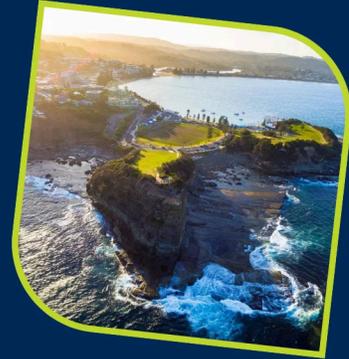


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Message from the Chair / CEO



The beginning of 2026 has been very busy at RDA Central Coast. The Chair and CEO have spent time out and about connecting and talking with locals about a wide variety of topics.

We held our first Strategic Planning session in preparation for the next twelve months business plan, which will include some exciting new opportunities.

[READ THE FULL MESSAGE](#)

Join RDA Central Coast



Are you interested in joining a dynamic committee of dedicated volunteers committed to fostering economic growth and development in the Central Coast region?

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Committee Member with Regional Development Australia Central Coast.

[LEARN MORE / SUBMIT AN APPLICATION](#)

Meet Our Newest Committee Member

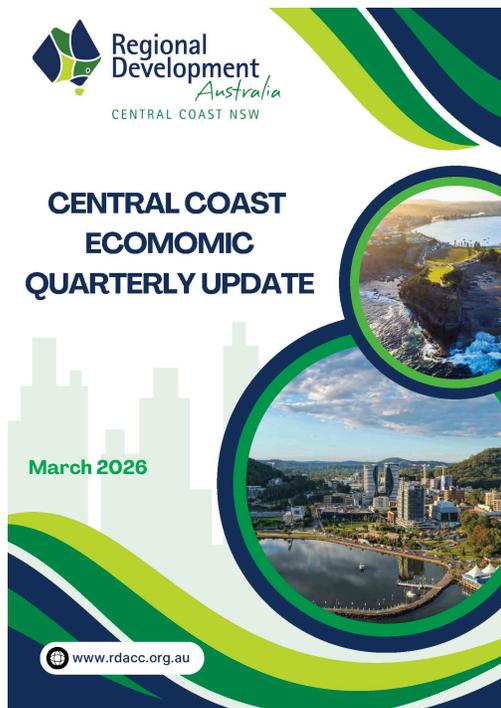


Greg Brownlow

Greg Brownlow is a senior sports executive and strategic leader with CEO and executive-level experience across professional sport, education, and community organisations.

MEET THE FACES BEHIND RDACC

Central Coast Economic Quarterly Updates



Explore the latest trends and developments shaping the Central Coast's economy, including the local labour market, property sector, and tourism industry, as we work towards building a stronger, more resilient future for all.

The March 2026 Central Coast Economic Quarterly Update is out now!

LINK TO MARCH 2026 CENTRAL COAST ECONOMIC QUARTERLY UPDATE

Central Coast Food Manufacturing
Innovation Hub
Expression of Interest for Tenancy

Expression of Interest for tenancy are now open at The Central Coast Food Manufacturing Innovation Hub.

Supported by the Australian Government, University of Newcastle, Central Coast Council and RDA Central Coast, the Hub will:

- Strengthen the region's \$2 billion food & beverage sector
- Build workforce capability through training and partnerships
- Drive innovation with pilot-scale production and R&D facilities
- Create jobs and regional economic growth



FURTHER INFORMATION

Central Coast Council Grants Opening Soon

Central Coast Council Community Grants Program opens on 1 June 2026! Offering funding opportunities for local organisations to deliver projects, programs and events that help make the Central Coast a vibrant and inclusive region.

Council is running **FREE** information and Q&A sessions throughout April and June 2026, for community members to be guided on the community grants program with information on guidelines, eligibility, application process and timeframes.

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Regional Event Fund 2026/27 Now Open for Applications

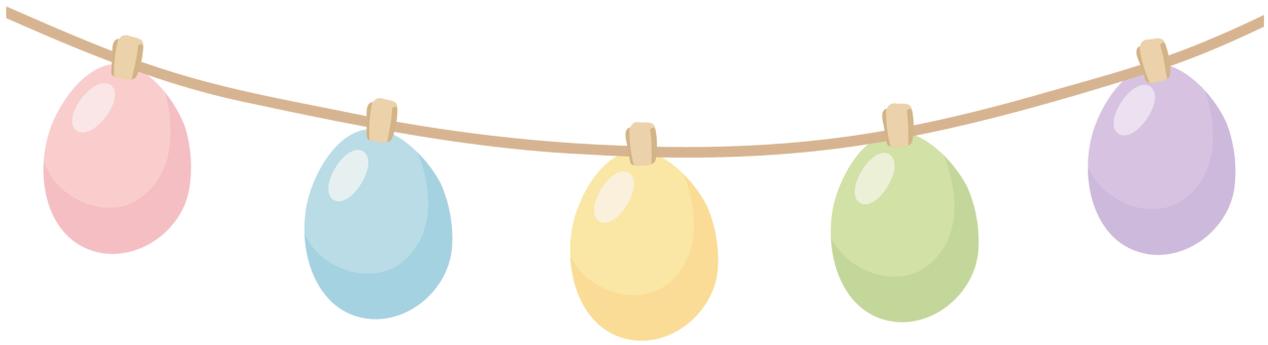
The Regional Event Fund provides grants for events in regional NSW which have the potential to become visitor economy drivers for their region.

The Regional Event Fund directly supports strategic opportunities identified in the NSW Visitor Economy Strategy 2035 for NSW to create a dynamic, year-round calendar of signature events that spans all seasons and to leverage leisure events to grow seasonal visitation and showcase NSW's strengths.

Applicants are now invited to apply for the 2026/27 Regional Event Fund across three funding streams: [Incubator Event](#), [Flagship Event](#) and [Event Development](#).

To be eligible, **events must take place between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027.**





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