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Welcome to the third edition of Let's Connect. As we enter the warmer months of the year, I encourage all our residents to come out and enjoy what our beautiful area has to offer with a range of events and activities planned for the back end of the year.

It was fantastic to see you all out at the inaugural Winterfest Camden in July. It was truly magical to have such an exciting winter wonderland in the heart of Camden and a great way to celebrate the improvements made to Argyle Street and the Camden Town Centre recently.

Council has continued its commitment to providing residents with the highest quality facilities with the announcement of Nott Oval in Narellan to receive the area's first synthetic football field and the adoption of the Fergusons Land Masterplan. I am also delighted that we have been able to upgrade 10 local playgrounds for our community.

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

Theresa Fedeli

Mayor of Camden



ORAN PARK LIBRARY CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

Hundreds of residents came together to celebrate the first birthday of Oran Park Library with a special fun day in June this year.

The free event included a range of fun activities for kids including mini go-karts, anime and superhero drawing classes, virtual reality gaming, 3D printing demonstrations and much more.

The award winning library has seen more than 100,000 visitors throughout its first year in operation.



WELCOME CITIZENS

The Camden area is proud to be the home to many different nationalities.

On Monday 15 July 2019, more than 90 residents took the oath and became Australian citizens. These residents come from over 40 different countries including the United Kingdom, India, Iraq, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and South Africa.

The Camden local government area is proud to be an inclusive community and welcome over 400 new Australian citizens every year.

OUR COMMUNITY

THOUSANDS REVEL IN FIRST EVER WINTERFEST CAMDEN

Winterfest Camden was hailed a great success with over 10,000 residents and visitors attending the three-day event this July.

The inaugural event saw Larkin Place Car Park transformed into a winter wonderland including the first-ever ice rink, mechanical snowboard, jumping castle, face painting and

live street performers along Argyle Street and Camden Town Centre.

For those who were after a winter warmer, a number of food and beverage stalls offered mulled wine, warm coffees and desserts throughout the event.

The event even had a special visit from Frozen characters Elsa and Olaf who were a hit with the kids.

For a full photo gallery of the event, go to Camden Council's Facebook page.



MAYOR FOR A DAY AWARDED

Spring Farm Public School student James Ford was named Mayor for a Day at the annual event as part of Local Government Week recently.

The Mayor for a Day public speaking competition sees representatives from primary schools in the LGA share with the judging panel what they would do if they were Mayor for a day.

Mount Annan Christian College student Milly Wallace joined Ford as the Deputy Mayor for a Day.



OUR COMMUNITY



Tree planting day at Camden Town Farm

HUNDREDS PLANT TREES IN CAMDEN TOWN FARM

Council hosted a tree-planting day on Sunday 28 July to celebrate National Tree Day.

The free event saw over 100 volunteers help plant 1,000 trees at Camden Town Farm as part of Council's *20 Million Trees: Creating Habitat for Camden White Gum project*.

Council also runs and supports a number of programs and initiatives, aimed at looking after the natural environment in the Camden area. They include:

- Council's Bushcare program, with groups who manage and maintain Camden's natural environment;
- Council's Save Power Kit, free to borrow from Camden or Narellan Library to show residents what uses the most power in their home and provide ideas and easy steps to save money, power and reduce their impact on the environment; and
- Council is a member of the NSW Government's Sustainable Advantage program, which provides guidance and support to identify and deliver sustainability improvements that have environmental, social, financial and cultural benefits.

OUR VERY OWN EDITION OF MONOPOLY

Own a piece of history with the first edition of the Camden Monopoly Board available for purchase from mid-November, just in time for Christmas.

The game features much-loved and iconic landmarks from our local government area as voted by our community as well as local businesses who sponsored the production of the game.

Two thousand copies will be available for purchase for just \$60 from Camden Visitor Information Centre, Camden Council Administration Building as well as Oran Park, Camden and Narellan libraries. All proceeds will go directly to Lifeline Macarthur and the Camden-Narellan Domestic Violence Committee.

