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Welcome to the fourth edition of Let's Connect. As we see the end of 2018 and welcome a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Camden community for their continued support throughout 2018.

Council is dedicated to continuing to deliver infrastructure projects as well as high quality facilities to ensure we support our growing communities for years to come.

In late 2018, we unveiled two brand new youth play spaces and a water play space. It was so nice to see the community come together for the openings and I'd like to thank everyone who came along to celebrate.

In December, I hosted an event thanking the many volunteers who dedicate their time to the Camden community. Without the support of volunteers, a large number of community events and services wouldn't be possible. They are truly valuable to our community and we are incredibly fortunate for their ongoing contribution.

I am very pleased to be part of another eventful year, together with my fellow Councillors and Council staff, as many exciting projects and events unfold throughout the coming year.

It's been an honour serving the Camden community and I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2019.

Peter Sidgreaves

Mayor of Camden



Mayor, Cr Peter Sidgreaves with Mens Shed volunteers at the 2018 Mayor's Volunteer Thank You Reception.

VOLUNTEERS 'THANK YOU' RECEPTION

Each year, Camden Council celebrates the efforts of volunteers at the annual Mayor's Volunteer Thank You Reception.

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Peter Sidgreaves thanked volunteers for their contribution to our community and for donating their time so generously.

The event was attended by community members, committees and organisations in the Camden area including local service clubs, the Visitor Information Centre, Bush Care groups, libraries, Council events and the Youth Council, to name a few.

Did you know? According to ABS statistics, volunteers work approximately 743 million hours each year.

SEEKING FEEDBACK ON CONTINUING SPECIAL RATES VARIATION

Council is seeking community feedback about funding the renewal of community infrastructure through a Special Rate Variation (SRV). An SRV will enable Council to continue to maintain its existing facilities and infrastructure.

An SRV of 1.1% has been included in Council's property rates for the last 6 years which Council used to undertake a \$6 million upgrade and improvement program. Council is proposing to continue the current 1.1% SRV for 4 more years to part fund facility improvements and renewal works of \$5.1 million.

If Council endorses a continuation of the existing SRV, rates will not increase by another 1.1%, only by the Ministers allowable limit (rate peg), which is 2.7% for 2019/20, approximately \$41 per year (0.79 cents per week) for residential rates and \$188 (\$3.62 per week) for business rates.

If Council does not proceed with the SRV, the 1.1% will be deducted from the 2.7% increase, resulting in a 1.6% rate increase for 2019/20 property rates. However, this will impact Council's ability to carry out the proposed facility improvements and renewal works program.

How can you provide your feedback?

A telephone survey will be carried out by a third-party supplier between 14 - 19 January 2019 to obtain feedback on continuing the 1.1% SRV for the next 4 years.

Ratepayers can also provide feedback via email or by phoning 4654 7777.

The consultation period will run until 19 January 2019.

View the list of the proposed works on Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au

OUR COMMUNITY



Mayor, Cr Peter Sidgreaves with White Ribbon Breakfast special guests.

