



Left and Centre: 2016 Paws in the Park guest judge Mario Fenech. Companion animal advocate and Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak

LET'S CONNECT

CAMDEN'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2017



Paws in the Park

Fun day out for pooch

Get ready for some four-legged fun at the loveable Paws in the Park event on Sunday 7 May.

Treat your pooch to a fun day out at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park between 9am and 1pm.

Whether you want to show off your cute canine in a competition, pose with your pooch at the photo booth or enjoy the entertainment on offer, there will be plenty for you and your furry friend to enjoy.

You can also pick up some great tips on pet ownership and for a gold coin donation, scoop up a *Royal Canin* showbag.

If getting fit with your pet is on your list, join the 3km walk and take in the amazing views from one of Camden's most unique and beautiful attractions.

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

Event highlights:

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

Highlights

Community Heroes Honoured

Renewed Shared Path at Harrington Park

Oran Park Library and Community Centre works underway

New Mount Annan Leisure Centre

Young Science Scholars Acknowledged



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[facebook.com/camdecouncil](https://www.facebook.com/camdecouncil)

Free mobile app available from the App Store and Google Play

Get in touch with us

There are many ways you can get in touch and connect with Council.

You can come visit us at 70 Central Avenue, Oran Park or phone our friendly Customer Service team on 4654 7777. Customer contact points are also available at Camden and Narellan Libraries.

For news, information on Council services and updates visit camden.nsw.gov.au or if you're always on the go, Council's free App will keep you connected and can be downloaded through the Apple Store and Google Play. Search for the app by typing in 'Our Camden'.

The app allows you to:

- Report an issue;
- Discover what's on;
- Find out more about waste collection; information and services;
- Get the latest sporting field status;
- Browse positions vacant; and
- Contact Council or make an enquiry.

Eyes on waste

Council has targets to respond to our residents' requests.

Did you know...

- If you need a bin repaired, we'll aim to fix it within 7 days.
- If you need a new bin service, we'll deliver your bins within two business days.
- If you require a kerbside clean up, make a booking with us and we'll schedule your collection day within three weeks.

If you have a waste enquiry, please use our App or call Council on 4654 7777.

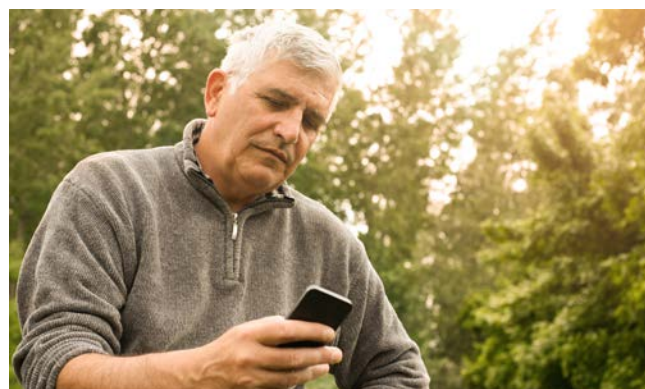


Heritage of Western Sydney app

Take a step back in time and learn more about Western Sydney's intriguing heritage.

A new, free Heritage of Western Sydney smart phone App is available for download from the Apple App or Google Play store on your mobile device.

The App aims to promote early heritage of Western Sydney and examines the earliest colonial settlements along river systems within the Hawkesbury, Penrith, Liverpool and Camden Council areas.



Camden Family Day Care

Looking for child care in the Camden Local Government Area?

Council runs a Family Day Care program, a unique home-based education and care service that offers a warm, safe, secure and stimulating home environment catering for young babies through to pre-teens.

For more information visit camden.nsw.gov.au/camdenfdc or phone us on 4645 5190.





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

Community heroes honoured

Community heroes were honoured at Camden's Australia Day celebrations, with the announcement of the 2017 Camden Australia Day Award winners.

Camden residents marked Australia Day by attending celebrations including the Camden Australia Day Civic Awards and Citizenship Ceremony, where 50 residents from 17 countries became official citizens and Civic Award winners for 2017 were announced.

The 2017 Camden Australia Day Civic Award recipients were hailed for their relentless community spirit, generosity, leadership and enrichment to others through community service, sport, projects, events and activities.

Our 2017 Citizen of the Year, Robyne Meek, was recognised for her strong involvement in the Quota International Club of Macarthur, the Macarthur Evening View Club, Camden Baptist Church and the Country Women's Association, where she works tirelessly to raise funds and provide support to the disadvantaged. Robyne volunteers her time to a variety of worthy causes.

