

## Media Release

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## Watch the upcoming winter solstice in style

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming winter solstice, with Camden Council Libraries' FREE lending telescope collection.

The collection, which Council runs in partnership with Macarthur Astronomical Society, aims to provide residents with the opportunity to learn more about astronomy and science in the local area.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said residents could reserve one of the seven available telescopes, read the conditions of use and access instructional videos online.

"All library members have to do is put their names down on the reservation list and, as telescopes are returned, they will be given out to the next names on that list," Cr Fedeli said.

"Library members can borrow the telescope kits for one month, with renewal of the loan available subject to demand from other borrowers. It's a terrific amount of time to get real hands-on experience!

"And what better time than the winter solstice on Saturday 22 June. It's the day with the shortest period of daylight and longest night of the year, so it's meant for stargazing."

There are a number of other exciting services, workshops and activities coming up at Camden, Narellan and Oran Park Libraries for residents to enjoy. They include:

- Recording Studio hire;
- Book Club Discussion Groups, both during the day and at night;
- 3D Printer Workshops; and
- A monthly Movie Club.

For more information on the lending telescope collection, visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au/telescope-collection

For more information about what's coming up at your local library, visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au

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