



CAMPBELLTOWN

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SUMMER 2021



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AN APPEALING CHRISTMAS

Help bring a little extra joy to local families in need and donate to Campbelltown's Christmas Appeal.

Get in the giving spirit and bring an unwrapped gift or non-perishable food item to one of our libraries or the Civic Centre before 17 December.

All gifts are donated to the Macarthur Combined Churches to be distributed at their Christmas Luncheon.

Details on our website.



HAVE YOUR SAY

We are reviewing our 10-year Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and want to know what a city of opportunity for all means to you.

Our CSP sets out the community's vision, aspirations and goals for the future of Campbelltown.

It's time to reflect on what we have achieved, refine our plans for the future and set a clear path to achieve it. That all starts with the CSP.

How to get involved

- Tell us what opportunities Campbelltown has given you
- Complete the CSP Review Survey
- Register to be notified of updates

Use the QR code to get involved.



19 Campbelltown Cares Grants (\$37,000)



12 schools signed up for 2021 Generation STEM CSIRO program



100% Planning Information Certificates issued < 10 working days



20 Street Appeal Campbelltown grants (\$40,000)



I NEED A HERO

If you know of someone who has made a difference to our local community, show your appreciation by nominating them for an Australia Day Award.

The awards acknowledge our local heroes for their actions, big or small, in assisting others and making our community a great place to live.

"I greatly encourage everyone to nominate people or organisations who have made a meaningful contribution to the community," said 2021 Young Citizen of the Year, Jaden Legaspi.

"For myself, it was definitely a life changing experience and I look forward to other people having the same experience of seeing what they're doing in the community is being valued and acknowledged."

Award categories include:

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

We're planning for a COVID-safe Australia Day celebration so keep an eye out on our website and social media channels for the latest updates.

ROCKING AROUND CAMPBELLTOWN

Join Santa as he spreads the festive cheer across six local parks at Rocking Around Campbelltown on Saturday 11 December.

Each park will be transformed to welcome Santa and local musicians who will perform carols live. Bring the family down to enjoy face painting, food trucks and roving entertainment.

Santa will visit the following parks:

- Eagle Farm Reserve, Eagle Vale
- Lack Reserve, Glen Alpine
- Cook Reserve, Ruse
- Redfern Park, Minto
- Variety Livvi's Place, Glenfield
- Willowdale Park, Denham Court

Details on our website.



MILTON PARK SPARES NO EXPENSE

Take a picnic with the family and enjoy the exciting new inclusive playground at Milton Park, Macquarie Fields.

The \$1.45 million park is now open and features state-of-the-art play equipment, shade sales, picnic facilities, water play and accessible toilets.

Playground features include:

- Tower play with four slides
- Accessible carousel
- Inclusive swing set
- Double cableway
- Trampolines
- Sand play with climbing mound and slide
- Spider web net
- Custom rock climbing structure

The park also features artworks workshopped by local preschool and primary school children, with Aboriginal artists Aunty Susan Grant and Natalie Valiente through Campbelltown Arts Centre.

This project was assisted with \$200,000 from the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play program.



STOCK YOUR TOOLS AND GRAB A SNAG

The new Bunnings Warehouse has now opened at Council-owned land on Blaxland Road in the heart of Campbelltown's business district.

The new 17,000 square metre hardware outlet is 5,000 square metres larger than the previous store and employs an additional 70 staff.

Aboriginal elder Uncle Ivan Wellington officially opened the facility with a smoking ceremony earlier this month.

The relocation of Bunnings to Blaxland Road represents a \$40 million investment and creates the local jobs that are a key pillar of our Reimagining Campbelltown City Centre Framework.

Details on our website.



NEW YEAR, NEW US

We're preparing to send 2021 out with a bang at our special New Year's celebration on Friday 31 December.

Start getting those resolutions ready and join us for a night of family fun, entertainment and festivities as we welcome the new year.

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for details.



NOT JUST A DREAM

Experience the full-length dance work of choreographer and dancer Martin del Amo when Campbelltown Arts Centre presents Mirage as part of the 2022 Sydney Festival program.

The collaboration of dance artist Miranda Wheen, Pianist Sonya Lifschitz, and the Enigma String Quartet, effortlessly blends dance and visual design to the compositions of Morton Feldman in an unforgettable performance.

Performance from 7:30pm on:

- Friday 7 January
- Saturday 8 January
- Thursday 13 January
- Friday 14 January
- Saturday 15 January

Details at c-a-c.com.au



BEAT THE HEAT

Summer is here. Consider these simple tips to keep your home cool:

- Set your ceiling fan counter clockwise.
- Set the air conditioner to 24 C.
- Place a bowl of ice in front of your fan.
- Use exhaust fans in the kitchen or bathroom to remove hot air.
- Place a wet flannel on your neck and wrists.
- Take a cool shower to lower your core temperature.
- Wear breathable materials like cotton or bamboo.
- Keep unused rooms', blinds and doors closed.
- Install LED light bulbs, as they produce less heat than halogen globes.
- Cook outside, or try using a slow cooker.



STOMP THE YARD ON Q

Queen Street is transforming into a hub for urban dance and movement with the installation of a brand new Forum Q space.

