



# Media Release

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## Young people help create mural

The bushland setting of the Harrington Park Community Centre and basketball court has inspired a mural at the site.

Local high school students volunteered to take the lead on the creative art process and came up with the concept as part of the Youth Public Art Participation Project.

Professional artist, Tim Phibs, took the idea of using native local wildlife of Harrington Lake and aspects of the surrounding bushland to paint two nine metre wide murals on both sides of a wall at the basketball court.

“This artwork is an expression of our young people and celebrates the picturesque bushland that is such an important part of the lives of our local community,” said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

“Everyone involved in creating this artwork has helped to create a vibrant piece of art that enhances the built environment,” Cr Symkowiak said.

“Public art strengthens community pride and reflects the cultural identity of residents - and this artwork does just that,” she said.

Last year, Council committed \$25,000 to the youth participation project that included two public art projects to be completed at Harrington Park Basketball Court and Currans Hill Community Centre.

The sites were chosen based on consultation with the Youth Liaison Officer and Crime Prevention Coordinator with the Camden Local Area Command, the Camden Youth Council and Council staff to improve their safety and appeal to young people.

Artworks at a second site in Currans Hill will also be completed in coming weeks.

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