

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
EDITION ONE 2018

LET'S CONNECT

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Oran Park Library and Community Resource Centre



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OUR COMMUNITY



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first edition of Let's Connect for 2018. I hope you all had a lovely Summer season.

As another year begins, I am thrilled to see many exciting projects and events unfold in 2018. We started the year with another successful Australia Day event in January, which saw thousands of people gather in Camden to celebrate what is great about our nation.

In February we officially opened Camden's first dedicated art gallery, The Alan Baker Art Gallery within the historic Macaria building. The gallery was made possible through the generous provision of 77 Alan Baker paintings and drawings from Macarthur residents Gary and Melissa Baker and Max and Nola Tegel.

This creative vision was made a reality by Camden Council, which showed its support and commitment to the promotion of arts in the region, by investing in and restoring historical Macaria as Camden's revitalised home of the arts for our community to enjoy.

I am also proud to share an update about the delivery of the water play park at Curry Reserve and two youth play spaces at Harrington Park Lake Reserve and Sedgewick Reserve. Preparations are well underway, with construction works to start this year on these three projects.

I look forward to seeing you and your pets enjoy a fun-filled day out at the annual Paws in the Park event on Sunday 6 May. Each year Paws in the Park continues to grow and I invite everyone to be part of this fantastic community event.

Until next time,

Lara Symkowiak

Mayor of Camden



Paws in the Park 2017

PAWS IN THE PARK

On Sunday 6 May treat your pet to a fun day out at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park between 9am and 1pm at Paws in the Park.

Come along and show off your cute canine, enter a pet competition and pose with your pooch at the photo booth. There will also be pet demonstrations and roaming entertainment.

You can pick up some tips on pet ownership, have a free vet check, meet like-minded people and scoop up a free show bag.

If getting fit with your pet is on your list you can join the 3km walk and take in the amazing views from one of Camden's most scenic locations.

Event highlights

- Demonstrations;
- Competitions;
- 3km walk;
- Photo booth for you and your pooch;
- Children's activities;
- Information stalls; and
- Macarthur Lions BBQ.

For more information visit camdenpaws.com.au or phone **4654 7777**.



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HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS AWARDED

Outstanding students who received a Band 5 or 6 in one or more subjects in the 2017 Higher School Certificate (HSC) have been awarded at a special civic reception hosted by the Mayor in February 2018.

The awards recognise high school students from schools across Camden. Almost 300 students from eight schools were recognised for achieving outstanding results including:

- Camden High School
- Elderslie High School
- Elizabeth Macarthur High School
- Macarthur Anglican School
- Magdalene Catholic High School
- Mount Annan Christian College
- Mount Annan High School
- St Benedict's Catholic College



Elderslie High School Achievers



Elizabeth Macarthur High School Achievers



Macarthur Anglican High School Achievers



Magdalene Catholic High School Achievers



Mount Annan High School Achievers



Mount Annan Christian College Achievers



St Benedict's Catholic College Achievers



Camden High School Achievers

MAJOR PROJECTS



WATER PLAY PARKS PROJECT UPDATE

Council will proceed with the development of a new water play park in Elderslie after it adopted the design and construction tender at its Council meeting on 13 March 2018.

The \$2.4 million project will include water play equipment across three splash pads that will cater to all ages and incorporates new amenities and car parking facilities at Curry Reserve.

The Curry Reserve Water Play Park project includes:

- Three splash pads, at a total size of 410m²;
- 36 play features including toddlers 'discovery stream';
- Water heating, pump and filtration systems;
- Waterproof wheelchair and storage;
- Shade sails;
- Landscaping;
- Wheelchair accessible change facilities, including an adult hoist;
- New toilets, showers and change rooms; and
- Additional car parking.

Works are scheduled to begin in June and the water park is expected to be completed during summer.

YOUTH SPACES PROJECT UPDATE: DESIGNS FOR PLAY SPACES NOW COMPLETE

Plans for two new recreation play spaces in Harrington Park and Currans Hill are now complete.

