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The 33rd Camden Art Prize Approaches

The official opening of the 33rd Camden Art Prize will be held at the Civic Centre, at the corner of Mitchell and Oxley Streets, Camden, at 8.30pm (free entry from 7:30pm) on Friday May 4 2007. Each year prize-winning entries are acquired by the Art Committee Inc to become part of the impressive and ever expanding Camden Community Art Collection. Works from this collection are currently on show in the Council's buildings.

Art Prize Committee Publicity Officer, Councillor Eva Campbell, said planning for the prestigious annual Art Prize is a continuous process; "As the entries are being collected from one years Exhibition at the Civic Centre, the small-dedicated Art Prize Committee begins the detailed planning and negotiations with its generous sponsors necessary to guarantee the success of the following year's event." The Committee meets monthly to ensure that each successive Camden Art Prize maintains the exceptionally high standard originally established for the competition way back in 1974. "Now in its 33rd year, the Art Prize Competition is simply getting better and better," Cr. Campbell said.

Entry for works to be exhibited in the 2007 competition will take place on Saturday April 28 and entry forms are available locally from the Civic Centre, Camden Council or the Exhibition Secretary. An entry form can also be downloaded from the Civic Centre's web site which is currently displaying further details about the Art Prize and its history. The web address is www.camdenciviccentre.com.au



All local artists are encouraged to consider entering the Art Prize competition. A maximum of three (3) entries per exhibitor is permitted. For further information regarding entries please contact the Exhibition Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Bishop, telephone 4655 2023, or Mrs. Jan Margin, telephone 4558 0864.

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Camden Library Open for Service!



Good news for the people of Camden – the Camden Library re-opened its doors on February 5 after a major refurbishment.

Over 500 people visited the library on the first day, a very exciting welcome back to the team of library staff at Camden. We are very excited about sharing this amazing facility with the Museum and Camden Area Family History and offering the community such a significant resource.

The redevelopment is stunning with a beautiful glass galleria now joining the former Fire Station, Museum and Library to create an exciting cultural and heritage precinct in the heart of Camden. The precinct is the home for the Camden Museum, the Library's Local History Collection and the Camden Area Family History

Association. The new facility also provides a multi-function room that will be used to host musical occasions, special celebrations and for Seniors Week, Law Week, Children's Book Week, Visiting Authors, and other events throughout 2007.

The Library is fortunate to have secured a significant collection of local artistry to be prominently displayed throughout the Library. Coordinated by Council's Cultural Development Coordinator, Angela Pasqua, the artwork tells its own story, evolving through extensive consultation and many fruitful partnerships formed by Angela with many local artists, schools and youth in the area. The artwork is interesting and offers a flair and flavour to suit a broad spectrum of the community.

Generally there is a lovely ambience to the new-look Library which does provide a great experience for all who visit!

Some of the fantastic features include:

- Increased free computer access
- New collections, e.g. graphic novels for young adults

- Interesting and creative public art
- A multi-function room for lectures and special events
- Enhanced Local History Collection and new home for Camden Area Family History Association in the old Fire Station
- A magazine, newspaper, CD, DVD area for sitting, reading and browsing
- New public toilets, a baby-change room and disabled toilet for Library patrons' convenience
- New "self-checker" facility to improve customer service
- Color and black and white photocopying facilities



Camden Library Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9.30am – 5pm
Tuesday, Thursday	9.30am – 8pm
Saturday	9am – 12 noon

Narellan Library Opening Hours

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	9.30am – 5pm
Monday and Wednesday	9.30 – 8pm
Saturday	9am – 3pm

To arrange a personal tour of the library please do not hesitate to contact Virginia Ghezzi on 4654 7951.



Council Waste Management Services

Camden Council provides weekly household waste services for the collection of garbage, recyclables and greenwaste to urban areas, and garbage and recyclables to rural areas.



All of these bins are provided free of charge to residents and remain the property of Council. We ask that you please do not paint house numbers or other identifying marks on the bins and that the bins not be taken from the premises or moved to another premises when moving home.

Other types of hazardous material such as paints, chemicals, car batteries and gas bottles can be taken to Jacks Gully Waste Management Facility which is located on the corner of Richardson Road and Springs Road, Spring Farm. This facility is owned and operated by WSN Environmental Solutions.

