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WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER



We're stronger together

Council was proud to continue spreading the #camdenlove over the past few weeks, with the new 'We're Stronger Together' campaign.

The colourful campaign included positive messages installed on light pole banners in Camden and Oran Park as well as bus shelters and floor stickers in parks and playgrounds across the Camden area. It aimed to remind us all to stay safe, stay positive, stick together and to reach out for support if needed.

It was great to see even our youngest residents enjoy the campaign, with a number of the floor stickers taking the form of hopscotch and snakes and ladders games to play on.



#CAMDENLOVE

ONLINE

TRIVIA *Night*

Camden holds a Guinness World Record

Camden, you are World Champions!

Camden has made history after being recognised as a Guinness World Records™ title holder for the largest online quiz!

Council broke the record on Sunday 10 October, with 2,328 participants in the quiz for 92 minutes, officially putting Camden into the Guinness World Records™ for the first time ever.



Guinness World Record adjudicator

For more information on all these initiatives, visit camden.nsw.gov.au

MAJOR PROJECTS



Competitors in the BMX State Titles 2018

PEDDLING TO THE FINISH LINE

It's almost time to get on your bike, with the next stage of the Kirkham Park BMX Facility, which commenced in October.

The work, which is set to be complete by March next year, will include:

- An eight-metre start hill structure;
- Additional BMX elite straight;
- Large storage area under the existing five-metre start hill;
- Warm up track and marshalling area;
- Large publicly accessible pump track to cater for all ages and skill levels;
- Associated lighting, electrical and civil works; and
- Shelters and landscaping.

This stage will cost over \$2.78 million and is co-funded by Council and the NSW Government's 2019/20 Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund.

Additional works will be completed in 2022.

NEW AMENITIES AT WANDARRAH RESERVE

Council is kicking goals with the next stage of the Wandarrah Reserve upgrade nearing completion.

The new building, which was designed in conjunction with Mount Annan Mustangs Football Club, includes new change rooms and increased storage. Additional drainage and electrical works were also completed to the original building as part of this stage. The first stage, which was completed in April, included the expansion of the canteen in the original building.

The Wandarrah Reserve upgrade was funded through Council's 2020/21 Capital Works Program.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES CONTINUE

Playgrounds across the Camden area have been enjoying facelifts thanks to the \$130.6 million investment made as part of Council's COVID-19 Community Support Package.

The most recent playgrounds to benefit are:

- McCrae Drive Playground in Camden South, which has seen the installation of new playground equipment and park furniture, replacement of soft-fall rubber and landscaping works;
- Royal George Drive Playground in Harrington Park, which now has new playground equipment, park furniture, shade sail and soft-fall rubber, as well as new landscaping; and
- Yandel'ora Reserve in Mount Annan, which has seen the installation of new contemporary fitness equipment as well as park furniture and a bubbler, replacement of soft-fall rubber and landscaping works.

WANT MORE INFO?

For more information on these projects, and others happening around the Camden area, visit

**[camden.nsw.gov.au/
major-developments](https://camden.nsw.gov.au/major-developments)**

MAJOR PROJECTS



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF MAJOR SPORTING HUBS

Despite recent disruptions, work at Narellan Sports Hub and Ferguson's Land Cricket Facility have continued, with a number of exciting milestones in view.

Stage Two construction work at Narellan Sports Hub includes:

- An additional 14 netball courts with floodlighting;
- A synthetic athletics track, including field and jump facilities, floodlighting, drainage and irrigation;
- An additional full-size rugby league field to replace the existing smaller 'mod league' field, including floodlighting and drainage;
- An athletics administration/club building;
- An additional 1,150 car parking spaces, in four new areas;
- Internal access roads;
- A criterium cycling track;
- A road and pedestrian bridge over the existing drainage corridor;
- 20,000m² multi-purpose playing field area including floodlighting, irrigation and drainage
- A pedestrian and cycle path network; and
- A major upgrade of the Porrende Street roundabout.

