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School Holiday Fun with Camden Council Library Service!

What do you have planned these school holidays? How about some fun with Camden Council Library Service?

Thursday 16 April

Can Camden Dance? Workshop and Competition

Learn to pop, krump and shuffle at the Library's dance workshop, 1-3pm Camden Youth Café, Narellan Library. Following the Workshop will be a Dance Competition from 4-5pm. You can enter! Routines must be kept under two minutes and BYO CD for music. Plenty of prizes to win!

Friday 17 April

Enter the Cosmodome, an enthralling inflatable dome screening 3-D Imax style movies of our great planet. Screening two unique films at Narellan Library:

- Earth's Wild Ride: 10.30am and 12noon.
- Oasis in Space: 2pm and 3.30pm.

Monday 20 April

Movies 'n' munchies

Come along to watch Antz at Narellan Library's Movies'n'munchies night. 6-8pm, \$2.50.

Tuesday 21 April

Creative Gardening

Create your own mini garden with recycled objects at Narellan Library, 2-3pm, \$2.50.

Text and Images

Ritva Voutila instructs a free session that has a focus on Sequential Art for ages 10-16 years. 1.30pm, Narellan Library.

Wednesday 22 April

Insect Show

Kids can take part in an Interactive Insect Show 2-3pm, Narellan Library. Cost \$4.

Thursday 23 April

Decorating Terracotta Pots

Visit Camden Library from 10am-12noon to paint and decorate your terracotta pots.

Photoshop for Beginners

Learn the basics of Photoshop from 10am-4pm. Ages 12-24, numbers are strictly limited so bookings are essential. Course cost \$15, BYO Lunch.

Friday 24 April

Creative Gardening

Create your own mini garden with recycled objects at Camden Library, 2-3pm, \$2.50.

Story time – Bugs & Beasts in my garden

Join Camden and Narellan Libraries for all the fun of Preschool Storytime, at one of their regular sessions packed with stories, songs, rhymes and crafts about Bugs!

11am – Tuesday and Thursday at Camden Library

10am – Friday at Narellan Library

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There's so much to do during school holidays so make sure you visit Camden or Narellan Library. Bookings are essential for the above events (with the exception of story time). For further details on school holiday activities or to book your spot please contact Camden Library on 4654 7951 or Narellan Library on 4645 5039.



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our community

The 35th Camden Art Prize - 8-15 May 2009



The Camden Art Prize will celebrate its 35th birthday this year. Since the prestigious local competition first began in 1974 it has grown in size, interest and acclaim. The annual Exhibition and Sale of works is now a major event on the cultural calendar and attracts both local and national artists.

The official opening of the 35th Camden Art Prize will be held on Friday 8 May at Camden Civic Centre, corner of Oxley and Mitchell Streets, Camden. Free entry from 7.30pm, with the proceedings starting at 8pm. Prize-winning entries are acquired each year by the Art Committee Inc to become part of the impressive and ever expanding Camden Community Art Collection.

Entry for works to be exhibited in the 2009 competition will take place on Saturday 2 May. Entry forms will be available from Camden Civic Centre, Camden Council, the Exhibition Secretary or the www.camdenciviccentre.com.au.

All artists are encouraged to consider entering the Art Prize. The exhibition is open 8 -15 May 2009. For more information contact Camden Civic Centre on 4655 8681.

Anzac Run



On Sunday 3 May 2009 at 9.30am, the Bicentennial Equestrian Park will play host to the second annual event of Macarthur Lions ANZAC Run – a day full of fun, fitness and activities for all.

With Olympic Equestrian Silver medalist Shane Rose starting the race, the Run will provide a 5km walk or run, or a 10km run for the more serious athletes. The run will take place in the beautiful surrounds of the Bicentennial Equestrian Park with views across the Camden Township. This can be a true cross country course for the serious or a wonderful walk for the family. The Macarthur Lions ANZAC Run is very proudly operated in conjunction with the annual ANZAC walk which is held in many places across Australia.

