



City of Canada Bay Council

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Mayor **Angelo Tsirekas**

GRAFFITI

The City of Canada Bay Council is reducing the social, environmental and economic impact of graffiti by taking a broader more holistic approach with its new graffiti removal strategy.

Within the City of Canada Bay we are doing our best to maintain our local environment. I'm sure that the allocation of more resources and the development of our current graffiti strategy will receive a lot of support from the local community.

In the last 12 months, there were over 600 incidents of graffiti reported and removed on Council assets alone which is equal to the vandalism of over 2000 square metres of property.

Graffiti is malicious damage and leads to the visual degradation of the built environment and creates lowered perceptions of personal safety, community well being, property values and civic pride.

Council's new strategy is within the confines of the Local Government Amendment (Graffiti Removal) Act which commenced on 1 July 2001 to facilitate the quick removal of graffiti, including the graffiti on private property.

As part of the new strategy Council will be assisting property owners by removing graffiti from private property with the consent of the owner, with the removal cost being shared equally between Council and the respective property owner.

A Canada Bay graffiti committee has been formed comprising of Council staff and elected representatives from the community and the Police. The objective of the committee is to ensure that a combined and comprehensive approach to the removal of graffiti is implemented.

The new strategy will also see the introduction of new equipment in the new financial year including a truck, pressure cleaner and a high volume low pressure spray unit which is a more streamlined system than the one currently being used. The new equipment will drastically lift the performance of the current processes by making the removal of graffiti much easier and significantly reducing the amount of time it takes to remove it.

New Concord Beauty Spot Launches Wellness Week

On Monday, 23 May the Concord Beauty Spot officially opened the doors of its new health and beauty spa at 78 Majors Bay Road.

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas opened the store and also launched the inaugural Wellness Week, a new program established in the City of Canada Bay to raise awareness and encourage everyone to do something to improve their health and wellbeing.

Over 35 businesses took part in Wellness Week offering a range of products and services catering for every need. Anthony Perosh and Elvis Sinosic from Sinosic Perosh Martial Arts took part in Wellness Week by offering free introductions to yoga and self defence classes.

The week was a great success with local businesses and the community supporting and promoting health and wellbeing in the City of Canada Bay.



Elvis Sinosic, Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Lisa Musolino, Deborah McShane, Anthony Perosh



Inner Western Weekly Community Business Awards

On Friday, 27 May businesses from Concord, Drummoyne, Five Dock, Rhodes and Wareemba were recognised at the 2005 Inner West Weekly Community Business Awards for their hard work, commitment and dedication.

The City of Canada Bay has an active and vibrant businesses community. Congratulations to Castle D'Oro Function Centre in Five Dock, Civic Video in Five Dock, Craig Cooks Prime Quality Meats in Rhodes, Cut 'n Culture in Five Dock, Five Dock Realty in Five Dock, Lashings in Drummoyne, Michel's Patisserie in Rhodes, Shorty's Liquor in Rhodes, Trovatino Café in Warramba and The Little Hip Boutique in Wareemba. Floormania in Concord won the new business award and the coveted business of the year award.

TOP: Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, John Price - Civic Video Five Dock, John La Mela - Five Dock Realty, John Elasi - Floormania, Joe Trovato - Trovatino's and Councillor Tony Fasanello

BOTTOM: Rosie Micciche - Little Hip Boutique, Teresa Trovato - Trovatino's, Mayor Angelo Tsirekas and Melanie Rozsnyoi - Little Hip Boutique

**General Manager
Michael G McMahon**



Michael G McMahon

From Monday, 11 July the Concord offices will be open on Tuesday and Thursday's from 8.30am - 4.30pm.

The reduction in opening hours is a result of fewer customers visiting the offices on a daily basis, as many are using the services at the Canada Bay Civic Centre in Drummoyne, local libraries and on the Council website.

An external telephone will be installed outside the Concord offices which will be a direct line to the Civic Centre for residents to use on the days the office is closed.

The reduction in hours will be a cost benefit to the community allowing Council to put in place more resources at the Canada Bay Civic Centre.

