




CAMPBELLTOWN  
CITY COUNCIL

# PROGRESS REPORT

January to June 2019



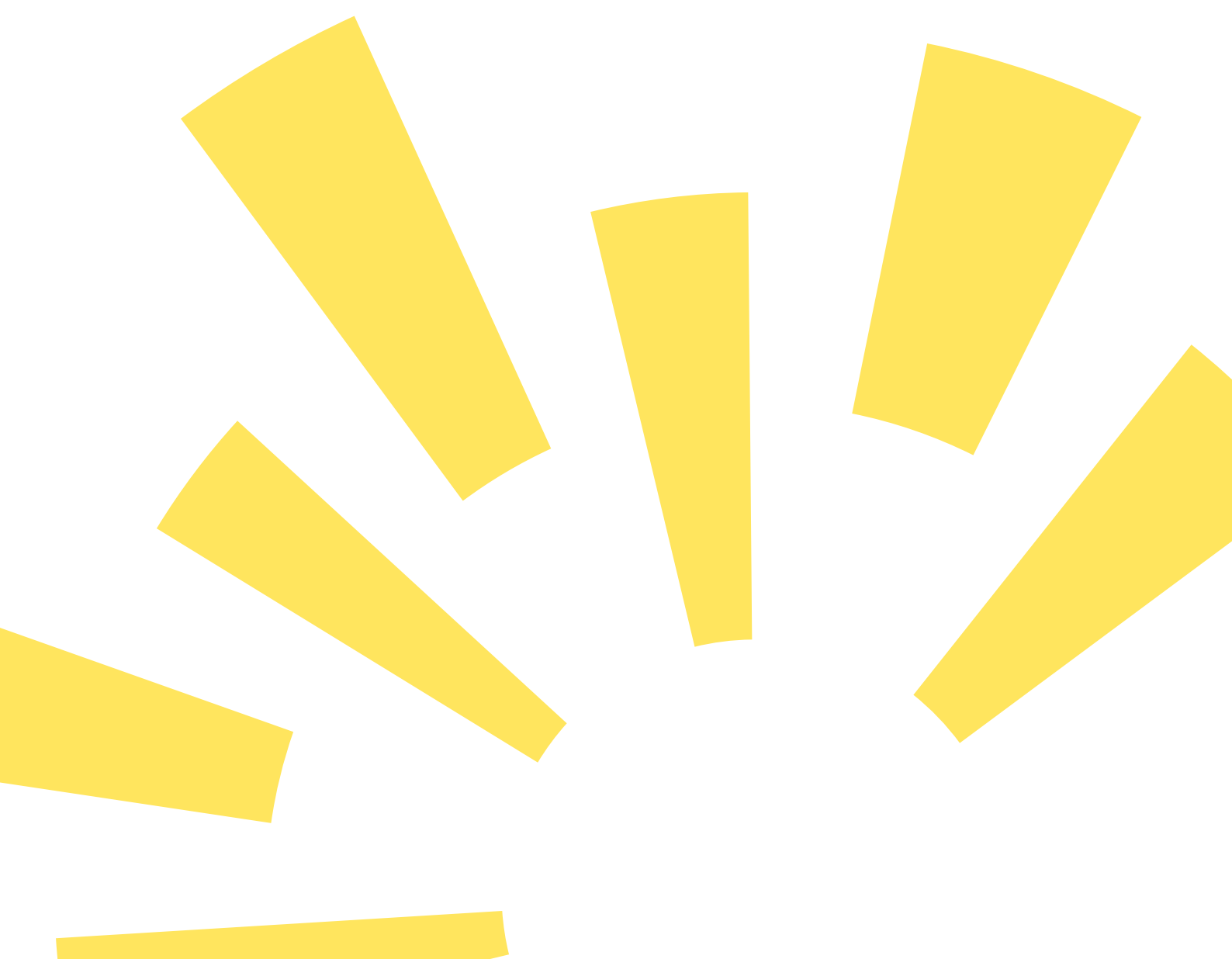




Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Dharawal people and their unique and spiritual connections to the land. We also respectfully acknowledge Elders past and present for the role they continue to play in guiding future generations.

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# 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](http://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.

This Six Monthly Progress Report for January to June 2019 documents Council's performance throughout the second half of the 2018/2019 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.







