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## Light Up Camden

*Deck the halls, put up the lights and embrace this season's cheer. It's that time of the year and Light Up Camden is back again! Come down to Argyle Street, Camden on Thursday 20 November 2008 to celebrate the turning on of the Christmas tree lights and the start of the festive season.*

Argyle Street, closed from 4pm, will be decked out in red and green with stalls, entertainment, rides and more! This year the entertainment is bigger and better than ever with three stages, including one specifically for youth bands. The festival will include a jumping castle, animal farm and carnival rides, as well as clowns, face painters, stilt walkers, jugglers and more!

Last year Santa screamed through the streets on his Harley with his entourage, however Santa's arrival is a big surprise this year – you'll have to come down to find out! After his arrival children will have the opportunity to greet Santa, as well as get photos with him on his festive throne. Good boys and girls might even get some small pressies!

Once dark falls, the Mayor of Camden will flick the switch and the lights on the

spectacular Christmas tree will light up Argyle Street. The evening will culminate with fireworks at St John's Church.

So get into the festive season, come down to Argyle Street and celebrate the beginning of Christmas in Camden!



### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

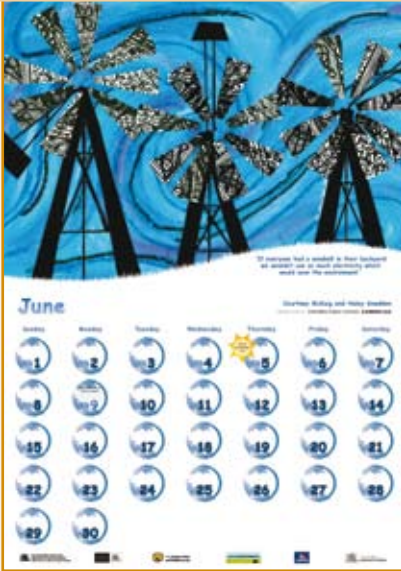
Along with Christmas comes Christmas Lights, and Camden Council is running its annual Christmas Lights Competition proudly sponsored by Plus Fitness Health Club at Narellan and Camden and Camden Advertiser. Entry forms will be available on Council's website from November at [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au), and look out for them in the Camden Advertiser closer to the date. Applications close on Monday 8 December 2008. Judging will take place on Tuesday 16 December, with a presentation evening on Thursday 18 December. For more information about the competition contact 4645 5115. For information about Plus Fitness Health Clubs contact 4647 9999 or 4655 2499.

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## Western Sydney Environment Calendar



“If everyone had a windmill in their backyard we wouldn’t use as much electricity which would save the environment,” 2007 Mawarra Public School students Courtney McKaig and Hayley Sneddon said in their application for the Western Sydney Environment Calendar Competition.

They’re thoughts on climate change and environment made them produce a stunning artwork for the competition. Out of 1500 artworks, theirs was chosen for the month of June.

The art competition and calendar focused on climate change and the student’s perception of saving our planet. The girls did a wonderful job and the calendar looks fantastic. Well done Courtney and Hayley!

## Pet Owner’s Responsibilities

The Companion Animals Act was introduced in 1998 to make clear the responsibilities of cat and 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 of address or 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 micro chipped and registered with your local Council. They must be micro chipped before they are sold or given away.

Your contact details are put against your cat’s microchipped number into a state-wide database, called the NSW Companion Animals Register. If your contact details change, you may contact Council, quote your cats

microchipped number, and have your 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 six months old or earlier, it must be registered with Council. Cats should be desexed by this age too. Desexing prices vary and you should contact your local Veterinarian, Pound, or Animal Welfare organisation to obtain details of desexing. Registration is only \$40.00 for a desexed cat for the rest of its life or \$15 for Pensioners.

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 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.



## Noise Pollution And Dogs

*Barking Dogs – your dog, your responsibility. Dogs bark to communicate anything from playfulness to danger.*

*However, dogs may also bark for the following reasons:*

- If they are chained to a fixed point for long periods of time
- If the space they're kept in is too small
- If they are provoked by people or other dogs
- If they are not exercised appropriately or not exercised at all
- If they lack training
- If they are lonely or bored
- If they are sick
- If they are hungry or thirsty
- If they are sexually frustrated
- If they are generally neglected

Chronic excessive barking causes a nuisance to neighbours and indicates a distressed animal. Allowing your dog to bark at anything it likes is not

the correct way to teach it to be a 'good watch dog'. A 'good watch dog' is one that barks only when someone attempts to enter your property.