Building on the popularity of urban dance among the region's youth, it's a space for locals to come together, engage with art and practice different styles of urban dance. This dynamic installation features a dance floor, reflective surfaces, seating and a stunning art mural as its centrepiece.

The space is a collaboration between Campbelltown Arts Centre and local hip hop dancer, designer and artist Feras Shaheen. The project was funded by the NSW Government's Streets as Shared Spaces grant as part of the On Q program.

Proudly funded by



THAT'S A WRAP

There are so many ways to minimise waste and environmental impacts at Christmas time. This year have a go at making the wrapping part of your gift.

Try using a scarf, or reuse those fancy boxes and tins that you've used for other things before. Head to our website and check out the demonstration videos to give you some fresh ideas.



THE BULLS ARE BACK

After a successful season, the Macarthur FC Bulls are back for the 2021-22 A-League season.

There's plenty of action to be found at Campbelltown Stadium over the Christmas period with home games against Newcastle Jets on Sunday 19 December and a Boxing Day derby against Sydney FC on Sunday 26 December.

Secure your seat and run with the herd.
Tickets available at www.macarthurfc.com.au

DISCOVER HOPE



Explore a body of work spanning 20 years from Western Sydney artist Khaled Sabsabi, when his self-titled exhibition Khaled Sabsabi: A Hope opens at Campbelltown Arts Centre.

The exhibition is open Monday 3 January to Sunday 13 March and features a range of multidisciplinary works that will trigger your senses and take you on a tour of Sabsabi's experiences fleeing the Lebanese Civil War and settling with his family in Western Sydney.

This project is supported by the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund and Australia Council for the Arts, developed in partnership with the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Details at c-a-c.com.au

GOT WASTE? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Waste is going digital. Track your bin collection days, check what goes in your bins and book your kerbside clean up with our new My Waste Bin app.

You can also set bin reminders and receive real time updates of any service delays. Download our app today, and you won't miss a beat (or a bin) again.



HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT FOR FREE

Our next Free Recyclables Drop Off Day will be held on 26 February 2022.

Bring along your cardboard and polystyrene packaging and recycle it free of charge. The day will run from 8am to 12 noon.

Details on our website.



SUCCESS AT SIMMOS

A long-term project to rejuvenate the waterways in the Simmos Beach Reserve catchment at Macquarie Fields has been a success.

Our joint efforts with Georges Riverkeeper saw more than 4,500 plants installed at the site, improved drainage and the removal of weeds and rubbish from 1km of creek-line.

We were assisted by Bushcare volunteers, Conservation Volunteers Australia, students from James Meehan High School (pictured) and the community.



STUNNING IMAGES OF MACARTHUR

The Macarthur Nature Photography Competition has ended with more than 1,500 stunning images submitted across four categories, with almost 1,000 of total submissions from Campbelltown.

We send a our heartfelt appreciation to all entrants who entered this year, and join in congratulating the following winners of each category:

- Jim Cootes - Native Flora
- Melissa Brennan - Native Fauna
- Jennifer Ryan - Landscapes of Macarthur
- Monica Ford - Georges River at The Basin (pictured)

Check out an album of some of the best images we received on our website and Facebook page.



SUMMER READING, SUMMER WINNING

If you're looking for an excuse to retreat into the shade with a good book and escape the heat, our summer reading programs are for you.

Those aged 14 and over will want to join the Summer Book Binge, while children under 14 can enjoy the Summer Reading Club.

Both programs will open from Wednesday 1 December to Monday 31 January and offer participants a chance to win one weekly prize, throughout.

Details on our website or visit your closest library.



JOIN US AT YOUR LEISURE

If you love the water and want to get paid while helping the community, our leisure services are hiring.

There's a range of jobs available for lifeguards, swim teachers and aqua aerobics teachers. We can support you to get your qualifications to work in a fun environment with flexible hours.

Details on our website.



TIPS FOR SUMMER

As summer heats up, it's time to keep an eye on your pets and look out for signs of heat strokes in dogs.

Our animal carers have a few tips for keeping your fur-friends cool this summer:

- Always have drinking water accessible
- Make sure there's outdoor shade
- Place a circulating fan near your dog
- Don't leave them in the car
- Exercise in the early morning or evening
- Avoid hot sand, concrete or asphalt

Details on our website.



BECOME A BUSH EXPLORER

Take a tour of Campbelltown's amazing bushland when our Bush Explorers program returns in February.

The program takes people on tours of some of our city's best reserves to find bugs, bush tucker and much more.

Details on our website.

REJUVENATING SMITHS CREEK

With the help of our bushcare volunteers, we're continuing work to rejuvenate the important bushland at Smiths Creek Reserve, Leumeah and there's plenty of opportunity for the community to get involved.

The project will see bush enhancement works across 6ha of shale sandstone transition forest and core koala habitat in the reserve.

Dates and details on our website.



BOOK IN YOUR HOLIDAY

The summer holidays are fast approaching and your libraries want to keep you entertained.

Extended and unlimited loans begin on Monday 13 December and end on Monday 31 January so you can borrow as much as you would like over six weeks.

All library services will be closed from 1pm Friday 24 December 2021 and will reopen at 9:30am on Tuesday 4 January.

Our after-hours return chutes will be available for your return items during this time.

Save the date

2021 NSW Local Government elections

**Saturday
December 4**

Voting is compulsory

elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21
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