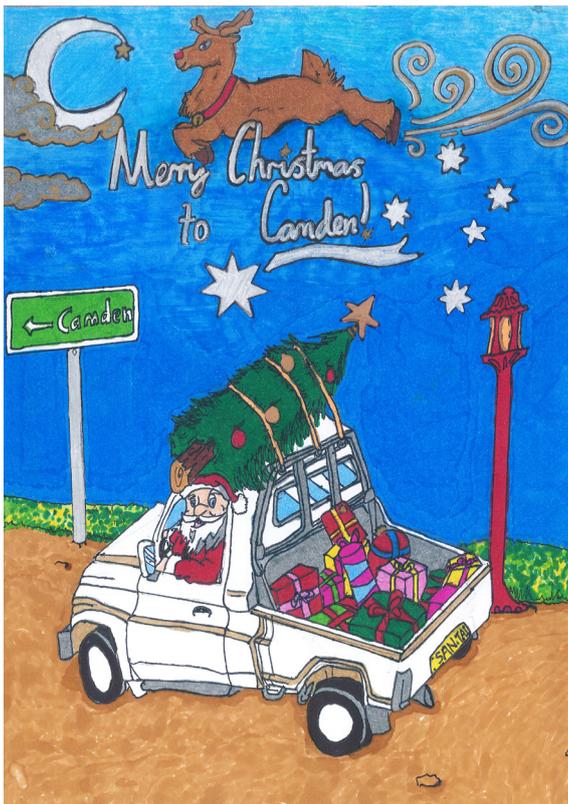
ANNUAL WHITE RIBBON DAY BREAKFAST

Since 2013 the Camden-Wollondilly Domestic Violence Committee has organised the White Ribbon Day Breakfast in partnership with the NSW Police and Camden and Wollondilly Councils, highlighting issues surrounding domestic and family violence.

This years event included guest speakers: Minister for Police and Emergency Services, The Hon. Troy Grant MP; Assistant Commissioner Peter Thurtell APM, Commander South West Metropolitan Region; State Member for Camden, Chris Patterson MP;

Superintendent Ward Hanson, Camden Local Area Commander; Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves; Tanya Whitehouse, Convenor Camden-Wollondilly Domestic Violence Committee; Liam Dooley, Executive Manager White Ribbon as well as Sarahjane Bradford who shared her story of growing up in a home full of domestic violence, her struggle with mental health and finding her voice (pictured above).

Domestic and family violence crisis information is available at www.sayno2dv.org.au



MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNER ANNOUNCED

School students from local primary schools in the Camden local government area were invited to participate in the annual Mayor's Christmas Card Competition.

Primary school students in Year 5 and Year 6 in the Camden local government were invited to create an artwork for the Mayor's official Christmas Card for 2018.

Entries were to reflect and illustrate 'What you love about Christmas in Camden'.

Winners include:

Winner – Xavier Laundess, Mawarra Public School

Runner Up – Olivia Peverill, Camden South Public School

Highly Commended – Tristan Smith, Mawarra Public School

Winning Mayoral Christmas Card Competition Illustration – Xavier Laundess.

OUR COMMUNITY

RESIDENT'S GARDENS ARE WINNERS ALL ROUND

Judges of this year's Camden Garden Competition were treated to an exceptionally high standard of yards, plots and landscaped gardens.

Winners of this year's competition were announced on Thursday 25 October 2018. Congratulations to all the winners including the Grand Champions Murray and Sue Hamer.

A full list of winners is available on Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au

Council hosts the annual competition and would like to thank our sponsors Waratah Landscapes and Garden Supplies, CPE Tree Services and Amgrow for contributing prizes awarded to the winners.

VISIT AN OFF-LEASH DOG PARK

Change up your regular walking routine with your pet and visit an off-leash dog park located at:

- Bicentennial Equestrian Park before 10am and after 5pm Monday to Sunday (excluding horse event periods)
- Rosevale Reserve, Narellan;
- River Road Reserve, Elderslie;
- Burrell Road, Spring Farm;
- Clifton Park, Arcadian Hills Estate, Cobbitty;
- Silverton Street, Gregory Hills;
- Holden Drive, Oran Park; and
- Howard Loop, Oran Park.



Off-leash dog park Burrell Road, Spring Farm.

Remember: When you're taking your dog for a walk, your pet **MUST** be on a lead for the safety of everyone in our community.

PET MICROCHIPPING AND REGISTRATION

Council is offering FREE microchipping for dogs and cats to all Camden residents.

All dogs and cats are required to be microchipped and registered with their local Council.

Ensuring your pet is microchipped, and pet ownership details are up-to-date, will assist rangers in returning your beloved pet should it ever go missing or stolen.

Did you know? Microchipping can be done from the comfort of your home by a qualified ranger.

For more information go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au



MAJOR PROJECTS



Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves with children at the new park at Bandara Circuit Park, Spring Farm.

NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK IN SPRING FARM

Families can enjoy a new neighbourhood park with the opening of a playground in Bandara Circuit, Spring Farm.

The \$1 million park project has been designed to incorporate the remnant woodland in the six hectare site and includes play equipment to suit children of all ages, seating, natural shade from the existing established trees and structural shade to cover play areas.

