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community newsletter



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## Camden Oran Park Anzac Run

*On Sunday 4 May 2008 at 9am, the Bicentennial Equestrian Park will play host to the first annual event of Camden Oran Park ANZAC Run. The proud partners of this event are Macarthur Lions Club, Camden RSL sub branch and Camden Council. Oran Park Raceway is the major sponsor and we are pleased to have them on board for this event, which will provide the greater Camden community a day of fun, fitness and activities for all.*



The Camden Oran Park ANZAC Run will provide a 5km walk or run, or a 10km run for the more serious athletes. The run will take place in the beautiful surrounds of the Bicentennial Equestrian Park with views across the Camden Township. This can be a true cross country course for the serious or a wonderful walk for the family. The Camden Oran Park ANZAC Run is very proudly operated in conjunction with the annual ANZAC walk which is held in many places across Australia.

We are pleased to have the Sydney South West Area Health Service on board, promoting the Live Life Well program. We hope all members of the community can participate in Living Life Well by taking part in the Camden Oran Park ANZAC Run.

This event would not happen without the support of organisations such as the Cornish Group, YMCA, Camden Hire, Camden Advertiser, Brooks, Narellan Physiotherapy,

Vicki Patterson Chiropractic, Southern Soft Drinks and Marsden's Law Firms.

Entry fees for the Run are \$5 for under 15 years of age, \$10 for 15 to 18 years, \$20 for 19 years and above and \$50 for a Family of 4 participants. Registration forms will be made available at Camden Council offices at Camden and Narellan, Mount Annan Leisure Centre and at Camden Advertiser leading up to the event. Shirts will also be available after the event at cost price of \$15. Details will be on the entry form. All proceeds from the Camden Oran Park ANZAC Run will go to LIFELINE Macarthur.

There is prize money for overall male and female 1st, 2nd & 3rd place getters, along with medallions and Brooks Merchandise. There will also be ten very generous Barrel draw prizes from our sponsors after the event.

Camden Council wants to see the Camden community embrace this annual event. We hope to see many faces down at the Bicentennial Equestrian Park, Cawdor Road, Camden, on Sunday 4 May. Parking off Cawdor Road will be made available.

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## Skate Park Shade

The Kirkham Skate Park at Elderslie is now much cooler after Council installed two shade shelters for skaters and spectators. The project was assisted by financial and in-kind contributions from the State Government and Narellan Rotary. A launch for the new Shade Shelters is planned for April to coincide with Youth Week 2008.

For more information, please contact Council's Community Planning and Development section on 46455020.

## Need \$ Help?

*Hard times can hit even the luckiest and best organised lives. Illness, disability or unemployment are just a few of the hardships that can impact on family and individual lives.*

Council recognises that people sometimes need a hand up 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 of the area. For more information contact Annie Thompson-Kelly on 4645 5021 or [annie.thompson-kelly@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:annie.thompson-kelly@camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Camden Art Prize

*The Camden Art Prize will celebrate its 34th birthday this year. Since the prestigious local competition first began in 1974 it has grown in size, interest and acclaim. With prize money totaling over \$13 000, the annual Exhibition and Sale of works is now a major event on the cultural calendar and attracts both local and national artists.*

The official opening of the 34th Camden Art Prize will be held on Friday 2 May at Camden Civic Centre, corner of Oxley and Mitchell Streets, Camden. There is free entry from 7.30pm, with the proceedings starting at 8pm.

Prize-winning entries are acquired each year by the Art Committee Inc to become part of the impressive and ever expanding Camden Community Art Collection. Works from this significant collection are currently on show in Council's buildings.

Entry for works to be exhibited in the 2008 competition will take place on Saturday 26 April. Entry forms are available from Camden Civic Centre, Camden Council, the Exhibition Secretary or can be downloaded from [www.camdenciviccentre.com.au](http://www.camdenciviccentre.com.au).

All artists are encouraged to consider entering the Art Prize. The exhibition is open 2 to 9 May 2008. For more information contact Camden Civic Centre on 4655 8681.



