



calendar of events

your library



July

2 Jul: Dorothy the Dinosaur's Travelling Show

Camden Civic Centre. \$18. 10am.
Ph. 4655 8681

3-11 Jul: Naidoc Week

Ph. 4645 5009.

14 Jul: Cinderella - A Ball for all Children's Show

Camden Civic Centre. \$11. 4pm.
Ph. 4655 8681

10 Jul: Photographic Workshop 5 - Macro

The Australian Botanic Garden,
Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan
Ph. 4634 7900



August

4-5 Aug: Camden Antique Fair

Camden Civic Centre. Ph. 4655 8681

6-7 Aug: 22nd Annual Exhibition of Camden Country Quilters Inc

AH & I Hall. Argyle St, Camden
\$6. 9.30am-4pm. Ph. 4655 8234

12-14 Aug: Local Art Exhibition & Sale. Sponsored by the Lioness Club of Camden

Camden Civic Centre. Ph 4655 8681.

14-23 Aug: Photo Exhibition

The Australian Botanic Garden,
Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan
Ph. 4655 8681

20 Aug: Watoto Children's Choir

Camden Civic Centre. Free. 7pm-9pm.
Ph. 4655 9303

27 Aug: St Petersburg – A Window on the West Lecture (ADFAS)

Camden Civic Centre. \$20 inc refreshments. 4pm. Ph. 4655 8681

28 Aug: Pitter Patter Markets

Camden Civic Centre. \$3 (children free) 9am-1pm. Ph. 0412 370 102



September

3-11 Sep: History Week 'Eat History'

Camden and Narellan Libraries.
Ph. 4654 7951

10 Sep: Lions Spring Fair

Onslow Oval, Camden. 10am-3pm.
Ph. 4645 5029

11 Sep: Sustainable Open House Day

Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living, Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan.
10am-3pm. Ph. 4645 5046

14 Sep: Kids Fun Day

Curry Reserve, Elderslie. 10am-2pm
Ph. 4645 5029

16 Sep: WIN Wollongong Symphony Orchestra - Cinema Classics

Camden Civic Centre. \$20. 7pm
Ph. 4655 8681

17-18 Sep: Camden Park House Open Weekend

Elizabeth Macarthur Ave, Camden
Saturday 12pm-4pm,
Sunday 10am-4pm. Ph. 4655 8466

17 Sep: Cinema Under The Stars

The Australian Botanic Garden,
Mount Annan, Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan.
6pm-10pm. Ph. 4645 5029

18 Sep: SK8-OPIA

Kirkham Skate Park, Elderslie.
1pm-4pm. Ph. 4645 5029

18 Sep: Goulburn to Camden Cycle Classic & Lifestyle Expo

Argyle St, Camden. Ph. 0412 842 730

18 Sep: Kids of Macarthur High Tea & Fashion Parade

Camden Valley Inn, Camden. 2pm
Ph. 4655 5022

25 Sep: 'TASTE' Food, Wine and Music Festival

Camden Town Farm, Exeter St,
Camden. Ph. 4645 5029.

Crafty Cosies Competition and Exhibition

Traditional, modern, knitted, sewn or felted tea cosies are all welcome in the Crafty Cosies Competition.

Entry is free and open to all ages and creative ability. Entries will be accepted until the end of July

In conjunction with the event, don't miss a writing workshop 'Tea and Stories' to help develop your writing skills.

For more information
phone 4645 5039.

Camden READS

Camden READS, 1 July - 31 August is a free event that encourages people of all ages in our community to enjoy reading during Winter.

Our Librarians have even cooked up some delicious Reading Menus to help you enjoy a tasty reading treat!

Joining is easy! Simply Read/Listen, Register, Return and you could win some amazing prizes.

For more information contact Narellan Library on 4645 5039 or visit www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

July School Holiday Activities

Sessions will include performers, podcasting, hip hop dance workshop, art activities and more. Some sessions are free and age restrictions may apply.

Visit www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Camden Library Children's Blog and Facebook Page

Visit Facebook and search 'Camden Council Library Services – Children' or visit our blog www.camdenlibrarykids.blogspot.com to keep up to date with children's events, activities, literacy information and more information at Camden and Narellan Library.

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Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Camden Festival



Celebrate Spring in Camden with the 10th anniversary of Camden Festival, 10 – 25 September. With so many events and so much to do there is sure to be something to entertain everyone!

Highlights of this fortnight-long extravaganza include the famous Lions Spring Fair at Camden Showground on Saturday 10 September, a day full of festival goodness, including roving and stage entertainment, rides, stalls, tasty food and loads of activities for the kids.

