

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

## Media Release

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### **Council to build scenic trail in honour of Miss Llewella Davies**

Camden Council has been successful in receiving grant funding under the NSW Government's Metropolitan Greenspace Program to develop the Miss Llewella Davies Pioneers Walkaway at Camden Town Farm.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said Council is pleased to receive grant funding to develop the Walkway in honour of Miss Davies.

"Miss Davies was an iconic member of the Camden community. In 1981 she was awarded an OAM for her extraordinary contribution to the community and when Miss Davies died, aged 98, her property, now known as the Camden Town Farm, was bequeathed to Camden Council for the community to use."

"Miss Davies had made it clear to those who knew her that her property would be left to the people of Camden for their benefit and enjoyment."

"The establishment of a Walkway will allow visitors to assess points of historic cultural and natural interest within the Camden Town Farm."

"The Town Farm provides the local Camden community with a rural precinct that connects to the agricultural heritage of the Macarthur region."

"The project includes a new entry feature for the Town Farm, pathways and creation of new viewing platforms from which visitors can enjoy the sights of the heritage area."

"Interpretative signage, educational worksheets and integrated smart phone technology will also be available to educate visitors on the history of the site."

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“I’d like to thank Council, the Camden Town Farm Committee, Chris Patterson MP and the State Government for their support to deliver the Walkway as part of the Green Grid initiative,” Cr Symkowiak said.

Miss Davies was the daughter of a dairy farmer and was the last of her family to reside on the family dairy in Exeter Street, Camden.

In November 2015, Council made a submission for \$351,000 to the NSW Government’s Metropolitan Greenspace Program for funding towards the Walkway.

The Metropolitan Greenspace Program supports the NSW Governments ‘A Plan for Growing Sydney’ by delivering aspects of Sydney’s ‘Green Grid’. More information on the program can be found at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/metropolitan-greenspace-program](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/metropolitan-greenspace-program)

In this round of funding, \$3 million has been provided for walking trails, bike paths, picnic spots and conservation works with a focus on building a network of linkages between high-quality, well connected greenspace areas for the community to enjoy.

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