*Works from 2007 Art Prize*



## “Its NOT Cool to be CRUEL!!” Anti-Bullying Initiative

*Nathan Cassar, a local young person from Elderslie High School, developed an anti-bullying package, titled It's Not Cool To Be Cruel, for the Minister's Young Designer Awards, an annual competition held by the Department of Education and Training.*



*Nathan Cassar*

Nathan performed exceptionally well at the competition, receiving one of the three highest awards offered. With support from Camden Council, the Lions Club of Camden and Camden Public School, Nathan is now implementing his package in local schools. The Lions Club is providing financial support for a range of 'It's Not Cool To Be Cruel' promotional material for the pilot program.

Camden Public School has already begun implementing Nathan's program. Camden Council is hoping the project will spread to other schools in the Local Government Area, and is sourcing funding to make this happen. If anyone is interested in assisting financially with Nathan's exceptional and valuable project, please contact Council's Community Planning and Development section on 4645 5021.

## Do you need five star childcare?

*Camden Family Day Care Scheme has limited vacancies in the Camden Local Government Area.*

Family Day Care is a unique, home-based childcare service providing quality care for children in the homes of family day care carers, supported by a local specialist coordination and resource team.

Proudly sponsored by Camden Council, Family Day Care provides learning and development opportunities in a safe, secure and stimulating environment for babies and children up to 14 years of age.

As part of the national childcare



framework, family day care abides by State Licensing, National Standards and the National Childcare Accreditation System to assure that the quality of care is of the highest standard.

For further information phone Camden Family Day Care on 4654 7851 or visit [www.familydaycareaustralia.com.au](http://www.familydaycareaustralia.com.au).

## Do you have a special talent?

Being young and having a passion to participate in your loved sporting, cultural or academic activity is a wonderful part of many young peoples experience. Achieving these goals often involves expenses at a time where the young person or family has limited resources to cover the costs.

Council recognises this challenge and has a gifted and talented fund to help offset the expenses of participation. 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.

For more information please contact Annie Thompson-Kelly on 4645 5021 or [annie.thompson-kelly@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:annie.thompson-kelly@camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Short Courses

PROfarm is the accredited short course program developed by NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) to meet the needs of farmers, primary industries, agribusiness and the community.

There are many courses available and if your organisation has more than eight people, courses can be run at any time that suits. Costs include lunch, refreshments, certificates, manuals and/or handouts. For enrolment and/or information call 4640 6333, email [maryke.hession@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:maryke.hession@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.profarm.com.au](http://www.profarm.com.au).



## Pet Owner's Responsibilities

*The Companion Animals Act was introduced in 1998 to make clear the responsibilities of cat & dog owners.*

### Responsible Dog Ownership

- When a dog is in public place; i.e. Public streets, roads, footpaths, pathways, parks, reserves, etc. it must be under the effective control of a competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash.
- The owner of a dog that defecates in a public place must immediately remove the dog's faeces and properly dispose of them.
- Boredom will result in your dog to bark, dig and chew. Council recommends that you ensure your dog is socialised and exercised appropriately.
- Any change that occurs in the registration information or identification information for the animal (e.g. change address or mobile phone numbers), must be notified to your local council within 14 days. Should your pet go missing, it is vital your contact information is up to date.

### Responsible Cat Ownership

It is the law that kittens and cats are MICROCHIPPED & REGISTERED with your local Council. It is the law that all kittens and cats must be micro chipped before they are sold or given away.

A microchip is the size of a grain of rice and is inserted under the skin between the cat's shoulders. Have a microchip implanted by an authorised microchip implanter or your local Veterinarian.

The form that you fill in with your contact details are put into a state-wide data base, called the NSW Companion Animals Register, against your cat's microchip number.

If your contact details change, for example if you move house or update your mobile telephone, you may telephone Council, quote your cats microchip number, and have your address and/ or contact details updated free of charge! It is vital that this information is kept up to date so that if your cat strays, it may be returned to you.