Dogs respond to good care. Compassion and common sense can eliminate excessive barking. Give your dog a balanced and varied diet. Feeding times should be regular and fresh water should always be available.

Regular check ups by a Veterinarian will ensure that your dog doesn't suffer from common ailments like fleas or worms which may be the cause for barking.

If you are annoyed by your neighbour's dog barking excessively, you may try:

- Amicably talking it over with neighbour
- Consoling the dog
- Contacting a Community Justice Centre to settle disputes
- Seek a noise abatement order from the local court

### **NEVER:**

- Verbally abuse the dog
- Be aggressive towards the dog
- Hit the dog or fence
- Hose or throw objects at the dog
- Tease the dog

The complainant should remember that as much as the barking may be disturbing, the dog owner will need sufficient time

to deal with the problem. Support and information will greatly assist the dog owner, the dog, and you!



## Camden Youth Café Didgeridoo Workshop



*Camden Youth Café participated in NAIDOC week activities back in July facilitating a free didgeridoo workshop for 23 young people from the Camden area.*

This two hour workshop invited local musician and artist, Joe Hagarty, who explored indigenous culture and the history of the didgeridoo. Young people involved were also given the opportunity to learn how to play a didgeridoo as well as the opportunity to create one of their own.

This was a fantastic afternoon with lots of fun, culture and music! For more information about the Camden Youth Café or for a copy of the latest program, contact Kristen on 4645 5071 (Wed-Fri) or email [kristen.briggs@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kristen.briggs@camden.nsw.gov.au).



## Sexual Health Week

Camden Council was successful in obtaining a \$1000 grant to assist in Sexual Health Week activities for 15-21 September 2008.

A series of three afternoon graphic design workshops were facilitated by Camden Creative Studios in conjunction with local young people who access Camden Youth Café and Camden Council Community Services.

Other local youth services such as Camden Area Youth Services and Traxside Youth Health Service were also involved. These workshops gave young people from marginalised backgrounds the opportunity to design and create two postcard designs that addressed the issues of healthy sexual relationships including alcohol and other drugs, negotiating consent, violence and sexual diversity.

For more information about this project contact Jodie on 4645 5021.



## SPOT – Safe Pets Out There

*Camden Council has been actively supporting the Department of Local Government funded 'Safe Pets Out There' (SPOT) program since 1997.*

Rangers attend a comprehensive SPOT training session and then visit schools in the Camden Council Local Government Area delivering the program to children in kindergarten up to year two.

SPOT aims to teach children about pet care, kindness and respect for

all animals. It also incorporates a specific module about safe behaviour to reduce the incidence of serious dog bites in children. Rangers demonstrate how to behave safely around dogs using a life size toy dog called 'Spot'.

If you want SPOT to visit your school you can contact your SPOT Regional Coordinator, Toni Fearn on 0408 683 927 or [toni.fearn@spot.nsw.gov.au](mailto:toni.fearn@spot.nsw.gov.au). Check out [www.spot.nsw.gov.au](http://www.spot.nsw.gov.au) for more information.

## Camden Festival



*Camden Festival was celebrated from 7 – 21 September 2008 with fun for the whole family!*

The Festival kicked off to a great start with three different Fathers Day activities to entertain your dad. Saturday 13 September saw the culmination of the Goulburn to Citi Cycle Classic and Lions Street Fair. There were stalls galore with entertainment, rides and of course the big race! SK8-OPIA was a success at Kirkham Skate Park on Sunday 14 with youth from all over Camden coming down to have a skate, watch pro skate demos and grab a free BBQ, free krispy kremes and free temporary tattooing.

Kids Fun Day saw parents and children from the ages 0 – 5 years enjoy a fun, free day out at Curry Reserve, Elderslie. There were free activities, animal farm, rides, stalls, amusements, live entertainment and

a free sausage sizzle! The following Saturday showcased two great movies at Cinema Under the Stars in Mount Annan Botanic Garden. The Festival finished with a bang as the Camden Community headed down to the Food, Wine and Music Festival at its new location Belgenny Reserve, Camden. The Festival was enjoyed by all as plate jugglers, clowns, animal farm, rides and live music entertained the crowd while they sat back relaxing, tasting some great food and drinking some wonderful local wine. With free cooking demonstrations and psychic readings, there was something for everyone!