The equipment includes:

- Trampolines;
- Slides;
- Dish and Plato Spinner; and
- Hand rope climbers;
- Swings;
- Multi play piece – 6m Eagles Nest.
- Rock hold climbers;

For more information go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au



The upgraded Camden Valley Way and Macarthur Road intersection.

CAMDEN VALLEY WAY AND MACARTHUR ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADED

New traffic lights are operational on the Camden Valley Way and Macarthur Road intersection in Elderslie, with a \$5.56 million upgrade to the area now complete.

The upgrade will improve safety for traffic entering and exiting Macarthur Road, increase visibility for drivers on Camden Valley Way and reduce collisions between turning vehicles

The \$5.56 million Camden Valley Way – Macarthur Road intersection upgrade was jointly funded by the Australian Government and Camden Council.

For further information go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au

JACARANDAS SHINE THE LIGHT

The Camden community Christmas tree was lit in front of thousands at the first Camden Jacaranda Festival on Saturday 24 November.

The lighting of the trees, a spectacular firework display, live music performances and a thrilling motorcross display rounded out a three day festival extravaganza.

As part of Argyle Street revitalisation works, Council installed fairy lights through the Jacaranda trees along Argyle Street in the Camden Town Centre.

The decorative lights, which were lit for the first time at the Camden Jacaranda Festival, enliven the streetscape at sundown, encourage people to visit and dine after hours, as well as build on the prosperity of the Town Centre.



The Camden community Christmas Tree and fairy lit Jacaranda trees along Argyle Street in Camden Town Centre.



Live music performance at Upstairs at Freds as part of the Jacaranda Festival.



Motorcross and car display in Larkin Place, Camden as part of the Jacaranda Festival.

UPGRADE TO INTERSECTION

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

The Camden Valley Way/Grahams Hill Road/Richardson Road intersection is being 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 installed, and roadside landscaping completed as part of the project.

The project is due for completion in early 2019.

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

CAMDEN TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

The revitalisation of Argyle Street with Stage 4 works is continuing between Hill Street and Elizabeth Street.

The \$2.2 million streetscape works 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.

The revitalisation works will help ensure the main street of Camden remains relevant to our growing area, while improving the safety and visual appeal of the historic Town Centre.

These works are expected to be completed mid-2019, weather permitting. For more information visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au

MAJOR PROJECTS



Curry Reserve Water Play Space.



Harrington Park Lake Youth Play Space.

EXPLORE CAMDEN'S NEWEST FACILITIES

Camden's first water play space and two new youth play spaces were officially opened in time for summer.

Council committed \$5 million to deliver Curry Reserve Water Play Space, Sedgwick Reserve Youth Play Space and Harrington Park Lake Youth Play Space to provide more options for children, young people and families to exercise and socialise.

The youth play space at Sedgwick Reserve, Currans Hill expands on the existing playground and now features a recessed trampoline, climbing equipment, musical equipment and natural play elements to enhance the diversity of play experiences.

The new Harrington Park Lake Youth Play Space includes play equipment, specialised areas for skateboarding, bike riding and roller blading, as well as a Ninja Warrior style apparatus.

Camden's first water play space at Curry Reserve features a large splash pad including 36 play features, suitable for children of all ages. The water will be heated and open for community use from spring to autumn.

Harrington Park Lake Reserve Youth Play Space

Where: Corner of The Northern Road and Fairwater Drive, Harrington Park

Sedgwick Reserve Youth Play Space

Where: Currans Hill Road, Currans Hill

Curry Reserve Water Play Space

Where: Camden Valley Way, Elderslie

For more information go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au



Sedgwick Reserve Youth Play Space.



Curry Reserve Water Play Space.

SUSTAINABILITY



WATER WISE TIPS

Warragamba Dam is Sydney and the Blue Mountains main water supply providing water to more than 3.7 million people. With the limited rain we have experienced in the past year, water supplies are drying up.

Keep Sydney Water's Water Wise Tips in mind to help preserve this precious resource.

Easy ways to save water in your home

- Keep your showers to four minutes. Taking shorter showers is one of the best ways to help conserve water;
- Wait until your dishwasher or washing machine is fully loaded before you turn it on;
- Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth or shave;
- Wash your vegetables and rinse dishes in a plugged sink or basin – not under a running tap; and
- Install a WELS 3 star rated water saving showerhead and WELS 4 star rated water efficient taps to save on water and energy costs.

