

# Coast Connect Quarterly

Newsletter July 2025



## Mayor's Message

We're wrapping up a financial year that saw the return of elected representatives and a new term of democratic decision-making. We're listening and your voice is being heard.

One of the most important things we've done is to adopt new strategic plans that will shape our future. We did this in consultation with our community and I thank everyone who provided feedback.

It's been gratifying to produce a Councillor-led Delivery Program and we've highlighted our priorities:

- allocated an additional \$20 million over three years to road renewals, plus \$800,000 for potholes.
- improving accessibility in sport and recreation facilities, beaches and play spaces.
- implementing the Airport Masterplan and developing a Warnervale Business Precinct Masterplan.
- addressing affordable housing and removing planning impediments relating to homelessness.
- upgrading footpaths and shared pathways.
- delivering our Youth Strategy actions.
- finalising our Coastal Management Programs and work to improve waterways.

We're also looking forward to the grand opening of the Gosford Regional Library – a game changer for our community.

As Mayor, I believe in the importance of recognising people making a difference to the lives of others. If you know a true Community Champion, please nominate them at [mayor@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mayor@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

**Mayor Lawrie McKinna**

## Lake Munmorah Recreation Facility coming soon!



We're building an active recreation precinct for the north of the Coast! The new facility in Doyalson North will include a regional playspace, district skatepark and pump track, improved access road and car park, plus BBQs, water stations and more. Stage 1 works are underway, with the full project due to be completed by March 2026 (weather permitting). Click here to view the concept designs, and more or search '[Lake Munmorah Recreation Facility](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

## Our new Gosford Regional Library is almost ready!



This brilliant new building is not your traditional library. As well as around **30,000 books**, it has a **recording studio, creative spaces, free Wi-Fi, public computers, a children's area, spaces for quiet study and big community events**, Council meetings and conferences - all available to booked by the community. [Become a member today!](#)



# A year in review

Here are some of the major projects we've delivered in the 24-25 financial year

## Playspaces and Road Renewals across the Coast

- 16 new and renewed playspaces
- 21.4 kilometres of road renewals



## Our Little Terns broke a record!

The annual Little Tern breeding season at Karagi Point saw **228 fledglings** – the most ever recorded on the NSW coast – further supporting the survival of the endangered species.



## Peninsula precinct project

We completed the **\$9.85 million** upgrade of the Peninsula Recreation and Active Lifestyle Precinct at Umina Beach, delivering new sports and recreation facilities including a regional skate park and pump track, and improved accessibility.

## Over 70,000 potholes filled

Pothole repairs are a short-term measure to ensure the road remains safe and fit for purpose, until more permanent repairs are undertaken.



## Welcomed back Councillors

Following a referendum and local government elections in September 2024, 15 Central Coast Councillors, representing 5 wards, were reinstated. They have since been representing you, the community, on a wide range of issues and topics.

## Central Coast celebrated for sustainable tourism

Central Coast continues to lead in sustainable tourism. Advancing our level of **ECO Destination Certification** and gaining global recognition at the Green Destinations Story Awards, placing second for our Little Terns Breeding Program and Pelican Time experience.



2024 → 2025

## Magenta Shared Pathway completion

Completed in December 2024, the **3.7km new pathway** offers a safe and scenic route from The Entrance North towards Toukley, perfect for cyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.



Collected over **26,000 tonnes of household recyclables** from your yellow bins and public place recycling stations.



## Tunkuwallin Skatepark and Pump Track

The brand-new skatepark and pump track in Gwandalan is now open! This **\$530,521 Council-funded** project offers varied obstacles and terrain to suit all ages and skill levels.



## Easier beach access to Soldiers Beach and Jenny Dixon Beach

The works included the repair or replacement of four access points to the popular beaches, following significant storm damage in recent years - restoring public amenity now and for future generations.



## Beach season wrap-up

Central Coast Council lifeguards patrolled 15 beaches and The Grant McBride Baths across the 2024-25 season.



**981 rescues**



**15,000+ first aid treatments**



**56,000+ prevention actions**

## Renewable energy generation at Council's Waste Management Facilities

- Landfill gas captured**
  - 19,706,676 cubic meters of methane gas
  - Equivalent to 7,881 Olympic-sized swimming pools
- Renewable electricity generated**
  - 22,859,249 kWh of clean energy
  - Powers approximately 4,263 Central Coast households for a year
- Greenhouse gas emissions prevented**
  - 179,000 cubic meters of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent gases
  - The same as removing 72,000 cars from the road



## Community Festivals

Our community came together to celebrate life on the Central Coast through a vibrant calendar of festivals and events, including:

- Australia Day Events
- Love Lanes Festival
- Harvest Festival
- New Year's Eve Events
- ChromeFest
- Lakes Festival

These events attracted **over 205,000 attendees** and generated more than **\$41 million** for the local economy.