When your cat is 6 months old, or earlier, it must be desexed and registered with Council. Desexing prices vary and you should contact your local Veterinarian, Pound, or Animal Welfare organisations to obtain details of desexing. Registration is only \$40.00 for a desexed

cat to register the cat for the rest of its life, or \$15 if you are a Pensioner.

Desexing your cat at an early age will reduce unwanted litters and will improve the stray and feral cat population. Desexing a male cat will reduce him marking his territory with his urine and will also reduce fighting.

Keeping your cat inside at night will protect our native animals as well as your cat from catfights and accidents with cars.

Responsible cat ownership:

- Microchip by 12 weeks of age (or earlier)
- Register with Council by 6 months old (or earlier)
- Desex by 6 months old
- Confine inside at night
- Regular check ups by a Veterinarian
- Adequate food and fresh water daily
- A warm, dry place to sleep
- Attention & love
- Cat toys and/or scratching pole



Offence under the Companion Animals Act 1998	Penalty Infringement Notice amount	Maximum Penalty
Animal not registered	\$165.00	\$880.00
Dog not under effective control	\$220.00	\$1100.00
Owner fail to take reasonable precautions to prevent dog escaping	\$220.00	\$880.00
Fail to remove dog faeces	\$165.00	\$880.00
Own dog that rushes at/attacks/bites/ harasses/chases person or animal	\$550.00	\$5500.00



## YMCA Aquatic Education

*Aquatic Education at the Mount Annan Leisure Centre follows our nation wide AquaSafe program. Each year more than 170,000 children and adults take part in aquatic education programs at the Y in NSW, making the YMCA the largest aquatic education provider in the state.*

Mount Annan Leisure Centre YMCA provides lessons for the whole community from 6 months to 100 years! Lessons are held in the mornings and after school Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings. Our progressive learning structure continues all the way up to a 3 tier squad program.

Enrolments for Term 2 start 8 April 08. For more information call 4648 4830 or visit [www.ymcasydney.org.au/mtannan](http://www.ymcasydney.org.au/mtannan).

## Camden Beach Bus

*The Camden Wollongong Beach Bus Project has just finished another successful season, with young people enjoying free travel to the Wollongong beaches during the Summer Holiday period.*

This service has become part of Young People's social calendars and will continue to run over the 2008/09 holiday period. For further information please contact Nicole Williams, Community Project Officer on 4645 5009 or [nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Call for Community Representatives

*Did you know that Council allocates \$30,000 each year through the Disability Action Plan (DAP) to improve access to community facilities and services across the Local Government Area?*

Council is currently in the process of developing the next Disability Action Plan which will cover the period 2008-2012. The Disability Action Plan will be developed over the next six months and will outline a set of strategies for Camden Council to improve access to the provision of goods, services and

facilities for people with disabilities.

If you are interested in working with Council to improve access issues in your area or to have input into the development of the DAP you can become a member of Council's Access Community Advisory Group.

For further information or to get involved contact Tina Britton on 4645 5050 or [tina.britton@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tina.britton@camden.nsw.gov.au), or check Council's website [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) for more information on Council's Disability Action Plan.

## A Residents Story...

*Nancy Cottle is currently a resident of Durham Green Retirement Village, Menangle, but lived in the Camden area for more than 40 years.*



*Nancy Cottle*

Nancy, a retired Principal has taught in the bush all over Australia, England and New Zealand. Settling in Camden, Nancy became a member of Quota International of Camden, the Ladies Probus Club and the Art Prize Committee.

While she enjoys the Village life at Durham Green Retirement Village, she is also a volunteer for the Camden Tourist Information Centre. Nancy says the Information Centre is great for residents and tourists wanting to find out about the local area.

Nancy has travelled extensively and still sees Camden as home. Nancy said Camden has maintained a great country town atmosphere and cares for its community.



# our community



## Road Safety Program For Young Drivers

*It is now the law that learner drivers need 120 hours of on-road driving practice to sit for their red P-plates. This will mean that our young drivers are more experienced once they are driving solo, but building up the time will be more difficult for learners without access to a supervising driver.*

The Log Book Run event will be held on Sunday 15 June 2008 from 9.15am (registration) until 1.30pm

(approximately). Morning tea and lunch will be provided. The drive will begin in Narellan and will include driving through the Macarthur Region Local Government Areas. Freeway, country and suburban roads are included, covering approximately 90km.

