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EDITION THREE 2021

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Photograph by Raquel Wood from Narellan as part of last year's Macarthur Nature Photography Competition.



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WE'RE HERE FOR YOU



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another edition of Council's Let's Connect.

The last few months have been turbulent and, indeed, uncertain. But please know Council is more dedicated than ever to helping you through this and keeping your spirits up. We've made sure to include all the help available to you on pages two and three – and there's even more available on Council's website. I would strongly encourage you to have a look and take advantage of an initiative, online event or program that interests you.

The past few weeks have also seen some lovely glimmers of hope and happiness. Council held its wonderful Winterfest Camden event online again, and it was great to see so many people participate. With arts and crafts, dress up competitions and lots of recipes for at-home baking on offer, it made me so happy to see the joy being shared in so many households across the area.

We also had Camden Libraries put together a series of HSC videos hosted by a number of experienced teachers, to help local students with their studies and preparation. I'm proud we were able to provide this kind of support and assistance remotely for students who I can only imagine would be stressed and uncertain at this time.

Please remember, Council is here for you. Don't hesitate to reach out to Council via phone or email if there's anything we can do for you. We must continue to work together and really show our true Camden spirit. If we stick together, do the right thing and support one another, I know we will emerge from this stronger than ever.

Stay safe and stay positive, Camden!

Therese Fedeli
Mayor of Camden



Council is dedicated to helping you

We know it's been hard recently, but, Council wants all residents to know we're still here for you!

There are a number of things that haven't changed, like the availability of our Duty Planner and Customer Service Team; our operational services including waste collection; our online e-events, activities and library programs; and much more.



Support your local

Council has compiled an online business directory to show residents which local businesses are still operating, so those who are able to, can continue to support these amazing businesses through this time.

If you purchase from a local business, please take a photo of your purchase and post it onto your social media channels with the hashtags #camdenbought and #camdenlove.

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Check in on your loved ones

In unsettling times like this, it's more important than ever for us to show each other love, support and kindness. Residents are encouraged to visit Council's website and download a 'Hey Neighbour' card. Print it off and jot down your details before popping it into your neighbour's mailbox to check in.

And remember, if your mood needs some brightening, make sure you take time for yourself and regularly connect with loved ones virtually. Better yet, reach out to your loved ones and make sure they're feeling okay.



Show someone special how much they mean to you

In facing these recent challenges, lots of residents have stepped up and shown their love for the Camden area and commitment to helping those in our community who need it most.

If you know someone who has shown their #camdenlove for Camden and our community, nominate them to receive a limited edition #camdenlove collectable teddy bear!

Mental health support services

During this time of uncertainty, it's important to look after your mental health. If you need someone to talk to, help is available. Go to bit.ly/ccsupportservices

For more information on all these initiatives, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/alerts

MAJOR PROJECTS



Construction continues at Narellan Sports Hub

MILESTONES REACHED AT NARELLAN SPORTS HUB

We've seen big milestones reached at Narellan Sports Hub in the past few months, with Stage Two construction work going from strength to strength.

To date, the Porrende Street roundabout upgrade; full-size rugby league field; pedestrian bridge and two kilometres of shared path; and new carparking for both the rugby league and hockey fields have been completed.

Still to be completed as part of this stage are the additional netball courts; a synthetic athletics track; and a criterium cycling track.

This project is funded by Western Sydney Parkland City Liveability Program and the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund.

WANT MORE INFO?

You can find more information on these projects, and many others, by visiting camden.nsw.gov.au/major-developments

DID YOU KNOW?

Stage two of the Wandarrah Reserve upgrade is underway. The new building includes new change rooms and increased storage.



Infrastructure



Events



Grants and financial assistance



Local employment



Programs



City beautification

COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PACKAGE PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Council was proud to set records with the third stage of its COVID-19 Community Support Package announced earlier this year. A number of the 65 projects and programs, to be delivered across the next four years, are well underway.

MAJOR PROJECTS

Work nears completion on the bridge at Ferguson's Land



ALMOST TIME TO GET ON YOUR BIKE

Work is progressing on the second stage of the much-loved Kirkham Park BMX Facility.

Part 2B, which is about to begin, will include:

- A pump track, which will be publicly accessible;
- Warm-up track;
- Marshalling area;
- Decommissioning of existing, publicly-available track, which will remain open until the new pump track is open;
- A storage shed;
- A new car park; and
- Associated civil, electrical, lighting and landscaping works.

"The Kirkham Park BMX Facility will be a real drawcard for Camden. I really look forward to seeing our local kids learn, have a go and enjoy themselves," Mayor Therese Fedeli said.

This project is partly funded by the NSW Government's Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund.

