



# Media Release

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## Camden Council celebrates 130 years since its first meeting

Wednesday 24 April marks the 130th anniversary of Camden Council's first meeting.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves, said Council has come a long way since 1889.

"The first executive action of Camden's first Mayor, Alderman F. H. Burne, was to station a boat in Camden due to floods isolating the town," Cr Sidgreaves said.

"From that moment on, Camden Council has remained dedicated to serving its residents. We've also seen some extraordinary milestones along the way.

"The first roadworks contract was awarded in 1889, for work on the flood-damaged Sheather's Lane, Council introduced electric lighting to the town in 1929, the first swimming pool in Camden was opened in 1964, Council started the free kerbside collection services in 2005 – and so much more.

"But one thing has stayed the same over the past 130 years – Council hasn't stopped working to deliver great projects for our growing community.

"Camden is the fastest growing local government area in state and, in fact, the country, welcoming more than 170 new residents every week. As the 33rd Mayor of Camden, I am incredibly proud of everything Council has, and continues, to implement for our residents."

Council has a number of exciting projects, events and initiatives coming up for residents to enjoy, including:

- A new community hall and sports field amenities at Catherine Park. Construction on the \$2.1 million project will begin in July 2019 and is expected to be complete by August 2020;
- More than 35 exciting activities and events as part of Council's National Families Week 2019 program, for families to enjoy. Activities like family movie nights, sporting days and safety workshops will begin on Wednesday 15 May;
- A new amenities building at Curry Reserve, Elderslie. The \$800,000 project will deliver accessible facilities and an accessible changeroom, to support the Curry Reserve Waterpark, by August 2019;
- The regular and much-loved Babies into Books, Baby Play Date and Storytime programs run at Camden, Narellan and Oran Park Libraries;
- A new BMX facility at Kirkham Park, Elderslie. Construction of the \$1.7 million project will begin in August 2019 and is expected to be complete in early 2020;
- Paws in the Park on Sunday 5 May, 9am-1pm, at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park; and
- Improvements to a 625-metre stretch of Argyle Street, Camden. The \$13.5 million project is due to be complete by June 2019.

For more information on what's happening near you, visit [camden.nsw.gov.au](http://camden.nsw.gov.au)

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