Stage One work at Camden's first premier cricket facility, which is also due to be complete in December, includes:

- A cricket oval with turf centre wickets, irrigation and picket fencing;
- Amenities building with toilets, changerooms and storage;
- Carparking facilities;
- Five synthetic practice cricket nets;
- New bridge access over Matahil Creek;
- Maintenance shed;
- Electrical substation; and
- Landscaping.

Both these projects are funded by Camden Council and the Australian and NSW Governments through the Western Sydney City Deal's Western Parkland City Liveability Fund.

TIME TO ENJOY LEISURE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

It's been fantastic to open our local leisure centres and enjoy the facilities in time for summer, especially with Mount Annan Leisure Centre and Camden War Memorial Pool sporting new upgrades.

The restoration of the spa and sauna facilities at Mount Annan Leisure Centre over the lockdown period included:

- Spa air jet replacements;
- Spa plumbing and electrical upgrade;
- Spa retiling;
- New bench seating, walls and ceiling in the steam room; and
- Resealing of the sauna.

Likewise, Camden War Memorial Pool has seen some improvements, including:

- The refurbishment of existing changerooms;
- Resurfacing of the pool;
- A new barbecue area;
- The installation of new shaded areas;
- The replacement of entry building panelling;
- New pool blankets, for heating;
- Floodlighting; and
- Associated maintenance work.

OUR COMMUNITY



Thobekile Luphahla and Rosemary Kariuki-Fyfe, both part of the Cohesive Communities Advisory Group



VOLUNTEERS NAMED WINNERS

Council's Cohesive Communities Advisory Group was recently recognised for their exceptional work in the community, taking home the NSW Volunteer Team of the Year Award for South Western Sydney.

The group was formed as part of Council's commitment to inclusive communities and includes a number of residents from diverse backgrounds, cultures and religions who work cohesively to advise, plan, develop and deliver multilayer initiatives and opportunities to build positive, inclusive and sustainable communities.

Well done to the Cohesive Communities Advisory Group!

DID YOU KNOW?

If you're a musician, street performer or pavement artist, you can register as a busker for the opportunity to perform across the Camden area? For more information, visit bit.ly/BuskingRegForm

CAMDEN TO FURTHER SUPPORT MACARTHUR FC



Council has renewed its support of Macarthur FC, committing \$24,000 in sponsorship to the A-League club on a yearly basis.

Council proudly followed Macarthur FC's fantastic first season in the A-League and their finals series attempt and is excited to see them go one better in the 2021/22 season.

Council will look to help the club connect with Camden residents and support them through:

- Four school holiday clinics for local juniors in the Camden area;
- Having Macarthur FC players assist in promotion of Council programs and attend Council events;
- The creation of new resident engagement programs;
- Promoting Macarthur FC throughout the Camden area; and
- Providing local field and amenities access to the team.



OUR COMMUNITY



COUNCIL TAKES HOME ANOTHER AWARD

Council is proud to announce its feel-good #camdenlove campaign has won this year's RH Dougherty Excellence in Communication Award!

The campaign started last year, encompassing the Hey Neighbour! Cards, #camdenbought bags and the much-loved #camdenlove bears to support the Camden community during the challenging and turbulent times of 2020 and 2021.

We look forward to continue shining a light on all the positive things happening in the wonderful Camden community and spreading the #camdenlove.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Council's creative@camden directory is an inclusive and publicly accessible directory that supports local creatives. For more, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/community



GET PREPARED FOR ANY EMERGENCY

Floods, fires and a pandemic...unfortunately we're all too familiar with emergencies.

Be prepared with the Get Prepared app and have your emergency plan at your fingertips. The app helps you:

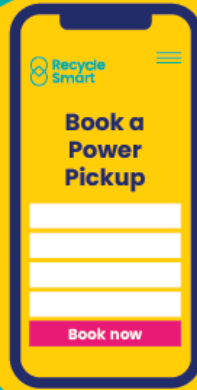
- Locate local emergency services contacts;
- Create a list of key contacts;
- Identify a safe meeting place; and
- Create checklists of what to pack all on the app.

