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CAMPBELLTOWN CARES

We know this has been a difficult time for many in our community and we're committed to supporting you and building our resilience together.

We're working closely with community organisations to support the most vulnerable in our community by providing staff to assist with food deliveries, support referrals and calling elderly library members to have a chat and check on their welfare.

For our local businesses, there is a range of information on our website with the latest grants and financial support available from organisations including NSW Business Connect, Service NSW, Federal Government, Business Australia and other non-government agencies.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adapt our response where needed.

Details on our website.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

If you know a friend, family member, teacher, community group or neighbour who deserves to be recognised for their contributions to Campbelltown you can now nominate them for an Australia Day Award.

The community awards recognise the actions, big or small, of people who have made a positive impact on those around them.

Award categories include:

- Citizen of the Year,
- Young Citizen of the Year,
- Sportsperson of the Year,
- Community Group Initiative of the Year,
- Environmental Citizen of the Year,
- Diversity and Inclusion of the Year,

Nominate now. Details on our website.



CREATE AT HOME

If you're looking for something fun to occupy the kids at home or want to unleash your own creativity, pick up an art box from Campbelltown Arts Centre.

There are a range of boxes available including the MAKE BOX | Sanpo Edition, the Sanpo Drawing Pack, Elders Ceramic Kits and Collage Like A Girl Pack.

Each features a range of different artistic activities to help exercise the brain and create while you're at home.

Use your Creative Kids or Dine and Discover vouchers to order a box.

People who order from the Campbelltown LGA will have their boxes delivered free by one of our Rangers.

Details at c-a-c.com.au

KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES SAFE

Practice social distancing

Get tested, even if you have the mildest symptoms

Get vaccinated. Visit a vaccination hub today



Campbelltown Citizen of the Year 2021: Uncle Ivan Wellington

FESTIVAL REVAMP

The Festival of Fisher's Ghost is returning with a fresh line up of events over one big weekend from Thursday 4 November to Sunday 7 November.

The event will look a little different this year with a host of new activities planned to give the festival a refresh.

The city centre will be a hub of entertainment that will feature a new spin on the street fair along with many other events and pop up activations across the weekend. For the health conscious and fitness fanatics the Fisher's Ghost Fun Run will return however, the street parade will not go ahead this year.

We'll take on board feedback from the community throughout the event to continue improving future festivals. We'll continue to monitor the COVID-19 health situation and move ahead with planning for the festival with the hope of bringing you the best celebrations we can.

Stay tuned for details on our website and social media for the latest event news.



RABY ROAD UPDATE

Works to the Raby Road and Eagle Vale Drive intersection have resumed with a new contractor appointed.

We understand the recent delays have caused frustration for our community, however we're committed to completing this project as quickly as possible to reduce the inconvenience to those who use this important road every day.

While construction had to be put on hold during the recent health restrictions, the project is on track to be completed by mid-2022.

We'll keep you updated as the project progresses.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

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



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CRYSTAL POOLS TO CONSTRUCT BILLABONG

We're delighted to welcome Crystal Pools on board to work with us on the construction of the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands.

The renowned pool construction company will build the iconic water play space and surrounding parkland area and refine the final design.

Features include a 2m deep lagoon, a children's pool, and a zero-depth water play area with a range of interactive water elements, open spaces and native tree plantings.

The \$31 million project is funded by Council and the NSW State Government and Federal Government through the Western Sydney City Deal Liveability Fund. Construction is expected to be complete in late 2022.

Details on our website.

PLENTY TO DO ON Q

We are still planning fun spring activities On Q.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the exciting launch of Campbelltown inspired song and music video by ARIA nominated Hip hop artist L-FRESH The LION.

Construction will begin on our new Forum Q dance space and we are planning to launch a monthly Farmers Market featuring local produce.

Details on our website.



CALLING ALL CREATIVES

If you're a talented musician or creative stall holder, the On Q project is offering performance and stall-hosting opportunities.

We want local artists and stall holders to be part of this project to help liven up Queen St during event and activities as part of On Q.

Applications available at overtouyou.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au



GO ORGANIC THIS SPRING

Learn how to make organic fertiliser, raise chickens and much more at a series of workshops with the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living throughout September for National Organic Week (NOW).

NOW is held from 20 September to 26 September and raises awareness of the benefits of organic products and farming.

You can also check out a range of videos at our website and learn how to start a worm farm at home, create your own organic fertiliser and more.

Details on our website.

NAIDOC AWARDS

Recognise the contributions and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members, their supporters and services in the Macarthur NAIDOC Awards.

There are a number of categories open to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people recognising outstanding service to the community through work as a volunteer, as an elder or within a group.

Details on our website.

Artist: Rhonda Sampson
Artwork: Campbelltown Celebrates NAIDOC Week, 2021
(RS Creative Solutions)



WASTE GOES DIGITAL

Track your collection days, check what belongs in your bin and book a kerbside clean up with our new My Waste Bin app, which will be available for download in September.

You can also set yourself a reminder to take your bins out and receive updates of any service delays using the app.

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we're phasing out our hard copy waste collection calendars but you can find all the information you need on the app.

Details on our website.



TECH SAVVY SENIORS

Seniors can learn new skills to get connected with the Tech Savvy Seniors program at the HJ Daley Library, Campbelltown.

Upcoming sessions in October will teach you how to understand computers, smart phone and tablets while improving your skills in email, internet banking, online shopping and social media.

Course notes are available in multiple languages.

Book on our website or phone 4645 4444.

SHARE YOUR STORIES

If you're a budding author looking to share that story you've been keeping in your back pocket, you can now submit an entry in the inaugural Fisher's Ghost Writing Award competition.

Entrants can submit a short story, poem or personal essay which responds to the theme 'hiding in plain sight'.

