

# Oran Park Town Newsletter

## April - May 2020



### EVENTS

#### Opening of Julia Reserve Youth Precinct

The Julia Reserve Youth Precinct was officially opened on 7 March 2020 by Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, Tony Perich OAM and John Brogden. The precinct comprises of a skate park, basketball court, parkour zone, ping pong tables, kick-about space and youth and recreation building.

The opening event was a huge success attracting in excess of 2,000 people throughout the day.

From early in the morning, keen skaters eagerly awaited the removal of the construction fencing for their first chance to ride on the new skate park.

Trinity Skateparks, who were also involved in the construction of the skate park, ran demonstrations, competitions and lessons on the day and gave away a number of skateboards and other merchandise.

Australian professional riders from Newcastle and the Sunshine Coast participated at the opening as well as local professional scooter influencer Warick Beynon, who demonstrated his skills and helped run the competitions on the day.

A number of organisations contributed to the success of the day. We would like to thank the newly formed Oran Park Scout group and their team of volunteers for working tirelessly on the



Official Opening of Julia Reserve Youth Precinct

BBQ to feed the large crowd. We would also like to thank The Refuge Baptist Church, Headspace, Perfection Landscapes, Camden Valley Basketball Association, Freedom Foods, Macarthur Music Academy, Skate Aid, Parkour MDG, Camden Council as well as Camden Youth Council.

Feedback on the day was overwhelmingly positive with riders excited about the design of the skate park, in particular the skateable elements throughout the park and the variety catering for beginners to elite. Parkour enthusiasts are also thrilled to have an outdoor facility in their local area.

It was a proud moment for Greenfields Development Company and Landcom to see the community come together in such great numbers to celebrate the

launch of our newest community facility. We look forward to the opportunities this space will provide for our local young people.

#### Important Notice:

In accordance with Australian Government directives, the active play areas in Julia Reserve, such as the skate bowls, parkour area and basketball court are closed until further notice. The passive areas such as the green grassed areas, and external pathways are still available to use to walk, jog or exercise in, but social distancing measures should be observed.

#### Community BBQ

Due to the current situation with COVID -19, our community BBQs have been put on hold. Residents will be advised of new dates in due course.

Following the Federal Government's recent announcement, Camden Council has announced that all public playgrounds, outdoor gyms, youth play spaces and skateparks throughout the Camden area will be temporarily closed.

For a full list of affected services, visit [www.camden.nsw.gov.au/alerts](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au/alerts)

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TRN House—Commercial A Grade Building



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### Development Update

**Doohan Reserve** - the first concrete pour for the bases of the multipurpose courts is complete with the remaining sections to be completed in early April 2020. The retaining walls for clubhouse 2, which is located near the multipurpose courts, are also complete.

Works to the two clubhouses will commence in early April 2020. The early works for these builds will include piling for footings.

The construction of the concrete shareways around the perimeter of the site continue to progress well. The

installation of the irrigation tanks along with the irrigation lines will be a focus for our contractor in the coming months.

**Commercial Building** - work is nearing completion on the commercial building located opposite The Podium. Office fit outs are now complete as well as tiling to common areas and amenities. Paving works to the exterior of the building are also complete. Paving to the public domain on Podium Way and Oran Park Drive and the on grade car park are almost complete.

Businesses are expected to commence moving into the new offices in the next few months but this is subject to developments with COVID-19.

**Leisure Centre Update** - as many would be aware, Greenfields Development Company and Landcom entered into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Camden Council which has allowed us to build our facilities up front to benefit our residents. Gardner Reserve, Jack Brabham Reserve, Oran Park Library and the newly opened Julia Reserve Youth Precinct are examples of facilities built under this agreement.

For some time, Greenfields Development Company have been in discussions with Camden Council to determine the facilities to be included within the new Oran Park Leisure Centre. We have now come to an

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agreement with Council that the new Leisure Centre should be upgraded from what was originally included in the VPA, including upgrading the 25m pool to a 50m pool which we feel will better serve our community. We also agreed that Council will deliver the facility instead of Greenfields Development Company from funds provided by Greenfields Development Company. We have estimated the cost of the facility originally contemplated in the VPA to be around \$28M in today's value. Greenfields Development Company have agreed to make a \$57.6M contribution to Camden Council to enable Council to construct this upgraded leisure centre with Greenfields Development Company continuing to be involved in the design process.

We believe that this will be a fantastic civic facility complementing the adjacent Library and with its location being right in the middle of the town centre, will be easily accessible to everyone.

This proposed change has triggered a formal amendment to the VPA which required the amendment to be placed on public exhibition. This exhibition period closed on 31 March. Following a review of any submissions received, Camden Council will submit a report to Council meeting seeking endorsement of the VPA amendment.

