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WELCOME OUR NEW MAYOR



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am truly honoured to be appointed as the new Mayor of Camden.

As your Mayor, I am committed to building on the many activities and projects we have delivered over the past few years and I am dedicated to continue to serve the Camden community.

I am so proud of what Camden has achieved as Australia's fastest growing Local Government Area, this is a remarkable time for our community. I will maintain the momentum of this Council to continue to achieve the services and projects that we are committed to delivering.

I look forward to working with fellow Councillors and Council staff to provide quality services, infrastructure and facilities. Together, we will continue the work that is underway to secure the area's future as a great place to live and work.

It is important to me that we preserve everything that is special about this beautiful region and support a quality lifestyle for our residents.

We are working to support our local businesses by providing infrastructure including road upgrades, improved pedestrian access to central business districts and events and activities that promote the area.

I would like to thank our previous Mayor, Cr Lara Symkowiak for her fantastic work and acknowledge her great leadership over the past six years.

I look forward to working with the community, my fellow Councillors and Council staff to generate the best possible outcome for the area.

Peter Sidgreaves

Mayor of Camden



Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves with parkrun volunteers Steve Cooper and Monique Pirrone at the parkrun launch.

ABOUT YOUR NEW MAYOR

How long have you served Camden as a Councillor?

I have had the privilege of being elected a Councillor of Camden since 2012. This is my second term on Council.

What is your vision for Camden?

It is important to me that we preserve everything that is special about this beautiful region and support a quality lifestyle for residents. We will continue the work that is underway to secure the area's future as a great place to live and work by delivering new sport and recreation facilities to sustain the wellbeing of residents.

What projects are you passionate about?

I am particularly passionate about creating an environment where businesses in Camden can grow and flourish.

Job growth in our area is a critical issue to Council and has been central to the establishment of initiatives such as the Camden Town Centre Streetscape Improvements and the Camden Region Economic Taskforce (CRET).

It is vital we support local job growth to ensure opportunities as many residents travel a long distance to work outside the Camden LGA. Creating more local jobs will enable employment closer to home to help reduce time away from the family.

CAMDEN'S REGIONAL ECONOMIC TASKFORCE (CRET) UPDATE

The Camden Region Economic Taskforce (CRET) has launched its strategic plan to facilitate economic growth across the region.

Late last year, Council established and appointed a board that operates independently to proactively seize opportunities to attract and encourage investment and create new jobs.

The Strategic Plan (2018-2021) identifies the taskforce as a leading body for the current and future business sector to support a collaborative economic environment and respond to existing and emerging businesses.

The strategy outlines the key strategic directions to achieve in the next three years, including:

- Engage with the Camden LGA business community;
- Understand and promote the identity and opportunities that exist;
- Understand the education and training required to grow local jobs; and
- Take advantage of the opportunities of infrastructure and major development in Western Sydney.

The strategy will be implemented in partnership with Council, key government stakeholders, industry partners and engage with the local business community to ensure effective collaboration.

For more information on CRET visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au and type CRET in the search toolbar.

OUR COMMUNITY

PAWS FOR A SECOND

Local young people studying for exams and assessments had the opportunity to 'paws' for a second at Narellan Library throughout October.

The Paws for a Second program encouraged students to destress and evaluate their wellbeing during the stressful time of study by playing with pooches.

This is a partnership program driven by Council's Youth Services with PAWS Pet Therapy and the Camden Youth Council. For more information call 4645 5021.



Year 12 high school students enjoying a visit from Banjo.

COUNCIL STANDS AGAINST BULLYING

Council has launched an anti-bullying campaign with new signage on three of its waste collection trucks designed by young people, to combat bullying.

Bullying was this year recognised as the number one issue affecting young people in the Camden community. Messages on the new trucks include "Bullying is Garbage", "Stand Up and Speak Out!" and includes contact details for both Lifeline and Kids Helpline.

These trucks will join the fleet of waste collection vehicles that display signage to raise awareness of mental health, suicide prevention and domestic violence. Keep an eye out for these messages on your bin collection day.



New anti-bullying signage on Council's waste trucks, designed by young people living in Camden.

COUNCIL WINS YOUTH WEEK AWARD

The Camden Youth Week event was recently recognised as one of the best in the state, with Council named joint winner for Best Ongoing Commitment to Local Youth Week Programs 2018.

