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'Aussie, Aussie, Aussie' will echo through the streets of Camden this Australia Day, Monday 26 January, when the Camden community unites in celebration of our national day of pride.

The Australia Day activities will kick off at 8am in John Street, Camden with a range of free activities including face painting, roving entertainment, mini putt putt golf, jumping castle, a thong throwing competition and market stalls. Cover band, 'Mad Rhino', will return to sing all your favourite Aussie hits.

There will be an Australia Day Thanksgiving Service at the Camden Civic Centre from 8.30am followed by Camden Council's Official Civic Awards and Citizenship Ceremony from 9.15am. Camden's Australia Day Ambassador, Donny Galella, will address the crowd and will join the Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak in announcing the award winners.

At the conclusion of the Official Ceremony, make your way to Argyle Street, Camden and wave your Australian flag in anticipation of the Macarthur Lions Street Parade at 11.15am.

Join us in Camden for a great morning out the whole family will enjoy. Best of all, the activities are free.

The fourth annual **Paws in the Park** will be held on Sunday 1 March after being washed out in August 2014. The event will be held at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park from 9am to 1pm.

The event program is jam-packed with entertainment and begins at 9.15am with a 3km and 5km walk, followed by demonstrations in obedience, rally-o and agility and the return of the Jack Russell races. A new addition to Paws in the Park is the inclusion of the Australian Working Dogs Rescue and their doggy high jump.

As part of the event, gold coin donations will be collected in exchange for an 'Event Passport'. Visit the selected stalls, have your passport stamped and receive your Royal Canin Showbag.

This year all monies raised will be donated to Young Diggers, a not-for-profit organisation who train dogs to provide support and companionship to returned veterans.

For more information phone 4645 5034 or visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au



Camden Show

... 'Still a Country Show'
FRIDAY 20TH & SATURDAY 21ST
MARCH 2015



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ANZAC Centenary

Between 2014 and 2018, Australia will commemorate the ANZAC Centenary, marking 100 years since our nation's involvement in the First World War.

The ANZAC Centenary is a milestone of special significance with 2015 marking Australia's entrance into the First World War with the landing in Gallipoli.

The Camden RSL Sub-Branch and Camden Council have been working together to develop a program of events for 2015 to celebrate this milestone and encourage the Camden community to support and become involved in these activities.

Visit the ANZAC Centenary page at www.camden.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Camden Council is Small Business Friendly

Council is now part of the groundbreaking Small Business Friendly Councils Program (SBFC), launched on 17 September 2014 by the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Paul Toole, MP.

This SBFC Program was developed by the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner in partnership with the NSW Business Chamber to enable participating Councils to work proactively with, and support, small businesses in Local Government Areas.

Council recognises and values how important the local small business sector is to the community and will review procedures and practices in dealing with small businesses and explore new initiatives so that we can help to deliver the best outcomes possible for small business operators.

Camden Council has made several key commitments over the next twelve months to the SPFC Program including:

- Camden Council Business Month, which will be an annual series of events and training opportunities.
- The development of a Business Alliance in collaboration with key stakeholders from the Camden LGA business community.
- Reporting on business improvement processes and policies in Council's operational plans.
- Implementation of new initiatives for engaging with and supporting small businesses in the Camden LGA.
- Development of an on-time payment policy for small business.





Thursday Night Outdoor Youth Activities

Narellan comes alive on Thursday evenings with free outdoor activities for local young people 12 - 25 years.

Free activities for young people include sports, creative arts, BBQ's and other recreational activities held in the Narellan Library Outdoor Plaza area along Elyard Street, Narellan.

The Program will run from 29 January to 9 April from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and includes access to youth information and local youth workers.

For more information phone 4647 1283 or email info@camdenconnections.org.au



Free Skateboarding Clinics

In conjunction with Skateboarding Australia Streetwise Hubs, Camden Council is hosting a series of free skateboarding clinics.

The clinics will be held on the following dates at Kirkham Skate Park, Elderslie from 10am - 12pm:

- 10 January
- 31 January
- 28 February

All clinics are free and include the use of helmets and skateboards.

For more information phone 4645 5021.



Free Bus Transport for Camden Youth

Are you aged between 11 to 18 years and need to get out and about? Get yourself down to Camden or Narellan Library, Camden Community Connections or Oran Park Town Sales Centre for your free transport voucher.