Macquarie Grove Reserve

A wire rope fencing with two gates for maintenance access have been installed around the perimeter of Macquarie Grove Reserve. Council worked in consultation with surrounding residents to remove the ability for anti-social behaviour, improve road safety at the location and ensure the amenity of residents.

McCrae Drive playground

Upgrades to the McCrae Drive playground, in Camden South, are now complete. This project included:

- Installation of new playground equipment and park furniture;
- Replacement of softfall rubber; and
- Landscaping works.

WORK PROGRESSING ON FERGUSON'S LAND

Work has been progressing on the highly-anticipated cricket facility at Ferguson's Land in Camden.

To date, the site now has:

- A new amenities building;
- Completed field profiles and drainage work;
- New fencing and cricket nets;
- Water services connections; and
- Near-complete bridge and landscaping work.

Over the next few months, the site will see the:

- Completion of road and bridge work;
- Resealing of Exeter Street;
- Relocation of the water main; and
- Electrical connection work.

This facility is scheduled to be open by December 2021.

This project is joint-funded by Camden Council, the Parkland City Liveability Program and Metropolitan Greenspace Program.

Royal George Drive playground

Upgrades to the Royal George Drive playground, in Harrington Park, are now complete. This project included:

- Installation of new playground equipment and park furniture;
- Replacement of soft-fall rubber; and
- Landscaping works.

Yandel'ora Reserve fitness equipment

Upgrades to the fitness equipment at Yandel'ora Reserve, in Mount Annan, are now complete. This project included:

- Installation of new contemporary fitness equipment as well as park furniture and a bubbler;
- Replacement of softfall rubber; and
- Landscaping works.

For more information on the projects, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-support

OUR COMMUNITY



Mayor Therese Fedeli with volunteer and Australian Local Hero 2021, Rosemary Kariuki

CAMDEN CELEBRATES ITS VOLUNTEERS

From Monday 17 to Sunday 23 May, we celebrated the people that make our community tick with National Volunteer Week.

As part of these celebrations, Council promoted a series of interviews with current volunteers sharing their experiences in the local community and what makes volunteering great. We heard from five different volunteers about how special giving back to the Camden community was to them.

For more information on volunteering in the Camden area, go to camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'volunteers'.

DID YOU KNOW?

Camden Library Service holds some information about local families in the Local Studies Collection, including pioneer registers, family histories and cemetery records. If you're interested in your family history, visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au/local-heritage



HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS

Council was proud to have two waste trucks and drivers help Fairfield City Council in early June, after their trucks were damaged by fire.

Two of Camden's Waste Truck Drivers were more than happy to lend a helping hand to our neighbours and friends.

DID YOU KNOW?

Council offers free microchipping and reduced cat desexing. For more information, contact Council's Companion Animal Ranger on 4654 7777.

OUR COMMUNITY



SLOW DOWN
Keep to

50

**on our
local streets**

A Road Safety Initiative of



KEEP TO 50 ON OUR LOCAL STREETS

Did you know in Camden, on average, 26 people are injured in speed related crashes on local streets every year?

The 50km/h default urban speed limit applies to all built-up areas across NSW and applies as soon as you turn onto any urban road, with or without a speed sign. Reduced speed limits at school zones, road works and other special areas still apply.

AN AMAZING DEBUT SEASON FOR THE BULLS



Camden Council, along with many residents throughout the area, loved watching the exciting first season for Macarthur FC Bulls.

Even though they did not emerge victorious, the team fought hard for a place in the grand final and were strong contenders throughout their match with Melbourne City FC.

We look forward to seeing what Macarthur FC can do next season. If their debut season was anything to go off, we think we'll see some big things!

DID YOU KNOW?

Camden residents identify with more than 113 different cultures from across the world.

We're stronger together

"Let's stick together and be mindful of each other," Cr Fedeli said.



When you're out and about across the Camden area, keep 1.5 metres away from others.



Make sure you always throw your rubbish in the bin.



When you're enjoying our parks and playgrounds, remember to share the equipment and space with others.



When walking your dog, please pick up after them and make sure they're on a lead (unless in an off-leash area).



Take care and stay safe!

SUSTAINABLE LIVING



Be inspired by these 2021 entries from Camden residents.

TIME TO GET SNAPPING FOR THE MACARTHUR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

This year marks the 15th annual Macarthur Nature Photography Competition!

The competition, hosted by Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly Councils, aims to inspire residents to appreciate and understand the natural world that surrounds them and capture this in a photograph.

Council is, once again, encouraging residents to enter their most striking, engaging and enticing images of local native flora, wildlife and natural scenery taken from within the Macarthur area to go in the running to win more than \$4,000 worth of prizes.

