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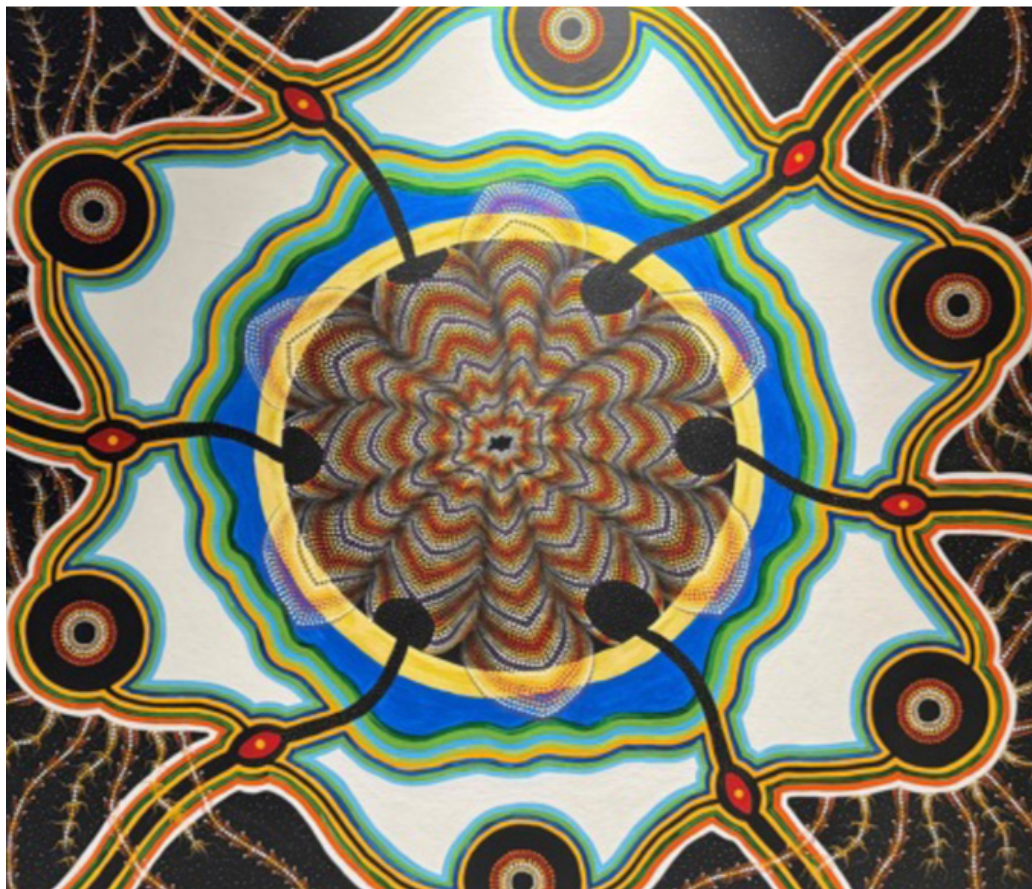
# **Business NSW Central Coast Economic Breakfast 2025**



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## Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, Darkinjung Country, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture.

# Foreword by Business NSW



## Welcome to the Central Coast Economic Breakfast 2025

The Central Coast is at a pivotal moment in its growth story. While businesses continue to navigate challenges such as rising operating costs, housing shortages, and rental pressures that impact families and the workforce, this is also a time of enormous opportunity.

From Woy Woy to Warnervale, we are seeing unprecedented opportunities in housing, infrastructure, and economic investment. Momentum is beginning to build — and by working together, we have a chance to lift it further. Now is the time to unlock the Central Coast's full potential by attracting industry that creates local jobs now and for future generations.

Above all, this Breakfast reflects a growing spirit of collaboration across business, government, and the community — a shared commitment to turning regional challenges into long-term prosperity.

**Scott Goold**  
**Regional Director**  
**Business NSW**

# Business NSW Central Coast Economic Breakfast 2025

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

### EVENT OPENS

07:30 am	<b>Acknowledgment of Country</b>	<b>Adam McEwen,</b> Chair, Bungree Aboriginal Association
07:35 am	<b>Official Welcome Launch of Central Coast Infrastructure Investment Guide</b>	<b>Scott Goold,</b> Regional Director, Business NSW
07:50 am	<b>Official Open</b>	<b>The Hon. David Harris MP</b> Minister for the Central Coast
07:55 am	<b>Treasurer Welcome</b>	<b>Daniel Hunter</b> Chief Executive Officer Business NSW
08:00 am	<b>Treasurer Speech</b>	<b>The Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC</b> NSW Treasurer



## PANEL SESSION

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08:10 am	<b>Funding for Growth - Enabling Infrastructure Investment</b> Facilitated by Scott Goold  The Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC - NSW Treasurer <b>NSW State Government</b>  Cr. John McNamara - Chair, Economic Development Committee <b>Central Coast Council</b>  Tom Roche, CEO, Pariter & Executive Director, Property at Plenary Group <b>Pariter and Plenary Group</b>  Dr. Sherman Chan, Chief Economist <b>Business NSW</b>	
08:40 am	<b>Vice Chancellor Address</b>	<b>Prof. Alex Zelinsky AO</b> Vice-Chancellor & President University of Newcastle
08:45 am	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Belinda Allen</b> Senior Economist, Commonwealth Bank Australia
09:05 am	<b>Business Conditions Survey Findings</b>	<b>Dr. Sherman Chan</b> Chief Economist, Business NSW
09:25 am	<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<b>Barbara Ketley,</b> President Business NSW Central Coast Regional Advisory Council Chief Executive Officer Milestone Belanova

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## EVENT CLOSE

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# Event Facilitator



## **SCOTT GOOLD**

### **Regional Director – Business NSW Central Coast**

Scott Goold is a passionate advocate for economic development and the benefits it brings to business owners and the broader community.