The announcement was made at the NSW Local Government Awards, where Council was selected as a finalist for the eighth consecutive year.



Young people across Camden enjoyed many activities on offer as part of Youth Week 2018.



COUNCIL SUPPORTS WHITE RIBBON

Council is proudly working with White Ribbon in Australia's campaign to stop violence against women.

Many of Council's work trucks now carry the White Ribbon logo.

Together, let's build a future free from violence and abuse.



MAJOR PROJECTS



MASTERPLAN ADOPTED FOR KIRKHAM PARK SPORTS COMPLEX

Plans for the future use of the multi-sport and recreational facility at Kirkham Park in Elderslie have now been secured.

Council adopted the Kirkham Park Masterplan that outlines the future for the site and Stage One has been funded to a total of \$2.85 million, which will include a BMX expansion, additional rugby league fields and upgrade and improvements to the skatepark and playground. Council will be exploring further funding and grant opportunities.

The complete master plan includes:

- A new BMX track and jump park facilities;
- Cricket facilities;
- Rugby league grandstand with amenities and change room;
- Two new sports field areas;
- New car park area;
- Playground improvements;
- Cycle paths and connecting footpaths from surrounding areas;
- Relocation of fences; and
- Improved drainage systems.

For more information on the project visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au

CAMDEN TOWN CENTRE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

The revitalisation of Argyle Street is continuing with Stage 4 works now in operation.

The \$2.2 million streetscape works between Hill Street and Elizabeth Street will include:

- Widening and construction of new footpaths;
- Installation of new street furniture;
- Additional trees and garden beds;
- Installation of new street lighting;
- Improved drainage; and
- Undergrounding of some overhead power lines.

Works are expected to be completed in June 2019, weather permitting.

Stage 3 of the works between Oxley Street and Murry Street were recently completed and continued the design theme already completed between Oxley Street and Hill Street and Elizabeth Street and Edward Street.

The revitalisation works will help ensure the main street of Camden remains relevant to our growing Local Government Area, while improving the safety and visual appeal of the historic town centre.

COUNCIL AWARDS TENDER TO UPGRADE NARELLAN INTERSECTION

A key intersection in Narellan will be upgraded as part of a \$3.57 million road project by the NSW Government.

The Camden Valley Way – Grahams Hill Road/Richardson Road intersection will be widened to straighten the lanes from Richardson Road to Grahams Hills Road and a right turn lane added to allow motorists to turn right onto Camden Valley Way.

Powerlines will be moved underground, new lights will be installed and roadside landscaping will also be completed as part of the project.

For further information visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au.

YOUTH SPACES AND WATER PLAY SPACE OPENINGS

Skate, scoot or cycle down to the opening of the exciting new Sedgewick Reserve Youth Play Space, opening to the public on Saturday 17 November from 10am to 2pm.

Following the official opening, families can enjoy face painting, a delicious barbeque lunch and jumping castles.

Children and youth are invited to explore the new play space by bringing along their scooter or bike to try out the new skate facilities.

The new youth play space will expand on the existing young children's playground and will feature new playground equipment including a recessed trampoline, climbing equipment, musical equipment and natural play elements to enhance the diversity of play experiences.



Curry Reserve Water Play Space

Camden Council's first Water Play Space at Curry Reserve will be officially opened on Saturday 1 December from 10am to 3pm.

Bring the family and enjoy the new Water Play Space as well as water slides, face painting, jumping castles, sand sculpture workshops, barbeque lunch, ice cream and snow cones.

The fully accessible water play space has been designed for all ages and features heated water to improve comfort and allow extended access into the spring and autumn seasons.

Additional car parking and landscaping are also part of the project. New amenities will be delivered in autumn 2019.

On Saturday 3 November, the new Harrington Park Lake Reserve Youth Play Space was officially opened by the Mayor of Camden, Councillor Peter Sidgreaves.

Families enjoyed exploring the new Youth Play Space as well as jumping castles, free face painting and garden games.

The Space features challenging ninja warrior style equipment and amenities offering a dynamic play experience for all ages with a focus on 12 to 17 year old's.

Council committed almost \$5 million to deliver the outdoor play spaces at Harrington Park, Currans Hill and Elderslie to provide more options for children, young people and families to exercise and socialise.

