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## ANZAC Centenary

*ANZAC Day, originally a commemoration of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915, has grown to become one of the most important national days in Australia.*

During the ANZAC Centenary we remember not only the original ANZAC's who served at Gallipoli and the Western Front, but commemorate more than a century of service by Australian servicemen and women.

The ANZAC Centenary will remember all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved.

The Camden RSL Sub-Branch and Camden Council have been working together to develop a program of events to commemorate this milestone. These events will allow the community to show their support and appreciation to all those involved in war.

Each year Camden commemorates the ANZAC's with a number of ANZAC Day services.

On Friday 24 April a flagpole service will be held at Carrington Retirement Village, Werombi Road, Grasmere, commencing at 10.30am.

On Saturday 25 April the Dawn Service will commence at 5.20am at the Camden RSL Memorial site, within the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park, Cawdor Road, Camden. All guests and members of the community are requested to arrive and be seated by 5.15am.

The ANZAC Day March will commence at 10.30am moving along Argyle Street and down Cawdor Road and finishing at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park.

The March will be followed by the Main Service at the Camden RSL Memorial site, commencing at 11am. Guests and members of the community are asked to arrive no later than 10.50am. All community groups and schools are invited to attend and participate in the ANZAC March. Register your interest with Camden RSL Sub-Branch on 0419 925 295 or via email [beauley@bigpond.net.au](mailto:beauley@bigpond.net.au)

A number of other activities to commemorate the ANZAC Centenary can be found in the Calendar of Events section on the back page of this newsletter or on Council's website [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au)

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# our community

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## Camden Town Centre Enhancement

*Works will soon commence to revitalise the much-loved main street of Camden.*

*Why are enhancements to the main street taking place?*

- to make footpaths more level
- to widen footpaths either side of Argyle Street by 1 metre - this will improve pedestrian access and allow more opportunity for outdoor dining
- to improve traffic management and encourage a slower speed environment
- to improve pedestrian safety
- to cater for future growth as part of the South West Growth Centre

*What works are included in the enhancements?*

- traffic lights at the intersection of Argyle and Oxley Streets
- pedestrian lights on Argyle Street between John and Hill Streets
- a decked car park in Oxley Street
- new footpath paving and an upgrade to street furniture and lighting
- footpath widening of 1 metre either side of Argyle Street

*When are the works scheduled?*

- The works in Argyle Street (Stage 1) are expected to take place over two stages to limit the impact as much as possible. Weather permitting, it is expected that the first stage of works between John and Oxley Streets will take place from July to November 2015

- Construction of the second stage of works between John and Hill Streets is expected to take place between January and June 2016
- The decked car park in Oxley Street is expected to be constructed in the 2016/2017 financial year

*Will the median strip remain?*

- Yes. The median strip along Argyle Street will remain as is, except at Oxley Street to allow vehicles to turn right out of Oxley Street

*Will the Jacaranda trees be removed?*

- approximately four of the 36 trees will be removed, two of which were planted in 2010
- every effort will be made to ensure any trees removed are relocated to new locations within the precinct

*What will happen to the traffic lanes in Argyle Street?*

- the current configuration of two travel lanes in each direction will be maintained, along with one parking lane on both sides of Argyle Street
- the lanes adjacent to the median strip are remaining at their existing width of 3.2m which is well above the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) standard of 2.8m for through lanes
- the kerbside lanes are being reduced to 3.2m to cater for the widened footpaths. This is well above the RMS standards of 2.9m for kerbside lanes

For more visit [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au)  
Enquiries can be directed to Council's Executive Liaison Officer, Charlie Saab on 4645 5187.





## Camden Council Business Alliance

*Council has recognised that a higher level of planning, support and collaboration across all levels of government is needed to maximise unique business opportunities arising from large scale growth and development.*

Local Government Business Alliances have been established to foster and undertake actions that support the economic growth and development of an area.

Business Alliances bring together key local leaders to identify, secure and realise opportunities to attract investment and deliver infrastructure.

