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Youth Week | 16–26 April 26

Program

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16 APRIL

FREE

Maitland Aquatic Centre winter launch

Join us for a free family open day at Maitland Aquatic Centre to celebrate the launch of our winter season. Enjoy free pool entry from 10am to 3pm, along with complimentary activities and a sausage sizzle for the whole family.

10am - 3pm

Location: Maitland Aquatic Centre, Les Darcy Drive, Maitland

No bookings required.
For more information, contact Maitland Aquatic Centre on **02 4939 1036** or email aquatics@maitland.nsw.gov.au

Bee hotel and seed bomb workshop

Get creative and support healthy ecosystems for our solitary bees in this hands-on workshop being delivered by Nature and Nurture. Suitable for eight to 15 year olds.

10.30am - 11.30am and
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Location: 11 Steam Street, Maitland

Cost: \$5

Reserve your spot using [this link](#).
For more information, call Council's Environment and Sustainability team on **02 4934 9700** or email maitland.greencommunities@maitland.nsw.gov.au

17 APRIL

FREE

Silent reading breakfast by the river

Relax by the Hunter River with a good book, then head into Maitland Library for a light breakfast, book discussion and a chance to add to your TBR pile.

7am - 9am

Location: Maitland City Library, 480 High Street, Maitland

Bookings required, using [this link](#).
For more information, call Maitland libraries on **02 4033 0999** or email library@maitland.nsw.gov.au

Be safe, feel safe

FREE

Come along to join an interactive workshop exploring how to stay safe and feel secure socially and emotionally. Art and craft materials and light refreshments included.

10am - 1pm

Location: East Maitland Library, 3 Garnett Road, East Maitland

Bookings required via Maitland Region Community Support (MRCS) via info@mracs.org.au or **02 4932 0950**



17 APRIL

FREE

Capture the flag cyber challenge launch

Join cyber experts from Maitland City Council's ICT team as they launch a fun Youth Week capture the flag challenge. Learn how the challenge works, how you can get involved and make new friends along the way.

1pm - 2pm

Location: East Maitland Library, 3 Garnett Road, East Maitland

Bookings required, using [this link](#).
For more information, call Maitland libraries on **02 4033 0999** or email library@maitland.nsw.gov.au

Youth Week Live

FREE

Youth Week Live is back for young musicians in the Hunter! Celebrate Youth Week with an epic night of live music at Maitland Regional Art Gallery, featuring talented local school performers and up-and-coming bands from across the region.

Enjoy solo acts inside during the final days of the ARTEXPRESS exhibition, plus bigger performances out on the lawn. Bring your friends, family and a picnic blanket — and don't miss the delicious free pizza from Ometto Pizza Bar and Deli.

5pm - 8pm

Location: Maitland Regional Art Gallery, 230 High Street, Maitland

Reserve your spot using [this link](#).
For more information, call MRAG on **02 4934 9859** or email artgallery@maitland.nsw.gov.au

17 APRIL

FREE

Youth Express artisan market

Come along to a free community market showcasing the incredible talent of local young artists, makers, and creators, featuring live music, coffee and great community vibes.

9am - 2pm

Location: Maitland Town Hall, 263 High Street, Maitland

No bookings required for attendees. Bookings required for stallholders. For more information, contact Youth Express at admin@youthexpress.com.au or on **02 4931 2777**



20 APRIL

FREE

Woodberry youth community day

Come along to this fun community event hosted by Youth Off the Streets! Join us for stalls, free food and drinks, and activities for children and young people of all ages.

11am - 3pm

Location: Woodberry Skate Park, 41 Lawson Avenue, Woodberry

No bookings required. For more information, contact Mitchell on **0477 390 029** or email Mitchellb@youthoffthestreets.com.au

17-19 APRIL

FREE

ARTEXPRESS

Celebrate Youth Week at Maitland Regional Art Gallery with ARTEXPRESS 2026. Discover a showcase of outstanding artwork created for the 2025 HSC Visual Arts examination, featuring talented young artists from across NSW, including many from the Hunter. Be inspired by bold ideas and the fresh perspectives shaping the next generation of creatives.

