

Dream. Dare. Do.

YOUTH WEEK 20 26

Central Coast Event Calendar

16 to 26 April



For more information about Youth Week, scan the QR code or visit:
centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/youthweek



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Mayor's Message



We're committed to empowering local young people to get involved in their community and Councillors have identified 'supporting youth programs and activities' as a key priority.

That's why we're encouraging you to join in the fun of Youth Week!

This year, Youth Week will be celebrated from 16 to 26 April across NSW, and the theme is 'Dream. Dare. Do'.

We've worked in partnership with the NSW Government, community groups, our libraries and other youth-focused organisations to create an exciting program of activities that aligns with this theme and encourages exploration and adventure.

You're invited to join a songwriting workshop, learn how to sketch Manga characters, become a citizen scientist on a water bug hunt, get technical with Lego, be discovered in our open mic or battle of the bands competitions, learn circus skills and so much more!

And we're proud to acknowledge the achievements of outstanding local young people, and the positive impact they make in our community, at this year's Youth Week Awards.

If you love Youth Week, you might also enjoy being part of other initiatives designed especially for young people including our Youth for Youth Leadership, Creative Engineers and Launch Labs programs, or school holiday activities. Visit Council's website and search for '[Young People](#)' to discover more.

I encourage you to dream big, dare boldly, do something new and enjoy everything Youth Week has to offer.

Mayor Lawrie McKinna

Get ready for an exciting line-up of events hitting the Central Coast for **NSW Youth Week from 16 to 26 April**, designed by and for young people aged 12 to 24 years. There's also a heap of youth activities happening throughout the April school holidays.

This year's theme, 'Dream, Dare, Do', celebrates creativity and courage, inspiring young people to dream big and take real steps towards making those dreams happen.

With support from the NSW Government, Central Coast Council has teamed up with local youth and community organisations and services to present a calendar of varied and fun events across the region.

Youth Week is your chance to connect with others, be heard, show off your talents, try something new, join competitions, catch live events, celebrate who you are **and have fun.**

Learn more about NSW Youth Week at nsw.gov.au/youth-week



Youth Week is from **16-26 April 2026** and there's a range of exciting events running on the Central Coast for local youth during this time, and in the lead-up during the April school holidays.



20 March to 29 April

9am–5pm

The Erina Centre
Exhibition Space
North South Road,
Erina
Free
All Ages

Celebrating Harmony Exhibition

You're invited to experience powerful artworks and short stories created by Wyong High School students exploring belonging, community connection and tackling racism. These vibrant works celebrate friendship, diversity and youth voice, reflecting the many perspectives that shape life on the Central Coast. Come along, be inspired, and connect.

Contact: Bethany Falzon, Central Coast Council

Enquiries: 0427 785 033

Email: bethany.falzon@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Tuesday 7 April

12:30-2:30pm

PCYC Bateau Bay
460 The Entrance Rd, Bateau Bay
Free
Bookings Essential
Ages 12 to 25

Pickle Ball

Come play Pickle Ball with us during these school holidays! Headspace is hosting 3 Pickle Ball dates for you and your mates to get involved in. Join any of our three session dates on 7, 8 and 9 April, 12:30-2:30pm!

Contact: Anika Merhoye, NSW Health

Email: anika.merhoye@health.nsw.gov.au

10am-12pm

Colongra Bay Community Hall
1 Colongra Bay Road, Lake
Munmorah
Free
Bookings essential
Ages 11 to 16

There Are No Mistakes – Introduction to Stage Improvisation

Join theatre artist Danielle Brame Whiting to explore acting improvisation skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Contact: Cathy DeVries, Uniting NSW

Enquiries: 0408 654 843

Email: cdevries@uniting.org

Wednesday 8 April

10am-2pm

The Hive, Erina Fair
Terrigal Drive, Erina
Free
All ages

Youth Day Out

Youth Day Out is a free, all-ages celebration of young people, live music, and community connection at The Hive, Erina Fair. Enjoy live bands, free food, youth activities and opportunities to have your say. Come along, hang out, and be part of a positive community event.