The designs for the parks have been inspired by input gathered during community consultation in May 2017.

Council has allocated \$2 million for the design and construction of two youth play spaces, with both parks designed to incorporate the natural landscape of each site, creating unique, attractive and interactive recreation facilities.

Plans for Harrington Park Lake Reserve, Harrington Park include:

- Skate elements;
- Challenging climbing and Ninja Warrior style equipment;
- Accessible elements;

- A multi-use path for skaters, scooters and bicycles; and
- The existing carpark will be moved to the entry of the site, (off Fairwater Drive) and picnic facilities and landscaping installed; and
- unisex accessible toilet.

Plans for Sedgewick Reserve, Currans Hill include:

- The existing playground will be incorporated into the design;
- A sensory path and equipment to enhance diversity of play experiences;
- Areas for skating, scooters and bicycles;
- Large play structures like trampolines and climbing apparatus;
- A carpark drop-off with disabled parking, family parking and mini bus bay built near the entry point;
- unisex accessible toilet; and
- Shade Sails.



ORAN PARK LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

Construction of the new Oran Park Library and Community Resource Centre is nearing completion, with the library planned to open for community use in mid-2018.

The two-storey library will provide a place of community development and information, education and recreation and will feature five activity rooms, children's reading nooks, open spaces,

high ceilings and picturesque views across the Town Park.

Externally there will be an outdoor landscaped area which can be used for library activities and a civic plaza in front of the building for outdoor public events.

There is a focus on sustainable features to minimise the building's eco footprint including air conditioning linked to

the Council administration building to reduce running costs and increase water use efficiency.

For further information on the project visit camden.nsw.gov.au/major-developments



Construction of the exterior of Oran Park Library and Community Resource Centre is nearing completion.

WORKS BEGIN ON ARGYLE STREET STAGE 3

Stage 3 improvement works to Argyle Street in Camden have commenced.

The focus of the \$2.3 million upgrade project will be between Oxley Street and Murray Street, with works complementing the look of the heritage buildings and the diversity of architecture along the street front.

These works include:

- Widening and reconstruction of footpaths to improve footpath levels;
- Installation of new street furniture;
- Landscaping of the Murray Street roundabout;
- Additional trees (including a Jacaranda) and garden beds;
- Installation of new street lighting; and,

• Improved drainage. Works are due for completion in late 2018.

Information about the Argyle Street Upgrade Project is available on Council's website camden.nsw.gov.au/major-developments



BEFORE



AFTER

Visualisation.



Macaria has been fully restored and is now home to the Alan Baker Art Gallery

ALAN BAKER ART GALLERY OFFICIALLY OPENED

In February 2018, the Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak officially opened Camden's first permanent public art gallery - The Alan Baker Art Gallery.

The gallery occupies the recently renovated, historic Macaria building (Council's former office building) and provides an opportunity to honour local artist Alan Baker and showcase his artworks.

The Alan Baker collection tells a story of life, Australian tradition, culture and artistic journey. His works reveal stories of love, family, community, war, beauty, darkness and tragedy; each capturing history. He reveals the people and places of Macarthur and the role he played in developing an arts network in Camden.

Whilst the gallery is a dedicated showcase of Alan Baker's works, it also provides an opportunity to connect local artists, foster future artists and promote art in Camden.

A total of 79 art works will be on exhibition for public viewing 11am - 4pm each Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 37 John Street, Camden.

For further information visit alanbakerartgallery.com.au



Mayor of Camden Cr Lara Symkowiak, Nola Tegel, Max Tegel, Gary Baker, Melissa Baker and Chris Patterson MP



Official Gallery opening

YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO DESIGN PUBLIC ART

Young people were invited to be involved in the concept design for two new public art murals in Narellan and Elderslie.

After the success of two youth public art projects completed in Currans Hill and Harrington Park in 2017, Council has allocated a further \$25,000 to develop new murals for other community spaces.

The Camden Youth Council was involved in the identification and selection of both spaces which include the walls at the Narellan Library entrance and the Kirkham Skate Park.

