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

It's an exciting time to be the Mayor of such a dynamic and prosperous area. From road upgrades to library programs, fantastic events to new parks, playgrounds and facilities, I look forward to leading and being even more involved in everything Council does for our residents.

I would like to thank our previous Mayor, Cr Peter Sidgreaves for his fantastic work and leadership. Equally, I congratulate new Deputy Mayor Rob Mills on his appointment.

Looking forward, we have a range of exciting events including the first ever Winterfest in Camden Town Centre, NAIDOC Week celebrations and our popular Camden Festival where we have expanded an array of offers for you all to enjoy.

I would also like to thank the thousands of residents who attended both Bounce Town in April and Paws in the Park in May this year. Both events were the biggest we have had yet with kids loving our inflatable wonderland followed by our very special party for our beloved dogs.

Two major projects are also expected to be completed in the coming months with the Curry Reserve Water Play Space amenities building and stage four of the Argyle Street improvements. I look forward to seeing you all out and about throughout Camden.

Theresa Fedeli

Mayor of Camden



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

The culture and history of Indigenous Australians will be honoured with a special flag raising and celebration on Tuesday 9 July as part of NAIDOC Week.

The free family fun day will include a flag raising ceremony at 10.30am, followed by performances, bush tucker and traditional Indigenous games and activities outside Oran Park Library Forecourt.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided with this year's theme being "Voice, Treaty, Truth and focuses on working together for a shared future".

For more information call 4645 5084 or go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au



COUNCIL CELEBRATES 130 YEARS SINCE FIRST MEETING

Camden Council celebrated its 130th anniversary on Wednesday 24 April this year.

Council held its first meeting in 1889, with Camden's first Mayor Alderman F. H. Burne stationing a boat in Camden due to the floods isolating the town as his first action.

The area's first roadworks contract was awarded in 1889, for work on the flood-damaged Sheather's Lane.

Council also introduced electric lighting to the town in 1929 and the first swimming pool in Camden was opened in 1964.

Fast forward to 2019 and Camden is now the fastest growing local government area in the country, welcoming more than 170 new residents every week.

For more information on the history and heritage of Camden, visit Camden Council's Library Services' website at www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

OUR COMMUNITY

COUNCIL RECOGNISED AT INAUGURAL CONFERENCE SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

Camden Council was formally acknowledged by Ministers Victor Dominello and Damien Tudehope, for offering the NSW Government's Easy to do Business Program to local businesses recently.

The NSW Government program aims to make the process of starting a new business easier, by reducing the time required to go through government requirements and regulations.

Since launching in Camden in August 2018, the program has helped more than 16 people start their own business in the Camden area.

Council was presented with a trophy at the inaugural Small Business Friendly Councils Conference, held on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 May.

For more information about the Small Business Friendly Councils initiative, go to smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au

SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY COUNCILS



SELLING OR GIVING AWAY A CAT OR DOG? THE RULES ARE CHANGING

People selling or giving away kittens, cats, puppies or dogs will need to include an identification number in any advertisements as of 1 July 2019.

The new rules were implemented by the Department of Primary Industries.

The identification number can be either:

- A microchip number;
- A breeder identification number; or
- A rehoming organisation number.

This new rule applies regardless of:

- The age of the animal;
- The place you plan to advertise;
- Whether you are a hobby or professional breeder; or your cat or dog has had an accidental or one-off litter;
- Whether or not you bred the animal; or
- Whether or not the animal you are selling or rehoming has been born yet.

If a person advertises a cat or dog for sale from 1 July 2019, and don't use an identification number, or you falsify a number, you could be issued with an on-the-spot fine or face court, where a maximum penalty of \$5,500 applies.

OUR COMMUNITY



FURRY FRIENDS HAVE A BALL AT PAWS IN THE PARK

Thousands of dogs were treated to a day out at the annual Paws in the Park event at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park in May this year.

The event was hailed a great success with residents and visitors taking part in a 3km walk with their furry friends, as well as posing for photos and taking advantage of information from a variety of stalls on offer.

TV vet Dr Harry Cooper OAM was as popular as ever, giving a range of advice to pet owners throughout the day.

