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## LIVING IN KOALATOWN

Jump on board with Koalatown in 2021 and join us in raising awareness and actively supporting the conservation of koalas in our community.

There'll be a range of projects and activities to get involved in, building on our Koalatown activities last year.

During the April school holidays, the Hello Koala's sculpture trail is coming to the Australian Botanic Gardens Mount Annan, and will extend across a range of locations in Campbelltown. The exhibition will include a colourful array of hand-painted Koalas and fun activities and programs for all ages.

More than 1,000 residents have already signed up to the Koalatown program and many joined in planting days at places like Ingleburn Reserve, Ingleburn and Loftus Reserve, Macquarie Fields to help plant koala food and habitat trees.

Sixteen schools have signed up to become Koalatown certified in 2021 which will involve students in koala conservation projects and teach them about the importance of our local koalas and the environment.

With the help of residents, we surveyed private properties in the rural areas of Long Point, Ingleburn, Minto Heights, Kentlyn and Wedderburn at the end of 2020.

Keep up to date with the latest Koalatown projects on our website.

## RUN WITH THE HERD

Macarthur FC have burst into the A-League during the opening month of the competition. With a symphony of cowbells echoing across Campbelltown Stadium, the Bulls have already hosted Central Coast Mariners, Wellington Phoenix and Sydney FC at Campbelltown Stadium this season.

Off the field, over 10,000 local school children participated in Macarthur Square Bulls in Schools Program in the past 12 months across the local community. That number is expected to exceed 20,000 local school children by the end of the 2021 school year.

There is still time to show your support for the region's newest club - Macarthur FC.

Season memberships are still available: [www.membership.macarthurfc.com.au](http://www.membership.macarthurfc.com.au)



Macarthur FC playmaker: Benat Etxebarria

## CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

We encourage community participation and consultation. Contact your Councillors by mobile or write to them at [council@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au) or by mail to PO Box 57, Campbelltown NSW 2560.



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Campbelltown Citizen of the Year 2021:  
Uncle Ivan Wellington

## RESIDENTS HONoured AT AWARDS

Congratulations to Uncle Ivan Wellington who is our 2021 Citizen of the Year.

Uncle Ivan has devoted his life to educating the community, particularly young people, about local Aboriginal culture and has been an integral voice in our projects such as the Campbelltown 2020 Yarning Circle.

Mount Carmel Catholic College student, Jaden Legaspi was named Young Citizen of the Year for his work helping junior students during the COVID lockdown and his community work with ActivateFire youth ministry program, Marist youth forum, Marist Connect and Revelation team and is a youth ministry leader.

Other winners include:

- *Sportsperson of the Year* – Kaden Smith.
- *Disability Community Contribution of the Year* – Caroline Norman.
- *Environmental Citizen of the Year* – Martin Wallace.
- *Community Group Initiative of the Year* – Youth Solutions Macarthur Drug and Alcohol Services Committee.

## TRIALLING AND TESTING ON Q

If you're looking for some fun school holiday activities for the kids in April then head down to Kids on Q at the Lithgow Street Mall.

On Q will test and trial a number of ideas to revitalise the Campbelltown CBD and attract people back into the heart of our city with a variety of food offerings, live music, outdoor dining, public art and changes to the streetscape such as temporarily wider paths and reoriented parking bays.

We will also be hosting Twilight on Q, a series of evening art workshops on the first Thursday of each month for adults. Create your own wall hanging for your home at a Macrame workshop hosted by Planties in a Knot on Thursday 4 March from 5.30pm to 7pm and 7.30pm to 9pm.

Keep an eye out on our website for the latest activities.

On Q is proudly funded by the NSW Government's Streets as Shared Spaces fund.

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## BILLABONG IS TAKING SHAPE

The Campbelltown Billabong Parklands are starting to take shape, with excavation works continuing across the site of our future outdoor water recreation space.

Thousands of tonnes of soil have been excavated to shape the site and install drainage as part of the first phase of development during the past six months.

We've put out tenders for the construction of the pools and streams, which will start to take shape towards the end of the year.

This \$31 million project is funded by Council and the NSW Government and Federal Government through the Western Sydney City Deal Liveability Fund.

Details on our website.

## EVENTS IN 2021

We're looking forward to bringing back some of your favourite events alongside some fresh ideas in 2021.

