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HERITAGE FESTIVAL 'CONFLICT & COMPASSION' 11TH APRIL – 26TH MAY 2015

Camden is steeped in history. Residents can reflect on our rich heritage through a range of events and exhibitions during the 2015 National Trust Heritage Festival.

This year's Festival theme is 'Conflict & Compassion' in commemoration of all conflicts and how they have shaped our identity. Camden Council Library Services, Camden Historical Society and Camden Area Family History Society have worked collaboratively to create an impressive local program to coincide with this year's festival.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said the program offers something for everyone and an ideal opportunity for residents to reflect on our past.

"Camden's history is unique and these exhibitions and events will unfold many memories and stories from our past.

"I encourage residents to visit the displays and events on offer and I congratulate Council's Library Services, Camden Historical Society and Camden Area Family History for developing such a diverse and interesting program." Cr Symkowiak said.

A nostalgic photographic exhibition titled 'The Home Front' commemorating Camden's role during the Great War will be on display at Camden Library throughout April and May, along with a slide show of popular music from the war years. This display is free and is available to enjoy during Library opening hours.

Camden Library will host Guy Walton's 'World War 100 Years' show, a talk and performance of songs, old and new, reflecting on World War I through the eyes of a 20th Century man. This engaging performance will be held on Friday 24 April at Camden Library from 7.00pm - 8.15pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be booked online through Council's Library Services website.

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Young residents will love exploring toys of yesteryear at a free fun hands-on session for pre-schoolers and their carers on 5 May at Camden Library and Museum from 11am until 12pm. On the same day, Kim Philips of the Camden Family History Society will present a 'Spirit of Gallipoli' talk from 7.30pm, supper is provided. Both of these events are free.

Camden Historical Society will host a fascinating talk 'Lost at Gallipoli' on Colonel Astley Onslow Thompson with Camden Historical Society from 7.30pm.

At Narellan Library, an interesting 'Meet the Elders' audio cave, an interactive installation with voices and sounds from the past will be on display between 13 April and 26 May. Bookings are not required and entry is free, however schools and groups wanting to attend are required to book.

For more information on events and exhibitions contact Camden Library on 4654 7951, the Narellan Library on 4645 5039 or visit www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

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