Easy ways to save water in your garden

- Fit a trigger nozzle to your garden hose and water by hand before 10am and after 4pm;
- Use a broom or rake rather than a hose to clean your driveways and hard surfaces;
- Plant for the climate and soil in your area;
- Apply 7 - 10cm of mulch around plants to help save water lost through evaporation; and
- Wash your car with a trigger nozzle on the lawn so that you water and fertilise the grass at the same time (not on Council strip).

For more water wise tips and information go to www.sydneywater.com.au

FREE CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT

Get rid of all your unwanted chemical items and drop them off at Council's FREE Chemical Clean Out at Camden Council Depot, 5 Millwood Ave, Narellan on Sunday 3 February 2019, 9am - 3.30pm.

Items which are accepted include:

From your home:

- Solvents and household cleaners;
- Floor care products;
- Ammonia based cleaners; and
- Fluorescent globes and tubes.

From your car:

- Car batteries;
- Motor oils;
- Fuels; and
- Fluids.

From your garage:

- Paint and paint related products;
- Pesticides and herbicides;
- Poisons;
- Gas bottles;
- Fire extinguishers;
- Pool chemicals;
- Hobby chemicals; and
- Acids and alkalis.

Only household quantities accepted. 20kg or 20L maximum container size.

Go to www.epa.nsw.gov.au/managewaste for more information.



BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM

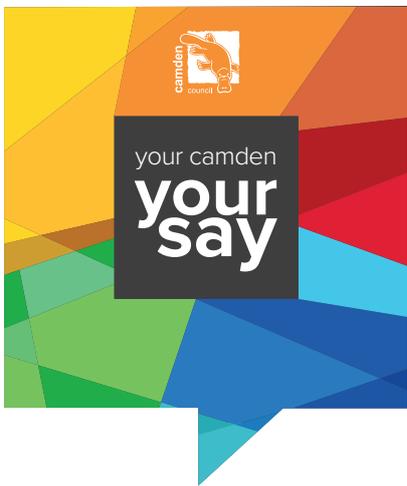
Dispose of your old batteries sustainably through Council's FREE battery recycling program.

Residents can drop off any brand of batteries including AA, AAA, C, D and 9V.

Batteries can be disposed of at the following locations:

- Camden Council Administration Building at 70 Central Ave, Oran Park;
- Camden Library at 40 John St, Camden;
- Narellan Library at Corner Queen and Elyard St, Narellan; and
- Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living at 1 Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan.





GET INVOLVED



CAN YOUR LIBRARY FINES

Feel good about waiving overdue library fines through food donations as part of Camden Council libraries amnesty to help local charities.

Return your overdue library items from **7 January - 15 February 2019** to Camden, Narellan or Oran Park Libraries and donate items such as cans of food, non-perishable food as well as 8-ply knitting wool.

For more information phone 4645 5039.



HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF CAMDEN

Residents are invited to have their say on the future of Camden as Council works towards setting a 20-year vision for the land use and characteristics of Camden Local Government Area.

All councils are required to review and update their Local Environment Plans and prepare Local Strategic Planning Statements to shape the future of their areas.

Council would like to know the community's thoughts about:

- Housing;
- Environment and sustainability;
- Transport and infrastructure;
- Employment and town centres;
- Local character and heritage; and
- Social and community facilities.

To have your say, fill in our survey on Council's website at www.camden.nsw.gov.au

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY, THE CAMDEN WAY



A fun-filled Australiana themed street party will be the centre stage of action at Camden's annual Australia Day event on Saturday 26 January 2019.

The event is sure to have something for everyone, from a show-stopping street parade that includes a variety of floats, semi trailer trucks and vintage cars, to a thong throwing competition, kid's entertainment and live music.

Highlights include:

- Thanksgiving Service at Camden Civic Centre from 8.15am;
- Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony at Camden Civic Centre from 9am;
- Free activities in John Street from 9.30am - 2pm including face painting, jumping castles, thong throwing competition, roaming entertainment, stalls and live music; and
- Macarthur Lions Club Street Parade on Argyle Street from 11.15am.

