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CAMDEN VALLEY WAY UPGRADE COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



NSW Premier Mike Baird, Minister for Roads Duncan Gay and Member for Camden Chris Patterson officially opened the final 3.2 kilometre stage of the Camden Valley Way upgrade between Bringelly Road and Ingleburn Road. The upgrade was delivered a year ahead of schedule and \$28 million under budget – bringing faster travel times and less congestion to motorists in Sydney’s growing south west. Residents will benefit from more than 10 kilometres of the new four lane divided road between Oran Park Drive at Harrington Park and Bringelly Road at Leppington with the capacity to increase to six lanes in the future. Camden Valley Way is one of Sydney’s key arterial roads and the NSW Government’s fast-tracked upgrade will cut travel times as well as support new housing and jobs in the area.



Photo: NSW Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP, Chris and Minister for Roads and Freight the Hon Duncan Gay MLC

FUNDING FOR CHILD CARE CENTRES

Long Day Care Centres in Camden have received \$384,450 to deliver more preschool programs and strengthen care and education for our younger children. I visited the Narellan Day Care Centre, which received \$11,220 to deliver a preschool program for children in the year before they begin school. Long Day Care is vital to assist working families. The funding boost will enable centres across Camden to purchase additional resources, develop a preschool program based on the Early Years Learning Framework and to broaden staff skills, including upgrading staff qualifications.

Photo: Chris at the Narellan Day Care Centre with Director Lesley Darby and some of the children



A MAJOR WIN FOR RESIDENTS - SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK CORRIDOR WILL BE PUT UNDERGROUND

After many months of uncertainty the community have been given the good news they were hoping for. The proposed corridor for the extension to the South West Rail Link from Oran Park to Narellan will now be placed underground from Oran Park to North of Narellan. This has given the residents the certainty that their homes will no longer be affected by the proposed corridor. After many meetings with residents and listening to their concerns I made representations to the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and I thank the Minister for taking on board the concerns and making the decision to put the corridor underground.

Photo: Residents from Chesalon Retirement Village Oran Park after the announcement was made



2015 WHITE RIBBON DAY BREAKFAST

Minister for Police the Hon Troy Grant MP and his wife Toni attended the annual White Ribbon Breakfast held at the Camden Civic Centre. The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will roll out Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams in the NSW Police Force to target recidivist offenders and investigate domestic and family violence matters. Minister Grant said the Government is determined to break the cycle of domestic violence in NSW.

Anyone who needs help can contact 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) 24/7 the National Sexual Assault, Family & Domestic Violence Counselling Line or Lifeline 24/7 on 131 114 who can help put you in contact with a crisis service.

Photo: The Hon Troy Grant MP, Minister for Police and Mrs Grant, Domestic Violence Advocate Ms Tanya Whitehouse, Former Police Commissioner Ken Moroney, Narellan Chamber of Commerce President Adriana Care and Chris with Local Police Officers



SYDNEY THUNDER WIN THE BIG BASH

Both the Women's and Men's Sydney Thunder teams were successful in their final games for the 2016 Big Bash Competition. Both games went down to the wire. The competition has proved to be a run-away success and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the new competition at the end of this year. The 20/20 World Cup will be held in India from March 8 to April 3 2016.

Photo: Women's Captain Alex Blackwell with Tom and Matthew Patterson, Ethan and Staphanie Taylor





LOCAL SENIORS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

It was wonderful to attend the local Seniors Christmas lunch held at the Camden Civic Centre. The day is organised by the Camden Seniors Committee. The lunch gives many seniors in the local Camden area the opportunity to catch up and meet other seniors. The next major event to be held will be the seniors concert on April 6 2016 at the Civic Centre. Further details will be available on Camden Council website www.camden.nsw.gov.au

Photo: Chris with Helen Lanyon, Lorenza Italia, Camden Council Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak, Dennis Timms and Heather Boorman

AUSTRALIA DAY IN CAMDEN 2016

The Ambassadors for the 2016 Australia Day celebrations in Camden were the Special Olympics Dance Performance Group. They won the hearts of everyone. Their passion for Australia and their pride as Ambassadors was exceptional. Their performance of 'signing' to the Peter Allen song I Still Call Australia Home left everyone in awe of their abilities. Their spokesperson, Mel gave a speech giving the message of how we all need to accept people with a disability. Congratulations to Citizen of the Year-Keith Maddock, Young Citizen of the Year-Kirily White, Sports Persons of the Year-Janine Mladin and Mark Szalajko, Young Sportsperson of the Year-Gabrielle Plain and Community Event of the Year-Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Photo: Chris with Australia Day Ambassadors The Special Olympics Dance Performance Group and Mayor of Camden Council Cr Lara Symkowiak



MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS VISITS NEW LOCAL FOOD PROCESSING FACILITY

NSW Minister for Small Business the Hon John Barilaro MP took the opportunity to visit the new OneHarvest facility at Smeaton Grange. OneHarvest is a state-of-the-art 'fresh cut' packaged salad facility. The \$30 million investment has created 50 new jobs for the region and their product is available throughout NSW.