For more information on the projects and the official openings visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au

CAMDEN FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Thousands of people gathered at Camden's annual Camden Festival from 8-23 September.

Highlights included **Cinema Under the Stars** featuring family favourite movie *Despicable Me 3*, as well as family-friendly activities and food stalls.

Picnic in the Park which saw hundreds of families and children get together for garden games, floral crown making and pot planting workshops as well as a selection of food stalls and live entertainment.

Other highlights included the much-anticipated **Kid's Fun Day** featuring a toddler wonderland filled with free activities, clowns, face painting, Batman and the Batmobile and special appearance by Nickelodeon's PAW Patrol characters Chase, Marshall and Ryder.

The festival concluded with the show-stopping **TASTE, Food, Wine and Music Festival** featuring more than

60 food and beverage vendors offering a smorgasbord of tasty options.

Celebrity chef Miguel Maestre and dessert chef Katherine Sabbath cooked up a storm with live cooking demonstrations, where crowds were invited to watch and sample their creations.

Live music performances on the main stage enlivened the atmosphere throughout the day, while the cooking workshops and jumping castle kept the children entertained.

The newest addition to TASTE this year featured **Produce Lane**, offering gourmet take home treats and produce, as well as **TASTE After Hours**, where the event continued with special offers throughout Argyle street, Camden at participating restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs.

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COUNCIL TACKLES ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPING

Illegal waste dumping in the Camden Council area is being targeted as part of a campaign to tackle this growing environmental and public health issue.

Since February this year, Council has investigated approximately 600 illegal waste dumping incidents on both public and private lands.

Willful or negligent disposal of waste may attract the following maximum penalties:

- for an individual: \$1 million and/ or 7-year prison sentence for willful offence and \$500,000 and/or 4-year prison sentence for negligent offences
- for a corporation: \$5 million for willful offences and \$2 million for negligent offences
- Council officers may also issue on-the-spot fines of up to \$4,000 for an individual and \$8,000 for corporations.

Reports of illegal dumping can be made to Council by phoning Council on 4654 7777, or the EPA on 131 555 or online to www.ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au



HOME SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

The home swimming pool environment is often a place of fun and enjoyment, however, home pools pose a high risk of drowning, particularly for children under five years of age.

If your pool is capable of being filled with 300mm of water, it must be surrounded by appropriate fencing (see the checklist).

Some common mistakes of home pools include;

- Pool gates not self-closing or left open intentionally;
- Pool enclosures including property fencing not maintained. This includes missing fence palings which provide children access to the swimming pool area;
- Items such as pot plants, BBQ's or toys placed at close proximity to pool fencing that can be used as climbing objects into the pool area; and
- Absence of resuscitation charts within the pool area.

Council's website contains a checklist to assist pool owners to undertake their own swimming pool safety assessment. Visit www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/checklists for more information.

Did you know? All swimming pools are required to be registered on the NSW Swimming Pool Register. Property owners can register their pool at www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au

For more information phone Council on 4654 7777.

YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Budding artists took part in a creative Public Art Project workshop in September, facilitated by professional artist Tim de Haan (PHIBS).

The project saw 12 young residents collaboratively develop ideas for mural artworks to be installed at Rotary Park, which included visual concepts around local flora and fauna.

Professional artist, PHIBS previously worked with young residents to install a public art mural at Harrington Park Community Centre last year.

More public art projects are planned for later this year within our new parks.



The Public Art Project workshop held on site with artist, Tim de Haan aka. PHIBS and included 12 local young residents.

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VIEW A FASCINATING COLLECTION OF ARTWORKS

Come along to the Alan Baker Art Gallery at Macaria and view a captivating collection of 79 art works on exhibition.

The gallery occupies the recently renovated, historic Macaria building and provides an opportunity to honour local artist Alan Baker and showcase his artworks.

Open 11am - 4pm every Thursday - Sunday, at 37 John Street, Camden.

For more information phone 4645 5191 or visit www.alanbakerartgallery.com.au



Alan Baker Art Gallery at Macaria



SANITARIUM WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is coming to Camden for the first time on **Sunday 24 February 2019**.

Proudly in partnership Camden Council, the TRYathlon is a fun, fitness festival for the whole family to enjoy.