From Monday, 11 July a Duty Officer will be available full time at the Canada Bay Civic Centre from 8.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday giving residents the flexibility to talk to a Duty Officer 5 days a week.

Draft Management Plan 2005/06 to 2007/08

The City of Canada Bay Council invites community comment on its draft three year Management Plan.

The Draft Management Plan sets out the principal activities that Council undertakes, the programs, objectives and action plans to be pursued over the next three years as well as the rate structure proposed for 2005/06. It includes the 2005/06 Draft Budget and Draft Schedule of Fees & Charges, proposed for adoption as its revenue policy components in 2005/06.

The Draft Management Plan 2005/06 provides for an increase in the rate income of 3.5%. It is also proposed that a Sustainable

City Special Rate be levied to raise approximately \$600,000 to fund a range of economic, cultural and social programs. This levy requires approval from the Minister for Local Government. Details of how the proposed rate structure will affect individual properties will be provided on request. The proposed Domestic Waste Management Charge has remained unchanged at \$218.00.

Copies of the Draft Management Plan may be viewed at the Customer Service Centres in Concord and Drummoyne, and the Concord, Concord West & Five Dock Libraries; or on Council's website www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au.

Nestlé Write Around Australia



Nestlé Australia's Director of Corporate and External Relations, Peter Kelly joined Mayor Angelo Tsirekas at Five Dock Library to celebrate the ongoing success of Nestlé Write Around Australia. This year the City of Canada Bay Library Service was the regional host of the nation's largest creative writing competition. Finalists will be announced in July. For more information about the competition visit www.writearound.com.au.

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Suzanne Bennett - State Library of New South Wales, Wendy Bannister - Canada Bay Library Service and Nestlé Australia's Director of Corporate & External Relations Peter Kelly

Lovedale Place Estuary Project

The City of Canada Bay Council in conjunction with Nestlé's Australian Head Office in Rhodes are working together to conserve the Sydney Harbour Region's finest remnant of Coastal Saltmarsh vegetation within the Lovedale Place Estuary in Rhodes.

The \$25,000 grant is Nestlé Rhodes' contribution to the Nestlé Community Environment Program, which is a way for each of the Nestlé sites around the country, to help improve the environment within their local communities.

The Lovedale Place Estuary, Remnant Coastal Saltmarsh community is at the head of Brays Bay on the eastern side of the Rhodes Peninsula in the lower Parramatta River catchment area. The area is part of a larger foreshore corridor known as the Concord Foreshore Trail that stretches from McIlwaine Park to the north, to Majors Bay Reserve in the south.

The majority of the remnant vegetation at Lovedale Place is found on the mudflats and foreshores of Brays Bay. Saltmarsh provides habitat for a diverse invertebrate fauna, which includes both marine (crabs and molluscs) and terrestrial (insects and spiders) elements. During tidal flooding a number of fish species utilise Saltmarsh



habitats. Grazing by macropods may occur between tidal events. Coastal Saltmarsh provide important high tide roosts for migratory wading birds, and a range of other birds also utilise coastal Saltmarsh as habitat.

The \$25,000 grant from Nestlé Rhodes will see the following conservation works being carried out as part of the environmental initiative:

- Initial weed control works
- Annual weed maintenance
- Installation of gross pollutant traps to remove litter from stormwater.
- Installation of sediment control devices to remove sediment and other fine material such as weed seed from stormwater.



River Mangroves/Mudflats/Coastal Saltmarsh interface. A very good example of estuarine zonation

- Removal of adjacent invasive weed species such as Coral Trees.
 - Replanting slope areas and ephemeral drainage lines above high water mark with indigenous plant species (grasses and groundcover).
 - Development and installation of interpretive signage and other educational material.
- A replanting day is being scheduled later in the year for volunteers from Nestlé Rhodes and the City of Canada Bay.

Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Cheque Presentation



On Thursday, 5 May Mayor Angelo Tsirekas presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Rusty Priest AM on behalf of the City of Canada Bay Kokoda Foundation. The money will be used for the further development of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Rhodes and to educate our local children on the significance and recognition of the role that the Kokoda

Campaign played in the history of World War II in the Pacific.

