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Light Up Camden

Thursday 15 November 2007, Argyle Street Camden



Light Up Camden will be here again on November 15 in Argyle Street Camden. Light Up Camden celebrates the coming of the festive season in Camden and is a perfect opportunity for everyone to

come along and get into the Spirit.

Bring the entire family down to sing some carols and let the kids get in their early Santa wish list.

The main street of Camden will close at 4pm as it begins to fill with stalls selling a wide range of goodies, rides, amusements, food and much more. There will be entertainment from 6pm onwards including La Voz Drumming Group, the Academy of Dance, performances from Lea Cassar's Voice Production, Sandie White Jazz Band, not to mention a huge range

of street entertainment, clowns, farm animals, pony rides, jumping castles, rides and more.

Santa Claus will arrive at 6.15pm by a horse drawn cart thanks to Clyde Manor Clydesdales and will be available for photos all night.

And the night will culminate with the Camden Christmas Tree turned on and fireworks at 9pm.

All the Camden shops will also be open for trade so don't forget to stop in and do some early Christmas shopping as well.

Don't miss out on the Camden Christmas Cheer this festive season and kick it off early on November 15.

Silly string is BANNED for Light Up Camden, with police and Council rangers issuing fines if necessary so please leave them at home this year.

Sponsors

We are still in need of sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring please contact David Anderson at Empire Interiors 4655 9700.

We also have room for store holders. These will be allotments of 3m x 3m at a cost of \$50. If you are interested in taking a stand please contact Marina at House of Georgia 4655 4631.

COUNCIL MEETING DAY CHANGE

At its meeting of 13 August 2007, Council resolved to move Council meetings from Monday evenings to Tuesday evenings.

Starting on 11 September 2007, Ordinary Council meetings will now generally be held the second and fourth TUESDAY of every month at the Camden Civic Centre Art Gallery at 6pm.

For a 2007 timetable of Council Meeting dates go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au.

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Shutter Bug Events



We want you to take a photo — whether it's in the backyard or the bush — to tell a story about how important your local environment and its native animals and plants are to you.

Come along to our FREE Shutter-Bug Events!

Narellan Shutter-Bug: Urban Forests Walk 'n' Talk

When: Saturdays 10, 17, 24 November and 1 December, 10am – 12pm

Where: Meet at Ironbark Room, Narellan Library, Cnr Queen & Elyards Streets, Narellan (Map: visit www.hn.cma.nsw.gov.au and follow the Shutter-Bug link)

Hear top tips from a photography expert on how to capture that winning nature shot! Join us for a walk to a nearby reserve with opportunities for fantastic photos. Discover amazing creatures and natural features of the Camden environment.

Bring walking shoes, sun protection, water and your camera.

BOOKINGS: Please RSVP by Wednesday 10 October 2007 to Denise Franovich on (02) 4645 5007

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 as follows:

- 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, 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. Applications close on 28 September 2007.

MACAAS - Call For Nominations



Would you like to have a say in how funding is allocated in the Camden area?

The Macarthur Area Assistance Scheme, administered by the NSW Department of Community Services, provides funding for innovative, self-help projects and partnerships that improve social and community infrastructure. The Scheme focuses on areas in New South Wales that are experiencing significant social and economic stress and change.

The role of the LRC members is to assess funding applications against the set guidelines and criteria. The Area Assistance Scheme offers local community members a unique opportunity to directly impact on funding allocated within their community.

Nominations are sought for interested parties who:

- Live or work within the Camden Local Government Area;
- Have an understanding of community issues and services;
- Are willing to act in accordance with the Area Assistance Scheme policy and procedure guidelines; and
- Are committed to access and equity principals.

If you are interested in nominating yourself, please contact Tina Britton, Community Project Officer (MACAAS) on 4645-5050 for a nomination form or visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au

Closing date for nominations is 5pm, Friday 28 September 2007



MacCARpool Project



The Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living (MCSL) at Mount Annan successfully applied for a \$5000 NRMA Community Help Grant 2006/07 for MacCARpool – Macarthur Region Car Pool Project.

