

CAMDEN COUNCIL

Media Release



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CAMDEN TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENTS TO BEGIN

Works will soon commence to improve traffic management and increase pedestrian safety and access in the Camden Town Centre.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said that basic infrastructure improvements set to begin next week are essential in managing the demands associated with large-scale urban population growth.

“Camden is one of the fastest growing areas in NSW with approximately 120 new residents moving in per week. As we grow, Council has a responsibility to plan for increased capacity in the pedestrian and traffic network of the Camden Town Centre.”

“Safety is the number one priority of Council. The Camden Town Centre has not had any significant infrastructure upgrades for decades. The pavements are uneven presenting a safety hazard, and accident statistics show that traffic improvements are much needed.” Cr Symkowiak said.

“The works are about basic infrastructure and safety upgrades. There are no changes to any heritage feature of the Town Centre. The upgrade will refresh the Town Centre, make it easier to get around and provide a safer main street for pedestrians and drivers.” Cr Symkowiak said.

Council has scheduled the works over a number of stages and is working with business owners and the community to minimise impacts as much as possible. Given the scope of the works involved, the community can expect parking in Argyle Street to be temporarily reduced. Signage will be in place to advise residents on any changed conditions.

Stage 1A works between Oxley and John Streets is intended to commence next week for completion by mid-November 2015. Stage 1B works between John and Hill Streets is expected to take place between January and June 2016.

The Camden Town Centre enhancement works 1A and 1B include:

- Installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Oxley and Argyle Streets
- Pedestrian signals to replace the zebra crossing on Argyle Street, between John and Hill Streets
- Increased footpath widths by 1m to improve footpath levels
- Drainage improvement works
- Upgrade of street furniture and footpath pavers

The Camden Town Centre enhancement works will:

- Increase pedestrian safety and access
- Improve traffic management
- Increase footpath widths by one metre to improve footpath levels and pedestrian access
- Cater for future growth
- Upgrade lighting, drainage and street furniture

Council is committed to keeping the community informed as the project progresses. Project information and a full set of frequently asked questions (FAQs) are available on Council's website.

Drop in Sessions at the Camden Council Office in John Street, allowing business owners and residents the opportunity to speak directly to Council staff regarding implementation of the works are scheduled for:

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- Thursday 16 July, 1pm - 2.30pm
- Saturday 1 August, 1pm - 2.30pm

The community can also contact Council's Executive Liaison Officer on 4645 5187 or email towncentre@camden.nsw.gov.au for further information.

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