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community newsletter



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Camden Festival

It's coming up to that time of the year again! Shed those winter jackets and step into spring with fun for all at the annual Camden Festival. Starting on Father's Day 7 September, this year's Festival covers three jam-packed weekends.

Start your celebrations by taking Dad to one of the organised Fathers Day activities at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Belgenny Farm or Gledswood Homestead.

For family fun visit Argyle Street on Saturday 13 September for the Goulburn to Citi Cycle Classic and Lions Street Fair. This is the first time these two great events have merged. The day looks to be sensational with staged and roaming entertainment, rides, amusements, stalls, food and of course the big race!

Or maybe the youth of Camden want something solely for them. If that's the case, come and join us at SK8-OPIA at Kirkham Skate Park on Sunday 14 September. Skate

demonstrations, stalls, a DJ and more will prove a great day out for our Camden teens.

If it's a night adventure you're after, visit Mount Annan Botanic Garden on Saturday 20 September for Cinema Under the Stars. Bring your popcorn and be prepared for a fun outdoor experience with movies the whole family will enjoy.

For a relaxed family event, check out the Food, Wine and Music Festival on Sunday 21 September. There's a delicious range of food and wine to taste so bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the afternoon listening to the wonderful Family Von Trapp.

But wait.. there's more! Wednesday 17 is Kids Fun Day and Wednesday 10 is our Seniors Lunch. With fun for all ages, Camden Festival is truly created specifically for the Camden community!

Camden Festival runs from 7 – 21 September, so keep those weeks free and stay posted for a full program as we get closer.



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Do You Need Financial Help?

Gifted and Talented Fund:

Council can help offset the expenses of participation in sporting, cultural or academic activity. It is available to young people (23 years and under) who are representing the region, state or country in sporting, academic or cultural activities. A one off contribution is available of 10% of costs up to \$250. Contact Annie Thompson-Kelly on 4645 5021 or annie.thompson-kelly@camden.nsw.gov.au.

Hardships: Council recognises that people sometimes need a helping hand during the tough times and has funds available to help out with the unexpected and unplanned events that can add pressure to our lives. Funds are also available for individuals or groups that are fundraising for causes in the Camden Local Government Area or that positively impact on residents in the area. Contact Annie Thompson-Kelly on 4645 5021 or annie.thompson-kelly@camden.nsw.gov.au.

Community Financial

Assistance Program: Not for Profit community organisations can receive grants up to \$5000 from Camden Council for various types of community projects. Contact Syd Lee on 4645 5020 or syd.lee@camden.nsw.gov.au.

Macarthur Area Assistance

Scheme: Not for Profit community organisations can receive grants from \$2000 to \$110,000 from the Department of Community Services for community development projects. Contact Noelene Rudolph on 4645 5050 or noelene.rudolph@camden.nsw.gov.au.

Camden Council Elections

Local Government elections are held on the second Saturday in September every four years.

The next election for Camden Council will be held on Saturday 13 September 2008. Voting is compulsory for all residents who are on the Electoral Roll.

The Camden Council Local Government Area (LGA) covers an area from Bringelly in the north to Camden South and has a population of approximately 52,000 and growing! The Council area is divided into three Wards – North, Central and South. You will be required to elect three Councillors to represent you in your Ward, making a total of nine Councillors for the Camden LGA. To find out which Ward you are in, ward maps are shown on Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au or alternatively call into one of Council's

Customer Services Offices in Narellan or Camden and inspect a map there.

If you are unable to vote on election day, you are able to vote early by way of a "pre-poll" or "postal" vote. There is no absentee voting at Local Government Elections. You should contact the Returning Officer for further information.

The Returning Officer for the Election will be located in the Undercroft, Camden Civic Centre, Oxley Street, Camden, and will commence full time duties on 21 July 2008.

If you require further information on any aspect of the election, please visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au and follow the prompts to the Electoral Commission web site.

Alternatively, you can contact the NSW Electoral Commission on 9290 5990.

Family Fun Day

Camden Council, in conjunction with Illawarra Childrens Services, Centrelink, Camden Community Connections, Northcott Society and other local community organisations came together to celebrate Family Fun Day on Saturday 17 May, an event which marks the culmination of National Families Week.