Through this, they also help to create jobs and grow business and industry into the future.

Council is establishing a Business Alliance as a key initiative of the Small Business Friendly Councils Program.

The Small Business Friendly Councils Program was developed by the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner in partnership with the NSW Business Chamber to enable participating Councils to work proactively with, and support small businesses in Local Government Areas

The Camden Business Alliance is expected to be established by mid 2015.

For more information phone 4654 7614.

## Camden Civic Awards

*The Australia Day Civic Awards are held annually with nominations received across a variety of categories.*

These Civic Awards recognise the outstanding achievements and contributions of members of the Camden community.

There are many in our community that have experienced significant achievements and have given generously of their time to enrich our community.

The Australia Day Civic Awards provide an excellent opportunity to recognise and honour these inspiring community members.

On Australia Day, the 2015 Australia Day Civic Awards were presented at a ceremony held at the Camden Civic Centre.

The 2015 Camden Civic Award winners are:

**Citizen of the Year**  
Ted Gillroy

**Young Citizen of the Year**  
Ani Hoxha

**Sportsperson of the Year**  
Peter Wards

**Young Sportsperson of the Year**  
Nick Small

**Community Event of the Year**  
2014 Camden Show

If you would like to nominate a Camden community member or organisation in the 2016 Australia Day Civic Awards contact Council on 4654 7777 or email [events@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@camden.nsw.gov.au)



Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak with 2015 Citizen of the Year Ted Gillroy and Australia Day Ambassador Donny Galella



## What's For Dinner?

*Council has developed a new children's story, 'What's for Dinner?' with funding from the NSW Government's Love Food, Hate Waste Program.*

Did you know NSW households throw out \$1,000 worth of food each year?

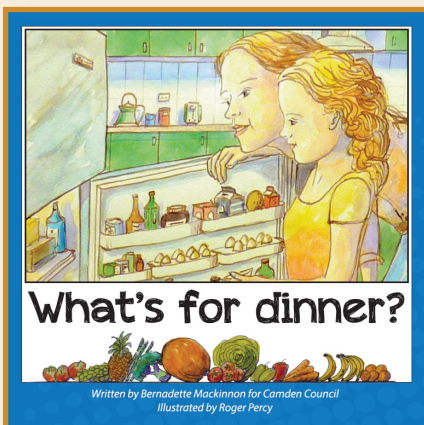
Launched recently at the Camden Show, this fun children's story contains useful facts and tips for parents and carers on how to address food waste at home.

This beautifully illustrated book also includes handy serving guides and tips for weekly meal plans and shopping lists.

The Love Food Hate Waste Program helps educate NSW residents on how to avoid food waste, save time and money and reduce environmental impact by planning better, shopping smarter and storing food effectively.

The Love Food Hate Waste Program is managed by the Environment Protection Authority and is run in partnership with retailers, food manufacturers, Local Government authorities and community groups.

For more information on how to get a copy of 'What's for Dinner?' phone 4645 5004.



## New Council Administration Building

*As the community continues to grow, the capacity to deliver Council's quality services must grow with it.*

Council is committed to delivering quality services to the community.

Council offices at Narellan and Camden are nearing capacity and currently operate as two administration buildings which are 5km apart. In 2012, Council resolved to relocate to Oran Park to be located closer to the centre of the future Camden population.

The new building at Oran Park, approved by the Joint Regional Planning Panel in late 2014, will allow for a growing Council and ensure

Council continues to deliver quality services to the community through a centralised administration centre.

Roads to the new civic precinct site are now being constructed and the access road to the site is expected to be finished in April.

The contemporary building will include staff office accommodation, an open plan customer service centre, multipurpose rooms for Council meetings and events, meeting rooms and public amenities.

Council have invited tenders for construction which is expected to commence in May 2015.



## Elderslie Trunk Drainage

*Council is currently undertaking major works to the Elderslie trunk drainage system located adjacent to Lodges Road.*

These works involve creation of important stormwater and water quality management systems required within the Oxley and Herbert Rivulets that run through the Elderslie developments.

