

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. We pay our respects to Darkinjung country, and Elders past and present. We recognise the continued connection to these lands and waterways and extend this acknowledgement to the homelands and stories of those who also call this place home. We recognise our future leaders and the shared responsibility to care for and protect our place and people.



Chief Executive Officer  
David Farmer

As we welcome back our Councillors, I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Administrator, Rik Hart for his dedicated service, first as Interim CEO and then as Administrator over the past three years. His leadership was instrumental in transforming the Council's financial situation from a state of crisis to one of recovery and sustained stability, benefiting both our community and region. This successful transition has laid a solid foundation for a promising future, with many fantastic opportunities for Central Coast Council.

With our elected Councillors now resuming their direct role in decision-making, they will be setting the strategic direction and policies that guide our work. Senior staff and I will support our Councillors by conducting and reporting on community consultation and assisting the development and implementation of our Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan and budget.

As CEO, my primary responsibility is to lead and manage the Council's daily operations, ensuring that our services are delivered efficiently and effectively to meet the needs of our community. This includes implementing the policies established by our elected Councillors, managing our staff, overseeing budgets, and ensuring we remain compliant with all relevant regulations.

I look forward to developing a strong working relationship with our Central Coast Councillors guided by our adopted governance model and focussed on delivering for our local community.

**David Farmer**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Council election and referendum

The Central Coast Council election was held on 14 September 2024 and 15 councillors were elected, with three councillors representing each of the five wards.



For more information about the Mayor and Councillors, simply scan the QR code or search '**Mayor and Councillors**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

Ward	Councillors
<b>Budgewoi Ward</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor Helen Crowley</li><li>• Councillor Douglas Eaton</li><li>• Councillor John Mouland</li></ul>
<b>Gosford East Ward</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor Lawrie McKinna</li><li>• Councillor Sharon Walsh</li><li>• Councillor Jared Wright</li></ul>
<b>Gosford West Ward</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor Trent McWaide</li><li>• Councillor Belinda Neal</li><li>• Councillor Jane Smith</li></ul>
<b>The Entrance Ward</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor Margot Castles</li><li>• Councillor Rachel Stanton</li><li>• Councillor Corrine Lamont</li></ul>
<b>Wyong Ward</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor Kyla Daniels</li><li>• Councillor Kyle MacGregor</li><li>• Councillor John McNamara</li></ul>

On the same day, a referendum was held, with the community approving the reduction of the number of wards from five to three, with each ward electing three Councillors in the next election term in 2028. The next stage in this process will involve extensive community consultation to determine the new ward boundaries.

# Out and about on the Coast



## The newest attraction on the Coast is popular from dawn to dusk

In August, we completed the final stages of the \$9.85million upgrade at Umina's Peninsula Recreation and Active Lifestyle Precinct, which is already busy every day with locals and visitors.

The multi-year project delivered exciting new sports and recreation facilities for all ages and abilities and improved accessibility.

- **Regional level skatepark** for use by a broad range of wheeled sports and different riding abilities from beginner to advanced. The park is now suitable to host competitions and includes a unique advanced deep bowl and mini beginner bowl plus street elements. Works also included the installation of park furniture, shelters, water refill station, connective pathways and landscaping.
- **Upgraded BMX track** with high-quality asphalt finish surface that is suitable for range of abilities.
- **Full-size basketball court** with flood lights have been installed on a timer to allow extended use of the new facilities year round.
- **Bouldering climbing units**, one to accommodate a large number of older children and second smaller climbing structure suitable for younger children.
- **Two new sportsground amenities buildings** (Etta Road and Melbourne Ave), with significantly improved features and accessible features.
- **Cricket practice nets.**

- Umina Tennis facilities upgrade with **futsal court** installed.
- Construction of **shared and connective concrete pathways.**
- Reconstruction of Sydney Ave access road with underground drainage, upgraded carpark and new accessible car spaces, pedestrian crossings and pathways.

This project has been funded by the Australian Government with \$8.25million from the Community Development Grants Programme and \$1.55million from Council, with a \$50,000 contribution from Umina Community Group.

For more photos and information, search '**Umina skate park**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

## More sports upgrades underway across the Coast

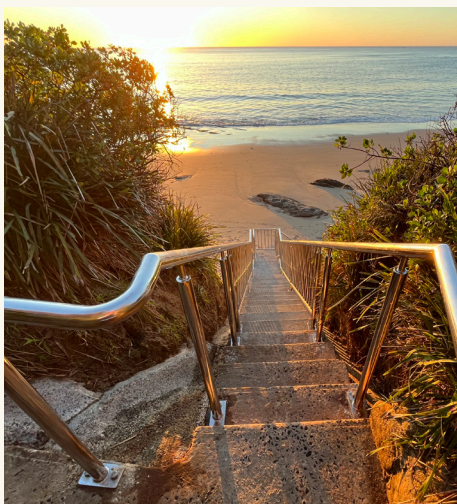
New sports amenities buildings are currently under construction at Buff Point Oval and Halekulani Oval, and planning is underway for Frost Reserve Oval building and skate park upgrade. In addition, drainage and irrigation infrastructure upgrades are occurring at Buff Point, Patrick Croke, Harry Moore and Koala Park sportsgrounds, which will improve field conditions, safety and increase playability all year round.