Council Waste Management can be contacted on (02) 4658 1497

Would you like to arrange a Kerbside Cleanup? You are entitled to two services per financial year. Please follow these important steps:

Step 1. Book in first

Do not put your material on the kerbside until you have made a booking with Council. Phone 4654 7777 to arrange a collection day.

Step 2. When to put the material out

Put your material out no more that two days before your booked collection date. This will keep our streets clean and tidy.

Step 3. How much to put out

Only three cubic metres of material in total will be accepted from each property (approximately a small trailer load). This keeps the collection fair and sustainable.

Step 4. Make three neat piles

Sort your materials into separate piles for general waste, green waste and white goods. And remember - only three cubic meters in total will be accepted per collection. Materials must be able to be managed safely by one person.

Larger items such as swing sets, trampolines etc must be dismantled into smaller manageable pieces.

Material placed on the kerbside in a manner contrary to these conditions will not be collected. Such material could be considered illegal dumping. If you still have unwanted materials after your two collections per financial year, you are able to book in additional Cleanup Services through Council for a fee.

Camden's Youth Cafe

Camden's new Youth Café has opened its doors at the Narellan Youth Space above Narellan Library on the corner of Queen and Elyard Sts, Narellan.

The Youth Café is a free space for 12-18 year olds and is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3-7pm.

The Youth Café features a pool table, jukebox, snacks and drinks, lounges, café tables and chairs, magazines, graphic novels, board games and youth information as well as a regular program of activities.

For more information please contact the Youth Café Coordinator on 4645 5071.





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Camden Library Official Opening

On March 2, 2007 Councillor Chris Patterson, Mayor of Camden, officially opened the Camden Library and Museum redevelopment before an audience of 100 guests.

The redevelopment was recognised by the Mayor as a significant example of the value of partnerships within our community. He emphasised the value of the partnership with Camden Museum, Camden Family History and the Library in delivering a heritage precinct for the community of Camden and the opportunity this partnership creates for the community to explore and create history.

Council's General Manger, Greg Wright, followed on to highlight the significance of the clever architecture, identifying that the project effectively linked three significant heritage buildings with an amazing glass galleria, blending heritage with modern day development.

Further the Assistant State Librarian, Kathleen Bresnahan, congratulated Camden Council on recognising the need for

a larger library and responding magnificently to this need. She stunned the audience with some incredible facts such as the 31 million visits made to libraries across the State each year and even more amazingly the fact that there are now more libraries than McDonalds across the State and that they are open to serve the community 15,000 hours each week.

The library redevelopment offers more than just books with significant history and cultural displays. Without a doubt the architecture coupled with the public art displayed throughout the facility have flavoured the development significantly and created an ambience, which invites and welcomes.

The Camden Library is a facility to be celebrated! The community will be welcomed and encouraged to join in the celebrations on April 21 at the **CAMDEN LIBRARY OPEN DAY** from 10am – 2pm – there will be loads of fun activities for everyone. For more information please phone 4654 7951.

Exhibition Of Oran Park And Turner Road Precinct Plans

In April, the Growth Centres Commission and Camden Council will commence exhibition of detailed plans for the Oran Park and Turner Road Precincts in the South West Growth Centre.

The exhibition will include displays at Camden Council in John Street, Camden and at the Narellan Library,

as well as at the Growth Centre Commission's offices in Parramatta. Open house days will be arranged to provide you with an opportunity to chat with staff of the Growth Centres Commission and Camden Council and ask questions about the precincts. All exhibition material will also be provided on the Growth Centres Commission web site at www.gcc.nsw.gov.au

The exhibition will run for a period of six weeks. Full details of the exhibition will be published in local newspapers. Please take some time to view the plans during the exhibition period. Your input into the future planning of Camden will help us to deliver high quality new places.



The BreastScreen Mobile Van has returned to Camden again in 2007. All women who wish to attend this free screening must ring (02) 98 433 288 or 13 20 50 to book an appointment.

The BreastScreen Van will be located on Oxley Street, Camden opposite Woolworths until 18 May 2007.



Plant a Tree in Memory of Your Mum on Mothers Day, 13 May 2007 at Kings Bush Reserve



Camden Council will host the Trees for Mum program for the first time this Mother's Day, Sunday 13 May. Last year 10 Councils across Sydney participated in the Trees for Mum program.