Entry fees for the Run are \$5 for under 15 years of age, \$10 for 15 to

18 years, \$20 for 19 years and above and \$50 for a Family of 4 participants. Registration forms will be mailed out to all participants from last year and new runners will be able to obtain a registration form from www.camden.nsw.gov.au or Council's Administration Buildings in Camden and Narellan from Monday 2 March 2009. All proceeds from the Run will go to Lifeline Macarthur and Camden RSL Sub Branch.

There is prize money for overall male and female 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters, along with medallions and more.

The Camden Council Family Fun Day will follow immediately after so bring your family down to the ANZAC Run and then enjoy the Family Day festivities, all at the Bicentennial Equestrian Park!



Protect Your Pet

If your dog or cat goes missing contact Council during business hours and quote the microchip number so that Council may record the animal as "MISSING" on the NSW Companion Animals Register. Council's Pound is Renbury Farm Animal Shelter, 406 Bringelly Road, Austral. It's recommended that you do not put signs on public places (e.g. telegraph poles) as this is illegal and you may receive an on-the-spot fine of \$330.

To be reunited with your missing animal:

- Ensure your animal has a microchip implanted (prior to going missing).
- Ensure your contact details are up to date (on the NSW Companion Animals Register).
- Ensure your animal wears a collar with a name tag advising of your pets name and your contact number.

- When you go on holidays make sure that the person looking after your pet knows how to contact you and knows what to do if your pet goes missing.

The benefit of microchipping animals is that it ensures that the owner can be contacted should their animal get lost or escape from their care. In addition to the logical reasons for microchipping animals it is a legal requirement of the Companion Animal Act 1998.

Council should be notified in writing when:

- The animal changes ownership.
- Your telephone number/s change.
- You change address.
- The animal goes missing.
- When the animal is found.
- When the animal is deceased.

All changes to contact details are free of charge.

Macarthur Singers Need Voices

Loved watching Battle of the Choirs? Sick of only ever singing in the shower? Don't let your talent go to waste, come along and join the Macarthur Singers.!

The Macarthur Singers is a community choir that has been together for over 30 years. Made up of about 60 enthusiastic people from all ages, they perform a broad range of music from favourite musicals, Negro spirituals, folk songs and jazz, to great choral classics such as Mozart, Vivaldi, Handel, and Rutter.

Over the years they have performed at various Eisteddfods, Christmas carol concerts, aged care facilities and

even as part of a combined choir for the soundtrack for Happy Feet. Not to mention they put on their concerts every year, the first of which is Sunday 3 May 2009.

They are currently looking to recruit more male voices. Naturally they welcome female voices also! So why not take up the challenge? Stop singing into the hairbrush and join the music and fun that is the Macarthur Singers!

Rehearsals are every Tuesday 7:30–10pm at Carrington Village Community Hall, Werombi Road, Camden. For more information please contact Margaret on 4658 0027 or visit their website www.macarthursingers.org.

Parked Cars

Please park considerately as parked cars can block access to the waste collection bins. If the waste collection vehicles cannot collect safely, it may result in your bin being missed.

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.



Anzac Day Services

Camden RSL will be holding its annual Dawn Service at 5.30am in their Memorial Rose Garden. Please be seated by 5.20am.

There will then be a march commencing at 10.30am in Elizabeth Street, Camden, continuing into Argyle Street and finishing at the Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial for a service commencing around 10.45am. Community members have the opportunity to lay wreathes on the day. If you wish to do so, please contact 4658 0049.



our community

Camden's Kids Really Did Get in the Game!

Council's Library is sending out a very big congratulations to all members of the Library's Summer Reading Club – Get in the Game, READ!

The Club's official kick off was Monday 15 December 2008, with the full-time whistle blown to signal the end of reading on Saturday 31 January 2009.

The team of 300 readers together achieved a marathon result of reading 2475 books during the six weeks. It's exciting to note that 1415 more books



were read, extra proof that the Library's Club readers are winners!

Council's Library thanks this year's Club sponsors Camden Council, Taronga Zoo, Australian Library & Information



Association (ALIA), McDonald's Macarthur, Australian Reptile Park, Sydney Aquarium, Sydney Tower & Sydney Wildlife World and Featherdale Wildlife Park.

