



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"

Robin Williams

With less than nine weeks until Christmas, this year is all but over and most people's sights are firmly set on the end of the year. CCC still has quite a number of programs and events coming up during November and December and we are also busy planning for 2016!

On the 20th November, in partnership with Mt Annan High School, and with the support of many organisations and individuals in our community, we are facilitating the 4th Annual International Girls' Day. This event provides an important opportunity to empower young girls and to remind them that with self-belief and confidence they will be able to achieve their goals.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 25th November in the Ironbark Room at Narellan Library and Eliza Hazlett from Camden Council will be presenting on the Camden Council Active Ageing Strategy. We will also be showcasing one of our most popular initiatives this year with a ballroom dancing demonstration by some of the participants of our "Find Your Feet" program. Everybody is welcome to attend the AGM and we especially encourage all of our members to come along to the meeting which will be followed by a light supper.

As we approach the festive season when many of us will be going on holidays, it is a good time to reflect on general safety in and around the home. Whatever your plans are, or wherever you may be, think about the safety of you and your family. One aspect of safety to consider is Fire Safety and you will find some handy tips below:

Festive Fire Safety

- ◆ When choosing an artificial Christmas tree, look for a label marked fire retardant.
- ◆ Always use a tree stand to prevent trees toppling over.
- ◆ Do not put your decorations too close to open flames like candles or barbeques.
- ◆ Don't overload power sockets or piggy back double adaptors for Christmas lights or ornaments.
- ◆ Only use lights and ornaments that meet Australian standards and if the lights are going outside make sure they are suitable for outside use.
- ◆ Check the lights before use and do not use if cords appear damaged.
- ◆ Switch off all electrical displays before going to bed.
- ◆ Barbeques should be checked before lighting.

Look for fat build-up on the housing and ensure the gas bottle connections are secure.

- ◆ Always use a barbeque in a well ventilated area.
- ◆ Kitchen fires start many residential fires. Never leave food to cook unattended either on a stove or in the microwave.
- ◆ A well maintained working fire extinguisher in the home can bring a house fire under control within the first few minutes of ignition.
- ◆ Develop a home 'Escape Plan' and practice it so that in an emergency members of your household know what to do. If you use deadlocks make sure the key is in the lock or nearby so you can escape quickly.
- ◆ If you live in a bush fire area, keep the ground around your home clear of leaves and other litter and remember to clean your gutters regularly.



Christmas Giving Tree

CCC will again be coordinating the Christmas Giving Tree Project, aimed at collecting gifts for disadvantaged children and families. This year we will be working in partnership with Lifeline; Camden Council Library Services; Camden Civic Centre; and a number of other local community organisations to collect and distribute the gifts.

If you are in a position to donate a gift, please support this worthy project and make a difference this Christmas! Christmas Giving Trees will be located from 4th November at:

- **Narellan Library**
- **Camden Library**
- **Camden Civic Centre**
- **Camden Community Connections Office**

Our next newsletter will be distributed in January 2016! In the meantime, if you would like to know more about the many programs and activities CCC have, or if you would like to become a member, please give us a call or drop in and see us.

Seasons Greetings from the CCC Team! We are looking forward to working with you all again in 2016.

Sue

PROJECT SNAPSHOT



WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER

Penrith Westfield's Shopping Trip	Friday 13th November Departing Narellan Library @ 9am
International Girls Day	Friday 20th November @ Mount Annan High School
CCC Annual General Meeting	Wednesday 25th November 5pm - 8pm Upstairs in the Narellan Library Building
East Village Spring Farm Trunk R Treat	Friday 30th November 5pm - 7pm @ Spring Farm Sales Centre, Eastern Avenue FREE
Bardia Edmondson Park Cultural Festival	Saturday 14th of November 11am - 2pm @ Brigade Park, Bardia Avenue (off Macdonald Rd) FREE
Christmas Giving Tree Project	November - December (see front page for details)

DECEMBER

Bus Service to Leppington Forest Lawn Cemetery	Monday 1st December Departing Narellan Library Car park at 10am
Christmas Cooking Workshop	Tuesday 1st of December 1pm - 3pm @ the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable living, Mount Annan
Christmas Light Tours	Tuesday 8th December & Tuesday 15th December Departing 8pm from Narellan Library Carpark
Seniors Christmas Concert	Wednesday 16th December 11:30am @ Camden Civic Centre Contact Camden Civic Centre on 4655 8681
Narellan Thursday Night Outreach	Final Outreach for 2015 will be on Thursday 17th December 5pm - 7:30pm @ Narellan Library Forecourt

UPCOMING

Narellan Thursday Night Outreach	Starting back on Thursday 28th January 2016 5pm - 7:30pm @ Narellan Library Forecourt
East Village Meet and Greet	January 2016 @ East Village Spring Farm
Seniors Week	March 2016
Ballroom Dancing for Seniors	Returning in 2016