The Trees for Mum program gives people who have lost their mother a chance to nurture the environment and plant commemorative trees on Mother's Day.

"We wanted to develop an occasion to give people a positive way to celebrate a life and establish a memorial. Mother's Day can be difficult when you don't have a mum to share it with," says Lauren Adlam, Trees for Mum co-founder.

Planting a tree is free of charge however participants are encouraged to make donations to the National Centre for Childhood Grief (NCCG),

the Trees for Mum's designated charity. NCCG provides education, training and support for those helping Australian children and young people cope with grief following the death of a parent or sibling.

The Camden Trees for Mum planting site will be at Kings Bush Reserve, Chellaston St, Camden from 9am - 12 noon on Sunday 13 May. Morning Tea will be provided for participants who will be planting trees to re-establish the River-flat Eucalypt Forest along the Nepean River.

To register to plant a tree, or for more information, please visit the Trees for Mum web site at www.treesformum.com or phone the registration line on (02) 8230 2438.

Camden Council contact is Council's Natural Resource Officer on 4645 5048.

FREE Sustainability Blitz Workshops

Waterwise Gardening

Tuesday 8 May, 6-8pm

Venue: The Undercroft (Community Room), Camden Civic Centre, Oxley St, Camden

Composting

Tuesday 22 May, 6-8pm

Venue: Jack Nash Reserve Clubrooms, Nash Pl, Currans Hill

Wormfarming

Tuesday 5 June, 6-8pm

Venue: The Undercroft (Community Room), Camden Civic Centre, Oxley St, Camden

Attracting Wildlife to your Backyard

Tuesday 19 June, 6-8pm

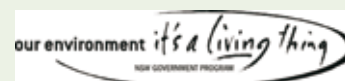
Venue: The Undercroft (Training Room), Camden Civic Centre, Oxley St, Camden

Nb. Light refreshments will be provided at the workshops.

To register, phone Denise Franovich on 4645 5007 or email denise.franovich@camden.nsw.gov.au

Sustainability Blitz is a partnership between Camden, Campbelltown, Wollondilly, Liverpool Councils and the Macarthur Sustainable Living Centre. It aims to raise awareness of the key sustainability issues in the backyard. It focuses on; waste, water and biodiversity and provides the community with the knowledge, skills and tools to implement sustainable changes in their backyards.

The project is funded as a Local Council Partnership Initiative.





Family Day Care

CONGRATULATIONS!
The Camden Family Day Care community would like to congratulate one of our wonderful carers, Cheryl Ingram, who received an International Womens Day Award for her work with children and families.

Cheryl's nomination spoke of how she had dedicated over 19 years to providing child care for more than 80 children. Cheryl's commitment extends beyond an average Family Day Care day where she has supported and counselled parents, colleagues and teenagers and provided countless evening and weekend care for families who work in industries which operate outside standard child care hours.

Cheryl's energy and enthusiasm are reflected through the program of activities, her nurturing environment and the distinct level of quality she provides to all children who have the opportunity to spend time in her care.

Camden Family Day Care are both happy and grateful to have Cheryl on the team!



Debbie Tuckey, Vicki Cook (Camden FDC) and Cheryl Ingram (Carer Camden FDC) with Mayor Cr. Chris Patterson

The 33rd Camden Art Prize Approaches

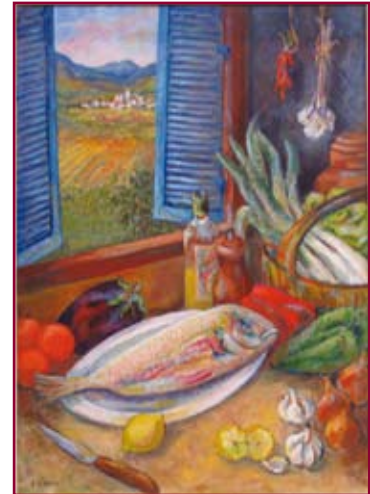
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With prize money totaling up to \$13,000, displays of HSC major art and outstanding textile and design works by local students, the Integral Energy Challenge and an ongoing school's education program, run in conjunction with the Art Prize, where local school children have the opportunity to discuss the exhibited works with prominent artist who generously volunteer their time to assist the Art Committee, there are numerous reasons for being interested in, and attending the 2007 Annual Exhibition. Judges for this year's Art Prize will be highly distinguished artists, Mr. Brian Stratton OAM. (F.R.A.S) President of Australian Watercolour Institute and Mr. Ron Stannard (F.R.A.S AWI ASMA), Past President of the Royal Art Society of New South Wales.