These works include:

- Bulk earthworks
- Installation of detention and water quality treatment basins
- Installation of approximately 300m of footpaths
- Pedestrian bridge
- Landscaping

The works are on target to be completed by April 2015.





## Harrington Park Footbridge

*Repairs to the Harrington Park footbridge have been completed.*

The Harrington Park footbridge, which allows pedestrians to cross Narellan Creek between Harrington Park Public School, Fairfax Reserve and Fairwater Drive has been repaired.

Repairs of the bridge were needed due to termite damage to the timber parts of the bridge.

This work was completed at a cost of \$61,150 which is well under the approved budget of \$125,000.

Savings were achieved through reusing the existing larger structural steel elements and some of the existing footings that were undamaged.

Recycled non-slip plastic material was used for the decking and the creek underneath the footbridge was cleared

of dead tree branches during the works to help with the water flow.

The images below show the Harrington Park footbridge prior to (left) and following the repairs (right).



## Covered Outdoor Weather Area at Camden Town Farm

*A Covered Outdoor Weather Area (COWA) has recently been constructed at Camden Town Farm, Exeter Street, Camden.*

The Camden Town Farm Committee were successful in securing a grant under the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership Scheme to construct a COWA on the Camden Town Farm site.

In addition to this grant funding of \$20,000, Council and the Camden Town Farm Committee both contributed \$24,000 each towards the project.

The COWA will provide shelter for visiting school and educational groups as well as a popular venue for functions and celebrations.

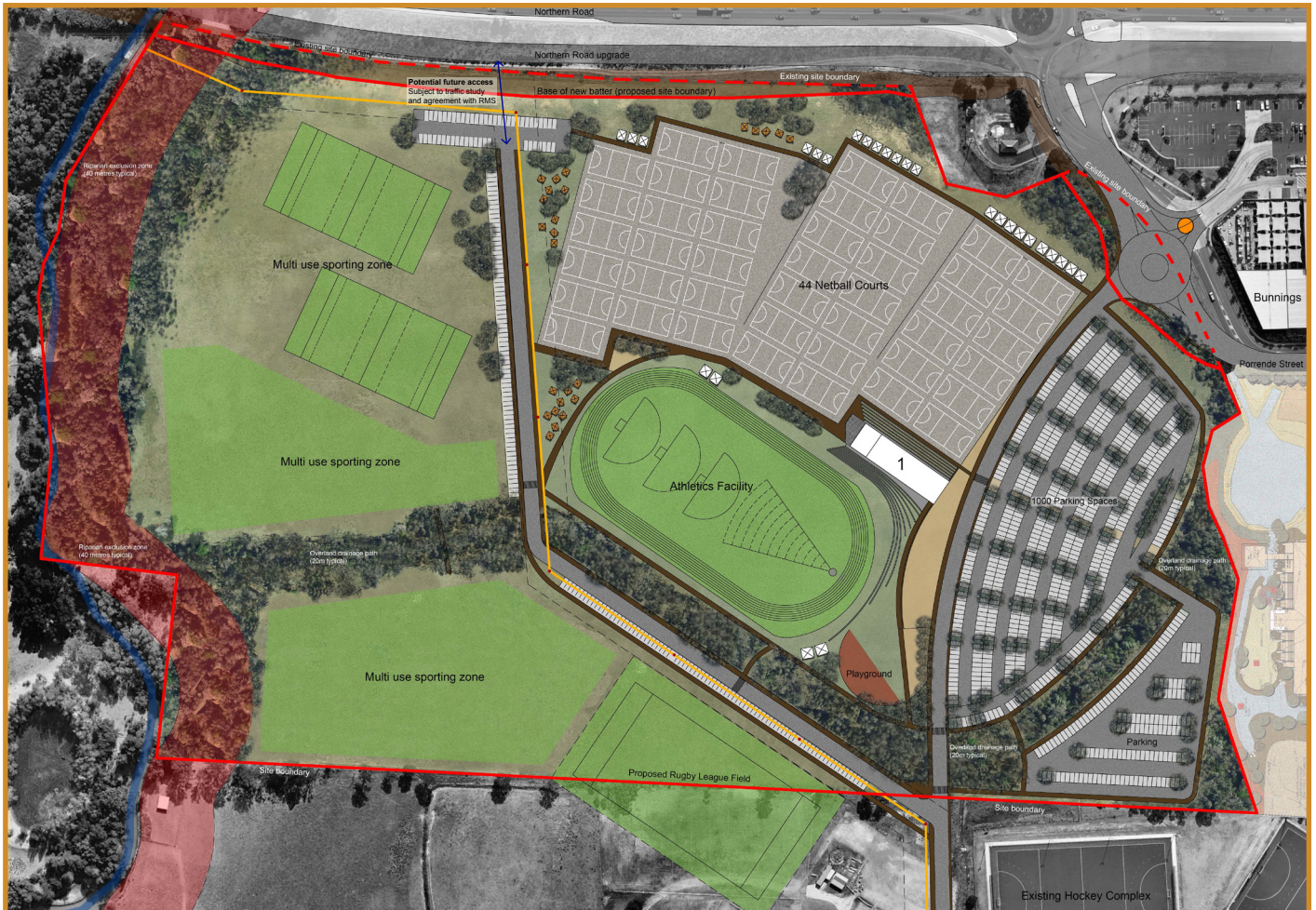
For more information on the Camden Town Farm visit [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au)







