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Can you find all ten of the Fisher's Ghosts in this edition of Compass?



CAMPBELLTOWN ARTS CENTRE'S NEWEST EXHIBITION

On the 6 July, the Arts Centre opened its newest exhibition, Barbara McGrady: Ngiyaningy Maran Yaliwaunga Ngaara-li (Our Ancestors Are Always Watching).

Inspired by her deep spiritual connection to Country, the exhibition invites visitors to witness deadly moments come to life through McGrady's powerful studies in movement, portraiture and tender observations of Elders, leaders, families, youth, creatives, activists, and cultural warriors.

The exhibition is open until 13 October. Don't miss out. For more details, visit c-a-c.com.au.

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TREAT YOURSELF AT THE ART CAFÉ

Drop into the Art Café at Campbelltown Arts Centre, where you can enjoy our new menu while overlooking the Japanese Gardens.

Become a Friend of the Arts Centre and receive a 5% discount at the Arts Café, along with a 10% discount on the Campbelltown Arts Centre retail offerings (artworks not included).

For more details visit c-a-c.com.au.



NEW PUBLIC ARTWORK AT OXLEY UNDERPASS

The Oxley Underpass in the Campbelltown CBD will soon be transformed with a spectacular new wall mural and lighting.

The project is being delivered in partnership with Transport for NSW through the Places to Love program. This project will see the cyclist and pedestrian underpass interior decorated with a mural that celebrates the nearby Billabong Parklands and its connection to Country and surroundings.

The mural is being co-designed with the local First Nations community and led by First Nations artists Danielle Mate and Maddison Gibbs.

This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government.

Details on our website.

SMITHS CREEK RESERVE WORKS

Smiths Creek Reserve is getting a bit of a facelift, with works now underway to improve the visitor experience across the Reserve, while protecting the local environment and wildlife.

The \$514,055 project has started with a series of artworks being painted on the concrete pylons found near the Corunna Avenue entrance by renowned artists Jason Wing and Maddison Gibbs, who are leading the project with help from local students.

Works will soon start on trail improvements, a new 580 metre green-link trail linking Leumeah to Smiths Creek, new wayfinding signage and vehicle access mitigation measures to reduce illegal trail bike use.

Details on Council's website.



GET READY TO WANDER ON Q

Returning to Campbelltown, join us for one of the biggest events our CBD has seen. On Saturday 12 October, from 4pm to 10pm, the streets of the Campbelltown CBD will be transformed into a playground of free family entertainment for one night only.

The event will see parts of Queen, Patrick, Dumaresq, and Lithgow Streets closed to deliver an incredible atmosphere and cultural flare to the CBD.

There is a show stopping program planned for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on a pop-up outdoor cinema, free carnival rides, pop-up bar, showbags, live entertainment, music and much more.

There will be over 20 local businesses leading activities on the night through the Wander on Q Business Grants Program including King Kebab Houses Guinness World Record Attempt for the Longest Halal Snack Pack.

Support local and grab a bite to eat from a restaurant, café or foodery in Queen Street and then treat yourself to dessert.

Bring your family and friends down to the Campbelltown CBD for a night you don't want to miss.

Wander on Q is part of the NSW Government's Open Streets Program led by Transport for NSW. This event is proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Campbelltown City Council.



HANDMADE AND HOME GROWN MARKET

Join us as our Handmade and Homegrown Markets are continuing every Sunday this spring on Lithgow Street, Campbelltown from 8am to 1pm, delivered by our market operators, Eat Shop Love.

Plan your weekly produce shop at the market and support homegrown local makers and growers.

Every 3rd Sunday: Enjoy Campbelltown Cars & Coffee meet up from 7am to 10am. Car enthusiasts bring their cars to show off. Glenalvon House is open for self-guided tours.

Sunday 1 September: Bring Dad down to a special Father's Day Market with plenty of free activities.

Sunday 20 October: Experience the Campbelltown Airs Historic Society Devonshire Teas and Glenalvon House Tours from 10am to 1pm. Bring your family down to the grounds of Glenalvon House for Teddy Bears Picnic from 10am to 1pm.

Sunday 3 November: Find Fred at the Handmade and Homegrown Market, with Fisher's Ghost Carnival ride and Soundset Sounds tickets up for grabs.

