

CAMDEN COUNCIL NEW RESIDENT PACK

Welcome to Camden



www.camden.nsw.gov.au



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to Camden! I am so happy you've chosen our beautiful part of the world to call home and start your next chapter of life. Whether you're building your dream home, expanding your family, beginning a new business venture or looking for a wonderful change of scenery, the Camden area is the place to be.

While Camden's natural environment and heritage are incredible, what really makes us special is our amazing community. Our residents identify with 128 nationalities, were born in 99 different countries around the world, observe 40 religions and speak 85 languages. We work across all different industries, with our biggest sectoring being healthcare and social assistance; construction; and education and training. The community celebrates different levels of education, life styles, ages and life stages.

And we're always changing! The Camden area is currently the fastest growing local government area in Australia, with our population forecast to increase from the current 127,637 to more than 240,000 by 2036. We welcome, on average, approximately 100 new residents every week, which means we're only going to get more dynamic, diverse and thrilling.

It's an exciting time to be here.

This package of information is an important resource for you to help you understand your new home and the community around you. I look forward to seeing you immerse yourself in your new environment and encourage you to reach out to Camden Council if you have any questions. You can find the appropriate contact details in this package.



Disclaimer

As one of the fastest growing Councils, our information is constantly evolving! We aim to provide you with the most up-to-date content; however, you can always head to our website or call 13 22 63 for a current update.

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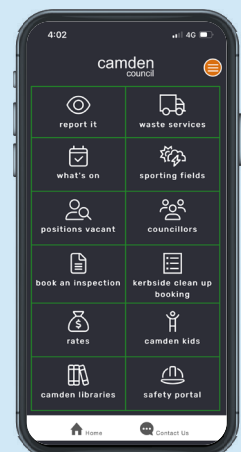
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-  13 22 63
-  mail@camden.nsw.gov.au
-  camden.nsw.gov.au
-  Administration Office:
70 Central Avenue, Oran Park
8.30am-5pm, Monday to Friday

Download Council's FREE smartphone app for residents, available on Google Play or the App Store. Search 'OurCamden' to find out what's on, report issues or see positions vacant.

Download the "Our Camden" App to:

- Check your bin collection day;
- Check if the sports field is open; and
- See what jobs are coming up at Camden Council.

and more.



YOUR COUNCIL

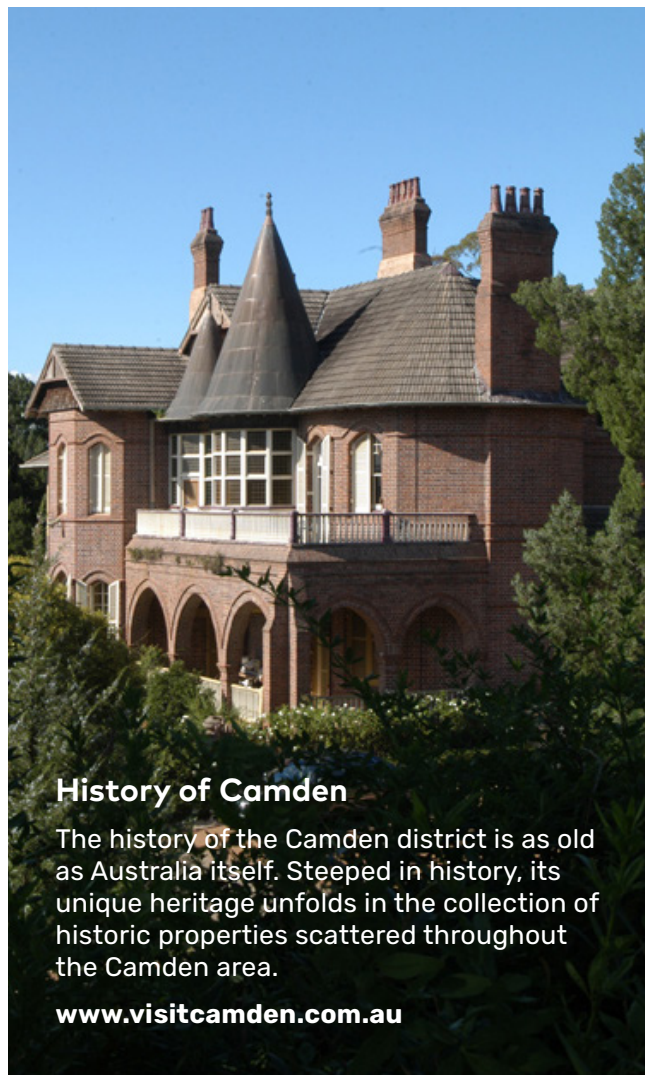
THE CAMDEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