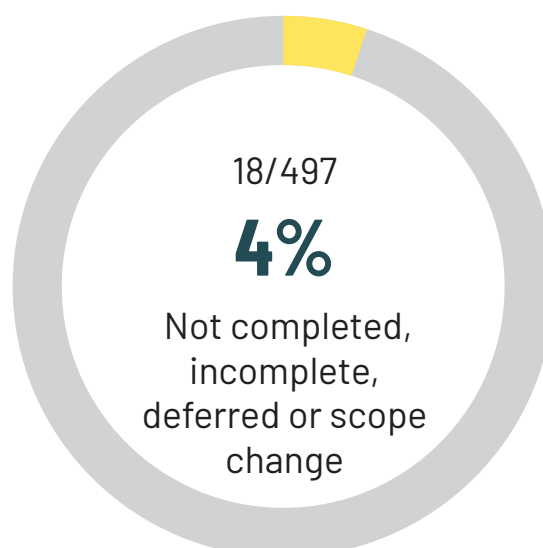
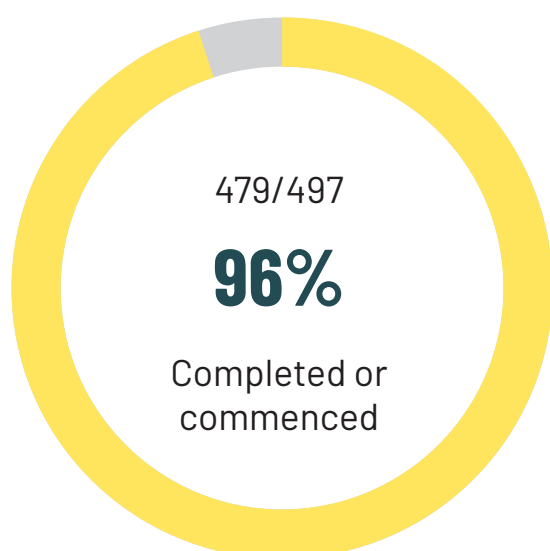
## Overall Performance

Council has committed to delivering almost 500 actions over the course of 2018/2019 and is pleased to report that more than 95% of these initiatives have either commenced or been completed.

Key highlights include:

- Moving through to Phase 2 of Reimagining Campbelltown CBD, one of our flagship projects, that turns the vision from Phase 1 into reality
- Welcoming the newly formed A-League team, Macarthur FC, to our stadium as their home ground
- Hosting a range of events including the Quick Chef Challenge and Go4Fun program that were delivered as part of our Changing Campbelltown's Future: Childhood Obesity project
- Ongoing renewal and regular maintenance programs on our assets including Bow Bowling Tennis Court Refurbishments, Macquarie Fields Park Cricket Nets upgrade and the Ambarvale Sports Complex upgrade
- Continuously working on activating our open spaces with and delivering quality events suitable for all ages including Mawson Park Night Markets, Ingleburn Alive and Into the Night
- Improving our Animal Care Facility with the installation of a dog walking track and multiple exercise yards
- Placing our first Local Strategic Planning Statement on public exhibition
- Conducting a review of the strategic corporate planning framework and delivering a new look Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2019-2020
- commitment to delivering the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands project

