



CAMPBELLTOWN
CITY COUNCIL

PROGRESS REPORT

July to December 2019





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Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Dharawal people and their unique and spiritual connections to the land. We also respectfully acknowledge Elders past and present for the role they continue to play in guiding future generations.

Integrated Planning and Reporting

Council is committed to sustainably planning for the future of Campbelltown and Council does this by working directly with the community to understand the vision for the city and its people. This vision is delivered through a set of strategic plans including this document. These plans inform and guide the decisions made on behalf of the community as well as setting out the actions and deliverables that will help drive towards this shared vision.

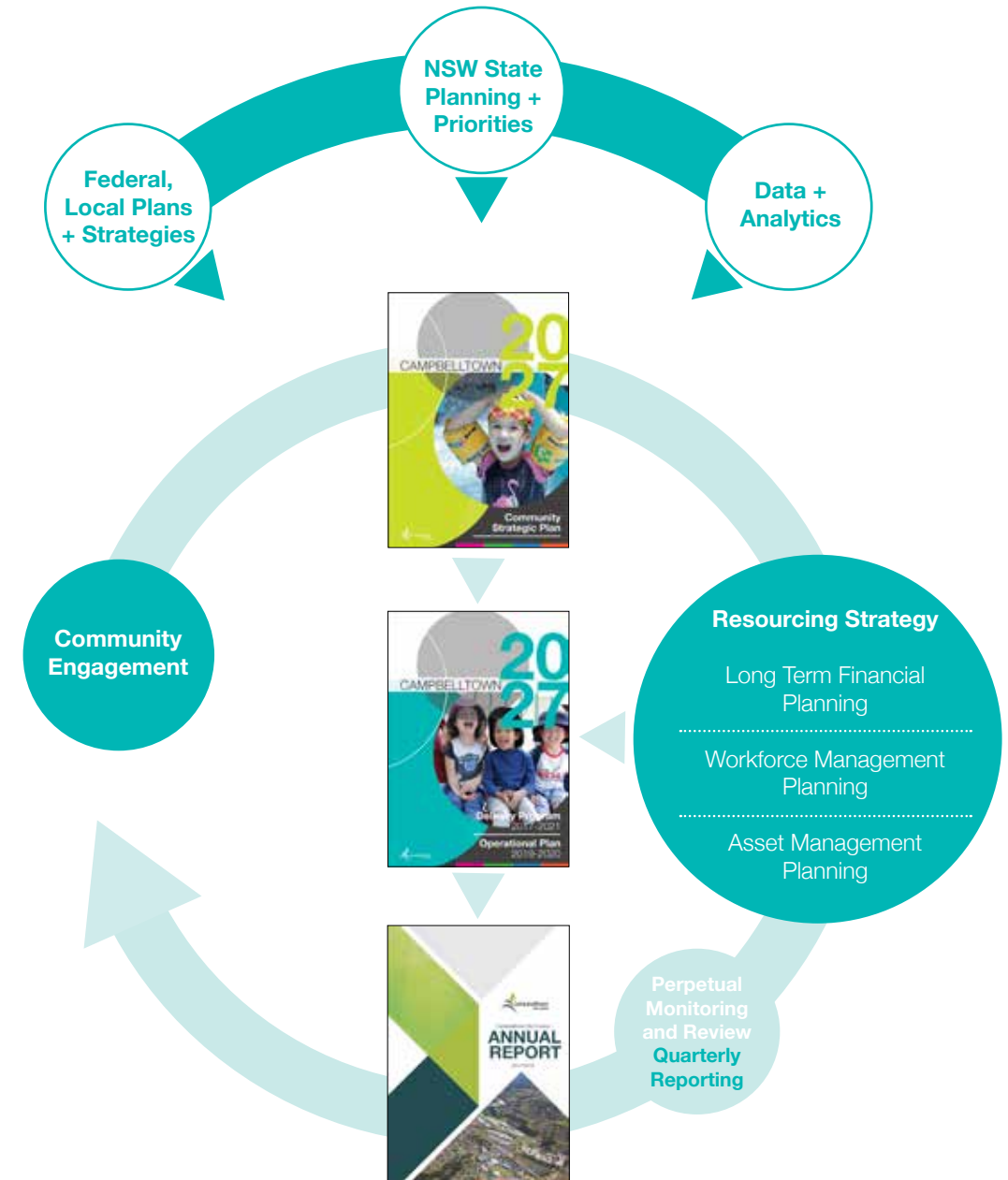
Council ensures its strategic plans are developed in accordance with the statutory requirements of the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IPR) introduced in 2009. The framework recognises that Council and the community do not exist in isolation but are part of a larger framework that is interconnected. Council is required to write and report on these plans in a transparent and consultative manner. Campbelltown is championing IPR as a method to improve its internal planning and external communication and engagement.

The framework is designed to give the Council and the community a clear picture of:

- The long term vision for the City (Community Strategic Plan - Campbelltown 2027)
- What Council will deliver to get there (Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy)
- How progress towards the vision is measured (Quarterly, Annual and End-of-Term Reporting)

An integral part of this process is incorporating State and Federal planning into Council's processes and ensuring emerging issues and opportunities for the city are considered, mitigated and harnessed. This ensures Council is aware of when to align its planning, advocate for alternatives or take the initiative to shape the change for Campbelltown.

