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Narellan Sports Hub netball courts and amenities building.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new-look *Let's Connect*. The new design features a fresh, modern and easy to read newsletter, sharing all our latest Council and community news.

As we see the year come to a close, many of you are planning your Christmas, New Year festivities and holidays.

Once again, Council will run its annual Christmas Lights Competition and I encourage everyone who is keen to decorate their homes with festive lights and decorations, to enter this year's competition.

Mount Annan Leisure Centre

I was excited to officially open the upgraded Mount Annan Leisure Centre in September. Council is very excited to deliver this \$13.65 million project to the community to provide high quality fitness and leisure facilities for everyone to enjoy.

Improvement works included an amenities upgrade to the change rooms and aquatic facilities. The project has delivered a brand new multi-purpose sports hall, upgraded entry foyer and kiosk and expansion of child care and car parking.

Narellan Sports Hub

The first stage of the much-anticipated Narellan Sports Hub was completed in October at a cost of \$11 million. The Sports Hub will provide our community with a brand new, state-of-the-art sporting complex which will see both local and state competitions as well as regular community use.

The first stage has 30 netball courts and includes 400 car parking spaces. The complex will ultimately offer 44 netball courts, an athletics facility and sports fields catering to various codes.

It's been an honour serving the Camden community throughout this year and I look forward to continue working with you in 2018.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Until next time,

Lara Symkowiak

Mayor of Camden



Unveiling the Narellan Sports Hub plaque. Member for Camden, Chris Patterson MP; Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak; President of Camden and District Netball Association, Karen Williams and NSW Netball President, Wendy Archer AM.

NARELLAN SPORTS HUB COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

A free community open day to welcome the completion of the first stage of the Narellan Sports Hub, was held last month featuring family entertainment, activity stalls and barbeque.

Professional netballers Claire O'Brien from Sydney Swifts and Kristiana Manua from GWS Giants met with fans in a special 'meet and greet' on the day.

Local Camden and District Netball Association representative teams showcased their netball skills on the new netball courts with a demonstration game and Go Netters hosted goal shooting games with kids.

Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate the opening.



Open day netball demonstration games.

NARELLAN SPORTS HUB



NARELLAN SPORTS HUB: FIRST STAGE NOW COMPLETE

The community is another step closer to enjoying a brand new, state-of-the-art sporting complex with construction of the first stage of the **Narellan Sports Hub** completed and ready for use.

The Sports Hub is one of the biggest recreational facility investments for the area and Council has delivered the \$11 million facility to fulfil the needs of our growing community.

The new complex is positioned near existing sports grounds and will be extended in a number of stages to include other facilities.

Stage one includes:

- Centrally located amenities building that includes a canteen, walk in cool room, meeting rooms, computerised security features, toilets, kitchen and barbecue;
- 30 netball courts;
- Floodlighting;
- 400 car parking spaces;
- Playground; and
- Fencing and landscaping.

Camden and District Netball Association teams will occupy the new netball courts and amenities building as their primary grounds. The Sports Hub will ultimately cater to various sporting codes including rugby league, athletics, netball and hockey.

The netball court complex will also host state-wide netball competitions, which will help position the Camden area as a regional sport destination within greater Sydney and across the state, boosting local tourism and economic growth.

The Narellan Sports Hub is located at the corner of the Northern Road and Porrende Street, Narellan.



New playground at Narellan Sports Hub.



Wide view of the Narellan Sports Hub complex upon completion.



Pictured from left to right: Katarina Sincek, Sarah Pinnington, Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak, Evana Sincek, Taylah Hahn.

EVENTS



Camden Festival's show-stopping event TASTE Food, Wine and Music Festival offered a huge selection of food and beverage options.

CAMDEN FESTIVAL CELEBRATED BY THOUSANDS

Thousands of people attended the many events on offer as part of the annual **Camden Festival**, which spanned from 9 – 24 September.

Highlights included a jam-packed Kid's Fun Day featuring an appearance by Batman in his batmobile, flower crown making workshops and free native plant giveaway at Picnic in the Park and a Hawaiian themed Cinema Under the Stars featuring hula hooping entertainment, leis flower giveaways and a special appearance by a Moana mascot in celebration of hit movie *Moana*.