### Actions completed during the 2018/2019 financial year.









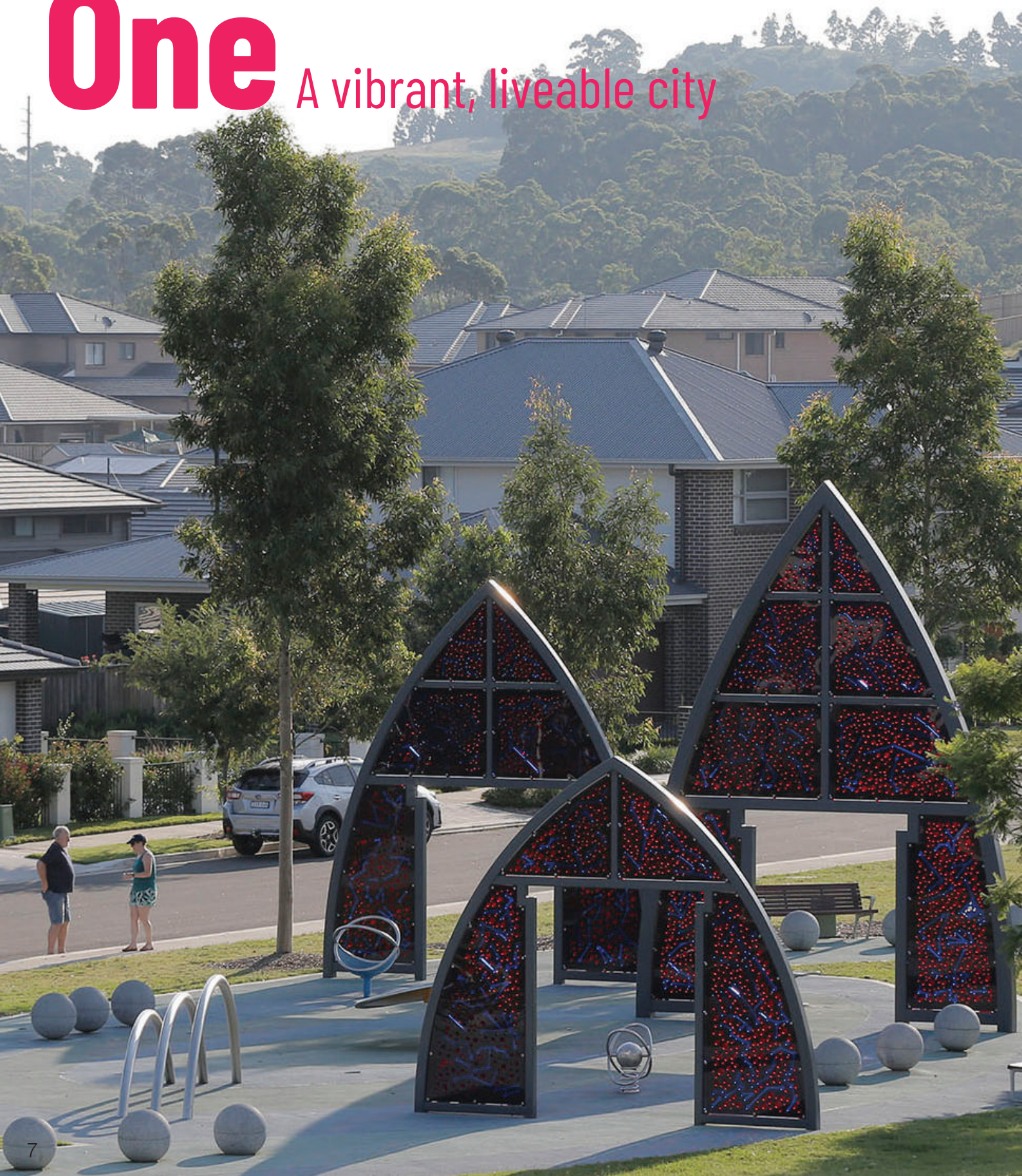
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# Six Month Highlights



# Outcome One

A vibrant, liveable city





## A-League Launch

The Football Federation Australia announced Macarthur South-West Sydney was chosen from a shortlist to join the A-League competition along with Western Melbourne, expanding the A-League to 12 teams.

In May, the team launched their team name, logo and colours in front of over 600 people at an event held at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. They will be known as Macarthur FC, with the name acknowledging the region's founders, Elizabeth and John Macarthur and will make our stadium their home ground.

The first home game will be played at the Campbelltown Sports stadium during the 2020/21 season.



## Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Awards

Awards and Citizenship ceremony at Greg Percival Community Centre with around 200 people attending the presentation, which was followed by a citizenship ceremony for 80 candidates and their guests.

Awards were presented to the following recipients:

- Citizen of the Year – Ricardo Lonza
- Young Citizen of the Year – Angelina Arora
- Sportsperson of the Year – Damita Betham
- Community Group Initiative of the Year – Dharawal Men's Aboriginal Corporate

## Youth Week

Youth Week was held during the month of April and included a variety of fitness, sport and wellbeing activities. It also included art, photography and music sessions, table top gaming lessons, talent showcases, skateboarding and a poetry competition!

Writers aged 12-25 years were encouraged to put down in words what Campbelltown means to them. The winner, Alison Stephen, had her poem published in the Macarthur Chronicle during Youth Week.

### *The Meaning*

Just up on Lithgow Street,  
In the house of number 4,  
I grew from child to teen,  
A young girl I was, no more.

From Year 8 onwards,  
I attended Campbelltown High,  
And whilst performing circus,  
I really learned to fly.

