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Welcome to another edition of Council's Let's Connect.

We are well and truly heading towards the end of year festivities, with Christmas time fast approaching. It's been another big three months here in Camden, and we have a number of exciting events, initiatives and projects to celebrate as we continue through Spring.

After two years of postponements, Camden Festival is finally back in October. The annual event will include the popular Picnic in the Park, Kids Fun Day and our beloved Taste Camden. I can't wait to see the pictures in the next edition!

We also saw improvement works down at Larkin Place in Camden which started in August and have only just wrapped up. The site has been temporarily transformed into a multi-use space and we are excited to hear what you think about these changes and improvements to pedestrian movements through the space.

I was also proud to host our first face-to-face Citizenship Ceremony since early 2020, to celebrate Australian Citizenship Day, with more than 200 residents becoming our newest Australian citizens.

I look forward to finishing the year strongly and delivering some truly fantastic projects and initiatives!

Therese Fedeli
Mayor of Camden



NARELLAN SPORTS HUB EXPANSION COMPLETE

Narellan is now home to one of south-west Sydney's largest sporting complexes, following the completion of the second and final stage of the Narellan Sports Hub in September.

The facility will see thousands of locals compete across several sporting codes including netball, athletics, rugby league, hockey and cycling throughout the year.

Stage Two work included 14 additional netball courts with floodlighting, a synthetic athletics track, an additional international size rugby league field with new lighting, irrigation and drainage; a multi-purpose field area the size of two football fields; and so much more.

Funding was received from the Western Parkland City Liveability Program, at \$11.3 million, and the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund, at \$5 million, for the design and construction of the Narellan Sports Hub Stage Two works in 2019.

Projects under the Western Parkland City Liveability Program are co-funded by the three levels of government as part of the Western Sydney City Deal (WSCD). The WSCD is a 20-year partnership between the Australian and NSW Governments and the eight Councils of the Western Parkland City.

For more information, visit bit.ly/NSH-complete



TWO MAJOR SPORTING FACILITIES OPEN



INTERNATIONAL STANDARD KIRKHAM PARK BMX FACILITY NOW COMPLETE

Australia's best BMX riders will now know all about Camden after the official opening of Kirkham Park BMX Facility.

The \$5.56 million facility boasts an eight-metre start hill; elite first straight; a warm-up track; and much more.

Kirkham Park BMX Facility was completed in two stages, with stage 2A co-funded by Council and the NSW Government's 2019/20 Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund. The pump track formed part of Stage 2A work.

For more information on Council's major projects, go to camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Major Projects'.



MAJOR PROJECTS



Artists impression of the Oran Park Leisure Centre

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON ORAN PARK LEISURE CENTRE

Camden's third local pool is about to become a reality with construction beginning at Oran Park Leisure Centre recently.

Oran Park Leisure Centre, to be located on Central Avenue, will be a significant addition to the Oran Park precinct and is set to include:

- A 50-metre indoor swimming pool;
- Leisure pool;
- Learn-to-swim pool;
- Spa and sauna;
- Four indoor courts;
- Gymnasium;
- Café;
- Creche facilities; and,
- Undercover parking.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Therese Fedeli, said the Leisure Centre demonstrated Council's commitment to recreation facilities in the Camden area.

"Council has worked hard on providing the community with high quality sport and recreation facilities across the Camden area and Oran Park Leisure Centre will add to our growing list," she said.



Artists impression of the Oran Park Leisure Centre pool

"Our community cannot wait for Oran Park Leisure Centre to be completed as it will be home to an Olympic-sized swimming pool which will not only better serve our residents, but also give young children the chance to train to become Australia's next great Olympian."

Council awarded a tender to construct the Leisure Centre in August this year, with works expected to be completed by mid to late 2024, weather permitting.

Oran Park Leisure Centre is being delivered in partnership with Greenfields Development Company.

The Leisure Centre will add to a range of state-of-the-art sporting facilities in the Camden area, including Narellan Sports Hub, Kirkham Park BMX Facility and the area's first synthetic football field at Nott Oval.

WANT MORE INFO?

For more information on these projects, and others happening around the Camden area, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/major-developments

MAJOR PROJECTS



FLOOD STUDY

Council has updated a number of flood studies, plans and policies to assist in planning and development matters, as well as to provide support for emergency management planning.

The updated Upper South Creek Flood Study, Nepean River including Narellan Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan and the Flood Risk Management Policy were endorsed by Council in September.