## New Sports Hub at Narellan



*Narellan Sports Hub is an exciting new Council project and will be located adjacent to the existing sporting facilities at Narellan Park.*

This staged development is proposed to include the following:

- a 44 court netball complex
- athletics facilities and sports grounds
- approximately 1,000 car spaces
- a centrally located amenities building (number 1 on the image above)

A walking/cycling network and playground are also being considered as part of the Sports Hub.

### *Why a new Sports Hub?*

Council's Sportsground Strategy 2014 identified the need for additional netball courts and sports grounds to cater for growth within the Camden area.

The endorsement of the Narellan Sports Hub Draft Masterplan supports the Sportsground Strategy and will allow for the expansion of sport in Camden.

### *What is the next stage of the project?*

Council is currently undertaking a Traffic Assessment Study of the proposed location and adjoining streets.

The next phase of the project will be the development of the proposed scope of works and preliminary design for the first stage.

### *Where can I find out more?*

For more information phone 4654 7777 or visit Council's website [www.camden.gov.au](http://www.camden.gov.au)





## Yoga Play Sessions for Children

*Camden Family Day Care has recently commenced a Yoga Play Session for young children.*

Yoga Play Sessions are held each Thursday at the Narellan Child, Family and Community Centre located in Queen Street, Narellan with the Family Day Care educators and the children in their care.

The Yoga Play Sessions allow children to achieve self confidence while exploring the joys of practising yoga.

Camden Family Day Care is committed to supporting the wellbeing of children and have received great feedback about the introduction of the yoga play sessions.

For more information on Yoga Play Sessions, phone 4645 5951.



## Anyone for Tennis?

*Camden Council manages a number of tennis court complexes consisting of both hard and synthetic grass surfaces.*

Courts can be found at Narellan, Narellan Vale, Harrington Park, Catherine Field, Currans Hill and Leppington.

Council will be completing maintenance works including resurfacing of the courts. Once completed, the community will be able to enjoy a smooth surface without irregular ball bounces.

Why not get a group of friends or family together and put your skills to the test?

Tennis courts can be hired for casual or regular use as well as for coaching.

For booking enquiries please contact Council's Recreation Team on 4645 5045 or visit Council's website [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au)



## Support for Special Achievers Program

*Did you know that Camden Council provides financial assistance for residents who are selected to represent Camden at either a State or National level in cultural, academic or sporting events?*

One-off grants of up to \$500 are provided through the Support for Special Achievers Program.