Our 2017 Young Citizen of the Year, Johann Marais, has been a long standing and dedicated member of the Camden Youth Council since 2012. He volunteers his time to assist with the planning, implementation and delivery of many Youth Council events and is involved in promoting opportunities and services to local young people.

This year, a new category 'Community Group of the Year' was introduced to recognise groups that dedicate their time to our local community.

Youth Solutions Youth Advisory Group (YAG) was recognised for their passion to improving the lives and health of their peers in the Camden LGA. Some of the activities co-ordinated by the YAG include peer-led workshops focusing on safe partying practices and mental health, road safety workshops and the #whychoose campaign, which focuses on the effects of smoking.

Congratulations to all the 2017 winners in the following categories:

Citizen of the Year

Robyne Meek

Young Citizen of the Year

Johann Marais

Sportsperson of the Year

Guy Creber

Young Sportsperson of the Year

Nathanael Stewart and Hannah Trethewy

Community Event of the Year

Macarthur Lions ANZAC Run

Community Group of the Year

Youth Solutions Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

Watch out for dirt bags

Accepting fill (soil or dirt) which has been excavated from one site and moved to another site can be risky business.

Free or clean fill is often found to contain building and demolition waste, heavy metals and even asbestos.

By accepting contaminated fill onto your property, you could be inadvertently breaking the law and can be left holding the bill for any clean up costs, as well as dealing with environmental pollution.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has found many land owners are searching for fill through classifieds, with companies and individuals also advertising their fill through letterbox drops, roadside signage and even door knocking land owners directly.



Handy Checklist

Be 'in the know' before you accept soil or other fill

1. **Get the approvals** - check with Council before you accept any fill.
2. **Know the source** - make sure you know where the fill has come from.
3. **Do your research** - make sure you have a reputable supplier and take up laboratory testing of the fill.
4. **Record details** - take down information of anyone delivering fill to your property, including names, driver's licence, vehicle registrations, vehicle signage or any other information you might observe. Save your telephone call logs and text messages.
5. **Be there** - be at your property when the fill is delivered. If you see something odd such as chunks of bricks, tiles, fibrous material or sheeting, ask the transporter to stop and call Council on 4654 7777 or the EPA Environment Line on 131 555.

Further information can be found on the EPA's website epa.nsw.gov.au/illegaldumping.

WWI soldiers honoured

Catherine Park Estate will honour World War I soldiers from the Camden region after a list of suggested names was adopted by Council on Tuesday 28 February 2017.

The names of 27 ex-servicemen will be used to name streets within the Catherine Park Estate, located off Oran Park Drive.

A further 14 names of people and places connected to the former Oran Park Raceway, the names of NSW rivers and lakes, precious gemstones and metals will also be attributed to street names.

A total of 493 men and women connected with the Camden district volunteered for active service between 1914 and 1918, when the area's population was approximately 3,000 people.



Photo credit: Eden Studios, Studio portrait of 2412 Private (Pte) Arthur James Genner, 54th Battalion, Australian War Memorial P07460.001

Arthur James Genner will be honoured in Catherine Park Estate with Genner Street.



HSC High Achievers and Principal Michael Hanratty from St Benedict's Catholic College with Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak (centre); 2017 Camden Citizen of the Year Robyne Meek (left) and Councillor Ashleigh Cagney (second from left). Students L-R: Courtney Warden, Ashleigh Robinson, Luke Billett, Ebony Billett and Erin Coppin.

HSC high achievers acknowledged

High achievers from schools across the Camden local area were honoured at a civic reception recognising outstanding students who received a Band 5 or 6 in one or more subjects in the 2016 Higher School Certificate (HSC).

More than 240 high achieving students from the following schools were recognised for their dedication to their studies:

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

Renewed shared path at Harrington Park

The \$429,000 renewal works of approximately 1.4km of shared path surrounding Harrington Park Lake are now complete.

The path surrounding Harrington Park Lake has now been reconstructed for the use of bicycles and pedestrians, completed to a high standard to replace the 25-year-old, uneven path.

This shared path provides residents with safe access around the lake's foreshore and an excellent opportunity for recreational activities to cater to the growing number of families in the area.

The 1.4km (approx.) path has been reinforced with mesh steel to minimise risk of displacement in the future.