Any driver who holds an unrestricted licence can be a supervising driver and help learner drivers receive quality on-road driving experience before they hit the road as P-platers. If you are interested in being involved, as a learner or a volunteer driver,



please contact your local Road Safety Officer on 4645 5046.

## Mount Annan Youth Forum

*Landcom supported the very successful Mount Annan Youth Forum, held in November 2007. Thankyou to all the attendees who worked diligently throughout the evening coming up with meaningful information and suggestions regarding services and the needs of young people in the Mount Annan area.*

This information has been carefully collated into a report that will be used by Landcom, Council and other community organisations to guide planning for young people in the Mount Annan area and future Landcom developments.

For further information please contact Nicole Williams, Community Project Officer on 4645 5009 or [nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE)

*Are you a not for profit community group within Campbelltown, Camden or Wollondilly?*

Clubs in the Macarthur area are lending their support to a wide range of community projects, ranging from welfare to employment services. This boost comes through a club industry program called the Community

Development Support Expenditure (CDSE).

The scheme is coordinated with the assistance of Camden and Wollondilly Councils, Macarthur Community Forum and local community groups who give advice on areas of need.

The Camden Local Committee will be administering the CDSE funding round

in the Camden area from late March – May 2008.

For more information, please contact Council's Community Planning and Development section on 4645 5021 or visit the Council's website [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) or Clubs NSW website [www.clubsnsw.com.au](http://www.clubsnsw.com.au).

# our environment

## Art-in-vironment

*The youth of Camden have created an aerosol work of art illustrating environmental issues within the Camden Local Government area.*

Camden Youth Café, run by Camden Council, was successful in receiving a grant for \$2708 from WSN Environmental Solutions for their project Art-in-vironment. Art-in-vironment is an environmental initiative that aims to raise awareness about sustainability and environmental issues for young people in the Camden community. A professional aerosol artist Rod Fernandez, and environmental educators assisted in helping 56 young people identify environmental issues and create a pictorial story about how they see their local environment.

The final week of Art-in-vironment unveiled the finished artwork which is permanently displayed in the Youth Café. This artwork showcases issues about the local environment through the eyes of young people.

The Youth Café is open Wednesdays to Fridays from 3.30 to 6.30pm and is located in the Youth Space upstairs



at Narellan Library, Corner of Queen and Elyard St, Narellan. Camden Area Youth Services also run activities in the Youth Space on Mondays and Tuesdays. Check out [www.myspace.com/camdenyouthcafe](http://www.myspace.com/camdenyouthcafe) for a full list of activities. For more information or to book an activity call 4645 5071 or 4645 5026.

## 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). For more information please phone the RFS Macarthur Zone Office on 9603 7077.*

Some agricultural operations & cooking fires are permitted. For information in this regard contact Camden Council Environmental Health Branch on 4654 7777. On the spot fines may be issued or legal action taken for illegal burning.

Residents are reminded that Council approval is required to remove trees and vegetation.



## Camden Council Logo

*The Camden Council logo is a visual expression of the Camden Council area. The Platypus image is a unique and modern symbol representing the serious efforts made by Camden Council towards meeting our goals of becoming an environmentally, culturally, socially & economically sustainable community.*

The Platypus has been chosen to represent Sustainable Camden because, although once common in the area, the effect of human activities have impacted on the Nepean River and seen the decline (disappearance) of the Platypus.

One of the goals set out in the Camden 2025 vision is to improve the quality of the Nepean River so that the Platypus can return to its natural habitat. The plight of the Platypus reflects the impacts that economic, social and cultural changes have had on our community and, in particular, the impacts on our water quality. As a sustainability indicator, the Platypus represents the ongoing commitment Camden Council has to the sustainable future of the Camden Local Government Area.

