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## Australia Day



*Aussie aussie aussie chants will echo through the streets as Camden gets ready to celebrate Australia Day on Monday 26 January 2009. Let the bush telegraph spread the news because Camden Council and the Australia Day Committee have been flat out like a lizard drinking organising this years celebrations!*

Each year thousands of people across our Nation stand up, pledge their honour to the land we call home and become an Australian Citizen. This year Camden will be having one ceremony involving both Citizenship and the Civic Awards. Mayor of Camden, Cr Chris Patterson will be there to welcome new citizens to the community and present awards to outstanding citizens in the Camden Local Government Area.

Then Argyle Street will become a sea of red, blue and white as people start lining the streets for the 11.15am Macarthur Lions Street Parade. Doves of community groups and organisations, including the Mayor and Australia Day Ambassador, march in the parade waving to the crowd of flag waving, face painted onlookers.

The day then culminates with a festival at Onslow Park from 11.45am – 3pm.

The festival includes stalls, food, rides, entertainment, Australian wildlife display, clowns, Australian Cover Band and of course the annual Thong Throwing Competition. Entertainment times:

12.00 – 12.20pm  
73rd Regiment of Foot Display to the Camden Campbelltown Community Band

12.20 – 12.40pm  
Australian Light Horsemen Display

12.40 – 3.00pm  
**NEW!** Aussie Cover Band *Mad Rhino* singing Aussie songs. **NOT TO MISS!**

1.00 – 1.20pm  
Thong Throwing Competition – win prizes!

This Australia Day there's something for everyone so don't be left out in the cold – Be a *happy little vegemite*, pre-record the cricket, grab the *ankle biters*, *hit the frog and toad* and come join the celebrations! For more information visit [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) or call 4645 5029.

Camden Council and the Australia Day Committee look forward to seeing you there and would like to leave Camden residents with one small message: *"Come on Aussie come on!"*

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# our community

## Free Guest Speakers for Seniors

Does your seniors group need a free guest speaker for 2009? Are you a family member caring for an older relative? Or maybe you are a volunteer in contact with older people?

NSW Seniors Peer Education Centre (NSW SPEC) is a not for profit organisation that provides free information sessions to the above groups on a range of topics relevant to older people.

Each session is presented by a trained volunteer, also a senior and come complete with high quality handouts.

Topics include managing medication safely, choosing between brand and generic medicines and depression in older people.

Our free service is the ideal way to show you are tune with the needs of your seniors group and adds value to the training provided to volunteers in touch with older people.

Book a session with us for 2009 by calling 9268 3868 or email [nsw@spec.net.au](mailto:nsw@spec.net.au).

NSW SPEC is auspiced by COTA SA and works in partnership with COTA NSW. The National Prescribing Service and Beyond Blue fund our programs on medicines and depression, respectively.



## Seniors Health and Lifestyle Directory



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

The 2008-09 Camden Seniors Health and Lifestyle Directory is now available and includes a range of information of interest to older people, their families and carers.

The Directory contains listings of health services, transport options and social

groups in the local area. It also focuses 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).

## Musical Performance Subsidies

*Camden Council provides a small amount of funding each year to non profit organisations to provide musical or performing arts entertainment within the Camden Civic Centre for the community.*

The objectives for the program are:

- To increase accessibility to the Civic Centre venue providing improved opportunity for musical and performance groups to use the venue.

- To enhance community awareness and involvement in performance art.
- To enhance community well being and sense of belonging through exposure to high quality cultural events and activities.

Obtain an information package by contacting the Centre on 4655 8681 or visiting [www.camdenciviccentre.com.au](http://www.camdenciviccentre.com.au). Applications close on March 31, 2009.



## Cameron Helps Out



*Council workers commenced construction in Pindari Avenue Camden during the October school holidays. A local 11 year old was extremely keen to understand the processes involved in road construction, so much so that he was drawn to the jobsite like a moth to a flame. The ganger on site was forever calling "Cameron would you please get back behind the footpath and stay there."*

As everyone knows it's dangerous enough working on a construction site, let alone being a young child and having urges to get close to the action.