A range of prizes are available for winners across different categories. Entries close Tuesday 5 October.

Details on our website.



GET CREATIVE

If you're a student or just someone wanting to enjoy your creative pursuits, check out the new creative suite at the HJ Daley Library.

You can access Adobe Creative Suite, 3D printers, video and audio editing stations or simply explore the wonders of a green screen in the new space.

Book your place now to access the creative suite and get to work on your next project, big or small.

Details on our website.

JOIN YOUR LIBRARY

Access a wide range of books, ebooks, audiobooks, films, music and TV shows when you sign up for a library membership.

As a library member you'll get access to a fantastic range of e-resources that you can access from home to help you study for that next exam or just enjoy some home entertainment. You can sign up for a library card online or at your local branch.

Details on our website.



GAME ON

If you've been refining your board game skills while at home, then come show them off at our International Games Week activities.

From Sunday 7 November to Saturday 13 November our libraries will be hosting a wide assortment of games and activities for all ages to participate in.

This will lead up to a big celebration of all things game-related on Saturday 13 November.

Details on our website.



ENHANCING NOORUMBA RESERVE

We're removing weeds, collecting seeds, revegetating bushland, cleaning up rubbish and much more in a new project to revitalise Noorumba Reserve.

The works will significantly enhance the reserve's bushland over the long term to benefit native animal and plant species such as our local koala population.

As part of a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement, we will manage the reserve in perpetuity with funding from the Biodiversity Conservation Trust.

You can still enjoy the reserve's trails for bushwalking and if you want to get involved, sign up to our Bushcare program. Details on our website.

SHARE YOUR NATURE SNAPS

If you've got a passion for snapping pictures of the Macarthur region's native plants, animals or beautiful landscapes then you can enter the Macarthur Nature Photography Competition.

The competition is open from Monday 13 September to Friday 15 October.

There's \$3000 in prizes up for grabs across multiple categories including native flora, native fauna and waterways.

The competition is open to everyone in the Macarthur region and includes special categories for school students.

Entry is \$5 and free online tutorials are available for those new to photography.

Details on our website.



KOALAS ON THE MOVE

It's koala breeding season, which means our local koalas will be on the move looking for love.

Keep an eye out for the precious marsupials when on the roads, particularly at dawn, dusk and during the night.

If you spot a koala in the wild you can report it on our website or download iSpy koala app.

You can report any sick or injured wildlife to WIRES on 0466 318 688 or Sydney Wildlife on 9413 4300.



Photo: Monica Ford, Georges River

WE FOUND PLATYPUS

With help from local fishers and volunteers and using a new scientific technique called eDNA, we've confirmed there are platypus living in the Georges River as part of our Platypus Pals project.

To protect our platypus and other wildlife we've installed tangler bins for fishers to collect and dispose of all unwanted fishing line along the Georges River.

If you see a platypus, you can report them via the Platyspot app. The best time to catch a glimpse is at dawn or dusk. Just look for a V shape in the water.

Details on our website.

SPRING INTO NATURE

Discover Campbelltown's amazing bushland and the plants and animals who live in it with our Bush Explorers program.

The bush really starts to get busy in Spring so join our local Bushcare experts on song bird walks, wild flower wanders, bush tucker walks and much more.

Keep an eye out on our website for details of upcoming activities.



ART AWARD ENTRIES OPEN

Entries are open now for the prestigious Fisher's Ghost Art Award. Artists have the chance to have their work selected by a panel of industry judges to be displayed as part of the Fisher's Ghost Art Award.

If you're a young local artist aged under 30, you can now enter the new South West Sydney Award category which is open to Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly residents as well as other south west Sydney LGAs.

A total prize pool of \$38,000 is available. Entries close Wednesday 8 September.

Details at c-a-c.com.au



CELEBRATE JAPANESE CULTURE

Join us for a celebration of Japanese culture and enjoy performances, workshops and stalls at the KAZOKU! - Glimpses of Japan cultural event on Saturday 25 September at Campbelltown Arts Centre.

You'll find a series of traditional instrumental performances and weaponry demonstrations.

For the creatives among you, there'll be workshops on origami paper folding, tanabata wish paper, kendama balance and Wadaiko drumming workshops.

While you're there, take in the tranquillity of the Japanese Garden with the Yukata kimono experience, Matcha traditional Tea Ceremony, and Bonsai tree-making workshop.

Details at c-a-c.com.au



VIRTUAL SLEEP OUT

Join us for a night of solidarity with people who experience homelessness at the Macarthur Virtual Sleep Out on Saturday 23 October.

Step out of your comfort zone with the kids, family members or friends and pitch a tent outside or find a different place indoors.

A range of online activities will be available on the evening to help people better understand homelessness.

Register on our website.



VACCINE TRANSPORT AVAILABLE

Campbelltown residents aged 65 and over or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 or over can arrange a lift to get a COVID-19 vaccine from South West Community Transport.

The door-to-door service is available for Campbelltown residents to access the NSW Vaccination Hub at Liverpool Hospital or with a participating GP, clinic or pharmacy.

Once you've booked your vaccination, call 9426 8999 to arrange your transport. Details on our website.

SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY

Vaccination Centre

The South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre is now open at Glenquarie Town Centre in Macquarie Fields.

Vaccines strengthen the immune system and provide the best form of protection from serious disease caused by COVID-19.

It's important we all work together to protect our community and vaccination has proven effective in reducing transmission of the virus.

Our General Manager, Lindy Deitz, has received her first vaccination at the South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre and is booked in for her second shortly.

Check your eligibility and book your vaccination online at covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au

South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre

Open 8am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday.

You must have an appointment in order to receive your vaccination. The Vaccination Centre does not accept walk-ins.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about the vaccination phases and priority groups or visit the online **Vaccine Eligibility Checker**.



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