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## Australia Day in Camden



*On Wednesday 26th January Argyle St in Camden will come to a stand-still, as the fun and festivities of Camden's annual Australia Day celebrations take centre-stage.*

Mayor Chris Patterson will begin proceedings by welcoming all new Australian Citizens to the area from 9.30am in the annual Citizenship awards ceremony at Camden Civic Centre, while Camden's official Australia Day ambassador and fellow dignitaries will announce the winners of the Australia Day Civic Awards, recognising the outstanding achievements of our local residents.

It's then off to Argyle St, where at 11.15am a sea of Australian flags and happy punters will greet the ever-popular Macarthur Lions Street Parade, which will march up Argyle St and includes a range of community organisations, displays and musical groups as well as the Australia Day Ambassador and dignitaries.

At the conclusion of the parade the festivities will kick into over-drive as Onslow Park plays host to a range of rides, stalls and entertainment from 12pm, including displays by the Light Horseman and musical performances by Australia Day favourites 'Mad Rhino' and the Camden Campbelltown Community Band.

Camden Council and the Australia Day Committee invite you to be a part of the fun this Australia Day!!!



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## Mayoral Citizenship Awards 2010

*Each year, a Mayoral Citizenship Award certificate and book prize is awarded to one student from each primary and secondary school in the Camden Local Government Area at the school's end of year Award Ceremony.*

The recipient is a student who in the school's opinion promotes community wellbeing within the school and/or wider Camden community through the principles of active citizenship and participation.

Camden Council would like to congratulate all recipients of the citizenship award for 2010:

- Alexandra Turner (St Paul's Catholic School)
- Bethany Archer (Mount Annan High School)
- Bianca Suract (Harrington Park Public School)
- Brock Fennell (Narellan Public School)
- Cailin Pascoe (Macarthur Anglican School)

- Cassandra Rix (Elizabeth Macarthur High School)
- Courtney Bell (Elderslie High School)
- Fionna McGrath (Camden South Public School)
- Harley Davies (Camden Public School)
- Isabelle Burge (Cobbitty Public School)
- Isobel McDonald and Jeremy Parbery (Hope Christian College)
- Joshua Costlow (Narellan Vale Public School)
- Kate Feeney (Mater Dei School)
- Lachlan Haidle (St Clare's Catholic Primary School)
- Lucy Chetcuti (Camden High School)
- Natasha Weber (Elderslie Public School)
- Samantha Kable (Mount Annan Public School)
- Sera Irving (Leppington Public School)
- Tristan Warden (Rossmore Public School)

## New Residents Welcomed Online

*As Camden Council is welcoming more and more new residents, it is important to make connections with people moving into the community.*

Therefore, a new 'Welcome to Camden' page is now available on Council's website, [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au), under the 'Council' tab. Information

includes a 'Welcome to Camden' booklet as well as links to current information including library services, bus timetables, community directories and much more.

Visit [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) today for everything you need to know about living, learning and playing in Camden.



## School Holiday Time

*Know of parents pulling their hair out while they look for something to entertain their kids during the school holiday break?*

The Camden School Holiday Guide is now available online on the new Camden Kids Website at [www.camdenkids.com.au](http://www.camdenkids.com.au). The School Holiday Page located under the green 'Fun and Play' tab, lists all low-cost or free activities happening within the Camden LGA over the Christmas break.



Alternatively, parents can visit the website's 'What's On' Calendar for a day to day view of upcoming activities.

We hope you have a fun filled and safe holiday break!

## Find Your Special Companion at Renbury Farm

*Renbury Farm Animal Shelter is our Local Government Area's home for lost or abandoned animals.*

After the expiry of the mandatory holding period, all animals kept at Renbury Farm are available to go to good homes, with all animals receiving a thorough examination by a veterinarian to be deemed fit for purchase. Vaccinations and Worming

Desexing are also carried out on all animals prior to leaving (young kittens & Puppies will go to their new home with a desexing voucher) and also receive microchipping and lifetime registration (animals desexed over 6 mths of age) with the NSW Companion Animal Register.

Dogs at Renbury Farm are \$300 and Cats \$240.

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| <a href="http://www.renbury.com.au">www.renbury.com.au</a> | <a href="mailto:info@renbury.com.au">info@renbury.com.au</a>                        |

## Narellan Rhythms Festival A Blast

Residents descended on Narellan in droves on Saturday 23 October to enjoy a day of Rhythm and fun.

See all the photos on the Narellan Rhythms Festival Facebook page.