For a full gallery and video wrap up of the event, go to www.facebook.com.au/camdencouncil



Residents thoroughly enjoyed their day out with their furry friends.



BOUNCE TOWN ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

Kids of all ages bounced around for hours at the third annual Bounce Town.

Thousands were in attendance at Town Park in Oran Park to take advantage of the free inflatable extravaganza in April this year.

A record 21 inflatables were spread across the park as well as Oran Park Library forecourt with designated areas from toddlers through to teenagers.

For a full gallery and video wrap up of the event, go to www.facebook.com.au/camdencouncil

MAJOR PROJECTS



CATHERINE PARK COMMUNITY HALL AND SPORTSFIELD AMENITIES

Works include a community hall, meeting room, kitchen and amenities, sportsfield amenities, changerooms, kiosk, storage, referee and first aid rooms.

Cost: \$2.3 million

Expected completion date: August 2020



CURRY RESERVE AMENITIES

Works include new amenities building to replace the existing amenities.

Cost: \$800,000

Expected completion date: August 2019



KIRKHAM PARK BMX FACILITY STAGE 1

Works include new overall BMX facility to accommodate local, regional and national events. Stage 1 will include the main BMX race track and a 5m start hill.

Cost: \$1.674 million

Expected completion: January 2020



ARGYLE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS – STAGE 4 (between Hill and Elizabeth Streets)

Works include construction of new kerb and gutter, drainage works, widening and paving of footpaths, adjustment of road pavement levels, new energy efficient street lighting on multi-functional poles, undergrounding of power and landscape works.

Cost: \$3.55 million

Expected completion: mid-2019



NARELLAN SPORTS HUB – STAGE 2

Works include an additional 14 netball courts, a dedicated synthetic athletics facility, an additional full size rugby league field, criterion on road cycle track, internal roads, bridge crossing, additional 1,000 car spaces, footpaths and extensive landscaping.

Cost: \$16 million

Expected completion: mid-2021

OUR COMMUNITY



ARE YOU PAYING FOR THE RIGHT SIZE GARBAGE BIN?

Have you checked you have the right size garbage bin (red lid) at your household?

Council offers an 80L, 120L and 240L garbage bin, allowing residents to select and pay for the bin size that best suits their household. Check your Rates Notice to see what size you're currently paying for. If you need to make changes to the size of your general waste bin, call Council's Customer Service team on 4654 7777.



FREE WORKSHOPS FOR RESIDENTS

Camden Council Library Services are giving residents the chance take part in a range of seminars and activities for free.

Seminars and activities include:

- Learn how to use a 3D printer at Oran Park Library;
- Legal talks with Macarthur Legal Centre;
- Tech Savvy Senior Workshops;
- Understanding superannuation and much more.

For more information, visit www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

#connectwithcamden



CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

Did you know Camden Council is now on Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and YouTube?

We have expanded our social media presence to bring the entire community our news and events.

Connect with us on all the platforms as well as Facebook to be in tune with what's happening at Council as well as how you can join us to continue making Camden the greatest area it can be.

GET INVOLVED

GET YOUR GREEN THUMBS READY

Gardeners are invited to enter their yard, plot or patio, regardless of its size, into the 2019 Camden Garden Competition.

Applications open early September 2019 and residents are invited to enter any of the following categories:

- Senior Citizen Garden;
- Small Residential;
- Large Residential;
- Veggie Garden/Plot;
- Best Floral Display;
- School/Class Plot;
- Professional Garden;
- Most Creative Garden;
- New Garden; or
- Most Sustainable Garden.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category as well as the overall Grand Champion.

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



2018 Grand Champion Garden.

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Come along, meet new people and have a chat with services, try or learn something new in a location near you with Café Connect.

The initiative is open to those aged over 55 and is a one stop shop providing older people with information about health, services and social connections.

