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Trails Learning now open at the Podium

Dining room - adds a touch of home

Greenfields Community BBQ Kicks Off 2025 with Fun and Connection

On Saturday 15 March, Greenfields Development Company hosted its first Community BBQ for 2025 at Hollywood Park. With beautiful, hot Autumn weather, around 350 residents gathered for a morning of fun, food, and community connections.

Residents enjoyed a variety of activities, including a Gaming Van, Yard Games, Hamster Ball, and Mini Golf. Adding to the excitement, Raptor Reptiles showcased some fascinating animals, delighting both kids and adults. Camden Council provided valuable waste management information for the community.

Many thanks to Oran Park Fire Station who attended with their Fire Engine and spoke with residents about fire safety.



A special thank you also goes to The Refuge Baptist Church for facilitating the BBQ, especially in the hot weather, ensuring everyone was well-fed and happy.

This event was a great opportunity for neighbours to connect and form new friendships. If you missed it be sure to check our newsletter and follow us on Facebook to stay updated on upcoming community gatherings.

For more information about our community events, please contact Karren:

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2025 Camden Show

Get ready for two big days of family fun on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 April 2025 as the Camden Show rolls out its exciting program of events.

The Show has something for everyone, including woodchopping, racing pigs, sheep yard demonstration, whip cracking, animal nursery, rodeo, evening shows, live music and so much more!

The Show is held at Onslow Park and is open from 8am to 11pm Friday and Saturday, with last gate entry at 9.30pm each night.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate.

For more information or to view the program visit camdenshow.com/program-of-events



Development Updates

Open Space

New Baseball Facility

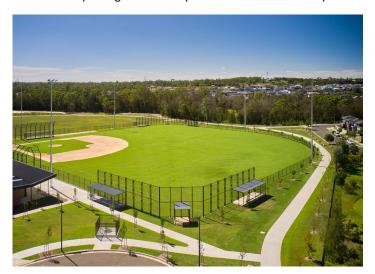
Construction is now complete on the modern, competitionlevel baseball field co-located with Barramurra Public School. The facility includes an amenities building and car park.

The \$8.1M facility has been delivered by Greenfields Development Company with partial funding support from Camden Council.

Greenfields is proud to have delivered another fantastic community facility in Oran Park and one that meets the diverse sporting needs of the community.

This project is part of a staged development, with two minor fields planned for delivery by Camden Council at a later date, further enhancing this recreational facility.

An official opening event is expected to be held in May.





Rons Creek Stage 2

Landscape works are underway to the north of Dawson Damer Park which will see the open space corridor continue towards the future lake in the north.

Work includes the installation of a pedestrian bridge as well as an informal creek crossing to provide access to and from Grassbird Avenue and Central Avenue. Stage 2 will also include seating, shelters, drinking fountains, pedestrian paths and fitness stations.

Work is expected to be completed by September 2025.



Development Updates (cont.)

Post Office

Australia Post is expected to commence their fit-out in April.

Atura Hotel

Construction is underway with foundation and piling works now complete and work has commenced on the suspended formwork

The 184-room hotel with conference and meeting facilities is expected to open in the second half of 2026. The Hotel will also include a restaurant, bar and outdoor pool as well as include an expansion of the Podium with nine shops on the ground floor.

Residential 3

The building contract for the 177 apartment complex has been awarded and construction is expected to commence May 2025 with completion expected the first half of 2027.

Work is now complete on the Dairy Street extension, but the new section will remain closed until construction is completed on the Residential 3 building.



Retirement Living

The DA is still under assessment by Council.

Employment Zone

Hungry Jacks and Starbucks were given DA approval in February this year and work is expected to commence late this year. A DA was lodged before Christmas for a bulky goods complex which is likely to include Officeworks, a gym and auto spares shop.

Film and TV Studio

Following on from last year's announcement of a proposal to build a Film and TV Studio in the Employment Lands precinct of Oran Park, we're excited to announce that a development application was lodged with Camden Council in late February.

This landmark project aims to expand Sydney's screen production capacity, create jobs and address a critical shortage of studio space. This will help NSW remain a competitive destination for both international and local film projects.

