

## Media Release

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## An exciting program of works adopted

Council has adopted an exciting investment program that will see the delivery of infrastructure, services, projects and initiatives across the fastest growing local government area in Australia.

The \$313 million 2019/20 Operational Plan (budget) sees a budget surplus of \$1.9 million reinvested into the community, the delivery of a \$166 million Capital Works Program including a \$5.1 million Community Infrastructure Renewal Program (CIRP).

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said she was pleased to be able to deliver an exciting program of works to the community without having to increase rates.

"Council has been prudent in its financial management and instead of increasing our residents' rates through a Special Rate Variation, we have reviewed current priorities and together with reserve funds and the \$1.9 million budget surplus, we've been able to budget for a diverse program of community works."

"This is an exciting time for our residents, not only are we managing unprecedented growth with more than 500 new residents moving here every month, we are providing quality services and infrastructure to grow and support communities while planning for the future," Mayor Fedeli said.

Over the next two years, \$58.7 million will be spent on community infrastructure projects including:

- Kirkham Sports Fields \$2m
- Kirkham BMX Complex \$1.7m
- Spring Farm Community Facility \$3m
- Catherine Park Community Facility \$2.2m
- Council Depot Redevelopment Stage 1 \$2.7m
- Ron's Creek Water Play Facility, Oran Park \$1.5m
- Narellan Sports Hub Stage 2 \$17.3m
- Fergusons Land Premier Cricket Facility \$8.3m
- Camden's FIRST Synthetic Football Pitch \$2.8m
- Concept design upgrade of Ingleburn Road, Rickard Road and Edmondson Avenue \$2.9m
- Design Byron Road, Leppington (Ingleburn to Bringelly) \$7.6m
- Design Ingleburn Road, Leppington (Rickard Road to Eastwood Road) \$6.7m

An investment of \$5.1 million into Council's Community Infrastructure Renewal Program (CIRP) will see the delivery of the following projects over the coming financial year:

- Improvements to Kirkham Park amenities \$300,000
- Car parking spaces at Liquidamber Reserve \$250,000
- Park improvements including seating, bridges and bollards at The Cascades, Mount Annan -\$300,000

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- Road improvements to Ingleburn Road, Dickson Road, Heath Road, Byron Road and Hull Road -\$800,000
- Building improvements to John Oxley Cottage \$250,000
- Heritage renewal to Onslow Oval Entry Gates \$200,000

"This is the third year into our current Delivery Program that includes plans for \$166 million investment into road/transport infrastructure, drainage infrastructure, parks and playgrounds, recreation facilities, plant and equipment replacement, corporate buildings, community facilities, information technology and library resources.

"I'm incredibly proud to be part of a Council that works hard to deliver such an impressive budget for our community," she said.

The 2017/18-2020/21 Delivery Program and 2019/20 Operational Plan (Budget) can be viewed on Council's website <a href="https://www.camden.nsw.gov.au">www.camden.nsw.gov.au</a>

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