As part of the Resilient Sydney program, Council is proud to support the free, easy-to-use app. For more information, and to download, visit bit.ly/GetPreparedCamden

SUSTAINABLE LIVING



Recycle Smart



IT'S TIME TO RECYCLES M A R T

Talk about a match made in heaven – Camden Council has teamed up with RecycleSmart, an app that makes recycling the tough stuff as easy as ordering Uber Eats!

The app provides specific and localised information on how to correctly dispose of over 250 waste items. From glass to batteries, towels to chemicals and even DVDs to kettles, you can now find the answers at your fingertips.

Residents are invited to download the free app and check the next collection day suitable to them. The bookable Power Pickup service is also available through the app, which takes care of problem waste items like soft plastics, clothing and e-waste. Simply:

- Fill a RecycleSmart bag (or your own) with all those tough-to-recycle items and book a Power Pickup in a few clicks; and
- For just \$2 a bag, the RecycleSmart team will come to your doorstep and ensure your waste is properly recycled. Every bag collected is weighed to help you keep track of your recycling records!

At the moment, 20 per cent of red bin waste could be recycled – so help Council keep it out of landfill and keep our community beautiful!

WANT A FREE POWER PICKUP?

Use code LETSCONNECT at recyclesmart.com

INVASIVE RED-EARED SLIDER TURTLES IN LAKE YANDEL'ORA

Known as one of the world's worst invasive species, red-eared slider turtles prey on our native turtles, compete for their food, nesting areas and basking sites and often spread diseases such as salmonella.

At least four red-eared slider turtles have recently been sighted in Lake Yandel'ora in Mount Annan and will be removed by Council and the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

Council is asking residents to help spot, identify and report any red-eared slider turtles. To easily tell the difference between native eastern long-necked turtles and red-eared slider turtles, visit dpi.nsw.gov.au and to report a red-eared slider turtle, visit feralscan.org.au



SUSTAINABLE LIVING



Waste to Art category winner was Camden's William Zaborski

ART AND WRITING CHAMPIONS

A big congratulations to all the young residents who came first, second or third, as well as those who were highly commended, in this year's Threatened Species Art and Writing Competition!

Five to six years category:

- 1st: Camden's Muhammed Khan
- 2nd: Camden's Xavier Ransom
- 3rd: Camden's Anastasia Younan

Seven to nine years category:

- 1st: Camden's Abigail Wilson
- 2nd: Camden's Mia Ransom
- 3rd: Wollondilly's Piper Elizabeth Lia

10 to 12 years category:

- 1st: Camden's Lana Jessica Johnstone
- 2nd: Camden's Zoe Reeves
- 3rd: Camden's Felicity Chelvanayagam

Waste to Art category winner was Camden's William Zaborski

Creative Writing category:

- 1st: Campbelltown's Morako Siakhasone
- 2nd: Campbelltown's Zoe Havenaar
- 3rd: Camden's Alyssa Leshone

Winning primary school: Harrington Park Public School

It was fantastic to see young Camden residents do extremely well!

MAKING NEIGHBOURHOODS COOLER

We're helping keep our neighbourhoods cool by planting 6,000 trees by December 2022 as part of the Greening our City Grant Program (proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Local Government NSW).

In addition to this, we recently planted 500 nationally threatened Camden White Gums at Elizabeth Macarthur Reserve and are in the process of planting 1,300 street trees. We've also incorporated a large number of trees into the Ferguson's Land Cricket Facility and Stage 2 of the Narellan Sports Hub projects.

Not only do these trees look great, but they'll help provide shade and tree canopy as well as provide habitat and food for native wildlife.

DID YOU KNOW?

Council supported Garage Sale Trail events across the area on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14, and then again on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 November. Garage Sale Trail is Australia's festival of pre-loved items, helping communities extend the life of their belongings and find the ultimate pre-loved gem.

