

Media Release



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Have your say on Council's exciting investment program

Residents are invited to have their say on Council's plans to invest more than \$313 million across the Camden area, with the **2019/20 Operational Plan (Budget) going on public exhibition on Friday (17 May)**.

The Budget provides the financial resources for Council to deliver infrastructure, services, projects and initiatives that support Council's four-year Delivery Program and the outcomes in its Community Strategic Plan.

There is a \$166 million investment into Council's Capital Works Program, including:

- \$67 million in road/transport infrastructure;
- \$58.8 million in drainage Infrastructure;
- \$29.2 million in parks and playgrounds;
- \$4.3 million in recreation facilities;
- \$2.9 million in plant and equipment replacement;
- \$1.6 million in corporate buildings;
- \$1.6 million in community facilities;
- \$406,000 in information technology; and
- \$352,000 in library resources.

The Budget also provides for a number of exciting projects outlined in the **2017/18 – 2020/21 Revised Delivery Program, which is also on public exhibition**. The projects identified include:

- The second stage of the Narellan Sports Hub, which will include 14 additional netballs courts, a 1.5-kilometre walking and cycling track and a dedicated athletics facility (\$17.3 million);
- Construction of Ron's Creek Water Play Facility in Oran Park, which is set to be the region's biggest splash park (\$1.5 million);
- Construction of two rugby league fields and a BMX Complex at Kirkham Park, Elderslie (\$3.5 million);
- Design work to upgrade a number of key roads, including Ingleburn, Rickard and Byron Roads and Edmondson Avenue (\$17.2 million); and
- Construction of community facilities in both Spring Farm and Catherine Park (\$5.1 million).

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said Council's history of carefully allocating financial resources proves a lot can be achieved for residents.

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“In the 2018-19 financial year, we were able to have the very popular Curry Reserve Water Play Facility up and running over summer, open the beautiful Oran Park Library and complete the upgrade to the intersection at Graham Hill and Richardson Roads,” Cr Fedeli said.

“Before this financial year is up, we’ll have the fourth and final stage of the Camden Town Centre upgrade completed.

“These projects, and so many more, have improved the lives of residents, and visitors to, the Camden area. This is the reason Council works so hard to bring quality projects to life.”

The Budget also proposes an additional 14 positions, to help maintain a consistent service level across Council.

The draft 2019/20 Operational Plan and the 2017/18 – 2020/21 Revised Delivery Program are on exhibition until Friday 14 June, 5pm. They can be viewed at Council’s Administration Building, Oran Park Camden and Narellan Libraries and online, at camden.nsw.gov.au

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