The 2007 competition will be conducted over the following sections:

- Section 1:** Bruce Ferguson Open Section – Any Medium
- Section 2:** Representative/Traditional – Any Medium
- Section 3:** Local Artist. Liz Kernohan Memorial Acquisition – Any Medium/ Any Subject
- Section 4:** Watercolour – Traditional Transparent Media
- Section 5:** Works on Paper – Any Medium
- Section 6:** Integral Energy Challenge – Any Medium

Prize money in each section of the competition is \$1250. The Camden Art Prize Committee Inc acquisitive maximum is \$3000 and the Local Section acquisitive prize – Memorial to Liz Kernohan – is to a maximum of \$2000.



Alison Chrystal 'Cuisine Provencale'

Major sponsors of the Challenge Section, Integral Energy, have agreed this year's Energy Challenge Theme will be **"Seasons of Light."** Entries in this section should reflect the artist's interpretation of this set Challenge Theme.

The Camden Art Prize Exhibition is open:

Saturday and Sunday, May 5 – 6, from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Monday, May 7 to Wednesday 9, 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Thursday, May 10, 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Entries can be collected between 4.30pm and 6.00pm on Friday, May 11 and 8.30am and 12 noon on Saturday, May 14.

For a "Cultural Experience" without equal come along to the Camden Civic Centre for the 33rd Annual Camden Art Prize – bring your family, and be sure to invite all your friends. This is definitely the must attend Art Exhibition of the year; See you there!

Entry on Friday, May 4 – the opening night – (from 7.30pm) and throughout the Exhibition, is **free**.

what's happening



Country Energy Proms on Tour presented by Sydney Opera House



'Proms on Tour' performing to young children

Coming to Camden Civic Centre on 15 and 16 May 2007!

Country Energy Proms on Tour introduces young audiences to the joys of live music.

Set in a relaxed and informal environment, each Proms on Tour concert is brought to life by energetic conductor, George Ellis (aka Big G) and the much-loved Sydney Opera House Babies Proms Orchestra. The program consists of an assortment of musical styles played by the Orchestra, encouraging participation and interaction.

The Babies Proms series at Sydney Opera House has now become a celebrated tradition. In 2007 we are proud to bring you the tour of Strings & Things, exploring a dynamic range of music written for string instruments.

Plucking, bowing, hitting, strumming – Strings & Things experiments with the physical fun of music whilst introducing young audiences to a dynamic range of music written for the string instrument by famous composers.

From Debussy to Bach, Mozart to Rossini - sit back and relax for an inspiring musical journey with the Sydney Opera House Babies Proms Orchestra as they explore the vibrating world of lively sounds made by the string instrument. It's bound to strike a chord!

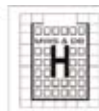
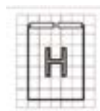
Country Energy is proud to support Proms on Tour Country Energy is a NSW Government Corporation. Focused on supporting over 860,000 customers across five states and territories, we're pleased to show our commitment to you by bringing Prom's on Tour to Western Sydney.



NSW Fire Brigades - Community Engagement & Development Unit Amarina Ave, Greenacre NSW 2190

Located below ground with cast iron lids, hydrants are positioned along the street at 90 metre spacings (about every 4-5 houses) and at the end of cul-de-sacs. Hydrants have lids that look like these:

In rural areas hydrants are located close to the shoulder of the road about 140-180 metres apart. Signs on post or telegraph poles indicate their location.



Across the road



In the footpath



In the road

Keep your neighbourhood safe by keeping your hydrant clear. Your life may depend upon it. Report all hydrants to Sydney Water 132 090. For more fire safety tips go to www.fire.nsw.gov.au



PROfarm



NSW DEPARTMENT OF
PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

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.

Courses are delivered locally by highly skilled and respected NSW DPI Staff and Selected Trainers. Many of the courses are subsidised to reflect the public benefits provided by the adoption of more sustainable farming practices.

