

CAMPBELLTOWN AREA

# Rate rise to cost \$2 extra a week

## MAYOR OPPOSES CASH GRAB

Amanda Partridge

THE average resident in the Campbelltown region could fork out an extra \$2 a week in rates during 2014-2015 under the council's proposed 11 per cent rate variation.

Director of business services Michael Sewell said Campbelltown Council needed to apply for a variation higher than the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) recommendation of 65c a week in order to manage its infrastructure.

"The additional money ... will be used solely for managing existing infrastructure including capital renewal and ongoing maintenance of community assets such as public buildings and amenities, roads, bridges, parks and facilities," he said.

"By increasing the rates by 11 per cent rather than adopting only the annual increase set by IPART, an additional \$5.2 million in revenue will be generated."

Campbelltown Mayor Clinton Mead said the council had a \$29 million infrastructure backlog, but he believed there were other ways to raise the funds rather than slugging residents.

"I think there is a bit of fat in the budget we can cut and we should have a look at it," he said. "If we look at the big picture we could really save some money, without affecting services."

The council is running a consultation period to gauge community opinion on the rise proposal. "We're going

### YOUR SAY

"We pay enough! Let the developers of the new estates pay! Why should long suffering residents in the long established suburbs be hit?"

**KAREN NAPPER**

"Our rates have already gone up this year, I hardly think it's right that they are asking for more."

**KELLY GEEVES JONES**

"I would prefer it if they reviewed the budget first and looked closely at where they currently spend their funds. If they can confirm that they have performed this action first, then I would consider it."

**MICHAEL HODGES**

"Seeing as they just fixed up my street last week, sure, why not?"

**MICHELLE WATSON**

"If they're to mail us all a cent for cent allocation of the budget then we would think about it."

**JASON FERGUSON**

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out to community consultation but we are only giving people one option - the rate rise," Cr Mead said. "The consultation will cost \$100,000 and we say we have no money. "I fear the conclusion has been decided already, but it will come back to the council again and if there's enough pressure from the community, that might change some minds."

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CAMPBELLTOWN



Willis Cakes and Bread's Janice Birnie encourages customers to shop small in Queen St and enjoy some sweets delights.

## Thinking small a recipe for success

Amanda Partridge

FOR nearly five decades Willis Cakes and Bread has prided itself on serving up the freshest bread, quality cakes and sweet treats.

It is among dozens of businesses proudly established in bustling Queen St, Campbelltown - a shopping strip known for its cultural food experiences, bargain shops and more.

But new research into the attitudes of small business owners and their customers found more than two thirds

of shop owners feel forgotten by their local communities and one in four felt no connection to the communities where they operate. This was despite most Australians having a sense of affinity with small businesses.

Macarthur Chronicle publisher NewsLocal joins a nationwide Shop Small campaign to reconnect the community with small businesses and breathe life into the local business economy throughout November.

Founded by American Express, the Shop Small cam-

paign has been successful in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

"There are two million small businesses in Australia and they need our support. Irrespective of how you pay, or what you buy, it's time to Shop Small," American Express Australia managing director Rachel Stocks said.

"Let's take action now to ensure small businesses continue to support local communities."

■ We love Queen St: pages 28 and 29

### fast lane

#### Paul's tense wait

Aerial arts champion Paul Nunnari is awaiting his fate after giving his final performance in Channel 9's *Australia's Got Talent* grandfinal on Sunday night. Nunnari will hear the verdict on Sunday after delivering consistently thrilling performances.



#### No to CSG mining

Campbelltown Council has reinforced its position against coal seam gas mining in the region. The council reaffirmed its view at a meeting last month, awaiting the final report on the industry from the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer.

#### Grant help

Campbelltown Council has made a submission to the Australian Council for the Arts, asking for a grant for the Campbelltown Arts Centre 2014 Live Art Program - Temporary Democracies. The project needs \$35,000.

#### New landscaping

Roundabouts and median strips in the Campbelltown area will soon have a consistent appeal, after Campbelltown Council approved a set of landscaping guidelines for the structures. The guidelines were approved at last month's meeting.

### take a number

32

days are left until the region celebrates the start of the festive season at the Campbelltown Christmas Carols. The carols are held at Campbelltown Arts Centre, across from Bradbury Oval on December 7. Join the fun from 6-9.30pm. The night includes song, dance, choirs, bands and the lighting of the Campbelltown Christmas tree. Details: 4645 4921.



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# Chance to rate the rise

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Amanda Partridge

## COUNCIL WELCOMES RESIDENT FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED HIKES

### HAVE YOUR SAY

RESIDENTS are urged to speak up about a proposed 11 per cent rate rise for the 2014-2015 financial year.

Last week the *Chronicle* reported the average rate-payer would fork out an extra \$2 per week under the proposed rate variation.

Campbelltown councilors emphasised the need for

the rate variation and encouraged people to have a say. "This proposal is about securing the long-term viability of our assets, which is fundamental for our city's future - and we want to hear from our residents on what's important to them," Deputy Mayor Paul Lake said.

Labor Councillor Rudi Kolkman said the rate variation was needed to reduce the maintenance and infrastructure backlog.

He said privatising services such as childcare centres and public pools was not the answer.

"At the moment we have a

backlog worth \$28 million," he said. "If we do nothing about fixing that, within 10 years it will be \$88 million and ... we are creating a massive debt for the future."

Liberal Cr Paul Hawker agreed it was unwise to cut services in the region "for the sake of a few dollars".

"Over the past six to eight years we should have really been putting our rates up by a small amount each year to increase the rate base," he said.

"Without raising the rates ... things will deteriorate and we will pay more for it in the long run."

Community meetings on the proposed rate rise:

- 7pm, December 2, Campbelltown Civic Centre
- 7pm, December 4, St Helens Park Community Hall
- 7pm, December 5, Greg Percival Community Centre, Ingleburn
- 7pm, December 9, Eagle Vale Central

CAMPBELLTOWN

## Up-and-comer Matt is the best man for the job

Amanda Partridge

LOOK out Hollywood - Campbelltown resident Matt James is headed for the big time, taking on the character you will love to hate in Australia's answer to *The Hangover*.

James, 31, will play Adam, one of the lead roles in Australian film *Bucks Party*, which premieres at Hoyts Cinemas Entertainment Quarter at Fox Studios on December 27.

"Adam is the best man for the buck JJ," James told the *Macarthur Chronicle*.

"He makes sure everybody is having a good time."

"When I first read the script I didn't like Adam."

"He's a nice guy, but he's trouble."

"There are scenes that shock even myself."

The film complements a secondary movie *Hens Night* - a spin-off for women.

