

# Media Release

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## Public art at Kirkham Skate Park

The ideas of young Camden residents will come to life as two public art works take shape this month as part of Camden Council's Youth Public Art Participation Project valued at \$25,000.

In January this year, professional artists collaborated with 24 local high school students to create designs for public works for the Kirkham Skate Park and the front entrance to Narellan Library.

"The vibrant and innovative designs for these public facilities are based on the concepts of young people who were inspired by the natural environment," said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

"The art works incorporate elements of youth culture, using various symbols and patterns that are fresh, dynamic and engaging," Cr Symkowiak said.

"Both sets of art work are unique to each site and fosters a sense of community ownership and pride," she said.

The Kirkham Skate Park art works have this week been completed by contemporary artist, Charlie Nivison (aka, *Silly Pear*), who used a bright contrasting colour palette to paint the native animal characters, hands and symbols along the vertical surfaces of the park.

This week, Mandy Salter has begun to transform the entrance to the Narellan Library into two murals depicting young people reading and playing. The design incorporates living plants, creating a 3D sensory element and will be completed late May.

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