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## CELEBRATE ART AND CULTURE

Visit Campbelltown Arts Centre this spring and explore a range of spectacular exhibitions.

### IN EVERY ROOM

5 July to 14 September

Campbelltown Arts Centre presents 'in every room', an exhibition of powerful works by leading contemporary Australian artists. The exhibition explores personal and communal histories and past and current systems of control.

### POETIC VOCABULARIES

5 July to 14 September

'Poetic Vocabularies' features text-based works from the Campbelltown City Council Art Collection, showcasing the power of language in visual arts, from playful words to compelling narratives and more.

Visit [campbelltownartscentre.com.au](http://campbelltownartscentre.com.au) for more information.



## 40 YEARS YOUNG

Amber Cottage Early Learning Centre welcomed past and present staff, parents and children to celebrate their 40th birthday event on Tuesday, 17 June.



The day included a showcase of archival photos from decades gone by, performances from students and a celebration of the centre's history in the Ambarvale community.

Every child deserves a great start. Enrol now and give your child the opportunity to thrive in a supportive learning environment at one of our Early Learning Centres.

Childcare enrolment details are available on our website.

## READY, SET, WRITE

Pick up your pens: it's time to set your story free. The Fisher's Ghost Writing Prize is back.

Writers are invited to submit a short story, narrative non-fiction memoirs, or poetry addressing the theme of 'Down the Road'.

Anyone who lives, works, or attends school, TAFE or university in the Campbelltown Local Government Area is eligible to enter.

To help you get competition ready, our libraries are hosting creative writing workshops presented by local authors.

Entries close Monday 8 September. Details on our website.



## 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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## RIDE READY, RIDE STEADY

Join us for free family fun during school holidays at the Bicycle Education Centre every Sunday.

Roll into the Bicycle Education Centre with your bike or scooter (don't forget your helmet) and ride the track, explore the space and enjoy the day together.

Pack a picnic lunch or take advantage of our on-site powered BBQ facilities. Need shade? Book our shaded hut in advance.

Details on our website



## RABY INDOOR CRICKET CENTRE

Raby Sports Complex is now home to a first-class indoor cricket training centre.

The \$5.2 million project includes 6 new lanes and nets, increasing the capacity for elite cricket development programs.

The facility will also be available for the community to book for coaching sessions and casual hire later this year.

The project was funded by Council, the NSW Government through the NSW Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund and NSW ICC T20 World Cup 2020 Cricket Legacy Fund as well as Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW.

Details on our website.



## INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Council has approved a \$321.8 million investment in local services, infrastructure and community programs as part of the 2025-2026 Operational Plan.

The plan includes an \$87.2 million capital works program and a range of exciting programs and projects to enhance public spaces, social infrastructure and environmental outcomes across the city.

### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Roads and bridges



\$13.7 million

Parks, open spaces and playgrounds



\$3.1 million

Community facilities



\$59.1 million

Plant, fleet and equipment



\$4.9 million

See the full plan on our website.

## EMERGENCY READY DAY

Meet your emergency services at Koshigaya Park on Sunday 21 September, from 11am to 2pm this Emergency Ready Day.

Equip yourself and your family with the knowledge and tools you need to stay safe during emergencies.

Come down and start a conversation about household emergency plans with the following local emergency services:

- Fire and Rescue NSW
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- NSW State Emergency Service
- NSW Police Force
- Red Cross

Details on our website.





# Feast Of Nations



We're excited to introduce our new event, **Feast of Nations**, a vibrant three-night festival celebrating the rich cultural diversity of Campbelltown.

Join us on Queen and Lithgow Streets, Campbelltown from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 September, 4pm to 10pm each evening.

Feast of Nations will spotlight three of Campbelltown's largest cultural communities.

**FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER:**  
Pasifika Flavours

**SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER:**  
Southeast Asian Flavours

**SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER:**  
South Asian Flavours



Each night offers an immersive cultural experience with music and dance performances, mouth-watering cuisine and market stalls, traditional arts and crafts, and roving entertainment.

Funding for this project has been provided by the NSW Government

Details on our website.

## SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

These school holidays are filled with fun and engaging activities in Campbelltown. Our School Holiday Guide features a variety of programs and workshops for all ages.