Contact: Michelle Tilden, Central Coast Council

Enquires: 0407 940 433

Email: michelle.tilden@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

12:30-2:30pm

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460 The Entrance Rd, Bateau Bay
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Email: anika.merhoye@health.nsw.gov.au

9:30-11am
44 Del Monte Place, Copacabana
Free
Bookings Essential
Ages 6 to 16

Fungi Foray at Winney Bay
Explore the beautiful Winney Bay and learn about the importance and incredible variety of fungi.
We're going on a fungi hunt with local fungi expert Pam O'Sullivan to search for the incredible fruiting bodies of fungi in the forest. Learn what goes on underneath the soil and leaf litter and why fungi are so important for the health of the forest.
Email: enviroed@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au
Bookings: [Search 'fungi' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

1:30-3pm
Norah Head Lighthouse
40 Bush Street, Norah Head
Free
Bookings Essential
Ages 6 to 16

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Explore the beautiful Norah Head Nature Trail and learn about the importance and incredible variety of fungi.
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Bookings: [Search 'fungi' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

Thursday 9 April

12:30-2:30pm
PCYC Bateau Bay
460 The Entrance Rd, Bateau Bay
Free
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Ages 12 to 25

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Email: anika.merhoye@health.nsw.gov.au

Friday 10 April

Session 1: 9:30am-12:00pm
Session 2: 1pm-3.30pm
Gosford Regional Library
123A Donnison Street, Gosford
Cost \$12.50
Bookings essential
Ages 12 to 17

Crime Story
Join former Detective, Luke Taylor and take a deep dive into authentic crime scenes that challenge you to think like a real Detective. You'll explore the evidence, learn how to ask the right questions and discover how the professionals really do it in a fun, safe and collaborative environment.
Contact: Wayne McIntyre, Central Coast Council
Enquires: 4350 1578
Email: wayne.mcintyre@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au
Bookings: [Search 'crime story' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

10am-12:30pm
Tunkuwallin Skatepark
130 Kanangra Dr, Gwandalan
Free
All ages

Central Coast Skatepark Series Community Ride Day
The Central Coast Skatepark Series Ride Day is a free, all-ages community session. Skateboard, scooter, BMX, inline and roller skate crews are all welcome. With open coaching sessions, free BBQ, music, street art and more. No pressure, no comps, just good vibes.
Contact: Chad Partridge, Central Coast Council
Enquiries: 0474 649 329
Email: chad.partridge@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

10am-1pm
Tunkuwallin Oval
130 Kanagra Drive, Gwandalan
Free
All ages

Paint My Park mural unveiling
Young emerging artists from across the Central Coast are transforming public spaces through creativity and community action, with the NSW Government funded Paint My Park mural program. Come along to the unveiling of the final mural on the oval's canteen building with a free BBQ, skate and scooter workshops, mini street art workshops and much more.
Contact: Renee Simpson, Central Coast Council
Enquiries: 0436 017 550
Email: renee.simpson@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

6-8:30pm
The Hub Erina, Youth Entertainment Venue
Terrigal Drive, Erina Fair
Free
Bookings essential
Ages 10 to 24 years

Battle of the Bands Information Night and Jam Session
Thinking of entering Battle of the Bands? Unsigned bands aged 10-24 are invited to this relaxed info night and jam session to find out how the competition works. Learn key dates and judging criteria, jump on stage to jam or perform, meet other musicians, ask questions and join the registration waitlist. This event is part of Council's Creative Engineers program.
Enquiries: 0434 328 248
Email: jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au
Bookings: [Search 'battle of the bands' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

Saturday 11 April

1:30-2:30pm
Gosford Regional Library
123A Donnison Street, Gosford
Cost \$12.50
Bookings essential
Ages 10 to 15 years

Circus Workshop
Have you ever wanted to run away and join the circus? Join award-winning performer, Joel Howlett, from JD's World of Magic for a fun and interactive youth circus workshop. In a noncompetitive environment, teens and tweens will be given the opportunity to try balancing feathers, spinning plates, juggling scarves, and juggling bean bags!
Our circus workshop is an enjoyable way to build confidence, inspire creativity, improve hand eye coordination and think in new ways.
Contact: Alexandra Brinton
Phone: 4304 7500
Email: alexandra.brinton@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au
Bookings: [Search 'circus' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

Monday 13 April

Session 1: 9-11am

Session 2: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Woodbury Inn Park

62 Yarramalong Road, Mardi

Free Bookings Essential

Ages 4 to 16 years

Wild about Waterbugs!

A fun, hands-on adventure into the tiny creatures that reveal the health of our waterways.

Discover what lives in our freshwater wetlands by using a dipnet, magnifying glass and field guide. Become a Citizen Scientist! Join the experts at Waterwatch for a hands-on Waterbug hunt!

