

Media Release

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Camden Council welcomes the opportunity to install CCTV cameras

Local community organisations and small businesses will have the opportunity to apply for up to \$5,000 in funding to have CCTV cameras installed on their premises, thanks to a recently announced NSW Government program.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves, said those interested can apply for funding, directly to the NSW Department of Justice, from April.

"The NSW Department of Justice will assess these applications, in partnership with NSW Police, and determine the best locations for the cameras," Cr Sidgreaves said.

"CCTV cameras act as a deterrent for offenders and they can be very helpful for the NSW Police when investigating crimes.

"This is a good initiative that will reduce crime and make our streets safer."

Camden Council currently runs a number of programs and initiatives to promote public safety and security, including:

- Park Smart, a program aimed at helping to reduce motor vehicle theft;
- In-school graffiti education programs;
- Seniors Safety Morning Tea events, an education program which teaches older residents about road and personal safety and changing licensing conditions; and
- Responding to calls of anti-social behaviour with the Camden Local Area Command and conducting community safety assessments, with recommendations to improve facilities.

The NSW Government has committed \$5 million over four years to trial the installation of these CCTV cameras. Camden was one of ten areas across Sydney to be selected for this trial.

For more information on Council's community safety initiatives, visit bit.ly/CommunityandRoadSafety

For more information on applying for CCTV camera installation funding, visit justice.nsw.gov.au

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