



Media Release

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Council awarded for habitat and wildlife guardianship

Camden Council has been recognised for its outstanding work in protecting the environment and awarded Highly Commended in the Habitat and Wildlife Guardianship in the Keep NSW Beautiful Blue Star Sustainability Awards.

Council was presented the award for the continued recovery of an endangered flower (*Pimelea spicata*) at Parrott Farm Reserve and Camden Golf Course, Narellan. The site contains the largest remaining population of the flower and is being preserved through a joint project with Greater Sydney Local Services, Greening Australia and Camden Golf Club to protect the Cumberland Plain Woodland remnants.

“This award is a tribute to the collaborative effort of the organisations, scientists, the community and Council to conserve and enhance the biodiversity of our natural environment,” said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

“As a Council, we are aware of the pressure population growth and development is placing on our natural areas and are working to protect and foster them through a number of environmental initiatives,” Cr Symkowiak said.

“To assist with the ongoing costs for conservation management of the vast amount of environmentally significant land within our area, we are proactively pursuing opportunities such as biobanking initiatives to provide valuable funding into the long term,” she said.

A proposal to biobank Gundungurra Reserve North and Gundungurra Reserve South has been submitted to NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for its approval, which would create a funding stream to protect this area and help to resource the management of other natural areas within the LGA into perpetuity.

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