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ARTyCaf @ Narellan Library



The new ARTyCaf at Narellan Library



Art curator Freya Jobbins at work

Art on show with coffee to go!

Featuring local art exhibitions, an outdoor eating area, great coffee and a sensational selection of yummy foods, Camden Council is proud to present the ARTyCaf at Narellan Library.

Funded by the Australian Government's Job Fund program the ARTyCaf is focused on providing employment and training opportunities for local people, including those with a disability.

The ARTyCaf is a not for profit, community based social enterprise, featuring a magnificent menu selection from renowned chef Tina Moulatsiotis. Tina has worked in the industry for over 15 years with international experience and brings with her many secret recipes for mouth watering fare.

One of the key ingredients for the cafe is the support it offers artists in the local area, providing a wonderful opportunity to showcase and sell artwork within the space. Also featuring the latest audio equipment, the ARTyCaf will showcase locally produced digital works and short films.

You want ART with your coffee???

ARTyCaf curator Freya Jobbins is a practicing artist living in Macarthur who recently had her own gallery in Picton. Freya has over seven years experience in the management of exhibitions and programs for artists and is eager to help support new and emerging artists establish networks and gain mentorship.

To contact Freya or to display and purchase artworks at the ARTyCaf, call 4645 5057 or visit the ARTyCaf @ Narellan Library from Monday to Friday.

Upcoming Exhibitions @ ARTyCaf:

- **'Ladies Please Bring A Plate':**
20 Sep - 10 Oct
- **'Indapink':** 10 - 31 Oct
- **'Blue And Green Should Not Be Seen':** 1 - 22 Nov
- **'Talkin Bout My Generation':**
22 Nov – 13 Dec
- **'Under100':** 13 Dec – 3 Jan

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What Do You Think is Important for The Future of Your Local Area?

Public transport? Local jobs? Playgrounds and parks? A healthy environment?

These are just some of the issues that are addressed in a new long term strategic plan that has been prepared to take the Camden area into the future.

As a result of the State Government's Metropolitan Strategy, the Camden Local Government Area will see its population increase five-fold in the coming decades. This will have significant impact on both the places and the people of this area, and needs to be managed actively and carefully by the State Government, Council, and the many other agencies that have a role in delivering this growth.

On behalf of the Camden community, Council has prepared a long term strategic plan – Camden 2040 - that addresses the challenges of urban and

population growth, and identifies the steps that need to be taken in order to realise our community's vision and priorities for the future.

Council is now seeking your views on this draft plan.

This draft plan has been prepared following consultation with 1400 people in late 2009. We are now seeking your feedback as to whether we have effectively translated the community's views and concerns into a vision and actions for the future.

Do you agree with the vision for the future? What outcomes do you think are important to have achieved by the year 2040? Are we proposing the right actions to achieve these outcomes?

To find out how you can get involved and have your say, please go to www.camden2040.com.au or contact 4654 7810 before 8 November 2010.

Beach Bus

The Beach Bus is a free bus service to Wollongong beach for young people 12 -18 years that operates during the summer school holiday period.

This year the service will operate from 18 December 2010 – 23 January 2011. Young people are required to present a valid school pass or concession card when collecting tickets from Camden and/or Narellan libraries and must live, work or study in the Camden LGA. Tickets will be available for collection from 15 December.

Camden Council and Busways take no responsibility for young people using this service. No supervision will be provided. Parental consent forms will need to be signed and presented upon ticket collection. Forms and information can be downloaded from the Council website from early December.

For more information about this service, please contact 4645 5021 or email youth@camden.nsw.gov.au



Camden Kids Website



A website to answer everything parents and carers need to know about raising a child in Camden is now available.

'Camden Kids' is Council's interactive website for families and children aged 0-12 years, dedicated to providing links to parenting information, support and resources in the Camden LGA. This includes a directory of childcare services, listings of local community playgroups, parenting groups, family support services and much more.