Entries open on Monday 13 September and will close Friday 15 October.

For more information, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/environment/biodiversity/mnpc/

DID YOU KNOW?

The best way to keep up to date with sustainability related events, activities and resources is to sign up to the quarterly Sustainable Camden eNewsletter. To subscribe, visit bit.ly/SustainableCamden

COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CENTRES TO BE POWERED BY THE SUN

Council recently received \$20,000 under the Australian Government's 'Stronger Communities' program to install solar generation systems on Julia Reserve, Catherine Park, Gregory Hills and Glenmore Park Community Centres.

The solar systems will help to reduce electricity costs at these important community facilities by providing green energy. The new systems will complement existing solar systems installed at five other Council facilities, with a combined capacity of over 360 kilowatts.



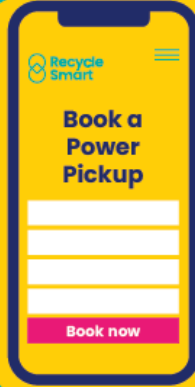
NSW Minister for Energy and Environment, Matthew Kean, presenting the silver status award to Mayor Therese Fedeli.

SILVER AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Council has become a Silver Partner of Sustainability Advantage, a program of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, in acknowledgement of its significant environmental achievements.

Sustainability Advantage helps organisations understand sustainability and strengthen their environmental performance. The achievement is a recognition of the progress made in embedding sustainability into Council's everyday actions and decision making and builds on the development and adoption of its Sustainability Strategy 2020-24.

WHAT'S NEW



IT'S TIME TO RECYCLES MART

Talk about a match made in heaven – Camden Council has teamed up with RecycleSmart, an app that makes recycling the tough stuff as easy as ordering Uber Eats!

The app provides specific and localised information on how to correctly dispose of over 250 waste items. From glass to batteries, towels to chemicals and even DVDs to kettles, you can now find the answers at your fingertips.

Residents are invited to download the free app and check the next collection day suitable to them. The bookable Power Pickup service is also available through the app, which takes care of problem waste items like soft plastics, clothing and e-waste. Simply:

- Fill a RecycleSmart bag (or your own) with all those tough-to-recycle items and book a Power Pickup in a few clicks; and
- For just \$2 a bag, the RecycleSmart team will come to your doorstep and ensure your waste is properly recycled. Every bag collected is weighed to help you keep track of your recycling records!

At the moment, 20 per cent of red bin waste could be recycled – so help Council keep it out of landfill and keep our community beautiful!

WANT MORE INFO?
Visit recyclesmart.com

WHAT WE PICKUP



Soft Plastics



Clothes



E-waste



Problem waste

HOW POWER PICKUP WORKS



1. Pack your bag

Scoop all your e-waste and those tricky recyclables into our bag (or a bag of your own).



2. Book online in 3 clicks

Book your Power Pickup online at www.recyclesmart.com. Tell us your address and the date that suits you. You don't even need to be home! Simple.



3. We'll do the rest!

Leave your bag outside your house on the pickup date. We do the rest. Our drivers will collect your items and make sure they go to the right place.



recyclesmart.com

WANT A FREE POWER PICKUP?

Score a free power pickup with code LETSCONNECT at recyclesmart.com

EVENTS



PAWS IN THE PARK WAS TOP DOG

Council's much-loved Paws in the Park returned with a twist this year, with dog-lovers enjoying a combination of live and online activities for their furry friends on Sunday 2 May.

The live event, which was held at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park, saw attendees enjoy the two-kilometre Paws walk; food, drink and information stalls; and information and demonstrations.

Online, residents took part in the annual pet and colouring-in competitions, along with a number of activities and demonstrations provided by external organisations.



HEAL COUNTRY FOR NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week celebrates the achievements and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This year, Council held a social media campaign throughout NAIDOC Week, which ran from Sunday 4 to Sunday 11 July, to celebrate.

SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Camden Creatives' Take the Lead Project, SPOTLITE, attracted booked out crowds for its final events, which took place in May and June. Partnering with Mental Health Services Headspace and Traxside, SPOTLITE provided a stage for some amazing local talent and a place for young people to come together in a safe and nurturing environment.

For more information on Council's future SPOTLITE events, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/community/support



WHAT'S ON

All subject to COVID-19 restrictions

Camden Festival Online

WHAT'S
COMING UP IN
THE EVENTS
SPACE?



Garden Competition



Jacaranda Festival

DID YOU KNOW?

Council will have its next Recycling Drop Off Day on Saturday 9 October, 9am-noon, at Council's Works Depot located at 5 Millwood Avenue in Narellan. For more information on these events, and others, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

CAMDEN LIBRARIES CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE

Camden Libraries is looking forward to celebrating History Week and Australia Reads in September. Stay tuned for some extraordinary Australian authors, who are scheduled to visit next month!

