

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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FIRST SOD TURNED FOR NEW COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak turned the first sod of earth in Oran Park today at a ground-breaking ceremony marking the commencement of construction of the new Council Administration Building.

Cr Symkowiak said that this is a momentous and historic day for Camden Council and the community.

“Council’s new Administration Building in Oran Park is the largest capital works project Council has ever undertaken.”

“The Camden Local Government Area (LGA) is one of the fastest growing areas in NSW. As Council and the community grow, it is essential the capacity to deliver Council’s quality services grows with it,”

“Council’s current offices in Narellan and Camden are nearing staffing capacity and are operating as two separate buildings which can present operational inefficiencies for a growing community,”

“A centralised Administration Building will ensure that Council has the capacity for continued quality service provision into the future, which is a high priority for Council.” Cr Symkowiak said.

“Construction of the new building is expected to be completed by mid 2016, subject to weather conditions and I am determined to ensure this building is delivered to the high standard that the community expects”. Cr Symkowiak said.

“When the new building is operational, Council will maintain a presence at Camden and Narellan for the convenience of our residents, and is developing strategies to ensure the current Administration Building in John Street is occupied as soon as practical following Council’s move to Oran Park.”

“Council recently adopted a vision and a range of initiatives to guide the future of the Camden Town Centre to ensure that it is a distinct, prosperous and vibrant town centre for all. Council will continue to explore strategies for the future use of all Council assets and assets in Camden will remain in Council ownership.

Council’s new Administration Building will include a floor area of approximately 6000sqm consisting of a Customer Service area, Council Chambers, central atrium, administration offices and a car park with 250 spaces. The modern and contemporary building has been designed by Architects, Group GSA.

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The total cost of the new building is \$35.6million. Council has carefully planned the funding of the new Administration Building for a number of years and no sale of assets is required to fund the move.

The Administration Building will be located within an impressive Civic Precinct, in the heart of the Camden LGA. The Civic Precinct will include Council's building, a Library and Community Centre, Leisure Centre, Civic Plaza and Town Park. Developer funded contributions to the construction of the Civic Precinct facilities total over \$40million, bringing the total value of the Civic Precinct facilities to \$75million.

Council recently awarded the tender for construction to ADCO Constructions, a leading national construction company with extensive experience in successfully delivering projects across Australia including commercial, retail, industrial, education, community and leisure facilities.

More information on this exciting project can be found on Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au

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