WHAT'S ON



A CAMDEN CHRISSY

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere in Camden you go!

We hope you're enjoying the traditional decorations throughout the Camden Town Centre, as well as the beautiful new decorations in Oran Park this year. Council has a number of events and activities scheduled for the festive season, with something for everyone.

We were dazzled when lighting up not one, but two, community Christmas trees - the much-loved tree in Camden and a new tree in Oran Park! The virtual event was live-streamed on Facebook on Saturday 27 November.

Council is proud to report our staff have been in contact with Santa and he is very excited for another year of virtual letters from Camden's youngest residents. Make sure to be quick, our last day to ship those letters off to the North Pole will be Friday 17 December!

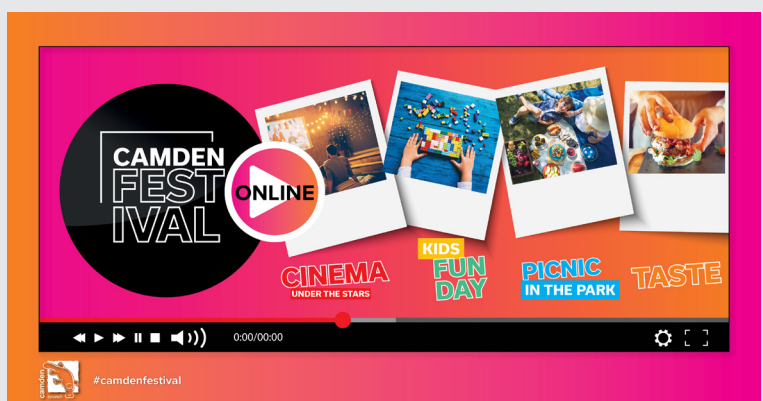
And last, but definitely not least, Council is calling on the community to rally together and donate to the annual Christmas Giving Appeal now open. This year, both Blue Wren House and Shining Stars Foundation will be supported by the appeal.

For more information, as well as more activities happening throughout the festive season, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Christmas'.

CAMDEN FESTIVAL HAILED A SUCCESS

The much-loved Camden Festival captivated residents once again, with the online campaign reaching more than 220,000 users throughout September.

The annual celebration of the people, places and produce of Camden moved online again this year. From online drawing tutorials with Alan Baker Art Gallery to inclusive activities with Mess It Up; Lego building tutorials to a DIY at-home cinema kit; the tasty 'around the world' food directory to the cocktail making tutorial; and of course the incredibly popular TASTE Camden Facebook competition - there was something for everyone to sink their teeth into.



Household Chemical Cleanout February 2022



Camden Wedding Expo Saturday 19 February 2022



WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE EVENTS SPACE?



Recycling Drop Off Early 2022

WANT MORE INFO?

For more information on these events, as well as to see what else is coming up near you, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

NOMINATE YOUR LOCAL HERO FOR AN AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

Now is your chance to help recognise the outstanding contribution a community member has made in the Camden area!

Nominations for the 2022 Australia Day Awards are all about recognising the outstanding efforts of residents who dedicate themselves to making a positive difference in our community.

Applications will be open shortly for the following five categories:

- Camden Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Sports Achievement Award;
- Community Group Award; and
- Arts and Cultural Award.

For more information, and to nominate someone, visit bit.ly/australiadaynominationform



SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE



UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CIVIC CENTRE

Camden Civic Centre is making up for lost time, with a jam-packed entertainment schedule.

