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Free mobile app available from
the App Store and Google Play

OUR COMMUNITY



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As Australia's fastest growing Local Government Area, it is a priority for Council to continue to provide essential infrastructure and services to cater to our growing population.

I am very honoured to lead Council, serve the community and continue to deliver infrastructure projects to a high standard.

There are so many exciting projects recently delivered to the community. In June, we officially opened the much-anticipated Oran Park Library. This is a major community asset delivered in the heart of our growth residential areas. Early this year we officially opened Camden's first public art gallery, the Alan Baker Art Gallery in the historic Macaria building.

Works are also underway to deliver a new water play park and two new youth play spaces. Construction has commenced at Sedgewick Reserve in Currans Hill, Harrington Lake Reserve in Harrington Park as well as Curry Reserve Water Play Park in Elderslie. I look forward to seeing the completion of these fantastic community recreation facilities.

Thank you to all the students who participated in this year's 'Mayor for a Day' event as part of Local Government Week. Local Government Week provides an opportunity to recognise the important work councils do in their local community by involving children in fun, educational and interactive events.

Until next time,

Lara Symkowiak

Mayor of Camden



Oran Park Library opening

ORAN PARK LIBRARY GRAND OPENING

On Saturday 30 June, Oran Park Library was officially opened at a grand opening celebration and family fun day featuring library tours, car racing themed activities for kids including a mini car racing track and photo booth, circus performers and craft workshops.

The interior of the building is as dynamic as the exterior. A racing theme has been incorporated throughout in tribute to the motor raceway heritage of Oran Park. New technology has been integrated into the building to provide interactive digital elements for children to enjoy as well as a designated creative studio and automated library systems.

The library includes:

- Children's reading nooks;
- Mini kid's amphitheatre for story/activity time;
- Five community meeting and activity rooms available for hire;
- Commercial kitchen;
- Function centre seating up to 250 people;
- Study and quiet rooms;
- Outdoor learning spaces;

- Two media pod rooms (creative spaces with audio visual facilities);
- IT training lab;
- Cafe;
- 2500 square metre total floor space over two levels;
- Lift;
- 86 car spaces;
- Interactive technology, wi-fi, public access computers, 3D printer, touch screen TVs; and
- Free public Wifi in the Library forecourt.

The Oran Park Library opening hours are:

Mon, Wed and Fri: 9.30am - 5pm

Tue and Thur: 9.30am - 8pm

Saturday: 9am - 3pm

Sunday: Closed

The \$14 million facility, was delivered under a Voluntary Planning Agreement between Camden Council, Landcom and Greenfields and is an excellent example of how the area is evolving and the great community spaces we are building and creating across our area. For further information visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au



Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak with Mark Perrich, Chris Patterson MP, The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP and John Brogden.



OUR COMMUNITY

STUDENTS BECOME 'MAYOR FOR A DAY'

Year six students from schools across Camden LGA participated in Camden's 'Mayor for a Day' Junior Elections event in celebration of Local Government Week on Friday 3 August.

Local schools were invited to nominate a Year 6 student to represent their school in a public speaking competition about their knowledge of Local Government and what they would do for the Camden community.

Congratulations to Angela Khalil from Mount Annan Public School who won this year's competition and Olivia Upfill from St Claire's Catholic Primary School who won the Deputy Mayor position.

Thank you to all schools who took part in Local Government Week.



Mayor of Camden, Lara Symkowiak with 2018 Young Citizen of the Year Lubna Sherieff, 2018 Mayor for a Day - Angela Khalil and Deputy Mayor - Olivia Upfill.



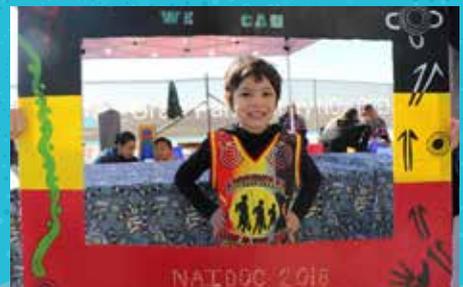
Mayor of Camden, Lara Symkowiak with 2018 Young Citizen of the Year Lubna Sherieff and the 2018 Mayor for a Day participants

INDIGENOUS CULTURE CELEBRATED

Community members came together to honour the history and culture of Camden's Indigenous residents at the NAIDOC event on 10 July.

This year's theme: Because of Her, We Can! focused on the active role of Indigenous women and their contributions to society. Festivities included a flag raising, followed by traditional Indigenous food, performances and games.

A big thank you to all residents who attended and made the day a success.



MAJOR PROJECTS

CURRY RESERVE WATER PLAY FACILITY

Council has commenced works on its first water play park at Curry Reserve in Elderslie.