Parents and carers will also be able to easily find the best play areas

in the region by searching a local playground database-showing map, photos and playground features for over 60 local playgrounds.

A What's On calendar will cover all school holiday activities, community events and parenting workshops in the region with parents also able to register for mailing lists to receive regular updates.

Visit the website now at www.camdenkids.com.au



Mayor Patterson helps launch the website at Narellan Library

Narellan Youth Space

The Narellan Youth Space provides an opportunity for local young people aged 12 to 24 years to socialise in a safe, supervised and supportive environment.

The Narellan Youth Space is fitted out with comfortable modern furniture, PS2, Nintendo Wii, computers with internet access, arcade games, a pool table and much more. Young people can drop into the Youth Space Monday to Friday, from 3pm to 6pm.

The Youth Space is staffed with youth workers who are able to provide information and assist young people when needed.

For more info about the Narellan Youth Space and it's services please contact 4647 1283 (Monday & Tuesday) or 4645 5071 (Wednesday - Friday afternoons) or email nys@camden.nsw.gov.au

Mayor Welcomes Japanese Students

Camden Mayor Chris Patterson played host to a visiting school delegation from Kashiwa Japan during September, welcoming the travelling students and presenting them with gifts.

The visit was part of an on-going relationship between the Camden International Friendship Association (CIFA) and the city of Kashiwa Japan, first established in 1993.

The group of 15 high-school students, met with Mayor Patterson, introducing themselves in English and posing for photos in the Mayoral robe, while Mayor Patterson welcomed the students to Camden through their travelling interpreter.

Young Persons and Special Achievers Program

The *Support for Young Persons Special Achievers Program* is to support gifted and talented young people under 23 years who live in the Camden LGA. The program provides a once only grant of up to \$500 to assist meeting the costs of participation in a cultural, academic or sporting event representing NSW or Australia.

Applications are received at any time.

For more info about this program, or to download the application form please visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au or contact 4645 5021.



Registering Your Pet With Council

It's the Law that dogs and cats have a microchip implanted and are registered with Council.

Registering your animal is a two-step process:

1. Have your Veterinarian implant the microchip
2. Take your form to Council and pay the registration fee

The cost of registration is as follows:

Not desexed	\$150.00
Desexed – certificate required	\$40.00
Pensioner (pet not desexed)	\$150.00
Pensioner (pet desexed) – certificate required	\$15.00
Registered Breeder – certificate required	\$ 40.00

Council should be notified, and the microchip number should be quoted when:

- the animal changes ownership (original owner is responsible)
- you change address
- your telephone number/s change
- the animal goes missing
- the animal is found
- the animal is deceased

All changes to contact details are 'free of charge' for Council to update.



Protecting Your Pet From Heat Stress

Animals in hot cars

Never leave an animal in a hot car, even with the windows down. In only a few minutes the temperature of most cars is so high that your animal will be near death. Even if your animal is healthy, it will not survive if locked in a hot car.

All short nosed breeds of dogs, such as Bull Dogs, Pugs and the Pekingese, are very susceptible to heat stress. Obese animals and Animals with poor circulation and respiratory disease are also susceptible.

Walking dogs

Obviously, jog or walk in the cooler times of day, either early morning or late evening, and stop if your dog is struggling to keep up. A dog is so faithful that it won't want to be left behind and will ignore those vital messages from its body that say 'stop' and is in danger of collapse from heat stress. If your dog is walking unsteadily, or panting excessively, or appears excited stop walking immediately until your dog can cool down. You may try giving it small amounts of water frequently, placing ice cubes in its water, hosing it & splashing water under its belly, armpits & groin.

Stop regularly to give your dog a rest and a drink, or even better a cooling swim.

Backyards

Many animals in gardens, yards and paddocks also suffer heat stress. Any animal tethered is at risk. Animals confined in concrete pens or even birds in cages are also at risk, as they cannot escape the heat.