Our libraries are offering a fantastic mix of creative and educational activities.

Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities to have fun, learn new skills, and make lasting memories.

Details on our website.



## STUDENTS SHARE BIG IDEAS

Students from across Campbelltown and the Macarthur region gained insight into the world of landscape architecture at a career's expo hosted by SWS Activate at Ottimo House.

During the event, our landscape architects worked with Year 10 students from St Patrick's College for Girls Campbelltown, Macarthur Anglican School, and Mount Annan Christian College to introduce them to the industry.

Students also shared their ideas and created concept drawings for the



Dharawal Nature Playspace — a planned project to develop a large, nature-themed playground at Simmos Beach Reserve.

The design team will now consider how these ideas and concepts can be incorporated into the final design for the project.

## OUTDOOR FUN RETURNS

Get ready to make a splash as the pools at Campbelltown Billabong Parklands open for the season on Wednesday 1 October.

Cool off in the main Billabong Pool, explore the Splash Play area, or relax in the children's pool, perfect for little ones.

Take advantage of our picnic huts and covered BBQ areas, surrounded by lush parklands. Whether you're swimming, playing, or simply relaxing outdoors, Campbelltown Billabong Parklands offers something for everyone.

An entry fee will apply to the Billabong while the pools are open.

For more details on the Billabong visit our website.





## FISHER'S GHOST FUN FOR EVERYONE

From Thursday 30 October to Sunday 9 November, the Festival of Fisher's Ghost is back with an entertaining program of events.

### 30 OCTOBER - 9 NOVEMBER

*Fisher's Ghost Carnival* - Enjoy thrilling rides, roving performers, fireworks, and plenty of treats at Campbelltown Showground.

### 1 - 2 NOVEMBER

*Twilight Streets* - Join us on Queen and Lithgow Streets, Campbelltown as it comes alive with market stalls, entertainment, and delicious food.

*Twilight Cinema* - Head to the Campbelltown RSL Rooftop Carpark for family-friendly films under the stars with an outdoor cinema experience.

### 9 NOVEMBER

*Marsdens Law Group Fisher's Ghost Fun Run* - Wrap up the festival with a morning of fitness and family fun, and health and wellness stalls at Western Sydney University and TAFE Campbelltown.

Keep an eye on our website and social media as the event gets closer.



## MAKE A SPLASH

The outdoor pools across our leisure centres are set to reopen in October, right in time for the warmer days ahead.

Whether you're swimming laps, splashing with the kids or just soaking up the atmosphere, our pools have something for everyone.

Host your next event by the pool. Our poolside huts are available for hire and ideal for group outings or celebrations.

Details on our website.



## FEAST CAMPBELLTOWN A World of Food and Culture



Immerse yourself in the amazing flavours, sights and sounds of Campbelltown at our annual multicultural food and dance festival. The free event is on Saturday 20 September, from 2pm to 9pm at Redfern Park, Minto.

Grab a picnic blanket and enjoy high-energy dance performances and taste dishes from a variety of global cuisines.

Travel the globe right here in Campbelltown. Grab our Children's Activity Trail Passport to guide your adventure through a series of interactive workshops and cultural activities.

Watch live cooking demonstrations by talented cooks and get inspired with delicious new recipes for the whole family to enjoy.

Details on our website.



## NEW LOCATION, SAME GREAT LIBRARY SERVICE

Come and visit Campbelltown Library at its new location at Downtown Plaza, 147-157 Queen Street, in the heart of Campbelltown's city centre.

The library has a new contemporary look and feel, designed by award-winning architects Lacoste + Stevenson, which features increased floor space across 2 levels to house the library collection and lots of options to study, work, and connect with community.

Find everything you love about the library including all the great books, DVDs, magazines, and discovery kits, programs for children and youth, book clubs and English conversation classes, public PCs, copiers, JP service, and of course the wonderful staff.

### LIBRARY FEATURES

- The new creative studio now includes a laser cutter and social robotics joining the 3D printers, sewing machines and podcasting and video editing software and hardware. Come in and meet our library's robot dog.
- The new local studies area featuring a large interactive touchscreen for exploring online photo and document archives.
- More spaces for young people to study and enjoy recreation time.
- Family friendly facilities.
- Hundreds of new books and magazines added across the collection.

