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NSW PREMIER OPENS NEW EXPANSION OF NARELLAN TOWN CENTRE

NSW Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP opened the much anticipated expansion of the Narellan Town Centre. The \$200 million expansion has extended the shopping centre to 70,000sqm of retail, dining and banking precinct. 70 new stores have now opened making the town centre a major shopping precinct reaching customers as far as Penrith, Southern Highlands and Wollongong. The new expansion has also provided many new employment opportunities. Since 1995 when the first stage of the centre was built only 40,000 people lived in the Camden Local Government Area (LGA) and now 22 years later, with the major growth in the Camden LGA, we have a world class facility in our LGA.



Photo: NSW Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP opening the centre

CAMDEN SENIORS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

I recently attended the Camden Seniors 50th Anniversary. The first meeting was held on August 17 1967 in the CWA Rooms. In 1969 the Seniors held their meetings in the RSL Hall in Oxley St. In 1984 the Seniors moved to their permanent home at 65 John St Camden. Over the past 50 years the club has become an institution in Camden. The club is a place for Seniors to come and have a chat, a good laugh and socialise. The club offers day or extended coach trips, a carpet bowls competition, snooker, card games and more. All Seniors are welcome. For more information phone: Helen – 4655 8941



Photo: Chris with Camden Seniors President Helen Whittaker and committee members Jill Copson, Elizabeth Scholte, Millie Seaman, Dorothy Hunt, Garry Foreman, Barbara Allen and Lee Taylor and Camden Council Community Project Officer Syd Lee

NSW TREASURER SPEAKS AT THE GREATER NARELLAN CHAMBER BREAKFAST

NSW Treasurer, the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP addressed a packed breakfast meeting hosted by the Greater Narellan Chamber of Commerce. Many local business people and senior school students attended the breakfast to hear all the exciting things happening in NSW. With a Budget surplus, the NSW Coalition Government is the envy of all governments. Locally, two new schools will be built, Oran Park High School and Gledswood Public School and two schools will be upgraded to cater for the increase in population, Harrington Park Public School and Oran Park Public School. Campbelltown Hospital will receive a \$632 million upgrade with expansions to paediatrics, enhancement of mental health and additional capacity to the emergency department.



Photo: Chris with the NSW Treasurer the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Senior School Students from local High Schools and Camden Council Deputy Mayor Cr Therese Fedeli, Cr Michael Morrison and Narellan Chamber of Commerce President Maria Sapienza

MACARTHUR CLINICAL SCHOOL OPENED

NSW Minister for Health the Hon Brad Hazzard MP opened the new Macarthur Clinical School. The \$21 million facility was jointly funded by the NSW Government and the University. Medical students will now have the opportunity to learn hands-on clinical experience and mentoring. Simulated learning spaces and specialist teaching are also available to the students. This facility also gives local students the opportunity to do their medical degree locally.



Photo: NSW Minister for Health the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Chris, Jai Rowell MP, Professor Annemarie Hennessy, Chancellor Professor Peter Shergold and South West Area Health Chief Executive Amanda Larkin



Photo: Camden Meals on Wheels Clients and staff

NATIONAL MEALS ON WHEELS DAY CELEBRATED IN CAMDEN

I recently visited Camden Meals on Wheels to celebrate National Meals on Wheels Day. The annual event is held to recognise the work of the organisations' 78,700 volunteers at over 740 branches around the country. Camden Meals on Wheels have been operating for over 30 years and their dedication and support to their clients is outstanding. They deliver more than a meal, they deliver a friendly chat and a little companionship. Camden Meals on Wheels are always looking for volunteers. For more information go to: camdenmealsonwheels.com.au or phone 4655 6842

Photo: Macarthur
Preschool Director Sharon
Beveridge, NSW Minister
for Early Education and
Aboriginal Affairs the Hon
Sarah Mitchell MLC and
Chris with some
pre-schoolers



Photo: NSW Minister
for Early Education
and Aboriginal Affairs
the Hon Sarah Mitchell
MLC with Currans Hill
Public School Captains,
Relieving Principal Rene
Ryan and Chris

Photo: NSW Minister
for Early Education and
Aboriginal Affairs the
Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC,
Spring Farm Public
School Principal Donovan
Jance, Gavin, Jodi and
staff from OSHC, Spring
Farm Public School
Captains and Chris



NSW MINISTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION AND ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS VISITS CAMDEN

NSW Minister for Early Education and Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC visited Macarthur Preschool, Currans Hill Public School and Spring Farm Public School. Minister Mitchell opened the new Before and After School Care (OSHC) at Spring Farm Public School. The facility will provide 30 before and after school and vacation care places at Spring Farm Public School. Minister Mitchell visited the Macarthur Preschool to look at their programs and meet staff, parents and pre-schoolers. Minister Mitchell also visited Currans Hill Public School to present a \$2000 cheque to assist with costs for the Macarthur Aboriginal Kids activity day which was held at The Australian Botanic Gardens – Mount Annan.

PREMIER ADDRESSES THE GREATER NARELLAN CHAMBER BREAKFAST

NSW Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian addressed over 250 Business Leaders and High School Leaders at the annual Greater Narellan Chamber of Commerce breakfast held in September 2017. The Premier spoke of the very healthy financial budget of NSW and the progress of infrastructure continuing throughout NSW, especially in the Camden region.