While we weren't able to enjoy all our events in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we're already planning for the return of Ingleburn Alive, the Festival of Fisher's Ghost and Feast this year in line with any COVID restrictions that may be in place at the time.

Keep an eye out on our website for the latest updates.



## OVER TO YOU

Find out about all the exciting things happening in our city and join the conversation to help shape our future at Over to You.

By registering, you will be able to have your say in the future of our city and contribute to the development of many projects and plans.

You'll also be able to keep track of a project's progress and find out all the latest updates.





## INTERNATIONAL COMPOSTING AWARENESS WEEK MAY 2 – MAY 8

Take your kitchen food scraps out of landfill and turn them in to nutrient rich food for your garden.

Come along to our worm farming and composting workshops with the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living and learn how to manage food scraps at home.

You will receive a worm farm or compost bin to take home and get you started.

Details on our website.



## FINDING FRIENDS

Download the FrogID app and be part of the national citizen science project.

FrogID is an app designed to help scientists determine frogs that are at risk from habitat loss, disease and climate change.

You can learn tips and tricks on how to build a frog habitat at your home using items you may have lying around the house.

A sure way to save some of our most threatened species, get involved with this rescue mission today.

Details on our website.



## YOUTH WEEK 2021

Be part of Youth Week 2021 and come along to our free events.

The theme for Youth Week this year is 'Together More Than Ever'.

From 16 April to 24 April our libraries will be hosting a variety of free events to improve and support the lives of young people aged 12 to 25.

Details on our website.

## FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2020



# 137 km

Over 8hrs – Santa's Convoy travelled around our suburbs.

# 468

New enrolments at Learn to Swim classes.



# NEW

New and upgraded amenity blocks at Eagle Farm Reserve, Rizal Park and Redfern Park.

Customer Service calls we responded to.

# 31,989



## OUTDOOR DINING FOR BUSINESSES

We've signed up to the NSW Government's Alfresco Dining Project to make it easier for local businesses to do outdoor dining.

Business owners can now follow an easy, streamlined application process to apply for an outdoor dining permit through the NSW Government's planning portal.

Details on our website.



## JOIN A BUSINESS WEBINAR

If you're looking for some tips to help with your business, there are a series of webinars covering a range of topics:

- 2 MARCH** – Branding dos and don'ts part A
- 4 MARCH** – Branding dos and don'ts part B
- 11 MARCH** – How to create a pipeline of quality prospects
- 11 MARCH** – Facebook and Instagram back to basics bootcamp
- 22 MARCH** – Top tips for smart phone flatlay photography
- 23 MARCH** – Being business savvy on social media
- 24 MARCH** – How to create a unique selling proposition
- 24 MARCH** – Funding fundamentals
- 25 MARCH** – Creative content writing for small business
- 31 MARCH** – ATO: Do you want to employ staff
- 31 MARCH** – Talking about your website

The webinars are hosted by Service NSW and presented by a variety of expert speakers.

Details on our website.

*Kentlyn Bushcare volunteers:  
Beth Mitchie and Rob Mitchie*



## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Get down and dirty at Georges River and join us for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 7 March. The Georges River corridor supports a range of threatened plants and animals including koalas and platypus.

First time volunteers and seasoned Clean Up champions, register now and step up to clean up.

Details on our website.

## JOIN OUR GYMS

We can help you kick start your fitness journey this year at one of our gyms.

We have a great team of qualified personal trainers ready to help you take your health and fitness journey to the next level.

Details on our website.

## HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT

Roll up the garage door and break open the garden shed doors.

Bring old chemicals and paints to the Chemical Clean Out Saturday 17 April and Sunday 18 April at the SUEZ Campbelltown Service Centre 59 Junction Road Leumeah.

Details on our website.

## SENIORS FESTIVAL

Come and be part of Seniors Festival 13 April to 24 April. Plan your schedule of activities and find out more on our website.



## LAND FOR WILDLIFE LAUNCHES

We are the new regional provider of the national Land for Wildlife Program.

By joining Land for Wildlife you can contribute to the conservation of our unique Australian native plants and animals.

Get access to information on wildlife management and share your experiences with the community.

Details on our website.

## ARTIST EXCHANGE MAKERS MARKET

Bring the family to the Campbelltown Arts Centre and enjoy our Autumn Artist Exchange Makers Markets on Saturday 1 May from 10am to 3pm.