Gifted and Talented Program

Camden Council's Community Support Policy supports the cultural, academic and sporting endeavors of local young people by providing financial assistance to help people meet the costs of representing Camden at a state, national and international level.

Council receives a number of applications under this policy each year, most of which come from school students who are representing Camden in a variety of activities including dance academies, rugby tours, athletic championships, youth choir and internships.

Under the Policy, applications for funding of \$250 and under can be accepted throughout the year.

Council is now receiving applications for 2009. Application forms can be collected from Council's Administration Buildings at Camden and Narellan, by calling 4645 5021, or from Council's Website www.camden.nsw.gov.au.

For further information or to discuss applications please contact Jodie Grundy on 4645 5021 or email jodie.grundy@camden.nsw.gov.au.

Bin Collection on Public Holidays

Waste collection is an essential service for the community. Consequently, residents are reminded to place all residential waste, recycling and green waste bins out for collection on their normal collection day, regardless of public holidays (e.g. Christmas Day, Good Friday, New Years Day, etc). For more information please contact Camden Council on 4654 7777.





Youth Week

National Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people 12 – 25 years in Australia. This year, National Youth Week will be held from 28 March – 4 April with the theme “Make a Move”. “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” op-shop tour and “EcoBeat” band night will both be held to celebrate National Youth Week in the Camden Local Government Area (LGA).

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, a FREE op-shop tour of the Camden LGA ran on Saturday 28 March from 10am-2pm. A free bus picked up young people from Narellan Library and took them on a hunt to find retro, vintage and pre-loved treasures. This tour was free to all

young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years who live or go to school in the Camden LGA.

On Thursday 2 April 4-6pm and on Saturday 4 April from 10.30am - 1.30pm, Camden Youth Café and Narellan Library will be holding ‘reverse UR garbage’ creative art workshops. With treasures found on the tour or brought from home, you can participate and reverse your garbage into a grand masterpiece. Bookings are essential and your place can be reserved by phoning 4645 5071 for the Thursday workshop and 4645 5039 for the Saturday workshop.

National Youth Week 2009 also includes “EcoBeat”, a band night

for young people to be held at the Camden Civic Centre on Friday 3 April 2009. The night will kick off at 6pm and finish at 10pm. EcoBeat will see live performances from local Camden bands including The Lawnmowers and Inflight Entertainment. Headlining acts include Denham Reagh and The Grand Leathals (ex WhatRemains). EcoBeat is FREE entry with no pass outs after 8:30pm.

Both events are drug and alcohol free and proudly supported by NSW Youth Week and Arrive Alive. To find out about more information about National Youth Week celebrations in the Camden LGA visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au or contact 4645 5021.

Camden Get There Bus It

In August last year, Camden Council launched its new Get There Bus It project.

Targeted towards 18-25 year olds, this project is a Friday late night transport service for young people that live in the Camden Local Government Area. The aim of the project is to get young adults home safely from entertainment places that serve alcohol. The service is free for all young people 18 – 25 years, and for those aged over 25 years if space on the bus permits.

This is a two year project that has been funded by the Department of Community Services (DoCS) through the Macarthur Area Assistance Scheme (MACAAS). Since operation, the bus has transported 1286 people home with 1190 being under 25 years of age.

The service operates every Friday night. No bookings are required to catch the bus, but you can SMS or phone the bus on Friday nights on 0435 133 761 or 0420 882 517. For more information please contact Jodie Grundy on 4645 5021 or jodie.grundy@camden.nsw.gov.au.





our environment

Growing Up Green Showing at Narellan Library in April

Growing up Green is a collection of thought provoking paintings by the region's youngest environmentalists to encourage young and old to develop their own green thinking.

The artworks, varying in complexity and style, all demonstrate the passion and concern our young generation hold for their environment.

The exhibition is a compilation of winning and highly commended artworks from last year's Western Sydney Environment Calendar Art Competition which was open to all NSW public school children from the region.