The murals are designed to renew these community facilities, enhance their appeal and create a feeling of welcome for people of all ages.



Harrington Park Public Art by street artist Tim Phibs

CREATIVE CAMDEN HUB: MAKING SPACES WORKSHOPS

March to November 2018

Come along to Making Spaces, a dynamic art program where you can discover and unleash your creativity.

Share your ideas, learn new skills from local artists and enjoy artmaking in a studio environment. Workshops focus on performances and masterclasses in dance, drawing and painting, music, textile making, theatre and performance.

No experience necessary and the workshops are suitable for all ages. This program is supported by Create NSW's Western Sydney Making Spaces Initiative.

For more information about the program call **4645 5129** or email creative.camden@camden.nsw.gov.au

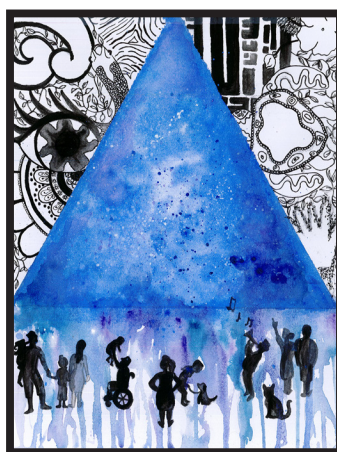


CAMDEN ART PRIZE

**4 - 11 May
Camden Civic Centre
Free Event**

The Camden Art Prize is held annually to promote the visual arts within the local government area of Camden and district, and to broaden and stimulate community perception of art with particular reference to Australian works.

For exhibition dates and further information phone **4655 1144** or email entries@camdenartprize.com.au



*Liz Irving
18+ years*



*Emily Baldry
6-8 years*

BUDDING ARTISTS RECOGNISED

Local school students and young people were recently acknowledged for their artworks as part of the Art Unearthed poster competition, in celebration of International Day of People with Disability.

The competition raised awareness about social inclusion in the community, with entrants creating artworks that reflect what inclusion in the community would look like.

Congratulations to all Participation Creativity Award winners for their outstanding themed artworks.

Overall category winners included:

- 0-2 years: Indy Grimson
- 3-5 years: Owen Bardsley
- 6-8 years: Emily Baldry
- 9-11 years: Mark Conaty
- 12-14 years: Troy Sitkowski
- 5-17 years: William Crooks-Rohrlach
- 18+ years: Liz Irving

Thank you to everyone who participated.

AUSTRALIA DAY



L to R: Community Group of the Year (Tie) Lauren Casuscelli of Everyone Can Dance, Citizen of the Year 2018 David Funnell, Mayor of Camden Cr Lara Symkowiak, Young Sportsperson of the Year (Tie) Natalie Sligar, Young Citizen of the Year 2018 Lubna Sherieff, Young Sportsperson of the Year (Tie) Amy Sligar, Community Group of the Year (Tie) June Holdsworth of Camden Lioness Club and Chris Patterson MP.

OUTSTANDING CITIZENS AWARDED

Community heroes were honoured at Camden's annual Australia Day Civic Awards ceremony. The Awards acknowledge individuals and groups who have dedicated themselves to making a positive difference to their communities and provided an opportunity to recognise those who continue to give tirelessly to the local Camden community.

2018 Australia Day Award winners include:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: DAVID FUNNELL

David has lived in Camden for more than 72 years and is a former Councillor of Camden. He has contributed greatly to local community groups and assisted locals in need, undertaking volunteer work on several committees.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: LUBNA SHERIEFF

Lubna is an extremely active member and volunteer of the Camden Youth Council and has attended meetings, events and worked tirelessly on planning initiatives for the young people of Camden.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR: MADDISON LEWIS

Maddison is an exceptional kayaker and an inspirational role model who has mentored many junior athletes. She was crowned Australian Junior Champion and represented Australia at the World Championships in Argentina.