Celebrity chef, Miguel Maestre headlined the show-stopping TASTE Food, Wine and Music Festival which featured gourmet food from more than 40 food stalls and food trucks.



Pictured from left: Miguel Maestre's cooking demonstration. Flower crown making at Picnic in the Park. Special appearance by Batman and his Batmobile at Kid's Fun Day.



Mayor of Camden Cr Lara Symkowiak unveiled Council's four waste trucks together with Mark Layson, R U OK Ambassador and Senior Chaplain NSW Ambulance; Jacky Moore, Lifeline Macarthur Executive Manager Crisis Support and Suicide Prevention and Council waste truck operators.

COUNCIL LEADS THE WAY

In an Australian first, Camden Council has branded four waste collection trucks with the **RUOK?** message to help prompt life changing conversations and raise awareness about mental health.

During the month of September, Council also promoted the R U OK? campaign through its email signatures, a number of staff initiatives and planted yellow RU OK? themed planter boxes in Argyle Street, Camden.

R U OK? is a not-for-profit organisation which raises awareness about the importance of mental health and encourages people to have meaningful conversations.

**KNOW SOMEONE GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME?
Contact Lifeline for crisis support on 13 11 14.**

GET INVOLVED

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for **Camden Council's Australia Day Awards 2018**.

Council's Australia Day Awards acknowledge individuals and groups who have dedicated themselves to making a positive difference to their communities.

You can nominate a friend, work colleague or family member.

Award categories include:

- Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Sportsperson of the Year;
- Young Sportsperson of the Year;
- Community Event of the Year; and
- Community Group of the Year.

Award winners will be announced at a special Australia Day ceremony on 26 January 2018.

Nominations close 15 December 2017

For more information and to download a nomination form visit Camden.nsw.gov.au and type in 'Australia Day Award Nomination' in the search toolbar.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION NOW OPEN!

Residents and businesses are invited to adorn their homes with festive lights and decorations as part of Camden Council's **Christmas Lights Competition**.

Winners will each receive a \$200 Visa gift card as well as a trophy. Winners will be awarded at a special ceremony hosted by Camden Council.

Categories include:

- Best Lit;
- Best Novelty;
- Best Street;
- Best Non Residential/ Commercial; and
- People's Choice.

Entries close 4 December 2017.

For further information and to enter the competition, head to Council's website Camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Christmas Lights Competition' in the search toolbar.

LIBRARY EVENTS

TECH SAVVY SENIORS

A series of free technology training sessions for seniors (aged 60+).

Book online to secure your spot.

To book or for further information visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au or call 4645 7951.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Dungeons and Dragons at the Library is a gaming enthusiast group who play the roleplaying game of magic, fantasy and adventure.

The group is open to players of all experience levels.

Saturdays (fortnightly) from 10am to 2pm

Ages: 13+. Held at Narellan Library

Enquiries: 4645 7951

CHESS CLUB

Come along and develop your skills in an interesting and challenging chess game.

Beginner or advanced chess players welcome. No bookings necessary.

Every Wednesday, 10am to 1pm at Camden Library

Enquiries: 4654 7951

KNITTING: CLICK, CLACK AND YAK

Got the knitting bug? Come along to a Click, Clack and Yak knitting group for a chat and a cuppa while you knit.

Camden Library: Tuesday evenings from 6pm and Friday mornings from 10am

Narellan Library: Thursday morning, 9.30am

Enquiries: 4654 7951

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Books for discussion include new and classic fiction.

Meetings are held at Camden Library on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Light refreshments included.

Enquiries: 4645 7951



Mayor of Camden Cr Lara Symkowiak together with 2017 Citizen of the Year Robyne Meek and Australia Day Ambassador Justin Herald.

YOUR COMMUNITY

CAMDEN'S ECONOMIC TASKFORCE BOARD SELECTED

Council has initiated a business taskforce to bring together key local business leaders and experts to drive and facilitate the economic growth of the area.

The Camden Region Economic Taskforce is being set up as an independent company run by a board of directors designed to include up to two Councillors, professional experts and business leaders.

The taskforce aims to help attract significant government investment for major transport networks and road infrastructure. Taskforce board members will join Chairperson, Adriana Care and Council's representatives Mayor of Camden Cr Lara Symkowiak and Cr Peter Sidgreaves.

