

Media Release

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Multicultural Youth Festival music to the community's ears

Camden Council's inaugural Youth Multicultural Festival was music to the community's ears, with hundreds of young residents attending to celebrate diversity and culture.

The festival, which was held on Saturday 6 July, 2-7pm, at Camden Civic Centre, provided residents aged 12 to 25 years with the opportunity to come together in a safe, supported and inclusive environment. They were able to access information from local community organisations, including headspace and Traxside Youth Health Service, meet peers, celebrate diversity and, most importantly, have fun.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said all the key elements of the event made it an overwhelming success.

"We had a huge variety of artists. From an Indigenous electronic producer to a Chinese-Indian-Australian 90s/soul/jazz/electro/RnB to an Ethiopian-Australian hip-hop artist, the line-up was so unique," Cr Fedeli said.

"And the exciting activities that ran throughout the night were a real highlight. We had Henna tattooing, Aboriginal basket weaving, Origami and Chinese calligraphy and Samoan hair braiding which are things many of the participants wouldn't usually have the opportunity to explore.

"It's a wonderful thing to see the Camden area becoming more and more diverse. Our residents identify with more than 110 nationalities, they come from more than 85 countries across the world and they speak more than 60 different languages at home. It's so important our young people know their cultures, traditions and customs are valued, respected and celebrated."

Council has a number of upcoming activities for young residents, including:

- FREE skateboarding clinics, with dates locked in for the next twelve months;
- A series of skill-based workshops, as part of Council's Youth Empowerment Project;
- The Paws for a Second program, where puppies visit Narellan Library in October to provide stress relief to high school students during the exam period;
- StreetgYm, which runs every Tuesday afternoon, 3.30-5.30pm, at Birriwa Outdoor Youth Space, Mount Annan; and
- Late night basketball, which runs on the last Friday of each month, 9pm-midnight, at Mount Annan Leisure Centre.

For more information about upcoming activities for young residents, including dates and registrations, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search for that activity.

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