Pick up a free **one way** bus voucher to use on any local bus service in the Camden-Macarthur region.

This voucher can be used to get around the Camden Local Government Area to access youth and recreational activities anytime during the year. To be eligible, young people must show proof of residence in the Camden LGA and be aged between 11 to 18 years. This transport initiative is funded and supported by Camden Council.

For information phone 4645 5021.

And the Winner Is....

A bumper 432 photos were entered in the 2014 Macarthur Nature Photography Competition.

Given the high quality of entries, judges for the first time awarded a number of Highly Commended (HC) awards. The winners are:

Nature Snap Winner - Cheryl Dale

Nature Up Close - Young People

- 1st Angel Wilmen
- 2nd Courtney Brown
- HC Chloe Emerson
- HC Isabella Barden

Flora and Fauna - Young People

- 1st Katie McDonald
- 2nd Rowan O'Hara

Environmental Impact - Young People

- 1st Ryley Collins
- 2nd Quinn Holland

Waterways - Young People

- 1st Belinda Thurston
- 2nd Jordan Woods
- HC Zac Robertson

Nature Up Close - Open

- 1st Helen O'Hara
- 2nd Mostaque Ahmed
- HC Silvia Grimm

Flora and Fauna - Open

- 1st Jessica Davies
- 2nd Wimpy Halim
- HC Adrian De'Athe
- HC Lauren Cusack

Environmental Impact - Open

- 1st Stephen Peters
- 2nd Lyn Forbes
- HC Kayla Hamilton
- HC Chris Butta

Waterways - Open

- 1st Carina Burns
- 2nd David Jan Williams
- HC Stephen Peters
- HC Sarah Hallett



our environment

Upper Water Canal

The Upper Canal System is a heritage item of State significance. It is a unique hydraulic engineering scheme constructed between 1869 and 1888, that still supplies part of Sydney's drinking water.

It is a major component of the Upper Nepean water supply scheme, extending from Pheasant's Nest Weir in the Nepean River at the Southern Highlands to Prospect Reservoir in Sydney.

In 1867, Sydney was under pressure to find a new, reliable source of drinking water for its increasing population. A scheme was devised where water harvested in the Southern Highlands would be carried for 64km through

a system of open canals, tunnels, pipes and aqueducts to a new storage reservoir at Prospect. From there, the water would be distributed to Sydney via a second system of canals and pipes (the Lower Canal).

Today the Canal is an impressive landscape element, running in a serpentine route through a rural bushland setting. The Canal is an excellent example of 19th Century hydraulic engineering, which has changed little in the last 145 years.

To protect the water quality, no public access is permitted into the Canal, but can be viewed within the Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan.

For information phone 4654 7777.



Gregory Hills Drive -
Badgally Road Extension



Upper Canal - The Australian
Botanic Garden, Mount Annan

Animal Advisory Committee

Camden Council's Animal Advisory Committee have achieved a vast array of goals, resulting in a positive outcome for residents and their beloved cats and dogs.

The Committee is composed of Councillors, Council staff, local animal professionals and residents and has achieved the following in the past 12 months:

- Created a Responsible Pet Ownership Program which is branded at local events and Primary Schools.

- Created 'PAWS Safe' looking after Dogs and Cats educational activity booklet for children.
- Designed and purchased a branded Responsible Pet Ownership marquee for local events.
- Designed and purchased branded merchandise to promote responsible pet ownership within the community.
- Submission for a Grant Application from the Office of Local Government for a program aimed at companion animals.

- Upgrade of the Elderslie Off Leash Area with a section for smaller dogs and installation of lighting.

For more information phone 4654 7777.



Wash your car on the lawn or at the carwash!

The drain is just for rain





How Are You Presenting on Bin Night

When placing your bins out for collection please ensure you follow these handy tips:

- Place your bins on the grassed or concrete kerb, not on the road or in driveways.
- Ensure your bins are not placed near any trees, street lighting, or other fixtures to allow for a clear vertical space.
- Ensure cars are not parked out on roads and near bins on your waste collection day.
- Bins need a clear space of 3m long and 30cm apart to allow the waste truck lifting arm enough space to pick up and empty the bin.

For more information phone 4654 7777.



Earth Hour for Aussie Food and Farming

On Saturday 28 March show your support for Aussie Food and Farming by participating in Earth Hour.

Why not host or attend an Earth Hour event in support of Aussie Food and Farming and safeguard our country's food industry from the effects of increasing temperatures and more extreme weather.

