

## ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT 14 SEPTEMBER-12 OCTOBER 2023

### WE ASKED

- How we can improve on our 2021-2024 Culturally Diverse Lake Mac Plan
- How we can continue to support diversity and multiculturalism in our city
- For ideas or actions that should be included in our new 2025-2029 Culturally Diverse Lake Mac Plan
- Who we should talk to about the 2025-2029 Culturally Diverse Lake Mac Plan.

### We reached



**205** visits to Council's online engagement platform, Shape Lake Mac



**20** responses to our Shape Lake Mac online survey



**178** Living Together festival-goer survey responses



**15,321** reached via Council e-newsletters

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Your feedback will help inform our updated Culturally Diverse Lake Mac Plan, which is expected to be presented to Council for public exhibition in March 2025. It will also help us achieve the vision of an inclusive and welcoming Lake Mac, where the whole community can feel a sense of safety and belonging.

### ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



- Increase visibility and representation of culturally and linguistically diverse people throughout the city.
- Increase promotion and awareness of cultural events that encourage community cohesion and showcase diverse cultures.
- Increase opportunities for the community to connect and learn about other cultures.



- Engage with local elders and cultural leaders.
- Engage with culturally and linguistically diverse people and organisations.



- Explore diversifying the artists and creatives showcased at exhibitions at our cultural facilities and at community events.
- Explore grant opportunities for initiatives that support culturally and linguistically people.



- Investigate opportunities to highlight culturally and linguistically diverse businesses in the Lake Macquarie area.
- Investigate events for new residents including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to meet other people.



- Support culture-related learning opportunities for children and young people through library programming or school activities.
- Continue to celebrate diversity through events such as Refugee Week, Harmony Day and Living Smart Festival.
- Consider the intersectionality of culturally and linguistically people e.g. LGBTIQA+.
- Ensure promotional materials and communication is simple and on platforms where translation aids can be used.

