



# Media Release

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## ***Camden's Creatives set to take the lead in 2020***

The Camden Youth Empowerment Project will be returning in 2020 after Camden Council successfully secured \$50,000 in funding to bring it to life.

The project, entitled *Camden's Creatives Take The Lead*, will provide young people, aged between 12 and 25 years, the opportunity to develop key skills for employment through the management of four youth-led events throughout the Camden area.

A Project Leadership Team will be formed from existing young leaders from Camden Council's Youth Council and young people eager to have experience in event management. These events will allow full involvement in all facets of event management and delivery, helping local youth develop key skills needed to obtain local employment. These include:

- Marketing;
- Stage management;
- Audio production;
- Live performance;
- Curation of art displays;
- Young people consultation; and
- Provision of information on health and education services available to young people.

Mentors will be selected from various organisations across the Camden area, including Council, local business and Macarthur Workplace Learning, to provide leadership support throughout the project. These mentors will assist with identifying training needs and opportunities.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said all four of these events will extend on two very successful events from April this year.

"Bring Your Own Beat saw more than 300 young people gather at the Civic Centre to make connections, share tunes and enjoy a jam session in a very casual and relaxed environment," Cr Fedeli said.

"It was all in support of young people's mental health and spreading the message that no matter what's going on there are people around to help support them.

"Council is honoured to receive this funding, especially considering we were up against so many high-quality applications this year. I'd like to thank Minister for Families and Community and for Disability Service, the Hon. Gareth Ward, for seeing the value in this project."

Council has begun finalising the details for *Camden's Creatives Take The Lead* in 2020. To keep up-to-date with the initiative, visit [camden.nsw.gov.au](http://camden.nsw.gov.au)

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