



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Another year has crept up on us, but there's no tiptoeing about when it comes to Lake Macquarie's momentum heading into 2024.

As our regional city continues to grow, it's exciting to see so much investment and development happening right around the lake.

I recently had the great pleasure of opening the new Trevor Height Athlete Testing Facility as part of the Hunter Sports Centre upgrade, a major milestone for this landmark facility, and I'm looking forward to the Windale Hub coming to life later in the year.

One of our fastest flourishing areas is the city's south-west, where Cooranbong and Morisset accounted for \$264 million of the city's \$1.3 billion in approved developments last financial year.

With the space for new residential and commercial opportunities, proximity to key transport links and major developments like Cedar Mill underway, the area is primed for another boom.

Council has worked hard on a Morisset Place Strategy to help guide future development and growth in the area to

make sure we align infrastructure and resources with population growth.

A great example of this future proofing in action was our multi-million dollar NSW Government and Council funded Alton Road intersection upgrade in Cooranbong (pictured), which we unveiled late last year.

Not only will the upgrade improve traffic flow, travel time, safety and connectivity through Cooranbong, it comes as a massive boost to accessibility for emergency services and to goods and services in the town centre.

Looking to the future, expect to see more activity west of the lake as progress is made on two important visitation projects, Trinity Point and BlackRock Motor Park, which will enhance our city's appeal as a tourism destination.

Unlocking new housing supply and business opportunities in these promising pockets is a real bright spot for Lake Macquarie's immediate future, and I can't wait to see more progress as we sail into another productive year.

**Lake Macquarie Mayor
Cr Kay Fraser**

WHAT'S ON IN 2024

MAP mima Press Play

Weekend of workshops, art making and dancing **23-25 February**

Women in Sport Festival

Sporting workshops, seminars and activities **2-10 March**

One Act Play Festival

Theatre competition of plays at Warners Bay Theatre, baramayiba **6 April**

Youth Slash and Bash

Junior surfing competition at Frenchmans and Hams Beach **2-5 May**

Float Your Boat

A flotilla of boats light up the lake with huge illuminated artworks **21-22 June**

Lake Mac Pop BAM

Celebrating all things popular culture **27 July**

Living Smart and Living Together festival

Sustainability and multicultural festival at Speers Point Park **21 September**

Fast and Loud Festival

Weekend of boat races and entertainment **19-20 October**

Let's Fish Lake Mac

Catch and release competition with prizes up for grabs **16-17 November**

Lake Mac Carols

Free festival season celebration at Speers Point Park **8 December**

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROJECTS NEAR YOU

Register to join our Shape Lake Mac online community before 31 March 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.

Visit [shape.lakemac.com.au/register](https://www.shape.lakemac.com.au/register) * Terms and conditions apply



BINNED BATTERIES FUEL FIRES MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE & SAVE LIVES

Did you know that batteries should never be thrown away in kerbside bins?

Batteries can cause fires when mixed with garbage, recyclables and bulk waste.

Across Australia, hundreds of fires occur in garbage trucks and at waste facilities due to incorrect battery disposal, compromising services and putting people at risk of injury.

Firefighters are responding to more than three battery fires a week from in-home charging issues or incorrect disposal, with Fire and Rescue NSW reporting more than 180 battery related fires last year alone.

To help reduce these numbers, households are urged to use, store and dispose of batteries correctly.

Please recycle your used batteries at designated drop off locations, including the Awaba Community Recycling Centre or participating retailers like ALDI, Bunnings, Coles, Woolworths, Council's administration building and Battery World.

To learn more about where different types of batteries can be recycled, drop-off locations and battery storage tips, visit lakemac.com.au/take-charge



BLACKSMITHS BACK IN ACTION



Blacksmiths Boat Ramp is back in action after the completion of necessary repair works in December.

The ramp was briefly reduced to partial operations but has now reopened with full access for launching and retrieval.

Users of the ramp are asked to be mindful and avoid prop dredging where possible.

Design work is underway for a full replacement of the boat ramp.

For more information on jetties and boat ramps across the city, visit Council's website.

lakemac.com.au/boat-ramps

START YOUR OWN HOME BUSINESS IN FAMILY DAY CARE

Council is offering the opportunity to establish and provide home-based education and care for children and families.

Are you:

- Passionate about early learning for children, from birth up to 13 years of age?
- Inspired to deliver recreational and leisure-based day-programs for school-aged children?
- Looking for a flexible and fulfilling career?
- A qualified early childhood professional, or willing to obtain a minimum Certificate III?

Phone us on 4921 0156 or email familydaycare@lakemac.nsw.gov.au to discuss registering as a Family Day Care Educator.

Find out more at lakemac.com.au/become-an-educator



DON'T DOG YOUR PET KEEP YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE

Council rangers work hard to reunite lost pets with their owners, but they need your help!

It is important – and a legislative requirement – that owners of dogs and cats update any change in address, phone numbers or pet ownership details.

Our rangers find that many lost pets don't have up to date details on their microchip data which makes it difficult to track down their owners.

Please contact Council or visit petregistry.nsw.gov.au to ensure your pet's details are correct and up to date.



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