Plus this year the Lions Spring Fair will include the Macarthur Commodore's Car Show featuring a range of cars (not just Commodore's) with trophies for the winner of categories including Best Original, Best Import, Best Ute, Best Sound Install, Best Engine Bay and Best Hotrod to name a few!

Visit Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living on Sunday 11 September for a day full of demonstrations, tours and tips to help make your home and garden sustainable.

On Wednesday 14 September Curry Reserve in Elderslie will be transformed into a children's wonderland as the ever-popular Kids Fun Day takes center-stage with roving entertainment, performers, face painting, clowns, animal farm and so much more! Don't miss this free event.

The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan will play host to Cinema Under the Stars on Saturday 17 September with two new release movies for the whole family to enjoy. (Movies to be confirmed). BBQ, ice cream, popcorn and coffee will be available for purchase to create the ultimate outdoor movie night.

Sunday 18 September is a jam-packed day with three spectacular events starting with SK8-OPIA at Kirkham Skate Park. This event is always a hit with the younger generation with music and a free sausage sizzle plus professional skate demonstrations.

Don't miss New South Wales' oldest bike race, the Goulburn to Camden Cycle Classic. Cheer home the riders on Argyle Street, Camden and enjoy the lifestyle expo.

Spend a relaxing afternoon at the Kids of Macarthur High Tea and Fashion Parade at Camden Valley Inn. All proceeds from the event go to improving health care provision for every child living in the Macarthur region.

'Taste' Food, Wine & Music Festival held at Camden Town Farm is on Sunday 25 September. With wine tasting from the region's best wineries, a host of delicious food options, live music and roving entertainment everyone can end the 2011 Camden Festival in style.

For more information phone 4645 5029 or visit www.camdenfestival.com.au.

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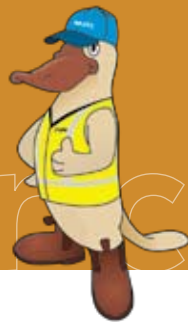
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Narellan Youth Space

The Narellan Youth Space offers a range of ongoing youth-based activities including workshops in art, African drumming, sculpture and cooking as well as a variety of recreational games. In addition, the space is fitted out with a PS2, Nintendo Wii, 2 computers with internet access, a pool table and an arcade games.

All activities are free and accessible to local young people ages 12-24 years.

Narellan Youth Space is located upstairs in Narellan Library, corner Queen and Elyard Streets, Narellan.

Open Wednesday: 2.30pm-6.30pm
Thursday: 2.30pm-5pm
Friday: 2.30pm-5pm

For further enquiries phone 4645 5071.

702 ABC Wrap with Love Knit-In

Wrap with Love is an organisation that creates knitted blankets and distributes them to families in need around the world

So if you have any spare yarn and can knit or crochet please join Camden's contribution to the NSW state-wide Knit-In on Friday 5 August 2011 (morning tea is provided).

Camden Council Library Service is once again getting on board and participating in the 702 ABC Knit-In at both Camden and Narellan Libraries on Friday 5 August 2011, 9.30am – 1pm, knitting squares and blankets to distribute to the Wrap with Love organisation.

For more information visit www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au or phone 4654 7951 or 4645 5039

Waste Display A Hit At Camden Show

Camden Council's Waste Management Unit enjoyed another successful year at 125th Camden Show 2011.

The team were on location to answer waste and recycling related questions, provide advice and assist kids both big and small to have a go at picking up a recycling bin in the truck.

Participants took the opportunity to appreciate the many obstacles drivers are faced with and to see how they could help, when placing their bins out for collection.



We look forward seeing you next year at Camden Show 2012.



Play Spaces In The Camden Local Government Area

Council is currently reviewing the provision of play spaces throughout the Camden Local Government Area. The key focus of the work is to provide a strategy for the future development of local parks to ensure that residents have a wide range of opportunities available to them to undertake physical activity.

Following the Recreation Demand Study 2004 and Playground Survey in 2008, Council has undertaken a review of the range of opportunities available and what the trends in physical activity are. The emerging trends include the desire for BMX tracks, skate facilities, dog leash free areas and outdoor exercise opportunities.



In the drafting of the Playspace Strategy the needs of all age groups and preferred activities are being taken into account to help identify a range of opportunities and potential sites. When completed the draft strategy will be placed on public exhibition for community comments and suggestions.

Please forward any suggestions or comments to Lila Sawko on 4645 5086 or recreationofficers@camden.nsw.gov.au

Camden Civic Centre Cultural Performance Subsidy

Camden Council provides a small amount of funding as Civic Centre fee relief for not for profit performance groups. Events subsidised under the policy form part of the annual Camden Civic Centre Cultural Program.

