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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



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Welcome to the first edition of Let's Connect for 2019. We have a range of fantastic projects, initiatives and events planned for the year ahead and I look forward to continuing to work with the community.

Council is committed to providing residents with the highest quality facilities to ensure we support our growing community. I am delighted that the Federal and State Governments have announced joint funding for three sporting and recreation facilities in the Local Government area including Stage two of the Narellan Sports Hub project, Stage one of Fergusons Land Cricket Facility and the construction of the area's first synthetic football field.

We continue to deliver infrastructure projects with the completion of upgrades to the Grahams Hill Road – Richardson Road intersection in March.

Camden Council is now officially an accredited White Ribbon Workplace. I am proud to be representing an organisation which is committed to working towards eradicating family and domestic violence.

I am very excited to be part of what is planned for 2019 and look forward to seeing you all out and about in the Camden area.

Peter Sidgreaves

Mayor of Camden



Council's park trucks with White Ribbon branding.

CAMDEN COUNCIL RECEIVES WHITE RIBBON ACCREDITATION

Camden Council is officially an accredited White Ribbon Workplace.

Council has been working towards accreditation over the past 12 months in an aim to create a safer and more respectful workplace especially in the areas of effective leadership, resource allocation, communication, policy development and staff training while working with local organisations including the Camden Local Area Command and the Camden-Wollondilly Domestic Violence Committee.

Council is committed to working towards creating a world that is free from family and domestic violence. Accreditation reiterates Council's strong position on family and domestic violence and clearly communicates this to members of the public as well as current and future employees of Council.

For more information on Council's White Ribbon accreditation go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au

For domestic violence resources go to www.saynotodv.org.au



Elderslie High School Students pose with their awards.

OUR COMMUNITY

PAWS IN THE PARK

Treat your pet to a day out at our annual Paws in the Park event on Sunday 5 May.

The event will be held at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park giving you and your pooch the chance to take part in pet competitions, pose in the photobooth, pick up some tips on pet ownership, have a free vet check and much more.

This year everyone's favourite TV vet Dr Harry Cooper OAM will hold a meet and greet and be a guest judge for the competitions.

Event highlights include:

- Demonstrations;
- Competitions;
- 3km walk;
- Photobooth for you and your pet;
- Children's activities;
- Information stalls; and
- Macarthur Lions BBQ.

For more information on Paws in the Park, go to camdenpaws.com.au or call 4654 7777.



*Main: Residents taking their dogs for a walk at last year's Paws in the Park event.
Inset: Special guest Dr Harry Cooper.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL HIGH ACHIEVERS

High school high achievers were recognised in February this year at a special Civic Ceremony hosted by Camden Council.

Students who received Band 5 or 6 in one or more subjects in the 2018 Higher School Certificate (HSC) were awarded.

More than 380 students from eight schools were recognised for achieving outstanding results including:

- Camden High School;
- Elizabeth Macarthur High School;
- Magdalene Catholic High School;
- Mount Annan High School;
- Elderslie High School;
- Macarthur Anglican School; and
- Mount Annan Christian College;
- St Benedict's Catholic College

OUR COMMUNITY



Macarthur MP Dr Mike Freelander, Mayor of Camden Cr Peter Sidgreaves, Citizen of the Year Steve Cooper, Australia Day Ambassador Susie Maroney, Art and Culture Award winner Sana Al-Ahmar, Young Citizen of the Year Joanna Kolevris and Former Camden MP Chris Patterson.

OUTSTANDING CITIZENS AWARDED ON AUSTRALIA DAY

Community heroes were rewarded at Camden's annual Australia Day Awards ceremony. The awards acknowledge the outstanding contribution individuals and groups make to our community.

The 2019 Australia Day Award winners include:

Citizen of the Year: Steve Cooper

Steve Cooper is an inspirational role model for the many people who have committed to a garden plot within the Camden Community Garden. Holding the position of President of the Community Garden committee, he maintains the watering, lawn maintenance, weeding and trimming. Steve was also the driving force behind the establishment of the Camden Park Run.

