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Council adopts its largest capital works program

Camden Council's plans to provide more community support services, environmental protection and its largest capital works program have been adopted.

Last night, Council adopted the 2017/18 Operational Plan (Budget) and the 2017/18-2020/21 Delivery Program, which details the works and services scheduled for the next four years.

The \$302 million budget includes an extensive program of infrastructure works across the local government area and programs and activities to support the needs of the community.

The balanced budget will be achieved with the minimal rate increase of 1.5 per cent.

"Council is managing unprecedented population growth, we are providing quality services for our existing communities whilst planning for the needs of new residents," said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

"This is an exciting chapter in Camden's history. Old facilities are being renewed, historic areas are being revitalised and new places are under construction," Cr Symkowiak said.

"We are providing valuable community services that support the health and wellbeing of our residents - from providing new and refurbished recreation and sporting facilities to offering lifelong learning activities at our libraries," she said.

This financial year, \$50.5 million will be spent on upgrading and developing new parks and playgrounds. These include the: -

- New playground at Spring Farm;
- Design of Water Play Parks at Elderslie and Oran Park;
- Design of Youth Play Spaces at Harrington Park and Currans Hill;
- Nine new active spaces in new estates; and
- Renewal of eight existing parks (with more locations being considered subject to a separate report and budget of additional \$500K).

A total of \$75.9 million is planned for road and transport infrastructure. Some of the major projects include:-

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- Argyle Street improvement works;
- Upgrade of Ingleburn Road, Rickard Road and Edmondson Avenue in Leppington;
- Cobbitty Road in Cobbitty;
- Oran Park Drive in Oran Park;
- Hartley Drive in Smeaton Grange; and
- Macquarie Avenue in Camden.

A number of major projects are currently underway that are due to be delivered in the next 12 months including: -

- Mount Annan Leisure Centre - \$13.5 million;
- Oran Park Library - \$12.7 million;
- Narellan Sports Hub (Stage 1) - \$11 million;
- Camden Decked Carpark - \$3.6 million; and
- Art Gallery in *Macaria* in Camden - \$1 million.

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