Photo: NSW Minister for Small Business the Hon John Barilaro MP, Operations Manager Kieran Brown, Chris and General Manager Corporate Marketing Brenda Walker



NEW INTERNS FOR CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL

I had the opportunity to meet the new interns for Campbelltown Hospital. The NSW Government will fund 983 intern places in 2016 at a cost of \$107 million - this is more intern positions than any other state or territory. NSW is the only state to offer two-year employment contracts to graduates commencing their internship. Over these two years, they will rotate through a network including metropolitan, rural and regional hospitals exposing them to a range of clinical scenarios and supports them to complete their compulsory internship rotations in medicine, surgery and emergency. Congratulations to all our new young Doctors.

Photo: Dr Graeme Thompson Director of Prevocational Education and Training, Dr Praha Sellappa Director of Medical Services, Interns Nancy Jai, Shakif Shakur and Aaron Johnson, Chris and Dr Kristy Morgan JMO



THANK A PARAMEDIC DAY

The local 'Thank a Paramedic Day' was held on November 4 2015 at the Campbelltown Ambulance Station. The day is used to publicly recognise the work of the NSW Ambulance Paramedics. Paramedics are there for us 24 hours/7 days a week giving frontline emergency care to the people of NSW. Over a twelve month period paramedics undertake over 1.1 million emergency and non-emergency responses which is the equivalent of attending to someone every 28 seconds. While celebrating with the paramedics at the Campbelltown Ambulance Station, Health Minister the Hon Jillian Skinner presented the Minister's Bursary of Excellence Award to Dungog Ambulance Station Officer Matthew Liebrechts. Minister Skinner thanked the state's paramedics for the incredible work they do every day.

Photo: NSW Ambulance Acting chief Executive David Dutton, Matthew Liebrechts, NSW Minister for Health the Hon Jillian Skinner MP and Chris



ANOTHER CAMDEN SHOW — MARCH 11 and 12

The Camden Show will be held on March 11 and 12 at the showground in Camden. This year will celebrate 130 years of a wonderful country show. The Camden Show is where the city meets the country with two big days of competition and family fun. With events such as agriculture judging, horse events, cooking, craft and family fun, the show promises to be another success. The media muster will be on again this year on the morning of Wednesday March 9. Six bullocks will be pulling a wagon and escorted by riders on horseback. For further information go to www.camdenshow.com

Photo: Chris with Camden Show President Hugh Southwell.



COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Macarthur Preschool received \$20,000 from the Community Building Partnership Grants for the construction of new bathroom facilities. In June each year the Camden Electorate receives an annual allocation of \$200,000 from the Community Building Partnership Grants for local community organisations to improve infrastructure. Many sporting, community groups and local schools have benefitted from the grants program.

Photo: Chris with Macarthur Preschool Director Sharon Beveridge and pre-schoolers



CAMDEN SENIORS

Camden Seniors operate out of the Seniors Hall at 65 John St Camden. They offer a variety of activities including indoor bowls tournaments, snooker, social games including card games, monthly Monday BBQs, theme lunches and bus trips. Each Monday and Thursday the club meets from 9am to 2pm for a good old catch up and get together. Other activities are offered on Tuesdays and Fridays. The joining fee is \$11 per annum and they would love to see new members join and become part of their wonderful club. For further information contact President Helen Whitaker on 4655 8941 or just call in.

Photo: Members of the Seniors Club with Chris



MT ANNAN PUBLIC SCHOOL CROSSING UPGRADE

Improvements to the school crossing at Mount Annan Public School have been completed. The NSW Government provided the funding for the project and the work was carried out by Camden Council. The work included extending the raised kerbs to minimise the crossing distance at the school crossing. These improvements will provide a safer environment for students, parents and other pedestrians using the crossing.

Photo: Camden Council Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak, school students, Chris and school crossing supervisor Bernie

RECOGNITION OF MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you know someone who is celebrating a special milestone, we can arrange a congratulatory message from the Governor and/or Premier.

Congratulatory messages for 50th, 60th, 65th and 70th Wedding Anniversaries or 80th, 90th, 100th Birthdays can be organised by either emailing details to my office at camden@parliament.nsw.gov.au or just calling in with the paperwork.

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