Contact: Central Coast Council

Email: enviroed@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: search 'wild about water bugs' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Tuesday 14 April

10:30-11:30am

Toukley Library

Corner of Main Road and Victoria

Avenue, Toukley

Cost \$8.00

Bookings essential

Ages 8 to 17

Sewing Poppy Brooch for ANZAC Day

Join us at Toukley Library to make and sew a red poppy brooch for you and your friends to wear on ANZAC Day.

Contact: Alexandra Brinton, Central Coast Council

Phone: 4304 7500

Email: alexandra.brinton@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: Search 'sewing ANZAC poppy brooches' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

1-3pm

Erina Library

Erina Fair, Terrigal Drive, Erina

Cost \$8

Bookings Essential

Ages 12 to 18

Journal Making

Ever wanted to make a book? Make your own Journal in this creative session for Teens. Learn how to make 3 different types of signatures, combine them and personalise a cover. Keep creating when you get home by filling it with drawings, writings and doodles.

Contact: Wayne McIntyre, Central Coast Council

Enquires: 4350 1578

Email: wayne.mcintyre@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: Search 'journal making' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Wednesday 15 April

Session 1: 9-11am

Session 2: 12-2pm

Worthing Creek Reserve

Bannister Drive Erina

Free

Bookings Essential

Ages 4 to 16

Wild About Waterbugs

A fun, hands-on adventure into the tiny creatures that reveal the health of our waterways. Discover what lives in our freshwater wetlands by using a dipnet, magnifying glass and field guide. Become a Citizen Scientist! Join the experts at Waterwatch for a hands-on Waterbug hunt!

Contact: Central Coast Council

Email: enviroed@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: search 'wild about water bugs' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Session 1: 10:30am-12:00pm

Session 2: 1:30-3.30pm

Kincumber Library

3 Bungoona Road, Kincumber NSW

2251

Cost \$8

Bookings essential

Ages 12 to 17

Dungeons & Dragons

Join the adventure with Dungeons & Dragons, the world's most popular role-playing game! In this one-shot adventure, you will use pre-generated characters and delve into an abandoned mine, using your unique skills to discover just what happened to all the miners and, hopefully, making it out in one piece!

Contact: Wayne McIntyre, Central Coast Council

Enquires: 4350 1578

Email: wayne.mcintyre@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: Search 'dragons' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

2:30-3:30pm

Erina Library

Erina Fair, Terrigal Drive, Erina

Cost \$8.00

Bookings essential

Ages 12 to 17

Teen Manga Drawing Workshop with Matthew Lin

Love manga, anime, or superheroes? Join illustrator, Matthew Lin, for a hands-on teen workshop where you'll learn to bring your favourite characters and creatures to life! From Pokémon to monsters, villains to comic creation, Matthew's step-by-step approach makes drawing fun and accessible for everyone - whether you're just starting out or already sketching your own comics.

Contact: Alexandra Brinton, Central Coast Council

Phone: 4304 7500

Email: alexandra.brinton@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: Search 'teen manga' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on



Thursday 16 April

10am-3:30pm
MMAD HQ
342 Mann St, North Gosford
Cost \$30
Bookings essential
Ages 12 to 24

MMAD 351 Day Camp

Dream, Dare, Do at 351 Camp. There are three masterclasses, five electives, and then a live concert. Jump in, create big, perform together! Lunch provided.

Contact: Evan Lawrie, MMAD

Email: evan@mmad.org.au

Bookings: [Search 'MMAD 351 camp' at eventbrite.com.au](#)

Creative Engineers Songwriting Workshop

This workshop is one of the five electives of the MMAD 351 Day Camp and presented by MMAD and Central Coast Council. This is part of Council's Creative Engineers program. Write, create and collaborate. Emerging songwriters are invited to this exclusive songwriting workshop to experiment with lyrics and melody, collaborate with others and develop original songs in a focused creative space. Places are limited. Submit an expression of interest to secure a place.

Contact: Jennifer Dias, Central Coast Council

Enquiries: 0434328248

Email: jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

For more information, search 'creative engineers songwriting workshop' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

10am-11:30am
Erina Library
Erina Fair, Terrigal Drive, Erina
Free
Bookings essential
Ages 12 to 17

Lego Technic

Get technical with the Lego Technic!

In this hands-on holiday workshop, work in pairs to build a battery-powered dragster using Lego Technic. Once the cars are ready, we'll line them up for a friendly drag race to see whose creation is the fastest!