Newly appointed board members include Bruce Hanrahan AM, Principal Solicitor at Dignan and



Pictured left to right: Cr Peter Sidgreaves, Mayor Lara Symkowiak, Peter Campbell, Adriana Care (Chairperson), Peter Meadows, Belinda Mclean, Bruce Hanrahan AM.

Hanrahan Solicitors; Peter Campbell, Accountant and partner of Kelly Partners; Peter Meadows, owner and operator of eight McDonald's restaurants in South West Sydney and Belinda McLean, owner and

General Manager of Human Resources Focus.

Anyone with enquiries about the taskforce can contact Council on 4654 7777.



Pictured from Left to right: Jeremiah Edagbami, Lubna Sherieff, 'Hudson', and Cr Theresa Fedeli.

PAWS FOR A SECOND

HSC students preparing for their exams found some welcome stress relief in the form of adorable puppies at Narellan Library during October.

Camden Youth Council arranged for dogs to be at the library each Monday and Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm during the month to help students take a break from exams and assessments.

The initiative is part of Mental Health Month in partnership with PAWS Pet Therapy.

CAMDEN TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENT WORKS CONTINUE

The next stage (Stage 3) of works planned for Argyle Street, Camden will commence in January 2018 and finish in October 2018, subject to weather.

Works between Oxley Street and Murray Street will include:

- Widening and construction of new footpaths and installation of new street furniture;
- Landscaping of the Murray Street roundabout, additional trees and garden beds; and
- Installation of new street lighting and improved drainage.

For further information on the project email majorprojects@camden.nsw.gov.au



Stage three works will include new street furniture as well as widening and construction of new footpaths.

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS UPGRADES

Council has added six more parks and playgrounds to its list for upgrades and improvements this financial year.

These works will be completed as well as the embellishment of a further eight playgrounds already programmed in the 2017/18 budget.

Council allocated \$500,000 to the refurbishment and redevelopment of the facilities and amenities at reserves across the Camden area including:

- Manna Gum Reserve, Narallan Vale;
- Flinders Reserve, Camden South;
- Lawson Reserve, Camden South;
- Liquidamber Reserve, Narellan Vale;
- Catherine Fields Reserve, Catherine Fields; and
- Rotary Reserve, Camden South.

PAT KONTISTA RESERVE

A \$150,000 playground has been built at Pat Kontista Reserve in Leppington. Construction of the playground is part of the masterplan for the recreational facility.

The playground is fenced and features a range of equipment including:

- A rural farming theme;
- A tree house climb and slide;
- A small excavator;
- A sieve table;
- A farm springer; and
- A group rocker.



Pat Kontista Reserve playground.



Off leash dog parks are a great way to get your pet to be more active.

TREAT YOUR DOG FOR A WALK AT AN OFF-LEASH PARK

Get active outdoors and take your dog for a walk at one of six off-leash parks located throughout the Camden LGA.

- River Road Reserve, 42 River Road, Elderslie;
- Bicentennial Equestrian Park (bounded by Onslow Park and Matahil Creek) - before 10am and after 5pm Monday to Sunday (excluding horse event periods);
- Rosevale Reserve, Rosevale Place, Narellan;
- Clifton Park, Arcadian Hills Estate, Cobbitty;
- Burrell Road, Spring Farm; and
- Holden Drive, Oran Park.

FIND A HALL, PARK AND PLAYGROUND

Visit Council's website and search through a comprehensive list of halls for hire, parks to visit and playgrounds for recreational use for kids, all located within the Camden LGA.

Information is presented in a directory style format, alphabetically. Each location includes a photo and what features are available at each location including amenities, bbq and parking accessibility.

Visit Camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Parks and playgrounds' in the search toolbar.

STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR NEW WATER PLAY PARKS AND PLAY SPACES

A total of 237 responses were received during Council's community consultation campaign about new water play parks planned for Elderslie and Oran Park and two recreation play spaces at Harrington Park and Currans Hill.

The survey responses identified that there was strong support for a variety of challenging play equipment in colours inspired by nature for the recreation play spaces.

The concept designs will be presented to the community in November 2017.

Visit Camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Your Parks Your Voice' in the search toolbar.

WHAT'S ON



Australia Day 2017 celebrations saw large crowds line the streets of Camden Town Centre.