If you would like to be involved in the planning for this Multicultural Festival in 2011 call Denise Pritchard on 4645 5009.

## Youth Services Directory

Young people, youth services, community groups, schools and residents now have access to an easy-to-follow youth services directory that is specific to the Camden area. Featuring information about local youth services, health and education services, transport options, recreation parks and employment opportunities, the Camden Youth Services Directory aims to increase community awareness of services and resources available in the area for young people 12 – 25years.

The directory can be downloaded by visiting [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) and clicking on Community and Young People or emailing [youth@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@camden.nsw.gov.au)





# our environment

## Household Chemical CleanOut

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 6th February 2011 at Onslow Park Car Park (Camden Showground), Mitchell Street Camden from 9:00am – 3:30pm

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

## Clean Up Australia Day 2011

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

On Sunday 6th March 2011, be one of the hundreds of thousands of Australians who help each year to clean up our environment.

For more information visit the Clean Up Australia Day website [www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au) or phone 1800 282 329.



## Don't Dump on Charity



*People often illegally dump unwanted goods outside charity stores and near charity collection bins.*

Goods being left on public land often result in the useful items being stolen, while the rubbish causes an eyesore, health risk and fire hazard. Many large goods left on public land include; torn or stained furniture, damaged or broken goods, etc. that cannot be used or sold. Charities simply don't have the resources to be able to make repairs, and most of these items must be taken to the tip, which then incurs a disposal fee. This costs charities thousands of dollars a year.

Charity Organisations can only accept items in good condition.

Therefore donations of goods to charities must be made by either

placing the goods fully inside their charity bin or larger items must be donated during opening hours to the appropriate charity staff.

Leaving goods on public land is illegal dumping.

Goods not suitable for charities can be disposed of easily with a Council Kerbside Cleanup. The Kerbside Cleanup is provided to enable residents to easily dispose of waste that is too bulky for the normal garbage collection. Residential properties are eligible for two free kerbside cleanup services per financial year. The service is based on a booking system. For more information contact Council's Customer Service on 4654 7777 or visit [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au)



## Protect Your Animals From Fireworks



*New Years Eve celebrations usually bring fireworks, which pose many risks to animal safety.*

Most animals panic when fireworks are detonated and will go to extreme measures to get away from the sights and sounds of fireworks sometimes injuring themselves in the process.

Take all precautions to ensure that your animal is safe.

Never use a slip collar or choker chain to restrain your dog.

Ensure your cat and dog is microchipped (and your contact details are up to date) and wearing a collar with a tag showing the name of the animal and a contact telephone number.

If you are aware that your animal is effected by fireworks speak to your

Veterinarian or you may prefer to place it in a boarding kennel, cattery, or Veterinary hospital for a few days.

### **If your animal goes missing:**

- Contact your local Veterinary Hospital and/or our Pound, Renbury Farm Animal Shelter on 9606-6118;
- Contact Council to report the dog/cat as 'missing' on the NSW Companion Animals Register;



## Septic System Installation or Repairs Need Council Approval

*If you install, alter or conduct repairs to your septic system without Council Approval, chances are you will be caught, with any illegal works resulting in the issuing of heavy fines*

Council consent is required for any modifications to your septic system, including:

- External Drainage (including the connection of additional drainage)
- Tanks (including replacement and repair)

- the disposal area, (including replacement of or modification to)

Contact Council's Environmental Health Branch on (02) 4654 7777 prior to completing any works on your septic system to obtain further advice regarding the need for approval.

### **Did you know?**

If you are involved in organising for works to be completed on a system (an owner or Real Estate Agent are good examples) or are involved in completing any works on a system (e.g. Plumber or Supplier) you can also be held liable.

It is important to ensure that you confirm with the property owner that the works you are about to engage or complete have the prior written consent of Council.

Council now provides pre-purchase inspections on septic systems for a small cost. Allowing you to be informed of the current working condition of the septic system you are about to inherit.



# hot off the press

## Community Infrastructure Renewal

*In early 2010, Council applied to the Minister for Local Government for an additional increase in rates of 4.5% to help fund a backlog of Community Infrastructure renewal. This was approved by the Minister for a period of three years.*

As a result of this approval, Council is raising an additional \$1.2 million per annum approximately to help renew community assets such as roads, footpaths, kerb and gutter, buildings and playground equipment. The program under which this is to be done is called the Community Infrastructure Renewal Program.