The \$2.4 million project will include three splash pads, 36 play features including toddlers 'discovery stream', water heating system, waterproof wheelchairs and storage, shade sails, accessible change facilities, toilets, showers, change rooms and parking.

Works are expected to be completed during the coming summer season.



Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak with daughter Airlie, Hayley Edwards and her Mum, Jodie at the location for the new water play park.

SEDGEWICK RESERVE YOUTH PLAY SPACE

Sedgewick Reserve is currently being upgraded to deliver a youth play space for all ages incorporating a focus on equipment for 12 – 17 year olds.

The new youth play space will expand on the existing young children's playground and will feature a recessed trampoline, climbing equipment, areas for skating, scooters and bikes, musical equipment and natural play elements to enhance the diversity of play experiences. The project will also include new shade structures, seating, parking, accessible amenities and landscaping.

The \$1.359 million project is expected to be completed in late 2018.



HARRINGTON LAKE YOUTH PLAY SPACE

Works have commenced on Camden's first ninja warrior style youth play space at Harrington Lake Reserve which will offer a dynamic play experience for all ages with a focus on 12 – 17 year olds.

The \$1.141 million space is expected to be completed in late 2018.



CAMDEN TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE STAGES 3 AND 4

Improvement works are continuing on stages 3 and 4 of the Camden Town Centre upgrades.

Stage 3, from Oxley Street to Murray Street, is on schedule to be completed in September. Stage 4, is due to commence in October 2018 and expected to be completed in June 2019.

The \$6.95 million project includes widening and construction of new wider footpaths, new street furniture, landscaping of Murray Street roundabout, additional trees and garden beds, new street lighting and improved drainage.



YOUR RATES YOUR COMMUNITY

Your rates enable Council to continue to deliver existing services, provide ongoing maintenance of Council assets, upgrade as well as deliver new community facilities and infrastructure and manage growth.



3,000
trees planted across the Local
Government Area this year



Council manages more than
307km of footpaths
and cycleways each year
with approximately
15km of new footpaths
and cycleways being
constructed each year



In the past 12 months, Council received and
responded to more than

100,000
customer service requests

Council maintains over

643km
of roads



with approximately **30km**
of new roads being constructed
each year



98,419
current population of the
Camden Local Government Area

Council runs more
than **8** major
events and
23 community
events each year



By 2036, the forecasted population of the
Camden Local Government Area will be

233,000



More than **2000**
DAs have been
processed in the
past 12 months
totalling
\$1.4 billion



Council mows
454
sites every
3 weeks

Council collects more
than
266,458
bins each month



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Cr Theresa Fedeli and artist Charlie Nivison at Narellan Library



Narellan Library



Kirkham Skate Park

KIRKHAM SKATE PARK AND NARELLAN LIBRARY BECOME WORK OF ART

Kirkham Skate Park and Narellan Library have become works of public art as part of Camden Council's Youth Public Art Participation Project.

In January this year, professional artists Charlie Nivison (aka Silly Pear) and Mandy Salter collaborated with 24 local high school students to create designs for the public works.

The large-scale artworks feature bold and vibrant colours as well as textural elements and living plants to create a 3D sensory element.

Two locations in Rotary Park, Camden South have been selected as the next public art locations. Council will be holding Concept Design Workshops in early September. Local residents and young people who are interested in being part of the project and attending the workshops are invited to phone 4645 5121 for more information.

A HELPING HAND FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY GROUPS

Applications for Donations for Charitable Purposes are now available to not-for profit organisations or charities as a one-off donation per project.

The 'Donations for Charitable Purposes Program' provides monetary donations of up to \$700 as well as in-kind donations to individuals, not-for-profit community groups and organisations in the Camden Local Government Area.

For further information or to apply phone **4645 5106** or camden.nsw.gov.au

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TREE-MENDOUS NATIONAL TREE DAY

More than 2,000 native grasses, shrubs and trees were planted as part of Council's National Tree Day event at Camden Town Farm on Sunday 29 July to restore River-flat Eucalypt Forest along the Nepean River.

This is the first phase of the *Creating Habitat for Camden White Gum Project*, which involves planting a total of 22,000 native plants.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donned their garden gloves and participated in the event.



Local Girl Guides enjoying National Tree Day



Bailey Gavin from The Interflow at Upstairs at Fred's



Lisa De Angelis at Camden Hotel



Lana and Bek at Plough and Harrow



Nick Flatmand at The Royal Hotel

LIVE AND LOCAL SUCCESS

Argyle Street was a hive of activity on Friday 22 June when Live and Local took stage in various venues in Camden.

The free live music event involved more than 50 artists and 15 local businesses in the Camden Town Centre. Both traditional and non-traditional music venues became stages for the event,

including Barenz; Alan Baker Art Gallery; Barenz; Camden Hotel; Shoetalk; Upstairs at Fred's; and Camden Arcade among others.