James and the cast filmed the scenes in central Sydney, wrapping up last week.

The former Campbelltown Performing Arts High School student and Campbelltown Theatre Group member is already lining up his next roles.

He took off to Western Australia last week to begin filming scenes for horror-romance *Infected Paradise*.

Also on his resume are commercials for Hungry

### BUCKS PARTY

**WHO:** Actor Matt James, of Campbelltown

**WHAT:** James plays one of the lead roles in Australian film *Bucks Party*, which opens at Hoyts, Fox Studios, in December

**PLOT:** James stars as Adam, the best man. The film focuses on the groom's last night of freedom

**INSPIRATION:** The film is an Australian take on *The Hangover*

Jacks, Toyota, Lynx and Panadol, re-enactment work on Channel 7's *Today Tonight* and *Sunday Night*, and a role in the US series *Deadly Women*.

James has also popped up in films such as *Drown*, *Love Of My Life*, *The Little Death* and *Super Awesome*.

But he admits *Bucks Party* was the biggest risk.

"It's a risk to take part in this film with such an interesting character and he is so out of my persona for acting," he said.

"It was a great challenge."

The film will be released on DVD in February, as James continues to aim for the stars.

"This is without a doubt my full-time job already," he said. "I want to be a world-known Australian performer, not for the fame, just for the love."



Campbelltown actor Matt James will hit the big screens as one of the main characters in new Australian movie *Bucks Party*.  
Picture: IAN SVEGOVIC

CAMPBELLTOWN

## Dublin mystery girl back home

A YOUNG woman found dazed and confused in Dublin with links to Campbelltown flew back to Australia late last week.

After an appeal in the Irish media, the woman was identified as Samantha Azzopardi, 25, of Campbelltown. Irish authorities alleged Ms Azzopardi had nearly 40 aliases.

A person known to the woman contacted the *Chronicle* on Thursday to confirm her identity. She asked for people to be understanding. "I can confirm the details of her identity are correct," she said. She said Ms Azzopardi often visited Ireland to meet family

WEDDERBURN

## Memorial bids artist farewell

THE Australian art community last week farewelled abstract artist John Peart, of Wedderburn, who died from a heart attack while checking on a bushfire near his property last month.

Peart's memorial was held at Cellblock Theatre at the National Art School in Darlinghurst.

Artist Joe Frost, Peart's close friend, said the Wedderburn resident, 68, was much loved.

"His students said that he made them feel like an artist - he took their development seriously," Mr Frost said.

Peart taught at the National Art School from 1978 to 1986, and from 1993 to 2003.

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your say

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- Desmond Terrison

**While no one likes price increases I, for one, am happy to pay the extra \$2 a week to keep the city beautiful**

- Jim Griess

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## FROM THE WEB

THIS WEEK WE ASKED RESIDENTS WHERE THEY THOUGHT WAS THE MOST EXPENSIVE PETROL IN THE MACARTHUR REGION:

I have noticed especially that the Coles and Woolworths petrol at Mt Annan is quite expensive.

KAYLA STEPHENS

Petrol is always about 8 cents per litre more expensive in Narellan, regardless of the day or the prices elsewhere!

MAREE ROSSBRIDGE

The Woolworth's petrol on Blaxland Rd is always at least 10c cheaper than the Woolworth's petrol on Narellan Rd.

JACQUI MINNS

It's always more expensive - up to 15 cents more a litre - than Liverpool, and sometimes even Parramatta is cheaper. Blaxland Rd is a lot cheaper than Mt Annan.

JOANNE ASHBY

Drove past Mt Annan Woolies and filled up at Blaxland Rd for exactly 10c less.

CARLY LOUISE

## Ode to Fisher's Ghost

HERE is a poem to celebrate the Fisher's Ghost Festival:

You'd never know as the days go by, how long ago Fred Fisher died. The Fisher's Ghost Festival is a celebration for all to see, and Campbelltown is the place to be. Street activities can be found, down at the park laughter abounds.

High in the air voices scream loud, looking down at the milling crowd. And what a way to end the night to everyone's delight, fireworks aplenty sparkling bright. Fred would be pleased at the sight.

DESMOND TERRISON, Bradbury

## Happy to pay the price

IF YOU come off the freeway into Campbelltown, your first impression is the beautifully maintained gardens along the median strips. The same can be said about roads throughout the city.

There are many sporting fields that our children use every weekend, first-class swimming pools and gyms, halls and community centres as well as excellent and affordable council-run childcare centres.

The quality of our facilities and services is what attracts people to this great city of Campbelltown.

I pay rates on properties in the Campbelltown area which I am hoping will one day supplement my retirement.

It appears the council needs this small increase in rates to maintain these facilities and services.

While no one likes price increases, I, for one, am happy to pay the extra \$2 a week to keep the city beautiful. The council should look to improve and increase services, not decrease them.

If the grass isn't mowed or the facilities and services are decreased, wouldn't this have an adverse effect on our home values and that of the city in general?

## READER'S PICTURE - IN FULL BLOOM



Keith Liddell, of Narellan, snapped a flowering cactus which is thriving in the hot weather in his neighbour's yard.

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fect on our home values and that of the city in general?

Campbelltown is a great place to visit and a better place to live, so let's keep it that way.

JIM GRIESS, Campbelltown

## In memory of Sean

WHERE has the last year gone since our handsome big boy passed away?

On the day of his service, money was raised for the Campbelltown Children's Ward on Sean's behalf to thank them for the ongoing care given to Sean over his 21 years. A flatscreen TV was purchased and installed for all the children to enjoy on stays in hospital.

Thank you for your kind donations, which were more than we could have imagined.

Sean may be gone, but he will be in our hearts for eternity.

GRANT, ROSEMARY AND ALEX HALLING, Mt Annan

## Climate change hoax

IN RECENT times the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has been caught out perpetrating a great hoax on the world.

It can't explain how the surface temperature of the earth has remained flat for 17 years while the levels of carbon dioxide over that period have increased from about 280ppm to more than 400ppm. The IPCC's fifth report was described in the UK press as a concoction of confusion, speculation and ignorance.

The media here should have had a field day on the revelation, but there was barely a whimper. Now the climate change loonies are telling us that humanity is causing the planet to warm. Yeah, right!

If scientists don't want to be criticised for foisting their distorted views on global warming and climate change they should cease talking down to the public.

BILL PETERS, Ruse

## Quick view

WE ASKED READERS IF THEY HAD BEGUN THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING YET, AND WHAT ARE THEIR SHOPPING TIPS FOR THE SEASON:

HANNAH MILLS

Appin

I haven't started any of my Christmas shopping yet, but I'm planning to start it all next week. My advice to people is to get in early and do it when it's much easier to get a car park, and avoid it when it's busy.