Data is also becoming an increasingly important factor in decision making for organisations and Council is embedding key data sets into its planning and decision making processes. Key demographic, community, environmental and organisational data is being used to inform the way Council delivers its services and makes key decisions. Referred to as Corporate Planning, all of Council's key Integrated Planning & Reporting documents and reports can be found at www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/CouncilandCouncillors/CorporatePlanningandStrategy



Integrated Planning & Reporting (Corporate Planning) at Campbelltown

Six Monthly Progress Report

The Six Monthly Progress Report provides the community with an opportunity to regularly monitor the performance of Council and its progress in delivering the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan. The Six Monthly Progress Report is now framed under the 10 Service Areas introduced as part of Council's reinvigorated Delivery Program 2017-2021 & Operational Plan 2019-2020.

This Six Monthly Progress Report for July to December 2019 documents Council's performance throughout the first half of the 2019/2020 Financial Year in respect of the 2017/2021 Delivery Program and framed under the four outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The CSP, along with the full suite of IP&R documents can be found on Council's website. campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/CouncilandCouncillors/CorporatePlanningandStrategy



Overall Performance

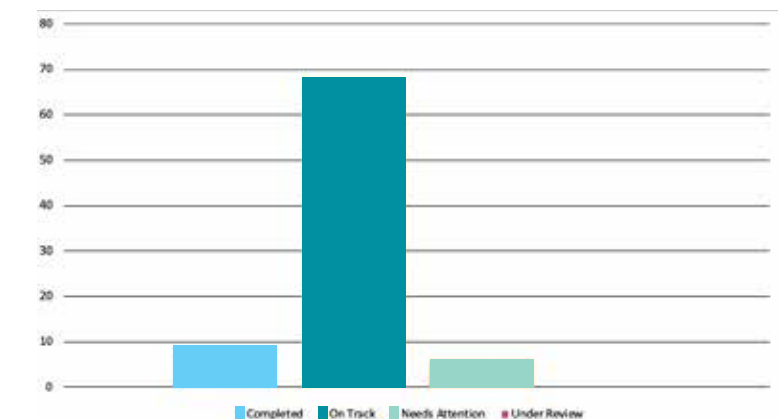
Council has committed to delivering 83 major city shaping projects over the course of 2019/2020 and is pleased to report that more than 93% of these initiatives are either completed or on track.

Key highlights include:

- Launch of our new City Identity and Brand on 21 August 2019 cementing Campbelltown as a place where opportunity comes to life
- Delivery of a huge lineup of events at this year's Festival of Fisher's Ghost
- A massively successful Winterland event attracting 15,000 people
- The launch of the Campbelltown 2020 Bicentenary Program
- Major progress and engagement on Reimagining Campbelltown City Centre as the masterplan reached its final stages of development
- Council completed and exhibited the first Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement for Campbelltown
- We renewed our commitment with Western Sydney University by signing a key Memorandum of Understanding
- Council was awarded the IPWEA Engineering Excellence Award for our strategy to significantly reduce our asset backlog
- We introduced QFlow, our new Customer Service ticketing system to create a more efficient counter service for our customers
- The Badgally Road upgrade received State Government funding and works commenced
- Appointed key design leads to progress the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands project
- Received the final results of the Urban Heat Investigation in partnership with Western Sydney University
- Waste Calendars issued to our residents to help communicate key dates and events
- Campbelltown Sport Stadium hosted another wide range of exciting events
- We delivered the Junior Rangers pilot program involving young people and providing interactive engagement with bushland and natural areas
- Campbelltown Arts Centre hosted a special Fiji Day family event celebrating the connected vibrancy of Fijian culture and the Marama Dina exhibition.

Action Status

- Completed – 11%
- On Track – 82%
- Needs Attention – 7%
- Under Review – 0%





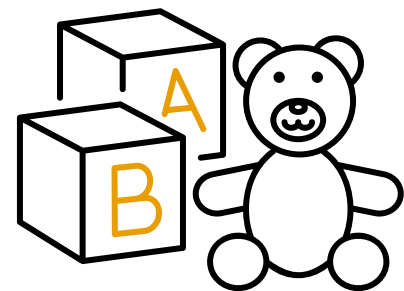
Community, Events and Education

Director City Lifestyles

Everyone in Campbelltown deserves to be part of a community rich in culture and social cohesion. The Community, Events & Education service area aims to deliver outward facing community, cultural and social services that enhance lifestyles, improve places and spaces throughout Campbelltown, support families and provide exciting events for all to enjoy.

Key Services

Community Events & Activation
Social Planning & Partnerships
Children's Services
Place & Projects



9,947

hours of care provided through our Family Day Care Program

OUR CAMPBELLTOWN 2020

Campbelltown 2020 Bicentenary Celebrations launch

15,000

people engaged in ice skating at Winterland



50,000

riders on the amusements at our Winterland event



4

of our services were finalists in the Local Small Business Awards including Family Day Care, Outside School Hours Care, Minto Early Learning Centre and the Bicycle Education Centre

3,000

people attended our FEAST festival celebrating our regions cultural diversity



Winterland

We saw the return of our successful icy Winterland event in July 2019, activating a key space in our city centre, Koshigaya Park. The event hosted two ice skating rinks with over 15,000 people engaging in the activity, a snow play area, live music, live ice sculpting, a treetop circus, s'mores, open fires, fireworks, carnival rides, two quiet sessions, winter food, a shopping village and more. The amusement rides were a big hit too with over 500,000 riders during the festival period.