The event was part of the Western Sydney Live and Local Strategic Initiative, funded by the Live Music Office and Create NSW, and included local favourites such as Peter McWhirter; Hollie Col; The Fat Controllers; Fishers Ghost Youth Orchestra; Neilly Rich; NeillyRich; White Melodies and many more.

A variety of live music events are planned for 2019.



BUDDING COMPETITION BEGINS

Green thumbs get ready, entries for the annual Garden Competition will open this month.

Residents can enter their yard, plot or patio in the competition and be in the running to win a cash prize and the title of gardening Grand Champion for 2018.

There are 10 categories in the mix, including: Senior Citizen Garden; Small Residential; Large Residential; Veggie Garden/Plot; School/Class Plot; Professional Garden; Best Floral Display; Most Creative Garden; New Garden; and Most Sustainable Garden.

For more information and to enter visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au

GET INVOLVED

DOWNLOAD COUNCIL'S NEW LOOK APP

Residents can continue to easily connect with Council, after the updated OurCamden mobile app was launched recently.

The app can be used to lodge customer service requests; report hazards; check event details and sports field updates; see positions vacant; book kerbside clean-ups and more.

The app is free to download from the App Store or Google Play Store.



GET SNAPPING AND BE SHOWCASED

Calling all photography enthusiasts! Entries are now open for Macarthur's Nature Photography Competition.

The well-loved annual event asks residents to submit their best photos of Macarthur's natural gems, whether it be scenic landscapes, plants, animals or panoramic landscapes.

Winners will be invited to an awards night and have their work showcased.

For more information or to enter visit camden.nsw.gov.au

HAVE A COFFEE ON US AT CAFÉ CONNECT

Café Connect is a new initiative hosted by Council in partnership with participating hospitality vendors, offering seniors a free coffee, tea and cake as well as the opportunity to connect seniors with the community and each other.

The café will also provide face-to-face customer service support through volunteers at each venue.

An Expression of Interest is now open to interested vendors within the hospitality industry in the Camden Local Government Area who are interested in taking part in the initiative.

For further information call 4645 5020.



CAMDEN FESTIVAL

8 - 23
SEPT
2018

CAMDEN FEST IVAL

Gather your friends and family and get ready for a celebration of Camden's people, places and produce this spring at the annual Camden Festival from 8 - 23 September.

There will be something for everyone including gourmet food, kid's activities, outdoor cinema, live music, celebrity chef demonstrations, craft beer, wine and more.

Back by popular demand, celebrity chef **Miguel Maestre** is returning to the TASTE Food, Wine and Music Festival cooking hearty, flavour packed dishes. Plus cake queen, home baker-extraordinaire and author **Katherine Sabbath** will bring sweetness to the event demonstrating her delicious desserts and treats. Don't miss the opportunity to meet both chefs after their demonstrations.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

**SAT 8
FREE**

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

5pm - 9pm

The Australian Botanic Garden,
Narellan Road, Mount Annan

Grab a blanket, cushions and chairs

and enjoy a free kid's movie screening of Despicable Me 3 under the stars on a huge cinema screen. Enjoy family friendly activities for kids and a variety of food stalls.



**SUN 16
FREE**

PICNIC IN THE PARK

10am - 4pm

Macarthur Park,
Menangle Road, Camden

Pack a picnic rug and enjoy

live music while you indulge in a variety of different food and drink stalls. There is plenty of fun for the kids with garden themed activities, flower crown making and pot plant workshops.



**WED 19
FREE**

KIDS FUN DAY

10am - 2pm

Kirkham Park,
Hilder Street, Elderslie

Enjoy roving entertainment, face painting, endless kids activities, novelty stalls, free sausage sizzle and more.



**SUN 23
FREE ENTRY**

TASTE FOOD, WINE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL 12pm - 5pm

Camden Town Farm,
Exeter Street, Camden

Indulge your senses with delicious food and wine tasting and live music. Browse and purchase gourmet treats from the newest addition 'Produce Lane'. Enjoy celebrity chef cooking demonstrations from Miguel Maestre and Katherine Sabbath.



SUN 23

**NEW
EVENT**

TASTE AFTER HOURS Argyle Street, Camden

When the TASTE Food Wine and Music Festival wraps up at 5pm, head up to Argyle Street for

TASTE After Hours a full program of live entertainment, special themed dinner nights and deals and specials at participating cafés, restaurants, bars and pubs.

For more information visit
camdenfestival.com.au or
call 4654 7777



GET EXPLORING

Keep the kids entertained during the school holidays by visiting a range of fun places and spaces around the Camden Local Government Area.