Thank you to everyone who made the Festival a success, especially our Platinum sponsors Camden Council, Tri-City Trucks, Mount Annan Botanic Garden and Camden Lions Club. Also thank you to our Gold sponsors Tony Wolf and Son Printers, C91.3, YMCA Mt Annan, Camden Advertiser, our silver sponsors Plus Fitness Health Clubs, Caldwell Martin Cox, United Cinemas and Bronze sponsors IMB and Camden Hire.



## Macarthur Nature Photography Competition 2008

*It's spring! Not only does that bring with it flowering plants, busy insects and nesting birds but also the return of the Nature Photography Competition to Macarthur!*

Budding nature photographers are encouraged to get busy taking photos – whether it's in the backyard or bush – to tell their story about the importance of the local environment and its wonderful diversity of animals and plants.

For more information, please visit [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) or



contact Denise on 4645 5007 or [denise.franovich@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:denise.franovich@camden.nsw.gov.au) to receive updates.

## Removal Or Lopping Of Trees In The Camden Council Area

*Residents are reminded that Camden Council has a tree preservation policy in place which requires that before any person arranges for the removal or lopping of a tree, they should first ensure that permission of Council has been obtained.*

The definition of a tree under the policy is “any tree, sapling or shrub which is 3 metres or more in height; has a girth of 300mm or more at a height of 1 metre above natural ground surface; or has a branch span of 3 metres or more”.



Clearing of vegetation (including native vegetation) also requires Council consent, and is defined as “killing, destroying, removing or burning vegetation, severing or lopping branches, limbs, stems or trunks of vegetation, or substantially damaging vegetation in any other way”.

Heavy fines may be imposed for the illegal removal of any tree/s or clearing of land, and therefore residents are advised to liaise with Council and ensure their garden contractors work within the legislation as ultimately the land owner is responsible for work on their land.

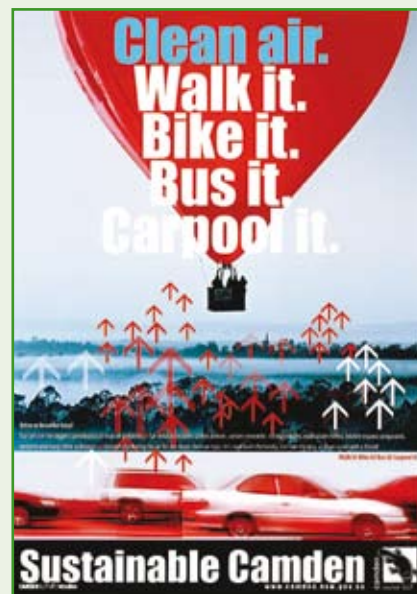
An application for removal of tree/s or vegetation can be obtained from Camden Council's Customer Service Centres at Camden or Narellan. If you should require any further information, please phone 4654 7777.

## Council guided by Sustainable Choices

On 10 July 2008 Council joined Sustainable Choice, a sustainable purchasing program which provides free support and guidance to Councils on products and services that have environmental, social and financial benefits for both Councils and their communities.

Sustainable Choice will help Camden Council make informed decisions on products and services that save energy or water, contain recycled content, are non toxic, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, provide long term value for money and are made or recycled locally.

Check out [www.lgsa-plus.net.au](http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au) for more information about Sustainable Choice or to search suppliers of sustainable products and services.





# our environment

## Water and Energy Saving \$ Rebates

The NSW Government \$100 million Residential Rebate Program is helping householders make their homes more water and energy efficient. Rebates are available to residents for installing ceiling insulation and rainwater tanks, and to replace electric hot water systems with climate friendly solar, heat pump or gas systems.

- The Rainwater Tank Rebate provides up to \$1,500 for rainwater tanks connected to toilets and washing machines.
- Up to \$1,200 is available through the Hot Water System Rebate to switch from electric to solar, heat pump or gas hot water systems.
- A maximum rebate of \$300 is offered through the Ceiling Insulation Rebate for installing ceiling insulation in your home.
- Furthermore, the Washing Machine Rebate offers \$150 for buying a 4.5 star or higher WELS (Water Efficiency Labeling and Standards Scheme) rated washing machine from 1 August 2008.

Hot water systems, insulation or rainwater tanks installed to comply with BASIX (the Building Sustainability Index) for new homes and major renovations are not eligible for a rebate.