Think about how far the food you buy has travelled before it reaches your table. Food produced locally costs less to process and transport, and it's fresher and better for you.

Better still, grow your own fruit and vegetables. They're good for you, your wallet and the earth.

Visit earthhour.org.au for more information.



Camden Wetland Reserve Community Planting Day

A Community Planting Day will be held on Sunday 8 March 2015 from 9am - 1pm at the Nepean Cycleway on Argyle Street, Camden.

Camden Council received a grant under the Crown Lands Public Reserves Management Funding Program to undertake woody weed removal and revegetation to rehabilitate the Camden Wetlands.

The Project will enhance biodiversity, aesthetic values, and the ecological functions of the wetland.

A Bushcare group for the wetland and riparian corridor along the Nepean River on the east side of Cowpasture Reserve will be set up as part of the project. Bushcare is a great way to be active, meet new people and help our local environment.

For more information or to register your interest for the Camden Wetland Community Planting Day and/or Bushcare please call 4645 5159 or email bushcare@camden.nsw.gov.au

Would you Love a Street Tree Fronting Your Property?

With autumn fast approaching, it is an ideal time to plant trees.

Enhance your streetscape and your suburb and place your request for a street tree with Council's Customer Service Team on 4654 7777.



what's happening

Camden RSL Sub-Branch Memorabilia Weekend

The Camden RSL Sub-Branch will be staging a Memorabilia Weekend in the Camden Civic Centre, on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March from 10am to 3pm daily.

A huge private collection of memorabilia from all wars will be on display, including slideshows and videos on local veterans who did not return.

A book, by Janice Johnson, detailing letters sent home by the troops can be viewed and purchased.

Members of the Camden Family History and Camden Remembers will also be on hand to assist with tracing family veterans.

Leppington Public School was recently awarded the State Runner Up in the ANZAC Schools' Award, a competition coordinated nationally by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

These Awards encourage initiative and creativity in the way schools commemorate ANZAC Day, with an emphasis on inventiveness, balanced with tradition.

The 4/5/6 class at Leppington Public School took on this challenge and worked very hard to bring to life their very own 'Unknown Soldier', who they called 'Herbert'. This will be on display throughout the weekend.

The entry was inspired by the poem 'The ANZAC on the Wall' by Jim Brown.

There will also be displays by the Camden Historical Society and the 23rd Australian Army Cadets.

For more information phone 0419 925 294.



A Musical Salute to the War Years

Camden RSL Sub-Branch and Macarthur Singers are combining to present 'A Musical Salute to the War Years' in honour of 100 years of ANZAC.

Commencing at 2.30pm on Sunday 19 April, the performance will be held at the Camden Civic Centre, Oxley Street, Camden.

The concert will feature many favourites including 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' and 'White Cliffs of Dover'.

Tickets will be available at the door or at Camden RSL Club, Camden Art Centre, Looking Class Fashions and Macarthur Credit Union in Camden.

Tickets:

- \$10 Concession
- \$15 Adults
- \$25 Family

All raffle proceeds on the day will go to DefenceCare, which supports current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

For more information phone Diane Richard-Evan on 4655 4417, visit www.macarthursingers.org or Macarthur Singers' Facebook page.



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Camden Show... Still A Country Show

The 129th Camden Show will be held on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 March at Camden Showground and is promising to be bigger and better than previous years.

A highlight of this year's Show will be the Military Tattoo to be held on Friday night at 5.30pm to commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC's landing at Gallipoli.

Camden Show's own Brumby Run is back, as well as the DMAX Isuzu Utes, Campdraft demonstration and hay race.

Other highlights will include animal displays and competitions, the Grand Parade and Street Parade, wood chopping, sheep dogs, milking displays, the Country and Lifestyle Pavilion, fireworks display on Saturday night, stalls, side show alley, showbags and much more.

The Camden Show Society is a not-for-profit organisation run almost entirely by volunteers and with the help of dozens of community organisations.

For more information phone 4655 8338 or visit www.camdenshow.com.au



2015 Military Tattoo

Camden Show Society, in conjunction with the Camden RSL Sub-Branch, will be holding a Military Tattoo to commemorate the Centenary of the ANZAC.

The Tattoo will be held in the Main Arena of Camden Showground on Friday 20 March commencing at 5.30pm.

Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshall Binskin, RSL Veterans and Members of Parliament will be in attendance. In addition, the NSW Mounted Police Musical Ride accompanied by the NSW Police Musical Band and NSW Police Pipes and Drums will be performing.

There will be military vehicles, paraders, bands and much more.

The 2015 Military Tattoo will honour Camden local, Colonel AJ Onslow Thompson, who was the second Camden Show President (1908 - 1915) and was killed in action at Gallipoli on 26 April 1915. Colonel Thompson will represent all who have fought for their country.

For more information phone 4655 8328 or visit www.camdenshow.com.au



Drives for Learners in Macarthur

You and your supervisor are invited to participate in the next free 'Log Book Run' to be held on **Sunday 8 March**.

The 'Log Book Run' is a great opportunity for learner drivers to gain on road driving experience which will contribute to the learner driver log book hours. Bookings essential.

Phone 4645 5046.

Choose Right, Buckle Right

Have all your child car restraints and booster seats fitted and checked by an RMS Authorised Restraint Fitter on **Thursday 12 March** from 9am to 1.30pm. Bookings essential.

Phone 4645 5046.

International Women's Day - Save the Date

Save the date to celebrate International Women's Day 2015 at United Cinemas, Narellan on **Wednesday 11 March**.

The morning session includes morning tea and the evening session includes supper.

Full details on movie titles, screening times and tickets will be available on 9 February.

Costs per movie will be \$10 for regular seating and \$12 for recliner seating.

For more information phone 4645 5009.



calendar of events

your library



January

10 Jan: Skateboarding Clinics

Kirkham Skate Park
10am – 12pm
Free
Ph: 4645 5021

31 Jan: Skateboarding Clinics

Kirkham Skate Park
10am – 12pm
Free
Ph: 4645 5021

26 Jan: Australia Day in Camden

From 8am in Argyle Street, Camden
Ph: 4645 5034



February

28 Feb: Skateboarding Clinics

Kirkham Skate Park
10am – 12pm
Free
Ph: 4645 5021



March

1 Mar: Paws in the Park

Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park
Gold coin donation
9am - 1pm
Ph: 4645 5034

8 Mar: Community Planting Day

Northern end of the Nepean Cycleway,
Argyle Street, Camden
9am - 1pm
Ph: 4645 5159

8 Mar: Drives for Learners

Bookings essential
Ph: 4645 5046

11 Mar: International Women's Day

United Cinemas, Narellan
Morning and evening sessions
Ph: 4645 5009

14 - 15 Mar: ANZAC Centenary

Memorabilia Weekend
Camden Civic Centre
10am - 3pm
Ph: 0419 925 294

20 Mar: Camden Show Military Tattoo

Camden Showground
5.30pm
For more information or tickets contact
the Show Office
Ph: 4655 8338

20 - 21 Mar: Camden Show

Camden Showground
Ph: 4655 8338

28 Mar: Earth Hour

Visit earthhour.org.au for more
information.

Adobe Illustrator Basic Course

Course held over eight Tuesday's to learn more about this powerful design software. Suitable for those 17yrs and over.

Beginning Tuesday 10 February at Narellan Library from 9.45am to 11.45am.

Cost - \$20 per person (no refunds).

For more information phone 4645 5039.

Adobe InDesign Basic Course

Course held over eight weeks from 10 February to 31 March. Suitable for 17yrs and over.

Learn how to use this design software at Narellan Library from 12 Noon to 2.00pm.

Cost - \$20 per person (no refunds).

For more information phone 4645 5039.

Movie Club

Screenings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm at Narellan Library.

Some films are restricted in accordance with Australian Film Classifications. Proof of age is required.

No bookings are required or tickets, just come along and enjoy the evening.

Coffee, tea and biscuits available.

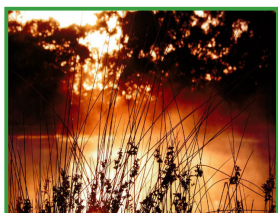
BYO food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Upcoming screenings:

- **14 January**
Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior (R18+)
- **11 February**
Breaker Morant (PG)
- **11 March**
Pulp Fiction (R18+)

For more information phone 4645 5039.

Macarthur Nature Photography Competition



Misty Morning
David Williams



Toadstool
Rowan O'Hara



Shimmering Beetle
Helen O'Hara

Three of the winning entries in the Macarthur Nature Photography Competition.
(See Page 3 for more information).

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