Special guests at the cheque presentation were retired army Major Basil Catterns and Nina Catterns along with the seven committed community members that completed the Kokoda Track with Mayor Angelo Tsirekas and Council's general manager Michael McMahon.

Back Row: Rebecca Hansson, Lance Brooks, Tony Watson, John Price, Remo Adoncello, Larry Musolino. Front Row: Rusty Priest AM, Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, retired army Major Basil Catterns, Nina Catterns and Michael G McMahon

The Kokoda Experience



Tony Watson, Lance Brooks, Adam Taylor, Rebecca Hansson, Larry Musolino, Michael G McMahon, Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Remo Adoncello and John Price

On Saturday, 16 April Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Council's general manager Michael McMahon, Remo Adoncello, Lance Brooks, Rebecca Hansson, Larry Musolino, John Price, Adam Taylor and Tony Watson set off on a once in a lifetime journey, little did they know that this nine day trek that they were about to undertake in the depths of Papua New Guinea would be an emotionally challenging and completely life changing experience.



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Charlie Lynn MLC and Michael G McMahon



The group was led by Charlie Lynn MLC who has completed the track a staggering 39 times. The conditions were arduous. The group walked between nine and fourteen hours a day through rivers, up and down steep mountain grades, through rugged bush land, dodged live ammunition, all with heavy packs on their backs in over 33 degree heat.

The experience was an outstanding accomplishment for the nine, giving them an insight into the treacherous conditions that our brave and courageous soldiers faced in the Papua New Guinea campaign of July 1942 to January 1943. The soldiers walked the same terrain laden with artillery. They fought in atrocious conditions. They were out numbered and so many lost their lives to keep our country safe.



Back Row: John Price, Lance Brooks, Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Remo Adoncello, Charlie Lynn MLC, Michael G McMahon, Tony Watson, Rebecca Hansson. Front Row: Adam Taylor and Larry Musolino



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Charlie Lynn MLC, Michael G McMahon and Ovoru Indiki

The courage and compassion so freely given by the 'fuzzy wuzzy' angels will always be remembered. The group had the pleasure of meeting Ovoru Indiki, a 100 year old 'fuzzy wuzzy' at the Naduri Village. Ovoru is the chief of the village and former village constable under Australia's colonial regime. Ovoru was contracted to carry the war supplies for the Australian troops in 1942 and upon returning along the track came to the aid of the Australian war wounded, carrying and caring for the diggers and returning them to safety. Ovoru remarked that he was humbled by the interest of the

Australians in what they have done during the war and he was honoured to have been able to help so many people in need. That same help was generously offered to the trekkers by the current generations of villagers.



Charlie Lynn MLC and Michael G McMahon with local villagers

On completion of the trek, the group spent ANZAC day at the Bomana War Cemetery. It was a very emotional service coinciding with the 90th anniversary.



Back row: John Price, Warren Bartlett - CEO Kokoda Track Authority, Michael G McMahon, Tony Watson, Vice Chairman Kokoda Track Authority, local villager, Adam Taylor, Remo Adoncello. Front row: Larry Musolino, Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Lance Brooks and Rebecca Hansson

The trip saw the start of Canada Bay's sister city relationship with the Kokoda Track Authority in Papua New Guinea, with Mayor Angelo Tsirekas signing a memorandum of understanding to facilitate co-operation between the authorities who manage the Kokoda Memorial in Rhodes and the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea. The relationship will help to develop educational links between our local children and the children of Kokoda.



Children of Kokoda

Relationship Programs

Relationships Australia and the Drummoyne Community Centre are running two workshops titled Women and Relationships and Men and Relationships on Tuesday, 21 June and Tuesday, 28 June from 7pm-10pm. The workshops are being held at Drummoyne Community Centre, 10 Cometrowe Street Drummoyne. For more information or to book a place call Ros Lance on 9719 8102.

New Resident Tours

City of Canada Bay Council and Drummoyne Community Centre are running free bus tours for new residents living in the area. You will find out about services available within the area and also find out about the local history. The next tour will be held on Saturday, 18 June and will depart from the Drummoyne Community Centre, 10 Cometrowe Street. For more information or to book a place call Ros Lance on 9719 8102.