Young Citizen of the Year: Joanna Kolevris

Joanna is an inspiring young woman who dedicates every moment of her spare time helping others in the local Camden community. Currently 17 years old, Joanna migrated to Australia from Greece approximately five years ago. Joanna

is a member of Camden Youth Council, Camden High School Student Representative Council and the YMCA NSW Young Leaders Team.

Sport Achievement Award: Robert Whittaker

UFC fighter Robert Whittaker regularly spends time with TAFE students as part of the TAFE NSW – Gracie Aboriginal Pathways program, despite his busy training and travelling schedule. Rob continuously advises students on life, fitness and business, as well as inviting them to his training sessions to show them how he and his team operate.

Art and Culture Award: Sana Al-Ahmar

Sana is a long-term Camden LGA resident who has played a key role in promoting and advocating for cultural diversity. She is a dedicated person who has volunteered for over a decade in various projects in Camden including Council's Narellan Rhythms Festival and is an integral member of Camden Council's Cohesive Communities Advisory Group.

Community Group of the Year: The Camden Show Society

The Camden Show Society has been delivering an annual agricultural Show since 1886 with the 132nd Show held in March 2018. The Show provides an important rural education event for youth, schools, children and families to learn about the heritage of the area and is a major draw card to the area.



ANZAC DAY IN CAMDEN

Commemorate Anzac Day on 25 April 2019 and come along to Camden RSL Sub Branch Dawn Service and main ANZAC Day March.

The dawn service will commence at 5:15am sharp at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial Site, Cawdor Road, Camden.

The main ANZAC Day March and Community Service will commence at 11am from Elizabeth Street, Camden.

For more information visit www.camdenrslsubbranch.com.au

MAJOR PROJECTS

INTERSECTION UPGRADES COMPLETE

Upgrades to the Camden Valley Way - Grahams Hill Road/Richardson Road intersection were completed recently.

Completion of the project has seen an improvement to the safety of residents as well as a reduction in travel times along Camden Valley Way.

The upgrade included:

- Widening of Grahams Hill Road and Richardson Road to allow for right turn lanes into Camden Valley Way;
- Widening of Camden Valley Way;
- Lengthening the existing right turn lanes from Camden Valley Way into Richardson Road and Grahams Hill Road;
- Moving powerlines above the intersection to underground;
- Installation of new lights to include designated turning arrows; and
- Landscaping and replacement of trees.

The \$4 million project is part of the Camden to Narellan Corridor Upgrade and was funded through the Australian and NSW Government's \$200 million Local Roads Package.



Local netballers are already enjoying the courts at Narellan Sports Hub Stage one.

FUNDING BOOST FOR CAMDEN SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Camden is quickly becoming the sporting capital of the south-west with the joint funding announcement of \$15 million from the Australian and NSW governments to go towards three sport and recreation facilities in the area.

The funding, coupled with more than a \$11 million contribution from Council, will go towards the development for Stage two of the Narellan Sports Hub, Stage one of the Fergusons Land Premier Cricket Facility and Camden's first synthetic football field.

An additional \$5 million funding from the NSW Government will also go towards further improvements at Narellan Sports Hub.

This allows Council to continue to deliver the highest quality sport and recreation facilities for Camden's growing community.

YOUTH



YOUTH WEEK

Camden will join in the largest state-wide celebration of young people and hold more than **20 events to celebrate NSW Youth Week, 10 - 18 April 2019.**

A range of activities will be held throughout the week including a Sporting Fun Day; Bounce Town; Streetgym; 3 on 3 Basketball; Late Night Volleyball; Skateology Skate Clinic; Youth Fest; Camden Bike Party; Gorilla Dodge Ball; Bar, Brushes and Pizza; Yoga for Youth and much more – there is something for everyone aged between 12 and 25 years.

Don't forget the popular Youth Week \$5 movie night either. This year we will be screening Shazam - A streetwise 14-year-old foster kid can turn into the adult superhero Shazam. Book your tickets online at www.unitedcinemas.com.au

For a full program of events go to:
www.camden.nsw.gov.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Camden, Narellan and Oran Park Libraries will be buzzing with events and activities to keep kids of all ages busy during the April school holidays.