Children will swim in the Camden War Memorial Pool, cycle through closed suburban streets and run through the finish arch at Onslow Oval to receive their special medal for completing the course! Everything will be marked out and well signed to make it easy to follow.

Register today at www.tryathlon.com.au/locations/camden to be part of the world's largest triathlon series for under 16s.

Keep your eye out for information on Camden Council's Health and Fitness Expo to be held at Onslow Oval as part of the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon.

For more information phone 4654 7643.

FREE ACCESSIBILITY MASTER KEY TO ELIGIBLE CAMDEN RESIDENTS

To encourage and improve access and inclusion for people living with disability, Council is offering Master Locksmith Access Keys (MLAK) to eligible Camden residents. Key holders will have 24/7 access to designated accessible public toilets.

If you're a permanent resident within the Camden Local Government Area and hold a Disability Parking Permit, or written authority from a doctor confirming your health status, you can apply for a MLAK key free of charge.

Application forms are available from Council's Administration Building, Oran Park or Narellan and Camden Libraries.

You can also complete an online form on Council's website and have the key posted to you.

Visit www.camden.nsw.gov.au for more information.

ABOUT FACE ART GROUP

The About Face Art Group is a weekly arts group for people interested in developing their skills in drawing and painting through exploring people, places and faces.

It is a peer to peer learning group which encourages people of all abilities and skills to join.

Participants also have the opportunity to contribute to group exhibitions throughout the year.

The group meet weekly in the Ironbark Room at Narellan Library the program is supported by Camden Council and Camden Libraries.

For more information visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au or email creative.camden@camden.nsw.gov.au

GET INVOLVED



Café Connect provides over 55's with an engaging and resourceful place to meet new people and stay informed.

COME ALONG TO CAFÉ CONNECT

Camden Council invites residents aged over 55 years to come along to a series of free pop up cafes at various locations including Mount Annan, Camden, Narellan and Oran Park.

The Cafés encourage social connections and provide handy information about health, and access to face-to-face customer service support.

This is a great opportunity for older people to participate in activities including art, culture, technology workshops and health and wellbeing activities.

For more information visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS



Nominations are now open for Camden Council's 2019 Australia Day Awards.

The awards acknowledge individuals and groups who have dedicated themselves to making a positive difference to their communities.

You can nominate a friend, team member, work colleague or family member if they live in the Camden Local Government Area.

Award categories include:

- Camden Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Sports Achievement Award;
- Community Group Award; and
- Arts and Culture Award.

Award winners will be announced at a special Australia Day Ceremony on 26 January 2019.

Nominations close 14 December 2018. The online nomination form is available on Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au or you can request a copy by calling 4645 5690.

GET INVOLVED

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION NOW OPEN

Residents and businesses are invited to enter the 2018 Christmas Lights Competition.

There is prize money of up to \$200 available in the following categories:

- Best Lit (large residential);
- Best Lit (small residential);
- Best Street;
- Best Non-Residential/Commercial; and
- People's Choice (voted by the local community through Council's Facebook page).

Entries close 3 December 2018.

For more information and to enter the competition visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au and type 'Christmas Lights Competition' in the search toolbar.



HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT CAMDEN'S FUTURE

You will have your chance to have your say on the future of Camden as part of Council's Local Environment Plan (LEP) review 2020.

As Council continues to plan for the future of Camden, residents will have the opportunity to provide input into your own vision for the area. More information on how you can have your say will be available on Council's website in the coming months.

LEARNER DRIVER ASSISTANCE ON HAND

Learner drivers and their supervisors are invited to take part in Council's free Learner Log Book Run on Sunday 9 December 2018.

The event is an organised drive, based on a route from the Drivers for Learners in Macarthur booklet which provides:

- Orientation, breath testing, license - registration - and vehicle checks, pit stops, check points;
- Map and instructions;
- Covert and overt speed monitoring;
- Police involvement;
- Window mounted flags and window mounted car numbers for easy identification of participants;
- Staggered start to avoid large groups of learners in one place;
- Emergency contact numbers and Tail Vehicle for added safety; and
- The opportunity for participants to meet, talk with and learn from other Learner Drivers and Supervisors.

Bookings are essential. To book your spot or for more information, contact Camden Council's Road Safety Officer on 4654 7777.

FREE LATE NIGHT BASKETBALL

Young people living in Camden can take advantage of the new Late Night Basketball program running on the last Friday of every month at Mount Annan Leisure Centre.