The Camden area extends from Leppington in the north to the township of Camden in the south, and includes the following suburbs:

- Bringelly;
- Camden;
- Camden South;
- Catherine Field;
- Cawdor;
- Cobbitty;
- Currans Hill;
- Elderslie;
- Ellis Lane;
- Gledswood Hills;
- Grasmere;
- Gregory Hills;
- Harrington Park;
- Kirkham;
- Leppington;
- Mount Annan;
- Narellan;
- Narellan Vale;
- Oran Park;
- Rossmore;
- Smeaton Grange; and
- Spring Farm.

Camden covers an area of 201 square kilometres and is bisected by the Nepean River. As of October 2023, the Camden population is more than 127,000 residents. Despite the considerable growth experienced since the 1980's, Camden has maintained its unique character, based on its historical importance and picturesque rural landscapes.

Let's Connect is Council's quarterly community newsletter. It is delivered to every household in Camden and can be viewed digitally on Council's website.



History of Camden

The history of the Camden district is as old as Australia itself. Steeped in history, its unique heritage unfolds in the collection of historic properties scattered throughout the Camden area.

www.visitcamden.com.au

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Camden Council is comprised of three wards (North, Central and South) with three representatives from each ward.

Local Government elections are held every four years in the month of September.

The main responsibilities of the elected Council are to:

- exercise leadership;
- listen to the problems and ideas of the local community; and
- be the custodian and trustee of city assets and to account for and manage those assets.

The Mayor is elected by the Councillors bi-annually in September. The Mayor's office is located in the Camden Council Administration Building at 70 Central Ave, Oran Park.

Appointments can be made by ringing Council during business hours on 13 22 63.



YOUR COUNCILLORS

CENTRAL WARD

Mayor of Camden,
Cr Ashleigh Cagney

Deputy Mayor of Camden,
Cr Therese Fedeli

Cr Peter McLean

SOUTH WARD

Cr Damien Quinell

Cr Rose Sicari

Cr Eva Campbell

NORTH WARD

Cr Abha Suri

Cr Vince Ferreri

Cr Eliza Rahman

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Camden Council meets regularly to discuss local issues and make decisions on behalf of the community. Decisions are made at an open meeting by the whole Council. All meetings of Council are open to the public and residents are welcome to attend.

Ordinary Council Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm, at the Council Chambers located in the Camden Council Administration Building in Oran Park.



[bit.ly/
camdenCouncilmeetings](https://bit.ly/camdenCouncilmeetings)

CONTACT LIST:

Woohoo! We've made it easier for you to find out who's who in the zoo!

Check out our contact list, which is comprised of all the important contacts you may need – from Council facilities, to transport and education and everything in between.

Scan the QR code to see complete list.



bit.ly/camdencontactlist

YOUR COMMUNITY

Camden Council is committed to providing opportunities for all residents to embrace Camden's culture and sense of community. Council aims to do this by promoting a variety of lifestyle options, improving the well-being of the community by ensuring access to a range of facilities and services, and recognising and supporting cultural diversity.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Council's Community Planning and Development Team strives to deliver social planning initiatives, policies and projects that facilitate the development of an enriched, connected and inclusive community. The aim is to ensure the community is consulted with and their needs are considered to achieve holistic outcomes for our growing area.

To achieve this goal, the Community Planning and Development Team coordinate several projects, events and initiatives that address diversity and inclusion and consider the following target groups:

- Children and Families
- Ageing and Disability
- Young people (youth)
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Julia Reserve Community Centre
- Grants and Women
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- Multicultural communities
- LGBTIQ+ and more.

Camden Council also offers a range of funding opportunities to the Camden community to support local groups and projects as well as individuals.

