



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The past three months have been remarkable for our city, marked by significant infrastructure achievements, a lively events calendar and the unveiling of the plaque for winning the AR Bluett Memorial Award.

We celebrated the grand reopening of the \$52 million Hunter Sports Centre expansion at Glendale, Kaiyu Nungkiliko, the \$14 million Belmont Sports Complex redevelopment and the \$11.86 million completion of three new bridges in Martinsville. These projects are crucial for our city's future.

The expanded Hunter Sports Centre, with \$28 million from Lake Macquarie City Council and grants from State and Federal governments, will attract major sporting events and nurture local talent through our partnership with the University of Newcastle.

The start of autumn also saw us celebrate a \$14 million upgrade to Belmont's sporting facilities, including major renovations to Barton Field and Lumsden Oval. These upgrades added four rectangular fields, a baseball diamond and cricket wicket improvements, catering to various sporting clubs.

As part of the Belmont sporting facilities upgrades, the Molly Smith Netball Courts received a \$3 million

refresh, funded on a 50-50 partnership basis by the NSW Government and Council. Upgrades included resurfacing all 14 courts, new lighting, line marking and goal posts.

Our vision for Belmont Sports Complex is to establish it as a regional team sporting hub capable of hosting state championships and acting as a domestic tourism magnet for Lake Macquarie. To achieve this, we need continued support from both the Federal and NSW Governments. In baseball terms, we are on first base but need their support for a home run.

In the West ward, two bridges on Owens Road and one on Pointers Road were replaced to meet modern standards and load limits, improving access for about 50 semi-rural properties.

I'd also like to congratulate our new Lake Mac Ambassador Dr Alyce Barnes who won the top honour for promoting sports and physical activity, as well as Emma Walsh, who was named Young Citizen of the Year for her fundraising efforts. A special thank you to our outgoing ambassador, Matt Hall, and Young Citizen of the Year, Sophie Berude, for their hard work and dedication to our city.

**Lake Macquarie Mayor
Adam Shultz**

LAKE MAC *Awards* 2025

WINNERS

LAKE MAC AMBASSADOR
Dr Alyce Barnes

**LAKE MAC YOUNG CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR**
Emma Walsh

LAKE MAC ARTIST AND CREATOR
Luca Romeo

**LAKE MAC CREATIVE AND
PERFORMING ARTS LEADER**
Shay Perry

**LAKE MAC ENVIRONMENTAL
LEADER**
The Groundswell Collective

LAKE MAC YOUNG SPORTS STAR
Xavier Orchard

LAKE MAC SPORTS STAR
Shaun Swadling

LAKE MAC SPORTS LEADER
Dr Alyce Barnes

**LAKE MAC COMMUNITY
EVENT OF THE YEAR**
Few For Shoe

**LAKE MAC COMMUNITY
GROUP OF THE YEAR**
Westlakes Athletics Club

LAKE MAC SENIOR OF THE YEAR
Lee Baines

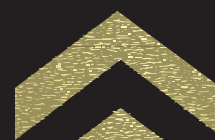
LAKE MAC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Lee Baines

**LAKE MAC OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTOR WITH DISABILITY**
Jai Lonsdale

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THE HUNTER SPORTS CENTRE, Kaiyu Nungkiliko, IS NOW OPEN

The \$52 million Hunter Sports Centre, Kaiyu Nungkiliko expansion has crossed the finish line, delivering a world-class athletics centre and Australian-first Trampoline Centre of Excellence for the Hunter Region.

The multi-level sport and community centre, with community and function rooms, a health and fitness centre, offices and cafe is a haven for children, athletes, sports enthusiasts and adults looking to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The new Trampoline Centre of Excellence at the western end of the site includes a 1300m² trampoline hall with ten trampolines, two tumbling strips, warm-up areas and grandstand seating for 400.

From children's programs to a 24-7 fitness gym, the new space offers something for all ages and abilities.

To discover more about the facility, sign up for a gym membership, or register for one of their active programs, visit hsc.org.au



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WHAT'S ON

LAKE MACQUARIE DOBELL FESTIVAL 1-30 JUNE

The festival includes a range of events across the city including workshops, presentations and exhibitions addressing various aspects of Dobell's life and work.

YOU'RE KIDDING ME PROGRAM 30 MAY AND 27 JUNE

Parenting workshops are held at Windale Hub, bilyabayi each month.

NAIDOC WEEK 6-13 JULY

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

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FLOAT YOUR BOAT SET TO ILLUMINATE THE LAKE

FRIDAY 20 JUNE AND SATURDAY 21 JUNE



Lake Macquarie's iconic Float Your Boat parade is back this June, lighting up the lake with an awe-inspiring display of lights, art and illumination.

Watch as a flotilla of boats in a rainbow of colours cruises past at Toronto, Warners Bay, and Belmont, vying for the Mayor's Choice Award and Newcastle Permanent's People's Choice Award.

Join in on the family fun for two nights of live music, roaming illuminated performances, entertainment, children's activities and food trucks.

Rug up and head down to see the magic up close. Whether you're watching from the shore or part of the flotilla, these displays shouldn't be missed.

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LAKE MACQUARIE BUSINESS EXCELLENCE *Awards* 2025

NOMINATIONS OPEN

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

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