For more information visit Council's website www.camden.nsw.gov.au or phone 4654 7777.

EVENTS

SANITARIUM WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON AND HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPO

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is coming to Camden for the first time on Sunday 24 February 2019 and registrations are still open.

Children aged seven to 15 years 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.

This event is a great opportunity for kids to get outside, get active and enjoy Camden.

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

Council will host the Camden Healthy Living Expo at Onslow Oval for participants, spectators and visitors to explore while watching the TRYathlon.

For more information phone 4654 7643.



Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves with Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Ambassador Commando Steve and Caitlin and Emma Reynolds.

CAMDEN SHOW - STILL A COUNTRY SHOW

Enjoy two big days of family fun at Camden Show on **Friday 5 and Saturday 6 April 2019** at Camden Showground, Argyle Street, Camden.

With loads to see and do, there is sure to be something for everyone to enjoy including one of Australia's best rodeos, demonstrations, exhibitions, entertainment, stalls, lifestyle pavilion, showbags, kid's interactive area and much more.

Go to www.camdenshow.com.au for more information and to purchase tickets.

COOL OFF IN CAMDEN THIS SUMMER

Camden Council's Youth Program is offering free pool entry to the Camden War Memorial Pool and Mount Annan Leisure Centre to young people aged 12 to 18 years. Free pool entry will be available from 1 to 31 January 2019.

Young people who live in the Camden LGA can pick up an access card to claim free entry from Camden War Memorial Pool, Mount Annan Leisure Centre, Camden and Narellan Libraries and Camden Council's Administration Building at Oran Park.

Places are limited. For more information phone 4654 7777 or email youth@camden.nsw.gov.au

COME ALONG TO CAFÉ CONNECT

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

The cafés encourage social connections and provide handy information about health and wellbeing and access to face-to-face support.

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

Wednesday 27 February 2019

Mount Annan Leisure Centre
Activity: PrYme Pilates Group Class from 10.30am
Café Connect from 11am-1pm

Friday 15 March 2019

Narellan Library
Activity: Tech Savvy Workshop from 10am
Café Connect from 11am-1pm

Wednesday 20 March 2019

Camden Civic Centre
Activity: Seniors Concert from 10am
Tickets \$5 (includes light lunch)
Café Connect 11am-1pm
For concert tickets phone 0409 813 189

For further information on Café Connect phone 4654 7777.

WHAT'S ON



JANUARY 2019

1-31 January

Cool Off in Camden
Free pool entry for young people aged
12 to 18 years.
Ph. 4654 7777
Email: youth@camden.nsw.gov.au

7 January - 15 February

Can Your Library Fines
Waive overdue library fines by making
food donations.
Camden, Narellan and Oran Park
Libraries
Ph. 4645 5039

26 January

Australia Day in Camden
9am - 2pm
John Street, Camden
Ph. 4654 7777

FEBRUARY 2019

3 February

Council's FREE Chemical Clean Out
9am - 3.30pm
Camden Council Depot, 5 Millwood Ave,
Narellan
Ph. 4654 7777

13-24 February

Seniors Festival
Various times and locations in Camden
Ph. 4654 7777

24 February

Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon
and Camden Healthy Living Expo
8.30am - 12.45pm
Onslow Oval, Camden
Ph. 4654 7643

27 February

Café Connect (For over 55s)
Mount Annan Leisure Centre
Activity: PrYme Pilates Group Class from
10.30am
Café Connect from 11am-1pm
Ph. 4654 7777

MARCH 2019

15 March

Cafe Connect (for over 55s)
Narellan Library
Activity: Tech Savvy workshop from 10am
Café Connect from 11am-1pm
Ph. 4654 7777

20 March

Café Connect (for over 55s)
Activity: Seniors Concert from 10am
at Camden Civic Centre
Ph. 4654 7777

APRIL 2019

5 - 6 April

Camden Show
Camden Showground, Argyle Street,
Camden
Ph. 4655 8338



25 April

Anzac Day
Dawn Service:
Commences at 5.15am at Camden
Bicentennial Equestrian Park
Memorial Site.
**Anzac Day March and
Commemoration Service:**
March commences at 10.30am
from Elizabeth Street down Argyle
Street to Cawdor Road followed by a
Commemoration Service at 11am at
Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial
Site.
Ph. 0419 925 294