This year, Families Week focused on the theme 'Work and Family-getting the balance right'. An exciting program was planned including local entertainment and bands, information stalls, a free BBQ, fun activities



and games, as well as plenty of giveaways. The day was a success with over 800 people attending.

For more information about Families and Children within the Camden Area please contact Syd Lee on 4645 5020 or syd.lee@camden.nsw.gov.au.



Camden Family Day Care

Camden Family Day Care celebrated National Family Day Care Week from 12-17 May 2008 with a series of fun filled play sessions. Carers, parents and children participated in a range of activities including story telling, crafts, dress ups and bike riding.



Family Day Care is a unique service offering quality, accredited home-based care for children from birth to 12 years of age. It is the preferred option for families who prefer their children to access child care in a small

group, family environment where the individual child's development, safety and well being are of paramount importance. For more information about Family Day Care contact the Coordination Unit on 4654 7851.

Mount Annan Leisure Centre



Senior Programs:
Mount Annan Leisure Centre YMCA has developed specialised

classes for older adults seeking an active lifestyle and an opportunity to build strong friendships. The YMCA at Mount Annan offers specially designed fitness classes for people over 50 years of age that are safe, effective and enjoyable. There is a wide range of modified activities offered to suit all abilities. The Centre runs classes in their Health Club and aquatic area, or can even put together a program and teach it at another location. The Seniors Program is a complete package of health, fitness and social options for older adults run by qualified instructors in a safe, friendly environment.

Teen Gym: Mount Annan Leisure Centre launched YMCA Teen Gym late last year, an after school program for teenagers aged between 11 and

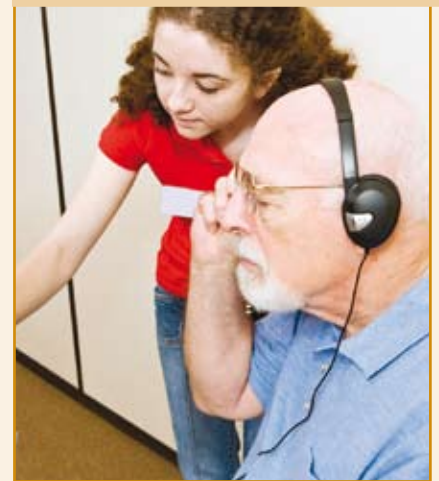
14 years, offering age-appropriate exercise programs for teens, fully supervised by qualified staff.

Teen Gym helps develop positive exercise habits for life, as well as helping young people to grow in confidence and self-esteem. YMCA health and fitness instructors are on the floor interacting and supervising during Teen Gym hours, 3-5pm weekdays, as well as set hours during school holidays.

Mount Annan Leisure Centre is offering Teen Gym membership which includes an initial health consultation and regular re-assessments, for which a parent must attend with the teen. Teen Gym membership also include access to the 25m, hydro, and leisure pools during any hours of operation. Teen Gym is charged at \$15 per fortnight, with no lock in or contracts and teens can cancel their program at any time.

For further details contact 4648 4830 or visit www.ymcasydney.org/mtannan.

Considering Volunteering?



Narellan Congregational Community Services runs Day Activity for the frail aged and provides Neighbour Aid for the frail aged and disabled living in the Camden Local Government Area.

They are currently looking for volunteers who would be willing to assist in any of the following areas:

- Driving the bus (LR licence)
- Assisting in the kitchen
- Helping with Activity Day
- Visiting clients in their homes to provide companionship
- Taking clients shopping or doing some shopping from a list for them
- Driving clients to doctor/specialist appointments
- Handyman tasks

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with, the Congregational Services would love to hear from you. Please contact Jeanette on 4658 1040 for more information.



Benevolent Society



The Benevolent Society has a range of programs for residents in Camden, including a Volunteer Home Visiting Program. Trained and supervised volunteers provide practical and social support to families for 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers mainly help in the family's home but can also offer support with appointments, shopping and getting out into the local community. Families need to have a child under three to participate in this program.

The Society also run Parents Connect, an informal meeting group for families with young children to meet and share experiences. Parents Connect runs on Tuesdays of the school term at Le Jardin Cafe inside Mount Annan Flower Power from 10am-12noon.