Details on Council's website.





## GET YOUR GAME FACE ON

Every November, libraries around the world celebrate International Games Month, connecting communities through the fun of play.

This month-long event highlights the educational, social, and fun value of all kinds of games.

We're excited to join the celebration again this year with a month of games, activities, and good times. Stay tuned.

Keep an eye on our website for more details.

## FIND YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

Come visit our Animal Care Facility to meet the dogs and cats available for adoption.

Our friendly staff are here to help match you with the perfect companion.

The ACF is now open from Monday to Friday 12.30pm to 3.30pm and Saturday 10.30am to 3.30pm for people to view the animals in care.

For pet registration or to reclaim a lost pet, the Animal Care Facility Office is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm.

Details on our website.



## LEARN TO SWIM: ENROL NOW

Whether you're a confident swimmer or completely new, our Learn to Swim program is tailored for all levels and ages.

Enrolments are now open, so make sure your children don't miss out as we head into spring and summer.

Spots fill fast. Enrol today and make a splash this season.

Details are on our website.



## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

**Do you know a friend, neighbour, family member, colleague or teammate who is helping make Campbelltown a better place?**

Our annual Australia Day Awards honour residents who have made outstanding contributions in their academic success, sporting excellence or meaningful service to the community.

Nominate someone in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Sports Award
- Community Group Initiative of the Year
- Diversity and Inclusion Award
- Environmental Citizen of the Year
- All Abilities Award

Nominations close 1 December 2025.

Details on our website.





## GIFT OF TIME, NOMINATE TODAY

We celebrate Campbelltown local volunteers through the Gift of Time Awards, recognising the dedication and selfless service to the community of local charities, community organisations, sporting clubs and more.

Nominations open Monday 29 September 2025. An awards ceremony will take place in late 2025.

Details are on our website.



## CLEAN OUT YOUR CHEMICALS

Spring cleaning starts here. Bring your unwanted household chemicals to our Chemical CleanOut Day on Saturday 28 September, from 9am to 3.30pm at 59 Junction Road, Leumeah.

It's time to clear out your old chemicals, batteries, and unwanted paints and help protect the environment from harmful waste.

Find the full list of accepted items on our website.



## CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE

The annual Campbelltown City Jubilee Awards are held to honour individuals who have lived in Campbelltown for 50 years or more, and for 30 years or more for members of the city's First Nations community.

The awards also include businesses and organisations that have served the city for 50 years or more.

Nominations are open throughout the year, with the ceremony awards held in late 2025.

Details on our website.

## GOT HOUSEHOLD PROBLEM WASTE?

Campbelltown's free Community Recycling Centre (CRC) is the place to safely dispose of items that can't go in your kerbside bins.

We accept items such as paint, gas bottles, motor oil, lightbulbs, and smoke detectors. Making it easy to ensure they're recycled properly and repurposed into new products.

You can find our CRC at Hepher Road, Campbelltown, open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 3pm, and Saturdays from 7am to 12pm.

Details are on our website.



## SNAKES ON THE MOVE – GIVE THEM ROOM

With the arrival of spring, snakes become more active, especially as males head out in search of a mate.

Snakes aren't naturally aggressive and usually only attack when hurt or provoked. They generally enter our environment in search of water or a shady spot to cool off.

Here's a few tips to keep you and your pets safe during snake season:

- Keep a safe distance
- Do not try to catch or disturb the snake
- Keep your pets on a leash
- If you see an injured snake, contact Sydney Wildlife or WIRES.

If you see the same snake in the same spot more than once, report it to Council on 4645 4000.





# LOOK OUT KOALAS ABOUT

**Koala breeding season is a vital time for our local koalas.  
Protecting them now ensures future generations can thrive.**

The more we learn, the more we can help.  
Sign up for Koalatown updates and ways to get involved.  
Every koala counts.

## **REPORT INJURED KOALAS:**

**Wires 0466 318 688**

**Sydney Wildlife 9413 4300**

## **KOALA SIGHTINGS:**

Record the location, take a picture and  
report it through iSpy koala app.

**For more information and to register,  
scan the QR code.**

