

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

## Media Release

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### RESIDENTS CAN DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF THE NIGHT SKY

Camden residents will be amongst the first in Australia to have access to a library telescope loan program with the launch of Camden Library Service's new telescope collection.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said she is delighted to launch the collection, which will encourage the community to explore the exciting science of astronomy.

"We have joined forces with Macarthur Astronomical Society (MACASTRO) to provide a fantastic opportunity for residents to experience the wonders of the sky through the lens of a telescope."

"This is a great initiative to encourage residents to discover the amazing science of astronomy and to try out using a telescope without having to purchase one up front."

"Each telescope includes a kit with accessories, lenses, charts and an instructional DVD, making it easy for residents to get started on some hands-on science fun.

"I would like to thank MACASTRO for their support of this initiative and donation of a telescope for the collection. MACASTRO has also very generously offered their assistance and advice for members borrowing a telescope to ensure they can make the most of their sky watching experience."

"This program is another way that we can provide our community with quality opportunities for lifelong learning and partner with community groups to deliver unique and innovative services to our community." Cr Symkowiak said.

The telescopes will be able to be borrowed for free, for a month at a time. For more information, or to reserve a telescope, visit [www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au)

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