



I'm honoured to have been elected as Mayor of Lake Macquarie for a second term, following last month's local government elections.

It's such an exciting time for our city, with opportunities to grow, shift towards a more circular economy and deliver quality infrastructure, events and services.

Of course, there's also a flipside: balancing growth with the desire to maintain our enviable lifestyle and incredible local environment, with our beautiful lake as its centrepiece.

I'm confident that our new Council, with some fresh faces, better representation of women in local government and a greater age spread, will continue the positive work of the previous term, working together to make our city an even better place for everyone to enjoy.

I wish everyone the best for 2022, and look forward to getting out and about throughout the year – hopefully more than we were able to in 2021!

**Lake Macquarie Mayor
Cr Kay Fraser**

LAKE MAC AWARDS OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

Help us celebrate the incredible people in our community and acknowledge the unsung heroes and high achievers who have made an outstanding contribution to our city.

The 2022 Lake Mac Awards recognise excellence and outstanding contribution in leadership, advocacy, innovation, bravery, skill or community spirit in the following areas:

-  Sports
-  Arts and creativity
-  Volunteering and community contribution
-  Environmental enhancement

Nominate a person, group or yourself online by 21 February. Winners will be announced at a formal gala event in April.

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



FAST & LOUD FESTIVAL

Rebadged, revitalised and revved to the max, Fast & Loud is set to be 10 days of speed and adrenaline-pumping action on and off the water.

The May 13-22 festival has been extended to include two weekends, including Superboat racing, Matt Hall Racing fly over, vintage car show, Australian Formula Powerboat Grand Prix, food and wine, markets and so much more.

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CROUDACE BAY'S NEW PLAY SPACE

A \$4.5 million transformation of Thomas H Halton Park in Croudace Bay is nearing completion, with the final stage of works, a new accessible play space, expected to open in February 2022. The upgraded park also features a new skatepark,

amenities block, outdoor fitness equipment and exercise circuit, along with fenced and unfenced off-leash dog exercise areas.

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NEW LIBRARIES COMING SOON



Sugar Valley Library Museum

Construction is set to begin on two new library and cultural facilities in Lake Macquarie this year.

Work on a new high-tech facility with flexible social spaces and library functions, known as the Windale Hub, will start in early 2022. Replacing the Windale Library and Community Hall on Lake Street, Windale, the

new building will provide a safe, relaxing and welcoming space for the community to come together, learn and create when it opens in early 2023.

Separately, construction of the Sugar Valley Library Museum on the corner of Northridge Drive and Portland Road, Cameron Park, is expected to start in coming weeks. Due to open later this year, it will be the Hunter Valley's first converged library and museum building, fusing contemporary library services with cutting-edge technology, community facilities and a museum showcasing the West Wallsend District Heritage Group's extensive collection.

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GET YOUR HEART PUMPING

Excitement and adventure await at every turn in Lake Macquarie. From sky-high adventures sure to make your heart race, to biking through our national parks, our natural playground has so many experiences for all ages.

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HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SWIM CENTRES

We're getting ready to develop our Aquatic Facilities Strategy.

We want to ensure the future direction of our swim centres reflects our community's needs. Register your details online to get involved.

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