Expert consultants were engaged to conduct studies and plans in accordance with NSW Government requirements in completing the updates.

For more information on Flood Plain Management in Camden, go to camden.nsw.gov.au



Softball fields during July flooding



WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY?

Council continues to encourage residents to sign up to Your Voice Camden, where you can easily and conveniently convey ideas, feelings and opinions about key projects, proposals and services.

You'll be able to have your say on a large range of items on public exhibition, including new strategies, the latest development applications and even being able to provide feedback on our services.

Signing up and having your say on topics and matters that are important to you will help shape the future of the Camden area.

To sign up, go to yourvoice.camden.nsw.gov.au

OUR COMMUNITY



Kids enjoying a book

IT'S TIME TO PAINT CAMDEN REaD

Paint the Town REaD (PTTR) is an early literacy initiative which encourages everyone to read, talk, sing and rhyme with children from birth.

Camden is proudly part of this initiative, with the Camden PTTR run by a local committee made up of local organisations and project partners including Council.

The goal is to introduce Camden kids to key literacy outcomes in their early years so they're ready for reading and writing by the time they start school, and they continue to grow their love of reading and writing into adulthood.

Why is literacy so important at a young age? Simple – when you introduce reading from birth and continue through to childhood, you're helping your child develop literacy skills. These skills help develop your child's brain, as well as social and emotional development.

For more information about this initiative, and for tips and tricks for your family, visit camdenkids.com.au/camden-paint-the-town-read/

DID YOU KNOW?

We're always looking for artists to facilitate art workshops at Alan Baker Art Gallery. If that sounds like something you're interested in, email your details over to creative@camden.nsw.gov.au or register on our Creative Camden Directory at bit.ly/creativecamden

SKATE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Council is proud to fund the brand new Skateboard, Scooter and BMX Jam held with Totem Collective at Julia Reserve Youth Precinct.

The events, to be held in each school holiday period up until April 2023, aim to inspire attendees by being inclusive and helping to build skills and confidence. They allow participants a chance to have extra support to focus on their own progression and provide the experience of a competition setting with prizes to be won.

There are three sessions available for each category – 12 years and under, 15 years and under and an open category.

For more information, and to register for the next sessions, visit bit.ly/JR-Skate-Comp-Series



Action from the first Skateboard, Scooter and BMX Jam

OUR COMMUNITY



Mayor of Camden, Cr Therese Fedeli, with Kids Helpline Service Manager NSW, Sarah Van Bentum.

TWO BEAUTIFUL TRUCKS

Council was proud to unveil two more Waste Trucks with special messages.

The first is for Kids Helpline. Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential, 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged from five to 25 years old. There are more than 22,000 residents across the Camden area that fall within this age group who are encouraged to reach out to the qualified counsellors at Kids Helpline who are available anytime and for any reason.

The second features a design by local indigenous artist Melissa Barton, also known as Alkiira Indigenous Art. It depicts and celebrates the strength, unity, community, and teamwork shared between the Dharawal, Dharug and Gundangurra people to care for Country in and around Camden.

These two trucks are two of the many community messages we have, with other waste truck artwork including community road safety messages, breast cancer awareness, men's and women's health, mental health and much more.

For more information, visit kidshelpline.com.au



Mayor of Camden, Cr Therese Fedeli, pictured with Melissa Barton

DID YOU KNOW?

We provide services and support and facilitate a number of programs and events for the local community. If you'd like to find out what's on offer for you, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/community/support/

SUSTAINABLE LIVING



Enjoy a walk along one of our beautiful walkways in the Camden area

CHECK OUT OUR LATEST WATERWAY WALK!

The latest Waterway Walk in the series explores Narellan Creek in Mount Annan.

The 5.2-kilometre loop takes you from Lake Yandel'ora to Annan Lake and provides information about the natural and constructed features that help keep Narellan Creek clean and healthy. You can download the online guide from Council's website and visit the points of interest to see and learn more about these features. This Waterway Walk is also wheelchair, pram and stroller friendly.

Visit bit.ly/sustainable-council for more information.

NEPEAN RIVER, OUR RIVER

Want to learn more about our beloved Nepean River?

Camden Council has partnered with Penrith City Council to develop a video series which explores the history and use of Nepean River, on what both Councils are doing to improve water quality and how you too can help limit your impact on our waterways.