Our Visitor Information Centre also attended the event to promote Campbelltown as a destination to visit through its Virtual Reality experience. The experience was a four minute video showcasing Dharawal National Park, The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan and Campbelltown Arts Centre.



Fisher's Ghost Festival

We had a huge line-up of events and activities at this year's Festival of Fisher's Ghost including Campbelltown's first Nerd Con pop culture event.

The annual Street Parade featured 58 group and individual entries with many of the entrants excited to show off their creative Hero outfits.

Also in attendance was Batman, Doc Brown and the DeLorean, Wonder Woman and her superhero friends, mounted police, strong local representation from the Royal Australian Army, Rural Fire Services, NSW Police Indigenous vehicle and Ford Raptor to name just a few.

Our Street Fair included music from Sunset Sounds – Contemporary Edition, free art workshops, live art display, stalls, free face painting and hair braiding, roving entertainment, a kindi farm and lots more.

Another highlight during our festival included our local takeaway on Queen Street, King Kebabs, being successful with their Guinness World Record attempt for the world's longest Halal Snack Pack at 100 metres.



Feel the Beat

We held our first ever music festival for young people living a disability with Justice Crew, Australia's Got Talent fourth season winners, as the headline act. They performed alongside Ironik Circus, Under Wraps, Chris Sebastian, Rudely Interrupted and Ash n Bodo. Festival attendees were also mesmerised by the amazing wheelchair rotation act of Paralympian, Paul Nunnari.

There were Auslan interpreters, hearing loop accessibility, controlled noise levels, no strobe or flickering lighting, quiet zones, a sensory zone and noise cancelling headphones available at the event.



FEAST

FEAST has become a popular event with our residents and visitors to our region. With over 3000 people attending in August, festival goers celebrated the diverse community of Campbelltown through various culinary delights and sounds of the world.



Campbelltown 2020 Community Launch

On Sunday 1 December in Mawson Park we kicked off our Campbelltown 2020 celebrations of the regions rich Aboriginal history, bicentennial milestones and future aspirations of Campbelltown with an afternoon of history, dance, ceremony and fun to mark the beginning of a year-long program commemorating 200 years since our city was founded.

The event included a traditional smoking ceremony by Uncle Ivan Wellington and a Welcome to Country by Aunty Glenda Chalker alongside presentations, cultural dance performances by the Wiritjiribin Dance Group and Jasmin Sheppard and the ceremonial planting of native florals in a commemoration garden.

The event also included an afternoon tea provided by local students from TAFE NSW Campbelltown.



City Growth, Investment and Tourism

Director City Growth
Director City Governance

Campbelltown is a rapidly growing strategic centre with a multitude of opportunities as South Western Sydney expands and comes online as an advanced economy. The City Growth, Investment & Tourism service area aims to position Campbelltown as a future proofed, attractive and smart city which entices residents, businesses and high quality services to call Campbelltown home.

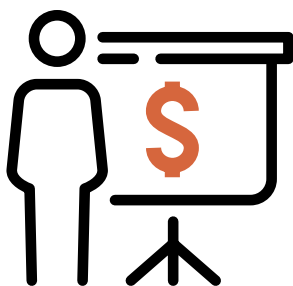
Key Services

Strategic Property
City Growth & Strategy
City Marketing &
Economic Development



97%

satisfaction rating for our
business workshop program
from participants



281

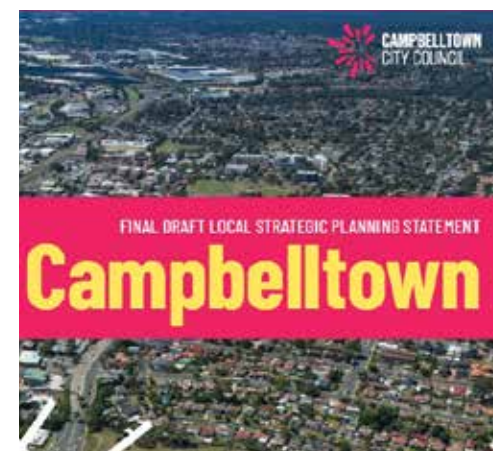
people participated in our
economic development
workshops



Reimagining Campbelltown City Centre

We continue to progress Phase 2 of our Reimagining Campbelltown City Centre and it was an exciting time for our community to learn more about the project and have their say as we work towards the delivery of the MasterPlan.

We held pop-ups at Macarthur, Leumeah and Campbelltown train stations and a workshop at Fisher's Kids called Nex Us where children used recycled materials to reimagine our future city centres by building kinetic totems.



Local Strategic Planning Statement

All Council's in NSW were required to prepare their first Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) under the new requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Council placed our draft on exhibition and we received 74 submissions from a diverse range of stakeholders. The draft LSPS was reviewed in light of comments received in public submissions, submissions from government and feedback from the GSC, DPIE and Tf NSW. The LSPS progress was reported to Council in September and in December Council endorsed the preparation of a revised draft LSPS and its submission to the GSC for the final pre Assurance health check in early 2020.



Renewed commitment with WSU

At Western Sydney University (WSU)'s CatalystWest event in November, WSU launched their renewed commitment to Campbelltown by screening a video and publicly signing a Memorandum of Understanding in front of an audience of approximately 300 people.