Thank you to our game sponsors:

Gold:

- Camden Council,
- Narellan Town Centre,
- The Hermitage, Gledswood Hills,
- Camden Meals on Wheels, and
- Plus Fitness.

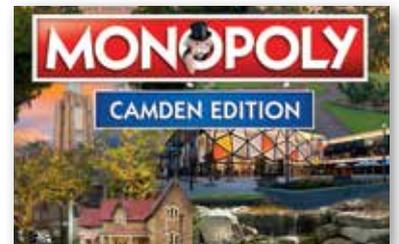
Silver:

- Harcourts Paramount Real Estate,
- Camden Hire; and
- The Mac Credit Union.

Bronze:

- Clintons Toyota,
- Harrington Estates,
- Grimes Finance and Mortgages; and
- Narellan Carpet Court.

For more information phone Council on 4654 7777.



AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE SOCIETY 110TH BIRTHDAY

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Theresa Fedeli had the pleasure of attending the Australian Wildlife Society 110th Birthday Annual Gala Ball on Saturday 27 July, 2019 to help promote the Society and raise much-needed funds for wildlife conservation.

The theme for the evening was 'water conservation'. Water plays a key role in the functioning of our ecosystem and supports the existence of our native wildlife therefore, it is important that we preserve our waterways and natural ecosystems.

For more information on the Australian Wildlife Society visit www.aws.org.au

MAJOR PROJECTS

CAMDEN'S FIRST SYNTHETIC FOOTBALL FIELD

Nott Oval will become the latest state-of-the-art facility in the area with the installation of Camden's first synthetic football field.

Camden Council is committed to providing our residents with the highest quality sport and recreation facilities and the upgrade to synthetic turf at Nott Oval, Narellan will allow the facility to be enjoyed by a range of football clubs and the wider community.

The construction of the synthetic field is expected to be completed by late 2020.

Both the Federal and State governments funded the \$2.8 million as part of the Western Parkland Liveability Fund to go towards this upgrade.



TEN PLAYGROUNDS RECEIVE REFRESH

Equipment in ten playgrounds across the Camden area have been replaced with brand-new structures, as part of Council's Infrastructure Renewal program.

The ten locations with brand-new equipment are:

- Barratt Reserve - Barratt Avenue, Camden South;
- Bowman Reserve - Bowman Avenue, Camden South;
- Boyd Reserve - Boyd Reserve, Currans Hill;
- Burford Reserve - Burford Reserve, Elderslie;
- Campbell Reserve- Fairwater Drive, Harrington Park;
- James Flynn Reserve - Hayes Court, Harrington Park;
- Football Park - Lachlan Avenue, Harrington Park,
- Harrisons Reserve - Dunlop Avenue, Harrington Park,
- Pindari Reserve - Pindari Avenue, Camden and;
- Valley View Reserve - Valley View Reserve, Narellan.

The replacement works totalled more than \$250,000 began in May and were completed in July this year.

MASTERPLAN ADOPTED FOR FERGUSONS LAND

Camden will add to its state-of-the-art sporting facilities with a masterplan for the Fergusons Land Cricket facility adopted by Council in July this year.

The masterplan of the multimillion-dollar cricket facility includes three premier cricket ovals (two with turf pitches), picket fencing, flood lighting, an amenities building and 140 car parking spaces and will be on Fergusons Land.

The project will be undertaken in a staged process, with stage one expected to be completed by mid-2021 and to include:

- One premium cricket field with turf pitches, picket fencing, drainage and irrigation;
- Amenities with changeroom, toilets and storage;
- 70 carparking spaces training nets with turf pitches, and
- Maintenance storage.

Stage one of the project will cost \$8.35 million with funding from the Western Parkland City Liveability Program, Metropolitan Greenspace Program and Council's draft Delivery Program 2019/20-2022/23.



OUR COMMUNITY



ART GALLERY SCHOOL CLASS

The Alan Baker Art Gallery will be hosting two exciting workshops in the October school holidays.