At 14 I started working,  
Down at the local mall,  
Still 7 years down the track,  
Customer service is no ball...

Now I am at uni,  
Doing a social work degree,  
In hope I can give back,  
What gave so much to me.

Whilst on this journey,  
I've given received and grown,  
And come to know the meaning,  
That Campbelltown is my home.

Alison Stephen

## Seniors Festival

In February, we held the Senior's Festival that was focused for people over 60, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over 50 and people with a lifelong disability over 50, with the 2019 theme 'Love Your Life'. Events included a Tech Savvy Workshop that provided training on computers, the internet, email and cyber safety, free film sessions, a concert for people living with dementia and their carers, a talk focusing on the important areas of law and free fitness and aquatic passes to our leisure centres.



## Mawson Park Night Markets

We continue to activate our open space areas throughout the city, and together with our market providers, Eat Shop Love, we have been hosting fortnightly night markets right in the heart of our city centre. Our community come together and experience an evening of culinary delights from a variety of street food vendors, wander through boutique market stalls and are entertained by live performers.

## Into the Night

We listened to the community feedback from the Love Ingleburn project that was undertaken in 2018, and hosted a night time event, Into the Night to celebrate the longest night of the year on 21 June in the Ingleburn main street. A great night of entertainment was enjoyed by all ages and included an ice skating rink, a street piano and live music.



## Ingleburn Alive Revived

We revived the annual Ingleburn Alive event this year and featured a full program of live music, dance acts, a roller rink, street stalls and some of the city's hippest food trucks. The event concluded with a spectacular fireworks display. An estimated 6000 people across the day created a vibrant festival atmosphere for all involved.

# Our Campbelltown Arts Centre highlights

## Friends Annual and Focus Exhibition

Our Arts Centre presented the Friends Annual and Focus exhibition, an eclectic display of artworks by the Friends of Campbelltown Arts Centre. The Friends Annual exhibition provides an opportunity to see some of the best art the region has to offer, boasting a range of styles and mediums throughout.

The Focus exhibition highlighted the work of a talented artist or collective from the Macarthur region, providing insight into their practice and for 2019 the Focus artist is Machiko Motoi.



## @getout\_19 exhibition

Machiko Motoi frequently travelled from her home studio in Campbelltown to the McIver's Ladies Baths – a heritage-listed women's baths at Grant Reserve in Coogee. Audiences were encouraged to follow her Instagram account in order to witness the artist's recurrent pilgrimage. Utilising the popular social media app, Motoi acknowledged how technology has integrated into the ways in which we publicly perform our private, everyday lives to the world. For Motoi, the act of 'getting out' helps her come to terms with her artistic practice and her Japanese heritage whilst living and working in Campbelltown, Australia.



Machiko Motoi, @getout\_19, 2019. Installation view, Friends and Focus Exhibition, Campbelltown Arts Centre, 2019. Photo: Document Photography



# Healthy Kids Programs



## Quick chef challenge

Supported by NSW Health, we introduced an exciting new program to assist and build the confidence in mums and dads to prepare fresh meals and deter the purchase of unhealthy convenience type foods, to assist in combating the rates of obesity in children.

## Go4Fun Program

We delivered the Go4Fun program for children aged 7 to 13 years who are above a healthy weight. The program focused on improving eating habits, fitness levels and confidence. Some of the results from the Go4Fun program included a significant decrease in body mass index, a drop in waist circumference, an increase of physical activity, an increase in fitness and self-esteem and an improved knowledge in nutrition.

## Council launched first ever action plan for reconciliation

Council is taking a leadership role in reconciliation and strengthening its commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and we launched our first ever Reconciliation Action Plan that aims to create a future of equal opportunity, respectful relationships, inclusion and harmony. The three-year plan is an important strategy in Campbelltown City which has one of the largest urban populations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in NSW.



## Sorry Day

Sorry Day was held in partnership with Campbelltown City Council, Liverpool City Council, Wollondilly Shire Council, NSW Family and Community Services, Uniting, Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation and The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan and allows members of the Stolen Generation, their families and the wider community to unite and promote healing.