For further information about Camden Council's sustainability efforts contact the Environment Education Officer, Denise on 4645 5007.



# our environment

## Water Harvesting Projects – Improved Playing Fields

*Council has now successfully completed water harvesting projects at Liquidamber Reserve, Wandarrah Reserve, Birriwa Reserve and Elizabeth Park. The water harvesting systems filter and treat collected storm water for irrigation of the playing fields at these parks.*

The implementation of water harvesting will mean that the irrigation systems will no longer have to solely use potable water and the fields can be watered more frequently, particularly in times of water restrictions. This will lead to significant improvements in the condition of playing surfaces. The savings in water usage for each playing field is estimated at 10 megalitres per year which also has financial benefits for Council.

Two additional water harvesting projects are currently underway at Fairfax Reserve and Harrington Reserve in Harrington Park. Both of these sites will draw water from the adjacent lakes which will again be filtered and treated before reuse for irrigation.

Council has been successful in obtaining Community Water Saving Grants for each of these two projects and Harrington Reserve will be co-funded by Council's Storm water Levy. These projects alone will achieve savings of at least 40 megalitres per year when completed.

## Council flicks the switch for Earth Hour!



*On Saturday 29 March 2008, Camden Council joined the global community in turning off all unnecessary lights, office equipment and appliances for one hour, Earth Hour, creating a powerful global message that it is possible to take action on climate change.*

Climate change is the most significant threat to life on Earth. Our continued reliance on electricity stations is causing a dramatic increase in the Earth's temperature, resulting in rising sea levels, a decrease in the polar ice caps, an increase in drought and severe storms, and massive changes to the environment we all rely on to survive.

An easy way to slow the current rate of global warming is to make small, permanent adjustments to the way they live. For example, if all Australian households regularly turned off unused lights and appliances on standby at the power point, Australia's emissions would be reduced by at least 5 million tonnes per annum – the equivalent to taking 1.5 million cars off the road for a year!

Earth Hour is about more than just one hour. It's about inspiring and enabling individuals to take action on a mass scale to help change our planet for the better. No longer can we use the excuse 'But what can I do? I am just one person.'

Camden Council staff from the administration offices, depots and facilities demonstrated their support for Earth Hour by the following:

- Computers and monitors were switched off rather than leaving them on standby.
- Photocopiers, printers, scanners, laminators and shredders were all turned off.
- All non-essential lighting was switched off.
- Promotion of Earth Hour through various means to all Council Staff.
- Information session held with Council Staff.

Earth hour doesn't have to stop there. Make these minor adjustments in your home and help save our planet! Contact 4645 5007 for more information.

## Council goes Green

Camden Council is taking hold of the sustainability wheel and driving hard to create a sustainable environment for people in the Camden Local Government Area. Council's message is to go green and they are doing just that! Council is now printing this very publication on special Emaster paper. The pulp used in this paper has come from well maintained environmentally sustainable mills. Check out the back of this publication for the accreditation and sustainable forest reference number. Using this number you can trace this paper back to the exact environmentally sustainable location it came from! Council urges the whole community to follow it's lead and go green! Let's work towards a sustainable future for the residents of Camden.



## Camden Council Business Accessibility Award

*Camden Council has been working with Precedent Productions, a company that runs the Camden/Wollondilly Local Business Awards, to develop a separate award category to recognise local accessible businesses.*

The category is designed to recognise businesses with good overall access for people with disabilities, mobility limitations and/or parents with prams. Nominated businesses should demonstrate good physical access, clear signage, customer service and

employment practices.

If you are aware of a local business that has good access or has recently undertaken changes to improve access for its customers then fill out one of the coupons that can be found in many local shops and businesses or go to [www.thebusinessawards.com](http://www.thebusinessawards.com) and vote online.

