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Melbourne Cup in Camden



For the first time in ten years, the historic Camelot House will be opening its doors to an exclusive guest list on Friday 23 October to celebrate the arrival of the Melbourne Cup Trophy as it tours the country before heading to Flemington in November.

A racehorse named Chester, owned by James White, was the Winner of the 1877 Melbourne Cup. The winnings were used to build historic Camelot House in the late 1880's. Chester died 21 November 1891 and is buried at Kirkham Stud, adjacent to Camelot House.

Camden Council won the tender to host the Melbourne Cup Tour due to this connection and boasts a day full of events. Mr John Letts, record holder of over 1500 Cup Victories throughout his career (including two Melbourne Cups), will be accompanying the Cup through the following events.

10 – 10.45am:
Melbourne Cup themed story time at Narellan Library. Community members welcome.

11am – 12noon:
Fancy Hat Parade at Elderslie Primary School.

12.15 – 1.45pm:
The Crown Hotel, Argyle St, Camden.
Community members welcome.

2 – 3pm:
Fancy Hat Parade at St Paul's Primary School, Camden.

3.15 – 4.30pm:
The Merino Tavern, Argyle St, Camden.
Community members welcome.

6.30 – 10.30pm:
A Night at the Races at Camelot House.
Community members welcome,
tickets required.

For more information about any of the events or to receive an invitation to the ball, please contact 4645 5029 or events@camden.nsw.gov.au.



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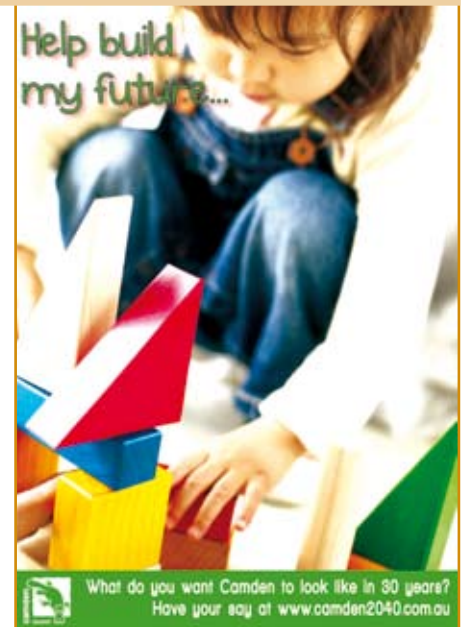
Have Your Say on Camden's Future!

By the year 2040, the Camden Local Government area will be on its way to a population over 250,000 people. Council is preparing a long term strategic plan that responds to this growth and aims to create the kind of place and community that we want to live in.

What do you want Camden to be like in 30 years?

The best way to have your say is at www.camden2040.com.au. Council has created this new website to provide a range of innovative and interactive opportunities for you to be involved in shaping the future of Camden. We encourage all people who live, work or play in Camden to explore the website and provide your thoughts and opinions to this important plan.

In addition, Council staff will be out and about in October talking to people in the community. If we don't meet you or



if you don't have access to the internet, feel free to drop us a line at mail@camden.nsw.gov.au or PO Box 183 Camden 2570. You can also contact Council's Corporate Planner on 4654 7810 to find out other ways you can have your say.

Christmas Lights Competition

Christmas is just around the corner and so is the Plus Fitness Christmas Lights Competition.

Enter your house or business in one or more of the categories Best Lit, Best Novelty, Best Business, Best New Business or enter your street in Best Lit Street. We ask that the community respect the individuals and neighbourhoods in the LGA by picking up rubbish, turning engines off when viewing the lights and taking care when visiting lit houses.



For more information or to be sent an entry form contact 4645 5029 or events@camden.nsw.gov.au.



Youth Café

The Camden Youth Café provides an opportunity for young people aged 12-18 years to socialise in a safe, supervised and supportive environment.

Located upstairs of the Narellan Library, Camden Youth Café is fitted out with comfortable, modern furniture, PS2, Nintendo Wii, computers with internet access, pool table, latest youth-related magazines and youth library resources including board games and graphic novels.

Operating since March 2007, Camden Youth Café is open Wednesday to Friday 3:30-6:30pm and afternoon activities start at 4pm. Activities include creative arts, music afternoons and games.

For more information about the Youth Café and its services please contact 46455021, email youthcafe@camden.nsw.gov.au or www.camden.nsw.gov.au

New Narellan Urban Forest Playground and Bridges



Work on the new Narellan Urban Forest playground and pedestrian bridges is due to be finished by the end of September 2009.