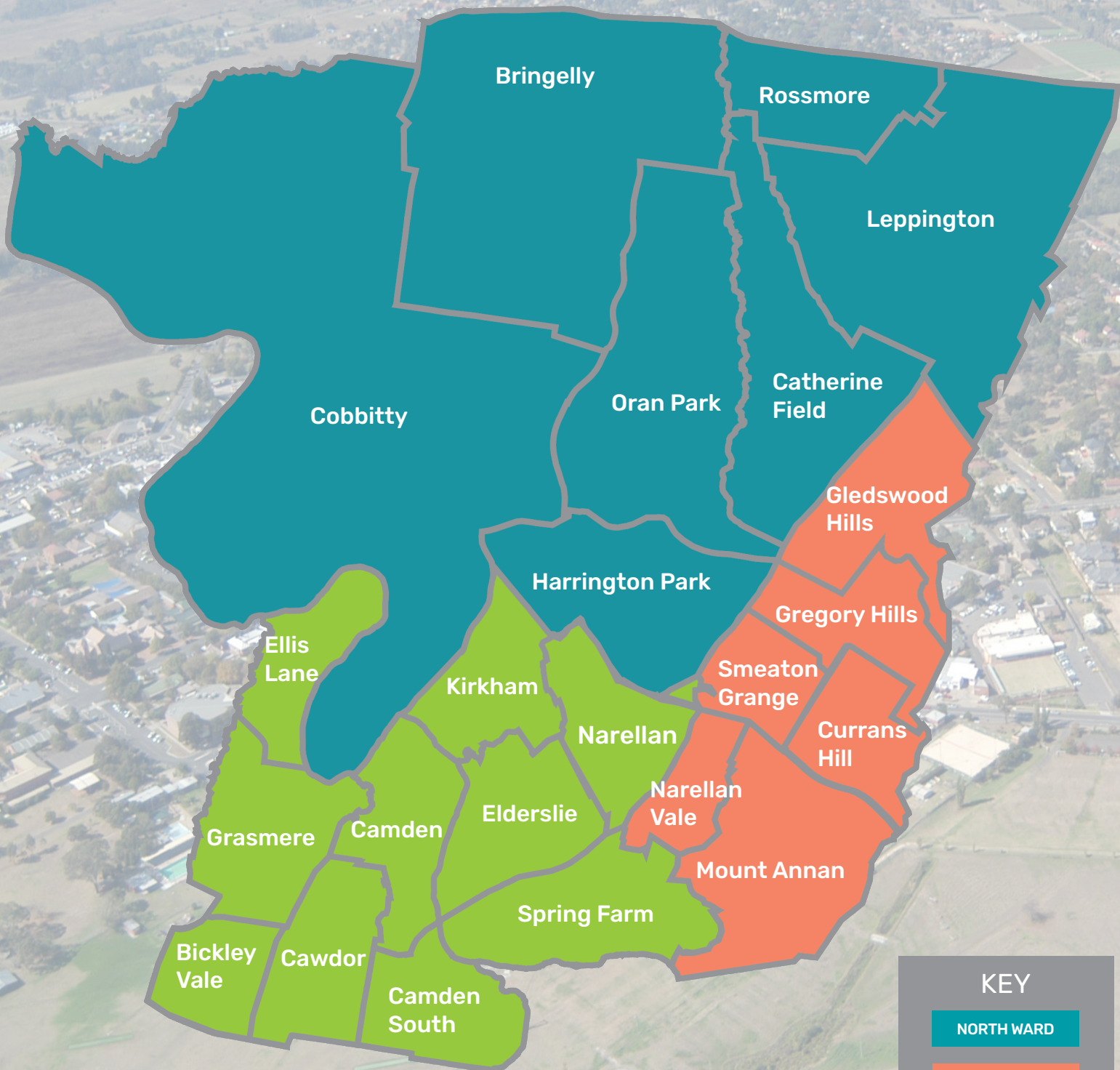
Laugh out loud with Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase's ENCORE performance on Saturday 4 December, 7.30pm, and celebrate the magical hits of The King of Rock 'n' Roll with ELVIS - If I Can Dream on Friday 11 February, 8pm.

For more information on upcoming events, visit camdenciviccentre.com/events

CAMDEN COUNCIL

CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL

For more information about Camden Council's services, visit Council's customer service desk at the administration building, Oran Park 8.30am - 5pm, Monday to Friday. You can also phone on 4654 7777 or visit camden.nsw.gov.au



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-  CENTRAL WARD
-  SOUTH WARD