The commitment is to work with Council on a number of initiatives, including:

1. Comprehensive CBD campus
2. Macarthur Medical Research Centre
3. Sports and Health Centre of Excellence
4. Community and Justice Precinct
5. Reimagining Campbelltown.

This represents a solidification of WSU's continuing commitment to Campbelltown.



City Identity and Branding Strategy

Our City Identity and Branding Strategy was endorsed by Council on 6 August and Campbelltown entered an exciting new era with the launch of the new brand on 21 August.

The brand is a dynamic and genuine representation of the city as a place where opportunity comes to life.

The project has created a new narrative for the city which is unique and easily identified as Campbelltown.

More than 1000 people were involved in the development of the brand during six months of community consultation, speaking about their lived experience of Campbelltown through workshops, focus groups, interviews and surveys.

The stylised "C" represents a city bursting with potential and how people from all walks of life can come together to create opportunity in many shapes and forms.



Health, Safety and Regulation

Director City Lifestyles
Director City Development
Director City Delivery

Campbelltown should be a safe and welcoming place with a healthy, thriving local community. The Health, Safety & Regulation service area delivers key compliance activities, community safety initiatives and ensures our children, pets and families have a harmonious and resilient City to live and play in.

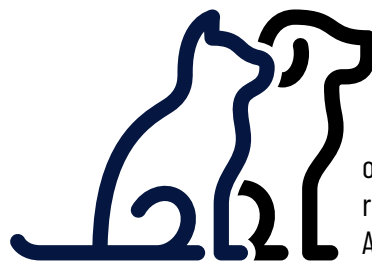
Key Services

Healthy Lifestyles Services
& Promotion
Enforcement of Regulation
& Animal Control
Emergency Management
Community Safety



100

free child seat
inspections
conducted



97%

of dogs and cats
released or sold from
Animal Care Facility



700

food premise
inspections
undertaken

Ready to Ride

On 29 September 2019 we held our annual Ready to Ride Day a part of NSW Bike Week at Eschol Park Sporting Complex, promoting bicycle safety, the health benefits of cycling and using bicycles as an alternative form of transport to local residents. Council has participated in NSW Bike Week since 1997 and this Ready to Ride Day was once again a successful event with more than 250 attendees.

Our Bicycle Education Centre started a trial of their pre-school learn to ride program in a number of our early learning centres.



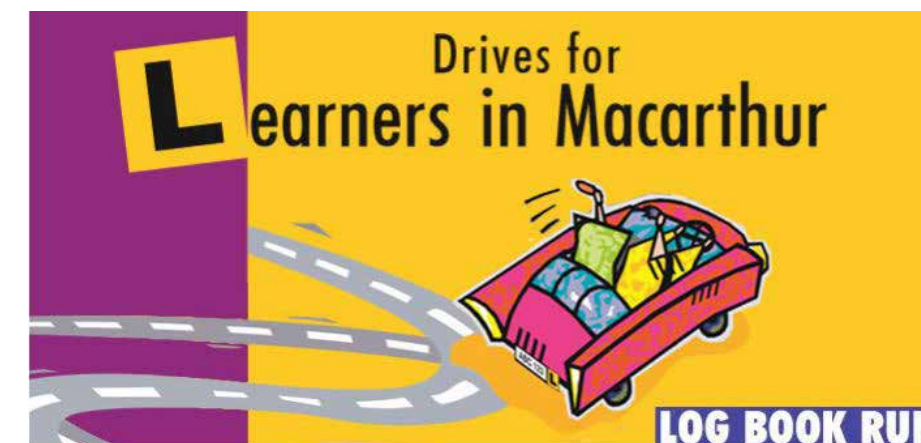
Learn to Drive Log Book Run

Council continues to offer the Learner Log Book Run, providing learner drivers and their supervisors the opportunity to participate in a planned drive which follows a route that includes a range of driving experiences including driving on a freeway, rural, residential, industrial and unsealed roads in the Macarthur region.

The program also includes:

- An orientation session, breath test, licence check
- The route has pit stops, check points, morning tea and lunch is provided
- A route guide and maps are provided
- NSW Police and Highway Patrol stop participants along the route for random breath tests and also answer questions
- Window mounted flags and car numbers are issued to each vehicle for easy identification of participants
- Staggered start to avoid large groups of learners in one place
- Emergency contact numbers and Tail Vehicle for added safety
- The opportunity for participants to meet, talk with and learn from other Learner Drivers and Supervisors.

During this period, 52 learners undertook the program.



Child car seat safety

Council holds a bi-monthly program for eligible residents for free installation or safety checks of child car seats, harnesses and booster seats and. During this period we fitted and inspected approximately 100 child seats.

Animal Care Facility update

- Our dedicated Facebook page that was launched in June 2019 continues to grow in membership. The page actively promotes animals for sale and lost animals with the majority of animals placed or reunited with their owners.
- Under the CAWS Companion Animal Subsidised Desexing Program, 60 dogs and 43 cats were desexed for eligible owners. Eligibility applies for up to two animals per household for the CAWS program for residents in the Campbelltown Local Government Area and are a pensioner or low income earner below \$25,000 per annum.





