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Renbury Farm Animal Shelter – Camden Council's Pound



Located just 15 minutes from Narellan, Renbury Farm Animal Shelter is Camden Council's Animal Pound. Renbury Farm provides a much needed service to the local community and a temporary home to stray and seized dogs, cats and stock animals.

Australia has one of the highest rates of pet ownership in the world* so it is essential that your pet is microchipped and registered. Cats and dogs must have a microchip implanted from the time they are 12 weeks old, at the point of sale or change of ownership (whichever occurs first) and must be registered with Council by the age of six months.

Unfortunately due to the large number of un-microchipped animals living within our community it remains a difficult task for workers at Renbury Farm to identify the owners of animals delivered to Renbury Farm by Council Rangers.

To help be reunited with your animal if they go missing:

- Ensure your pet is microchipped and ensure your details are up to date on the NSW Companion Animals Register. You can update your details by contacting Council on

4654 7777. It's free to update any changes.

- Contact Council and register your animal as missing on the NSW Companion Animal Register.
- Ensure your animal wears a collar and name tag with your pet's name and your contact number when in public. This is a requirement by law.

Desexing your animal is also an important responsibility when owning an animal.

As well as helping to stop pet overpopulation, some benefits of desexing cats and dogs include:

- Pets generally live longer and have healthier lives.
- Eliminates heat cycles in female cats and dogs and their efforts to escape in search for a mate.
- Reduces the cost to the community of having to care for unwanted puppies and kittens in pounds and shelters.
- Reduces testicular cancer in male dogs.

If you are considering purchasing a pet visit Renbury Farm Animal Shelter at 406 Bringelly Road, Austral. Renbury Farm has a large range of cats and dogs including kittens and puppies. There is also a complete list of animals available for sale on their website www.renbury.com.au

To enquire about an animal at Renbury Farm, phone 9606 6118.

*Source http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg_InformationIndex.asp?areaindex=CA&index=301

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ANZAC Fun Run

Following the success and fun in 2010, grab a group of friends and join in the ANZAC Fun Run on Sunday 1 May. All money raised will be donated to Lifeline Macarthur and Camden RSL projects.

The day will start at 8am at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park followed by the commencement of the Run at 9.45am. The event categories on the day include:

- 10km run for Males and Females
 - 5km run for Males and Females
- Walkers are welcome to participate in the 5km events.

To participate and register for the event visit www.macarthurlions.com.au or Westpac Branches in Camden or Narellan.

For more information and entry prices visit Macarthur Lions website (above) or phone 0438 572 281

Break Through Youth Employment Program

The Break Through Youth Employment Mentoring Program has been operating in the Macarthur region for the past five years, offering young people (16-25 years) the opportunity to work one on one with an employment focused mentor from the local business community.

The aim is to have the young person to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to achieve their individual career goals.

Break Through is currently looking to recruit businesses and mentors from the Camden Local Government Area who are willing to support the program and participate as employment focused mentors.

For further information or an Expression of Interest form, please contact Tracy Dunn on 0420 308 324 or tracy@livenlearn.com.au

Council's Community Directory

Available on Camden Council and Library websites, the Community Directory provides details of local community organisations, services and facilities.

Whether you're trying to find an art class or a kids' playgroup, this online directory provides over 400 entries with contact details.

Visit the directory at www.camden.nsw.gov.au (link located in the top right hand corner) or on the Community Page of Camden Library's website www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

Want to list your community group or organisation details? It's free! Email nlnlibrary@camden.nsw.gov.au



The Biggest and the Best – The 125th Camden Show

Don't miss the biggest and the best show in Camden, the 125th Camden Show on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 April. With such a significant milestone for the Show, this year's event will be opened by Australia's Governor General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC!

Line Argyle and Murray Street (close to the Showground) on Saturday from 2pm to welcome Australia's Governor General in true Camden style. Her Excellency will spend a couple of hours touring the stands and viewing the produce at the Show, meeting and greeting the locals and officially opening the 125th Camden Show!

Some of the Show highlights this year include the famous brumby run, rodeo, fireworks, woodchopping, farm produce competitions, amusements, showbags, NAB entertainment stage, sheep dog trials and the Grand Parade Spectacular 'Vehicles Through the Ages'.

Don't miss the Governor General's very first visit to Camden. All children dressed in full school uniform who welcome the Governor General to Camden on Saturday will receive FREE entry to the event!

National Youth Week in Camden 2011

National Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people in Australia and this year will take place from Friday 1 - Sunday 10 April with the theme Own It!

National Youth Week encourages young people to share ideas, have their voice heard on issues concerning them, showcase their talents, celebrate their contribution to the community, take part in competitions and most importantly - to have fun!