The next two events will be:

- **Healthy Eating Workshop**
Where: Narellan Library
When: Thursday 18 July, 10am
- **Meditation Class**
Where: Camden Civic Centre
When: Tuesday 20 August, 10.30am



ART

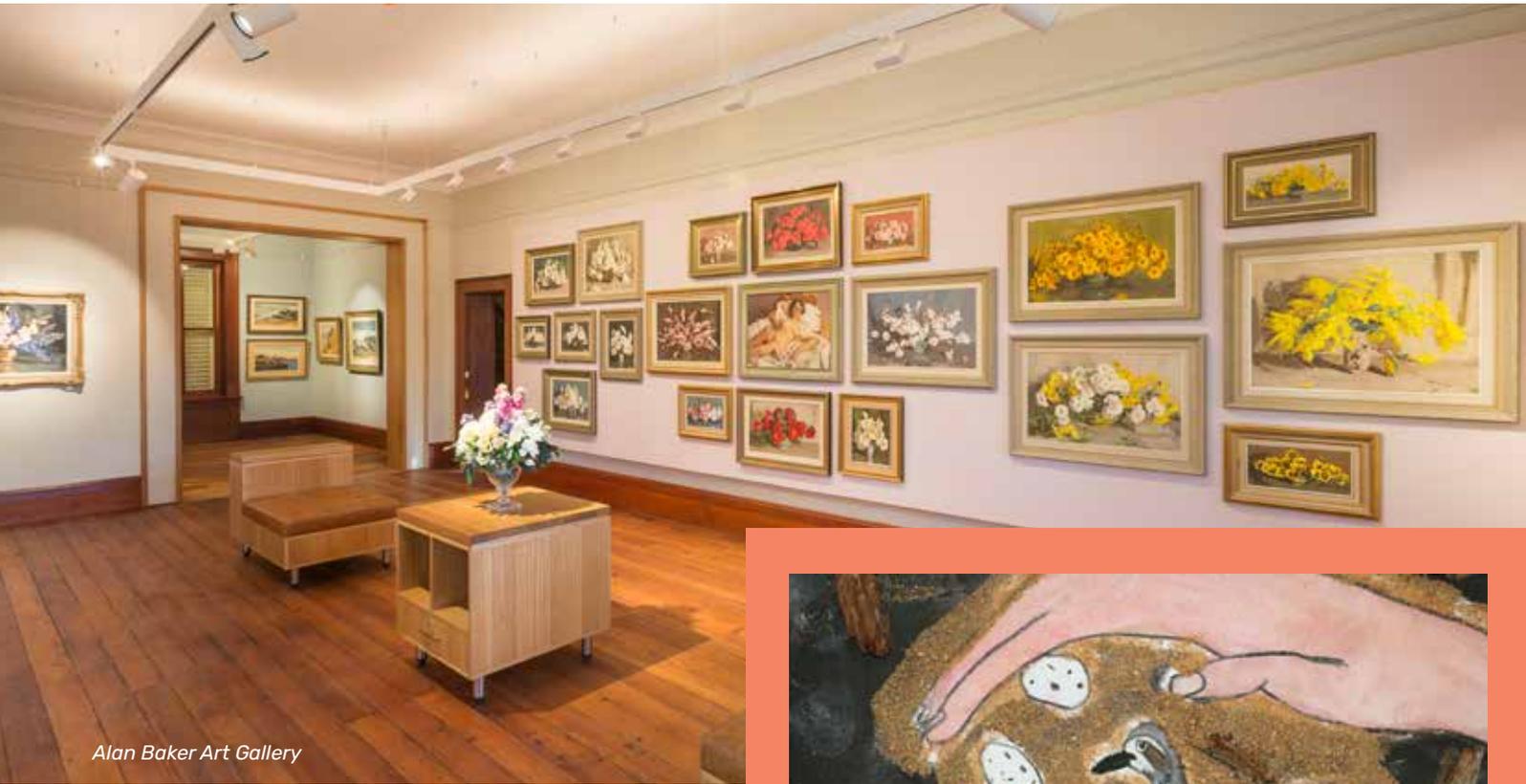
ALAN BAKER ART GALLERY'S FIRST FEATURE EXHIBITION

Come along and view a new collection of never-before-seen works at the Alan Baker Art Gallery, bringing to life 20th century drawings by Baker.

The exhibition, Drawing Life, features artwork from the local artist's contemporaries alongside a display of visitor works inspired by Baker.