DECEMBER

7 DECEMBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Celebrations will include a showcase of local art created as part of the Art Unearthed Poster Competition, inspirational guest speakers and Stacey Copas.

WHERE: Camden Civic Centre Oxley Street Camden

WHEN: 12pm to 2pm

COST: FREE

PH: 4645 5009



Guest Speaker, Stacey Copas

9 DECEMBER

HARRINGTON PARK COMMUNITY CAROLS AND FIREWORKS

Round up the family for carols under the stars and a spectacular fireworks display.

WHERE: Harrington Park Public School

WHEN: From 6pm

COST: Free

PH: 4648 1822

16 DECEMBER

COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sing along to all your favourite Christmas songs by candlelight under the night sky.

WHERE: Macarthur Park, Menangle Road, Camden

WHEN: Event will begin at sunset

COST: Free

PH: 0488 558 138

16 DECEMBER

ORAN PARK COMMUNITY CAROLS

Pack a picnic and enjoy carols with the family.

WHERE: Wayne Gardener Reserve, Central Avenue, Oran Park

WHEN: From 5.30pm

COST: Free

PH: 0438 093 412

16 DECEMBER

CAROLS IN THE GARDEN

Enjoy kids entertainment and markets, a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. Plus live carols and entertainment on stage from 7pm.

WHERE: Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan

WHEN: Market from 3pm, entertainment from 7pm.

COST: Free entry

PH: 4634 7935

JANUARY

26 JANUARY

AUSTRALIA DAY

Celebrate our great nation at Council's annual community Australia Day event.

LOCATION 1: Camden street entertainment and celebrations

WHERE: John Street, Camden.

WHEN: From 9am to 2pm

LOCATION 2: The Macarthur Lions Street Parade

WHERE: Argyle Street, Camden

WHEN: From 11.15am

WEB: camden.nsw.gov.au

COOL OFF IN CAMDEN

1-29 January 2018

Planning your summer school holidays? Why not take a dip in a cool swimming pool with **FREE entry to Camden War Memorial Pool and Mount Annan Leisure Centre.**

Young people aged 12-18 years, who live in the Camden LGA, can pick up an access card to gain free entry at:

Camden War Memorial Pool, Mount Annan Leisure Centre, Camden and Narellan Libraries and Camden Council's Administration Building.

The program is run by Camden Council's Youth Program.

Places are limited.

Enquiries: 4654 7777
youth@camden.nsw.gov.au

You can also check out
facebook.com/
camdenyouthcouncil

FREE YOUTH FITNESS AND WELLBEING CLASSES

Young people are invited to come down to Mount Annan Leisure Centre for free youth fitness boot camps and wellbeing classes.

The classes are open to youths aged between 11 and 18 years, who live in the Camden LGA.

For further information call the Mount Annan Leisure Centre on 4648 4830.

MOUNT ANNAN LEISURE CENTRE RE-OPENED

The newly upgraded and expanded **Mount Annan Leisure Centre (MALC)** has been re-opened.

The \$13.65 million construction project has transformed the leisure centre into a modern recreational facility with improved capacity for indoor sports, health and fitness activities to meet the growing demand for indoor sports across the Camden area.

The upgrades and improvements include:

- Expansion of the health and fitness facilities;
- New fitness equipment;
- New toilets and change rooms;
- New two court indoor multi-purpose sports hall;
- Expansion of crèche facilities;
- Upgrade of kiosk;
- Additional car parking;
- Refurbishment of the pool hall and amenities; and
- Landscaping.

The staged construction of the project began in April 2016 and was delivered as scheduled in September 2017.

GET INTO FITNESS AT MALC

Fitness.

Get fit. Feel good.

Whether you're into HIIT workouts, yoga, boot camp, cardio or weight training -when it comes to working out, everyone has their own preference.

Mount Annan Leisure Centre (MALC) offers plenty of choices in their gym. Take your fitness seriously or take it at your own pace. It's up to you. Various membership options are available.

Aquatics

Learn. Compete. Keep fit. Cool off.

Come along and enjoy a newly renovated, state-of-the-art aquatic centre and learn to swim safely, do some laps in your own time or join a squad to take it up a notch.

Indoor sports: Futsal and Netball

Play to win. Play for fun. Be part of a team.

Make MALC your local indoor sports hub. Play competitively as a junior or senior. But if that's not you just make it a social thing with your friends.