Plans for Oran Park Studios include three large soundstages, production offices, working spaces for all departments and a multi-deck parking facility.

A project of this scale will require significant investment, and Greenfields will be looking at additional funding opportunities to bring this project to life.

The project will now undergo development assessment by Camden Council.

<u>oranparkstudios.com.au</u>

Registration

Updates on all land registration dates can be found on our website oranpark.com.au



Trails Early Learning Opens Its Doors at Oran Park Podium

Exciting news for families in the Oran Park community! Trails Early Learning officially welcomed its first group of young learners in late January, opening its amazing classroom doors on level one of the brand-new Oran Park Podium development.





This state-of-the-art early education facility is designed to nurture and educate children from birth to five years old, offering a thoughtfully crafted environment that sparks curiosity, learning and development.

Trails stands out with its bespoke outdoor play yard, a creative atelier, and well-equipped classrooms that together create an inspiring space for children to learn and thrive. The facility's stunning design prioritises exploration and development, ensuring every child has the best start possible.

At the heart of Trails is its unique 7 Pathways Curriculum, tailored by a team of gifted educators to meet the individual needs of each child. With a strong focus on play and discovery, the program fosters meaningful connections—to the world, the community, and themselves—helping little ones build a solid foundation for life.

Mealtime at Trails is just as special. The on-site Trails Kitchen, led by a dedicated full-time culinary artist, serves up a seasonal menu made with locally sourced ingredients. Thoughtfully planned to accommodate various dietary and cultural needs, meals are enjoyed in a dedicated dining room that adds a touch of home to the day.

Thinking about enrolling your child?

Trails Early Learning invites you to get in touch!
Contact them at enquiries@trailslearning.com.au or call 1800 TRAIL5 (1800 872 455) to discover whether this vibrant space is the perfect fit for your family.



What's On at Oran Park Library?

Homework Help Club

Thursdays 4pm - 6pm

Need some help with your homework? Head down to the Homework Help Club and get some free help with your homework and assignments.

This is suitable for students in Year 3 through to Year 6, during school term only.

Movie Club

Fortnightly on Tuesdays

Enjoy a free movie with friends at Movie Club.

Tech Savvy Seniors

This program is for seniors who have limited or no experience in using technology. You will learn new skills and be able to access information online and stay connected with family and friends.

Topics include Cyber Security, Introduction to Smartphones and Online Shopping and Banking.

For a full list of library programs or to book, visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au/events/





Note: Bookings are required, and library staff can assist in person or over the phone.

Oran Park Scouts have a summer filled with adventure

Provided by Oran Park Scout Group

The Australian Jamboree - AJ2025 - was held in Queensland, and three Oran Park Scouts were able to head off for the adventure of a lifetime. Over ten days, they joined 10,000 other Scouts from around the country to experience abseiling, archery tag, mountain biking, a muddy obstacle course and paddleboarding. They also travelled offsite to visit Australia Zoo and so much more! They enjoyed performances by Amy Shark and Budjerah!

Meanwhile, back home, we have been busy working on canoeing and bushwalking experiences. Our Scouts have paddled Kangaroo Valley, whilst our youngest Joey's have started learning how to canoe at Bents Basin, and our Cubs have been hikingin the local area.

Each week, our Joeys (aged 5-8), Cubs (aged 8-11) and Scouts (aged 11-14) meet at our Scout Hall in Cobbitty and play fun active games, as well as learn new skills. Scouts develops skills such as teamwork, leadership, resilience and confidence to set them up for life – so come and try it!

We have had an exceptional summer and are looking forward to many more exciting activities ahead. If you are interested in a FREE TRIAL - get in touch!

Oran Park Scout Group Cut Hill Road, Cobbitty

Enquiries: scoutsnsw.au/oranpark



Health Forum

Have you, or someone you care about, experienced challenges accessing alcohol and other drugs (AOD) support services?

Do you see gaps in the support services available in our community?

Do you have ideas on how to make services more accessible and effective?

Registrations are now open for South Western Sydney PHN's (SWSPHN) Breaking Barriers: Help Shape the Future of Alcohol and Other Drugs Support in South Western Sydney.