ONGOING

Children	Bright Eyes Playgroup every Monday @ Narellan Child, Family and Community Centre Playlinks Playgroup every Wednesday @ Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way Brightstars Playgroup every Thursday @ Narellan Child, Family and Community Centre
Youth	Thursday Night Outreach during daylight savings 5pm - 7:30pm @ Narellan Library Forecourt Case Management and Referral available by appointment
Seniors	ACTIVE OVER 50's Tai Chi 12:30pm - 1:30pm Every Monday @ Narellan Child, Family and Community Centre Tai Chi 10-11am every Tuesday @ Harrington Park YOGA 10:30am every Mon @ Phoenix Health Club, Smeaton Grange FITNESS 8:30am every Wed & Fri @ Phoenix Health Club, Smeaton Grange
Groups	Camden Just Walk It Walking Group. Every Tuesday @ the Nepean Cycleway Mt Annan Wanderer's Walking for Pleasure Walking Group. Every Friday @ Mt Annan Botanic Garden Macarthur Spinners and Weavers. Every Friday @ Country Women's Association, Camden Polymyalgia Rheumatic Support Group. Monthly
General	Leppington Forest Lawn Cemetery Bus Service - Dates Below (Bookings Essential) Monday 2nd March, Monday 1st June, Monday 7th September, Monday 7th December Sydney Water Payment Assistance Scheme (PAS) , by appointment only Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme (EAPA) by appointment only Macarthur Legal Centre – Free Legal Advice, 1st Wednesday of every month, by appointment Tax Help Program - Free Tax Help Program at Narellan Library (July - October)



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Narellan Out-Reach

THURSDAY NIGHTS

NARELLAN LIBRARY FORECOURT

Starting 8th October 2015
5:00pm - 7:30pm

FREE BBQ

YOUTH SPORT GAMES

Camden Community Connections
P. 4647 1283
E. youth@camdenconnections.org.au
www.camdenconnections.org.au
Narellan Child Family & Community Centre

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Macarthur Legal Centre

Free Legal Advice



1st Wednesday of Every Month
9:30am – 11:30am
Camden Community Connections (CCC)
Narellan Child, Family and Community Centre
Phone: (02) 4647 1283

FREE LEGAL ADVICE SESSION

We can help you find solutions to :

- Centrelink Issues
- Consumer Complaints
- Child Support including DNA Testing
- Traffic Offence/Fine Disputes
- Neighbourhood Disputes
- Debt/Credit Problems
- Domestic Violence
- Youth Issues
- Discrimination Issues
- Employment Law Issues
- Administrative Law Issues
- Family Law – Divorce and Children's issues
- Victims of Crime
- Minor Criminal Matters
- Wills and Power of Attorney



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Please telephone CCC on (02) 4647 1283 to make an appointment.
If English is not your first language, please let us know that you need an interpreter.

CHRISTMAS Giving Tree

Providing for those in need at Christmas

- Collect a gift tag from one of the Christmas trees located at Narellan Library, Camden Library, Camden Civic Centre & CCC Office
- Buy a gift and wrap it OR even easier, place your gift in a Christmas bag
- Return your gift to one of the Christmas trees locations

Gifts should be returned
no later than
Friday 11th December

If you have any enquiries please call Camden Community Connections on 0246471283



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Seniors Christmas Concert

CELEBRATING AS A COMMUNITY

Camden Civic Centre
Wednesday 16th December 2015 @ 11:30am - \$20 per person
Tickets available by calling 02 4655 8681
Join us for a light lunch and a good old fashioned sing a long whilst enjoying great company and fantastic entertainment
All in the spirit of celebrating Christmas!

Featuring
MO Award Winning Peter Byrne
The Rookwood Rockers
Performances by Local Artists
MC Steve Wisbey OAM
Avion Aerial Artists
Photos with Santa
Prizes & Giveaways




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Runnymede Group
DEVINE DRAFTING & DESIGN
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COOKERY CORNER

Apple Orange & Ginger Punch

Ingredients

2 cups apple juice, chilled
1 1/2 cups orange juice, chilled
2 cups dry ginger ale, chilled
3 cups lemonade, chilled
2/3 cup vodka (Optional)
125g strawberries, hulled, diced
Ice cubes, to serve

Method

Step 1

Combine apple juice, orange juice, dry ginger ale and lemonade in a large jug.

Step 2

Add strawberries, and ice. Pour in Vodka if using
Serve.



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Newly opened Narellan Town Centre car park

OUR TEAM



Camden
Community
Connections



Sue Robinson
Manager



Maria Esma
Team Leader



Camden
Community
Connections



Firaol Tujuba
Community/Family



Mark Jackson
Community Worker



Kayla Cornish
Youth Worker



Aaron Frydmann
Program Assistant



Jo Fawbert
Bookkeeper



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Notice of

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25th November 5:00pm

**The Iron Bark Room, Upstairs in Narellan Library
19 Queen Street, Narellan**

Guest speaker:

Eliza Hazlett - Camden Council

Presenting on...

***'Camden Council
Active Ageing Strategy'***

RSVP 13th November 2015

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Light refreshments will be provided

Nominations

Nominations for the Management Committee are being accepted. Nominations will only be accepted by members of CCC. Nomination forms are available from the Camden Community Connections office.

Nominations close at 4.30pm on Tuesday 17th November

Narellan Child, Family and Community Centre, Queen Street Narellan

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