Events include:

- Recording Studio Induction with Isaac Lewis – 15 April, 10am – 2pm at Narellan Library;
- Games Day – 18 April, 11am – 4pm at Oran Park Library;
- Writing Shorts with Luke Carman – 16 and 17 April, 10am – 4pm at Narellan Library;
- 3 Experiments that Changed the World – 16 April, 2pm at Narellan Library;
- Pinch Pot Pottery with Abigail – 17 April, 2pm – 3.30pm at Oran Park Library; and
- Wild Animal Homes with Rangers on the Run – 24 April, 2pm at Camden Library, plus much more.

Bookings open 8 April at 9.30am.

For more information including information on age restrictions, skill requirements and bookings go to www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

YOUR COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECIDES AGAINST SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 12 February, Councillors resolved not to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation (SRV).

The current 1.1% SRV will expire at the end of the 2018/19 financial year. From 1 July 2019, residential rates will increase by approximately \$26 per year (0.50 cents per week) and \$109 per year (\$2.10 per week) for businesses. This increase is a result of the 2.7% rate peg increase set by the NSW Government through IPART.

The program of works identified through the SRV process will be prioritised and funded at quarterly budget reviews as funds become available.

If you have any questions regarding the SRV visit Council's website or phone 4654 7777.

CAMDEN'S FIRST TRYATHLON HAILED A SUCCESS

Camden's first Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon was an overwhelming success, with more than 700 participants swimming, cycling and running through the Camden area.

Popular TV personality Steve "Commando" Willis was on hand to present all participants with a medal on the day.

Camden's first Healthy Living Expo was also a great success, with several local health and fitness providers on hand to provide information to residents about how to get fit and healthy in the area.

The TRYathlon will call Camden home for a further two years.

For more information, go to: www.tryathlon.com.au



Main: Steve "Commando" Willis awarding a TRYathlon participant
To the right: Action from the run, swim and cycle legs of the TRYathlon.

SUSTAINABILITY



STAY ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WITH YOUR WOOD FIRE HEATERS

The cooler months of the year are upon us and we have some tips to remain environmentally friendly while comfortable in your homes.

A fantastic way to keep warm are wood fire heaters, however they can also be an unwelcome nuisance in our community.

If you have a wood heater here are a few easy steps you can take to start the season well:

- Have the fire box and flue cleaned;
- Check for wear and tear and have all repairs attended to by appropriately qualified tradespeople;
- Have a ready supply of good quality dry timber and kindling; and
- Refresh your operator skills. Be sure you know how your wood heating appliance works and operate it at its optimum settings at all times.

Residents are also reminded that open burning is prohibited in the Camden Local Government Area.

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

SUEZ NOW CASHLESS

The SUEZ Spring Farm Resource Recovery Park no longer accepts cash payments. Accepted payment methods are EFTPOS and credit card.

The facility is a fully integrated waste management site which has been designed to process recyclables, organics including green waste and mixed solid waste and is located at 20 Barrow Road, Spring Farm.

For more information go to www.suez.com.au

DON'T THROW IT AWAY, USE IT IN THE GARDEN

A great technique for minimising the amount of waste going into your garbage bin from your garden and/or kitchen is to recycle it through either composting or worm farming.

Composting is a natural process of breaking down organic material. You can compost in a heap, bin, bay or a tumbling compost bin.

Worms can eat their own body weight in food every day. As long as you have a sheltered balcony or garden, it's easy to do and creates a great natural fertiliser for the garden.

Both of these methods, with a little bit of time and attention, will convert your organic material into a valuable resource for the use around the garden.

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



GET INVOLVED



Mayor of Camden Cr Peter Sidgreaves shows the Book Box to Paige Mitchell and Narellan World of Early Learning Manager Maddie Rizzo.

BOOK BOXES INSPIRE YOUNG READERS

Residents now have the opportunity to read with their children while waiting at a number of participating organisations across Camden, thanks to new Book Boxes.

