried fig salad.
The experience	The restaurant is well set in a waterside park at Brays Bay Reserve. The view from all tables is excellent. It is light airy and stylish and the service easily rates as excellent. To start I enjoyed the house recommendation, Garlic Pizza bread served with Olive tapenade, egg plant puree and a tomato bruschetta style dip. The flavours were great and allowed me to enjoy the benefits of the wood fired oven on view by the entrance. Everyone else in the restaurant seemed to be enjoying it too! I chose one of the specials (special being a bit of an understatement for the experience I thought). The meal was beautifully presented and captures the foods natural colours perfectly. It tasted exquisite. The size was perfect and left you satisfied and not bloated. As an accompaniment I could not resist the Sun Dried Fig Salad which was delicious and combined great figs with tomato, roasted pumpkin, baby spinach and walnuts with a fabulous dressing. The lasting feeling I had from Oliveto was that I loved it so much I did not want to leave. And now that I have left I am already planning my return!

Drummoyne Community Centre

Drummoyne Community Centre offers

- Free legal information
- Free tax help for low income earners
- Free new resident tours
- Free internet tuition for members of the Drummoyne Community Centre
- Free community information and referral

For information about any of these services call the Drummoyne Community Centre on 9719 8102.

Bayside Business Exchange

The next meeting of the Bayside Business Exchange is on Tuesday, 19 July from 6.30pm in the Bay Room of Five Dock Library (Level 1, 4-12 Garfield Street). The network is free and open to all businesses within the City of Canada Bay. For more information or to book a place call Council's Project Officer Economic Development, Stephanie Kelly on 9911 6521 or stephanie.kelly@canadabay.nsw.gov.au. Parking is available underneath the Supabarn - the first two hours are free.

Home-Based Business Network

The next meeting of the Home-Based Business Network is on Wednesday, 27 July from 10am - 12pm in the Bay Room of Five Dock Library (Level 1, 4-12 Garfield Street). The network is free and open to all home-based businesses within the City of Canada Bay. For more information or to book a place call Council's Project Officer Economic Development, Stephanie Kelly on 9911 6521 or stephanie.kelly@canadabay.nsw.gov.au. Parking is available underneath the Supabarn - the first two hours are free.

Australia Post Business Awards Launch in the Inner West

You are invited to the official launch of the 2005 Australia Post NSW/ACT Small Business Awards. The guest speaker launching the awards is Ita Buttrose AO, OBE - Businesswoman, journalist, author, social commentator and communicator. Managing Director of her own marketing and specialist publishing company, Ita is known for her integrity and social commitment, throughout a career that includes executive positions in publishing, television and radio, as well as business and community organisations, both big and small. Twice voted Australia's most admired woman, she was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003 for leadership in Australian business. She advises corporations and is prominent in many professional organisations. Currently Ita is Editor of Highlife Magazine, Editor-at-Large for OK! Magazine and President of Arthritis Australia. Let Ita share her wealth of experience with you to help improve your chances of success.

This is the first time the Australia Post NSW/ACT Small Business Awards have been launched in the Inner west and it is free and open to any business owner in the inner west.

The event is on Tuesday 26 July 2005 from 7.30am - 9.30am at the Concord Golf Club, Majors Bay Road, Concord (entry via Flavell Street - passenger vehicles only). Breakfast will be served. Bookings are essential. RSVP Wednesday, 20 July 2005 to Helen Dlugosz on 9911 6580, fax on 9911 6550 or email helen.dlugosz@canadabay.nsw.gov.au. If unable to attend this launch event you may wish to select another location from the Australia Post website, www.auspost.com.au/awards

Expressions of Interest - Holding of December Street Parties

All applications to hold street parties in December 2005 must be received no later than 5pm, Thursday, 1 September 2005. All applications will be referred to the September/October 2005 meeting of Council's Traffic Committee.

Applications should be made on Council's event application form that is available from Customer Service on 9911 6555, or from Council's website www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au and forwarded to Mr Nick Karahlis, Traffic and Transport Manager, City of Canada Bay Council, Locked Bag 1470 Drummoyne NSW 1470 or fax 9911 6550.

Applicants are advised that they will need to provide proof of public liability insurance to the value of \$10,000,000 with their application, as well as compliance with road closure conditions. A copy of these conditions and suggested insurance suppliers are contained in the application form.

To contact Council phone 9911 6555, email council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au or via mail to The General Manager, City of Canada Bay Council, Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne 1470.



COUNCILLOR

Jeanette O'Hara

How did you get started in local government?

I have always been interested in community issues and along with others took our concerns to the former Concord Council. In 1987 I joined the newly formed Concord Independents Team. At the elections of 1991 I was elected to Council and served as Deputy Mayor in 1994 and 1995. In 2004 we formed Our Community Our Council Team and I am very pleased say I now am part of Canada Bay Council.

How long have you lived in the City of Canada Bay?

For 51 years.

What do you think about living here?

The people I know in Canada Bay are very community minded. They are always happy to join in and have fun. They are there to help out. I enjoy living here it is a great place for families.

What are some of the challenges you've faced in local government?

The challenges are varied juggling the ever increasing population and the demands on Council's limited funds. Providing any number of services can be difficult.

What issues are important to you?

The important issues I face are public transport to cover all of the Canada Bay Council area. We are an ever increasing senior area and we have a population of increasing young families that we need to cater for.

What do you think are the aspects of being a good Councillor?

To be a good Councillor you need to be available and listen to people and take their concerns to the department of Council that can best help them.

What's your favourite past time?

My favourite past time is playing tennis, being with friends and sharing a meal. My family is very important to me spending time with my husband, children and grandchildren.