The paintings show how Western Sydney's young people are working towards a greener and healthier environment in their homes, schools and every day lives.

Winning artworks have also been published in the 2009 Western Sydney Environment Calendar and represent artists from every Local Government Area in Greater Western Sydney. Copies of the Calendar will be available free of charge at the exhibition.

Learn more about how Western Sydney's government school children are protecting the planet both at home and at school through this unique exhibition during April at Narellan Library.



February: 'We should all compost as many food scraps as we can to save the amount of rubbish we are creating.'
Rebecca Cannings, Age 12, Year 6
Mawarra Public School (Camden LGA)

Council Flicks the Switch for Earth Hour!



On Saturday 29 March 2009, Council joined one billion people in 1000 cities

around the world by turning off unnecessary lights, office equipment and appliances for one hour, Earth Hour, providing a powerful global message that it's possible to take action on climate change.

Climate change is the most significant threat to life on Earth. Our continued reliance on fossil fuel energies is causing an increase in the Earth's temperature, rising sea levels, an increase in drought and severe storms, and massive changes to

the environment we all depend on to survive.

An effective way to slow the rate of global warming is to encourage individuals to make small adjustments to the way they live. For example, if all Australian households simply turned off unused lights and appliances on standby at the power point, Australia's emissions would be reduced by at least 5 million tonnes per annum – the equivalent to taking 1.5 million cars off the road for a year!

Earth Hour is about inspiring people and showing that individual action on a mass scale can help change our planet for the better. Staff from Council's Administration Buildings, Depots and Facilities demonstrated their support for Earth Hour by the following:

- Staff ensured office equipment including computers and monitors, photocopiers, printers, scanners and shredders were switched off at the power point rather than leaving them on standby.
- All non-essential lighting was switched off.
- Promotion of energy conservation principles to staff.
- Promotion of energy conservation principles to the community through the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' free op-shop tour of the Camden LGA as part of Youth Week celebrations.

For more information, visit www.earthhour.org.



Old Phones, More Trees!

Council and MobileMuster are calling on Camden residents to hand in their old mobile phones, batteries, accessories and chargers throughout the month of May up until World Environment Day on Friday 5 June and help plant thousands of native trees in degraded areas of Australia, including areas affected by Victoria's devastating bush fires.

MobileMuster in conjunction with Landcare Australia are launching the 'Old Phones, More Trees' campaign in May and will plant native trees for every mobile phone handed in for recycling. The campaign, now in its third year, has been a phenomenal success, collecting over 170,000 mobile phones for recycling and planting 175,000 native trees throughout the country.

The planting of 175,000 native trees delivers a multitude of environmental benefits such as improving biodiversity, preventing erosion and enhancing native wildlife habitats through revegetation and is equivalent to 70,000 tons of carbon emissions or taking 10,000 cars off the road for one year.

The 'Old Phones, More Trees' campaign is a great example of how Camden residents and businesses



participating in small actions, such as recycling old mobile phones, can contribute to creating larger environmental benefits. By reducing waste and storing carbon through revegetation, everyone is helping to tackle the issue of climate change.

To recycle your mobile phones, batteries, accessories and chargers, head to one of the council's MobileMuster collection points. MobileMuster recycling bins can be found at the following Council locations:

- Camden Administration Building, 37 John St, Camden.
- Narellan Administration Building, 19 Queen St, Narellan.
- Narellan Library, Cnr Queen and Elyard Sts, Narellan.

For more information about mobile phone recycling visit www.mobilemuster.com.au or call 1300 730 070.

Living Green at the Library

Council's Library and Sustainability staff will join forces to deliver a suite of 'living green' workshops for residents throughout 2009. The workshops will cover topics such as water wise gardening, attracting native species to your backyard, detoxing your home and container food crop gardening for both adults and children. Check out the front page for details on our first sessions, Creative Gardening. For more details please contact Barbara Jenkins on 4654 7958.

Rebates for Going Solar!

Not only can you help fight global warming by reducing household energy consumption, you can save substantial amounts of money by "Living Green". Water heating is the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions from the average Australian home (excluding the family car), accounting for around 28% of home energy use.