## Gosford Regional Gallery celebrated 25 years in 2025

To commemorate, the Gallery presented 25 Moments, comprising of painting, sculpture, photography and installation, including a commissioned digital landscape of the Central Coast.



Provided **\$765,134** in grants to empower Central Coast communities



To learn more, scan the QR code or search 'year in review' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



# Central Coast roads and pathways

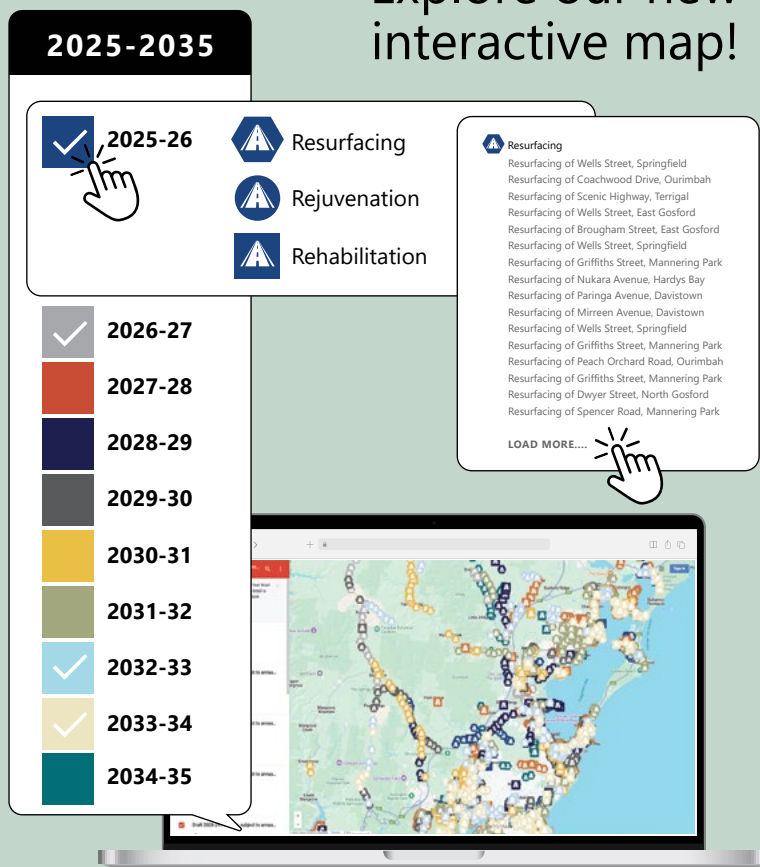
## Our 10-Year Road Renewal Program and new interactive map

To improve road conditions and tackle infrastructure backlogs, we're investing an extra \$20 million over the next four years into road renewals. This boost will fast-track renewals across 23 priority locations - areas you told us matter most.

This brings our total investment in the 10-Year Road Renewal Program to over \$400 million, reinforcing our commitment to delivering safer, more sustainable roads for the future.

Road renewals restore roads in poor condition or extend their lifespan – improving pavement quality and reducing ongoing maintenance costs. The program includes a range of treatments, from cost-effective resurfacing to full road rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Explore our new interactive map!



To make this process more transparent, we've launched a **new interactive map** showing scheduled road renewal works for each year of the program for the next 10 years. This tool allows residents to explore when and where road renewals are planned in their neighbourhood for the first time. Each year programs are reviewed and updated where warranted.

To check out the map and find works in your area, click here or search '[road renewal program](#)' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](#)

## Building a more connected Coast

In 2024-25, we delivered 4.6 kilometres of new shared pathways, expanding the network to over 250 kilometres. Recent additions included Magenta Shores and The Esplanade, Ettalong Beach. We're now focused on adding new shared pathways in Avoca Beach, Tuggerawong and Manning Park.

We're also reviewing the Central Coast Bike Plan and the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), with the goal of combining them into a unified Walking and Cycling Strategy. Community input is essential – especially on safety and priority areas. Stay connected for updates and opportunities to share your views.



## Investing in road safety

The safety of pedestrians and motorists across the Central Coast region is of high importance to Council with a number of initiatives and projects delivered each year in an endeavour to provide a safe environment for residents and the wider community. The Local Traffic Committee plays a key role in this process.

Recent safety improvements have been made at priority areas, such as Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, The Entrance, Niagara Park Public School and the high pedestrian activity areas in Terrigal.