SOPHIE SAUNDERS

Narellan

I'm planning to start mine next week. My advice for people is to go bargain shopping. If you keep an eye out for the specials it makes Christmas shopping a lot easier.



JODIE CLEARY

Eschol Park

I have just started my Christmas shopping. My advice is to buy just one gift every time you go to the shops, so you are a bit more prepared when Christmas gets here.



JENNY MIRANDA

Ingleburn

I have started my Christmas shopping. I usually start when the sales are on and get clothes for the kids for next year. I still have my Target lay-bys going. It's a good idea to put toys on lay-by for the kids so then you have time to pay them off and don't have to fork out all the money at once.



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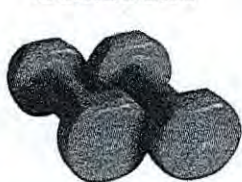
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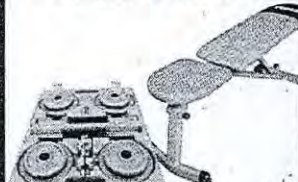
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# Council spending provokes dispute

By Megan Gorrey

MAYOR Clinton Mead has been accused of using Campbelltown Council's chamber to push Liberal Democrats ideology.

Cr Mead used a mayoral minute to highlight the amount of money the council spends to subsidise local long day care centres at last week's meeting.

He has previously raised eyebrows for suggesting the council withdraw services including childcare centres, pools and leisure centres to save costs.

Cr Mead said many Campbelltown families

received the federal childcare rebate, which refunded 50 per cent of costs, but the council did not.

Councillors said his comments should have been made in a different setting.

Deputy mayor Paul Lake said councillors had already voted down a similar proposal put forward by Cr Mead, 13-1.

"This council voted to go in a particular direction. Personally I get the impression you're trying to work against what the council has decided," Cr Lake said.

"I hope that not next

month, and the month after, we get a mayoral minute on the stadium, the arts centre, the leisure centre."

Labor councillor Rudi Kolkman said: "From the words in this mayoral minute I think it would be fair to say the Liberal Democrats regard the Aussie practice of a fair go as economic bastardry."

Independent councillor Fred Borg said Cr Mead shouldn't use the council chamber to "bash" his political policies.

Cr Mead said the minute wasn't a formal proposal: "It's just numbers."

## City seeks rates-rise opinions

RESIDENTS have been urged to have their say about Campbelltown Council's proposed rate rise, which could see ratepayers pay about \$2 more a week.

The council has proposed to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a special rate variation of 11 per cent for next year. It would mean ratepayers would pay an average of \$108 more during the 2014-15 financial year.

Deputy mayor Paul Lake said the one-off increase would help the council maintain infrastructure such as roads, parks, playing fields, facilities and recreational areas.

"This proposal is about securing the long-term viability of our assets, which is

fundamental for our city's future," Cr Lake said.

The council seeks to apply for a subsidised loan of \$10 million from the state government to address priority infrastructure renewal projects in the short term.

It will also conduct a review of its services. The council will hold information sessions in Campbelltown, St Helens Park, Ingleburn and Eagle Vale between December 4 and 9.

■ To register phone 4645 4200.

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## Parish's puddings are divine

By Megan Gorrey



MORE than 600 kilograms of dried fruit, hundreds of eggs, boxes of fresh oranges, more than 80 bottles of brandy and countless bags of flour and bread crumbs.

That's the shopping list for more than 1500 Christmas puddings which will be the result of Campbelltown Uniting Church's annual baking drive.

Church members have been stirring up their fruit-studded creations since 1982 to support UnitingCare social outreach.

The puddings will benefit The Cottage Centre, Stepping Stone, Hurley House, Focus on Families and the Literacy Centre.

Project co-ordinator Bob Bee holds the first Christmas pudding meeting in March, and then puts out a timeline for their creation. Cook Dianne Williams then leads about 25 church volunteers in wet-mix and dry-mix teams from July to October.

The traditional pudding recipe has been a well-guarded secret, and most helpers see only half the recipe at a time.

Mrs Williams said the time spent cooking the puddings was all about friendship.

"It's just a lovely time of catching up and getting to know people."

■ The puddings are available from Campbelltown Uniting Church, 8 Allman Street, Campbelltown from 9am to midday, Tuesday to Friday. They will be sold until December 20, or until they run out.

They can also be bought at Macarthur Square, Level 2, near ANZ Bank and Travelworld, on Thursdays and Saturdays to December 21.

The puddings cost \$33 for 1.5 kilograms, \$25 for 1 kilogram and \$14 for 500 grams.

■ For more information or to place an order, phone the church office from 9am to midday Tuesday to Friday: 4625 0783.

Pudding time: Campbelltown Uniting Church members Bob Bee and Dianne Williams recommend their traditional Christmas puddings be served with lashings of custard and cream.

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## Your say

“There is no tree that I could find and not one display that says ‘merry Christmas’. Even Santa’s place is just a toy shop

- Linda Pilkington

“I own property in Glenfield and I am not happy to pay more so that other suburbs are maintained and mine is not

- Paige Katahie

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## FROM THE WEB

This week we asked residents their thoughts on the closure of Minto Community Library:

“Minto needs a library, especially with how big of a community it is becoming and it's only weeks away from the mall's big reopen.

JAYME WILSON-PEASLEY

“What part of community does the council not understand!

DIANNE PAUL

“Sad, I used to get a lot of books from there, which were not always available at the other locations. Also parking at Campbelltown and Ingleburn is difficult, Minto was ideal.

KAREN LALOR

“I still say this is an idiotic move by council at a time when this fast-growing community is going to need this service most.

KYLIE MCKENZIE

“Great library, get books for my five-year-old there all the time. Disappointing seeing as it's a growth area.

CHRIS ATTARD

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## Dasher a real hero

THANK you for your support in establishing the memorial to Kevin “Dasher” Wheatley and your fine story on its unveiling (*Macarthur Chronicle*, November 19).

As a soldier's child who grew up in Ingleburn Army Camp, I have known Dasher's story all my life and it never failed to touch my heart.

But I never realised until I read your story that he was so young, just 28, when he died. I just cried when I read that: for Dasher, who died far too young, and for his wife and children who had him for far too little time — such a good man taken too soon.

He embodied the very best of what has made Australian soldiers so highly regarded in all theatres of war — true courage, honour, mateship and sacrifice — and never was a VC or a memorial more deserved. God bless you, Dasher, and the family I'm sure you now lovingly stand guard over every day.

