

Coast Connect Quarterly

Central
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Council

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.



Mayor's Message

Lawrie McKinna

New year, new opportunities

We have so much to be optimistic about in 2025.

Our new Council has made a great start and I'm confident we have the right plans and projects in place to ensure it will be a great year on the Central Coast.

This year, we'll continue to deliver the essential services our residents need. We'll also be delivering exciting key projects that will serve our community into the future.

We'll be asking for your opinion on our big plans and your feedback on local projects. By having your say, you'll be helping to shape the future.

Summer is a time for the Central Coast to shine. It's a time when we make the most of our beautiful beaches and explore our magnificent hinterland, while welcoming others to enjoy everything our region has to offer.

I hope you have a wonderful year ahead.

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Get ready to play in 2025

We're renewing 13 local playspaces across the Coast in 2025, including Budgewoi, Chittaway Bay, Erina, Gorokan, Halekulani, Killarney Vale, Kingfisher Shores, Lake Munmorah, Long Jetty, Tascott, Yarramalong and two at Bateau Bay.

These renewals are part of our commitment to providing safe, inclusive and engaging play experiences for children of all abilities.

Search '[playspaces 2025](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/playspaces-2025)' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Is your New Year's resolution to keep active?

We've got you covered with our facilities and open spaces. Explore the Coast on a shared pathway, use an outdoor gym, roll into a skate park or BMX track, shoot some hoops, kick a ball on an oval or swim between the flags. Our leisure centres have a range of services for casual visitors and members, such as 24-hour gyms, group and aqua fitness, indoor sports and pools, plus check out the upgraded Niagara Park Stadium.

For more ideas, search '[active lifestyles](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/active-lifestyles)' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Central Coast roads and pathways

Cycle, walk and roll on the new Magenta shared pathway

The newly constructed 3.7km section of the Magenta shared pathway opened just in time for Christmas so residents and visitors could enjoy a safe and scenic experience over the holidays! This project has completed a continuous section of shared path from The Entrance to Toukley, with a viewing platform, two suspended boardwalks and rest areas with seating tables and bike racks. Plants propagated from the site are being replanted in areas adjacent to the new pathway.

To view other projects that we are delivering this financial year, search [‘interactive capital works map’](#) or [‘annual operational plan’](#) at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Now that children are returning to school, it's time to slow down

The 40km/hr school zones are back in force from Friday 31 January! Please slow down when you're around schools in our local area. When you see lights flash on the back of buses, it's a warning that they're dropping off or picking up children – slow down to 40km/hr and look out for our little ones! Use the designated drop-off, pick-up area (such as No Parking) or other safe designated parking spots, to help keep our kids safe and minimise traffic congestion.

To learn about parking restrictions around school zones, search [‘road safety’](#) at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Delivering essential services

Safe battery disposal

As the festive season ends, please remember the importance of properly disposing of unwanted items, especially batteries. Last year, there were 10 fires in waste collection vehicles and our recycling team had 12 close calls with batteries exploding and causing fires. Nationally there were around 12,000 fires caused by batteries. Remember to recycle batteries properly at Council waste facilities at Woy Woy and Buttonderry or take them to a B-Cycle drop off point.

Learn more, search [‘waste and recycling’](#) at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Securing our future water supply

As the Coast grows, we are committed to future-proofing our water supplies. The Mardi Water Treatment Plant upgrade is the largest and most ambitious water infrastructure project our region has seen this decade. With the third shutdown successfully completed, we are one step closer to a secure water future. Two more shutdowns are planned for 2025 as part of the \$82.5million upgrade, supported by \$6.85million from NSW's Restart Safe and Secure Water Fund, benefiting over 210,000 residents.

To learn more about this project, search [‘Mardi water treatment plant upgrade’](#) at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Did you know?



Bush fire and flood mitigation works

We have continued to deliver our bush fire mitigation program of works, including the maintenance of fire trails and use of the newly introduced remote control mower to maintain fire breaks in difficult terrain. To mitigate flood impacts, maintenance works on and around the openings of lake and lagoon entrances continue throughout the year.

Learn more, search '[environment](#)' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



What's on across the Coast

Our calendar is always packed full of events for all ages and interests. Some upcoming highlights include, **Love Lanes Festival** (15 February), **NSW Seniors Festival, including Council's Seniors Expo** (3-16 March) and **Central Coast Youth Week** events (9-17 April). Beyond the big events, our libraries, galleries and theatres offer a diverse range of activities.

Learn more at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on and discover best spots to eat, play and stay at lovecentralcoast.com/events



Help shape the future of our region

We are fortunate to live in a region where people are deeply passionate about their community. Over the past eight years, community members have provided input into over 350 projects, plans and strategies. If you want to be informed in advance about what Council will engage on and when, please read our online Engagement Plan.

To read the plan or have your say on upcoming projects, visit yourvoiceourcoast.com



You asked, we answered



Discover accessible outdoor destinations

In consultation with our Access and Inclusion Reference Group, we developed a collection of brochures to help locals and visitors easily find and plan outings to accessible playspaces, beaches and other natural destinations on the Central Coast. Grab a copy at one of our customer service centres or libraries or download directly from our website.

To find out more and view online, search '[accessibility and inclusion](#)' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Exciting arts and culture program

Laycock Street Theatre has launched their 2025 season, featuring a wonderful Morning Melodies series, family performances, drama, music, and more. Gosford Regional Gallery is celebrating 25 years in 2025 with a host of exciting and diverse local, national and international exhibitions and events - showcasing early career and established artists, traditional, new and original work.

To learn more, search '[laycock](#)' or '[gallery](#)' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



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Improving our customer's experience

We've heard your feedback and the message is clear, you want interactions with Council to be as simple and straightforward as possible. Our promise is to improve our customer's experience by providing accessible information that you can understand, with friendly, professional and well-trained staff who have answers to your enquiry.

To learn more, search '[customer experience charter](#)' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Remember to swim between flags. To find a patrolled beach, search '[beach safety](#)' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Welcome to Mayor and Councillors

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Confirmed 2025 Council meeting schedule

25 February 2025, 25 March 2025, 29 April 2025,
27 May 2025, 24 June 2025

Follow the status of capital works

Each year we plan and deliver capital works as part of our operational plan to upgrade our roads, water and sewer and other community infrastructure. This includes footpaths, boat ramps, improving sporting grounds and other community facilities.

To view our online interactive map and find information about this financial year's major works, search '[capital works program](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/capital-works-program)' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



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