There is also a new program to connect families with young children that are new to the Camden area. If you are part of a family that is new to Camden and are interested in connecting with other families, please call and give your ideas about how you would like to meet other families.

For more information regarding any of these programs, please contact Catherine Loyola on 4655 8644, 0406 380 631 or catherinelo@bensoc.org.au.

Protect Your Pet

If your dog or cat go missing, contact Council during business hours and quote the microchip number so Council can record the animal as missing on the NSW Companion Animals Register. It's recommended that you do not put signs on public places eg. telegraph poles, as this is illegal & you may receive an on-the-spot fine of \$330.

To be reunited with your missing animal:

- ensure your animal has a microchip implanted (prior to going missing);
- ensure your contact details are up to date (on the NSW Companion Animals Register);
- ensure your animal wears a collar with a name tag advising of your pets name and your contact number;
- ensure that when you go on holiday the person looking after your pet knows how to contact you and knows what to do if your pet is missing.

The benefit of microchipping animals is it ensures that the owner can be contacted should their animal go missing or escape from their care. In addition to the logical reasons for microchipping animals, it is a legal requirement of the Companion Animal Act 1998.

Council should be notified in writing when:

- the animal changes ownership;
- your telephone number/s change;
- you change address;
- the animal goes missing;
- the animal is found; or
- the animal is deceased.

All changes to contact details are free of charge.

Council's Pound is Renbury Farm Animal Shelter, 406 Bringelly Road, Austral.



Garden Soun'd'Lights

Garden Soun'd'Lights was held at Mount Annan Botanic Garden on Saturday 24 May 2008.

It was the final event of a nine month Arts NSW funded program 'Artists About Town', partnered by Camden Council. The program was designed to encourage involvement and promotion of art forms beyond gallery walls.

The Garden Soun'd'Lights finale was a huge success thanks to sponsors and supporters, with many people



of all ages in attendance. This has been another cultural initiative under the heading of 'Cultivating Creativity in Camden', managed by Camden Council.



Road Safety Around Schools

Tips to improve children's safety around your school:

1. School-aged children should always travel in the back seat of your vehicle. Each child must be firmly buckled into an appropriate seatbelt or child restraint. Never share a seatbelt.
2. Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or 'safety door'.
3. Always drop your children on the school side of the road.
4. Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate. This is particularly important in wet weather.
5. Never call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
6. Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult's hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children between eight and at least ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
7. Talk your child through the 'STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!' routine every time you cross the road together:
 - STOP! One step back from the kerb.
 - LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
 - LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
 - THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
 - Always look and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
8. Always slow to 40 km/h when traveling in an operating school zone.
9. Always obey parking signs around your child's school. These signs help save children's lives.
10. Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.

Michael and the Garbage Truck



For the last few years, Michael eagerly awaits for his Camden Council garbage truck driver, Danny, to arrive on Thursdays. The young autistic boy has built up a relationship with Danny, running along the side the truck each week watching as the bins get emptied.

Camden Council's Waste Management team set up a time where Michael could come to Council's Waste Depot and ride in a Garbage Truck. Michael put the safety vest on and Danny taught him how to pick up the bins and put them back on the sidewalk.

Michael's parents filmed the event, and Michael hasn't stopped watching it since. Thank you to Danny and the team at the Waste Depot for making this young boy very happy.

Offence	Minimum Fine	Minimum loss of demerit points
Park on or near:		
• A pedestrian crossing	\$308	2
• A children's crossing	\$308	2
• Any marked foot crossing	\$308	2
Park illegally in a:		
• NO STANDING zone	\$77	0
• NO STOPPING zone	\$231	2
• NO PARKING zone	\$128	2
• BUS ZONE	\$231	2



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Keep Australia Beautiful NSW - Sustainable Garden Challenge 2008

Now in its second year, the Sustainable Garden Challenge aims to recognise the achievements of individuals, schools, community groups and Councils in creating and maintaining gardens that not only look good but achieve positive and sustained outcomes for the environment. The Sustainable Garden Challenge opens on 9 June 2008 and is free to enter. Entries close 9 July and Submissions close 25 July. The State and Regional Awards are held 1 -5 September and the overall first prize wins \$3,000!