For more information, visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au/events



HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH COUNCIL

If you have a matter you wish to raise with us, please:

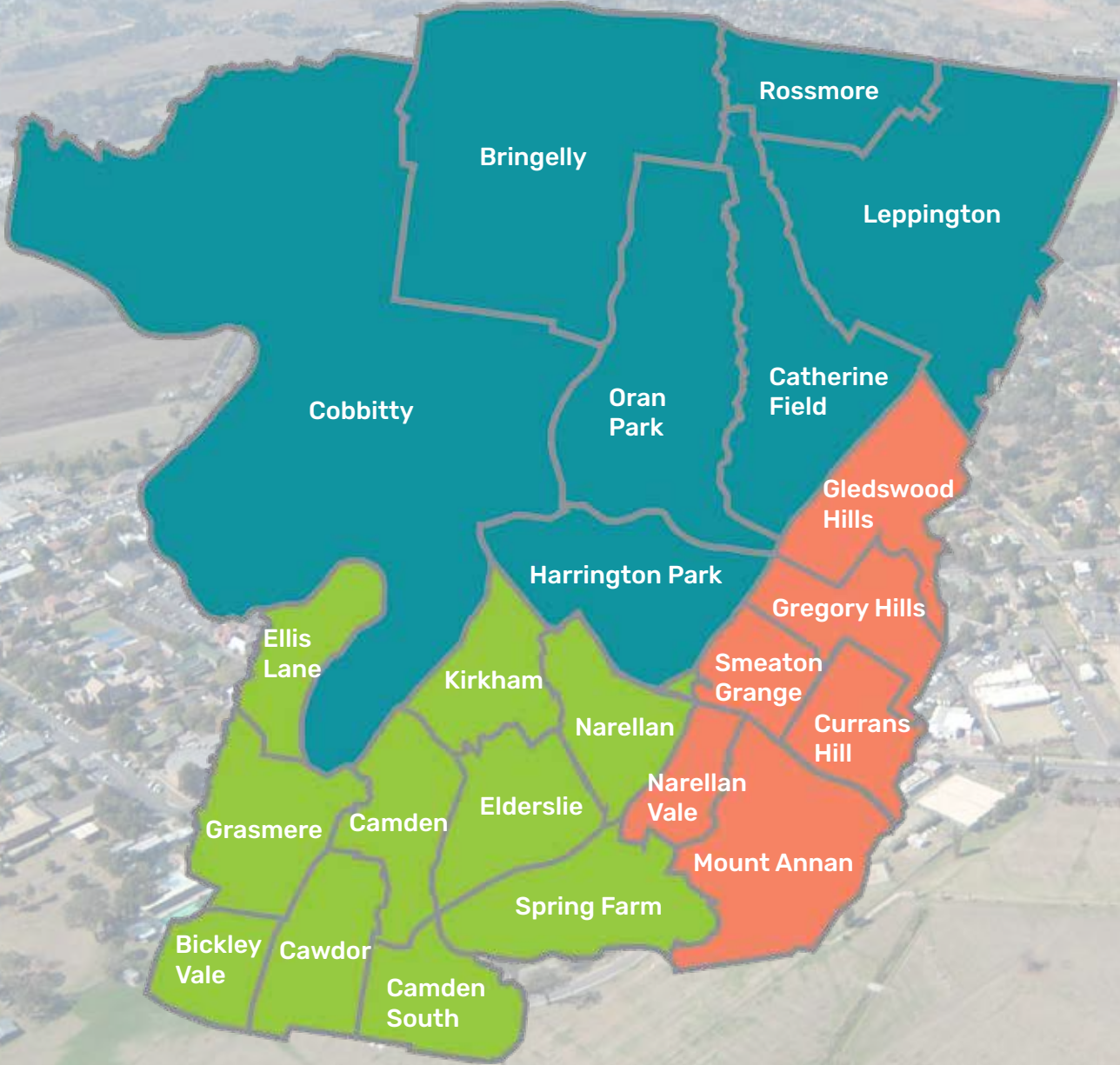
- Call our Customer Service Centre on **4654 7777**;
- Email us at mail@camden.nsw.gov.au;
- Lodge it online at camden.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/report; or
- Download the **OurCamden** app.

LEARNER DRIVER LOGBOOK RUN

The next Learner Drive Logbook Run event is scheduled for 12 September 2021. It will give learner drivers the opportunity to gain on road experience and assists them to acquire their required logbook hours.

Bookings are essential. For more, contact Council on 4654 7777 or roadsafety@camden.nsw.gov.au

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