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# YOUTH WEEK 2025

9 - 17 APRIL

**WE ARE THE FUTURE,  
AND THE FUTURE IS NOW!**

Join us for a range of fun, inclusive activities

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for more information on events,  
booking, transport and accessibility.

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YOUTH WEEK 2025 is proudly presented by  
NSW Government and Cessnock City Council.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cessnock City Council acknowledges that within its local government area boundaries are the Traditional Lands of the Wonnarua people, the Awabakal people, and the Darkinjung people.

We acknowledge these Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which our offices and operations are located, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock Local Government Area.

## INCLUSIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY



The Youth Week Planning Group welcomes all young people of different abilities, backgrounds and communities to participate in the 2025 Youth Week Program.

All events welcome the LGBTQIA+ community, their families and allies.

If you would like more information on inclusion and accessibility, contact Cessnock Youth Centre & Outreach Service (CYCOS) on **(02) 4993 4355** or **youthcentre@cessnock.nsw.gov.au**.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

Visit **cessnock.nsw.gov.au/YW2025** for information on how to book events.

**Location:** Cessnock Youth Centre, 49D Aberdare Road, Aberdare

**Contact:** 4993 4359 or 0401 107 413

**Email:** [elki.johnson@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:elki.johnson@cessnock.nsw.gov.au)



**For bookings:** Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/cycos-cessnock-youth-centre-outreach-service-63224000563>

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## MAYORS MESSAGE



I am pleased to support the Youth Week 2025 program. This is an initiative that celebrates the passions, creativity, interests and diversity of young people living, working and studying in our LGA. Investing in our young people is investing in our future, and we are committed to providing opportunities to grow, learn, and thrive. The theme for this year's Youth Week is "We are the future, and the future is now!". Through art, music, sports, events and community projects, we can empower our young people to express themselves, get loud and participate in our community. I am inspired by the resilience and determination of our youth, and I believe that this year's Youth Week will be an amazing opportunity for them to shine. So let's join together, support each other, and make the most of this exciting program. Thank you, and I wish everyone a fantastic Youth Week 2025!

*Cr Dan Watton, Cessnock City Mayor*

## ABOUT YOUTH WEEK 2025

Youth Week 2025 is officially taking place from 9 - 17 April 2025. This year's program is packed with events across the whole week. There are events to suit all abilities and interests from various locations across the Local Government Area (LGA). This program was created in consultation with the Cessnock Youth Ambassadors and the 2025 Youth Week Planning Group consisting of young people, local services, businesses, schools, volunteers and community groups. Thank you to all young people involved, and all organisations that contributed to planning and hosting events.

## YOUNG PERSON CONTRIBUTION

This program was created in consultation with the Cessnock Youth Ambassadors as well as young people living, working or studying in our community. The young people contributed their time, creativity and resources to help create a diverse program. Thank you to all young people involved, and all organisations that contributed to planning and hosting events.

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## MY SCHOOL RULES

Local High Schools fielding teams of 4 year 10 students to take part in a series of creative culinary challenges in a competition focusing on the slow food ethos, Good, Clean and Fair.

9:30am – 3:30pm  
Cessnock High School



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## MINDFUL YOGA FOR TEENS

Mindful Yoga offers a fun and relaxing way to build strength, improve flexibility and manage stress in a supportive space designed just for teens.

3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Cessnock Youth Centre



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## BIG BREAKFAST

Free before school breakfast for High School Students. Participate in an art project with headspace while enjoying your breakfast.

8:00am – 9:00am  
Mount View High School



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## YOUNG PARENT'S PLAYGROUP

Step into our Adventure Play Room- A world of endless fun for your little ones! Let them explore, climb and slide whilst making new friends in a safe environment.

PCYC Membership required, see Cessnock Youth Centre for details.

10:00am – 12:00pm | PCYC Cessnock



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## DIY VINYL PRINT A MUG

Join us for a fun and creative vinyl print mug workshop! In this hands-on session, you'll design your very own personalized mug featuring your name, favorite saying, or empowering affirmation

3:15pm – 5:00pm  
Cessnock Youth Centre



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## TRIVIA & BINGO WITH TIMBERLINA

Come and enjoy a night of fun and laughter with the fabulous Timberlina. LGBTQIA+ friendly event.

