



MAYOR MESSAGE

As the newly elected Mayor of Lake Macquarie, it is my pleasure to deliver my first message to you.

I am a born and bred local, having grown up in Warners Bay, my wife and I are now raising our three young children in Lake Macquarie. I know firsthand the issues families are facing and what they need from their council.

I have previously served as Deputy Mayor of Lake Macquarie in 2022-2023 and I am an experienced Councillor who has served East Ward for the past eight years. I am bringing my experience, energy and skills to serve our community as Mayor and I am working hard to ensure the continued success of residents and businesses in our city.

I have hit the ground running, with several new and existing projects on the horizon.

Excitingly, Awaba House at Booragul is being rebuilt following a devastating fire in 2019. Keeping its historic facade while adding a modern interior, the new space is hoped to be a tourism drawcard for the city.

The proposed Eastlakes Community Recycling Centre at Belmont North will transform the way residents on the eastern side of our city deal with problem wastes.

The Toronto Foreshore revitalisation will see vibrant recreational areas delivered along the waterfront, with upgrades planned over the coming years. The Toronto Baths were recently upgraded to be fully enclosed and accessible, providing a unique experience to swim in the natural environment with peace of mind.

A long-term plan for Wangi Point Holiday Park will bring new amenities, accessible cabins, improved parking and better landscaping to enhance visitor experiences.

And the West Wallsend Swim Centre will be expanded to include a new learn-to-swim pool and upgraded power to meet growing community demand.

I am eager to see these projects come to life and to hear your feedback and ideas as we embark on these exciting ventures together. As your Mayor, I am committed to fostering a sense of community and belonging, and I look forward to working closely with each of you to ensure our city continues to thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement in making Lake Macquarie a wonderful place to call home.

**Lake Macquarie Mayor
Cr Adam Shultz**

LAKE MAC *Awards*

NOMINATE A LOCAL LEGEND

Help us celebrate the incredible people in our community and acknowledge local legends who have made an outstanding contribution to our city.

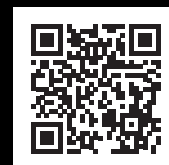
The 2025 Lake Mac Awards recognise excellence in leadership, advocacy, innovation, bravery, skill or community spirit across the following categories:

- **SPORTS**
- **ARTS AND CREATIVITY**
- **VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT**
- **EVENTS**
- **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Nominate a person, group or yourself online by midnight Sunday 17 November.

Winners will be announced at a gala event on 28 March 2025.

lakemac.com.au/lake-mac-awards





THE CITY'S BEST SWIMMING SPOTS

Looking for the perfect place to cool off this summer?

Lake Macquarie has plenty of stunning swimming spots that cater to everyone, from tranquil lakeside beaches to invigorating ocean dips.

Whether it's a swim at the sand islands at Marks Point, Grannies Pool at Blacksmiths or rock pools at our local beaches, there's something for everyone in Lake Mac.

And, Council lifeguards are back in action. Beachgoers can take comfort in the presence of red and yellow flags and swim safely at Blacksmiths, Catherine Hill Bay, Redhead, and Caves beaches.

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WINDALE HUB, BILYABAYI, OPENS ITS DOORS

Experience the excitement at Windale Hub, bilyabayi, Lake Macquarie's newest high-tech venue that's transforming community spaces.

This state-of-the-art facility offers flexible social areas, a contemporary library and versatile community amenities, all designed to be Windale's community lounge. It's a welcoming, secure environment where people of all ages can connect, learn and innovate.

The hub features the Fab Lab, an innovative digital fabrication lab with advanced manufacturing tools, and a professional recording studio with an on-site cafe.

With a range of hireable spaces, Windale Hub, bilyabayi, provides private and collaborative study and creative areas, meeting rooms, a large community hall and exhibition spaces. Built with families in mind, it offers engaging services and programming for everyone.

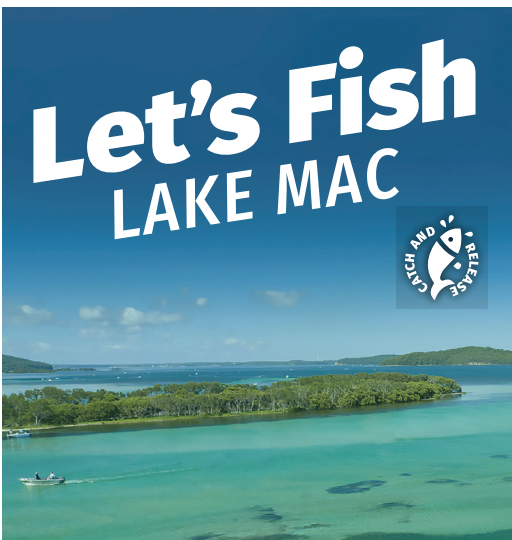
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A LITTLE SCRAP GOES A LONG WAY

DID YOU KNOW?

The food scraps you put into your green lid bin are professionally treated to make high quality compost which improves soil health, grows better food, and makes our land more drought and disease resilient!

MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS PUT ALL OF YOUR FOOD SCRAPS IN THE GREEN LID BIN, YOUR LOCAL FARMERS WILL THANK YOU.



Let's Fish LAKE MAC



CATCH AND WIN BIG

Held on the largest coastal saltwater lake in Australia, the annual catch-and-release style competition is back for its third year, spanning two days on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November.

The rules are simple, choose when you, your mates or the family can get together to fish, then take to the lake and enjoy the fun!

Entrants can fish for bream, flathead, tailor and whiting across any of the tidal waters and public beaches in Lake Macquarie.

Up to \$33,800 in prizes will be up for grabs for both kids and grown-ups. You don't even have to catch a fish to win as all entries go into our entrant's prize draw.

Don't miss this fun and family-friendly event!

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