To see what's planned this financial year in your area, search '**CAPEX map**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

## Flags up for a safe beach season

The 2024-25 beach patrol season is underway! Council lifeguards and Surf Life Saving Central Coast lifesavers are officially on watch at the Coast's 15 patrolled beaches 7 days a week. Make sure you stay safe and swim between the red and yellow flags.

To find a patrolled beach near you and discover safety tips, search '**beach safety**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



## Beach access projects

Two beach access projects on the Central Coast are complete, thanks to \$2.44million from Federal and State government grants and Council contributions. The Jenny Dixon Beach stairs got a much-needed repair, while the stairs at Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club received an extension.

Stay tuned for updates on remaining projects by searching '**beach access projects**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



# Roads and transport

## Road works continue across our 2,000km network

We know roads are important to our community and we continue to invest in road maintenance and improvements.

Maintenance works such as pothole filling continue to be undertaken weekly, with over 43,300 potholes filled since the start of the year.

A regular schedule of longer-term solutions, such as heavy patching (section repairs) and road renewals (whole road rehabilitation) are also being delivered across the region. Some recent works include:

- Road pavement upgrade works at Berkeley Vale (Lakedge Ave), MacMasters Beach (The Scenic Rd), East Gosford (Althorp St) and Somersby (Debenham Rd South).
- Road resurfacing works at East Gosford (Russell St), Ettalong Beach (Schnapper Rd), Killcare Heights (Maitland Bay Dr, Stewart St), MacMasters Beach (Namatjira Rd) and Woongarah (Hiawatha Rd).

To view road and drainage works planned near you this financial year, search '**capital works map**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

We also continue to undertake the extensive repair and remediation works to our road network impacted by natural disasters. There are 103 sites with disaster impacts which are all pinpointed on our interactive online map, so you can easily keep up to date with the current project status. Search '**disaster remediation**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

## Improving bus stop access

We continue improving accessibility for public transport users through our Bus Stop Improvement Program, with many of the 43 locations already completed and more to come. Works include a concrete boarding pad, tactile markers and a link to an existing footpath or installation of a pedestrian ramp. These works ensure that each stop meets Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements, and that all residents and visitors in these areas can access public transport and travel throughout the region.

Read more, search '**bus stop improvements**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



Please report potholes, specific road maintenance or safety concerns to Council through our online Customer Service Centre, or call 02 4306 7900 (especially if an emergency).

## What's On

This summer, Council has a number of events happening across the Coast to keep you and your family and friends entertained, including:

- **25-27 Oct** - ChromeFest, The Entrance
- **Until 29 Nov** - Creative Spaces Container, Toukley Village Green
- **8-17 Nov** - The Lakes Festival, Coast wide
- **9 Nov** - Light up the Lake, The Entrance
- **Dec** - Christmas on the Coast events, region wide
- **7 Dec** - Tinsel Time, Toukley Village Green
- **24 Dec** - Carols in the Park, The Entrance
- **31 Dec** - New Year's Eve, Leagues Club Park, Gosford and Memorial Park, The Entrance
- **25 Jan** - Australia Day Eve, Canton Beach, Toukley
- **26 Jan** - Australia Day, The Entrance and Gosford

As well as these major community events, our libraries, galleries and theatres also have ongoing events running every week! Check out all these events online at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

Discover best spots to eat, play and stay on Central Coast at [lovecentralcoast.com/events](http://lovecentralcoast.com/events)



For the latest road closures related to road works, visit [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/roadclosures](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/roadclosures)

# Did you know?



## Batteries in bins cause fires

If not disposed of correctly, batteries can lead to fires in waste collection trucks at our recycling facilities or landfill, and pose a threat to workers in those facilities. Household batteries are accepted for free for recycling at Council's Waste Management Facilities or visit B-Cycle.

Learn more, search '**waste and recycling**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



## Wipe out Graffiti with free kits

Free Graffiti Removal Kits are available from the Wyong and Gosford Council Customer Service Centres or from Council library branches. Each kit contains Soy Safe graffiti removal product, protective eyewear, gloves and a scrubbing brush. Residents and businesses are entitled to one free kit a year.

Search '**graffiti removal**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



## Plan and prepare for bushfires and storms

Bushfires and severe storms are more common this time of year and can impact any of our communities on the Central Coast. Being prepared for emergencies can save lives, property and helps our community to recover more quickly from emergency events when they do occur.

Search '**plan and prepare**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au) for essential planning steps.



## You asked, we answered



## Water Treatment upgrade on schedule

Our most recent planned shutdown of the Mardi Water Treatment Plant is complete. This has resulted in improved safety of drinking water, durability of existing structures and flexibility and efficiency of operations. This \$82.5million project is being delivered by Council in partnership with the NSW Government's Restart Safe and Secure Water Program, which has contributed \$6.85million.

To learn more about this project search '**major projects**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



## Coastal management continues

Coastal Management Programs (CMPs) guide the way that Council manages our beaches, rivers, lagoons, estuaries and catchments. We are working on five CMPs that will provide a 10-year action plan for the management of our waterways. Each plan identifies the coastal management issues and opportunities, identifies actions to address those issues, in an integrated and strategic manner, how they are to be implemented and who is responsible.

Search '**coastal management**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



## A new learning space is rising at Gosford

The Gosford Regional Library is rapidly taking shape, with the four-level lift shaft shell in place, level 1 and 2 slabs poured and columns and structural walls in place! The completion of the Regional Library is slated for mid-2025. Interestingly, the ground floor slab is poured last - after the rest of the structure is complete - to prevent damage before the surface is polished.

Search '**regional library**' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