The Watercolour for Kids workshop on Wednesday 2 October will introduce basic watercolour techniques while encouraging students to experiment with a range of styles. For ages 5 – 12 years.

The Printmaking for Kids workshop on Wednesday 9 October will teach students the basics of relief printmaking techniques. Students will complete a range of prints on different surfaces creating varying effects. For ages 9 – 14 years.

Art After School is a 10-week program for primary aged school students commencing Thursday 17 October. Students will spend the term exploring a variety of artmaking methods and displaying their works at an exhibition inside the gallery.

Places for all workshops and programs are limited. To book phone 4645 5191 Thursday to Sunday.

DO YOU HAVE THE BEST GARDEN?

Applications are now open to all gardening enthusiasts to enter this year's Garden Competition.

Residents can enter their garden/plot in this year's competition and be in the running to win cash prizes, vouchers and hampers.

Categories for 2019 include: Senior Citizen Garden; Small Residential Garden; Large Residential Garden; Veggie Garden/Plot; School/Class Plot; Professional Maintained Garden; Best Floral Display; Most Creative Garden; Best Lawn; Commercial Garden; and Most Sustainable Garden.

Download an entry form from Council's website. Entries close on Monday 30 September.



GET INVOLVED



COUNCIL WINS YOUTH WEEK AWARD

Camden Council was awarded the Best Ongoing Commitment to Local Youth Week Programs at the annual Local Government NSW Awards ceremony recently.

Council's Youth Week program, which runs through the April school holidays, has been a consistent award winner over many years for bringing together the youth in the area at a variety of events.

To get involved, young people in the Camden area can join the Camden Youth Council. For more information on the Youth Council, go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Camden Youth Council'.



PAWS FOR A SECOND DURING STUDY TIME

Young people in the Camden area who are studying for exams and assessments as part of their Higher School Certificate are in for a treat with the PAWS for a Second program.

The program allows students to have a break from studying and pat a dog at Narellan Library every Monday and Wednesday during October, starting on Wednesday 2 October from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

October is also Mental Health Month with the program, which is delivered in partnership by Camden Council, PAWS Pet Therapy and Camden Youth Council, including packs for students containing information provided to Camden Council from Lifeline Macarthur and Beyond Blue, as well as Council's Youth Services information.

NEW WEBSITE FOR CAMDEN KIDS

Local children, parents, grandparents and teachers can rejoice with the Camden Kids updated website now live.

The website aims to be a one-stop-shop for all things kids and families in Camden with a range of directories including childcare, activities, support groups, parks and playgrounds.

The update also includes a new What's On and News section on the home page, giving up-to-date and useful information to users.

To view the new website, go to www.camdenkids.com.au



ENJOY OUR FREE SKATEBOARDING CLINICS

Residents aged 12 and above can take part in our wildly popular FREE skateboarding clinic with a schedule now locked in through to June 2020.

The clinics are run by a professional skateboard coach from Skateology and is held at Kirkham Skate Park once a month.

For more information on Council's free skateboarding clinics, and to fill out the consent form needed to participate, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/skateclinics



YOUR COUNCIL

In the past 12 months,
we have received and
responded to

103,487

phone calls.



In the 2019/20
financial year,
Camden Council will invest

**\$313
million**

into the community.



107,000

people now call the Camden
Local Government Area home.



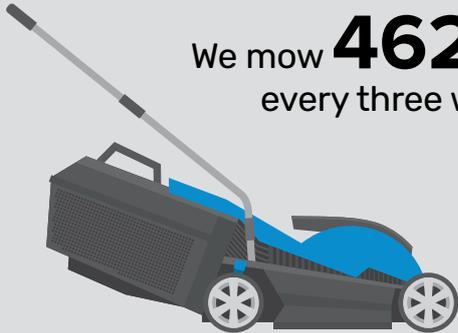
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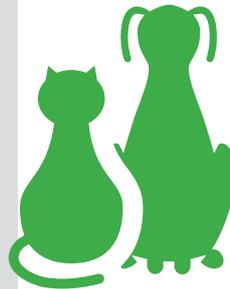
of roads.