There are four different Award Categories, so check out www.kabnsw.org.au for information, entry and submission forms. If you require any further information, contact Salore Craig, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Program Coordinator on 9633 3380 or sraig@kabnsw.org.au.

National Tree Day



This years National Tree Day will be hosted at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park on Sunday 27 July 2008,

from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

On the day we will be planting 2,500 trees, shrubs and native grasses to assist in the re-vegetation of the banks of the Matahil Creek, within the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided for all volunteers on the day. For further information contact Clinton Halkyard on 4645 5010.

Harrington Park Water Quality Management System (WQMS)

The Harrington Park Water Quality Management System is a series of water bodies, parklands and playing fields which provide water quality and flood mitigation services for Narellan Creek.

Council has completed two major stages of the wetland systems within Harrington Park, which provide a substantial portion of the water quality treatment for Narellan Creek. The wetland systems allow natural movement of water through aquatic vegetation to remove sediment and pollutants which are picked up by stormwater from urban areas.

The first wetland completed (stage 1) is located upstream of the large Harrington Park lake visible from The Northern Road. This system treats low flow volumes through a series of

wetlands prior to release into the large lake. A number of cycle ways surround the wetlands enabling residents to enjoy exploring the bush land and wetland system.

The second wetland system (stage 2) is located along Sir Warwick Fairfax Drive within the Harrington Park Estate. This wetland contains a large volume of aquatic vegetation to provide water quality treatment as well as flood storage during storm events.

The wetland systems will take 2-3 years to establish and become fully functional, however they are already contributing to improved water quality in the Nepean River. Council is currently constructing a Flood Bypass Channel immediately downstream of Camden Valley Way to further manage the risk of flood in the area.



Stage 1 Before Construction



Stage 1 After Construction



Stage 2 Before Construction



Stage 2 After Construction

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Recycle your old CDMA Mobile Phone with MobileMuster!

Following the closure of the Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) network, CDMA customers are no longer able to make phone calls with their mobile phones. Rather than hanging on to a CDMA mobile phone that no longer works, why not recycle it with MobileMuster?

MobileMuster is a great opportunity to recycle not only CDMA handsets but unwanted, broken mobile phones handsets, batteries and accessories too! Over 90% of the materials in mobile phones can be recovered and used to make things like jewellery, fence posts, pallets and stainless steel.



MobileMuster recycling bins can be found at Camden Council's Administration Buildings, 37 John Street, Camden, and 19 Queen Street, Narellan, and Narellan Library, Corner Queen and Elyard Streets, Narellan. So round 'em up and hand 'em in!

Become Involved in Camden BushCare



Residents are invited to join other volunteers operating at BushCare sites across the Camden Local Government Area. Council provides volunteers with technical advice, materials and tools, on-site supervision and training.

You can join BushCare groups operating at:

- Bicentennial Equestrian Park North every Thursday morning.
- Kings Bush Reserve (along the bike track) every Tuesday morning and the first Sunday morning of the month.
- Sickles Creek, Grasmere on the last Sunday (morning) of the month.

A new group is also being formed to operate along the Nepean River alternating between Camden Town Farm and Camden Airport. For more information, or if you are interested in starting a new BushCare group please contact Rob Corby on 4645 5048, or if you need information on the Camden Airport site contact Roy Morizzi on 8709 9435.

Greening Camden



Mayor of Camden, Cr Chris Patterson said one of the ways Camden Council is helping to reduce the impacts from its activities is through its regular tree planting initiatives.

"In 2006/07 Council and the Camden community planted a total of 5 400 trees throughout its parks, reserves and streetscapes," Cr Patterson said. "These trees are helping to absorb more than 900 tonnes of greenhouse gases annually".

The trees you see along your street and open space reserves also provide many other benefits. They help to regulate local microclimate conditions by providing shade in the hot summer months and reducing the effects of strong winds. Plants help to keep our minds and bodies healthy by removing pollutants from the air and generating a sense of peace and serenity. Well maintained landscapes can not only save you money by reducing the heating and cooling needs for your house, they can also make you money by adding substantial value to your property.