Home-Based Business Network

The next meeting of the home-based business network is being held in the Bay Room in Five Dock Library on Wednesday, 22 June from 10am - 12pm.

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 please contact Council's Project Officer - Economic Development, Stephanie Kelly on 9911 6521 or email stephanie.kelly@canadabay.nsw.gov.au.

Health and Wellbeing Network

The next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Network is on Tuesday, 28 June from 7pm - 9pm in the Bay Room at Five Dock Library.

The network is free and open to all health and wellbeing businesses within the City of Canada Bay.

For more information or to book a place please contact Council's Project Officer - Economic Development, Stephanie Kelly on 9911 6521 or email Stephanie.kelly@canadabay.nsw.gov.au.

Chinese Lunch

The City of Canada Bay Council in conjunction with Meals on Wheels are inviting all Chinese speaking residents who are elderly, or have a disability to come and sample food from Meals on Wheels new nutritious Chinese menu.

The luncheon is free and will be held on Tuesday, 5 July. Family and friends are also invited to attend. Transport is available if needed and there will be prizes and entertainment by performers from the Chinese community. A Chinese speaking worker will be available at the luncheon to talk about the Meals on Wheels service and answer questions.

For more information or to book a place call Megan Price or Jenny Spinak at Council's Community Services Department on 9911 6580. If you have difficulty in speaking English, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 state the language you speak and they will contact Council for you.

Celebrate Hans Christian Andersen's 200th Birthday

Acclaimed storyteller Jo Henwood will visit Concord and Concord West libraries during the July school holidays to celebrate Hans Christian Andersen's 200th birthday. Jo will hold your children spellbound as she tells the traditional fairytales of Hans Christian Andersen. Both evenings will be pyjama parties (ordinary clothes can be worn).

The event is free and suitable for children in kindergarten to year 6. The talks will be held at Concord Library on Friday, 8 July and at Concord West Library on Monday, 11 July. Bookings are essential. The libraries will be taking bookings from Monday, 27 June. For more information or to book a place call Concord Library on 9736 4732 or Concord West Library on 9736 4728.

Questacon Science Squad

The Questacon Science Squad will be visiting Five Dock Library in the July school holidays. The Questacon Science Squad will fascinate your children with sessions about revolting slime and the coolest liquid nitrogen. The event is free and suitable for children in kindergarten to year 6. The Science Squad will be visiting Five Dock Library on Thursday, 14 July. Bookings are essential. Five Dock Library will be taking bookings from Monday, 27 June. For more information or to book a place call Five Dock Library on 9911 6310.

Ferragosto

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, amusement rides and plenty more.

A highlight of the festival 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 Elizabeth Rickard, Council's events coordinator on 9911 6564 for an application form. All entries must be returned to Council by Friday, 22 July 2005.

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

Helen McCaffrey

How did you get started in local government?

As a result of belonging to numerous community organisations which stirred a passion to serve my local community.

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

33 years

What do you think about living here?

I enjoy the open spaces, the great foreshore walks, convenient access to all parts of Sydney, the "village atmosphere" of my immediate area of Concord and excellent parks and sporting facilities for adults and children of all ages.

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

- To be able to manage the increased traffic flowing through local streets as a result of the increase in residential development in Canada Bay.
- To intergrate new residents into our community.
- To be able to achieve concensus with fellow councillors to achieve my goals and make thing happen for the local community.
- To have the State Government listen to locals concerns for the improvement of such things as public transport in the area.

What issues are important to you?

- To achieve good sound planning for the expanding city.
- To improve through public transport routes, particularly bus routes to operate after peak hours.
- To increase the use of Parramatta River "an under utilised water highway" as a public transport route.
- To achieve an increase in both child care and aged care facilities.

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

Listening & being involved in community organisations, such as my local Rotary Club, which allows a grass route involvement in my local area.

What's your favourite past time?

Travel, the theatre, playing golf and spending quality time with my husband Bill and children Adrian and Penny.