Be sure that you provide shade for your animal. Kennels, cages and aviaries must be in the shade for the whole day.

Consider having a sleeping area under your house for your dog. The house will provide excellent insulation.

Naturally, all animals need water and the bowls should always be placed in the shade. In this heat, two water bowls are needed, should one be overturned. Also try placing ice in the bowls.

A light mist of cold water will be enjoyed by animals during hot weather.

If you think that your animal is suffering from heat stress contact your Veterinarian immediately.



Rare Plant Thriving in Narellan



Pimelea spicata – both photos Jaime Plaza DECCW

In light of the drastic plight of many threatened plant species across Australia, Camden Council and Mount Annan Botanic Garden are delighted to advise that a rare plant has been found to be thriving at a site in Narellan. This is also particularly pleasing given that 2010 is the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity.

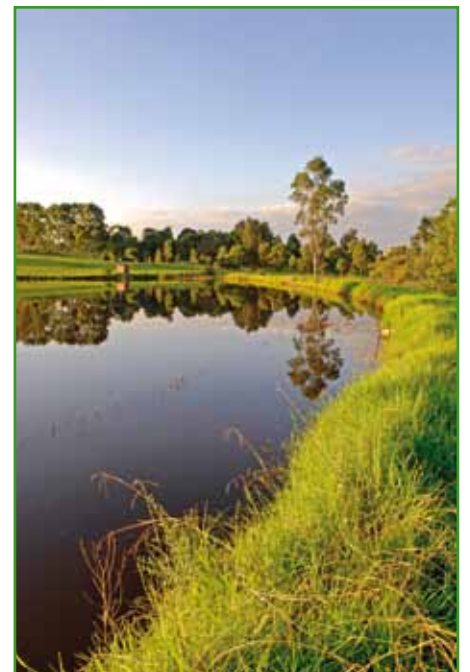
The endangered plant, *Pimelea spicata* (Spiked Rice-Flower), has been identified at a number of sites within the grounds of Camden Golf Course. This small plant occurs in Cumberland Plain Woodland, a critically endangered ecological community which once covered most of Western Sydney, but is now at only 10% of its original extent.

This small plant with attractive pink and white flowers, which for much of the year can be difficult to see, is threatened mainly by loss of habitat.

“*Pimelea spicata* is a resilient plant adapted to the tough conditions of Western Sydney, and is capable of resprouting from an underground tuber after drought. Good rainfall this year means plants at the Golf Course are thriving and were highly visible”, said Manager of Natural Heritage at Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Peter Cuneo.

The survey undertaken by Camden Council and Mount Annan Botanic Garden resulted in the identification of several healthy populations of the plant with more than 4,000 plants found.

“The information collected will allow us to monitor changes in the distribution of this threatened plant and guide our conservation efforts”, said Rob Corby, Camden Council’s Natural Resource Officer.





hot off the press

Councils Campaign Begins to Pay Dividends

Camden Mayor, Cr Chris Patterson, has welcomed the State Government's decision to back down on some aspects of its artificial cap on developer contributions.

"The Government has finally recognised that the issues surrounding development in growth areas are vastly different to those in existing areas. Our continued hard work and lobbying on this matter has finally paid off."

Minister for Planning Tony Kelly said that the increase of the developer cap to \$30,000 from \$20,000 was based on listening to growth Councils concerns

and recognising that some Councils were affected more than others.

"After a long consultation period with a number of Councils, we have recognised the fact that not every Council is the same and have different cost structures, particularly the Greenfield Councils who have huge costs in relation to land purchases."

"The Government has agreed that on appropriate Greenfield sites to allow the cap to increase to \$30,000 to recognise that," Mr Kelly continued.

Mayor Patterson, while welcoming the changes, still has some long-term concerns.

"There is still an urgent need to have the discussion among all levels of government as to how the provision of infrastructure is funded. These changes will see us over the immediate problem but the long-term problem still exists."