For a full list of funding opportunities or to download an application package visit:

bit.ly/camdengrants

SPORT AND RECREATION

Council provides and manages several accessible, connected, and well-maintained parks and open spaces that provide sport, recreation and leisure opportunities.

Sport

Camden is home to a wide variety of sporting ovals and facilities to cater for all kinds of sporting interests. Want to become more involved? Join a sporting club in your local area. Details can be found in the Community Services section of Council's website.

Sporting facilities include football, soccer, BMX, bowling, equestrian, golf, netball, athletics, fitness, motor sport, skateboarding, and tennis.

Hall Bookings

Are you in need of a venue for an event, party, or activity? Camden Council has a variety of community facilities available for casual or regular hire. Bookings can be made via Bookable.

bit.ly/camdenbookable



Playgrounds

More than 70 playgrounds offer experiences and equipment for all ages. Some of the larger sites have picnic facilities perfect for a family day out.

Walking and Cycling

Camden has a variety of walking and cycling paths suited to all levels throughout the LGA and more are continually being added. There are a range of attractions for you to visit in the Camden area.

PLACES TO VISIT

Whether you're looking to eat, shop, gift, explore or more, there's something for you!

Check out Visit Camden:
bit.ly/visitcamden





CAMDEN LIBRARIES

Camden Libraries provide a free space for people to meet, participate in programs and events, learn, find information, and feel connected to the community.

Residents are invited to become members of Camden Library Services free of charge. To join, you will need to show personal identification, with your name and current address.

Camden Library is made up of a variety of spaces perfect for different members of the community. With sunlight streaming in from the beautiful glass roof, this is a quiet place to visit in the centre of historic Camden. The Camden Museum is also within this complex and is well worth a visit.

Narellan Library is colourful and spacious with an indoor and outdoor play area for young children, a computer lab and recording studio.

Oran Park Library is a stunning and large complex built on the old Oran Park Raceway with some incredible artworks made from repurposed car and motorcycle parts.

Library resources are available both online and physically in the libraries. Our library staff are happy to assist with your recreational reading, learning and informational needs.

The libraries have free computer and internet access, Wi-Fi, printing and photocopying facilities, and meeting and study rooms.

Camden Libraries is more than just books, with a full program of events for people of all ages from visiting authors, art workshops, and technology workshops to Storytime and holiday programs for children and youth.

Camden Libraries also provides a home library delivery service. This service is free to anyone living in the Camden area who is unable to visit the library due to disability, illness, limited mobility, or the need to care for someone in any of those categories.

Visit the Camden Libraries website for more information on our services, programs, and upcoming events at www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au, or drop into any of our libraries and chat to our friendly staff.



WHAT'S ON?

There's always something fun or exciting happening in Camden, so make sure you're the first to know about it! Stay up to date with everything going on, from events to programs, through visiting our event calendar.

bit.ly/camdenbookable



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Do you need the services of a Justice of the Peace (JP)? Need a document witnessed or a Statutory Declaration signed?

Local JPs in the Macarthur area volunteer their services at:

- **Camden Council Administration Building**
Monday to Friday, 8.30am–5pm
(Limit of 10 pages). If you need more than 10 pages signed, visit bit.ly/camdenpublicregister
- **Camden Library**
every Thursday, 10am–12pm.
- **Narellan Town Centre**
every Saturday, 10am–12pm; and
- **Camden Court House.**

RATES INFORMATION

Rates are levied for the 12-month period from 1 July to 30 June and rate instalments are due for payment on 31 August, 30 November, 28 February, and 31 May. Council will send out quarterly notices approximately five weeks before each instalment is due. Interest accrues daily on unpaid Rates and Charges after the due date.

[To find out more, visit: bit.ly/camdenrates](http://bit.ly/camdenrates)



CITIZENSHIP

To apply for citizenship, you must be a legal, permanent resident of Australia, be of good character and have resided in Australia for at least two of the last five years. As part of all citizenship ceremonies, the Mayor will outline the rights and responsibilities of Australian citizenship and the new citizen must take an oath or affirmation of allegiance to Australia. For more information, call the Citizenship Information Line on 131 880 or visit citizenship.gov.au



bit.ly/camdencitizenshipceremonies

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are the backbone of our community, often contributing countless hours. Their dedication, service and commitment is priceless. By volunteering your time, you'll get to know your local community better and have the chance to make great connections along the way. Volunteering is an opportunity to learn new skills and find new projects you can get passionate about.