Replacing the path to a higher quality will help reduce maintenance costs into the future. The works to replace the former asphalt path were funded as a priority project in Council's 2016/17 budget.



Mayor Cr. Lara Symkowiak with residents Amy, Brielle, Zara, Benni and Lucy.

New initiative fosters vibrant live music scene in Camden

Discover a showcase of free live music performances in diverse places and spaces in Camden.

Council has established a strategic initiative with the Live Music Office to form Live and Local Camden, a live music grant to support opportunities and continue to grow a thriving local music culture in Camden. Council is one of five Council's successful to receive a grant to further develop a live music scene.

Two new micro local music festivals will be established as part of the initiative, with the first event held along Argyle Street, Camden on Saturday 17 June 2017, featuring a range of live music performances by local emerging artists, partnering with retail, café and restaurant venues along the main street.

A second music event aimed at young people will be held within the Camden local area in 2018. Date and venue details are yet to be confirmed - keep an eye out for news and updates on the event on Council's website.

With Camden growing in population and evolving into a true cultural destination, there has been long support for live music in the region – connecting musicians to local places, activating cultural spaces, creating an atmosphere and drawing more people into Camden.

For more information on Live and Local Camden please phone 4654 7777 or visit camden.nsw.gov.au



LIVE AND LOCAL MUSIC CAMDEN

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2017
ARGYLE STREET 2PM - 6PM
WWW.CAMDEN.NSW.GOV.AU



Arts NSW



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LIVE MUSIC OFFICE



Another Great Camden Council Event!

Oran Park Library and Community Centre works underway

Oran Park Town will soon be home to a new state-of-the-art Library and Community Centre, with construction works now underway.

The contemporary facility planned by Council for its community, will be delivered under a Voluntary Planning Agreement between Council, Urban Growth NSW and Greenfields Development.

The building will reflect design excellence and be a resource for education and information sharing, and will also be a place for community engagement and recreation.

The new Library and Community Centre, set within an exciting and vibrant town centre, will feature:

- High ceilings, a sun-drenched foyer and picturesque views across the Town Park.

- There will be a focus on sustainable features to reduce our eco footprint including air conditioning linked to the Council administration building, to reduce running costs, and efficient water use.
- The external space has been designed to encourage cycling and walking and will feature an outdoor recreation area with user-friendly street furniture.
- The 2500sqm contemporary Library and Community Centre will feature a high-tech open library floor plan, offices for community support and a community centre to foster art, culture and community activities.

Construction is expected to be completed by January 2018. More information can be found on Council's website camden.nsw.gov.au



L-R: Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak, Mark Perich, Greenfields Development Director and Paul Hourigan Program Director (South West) UrbanGrowth.



Artist impression of the Oran Park Library and Community Centre.

Mount Annan Leisure Centre works underway

Works to Mount Annan Leisure Centre are underway bringing the community another step closer to enjoying a revitalised leisure centre.

Due for completion in September 2017, the \$13.65 million project will include:

- Expansion of the Health and Fitness facilities including new amenities;
- Upgrade of service desk and entry foyer;
- New two court indoor multipurpose sports hall;
- Expansion of crèche facilities;
- Upgrade of kiosk servery; and
- Additional car parking.

The Sports Hall and new car park facilities have now been completed.

Works are now being undertaken on the existing health and fitness facilities and amenities. Whilst the works are underway, the health and fitness facilities have been relocated to the new Sports Hall.



L-R: Councillor Rob Mills; Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak; Deputy Mayor, Councillor Theresa Fedeli and Mount Annan Leisure Centre Manager, Bruno Toppini

Check out our off leash areas

Taking your dog for a walk is the perfect way for you and your dog to stay fit and have fun. With a range of parks on your doorstep, there are plenty of places to go.

Walking your dog will not only encourage you and your pet to get fit, it is a great way to socialise your hound and help reduce barking problems.

Council offers more than 460 parks and reserves. Whether you want to take your dog for a run in an off leash area or for a leisurely stroll in the park, you'll find the perfect spot.

Dogs must always be under the control of their owners whilst in a public place and on a leash. Remember to always pick up after your dog.



Off leash areas can be found at:

- River Road Reserve, Elderslie.
- Bicentennial Equestrian Park, Before 10am and after 5pm (excluding horse event periods).
- Rosevale Reserve, Narellan.
- Clifton Park, Cobbitty.