"Nevertheless it is a great improvement and should see land coming to market with the appropriate levels of infrastructure and facilities for the next couple of years."

New Partnership a Blessing for Local Students

A new partnership has been announced between Camden Council and the University of Western Sydney, which ensures the continued development and expansion of Camden Council's 'Your Tutor' program.

The 'Your Tutor' program, which aims to service the educational needs of students in Camden and surrounding areas, is a free on-line service that delivers one-to-one tutoring and learning support in core academic subjects to students from year 4 to year 12.

The free on-line program is available from 4pm - 8pm on weekdays, assisting students with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions and is available from Camden and Narellan Library or from home through the Library's website.



'Your Tutor' founder Jack Goodman, Professor Anne Cusick from UWS and Camden Mayor Chris Patterson were joined by students from Hope Christian School, Narellan Public School and Camden High for the announcement

The joint initiative will see the University of Western Sydney match Councils funding for the 'Your Tutor' program, ensuring that an increased number of students can experience and benefit from the 'Your Tutor' service.

"It is a wonderful gesture from the University of Western Sydney and we look forward to working with them in providing a free educational service for the young people in our area", said Kathryn Baget-Juleff, Camden Councils Manager of Library Services.

what's happening



Out-ReACH: Thursday Night Program @ Narellan Library

Come along to Out-ReACH! A FREE Thursday night outdoor activity program for local young people 12 - 25 years.

Starting early October, come down to the Narellan Library Plaza area (outside of the library & town centre) every Thursday night from 6pm - 8pm. Access information, meet local youth workers, get involved in outdoor

activities, BBQ's and have fun! You don't need to book - just come down! This is a program run and organised by Camden Community Connections in partnership with Council.

For more info call 4647 1283 or 4645 5021. You can also email cays@camdenconnections.org.au or nys@camden.nsw.gov.au to find out more info!

National Youth Week 2010/2011

Camden Council was recognised as one of five finalists from across NSW for having the Best Local Youth Week Program for 2010 at the NSW Local Government Awards.

This was an amazing achievement for everyone involved.

The theme for National Youth Week 2011 is 'Own It' and young people 12 - 25 years from the Camden LGA will have the opportunity to participate in the planning and coordination of local events and activities between 1 - 10 April. If you are a local young person and want to get involved in Youth Week 2011, contact 4645 5021 or email youth@camden.nsw.gov.au.

My Gateway Awards

Camden Council was recognised at the annual My Gateway awards on Friday 3 September with Narellan Library Trainee Rachel Preston winning Local Government Trainee of the Year and Yasmin Ivanac winning Events Trainee of the Year.

Camden Council is a long-standing host employer of a number of My Gateway apprentices and trainees. Overall there were seven Camden Council apprentices and trainees named as finalists in this year's awards.

Book Discussion Groups

Camden Library now has two Book Discussion Groups each month.

- The fourth Wednesday of the month from 10am - 12 noon
- The third Thursday of the month from 7.30pm

All welcome. For details phone Virginia on 4654 7951

★ 10:30am Festival kicks off with Zumba in the Street

★ Aboriginal Music and Dance

★ Kool Cruiser car show

★ Food, Arts and Crafts stalls

★ Prizes and Giveaways

★ Multicultural Performances including:

- African Drumming and Dance
- Bollywood Dance Troupe
- Hip Hop

@ NARELLAN RHYTHMS FESTIVAL
10:30am to 3pm
Saturday 23 October

www.camden.nsw.gov.au







calendar of events

your library



October

1 Oct: Infinity Under 18's Dance Party

The party you've been waiting for! Thundering sound, intelligent lighting, CD giveaways, experience the vibe! 7.00-11.00pm. Tickets: \$22 and \$25 at the door.