LISA MCINALLY COSGROVE, Ruse

## That's the spirit

AN OVERDUE thank you for a good story ‘Christmas spirit in a box’ (*Macarthur Chronicle*, November 12). I really appreciate your support. A well written story by Amanda. Thank you.

JUDITH BOND, Campbelltown

## Thanks for your help

THANK you to all involved in the October McDonald's Macarthur “Charity Fun Night”.

The \$2887 raised was a great result for Mater Dei.

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## READER PICTURE - SUMMER BUZZ



Lyn Forbes, of Rosemeadow, spotted this little bee busy at work in the warm sunshine.

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ship with McDonald's and thank them for promoting and supporting the wonderful work of many Macarthur charities.

DEBBIE GATES, Mater Dei director of development

## Missing decorations

I HAVE noticed once again a distinct lack of traditional Christmas decorations at Macarthur Square, apart from some stars and very little tinsel.

There is no tree that I could find and not one display that says “merry Christmas”. Even Santa's place is just a toy shop, nothing Christmas like about it. Very disappointed. It feels like they want to be politically correct and not offend anyone.

LINDA PILKINGTON, Leumeah

## Rate rise unjustified

I WRITE in reply to Mr Griess

(Happy to pay the price, *Macarthur Chronicle*, November 12). I agree when you come off the freeway into Campbelltown it looks beautiful, but what if you come into our city via its first suburb Glenfield? You are met with overgrown gardens, half-dead plants and rubbish lining the streets.

I would be happy to pay more if I was a resident in the suburb of Campbelltown but I own properties in Glenfield and I am not happy to pay more so that other suburbs are maintained and mine is not.

Glenfield gets overlooked in terms of council maintenance and when requested numerous times for clean-ups or general maintenance it falls on deaf ears.

Are we all paying the same amount or are Glenfield residents paying less? Why do we keep getting overlooked? Is Glenfield too far from the council depot that it's just not worth the effort?

PAIGE KATAHIE, Glenfield

## Quick view

We asked residents their thoughts on McDonald's using classical music to deter young people from loitering at Mt Annan.

### JOHN FEENEY Spring Farm

I think it's a great idea and more places should use classical music as a deterrent. It's great to see the Mt Annan store take a positive approach to the problem of kids hanging around late at night.



### STEWART PATTERSON Narellan

Any thing that can keep young people from hanging out at the store late at night is great, so I reckon the use of classical music is a good idea. It's not fair on people who want to grab a late night burger to put up with them.



### LAURIE-ANNE CURRY Tahmoor

Classical music is a good tool to use and I think it will work in the long run. With so many young people around it can be difficult for someone my age to feel comfortable in the store. Hopefully it all works out well.



### REBECCA NEVILLE Mt Annan

If the classical music keeps them away from the store late at night, I think it's a good idea. It's important for the store to make sure everyone feels safe when they come through, and if the music is keeping large groups of people away then it's good.



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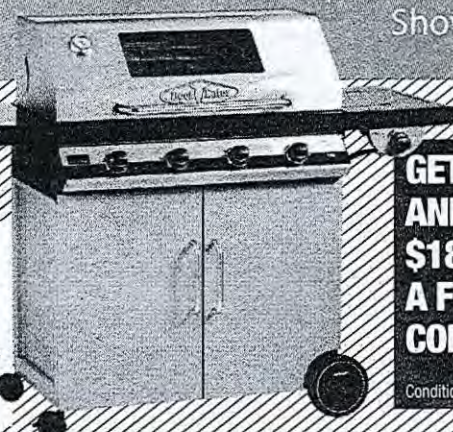
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## GLENFIELD

### Community care strong in Glenfield

A GLENFIELD not-for-profit organisation has fought back against hunger, donating 700 cans of food to a homelessness appeal.

The Whiddon Group Easton Park, its employees and clients generously donated the food items to the Exodus Foundation appeal, which provides meals and food parcels to homeless and disadvantaged people.

Whiddon's chief executive officer Lee-ann Irwin and chief financial officer Chris Mamarelis presented the 700-can donation to Exodus Foundation founder Bill Crews late last month.

"This has been a wonderful



Chris Mamarelis, Bill Crews, and Lee-ann Irwin.

opportunity for our clients and teams to support Exodus and the work that they do," Ms Irwin said.

"It has created a greater sense of community and we look forward to running similar events in the future."

## ST HELENS PARK, CAMPBELLTOWN

### Sessions guide community on rate rise plans

FIND out more about Campbelltown Council's proposed rate variation and have your questions answered at community information sessions this week.

The council will hold a series of sessions around the region to allow people to learn more about the proposed 11 per cent rise and

provide feedback. The sessions got under way yesterday at Campbelltown Civic Hall, giving people the chance to voice their opinions and learn what the proposed rate variations funds will be used for. The council intends to use the funds to address an infrastructure backlog.

The next session will be at

St Helens Park Community Hall on Wednesday from 7pm.

Sessions will also be held at Ingleburn's Greg Percival Community Centre on Thursday and Eagle Vale Central on Monday.

To register call 4645 4200 or for more information visit facebook.com/yourcityyourfuture.

## CAMPBELLTOWN

### Make a booking for film festival

BOOK your spot at the AAA Film Festival at Campbelltown Arts Centre next month.

The "Access All Areas" Film Festival will bring free, accessible screenings of the best new films to Campbelltown Arts Centre.

Family Friendly Short Films and The Great Gatsby will screen at the centre on December 16. To book call 9281 5608. For details call 4645 4903.

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### Get a taste for colouring-in

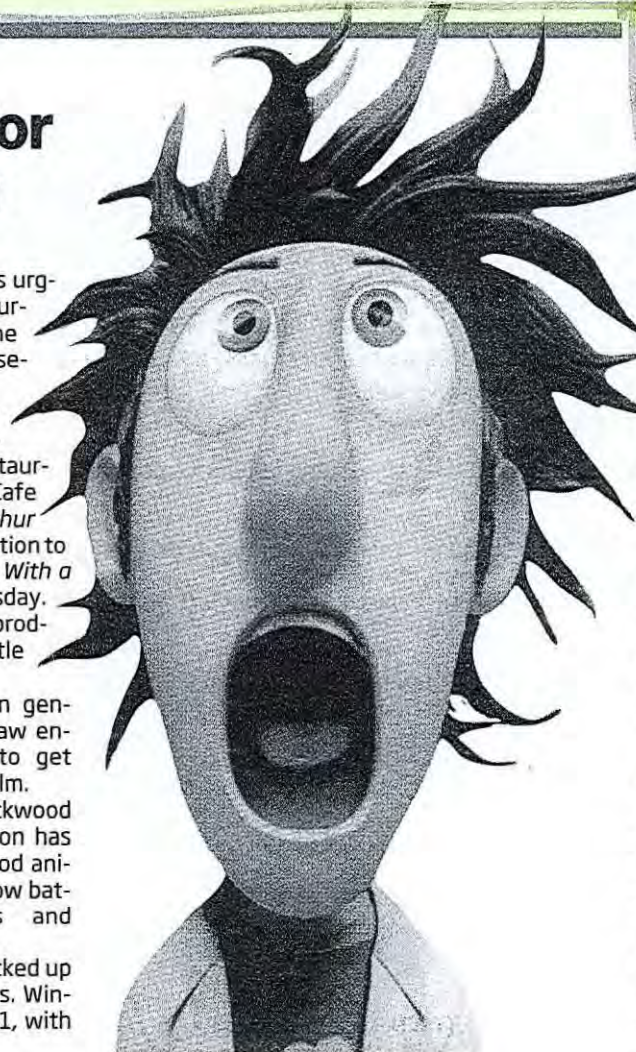
HEY kids! Event Cinemas is urging you to join in its colouring-in competition to mark the opening of a delicious movie sequel.