Rebates of \$1000 are available through the Federal Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts to install solar and heat pump hot water systems to replace existing electric storage hot water systems. The rebate is offered for systems installed until March 2012 and can save the average family \$300 to \$700 off electricity bills every year.

For full details visit www.environment.gov.au/solarhotwater or free call 1800 808 571.

Burning is Prohibited!

Residents are advised that burning is prohibited in the Camden LGA. Exceptions apply.

Some agricultural operations and cooking fires are permitted. Please note that fire permits for these activities may be required during the Bushfire Danger Period. Contact the Rural Fire Service (9603 7077) or NSW Fire Brigades prior to lighting any fire.

The burning of vegetation without a Hazard Reduction Certificate is prohibited. Council approval is required to remove trees and vegetation. On the spot fines or legal action will be taken for illegal burning. For further information please contact Council on 4654 7777 before you light.



hot off the press

Macarthur Veterans Tennis



Macarthur Veterans was formed in August 07 as a non-profit organisation to cater for the mature (over 35 years) tennis players of the area.

With about 40 members, the club holds a local tournament either at Camden Central or South Camden Tennis Clubs every month and also arranges trips to play in other Veteran Tournaments around the state and country. They have taken over 30 local players to Norfolk Island for their annual Veterans Tournament in April for the past two years and are currently planning another trip to Norfolk in 2010 for their 20th Anniversary tournament. If anyone over 35 interested in tennis and travel they are more than welcome to come and join in some great social and competitive tennis.

Contact: Ross Nicastrì - 0419 372657
Jo-Ann Geist - 0400 813740
Robert Davenport - 0412 551075

Camden Produce Markets on the Move...

The long awaited move for Camden Produce Markets to Camden Town Farm is finally happening on Saturday 11 April 2009! Camden Town Farm is a beautiful, heritage rich venue and is only a short walk from Camden's main street.

To celebrate the move, Camden Produce Markets will be holding a Relocation Open Day. Come down to the Town Farm, Exeter Street, Camden, 7am-12pm and enjoy a wide variety of fresh farm produce and additional food stalls, cooking demonstrations by Camden Civic Centre Chef Daniel

Coles, jumping castle and animal farm for the kids. There will also be a special visit from the Easter Bunny who will be handing out Easter Eggs for most of the day. Don't miss out!

For a fun family morning out (and to stock up on fresh produce for the Easter long weekend) visit Camden Produce Markets in their new location, Camden Town Farm, Exeter Street, Camden. Keep an eye out for a full entertainment program.

For more information please phone Linda on 0428 602 020.

Quality Child Care



Is quality day care a priority for you? Camden Family Day Care has recently been awarded an outstanding Accreditation result from the National Child Care Accreditation Council (NCAC), improving on their already exceptional outcomes.

Council supports the Camden Family Day Care Scheme by employing staff in the coordination unit. The staff register, monitor and support Carers to provide Family Day Care in their homes for children 0-5 years. They also offer day care for older children outside of

school hours which provide a flexible service for those in need of trustworthy, Nationally Accredited care for their children before and after school.

The Family Day Care Quality Accreditation (FDCQA) process of review focuses on Interactions, Physical Environment, Children's Experiences, Learning and Development, Health and hygiene, Nutrition, Safety and Wellbeing, Carers and Coordination Unit Staff and finally Management and Administration. Taking all these areas into account, the NCAC has awarded high quality accreditation to Camden Family Day Care.

If you require quality, reliable and flexible day care for your children, don't hesitate to contact Family Day Care on 4645 7851 or fdc@camden.nsw.gov.au. For more information visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au.



Protect Your Animals From Fireworks

June long weekend celebrations usually bring fireworks, which pose many risks to animal safety.

Most animals panic when fireworks are detonated and they will do anything to get away from the sights and sounds of fireworks sometimes injuring themselves in the process. Animals have been known to attempt to escape the loud noises and escape through/over/under fencing that would normally contain them. Many animals fleeing from the noise will end up kilometres from home or may cause an accident, injury and death.

