



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Improving the infrastructure that matters most to you is a key focus for Council as we enter an exciting new financial year.

We're embarking on a \$118.8 million capital works spend in line with our 2023-24 Operational Plan, with 180 projects in store across the city.

The Operational Plan is Council's annual contract with the community, outlining how we will foster economic development, and environmental and social sustainability.

I want to thank everyone who provided feedback on the plan. We received a record number of submissions to help inform and guide our planning to make Lake Macquarie an even better place to live.

Key themes emerging from those submissions included a desire for us to upgrade local roads, improve traffic facilities like roundabouts and intersections, and increase spending on shared pathways and other pedestrian infrastructure.

I'm pleased that these broadly reflect our focus of spending over the coming financial year.

The plan outlines \$22.8 million in spending on road resealing, resurfacing and rehabilitation for 2023-2024, with another

\$7.4 million to be spent on traffic and transport upgrades.

This will include intersection improvements at Alton Road, University Drive and Freemans Drive in Cooranbong, and underpass lights at Fassifern Road.

We're also delivering road rehabilitation on Harper Avenue in Edgeworth, Floraville Road in Belmont North and Piriwal Street in Pelican.

Council expects to spend \$8.1 million on cycling facilities, and a further \$5.7 million on footpaths and pedestrian improvements.

As our city continues to grow, it's important we keep delivering on community needs and expectations.

I believe our plan for the next financial year does exactly that, and will elevate Lake Macquarie as a leading regional city now and into the future.

Go to lakemac.com.au for more information on the Operational Plan, and to learn more about the transformational projects in the pipeline for our city.

**Lake Macquarie Mayor
Cr Kay Fraser**

SNAPSHOT OF PROJECTS



\$22.8m roadworks



\$7.4m traffic and transport upgrades



\$8.1m cycling facilities



\$5.7m footpaths and pedestrian improvements



\$2.1m beach and aquatic facilities



\$8.5m bridges



\$27m community and sporting facilities

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF LAKE MACQUARIE

Have your say on the plans and projects shaping the future of Lake Macquarie.

Join 'Shape Lake Mac' to provide feedback on projects like the Morisset Place Strategy, which will help guide the future growth and development of this regionally significant area, and ensure Morisset continues to be a place where people love to live, work and play.

Visit shape.lakemac.com.au to see what's coming up for the city and share your thoughts.



TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR BATTERY WASTE

Did you know that used batteries should never be placed in kerbside garbage or recycling bins?

All household batteries are flammable and can ignite when exposed to heat or compression, which can occur when compacted by kerbside collection vehicles.

Recycling your used batteries correctly prevents fires, protects the environment and saves lives.

'Take charge of your battery waste' by recycling at a designated drop off facility.

Visit lakemac.com.au/takecharge to find your nearest recycling option.



RECYCLE YOUR SOFT PLASTICS

Lake Macquarie residents can once again recycle their soft plastic waste, with a new drop-off location now available at the Awaba Community Recycling Centre (CRC).

Council has partnered with Plasmar to deliver the service, which kicked off this month alongside 'Plastic Free July', filling the gap left by the Redcycle supermarkets scheme.

Locals can take household quantities of soft plastic waste (no foil plastics will be accepted) to the CRC free of charge, which will then be pelletised and recycled into practical products like wheel stops, posts and bollards.

Council will buy back these products for local use, contributing to Lake Mac's circular economy.

For more information and a full list of eligible items for recycling, visit lakemac.com.au/waste



BE FLOODSMART THIS WINTER

Lake Macquarie City Council is urging residents to be FloodSmart this winter by using a new online hub to help prepare for floods.

It's a timely reminder following the 16th anniversary of the Pasha Bulker storm and floods, which left the region with a clean-up bill of \$1.35 billion.

Council's Manager Environmental Systems Karen Partington said the frequency of floods would increase due to climate change, with higher rainfall intensities and sea-level rises predicted over the coming years.

"With more people impacted by adverse weather events, taking the time to make sure you and your loved ones are prepared can make a world of difference during emergencies," she said.

There are more than 19,000 flood-prone properties in Lake Macquarie.

Mayor Kay Fraser said the new online hub gave residents the knowledge and resources to help keep them safe heading into winter.

"We're lucky to enjoy being surrounded by the beautiful lake and all of its waterways, but it's important for our community to understand the risks our environment presents and be prepared for flood events," she said.

To help prepare for flood emergencies, visit lakemac.com.au/floodsmart

FLOODSMART CHECKLIST

- Prepare an emergency plan for you and your family
- Check your property's flood risk
- Monitor real-time rainfall with FloodWatch
- Download the Hazards Near Me app



WHAT'S ON

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

lakemac.com.au/events

Lake Mac POP BAM: Popular Culture Festival

29 July 2023 | 10am-4pm | Warners Bay Theatre

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

Ticket prices Adults - \$10 | Youth (5-17 years) - \$7
Children under 5 - Free

Living Smart Festival

16 September 2023 | 9am-2pm | Speers Point Park.

Living Together Festival

17 September 2023 | 9am-2pm | Speers Point Park.

The Living Smart and Living Together Festivals are all about engaging, learning and connecting with all aspects of sustainability, from environmental to cultural.

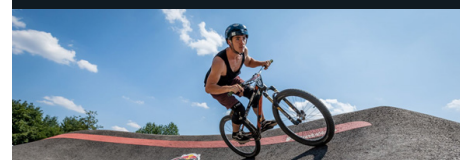
PUMPED UP FOR NEW TRACK

Lake Macquarie's first pump track is now open at Redhead.

Riders of BMX bikes, skateboards, scooters, roller skates, roller blades and more can enjoy the new circuit, designed to be ridden by generating momentum with the body rather than pedalling or pushing.

The track is relatively simple to use and caters to riders of different skill and ability levels.

Visit lakemac.com.au for more information.



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