



Media Release

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A big Chemical CleanOut

More than 830 residents dropped off over 29 tonnes of chemical waste at Camden Council's annual Chemical CleanOut over the weekend, making it one of our biggest, most successful CleanOut events yet.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves, said the success of Council's Chemical CleanOut, held in partnership with NSW Environment Protection Authority, came off the back of the very successful recycling drop-off day earlier this year.

"As a community, we produce all different kinds of waste, so we need to make sure we continue to dispose of this waste correctly," Cr Sidgreaves said.

"Whether it's chemical waste, plastic bottles, furniture, batteries or even electronic waste, it's important for our environment, neighbours and wider community to do the right thing.

"I have received some fantastic feedback from local residents about the Chemical Cleanout and how fantastic this service was."

Narellan resident, Mike Allen, congratulated Council on one of the most efficient operations he had ever seen.

"The whole exercise was just terrific and was carried out with almost military precision!" Mr Allen said.

"I drove in with traffic controllers indicating which lanes to take, staff then unloaded our vehicle and we were on our way within two minutes.

"This CleanOut saves hazardous materials ending up in landfill and waterways, it ensures illegal dumpers have no excuse and it gives residents the opportunity to make their properties a little safer by removing hazardous materials."

Council runs, and supports, a number of waste services for residents to take advantage of, including:

- Two free kerbside collection services per residential property, per financial year;
- A battery recycling program, in partnership with Campbelltown and Wollondilly Councils;
- A free recycling drop-off day in January, to help manage the extra recycling material generated over the Christmas period; and
- The NSW Government's Return and Earn program, for eligible drink containers.

For more information, future Chemical CleanOut events and how to dispose of your waste correctly, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/waste-services

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