

# Media Release

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## Family fun and tasty treats at Camden Festival

Spring will be heralded with an extravaganza of family fun events and delicious foods as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Camden Festival.

This year promises to be bigger than ever before with renowned performers, celebrity chefs and more events on the program.

“The festival has grown into a wonderful celebration of the people, places and produce of the Camden area and marks this welcome change in season,” said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

“There is a variety of events and activities held at indoor and outdoor venues that showcase the diversity of scenic places in our area,” Cr Symkowiak said.

“Each event has a flavour of its own that appeals to the different ages and interests of people from across the community,” she said.

The festival will begin at **5pm Saturday 8 September** with **Cinema Under the Stars** at the **Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan**. This **FREE**, family fun event will start with pre-show activities for the children as well a range of food and drink options available. People can cosy up on their blankets, sleeping bags or chairs and enjoy a screening of *Despicable Me 3* under the night sky, from 6.15pm.

The family fun continues with **Picnic in the Park** at **10am - 4pm, Sunday 16 September** at **Macarthur Park, Camden**. The picnic extravaganza offers plenty of outdoor fun for families for **FREE** featuring live acoustic entertainment and delicious treats from the variety of sweets, cheese platters and other food stalls. The children can also enjoy the garden games, face painting and flower crown making.

**Kids Fun Day** will be held **10am - 2pm, Wednesday 19 September** at **Kirkham Park, Elderslie**, featuring Nickelodeon’s PAW Patrol with Chase, Marshall and Ryder. Entry is **FREE** to Kirkham Park which will be transformed into a toddler’s wonderland, complete with roving entertainment, plenty of activities and a free BBQ lunch. There will also be

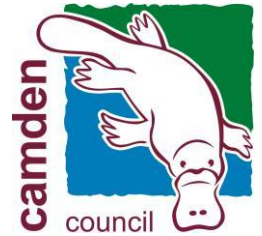
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performances by clown, Ace P. Freckle and a visit from Batman and the Batmobile on the day.

There will be a **Seniors Lunch at Gledswood Homestead at 10am, Wednesday 19**. Cost is \$25 for a two-course lunch and bookings can be made by contacting Council on 4654 7777.

Young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years can enjoy the screening of *The Darkest Minds* (rated M) at **6pm, Thursday 20 September** at **United Cinemas Narellan**. Tickets cost \$5 and include popcorn and a drink.

Visit a garden or taste some wine or enjoy a plant sale as part of the **Camden Garden Festival, Friday 21 - Sunday 23 September** at various locations.

The historic **Camden Park House in Menangle** will hold its annual open weekend with on **10am - 4pm, Saturday 22 and 12pm - 4pm, Sunday 23 September**. Costs and details are on the website.

Lovers of wine and gourmet food can enjoy **TASTE Food, Wine and Music Festival at Camden Town Farm, 12pm - 5pm, Sunday 23 September**. Entry is **FREE** and there will be cooking demonstrations by celebrity chef Miguel Maestre as well as dessert queen, Katherine Sabbath. Stroll down **Produce Lane** to purchase all your take home goods and watch food artist Charlie Yan create masterpieces out of fresh fruit. This year will include more than 50 stalls of delicious food, wine and craft beer and gourmet treats as well as live entertainment, kids cooking workshops and activities.

This year will also see the event extended to include **TASTE After Hours** from **5pm, Sunday 23 September** at various restaurants, bars and hotels on Argyle Street, Camden. A full program list and details are available at [www.camdenfestival.com.au](http://www.camdenfestival.com.au)

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