YOUNG SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR: NATALIE SLIGAR (TIE)

Natalie has made an outstanding contribution to the community through her involvement in netball at a variety of levels. Natalie regularly umpires and coaches netball at a club, local and state level on and off the court.

YOUNG SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR: AMY SLIGAR (TIE)

Amy has made an outstanding contribution to the community

through her involvement in a variety of sports. In 2017, Amy represented Camden and NSW in athletics, netball and AFL and was selected to represent Australia in Netball and AFL.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR: MACARTHUR LIONS AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE

The Macarthur Lions Club was formed in 1981 and to this day has supported the Camden community through various events and fundraised lifesaving equipment for Camden and Campbelltown hospitals.

COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR: CAMDEN LIONESS CLUB (TIE)

The Camden Lioness Club was founded in 1977 and has spent over 40 years working tirelessly to support individuals, families and groups in need in the local community. The club raised money to fund life saving equipment for Camden and Campbelltown hospitals and to refurbish Camden Hospital's palliative care gardens.

COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR: EVERYONE CAN DANCE CHARITY (TIE)

Everyone Can Dance is a local Macarthur, not for profit, dance charity formed by Lauren Casuscelli five years ago. The dance charity offers free dance, drama and singing lessons to individuals with a disability to assist local families whose children can't access regular dance classes.



Mayor of Camden Cr Lara Symkowiak, Ted Gillroy of Macarthur Lions Club and Chris Patterson MP.

EVENTS & RECREATION



BOUNCE TOWN

To be held Wednesday 18 April from 10am to 3pm, Jack Brabham Reserve, Oran Park. Free event open to all ages.

Come along to an inflatable extravaganza as Jack Brabham Reserve, Oran Park. is transformed into an inflatable wonderland featuring:-

- slides, obstacles and sensory play equipment;
- DJ playing all your favourite hits;
- hydration and sunscreen stations; and
- food, drink and icecream stalls.

There will be three age-specific zones including an area for children aged 3 - 12 years and will include a mini obstacle inflatable called the Kiddiepillar. Teenagers aged 13 - 17 years can enjoy a variety of inflatables, Bubble Soccer and obstacle courses.

There will be an area open to all ages that will feature the Screamer Slide and Mammoth Mountain Drop, sure to please adrenaline seekers.

For further information visit camden.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

THOUSANDS CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY

Camden's diverse and vibrant community came together to celebrate Australia Day at Camden's annual event on 26 January 2018, featuring street festivities and show-stopping Macarthur Lions Street Parade.

There was something for everyone to enjoy, from an assortment of street food, thong throwing competition, crocodile encounters and petting zoo, live music and family friendly fun with a variety of kid's activities.



GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Judges of the Camden Garden Competition 2017 were treated to an exceptionally high standard of yards, plots and landscaped gardens.

Twenty five entrants were nominated for a chance to win one of the eleven categories of the annual competition.

Winners of each category include:

- Linda Jane - Grand Champion
- David and Sherryl Morrison - Best New Garden
- Bob Watson - Best Floral Display
- Carrington Care - Professional Garden
- Macarthur Preschool - School/ Class Plot
- Linda Jane - Senior Citizen Garden
- Linda Jane - Most Creative Garden
- Allan Svancar - Most Sustainable Garden
- Valerie Finch - Best Backyard
- Murray and Sue Hamer - Best Front Yard
- Marie Thompson - Veggie Garden/Plot



Grand Champion Linda Jane's garden

WHAT'S ON



Twenty Two Strings perform at Michel's as part of Live & Local Camden 2017

4-15 APRIL SENIORS FESTIVAL

Come along to Camden's Seniors Festival and enjoy a variety of events activities in celebration of Seniors Week. This year's activities include cooking workshops, photography courses, seniors concert, seminars, fitness classes and much more.

For more information call 4645 5020 or visit Camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Seniors Festival' in the search toolbar.