For further information please call Tina Britton on 4645 5050, visit Council's Customer Service Centres, John St, Camden and Queen St, Narellan or visit [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Army volunteers for weekend battle

*It has been said The Salvation Army offers caring support for every problem "from the cradle to the grave." It is true that the services provided by this enduring organisation are as wide-ranging and diverse as the areas of need in the community, and almost everywhere you look in Australia you will find the Army doing its thing.*

Maintaining such levels of support to our community however, requires more than just the good intentions of the people involved. It takes money, and quite a bit of it, to provide the emergency assistance, crisis accommodation and professional counselling that is offered in the hope of making this world a better place for those who are struggling.

The annual Red Shield Appeal is the

life-blood of the Army's social welfare programs. Without this ongoing yearly fundraising drive, we would not see The Salvation Army responding in the way we expect them to, day in, day out.

The Doorknock, being held this year on the 24 - 25 May, is an opportunity for the community to say thank you to the Salvos and encourage them to keep up the good work. But for the Doorknock to be successful, the Salvos will require about 200 volunteers to cover the Camden and Narellan townships.

Enlisting has begun for this once a year effort. If you can see yourself saying thank you to the Salvos by offering your time and energy over this weekend in May, we encourage you to call Captain David Morgan on 4647 4162.

Alternately, you can register to collect, or organise a team of collectors, on the Army's website at [www.salvos.org.au](http://www.salvos.org.au).

## Graffiti Removal Kits

Council will supply free graffiti removal kits to residents and business's for use in removing graffiti on your property. These kits can be collected from either the Camden or Narellan Offices Monday to Friday during the hours 8.30am-4.30pm. For further information on these kits, please contact Syd Lee on 4645 5020 or [syd.lee@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:syd.lee@camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Junior Fitness Leader Program

Mount Annan Leisure Centre YMCA is pleased to announce the launch of our Junior Fitness Leader program.

Junior Fitness Leaders is a YMCA initiative that encourages and assists young people interested in the Health and Fitness industry, who may also be thinking about following that career path. It allows young teens aged between 11 and 16 to work in the Health Club and assist Teen Gym members. It gives the young employees the opportunity to see what its like to work in the Fitness and Leisure industry and give them a head start to see if it's something they would want to pursue.

The young employees will go through a full training induction and then work as part of a team to assist current Teen Gym members with the equipment and training advice. For more information contact Mount Annan Leisure YMCA on 4648 4830.





# hot off the press

## Civic Centre

### 9 April - Seniors Concert.

See pg 11 for details.

### 15 April - Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society (ADFAS)

Evening Lecture: Those Mitford Girls  
Presenter: Suzannah Fullerton BA, M.Sc  
Time: 6.30pm for 7pm start  
Admission Fees apply

### 2 – 9 May - The 34th Camden Art Prize Exhibition and Sale.

See pg 2 for details.

### 13 May - Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society (ADFAS)

Evening Lecture: Olympia and Ancient Olympics  
Presenter: Michael Newton ADFAS  
Time: 6.30pm for 7pm start  
Admission Fees apply

### 24 May - Adam Brand @ Camden



Adam Brand has sold several hundred thousand albums, is the recipient of numerous awards, including 11 Golden Guitars, and is one of the Country's hottest live acts. His new album is *Blame It On Eve* and will be performing at the Camden Civic Centre.

### 28 May - Senior Leisure and Lifestyle Expo.

See pg 11 for details.

### 3 June Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society (ADFAS)

Evening Lecture: The Creation of Russian Style  
Presenter: Dr. Rosamund Barlett NADFAS  
Time: 6.30pm for 7pm start  
Admission Fees apply

For further information on any of the above or future events please contact Camden Civic Centre on 4655 8681 or visit [www.camdenciviccentre.com.au](http://www.camdenciviccentre.com.au).

## Accessible Public Toilets in the Camden LGA

*Camden Council is committed to providing accessible services and facilities in the Camden community, including provision of accessible public toilets for residents of the Camden Local Government Area (LGA).*



displaying the MLAK symbol.

Council has recently purchased a number of Master Locksmiths' Association Keys (MLAK) for use by the local community. The MLAK is a master key that fits into specially designed locks allowing 24 hour a day access to public toilets.

Camden Council is providing MLAK keys to Camden residents at no charge, providing they produce a letter of authorisation or a disabled parking permit. Information is also provided on the location of accessible public toilets in the Camden Local Government Area and how to access information on other areas.

