

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

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### Camden Council Sponsors Community Events

In October last year, Councillors voted to make changes to the current Community Financial Assistance Policy by formalising a Community Sponsorship Program for outgoing sponsorship.

The Program is intended to encourage and support community groups and organisations by providing financial assistance or in-kind support towards events in the Camden Local Government Area.

The first round of applications for this year closed in March and a total of 12 applications were received. Each application was assessed against the Program guidelines and criteria with further consideration given to the benefit for the local community, including social and economic, level of appeal and demonstrated need for funding.

Last night, Councillors voted unanimously to provide sponsorship to eight community events:

- Light Up Camden Festival
- Christmas in Narellan
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Marist Netball Carnival
- Camden Rotary Relay for Life
- NSW U/18 Girls State Hockey Championship
- Harrington Park Community Carols and Fireworks
- 2014 SWSi TAFE Achievement Awards
- BMXTreme and BMX State Titles
- Camden Car Show – Chevy Club
- Carols by Candlelight at Macarthur Park

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Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak said she was pleased with the results of the first round of Council's Sponsorship Program

"It's great to have a sponsorship program formalised and I am excited to see the number of community groups and organisations receiving sponsorship totalling \$29,636".

"The assistance provided to these community groups and organisations will help ensure their events' success. Council is committed to supporting community organisations who do so much with very limited resources"

"Volunteers provide invaluable support to Camden Council and the community and I would like to thank each and every volunteer who dedicates their time to the community. Your energy and time makes a tremendous difference in shaping our community for the better" she said.

Round two of sponsorship applications open 1 September 2014.

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