The playground includes an exciting range of play equipment to cater for toddlers to teenagers. The equipment includes a combination junior play, swings, slides, spinner, animal features, climbing net and a unique 'bloqz' climbing structure. There are also informal play areas with pathways, native plants and turf areas.

A feature of the playground in the junior area is a mining theme incorporating a large cubby house

and tunnel with a rubber base for fall protection. The play areas will be separated by low sandstone sitting walls and the project includes shelters, seats and bins. Public art and timber elements throughout the play areas and walkways have been used to promote the natural environment theme.

While the playground should be open for play by the end of September, there will be a formal opening on 24 October 2009 which will include a festival, Aboriginal smoking ceremony and a host of other activities and entertainment.

Moving? Don't Leave Your Vote Behind

Every time you change your address - whether it's across the street or across the country - and you have been living at your new residence for one month, you need to update your details on the Australian electoral roll.

To do this you need to complete a fresh enrolment form.

Enrolment forms are available from our website, www.aec.gov.au, or from the local council and libraries in the Macarthur area. Enrolment forms are also available from Australia Post, Medicare and Centrelink agencies or by phoning the Australian Electoral Commission on 13 23 26.





our environment

Water and Energy Saving Rebates



As at 30 June 2009, more than 101,000 rebates have been claimed by NSW householders (including 640 rebates for Camden residents) through the State Government's Residential Rebate Program. Together, this has saved more than 2 billion litres of water and 88,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

Rebates are available to residents after purchase and installation of rainwater tanks and/or replacement of electric hot water systems with climate friendly solar, heat pump or gas systems. Hot water systems or rainwater tanks installed to comply with BASIX (the Building Sustainability Index) for new homes and major renovations are not eligible for a rebate. Rebates include Rainwater Tanks, Hot Water Systems, Washing Machines, Ceiling Insulation and the Fridge buyback scheme. For more information visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates.

MobileMuster!

During your next spring clean why not drop off any unwanted and broken mobile phones to MobileMuster for recycling?

MobileMuster is the official national recycling program of the mobile phone industry which collects and recycles used, broken and unwanted mobile phone handsets, batteries and accessories - for free!

As part of the 'Old Phones More Trees' 2009 campaign Council 'wrangled' over 42kg of mobile phones, batteries and accessories from residents and staff. That's another 42 trees planted to help protect hundreds of koala habitats in Victoria and restore precious Cumberland Woodlands in western Sydney!



MobileMuster recycling bins can be found at the following locations of Council:

- Camden Administration Office, 37 John St Camden;
- Narellan Administration Office, 19 Queen St Narellan; and now
- Narellan Library, Cnr Queen & Elyard Sts Narellan

Living Macarthur Nature Photography Competition & Exhibition 2009



Budding nature photographers are encouraged to take photos – whether it's in the backyard or the bush – to tell their story about the importance of the local environment and its native animals and plants.

For more information visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Environmental Education Officer on 4645 5007 or denise.franovich@camden.nsw.gov.au.

Spring is upon us! Not only will we see flowering plants, busy insects and nesting birds but also the return of the Nature Photography Competition and Exhibition to Macarthur!



Camden Get There Bus It Project – Funding Completed



The Camden Get There Bus It service is a free Friday late night transport service for young people that live in the Camden LGA.

The service has been operating since August last year, and is targeted towards 18-25 year olds. The aim of the service is to get young adults home safely from entertainment places that serve alcohol. The 'Camden Get There Bus It' project is continuing to

run smoothly, with approximately 90 young people using the service each Friday night. This project is a one-off funded initiative from The Macarthur Area Assistance Scheme (MACAAS). Unfortunately funding is now complete which means this service can no longer be provided. The last night the service will operate is Friday 2 October 2009. For more information about this service, please contact 4645 5021 or jodie.grundy@camden.nsw.gov.au.

Camden Main Street Centre Median Upgrade

The upgrade of the Camden Main Street Centre Median has now been completed. The plants are now thriving with the warm weather, improved soil conditions and installation of a water efficient drip irrigation system.

The jacaranda trees should also benefit from the soil and irrigation changes and up lighting has been installed to promote them as an important feature of the Camden main street.



Spring should see the plants become fully established and display a variety of colours to liven up the centre of Camden.

Liquidamber Reserve New Playground

A new playground has recently been completed at Liquidamber Reserve. It incorporates a range of play equipment that provides for children of all ages. Play elements include turbo slides, cave climber, fire truck panel, abacus, chimes panel, scaling wall, compact swing, fire pole, and the 4m high wildnet skyclimber.