Eligible people - those with a disability and a letter of authorisation from a doctor, disability organisation, local Council or community health centre - can purchase a key that opens all accessible toilets across Australia

To obtain a key, please call Community Services on 4645 5045 to arrange pick up or have a key sent to you.

## Strengthening Parents Project

*Council has been working with Youth Solutions on a Strengthening Parents Project. This project is aimed at linking parents, community members, services and young people to increase parent's capacity to effectively deal with the issue of youth drug use.*

alcohol as well as be given the opportunity to provide input into the design of a creative marketing campaign to support parents in the Camden and Wollondilly area.

The project is currently planning a free Creative Design and Information workshop on Saturday 8 March, 9am-5pm, for parents and carers of teenagers living in the Camden and Wollondilly areas.

If you would like to be involved in these workshops please contact Geraldine Dean on 4628 2319 or [geraldine@youthsolutions.com.au](mailto:geraldine@youthsolutions.com.au). RSVP 29 February 2008.

Participants will receive current information regarding drugs and





## Seniors Week

*National Seniors Week 2008 will be held 6 April - 13 April and exciting events are being planned. This year Council will be providing a subsidised bus trip on Monday 7 April, to the Kiama Blow hole with a stop off for lunch at the Gerroa Fisherman's club.*

The Camden Seniors Committee has also been busy organising their annual Seniors Concert at the Camden Civic Centre. This event will be held on 9 April from 10.15am-2pm. For further information please contact Helen Lanyon on 46558401.

If you would like further information about Seniors Week 2008 please contact Nicole Williams, Community Project Officer on 4645 5009 or [nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Free Child Restraint Safety Check

Thursday 5 June 2008 at Harrington Plaza, Harrington Park. You can have all of your child car restraints, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit. Children's car restraints will be inspected by RTA Authorised Restraint Fitters.

Bookings are essential. For more information contact Camden Council's Community Road Safety Officer on 4645 5046.

## Seniors Expo

*Camden Seniors Program Committee is currently organising the annual Camden Seniors Leisure and Lifestyle Expo. The expo will be held at the Camden Civic Centre on the 28 May 2008.*

The expo is a free event that offers patrons direct informal contact with a number of service providers working in the Camden area as well as offering the chance for patrons to gain valuable information about services and activities available to older people in the local area.

The committee is currently taking bookings for stall holders. For further information please contact Bruce Bunn on 4655 8941.

artists  
about  
town

**Project Finale - Garden Soun'd'lights**  
Music, poetry, short films + fireworks.

**When:** Saturday 24 May 2008  
**Where:** Mount Annan Botanic Garden  
**Time:** Starts at 6pm, ends with fireworks at 9pm  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Contact:** Council's Cultural Development Coordinator on 4645 5022

A drug and alcohol free event for the whole family proudly supported by Arts NSW, Mount Annan Botanic Garden and Camden Council.

## Family Fun Day 17 May 2008

Council will be hosting a Family Fun Day at Onslow Park, Camden on Saturday 17 May 2008 with free food, entertainment, activities and information for children and families in the Camden area. For further details, please contact Council on 46547777.

## Youth Week

National Youth Week 2008 will be held 5 - 13 April. This year Council will be working with young people to support a free one day music festival on the 5 April at Kirkham Park. The event will include live local bands, workshops on song writing, henna tattooing and environmental education. There will also be a variety of stalls and skateboarding demonstrations. For further information, please contact 4645 5009 or [nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Restoring Our History— Fundraiser

You can be part of preserving the Historic St Pauls Anglican Church, Cobbitty on Sunday 4 May 2008 at 2:30pm. Friends of St Pauls are presenting an ethereal concert featuring internationally renowned flautist Jane Rutter, accompanied by Sharolyn Kimmorely and Tempus. Tickets cost \$40 for adults and \$20 for students. For more information or to book please call 4651 2251 or 4651 2236.