Take all precautions to ensure that your animal is safe. Never use a slip-collar or choker chain to restrain your dog as it may choke itself. Ensure your cat and/or dog is microchipped (and your contact details are up to date) and wearing a collar with a tag showing the name of the animal and a contact telephone number.

If you are aware that your animal is affected by fireworks speak to your



Veterinarian or you may prefer to place it in a boarding kennel, cattery, or Veterinary hospital for a few days.

If your animal goes missing:

- Contact your local Veterinary Hospital and/or our Pound, Renbury Farm Animal Shelter on 9606 6118.
- Contact Council to report the dog/cat as 'missing' on the NSW Companion Animals Register.
- Place signs on Community Notice Boards.
- It's recommended that you don't place signs on telegraph poles, in roundabouts, or on Council land. If you do you may receive a fine for \$330.

Artist of the Month

Are you a local artist? Would you love the opportunity to exhibit your work? Then join the Artist of the Month Program now!

The Artist of the Month Exhibition Program provides an excellent opportunity for established and emerging artists in the Camden community to display their works in either Camden or Narellan Libraries.

The program provides a means of self promotion and exposure within the community, while creating, selling and networking opportunities for the future.

For more information contact Narellan Library on 4645 5039 or Camden Library on 4654 7951.

Civic Centre



April 2 - Wollongong Symphony Orchestra Presents Heroics

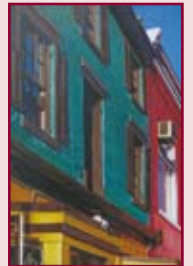
Your favourite arias and overtures from the World of Opera, 7.30pm.

April 3 – Ecobeat

Youth concert. See pg 4.
6pm-10pm, Free.

May 8-15 - The 35th Camden Art Prize

Art Exhibition.
See pg 2.



May 23 -

Speaker: Susannah Fullerton Ba Msc (Arts) – Adfas

Lecture: Vita Sackville West – Novelist, Poet and Creator of Sissinghurst.

May 28 - Seniors Leisure & Lifestyle Expo

June 12 - Wollongong Symphony Orchestra Presents Legends

Listen to the legends – Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn and Piazzolla, 7.30pm.

June 27 - Speaker: David Coke – Nadfas

Lecture: Making Faces – A Personal View of Portraiture.

Camden Civic Centre

Ph. 4655 8681



what's happening

Heritage Festival, April 2009 'Our Place in Space'

6: Memories of your suburb Weblog launch, 11am, Narellan Library.

7: Family History Online: State Records workshop, 3.30-5pm, Camden Library.

7: Searching Land Records: State Records talk at CAFHS meeting, 7.30pm, Camden Library.

17: Cosmodome space films for children at 10am, 12noon, 2pm and 3.30pm, Narellan Library.

4 -19: Camden Veterans - call for photos for HistoryPix – Camden Museum and Camden Library.

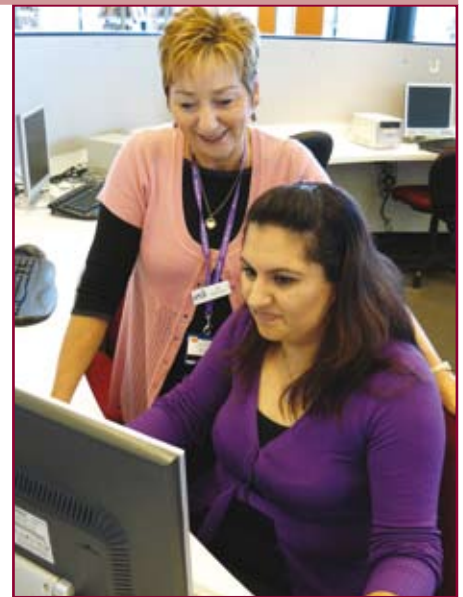
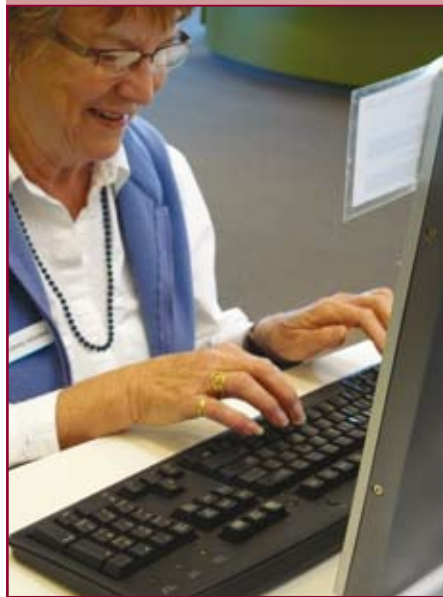
For information and bookings please call Camden Library on 4654 7951 or Narellan Library on 4645 5039.