New paths have been provided for pram access and seating for the comfort of parents supervising children. New trees will be planted to provide shade to the playground in the afternoon sun. This new playground compliments the existing sports fields and tennis courts at Liquidamber Reserve and provides a valuable new recreation facility to community.

New Sport Field Lighting

Council has recently completed new sport field lighting at Jack Nash Reserve, Currans Hill, Elizabeth Park and Liquidamber Reserve, Narellan Vale and Wandarrah Reserve, Mount Annan.

There has been a significant increase in the number of local sporting teams requiring access to training facilities. The new lights will enable local clubs to accommodate the increased membership demand and will greatly improve the opportunities for the community to participate in Sport and Recreation.

The project has been jointly funded by Camden Council and the Federal Government's Community Infrastructure Grant Program.



what's happening

Camden Wollongong Beach Bus



The Wollongong Beach Bus is a free bus service that operates during the Christmas school holidays for young people aged between 12 and 18 years. Young people are required to present a valid school pass or proof of age card when collecting tickets and must live, work or study in the Camden or Campbelltown Local Government Areas.

This year young people can access their free ride to the beach between Saturday 19 December 2009 and Sunday 24th January 2010. For Camden young people, tickets and timetables will be available from Monday 14 December 2009 at Narellan and Camden Libraries.

Please note Camden Council and Busways take no responsibility for the young people using this service. No supervision will be provided. Parental consent forms will be available from Camden and Narellan Libraries as well as Busways and Camden Council's website closer to the date. Consent forms must be completed at the time of ticket collection. For more information about this service, please contact 4645 5021 or email youth@camden.nsw.gov.au.

Light Up Camden

Argyle Street will be dressed with Red and Green as Christmas nears – and with Christmas comes the annual Camden Chamber of Commerce 'Light Up Camden' event.

Come down to Argyle Street on Thursday 19 November 2009 to celebrate the turning on of the Christmas tree lights and the start of the festive season.

Argyle Street will be closed from 4pm and will host a range of stalls, rides and entertainment. With three stages (including one specifically for youth bands) there will be something for everyone. The night will also boast a jumping castle, animal farm, carnival

rides, clowns, face painters, stilt walkers, jugglers and more!

In previous years Santa has screamed through the streets on his Harley and been dropped off by helicopter. I wonder how he'll get to the celebrations this year... You'll have to come down to find out!

Once dark falls, Mayor of Camden, Cr Chris Patterson will flick the switch and the lights of the spectacular Christmas tree will light up Argyle Street. The evening will culminate with fireworks at St John's Church.

So get into the festive season, come down to Argyle Street and celebrate the beginning of Christmas in Camden.

Narellan Rhythms 09

Elyard Street will come alive on Saturday 24 October with Narellan Rhythms 2009. It will be transformed into a community space for all ages - a space where you can build a drum, learn how to play it, do some Tai Chi, visit a Refugee camp, learn how to belly dance and more.

The event aims to bring together our many geographically and culturally diverse communities via performances, music and artistic workshops and roving performances. The event will be held between Narellan Library and Narellan Town Centre, with Elyard Street being closed for the day to enable these two important community spaces to unite in a day of celebration.

The Community Development and Planning team will be running artistic workshops on the day that aim to entertain the community and also consult with them on the Camden Strategic plan. Workshops will include senior's world music singing workshops, drum making and playing workshops for children and multicultural jewellery making for young people.

Council will also be opening Narellan Urban Forest refurbished play space with our exciting new playground and launching the Living Libraries Project.

Mark 24 October in your diary - Narellan will be the place to be.



Macarthur Music



Music through Macarthur

Date: Friday 25 September 2009
Where: Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Time: 7pm
Cost: Free

Campbelltown Camden District Band

Date: Saturday 14 November, 2009
Where: Elizabeth Macarthur High School, Waterworth Drive, Narellan
Time: Concert starts at 7.30pm
Cost: \$5 per person

The concert will include juniors and seniors with the addition of a themed second half of the concert.

For more details please contact 4655 2065

Featuring four local musical groups in the Macarthur region - Campbelltown Camden District Band, Camden Community Band, Macarthur Symphonic Wind Concert Band and the Fishers Ghost Youth Orchestra and a massed school band consisting of children from school bands in the Campbelltown, Ingleburn and Camden areas.

For more details please contact Nicole on 98203010

Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers

Date: Monday 26 October 2009.