Dogs aren't allowed on or off leash:

- Within 10m of a children's play area or food preparation or consumption area;
- In recreation areas where dogs are prohibited;
- On school grounds or child care centres;
- In shopping areas where dogs are prohibited; and
- In wildlife protection areas.

Visit the 'Residents' tab on Council's website, camden.nsw.gov.au, for more information.

Reporting a lost or stray animal

Should you find a lost or stray animal you can contact Camden Council during business hours on 4654 7777, Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 5pm.

For all enquires outside of business hours:

- Contact your local vet;
- Surrender the dog to Liverpool Animal Shelter during their operation hours; or
- If possible, secure the dog in your yard and contact Camden Council on the next business day.

In the event of an emergency, Council's after hours service is only available for emergency situations involving a dangerous dog roaming or where a dog attack is occurring. Council's after hours service is provided by calling 4654 7777.

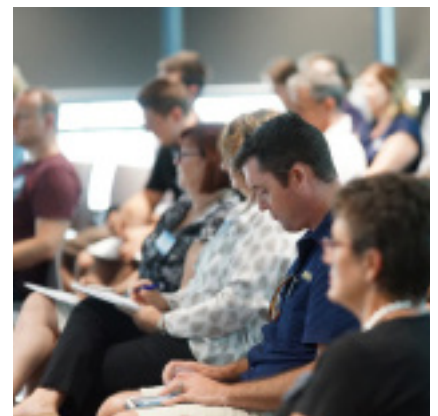
Back to Business Week

On Monday 27 February 2017, Council hosted a free Back to Business Week event to help support small local businesses in the Camden Local Government Area.

Back to Business Week is a new NSW Government initiative that celebrates small to medium businesses, as well as promoting and supporting the critical role they play in local communities.

The Back to Business event targeted the local business community and provided an opportunity for education, information sharing and networking.

Council is proud to work with the NSW Government and support our local businesses.



Young science scholars recognised

Council recently honoured local students for their outstanding achievements in the area of science, with a Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute School Science Award evening.

Students were recognised for their dedication, passion and commitment to the field of science.

This recognition program encourages students to consider science as a rewarding and interesting career choice.

The following students received awards:

Camden High School

James Watkins
Stephanie Lewer

Elderslie High School

Shanie Nath
Jeremy Olliffe
Natalia Rimceski
Andrew Gardner

Elizabeth Macarthur High School

Amitha Bhat
Ryan Emerton
Dean Boss
Zainab Al- Nakeeb
Krittika Kumar
Codey Tse

Macarthur Anglican School

Noah Gray
Paul Looyer
Joseph Hartono
Cate Ward

Magdalene Catholic High School

Thomas Gallagher
Elaine Hornas

Mount Annan Christian College

Benjamin Stephens-Fripp

Mount Annan High School

Monique Pearce
Prerna Kumar
Thao Phan
Agata Piaskowska
Jennifer Villanueva
Melanie Cerrato

St Benedict's Catholic College

Heather Brown
Samantha McCabe



Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak (centre) with Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute School Science Award recipients; 2016 Camden Citizen of the Year, Keith Maddock (left) and State Member for Camden, Chris Patterson MP (right).

Oxley Street Car Park extension

Works on the Oxley Street Car Park commenced on Monday 30 January 2017.

As the population of Camden grows to more than 300,000 over the next 30 years, there will be increasing demands for parking at key locations such as Camden Town Centre.

During construction of the Oxley Street Car Park, located at Camden Town Centre, car parking for members of the public will be available in the following locations:

- Council car park at Woolworths (uncovered area). Access via Mitchell Street.
- John Street between the Court House and Mitchell Street.

- Car parking spaces within Onslow Oval. Access via Mitchell Street.

Council would like to thank the public for their patience during construction, as we work to bring you a larger, more convenient parking location closer to the Camden main street.

For more information visit the Major Projects page on Council's website camden.nsw.gov.au

Celebrate NAIDOC Week in Camden

Come along and celebrate NAIDOC Week 2017 on Tuesday 4 July at 10.30am at 70 Central Ave, Oran Park.

Discover the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander at Camden's annual NAIDOC Week celebration.

The community is invited to attend a flag raising ceremony at 10.30am followed by bush tucker morning tea and Indigenous performances.

NAIDOC art exhibition

In recognition of NAIDOC, view an intriguing art exhibition of contemporary works from the community and professional artists at Camden Library throughout the month of July.

NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July each year.