## Successful Junior Landcare Grants Program

We were successful in receiving three Junior Landcare Grants, an initiative between Woolworths and Landcare Australia. These grants aim to inspire children with hands-on projects focussing on sustainable food production, improving waste management practices and enhancing native habitats. Wombat Willows Early Learning Centre and Amber Cottage Early Learning Centre will use the funds to strengthen their relationships with the local indigenous community by creating a Bush Tucker garden with Minto Early Learning Centre establishing a vegetable garden.

# Public Space Refurbishments

## Playspace upgrades

During the six months from January to June we undertook 213 projects on our playspaces including playground equipment repairs and replacement, softfall repairs and replacement, supply and installation of park and sports benches - totalling close to \$1M.

We undertook a major upgrade at our Bow Bowling Tennis Courts including renewal of court fencing, synthetic surfacing and table settings.



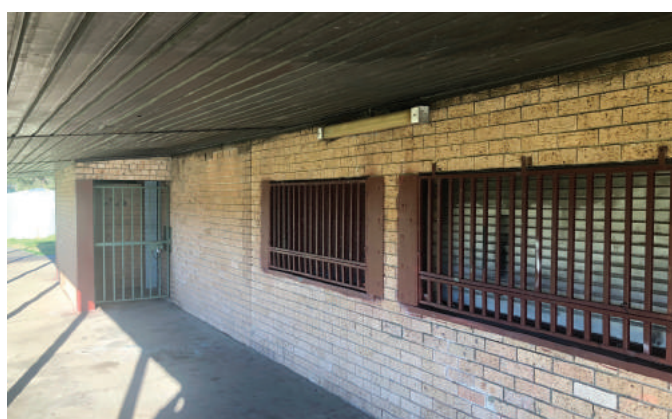
Bow Bowling - Before



Bow Bowling - After

## Ambarvale Sports Complex Upgrade

We demolished the existing amenities and constructed a new amenities building at Ambarvale Sports Complex. The works cost \$1.38M and included new irrigation systems for three fields, laser levelling, returfing, drainage and floodlighting to 100 LUX for two fields.



Ambarvale - Before



Amabrvale - After



# Outcome

## Two

A respected and protected  
natural environment





## Tree program to beautify and reduce urban heat

Free tree planting was offered to our residents to reduce urban heat and improve the look of the local nature strips. The street trees scheme has been hugely popular with over 100 requests a week from our residents.

Resident Ashik Rahman Ash and Mayor George Brticevic pictured with a new tree being planted in Macquarie Fields as part of Council's free trees program.

## Protecting our Koalas

Campbelltown has one of the most significant colonies of koalas in New South Wales and one of the only that is disease free.

### Smiths Creek Koala Habitat Project

We were awarded a grant of \$20,000 under the Improving Urban Koala Habitat Linkages and Community Stewardship project. Supported by additional funds by Council, locally the project aims to both improve Shale Sandstone Transition Forest vegetation, a Critically Endangered Ecological Community, and raise awareness of the value of tree hollows habitat for native wildlife through a 'Hollows for Homes' project within local schools.

The project specifically focused on bush regeneration and weed management works across two areas and improving the habitat for threatened species such as the Koala and Cumberland Plain Land Snail.



### Wild Koala Day

We undertook our third year of tree planting within key koala habitats in our region this year in conjunction with Wild Koala Day held in May, and planted approximately 3000 trees, shrubs and grasses beneficial to koalas in a key koala corridor at Cook Park, Ruse, a key link between the Georges River and Smiths Creek Reserve.

Species planted on the day included koala specific eucalyptus trees, acacia, kunzea, lomandra and kangaroo grass.

## Rehabilitation of Simmos Beach Catchment

In partnership with the Georges Riverkeeper, we successfully obtained \$50,000 in grant funding through the NSW Environmental Trust's 'Restoration and Rehabilitation Program' to improve Critically Endangered Shale Sandstone Transition Forest in Simmos Beach Reserve and its urban headwaters. Works commenced in the upper catchment targeting areas of high weed density working downstream into the better condition area to limit future spreading.

In May, Council held a community drop in information session onsite to provide the local community with information about the project as well as ways they can get involved.



## A night with the bats

We held A Night with the Bats at Milton Park, Macquarie Fields where interested parties came along and learnt about the conversation work being undertaken at the site. Council hosted the event in partnership with the Redfern Creek Bushcare Group, Australasian Bat Society, Help Save the Wildlife and Bushlands of Campbelltown, WIRES and Sydney Wildlife.



## Bush Explorers

We ran a series of programs in partnership with local bushcare groups for the community to connect with nature.