Camden residents will have the opportunity to help offset their greenhouse gas emissions by taking part in the tree planting activities on National Tree Day in July at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park.



Nepean River Reserves Restoration Project

During August 2006, Camden Council received a \$140,000 grant under the Local Government River Health Partnership Project. The Project involved restoration works at three sites along the Nepean River including Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park North (Ferguson's Land), Camden Town Farm and Kings Bush Reserve.

The Project has recently been completed with the following outcomes achieved:

- 3 hectares (ha) of River-flat Eucalypt Forest enhanced or rehabilitated.
- 10 ha of weed management including the removal of Honey Locust, African Olive and Privet.
- 9,000 native riparian trees and shrubs planted.
- 430 volunteers planting 1000 trees and shrubs at Kings Bush Reserve; 120 volunteers at National Tree Day 2007 at Camden Town Farm planting 200 trees and shrubs; 70 volunteers at World Environment Day at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park planting 1100 trees; and 10 BushCare volunteers operating weekly at Kings Bush Reserve and Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park North (Ferguson's land).
- Five Eco-Safari Bus Tours during February/March 2007, five training sessions (including a BushCare Day in September 2006), production of a Conservation Management Plan for each site and two fact sheets available on Council's website.

For more information contact Rob Corby on 4645 5048.

Beware! It's swooping Magpie season!



For the better part of the year, the Magpie is much appreciated for its social behaviour, its carolling song and appetite for insects. However, from August to October Magpies will tend to swoop down on any perceived 'intruders' that may harm their chicks – doing what comes naturally as a protective parent.

It is largely a bluff where they tend to fly low and fast overhead clacking their bills as they dive pass. Only occasionally will a Magpie actually strike the intruder or what they perceive as a threat. There have, however, been incidents where victims have been struck, resulting in injury.

For these eight weeks or so when magpies are likely to swoop, you can take the following precautions:

- Avoid the swooping area by taking an alternative route.

- If you find yourself within the territory of nesting magpies walk out of the area immediately, don't run.
- If there is no alternative walking route, discourage swooping magpies by wearing a large, wide brim hat and sunglasses or carry an open umbrella.
- Large 'eyes' placed on the backs of hats and umbrellas has also discouraged magpies from swooping.
- Maintaining eye contact with the would-be swooping magpie may also deter it.
- Bike riders should consider attaching a flag to their bike and placing large 'eyes' on their helmet. Walking your bike rather than cycling through a swooping area may also discourage an attack.
- Avoid provoking Magpies as this may make them more aggressive.

Magpies are protected throughout NSW, and it is against the law to kill the birds, collect their eggs, or harm their young. 'Magpies Swooping' brochures are available from Customer Service and Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au.

Burning is Prohibited

Residents are advised that burning is prohibited in the Camden Local Government Area. Exceptions apply for bona fide hazard reduction works where a Hazard Reduction Certificate has been issued by the Rural Fire Service (RFS).

The burning of vegetation without a Hazard Reduction Certificate is prohibited. If you wish to remove trees and vegetation, ensure you

seek approval from Council. On the spot fines or legal action will be taken for illegal burning.

Some agricultural operations and cooking fires are permitted. For information about a Hazard Reduction Certificate contact the RFS on 9603 7077. For general enquiries please contact Camden Council, Environmental Health Branch on 4654 7777.



Local Government Week

Local Government Week is coming up from 28 July to 3 August 2008 and is a great opportunity for students to get involved with their Council and learn about politics and government. This year, Council is running its annual Year Six Junior Election and it's High School 'Macarthur Speakers Cup'.

This year's theme is 'Over the fence: Cultivating your own backyard'. Year six students compete with a speech titled 'Why I would make a good Mayor and what I would do for the Camden community'. High school students speak about the theme and are then required to give an impromptu speech. Both competitions will be held at Camden Civic Centre on Tuesday 29 July. The primary competition is at 10am, with the Macarthur Speakers Cup starting at 6.30pm. Contact 4645 5115 for more information.