The appointment of architects and the design of the leisure centre will commence immediately after the formal acceptance of the agreement by Council and once both parties have executed the agreement.

**Street Trees** - a street tree replacement program is planned between April to June to replace any damaged or missing street trees in Tranches 21, 29, 30, 31 and 32 road



Scouts cooking up a storm at the Julia Reserve Opening

reserves. Perfection Landscapes, Greenfield's contractor, will distribute a letter to all affected residents with more detailed information.

Street trees have been selected in keeping with the character of the street. The type of tree will match the existing species used already and are in accordance with Council guidelines. To get the new trees off to a good start, we ask residents to help us look after them by watering and protecting the trees from damage.

We thank you for your help in greening our suburb. The benefits of a lot of trees in time will mean cooler streets in summer, establish a greener leafy suburb and as a result property values will increase as Oran Park will be a nicer place to live.

### Parks

**Dawson Park / Splash Park** - Further to Camden Council's recent announcement regarding the

cancellation of events due to COVID-19, we confirm that the official opening of the Oran Park Splash Park (Dawson Park) scheduled to take place on 15 April, in conjunction with Council's Bounce Town event, has been postponed.

We will provide new event details once a date is confirmed.

### Roads

**Harrington Parkway & Oran Park Drive intersection** - The Banfield Drive leg of works is now complete and work continues on the installation of traffic lights.

The intersection is expected to be fully operational by June 2020.

**Dick Johnson Drive (connection to The Northern Road)** - Construction approvals are progressing with the Construction Certificate (CC) expected next month enabling works to commence.

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Construction is expected to be completed by October 2020.

**Connection to Springfield Road** - we have recently received CC approval for the private road which will provide a connection to Springfield Road via Peter Brock Drive. Preliminary works will start shortly with construction expected to be completed by the end of 2020.

**South Circuit / Podium Way Signalised Intersection** - Good news! Traffic signals at this intersection are now operational providing a safer intersection for vehicles and pedestrians. This is the result of a great team effort by Greenfields Development Company and Camden Council.

### Registration

Updates on all land registration dates can be found on our website [www.oranparktown.com.au](http://www.oranparktown.com.au)

### Scouts

*Provided by Oran Park / Catherine Fields Scouts*

Due to the current Government restrictions on meetings, Oran Park/ Catherine Fields Scouts are moving

online to deliver Scouts in a new way in the short term.

This means Scouts NSW will no longer continue any face to face Scouting. Instead, we are activating a series of new channels to enable adults and young people to stay connected to Scouting over the coming months.

We are creating Virtual groups through our Microsoft Team platform to allow Groups and Sections to meet and we will be running daily activities on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/HumeRegionScouts/](http://www.facebook.com/HumeRegionScouts/)

The Youth program team is launching some alternative program suggestions, which will be regularly updated. They include a range of activities delivered through Project Patrols and aligned to the Special Interest Areas of our program.

A series of weekly challenges will be launched, which young people can complete together with family or friends, thereby introducing new people to Scouting activities.

At all times, we are guided by our priority to protect the health and safety of all our members and the general public. We each play an important role

in adopting a calm approach to COVID-19, while being mindful of our actions to limit the effect on our own health, as well as the impact it has on those around us.

We will be meeting in person as soon as it is possible and will advise once it is known.

For enquires call 0491 631 006 or email [hume.region@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:hume.region@nsw.scouts.com.au)

### Looking for things to do?

Social distancing and self-isolation can be a challenging and difficult time, but there are some amazing resources available online which can help get us through this.

Work out at home to stay physically and mentally healthy. Start a 6-week free trial with Chris Hemsworth and his team [www.centur.com/join-us](http://www.centur.com/join-us)

If Yoga is more your style, check out Yoga with Adriene on YouTube. She provides a range of free Yoga videos which you can do from home at your leisure [www.youtube.com/user/yogawithadriene/videos?app=desktop](http://www.youtube.com/user/yogawithadriene/videos?app=desktop)

During its temporary closure, Mogo Zoo will be uploading videos featuring a unique animal from their collection. If you have a question about the animals, upload a video to your social media with [#AskAZookeeper](https://www.facebook.com/watch/mogowildlifepark/). To view videos [www.facebook.com/watch/mogowildlifepark/](http://www.facebook.com/watch/mogowildlifepark/)

Taronga zoo have also launched Taronga TV which includes 24/7 livestreams, keeper talks and shows [www.taronga.org.au/taronga-tv](http://www.taronga.org.au/taronga-tv)

Camden Libraries have some great resources such as eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines. For more information visit



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[www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au/e-resources](http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au/e-resources)  
or visit their Facebook page for Storytime at Home and At Home Learning [www.facebook.com/camdenlibraries/](https://www.facebook.com/camdenlibraries/)

Let's also remember that at this time it's important that we support each other, show kindness and consideration and look out for the most vulnerable in our community.