Governance and Administration

Director City Governance

Director City Delivery

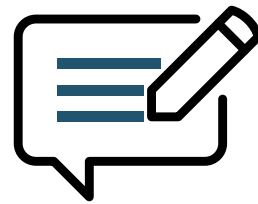
Director City Growth

In order to operate a large organisation with a diverse range of services, large portfolio of assets and a multitude of statutory requirements, Council must have a robust and well managed governance framework and administration functions.

The Governance & Administration services aims to create a well-managed and operated Council that is equipped with the resources required to deliver effective services.

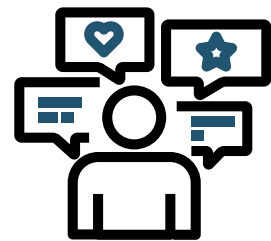
Key Services

Executive Services
Councillor Support
Financial Services
Governance and Risk Management
Information Technology
People & Performance
Customer Service
Council Communications
Information Management
Asset Management
Corporate Planning
Community Engagement



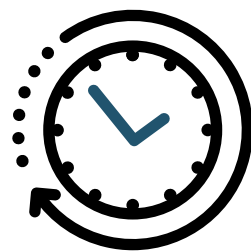
100%

processing of formal GIPA requests in under 20 days



6%

increase in our social media following



100%

of our Integrated Planning and Reporting documents were adopted on time

Implementation of new technology

We completed an overhaul of our legacy data centre with the implementation of the new underlying technology, Hyper Converged Infrastructure (HCI). HCI is an emerging technology combining Artificial Intelligence, increased scalable storage and computing power, and packs it into a tiny footprint. We are one of the first Councils nationwide to operate such a data centre.

In addition to the increased storage and operating capacity, the new data centre will be cheaper to maintain resulting in substantial savings for our community.



IPWEA Engineering Excellence Award - Assets Renewal Backlog Reduction Strategy

We were announced as the winner of the 2019 IPWEA (Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia) Engineering Excellence Award in Category 2: New or Improved Techniques including Innovation and/or Introduction of Techniques or Outstanding Management Initiatives or Outstanding Achievement in Asset Management.

Councils across the State were competing for the IPWEA award.

This significant recognition is due to Council developing a strategy to effectively reduce the asset renewal backlog program.

The Council resolved to fund and implement this program which was then promoted across the community as the Renew, Revitalise, Connect program.



QFlow ticketing system launch

Our Customer Service Team is on a journey to deliver excellence in the way we interact with our community. During this period, we implemented the QFlow ticketing system that assists in digitally managing and organising queues so the right person serves the right customer in an orderly efficient manner. The software will gather key data and reports on different metrics including purpose of the visit, wait time to be served and the time it takes to complete a transaction. We will then be able to use this data to understand required resourcing of staff as well as identify opportunities for improvement



Roads, Parking and Transport

Director City Delivery

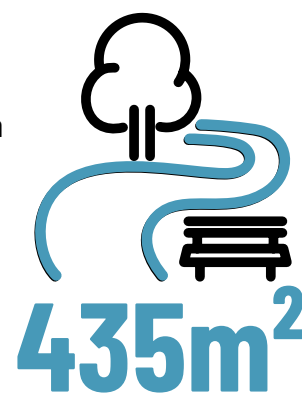
Campbelltown should be a well connected and easy city to move around in. The roads should be of a high quality, parking simple and public transport links smart and easy to use. The Roads, Parking & Transport Service Area aims to deliver on these outcomes and create a Campbelltown which can be accessed to, from and throughout effectively.

Key Services

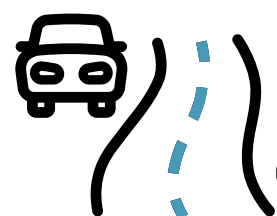
Traffic and Transport
Management
Local Roads



1640m
of kerb and gutter reconstruction



435m²
footpaths renewed



290,907m²
of road rejuvenation

Badgally Road Upgrade

The Australian Government approved funding of \$5.76m towards the upgrade of Badgally Road between Clydesdale Drive and North Steyne Road from its existing two lanes to four lanes.

Works commenced during this reporting period on the 1.25km section of road that is a key link road transport corridor servicing East/West connections from/to Campbelltown CBD. Once the works are completed it will have the following additional benefits:

- improve safety for all road users
- reduction in congestion on Badgally Road - improving travel time and access around Campbelltown
- improve access and travel time to Campbelltown Railway Station
- access to local businesses/industries and other educational and recreational facilities in the area
- cycleway link to various amenities in the area.



Cumberland Road before works



Cumberland Road after works

Road renewal program

Council is committed to ensuring that our roads are maintained to an acceptable standard to meet community needs. During this reporting period we undertook many road renewal projects including some the key locations in Campbelltown including Queen Street, Kellicar Road, Harbour Road, Hoddle Street, Cumberland Road, Ingeburn and Raby Road, Raby.

We also constructed a new roundabout at the intersection of Georges River Road, Dean Road and Bellinger Road Ruse.





City Planning and Amenities

Director City Development

Director City Delivery

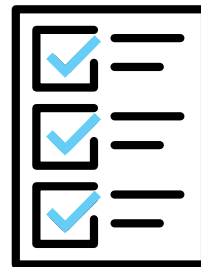
As our City expands and grows it is vital that Council's land use planning, development control and major infrastructure projects are delivered to a high standard. This will ensure Campbelltown is well equipped as it emerges as a strategic centre of South Western Sydney. The City Planning & Amenities service area aims to ensure development is suitable, well managed and that major construction projects contribute to a thriving Campbelltown.