10am - 2.30pm

Location: Maitland Regional Art Gallery, 230 High Street, Maitland

No bookings required. For more information, call MRAG on **02 4934 9859** or email artgallery@maitland.nsw.gov.au

17-24 APRIL

FREE

Capture the flag cyber challenge

Join us online for a weeklong capture the flag challenge. From beginners to pros, work through the challenges and hone your online skills.

Location: Online via [this link](#)

Bookings not required. For more information, call Maitland libraries on **02 4033 0999** or email library@maitland.nsw.gov.au

East Maitland Capture the flag drop-in sessions

Bring along any questions you have about the challenges to our free drop-in sessions. Keen to learn more about cybersecurity? These sessions will give you the chance to learn more about the life of a cyber professional.

3pm - 5pm

Location: East Maitland Library, 3 Garnett Road, East Maitland

Bookings not required. For more information, call Maitland libraries on **02 4033 0999** or email library@maitland.nsw.gov.au

18 APRIL

FREE

Hunter Valley Steamfest - come and meet your Councillors

Celebrate Youth Week at Steamfest and drop by the Council's engagement tent to meet your local Councillors.

Have a chat, share your ideas and learn more about how you can have your say on issues that matter to young people in our community.

10am - 2pm

Location: Engagement tent, Hunter Valley Steamfest, Maitland Station Precinct, Railway Street, Maitland

No bookings required. For more information, contact the Community team on **02 4934 9700** or email community.team@maitland.nsw.gov.au

21-22 APRIL

FREE

Lifeguard course

Join this hands-on two-day course to learn water safety, CPR, first aid, supervision and rescue skills. Participants must be turning 16 or older by September 2026, able to swim 400 metres and available to attend both days of training.

8.30am - 3.30pm

Location: Maitland Aquatic Centre, Les Darcy Drive, Maitland

Spaces are limited - secure your spot by 17 April via email kerry.paterson@maitland.nsw.gov.au For more information, contact Maitland aquatics on **02 4939 1036**



21 APRIL

FREE

Rutherford Capture the flag drop-in sessions

Bring along any questions you have about the challenges to our free drop-in sessions. Keen to learn more about cybersecurity? These sessions will give you the chance to learn more about the life of a cyber professional.

3pm – 5pm

Location: Rutherford Library, 13 Arthur Street, Rutherford

Bookings not required.

For more information, call Maitland libraries on **02 4033 0999** or email library@maitland.nsw.gov.au



26 APRIL

FREE

Bolwarra Landcare bird walk and working bee morning

Join Maitland Landcare for a morning of nature and bushcare! Enjoy a bird walk at 8.30am to spot local species, then stay for the working bee from 9am to 11.30am to help care for our bushland patch. Come for all or part of the activities. Best suited for older youth and adults – wear outdoor gear and bring water.

8.30am bird walk,
9am – 11.30am working bee

Location: Bolwarra Landcare Site, Bolwarra Sporting Complex, Victoria Rd, Bolwarra

No bookings required.

For more information, contact Miranda via maitlandlandcare@gmail.com

22 APRIL

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Maitland Capture the flag drop-in sessions

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3pm – 5pm

Location: Maitland City Library, 480 High Street, Maitland

Bookings not required.

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24 APRIL

FREE

Thornton Capture the flag drop-in sessions

Bring along any questions you have about the challenges to our free drop-in sessions. Keen to learn more about cybersecurity? These sessions will give you the chance to learn more about the life of a cyber professional.

3pm – 5pm

Location: Thornton Library, Taylor Avenue, Thornton

Bookings not required.

For more information, call Maitland libraries on **02 4033 0999** or email library@maitland.nsw.gov.au

New Old School drawing workshop

To celebrate Youth Week and Luke Thurgate's *New Old School* exhibition, join one of the featured artists for a hands-on drawing workshop. Designed for young people aged 16 to 24, this creative session includes a light lunch, with all materials provided.

10am – 2.30pm

Location: Maitland Regional Art Gallery, 230 High Street, Maitland

Cost: \$10

Bookings required via this link. For more information, call MRAG on **02 4934 9859** or email artgallery@maitland.nsw.gov.au