Reverse Garbage – Youth Week Workshop

**Saturday 4 April 2009, 10.30am
Narellan Library, free!**

Make a move.....for the environment! Work with the Reverse Garbage to create sculptures to be displayed in the Library (or your home!). Aimed at ages 12-24 and all materials supplied. For bookings call 4645 5039. Youth week sculptures will be displayed in the Library throughout April.

Be Smart @ Your Library



Do you often use the method of self diagnoses via the internet? Or are you scared of using the internet to find out reasons for health problems due to the fact many people find it unreliable?

If so, get yourself to Camden Library on the first Monday of each month, 10-11.30am to take advantage of the Libraries newly developed Be smart @ your Library program.

The program is completely free of charge as an initiative of the Library to help people stop misdiagnosing themselves by unreliable information on the internet. They will supply trustworthy websites and databases that should be used instead.

Bookings are essential and morning tea is provided. For more information please call Camden Library on 4654 7951.

Macarthur Drives for Learners Log Book Run

This is an event offering learner drivers and their supervisors an occasion where they can participate and interact together with others in the same learning phase of driving.

Organised drives encompass varying driving conditions in the Macarthur area. The aim is to assist learner

drivers to achieve experience and increase their driving hours as required by the Graduated Licensing Scheme.

Sunday 14 June 2009, 9am–2pm approximately. Bookings essential, call 4645 5046.



what's happening



WIN Wollongong Symphony Orchestra

The WIN Wollongong Symphony Orchestra highly regarded for their professional musicians and magnificent repertoire will commence an exciting series at Camden Civic Centre on Thursday 2 April 2009.

Led by Columbian born Carlos Alvarado, Principal Conductor, the orchestra will present your favourite arias and overtures from the World of Opera featuring the heroes and heroines (or villains) of Rossini, Bernstein, Lloyd Webber and other giants of the genre.

Carlos has had nothing short of an intense and exciting musical and artistic life, graduating from the Tchaikovsky Conservatorium in Moscow with a PhD in Opera and Symphonic Conducting. "Carlo compares more than favourably with every famous conductor I've seen in Europe. He is stunning to watch, passionate about what he does and is altogether inspiring," said Bruce Gordon (Principal Sponsor).

All enquiries, please phone 4655 8681.

Free Occupant Restraint Fitting and Checking Day

Have all your child car restraints, harnesses and booster seats fitted and checked for safety and correct fit by an RTA Authorised Restraint Fitter.

Thursday 7 May 2009, 9am–1.30pm.
Bookings essential, call 4645 5046.

Spoil Mum this Mothers Day in Camden

With so much to see and do, Camden has a great range of attractions and activities to spoil mum this Mother's Day. The hardest part is deciding what to do!

The Macarthur Visitors Guide has a full list of attractions, activities and ideas for you to entertain Mum. Why not indulge her with some relaxation time at a day spa or take her shopping at Camden's many boutique stores? Book a Mother's Day brunch at one of Camden's delicious cafe's, or for a more formal affair choose from a range of dining options from Italian, Asian or Modern Australian to European or Mediterranean cuisines. Or if mum's the more daring kind, take her for an acrobatic flight, hot air balloon ride, horse ride or bushwalk.