Get involved with a range of activities including the Narellan "Amp It Up" Outdoor Music afternoon, SWITCH Skate Comp, ROCKWAVE Dance Party (\$5 per ticket), outdoor volleyball and soccer, African drumming



workshops, Zumba, pool afternoon at YMCA Mt Annan Leisure Centre and High School Wheelchair Basketball.

Activities are FREE! For more information about Youth Week in Camden, email youth@camden.nsw.gov.au or call 4645 5021. You can also check out www.camden.nsw.gov.au for more information about National Youth Week and a list of programs and activities.

Calling Volunteers

Camden Council is seeking volunteers to assist with the Narellan Rhythms Festival, a multicultural street festival on Saturday 29 October 2011, 10.30am-4pm. For more information or to volunteer contact Denise Pritchard on 4645 5009.

Camden Youth Advisory Committee

Camden's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) plays an important role in assisting Council to develop initiatives and projects for young people living in the Camden Local Government Area.

The YAC is for people aged 15 to 24 years who are interested in discussing issues, expressing views and contributing to the development of the local Camden community. Regular meetings will be held to plan, organise and lead local youth activities and projects.

For further information about the Camden YAC, please phone 4645 5021, email youth@camden.nsw.gov.au or visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au to download an application package. If you want to have your say, be heard, get involved and gain new skills then Camden Council YAC is for you!





Fireworks and Animals Don't Mix

June Long Weekend celebrations often bring fireworks, which can pose risks to animal safety.

Many animals get frightened when fireworks are detonated and will do anything to escape the sight and sound and often this can result in the animal injuring themselves.

This June Long Weekend take precautions to ensure your animal is safe:

- Never use a slip collar or choker chain to restrain your animal as they may choke themselves
- Ensure your animal is microchipped and your contact details are up to date
- Ensure your animal wears a collar with a tag clearly showing the animals name and your contact number.



If you know your animal is frightened of fireworks speak to your Veterinarian for advice or you may like to place them in a boarding kennel, cattery or Veterinary Hospital.

If your animal goes missing:

- Contact your local Veterinary Hospital and/or Council's Pound, Renbury Farm Animal Shelter on 9606 6118

- Contact Council on 4654 7777 to report the animal as missing on the NSW Companion Animals Register
- It's recommended you do not place signs on telegraph poles, in roundabouts or on Council property as you may receive a fine of \$330

Microchipping animals is a legal requirement of the Companion Animal Act 1998.

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 the need for approval.

Did you know?

- If you are involved in organising for works to be completed on a system (e.g. an owner or Real Estate Agent) 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. This allows a potential property purchaser to be informed of the current working condition of the septic system.



Street Parking and Cars

When parking on the street please be considerate and ensure you don't block access to waste collection bins.

If bins are blocked and waste collection trucks cannot pick up the bins safely it may result in bins being missed.

Please ensure that your bin is placed on the kerb of your property, with the lid fully closed, the evening before your collection day. If your bin is not ready



for collection it may not be collected until the following week.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Owning a dog or cat comes with certain responsibilities which the Companion Animals Act, introduced in 1998, outlines.

These responsibilities include:

- When a dog is in a public place the owner must have complete control of the animal by using a chain, cord, leash and collar.
- To avoid animals becoming bored ensure they are socialised and exercised on a regular basis.

- Ensure the animal is microchipped from 12 weeks of age.
- Ensure the animal is registered with Council by six months of age.
- Animals should be provided with adequate shelter, food, water and medical treatments including flea and worm treatments.

If you are unsure of any of the above responsibilities or have any questions contact your local Veterinarian for specialised advice.

Parking in Residential Streets

Council receives many complaints regarding vehicles parked illegally within residential areas.

Illegal parking may create an unsafe environment for other road users by causing an obstruction or impeding vision. Pedestrians may be forced off footpaths or motorists forced to drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid an illegally parked vehicle.

To familiarise yourself with residential parking rules pick up a copy of Council's Parking in Residential Areas brochure available soon from Customer Service or for all Australian Road Rules visit the RTA website www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Looking to Adopt a Pet?

Are you looking to expand your family by four feet? Look no further than Camden Council's Animal Pound, Renbury Farm Animal Shelter.

Renbury Farm have a large variety of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in need of a new loving home.

Visit their website www.renbury.com.au to view a complete listing of animals in their care ready for adoption or visit the Animal Shelter at 406 Bringelly Road, Austral, just 15 minutes from Narellan.

Renbury Farm, phone 9606 6118.

Bin Collection On Public Holidays

Residents are reminded to place all residential waste, recycling and greenwaste bins out for collection on their normal collection day, regardless of public holidays (eg, Christmas Day, Good Friday, New Years Day, etc).

For more information please contact Camden Council on 4654 7777.