As at the end of November 2010, Council had used almost \$375,000 in the resurfacing of roads (17 roads), allocated \$283,000 toward a loan repayment for work on Lodges Road, Elderslie, reflecting work done since July 2010, and resurfaced 4 car parks and one group of playing courts. The total value of this work and allocation of funds so far this financial year is around \$690,000, and represents 60% of the value of the program presented to the community early in 2010/11.



## Council Works Update

### Lodges Rd and Hilder St Elderslie

Construction works to upgrade Hilder St from a rural to urban standard commenced in December and will continue through to April 2011.

Construction of new drainage culverts in Lodges Rd adjacent to Elderslie Public School will commence in January and continue through to May 2011.

During this time traffic in these areas will be affected but through access will be maintained.

These works are being funded by an interest-free loan from the NSW Government's Local Infrastructure Fund.

### Springs Rd

Temporary relocation of power and other services are well advanced and excavation of sand under Springs Rd

is underway. Contracts have been let for the road and bridge construction which is scheduled to commence in February 2011. As previously reported Springs Rd is scheduled to reopen in August 2011.

### Birriwa Reserve Courts

The courts at Birriwa Reserve have recently undergone a makeover with the assistance of the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Funding.

There is now one tennis court which will provide free public access, one netball court and one basketball court. The courts have been resurfaced with an all weather sports surface to allow multipurpose uses.

### Camden Pool

Insert the blue introductory message from the last edition of Lets Connect and then add the following.

Redevelopment of Camden Pool is nearing completion and is scheduled to reopen on 24 January 2011 should construction not be further delayed by wet weather.

### Sports Lighting

With assistance from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Funding Council is improving sports lighting of Nott Oval, Leppington Oval and Kirkam Park netball courts.

Nott Oval and Leppington Oval have been upgraded to current training standards and Kirkham Park will be suitable for night competition play when this is completed in late January 2011.

# what's happening



## 'Drives for Learners in Macarthur' – Log Book Run Event

*Learner drivers and their supervisors are invited to participate in a free 'Log Book Run' event from the 'Drives for Learners in Macarthur' booklet.*

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 and assists the learner in achieving experience across a range of road types, amongst others in the same learning phase of driving. The next 'Log Book Run' is on Sunday 14 March 2011. Bookings essential, call Council's Community Road Safety Officer on 4645 5046.

## Camden Show – 8 & 9 April 2011

*After 125 Years... 'Still a Country Show'*



*Some of the highlights at this year's show include the famous brumby run, rodeo, fireworks spectacular, the duck show, jousting, camel races, wheelie bin relay, tent pegging, mini trots, woodchop, poets smoko and extensive displays in Heritage Lane with an emphasis on 'History in Agriculture'.*

There will also be a 'Grand Parade' featuring "Vehicles through the Ages", including bullock and heavy horse-drawn vehicles to crank handle cars and "Beaut Utes".

Also maintaining the strong tradition in Agriculture, the Camden Show will showcase livestock competitions and

exhibitions with emphasis on horse events, cattle, poultry, goats, alpacas, dogs and cats.

Other annual events include the pavilion and farm produce competitions, rides and amusements, showbags, the NAB entertainment stage, ute show, sheep dog trials and the style pavilion.

Congratulations to the Camden Show Society on the staging of the 125th Camden Show, a huge milestone for a not-for-profit organisation, run almost entirely by volunteers.

For more information visit [www.camdenshow.com](http://www.camdenshow.com)

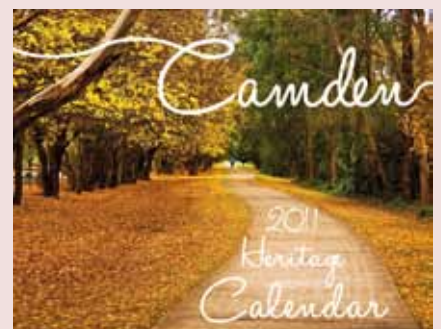
## Choose Right, Buckle Right – Free Occupant Restraint Fitting and Checking Day

Have all your child car restraints and booster seats fitted and checked for safety and correct fit by an RTA Authorised Restraint Fitter. Thursday 11 March 2011, 9am – 1.30pm, bookings essential. Call Council's Community Road Safety Officer on 4645 5046.



## 2011 Calendars

The Camden Heritage Calendar for 2011 is now available for \$15 from the Camden Visitor Information Centre and Camden and Narellan Council Offices, showcasing the best photographs of the Camden area from throughout the year. While the Macarthur Textile Expo Calendar is also available from the Macarthur Textile Network ([gandshutch@bigpond.com](mailto:gandshutch@bigpond.com)) from only \$10, presenting some of the amazing entries into the Macarthur Textile Challenge in 2010.