There is so much to see and do in Camden this Mother's Day and it's all in the Macarthur Visitors Guide. To get your free copy drop into or phone Camden Visitor Information Centre on 4658 1370 or email tourism@camden.nsw.gov.au.



Family Fun in the Park



Come along and meet other families in your area!

Where: Lawson Reserve (Next to Macarthur Pre-School) Cnr of Lawson Ave and Crookston Dr, Camden South.

When: Tuesday 17 March 2009, 10am-12noon.

Cost: Free.

Enjoy morning tea in the park, meet local families and get to know local family services. Activities for both children and parents.

If you are able to join us, please call Catherine by Friday 13 March 2009 on 4633 3719, 0406 380 631 or email catherinelo@bensoc.org.au (for catering purposes). Don't hesitate to contact Catherine for more information.



calendar of events

your library



April

2 & 4 Apr - Make a move... For the Environment! Recycled Art Workshops
Camden Council Library Service.
Ph. 4645 5021

3 Apr - 'EcoBeat' - Youth Week
Camden Civic Centre, 6-10pm. Ph. 4645 5021

4 & 5 Apr - Autumn Plant Sale
Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan, 10am-4pm. Ph. 4634 7935

5 Apr - Harvest Food and Wine Fair
Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan, 10am-3pm.
Ph. 4634 7935.

22 April - Earth Day

24 Apr - Anzac Day Commemorative Ceremony
Carrington Retirement Village. Ph. 4658 0449

Arbor Day

25 Apr - ANZAC Day
Dawn Service, Camden RSL. 5.30am,
Memorial Rose Garden. March and Service commencing 10.30am, Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial. Ph. 4658 0049

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



May

3 May - Macarthur Lions Club Anzac Fun Run
Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park. Ph. 0419 925 294

3 – 9 May - International Composting Awareness Week
Compost to Combat Climate Change.
www.compostweek.com.au

10 May - Open Day - Mothers Day
Belgenny Farm, Elizabeth Macarthur Ave, Camden South, 10am-3pm. Ph. 4654 6800

10-17 May - Families Week
Ph. 4645 5084

22 May - International Day for Biological Diversity
Invasive Alien Species, www.cbd.int/ibd/2009



23 May - World Turtle Day
www.hsus.org/wildlife

27 May - 3 June - National Reconciliation Week
Ph. 4645 5050

28 May - Seniors Health and Lifestyle Expo
Camden Civic Centre, Cnr Mitchell and Oxley Street, Camden. Ph. 4655 8941

30 May - Carrington Care Inaugural Antique, Collectable and Art Day
Recreation Hall, Carrington Care, 90 Werombi Road, Grasmere. Ph. 0433 885 529

31 May - Macarthur Veterans Tennis Association Tournament
Camden Central Courts, Onslow Park Reserve, Argyle Street, Camden, 4-7pm.
Ph. 0400 813 740



June

5 Jun - World Environment Day
United Nations Environment Program, www.unep.org/wed/2009/english

14-21 Jun - Refugee Week
Ph. 4645 5020

28 Jun - Macarthur Veterans Tennis Association Tournament
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Babies into Books

Free weekly lapsit session for babies 0-18 months. Come along and enjoy songs, rhyme and books.
10am - Every Wednesday at Narellan Library.
10am - Every Thursday at Camden Library.

Preschool Storytime

A session for everyone, now five sessions each week across Council's Libraries.
11am – Tuesday and Thursday at Camden Library.
10am – Friday at Narellan Library.
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Night-time Storytime

Come and join in the fun of Night time Storytime at Narellan Library, the first Monday of each month, 6.30-7pm. Night time Storytime is a great activity for the whole family - a chance for working parents to spend storytime with their children.

Kre8tive Kidz @ the Library

An exciting monthly after-school program, 3.30-4.30pm.
Camden Library - the last Monday of each month.
Narellan Library - the last Thursday of each month.

April School Holiday Program - See front page

HSC Lectures: June
Topics will include Belonging, Ancient History, Modern History and Legal Studies.

For more information contact Camden Library on 4654 7951 or Narellan Library on 4645 5039.