13-22 APRIL NSW YOUTH WEEK

A number of local events and activities hosted by various youth and community service organisations in partnership with Camden Council. Activities include skateboarding clinics, dungeons and dragons events at Narellan Library, comedy night, Dive In movie night at Mount Annan Leisure Centre, Camden Youth Council's \$5 movie night and many more.

18 APRIL BOUNCE TOWN

Enjoy an outdoor inflatable wonderland and jumping on a range of giant inflatables and obstacles while a DJ spins all your favourite tracks.

**10am to 3pm
Jack Brabham Reserve, Oran Park
Free for all ages**

20 APRIL CAMDEN SHORTS

Camden Council's annual Camden Shorts event showcases live

performances by young, local musicians and performers including live music, dance and theatre.

**From 7pm
Civic Centre, Oxley St, Camden
Free entry**

25 APRIL ANZAC DAY

Commemorate Anzac Day and come along to Camden RSL Sub Branch Dawn Service and main ANZAC Day March.

Dawn service will commence at 5.15am sharp at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial Site, Cawdor Road, Camden.

Main ANZAC Day March and Community Service will commence at 11am from Elizabeth Street, Camden.

6 MAY PAWS IN THE PARK

Get ready for some four-legged fun and come along to the annual Paws in the Park event.

**9am to 1pm
Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park
Free
camdenpaws.com.au**

23 JUNE LIVE AND LOCAL

After a successful event in 2017, Live and Local Music Camden is back; featuring live music from local musicians within cafes, restaurants and open spaces.

**2pm to 6pm
Various venues along Argyle St, Camden**

LIBRARY EVENTS

FREE STARGAZING AT NARELLAN LIBRARY

See the wonders of the sky and use a real telescope to explore the universe and discover distant stars and planets. Donations to the Macarthur Astronomical Society are appreciated. Bring a torch with red cellophane.

**Wednesday 20 June 2018 | 5pm - 8pm
The Urban Forest Park (located next to Narellan Library)**

FREE MACRAME WORKSHOP

Get creative at a free workshop and learn the art of knotting and hitching. Bookings essential.

**Saturday 7 and 28 April 2018,
9.30 - 11.30am
Camden Library, John St, Camden
For more information contact
Camden Library on 4654 7951 or visit
library.camden.nsw.gov.au**



PET OWNERSHIP



PIP and PAWS

OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS

If you'd like to change up your regular walking routine with your pet, visit one of six Council owned and operated off-leash dog parks located at:

- River Road Reserve, Elderslie
- Bicentennial Equestrian Park before 10am and after 5pm Monday to Sunday (excluding horse event periods)
- Rosevale Reserve, Narellan
- Clifton Park, Arcadian Hills Estate,
- Burrell Rd, Spring Farm
- Holden Dr, Oran Park

When you're taking your dog for a walk, your pet **MUST** be on a lead for the safety of everyone in our community.

MICROCHIPPING & REGISTRATION

Council is offering **FREE** microchipping for dogs and cats to all Camden residents.

All cats and dogs are required to be microchipped and registered with their local council.

Microchipping will be done from the comfort of your home by a qualified ranger.

Ensuring your pet is microchipped and details are up to date will assist rangers returning your beloved pet should it ever go missing or is stolen.

LOST, FOUND OR INJURED ANIMALS

If you find a lost or stray animal, you have a number of options.

- Contact Council, Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 5pm.
- Contact your local vet.
- Take the animal to Camden Animal Care Facility, located at the rear of Rossmore Veterinary Hospital, 651 Bringelly Road, Rossmore, Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday/Sunday 9am – 4pm, closed public holidays.
- If possible, secure the animal in your yard and contact Council on the next business day.

Injured animals can be reported to any of the following organisations:

Animal Welfare League Ph: 8899 333

Sydney Metro Wildlife Ph: 9413 4300

Dogs, cats and livestock; RSPCA
Ph: 9770 755

Native species, birds, bats and reptiles; WIRES Ph: 8977 3333

For more information on pet ownership visit our website camden.nsw.gov.au and search for 'pets' or call Council on **4654 7777**.