Please note: Lego Technic is provided for use during the workshop and cannot be taken home.

Contact: Alexandra Brinton, Central Coast Council

Phone: 4304 7500

Email: alexandra.brinton@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: [Search 'Lego technic' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](#)

Session 1: 10:30-11:30am
Session 2: 12:30-1:30pm
Laycock Street Theatre
2 Laycock Street, Wyoming
Cost: \$18
Bookings essential
Ages 3+

Trinket the Robot

Trinket the Robot is an enthralling tale about a little robot who longs to become "real" – but is he ready for what it means to be alive? An inventor, Dr Doovalacky sets out to build a robot with the help of his assistant, a green caterpillar named Gizmo. But this robot will be no ordinary robot.

Contact: Laycock Street Theatre

Enquiries: 4323 3233

Email: laycockstreettheatre@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: laycockstreettheatre.com

Friday 17 April

10:30-11:30am
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2 Laycock Street, Wyoming
Cost: \$18
Bookings essential
Ages 3+

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Enquiries: 4323 3233

Email: laycockstreettheatre@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: laycockstreettheatre.com

6-8:30pm
The Hub Erina Youth Entertainment Venue
North South Road, Erina Fair
Free
Bookings essential
Ages 7 to 24 years

Discovered Singing Competition – Information Night and Open Mic

Ready to step into the spotlight? This relaxed information night is for young singers keen to enter the Discovered singing competition. Learn how it works, what judges look for and key dates, with time to try out your material on stage and build confidence in a supportive environment. This event is part of Council's Creative Engineers program.

Contact: Jennifer Dias, Central Coast Council

Enquiries: 0434 328 248

Email: jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: [Search 'discovered singing competition' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](#)

Saturday 18 April

9am-1pm
Umina Skatepark
Sydney Ave, Umina Beach
Free
Bookings essential
All ages

Central Coast Skatepark Series - Autumn Rumble (BOWL)

Grab your skateboards and your crew as the Autumn Rumble (BOWL) is set to be one of the best stops in the Central Coast Skatepark Series. This free, grassroots skateboard bowl competition is open to all levels - from fresh groms rolling in for the first time to seasoned shredders ready to tear up the deep end.

Contact: Chad Partridge, Central Coast Council

Enquiries: 0474 649 329

Email: chad.partridge@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: [Search 'autumn rumble' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](#)

Tuesday 21 April

6-8:30pm

The Hub Erina, Youth
Entertainment Venue
Erina Fair, Terrigal Drive, Erina
Free

Bookings essential
Ages 12 to 24 years

Mix & Master Your Artist Bio Workshop

Presented by Central Coast Council and Central Coast Music and Arts, performers and creators are invited to attend this special workshop to be gig ready. Sign up to master and refine your Artist Bio. An opportunity for a Press Photo session will be on offer with strictly limited places - bookings required.

This event is part of Council's Creative Engineers program and presented by Central Coast Council in partnership with Central Coast Music and Arts Mix & Master series.

Contact: Jennifer Dias, Central Coast Council

Enquiries: 0434 328 248

Email: jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: Search 'artist bio'
at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Thursday 23 April

5-6:30pm

The Hub Erina, Youth
Entertainment Venue
Erina Fair, Terrigal Drive, Erina
Free

Bookings essential
Ages 12 to 14 years

Discovered Voices – Youth Choir Workshop

Love singing? No solos, no pressure. Come along to a fun, welcoming youth choir workshop where you'll learn a song, try harmonies and play music games. Bring a friend, enjoy the good vibes and give the Discovered Voices Youth Choir a go this Youth Week. This event is part of Council's Creative Engineers program.

Contact: Jennifer Dias, Central Coast Council

Enquiries: 0434 328 248

Email: jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Bookings: Search 'discovered voices'
at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Friday 24 April

2:30-5pm

The Epicentre, San Remo
Neighbourhood Centre
28 Brava Ave, San Remo

Bookings Essential
Ages 12 to 17 years

The EPIC Colour Run

Come along to our EPIC Colour Run! Not only will you be sprayed with colour, you'll also be mastering the obstacle course on your adventure. Wear a white T-shirt for Epic colour effects and old running shoes. Water will be provided.

Contact: Nicole Reynolds, The Epicentre

Enquiries: 0468 464 968

Email: nicole@sanremo.org.au

Bookings: Call or text Nicky 0468 464 968





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