Garden Competition

Planning for the annual Garden Competition is underway and is scheduled to take place in Spring. Start pampering those gardens and keep your eye on Council's website, www.camden.nsw.gov.au for more information



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Breast Screening Van

The BreastScreen Service is currently in Camden and is inviting women aged 40 – 69 years in the local area to attend for their free breast x-ray (mammogram)

In 2009, 1,424 local women visited the Van and took advantage of their free check up. This year we're hoping for that number to increase. The BreastScreen Van has helped reduce the number of deaths by breast cancer by 14% over the last ten years.

The Van is located in Oxley Street, Camden (opposite Woolworths) and will be there until Friday 6 May. The Van is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am-4pm and by appointments on Saturdays

To make your free appointment phone BreastScreen on 13 20 50. Bookings essential.

Learn to Swim

Funding has been secured and planning is underway to develop a Learn to Swim program for carers who work with people with disabilities. For more information phone 4646 5086



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 renewal backlog of Community Infrastructure. This was approved by the Minister for a period of three years.

As a result, Council is raising approximately \$1.2 million in additional funds to help renew community assets such as roads, footpaths, kerb and gutter, buildings and playground equipment. The program under which the work is to be completed is called the Community Infrastructure Renewal Program.

At the end of February 2011, Council had used close to \$375,000 to resurface 17 roads, allocated \$283,000

towards a loan repayment for work on Lodges Road, Elderslie, resurfaced four car parks and playing courts, carried out maintenance on Council owned buildings and upgraded the air conditioning at Camden Civic Centre.

Harrington Park Community Centre will soon have an internal upgrade with a new coat of paint as well as new carpet throughout the building and selected footpaths throughout the area have been replacement (generally sections of concrete rather than whole lengths).

The total value of the work completed and allocated funds so far this financial year is approximately \$769,000 which represents two thirds of the annual value of the program presented to the community in early 2010.

Community Facility Upgrades

Upgrades to Community Facilities across the Local Government Area continue with Currans Hill Community Centre having all tables replaced in the coming months with new light weight tables to assist with the set up of functions.

Funding has been secured to install easy access stairs for the Mount Annan Leisure Center to enable people to have easier access in and out of the water.

Live @ the ARTyCaf

Start your weekend in style at Narellan's ARTyCaf (behind the big Library letters) with live performances every Friday night from 6pm.

Friday 18 February marked the initial launch of LIVE @ the ARTyCaf and featured performances by John Tennyson, Meriana Gyory, Daniel Hordern, Scott Baldwin, Candice Ford and the Beat Meisters.

Don't miss LIVE @ the ARTyCaf's line up of music, art, poetry, coffee and irresistible desserts and treats every Friday night.

For more information about upcoming performances, performing at the ARTyCaf or featuring your art, contact Carmelina or Freya on 4645 5057. Follow all events at the ARTyCaf at <http://artycaf.blogspot.com>.



ROCKWAVE Dance Party

Don't miss ROCKWAVE dance party, a secure event for youth aged 9-14 on Saturday 2 April, 6pm-9pm at Camden Civic Centre.

ROCKWAVE is part of Camden's Youth Week activities and offers a huge line up of live entertainment, DJ Dean, dance demos by Kulture Break, mega lighting by Runnymede Technologies as well as giveaways including a signed Parramatta Eels jersey ...it's time to party!

Plus five members of the audience will be selected to take the DJ hot seat for their ten minutes of fame!

Tickets just \$5 and are on sale now from Camden Civic Centre.

For more information or to purchase phone 4655 8681

Brought to you by Camden Council in partnership with Lifehouse Church Camden.

Your Tutor Program

Camden Council and the University of Western Sydney are offering Camden and Narellan Library members the 'Your Tutor' program, a free-educational tool designed to assist young people in Camden with their studies.

The free on-line program, aimed at year 4 to 12 students, is from

4pm - 8pm on weekdays and can assist students with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions. 'Your Tutor' is available at Camden and Narellan Library or through the Library's website www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

For more information contact Narellan Library on 4645 5039.

National Simultaneous Storytime 2011

Narellan Library will be taking part in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 25 May, 11am.

National Simultaneous Storytime aims to promote reading, literacy, books, Australian writers and publishers and promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country.

On the day children will be able to enjoy reading the same book, *Feathers*



for *Phoebe* by Rod Clement, at hundreds of locations across Australia.

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

Kids @ Camden Library

During the month of May Camden Library will be holding Children's Performances on Saturday mornings.

All performances are FREE and are for children aged 2 to 6 years. Performances include storytelling, hands on musical and discovery sessions.

To book or for a full list of events phone 4645 5039.

Heritage Festival 2011 'Amazing Stories'

Don't miss a series of events run by Camden Council Library Service, Camden Historical Society and Camden Area Family History Society including exhibitions, book launches, lectures, seminars and more!

To book or for a full list of events phone 4654 7951 or 4645 5039.

ARTyCaf Workshops

Urban Art Design

Thursday 21 April, 9.30am
\$10. For 14 years plus

Song Writing

Thursday 21 April
\$5. For 13-18 years.