This series of Local Health Forums will focus on improving the quality of, and access to AOD services in our region, with a special focus on supporting priority population groups. SWSPHN is bringing together those with a lived experience of AOD misuse, their loved ones and those impacted by drug and alcohol misuse, healthcare professionals and service providers to discuss service needs, gaps and priorities.

Your input will help them understand how they can better support individuals and families impacted by AOD concerns.

The Campbelltown and Camden Forum will be held on 3 April from 6.30pm to 9pm at Rydges Campbelltown.

To register <u>tinyurl.com/</u> HealthForum25

*A two-course meal will be provided on the night.



New service in Oran Park offers mental health support to local youth



Young people with mild to moderate mental health issues can find understanding and support at the new headspace Oran Park centre.

The centre offers those aged 12 to 25 an integrated approach to wellness by offering support for their mental, physical and sexual health, as well as counselling in areas such as work and study goals, or problems with alcohol or drugs.

To access the free service, young people can simply drop in or phone the centre on 4604 3030 to make an appointment without a referral.

According to Australian Bureau of Statistics figures almost two in five young
Australians aged 16 to 24
have faced a mental health
disorder in the past year. The
Camden Local Government
Area, including Oran Park,
has a relatively young
population, with almost
20% of the total classified
as youth.

Headspace Oran Park is located at Level 5, Suite 5.04, 3 Fordham Way, Oran Park. It is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am to 5pm and Thursday from 11am to 7pm.

An outreach service will open soon in Narellan.

For more details on headspace visit tinyurl.com/headspaceoranpark

Your voice can shape the future!

Camden Council have launched their Volunteering Strategy initiative. This project is all about understanding and supporting the amazing volunteers who make a real difference in our community.

Council would love to hear your thoughts on volunteering—your feedback will help shape a strategy to ensure everyone feels connected, supported, and part of something bigger.

But wait, there's more!

While you're sharing your thoughts, why not also help shape Camden's future of unity and belonging?

Complete Council's Social Cohesion Framework survey to contribute to building a more inclusive, connected, and harmonious community.

Here's how to get involved:

Volunteering Strategy survey tinyurl.com/ Volunteering Strategy Survey

Join the Social Cohesion conversation <u>yourvoice.camden.</u> <u>nsw.gov.au/social-cohesion</u>

PLUS, by completing both surveys, you'll go in the draw to win one of ten \$100 EFTPOS cards!



COMPLETE THE **VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY** COMMUNITY SURVEY

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COMPLETE CAMDEN COUNCIL'S FRAMEWORK FOR SOCIAL COHESION COMMUNITY SURVEY

GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN!

Share your thoughts on what matters and help us stay informed about our community.

Your input is important to help support diversity, inclusion, and social cohesion within the Camden LGA



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Volunteering Strategy Community Survey

Camden Council is creating its first Volunteering Strategy to support and grow volunteering within Council programs and the community.

Camden Council's Framework for Social Cohesion Community Survey

We are also developing Camden Council's Framework for Social Cohesion to support the significant growth the LGA has faced across the last decade and into the future.

The surveys are our first step. Please follow us to be notified of future opportunities to get involved.

T&C's: Both surveys must be completed by 30 April 2025 to go in the draw to win one of ten \$100 vouchers.

Any updates to the T&C's will be published on yourvoice.camden.nsw.gov.gu, Stay up to date!



Unclaimed Money

The NSW Unclaimed Money Register holds funds owed to people who can't be tracked down. Money can often go unclaimed when you've moved address, changed your name, lost important documents or just forgotten about it.

Revenue NSW holds unclaimed money, allowing you to search the register and make a claim to have the money returned to its rightful owner—this could be you.

Unclaimed money includes:

- Deposits & premiums
- Uncashed cheques
- Share dividends
- Commissions, royalties
 & bonds



How to claim:

- Search the register <u>www.revenue.nsw.gov.</u> <u>au/unclaimed-money</u>
- Gather ID & proof of ownership
- Submit your claim online If you need help, call 1300 366 016 or email unclaimedmoney@ revenue.nsw.gov.au

Big Yellow Umbrella - What's On!