### Eligibility

- The cultural, academic or sport activity is to be of amateur status and generally promoted by a non-profit organisation
- A special achiever for the purposes of this program, is one who has been selected on merit, to represent NSW or Australia in their chosen field of endeavour. This includes people with disabilities
- Evidence of selection involving a merit based process must be provided
- No more than one donation will be granted to any applicant under this program
- The recipient shall be a resident of the Camden Local Government Area

Written applications are accepted at any time during the year.

For guidelines and application forms phone 4646 5023 or visit Council's website [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au).



## Our Early Colonial Roads

*Many residents would be surprised to know how old the early roads of the Macarthur region really are.*

Most early roads south-west of Sydney were established in the 1830's and, while have been widened, still exist today. These were initially formed in colonial times as tracks to provide access to land grants and as travel routes between early settlements.

Cowpasture Road was the first road of the Camden area, built in 1805 to provide access south-west of the colony from Prospect to the Cowpastures. The 'Cow Pastures' was the name given to the Camden area by Governor Hunter in 1803.

By 1814 a road from Liverpool joined Cowpasture Road at Leppington and became known as the Great South Road (now Camden Valley Way).

In 1826-1827, a timber bridge (Cowpasture Bridge) was built to enable the Great South Road to cross the Nepean River near the site of Camden Township. The road was extended to the township of Cawdor and over the Razorback Range in 1832. It provided the main route from Sydney to southern NSW and Melbourne.

Bringelly Road became known as the Northern Road providing access to Penrith and the Blue Mountains.

As a reminder of the age of these roads, milestones, Colonial homesteads and taverns still exist along these roads.

For information phone 4654 7777.



1976 - Cowpasture Bridge at time of official opening after repairs.

## Understanding Our Catchments

*What is a catchment and how is it effected by pollution? Local schools will be able to discover the answers to these questions by borrowing Council's new catchment model.*

Funded through Council's Stormwater Management Program, the catchment model can effectively help residents of all ages, languages and cultures to better understand the sources and prevention of water pollution through visual and hands-on interaction.

For more information on the catchment model phone 4645 5007.



# Sweep up leaves and dirt before they wash away!

# The drain is just for rain







## Mount Annan Leisure Centre Expansion

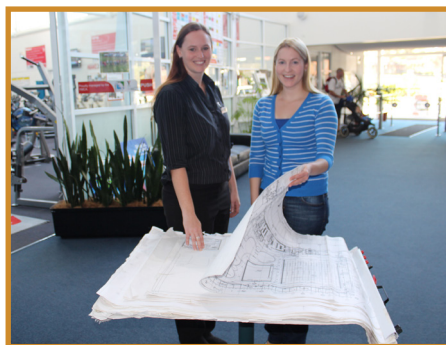
*To meet growing community demands, the Mount Annan Leisure Centre (MALC) facility will be expanded to include a range of new facilities.*

The proposed scope of works for the expansion will include:

- Much needed additional space to the health and fitness facilities
- New entry foyer and kiosk lounge
- New group fitness rooms
- Parents' room and additional disabled facilities
- New two court indoor sports hall and amenities
- New Health and Fitness amenities
- Additional car parking facilities

Construction work on the expansions are expected to begin in 2016 and will provide a 'one stop shop' for Camden's indoor recreational needs.

Conceptual designs are due to be completed in May 2015 and regular updates will be provided on Council's website [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) and the Centre's message boards.



*Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak with YMCA staff member Victoria*

## 2015/2016 Summer Sports Field Hire

*Camden Council is calling for Expressions of Interest for the 2015/2016 Summer Season Sports Field Hire. Applications open on Monday 22 June.*

Fields available for hire include:

- Belgenny Oval
- Birriwa Reserve
- Catherine Field Oval
- Cowpasture Reserve
- Cut Hill Reserve
- Elizabeth Reserve
- Fairfax Reserve
- Gardner Reserve
- Harrington Park Reserve

- Hilder Reserve
- Jack Nash Reserve
- Kirkham Oval
- Liquidamber Reserve
- Nott Oval
- Onslow Park
- Pat Kontista Reserve
- Ron Dine Reserve
- Rossmore Reserve
- Wandarrah Reserve

Applications for hire must be completed and returned to Council by close of business Friday 10 July 2015.