Giant Pastel Painting

Saturday 7 May, 10am
Wednesday 11 May, 10am & 6pm
Wednesday 25 May, 10am & 6pm.
\$10. For 16 years +

For more information or to book phone the ARTyCaf on 4645 5057.



calendar of events

your library



April

1 Apr: WIN Wollongong Symphony Orchestra – The Classic Series
Camden Civic Centre. \$20. 7pm.
Ph. 4655 8681

2 Apr: Rockwave Dance Party
Camden Civic Centre. 6pm-9pm.
Ph. 4655 8681.

2-17 Apr: Heritage Festival 'Amazing Stories'
Camden Library. Ph. 4654 7951

8-9 Apr: 125th Camden Show
Opened by the Governor General,
Ms Quentin Bryce AC. Camden
Showground. Ph. 4655 8338
www.camdenshow.com.au

16 Apr: Sydney Detachment of the Royal Australian Navy Band
Camden Civic Centre. 1pm - 3pm. Gold
coin donation. Ph. 4655 8681

17 Apr: Annan Roma
The Australian Botanic Garden,
Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan.
Ph. 4634 7900

25 Apr: Anzac Day Ceremony
5.30am - Dawn Service at Camden
RSL Club.
10.30am - March and Service at
Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park
Ph. 4658 0049



May

1 May: Macarthur Lions' Anzac Run
Bicentennial Equestrian Park,
Camden. 9am-1pm. Ph. 0427 412 341

6-13 May: 36th Camden Art Prize Committee Including Exhibition
Camden Civic Centre. Ph. 4655 2023

7 May: Orange Regional Conservatorium Director – Graham Sattler presents OCCIDENTAL STRINGS TOUR
Camden Civic Centre, 7.30pm. Adults
\$15, Concession and Children \$10,
family of four \$40. Ph. 4655 8681

8 May: Mothers Day
Belgenny Farm. \$5 Adults (Children
free) 10am-3pm. Bookings essential.
Ph. 4654 6800

8 May: Mother's Day in the Garden
The Australian Botanic Garden,
Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan.
Ph. 4634 7900

21 May: Calamity Jane
Camden Civic Centre. 2pm & 8pm.
Ph. 4655 8681

27 & 28 May: Macarthur Textile Expo
Camden Civic Centre. 10am-4pm
Ph. 4658 0930

29 May: Cruise for Kids
Bicentennial Equestrian Park, Camden
Ph. 0410 789 604

29 May: Pitter Patter Markets
Camden Civic Centre. \$3 Adults
(Children free). 9am-1pm.
Ph. 0412 370 102



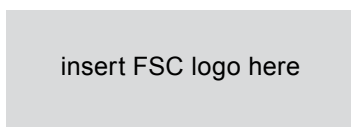
June

3 Jun: WIN Wollongong Symphony Orchestra – Latin Classics
Camden Civic Centre. \$20. 7pm.
Ph. 4655 8681

9 Jun: Choose Right Buckle Right
Child restraints and booster seats
fitted and checked for free.
Narellan Library car park.
9am – 1.30pm. Bookings essential.
Ph. 4645 5046

19 Jun: Drives for Learners in Macarthur – Log Book Run
Bookings essential. Ph. 4645 5046

16-26 Jun: Webbers Circus
Bicentennial Equestrian Park, Camden



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Regular Events at the Library

Camden Library's Chess Club
Wednesday's, 10am - 1pm. Beginner
and advanced players welcome –
it's free!

InConcert at Camden Library
Last Saturday of the month. Featuring
local artists and performers including
jazz ensembles, string quartets,
singers, bands and musicians don't
miss this free event.

Book Club – 4th Wednesday of
the month, 10am – 12pm and 3rd
Thursday of the month, 7.30pm.

For more details phone 4654 7951, or
visit www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

Lifelong Learning @ your Library

Camden Council Library Service will
be offering computer classes on the
following topics:

Effective Googling

- 26 April - Camden Library,
9.30am – 11.30am
- 28 April - Narellan Library,
9.30am – 11.30am

iPad Taster

- 23 May – Narellan Library,
9.30am – 11.30am

Introduction to Facebook

- 24 May – Camden Library,
9.30am – 11.30am
- 26 May – Narellan Library,
9.30-am – 11.30am

Storytime

A free half hour session at the Library
that includes stories, songs & craft for
children 0-6 years.

Camden Library - Tuesday and
Thursday 11am

Narellan Library - Wednesday 11am
Friday 10am and 11am

First Monday of the month, 6.30pm
First Saturday of the month, 10.30am

Babies into Books (BIBS)

BIBs are fun and interactive sessions
that introduce literacy to 0-18month
olds and their carers.

Camden Library - Thursday 10am
Narellan Library - Wednesday 10am