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INTRODUCING OUR NEW PREMIER

The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP has been appointed the new Premier of NSW. Premier Berejiklian was elected to the NSW Parliament in 2003 as the Member for Willoughby. In 2005 Premier Berejiklian was appointed

Shadow Minister for Mental Health and in 2006 Shadow Transport Minister. In 2007 Premier Berejiklian served as the Shadow Minister for Citizenship. After

the very successful landslide win by the Coalition Government in 2011, Premier Berejiklian was appointed the Minister for Transport and oversaw the

construction of the South West Rail Link at Leppington along with other major transport initiatives including the OPAL card. In 2014 Premier

Berejiklian was appointed the NSW Treasurer and has been successful in taking NSW to be the number one State in Australia. Record investment in NSW infrastructure and job creation has only been possible with the former

Treasurer's hard work and sound fiscal policies. In June 2016 the former Treasurer announced in her Budget the NSW Coalition Government had a very healthy surplus of \$3.7 billion. The Premier comes with many years of experience serving the people of NSW. Premier Berejiklian has always had a keen interest in the Camden area and has attended many local events.



VICTOR CHANG SCIENCE AWARDS

The 2016 Victor Chang School Science Awards has recognised 240 bright, young Year 11 students throughout NSW for excelling in science. Successful local school students in Camden were presented with their Victor Chang School Science Award at a Camden Council reception. Students who received the award have demonstrated the highest level of educational achievement, innovation, and creativity in their science class in 2016. Winners were selected by the school, in conjunction with representatives from the school's local council and the award hopes to encourage students to take on further studies in the area of science.

For more information go to www.victorchang.edu.au

Photo: (Courtesy Brett Atkins) Chris with Camden Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak, 2016 Camden Citizen of the Year Keith Maddock and local school students who received the award



SCHOOL LEADERS TAKE PART IN FORUM



Local school representatives attended Camden Council's Community Representative morning tea. The students met local community members and had the opportunity to discuss what is happening in and around Camden. The students also participated in question time which gave them the opportunity to give their views and ideas on how they would like to see Camden grow.

Photo: (Courtesy Brett Atkins) Chris with the school leaders from Oran Park Anglican College, Camden Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak and Teacher Mr Hudson

2016 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS RECOGNISED

Each year, students who reach the pinnacle in their Higher School Certificate (HSC) exam are recognised for their efforts as High Achievers.

Students from Camden High, Elderslie High, Elizabeth Macarthur High, Macarthur Anglican School, Magdalene Catholic High, Mount Annan Christian College, Mount Annan High, St Benedict's Catholic College, St Gregory's College, Broughton Anglican College and St Patrick's College had students who excelled in their HSC exam.

These students reached the results in the highest band for one or more courses. Hard work and perseverance has paid off, resulting in outstanding scores. After 13 years at school, the HSC exam leads to a new beginning for students. All students who sit the exam, regardless of their results, are to be commended.

There are many decisions that need to be made, go to university, do a TAFE course or enter the workforce immediately. Congratulations to all students, parents and teachers, they have done us proud.

*Photo:
(Courtesy Brett Atkins)
Elizabeth Macarthur High
HSC High Achievers,
Camden Mayor Cr Lara
Symkowiak, Camden
Citizen of the Year
Robyne Meek and
Principal Kylie Hedger*



*Photo: (Courtesy Brett
Atkins)
Mount Annan Christian
College HSC High
Achievers, Camden Mayor
Cr Lara Symkowiak, Citizen
of the Year Robyne Meek
and Principal Gabi Korocz*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I would like to thank the community for their support of the Share the Dignity 'Its in the Bag' campaign. The contribution was overwhelming.

My office received over 500 handbags which all went to women's refuges. The campaign showed that the Camden community and beyond are willing to take up the challenge and help those less fortunate than ourselves.

The "It's in the Bag" Christmas campaign idea came to us when we realised that we seem to manage the needs of children at Christmas, ensuring they're cared for and made to feel special, but the same can't always be said for those women who put the needs of others before their own.