For more information contact Council's Recreation Team on 4645 5045.

## Hot Tips for the Coming Winter

If you own a wood heater you can help improve our winter air quality by making sure that you use it correctly.

Check the flue, chimney and baffle regularly for a build-up of soot or creosote (a tar-like oily deposit). This build up can cause chimney fires if unchecked.

Only use aged dried hardwood in your fire. Freshly cut or unseasoned wood needs to be aged for eight to twelve months.

To find out how much moisture your wood contains borrow a moisture meter from Camden or Narellan Library.

For more information on reducing wood smoke pollution visit Council's website [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au)



## Seeds of Sustainability Continues to Grow!

Seeds of Sustainability is an education program for preschools that addresses the four key themes of water, waste, energy and biodiversity.

Council's Sustainability and Waste Team members visit local preschools to talk to children about waste and recycling, even our recycling truck comes along too.

For more details or to make a booking phone 4654 5007 or email [denise.franovich@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:denise.franovich@camden.nsw.gov.au)



# What's happening

## What's on at Camden Civic Centre



**Let It Go: The Aussie FROZEN Tribute Show.** On Friday 10 April, fasten your seat belts and let your favourite snowman Olaf take you on a freezing trip to the dizzy heights of Arendelle in this action packed, interactive song, dance and snow show.

Sing along to all the hits and come along dressed as your favourite characters. Tickets are \$14 with the show commencing at 4pm.

For more information phone 4655 8681.



**Rockwave Youth Festival** is an event exclusively for Under 18's and will be held Saturday 18 April from 4pm to 11pm. Tickets are \$20.

Run in conjunction with Youth Week, the Festival showcases the latest in electronic music, awesome lighting and fantastic giveaways.

The event will feature local youth showcasing their own music compilations followed by the main act **NATNOIZ and the ONLY.**

For bookings phone 4655 8681.



The **Women in Business Expo** will be held on Tuesday 21 April from 6pm.

Why not spoil yourself, relax and unwind and give yourself a bit of 'me' time?

Explore the regions amazing products and services from local business women.

Tickets are \$25, including refreshments, with \$10 donated to support Brand New Day Female Services.

Bookings for this event can be made via [www.linkingladies.com.au](http://www.linkingladies.com.au)

## Peter Powers - The World's Funniest Hypnotist

*A unique blend of outrageous humour and his witty, mischievous style of delivery makes Peter Powers one of the very best in the business.*

Commencing at 8pm on Friday 22 May, Peter Powers will be appearing at the Camden Civic Centre.

Peter has been referred to as 'a comedy genius', 'a hypnotist without equal' and the 'best in the business'.

Peter delights in the antics of his volunteers almost as much as his audiences.

Audiences are thoroughly entertained and his show certainly draws a crowd.

Tickets are \$42.50 and bookings are essential.

Contact the Camden Civic Centre on 4655 8681.





# what's happening



## Camden Play Day



*Camden Play Day will celebrate National Families Week on Sunday 24 May from 11am to 2pm at Kirkham Park, Elderslie.*

Families Week is a time to reflect on the importance of family in our lives. Families come in all shapes and sizes and are a central part of our community, giving children a safe base from which to explore the world.

Bring your family and friends along to Camden Play Day and celebrate Families Week, meet other families and make some new friends.

Camden Play Day is an exciting, fun filled and free day out for the whole family.

The event includes jumping castles, face painting, arts and crafts, Bicycle Safety Course, baby play, garden games, kids entertainment, local children's service providers to chat to and much more.

For more information contact Council on 4645 5084.

## Camden Art Prize

*The 40th Annual Camden Art Prize is held annually to promote visual arts and to broaden and stimulate community perception of art, with a particular reference to Australian works.*

This year the Camden Art Prize will include a special ANZAC section, 'What ANZAC Means to Me'.

