

## Media Release

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### New dates for Council's FREE skateboard clinics locked in

New dates for Camden Council's wildly popular, FREE skateboard clinics have been locked in for the next twelve months.

The clinics, run by professional skateboard coach, Adam Luxford from Skateology, for residents aged 12 years and above, will be held at Kirkham Skate Park, 10am-noon, on:

#### 2019:

- Saturday 17 August;
- Saturday 14 September;
- Saturday 12 October;
- Saturday 16 November; and
- Saturday 14 December.

#### 2020:

- Saturday 18 January;
- Saturday 8 February;
- Saturday 17 March;
- Saturday 4 April;
- Saturday 9 May; and
- Saturday 3 June.

Local father of three Richard Sawka said his kids, who have been going to the clinics for four years, have had a fantastic time learning new skills and meeting new friends.

"They have learnt a lot of different skills from the very basics like proper foot placement and how to stand on the board to learning how to ride the half pipe and to do an OLIE," he said.

"These types of things are very good for the youth in the area especially when you have someone like Adam Luxford who is an awesome skateboarder who we have gone to see at the famous Bondi Bowlarama skateboard competition with Pros and Masters from all over the world including Tony Hawk.

"I would say to all the youth in the area to come and give it a fair go and come and learn something new and have some fun."

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said Council will provide participants with skateboards, helmets and other protective equipment.

"It's a fantastic way to learn the basics of skateboarding, like pushing off, stopping and 'bailing out', as well as more advanced skills and tricks," Cr Fedeli said.

"More than 30 per cent of our population is under 20 years old, so it's important we offer exciting programs to keep them engaged and entertained.



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"I encourage residents to keep an eye on our website and social media, for details on the upcoming youth-focused events and activities."

For more information on Council's free skateboarding clinics, and to fill out the consent form needed to participate, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/skateclinics

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