We wanted to make them feel special.

And so the campaign began - we asked Australians to donate a handbag they no longer used, fill it with items that would make a woman feel special and even pop a thoughtful note into the bag to show her that someone cares and that she matters.

Photo: Chris with some of the bags received



SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Community Building Partnership Grants are available annually. The opening of the next round of applications will be announced Mid 2017 and my office will forward information to community groups.

Aspect Macarthur - Shade - \$20,000

Austral Public School - Shade - \$20,000

Bringelly Public School - Wetlands project - \$ 15,000

Camden District Care - Centre Upgrade - \$2842

Camden Netball - Coolroom - \$16213

Camden RSL - Playground - \$16500

Camden Scouts - GPS equipment - \$3445

Elderslie Public School - COLA - \$25,000

Elizabeth Macarthur High School - Seating & Tables - \$20,000

Macarthur Lions - Coolroom - \$8000

Camden Masonic Lodge - Building upgrade - \$13,000

Macarthur Disability Services - Sensory Room - \$17,500

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church Oran Park - Disabled Toilet - \$20,000

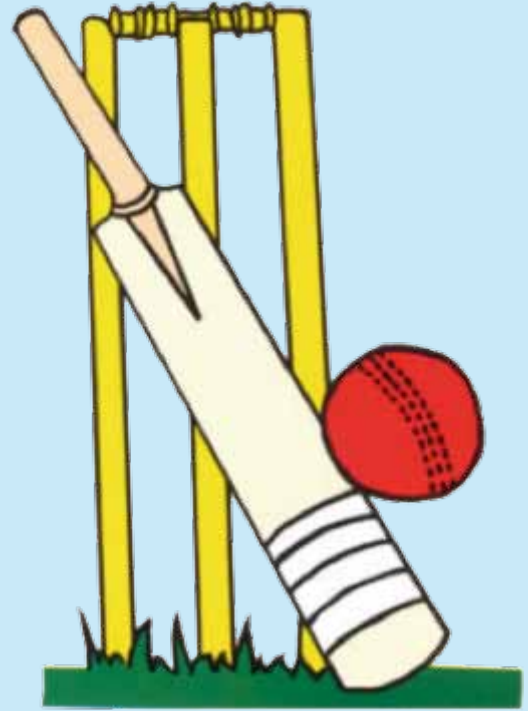
Western Blues Little A's - First Aid Kit - \$2500



SUCCESSFUL SPORTS GRANTS RECIPIENTS

Local sporting groups were successful in their applications for a small grant to assist their clubs. The successful clubs are listed below.

Camden Swimming Club	\$2000
Camden Cricket	\$5000
Camden AFL	\$1440
Camden RSL Youth Club	\$5000
Camden Rugby	\$5000
Camden Basketball	\$7000
Cobbitty Cricket	\$4936
Mets Baseball	\$1750
Macarthur Hockey	\$5000
Great South West Softball	\$2000
NSW Police Rugby League	\$5000
Southern Cross Gliding Club	\$5874



LOCAL CRICKETERS COMPETE IN MAJOR COMPETITION

Young cricketers from the Campbelltown Camden District Cricket Club competed in the A W Green Shield. The A W Green Shield, or Greenies as it is more commonly known, comprises teams who represent their grade sides in an Under 16 competition consisting of 7 preliminary rounds, qualifying finals, semi-finals and a Final. The team gained valued experience competing in the competition.

Photo: Manager Graham Hardy, Coach Luke Webb, Assistant Coaches Nick Appleton and Brent Hardy and players



MORE TRAINS AND MORE SERVICES FOR SOUTH WEST SYDNEY

NSW Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP and Minister for Transport, the Hon Andrew Constance MP recently announced South West Sydney train travellers will get faster and more frequent train services, including an improved all day link to the city's north west. These new services will boost capacity in one of our fastest growing regions from late this year.