For more information visit [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates).

## Rehabilitation of Ponds at “The Cascades”



*The Cascades has recently undergone substantial maintenance works. This project entailed repairing a leak in one of the concrete weirs which has affected water levels and leads to erosion of the bank edges.*

Reinstatement of these eroded bank edges has also been undertaken. The works also include installation of water level controlling devices which will assist with future maintenance.

## Greener Motoring

*By choosing a greener vehicle, you can make a real difference. The Green Vehicle Guide helps you make green decisions by rating new Australian vehicles based on greenhouse and air pollution emissions.*

The rating is calculated using data provided by manufacturers from testing the vehicle against Australian standards.

The Guide also includes a calculator, so that you can estimate your annual fuel costs and annual carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions based on your driving behaviour.

For more advice on greener motoring or to request your free Green Vehicle Guide Kit featuring poster and bumper stickers, visit [www.greenvehicleguide.gov.au](http://www.greenvehicleguide.gov.au)

## Mayor Plants First Tree

*Camden’s Mayor Chris Patterson recently planted the first tree for Spring Farm’s regeneration program that covers 185 hectares of land and incorporates the planting of 60,000 plants.*

Property developers Cornish Group and Mirvac Homes received approval from Camden Council in November to regenerate the major bushland corridor in Spring Farm.





## Mount Annan Leisure Centre Rectification Works



*Rectification works associated with the recent pool closure have been successfully completed.*

Elements of the pool structures have had new waterproofing applied to ensure their long term integrity. Pool joints have had new sealants installed and pool coping tiles have been replaced where necessary.

The amenities areas in the pool hall have been refurbished with new

partitions and benches, painting and tiling.

The sauna and steam room have been refurbished. Installation of a new UV sterilizer to the spa has improved water quality and removal of the heavy chlorine smells from the spa pool area.

A new pool hoist has been provided to the 25m pool to improve access for people with disabilities.

## Catherine Field Reserve - General Improvements



*Catherine Field Reserve has had new facilities provided which greatly improve the area for recreational use by the community.*

A new BBQ, picnic shelters, additional seats and bubbler make the area suitable for family picnics. A new playground has been provided adjacent to the BBQ area and is away from Catherine Fields Road, making it safer for children. New cricket nets have also been installed, so bring along a bat and ball for some family fun!

## Ron Dine Reserve – New training lights

New training lights have been installed on two training fields at Ron Dine Reserve. This will greatly improve management of training sessions for the 2009 soccer season.



## BuSH.Ed

With growing concern for the state of Camden's environment, Council's Bus Shelter Sustainability Education Project undertaken in collaboration with Camden Creative Studios helped create a suite of vibrant and locally relevant posters.

The five 'sustainable Camden' themes will raise awareness amongst the travelling public and help bring about positive change in their everyday lives. The themes include:

- No to plastic bags. Use a reusable.
- Reduce food miles. Buy local.
- Cool it Camden.
- Clean air. Walk it. Bike it. Bus it. Carpool it!
- Keep litter out of the river.

BuSH.Ed posters appearing at a bus shelter near you! More information is available on Council's website [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au).



# hot off the press

## Street Signs



Council has started erecting new street signs around the Camden Local Government Area.

The street signs have Council's platypus logo on them reminding us that we're working towards a sustainable future for Camden.

## Seniors Health and Lifestyle Directory

Camden Council's older residents now have access to an easy-to-follow services directory that can assist them in maintaining their independence at home.

The Camden Seniors Health and Lifestyle directory was recently launched and includes a range of information to interest older people, their families and carers.

The directory contains listings of health services, transport options and social groups in the local area, as well as focusing on those seniors who are active in the community by providing information on physical activity opportunities such as exercise classes and information on Camden's walkways.

Free copies of the Seniors Health and Lifestyle directory are available from Camden Council Administration Buildings



or by phoning 4645 5084. The directory can also be accessed at [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Bus It

*The 'Camden Get There Bus It' project is a Friday late night transport service for young people between the ages of 18 – 25 that live in the Camden Local Government Area. The aim of the project is to get young adults home safely from entertainment hubs that serve alcohol.*

The 'Get There Bus It' involves picking up young Camden residents in a 24 and 17 seat mini-bus. People will be picked up from both Camden and Campbelltown and taken directly to their homes. The pick ups will occur from the bus shelter on John Street, Camden and Campbelltown Station. The bus will not operate as a shuttle service to transport young people to and from entertainment hubs. Rather it will drop young people home at night who cannot arrange alternative transport or those who don't have a licence.

