

Media Release

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Safety series during Council's National Families Week 2019 celebrations

Camden Council is inviting local parents, carers and children and family workers to take part in a number of safety workshops to protect children and support families become stronger.

The safety series forms part of Council's National Families Week 2019 celebrations, from **Wednesday 15 to Tuesday 21 May**. It includes:

- SAFE Series Workshop on Wednesday 15 May, 10am-noon, at Oran Park Library. This workshop, run by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, will equip early childhood educators and kindergarten teachers with the skills and resources to talk to children about protective behaviours;
- Child Safe Organisation Workshop on Thursday 16 May, 10am-4.30, at Oran Park Library. This
 interactive workshop, also run by NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, will assist participants to
 develop and implement effective and practical child safe policies and procedures in their workplace;
 and
- SAFE Space Child Safe Training for the Disability Sector on Tuesday 21 May, 10am-4.30pm, at
 Oran Park Library. This workshop, run by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, will give
 participants the skills and resources to help them establish more effective methods to manage risk
 and focus on creating safe environments for children and young people living with disability.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said stronger and safer families meant the extended community would, also, become stronger and safer.

"National Families Week is a time to reflect on what we can do as individuals, and as a community, to better support families living in the Camden area," Cr Fedeli said.

"Supporting parents and carers to help ensure the safety and happiness of Camden's youngest residents is a top priority for Council, year-round. For example, we have a Body Confident Tweens and Teens seminar coming up on Monday 13 May, 6-7.30pm, to help parents and carers manage and maintain their child's body confidence.

"I'm proud Council is offering such an extensive National Families Week 2019 program. We have more than 35 exciting activities and events to help families become stronger and more connected, learn and create, be healthy, active and safe and, most importantly, have fun and be entertained."

Bookings for Council's safety series are essential. For more information, the full National Families Week 2019 program activities and booking details, visit camdenkids.com.au or call 4654 7777.

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