Get There Bus It Project

After intensive community consultation and discussions with the Department of Community Services, it was decided the focus of the 'Get There Bus It' project will be on young people between the age of 18-25 years, for bus travel between the hours of 10pm - 2am on a Friday night.

Council officers have completed consultations with local bus companies for the provision of this service and will be contacting relevant local stakeholders for consultation in the very near future. For more information please contact Jodie Dench on 4645 5021.



Elizabeth Park and Birrawa Reserve Sporting Facilities



Council has upgraded the facilities at Elizabeth Park with the recent completion of a new amenities building, which include toilets, kiosk and storage rooms for various local sporting groups. The building adds to the park's current facilities

that include a playground, training lighting, two irrigated sports fields and one cricket field.

A new amenities building and multipurpose community room is currently under construction at Birriwa Reserve. The facility includes toilets, change rooms, kiosk, clubroom/multipurpose community room and a viewing area overlooking the playing field. The works are scheduled for completion by August 2008 and will enable Birriwa Reserve to operate as a district level sporting facility for the community.

Local Government Cultural Awards 2008 Winner Inaugural Accessible Arts Award - Camden Creative Studios

This year, Accessible Arts NSW partnered with the Local Government and Shires Association (LGSA) to establish the very first Accessible Arts Cultural Award in the LGSA Cultural Awards Program. Rather than create a separate category for accessible projects, all applicants were asked to describe how their project was accessible to people with a disability.

Camden Creative Studios (CCS) was a finalist in several categories, but it was the overall Accessible Arts category in which the studios excelled, resulting in winning the inaugural Accessible Arts Award. Several judges pointed out that CCS stood out significantly from the rest.

Being recipients of this prestigious award will give even greater opportunity for Council to secure further funding and establish more strategic partnerships in order to work towards sustainability in our rapidly expanding community.





what's happening

Civic Centre

July 3 - Memorable Horizons – Wollongong Symphony Orchestra
See pg 11 for details.

July 4 - The New Dorothy The Dinosaur Show
See pg 11 for details.

July 16 - Justine Clarke, Songs To Make You Smile.
See this page for details.

July 24 - Watoto Childrens Choir
Orphans from Uganda singing a soulful blend of African rhythm, contemporary gospel and ethnic dance. Time: 7.30pm Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 concession, or \$25 a family. Phone: 4655 9303 or 0412 400 394.

July 25-27 - Macarthur Art Group Annual Exhibition
Time: Friday opening night 7.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 9.30am - 5pm.
Entry: Gold coin donation for charity.

August 1-3 - 22nd Annual Camden Antique Fair presented by Quota International of Camden Inc
Time: Friday 6.30 – 9pm, Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 4.30pm.
Verbal valuations: Saturday and Sunday 10am-2pm, limit of two items.
Admission: fees apply.

August 23 - Thankyou Camden - Gift Concert By Pianist Lachlan Glen
Time: Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Entry: Free, however donations are appreciated.

August 29 - International Horizons - Wollongong Symphony Orchestra
Time: 7.30pm Tickets: Adult \$40
Adult concession \$30 Student \$20
Family \$100.

For further information regarding the above events please visit the Civic Centre's website www.camdenciviccentre.com.au or phone 4655 8681.

Naidoc Week In The Macarthur Region

NAIDOC celebrations will be held around Australia from 6-13 July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. See www.naidoc.org.au.

The week will be celebrated not just in the Indigenous community, but also by an increasing number of Government agencies, schools, local Councils and workplaces.

Camden Council will acknowledge and celebrate NAIDOC Week 2008 with a

flag raising ceremony at 10.30am on Monday 7 July outside Camden Council Chambers in John Street, Camden. The ceremony will be followed by morning tea at Camden Library. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Noelene Rudolph on 4645 5050 to register your attendance.

There will also be Aboriginal painting and performances in the Youth Space at Narellan Library during NAIDOC week. Contact Jodie Dench on 4645 5092 for more information.

Mount Annan Leisure Centre - Pool Hall Closure

The pools at Mount Annan Leisure Centre currently require essential maintenance in order to address potential safety issues and ensure the longevity of the Centre. In order to complete these works, the pools need to be emptied. This means the pool hall will be closed to the public from Saturday 5 July to Monday 8 September 2008.

