



# Media Release

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## Festival of Lights at Oran Park

A celebration of cultural diversity will be held as part of the Festival of Lights on Saturday 21 October.

The cultural influences of India will be a central theme of the event that will merge the tastes, performances and vibrant traditional dress into a one day festival.

“The Camden area is home to people from all cultural backgrounds and our community continues to change as it grows at a faster rate than almost anywhere else in Australia,” said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

“Council is proud to host this vibrant and dynamic event and encourage everyone to join in this multicultural celebration,” Cr Symkowiak said.

“Events such as these are the foundation to supporting an inclusive and enriched community,” she said.

The free event will be held 10am-3pm Saturday 21 October at Town Park, Oran Park and include live entertainment, Bollywood performances, cultural fashion parade, kids’ activities, food and drinks.

Almost 20 per cent of residents living in the Camden LGA were born overseas and 11 per cent from non-English speaking backgrounds. The area has the highest number of people from India of all non-English speaking backgrounds, followed by Fiji and the Philippines (ABS 2016).

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