To watch the videos, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/environment/waterways/waterway-education/

BE SMART AND RECYCLESMART

Wondering how to recycle those tricky items laying around the house?

Council has partnered with RecycleSmart giving you an Uber-style recycling service. All you have to do is bag up your items, book a collection and leave the bags on your doorstep on collection day.

RecycleSmart collects almost 100 different items including soft plastics, e-waste, clothes and other household recyclable waste.

Visit recyclesmart.com for more information.



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ARTS AND CULTURE

OUR CREATIVES HAVE BEEN COLLABORATING

Earlier this year, we launched our new quarterly forum, **Creative Collab**, aimed at connecting emerging and established arts and creative professionals from the Macarthur region.

We've hosted two of four events so far, which have all included networking, discussions, presentations and the latest news from the arts and cultural sector in NSW. The events aim to support and sustain a vibrant local creative industry and network, inclusive of visual arts, decorative arts, performing arts, music and design.

The final Creative Collab event for this year will be held in November.

For more information, including how to register, go to bit.ly/Creative-Collab

For artists interested in profiling their work at future events or are new to the Camden area and have any questions relating to the Creative Collab event, contact Council's Cultural Project Officer on creative@camden.nsw.gov.au



Creative Collab was a hit with local creatives

CAMDEN ART SALE

Council was proud to throw its support behind local and emerging artists by hosting the first ever Camden Art Sale back in June.

The inaugural event displayed the amazing artwork of local established and emerging artists at Camden Civic Centre, giving artists the chance to sell their work and shoppers the chance to pick up a beautiful piece for their home.

The next exciting exhibition to take the Alan Baker Art Gallery by storm will be Baker's Bouquets. For more information on this, and for other events, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/community/



Visitors enjoying Camden Art Sale

LET'S GET ARTY

Alan Baker Art Gallery hosts a full program of creative workshops that draw on the knowledge and experience of local artists and art teachers.

Catering for both children and adults and welcoming all skill levels, the program includes Art After School, School Holiday Workshops, drawing and watercolour painting classes for adults and pop-up specialty workshops.

If you're interested in unleashing your inner artist, be sure to check out our ongoing Public Program at alanbakerartgallery.com.au



Join us for a creative workshop

EVENTS

**3-30
OCT
2022**



**TASTE
CAMDEN**

12PM - 5PM | CAMDEN TOWN FARM

**SUN 30
OCT**

FREE

**CAMDEN
FEST
IVAL**

ARE YOU CELEBRATING CAMDEN FESTIVAL WITH US?

We're so happy to have Camden Festival back this year!

We're well underway with your favourite events for the first time face-to-face since the pandemic!

There's still lots to get involved in, so make sure you check out the full program of events at camdenfestival.com.au

DID YOU KNOW?

We run regular events, activities and initiatives at Oran Park, Narellan and Camden Libraries. To find out what's happening at your nearest library, visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au/events/

www.camdenfestival.com.au

IN ORAN PARK AND CAMDEN

CHRISTMAS IS AROUND THE CORNER

With Christmas and the school holidays right around the corner, residents are urged to keep an eye out for some exciting events and activities taking place across the Camden area.

Council will kick things off with the Camden Christmas Festival taking centre stage along Argyle Street on 26 November. Join us to have some Christmas fun including the lighting of our Christmas tree.

Then, on Thursday 1 December, 5-9pm, we'll be holding the inaugural Oran Park Christmas Concert 2022. It will be held within Oran Park Civic Precinct and will feature Christmas entertainment and local choirs, a Christmas market, a visit from Santa and so much more.

For more information on upcoming events, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/event-calendar

Council's Libraries and Alan Baker Art Gallery will also have a range of activities on offer for the kids to keep entertained throughout the school holidays.

To see what's happening at our libraries, visit www.libraries.camden.nsw.gov.au

To see what's happening at Alan Baker Art Gallery, visit www.alanbakerartgallery.com.au



Christmas events



Alan Baker Art Gallery Holiday Programs



Camden Libraries Holiday Programs

EYES ON THE ROAD

In a joint initiative between Camden and Campbelltown Councils as well as the NSW Police Force – Macarthur Highway Patrol, a monthly road safety campaign was recently launched.

Published the second Monday of the month on Camden and Campbelltown Council's Facebook pages and websites, Eyes on the Road highlights local, timely and relevant road safety issues.

