

CAMDEN COUNCIL

Media Release



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CAMDEN COUNCIL TO HOST SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Camden Council is one of over 60 Councils that has committed to the ground-breaking Small Business Friendly Councils Program (SBFC) developed by the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner in partnership with the NSW Business Chamber.

Camden Council has achieved significant progress in making small business a priority through this program, and is committed to further fostering and supporting local small business in Camden.

Collaboration between the participating Councils is a key feature of the program. Camden Council is hosting the SBFC conference in Camden on 28 May that will bring together the other members of the SBFC Program from Greater Western Sydney,

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak is delighted with Council's progress with this program and that Council has been invited to host this conference in May.

"I recently met with NSW Small Businesses Commissioner Robyn Hobbs OAM to discuss Council's progress with the SBFC initiative and it was great to hear that the first Greater Western Sydney SBFC conference will be held here in Camden."

"Small business is the powerhouse and engine room of the Australian economy and needs every support from all levels of government," Cr Symkowiak said.

"I am proud to lead a Council that recognises and values how important the local small business sector is to the community and is taking great steps to work more proactively with this business sector.

"Council has developed an On-Time Payment Policy to pay invoices to small business suppliers within 30 calendar days of receipt of an invoice for goods or services. This is just one way that Council has demonstrated our commitment in delivering the best outcomes possible for our small business operators."

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“Council is certainly looking forward to hosting this conference, and in making further progress to work proactively with and support small businesses in the Camden Local Government Area.”

“I would like to thank the State Government for this fantastic initiative, which Council is strongly committed to.” Cr Symkowiak said.

Camden Council’s commitments through the SBFC Program, include the:

- Establishment of a Business Alliance to foster and undertake actions to support economic growth and development in the area
- Development of an On-Time payment policy which has been now been adopted by Council
- Implementation of an online DA information package and guide for local business owners
- Inclusion of a ‘Business Page’ on Council’s website
- Implementation of new initiatives for engaging with small businesses in Camden

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