MacCARpool Project addresses the chronic issue of the Macarthur community that depends heavily on private motor vehicles for transportation in a region lacking in viable public transport options.

MacCARpool will raise the awareness in the community of the effect cars have on our environment through exhaust emissions. It will give a viable alternative to the use of individual cars and so reduce the total greenhouse gas emissions. MacCARpool will help create networks within the community by connecting individuals with community groups. This will also help lead to individuals feeling less isolated within their community.

The objectives of MacCARpool are:

- to inform the community of the benefits of car pooling;
- to increase the awareness in the Macarthur community of carpool websites and encourage people in the community to be an active participant in carpooling;

- to allay any concerns the community may have about joining a car pool.

MacCARpool Project Committee consisting of representatives of MCSL, Camden Community Connections (CCC), Macarthur Community Forum, Camden and Wollondilly Councils, has been proactive in ensuring the delivery of project objectives.

Having completed research into local transport issues, social transport needs and established carpooling networks, the Project Committee is preparing a local carpooling guide and starter's kit targeted at organisations and individuals to establish their own carpools or join an existing one.

MacCARpool Project will be launched during September-October 2007.

MacCARpool Project Committee:

- MCSL Centre Coordinator – Kathy Giunta
- Camden Community Connections Community Worker – Erin De Rooy
- Macarthur Community Forum Transport Audit Project Worker – Tim Brown
- Camden Council Environmental Education Officer – Denise Franovich
- Wollondilly Shire Council Stormwater Project Officer – Helen Arnot

For further information:

Contact Kathy Giunta, MacCARpool Project Manager, on 4647 9828

Camden Civic Centre Upcoming Events

24 November - Fremitus Concert
The youth of Macarthur can expect an exciting night of creative workshops including music, dance, drama and a gospel message. Visit www.fremitus.com.au for further information.

30 November - Spastic Council Christmas Carols

First Saturday of the Month - Free Legal Service – Kells the Lawyers. People will be able to book a free initial consultation with a qualified lawyer and get free advice on a wide range of personal & business legal issues.

Every Wednesday and Thursday - Wollongong Conservatorium of Music - children's classes

Every Saturday - Nazarene Israel Assembly

Every Sunday - Grace Covenant Church Service

Australian Labor Party (ALP)

Camden Access Community Advisory Group - An advisory group of Council and community representatives working to increase access for people with a disability in the Camden LGA

Creative Memories Scrap booking Workshop

Camden International Friendship Association (CIFA)

Camden Ladies Probus Club

Camden Survivors of Breast Cancer

Camden Country Quilters Guild

Camden Chamber of Commerce

Christian Democratic Party

Quota International of Camden

For further information on any of the above events please contact the Camden Civic Centre on 4655 8681 or visit www.camdenciviccentre.com.au for the latest events.



our environment

Community Tree Planting at Matahil Creek



Residents of Camden are invited to join Camden Rugby Union Club members on Sunday 4 November from 8.30 am to 12 noon to plant 3150 trees.

A sausage sizzle will follow at lunchtime. The project has been funded under the Australian Government EnviroFund Round 8 (2006-2007) in a grant to Camden Rugby Union Club.

The purpose of the project is to enhance the Matahil Creek Riparian Corridor by reinstating native vegetation, and connecting existing vegetation remnants that are located at either end of Hayter Reserve, South Camden. Camden Rugby Union Club also aim to improve the quality of water in Matahil Creek and provide habitat for native fauna, including the threatened Glossy Black Cockatoo.

The site adjoins the Hayter Reserve playing field, parking is available on-site and volunteers are able to access Hayter Reserve from Wire Lane, which is off the Old Hume Highway, South Camden.

Contact Phil Wakeford at Camden Rugby Union Club on 0417 402 989 or 0419 237 546 or Rob Corby at Camden Council on 4645 5048.