This FREE workshop is designed for parents and supervisors of learner drivers and provides practical advice on new laws for L and P licence holders, supervising learner drivers, completing the Learner Driver Log Book and the benefits of supervised on-road experience. The workshop will be held in conjunction with Campbelltown Council. To book, contact Campbelltown Council's Road Safety Officer on 4645 4220.



Free Occupant Restraint Fitting Day



Date: Thursday 10 December 2009

You can have all your child car restraints, harnesses and booster seats fitted or checked for safety and correct fit. All child restraints will be inspected and fitted by an RTA Authorised Restraint Fitter. To book, or for more information, contact the Council's Community Road Safety Officer on 4645 5046.

Drives for Learner In Macarthur Log Book Run

Date: Sunday 29 November 2009

You and your supervisor are invited to participate in a free 'Log Book Run' event. The 'Log Book Run' is a great opportunity for learner drivers to gain on road experience. This driving experience will contribute to the learner driver log book hours. Registration is at 9.15am, and the run finishes at approximately 1.30pm. Morning tea and lunch are provided. The drive will begin in Narellan and will include driving through the Macarthur Region Local Government Areas. Freeway, country and suburban roads are included, covering approximately 90kms. Don't miss out, book early. Contact Council's Community Road Safety Officer on 4645 5046.





calendar of events

your library



October

7 Oct: Stress Less Day
Ph. 4645 5021.

18 Oct: Mater Dei Country Fair
Mater Dei Estate. Macquarie Grove Rd, Camden. 9am-3pm.
www.materdei.org.au Ph. 4655 7481.

23 Oct: Melbourne Cup Tour
A range of activities including the ball at Camelot House, Ph. 4645 5029

24 Oct: Rythms '09: Multicultural Street Festival
Elyard Street, Narellan.
Ph. 4645 5106

25 Oct: Farm Sunday - Open Day
Belgenny Farm, Elizabeth Macarthur Ave, Camden South. 10am-3pm.
Ph. 4654 6800.

Macarthur Veterans Tennis Association Tournament
South Camden Courts, Ron Dine Reserve, Macrae Drive, South Camden. 4 - 7pm. Ph. 0400 813 740

25-31 Oct: Children's Week
Ph. 4645 5084.



November

19 Nov: Light Up Camden
Argyle St, Camden. The turning on of the Camden Christmas Tree Lights.
Ph. 0438 195 196.

25 Nov: Seniors Christmas Lunch
Gledswood Homestead, 900 Camden Valley Way, Catherine Field.
Ph. 4655 8941.

29 Nov: Macarthur Veterans Tennis Association - AGM, Tournament and Christmas Party
Camden Central Courts, Onslow Park Reserve, Argyle Street, Camden
4 - 7pm. Ph. 0400 813 740



December

Christmas Lights Competition
Enter your home. Ph. 4645 5029.

3 Dec: International Day of People with a Disability
Ph. 4645 5050.

12 Dec: Carols in the Park
Macarthur Park, Broughton St, Camden.
6.30pm. Ph. 4655 1675.

19 Dec: Landcom Carols in the Garden
Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan.
5-9pm. Ph. 4634 7935.



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Visiting Writers at Camden Council Library Service

Di Morrissey will talk about her new book, "The Silent Country," at Narellan Library on Tuesday 10 November.

Ray Martin will visit for a luncheon, Midday with Ray, at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 11 November to discuss his autobiography, "Stories of My Life."

Susan Duncan will visit in December (date to be announced) to talk about her new book, "A Life on Pittwater."

School holiday Fun @ the Libraries

Wednesday 7 October @ Camden Library - Masking Around, 1-3pm, free
Let your imagination run wild in this creative mask-making workshop using paper and found materials.
Ages 5-7 years.

Tuesday 13 October @ Narellan Library- Crocodile Encounters, 1-3pm, \$5
WOW! Meet reptiles up close, in a safe and controlled environment.
Ages 5-12 years.

Wednesday 14 October @ Camden Library - Jewellery Creations, 1-3pm, free
Create your very own designer jewellery, including pendants and necklaces, using papier mache and baking-clay. Ages 6-12 years.

Thursday 15 October @ Narellan Library - On a far far away mountain, performance by Browyn Vaughan, 2.30-3.15pm, \$5. Amazing show based on contemporary and traditional childrens stories from Tibet, China, Nepal and India.
Ages 4-6 years.

Plus!

Siblings are always welcome to join in with regular Babies into Books (BIBS) and Preschool Storytime programs, which continue to run through the holidays.

Bookings essential , numbers limited. Call 4654 7951 or 4645 5039.