



THE CAMDEN REGION ECONOMIC TASKFORCE LTD

ABOUT THE CAMDEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

The Camden Local Government Area (LGA) is located approximately 60km south-west of Sydney and contains a mix of agricultural land, country towns and villages, and new residential areas, with associated industrial development. It covers an area of 206 square kilometres and is administered by Camden Council on behalf of more than 88,000 residents.

The Camden LGA boasts several beautiful parks, wineries, attractions, restaurants and accommodation, making tourism and visitation a growing industry. With the expanding industrial areas in Narellan and Smeaton Grange, Camden is also playing home to a range of large commercial enterprises.

The Camden LGA is one of the fastest growing local government areas in NSW. The population of the Camden LGA in 2016 was 80,477, and it is expected to increase to 233,000 by the year 2036. According to figures released by ID, Camden is projected to experience a 137% population increase over the next 20 years. This growth is already being delivered and can be seen in the rapid development of residential areas such as Oran Park, Gregory Hills and North Leppington.

The ongoing challenge for Camden Council and its partners is to manage this growth in such a way as to maximise the many opportunities this growth will bring, at the same time as retaining Camden's rural and country history, backdrop and community spirit.

PURPOSE OF THE CAMDEN REGION ECONOMIC TASKFORCE LIMITED (CRET)

Given the rapid growth of the Camden Local Government Area (LGA), Camden Council recently established the Camden Region Economic Taskforce Limited (CRET), a company limited by guarantee, to ensure that economic growth opportunities are proactively seized and maximised.

The CRET's main purpose is to drive and facilitate the economic growth of the Camden LGA through leadership, advocacy and coordination. The CRET will focus on the creation of jobs, attraction of investment, securing the timely delivery of infrastructure and creating the right environment to support the growth of business and industry (both existing and future).

Council's purpose in establishing a separate company is to harness and maximise the skills, expertise and independence of local community business leaders. Council believes that the company structure provides for directors of the company to have responsibility and accountability, and the independence of having a separate company will allow the CRET to respond quickly to opportunities as they arise.

THE BOARD

The CRET Board were recruited and appointed by Camden Council, with the first Board meeting occurring in November 2017. The board consists of seven directors who have a range of skills, knowledge and expertise that will contribute to facilitating investment and supporting the growth of business and industry in the area, through their role on the CRET Board.

The CRET Strategic Plan 2018-2021 has been developed as a tool to assist the CRET to build on past achievements and the opportunities that stem from the ongoing development in the Camden LGA and across Greater Sydney.

THE STAFF

The CRET Board appointed Debbie Roberts as the Executive Officer on 30 April 2018. The Executive Officer and Board are supported by an Administration Assistant, Rheanan Callaghan.

For more information contact Debbie Roberts, Executive Officer, Camden Region Economic Taskforce Ltd on 0447 096 914 or email debbie.roberts@cret.com.au.

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THE CAMDEN REGION ECONOMIC TASKFORCE LTD DIRECTORS



ADRIANA CARE (CHAIR)

Principal Solicitor of Coutts Solicitors & Conveyancers and legal practitioner

Ms Care has maintained positions on the board of directors for a number of representative business organisations including as President of The Greater Narellan Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chairman of Combined Chamber and Sydney Southwest Women in Business.



LARA SYMKOWIAK

Mayor of Camden Council

Cr Symkowiak was first elected to Council in 2008 and has been Mayor since 2012. Cr Symkowiak is a small business owner in the Allied Health industry, having previously worked in the banking industry. Cr Symkowiak sits on a variety of Council committees and is also a member of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel.



PETER SIDGREAVES

IT Manager, Sydney Catholic Schools

Cr Sidgreaves has been on Camden Council for more than five years, holding the position of Deputy Mayor on two occasions. Cr Sidgreaves currently serves on Council's Local Traffic Committee, Business Assurance and Risk Committee, the Sydney Western City Planning Panel, and has experience in small business management.



PETER MEADOWS

Owner Operator of a number of McDonalds Restaurants in South West Sydney

Mr Meadows holds positions as the Chairperson of Ronald McDonald House Westmead and is on the board of the Campbelltown Catholic Club.



BELINDA MCLEAN

Owner and General Manager of Human Resources Focus

Ms McLean currently holds a position on the board of The Greater Narellan Business Chamber and has been a board member of the South West Sydney Business Enterprise Centre and Youth Solutions.



BRUCE HANRAHAN AM

Principal Solicitor at Dignan and Hanrahan Solicitors

Mr Hanrahan holds positions on a number of boards and committees, including the South West Sydney Business Enterprise Centre, Carrington Centennial Care, St Gregory's College, Kids of Macarthur Foundation. Mr Hanrahan is also a member of Council's independent Business Assurance and Risk Committee and a lifetime member of the Macarthur Law Society.



PETER CAMPBELL

Accountant and partner of Kelly Partners

Mr Campbell holds positions on the boards and committees of Youth Solutions, South West Sydney Academy of Sport, Western Sydney Academy of Sport and St Gregory's College Foundation.

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