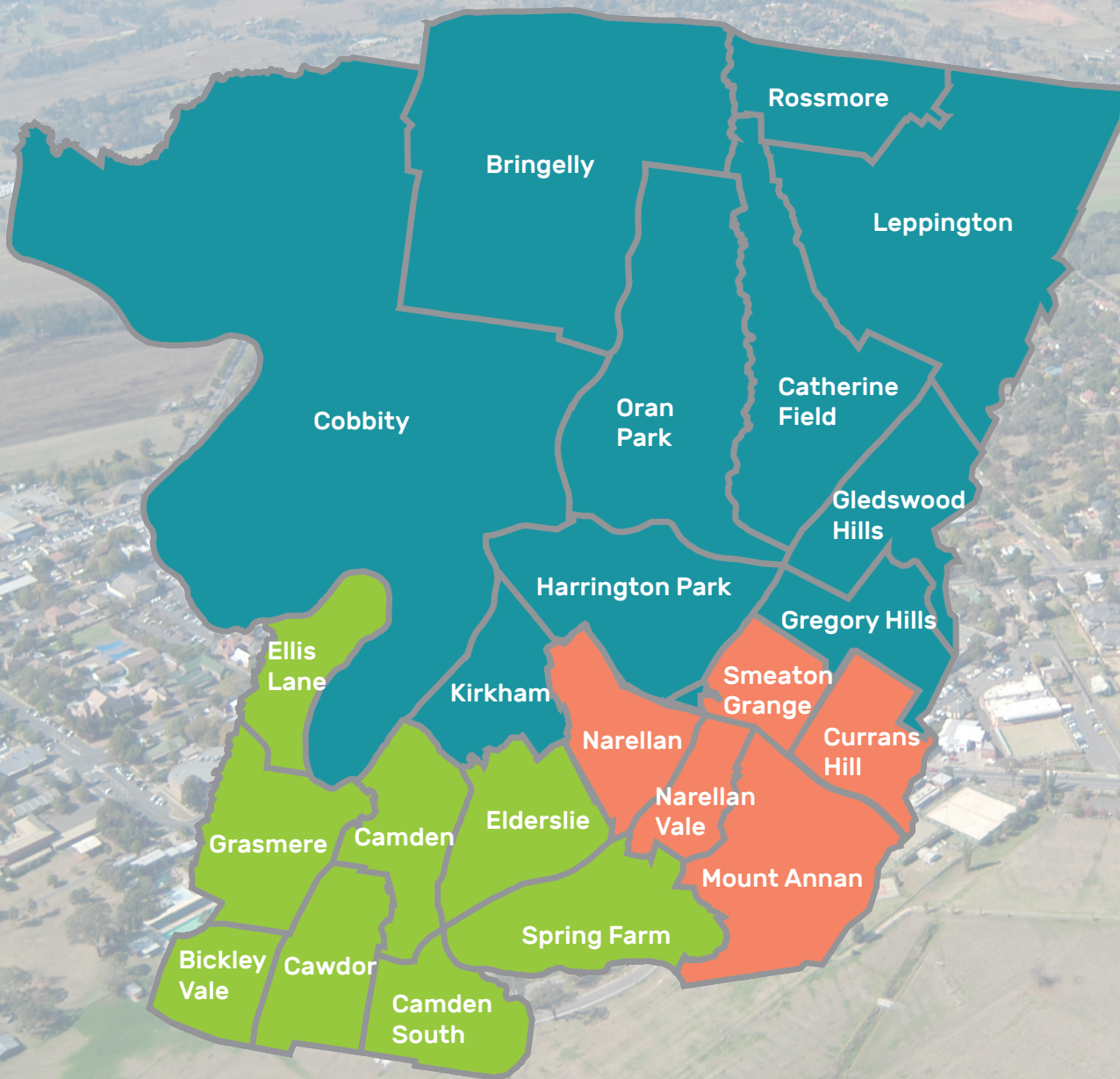


Gregory Hills Off Leash Dog Park

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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