# calendar of events

# your library



## January

### 12 Jan: Creepy Lab and Wicked Wound Workshop

Presented by Fizzics Education. Narellan Library, 3.30pm - 4:30pm, Cost \$3.00 (Payment at time of booking) – Bookings essential, Ages: 8 -14 years

### 15 Jan: Lachlan Glen “Thankyou Camden” (The Sequel)

Pianist Lachlan Glen returns from New York to perform a second free concert to thank the people of Camden and beyond for their support of his overseas studies. Camden Civic Centre. 7:30pm. Doors open 7pm. Free admission.

### 17 Jan: Cartoon Workshop – Aliens, Monsters and Dinosaurs

Presented by cartoonist Dave Hackett. In this workshop children will learn how to draw aliens, monsters and dinosaurs. Pencils and paper will be provided. Camden Library, 10am – 11am, Free – bookings essential, Ages: 6 to 12 years.

### 17 Jan: Author/Creative Writing Workshop

Presented by cartoonist and author Dave Hackett. In this workshop participants will learn skills on how to write stories creatively. Camden Library, 11.30am to 12.30pm, Cost: Free – bookings essential, Ages: 8 -14 years

### 20 Jan: Murphy’s Puppet Show – The Pram Show

Presented by puppeteer Denis Murphy. ‘The Pram Show’ provides great fun for all presenting a colourful cast of monkeys of all shapes and sizes. Narellan Library, 2.30pm to 3.30pm, Cost: \$3.00 (Payment at time of booking) – bookings essential. Ages: 3 years and up

### 26 Jan: Australia Day

Citizenship Ceremony & Civic Awards (Camden Civic Centre), Macarthur Lions Street Parade (Argyle St), Entertainment, Stalls, Rides (Onslow Park). 9.30am – 3.00pm. Ph. 4645 5115



## February

### 27 Feb: Pitter Patter

Pre-loved goods market for babies & kids from birth-6 years. Camden Civic Centre. 9.00am-1.00pm. \$3.00 entry (kids free). Ph. 0412 370 102



## March

### 19 Mar: The Cavalcade of Fashion

Not just a Fashion Parade, but a fascinating, entertaining and memorable glimpse in to our wonderful past. Camden Civic Centre. 1.30pm. Tickets \$40 each includes High Tea. Ph. 4774 8193 or 4630 9565

### 23 Mar: Seniors Week Concert

Camden Civic Centre. 10.00am-2.00pm. Free Admission. Ph. 4645 5020

### 31 Mar: Harmony Day School Spectacular

Camden Civic Centre. 6.00pm-9.00pm. Free Admission. Ph. 4645 5106



## April

### 1 Apr: Wollongong Symphony Orchestra presents Popular Classics

Camden Civic Centre. 7.30pm. Tickets \$20. Ph. 4655 8681. The WIN Wollongong Symphony Orchestra are giving audience members a chance to vote for the music they will hear in 2011. Email your 3 favourite overtures to [julie@wwso.com.au](mailto:julie@wwso.com.au) by 1st February to have your vote go into the selection process.

### 8 & 9 Apr: Camden Show

Camden Showground. “After 125 years...still a country show”. For more info visit [www.camdenshow.com](http://www.camdenshow.com)

Narellan – 4645 5039

Camden – 4654 7951

### Camden READS Summer Reading Program

Camden’s Libraries are gearing up to kick off their summer reading program. Camden and Narellan Library will offer events, holiday workshops, and other fun activities to promote the enjoyment of reading a good book.

Camden READS is free and runs from 1 December – 31 January 2011. Camden Reads encourages people of all ages in our community to enjoy reading during summer.

Joining is easy! All you have to do is follow these simple steps, Read, Register, Return and you could win. Sign up for Camden Reads at Camden or Narellan Library today.

For more information contact Narellan Library on 4645 5039 or visit the website [www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au)

### Downloadable Audio Books for your Ipad

Free talking books to download on your ipod, iphone or MP3 player will be available from December 2010. The library has just signed up for the new Clipper DL downloadable audio book service. Clipper provides a great range of unabridged audio books by top authors, ready to download 24hours a day, 7 days a week, from the library or home.

### Chess Club

Beginning in Feb 2011 at Camden Library. Open to all ages, beginners and experienced players, held once a month. More details provided in Jan. All welcome.

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**See Calendar of Events for Library school holiday activities**