Key Services

City Development

Building Certification

Infrastructure Delivery



100%

of the required cladding inspections completed



100%

of Planning Information
Certificates issued in less
than 10 working days

Campbelltown Billabong Parklands

We continued to progress the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands project with the appointed of renowned design consultants, Place Design Group to develop the design plans which will be delivered by June 2022.

The \$18.75 million project has been funded through the Western Sydney City Deal Liveability Fund and is a key transformational project for the Campbelltown City Centre and the broader region.

The company will take into account the existing concept design, the underpinning philosophy of the project, community consultation feedback and site specifics when developing the final design.

Feedback from more than 700 people during community consultation held in September provided overwhelming support for the project with accessibility, maintenance and adequate shade high on the list of comments.

The Campbelltown Billabong Parklands will cover an area of 4Ha, on the corner of The Parkway and Moore-Oxley Bypass, Bradbury and provides a unique passive and active recreation space.



Maintaining our assets

Council continues to maintain a diverse portfolio of assets including roads, footpaths, community buildings, public toilets and much more.

During this period works one of the project undertaken was on Ben Lomond Road Bridge, Leumeah which included high pressure-wash cleaning, graffiti removal, undercoating and painting.

Playspace upgrades

During this reporting period, we undertook extensive renewal projects on our playspaces at Lack Reserve, Glen Alpine, Raby Sports Fields exercise equipment upgrade and Fiveash Reserve play equipment.



Fiveash Reserve before works



Fiveash Reserve after works



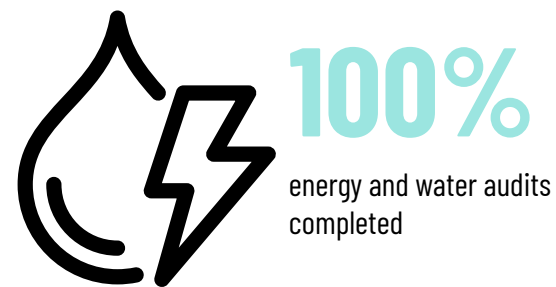
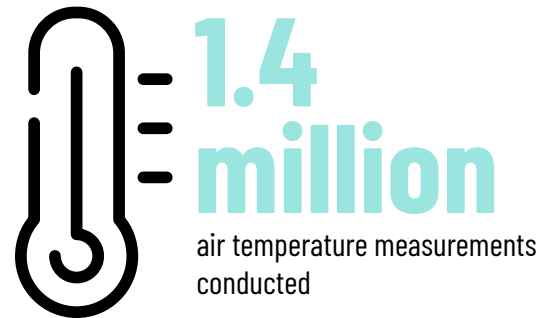
Environmental Protection

Director City Delivery
Director City Development
Director City Growth

Campbelltown is blessed with some of the most spectacular natural areas and ecosystems Sydney has to offer. The Environmental Protection service area aims to safeguard these areas, promote sustainable initiatives and build a resilient city rich with natural resources and a Council that places environmental leadership at the heart of its decision making.

Key Services

Planning for the Environment
Stormwater Management



Temperature of Lithgow Street,
Campbelltown

Citizens engage with heat

Council partnered with the University of NSW (UNSW) to deliver a series of workshops providing the community with information and tools to better understand and respond to urban heat.

As part of Council's Reimagining Pop-Up installation on Lithgow Street, Council's Sustainability and Resilience Team with the UNSW facilitated two half an hour workshops.

Participants were provided with temperature sensors and were able to see the temperature variation between different materials and colours, urban design elements and vegetation coverage.

The reported Bureau of Meteorology temperature high for Campbelltown on the day was 360°C however the following temperature readings were recorded for different materials:

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Astroturf | 76°C |
| Road | 60°C |
| Dead Grass | 50°C |
| White Footpath | 40°C |

Water Saving Partnership

Council partnered with Sydney Water to improve water efficiency across Campbelltown's business and residential strata community.

The partnership officially commenced in September with the appointment of a Water Resilience Officer. The Water Resilience Officer is responsible for engaging 50 high water consuming businesses and residential strata properties, to achieve 150 kilo litres (kL) of implemented water savings per day.

Two of Council's large water consuming sites have now received water loggers to provide real-time water usage at five minute intervals. This data has already identified a number of leaks resulting in significant water savings.

The partnership is providing an extremely valuable and data driven approach to achieving water and cost savings.



Urban Heat Investigations

Council progressed with the implementation of a project investigating the localised variation of heat across the Campbelltown Local Government Area.