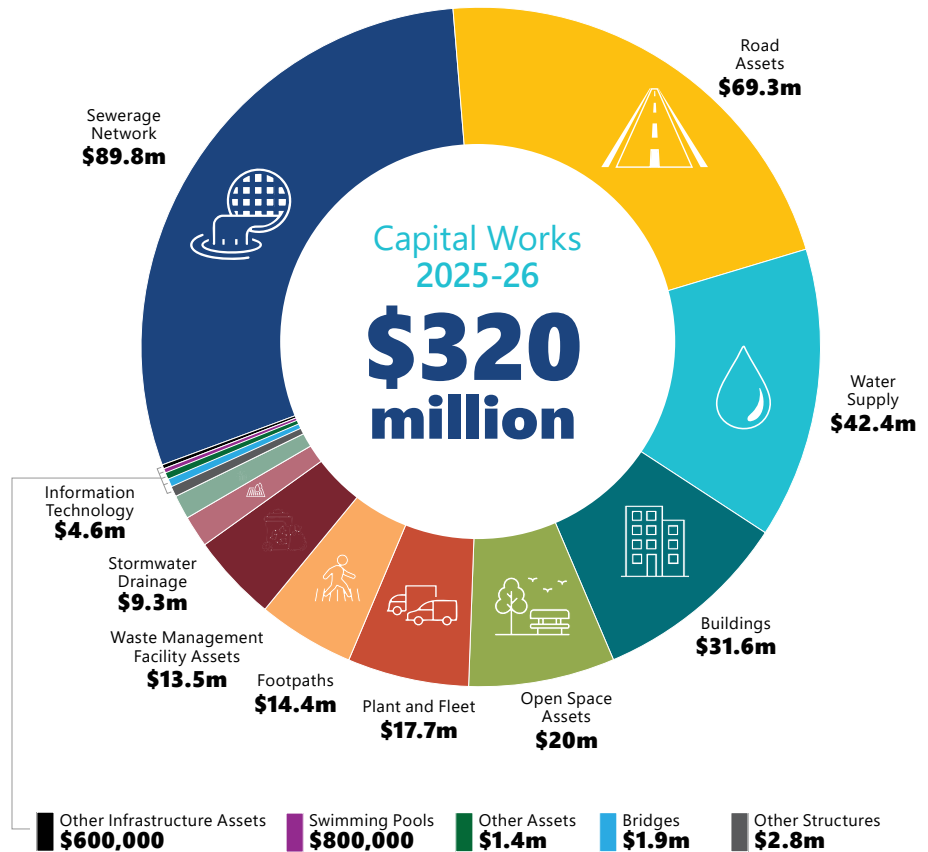


## 2025-26 Capital Works Program

Every year, we invest millions of dollars into a range of Capital Works Projects – delivering infrastructure that supports our growing community.

This includes upgrading sewer pump stations and treatment plants, refurbishment of water reservoirs, road construction, renewing drainage, footpaths, improving sporting grounds, public toilets, boat ramps, playspaces and other community facilities.

Click here to learn more about all our capital works initiatives, or search '[capital works](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



## Our Delivery Program and Operational Plan have been adopted!

At the June Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted its Integrated Planning and Reporting document suite (IP&R) - these are the core planning documents that detail our programs and services to achieve our community's goals. Thank you to everyone who contributed feedback during the consultation period. As a result of your feedback and additional budget allocations, we've been able to include several key initiatives:



Final documents can be viewed at: [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/planning-for-the-future](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/planning-for-the-future)





## Upcoming Events

23 September-5 October

### Coastal Twist

Woy Woy, Ettalong Beach,  
Gosford and Umina Beach

13 October

### Davistown Putt Putt Regatta and Wooden Boat Festival

Davistown

24-26 October

### ChromeFest

The Entrance



7-16 November

### The Lakes Festival Central Coast (various locations)



10 November

### Brisbane Water Oyster Festival

Woy Woy

31 December

### New Year's Eve Celebrations

The Entrance

Get involved, click here or  
search '[annual events](#)' at  
[lovecentralcoast.com](http://lovecentralcoast.com)



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Destination Central Coast*

## Plan your next local adventure on the Central Coast

From scenic coastal walks and charming hinterland drives to standout restaurants, cafes, markets and must-see events – there's always something new to experience on the Central Coast. Whether you're after a relaxing day trip or inspiring weekend escape, you'll find everything you need to plan it all in one place. Discover local gems, hidden favourites, and what's on near you.

Check out your guide to exploring more of the region you call home at  
[lovecentralcoast.com](http://lovecentralcoast.com)

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## Looking for meaningful work with real impact?

At Central Coast Council, you'll find career growth, work/life balance and a great coastal lifestyle. We're a connected team that values community, diversity, and sustainability. If you're passionate about making a difference, join us—we're building something better, together.

## Did you know?



## Our Waste Management Facilities are now cashless

From 1 July, our Buttanderry and Woy Woy Waste Management facilities stopped accepting cash – which only 5% of residents currently use – to reduce wait times and operational costs. Remember recycling is free for e-waste, glass bottles and jars, batteries and scrap metals. To check which items are accepted, click here or search '[waste](#)' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



## You can recycle soft plastics from home!

Pick up your free Curby Tags from any Council Customer Service Centre or library or order online. Then simply fill a bag with your soft plastics and pop it in your yellow bin. Your soft plastics will be transformed locally into useful products like benches and posts. To learn more, click here or search '[Curby](#)' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

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