4pm – 6pm  
Kurri Kurri Community Centre



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## BIG BREAKFAST

Free before school breakfast for high school students.

7:30am – 8:30am

Kurri Kurri High School (Sports Oval)



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Contact for more details.



## UNITES

Come and try Gymnastics, Fitness, Rock Climbing and access the Skate Park for FREE.

4:00pm – 8:00pm

PCYC Cessnock



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Contact for more details.



## BMX AND BBQ

Join us for a fun day at Bellbird BMX Track. Bring your own BMX bike. Not a BMX rider? join UP&UP for an exciting, hands-on street art experience listen to some tunes and enjoy a delicious BBQ.

11:30am – 2:30pm

Carmichael Park



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## DECKED OUT DESIGNS

Get creative with our Mitch Revs DIY Skateboard Decks workshop! Learn how to design and customise your very own skateboard deck, turning it into a unique work of art.

10:00am – 12:00pm

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock



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## GLITTER HAIR BRAIDING

Get ready to sparkle and shine with our Glitter Hair Braiding session! Perfect for anyone looking to try something new and stylish, this activity is all about expressing your unique flair and having fun with your hair.

12:00pm – 2:00pm | Cessnock Youth Centre



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## MAKE-UP MASTERCLASS

Discover the art of makeup, learn tips and tricks from a professional, and explore your own style. Whether you're a beginner or an enthusiast, this hands-on workshop will help you enhance your skills and confidence.

2:30pm – 4:30pm

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## SWEET CREATIONS: ITALIAN DESSERTS MAKING AT RED LEAF ESTATE

Indulge your sweet tooth at Red Leaf Estates Italian dessert workshop! Learn to create delicious classics in a fun, hands-on class designed for teens.

10:30am - Bus pick up from Cessnock Youth Centre

11:00am - 2:00pm - Workshop

2:30pm - Return to Cessnock Youth Centre



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more details.



## CREATE YOUR OWN CLAY PINCH POTS

Explore your creativity with clay in our interactive pinch pot workshops. Learn the art of shaping and molding clay into unique, handcrafted pots.

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock



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## TEEN BOOTCAMP WITH KIN HEALTH CO

Join our fun and energetic Teen Boot Camp! Get ready to level up your fitness with exciting games, challenges, and activities.

10:00am - 11:00am

Crawfordville/Millfield Park



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Contact for  
more details.



## COPPER WIRE RING WORKSHOP

Learn how to create a copper wire ring. Practice with Marieke and then create your own!

10:00am - 11:30am | Cessnock Library

1:30pm - 3:00pm | Kurri Kurri Library



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## THE ART OF YOU-MINDFUL ART

Discover the power of creativity to nurture your mental health! Paint inspiring words on rocks, design personalised affirmation cards, and explore your unique strengths. Workshop Facilitated by headspace.

11:30am - 12:30pm

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## THIRRI THIRRI - CONNECTING THE DOTS ART WORKSHOP

The Thirri Thirri standard is "to be yourself". To do this, however, you must first know yourself. Join Ash and Keith as they guide you through a range of team building activities, and learning the craft of Dot Art.

10:00am – 12:00pm  
Kurri Kurri Community Centre



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## MOVIE NIGHT WITH CYCOS

Grab a slice and enjoy a movie night at CYCOS! Join us for a relaxing evening of tasty pizza, good company and a modern movie. It's the perfect way to unwind and have fun – don't miss out on the entertainment and delicious treats!

Keep an eye on our socials for more movie details.

5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Cessnock Youth Centre



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## SEW YOUR OWN SQUISHY FRIEND

Get crafty and sew your own squishy friend! Join us for a fun, hands-on session where you'll create and customize your very own adorable squishy toy.

10:00am – 11:30am | Cessnock Library  
1:30pm – 3:00pm | Kurri Kurri Library



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## GAMING ON THE BIG SCREEN

Level up your gaming experience at PACC with Gaming on the Big Screen! Join us for an epic gaming session on a massive screen, where you can enjoy your favorite games with friends in a whole new way.

1:30pm – 4:00pm  
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