Project partners, Western Sydney University, completed the collation and analysis of over 1.46 million air temperature measurements with the initial finding below:

- During heatwaves, there is a clear urban heat island effect in the Campbelltown CBD compared to nearby Macarthur Heights, with night time temperatures remaining 4-5°C warmer in the CBD
- During a cool change experienced on a day of extreme heat, a temperature variation of more than 17°C was recorded between Korrunga Reserve in St Andrews and Hodgson Close in Wedderburn
- There is a significant underreporting of air temperature by official weather stations, with the nearest official weather station at the Australian Botanic Garden, Mt Annan recording 32 less days of temperatures above 35 degrees, and 22 less days of temperatures above 40 degrees

Environmental sustainability at our events

- Council reaffirmed its commitment to being a sustainable city after rolling out several new measures to make local events more environmentally friendly. We updated our Sustainable Events Policy to encourage the use of public transport, reduce waste and provide ethical food choice options at its events.
- Under the new policy, balloons and plastic straws will no longer be distributed or sold at Council events, and staff will adopt environmentally sustainable practices when planning and running events.
- Vegan and ethical food options will also be considered where possible as part of the updated sustainable events policy.
- Other initiatives include providing attendees with the opportunity to return reusable products at the end of an event, purchasing locally made products implementing measures to reduce energy usage and the providing bicycle parking and public transport options.

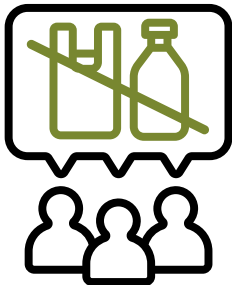


Waste and Recycling

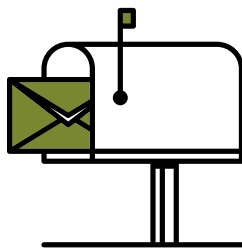
Director City Delivery
Director City Development

As core services for Council, the removal and recycling of waste and the cleaning of the city are vitally important to our residents and also for creating an attractive area. The Waste and Recycling service area aims to deliver these functions to a benchmark standard ensuring rubbish is collected on time, streets are clean and tidy, rubbish is removed and the maximum amount of waste is diverted from landfill and recycled.

Key Services
Waste Recycling and Management
City Cleansing



25+
Community waste
education workshops
delivered



58,000+
waste calendars delivered to
households



Waste Calendars

During this reporting period, we provided our residents with a Waste and Recycling Calendar that we issue every two years. The calendar includes information about which bins are due for collection each week, along with a variety of other waste services information including what they can recycle, how to dispose of furniture and details of what items can be placed in the general waste bin, the recycling bin and the green organics bin. We even included some great tip on composting and worm farming in this issue.



Sustainable Living

We held more than 25 sustainable workshops in partnership with Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living with the goal of increasing environmental ownership among the Campbelltown community including:

- Preparing for a spring vegetable garden
- Reducing plastic pollution and boomerang bags
- Worm farming and composting
- Recycled Art & Craft
- Kids Gardening and Cooking



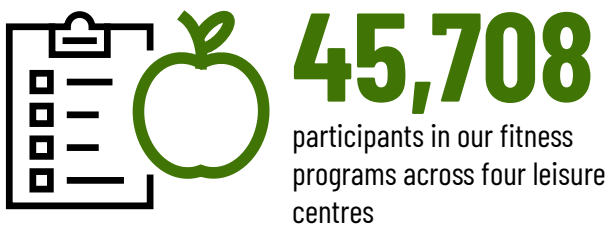
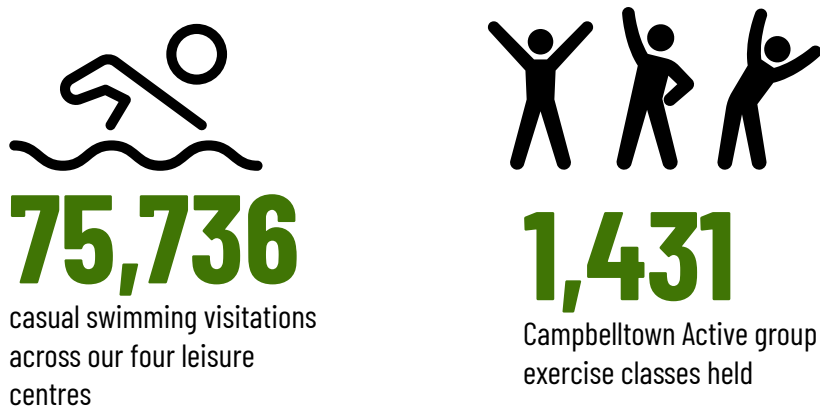
Open Space and Recreation

Director City Lifestyles
Director City Delivery

Everyone in Campbelltown deserves open spaces and facilities that promote healthy movement and a range of sporting activities. The Open Space & Recreation service area aims to deliver excellent playing fields, sports grounds, leisure centres and playgrounds as well as effectively managed and protected bushland and open spaces.

Key Services

Sporting Grounds and Venues
Leisure Services
Open Space & Natural Areas



Campbelltown Sports Stadium Activity

Our Campbelltown Sports Stadium was well utilised during this reporting period and hosted the following major events:

- Crusty Demons
- Australia Under 23 v New Zealand Under 23 International football friendly
- FFA Cup match between Sydney United 58 FC and Western Sydney Wanderers
- National School Boys Rugby League Grand Final
- West Tigers v Newcastle Knights
- NSW Gridiron Grand finals series



Junior Ranger pilot program

During the October school holidays, we launched a new Junior Rangers Pilot Program. The series of events focused on activating our bushland reserves through encouraging children (and their guardians) to experience a range of hands on educational activities. This activity subtly demonstrated the physical and mental health benefits of spending time in nature.

The program was focused on children aged 5-12 years of age and included natural treasure hunts along bushwalking tracks, using various senses to imagine life as our native flora and fauna and learning steps to better care for our environment in an investigatory way. Children navigated their way along logs, explored caves, hunted for environmental clues such as koala scratches on trees and got their feet wet whilst catching water bugs.