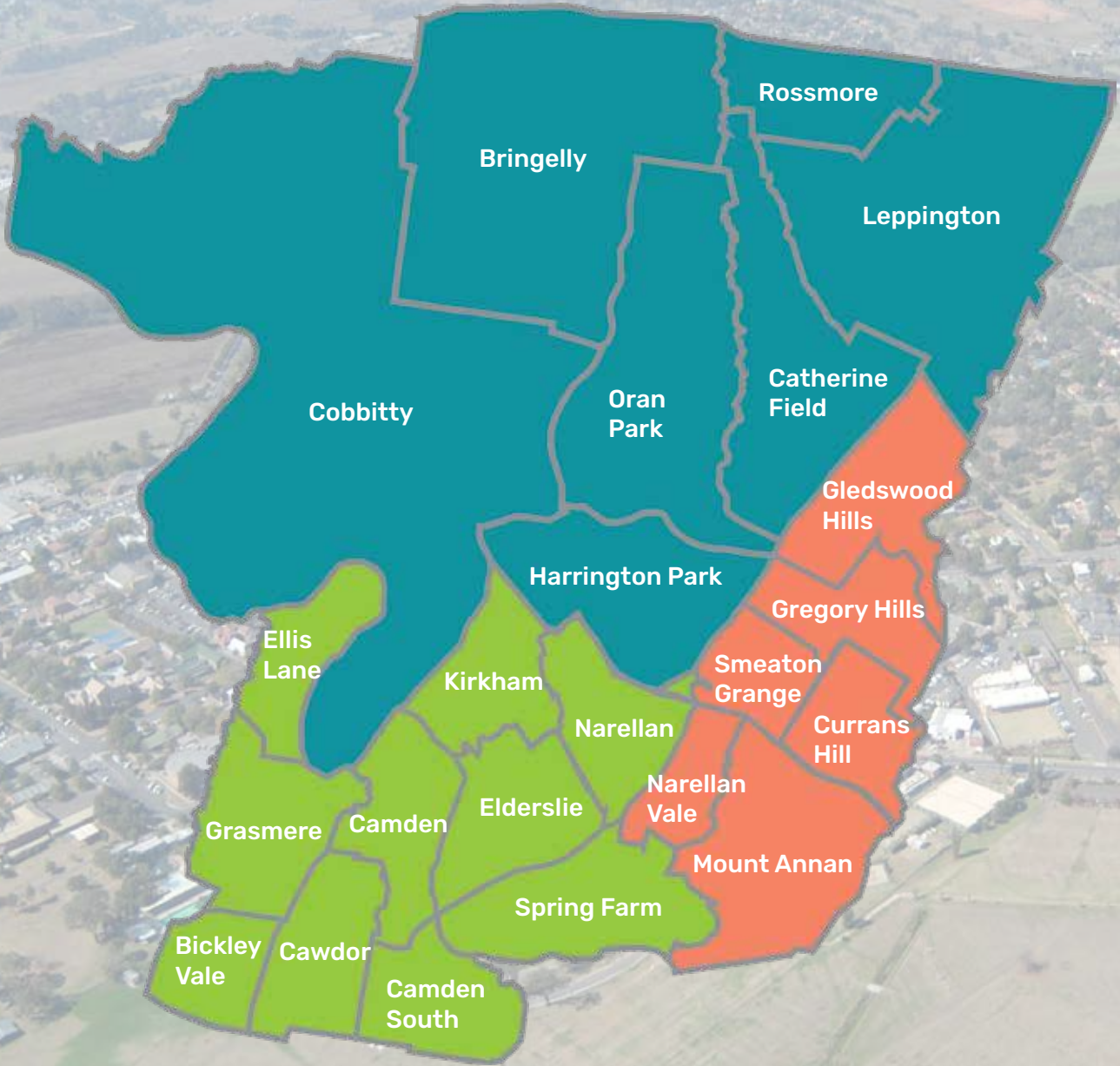
Camden Council has a long and proud working history with Macarthur Highway Patrol and Camden Police Area Command addressing community and road safety issues and facilitating a number of community programs including Logbook Runs for Learners, Drive to Stay Alive and graffiti education.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH COUNCIL

If you have a matter you wish to raise with us, please:

- Call our Customer Service Centre on 4654 7777;
- Email us at mail@camden.nsw.gov.au;
- Lodge it online at camden.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/report;
- Download the **OurCamden** app; or
- Visit our Customer Service Centre at 70 Central Avenue, Oran Park.

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