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DONATE TO THE MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Help us bring joy to local families this festive season by donating to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal.

We're seeking donations of new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items.

Some gift ideas include board games, card games, books, craft activity packs, dolls, action figures, outdoor games or sporting equipment.

Donations can be made in the collection boxes at the Campbelltown Civic Centre or any of our library branches.

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 or by mail to PO Box 57, Campbelltown NSW 2560.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR AT KOSHIGAYA PARK

Roll out the picnic rug and join us at Koshigaya Park on Sunday 31 December to celebrate New Year's Eve 2023.

From 7pm to midnight, enjoy family stage entertainment, carnival rides, kids' activities, delicious food vendors and a spectacular fireworks show at 9pm and midnight.

Details on our website.



ART AWARD EXHIBITION OPENS

Discover the works of some of Australia's best contemporary artists at the Fisher's Ghost Art Award Exhibition.

The exhibition is on at Campbelltown Arts Centre until Friday 8 December and includes more than 1500 works across a variety of mediums.

This year's entries brought a strong showing from Western Sydney artists.

Details at the Campbelltown Arts Centre website c-a-c.com.au



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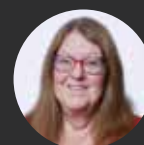
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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Join us for a joyous night of carols when the Campbelltown Christmas Carols make a spectacular return to Campbelltown Athletics Centre on Saturday 2 December.

From 5 to 9pm there will be a range of your favourite Christmas carols performed on stage alongside roving entertainment, a Santa letter station and a special visit from Santa himself.

Details on Council's website.



LIGHT IT UP

Kick off the season of Christmas cheer as we light the tree at the Campbelltown Civic Centre on Friday 1 December.

The Mayor will light a giant Christmas tree to mark the start of Campbelltown's Christmas festivities.

There'll be a range of family activities and workshops, live stage entertainment an opportunity to take your own photos with Santa and a giant slide on Queen Street.

Details on our website.

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN

Santa Claus will be rocking around Campbelltown spreading Christmas cheer when his Christmas Convoy returns.

Rocking Around Campbelltown is on Saturday 2 December visiting local parks around town.

Each stop will feature festive family activities, a variety of food and the chance to snap a photo with Santa.

Locations include:

- Glenfield Park, Glenfield
- Cook Reserve, Ruse
- Rizal Park, Rosemeadow

Details on our website.



Christmas in
Campbelltown

QUEEN STREET'S CHRISTMAS FEVER

The festive season is coming to the Queen Street precinct with a variety of Christmas activities planned throughout December.

Each Friday from 8 to 22 December, the Forum Q space will be lit up with a Christmas bauble display, a pop up dessert truck and kid's activities.

On Sunday 17 December from 9am to 2pm, the Handmade and Homegrown Markets On Q will embrace the festive cheer with a wide range of artisanal stalls, wreath-making workshops and festive kid's activities.

Every Monday and Wednesday from 12 to 2pm, Live and Local Lunches On Q will feature local buskers playing Christmas tunes at selected locations on Queen Street.

Details on our website.



NEW INDOOR CRICKET CENTRE

Construction has now started on a new Indoor Cricket Centre at Raby Sports Complex.

The \$4.86 million project will include six lanes and nets, increasing the capacity of the facility for all-weather training year-round.

The project is funded by Council, the NSW Government through the NSW Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund and ICT T20 Legacy fund as well as Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW.

Details on our website.



CHRISTMAS AT THE ANIMAL CARE FACILITY

We're bringing the spirit of Christmas to our furry residents at the Campbelltown Animal Care Facility.

You're invited to attend a Christmas-themed open day on Saturday 9 December from 10am to 2pm.

Find the perfect gift for your pet by visiting one of the market stalls and enjoy a free sausage sizzle. Dress up in a Christmas themed-outfit for the chance to enter a fun raffle.

Want to donate? Leave a gift under the shelter's Christmas tree.

SUNDOWN SESSIONS AT CAC

Sundown Sessions is back this summer at Campbelltown Arts Centre, featuring a range of free family friendly art workshops and entertainment to be held on Thursdays, and some Fridays and Saturdays.

The popular after-hours program will run from November 2023 through to January 2024 and includes Sundown Squad for kids aged 6 -12 and Sundown Social for adults.

A series of special events including film screenings, youth events, music shows and more will be held on select Saturday evenings. For full program and event details, visit: c-a-c.com.au



BILLABONG'S WATER JOURNEY

The unique pool structure of the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands is now complete.

The pools will create a one-of-a-kind swimming experience for people of all ages and abilities, featuring a zero depth splash play area at the entrance which then leads to a series of cascades and rock features that mirror the natural beauty of the Dharawal National Park's waterways.