Spring Clean your House of Unwanted Mobile Phones

Spring has finally sprung and residents are urged to 'round em up and hand em in' and begin their annual clean up by recycling unwanted mobile phones, batteries and accessories.

Recycling your old mobile phone is now easier with Camden Council joining MobileMuster – the official recycling program of the Australian mobile phone industry – as a 'wrangler'.

Local residents can clean out their drawers of all old and unwanted mobile phones and batteries, and bring them down to Camden Council and drop them in the recycling bins for free!

Why recycle mobile phones?

- Australians upgrade their mobile phones every 18 to 24 months, meaning there are approximately 16 million unused mobile phones stashed away at home or in the office;
- Over 90% of materials in mobile phones can be recovered such as



nickel, cadmium, cobalt, gold, silver, copper, plastics and other metals;

- One tonne of mobile phone circuit boards can yield about the same amount of precious metals as 110 tonnes of gold ore, 123 tonnes of silver bearing ore and 11 tonnes of copper sulphide ore.

Old mobile phones, batteries and accessories can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Camden Administration Office, 37 John St Camden
- Narellan Administration Office, 19 Queen St Narellan.

For further information visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au or www.mobilemuster.com.au

Community Tree Planting at Benwerrin Reserve

Residents of Grasmere are invited to join Camden Sickles Creek Bushcare Group on Sunday 11 November from 8.30 am to 12 noon to plant 700 trees with lunch provided.

The project has been funded under the Australian Government EnviroFund Round 8 (2006-2007) in a grant to Sickles Creek Bushcare Group.

The purpose of the project is to protect the pond along Sickles Creek in Benwerrin Reserve and improve its water quality, biodiversity and habitat values of local bird life and other fauna.

Access and parking is along Benwerrin Crescent, Grasmere

Contact Val Szydal at Sickles Creek Bushcare Group on 4655 8630 or Rob Corby at Camden Council on 4645 5048



Waste Management Unit



Have you ever wondered what happens to the items that you put in your greenwaste bin, how compost is processed and what the material is being turned into? Then this information below can HELP.

What are organic materials?

Everything that once lived is an organic material. Garden organics (or greenwaste) include:

- lawn clippings
- tree and shrub prunings
- dead flowers
- weeds
- discarded plants
- leaf debris
- small branches

Why recycle organic materials?

Around 50% of household waste and 30% of all waste thrown away is organic (1). This signifies a wasted resource that fills limited landfill space. Recycling organic materials can reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfill and reduce the impact of hazardous leachate reaching groundwater affecting water quality.

What happens to the Garden Organics we put out for collection?

Step 1 – Decontamination

All organics that arrive to a composting facility are checked for contaminants, which are then manually removed. Contamination can cause damage to processing equipment, cause odour problems and affect the quality of the final products. Contaminants include steel, bricks, concrete, garbage wastes and plastics.

Step 2 – Sorting

Garden organics are sorted into two piles. One pile for wood waste, which is shredded then stockpiled for mulch products and another pile for any other garden organic material, which is ground up and shredded into even smaller pieces.

Step 3 – Composting

The garden organics that are shredded into small pieces of organic material are then piled into windrows, which is another name for a mound. The windrows are kept moist and turned regularly which lets oxygen in, helps microscopic bugs to break down the material, and generates heat. The high temperatures kill weed seeds and any disease-causing agents (2).

What is the material is being turned into?

Organic materials are a renewable resource, which are processed for reuse as soil improvers, premium garden mix, organic top dressing, turf underlay, custom blends, compost and mulches, which are sold to garden nurseries, councils, developers and open space caretakers.

NOTE: Contamination can cause significant financial and mechanical problems if entering the weekly greenwaste service. If contamination is prevented, considerable energy and financial savings can occur.

Please keep in mind that Camden Council provides garbage, recycling and greenwaste bins free of charge to residents and they remain the property of Council. We ask that you 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 at any stage. Alternatively, if the bin need repairs or is damaged contact Council on 4654 7777.

Sources: ¹ Department of Environment & Climate Change (DECC).