For more information visit camden.nsw.gov.au



Hot tips for the coming winter

Using your wood heater efficiently will not only keep your home warm but help reduce wood smoke that can be harmful to you, your family and your neighbours!

Tips for using your wood heater efficiently:

- Check the flue, chimney and baffle regularly for a build-up of soot or creosote (a tar-like oily deposit) which can build-up and can cause chimney fires.
- Only use aged dry hardwood.
- Freshly cut or unseasoned wood needs to be aged for about 8 to 12 months.

Find out how much moisture your wood contains by borrowing a moisture meter from Camden or Narellan Library today. For more information on reducing wood smoke pollution visit Council's website camden.nsw.gov.au

International Women's Day movie screening

In celebration of International Women's Day, Camden Council, together with the Camden Wollondilly Domestic Violence Committee, hosted a sold-out movie screening of *Hidden Figures*. Thank you to everyone who came along to the popular movie session.

Multiculturalism celebrated in Camden

Camden Council celebrated both Multicultural March and Harmony Day, between 9 - 22 March, by lighting up the Camden and Narellan Libraries in orange, the official colour of Harmony Day.

Multicultural March and Harmony Day encourages and celebrates the social inclusion of people from all backgrounds, their contributions to our community and cultural diversity. The project received a Highly Commended at the Australian Multicultural Marketing Awards in 2016.



Camden Library was illuminated in orange for Harmony Day

Golf championship swings into action

See some of Australia's best up and coming amateur golfers tee off and showcase their skills at the Men's NSW Open Regional Qualifier to be held in Camden.

More than 140 players will tee off and showcase their golfing skills on Saturday 20 May, from 7am at Camden Golf Club.

This year's event will be a 'stroke play' event, incorporated into the Camden Cup, following on from last year's successful NSW Open Regional Qualifier held in Camden.

Providing sport and recreation opportunities and hosting events like the NSW Open Regional Qualifier leads to increased visitor spending in our region

and showcases Camden's unique and beautiful attractions.

Last year's NSW Open Regional Qualifier marked the first regional golf event to be held in Camden, as part of a three-year partnership between Golf NSW and Camden Council.

This partnership with Golf NSW aims to increase visitation and support economic development, local businesses and boost tourism in the local area.

Interested golfers can register to play in the event by going to the Camden Golf Club website camdengolfclub.com.au

For information on events in the Camden LGA, please visit camden.nsw.gov.au/events or golfnsw.org



Top Left: Deputy Mayor Cr Theresa Fedeli at Camden Golf Club Course in the lead up to the Men's NSW Open Regional Qualifier with club captain, Robert Zelesco and his son, Nicholas.

Young Talent Showcase

Come along and see young musicians, dancers, singers and actors perform at Camden Shorts talent showcase at Camden Civic Centre on Friday 23 June from 7pm.

Free to attend, however bookings are essential. Visit stickytickets.com.au/50629.

For more information call 4645 5129 or email creative.camden@camden.nsw.gov.au



Young local talent Rose Cole performing at last year's event.

What's on

5 - 12 May

Camden Art Prize

Camden Civic Centre
(See website below for exhibition times)

Free

Ph. 4655 8681

camdenciviccentre.com.au/events/camden-art-prize

7 May

Paws in the Park

Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park

9am - 1pm

Ph: 4654 7777

camdenpaws.com.au

21 May

Camden Play Day

Kirkham Park, Camden Valley Way

11am - 2pm

Free

Ph: 4654 7777

camdenkids.com.au

17 June

Live and Local Camden

Various venues in Argyle Street, Camden

2pm - 6pm

Free

Ph. 4654 7777

camden.nsw.gov.au

18 June

Learner Drivers Log Book Run

Free

Bookings Essential

Ph. 4645 5046

camden.nsw.gov.au

23 June

Camden Shorts

Camden Civic Centre

7pm - 10pm

Free

Ph. 4654 7777

camden.nsw.gov.au

Family-friendly fun

Round up the kids and come along to **Camden Play Day on Sunday 21 May** at Kirkham Park, Elderslie from 11am - 2pm and get active and involved in variety of free family-friendly activities.

There will be something for children of all ages including jumping castles, face painting, traditional Garden and Giant Games, soccer workshops, Baby Play Space and craft activities. There will also be visits from Police, SES and NSW Fire and Rescue and lots of helpful information for parents.

For more information contact Camden Council on 4654 7777 or visit camdenkids.com.au



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