8-9 Oct: Sage & Light Festivals - Camden's Psychic Extravaganza

Celebrating all things Mystical & Magical in the Circle of Life. Metaphysical marketplace & Guest presenters. 11.30am to 7pm (Fri). 9.30am to 6pm (Sat). Cost: \$10. Children under 12 free.

17 Oct: Camden Wedding Expo

The ultimate culmination of wedding services. Official launch of the In Macarthur Wedding & Functions Annual '11. 10.00am-2.00pm. Free admission.

22 Oct: Michael Jackson Spectacular

Starring Jason Jackson & the Jackson dancers plus supporting acts. Fundraising concert. 7.30pm. Tickets: Adults \$18 Children \$8.

23 Oct: Narellan Rhythms Festival

10.30am – 3pm, Elyard St Narellan



November

7 Nov: Pitter Patter Baby Markets

Pre-loved goods market for babies and kids. Covers 0-6 years. 9:00am-2:00pm. Admission: \$3 (kids free)

9 Nov: Retirement Reality & Investment Choices

This seminar looks at how the concept of retiring is changing over the years and explains the issues we face. 6.00pm. Free admission. Bookings essential: Ph. 136357

13 Nov: Annual Campbelltown Camden District Band Concert

7.30pm. Tickets: \$10.

14 Nov: Bumps, Bibs, Tots & Teeth (Baby/Children's) Expo

A showcase of Macarthur businesses & community services available to expecting parents, new babies, toddlers & school aged kids. Activities including; baby animal farm, music classes, storytime, jumping castle & face painting. Free admission.

18 Nov: Light Up Camden

Argyle St, Camden

24 Nov: Seniors Christmas Lunch

Carrington Recreation Building between 11am-2pm, Cost is \$15 (subsidised) and includes a baked Christmas Dinner, presents , entertainment and give-aways. Please contact Syd Lee on 4645-5020 or syd.lee@camden.nsw.gov.au for further details.

25 Nov: Camden Proms Concert

An abridged concert from Fantastical Classical especially catering for young children. Preschools & schools welcome. 1.00pm. Tickets \$10. 1 adult free with every 5 children. Groups of 100 \$800.

25 Nov: Wollongong Symphony Orchestra Presents Fantastical Classical

The 2010 Fantastical Classical will feature music from popular musicals, dance and orchestral favourites galore. 7.30pm. Tickets: \$20

26 Nov: 50th Annual Carols Festival, presented by AGAPE (Amazing Grace Academy of Performing Excellence) on behalf of the Camden Spastic Council

7.30pm, Camden Civic Centre Ph. 0412400394. Admission by donation at the door, all proceeds to the NSW Spastic Centre.

Narellan – 4645 5039

Camden – 4654 7951

Storytime

A free half hour of 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)

Babies into Books are fun sessions that introduce literacy to children 0-18months and their carers.

Camden Library - Thursday 10am

Narellan Library - Wednesday 10am

October Holiday Activities for Children

Fri 1 Oct, 'Insektus' – presented by Stephen J Fellenberg: 2.30pm to 3.30pm – Narellan Library. For children aged 5 to 12 years. Cost \$3.00. Bookings are essential.

Tue 5 Oct, Wildlife Wanderer's – Presented by Featherdale Wildlife

Park: 2.30pm to 3.30pm – Narellan Library. For children aged 5 to 12 years. Cost \$3.00. Bookings are essential.

Wed 6 Oct, The Shaggy Sheep Show – Presented by Children's author Jan Whitten and Illustrator Anna Moraova: 10.30am to 11.30am

– Camden Library. For children aged 3 to 6 years. FREE. Bookings are essential.

Activities for Youth (All events are Free)

Wed 6 Oct, Job Workshops

3.30 to 5.30pm, Youth Space @ Narellan Library. For 14 years plus.

Thu 7 Oct, Paper Mosaics

3.30pm to 4.30pm, Youth Space @ Narellan Library. For 12 to 18 years.

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