

Media Release



Friday 15 November 2019

Celebrate International Day of People with Disability

Camden Council is inviting residents to celebrate International Day of People with Disability for an entire week, with a number of exciting events and activities to get involved with.

First off the rank is the **Sensory Nature Play Day on Tuesday 3 December, 10am-12.30pm, at The Australian Botanic Garden in Mount Annan**. This FREE event will allow residents with children aged up to five years to enjoy a morning of nature connection and sensory play. Café Connect will cater the event, offering parents and carers the opportunity to connect with each other and service providers. This event is a partnership between Camden, Campbelltown City and Wollondilly Councils, as well as The Australian Botanic Garden.

Council's Fun Day will be then held on Thursday 5 December, 2-6pm, at Curry Reserve Water Play Space. The FREE event will include:

- Accessible sporting activities;
- Information stalls;
- Giveaways;
- Entertainment; and
- A jumping castle.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said Curry Reserve Water Play Space was the perfect location for the event.

"It features a large splash pad with 36 play features for residents of all abilities and ages," Cr Fedeli said.

"There are also wet wheelchairs available, so people in wheelchairs can play in the water elements.

"We unveiled the new adult change facility a few weeks ago. This includes an adjustable adult change table, hoist and toilet, shower and change room amenities. The facility was built in line with Changing Places Australia specifications, which means it is the Camden area's first fully accessible public toilet. We'll be seeking accreditation for this facility later this year, which will be recognised internationally.

"With more than 6,000 Camden residents currently living with some form of disability, it is so important for us to celebrate them, their carers and family and friends. Everyone deserves to feel special."

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Running all week, from **Monday 2 December to Sunday 8 December**, Council will offer **FREE pool entry to Mount Annan Leisure Centre and Camden War Memorial Pool**. This will be open to people with disability and their carers who live in the Camden area.

Throughout the year, Council also offers **FREE Master Locksmith Access Keys (MLAK) to eligible Camden residents**. MLAK holders will have 24/7 access to MLAK-keyed, accessible facilities and equipment, which is identifiable by signs. Currently, MLAK application forms and the keys are available at:

- Camden Council's Administration Building at Oran Park;
- Customer Relations Officers based at Camden and Narellan Libraries; and
- Online, at camden.nsw.gov.au (search 'MLAK').

Council also offers **Disability Inclusion Resource Kits**, which are free to borrow all-year-round from Camden, Narellan or Oran Park Libraries. Each kit contains 12 books which talk about disabilities, to spark conversations about being aware, understanding and accepting of people with disability. The kits also include learning guides and objectives, discussion points, activities and where to go for more information.

For more information about the events scheduled to celebrate International Day of People with Disability, and to register for any of them, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/event-calendar

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