When the engineer drove onto the site he noticed the extra supervisory effort being demonstrated from the footpath, so he decided to cut Cameron a deal

- "If you stay back out of the Immediate Worksite area and always behind that concrete path you can help out".

Council's engineer organised a reduced sized set of plans, a safety vest and hat, advising young Cameron to keep an eye on the construction works and to let him know if anything was not being dealt with properly.

Cameron kept his end of the bargain. The job supervisor and the crew didn't have to call out his name to get off the jobsite and he still got to offer his eleven years of experience as part of his toolbox talk.

So to Cameron, Council says thank you for your input and especially keeping to your word. We hope to see you in the future as a budding Design Engineer!

## Wanted: Volunteer Event Planners and Organisers

Council's Cohesive Communities Advisory Group (CCAG) is forming a working party who will meet to discuss, develop and implement an annual multicultural street festival, the first of which is likely to take place in Narellan. Residents who would like to participate in any capacity are invited to contact Denise Pritchard on 4645 5009.

## Meals on Wheels

Do you have a family member or neighbour who may need some assistance with meals? Meals can usually be delivered the day after application! We boast:

- A wide range of meals
- Friendly volunteers to deliver your meals
- A monthly newsletter
- Access to other community services
- Additional support if required

P. 4655 6822.

## Welcome Pack



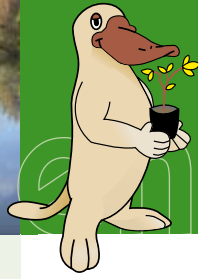
New to Camden?  
A Camden Council welcome pack is available to help you settle

into your new home and community. Please contact Council on 4654 7777, mail@camden.nsw.gov.au or visit Council's website for a request form.

## Canteen Refurbishment at Kirkham Park Amenities Block

The canteen at Kirkham Park amenities building has recently been refurbished. The works were completed in time for the club to host the BMX State Championships in October 2008. The project has proven to be a very successful partnering arrangement between Council and the BMX Club, resulting in a greatly improved community asset.





## New Narellan Urban Forest Stage Two and Playground

Stage Two of the Narellan Urban Forest is due to be completed by May 2009. Works include construction of additional pathways and pedestrian bridges to span the drainage channel. This will provide a link between the Narellan Library and carpark to the new playground.

The playground will be built in two stages with the majority of the play equipment to be provided in the first stage. Construction of Stage one is due to be completed by May 2009. The playground will include three adjoining but separate play areas for juniors (0-6), intermediate (6-12) and seniors (12+).

Play equipment will include a combination of junior play, swings, slide, spinners, sound tubes, animal features, climbing net and rock climbing feature. There are also informal play areas with pathways, native plants and natural rocks.

The junior area will have a mining theme incorporating a large cubby house and tunnel with wetpour flooring for fall protection. The play areas will be separated by low sitting walls and the project includes shelters, seats and bins. Public art will also be an important element throughout the play areas and the urban forest walkways.



## Camden Again Recognised as a Tidy Town

*Council's great efforts in restoring both our natural and cultural heritage resources were recognised by the annual Tidy Towns Awards.*

Run by Keep Australia Beautiful, the Tidy Towns program encourages communities across NSW to work together towards the common goal of making their town a better place to live, thereby improving the environmental outcomes for their local area. There were two projects that won awards.

1. Co-ordinated and managed by Council's Natural Resource Officer Rob Corby, the *Nepean River Reserves Restoration* project took out first place in the Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Conservation category. Rob's two year project, funded through the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority, involved substantial weed removal over 10ha of land at the three riverside reserves of Kings Bush, Bicentennial Equestrian Park and Camden Town Farm. The main weeds removed included Honey Locust, Privet and African Olive. Substantial replanting works with local indigenous species have also been undertaken on the sites, with approximately 11 525 trees and shrubs and 2000 sedge



plants installed by both community volunteers and project contractors.

2. The *Camden, Our Living History – Interactivity between Place and Purpose* project managed by Council's Cultural Development Co-ordinator Angela Pasqua, was awarded second place in the Cultural Heritage Award category. Angela's three part project included components of the Camden Library redevelopment - a working country town Library with a strong heritage and cultural focus. The Camden Creative Studios *Work for the Dole Blasts from the Past 1 & 2* project involved transferring Camden Museum's oral history tapes to digital format and creating digital stories for the whole community to enjoy. The Narellan Urban Forest restoration was also involved in the award by connecting the community to its living heritage through their involvement in the creation of the park and its public art.