This exhibition will be held at the Camden Civic Centre from Friday 8 May to Friday 15 May.

Admission is free.

For exhibition times and further information phone 4655 8681 or [www.camdenciviccentre.com.au](http://www.camdenciviccentre.com.au).



## Drives for Learners in Macarthur

You and your supervisor are invited to participate in the next free 'Log Book Run' to be held on **Sunday 14 June**.

The 'Log Book Run' is a great opportunity for learner drivers to gain on road driving experience which will contribute to the learner driver log book hours.

Bookings essential. Phone 4645 5046.



## Choose Right, Buckle Right

Have all your child car restraints and booster seats fitted and checked by an RMS Authorised Restraint Fitter on **Thursday 4 June** from 9am to 1.30pm.

Bookings essential.

Phone 4645 5046.





# calendar of events

# your library



## April

### 13 April: Youth Week - Camden Shorts Live Theatre Skills Workshop, Writing for Performance

Narellan Library, Ironbark Room  
10am – 4pm  
Free  
Ph: 4645 5129

### 15 April: Youth Week - Live Theatre Skills Workshop, Theatre Performance Skills

Narellan Library, Ironbark Room  
10am – 4pm  
Free  
Ph: 4645 5129

### 19 April: A Musical Salute to the War Years (Macarthur Singers)

Camden Civic Centre  
2.30pm  
Tickets - \$15 Adults, \$10 Concession,  
\$25 Family.  
Ph: 4655 4417

### 25 April: ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Bicentennial Equestrian Park,  
Cawdor Rd, Camden  
5.20am  
Ph: 0419 925 295

### 25 April: ANZAC Day March

Along Argyle St to Cawdor Rd, Camden  
10.30am  
Ph: 0419 925 295

### 25 April: ANZAC Day Main Service

Bicentennial Equestrian Park,  
Cawdor Road, Camden  
11am  
Ph: 0419 925 295

### 26 April: ANZAC Centenary Picnic in the Park

Curry Reserve, Elderslie  
11am - 3pm  
Free  
Ph: 4647 1283



## May

### 5 May: Mini-Discovers Toys from the Past

Camden Library  
11am – 12pm  
Ph: 4645 5021

### 5 May: Spirit of ANZAC - Talk by Kim Phillips

Camden Library  
7.30pm  
Ph: Ray Herbert 9606 6075

### 8-15 May: Camden Art Prize

Camden Civic Centre  
Free  
Ph: 4655 8681

### 20 May: Seniors Lunch

Belgenny Farm, Camden  
10am - 2pm  
Ph: 4645 5020

### 23 May: Big Band Concert - Anzac Centenary

Camden Civic Centre  
1.30pm  
Ph: 0419 925 294

### 24 May: Camden Play Day

Kirkham Park, Elderslie  
11am - 2pm  
Free  
Ph: 4645 5084

### 31 May: Pitter Patter Baby Markets

Camden Civic Centre  
9am - 1pm  
Ph: 4655 8681



## June

### 14 June: Campbelltown Camden District Band Winter Concert

Camden Civic Centre  
2pm  
Ph: 4655 8681

## World War I: The Home Front

During April and May, an exhibition of photos commemorating Camden's role during the Great War will be on display at the Camden Library. You can also view this collection online at [www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au)

For more information phone 4654 7951.

## Meet the Elders

**Meet the Elders** is an interactive installation with voices and sounds from the past at Narellan Library from Monday 13 April to Tuesday 26 May.

Bookings are not required for individuals who want to come along, however school bookings are essential.

For bookings or information phone 4645 5039.

## World War 100 Years - Guy Walton

Guy Walton will talk and perform songs, old and new, reflecting on WWI through the eyes of a 20th Century man.

This performance at Camden Library will be held on Friday 24 April at 7pm.

Guy will move you to laughter and tears in this one hour show.

Tickets are \$15, book online at [www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au)



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