The cinemas at Macarthur Square, together with Kambrook, McDonalds, Infusion Restaurant, Lollipops Playland and Cafe Campbelltown and the Macarthur Chronicle, is running the competition to celebrate the release of Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 on Thursday. Mouth-watering prizes include products from the Kambrook Little Chef's range.

Event Cinemas Campbelltown general manager Samantha Henshaw encouraged children under 13 to get creative and come and see the film.

In this second instalment, Lockwood (pictured) discovers his invention has survived and is now creating food animals. He and his friends must now battle tacodiles, shrimpanzees and cheespiders to save the world.

Competition entries can be picked up and submitted at Event Cinemas. Winners will be drawn on January 31, with entries displayed at the cinema.



## CAMPBELLTOWN

### Enjoy family fun at carols event

CLEAR the calendar for some festive fun on Saturday, December 14.

The region will celebrate the Christmas season with Carols in the Park.

The event will include family activities from 5pm, caroling from 7.30pm and fireworks at 9pm.

The free event will be held at Koshigaya Park, Camden Rd, Campbelltown.

For more information, phone 4628 2844.

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### Recognise community stalwarts

CAMPBELLTOWN region people can nominate the area's long-serving residents for a Jubilee Award.

Campbelltown Council will host the annual award presentation in March, but nominations are open now.

Campbelltown Mayor Clinton Mead encouraged people to nominate residents who had lived in Campbelltown for more than 50 years, or 30 years for members of the indigenous community.

"Fifty years marks a significant milestone for being a valued part of the Campbelltown community," he said.

Fifty years marks a significant milestone for being a valued part of ...

Campbelltown

- Clinton Mead

Local organisations including the Ingleburn Eagles Soccer Club and Campbelltown Cobras Soccer Club will be in the spotlight as well as they celebrate 50 years.

Nominate at campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/jubilee awards or call 4645 4926.

## WORKS NEAR YOU - WHAT YOUR COUNCIL IS DOING

**MINTO, Sussex St:** Campbelltown Council works and maintenance crews will do kerb and gutter repairs along the street this week.

**INGLEBURN, Liverpool St:** The council crews will carry out kerb and gutter maintenance along the street this week.

**ST ANDREWS, Pitlochry Place:** Motorists should expect delays as the council crews carry out road resurfacing work.

**MINTO, Lincoln St:** The council crews will do resurfacing works along the road this week. Motorists should expect delays.

**MINTO, Victoria Rd:** Works crews will do drainage work at Victoria Park, which is located off Victoria Rd. ■ Works subject to change

## MACQUARIE FIELDS

### Fashion talent shines at show

AFTER months of designing, sewing and beading, 25 young fashion designers launched a fashion exhibition at Macquarie Fields recently.

TAFE NSW South Western Sydney Institute's Macquarie Fields College showcased the works of 25 fashion students on November 20 and 21.

Fashion head teacher Susan Wall said this year's event was bigger and better than ever before.



Dale, 69

"I just love being mentally healthy during my retirement and for other seniors, I'd like to see them be as happy as they can be without depression."

The key piece of advice is that depression is not a weakness of character. It is an illness and you can manage it. I can only impress that the support out there now is so much better than anything before. So talk about it and share it with somebody.

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▶ Watch Dale's story online at [beyondblue.org.au/olderpeople](http://beyondblue.org.au/olderpeople)



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## MADD talents enjoyed by crowd

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"We had 106 cast and crew working on it this year. It just gets bigger and better each year."

"The way the kids support each other. It's what the kids look forward to."

Pop singers, rock bands, ballads, dance troupes and drama groups performed three shows — two in the day for fellow students and the sold out show on Wednesday night.

"We used a new stage for the first time this year and we're already coming up with ways to make it even better for next year," Ms Woolley said.

■ See a slideshow of photographs from the event at [macarthuradvertiser.com.au](http://macarthuradvertiser.com.au)



## \$2 rate rise: have your say

THERE is still time to have your say about Campbelltown Council's proposed rate rise, which could see ratepayers pay about \$2 more a week.

The council has proposed to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a special rate variation of 11 per cent for next year. It would mean ratepayers would pay an average of \$108 more during the 2014-15 financial year.

Deputy mayor Paul Lake said the one-off increase would help the council maintain infrastructure such as roads, parks, playing fields, facilities and recreational areas.

"This proposal is about securing the long-term viability of our assets, which is funda-

mental for our city's future," Cr Lake said.

The council seeks to apply for a subsidised loan of \$10 million from the state government to address priority infrastructure renewal projects in the short term.

It will also conduct a review of its services.

The council will hold information sessions in Campbelltown, St Helens Park, Ingleburn and Eagle Vale from today, December 4, until December 9.

To register, phone 4645 4200. To give feedback, email [thefuture@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:thefuture@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au) or call 4645 4240.

Details: Visit [yourcityyourfuture.com.au](http://yourcityyourfuture.com.au) or Facebook.com/[yourcityyourfuture.com.au](http://yourcityyourfuture.com.au).

## Gonski fund 'chaos' infuriates teachers

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That guarantee was repeated by Mr Matheson yesterday. He said: "We are honouring our election commitment and every school in Macarthur will receive the same amount of Commonwealth funding as promised."

Werriwa Labor MP Laurie Ferguson said Gonski funding would deliver more funds to disadvantaged schools, many of which were in Sydney's south west.

However, he was concerned the Coalition's agreement did not contain the same mandate for matched funding from states.

Campbelltown Liberal MP Bryan Doyle said he had been confident the contract would be honoured.