Enquiries: 4648 4830



Deputy Mayor Cr Theresa Fedeli, Mayor of Camden Cr Lara Symkowiak together with daughter Airlie and Cr Rob Mills at the opening of the upgraded Mount Annan Leisure Centre.

SUSTAINABILITY



FREE CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT

Get rid of all your unwanted chemical items and drop them off at **Council's FREE Chemical Clean Out**.

Where: Camden Council Depot
5 Millwood Ave, Narellan.

When: 28 January 2018

Items accepted:

From your home:

- Solvents and household cleaners;
- Floor care products;
- Ammonia based cleaners; and
- Fluorescent globes and tubes.

From your car:

- Car batteries;
- Motor oils;
- Fuels; and
- Fluids.

From your garage:

- Paint and paint related products;
- Pesticides and herbicides;

- Poisons;
- Gas bottles;
- Fire extinguishers;
- Pool chemicals;
- Hobby chemicals; and
- Acids and Alkalis.

Only household quantities accepted 20kg or 20L maximum container size.

Visit epa.nsw.gov.au/managewaste

COUNCIL HOSTS NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY

Camden Council hosted a free native plant giveaway as part its Picnic in the Park festivities.

More than 2000 native plants, common to the Camden area, were handed out on the day to local residents.

The free giveaway helps encourage Camden residents to plant native species in their gardens and aims at increasing the biodiversity of the Camden region and providing greater habitat and food sources for native animals.

BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Gather all of your old batteries and recycle correctly and sustainably.

Any brand of AA, AAA, C, D and 9V batteries are accepted.

Visit council's website camden.nsw.gov.au

Visit below locations during business hours, they include:

- Camden Council Civic Centre - 70 Central Ave, Oran Park;
- Camden Library - 40 John St, Camden;
- Narellan Library - Cnr Queen & Elyard Sts, Narellan; and
- Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - 1 Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan.



RESIDENTIAL WASTE

WASTE COLLECTION DURING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

A reminder to all residents your regular bin collection service will occur over the Christmas and New Year period.

Bins will still be collected on all public holidays on:

- **Monday 25 December 2017;**
- **Tuesday 26 December 2017; and**
- **Monday 1 January 2018.**

Please ensure your bins are out the night prior.

Waste collections commence at 5am until all properties on an allocated day are serviced – usually by 1pm.

All residential waste bins are serviced during Monday to Friday regardless of public holidays.

Need a reminder? Download Council's 'Our Camden' app and set a Bin Night Reminder.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION ZONES

Council waste collection vehicles service all suburbs within the Camden LGA on a five day collection schedule which includes:

MONDAY: Bickley Vale, Bringelly, Camden, Camden South, Cawdor, Cobbitty, Ellis Lane, Grasmere, Kirkham, Spring Farm (Riverside and Ettiesdale Estates),

TUESDAY: Elderslie, Harrington Park (part of), Narellan, Spring Farm,

WEDNESDAY: Catherine Field (part of), Emerald Hills, Gledswood Hills, Harrington Park (part of), Leppington, Rossmore, Smeaton Grange (commercial), Willowdale

THURSDAY: Currans Hill (part of), Gregory Hills, Mount Annan (part of), Narellan Vale,

FRIDAY: Catherine Field (part of), Currans Hill (part of), Mount Annan (part of), Oran Park

HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING

Camden Council offers an efficient and effective waste management service providing residents with a **weekly three bin collection service.**

What can go into my YELLOW recycle bin?

- Paper and cardboard;
- Newspaper, magazines and brochures;
- Clean pizza boxes;
- Aluminium cans, trays, foil, steel cans and aerosol cans (remove nozzle);
- Glass jars and bottles;
- Milk and juice cartons;
- Bottle caps and lids (plastic and metal); and
- Plastic with the triangle symbol with the numbers 1 – 7.

What can go into my RED bin?

- Dirty or soiled items;
- Food waste;
- Plastic bags;
- Waxed paper or cardboard;
- Nappies;
- Ceramics, crockery or cookware; and
- General waste.

What can go into my GREEN waste bin?

- Lawn clippings;
- Leaves;
- Garden prunings, small branches and twigs; and
- Flowers.

Did you know? Camden Council collects more than 55,000 bins each week?



Council's weekly three bin collection service.

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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