

LIVING SMART FESTIVAL IS BACK FOR 2022



In the depths of winter, it's always a comfort to look forward to spring. That's even more the case this year, with the long-awaited return of our Living Smart Festival. After the 2020 and 2021 instalments were both cancelled due to COVID-19, this year's event on 23-25 September is shaping up to be absolutely wonderful.

Gardening guru Costa Georgiadis is set to headline the festival on 24 September, which is to be held once again on the lake's edge at Speers Point Park.

Anyone who saw him at the 2019 Living Smart Festival would have got a sense not just of the passion and enthusiasm that radiates from Costa, but also his genuine wisdom and commitment to the cause of sustainability. I have no doubt he'll be equally engaging this time around.

Feast for the Senses is back on the Friday night, bigger than ever,

showcasing sustainable, locally-sourced produce in an evening under the stars. Get in quick for this because tickets always sell out.

And we've revamped the festival's Sunday activities this year, launching the Living Together Festival. This will be a celebration of multiculturalism in our community, featuring international cooking classes, global gardens, language sessions, workshops on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and culture and much more.

We'll release more details in the lead-up to the event, so stay tuned at livingsmartfestival.com.au. Hope to see you there!

**Lake Macquarie Mayor
Cr Kay Fraser**



Major event partner

FESTIVAL FEATURES

-  Gardening expert
Costa Georgiadis
-  Entertainment
-  Hands-on workshops
-  Friday night Feast
for the Senses
-  Sunday Living
Together Festival
-  Market stalls

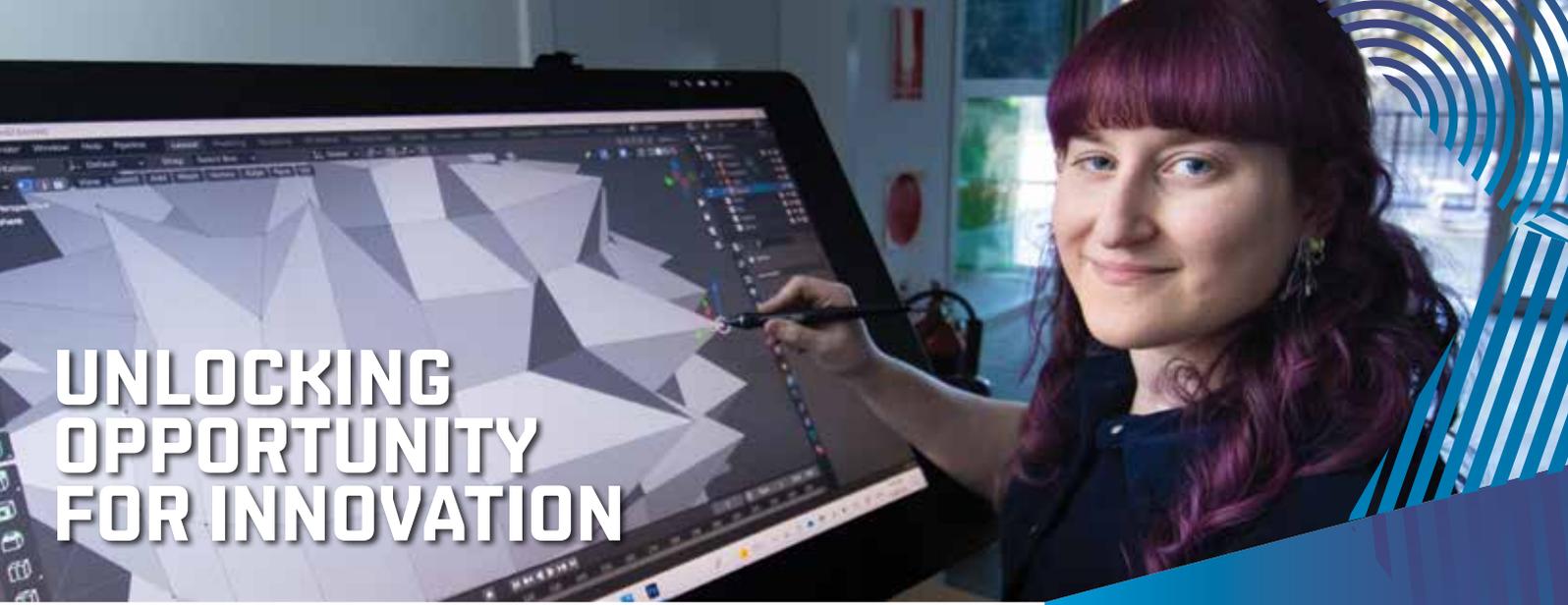
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AIR RACE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMING TO LAKE MAC

The adrenaline-pumping event will showcase our city and lake to the world on 18-20 November 2022.

lakemac.com.au/air-race



UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITY FOR INNOVATION

Lake Macquarie will soon be home to the first Fab Lab in regional NSW.

The new facility will give people the opportunity to gain skills in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) and get hands-on experience with advanced manufacturing equipment, including laser cutters, 3D printers, vinyl cutters, green screen room and virtual reality headsets.

Based at the Swansea Centre, the Lake Mac Fab Lab will provide a hub for learning and innovation and will be available to everyone, with public workshops, open days and a membership program.

Want to check it out? We'll be launching the membership program in August.

library.lakemac.com.au/fablab

THE WEIR BRIDGE NOW OPEN



The Weir Bridge across Cockle Creek at Barnsley is now open.

The newly constructed dual-lane bridge will reduce travel times and improve reliability in northern Lake Macquarie.

As part of the project, The Weir Road was also realigned to improve road safety, and a 3m-wide shared pathway constructed on the northern side of the bridge to provide safer access for pedestrians and cyclists, and

support future growth of our shared pathway network.

The project was jointly funded, with the Australian Government committing \$4.7 million towards the new bridge and Council funding the remainder of the project.

We're upgrading more of our city's bridges in 2022-2023. Check lakemac.com.au/current-projects for details.

EXPLORE TORONTO'S REVITALISED FORESHORE

The first stage of Toronto foreshore's transformation is now open. Works on the Town Green have finished, providing a more inviting space for the community to meet, gather, celebrate and connect.

Works are now underway to upgrade the car park area adjacent to the Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club.

lakemac.com.au/toronto-foreshore

WHAT'S ON

Stay in the loop with what's happening in Lake Mac by checking out our event calendar.

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