BYU's Hamper House

BYU's Hamper House is buzzing with activity! Their team of wonderful staff, volunteers, and generous donors are busy each week sourcing and preparing hampers packed with fresh fruit and vegetables and pantry staples to assist families with creating nutritious meals.

BYU thank all the members of our community who have very generously donated items to their pantry, some of whom have received hampers in the past.

If you would like to receive a free food hamper, please see our contact details at the end of the article.

Youth Program

BYU has many programs that may be of interest to you or your friends, such as the Drop-in at Julia Reserve on Thursdays from 3-5pm and their RAYN (Rainbow Advocacy Youth Network) group at Julia Reserve on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm.

The Big Yellow Umbrella youth workers also provide Youth Case Management. The team will work closely with you to support your individual goals, connect you with resources, and watch you shine!

The Blossom Project: **Empowering Women, Building Futures**

BYU proudly presents The Blossom Project! The Blossom Project is kindly funded by the NSW Government and is dedicated to providing support, tools, opportunities and a safe space for women in the Macarthur region to grow, learn and thrive.

The Blossom Project is designed to help women build their confidence, develop new skills and create pathways to a brighter future!

The Blossom Project consists of different sessions where women can be involved as much as they feel comfortable. You may like to drop in to share a cup of tea or coffee whilst having an informal chat? Or you may like to come along to a 'Create and Connect' sessions where you can create projects, explore new skills and connect with others. For those of us who are looking for more tailored support, they offer oneon-one case management to holistically support you. The Blossom Project has something for every woman! Come along and experience

the personalised support, empowering workshops and build your confidence and skills in a safe and friendly environment. If you like it, why not bring a friend the next time!

For all enquiries and to register for any of their programs, please contact BYU at:

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Phone: 02 4647 1283



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yellowumbrella.australia

BLOSSOM PROJECT

Community **Drop-In Space**

offers women peer support, mentoring, skill-building, and access to tailored advice, information, and referrals-all over a cuppa and a chat.

Create & Connect

offers a safe space for women to build skills. gain confidence, and form social connections through art, craft, journaling, and self-reflection.

Blossom Support

empowers women to set goals, build confidence, and grow through personalised plans, guidance, and journaling.

Workshops

help women develop skills in floristry, barista training, selfcare, job readiness, and workplace training, creating pathways to employment.

Is the Blossom Project for you?

Are you a Woman aged 15-64 from the Macarthur region who wants to join a FREE community program:

Connect with your community

Develop new skills and knowledge

- Gain confidence and independence
- Work towards education and employment goals



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Fire and Rescue NSW Fire Safety Tips for Seniors

As we transition into the cooler Autumn months, it's important to remember that older adults, particularly those who are physically impaired or frail, face a greater risk in the event of a fire. Sadly, nearly 50% of house fire fatalities involve people aged 65 and over.

Here are some essential tips to help you stay fire safe this

- Make sure smoke alarms are installed and working test them monthly and change batteries annually.
- If you are unable to maintain your smoke alarms, contact your local fire station. Firefighters can assist elderly residents who live by themselves and need smoke alarms installed and batteries replaced through our FREE Safety Visit program: fire.nsw.gov.au/visits
- Have an escape plan in place, practice it and make sure your family/carer knows about it - it's particularly vital for people with reduced mobility to practice their escape plan. Where possible know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
- When at home, leave keys in or near deadlocks so that you can quickly escape in an emergency.
- If you have difficulty hearing, then consider installing special smoke alarms which have a flashing strobe light and vibrating pad that can be placed under a pillow and which activates when the smoke alarm sounds.

More information on how to stay fire safe can be found at www.fire.nsw.gov.au/seniors

Fire Safety for **People Living with Dementia**

Symptoms of dementia, such as reduced memory and attention may unintentionally increase the risk of fire.

Through their Fire Safety for People Living with Dementia factsheet; Fire and Rescue NSW share their advice on finding the right balance between independence and fire safety.

In addition, Fire and Rescue NSW provides free Safety Visits.

During these visits, firefighters will come to the home and ensure that smoke alarms are functioning properly and offer other fire safety tips.

You can book a Safety Visit via their website:

www.fire.nsw.gov.au/visits











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