Congratulations to Rob, Angela, the Tidy Towns Committee and all the hard working staff and community volunteers who were involved in these great projects.



## Living Macarthur Nature Photography Competition



*The Living Macarthur Nature Photography Competition Awards Night was held on Thursday 13 November at the Campbelltown Regional Art Gallery. More than 150 photographs of our local biodiversity resources were submitted by 61 entrants throughout the Macarthur Area.*

The winners and runners up shared in over \$2000 worth of prizes. The winners of the Awards were:

### Children's Section

Special Mention - *Black Cross* by Jordan Purnell-Jones

Second Runner Up - *Lady beetle piggyback* by Isabelle Robertson

First runner Up - **Elephant Skin** by Brayden Warn

WINNER – *Freaked our arachnid* by Thomas Morgan

### Young People's Section

Special mention – *Moth* by David Wales

Second Runner Up - *The Lone Rose* by Nathan Bass

First Runner Up – *Summer is Dew* by Alexie Wilson

WINNER – *Dragon Fly* by Jakeb Goodall

### Open Section

Special Mention – *I'm not Scared* by Lynne Luhr

Special mention – *Sun Seeker* by Jo O'Sullivan

Second Runner Up – *A dragonfly's smile* by Vicki Fullagar

First Runner Up – *Waiting and Watching* by Debbie Key

WINNER – *Boobook* by Robert Youart

### People's Choice

*The Smiling Flower* by Jordan Purnell-Jones

## 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 - 9603 7077).

Some agricultural operations and cooking fires are permitted. For information in this regard contact Camden Council, Environmental Health Branch on 4654 7777 before you light. (NOTE: Fire permits for these activities may be required during the Bushfire Danger Period - check with RFS or NSW Fire Brigades prior to lighting any fire).

The burning of vegetation without a Hazard Reduction Certificate is prohibited. Council approval is required to remove trees and vegetation. On the spot fines or legal action will be taken for illegal burning.

## Ron Dine & Hayter Reserves Subsurface Irrigation

Installation of subsurface irrigation at Hayter Reserve Field Two is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2009.

By this time the supply of recycled water from Sydney Water's West Camden STP at Sheathers Lane is expected to replace the existing potable water supply. This will allow irrigation of both reserves with recycled water and achieve substantial water savings.



## Future Playground Constructions

### Sedgwick Reserve

The existing playground facility at Sedgwick Reserve will be expanded to accommodate additional equipment aimed towards toddlers aged 1-6 years of age and will be enclosed by a safety fence.

The works are expected to be completed by March 2009.

### Liquidamber Reserve

A new playground facility is currently being planned for Liquidamber Reserve and will be located adjacent to the existing amenities building. The new facility will cater for a broad range of ages.

Construction is scheduled for completion by March 2009.

## Birriwa Reserve Amenities & Clubroom

The amenities and clubroom building at Birriwa Reserve was completed in September 2009.

The building includes toilets, disabled toilet/shower, change rooms and store rooms on the ground floor and a kiosk, club room with kitchenette and multi use toilet on the first floor.

The facility was funded from developer contribution, completed on time, within budget and is now available for hire.



## Camden Produce Markets at Camden Town Farm

*At the end of last year Council resolved to move the Camden Product Markets to the new and improved Camden Town Farm.*

The Produce markets have been operating for the past seven years at the lower end of John Street and are excited about their move to the revamped Town Farm. The markets sell fruits, vegetables, flowers, nuts, poultry, game, eggs, meat, dairy products, fish, shell fish, honey, plants, grains and other fresh produce.

The Town Farm has recently undergone some renovations including a new toilet block, and interpretive signage around the farm. The committee is also interested in hearing from community members who would be interested in establishing a community garden.



The markets will be open on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 7am - 12noon. For more information about Camden Town Farm or to register your interest in its activities, please contact Iain Richard-Evans on 0419 925 294 or [beauley@bigpond.net.au](mailto:beauley@bigpond.net.au).