We mow **462** sites
every three weeks.



90% of animals who
entered the Camden
Council Companion
Animal Shelter were
released, sent to a
rescue organisation
or adopted.



Our Waste Services
team collects more
than

65,000

bins per week.



More than **50,000**
people attended Camden
Festival in September 2018.
www.camdenfestival.com.au



There were more than

2,800

new houses built in our area
over the past 12 months.



More than

589,000

people visited our
Libraries over the
past 12 months.



OUR COMMUNITY



MISS LLEWELLA DAVIES PIONEER WALKWAY OFFICIALLY OPENED

Residents can enjoy a brisk walk through Camden Town Farm with the Miss Llewella Davies Pioneer Walkway opened recently.

The 2.35km walking track covers riparian zones, grazing and cropping paddocks, offers fantastic views of St Johns Church, the Chinese Washing Wells, the Nepean River and Macquarie House.

Residents can choose from three different walking tracks, including:

- Matahill Creek Loop, which is 800 metres in length. This track has a flat, even surface with no steps or steep sections and is suitable for wheelchair users with assistance;

- Nepean River Link, which is an extension of the Matahill Creek Loop. This extra 250-metres track has a flat, even surface with no steps or steep sections. It is suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist; and
- Elizabeth Street Farm Link, which is 1.3 kilometres long. This track may have short steep hill sections with rough surfaces and is not wheelchair accessible.

The \$702,000 walkway received \$351,000 in funding through the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Metropolitan Greenspace Program, with the rest funded by Council.

APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT AT 1-5 MAIN STREET, MOUNT ANNAN

In August 2019, the Land and Environment Court approved the development application, as amended during the course of the hearing, for 1-5 Main Street, Mount Annan.

The approved development comprises 139 two-storey dwellings, a reduction from the previous proposal (that was refused by the Court in 2016) which consisted of 246 three-storey dwellings.

Unfortunately, the Court did not support Council's contentions and the community concerns that the proposal was an overdevelopment of the site.

COUNCIL JOINS PINK UP YOUR TOWN CAMPAIGN

Our town will turn pink for a good cause this October after Council agreed to join the Pink Up Your Town initiative.

The initiative, run by the McGrath Foundation, encourages communities to come together and plan events for the month of October.

Council will support the initiative by:

- Planting pink flowers on roundabouts located on Argyle and Elizabeth Streets, Camden and Welling and Waterworth Drives, Mount Annan;
- Planting pink flowers in planter boxers on Argyle Street and around Council's Administration Building and Library; and
- One Council waste truck to be permanently wrapped in pink for breast cancer awareness messaging plus much more.

EVENTS



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION COMING SOON

Residents and businesses will soon be able to enter the 2019 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).

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.

FESTIVE SEASON UPON US WITH JACARANDA FESTIVAL

Kick-off the festive season in style with the annual Camden Jacaranda Festival taking place from 22-24 November within Camden Town Centre.

The three-day festival will include a variety of events and activities including live performers throughout the Town Centre dining venues, a variety of stalls plus a special visit from Santa Claus himself.

Saturday night will culminate with the lighting of the community Christmas tree on Argyle Street, Camden.

For more information on the event, visit www.camdenjacarandafestival.org



WHAT'S ON



OCT

CARERS FREE POOL ENTRY

13 TO 19
OCTOBER
Mount Annan
Leisure Centre
and Camden War
Memorial Pool

CARERS PAMPER DAY

15 OCTOBER
Camden Civic
Centre
Ph. 4645 5009



NOV

JACARANDA FESTIVAL
22, 23 & 24 NOVEMBER
Camden Town Centre



DEC

WHITE RIBBON BREAKFAST

4 DECEMBER
Camden Civic Centre
Ph. 4640 7333

INFO

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

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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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