The service operates from 10pm to 2am every Friday night. The final pick up from Camden will be at 12.30am and the final pick up at Campbelltown Station will be 2am.

The service requests a gold-coin donation for young people 18 – 25 years, with people aged over 25 years paying \$10. The donations received by people using the service will be used to make the project sustainable after the funding has run out.

Within the first month, the service had transported 264 young people home with 237 of those being under 25 years old.

For further information about the Camden Get There Bus It project, please contact Jodie Dench, Community Project Officer, on 4645 5021 or email [jodie.dench@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jodie.dench@camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Welcome Pack

*As Camden Council is welcoming new residents at an exponential rate, it is very important to have strategies that make connections with people moving into the community.*

As a result, Council is currently reviewing and upgrading Camden Council's Welcome Pack for new residents. The welcome pack will be updated in response to the identified needs of the community and will focus on giving basic information to enable people to live, learn, work and play safely in Camden.

The new welcome package will be available for new residents early next year. For further information about the welcome package, please contact Nicole Collins on 4654 7777.

## Bumps, Bibs, Tots & Teeth

*The 2008 Bumps, Bibs, Tots & Teeth Expo is on Sunday 23 November at Camden Civic Centre from 10am – 2pm. With free entry the expo will provide new and experienced parents with the support and services they require in raising their new child.*



A wide range of services and products will be on display along with a number of fun activities for both parents and children from 0-5years.

Anyone interested in exhibiting should contact Ashley on 4655 8681 or [ashley.hoffman@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ashley.hoffman@camden.nsw.gov.au). Visit [www.camdenciviccentre.com.au](http://www.camdenciviccentre.com.au) for more information.

# what's happening



## Exciting activities for Kids at Camden and Narellan Libraries



### **Kre8tive Kidz @ your library:**

Council is offering some after-school fun at Camden and Narellan Libraries. Kre8tive Kidz is a fun one hour monthly program which runs on the last Thursday of each month at Narellan Library, and the last Monday of each month at Camden Library from 3.30 - 4.30pm. No need to book, just drop in and join the fun.

**Babies joining the Library:** Babies into Book (Bibs) is an early literacy initiative developed by Camden Council Library Service. The program has been developed for parents, carers and babies aged 0-18 months, to promote the importance of reading and literacy to young children in the Camden area.

BIBS began in 2002 with a visit to a local playgroup, progressing to a monthly session, and now weekly



sessions across both Camden and Narellan Libraries.

Babies born after June 2008 in the Camden Local Government Area now receive a free board book upon joining the Library. BIBS promotional details and free board book voucher have been inserted into the blue books provided on the birth of a new baby.

Reading to babies is important in developing early literacy skills. Creating an important place for books in your new baby's life will allow them to form a relationship with books and reading that will last a lifetime.

Lapsit sessions are held every Wednesday at either Camden or Narellan Library, 10.00 – 10.30am.

Preschool Storytime: A free half hour of stories, songs and craft for Preschoolers is held at 11am at Camden Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at Narellan Library each Wednesday and Friday.

**Night-time Storytime:** We all know books at bedtime are just perfect, and now Narellan Library is offering Night-time Storytime on the first Monday of every month from 6.30 – 7pm.

For information on any of the above Library events, please contact Barbara on 4654 7951.

## Youth Café – New Coordinator

Kristen Briggs started her new role as Coordinator at Camden Youth Café in August. Kristen comes from a background of a variety of youth and community services across the Macarthur region and it is exciting to have her on board with lots of new activities happening at the Youth Café!

For more information about Camden Youth Café or for a copy of the latest program, contact Kristen on 4645 5071 (Wed-Fri) or email [kristen.briggs@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kristen.briggs@camden.nsw.gov.au).



## V8 Supercars Grand Finale

The biggest event on the Australian Motorsport calendar in 2008 will take place at Oran Park from 4 - 7 December 2008. A four-day motorsport extravaganza is being planned so check out [www.oranpark.com.au](http://www.oranpark.com.au) regularly for updated information on this event.