The objectives of 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 performing arts
- To enhance community well being, sense of belonging through exposure to high quality cultural events and activities.

A single funding round will be conducted in June/July 2011 to attract six high quality cultural performances to be scheduled in the 2011/12 financial year. Funding will not exceed \$1,200 for any event.

To obtain an information pack contact Camden Civic Centre on 4655 8681 or visit www.camdenciviccentre.com.au.

Applications close:
Friday 15 July 2011.

Install Smoke Alarms

It is now compulsory to install smoke alarms in moveable dwellings including caravans, campervans, holiday vans, park vans, annexes and associated structures as well as dwellings not regularly moved but still used for accommodation.

These changes to NSW law came into effect on 25 February 2011, however, there is a six-month grace period to 25 August 2011, before fines will apply for non-installation of a smoke alarm.

Camden Youth Services Directory

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 aged 12 – 25 years.

Download the directory at www.camden.nsw.gov.au or email youth@camden.nsw.gov.au

Camden Says No To Graffiti!

Over the past year, Camden Council has been working with various community groups and agencies to reduce graffiti in our local area. These programs have been hugely successful with a marked reduction in both the amount of graffiti and the financial cost to the community. This means that Council is able to direct these funds into worthwhile community programs rather than graffiti removal. A win for all involved!



Solving Barking Dog Problems

Barking is the most common cause of complaint to local Councils yet dog owners have no idea why their dog barks.

Barking is normal behaviour for dogs and an important means of communication and can become a problem when the dog's needs are not met

Why dogs bark?

- Boredom – dogs who are bored make up their own activities such as digging holes, ripping clothes off the line and excessive barking.
- Separation Anxiety – dogs are pack animals and it is normal for them to become anxious and bark when left alone. Some dogs that are overly attached to their owners bark when left alone.
- Fear – dogs may bark through fear of noises such as fireworks and thunderstorms.
- Territorial Behaviour – it's natural for dogs to want to warn owners of intruders. Dogs walking past their territory may cause many dogs to bark.

The do's and don'ts of solving barking dog problems.

Do

- Exercise your dog regularly. Daily walks will help relieve the anxiety and boredom and provide plenty of stimulation.



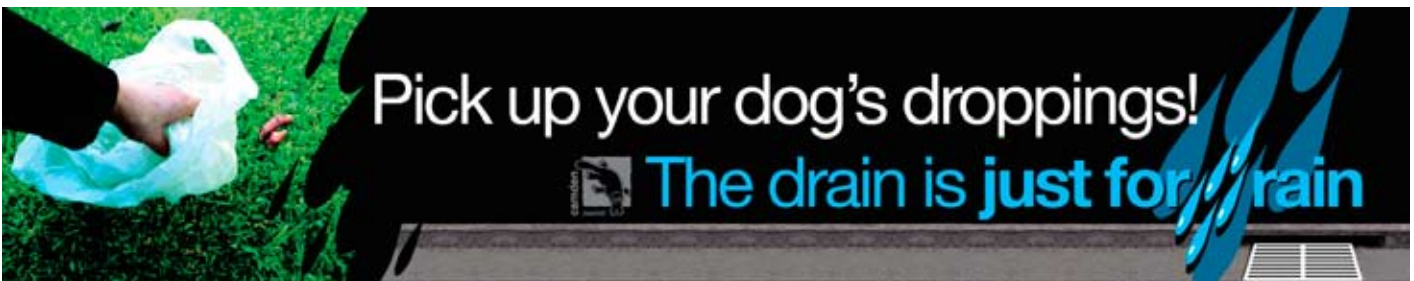
- Training techniques can be used to treat excessive barking. Dogs benefit from a few minutes of training each day. Reward good behaviour but ignore bad behaviour.
- Provide sufficient food for your dog. Using food to occupy and stimulate dogs is a great way to reduce the amount of barking. Provide a Kong or treat ball filled with special treats or scatter dry food around the yard giving them a job to do quietly.
- Spend quality time playing with your dog. Games give dogs stimulation that is often lacking when left alone for hours. Playing with balls and toys and even hide and seek can stimulate the mind.
- Take your dog to the vet for a full health check to ensure there are no medical reasons for the excessive barking.

Don't

- Yell at your dog. This will only tend to reinforce the barking, they think that you are joining in.
- Tie your dog up as it will only distress it and exacerbate the barking.
- Under no circumstances should you use any form of physical abuse. Hitting or kicking your dog can be considered as animal cruelty under the Animal Cruelty Act, which can lead to hefty fines or even jail terms.
- Use anti-barking collars which constitutes a form of punishment. They do not address the cause of the problem and the RSPCA does not recommend the use of these collars.