During this period, all other areas of Mount Annan Leisure Centre will

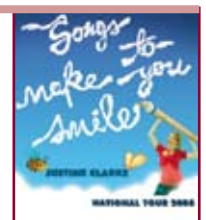
remain open and fully operational.

Camden Council and the YMCA apologise for any inconvenience the works may cause, however the work will provide a better and safer facility for the community. For information about membership and multi visit pass arrangements during this period or any other information please contact the helpful staff at the YMCA on 4648 4830.

Justine Clarke - Songs To Make You Smile

This acclaimed Australian actor, singer and star of ABC TV's Play School will play at Camden Civic Centre on Wednesday 16 July at 10.30am as part of her 'Songs to make you smile' national tour (CD in stores Thursday 3 July).

Tickets cost \$15.90 plus booking fee. Babies 12 months and under are free. Contact 03 9528 8644 or visit www.quicktix.com.au.





The WIN Wollongong Symphony Orchestra



The first concert of the WIN Wollongong Symphony Orchestra for 2008 was the beginning of a new era of classical music in Camden. The audience loved the music, repertoire and conductor, and appreciated the quality of the performance. What a treat it is for Camden to be able to listen to such fine music in its own community centre.

The next concert "Memorable Horizons" is at Camden Civic Centre on Thursday 3 July at 7.30pm. This will be an opportunity to

celebrate some of our gifted young musicians before they head off to Britain to further their studies. Nicola Crowe will play the beautiful Chaminade Concertina for Flute and Byron Westbury will demonstrate the versatility of the trumpet in Arutjunjan's Trumpet Concerto. The WIN Wollongong Symphony Orchestra, together with local pianist Evan Streater, have been invited to play the world premier of Ann Carr-Boyd's second Piano Concerto.

Ticket prices are \$40 for adults, \$30 adult concession, \$20 students or \$100 for the family. Contact 4655 8681 for more information. For subscriptions for the next three concerts and information contact Wollongong Symphony Orchestra Manager on 0413 356 213.

History Week: 6-14 September 2008

The theme for History week 2008 is 'The Water's Edge' and Camden will be celebrating the role of the Nepean River in the location and life of our town and area.

Camden Council Library Service and Camden Historical Society are asking the community to donate or loan any photographs relating to the river to be copied for their online image database HistoryPix, accessible through the Library website. Photos may relate to the Indigenous, recreational, agricultural or industrial uses of the river as well as images of floods, bridges and boats.

Children of the area will be able to make and decorate model boats

and show them to the community on stage as part of the Camden Festival celebrations. A number of groups who dress up in period costume and re-enact historical events will be hosting stalls and performing as part of a Living History Fair.

Copies of the entires from the Narellan History Prize will be held in the Library collection and a display of extracts and images will be on show at Narellan Library.

Alan Atkinson's book 'Camden' is being reissued and Atkinson will be here to launch his book, sign copies and present a talk in History Week. Contact 4654 7951 or 4645 5039 for more information.

What's Happening at the Youth Cafe

Camden Youth Cafe is continuing to grow and expand, averaging 282 young people a month, that's between 18 and 22 young people each afternoon. In the next three months the Youth Café has a range of fun, exciting and engaging activities for young people to participate in. For more information check out www.myspace.com/camdenyouthcafe.

Dorothy the Dinosaur



Announcing the new Dorothy the Dinosaur Show! The smash hit television show seen in over 21 countries around the world is coming

to the theatre stage at Camden Civic Centre on Friday 4 July at 10am. Children worldwide have been engaged, enchanted and entertained by Dorothy the Dinosaur, Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus, Captain Feathersword, Fairy Clare and Fairy Larissa's adventures and songs.

Children will enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones as they sing, dance, watch, listen and learn. If you think you've seen Dorothy the Dinosaur, then think again! To quote the star of the show, "The dancing is delightful and the music is really rosalicious. I know children around Australia will have so much fun when they come to my brand new show!" Tickets are \$16, babies under 12 months free. For more information or to book your ticket contact 4655 8681.



calendar of events

your library



July

7th -13th, Kid's Holiday Club

St John's Church Hall. 9.30am-12pm.
Ph. 4655 1675.