The cascades flow to the children's pool which is separated from the main pool by a spectacular bridge structure designed by the Yirran Miigaydhu Weavers from Campbelltown Arts Centre.

Work is currently underway on the surrounding Parklands and buildings.

To get the latest project updates, visit our website.



FITNESS FOR FAMILIES

Do you want to get back into your fitness routine over the holidays?

Our trained creche staff can take care of your little ones and keep them entertained with a variety of fun activities while you get back to the gym.

Creche services are available at Eagle Vale Central and Macquarie Fields Fitness and Indoor Sports Centre.

Details on our website.



AUSTRALIA DAY FUN AT KOSHI GARDEN TO TABLE WORKSHOP

Enjoy a day of carnival rides, food stalls, community displays, face-painting, family activities and live music at the Australia Day celebrations at Koshigaya Park on 26 January.

A great line up of stage entertainment is planned with performances from the Australia Trilogy Show featuring songs from classic Aussie rock artists and We Honestly Love You, a show celebrating the life and music of Olivia Newton-John.

Nominations are still open for the Australia Day Awards.

Categories include:

- 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.

Nominations close Friday 1 December. Details on Council's website.



PREPARE YOUR PLAN

With a hot summer season expected, now is a better time than any to prepare or revisit your bush fire survival plan.

Burning embers can travel long distances so even if you're not close to a fire, it's good to be prepared.

There's a few things you can do to be prepared:

- Have a written escape plan and practice it regularly with your family
- Trim overhanging shrubs and trees
- Mow your grass and remove the cuttings
- Clear leaves and debris from your gutters
- Prepare a sturdy hose near a reliable water source

More information is available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush-fire-survival-plan



EMERGENCY HELP HUB IS LIVE

A new one-stop hub for emergency alerts is now live on the Council website.

The Emergency Health Hub provides live data from emergency service providers including NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW State Emergency Service and the Bureau of Meteorology to provide real-time updates during emergency situations.

You will be able to choose your preferred language, view the latest alerts and connect with local community and emergency services.





Courtesy of Noah Syed

LENS ON MACARTHUR REGION

Thank you to everyone who entered their stunning images into the Macarthur Nature Photography Competition.

Congratulations to all of our winners:

OPEN SECTION

- Caring for Country: Daniel Chalker
- Threatened Species: Andrew Evans
- Australian Native Plants, Animals and Pollinators: Noah Syed

PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Caring for Country: Quinn Wilson
- Threatened Species: Isaac Harris
- Australian Native Plants, Animals and Pollinators: Anthony Spiers

HIGH SCHOOL

- Caring for Country: Hayden Wilson
- Threatened Species: Summer Tuckey
- Australian Native Plants, Animals and Pollinators: Cooper Tamayo

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



Courtesy of Andrew Evans



STAY SAFE AROUND OUR RIVERS

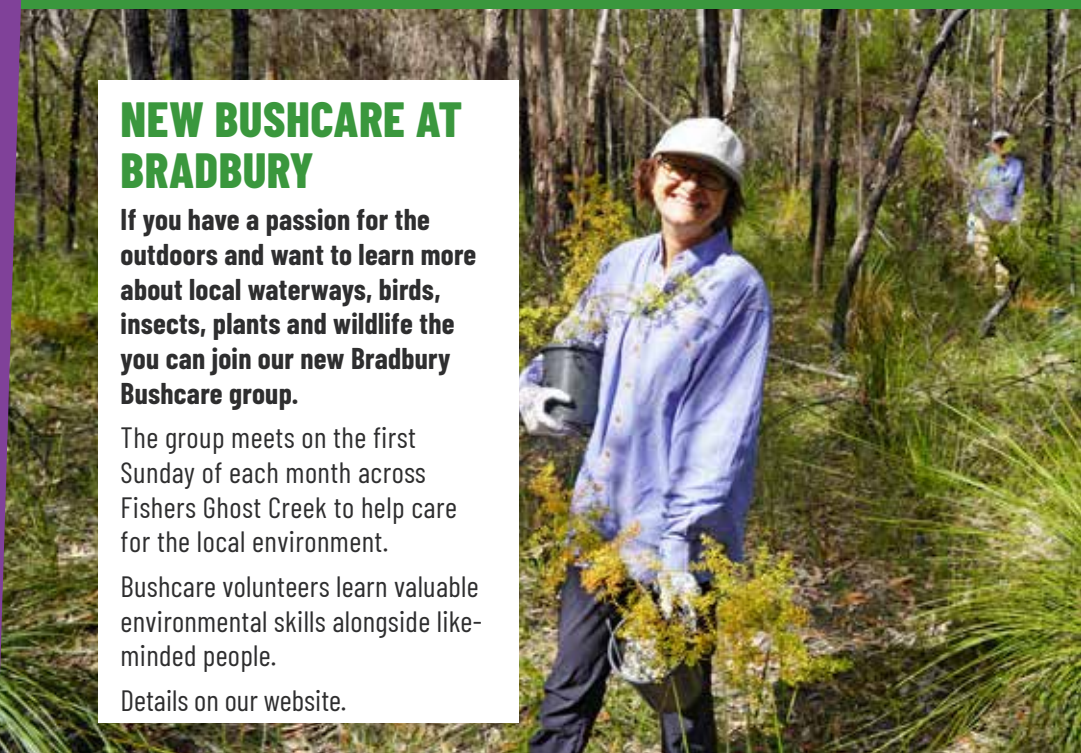
As the weather heats up, our bushland and waterways are great spots to get out of the sun and cool down.