If your dog's barking is still an issue contact your veterinarian or an animal behaviourist for further advice.

For more information phone Council on 4654 7777



Don't Dump on Charity

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

Goods left on public land often result in useful items being stolen, while the rest causes an eyesore, health risk and fire hazard.

Charities simply don't have the resources to make repairs to damaged or broken goods and most of these items are taken to the tip, which incurs a disposal fee. This costs charities thousands of dollars a year.

Charities can only accept items in good condition which can be placed inside a charity bin. Larger items must be donated in person during charity opening hours.

Goods not suitable for donation can be disposed of easily with a Council Kerbside Cleanup. Residential properties are eligible for two (2) FREE kerbside cleanups per financial year. The service is based on a booking system.

For more information phone 4654 7777 or visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au

Regulations Applicable To Wood Fires

Smoke from wood heaters contributes to air pollution which makes it worse for people with asthma. Minimise pollution by:

- Only burning small logs of aged, dry hardwood. Unseasoned wood has more moisture which creates smoke.
- Cleaning your chimney every year to prevent creosote build-up.
- Increasing the air supply if there is smoke coming from the chimney.

- Never burning rubbish, driftwood or treated or painted wood which will pollute the air and can be poisonous.
- Not letting your heater smolder overnight - keep enough air in the fire to maintain a flame

If you are buying a wood heater check the compliance plate on the back to make sure it meets the current Australian Standard.

Visit www.livingthing.net.au for more ways you can keep the air clean.

National Tree Day

Take part in this year's National Tree Day on Sunday 31 July, 9am-12.30pm at Kings Bush Reserve along the Nepean Cycleway (near Chellaston Street), Camden

The aim of the day is to plant a range of trees, shrubs and grasses native to the Nepean River corridor to revegetate the grassland.

Council will be conducting half hour educational tours of the bushland at Kings Bush on the day to celebrate the Year of Forests.

Camden Lions Club will be providing a free sausage sizzle and refreshments for all volunteers on the day.

For more information phone 4645 5010.

Don't Flush Your \$\$ Down the Toilet

If you install, alter or conduct repairs to your septic system without Council approval, chances are you will be caught which can result in 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)

To avoid fines ensure you contact Council's Environmental Health Branch on 4654 7777 before completing any works on your septic system and to obtain further advice regarding approvals.

Where Can I Purchase Animals?

Animal shelters and rescue groups often have a variety of animals of different breeds and ages that are in need of rehoming.

Adopting a pet that needs rehoming is usually cost effective. Dogs and cats are microchipped, registered, vaccinated, wormed and often desexed.

For more information on adopting a pet contact Council's Pound, Renbury Farm on 9606 6118 or visit www.renbury.com.au



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Major Road Improvements Ahead

Major road projects planned and currently under construction will significantly improve local traffic conditions in and around Narellan, Elderslie and Spring Farm.

Camden Bypass intersection and link roads.

Construction of new connections between Richardson Road, Lodges Road and Camden Bypass will be created by new intersections and link roads.

Council has been working closely with Planning NSW and the RTA to progress delivery of this critical piece of infrastructure. All parties acknowledge the importance of these links and for this work to be completed as soon as possible. Although there is much to be done, Council is optimistic that these links may be completed within the next two years.

Further information on the progress of this project will be provided in the upcoming editions of Let's Connect.

Lodges Road and Hilder Street, Elderslie.

Works on upgrading Hilder Street from a rural to urban standard have recently been completed. Construction of new footpaths to provide improved pedestrian access to Elderslie High School will commence in August.

Construction on new stormwater culverts under Lodges Road adjacent to Elderslie Public School is scheduled to be completed in late July. At completion of this work the remaining section of road between Elderslie Public School and Hilder Street will commence construction. These works are anticipated to be completed by late October.

Lodges Road from Franzman Avenue to Sirius Circuit will be reconstructed from a rural to urban standard. These works involve raising the road levels in some locations, construction of another major stormwater culvert under Lodges Road, large sections of retaining walls and relocation of gas, power, telecommunications and water.

It is anticipated that these works will require a section of Lodges Road to be temporarily closed to through traffic. A temporary access road will be constructed to provide access from the western end (the Hilder Street end) of Lodges Road to Camden Acres Estate.

Council will be providing further details to residents affected by these works when commencement dates are known.