## Yellow Recycling Bin Lids

*Throughout April and July 2008 Camden Council removed the yellow and blue recycling lids and dividers from all recycling bins.*

The bins were then fitted with yellow lids. There is no longer a requirement for a divider as a fully co-mingled collection system has been adopted.

If you still have a yellow and blue recycling bin lid, please contact Camden Council on 4654 7777 to have it replaced.



## Fridge Buyback Program

*The Fridge Buyback Program is a successful residential energy efficiency and greenhouse reduction program that collects working second fridges from resident's homes.*

The fridges must be at least 10 years old and larger than 250 litres. All fridges are degassed, the metals recycled and by participating in the program, you may be eligible to receive a \$35 rebate if the fridge removal involves six stairs or less.

Apply online at [www.ridgebuyback.com.au](http://www.ridgebuyback.com.au) or call 1800 708 410.

# what's happening



## Clean Up Australia Day 2009

*Clean Up Australia Day is Australia's largest community based environmental event. It continues to grow from strength to strength due to the generous support of many individuals, businesses, community groups and councils throughout Australia.*

Be one of the hundreds of thousands of Australians who will help clean up our environment on Sunday 1 March 2009. For more information visit the Clean Up Australia Day website [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au) or phone 1800 282 329.



## FREE Friday Late Night Transport in Camden

*In August 2008 Camden Council launched its new Get There Bus It project. Targeted towards 18-25 year olds, this project is a Friday late night transport service for young people that live in the Camden Local Government Area.*

The service previously required a gold coin donation, while people over the

age of 25 paid \$10 but now it's FREE! Camden Council is now providing the service for free to all young people 18 – 25yrs and for those aged over 25yrs if space on the bus permits.

No bookings required. SMS or phone the bus on Friday nights on 0435 133 761 or 0420 882 517. More information: 4645 5021.

### FREE OCCUPANT RESTRAINT SAFETY CHECK

You can have all of your child car restraints, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit on Thursday 5 March 2009 in the Narellan Library car park, Queen Street, Narellan. Children's car restraints will be inspected by RTA Authorised Restraint Fitters. Bookings are essential so for more information or to book your time please contact 4645 5046.

## Household Chemical CleanOut 2009

*Chemical CleanOut is a FREE service for the safe disposal of a range of common household chemicals, many of which could cause harm if not disposed of correctly.*

Supported by Camden Council, the CleanOut program will take place on Sunday 1 February 2009 at Onslow Park Car Park (Camden Showground), Mitchell Street, Camden from 9am – 3.30pm.

For more information visit the CleanOut website [www.cleanout.com.au](http://www.cleanout.com.au) or phone 131 555.

## Live your Life, Forget your Age Festival

Seniors Week aims to promote and celebrate the diversity of older people in our community. This year, Seniors Week is to be held from 15-22 March 2009.

To celebrate seniors in Camden, Camden Council is hosting a 'Live your Life, Forget your Age' festival during the month of March.

During the festival, Council will be providing a range of activities including a free seniors bus trip and fun day out, 'Tea and Symphony' Grandparents story time, Seniors Road Safety seminars and Saturday matinees of classic films at Camden Library.

All events will be promoted through Council's website and in the 'Live your Life, Forget your age' calendar of events available at Council Administration Buildings and Camden and Narellan Libraries in February.

## Seniors Concert

The Camden Seniors Program Committee is holding a free Camden Seniors Concert – Living Life to the Full as part of Camden's Seniors Week events.

The Concert will be held at the Camden Civic Centre, Oxley Street Camden on Wednesday 18 March, at 10.15am for a 10:30am start.

Entertainment is being provided by the Kelly Variety Show and local primary schools. During the entertainment a light lunch will be served.

For a ticket to the Camden Seniors Concert please contact Bruce Bunn, Camden Senior Citizens Centre on 4655 8941.



# calendar of events

# your library

## Regular Events

**Camden Craft and Fine Food Market Fair**  
3rd Saturday of each month (except Jan and Mar). Camden Showground. 9am-1pm.  
Ph. 0417 230 418.

**Cobbitty Village Markets**  
1st Saturday of each month (except Jan & Feb). Cobbitty School, Cobbitty Rd, Cobbitty.  
Ph. 0438 512 728.