When enjoying inland waterways, it's important to be aware of the risks and stay safe.

Whether you're swimming, kayaking or even just relaxing on the bank, there are many hidden dangers that you may not be aware of.

The It's Our Backyard section of our website contains a number of tips for getting out and about and having fun in our bushland while staying safe.

Information is available in a variety of languages.



NEW BUSHCARE AT BRADBURY

If you have a passion for the outdoors and want to learn more about local waterways, birds, insects, plants and wildlife the you can join our new Bradbury Bushcare group.

The group meets on the first Sunday of each month across Fishers Ghost Creek to help care for the local environment.

Bushcare volunteers learn valuable environmental skills alongside like-minded people.

Details on our website.

KEEP OUR WILDLIFE COOL

It's not only us humans who are searching for places to stay cool in summer.

Local wildlife will be on the move looking for a drink and some shade. Here's a few things you can do at your house to make it a wildlife-friendly home:

- Leave shallow dishes of water in the shade - place a rock or stick in the dish so they can climb out
- Put a water dish up high if you can to help birds avoid predators
- Consider installing nesting boxes in your back yard
- Bring your cats and dogs inside
- Plant some native trees, flowers and shrubs.

SUMMER BOOK BINGE

The Summer Reading Club and Summer Book Binge returns at our libraries from Friday 1 December to Wednesday 31 January.

- SUMMER READING CLUB (AGES 0-14): Complete your reading logs and earn a range of prizes, including a lucky dip prize.
- SUMMER BOOK BINGE (AGES 14+): Receive an entry for a range of weekly prizes every time you borrow, submit reviews or join in one of our social media games.

Details on our website.



SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

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

Extended and unlimited loans begin on Monday 4 December and end on Wednesday 31 January so you can borrow as much as you want over the holidays.

All library services will be closed from 1pm Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen at 9:30am on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

Our after-hours return chutes will be closed during this time. Please continue to enjoy your items over the break.



MACARTHUR FC FIXTURES

The Bulls are back at Campbelltown Stadium.

Grab your ticket and enjoy a summer of football in the A-League and AFC Cup.

Friday 24 November

7.45pm vs Melbourne Victory

Thursday 30 November 7pm vs Shan United

Sunday 3 December 5pm vs Adelaide United

Sunday 17 December

7pm vs Wellington Phoenix

Friday 5 January 7.45pm vs Newcastle Jets

Sunday 28 January 5pm vs Perth Glory



DIVE INTO SUMMER SAFELY

As the weather warms up, we're all eager to dive into the pool to cool off.

While pools are a great place to relax and have fun, they can also be dangerous, especially for children.

There's a few things you can do to keep your pool safe and secure:

- Keep the pool gate closed at all times
- Keep your pool fence clear of climbable objects
- Always supervise your children in or around the water
- Complete a pool inspection self-assessment checklist that's available on the NSW swimming pool register website
- Keep an authorised resuscitation chart visible in your pool area.

For more information or to book an inspection, visit our website.



GARDEN TO TABLE WORKSHOP

Impress your friends this Christmas and learn how to turn your home grown produce into tasty long-lasting preserves for the holidays at our Garden to Table workshop.

Learn how to pickle or bottle with our professional chef. They make for a tasty gift in the lead up to the festive season.

The workshop is being held at Eagle Vale Library on Friday 8 December from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Details on our website.

SUMMER

fun unleashed

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MACQUARIE FIELDS LEISURE CENTRE
GORDON FETTERPLACE AQUATIC CENTRE**

**Our leisure centres are the perfect place
to escape the summer heat.**

Discover our amazing pools,
splash parks and aqua fitness classes.

Whether you're a dedicated swimmer,
a family seeking some summer fun,
or friends ready to relax poolside,
our leisure centres have it all.

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**Make a
splash at
your local
leisure
centre.**