The free program will run between 9pm and midnight for 16 to 25 year old's and is a great way to enhance skills as well as have fun and meet new friends.

Full court basketball games, three on three matches, three-point shootouts and dunk contests are scheduled to be part of the program.

No bookings are required. For more information, call Mount Annan Leisure Centre on 4648 4830 or visit www.ymcansw.org.au/mtannan



LIBRARY EVENTS

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AT THE LIBRARY



STAY CONNECTED USING TECHNOLOGY AND LEARN NEW SKILLS.

Seniors who have limited or no experience using technology and would like to learn more about using tablets, computers or email are invited to come along to a series of Tech Savvy Seniors workshops at Narellan and Oran Park Libraries.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	MODULE
12-NOV-18	1-3pm	Narellan Library	Introduction to Social Media
10-DEC-18	1-3pm	Narellan Library	Introduction to iPads
11-FEB-19	1-3pm	Oran Park Library	Introduction to Cybersafety
11-MAR-19	1-3pm	Narellan Library	Introduction to iPads
08-APR-19	1-3pm	Narellan Library	Introduction to Android tablets
13-MAY-19	1-3pm	Oran Park Library	Introduction to Email

Tech Savvy Seniors is a learning initiative provided as a partnership with Telstra, the NSW Government and State Library of NSW

STORYTIME FOR CHILDREN

Come along to Storytime for a fun half-hour of stories, songs and craft for children 2-5 years.

Camden Library

Every Tuesday and Thursday 11am

Narellan Library

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11am, and Saturday 10.30am

Oran Park Library

Every Wednesday 11am and Saturday 10.30am

BABIES INTO BOOKS - 0 - 2 YEARS

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

Camden Library

Every Thursday 10am

Narellan Library

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am

Oran Park Library

Every Wednesday 10am



Storytime at Narellan Library

CHESS CLUB

Chess enthusiasts, here is a chance for you to develop your skills in this interesting and challenging game. Beginner or advanced chess players are more than welcome to join in.

No bookings necessary, just come along and enjoy a game of chess every Wednesday morning from 10am to 1pm at Camden Library.

MOVIE CLUB

Come along and join the monthly Movie Club and watch a free screening of a popular film. The Movie Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Narellan Library. Screenings start at 6pm.

For more information call
 Camden Library 4654 7951
 Narellan Library 4645 5039
 Oran Park Library 4645 5645
 or visit www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au



JACARANDA FESTIVAL

Enjoy an incredible weekend of celebrations at the Jacaranda Festival.

The first ever Camden Jacaranda Festival will take place from 23 – 25 November 2018 within the Camden Town Centre. A variety of events and activities will be on offer over the three days including:

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2018

Live and Local Camden: where local performers will be on show throughout the Town Centre dining venues. Grab a bite to eat, meet friends for drinks or just enjoy being out and about in Camden's vibrant Town Centre.

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2018

The Jacaranda Experience: kick-off the festive season with Argyle Street open to all to enjoy live entertainment on stage, a variety of stalls and activities PLUS Santa will make a special appearance. The night will culminate with the lighting of the jacarandas and the community Christmas tree.

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2018

Larkin Place will host the ARD Motocross Demonstration Team and a collection of fabulous street metal will be on display. Grab a snag and make a donation to Society 389 as you get up close and personal with the death defying stunts of some of Australia's best motocross riders.

For more information visit www.camdenjacarandafestival.org

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Cafe Connect host PrYme Aqua Class
Mount Annan Leisure Centre
9.30am Aqua Class followed by 11am
Café Connect
Free
Ph. 4648 4830

23 - 25 NOVEMBER

Camden Jacaranda Festival
Argyle Street, Camden
Various times
See website for further information
www.camdenjacarandafestival.org
Ph: 4654 7643



DECEMBER

MONDAY 3 DECEMBER

International Day of People with Disability
and Café Connect
Oran Park Library
11.30am - 2pm
Free
Ph. 4654 7777

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

Child Restraint Fitting Day
Various times
Free
To book and obtain details of location
phone 4645 5046
Bookings essential



15 DECEMBER

Community Carols by Candlelight
Sing along to all your favourite Christmas songs by candlelight.
Macarthur Park, Menangle Rd, Camden
The event will begin at sunset
Free
Ph. 0488 558 138