Camden Council have produced a contact card which you can print off and leave in your neighbour's mailbox. If you're in a position to help your neighbours, download a copy at [www.camden.nsw.gov.au/home/hey-neighbour](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au/home/hey-neighbour)

If you know of other useful resources, we invite you to share information on our community Facebook page [www.facebook.com/OPTCommunity/](https://www.facebook.com/OPTCommunity/)

## A HEALTHY OPT

### Mental Health & COVID-19

Discussions and concerns around the coronavirus outbreak and practising

self-isolation can be stressful and impact our mental health and wellbeing. It's natural to feel a range of emotions, such as stress, worry, anxiety, boredom, or low mood. Many people feel distressed by the constant news and overwhelming amount of information about the situation. ☐☐ Here's some tips on how you can stay mentally healthy.

**Stay connected** - keep in touch by phone, social media or video calls

**Keep moving** - exercise to relieve stress

**Stick to a routine** - keep regular sleeping and eating patterns

**Take a break** from the news if it feels overwhelming

**Reach out** - activate your support network or reach out for professional help:

Lifeline Australia - 13 11 14

Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636

NSW Mental Health Line - 1800 011 511

Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800

For the latest COVID-19 information and resources visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au) or [www.australia.gov.au](http://www.australia.gov.au)

### Domestic Violence Support

Police and domestic violence frontline services remain ready to support victims and their families as the state continues to respond to the coronavirus threat.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please call for help.

RESPECT (1800 737 732) a confidential information, counselling and support service

NSW Domestic Violence Line (1800 65 64 63) a statewide telephone crisis counselling and referral service for women

Men's Referral Service (1300 766 491) telephone counselling, information and referrals for men

Link2Home (1800 152 152) can help refer women experiencing domestic violence to crisis accommodation



Through COVID-19,  
we're here for you.

 Lifeline 13 11 14

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Lifeline (13 11 14) a national charity providing anyone experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

If you are in danger or in an emergency, always contact Triple Zero (000)

### NEWS FROM CAMDEN

#### Focus Connect

Focus Connect is a local service that has been operating in the Macarthur area for the last 38 years. They focus on getting people the support they need, when they need it. They focus on you, so you can focus on what matters.

They provide:

**Aged Care**, offering a range of services to help older people live independently, engage in the community, as well as provide practical support for carers.

**Community** service programs and supports that value individual needs, strengthen families and build community connections.

**Disability** – Focus Connect is a registered NDIS provider. They aim to provide personalised, individually tailored support to all people living with a disability, their families and carers.

Focus Connect workers speak 20 languages. For more information please call 4627 1188 or visit [www.focusconnect.org.au](http://www.focusconnect.org.au)

#### Mission Australia

Mission Australia is a National Christian charity that works at helping those in need. They cover different locations including South West Sydney and have a variety of free services available to anyone that needs them.

One of the services they provide is the Macarthur Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Support. This service is for 12-24 year olds. Self-referrals and agency/services referrals accepted.

To access this service, email Bryson Crick at [CrickB@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:CrickB@missionaustralia.com.au) or call 0490 077 812 or 2621 7422.

Another service provided is face to face gambling counselling for those struggling as well as those impacted by the struggles of a friend or family member.

Available to Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly residents aged 14 years and over. No referral form is needed. Self-referrals, agency/service and gambling helpline accepted. WDO approved provider.

Contact Monica Cochrane, Gambling Counsellor on 4621 7413 or 0439 260 721 or [cochrane@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:cochrane@missionaustralia.com.au).



#### Virtual Services by Karitane Provided by Karitane

We know these are challenging and uncharted times and we want to ensure parents and carers get the support they need. From Monday 30 March we have transitioned all our services to be delivered using Telehealth platforms. We are committed to supporting families through COVID-19 and we know now more than ever parents need support.

To ensure people can get the support they need, parents can now self-refer. All you need is a smartphone, laptop or tablet.

Services include Virtual Home Visits which provide individual consultations up to 2 hours via video call, Toddler Behaviour Telehealth Support and Mental Health Telehealth Support for you or someone you know, who is feeling overwhelmed, worried or sad during pregnancy or soon after birth of a baby.

For self-referrals visit our website [www.karitane.com.au/referral](http://www.karitane.com.au/referral) or for general enquiries call 9794 2300.

MACARTHUR LEGAL CENTRE

### ONGOING FREE TELEPHONE ADVICE SERVICE

We are providing advice and assistance by telephone due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

You may contact us by telephone  
(02) 4628 2042 on  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
between  
9:00 am and 4:30 pm.