



## LAKE MAC *Awards* 2024 WINNERS

**LAKE MAC AMBASSADOR**

Matt Hall

**YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Sophie Berude

**YOUNG SPORTS STAR**

Sienna Eve, Saffron Shiels

**SPORTS STAR**

Jennifer Enderby

**SPORTS LEADER**

Nathan Swadling

**ARTIST AND CREATOR**

Scott Bevan

**CREATIVE AND PERFORMING  
ARTS LEADER**

Louise Wilkinson

**SENIOR OF THE YEAR**

Pam Wellham

**COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR**

Hunter Mountain Bike Association

**COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR**

Morisset Lake Macquarie Show

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Anna Noon

**ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER**

Repair It Lake Mac

**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR  
WITH DISABILITY**

Susanne Jenkins



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

A vibrant events calendar, major infrastructure milestones and ever-beautiful natural surroundings – Lake Macquarie City boasts numerous elements that leave me with a feeling of pride each and every day.

Earlier this year, those individuals and groups that champion our city were celebrated at our annual Lake Mac Awards night.

From sporting stars to environmental and creative leaders, to those volunteering their time to help others and those living with disability – 13 awards recognised the astounding work being done in our community.

At the pinnacle of this celebration stands the distinguished title of Lake Mac Ambassador. This prestigious award is given to a selfless citizen whose actions and demeanour exemplify the finest qualities of our community, showcasing their contributions to

overall wellbeing and spirit of Lake Macquarie.

In March, I had the pleasure of announcing Redbull Air Race Champion Matt Hall as the worthy recipient for 2024.

Matt Hall is a local success story and proud advocate of Lake Macquarie, proving that people can not only run a thriving local business, but achieve personal excellence and success on the world stage.

I congratulate all the finalists and winners, your amazing work doesn't go unnoticed and we thank you for your ongoing efforts to make Lake Macquarie City an even better place.

**Lake Macquarie Mayor  
Cr Kay Fraser**

## YOUR CITY YOUR VOTE

**Saturday 14 September 2024**

LAKEMAC.COM.AU/ELECTIONS







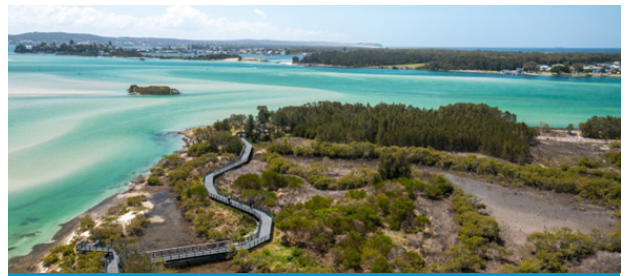
## NEW CYCLING ROUTE COMING SOON

The Fernleigh Awabakal Shared Track (FAST) will officially open mid-2024, offering a seamless 27km active transport route from Murrays Beach to Adamstown, connecting the end of the Fernleigh Track at Belmont to Blacksmiths Beach.

This remarkable pathway will be the longest active transport route in the Hunter region, enhancing connectivity for the community.

The project is funded by the Federal Government, NSW Government and Council.

[lakemac.com.au/FAST](https://lakemac.com.au/FAST)



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROJECTS NEAR YOU

Register to join our Shape Lake Mac online community before 31 May 2024 and you could win a \$500 VISA gift card\*.

Share your ideas on city-shaping projects and help create a vibrant and thriving Lake Macquarie City.

[shape.lakemac.com.au/register](https://shape.lakemac.com.au/register)

\* Terms and conditions apply



## FLOAT YOUR BOAT RETURNS

The mesmerising display of neon lights reflecting on the water at night will come to life across Lake Macquarie during the annual Float Your Boat event in June.

Boat owners are invited to participate in the open competition, adorning their vessels with vibrant lights to compete for cash prizes. The procession will gracefully pass through Toronto, Coal Point, and Wangi Wangi on Friday 21 June followed by Belmont, Valentine, Eleebana and Warners Bay on Saturday 22 June.

Spectators are encouraged to gather along the shores of Toronto, Warners Bay and Belmont live sites to witness the enchanting array of colours. The event will feature live music, roaming illuminated performances, entertainment and a variety of food trucks, creating a lively atmosphere from 5-9:30pm each evening.

Interested boat owners can now submit their nominations to participate.

[lakemac.com.au/Float-Your-Boat-2024](https://lakemac.com.au/Float-Your-Boat-2024)

## WHAT'S ON

### LAKE MACQUARIE DOBELL FESTIVAL 1-30 JUNE

The festival includes a number of events, workshops, courses, and exhibitions which celebrate art at venues across the city.

### YOU'RE KIDDING ME PROGRAM 17 MAY, 21 JUNE AND 19 JULY

Parenting workshops are held at the Museum of Art and Culture yapang each month.

### NAIDOC WEEK 7-14 JULY

A series of events will celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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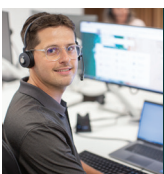
## NOMINATIONS OPEN

The awards recognise growth, entrepreneurship and celebrate business success across the city.

Help us highlight the best businesses and individuals leading the way in Lake Macquarie City.

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