15 DECEMBER

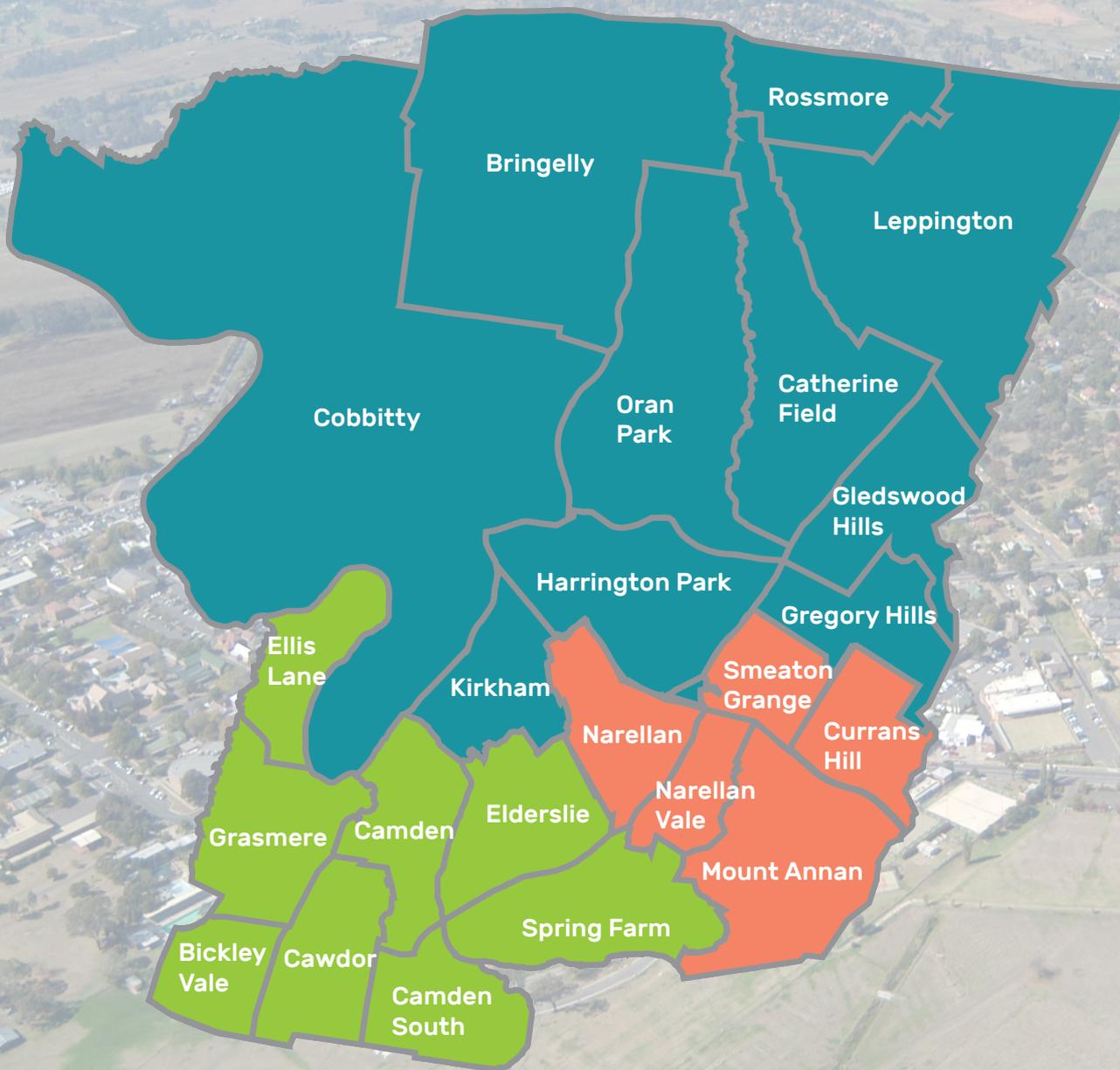
Carols in the Garden
Enjoy kids entertainment and markets.
Plus live carols and entertainment on stage from 7pm.
Lakeside Lawn, Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan
From 5pm
Free entry
Ph. 4634 7935

For details on these and other events call Council on 4654 7777 or visit the 'What's On' section at www.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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