By participating in a PROfarm course you will gain valuable skills to meet the ever-changing needs and requirements of today's farming and agribusiness sector.

For details of PROfarm courses at various locations in New South Wales during 2007, see the PROfarm website www.profarm.com.au or contact Tocal College 1800 025520 or Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre 1800 628422





calendar of events

your library



April

Dorothy the Dinosaur's Dance Party - 12 April

Award-winning songs and international characters with Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus, Captain Feathersword & Dorothy the Dinosaur.

Bridal Open House - 13 April

View Camden Civic Centres two stunning reception rooms in full bridal layout.

National Youth Week - 14-22 April

Local and regional events and activities to celebrate National Youth Week, with the theme of 'Launch Yourself'. Events include the launch of the new Youth Café, 'Driven to Distraction' Arrive Alive DVD project launch, a Regional Youth Forum, youth band night and fashion parade. For more information, call 46547777.

Camden Library Open Day - April 21 (see page 4)

Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society - 24 April

Lecture on Jane Austen: her life & works. Susannah Fullerton BA, M.Sc (Arts), ADFAS

Anzac Day - 25 April

Dawn Service, Camden RSL. 5.45am, Memorial Rose Garden. March and Service. Commencing 10.30am. Camden BEP Memorial . Ph. 4658 0049

'Shine On' - The Pink Floyd Show - 27 April

Shine On's 2 hour show is packed full of surprises for the hardcore Floyd fan.

Macarthur Mayors Charity Ball - 28 April

Campbelltown RSL. Ph. 4645 5115.



May

Mothers Day Lunch

Belgenny Farm. 10am-3pm. Ph. 4655 9651.
Gledswood Homestead 11.30am. Ph. 9606 5111
Mount Annan Botanic Garden 10am - 4pm Ph. 4634 7935.
Impassion Restaurant.
Breakfast. 8.30am Lunch. 11.30am Ph. 4655 8163

The 33rd Camden Art Prize- 4-11 May (see page 1)

Vipassana Meditation Seminar - 9 May

A free DVD screening about Vipassana Meditation and its relevance in society.

Families Week - 13-19 May

Free community event, held at Onslow Park Camden on Saturday 19 May – includes entertainment, sausage sizzles, jumping castle, art and craft activities. The slogan is: "FITT Families - Families Investing in Time Together". For more information, call 4654 7777.

Country Energy Proms on Tour – presented by Sydney Opera House - 15-16 May (see page 8)

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - 24 May

Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society - 29 May

Lecture on Fine Art forgery: craftsmanship or conjuring trick David Phillips NADFAS

Seniors Leisure & Lifestyle Expo - 30 May

The free expo at the Camden Civic Centre features over 40 exhibitors of leisure and lifestyle options for over-50's. For more information, call 4654 7777.

National Reconciliation Week - 27 May - 3 June

What's On At The Library?

BIBS - First and third Wednesdays of the month @ Camden Library, 10am. Second and last Wednesdays of the month @ Narellan Library, 10am.

Story-time - Wednesday and Friday @ Narellan Library, Tuesday and Thursday @ Camden Library. Both at 11am.

Youth Book Group – Pizza and Pages Bi-monthly @ Camden Library.

Participants discuss books they have recently read and suggest items for purchase by the Library. We are seeking sponsorship to provide pizza for this event.

April Holiday Activities - bookings essential, ph 4654 7951

Stories & Creating Masks

Tuesday 10 April @ Camden Library 2.00-3.00pm

Tattoos & Face Painting Workshop

Wednesday 11 April @ Narellan Library. 1.00 — 2.00 pm or 2.00-3.00pm Cost \$5.00

Stories & Making Wallets

Thursday 12 April @ Camden Library 2.00—3.00 pm

Tie-dying Monday 16 April @

Narellan Library 2.00-3.00pm (For 9-15 years)

Meet your Councillors

South Ward

Cr Eva Campbell 0419 638 733

Mayor Cr Chris Patterson 0414 559 953

Cr Fred Whiteman 0419 264 971

Central

Cr Fred Anderson 0412 251 912

Cr Debby Dewbery 0438 454 955

Cr Robert Elliott 0407 191 452

North

Cr Cindy Cagney 0419 273 687

Deputy Mayor Cr David Funnell 0415 656 791

Cr Peter Johnson 0413 335 700