For more information, visit our website.



FEAST CAMPBELLTOWN

A World of Food and Culture

Experience the amazing flavours, cultures, and music of our diverse community at Feast Campbelltown this September. The free event is on Saturday 21 September, from 2pm to 9pm at Redfern Park, Minto.

Bring a picnic blanket and relax as you witness high energy dance performances and enjoy the range of food options that will be available.

Enjoy cultural activities and workshops, including a cultural activity trail passport, so you and the family can travel the globe without having to leave Campbelltown.

Learn how to make household and cultural favourites with a range of cooking demonstrations for the whole family to enjoy.

Come down to Feast Campbelltown and celebrate all the cultures that make Campbelltown a great and diverse place to live.

Details on our website.

FESTIVAL OF FISHER'S GHOST

We're excited to announce that the Festival of Fisher's Ghost is back again this year, with festival favourites set to return to Campbelltown from Thursday 31 October to Sunday 10 November.

Strap in for an incredible line up of entertainment and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

31 October - 10 November: Fisher's Ghost Carnival - Enjoy fun-filled amusement rides, activities, fireworks, and more.

2 November: Twilight Fair on Queen and Lithgow Street, Campbelltown - An afternoon and evening of markets, entertainment, and food in the heart of Queen Street.

9 November: Sunset Sounds at Campbelltown Athletics Stadium - Bring a picnic blanket and your besties for good vibes and good beats.

10 November: Marsdens Law Group Fisher's Ghost Fun Run at Western Sydney University and TAFE NSW Campbelltown campuses - Dust off your running shoes, this run is for everyone.

Keep an eye out on our website for event announcements in the lead up to the festival opening.



BOOK YOUR BIRTHDAY AT THE BILLABONG

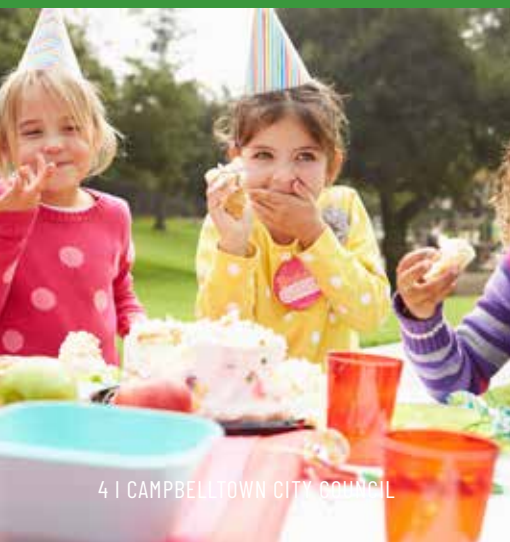
Book your next birthday party or gathering with family and friends at the Billabong.

There is a range of outdoor, shaded huts with seating and table configurations to suit your needs.

Hire a hut all day for endless fun, or just for a morning or afternoon. The huts are available for hire on our website up to two weeks in advance.

If you're wanting to prebook a hut for an event that is more than two weeks in advance, please complete the hut request form on our website and our staff will contact you to discuss which hut would be most suitable for you for your event.

We can't wait to celebrate with you at the Billabong. Details on our website.



AN OUTDOOR OASIS

Billabong Parklands is the perfect outdoor destination: As the weather warms up, come and experience what the Billabong has to offer.

Billabong Pool: A billabong shaped pool with a cascading waterfall to represent the natural Dharawal land and environment. The pool is fully accessible with ramp access and is up to 1.8 metres deep.

Interactive Splash Play: An interactive splash play zone for all ages to enjoy, with streams, hand sculpted rocks, rockpools, water fountains, and water play equipment. This is perfect for young children and operates all year round.

Children's Pool: A children's pool with a shallow beach entry and water fountain features. It is fully accessible with ramp access and is up to 1 metre deep.

Picnic Huts, Covered BBQs, and Shade: Enjoy shaded huts and picnic shelters with tables and seating, plus dedicated undercover BBQ areas. The Billabong also has a number of shade umbrellas, shade sails and established trees to make staying sun safe easy for everyone.

Entry to the Billabong Parklands is free, however you do need a valid ticket to enter. You can book your ticket up to two weeks in advance on our website.