² WSN Environmental Solutions





Narellan History Prize 2008

Have you a story to share? Entries are being sought for the inaugural Narellan History Prize.

A prize of \$1,000 is being offered to stimulate research into, and the writing and recording of, the history of the greater Narellan district.

The Prize will be awarded to the best piece of original, unpublished historical research. The subject criteria is open to any aspect, including individual and family histories, or a study of a particular locality, geographical feature or heritage item.

Entries are only open to individuals.

Guidelines and entry forms are available from the Narellan and Camden Libraries, or can be downloaded from www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au. People interested in entering are encouraged to contact Betty on 4658 0602 or email celebratingnarellan@hotmail.com, if they require assistance with subject matter or accessing history resources.

Entry is free. Entries close 4pm Friday 14 March 2008. A panel will judge the entries with the winner to be announced at 10 am on Saturday, 29 March 2008 at the Narellan Library.

Proudly sponsored by Dickinson Developments, Camden Council and WRARG.

Camden Meals On Wheels AGM and New Management Committee Recruitment

Camden Meals On Wheels will be holding its AGM on 4 October at 2pm at the Camden Meals on Wheels Meeting Room, Little Street, Camden.

The service is currently looking for new members to sit on its Management Committee in 2007/08. This is an essential service for seniors

and people with a disability living in the Camden LGA and so requires a dedicated Management Committee to oversee these operations. For an expression of interest form please contact the Service directly on 4655 6822 or contact Nicole Williams, Community Project Officer on 4645 5009 or nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au

Community Funding Opportunities

Camden Council offers a range of funding opportunities to the local Camden community, including residents who are seeking donations for charitable purposes and gifted and talented young people.

The Donations Policy is a funding program that manages monetary or in-kind donation requests to Council that aim to promote and enhance community wellbeing in Camden. Applications are accepted all year round, with requests of up to \$500 assessed by a committee, while requests over this amount are referred to Council for consideration. Under this Policy, Camden Council has supported local residents in need and local organisations fundraise for charitable purposes.

Camden Council also continues to support the cultural, academic and

sporting endeavours of young people by providing financial assistance when representing Camden at regional, State or National level in the areas of sport, academic or cultural pursuits. Under the Gifted and Talented Policy, Camden residents under the age of 23 can receive up to \$250 towards the cost of their activity.

Over the past few years, Council has assisted young locals travel within Australia and all over the world to compete in sporting and cultural events. Recently this has included the National Swimming Championships in Perth and the National Softball Championships in Fiji.

For further details on Council's funding opportunities or to obtain an application form please contact Community Project Officer, Nicole Collins on 4645 5021 or email nicole.collins@camden.nsw.gov.au.



Children's Week



National Children's Week is an annual event held during October to celebrate the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children and young people. The event also aims to raise community awareness of children's right to enjoy childhood.

Camden Council is organising a Free 'Kids Day Out' to be held on Saturday 20 October 2007 at Onslow Park. As part of the event, Council will provide free entertainment, information, activities and giveaways. Groups, organisations and individuals are invited to attend and take part in the annual event as a way of promoting and raising awareness of services for children and families in the Camden area.

For further information or to participate in the event, contact Community Project Officer Nicole Collins on 4645 5021 or email nicole.collins@camden.nsw.gov.au

We look forward to seeing you in October!

Macarthur Youth Services Network Trivia Night



Council Officers, in conjunction with other youth services under the banner of Macarthur Youth Services Network are currently organising a Fundraising Trivia Night.

Funds raised from the night will go towards the continuation of key projects including the new website: www.macyouth.com.au. The night will be held on Wednesday 17 October 2007, from 6.30pm to 8.30/9.00pm at the Campbelltown Civic Hall. The cost is \$120.00 per table or \$12.00 per person.

Camden Seniors Christmas Lunch

The Camden Seniors Program Committee will be holding its annual Seniors Christmas Lunch on 28 November 2007 at Carrington Recreation Hall, 90 Werombi Road, Camden.

