



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

The theme of this Mayor's Message is a simple thank you and farewell.

This will be my last Your City address to you all as Mayor of Lake Macquarie.

I have made the decision to stand down from local government after a wonderful two decades with Council.

Serving on Council and being involved in the strategic planning of our community over 20 years has been a challenge and a joy and I thank the community for placing its trust in me.

Watching Lake Mac grow by more than 27,000 residents and transform into a thriving regional city for families, businesses and visitors during that time has been extremely rewarding.

Five years ago, Council looked after one public art gallery and a library service with 50,000 members.

Today, the city has a vibrant theatre and live music scene, creative festivals, urban and public art, and heritage with more than 920,000 people attending an event, exhibition, live theatre or music each and every year.

With exciting venues like the Multi-Arts Pavilion, mima, opening in 2021 and new developments like Black Rock Motor

Resort and Cedar Mill in the works, our cultural capital will only continue to grow.

I have revelled in the opportunity to advocate for and deliver beneficial projects like the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange, Munibung Road extension at Cardiff, The Weir Bridge at Barnsley, Hunter Sports Centre, Kaiyu Nungkiliko expansion, Windale Hub, bilyabayi and many others during my career.

This Council has redefined our city as an active, growing destination in which to live, work and play.

It is testament to the dedication of my fellow councillors and residents for helping shape a cohesive vision to drive us towards a brighter future.

To that end, I encourage you to carefully consider who will represent you next when the September local government election comes around.

Finally, I thank you all for supporting me during my eight-year tenure as Mayor of Lake Macquarie; it has been a true privilege and honour to serve you.

All the best,

**Lake Macquarie Mayor
Cr Kay Fraser**



YOUR CITY YOUR VOTE

Saturday 14 September 2024

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WHAT'S ON



LIVE MUSIC LAKE MAC 2024

24 July – 11 October 2024

6.30pm to 9.30pm

Rathmines Theatre, nawayiba and Warners Bay Theatre, baramayiba

Live Music Lake Mac is an annual series featuring outstanding national artists supported by emerging local musicians.



LAKE MAC POP BAM: POPULAR CULTURE FESTIVAL

27 July 2024 | 10am to 3pm

Rathmines Theatre, nawayiba

Lake Mac Pop BAM is a celebration of all things popular culture including comics, superheroes, music, film, television and everything in between.



SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE

8 August 2024 | 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Warners Bay Theatre,
baramayiba

The Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour will be tearing up the freeways of Australia to bring the best of the 2024 festival to Warners Bay.

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OUR COMMITMENT TO CUSTOMER SERVICE

We've recently updated our Customer Service Charter to reflect our commitment to prompt, quality service levels.

To view the full Customer Service Charter and learn more about what to expect when you contact Council visit

lakemac.com.au/customer-charter

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Our Customer Charter sets out our commitment to you, our customer, and outlines the service you can expect from us.



LIVING SMART FESTIVAL

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21 September 2024 | 9am to 3pm | Speers Point Park

The Living Smart Festival is one of Australia's largest community sustainability events, with a mission to encourage people to learn about and embrace everyday sustainability practices.

This year's event will feature Gina Chick, winner of reality survival show 'Alone' Australia, MasterChef star Steph De Sousa and Australian chef and television presenter Paul West alongside a range of workshops, stalls and presenters showcasing all things sustainability.

There'll also be a multicultural zone, inviting people from around the world to showcase a sustainable practise from their home.

Let's think global, act local.

lakemac.com.au/Living-Smart-Festival

WASTE LET'S GET IT SORTED

GET YOUR WASTE SORTED WITH NEW HOUSEHOLD GUIDE

Check out our new and improved online directory to learn how to manage any type of household waste.

Council's A-Z waste and recycling guide is a searchable, user-friendly tool designed to help residents 'get it sorted' when it comes to problem waste items.

lakemac.com.au/A-Z-Guide

NEVER BIN A BATTERY

Batteries placed in household bins can cause fires in garbage trucks and at waste management facilities.

Take charge of your battery waste and learn how to recycle them correctly by visiting lakemac.com.au/take-charge

CHEMICAL CLEANOUT COMING UP

Council's next Chemical CleanOut will be held 31 August at Thomas H Halton Park, Bareki Road Croudace Bay from 9am to 3.30pm.

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

For more information, including acceptable items phone the EPA helpline on 131 555 or visit cleanout.com.au

BOOK YOUR BULKY WASTE SERVICE

Dispose of your bulky household items when it's convenient for you.

Book a service online or by phoning 4921 0333



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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STRATEGY 2025-2029

How can we best support children and families across Lake Mac?

Complete our survey before 29 July 2024 to help shape the support Council provides to local children and their families. Visit lakemac.com.au/children to take the survey.



YOUTH STRATEGY 2025-2029

Young people are the future of our city. How can Council empower them to be their best?

Share your thoughts before 29 July 2024 to help shape our updated Youth Strategy. Visit lakemac.com.au/youth to take the survey.