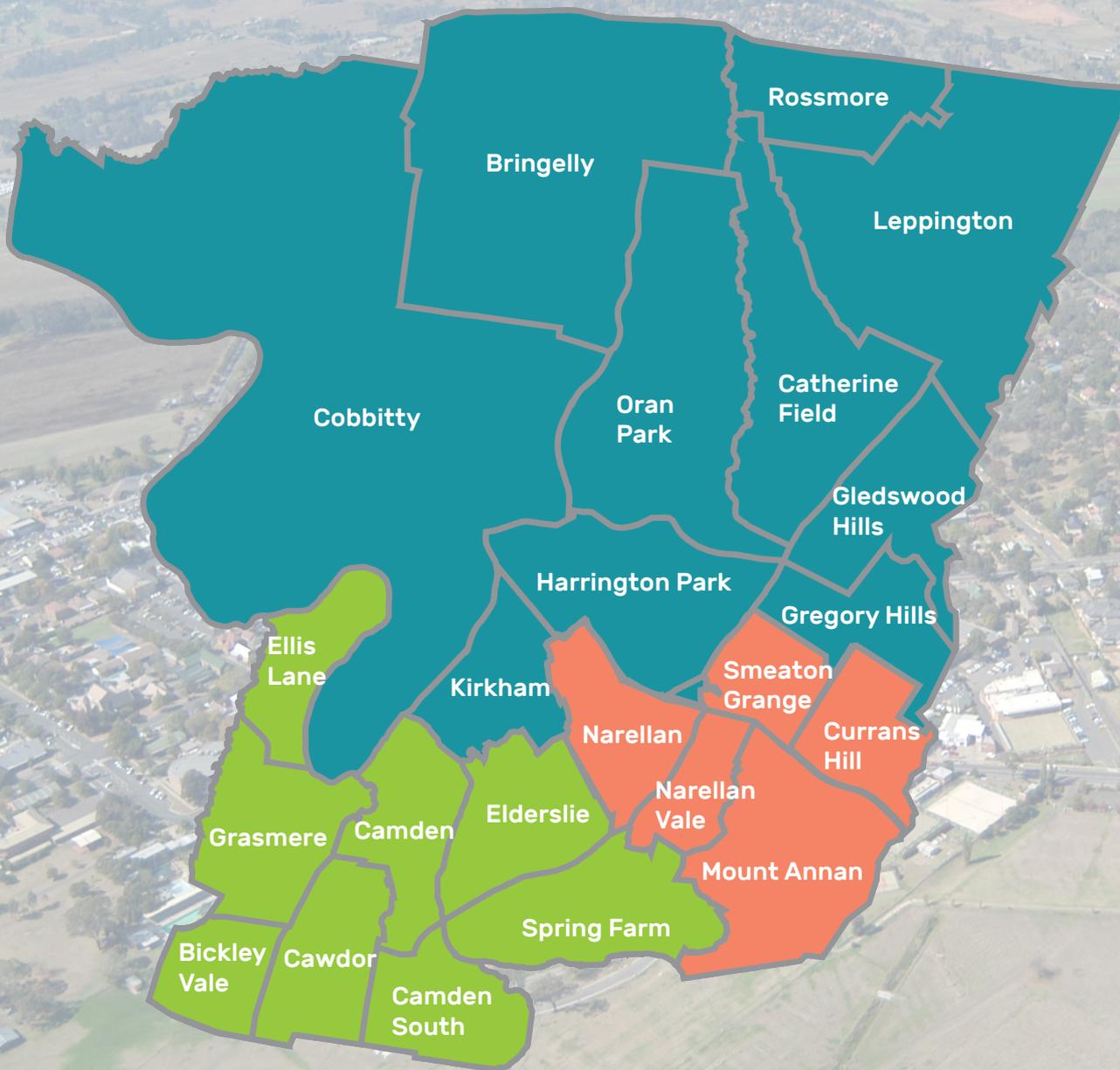


For details on these and other events
call Council on 4654 7777 or visit the
'What's On' section at
[www.camden.nsw.gov.au/
whats-on](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

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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