CAMDEN HERITAGE WALKING TOUR

Enjoy the outdoors and take the kids for a heritage walk around Camden. The walk brings Camden's history to life as you relive historical architecture and learn the history of key buildings.

Grab a copy of a self-guided brochure from the Camden Visitor Information Centre on Camden Valley Way, Elderslie or download online at visitcamden.com.au

Camden Town Centre – begins in John Street
4658 1370

For more information on places to visit see visitcamden.com.au



BIRRIWA RESERVE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE

The fun and engaging outdoor play space features adventure play equipment including a large climbing rope structure, 30m cable ride, air rider and more.

Waterworth Dr, Mount Annan
Ph 4654 7777



MOUNT ANNAN LEISURE CENTRE

Enjoy a variety of indoor sports including futsal and basketball, take a dip in the indoor swimming pool or get active and take up a fitness class.

Welling Dr, Mount Annan
Ph: 4648 4830



CAMDEN MUSEUM

Intrigue the kids with fascinating artefacts including a rich collection of local historical photos, maps, clothing, uniforms, furniture, musical instruments and badges.

40 John St, Camden
4655 3400



ALAN BAKER ART GALLERY AT MACARIA

Come along and view a fascinating collection of artworks by the late Alan Baker within the historic Macaria building.

The gallery is open Thursday to Sunday, 11am to 4pm. Entry free.
37 John Street, Camden
4645 5191

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AT THE LIBRARY

EVERY TUESDAY MINI BUILDERS

For children 2-3 years using Lego to develop early literacy and S.T.E.M skills

Camden Library
10am | Free
Ph: 4654 7951

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AND FRIDAY MORNING AT CAMDEN LIBRARY

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING AT NARELLAN LIBRARY

CLICK, CLACK AND YAK

Join our knitting groups for a chat and a cuppa whilst working on your own projects or knitting for Wrapped with Love

Camden Library:
6pm Tuesdays & 10am Fridays | Free

Narellan Library:
9.30am Thursday | Free

Ph: 4654 7951

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EVERY MONDAY I SEW NEED HELP

Chat, share skills and learn from others at our social sewing group

Narellan Library
10am - 12.30pm | Free
Ph: 4645 5039

EVERY WEDNESDAY CHESS CLUB @ THE LIBRARY

Develop your skills in this interesting and challenging game

Camden Library
10am - 1pm | Free
Ph: 4645 7951

BABIES INTO BOOKS - 0 - 2 YEARS

BIBS (Babies into Books) is a fun half hour of stories, songs and rhymes. We aim to build pre-reading and literacy skills in a fun and hands-on way.

Camden Library – Thursday 10am
Narellan Library – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am
Oran Park Library – Wednesday 10am
Ph: 4645 5039

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Drop in to play D&D with other like-minded people

Narellan Library
10am - 2pm | Free
Ph: 4645 5039

STORYTIME

Storytime is a fun half-hour of stories, songs & craft for children 2-5 years. *We aim to encourage a love of stories, books and libraries. We hope to help prepare children with the skills they need to be successful and happy at childcare and school.*



Camden Library: Tuesday and Thursday 11am

Narellan Library: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11am, Saturday 10.30am

Oran Park Library: Wednesday 11am and Saturday 10.30am

Ph: 4645 5039

WHAT'S ON



TASTE Food, Wine and Music Festival Camden

EVENTS



Picnic in the Park

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Cinema Under The Stars
The Australian Botanic Garden,
Mount Annan
5pm – 9pm | Free entry
Ph: 4654 7643



SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Picnic in the Park
Macarthur Park, Camden
10am – 4pm | Free entry
Ph: 4645 5683

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Kids Fun Day
Kirkham Park, Elderslie
10am – 2pm | Free entry
Ph: 4654 7643



FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Camden Garden Festival
Argyle St, Camden
8.30am – 1.30pm | Free
Ph: 0419 276 446



SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

TASTE Food, Wine and Music Festival
Camden Town Farm, Camden
12pm – 5pm | Free entry
Ph: 4645 5683

OCTOBER

MONDAY 15 OCTOBER

Carers' Pamper Day (in celebration of
Carers Week 14-20 October)
Camden Civic Centre, Camden
Ph: 4654 7777
Narellan Library – 11am Monday,
Wednesday and Friday, 10.30am Saturday
Oran Park Library – 11am Wednesday and
10.30am Saturday
Ph: 4645 5039

For details on these and other events call
council on 4654 7777 or visit the
What's On section of our website
camden.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

CAMDEN COUNCIL

CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL

For more information about Camden Council's services, visit Council's customer service desk at the administration building, Oran Park 8.30am - 5pm, Monday to Friday. You can also phone on 4654 7777 or visit camden.nsw.gov.au



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