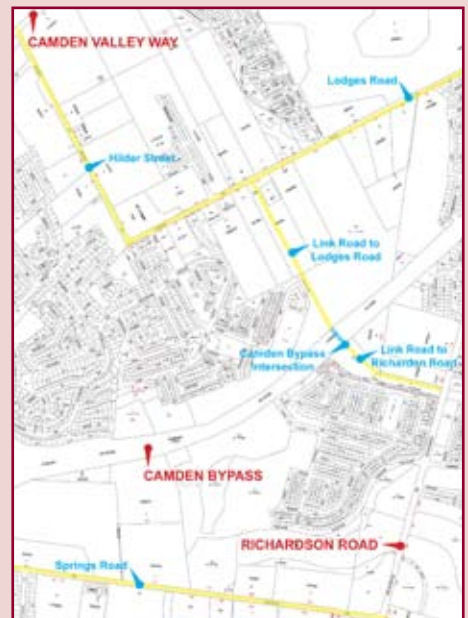
Springs Road, Spring Farm.

Springs Road has been closed for major reconstruction works including lowering of the road levels by up to eight metres, reconstruction of the road between Richardson Road and Ettlesdale Road to an urban standard and construction of a new bridge over Springs Creek. The works also include major relocations of power, water and telecommunication services. This work is critical for new development in the area.

Works are progressing well and are scheduled to be completed before the end of 2011.

The new Springs Road will provide improved access to Jack's Gully Waste Facility, Glenlee industrial area and Camden Bypass. This will also result in a reduction in number of heavy vehicles using Richardson Road.

An idea of the scale of works involved can be seen in the map below.



Why is all this work so important?

These works, together with a new connection to Camden Bypass from both Lodges and Richardson Roads, will provide significant improvements in connections between local roads and major arterial roads in and around the area. This will help reduce congestion on local roads and get traffic onto major roads more quickly.

In the meantime, this work will mean some delays for motorists in these areas. Council, its staff and contractors aim to get this work done as soon as possible while maintaining access for the community.

Your support, care and consideration as you drive through these worksites is appreciated.

For more information phone Council on 4654 7777.

what's happening



Spend A Day With Ken Duncan

Don't miss a photographic seminar with Ken Duncan on Saturday 10 September, 9am at Camden Civic Centre.

Run by the Macarthur Photographic Society this seminar will cover basic and advanced still photography camera techniques and skills.

Ken Duncan OAM is a multi award winning artist recognised internationally as a gifted and prolific landscape photographer.



Get in quick for this fantastic seminar. Early bird discount prior to 30 July - \$100. After July - \$120.

Phone 4655 8681 to book your tickets.

History Week 2011

A number of events will be held in the Camden area to celebrate the history of food and eating.

There will be a photographic exhibition of people and places from the food industry, a display of cookbooks and cooking utensils, cemetery walks to see the graves of farmers of the Burrarorang Valley, a high tea including a lecture

about the history of China, lace and tea, secret family recipes, a show and tell of cooking of yesteryear and mini-discoverers discovering food.

Bookings are essential for all events. For more information and bookings phone 4654 7951 or visit www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

Don't miss Dorothy the Dinosaur

You won't believe your eyes! Dorothy will have her own plane to travel around the world in search of the perfect rose to make the best ever rosy-posy cake.

Sing and dance with Captain Feathersword, Wags the Dog and Henry the Octopus on Saturday 2 July, 10am at Camden Civic Centre. Tickets \$18 and under 12 months free. Buy today! Phone 4655 8681 or visit www.thewiggles.com

Drives for Learners - Log Book Run

Learners and their supervisors are invited to participate in a free 'Log Book Run' event from the 'Drives for Learners in Macarthur' booklet on Sunday 25 September 2011.

This driving experience will contribute to the learner driver log book hours and aims to assist the learner achieve experience across a range of road types.

Bookings essential. Phone 4645 5046.

Garden Competition

The Garden Competition is on again! Keep your eye on Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au, at Council's Administration Buildings and Libraries for an entry form which will be available in August.

For more information phone 4645 5045.

Narellan Rhythms Festival

Don't miss the Narellan Rhythms Festival on Saturday 29 October, 10.30am-3pm, Elyard Street, Narellan.

Enjoy a range of cultural entertainment, food and stalls plus Chinese Lion Dance, percussion jam, the Environmental Samari and more!


For more information phone 4645 5009.

Free Occupant Restraint Fitting & Checking Day

Have your child car restraints and booster seats fitted and checked for safety and correct fit by an RTA Authorised Restraint Fitter on Thursday 8 September, 9am – 1.30pm.


Bookings essential. Phone 4645 5046.

School Safety Program
Working together to keep our kids safe...



What does this mean?

You **CAN** stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must not leave your vehicle unattended.

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