# what's happening

## Civic Centre

**October 23-25 – Camden Fine Art Gallery - Spring Exhibition & Sale**  
Free entry. [www.camdenfineartgallery.com.au](http://www.camdenfineartgallery.com.au)

**October 31- African Aids Fundraising Concert**  
7pm. Tickets \$30

**November 8 – Preach or Perish Book Launch**  
The Rev. Donald Howard. 2pm, free entry.

**November 13 – Fantastical Classical: Wollongong Symphony Orchestra**  
7.30pm. A fantastic theatrical experience for all the family.  
Tickets: Adult \$40, Concession \$30, Student \$20, Family \$100.

**November 15 - Camden Area Family History Society Seminar**  
9am, refreshments included. Tickets \$25. Contact Sharon Greene 4647 0950 or email [camden\\_history@yahoo.com.au](mailto:camden_history@yahoo.com.au).

**November 23 – Bumps, Bibs, Tots & Teeth Expo**  
10am-2pm. Free entry for the entire family.

**November 28 - Annual Spastic Council Carols Festival**  
7.30pm. Free entry. For more information contact Camden Uniting Church on 4655 9303, 0412 400 394 or [info@agapemusic.org.au](mailto:info@agapemusic.org.au).

**December 18 – Christmas Variety Spectacular starring Danny Elliott and Sharna Le-Grand**  
11.00am. Tickets: Adults \$15, Children under 12 \$10.

For more information about any of these events please contact Camden Civic Centre on 4655 8681 or visit [www.camdenciviccentre.com.au](http://www.camdenciviccentre.com.au).

## NSW BMX State Titles



*Top level BMX racing comes to Macarthur this October long weekend when Rockstar energy drinks presents the NSW BMX State Titles right here at the Kirkham Park venue, Elderslie.*

More than 650 riders from four year olds to fifty + will be competing, including some of Australia's stars that have competed at world events and the Olympic Games! Racing starts

from 10am on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October 2008.

The carnival will prove to be a great day out for all the family. Not only will there be exciting and fast riding, the Macarthur Mercedes marketplace will be full of stalls and displays with plenty to see and do. There will be great food and a coffee van, so you can bring the family and make a day of it. Admission is free. For more information visit [www.bmxnsw.com.au](http://www.bmxnsw.com.au).

## Learner Drivers of Macarthur



*You and your supervisor are invited to participate in a free Log Book Run event from 'Drives for Learners in Macarthur.'*

The Log Book Run is a great opportunity for learner drivers to gain on road driving experience. This driving experience will contribute to the learner driver log book hours.

**Date:** Sunday 7 December 2008

**Time:** 9.15am (registration) until 1.30pm (approximately).

**Location:** The drive will begin in Narellan and will travel through the Macarthur Local Government Areas. Freeway, country and suburban roads are included, covering approximately 90kms.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Bookings are essential and places are limited so don't miss out - book early! Contact 4645 5046, terms and conditions apply.

## Visiting Writers

*The following writers will visit Camden Council Library Service in the coming months:*

**18th Oct:** Reg Lang, a former identity of Camden, will launch his memoir 'Roads not Taken.' Now living in Goulburn, Reg's story includes memories of Camden as a young school teacher and a founding member of the Anglican Church youth groups in the 1950's.

**18th Nov:** Tamara McKinley, a writer of Australian family sagas, will talk about her newest book and her other books including *Jacaranda Vines*, *A Kingdom for the Brave*, *Lands beyond the Sea* and *Matilda's Last Waltz*.

For more information on these events please contact Virginia on 4654 7951 or Elysa on 4645 5039.



## PROfarm 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.*

The October to December program is available now and includes a range of courses from Aquacultures or chemicals to fencing, weeds, machinery and more.

## 2008 Camden Council Garden Competition

*The Garden Competition this year already looks like it is going to be a great success.*

Judging is due to take place on 7-9 October. The presentation night will be held on Thursday 23 October in the Art Gallery, Camden Civic Centre. For more information visit [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) or contact Sheree on 4645 5045 or [sheree.mcpherson@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sheree.mcpherson@camden.nsw.gov.au).

## Seniors Christmas Lunch

*The Camden Seniors Program Committee is a Council Management Committee that organises and facilitates four annual events for seniors in Camden.*

The committee will be holding its annual Christmas lunch on Wednesday 26 November 2008 at Gledswood Homestead where seniors can enjoy live entertainment, food and friendship.

For further information or to buy a ticket to the event, please contact Bruce Bunn, Camden Seniors Program Committee on 4655 8941 (Monday-Thursday).

## Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day 2008 will be commemorated on 11 November by the Camden RSL Sub Branch at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial commencing at 10.30am - everyone to be seated by 10.20am. Community groups, organisations and members of the public can lay wreaths on the day. Please contact 4658 0049 or 0419 925 294 for more information.

## World Pets' Day

World Pets' Day is on Thursday 4 October 2008. Donate bedding, food, newspapers and cleaning supplies to an animal welfare shelter or pound near you or make a donation to an animal welfare organisation. For more information contact Melanie on 4654 7719.

## Healthy Ageing Talk Series



*The Council on Ageing (COTA) NSW Inc is holding a series of healthy ageing talks at Campbelltown Civic Hall,*

*Corner Queen and Broughton Streets, Campbelltown on the following dates:*

### Tuesday 21 October 2008

- 10:30am: Hear, Listen, Enjoy - a discussion on hearing and listening

devices by Grant Ewer, clinical Audiologist with Australian Hearing.

- 1:00pm: Osteoporosis by educator Jacquie Louth.

### Wednesday 19 November 2008

- 10:30am: Podiatry - Focus on Feet by podiatrist from Easy Steps, Luke Buchtmann.
- 1:00pm: Continence - what's normal and what's not by Rhonda Brownlow, Continence Nurse Advisor.

For more information or to book your place please contact COTA NSW on 9286 3860 or [exec@cotansw.com.au](mailto:exec@cotansw.com.au).





# calendar of events

# your library



## October

**3rd Walk to Work Day**  
Pedestrian Council of Australia  
www.walk.com.au.

**4th - 6th, Camden Garden Competition**  
Enter your home. Ph 4645 5045.

**6th - 13th, NAIDOC Week**  
Ph. 4654 7777.

**19th, Farm Sunday**  
Belgenny Farm, Elizabeth Macarthur Avenue,  
Camden South. Ph 4655 9651.

**19th, Mater Dei Country Fair**  
Macquarie Grove Road, Camden.  
9am-3pm. Ph 4655 7481.

**19th - 25th, National Water Week**  
www.nationalwaterweek.org.au.



## November

**8th, St Clare's Annual School Fair**  
59 Holdsworth Drive, Narellan Vale. 9am-3pm.

**10th - 16th, National Recycling Week**  
www.planetark.com.au.

**19th, 'Working People of Camden' Family History Seminar**  
The Undercroft, Camden Civic Centre.  
9am-4pm. Ph 4647 0950.

**19th, Camden Community Safety Forum**  
Camden Senior Citizen Hall, John Street,  
Camden. 7.30-9pm. Ph 4655 0599.

**20th, Light Up Camden**  
Argyle and John Streets, Camden.  
Ph 0412 398 249.



## December

**Christmas Lights Competition**  
Enter your home. Ph 4645 5029.

**3rd, International Day Of People With A Disability**  
Ph 4654 7777.

**4th - 7th, V8 SuperCar Grand Final**  
The final round of the V8 Supercar Championship for 2008 and Oran Park's last ever V8 Supercar event. Oran Park Raceway. 9am-5pm. Ph 4646 1004.

**6th, 13th & 20th, Gledswood Christmas Party**  
Gledswood Homestead. Ph 9606 5111.

**7th, Drives For Learners In Macarthur**  
9.15am-1.30pm. Ph 4645 5046.

**13th, Carols in the Park**  
Macarthur Park, Broughton Street, Camden.  
6.30pm. Ph 4655 1675.

**20th, Landcom Carols in the Garden**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden.  
5-10pm. Ph 4634 7935.




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### InConcert at Camden Library

Popular musical performances from Oct – Dec.

### Buying Day for Large Print Books

If you are over 50 and would like to participate in selecting large print books for Camden Council Library Service, a buying day will be held at Camden Library on Wednesday 12 November. To register your interest please contact Virginia on 46 54 7951.

### Visiting Writers

Reg Lang and Tamara McKinley are coming up. See pg 10.

### Exciting activities for Kids at Camden and Narellan Libraries

Kre8tive Kidz @ your library: After school fun. See pg 9

Babies joining the Library: Join your baby and receive a free gift. See pg 9

Preschool Storytime: See pg 9

Night-time Storytime: See pg 9

**Camden Library Ph. 4654 7951**

**Narellan Library Ph. 4645 5039**