New services will include:

- An extra 20 express trains per week in peak hour for Campbelltown and Macarthur customers to the Sydney CBD via the T2 Airport Line which equals;
- Train services on average every 6 minutes, or 10 express trains an hour in the busiest periods;
- A new direct link from Leppington to Parramatta and Blacktown;
- The T5 Cumberland Line to get late night and weekend services for the first time

In the morning peak, 80 per cent of customers travelling stations between Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields are city-bound on packed trains. To simplify the network and take pressure off demand an extra 20 extra weekly peak hour services will be implemented. A new link will be created connecting the fast growing south-west to Parramatta and Blacktown for the first time. New services will include the T2 South Line services starting at Leppington towards the Sydney CBD; T5 Cumberland Line services starting at Leppington, connecting to Parramatta and Blacktown which equates to and boosting peak hour services from 4 to 10 on the South West Rail Link.

Photo: Chris with Member for Holsworthy Melanie Gibbons, Sydney Trains CEO Howard Collins, Minister for Transport the Hon Andrew Constance MP and NSW Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP





LAWACCESS NSW IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN LEGAL ISSUES

LawAccess NSW is a joint initiative of the Department of Justice, Legal Aid NSW, Law Society of NSW and the NSW Bar Association. It is the starting point for people who have a legal problem in NSW. LawAccess NSW provides free legal help for people who have a legal problem in NSW. Legal information such as referrals from a team of experienced information officers and in some cases, legal advice on civil, criminal and family law can be provided. People who choose to access the Internet are able to self-help, find information about a range of legal topics including detailed information and guides on representing yourself in a court or tribunal. For further information go to www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 888 529

CAMDEN COUNCIL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES MORNING TEA

I attended the Camden Council Community Representatives morning tea. The event gave community members the opportunity to catch up and participate in discussions about their role in Camden. The community representatives are all volunteers and as members of community groups throughout the Camden area it was agreed that more volunteers are needed to assist with their work. Volunteering is very rewarding and all the community groups would welcome new volunteers. Groups such as Macarthur Lions, Camden Rotary, Meals on Wheels, Men's Shed, Camden Town Farm or local sporting groups are always looking for volunteers. Just a couple of hours a week of volunteering would be of great assistance.

For further information on Council community groups go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au



Photo: (Courtesy Brett Atkins) Chris with Camden Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak, Cr Rob Mills, Cr Michael Morrison and many local volunteers

CLAIM YOUR STAKE IN MILLIONS

Around one in fourteen NSW residents could be eligible to claim a share in more than \$220 million of unclaimed money from the NSW Office of State Revenue (OSR). The OSR holds unclaimed money from deceased estates, dividends, bonds, refunds, overpayments and a range of other sources, with more than 530,000 items valued at over \$220 million currently held in a dedicated trust account and waiting collection. The OSR website allows searchers to view the name of the unclaimed money owner, the type and source of funds and, if available, the owner's last known address. Owners must prove their identity and entitlement to the money before it is released. For more information or to search for unclaimed money, visit www.osr.nsw.gov.au/ucm



TAKE A LOOK AT THE STARS

The Macarthur Astronomical Society Inc (MAS) is a local organisation that fosters the science of astronomy. With 125 members and growing, the organisation celebrated their 20th birthday in 2016. As a not for profit organisation the amateur astronomers provide a free service to the community interested in looking beyond our world. Free monthly public meetings are held where top astronomers from around the world highlight what they have been researching. Members can enjoy astronomy observing sessions and telescope workshops at The Oaks and Belanglo Forest every month. Observations of the New Moon are held on weekends at the Forest when the sky is darkest and fantastic views of the Milky Way can be observed. This also provides excellent photography opportunities. Outreach events, including public viewing nights and lectures are held at the Campbelltown Rotary Observatory, Western Sydney University and are free of charge. The organisation provides speakers for schools and community groups, both during the day and at nights. Camden Council Library Services also provide loan telescopes to library members and are serviced by MAS. Astro-tours are also held for members to inspect telescope facilities in Australia and overseas. A tour to Western Australia during 2017 is currently being planned.

For more information go to www.macaastro.org.au or email contact@macaastro.org.au

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