The initiative provides an opportunity for parents and carers to switch off their devices and instead, pass the waiting time with stimulating reading.

The initiative, coordinated by Camden Paint the Town REaD and supported by Council, involves eight wooden boxes - built by Camden Men's Shed - that are filled with a variety of donated books for young readers.

LOCATIONS

- Camden Council Administration Building;
- YMCA Mount Annan Leisure Centre;
- Camden Hospital - Paediatrics Emergency Department;
- Karitane residential stay (at Camden Hospital);
- Harrington Park Medical Centre;
- Optimal Health Medical Practice Gregory Hills;
- Salts of the Earth (Salt Therapy Rooms) in Narellan;
- NSW Police Force - Camden Police Area Command; and
- Turning Point.

For more information, go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au or call Camden Council 4654 7777

ALAN BAKER ART GALLERY TURNS ONE

Alan Baker Art Gallery celebrated its first anniversary on 28 February this year and on 10 April will welcome a new collection of 28 works as part of the Drawing Life exhibition.

The exhibition will remain in place till 28 July, 2019 and feature 28, 20th century drawings by Baker and his contemporaries alongside a display of visitor works inspired by Baker.

More than 7,000 visitors have enjoyed the magnificent collection of Baker's works at the historical Macaria building in Camden.

For more information, go to www.alanbakerartgallery.com.au



SHOWCASE YOUR ART

Artists and art enthusiasts are invited to showcase their artworks and enter this year's Camden Art Prize.

The annual Camden Art Prize, puts the spotlight on local artists and helps promote visual arts across Camden.

Entries close on Friday 12 April 2019. The showcase will be held between 3 and 10 May, 2019 at the Camden Civic Centre and will be free to enter.

For more information phone 4655 1144 or email entries@camdenartprize.com.au



EVENTS



BOUNCE AROUND THIS APRIL

Get ready to bounce until your heart's content at the third annual Bounce Town on Wednesday 17 April.

The free inflatable extravaganza will include a variety of obstacles, slides and jumping castles for toddlers through to teenagers.

There will be a Toddler Town for under 5's featuring toys and play equipment safe from the bigger kids.

Food stalls and covered seating will also be provided at the free event to be held at Town Park in Oran Park from 10am to 3pm.



Bounce Town 2018

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with a special flag raising ceremony and community fun day on Tuesday 9 July.

The event will be held at Oran Park Library forecourt from 10.30am and celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Activities will include:

- Flag Raising Ceremony;
- Community Fun Day;
- Bush Tucker;
- Traditional Indigenous Games; and
- Performances and Activities.

For further information or to be involved in NAIDOC Week Celebrations contact Camden Council's Community Project Officer, Aboriginal Communities on 4654 7777.



NAIDOC 2018

WHAT'S ON



APRIL

BOUNCE TOWN

17 April

Inflatable extravaganza with fun for all ages

Town Park and Oran Park Library forecourt, Central Avenue, Oran Park
Ph. 4654 7777

Email: events@camden.nsw.gov.au

YOUTH WEEK \$5 MOVIE NIGHT

18 April

School students in years 7-12 can enjoy the screening of Shazam as part of Youth Week. Free popcorn / drink combo included.

Book online at unitedcinemas.com.au
Ph. 4654 7777

ANZAC DAY

25 April

Dawn Service: Commences 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

www.camdenrslsubbranch.com.au

MAY

PAWS IN THE PARK

5 May

Treat your pooch to a fun day out at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park between 9am and 1pm, entry via Cawdor Road.

Ph. 4654 7777

Email: events@camden.nsw.gov.au

CAFÉ CONNECT (FOR OVER 55'S)

15 May

Tai Chi Class

Oran Park Library from 10.30am

Ph. 4654 7777

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK

15-21 May

Families are invited to celebrate National Families Week with a range of activities on offer throughout the week.

For full details, go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au

JUNE

ORAN PARK LIBRARY FIRST BIRTHDAY

29 June

Celebrate the first birthday of Oran Park Library with a community fun day between 10am-2pm.