# calendar of events

# your library



## April

**5th - Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - Green Tomato Preserve Workshop**  
Ph. 4647 6594.

**One day Youth Music Festival**  
Ph. 4645 5009.

**5th - 13th - Youth Week**  
Ph. 4645 5071.

**9th - Seniors Concert**  
Camden Civic Centre. Ph. 4655 8681.

**Seniors Free for All**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Free entry.  
Ph. 4634 7935.

**12th - Just Keep Digging**  
An introductory workshop examining sources in local history. Camden Library. Ph. 4654 7950.

**Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - Bush Foods Workshop**  
Ph. 4647 6594.

**15th - Oral History Seminar**  
Ph. 4654 7951.

**25th - ANZAC Day**  
Dawn Service, Camden RSL, 5.30am. Memorial Rose Garden. March & Service commencing 10.30am, Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial. Ph. 4658 0049.

**26th - 27th - Original Six Reunion**  
Ph. 4683 3973.

**28th Apr - 5th May - 32nd Annual Camden Art Prize**  
Ph. 4655 8681.



## May

**3rd - Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - Cheesemaking Workshop**  
Ph. 4647 6594.

**4th - Camden Oran Park ANZAC Run**  
Ph. 4654 7777.

**11th - Landcom Mothers Day in the Garden**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Ph. 4634 7935

**Restoring St Pauls Anglican Church Fundraiser**  
Ph. 4651 2251 or 4651 2236.

**Mothers Day Lunch**  
Gledswood Homestead. Ph. 9606 5111.  
Belgenny Farm. Ph. 4655 9651.

**17th - Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - Eco Smart Home Ideas Expo**  
Ph. 4647 6594.

**Family Fun Day**  
Onslow Park, Camden. Ph. 4645 7777.

**21st - Camden Community Safety Forum**  
Camden Senior Citizen Hall. 7.30-9pm.  
Ph. 4655 0599.

**22nd - Cancer Council Biggest Cup Morning Tea**  
Gledswood Homestead. 10am. Ph. 9606 5111.

**24th - Artists About Town Garden Soun'd'lights**  
Ph. 4645 5022.

**24th - 25th - Salvation Army Red Sheild Appeal**  
Ph. 4647 4162.

**25th - Camden Seniors Lifestyle Expo**  
Ph. 4655 8681.

**27th May - 3rd Jun - National Reconciliation Week**  
Ph. 4654 7777.

**28th - Seniors Expo**  
Ph. 4655 8941.



## June

**5th - Free Child Restraint Safety Check**  
Harrington Plaza Car Park. Ph. 4645 5046.

**Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - World Environment Day**  
Ph. 4647 6594.

**14th - Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - Backyard Chook Care**  
Ph. 4647 6594.

**15th - Drives For Learners In Macarthur**  
9.15am-1.30pm. Ph. 4645 5046.

## Oral History Seminar

9.30 – 3.00pm, 15 April 2008 at Camden Library.

Practice and techniques of oral history presented by Rosemary Block, Oral history Curator at the State Library NSW. Content includes interviewing, equipment, documentation, copyright and transcription. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Bookings are essential. For further information or to book please contact Jo Oliver from Camden Library on 4654 7951 or visit [www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Book signing and storytime

10am – 12noon, 5 April 2008 at Camden Library and 12 April at Narellan Library.

Local author & illustrator Jo Oliver will be signing copies of her children's picture book Pilgrim and presenting a special story time at 11am. An exhibition of the original linocut illustrations will be held at Camden Library from 17 March – 10 April and Narellan Library from 11 April – 6 May.

## Seniors Week at Camden Library

Seniors Week is 50 years old this April and the Camden Council Library Services will be celebrating with a Games Morning, Trivia Night, Grandparents Story Time sessions and a visit from the Memory Man. Help us celebrate this special event by sharing your memorabilia from 1958. Bring in your old photos, magazine articles, knitting patterns, recipes and more from that period to help us paint a picture of life back then. We'll photocopy the item for our display – feel free to bring in as many as you like. Happy 50th Birthday Seniors Week! We look forward to a great program of events.

For more information view our website [www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://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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