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Camden Council awarded for excellence in local sustainability

Camden Council has won an award, in the Local Sustainability category, at the Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards, held on 29 November 2016 at Doltone House, Darling Island Wharf, Sydney.

Council won the award, in Division C based on population size, for works to deliver Sustainable Camden in 2015/16 financial year.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said she commends Council for being on the forefront of best environmental practice.

“This prestigious award highlights Camden Council’s achievement for its ongoing commitment to local sustainability by managing and protecting the environment through various Council-run programs and initiatives.”

“Sustainable Camden initiative delivered services and infrastructure to the local community in line with Council’s vision for the future, including environmental education initiatives, natural resource management projects, and delivered an efficient and effective waste service.”

“Council worked to deliver services and infrastructure to its community in line with its vision for the future, outlined in Council’s 2040 plan.”

“Council demonstrated its environmental leadership in constructing a new central administration building which incorporates a number of sustainability initiatives.”

“The new building includes green walls to reduce CO2, double-glazing to improve acoustics and temperature control, installation of 380 solar panels, and ensuring up to 80% of construction waste was recycled,” Cr Symkowiak said.

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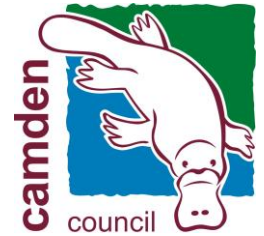
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Council was also highly commended in the Invasive Species Management category for the Australia White Ibis Management initiative.

After population growth on Lake Annan Island from 20 to over 1000 birds, Council adopted a Management Plan to humanely manage the ibis population, including the use of new techniques such as egg oiling. The plan aims to reduce breeding and roosting, improve water quality and address odour and health concerns.

To improve community understanding of Australian White Ibis, Council undertook letterbox drops, distributed brochures, published web materials and promoted results from a recent study.

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