Ph. 4654 7777

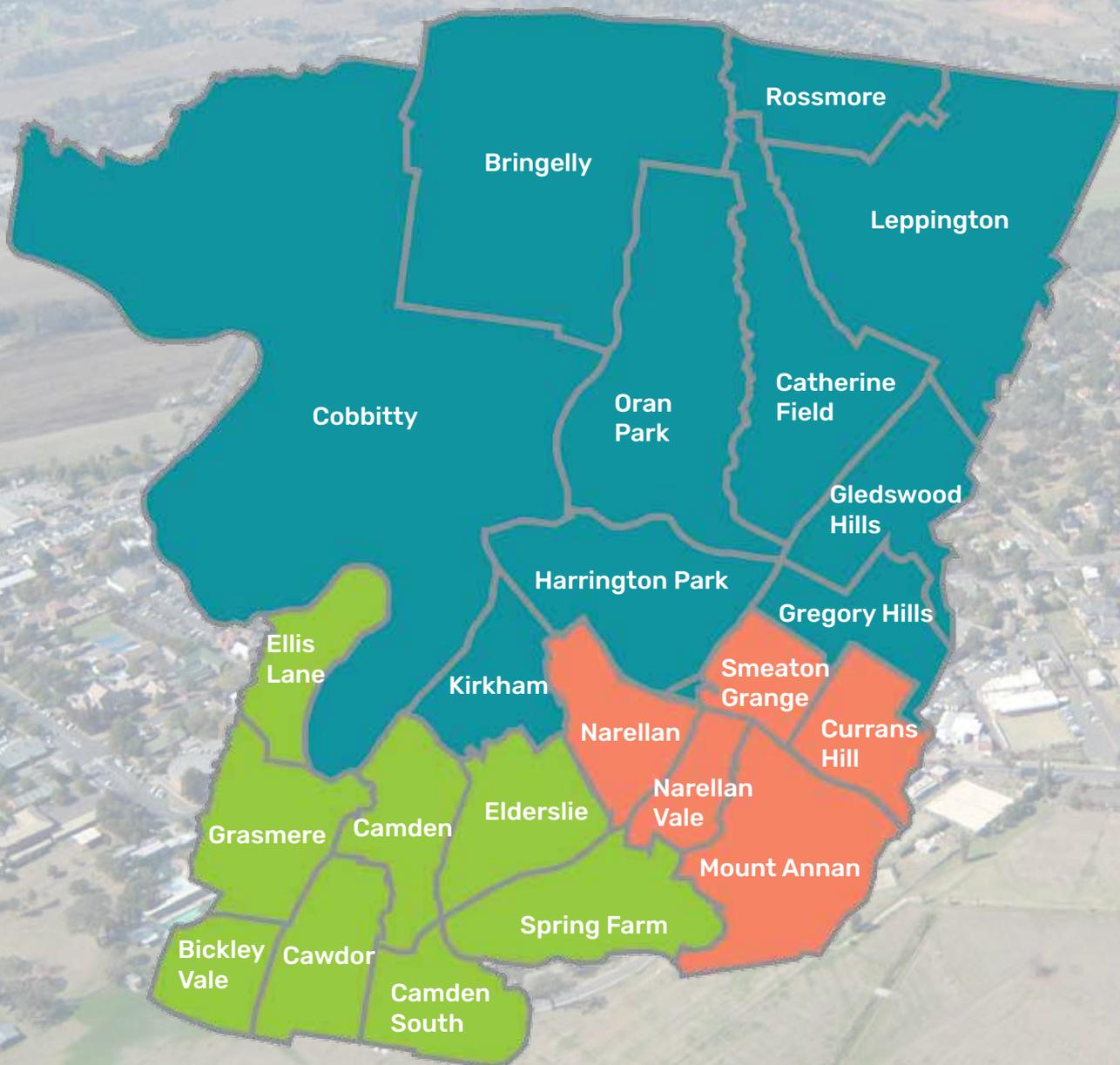


For details on these and other events call Council on 4654 7777 or visit the 'What's On' section at www.camden.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

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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