**Camden Produce Markets**  
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month. NEW LOCATION! Camden Town Farm, Exeter Street, Camden. 7am-12pm.  
Ph. 0403 617 333.

**Wivenhoe Tours**  
1st Sunday of every month (except Jan). Macquarie Grove Rd, Camden. Ph. 4655 7057.

**Walk the Walk - Camden RSL Memorial Walkway**  
Last Saturday of each month. 7am Summer, 8am Winter. Walk is 8.1km. Ph. 4658 0049.

**Harrington Park Craft Markets**  
Last Sunday of the month. Harrington Plaza, 23 Fairwater Dr, Harrington Park.  
Ph. 4648 4788.



## January

**16 Jan, Wallaby Walkabout**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Ph. 4634 7935.

**24 & 31 Jan, 21 Years of Achievement - A reflection on Mount Annan Botanic Garden**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden Bowden Centre. Ph 4634 7935.

**25 Jan, Aussie's Under The Stars, A celebration of Australian movies**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Ph. 4634 7935.

**26 Jan, Australia Day in Camden**  
Camden Civic Centre, Argyle St & Showground. Ph. 4645 5029.



## February

**1 Feb, Household Chemical CleanOut**  
Onslow Park (Car Park) www.cleanout.com.au. Ph. 4654 7777.

**6 Feb, Wallaby Walkabout**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Ph. 4634 7935.

**14 Feb, Lovers by Lakeside**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Ph. 4634 7935.



## March

**1 Mar, Clean Up Australia Day**  
www.cleanup.org.au. Ph. 4654 7777.

**8 Mar, Campbelltown City Challenge Walk**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Ph. 4645 4605.

**International Women's Day**  
Ph. 4645 5050.

**14, 21 & 28 Mar, Saturday Matinee @ the Library**  
Seniors movies at Camden Library. www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au. Ph. 4654 7951.

**15-22 Mar, 'Live your Life, Forget your Age' Festival - Seniors Week**  
Ph. 4645 5020.

**18 Mar, Seniors Free for All**  
Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Ph. 4634 7935.

**T-pots and Tiny Tots**  
Narellan Library. Grandparents and Grand children story time. Ph. 4654 7951.

**Seniors Concert**  
Camden Civic Centre, Camden. Ph. 4655 8941.

**20 Mar, Seniors Week Bus Trip**  
Camden to Thirroul. Ph. 4645 5020.

**21 Mar, Harmony Day**  
Ph. 4645 5050.

**The Cavalcade of History and Fashion Inc**  
Vintage clothing from the Edwardian period. Tickets \$35 inc. high tea.  
www.camdenciviccentre.com.au or Ph. 4655 8681.

**23 Mar, Mater Dei Annual Charity Golf Day**  
Macquarie Links International Golf Club. www.materdeicamden.org. Ph. 4655 7481.

**27 & 28 Mar, Camden Show**  
Onslow Park. Ph. 4655 8338.

**28 Mar, Make a Move... Op shop tour for recycled art in Youth Week**  
Youth Week. Ph. 4645 5021.



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For more information about any of the events below please contact Camden Council Library Service on:

**Camden:** 4654 7951  
**Narellan:** 46545 5039  
www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

**Can your fines Amnesty**  
From Monday 5 to Saturday 24 January, Library members with overdue fines are invited to return all books and donate a tin of food or non perishable goods. In return for the donation the Library will waive overdue fines. All food collected will be given to a local charity to distribute to families in need.

**Visiting Authors**  
Dr Paul Lam will talk about his new book Tai Chi for Diabetes on Wednesday 4 March, 2.30pm at Narellan Library. This book combines medical and tai chi expertise, also including a program that has been especially designed in collaboration with Diabetes Australia for people with diabetes.

Other books to be discussed in 2009 include IVF and ever after, Pain Management, You are a Clairvoyant, Post Baby Talk and many more.

**Book Discussion Group**  
The Library's Book Discussion Group, which has been meeting for the last 12 years, is inviting new members to join in their very stimulating and enjoyable discussions.

In January, the book chosen for review is "A Fraction of the Whole" by Australian writer Steve Toltz. Meetings are held at Camden Library on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Please come and join in.