Additionally, the Art Gallery provides fantastic opportunities to connect local artists, promote art and culture in Camden, capture significant art history and develop future artists.

The exhibition is open until Sunday 28 July.



Alan Baker Art Gallery

ART PROGRAMS AT THE ALAN BAKER ART GALLERY

Schools and community groups are invited to participate in tours, art activities and programs to celebrate the Drawing Life exhibition.

The Art Gallery will host a monthly Life Drawing Club, facilitated by an experienced figure drawing teacher.

The Gallery provides a social space for people of all skill levels to participate in evening classes with professional guidance, light refreshments and collaborative learning.

For more information call 4645 5191. The Gallery is open 11am-4pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday and located at 37 John St, Camden.



THREATENED SPECIES COMPETITION

Celebrate National Threatened Species Day on Saturday 7 September 2019, with the Threatened Species Art and Writing Competition.

The competition encourages all young people aged 5-12 across the Macarthur region to learn about a local threatened species and represent it in a piece of creative artwork or short story.

Entries open Monday 22 July and close Friday 23 August 2019.

For more information phone 4654 7777 or go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au

CAMDEN FESTIVAL

www.camdenfestival.com.au

8 - 29
SEPT
2019

Get ready to celebrate Camden's best people, places and produce this spring at the annual Camden Festival this September.

There will be a diverse range of events aimed at people of all ages including an outdoor cinema, live music, celebrity chef demonstrations and much more.

Celebrity chef Fast Ed has been confirmed as our headline act for TASTE Camden and is ready to cook up a feast while passing on handy tips to residents and guests. Produce Lane returns for TASTE Camden with an expansion up John Street making the event one not to be missed.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

SUN 8
FREE

PICNIC IN THE PARK
Sunday 8 September
10am-3pm
Macarthur Park, Camden

SAT 14
FREE

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS
Saturday 14 September
5pm-9pm
The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan

WED 18
FREE

KIDS FUN DAY
Wednesday 18 September
10am-2pm
Narellan Sports Hub

THU 19
FREE

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT
Thursday 19 September
6pm
\$5 tickets
United Cinemas Narellan

SAT 21
FREE

**NEW
EVENT**

BACKYARD BASH
Saturday 21 September
4pm-9pm
Town Park,
Oran Park

SUN 29
FREE

TASTE CAMDEN
Sunday 29 September
12pm-5pm
Camden Town Farm



EVENTS



WINTERFEST IN CAMDEN

Ice skating in the middle of Camden will see fantasy become reality with the inaugural Winterfest event from 12-14 July.

To celebrate the completion of the final stage of Argyle Street improvements, Larkin Place will be turned into an ice rink. Live entertainment including winter activities and stalls, face painting and much more in Camden Town Centre will accompany Camden's first winter event.

Entry to the ice rink will cost \$5 per person. For more information go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au and search for the 'Event Calendar'.



GAZE AT THE STARS IN ORAN PARK

Expand your universe in an evening of stargazing at Oran Park Library on Thursday 11 July.

The Stargazing at Oran Park Library event gives residents a chance to use a real telescope, explore the universe and discover distant stars and planets.

The free event is run by the Macarthur Astronomical Society.

For more information, go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au and search for the 'Event Calendar'.

WHAT'S ON



JUL

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS
9 JULY
Oran Park Library Forecourt

NATIONAL TREE DAY 28 JULY

From 9am
Camden Town Farm

Ph. 4654 7777
Book: bushcare@camden.nsw.gov.au



AUG

CAFE CONNECT (FOR OVER 55S) 20 AUGUST

FREE Meditation workshop
From 10.30am
Camden Civic Centre

Ph. 4654 7777



SEP

PICNIC IN THE PARK
8 SEPTEMBER
10am-3pm **FREE**
Macarthur Park,
Camden

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS
14 SEPTEMBER
5pm-9pm **FREE**
The Australian Botanic Garden,
Mount Annan



KIDS FUN DAY
18 SEPTEMBER
10am-2pm **FREE**
Narellan Sports Hub

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4pm-9pm **FREE**
Town Park, Oran Park

TASTE CAMDEN
29 SEPTEMBER
12pm - 5pm **FREE**
Camden Town Farm



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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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