



# Ordinary Council Meeting

7:00 pm Wednesday 23 October 2024  
SUPPLEMENTARY

**Venue:**  
Botany Town Hall, Auditorium Level 1  
Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany

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**MEETING NOTICE**

The **Ordinary Council Meeting** of  
**Bayside Council**  
will be held in the Botany Town Hall, Auditorium Level 1  
Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany  
on **Wednesday 23 October 2024 at 7:00 pm**

**SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

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The meeting will be video recorded and live streamed to the community via Council's YouTube channel, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Meredith Wallace  
**General Manager**

## 8 MAYORAL MINUTES

### Council Meeting

23/10/2024

Item No	8.3
Subject	<b>SUPPLEMENTARY - Mayoral Minute - Priorities for the Mayoral Term</b>
File	F24/38

### Motion

That the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.

### Mayoral Minute

Bayside is a fantastic, unique, vibrant community, but just as our Council grows as we work toward accommodating over 10,000 new homes in the next 5 years, its vital that we invest in the amenities, open spaces, services, provide places to connect for to meet our community's growing needs.

One of my key priorities as Mayor is to enhance both passive and active open spaces. We recognise the profound impact that high-quality open spaces have on our community, and I am committed to seeking out opportunities to expand and improve these vital facilities.

This means acquiring new land for open space and improving existing parks to accommodate the needs of our growing community. For high density areas like the Mascot Station precinct, Linear Park represents the main green space in walking distance for thousands of residents, and it is incumbent upon us to ensure we invest heavily in these areas for the good of our residents.

Council is soon to consider a new Developer Contributions Plan for Bayside that will unlock the current balance of funds that has been difficult to spend under the current framework. This provides Council with an opportunity to put a 15-year infrastructure plan in place, including a plan for passive and active recreation.

We must prioritise the protection of our open spaces and environment, especially the stunning 8km of foreshore that defines our area. We need to invest in our local business strips like Brighton Le Sands, ensuring our local viable, attractive, and practical for our growing community. At the same time, we need to preserve our valuable community spaces and natural surroundings.

Another area I would like us to focus on is on revitalising our local town centres, capitalising on our natural advantages – it's fantastic to see our areas evolve and thrive, for example we have seen Botany rapidly transforming from a heavy industrial area to a hub of some of the best food and drink in Sydney.

Sadly, we have also witnessed the slow decline of centres such as Rockdale, as banks and other important community facilities close, and through-traffic becomes the predominant use of the centre. We have to bring Rockdale back to life, and now that we have largely

completed the consolidation of Council's landholdings along George Street, we have an incredible opportunity to transform the town centre. This long-held plan to redevelop Rockdale has been in preparation for over a decade, and it is now time to bring it to life. We need to ensure our town centres don't just become throughfares but instead become vibrant, sought-after destinations that people want to visit and enjoy.

In Rockdale, I believe we need a plan that includes public parking, a generous new town park, anchor retail space, and affordable places to live, as well as artistic and cultural facilities. It is up to us to reinvigorate Rockdale for the benefit of local residents, businesses, and visitors.

We've done a great deal as a Council to fight anti-social behaviour and car hooning through measures such as licence plate recognition cameras, traffic calming measures and practical deterrents, and I want us to continue to work closely with St George Police and transport authorities to ensure we keep up this work – we're not going to solve these problems overnight, but it doesn't mean we should stop working on them.

Further, during my time as Mayor, I will advocate for Council to embrace the 24-hour economy, bring live music back to Sydney, and develop thriving local spaces that nurture businesses, the creative sector, and the wider community.

Over the last decade, New South Wales has lost half its live music venues. Fifty years ago, AC/DC were playing gigs at Hurstville, today planning controls are forcing entertainment venues to close. I believe we can make our streets more event-ready and simplify the process for performers to use them. With the generous support of the Permit/Plug/Play Pilot Program from Transport for NSW, we now have the opportunity to move this forward and create vibrant spaces for music and community enjoyment.

Finally, I want to continue to build upon the focus on customer experience improvements to ensure we provide the best possible service to our residents and ensure our city's presentation remains a priority – we deserve a city we can all take pride in.

As your Mayor, my priority is to ensure that Bayside remains a wonderful place to live, work, and play. I look forward to collaborating with you to enhance and serve the community we all proudly call home.

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## **Attachments**

Nil