Macquarie Fields Labor MP Andrew McDonald said the bulk of the spending

in the Gonski agreement was set for years five and six — beyond the Coalition's funding pledge to 2016-17.

"Abbott's clearly under advice to kill the issue politically, but clearly they've got a problem with the concept of needs-based funding," Dr McDonald said.

Catholic schools in Macarthur say they are pleased to receive assurances their funding will be secured beyond 2014.

Tim Gilmour from the Catholic Education Office Wollongong Diocese, which covers Campbelltown, said the state government's funding arrangement with the previous Labor government was binding.

"We educate one in five students nationally and in Macarthur it's more — one in four and a half — so any change in funding must be considered very carefully because we cannot be worse off," Mr Gilmour said.

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## Scott's Corner

From Paul Wakeling Motor Group Managing Director, Scott Wakeling

Having driven back into the Macarthur region on Sunday Night after being overseas for a few days, I've got to say what a marvellous transformation. The weekend that welcomes December is always highly anticipated with lots of families taking the opportunity to de-box those Christmas lights, get out the inflatable Santa's and Reindeer and get all Griswald all over their houses.

The night sky was all aflutter with flashing lights, bobbing machines, and waving Santa's, just magic. There's always a little debate in our household about which weekend to get the lights up but for me it's got to be at least December...so hopefully I'll get a chance this week.

There's so much to do in December, work parties, end of year school graduations and carols, family gatherings....if you are travelling away however I would recommend you do take the chance to give your vehicle a once over. There are lots of little things to check on your car that our expert team would be glad to help with, so just drop us line and we'll get it sorted for you.

Most of all, enjoy your December...go cruising the streets in the evening and check out the lights....we live in a great part of the world.

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## Our story on Sam the kebab man at Minto Marketplace opened the online floodgates . . .

Sam deserves our loyalty. You just had to step up to the counter and he knew what your order was! It's fantastic to have him back in Minto Marketplace! By far the best kebabs in Campbelltown!

Jen

SAM'S the man. I always have a baby chicken kebab. Will be down again in a few days, Sam — thanks for hanging in there!

Maev

YES, he was always polite to me when I had coffee there. I admired his stamina for hanging in there.

John Sandiford

MY SON and his mates went up straight after school on opening day for Sam's Kebabs — then we went up and bought them for dinner that night. He stayed til the last day [in the old rundown mall] to support his community so we thought it only right to support him now he's back!

Kylie McKenzie

SAM and his family deserve only the best — awesome kebabs, awesome family.

Kim Firman

[EDITOR'S NOTE: These comments are just the tip of an iceberg. If Sam gets tired of kebabs we humbly suggest he runs for mayor at the next council election — he'd probably romp in.]

## Rate-rise anger

A GROUP of friends and I were chatting yesterday about Campbelltown Council's proposed rate rise of 11 per cent for one year and it came up that the council also has a proposal for a skate park at Appin Road/Kellerman Drive/St Helens Park Drive.

If they need to raise the rates to help maintain existing amenities, parks and infrastructure, where is the finance coming from for a new skate park? If they can afford this then we believe we don't need a rate rise.

Jill Bennett, St Helens Park

SO, OUR Minto library branch has now shut its doors. Who cares, we're only Minto. The council had better not ask for an 11 per cent rate increase from Minto residents without a pretty good explanation. We should be getting a rate reduction for fewer services not an increase.

[Name supplied] Minto

NO RATE rises until they cut the money paid to the mayor and the councillors.

D. Stapl, Bradbury

## Railway confusion

IF YOU can decipher Sydney Trains' confusing blurb on their website for the summer holidays I have come across some curious information if you want to travel to or from Parramatta.

If you go onto Travel Planner, on December 31 you can travel to Parramatta direct. If you use the timetable planner there are no trains and if you read the blurb the Saturday timetable is operating (no Cumberland Line trains run on weekends). I think I'll just rock up to the station and see what happens! Merry Christmas to all.

Andrew Rutherford, Leumeah

## True meaning

WE ALL love to celebrate. Christmas is a celebration of the birth of the baby Jesus. He brings hope, love and peace to all, that no one else can give.

Jesus Christ is the reason for the Christmas season! Will you be celebrating the real, true meaning of Christmas this season?

Judith Bond, Campbelltown

## Shame on Abbott

WELL, Mr Abbott's 100-day honeymoon is over. Just recently we have had the two biggest diplomatic faux pas in our history. First up we had them reneging on the pay increase of a lousy \$3 to our child-care personnel and then we had the deputy PM writing to Holden with an ultimatum.

So in two days his government has managed to get all the parents in Australia off side and one of the world's biggest companies. But still this, given his recent attitude with Indonesia and China — if you can upset half of the world's population in two weeks why would you worry about a couple of million families in Australia?

Richard Olsen, Leumeah

## Well done, Claymore

I HAD the opportunity to do work experience at Claymore Public School recently. I had an amazing week. The discipline that this school has, the thoughtfulness of the staff towards their students and vice versa and the unity between the office workers and teachers are impeccable. Keep up the good work Claymore School and a huge salute to the principal who heads the team — staff and students. Wishing you all the very best.

May Hoayek, Eagle Vale

## Chatter from the web and Facebook

[Spending, unemployment spike in Campbelltown as Christmas looms] "Oh, but there are plenty of jobs! Ask anyone!" Like hell there are!

Elizabeth Passaro

MOST under 22s and over 45s are now removed from the statistics. And this is where most people are unemployed. But if you don't hear it, it doesn't happen.

Kurrajong Endurance Arabians

I KNOW loads of business people who have told me it's hard to find good workers. People don't want a job — it's too hard.

Angela Lemaitre

MY FRIEND is 59 and lost her job of 12 years. Found another within a week. She has to travel to the city and took a pay cut but she has a job.

Samantha Marland Perry

GOOD on her, she might have been in the right place at the right time — that's not always the case for everybody. It's got nothing to do with taking a pay cut. When you're in need of a job you'll take what you can get!

Kym Shaw

[Minto Marketplace opening heralds "a new era" for suburb] My family was so thrilled to walk through the front doors at Minto Marketplace last Thursday. It was like welcoming an old friend home. The buzz about the centre was pleasing. To the new owners, thank-you so much for giving us back our pride in our community. We deserve it — and you deserve every success.

Christine Moore

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## Unroadworthy coward

TO THE coward who crashed into the rear of my wife's car at 9.15am last Sunday week at the roundabout at Broughton and Lindsay Street — you must be the lowest form of life. You did not stop to provide her with your details or check on her well being.