Photo: Chris with NSW Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Senior School Students, The Greater Narellan Chamber of Commerce President Maria Sapienza and Camden Council Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak (photo courtesy Imageology)



MACARTHUR ABORIGINAL KIDS DAY (MAK day)



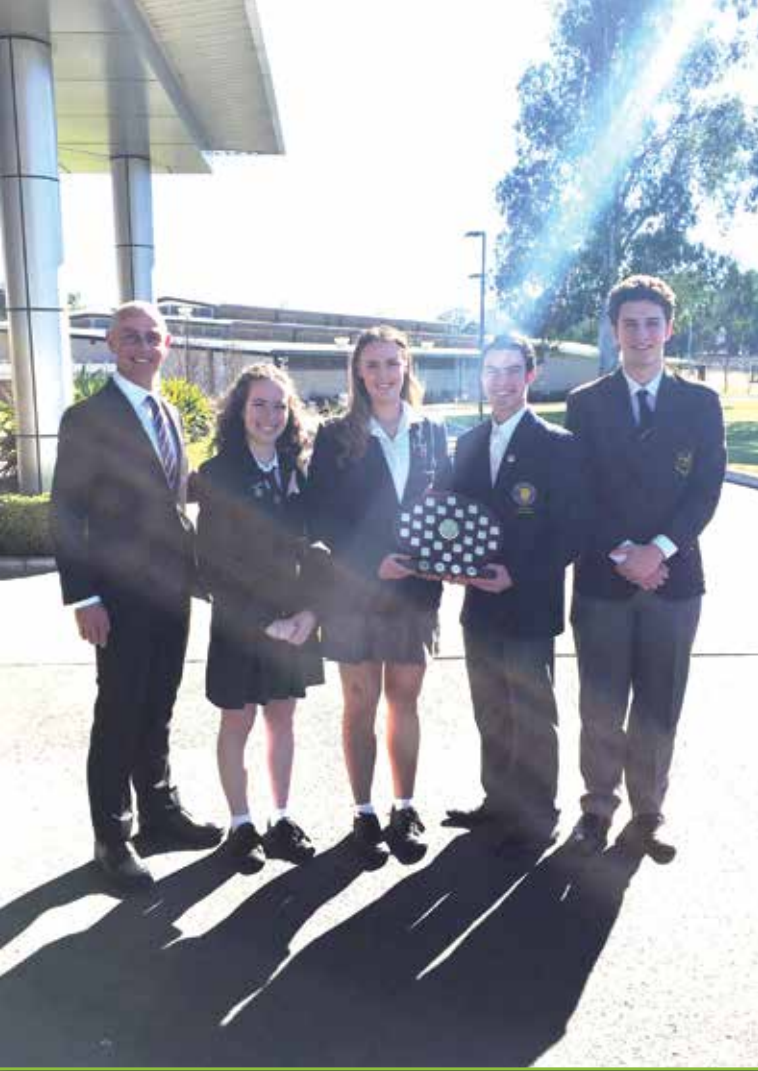
Fourteen local schools across Macarthur and their aboriginal students attended the MAK Day at The Australian Botanic Gardens – Mount Annan. The students participated in activities such as the Bush Tukka Garden, Gunya (shelter) building, cooking using native plant ingredients, Weaponry talk, native bees and animals as a food source. Each student was given a commemorative plant from the Botanic Gardens and students, teachers and visitors added their name to a mural to acknowledge the day. Days such as this, give aboriginal elders the opportunity to pass on their extensive knowledge about aboriginal culture to younger generations.

Photo: Chris with students being given instructions on how to play the didgeridoo

MACARTHUR SCHOOLS CHARITY SHIELD

Four local high schools have established the Macarthur Schools Charity Shield. The concept is for the schools to challenge each other annually to raise money for a local charity. Camden High School, Elderslie High School, Elizabeth Macarthur High School and Mount Annan High School will each choose one charity to support for the duration of the challenge and the school with the most money raised will be presented with the shield. When I was told about the idea I was very impressed and I was happy to support this initiative. I have personally contributed the Shield towards the project. The challenge to these schools and their students is to give them the opportunity to get involved with their local community and make a difference. I am looking forward to the first challenge.

Photo: Chris with Lauren Cislowksi Mount Annan HS, Brittany White Elizabeth Macarthur HS, Cormack Stevens Camden HS and Deni Hoxha Elderslie HS



ANNUAL MATER DEI FUNDRAISER A GREAT SUCCESS

I recently attended the annual Mater Dei fundraising dinner. Once again, the event was a major success. All money raised goes towards the school to enable them to equip the students with skills to help transition them from school to become participating community members. Last year, with the assistance of the local community, the school was able to establish a Specialist Food Technology program. This year, the funds will go towards work place programs and specific job skills training. The generosity of the Macarthur community has contributed to the Mater Dei School being able to give all their students a balanced education and to give them the best possible start in life.

Photo: Mater Dei Choir





GET READY FOR A BUSH FIRE FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKING YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

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The Rural Fire Service are also looking for volunteers. For further information go to: rfs.nsw.gov.au

Please take the time to view other stories, speeches and media releases on my website: www.chrispatterson.com.au

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