Come down and support our diverse community of artists and makers while enjoying creative workshops and a selection of food stalls.

Details on our website.



*Wiritjiribin Dance group – Campbelltown Arts Centre*



## RECONCILIATION WEEK

Get involved with National Reconciliation Week from Thursday 27 May to Thursday 3 June.

The week is an opportunity to reach out and learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and move together towards the goal of reconciliation.

Keep an eye out for events and activities on our website.

### You can get involved

- Have a yarn with your family and friends about what reconciliation means to you.
- Promote National Reconciliation Week on social media.
- View an Indigenous film or TV program.
- Check out an Aboriginal art exhibition.
- Cook a meal using Indigenous ingredients and share with family and friends.
- Visit a site of cultural significance.

## NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Join our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations and their families on National Sorry Day, Wednesday 26 May.

We're supporting the annual Sorry Day event at the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan again this year.

Details will be on our website closer to the event.

### Join in

- Participate in reconciliation walks or street marches.
- Talk to your children's school or pre-school about organising something to commemorate Sorry Day (flag raising, morning tea, guest speaker, colouring competition).
- Share media statements from politicians by federal, state and local governments.
- Have a discussion with your family about National Sorry Day.



## CLOSE THE GAP

Join us in pledging your support and campaigning for Indigenous health equality by 2030 on National Close the Gap Day on Thursday 18 March.

Studies have shown that the life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is 10 to 17 years lower than that of non-Indigenous Australians.

The Close the Gap campaign recognises this and emphasises that closing the gap in early childhood development, schooling, housing, and employment is the key to also closing the health gap.

Details on our website.

## DISCOVER A WHOLE NEW WORLD WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Did you know you could borrow a sewing machine at the library?

We also have thousands of free e-books and audio that you can access online with your Library card.

Join our library today and get free access to a range of resources.

Details on our website.





## HSC HELP AT YOUR LIBRARY

Ace your HSC exams this year with a range of new study material at our libraries.

Access online resources such as databases, HSC lectures and workshops run throughout the year covering a variety of subjects, as well as general exam techniques and study skills.

Keep an eye on our library website, Facebook and Instagram for current HSC information.

## SWITCH OFF

We are switching off our non essential lights at our civic centre on Saturday 27 March at 8:30 pm. Join us and millions of people across the world to celebrate Earth Hour.

This symbolic lights-out event shows care for our planet's future and starts a conversation. Make your impact matter.

Find out on our website how you can join us in creating a sustainable and resilient future for our city. Together we can live a sustainable life, create a bright future and preserve our natural environment.

## CAMPBELLTOWN SAYS NO TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

We're supporting the call to end domestic violence with the installation of new artworks in the Campbelltown CBD to raise awareness about the need to eliminate domestic violence and violence towards women.

The Say No to Domestic Violence Murals are located on the side of the Australia Post building at Coogan Place and within the Milgate Arcade on Queen Street.

They were created by artists Jess Fesic, Renee Allara, Brendalee Coan from the Campbelltown Arts Centre's Little Orange Studio and designer Giselle Stanborough.

Details on our website.

## BRIGHT FUTURES

Every child deserves a great start in life. Give your little one the chance to thrive and enrol them now with our education and care services.

Our centres foster a lifelong love of learning in an inclusive and nurturing environment. Let's give our next generation the best start for a bright future.

Details on our website.



## NEW PLAYGROUNDS ON THE WAY

Works have now started to build new playgrounds at Milton Park, Macquarie Fields and Cook Reserve, Ruse.

The new playgrounds will include a variety of modern play equipment.

Features of Milton Park will include:

- Inclusive swing set
- Slippery slide
- Accessible carousel
- Water play equipment
- Double cableway
- Picnic seats and shelters
- Public art

Features of Cook Reserve will include:

- Inclusive swing set
- Picnic seats and shelters
- BBQ facility
- Exercise equipment
- Accessible toilet

There's a new playground on the way for Macquarie Fields and the surrounding area.

Cook Reserve park is expected to open in April while Milton Park is expected to open in June.

Details on our website.

# SWIM WITH CONFIDENCE

Gain the skills to have fun and be safe in the water. Enrol into our Learn to Swim program, we cater to all abilities and ages. Operating 7 days a week we are flexible to your schedule. Classes are half-hour lessons once a week with our industry qualified instructors.

Jump over to our website for more information.

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