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Community Strategic Plan and budget on exhibition

Enhancing the lives of the Camden community is a driving force behind the works and services planned by Council for the 2017/18 financial year.

The draft 2017/18 Operational Plan (budget) is currently on exhibition along with long term planning documents – the delivery program, capital works program and Community Strategic Plan (CSP).

“The community strategic plan identifies what is important to residents and the kind of place the Camden area should be in the future,” said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

“It also takes into consideration plans at a federal and state government level that influence the future of our area, including the Metropolitan Strategy and South West District Plan,” Cr Symkowiak said.

The key directions for Council under the community strategic plan are to actively manage the area’s growth, provide a healthy urban and natural environment, encourage a prosperous economy, facilitate effective and sustainable transport, provide strong local leadership and support an enriched and connected community.

“We are striving to meet the needs of the community by creating healthy urban spaces, providing recreational facilities, quality infrastructure and opportunities for lifelong learning and social interaction and connectedness,” she said.

The draft budget includes more than \$2.6 million for library services across the area, as well as \$1.5 million for the fit out of Oran Park Library, expected to open next year.

There is \$3.35 million assigned to the next stage in the streetscape works of Argyle Street, Camden and a total of \$6.95 million for the next four years to enhance street appeal, safety and support the businesses in the historic town.

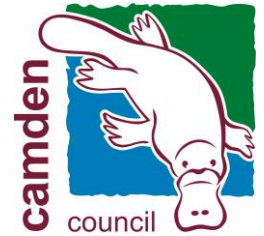
More than \$5.5 million is set aside for mowing and ongoing maintenance of the 429 parks, reserves and sports fields.

Funding is allocated to upgrade recreational facilities and build new community buildings in the next financial year. Some of these include: -

- Playground renewal works at eight playgrounds across the area - \$130,000;

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- Playground and park renewal works at locations soon to be determined - \$500,000 set aside in reserve pending site identification
- Building a new playground at Spring Farm - \$700,000;
- Providing a new off leash dog area in Currans Hill - \$100,000;
- Planning and design of a new community centre at Catherine Park - \$200,000;
- Commencing the delivery of new cricket facilities at Camden - \$500,000 (\$3.35 million 2017/18-2020/21 Draft Delivery Program); and
- Initial phase of youth play spaces and water play parks in Harrington Park, Currans Hill, Oran Park and Elderslie - \$900,000 (\$4 million in 2017/18 – 2020/21 Draft Delivery Program).

The draft Community Strategic Plan, delivery program and operational plan are available on Council's website, www.camden.nsw.gov.au. Submissions close Sunday 11 June.

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