ARTWORK AT THE BILLABONG

The Campbelltown Billabong Parklands honours the region's strong connection to First Nations culture.

The Parkland design is inspired by the essence of the Dharawal National Park and Georges River.

The centrepiece of the Parklands is the bridge artwork located between the children's pool and the main pool.

The bridge acts as a symbolic connection at the heart of the landscape and draws on the notion of 'the land between two rivers', representing Campbelltown's place between the Georges River and Nepean River.

It was designed by public artists Milne & Stonehouse with Aunty Phyllis Stewart, Aunty Annette Houston and Clarinda Vinter from the Yirran Miigaydhu Weavers Group at Campbelltown Arts Centre.

The artworks found at the Parklands' entrance were designed by renowned First Nations artist Danielle Mate and public artists Milne & Stonehouse

The centric circles on the entry artwork represent the Campbelltown community while the Lyrebird footprints reference the totem animal of the Dharawal people.





WALK, RELAX, REPEAT

Jumping in the pools or using the splash play zone isn't the only thing you can do at the Billabong.

There are over 2km of footpaths that are safe, flat, and fully accessible to utilise.

Set up a picnic rug, bring a packed lunch and hang out with friends or family on the grass at the Billabong, while you soak up the sunshine.

Pre-order a catering platter from Campbelltown Art Café and take the stress out of your next get together. All catering platters can be picked up from the Campbelltown Art Café at Campbelltown Arts Centre, conveniently located near the Billabong.

For more details on the Billabong visit our website. To order a catering platter, visit art.cafe.com.au.



MAKE A SPLASH

It's time to get your swimwear ready for action. The Billabong Parklands, including the splash play opened in June, has already been welcoming many members of our community through the gates to experience this incredible facility.

The anticipation is almost over with the Billabong and Children's pool set to open soon in readiness for spring. As the weather warms up, you can enjoy a dip in the water to cool off.

When you're in the main pool, make sure you check out the cascading waterfall, designed to reflect the natural waterways and environment of the Georges River System.

Admire the intricate designs of the tiles in the pools. Did you know each tile was individually hand placed?

Don't miss out on the excitement. Bring your family and friends and make a splash at the Billabong this spring.

We have a fun event planned on Saturday 31 August to officially open the pools, so keep an eye on our website to stay up to date with the latest updates.



MEET LOUSIA: BILLABONG CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

We're excited to introduce one of our Customer Service Officers, Lousia. Check out the QandA with Lousia, who works tirelessly behind the scenes at the Billabong.

1. What does your role entail?

My role as a Customer Service Officer at the Billabong Parklands is centred around the servicing of enquiries from both local and non-local residents. With the facility being brand new, we expect that there will be a lot of enquiries relating to admissions, amenities, and activities in general. The nature of my role is to ensure there is clarity for all our patrons, allowing their experience to be more enjoyable.

2. What are you most looking forward to at the Billabong Parklands in spring?

With anticipation for our first summer, I'm excited to see patrons enjoy the shared space, whether it be something as tranquil as a picnic on the grasslands, or perhaps enjoying a shared BBQ under a hut, there are vast options for all to experience here at the Billabong.

3. What's a fun fact about the Billabong that would surprise people?

Upon entering the facility, if you were to walk along the outer track, not only have explored and viewed the Billabong from many different angles, but you would also have walked 1km from start to finish.

4. What's the best part about your role?

Appreciating the feedback that all patrons provide, as well as knowing and believing myself that the Billabong Parklands is a wonderful space for all to enjoy.

5. What's your favourite spot at the Billabong?

The top level of the amphitheatre, because you can see the entire Billabong in all its beauty.

6. What made you want to work at the Billabong?

Billabong Parklands is not only a workplace within the office but also outdoors. Its environment is what I found to be enticing, in addition with it being the first of its kind within South West Sydney, it makes it all the more unique and enjoyable.

Lousia is just one of the friendly faces you will see at the Billabong. We are incredibly lucky to have such a fantastic team, who ensure everything runs smoothly and our community experiences the best Campbelltown has to offer.

Want to be a part of the team? Find a list of our current job vacancies on our website.

