



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

G'day Lake Macquarie,

It's a new year, and as your new Mayor, I am committed to build on the momentum created by a fruitful 2024 for our city.

Last year, Lake Macquarie City Council was awarded the prestigious AR Bluett Memorial Award – the highest honour available to metropolitan and major regional Councils.

The extension of Fernleigh Awabakal Shared Track, Windale Hub, Rathmines Youth Hub (skatepark, pump track and playground) and the city's transition to a bookable bulky waste service, were all key to our success.

I'm optimistic we can continue delivering great outcomes for Lake Macquarie in 2025.

We have a revamped council with four new Councillors, fresh ideas and bold ambitions to enshrine our city as the best place in the state to call home.

In a bid to make that a reality for more people, I'll be hosting a Lake Macquarie Housing Forum on 3 April 2025 to help locals and young families access affordable opportunities to live in this great region.

The high cost of renting and purchasing a home is a significant burden on our

residents and those who wish to call our city home.

As someone who grew up in Lake Macquarie and has served eight years as a Councillor, I know that we are collectively trying to grow and shape our city to make it a place where our kids, their kids and grandkids can live, work and enjoy themselves.

The forum will bring together housing providers, not-for-profits, the development industry and all levels of government to act in a bid to help our community make Lake Macquarie their home for generations to come.

Council has taken steps to unlock more land for development and increase supply through strategic urban infill and diversifying housing options, but this is just the beginning.

If you are a key stakeholder in the housing space and would like to register your interest in attending the forum, you can do so on our website or via this link: [lakemac.com.au/housing-forum](https://lakemac.com.au/housing-forum)

I look forward to working together to make Lake Macquarie the very best it can be.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Adam Shultz**

## WHAT'S ON IN 2025

### Lake Mac Festival

**7 JANUARY - EASTER**

Festival celebrating Lake Macquarie on and off the water with a season of community events.

### Women in Sport Festival

**MARCH**

Sporting workshops, seminars, try a sport day activities and more.

### Float Your Boat

**20-21 JUNE**

Flotilla of boats with huge illuminated artworks.

### Living Smart Festival

**20 SEPTEMBER**

Sustainability and Multicultural Festival at Speers Point Park.

### Fast and Loud Festival

**17-19 OCTOBER**

Weekend of boat races and entertainment across Lake Macquarie.

### Let's Fish

**22-23 NOVEMBER**

Catch and release competition with prizes up for grabs.

### Lake Mac Carols

**7 DECEMBER**

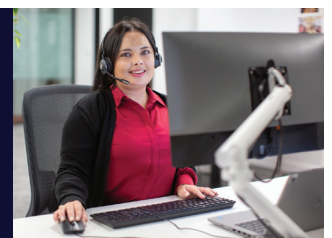
Enjoy the ultimate carols celebration.

For more information check out [visitlakemac.com.au/events](https://visitlakemac.com.au/events)

## CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE TEMPORARY RELOCATION

Council's Customer Service Centre has temporarily relocated to Speers Point Library, across the road from our Administrative Centre, operating from 9am-4.30pm.

You can continue to phone us on 02 4921 0333, email us at [council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au) or start a conversation with us over web chat.





# MEET YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS



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- Belmont North
- Belmont South
- Bennetts Green
- Blacksmiths
- Cams Wharf
- Catherine Hill Bay
- Caves Beach
- Charlestown
- Crangan Bay
- Croudace Bay
- Eleebana
- Florville
- Gateshead
- Jewells
- Little Pelican
- Marks Point
- Moonee
- Mount Hutton
- Murrays Beach
- Nords Wharf
- Pelican
- Pinny Beach
- Redhead
- Swansea
- Swansea Heads
- Tingira Heights
- Valentine
- Warners Bay
- Windale

*Get in touch*

You can contact the Mayor or Councillors by email, phone, or by sending a letter to  
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- Cameron Park
- Cardiff
- Cardiff Heights
- Cardiff South
- Charlestown
- Dudley
- Edgeworth
- Elmore Vale
- Garden Suburb
- Gateshead
- Glendale
- Highfields
- Hillsborough
- Kahibah
- Kotara South
- Lakelands
- Macquarie Hills
- Mount Hutton
- New Lambton Heights
- Rankin Park
- Redhead
- Seahampton
- Speers Point
- Warners Bay
- West Wallsend
- Whitebridge

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- Balmoral
- Barnsley
- Blackalls Park
- Bolton Point
- Bonnells Bay
- Booragul
- Brightwaters
- Buttaba
- Cardiff
- Carey Bay
- Coal Point
- Cooranbong
- Eraring
- Fassifern
- Fennell Bay
- Fishing Point
- Freemans Waterhole
- Holmesville
- Kilaben Bay
- Killingworth
- Mandalong
- Marmong Point
- Martinsville
- Mirrabooka
- Morisset
- Morisset Park
- Myuna Bay
- Rathmines
- Ryhope
- Silverwater
- Sunshine
- Teralba
- Toronto
- Wakefield
- Wangi Wangi
- Windermere Park
- Woodrising
- Wye
- Wye Point
- Yarrowonga Park





## NEW COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE AT BELMONT

The Lake Macquarie community will be able to drop off common problem waste free of charge on the east side of the lake, with a new Community Recycling Centre poised to open soon at Floraville Road, Belmont.

The Eastlakes Community Recycling Centre will accept items such as: paint, gas bottles, motor oils, other oils, household batteries, smoke detectors, fluoro globes and tubes, car batteries and fire extinguishers.

The centre is expected to open for use in early 2025.

[lakemac.com.au/Projects/Eastlakes-Community-Recycling-Centre](http://lakemac.com.au/Projects/Eastlakes-Community-Recycling-Centre)



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON BLACKSMITHS BOAT RAMP DESIGN

We're upgrading Blacksmiths Boat Ramp to improve access to Lake Macquarie's waterways.

Council is inviting the community to provide feedback on concept designs for the new boat ramp, which includes extended pontoons, solar lighting and mooring cleats, scour protection and concrete retaining walls with handrails.

Visit [lakemac.com.au/Projects/Blacksmiths-Boat-Ramp-upgrade](http://lakemac.com.au/Projects/Blacksmiths-Boat-Ramp-upgrade) to view and provide feedback on the concept designs.

The upgrade project is scheduled for 2026.

## WHIMSICAL WAY TO EXPLORE LAKE MAC

Visiting all our city's iconic destinations in one fell swoop is now possible thanks to *Lake Macquarie Adventures for Kids*, a colourful children's book written by Lake Macquarie City Council staff.

Each of the book's double-page spreads features a different part of Lake Mac, from Rathmines Park to Swansea Channel, and from Redhead Beach to the Watagan Mountains.

Illustrated by Chrissy McYoung, each page is dripping with delightful detail, taking young readers on a journey of whimsical exploration of the city through words and pictures.

The book is available in hardcover (\$30) and softcover (\$20) from Lake Mac Libraries branches and the Museum of Art and Culture, yapang.

Go to [library.lakemac.com.au](http://library.lakemac.com.au) for more information about events and news at Lake Mac Libraries branches.



## CHEMICAL CLEANOUT COMING UP

It's time for a Chemical CleanOut



Council's next Chemical CleanOut will be held 15 March 2025 at Rathmines Boat Ramp, Rathmines, from 9am to 3.30pm.

Residents can drop off hazardous household waste free of charge at the event.

For more information, including acceptable items, visit

[cleanout.com.au](http://cleanout.com.au)

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