The programs included the **Marvels of Migration bird-walk**: learning the secrets of bush birds navigation such as honeyeaters, wattlebirds and silvereyes; **Weeds and Natives ID Bushcare Workshop** focusing on the identification of invasive weeds that impact the bush; **Spotlighting Animals of the Night Tour**: search the bushland for possums, wallabies, owls, gliders and maybe even one of our resident koalas.





## Catch a Carp

We held the Catch a Carp competition for the seventh year running. It is the one day in the calendar year when people can legally fish our pond in Eagle Vale and was set up to counter the environmental damage done by carp. This program is part of an important function of Council to help protect the natural environment. Carp, a highly adaptive and hardy fish native to Asia, were introduced to New South Wales in 1865. They contribute to algal blooms, waterway erosion and a reduction in native fish populations.



## Chemical Cleanout

We partnered with the NSW Environment Protection Authority and held a Household Chemical CleanOut weekend in April for residents to dispose of batteries, paint, garden and pool chemical, fluorescent light globes, motor oils and more safely and free of charge.



## Battery Recycling Program

We implemented a battery recycling program to assist residents with an environmentally friendly way to dispose of their domestic household batteries that would usually end in landfill and toxic to the environment. The batteries collected by Council are then sent off to a specialist recycling company. The battery processing facility de-energises and granulates the batteries for further separation and extraction of hazardous chemicals and relevant materials for re-use.





# Outcome Three

A thriving, attractive city





## Western City Deals

Council continues to actively partner with the seven other Councils that form the Western Sydney City Deal along with NSW and Commonwealth governments. Commitments of the Deal include delivering transport and digital connectivity plans that connect the centres within the Western City, building investment attraction and jobs growth, creating education partnerships with a focus on STEM and developing a Western Sydney Health Alliance.

## Campbelltown Billabong Parklands

We are progressing on delivering the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands, creating a destination space for our community and visitors. This project will enhance the character of our city and has been inspired by the rapids, waterfalls and rock pools of the Dharawal National Park and Georges River Nature Reserve. The key features will include a series of rock pools with streams, a 1700sqm lagoon that will be up to 1.5m deep and a zero-depth water play area with a range of interactive water elements.



## Growing Local Business and Employment

We continued to facilitate our annual program of events including seminars and training opportunities to help grow and develop small business in partnership with key local organisations.

During January to June 2019, we delivered 23 business workshops with over 430 participants attending relating to Human Resources, Finance, Business Planning, Business Growth, Marketing and Digital Media.



## Economic Gardening to nurture local business

We launched the Economic Gardening Program that focuses on strategic growth challenges such as developing new markets, gaining access to competitive intelligence and refining business models. Participants are provided guidance by expert business consultants, Global Solutions Strategies.

## Greg Percival Library 10th Birthday celebrations

since opening in 2009 there have been 1,185,000 visitors and 18720 people participating in programs and events.



## Library services and literacy initiatives

We made a number of changes to the library membership process to make it easier for people to join and use the services. We also increased the loan limit from 20 to 30 and welcomed a new program, Library Tots, consisting of simple stories, songs and rhymes, music and movement, puppets and games aimed at children aged 18 months to three years.

### Summer Reading Club program

The program encourages and promotes reading during summer school holidays and this year had 457 participants registered between the ages of 0-16 years with a total of 8380 books read.

We partnered with Sydney Thunder players and staff and introduced a program that facilitates 20 minutes of fundamental movement skills relating to cricket, followed by reading books with the children, with a focus on the enjoyment of reading.

### A new outdoor space welcomed

We upgraded Glenquarie Library and included a new outdoor space with reading and lounge areas. The new space was named 'Gamarada Ngura' meaning Friends Place in Dharawal language.

### A vibrant new look

We welcomed a vibrant new look to the HJ Daley Library entrance and upgraded the self service technology (RFID). The works were partially funded through a Stronger Communities Grant of \$15,000.





# Caring for our animals at our Animal Care Facility

## Marketing initiatives

We launched a Facebook page in June dedicated to promoting animal adoptions and developing facility promotional material (including cat and dog adoption packs) as part of ongoing improvements to the centre.



## Reduction in adoption fees

We introduced a special discount sale event where animal adoption fees are reduced to half price during peak times.