Cost is \$15 per person and entertainment is provided. Places are limited so bookings are essential. For further information please contact Bruce Bunn on 4655 8941.

Youth Forum at Mount Annan

Council Officers, in conjunction with Landcom are currently organising a Youth Forum for young people from the Mount Annan area.

The event aims to discover any issues and needs young people have in the Mt Annan area. This information will help Landcom to plan welcoming committee activities and enable Council and other youth services to plan and source services to fulfil these needs.

The event will be held in October however a date is yet to be confirmed. Further information can be obtained by contacting Nicole Williams, Community Project Officer on 4645 5009 or nicole.williams@camden.nsw.gov.au



calendar of events

your library



October

Garden Competition - October

Win the title of Best Garden
Ph. 4654 7777.

Camden Creative Studios - 6, 13, 20, 27 October

Digital Photography, Narellan Library.
Class One: 9:30am - 12noon, Class
Two: 12:30pm - 3pm. Ph. 4645 5022

2007 Garden Competition Presentation - 16 October

Camden Civic Centre 'Art Gallery'
Ph. Karen Kennedy or Sharon
McDonald 4645 5045

MYSN Trivia Fundraiser - 17 October

Campbelltown Civic Centre.
6.30pm-9pm. Ph. 4645 5050

Camden Creative Studios - 18 October

Black and White Photography,
Narellan Library. Class One:
9:30am - 12noon, Class Two:
12:30pm - 3pm. Ph. 4645 5022

Macarthur Sustainable Schools Expo 2007 - 19 October

Macarthur Centre for Sustainable
Living. 9.30am - 2.30pm.
Ph. 4647 9828.

Childrens Week - 20 to 28 October

Gledswood Day - 21 October

Gledswood Homestead. Celebrate
youth participation in local history
12noon. Ph. 9606 5111.

Mater Dai Country Fair - 21 October

Mater Dai Estate, Macquarie Grove
Rd, Camden. 9am-3pm. Ph. 4655 7481

Farm Sunday - 28 October

Family day at Belgenny Farm. 10am-
3pm. Ph. 4655 965



November

Log Book Run - Drives for Learners in Macarthur

Hilder St, Elderslie 9.15am – 1pm.
Ph. 4645 5046.

Camden Creative Studios - 3, 10 November

Digital Photography, Narellan Library.
Class One: 9:30am - 12noon, Class
Two: 12:30pm - 3pm. Ph. 4645 5022

Melbourne Cup Lunch - 6 November

Gledswood Homestead. 11am-4pm.
Ph. 9606 5111.

Light Up Camden - 15 November

John St, Camden. Turning on of the
Christmas Lights and visit from Santa.
Ph. 0412 398 249.



December

Christmas Lights Competition

Enter your home. Entry Forms may be
obtained from Camden Council.
Ph. 4645 5029.

Gledswood Christmas Party 30 Nov, 1,8,9,14 & 15 Dec

Gledswood Homestead. Ph. 9606 5111.

Landcom Carols in the Garden - 15 December

Mount Annan Botanic Garden.
5pm - 10pm. Ph. 4634 7935.

Carols in the Park - 15 Dec

Macarthur Park, Broughton St,
Camden. 6.30pm.
Ph. 4655 1675



Camden Library's InConcert program of musical performances in the Library is proving very popular. In August the Camden Community Band performed to an appreciative audience and we look forward to future performances by:

- AQ Jazz Ensemble - 29 September
- Bert Allen on Guitar - 27 October
- Dean Drinnan playing Violin - 24 November

Concerts are free and are on the last Saturday of the month. Come along and be entertained by beautiful music performed in the Old Fire Station and Galleria of Camden Library between 10.30 and 11.30am.

Meet your Councillors

At the recent Council meeting, held on 11 September Chris Patterson was re-elected as Mayor and Cindy Cagney was elected as Deputy Mayor.

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

- Deputy Mayor Cr Cindy Cagney**
0419 273 687
- Cr David Funnell** 0415 656 791
- Cr Peter Johnson** 0413 335 700