With a strong background in investment attraction and business development across both local and state government, Scott also brings valuable experience from the financial services, retail, manufacturing, and international trade sectors. This broad expertise positions him well to represent the interests of the Central Coast business community and drive strategic growth across the region.

Scott is committed to working collaboratively with all levels of government, industry and community stakeholders to unlock the Central Coast's full economic potential.



# Event Speakers



## **THE HON. DANIEL MOOKHEY MLC** Treasurer of New South Wales

The Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC is the Treasurer of New South Wales, leading the state's economic strategy, budget management, and financial policy. Appointed Treasurer in 2023, he is focused on delivering responsible fiscal management while addressing critical challenges such as cost-of-living pressures, infrastructure investment, and economic productivity. With a strong background in financial oversight and public policy, he is driving reforms that strengthen the state's economic resilience and support long-term growth. Daniel plays a key role in shaping NSW's economic response to global trends and is committed to ensuring that economic opportunity is shared across metropolitan and regional communities.



## **THE HON. DAVID HARRIS MP**

**Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, Minister for the Central Coast, and Member for Wyong**

David Harris is a senior minister in the Minns Government. A former school principal and lifelong Central Coast resident, David brings decades of experience in education, community service, and public policy. He is a strong advocate for the region, leading major initiatives in health, infrastructure, and housing. As Minister for the Central Coast, he works closely with local stakeholders to unlock the region's potential and improve outcomes for businesses, families, and communities.





## **BELINDA ALLEN**

**Senior Economist, Commonwealth Bank of Australia**

Belinda Allen is a Senior Economist at the Commonwealth Bank, where she plays a key role in analysing and communicating insights on both the Australian and global economies. Since joining the Bank in 2017, Belinda has become a trusted voice on economic trends, regularly presenting to clients and media on key market developments. She has extensive experience as a financial markets economist and a strong background in macroeconomic analysis, forecasting, and policy interpretation. Belinda's insights help businesses and investors navigate complex economic conditions and make informed strategic decisions in a rapidly changing global landscape.



## **CR. JOHN MCNAMARA**

**Chair, Central Coast Council Economic Development Committee**

Former Deputy Mayor and Councillor of Wyong Council (2008-2012), Councillor John McNamara brings decades of leadership experience in both local government and global telecommunications to his role on Central Coast Council.

Councillor McNamara emphasises the importance of thorough financial scrutiny and securing state and federal funding to revitalise community spaces and improve local infrastructure. He will be prioritising community needs, particularly road repairs, debt management, and infrastructure development, and looks forward to seeing Central Coast Council move towards greater accountability, integrity, and sustainable growth. This back-to-basics approach is aimed at restoring community confidence in local government, ensuring that the region receives its fair share of funding and services while focusing on long-term solutions that benefit residents.



## **DR. SHERMAN CHAN**

**Chief Economist, Business NSW**

Dr Sherman Chan is the Chief Economist at Business NSW, bringing deep expertise across government, banking, and consulting sectors. She holds a PhD in Economics and a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours in Economics) from the University of New South Wales. With a strong grasp of both macroeconomic and microeconomic policy, Sherman provides strategic insights into economic trends impacting business and industry. She has been a sessional lecturer at UNSW since 2014 and is a respected thought leader on issues such as productivity, workforce development, and regulatory reform. Her work supports evidence-based advocacy for a stronger NSW business environment.



## **TOM ROCHE**

**CEO, Pariter and Executive Director – Property, Plenary Group**

Tom Roche is a highly experienced executive with a proven track record in leading major real estate and infrastructure transactions for top-tier Australian and international institutions. As CEO of Pariter and Executive Director – Property at Plenary Group, Tom brings deep expertise in property and infrastructure project origination and execution, development finance, and corporate advisory. His skill set spans debt and equity structuring, asset-backed bond issues, capital markets, and mergers and acquisitions. With an extensive background in real estate, infrastructure, and construction, Tom plays a key role in shaping complex, large-scale development and investment opportunities across Australia.

# 2025 Event Schedule

## May 2025

### **Central Coast Visitor Economy Regional Showcase Day**

Friday 30 May 2025

*Drifters Wharf - Gosford*

## June 2025

### **Central Coast Skills Summit**

Wednesday 25 June 2025

## July 2025

### **Cost of Doing Business Summit**

Wednesday 30 July 2025

*Voco Hotel - Gosford*

## September 2025

### **Central Coast Regional Business Awards**

Friday 12 September 2025

*Mingara Recreation Club*

## October 2025

### **Central Coast Sustainability Forum**

Wednesday 22 October 2025

### **BNSW State Business Awards**

Wednesday 29 October 2025

*ICC, Sydney*

# Central Coast Infrastructure Investment Guide



2025 - 2030

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# Peak Bodies Alliance Members



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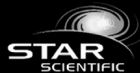
Director Hunter & Central Coast  
**Property Council of Australia**

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