## Upgrades

We finalised the installation of a dog walking track and multiple exercise yards which were part of two significant capital works upgrade projects. A circular dog walk track was completed which provides an outdoor meet and great facility that enables potential dog adopters (and their existing dogs) the opportunity to interact freely with dogs they may be interested in purchasing from the Animal Care Facility. In addition, three fully fenced dog exercise yards were constructed (to provide for a total complement of six yards at the facility) each measuring 4 metres x 10 metres. These yards provide additional opportunity for dogs to be exercised on a daily basis, thus improving their health, well-being and rehoming potential.





# Outcome Four

A successful city





## Reimagining Campbelltown CBD shaping our future

In our last progress report, we told you that our Reimagining Campbelltown CBD Vision had been adopted by Council. We are now excited to report that we have progressed to Phase 2 of the project that turns the vision into reality. To accomplish this, we are establishing frameworks that ensure strategic and master planning cover the visionary elements of Reimagine including economic viability, infrastructure requirements and eventually the physical spatial planning of the identified precincts. The opinions of our community are most important to us and we have continued to provide significant opportunities for them to be engaged and seek their suggestions and feedback through a variety of activities.

### City Identity and Branding Project

As part of Council's commitment to building local pride, and to facilitate economic and cultural investment in our city, we have embarked on the development of a new city identity for Campbelltown.

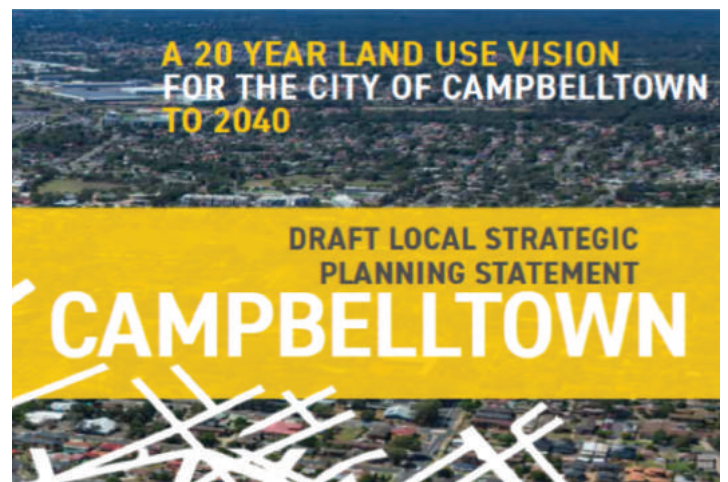
The new identity is for the whole community, not just for Council, so it was important that our local people were involved in the development process. Since the project began in February 2019, more than 1000 community members have been engaged in the project via surveys, group workshops, interviews, reference groups, vox pops, and public drop-in sessions. This is an exciting step forward in Council's work to raise the profile of the city and ensure it is fit for the future.



### Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) on exhibition

All Council's in NSW were required to prepare their first Local Strategic Planning Statement under the new requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and we were one of the first Council's to place our draft LSPS on public exhibition in June 2019.

The Local Strategic Planning Statement is the city's plan for our community's social, environmental and economic land use needs over the next 20 years. Linking directly with Reimagine, it is our plan to ensure that our people have a great city in which to live, work and play; that businesses and visitors have a great place to invest and experience; and that we continue to work towards our goal of being a world class contemporary city.



### Roads and Footpaths Program

We delivered over 800 projects on our roads and footpaths totalling close to \$6M of works. The works included reconstruction of kerb and gutter including stormwater outlets, laybacks and road rejuvenation and resurfacing.



## Macquarie Fields Railway car park

To respond to the growing needs of our local commuters we increased we increased the parking capacity at Macquarie Fields Railway Station by creating an additional 33 spaces.



## Replacement of Wedderburn Causeway

We received funding through the Government's Bridges Renewal Program to deliver a new bridge on Wedderburn Road across the Georges River as the previous low level causeway often flooded during heavy rains, cutting off the road between Wedderburn and Campbelltown, and temporarily isolating residents.



## A new look Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2019-2020

We adopted a new look Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2019-2020 in June. Council has been working for the past year to update its Integrated Planning and Reporting documents to streamline the content, refine our strategic direction and improve communication with our stakeholders. The adopted Delivery Program 2017-2021 and its activities have been realigned under a new Service Framework along with the Operational Plan. Council is utilising a new format and design to improve accountability, strategic direction and communications.