11th & 25th, Christmas in July

Belgenny Farm. Ph. 4655 9651.

6th - 13th, NAIDOC Week

Ph. 4654 7777.

Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - Propagation Techniques Workshop

1 Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan.
Ph. 4647 6594.

19th & 26th, Christmas In Winter

Gledswood Homestead. Ph. 9606 5111.

28th July - 3rd August, Local Government Week

Ph. 4645 5029.



August

2nd - 3rd, Camden Antique Fair

Camden Civic Centre. Ph. 4655 8681.

Camden Country Quilter Guild Exhibition - A Quilter's Travels

AH&I Hall. 9.30am-4.30pm. Ph. 0411 202 006.

9th, Carrington Fair

Carrington Village. 10am-3.30pm.
Ph. 4659 0590.

20th, Camden Community Safety Forum

Camden Senior Citizen Hall, John St,
Camden. 7.30-9pm. Ph. 4655 0599.

23rd, Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - Sustainable Gardening Workshop

1 Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan.
Ph. 4647 6594.



September

6th - 14th, History Week

Camden & Narellan Library. Ph. 4654 7951
or 4645 5039.

7th - 21st, Camden Festival

Ph. 4645 5029. www.camdenfestival.com.au.

6th - Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - Simple Seedsaving

1 Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan.
Ph. 4647 6594.

7th, M5 Motorway Fathers Day in the Garden

Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Ph. 4634 7935.

Fathers Day Luncheon

Gledswood Homestead. 12noon. Ph. 9605 5111.
Belgenny Farm. 10am-3pm. Ph. 4655 9651.

13th, Goulburn to Citi Cycle Classic and Lions Club Street Fair

Ph. 4645 5029.

14th, SK8-OPIA

Kirkham Skate Park, Camden Valley Way,
Elderslie. Ph. 4645 5029.

17th, Camden Kids Fun Day

Curry Reserve, Elderslie. 10am-2pm. Free Day
of activities. Ph. 0412 391 204.

20th, Cinema Under The Stars

Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Free Entry.
6-11pm. Ph. 4645 5029.

Mater Dei Foundation Annual Fundraising Dinner

Campbelltown RSL Club. Ph. 4655 7481.

20th - 21st, Camden Park House Open Weekend

Saturday 12-4pm & Sunday. 10am-4pm.
Ph. 4655 8466.

20th - 28th, Bike Week

Ph. 4654 7777.

21st, Food, Wine and Music Festival

10.30am-3.30pm. Ph. 4645 5029.

DRIFT Australia at Oran Park

Oran Park Raceway. Ph. 4646 1004.

27th, 2008 Local Government Elections

8am-6pm. Ph. 4645 5125.

28th, Macarthur Spring Wedding Expo

Sweeny's Function Centre, Campbelltown
Road, Ingleburn. Ph. 9618 7125

Inconcert @ Camden Library

Each month Camden Library hosts a musical performance on Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 11.30am. Upcoming performers are:

- 26 July – Camden Community Band (HSC music students)
- 30 August – Campbelltown City Orchestra String Ensemble
- 27 September – Camden High School Band

No bookings are required so come along and listen to these free concerts.

Visiting Writers Program

On Friday 12 September Camden Library will present acclaimed Chinese writer, Xinran Xue, to talk about her new groundbreaking book 'China Witness', as part of the Library's Visiting Writers Program. Unveil the secret history of 20th century China.

History Week

See page 11 for details.

Youth Activities

During the July school holidays Camden and Narellan Libraries will be presenting a series of workshops with a comedy theme – from juggling to stand-up! On Wednesday 23 July at 4pm, Narellan Library, in partnership with TAFE Outreach will be holding an information session for 15-19 year olds interested in learning job seeking skills.

Knit for Wrap with Love with Click Clack and Yak

Come along to the weekly knitting groups at Camden (Fridays 10am – 1pm) and Narellan (Thursdays 10am – 1pm) to knit or crochet squares, or help sew squares into wraps. Wrap with Love sends out about 22,000 items per year to people in need around Australia and the world.

For more information view our website www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au or visit or call us at Camden Library on 4654 7951 or Narellan Library on 4645 5039.



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