**BOOK YOUR
FREE TICKETS
NOW**





WALK BACK IN TIME

Join us for a tour of the historic Denham Court Cemetery.

Dating back to the 1830s, this picturesque graveyard represents a diverse and fascinating cross-section of local history. Don't miss out the many captivating historical stories that will be shared on the tour.

Bookings are required. Secure your spot now. Details on our website.

LOOK FOR THE LABEL

Did you know that many household containers and packaging items come with handy Australasian Recycling Labels (ARL). These labels let you know how to best dispose of them.

Take the guesswork out of recycling. Check the ARL for instructions on how to recycle at home.

For more information, visit our website.



MARSDEN PARK PLAYGROUND NOW OPEN

A new state-of-the-art playground is now open at Marsden Park in Park Central, Campbelltown.

The \$1.1 million play space features a range of modern play equipment, picnic shelters, BBQ areas and shade.

Play features include:

- Climbing ropes
- Flying Fox
- Large basket swing
- Trampolines
- Splash play area

This project was proudly funded by the NSW Government's Places to Play program in association with Campbelltown City Council.



UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY



Calling the writers of Campbelltown: The Fisher's Ghost Writing Prize is back.

Writers are invited to submit a short story or poem addressing this year's theme '...connecting...'

Anyone who lives, works, or attends school, TAFE or university in the Campbelltown Local Government Area are eligible to enter.

Entries close on Monday 9 September. Details on our website.

EMERGENCY READY DAY

Join us and your local emergency services on Sunday 22 September at Koshigaya Park from 11am to 3pm as Emergency Ready Day returns this spring.

Equip yourself and your family with the knowledge and tools you need to stay safe during emergencies.

Come down and start a conversation about household emergency plans with the following local emergency services:

- Red Cross
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- Rural Fire Service
- SES
- NSW Police

Visit our website for more details.



GIFT OF TIME - NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The Gift of Time Awards acknowledge and thank Campbelltown City Volunteers for their tireless efforts and selfless work in the community, who give their time to support local charities, community organisations, sporting clubs and more.

Nominations are now open. An awards ceremony will be held later this year. Details on our website.



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Do you have a friend, neighbour, family member, colleague or teammate who has made a great contribution to Campbelltown?

The Australia Day Awards recognise residents who have excelled in their academic, sporting achievement or who have performed a great service to the community.

Nominate someone in the following categories:

- 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 1 December. Details on our website.



CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE

The Campbelltown City Jubilee Awards recognise individuals who have lived in Campbelltown City for 50 years or more, and for 30 years or more for members of our First Nations community.

The annual awards program is also open to businesses and organisations that have served the city for 50 years or more.

Nominations are open all year round, with the ceremony event held in late 2024. Details on our website.



ON THE WRITE PATH

If you want to be a writer or have something you are working on and want to improve, join the Campbelltown Writer's Group hosted at HJ Daley Library.

Campbelltown Writer's Group offers a supportive environment where you can hone and grow your writing skills. The group meets every fortnight and is run every term. Each term has a different focus that the sessions are based around.

Join us for the remaining Term 3 sessions in September or start fresh in Term 4 and dive into an engaging and creative experience, filled with valuable feedback and writing exercises.

Enhance your storytelling skills, refine your technique, and find your voice on the page.

Keep an eye on our website for upcoming session details for Term 4.



IT'S SWOOPING SEASON

A reminder to all Campbelltown residents to watch out for magpies, as swooping season begins.

Magpies breed in the spring (August to November), which may result in them swooping people or pets to defend the territory around their nesting site.

The best way to avoid getting swooped is to stay away from known magpie nests.

Remember, magpies are protected throughout NSW, and it is against the law to kill the birds, collect their eggs, or harm their young.

For more information, visit our website.



GEAR UP FOR A WHEELIE GOOD TIME

Join us at the Bicycle Education Centre from 10am to 3pm every Sunday for our free open days.

Bring your scooter or bike (and don't forget your helmet) down the BEC and enjoy a day on the track with the kids.

Pack a picnic lunch, or use one of our powered BBQ facilities on site. You can even book ahead and grab one of our shaded huts.

For more information, visit our website.

Save the date

2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday, 14 September

Voting is compulsory

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or call 1300 135 736