Over 200 kids and adults attended the 10 fully booked sessions hosted at key Council reserves including Freres Crossing, Noorumba Reserve, Smiths Creek and Simmos Beach.



Summer Sports Season

The summer sports season kicked off on Saturday 28 September 2019. All rugby league and AFL posts were removed and all synthetic and turf wickets prepped and ready for use.

Bradbury Oval unveiled a brand new synthetic wicket, which is the result of a project jointly funded by Bradbury Cricket Club and Council. Other recently completed projects included an extension of the cricket nets at Worrell Park and Macquarie Fields Park that were completed as part of the ICC T20 Legacy Funding that Council successfully received in 2019.

Major sporting competitions welcomed to our region

Major sporting competitions were held in our LGA during this period, welcoming a large number of sports people, their family and friends to our LGA including:

- Softball Masters tournament at Milton Park, Ingleburn on 14 July 2019
- Cricket tournaments including NSW All schools and NSW PSSA which was held at Raby Sports Complex
- Quake futsal Premier League
- Spalding Waratah Junior State Cup basketball, senior schools basketball championships and basketball camps
- NSW Wheelchair Rugby League.



Campbelltown Active Swim School

Campbelltown Active Swim School attendance was strong, with 20,239 swimming lessons delivered during this quarter. The fitness program saw 15,546 visits from Campbelltown Active members across our four leisure centres. There were 564 group aquatic exercise classes delivered to the community.

Our casual swimming visitation during the winter months was strong with 14,167 non-members visiting our three aquatic centres to participate in general swimming.



Libraries, Arts and Culture

Director City Lifestyles
Director City Growth

Campbelltown has a storied culture and is fast becoming a hub for education and learning. The Libraries, Arts and Culture service aims to provide programs and facilities that promote learning, artistic expression and the development of a diverse, rich and welcoming culture for Campbelltown.

Key Services

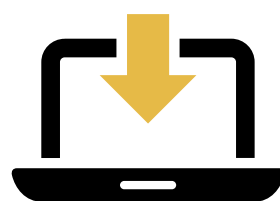
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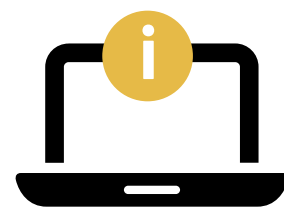
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Fisher's Ghost Art Award

Now in its 57th year, the Fisher's Ghost Art Award saw the exhibition of almost 315 works across the open, contemporary, traditional, sculpture and photography categories with 106 of the works coming from artists from the Macarthur region. The exhibition included 167 works from primary and secondary school students. Kuba Dorabialski was announced the winner with work titled Glasses on My Nosetip.

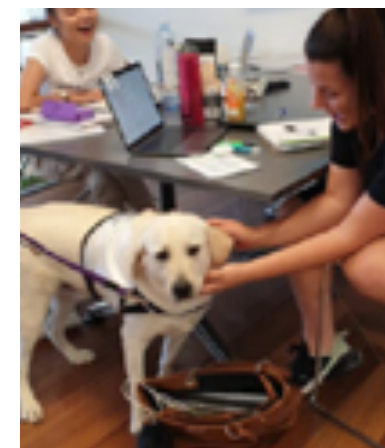


Tech Tasting @ Your Library

We held a Tech Taster event at Glenquarie Library in September, providing seniors with an opportunity to 'taste' some of the library's newest technologies.

Throughout the day, Council staff gave participants a 'hands on' demonstration of how to use some of the library's technology including new Dell laptops, Android and iPad tablets, the library robot and the sewing machines.

Demonstrations were also provided on the BeConnected website to enable seniors to register and learn about using new technologies. Council's Sustainability and Resilience Project Officer was also there to promote the GetPrepared App in readiness for the bushfire season. The event was partly funded by the BeConnected initiative and jointly administered by the GoodThing Foundation and the Federal Government.



Therapy Dogs Visit Greg Percival Library

In October, Bentley the Labrador and Annie the Kelpie cross Border Collie visited Greg Percival Library to offer HSC students a comforting presence while they prepared for their exams.

Paws Pet Therapy partnered with Council to offer this service to our local students. The dogs received lots of love and attention, including pats and cuddles from students and customers visiting the library.

Each of Council's library branches also provided HSC Chill Out Zones during the exam period, offering board games for students to play so they can take a break from their studies.

Paint Campbelltown REaD

We celebrated the Australian Reading Hour with two events, Paint Campbelltown REaD at the Magic Garden in Campbelltown Mall and Family PJ Storytime at HJ Daley Library.

The Australian Reading Hour is an initiative that encourages Australians to embrace the benefits of reading.

The Paint the Town REaD working group presented a morning of reading adventures for young children at the Magic Garden, encouraging the Paint the Town REaD motto of 'Let's all read, talk, rhyme and sing with children from birth'.



Fiji Day

Campbelltown Arts Centre hosted a special Fiji Day family event celebrating the connected vibrancy of Fijian culture and the Marama Dina exhibition. The gallery was overflowing with short workshops and performances led by artists in the exhibition including masi decorating, adornment making and tattoo drawing.

Matavai performing. Courtesy: Nancy Trieu