Speeding down the hill toward Campbelltown resulted in your inability to stop. Fortunately, my wife and her friend are unhurt, not that you demonstrated an ounce of care for either. Hopefully, it will be a matter of time before the law catches up with you. It would be better if you handed yourself into Campbelltown police ASAP. Thank-you to the police who helped her.

David Connor, Bradbury



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Christian Page has thanked authorities for preserving the memorial to his mate 'Joey' Flores Jr (inset). Main picture: IAN SVEGOVIC

## Sign of respect

A roadside tribute honouring a US Marine killed near Macarthur Square almost a decade ago will be protected as roadworks start on the site.

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### NEWS

#### Bracing for a big rates hike

CAMPBELLTOWN residents are facing more hip-pocket pain, after the council approved an 11 per cent rate rise. An independent tribunal will have the final say on the increase with a decision expected mid-year.

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#### Labor of love for Winslet

KATE Winslet returns to the screen in a powerful portrayal of motherhood in *Labor Day*, opening on Thursday at Event Cinemas. We've got tickets to give away.

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#### Top 10 finish for Henshaw

MACARTHUR area skier Russell Henshaw overcame injury to both his knees to finish in the top 10 in the men's ski slopestyle event at the Sochi Winter Olympics.

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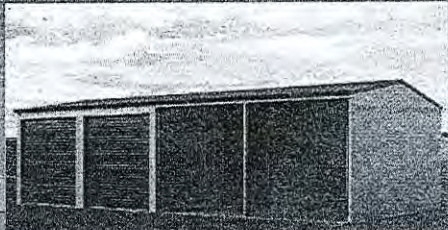
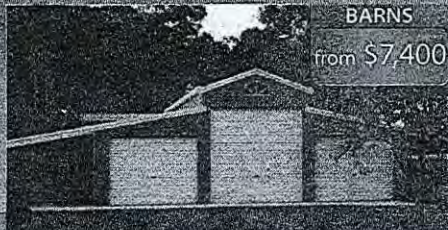
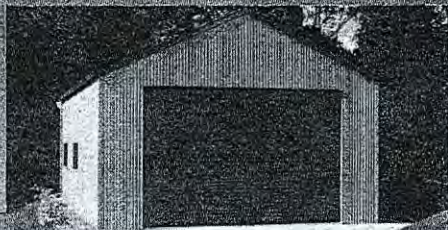
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# Rates rise in the works

Amanda Partridge

## COUNCIL MAJORITY SUPPORT INCREASE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

CAMPBELLTOWN Council has endorsed an 11 per cent rate rise, which will help it address a growing infrastructure backlog.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) will now consider the council's application for the rise, with a decision expected mid-year.

A majority of councillors voted in favour of the rate variation at last week's meeting, with Liberal Demo-

crat Mayor Clinton Mead continuing to oppose the move. Labor councillors George Bricevic, Wal Glynn, and Meg Oates, who last year supported the increase, voted against the move.

A report detailing the community consultation period findings suggested nearly 58 per cent of survey respondents were "very supportive" of the variation.

Cr Mead said he believed

the council should make cuts and reallocate funds more effectively to address the infrastructure backlog rather than increase rates.

"There seems to be a claim here that we don't want to make cuts, but we have already made cuts ... with our infrastructure and that's why we are behind," he said.

He also claimed the telephone survey carried out during the consultation was

biased, stating in his mayoral minute the process "was not set up to consult rate-payers, but rather to convince them to support the rate increase".

Liberal Councillor Paul Hawker, a member of the council's Corporate Governance Committee, said the increase was needed to fund infrastructure projects in the region.

"I think we will see from

July 1, if IPART agrees with it, many improvements around Campbelltown," he said. "The money is going to be used for infrastructure across the LGA which means community halls, roads and parks."

Without an increase, the council maintains it would have to cut services across maintenance, parks and gardens, libraries and community services.

### RATE RAGE

"I'd support it if we were able to decide where the money was actually going!"  
**JESSICA SAINSBURY**

"We pay enough as it is now. I would like to know where those dollars went to."  
**TRACY PATTERSON**

"I would not support an 11 per cent rise without a clear picture of what we would actually get."  
**ROSS FORD, Facebook**

AIRDS



Children Lockie, Mikayla and Aiden with Eva Steinmetzer (Froebel, North Sydney), Norbert Hüniger (managing director, Froebel, Leipzig) and Jasmine Rivers (Froebel, Alexandria).

Picture: IAN SVEGOVIC

## Delegates learn centre's secrets to success

Amanda Partridge

AN AWARD-winning childcare centre in Airs is attracting international attention.

German childcare officials visited Amarina Early Learning Centre on Friday eager to see first-hand its na-

tionally recognised programs.

Representatives from FROEBEL Australia and its German parent company FROEBEL e.V. - including the company's German chief executive officer Stefan Spiker and its Istanbul, Turkey, chief executive officer

Iskender Yildirim - were among the guests.

The visit follows the Campbelltown Council centre receiving an "excellent" rating from the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority in December, the first centre in NSW to receive the rating.

The council's community services director Lindy Deitz said the visit provided an opportunity to share teaching practices.

"As a centre of excellence, Amarina is very excited about being recognised at an international sector level and it's certainly wonderful

kudos for the centre and all of the staff involved," she said.

"This (is a) unique opportunity to exchange information and ideas with a leading global provider, with a focus on further improving outcomes for children."

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## Lisa Marie is ready to rock



Rocker Lisa Marie Presley.

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# Claymore reborn

## \$6m injection of funds set to develop housing

By Megan Gorrey

THE state government will inject \$6 million into Claymore and introduce a mix of public and private housing in an effort to bring the neglected suburb back to life.

The two-pronged approach would improve existing public housing in the estate and open up 200 vacant land blocks for young families and first-home owners, Community Services Minister Pru Goward said this week.

It would also reduce the concentration of disadvantage in the suburb.

"In the 1960s and 1970s when estates like Claymore were built, they mainly helped working families to get on their feet with a temporary, low-cost home," Ms Goward said.

"Today, with more than 90 per cent of public housing tenants relying on welfare we are inviting working families back in to help transform the area."

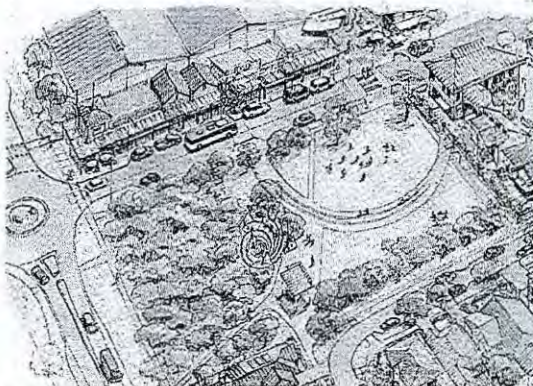
Residents have long been frustrated by delays to the Claymore Renewal Project which was announced in 2010 but stalled in September 2012 after 100 homes were demolished.