[To find out more, visit: bit.ly/volunteerincamden](http://bit.ly/volunteerincamden)



PETS & PEOPLE

THINGS TO DO FOR YOUR PET WHEN YOU MOVE HOUSE

When people move house they often forget that information about their pets also needs changing in case your pet becomes lost or injured.

Your pet, once microchipped, is placed onto the Companion Animal Register and this information is accessed if your pet becomes lost. Here are important steps to ensure your pet's details are correct and up to date.

1. Make sure your pet is microchipped. Your local vet can assist with this.
2. Once your pet is microchipped, visit Council to have your pet lifetime registered.
3. Make sure your pet is wearing a collar and name tag with an up-to-date contact number.
4. Change your contact details with Council to ensure your new address and phone number are up to date. Forms can be obtained from Council and online at Council's website.
5. If you no longer own a microchipped pet or your pet has recently died, contact Council for assistance with updating your details.

Council must be notified within 14 days of any change that occurs in the registration information for your pet.

IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

Companion animals (dog or cat) must be microchipped from the time the animal is 12 weeks old by a vet or animal welfare organisation.

Your pet must be registered with Council by six months of age.

bit.ly/camdenanimalsandpets

This is a separate process to microchipping and can be completed at Council's Customer Service Centres, 70 Central Avenue, Oran Park between 8.30am-5pm, Monday to Friday.



Pets can be a wonderful addition to any family, but the responsible care and management of animals by their owners is a duty that must be taken seriously to ensure safety and wellbeing of our community.

OFF-LEASH AREAS

Get active outdoors and take your dog for a walk at one of ten off-leash parks located throughout the Camden area including:

- Bicentennial Equestrian Park, Camden Council - before 10am and after 5pm, Monday to Sunday (excluding horse event periods)
- Rosevale Reserve, Narellan
- Rowland Avenue, Catherine Park
- River Road Reserve, Elderslie
- Burrell Road, Spring Farm
- Clifton Park, Arcadian Hills Estate, Clifton Drive, Cobbitty
- Silverton Street, Gregory Hills
- Holden Drive, Oran Park
- Howard Loop, Oran Park
- Emerald Hills Boulevard and Leslie Way, Emerald Hills

Note: It is the responsibility of the person walking the dog to remove and properly dispose of any dog's faeces.



WASTE

WASTE COLLECTION

Council provides a variety of waste services:

- Residents receive a three-bin waste service which consists of a recycling, organic waste, and garbage bins, all emptied weekly.
- Rural properties and some multi-unit dwellings are provided with a two-bin service which consists of recycling and garbage bins only.
- Residents moving into newly constructed dwellings are required to contact Council to initiate their waste service.



Collection days

Download our app to check your collection day and more.

bit.ly/camdenwasteservices



Got Bulky Items?

Council's Kerbside Clean Up service helps residents to dispose of bulky household waste items.

Residents are provided with three kerbside Clean Ups each financial year (1 July to 30 June) free of charge.

bit.ly/camdencleanup



Our Waste Guide gives you all the information you need about our waste services

bit.ly/camdenwasteandrecycling



Veolia Spring Farm Resource Recovery Park is our nearest waste facility.

Veolia Spring Farm Resource Recovery Park
20 Barrow Road, Spring Farm 2570

To check pricing, open hours, accepted items and quantities, call 1300 651 116.

Got Problem Waste?

Visit our Community Recycling Centre to drop off your problem household waste for FREE

bit.ly/camdenrecyclingcentre



Paint



Gas bottles



Fluoro globes and tubes



Smoke detectors



Aerosols



Motor and other oils



Household batteries



Car batteries



USE YOUR VOICE

Your Voice Camden is Council's online community engagement tool, supporting the community to shape proposals and strategies by sharing their thoughts on matters regarding the Camden area, to help Council make decisions.



The portal is a game-changer when it comes to two-way communications with residents, including the ability to search matters by topic and suburb; the option to receive email alerts on topics of interest; 24/7 access to ensure convenience of participation; and so much more.



Scan the QR code to see what items are currently on public exhibition, as well as read a bit more about the ongoing projects you can have your say on.



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