Camden MP Chris Patterson — whose seat includes Claymore until the 2015 state election when it rejoins the Campbelltown electorate — acknowledged the funding was not a "silver bullet" and there was a long way to go to get the suburb back on track.

"This will allow them to tidy up the open space, get rid of dilapidated homes and improve the look and amenity of the area," he said.

Campbelltown MP Bryan Doyle said the funds were enough for a good start.

"Claymore is strategically located close to the Campbelltown CBD and it should be a vibrant, bustling precinct," Mr Doyle said.



**Good start:** Artist's impressions of the Claymore Renewal Project, which would include new roads and a new park. The community can have a say on the park's design.

Pictures: UrbanGrowth NSW

Campbelltown mayor Clinton Mead said: "I think the government acknowledged that public housing, with all its intentions when they started, hasn't worked out the way it was planned."

A development application will be lodged with Campbelltown Council to see stages 1 and 2 prepared for sale. The plans go on show for feedback.

## Rate-rise closer as the mayor is out-voted

By Megan Gorrey

CAMPBELLTOWN residents are a step closer to having to fork out for an 11 per cent rate rise.

The majority of councillors supported the proposed fee hike at last week's council meeting.

This was in spite of mayor Clinton Mead's very public campaign against the rate rise in recent months.

He slammed the council's public consultation process for the proposed rate rise as biased and one-sided in a mayoral minute tabled at the meeting.

Cr Mead favoured a review and cuts to services over a rate rise.

However, the council said the rate rise is necessary to maintain local services, facilities and infrastructure.

In a surprise move, Labor councillors George Bricevic, Meg Oates and Wal Glynn joined Cr Mead in voting against the rate rise, despite early support for it.

They were beaten 8-4, after Liberal and independent councillors backed the rise.

The council will now apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulation Tribunal (IPART) for the rate variation by February 24.

IPART will make a determination in June, which will then come back to the council for a final vote.

If approved, the rate rise would be effective from July this year.

Details: [yourcityyourfuture.com.au](http://yourcityyourfuture.com.au).

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## Scott's Corner

From Paul Wakeling Motor Group Managing Director, Scott Wakeling

For car dealers February is the month where most Manufacturers get their dealer networks together to review the last twelve months and show their plans for the next year.

This week was Hyundai's annual conference, held in Melbourne where we saw future model plans with a renewed focus on Customer Care and network consolidation.

What was most pleasing for our Dealership however was the inaugural Hyundai Platinum Dealer awards. For the first time, this year Hyundai set their dealers goals in vehicle sales, customer care, facilities, staff training, mystery shops and financial reporting.

I'm pleased to say that Paul Wakeling Hyundai was awarded Platinum Dealer Status for 2013. The award places our dealership in the top twelve dealers in the country!! It's a great result for all of our staff who have an influence in our Hyundai business, there's too many to mention but I'm very proud of all of them.

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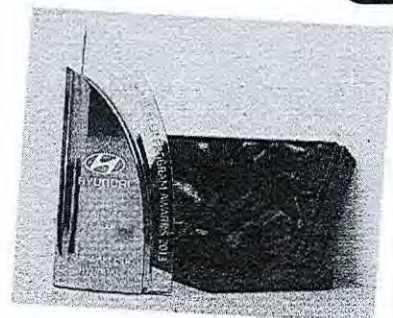
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## WEB CHAT

### Rate rise closer as the mayor is out-voted

Gas and electricity are going up so why not slug families already struggling to cope with rising bills? I think those that voted for the rate rise need to work on an average salary and see how well they do with continuing rises in bills but not salaries.

**Posted: Disappointed**

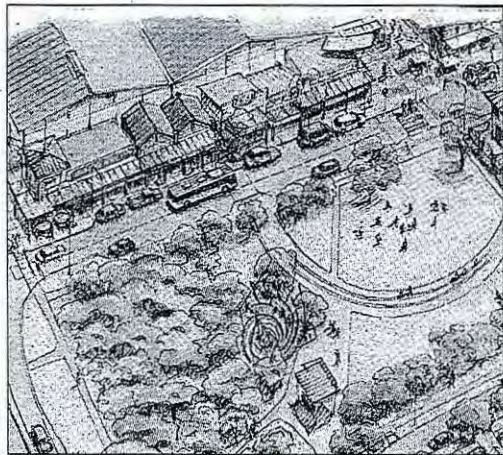
I'm happy to pay a bit more in rates but not 11%. For that I would want cemented walkways, driveways fixed up after rains and for council to mow its own land out the front of our houses. Stop being so bloody greedy. If you want a level headed commonsense person in the office for a day or two I put my hand up and others would too because there is way to many cooks in the kitchen all wanting to be the chef.

**Posted: Raby Resident**

### Claymore reborn: \$6 million injection of funds set to develop housing

How about they do something to finish Airds first? So many places knocked down and not a sign of any new ones being built... where have all the people gone?

**Posted: Alison Turbit**



**Inaccurate depiction:** An artist's drawing of Claymore.

## Trouble beneath the pretty drawings

The artist's drawings of the Claymore renewal look good, but they are misleading.

The number of homes in Claymore will be increased and the overall number of established trees and open spaces will shrink significantly. Claymore needs to be revamped, and some trees and open space will have to go. But they plan to remove at least 90 per cent of the large reserve along Badgally Road (opposite Blairmount Public School) with its "legislatively protected" Cumberland Plain woodland so they can squeeze in as many tiny homes as they can. The only other natural parkland will be a tree-lined ditch right at the other end of Claymore, backing onto Eagle Vale.

Macarthur's green spaces within our urban areas are disappearing — thanks to UrbanGrowth (Landcom). Check out Minto to see what I mean: every tree has been razed to the ground in the latest redevelopment stage.

We need to hang onto our fast-disappearing established green spaces in Macarthur, not for just us, but for our children and our unique wildlife. Let our MPs know your sentiments.

**Nea Makowski, Leumeah**

## Listen to us, MP

State Liberal MP Bryan Doyle doesn't seem to understand that people around Campbelltown don't want an airport at Badgerys Creek.

Many people who have moved here knew nothing about an airport. When was the last protest — 20 years ago?

Mr Doyle doesn't realise there will not be thousands of jobs. Many positions will be specialist jobs. Shops and restaurants around the airport will provide only limited employment opportunities.

Mascot has been there for a very long time and anyone living or going to live there knew that beforehand.

Mr Doyle's idea of what is good for his constituents is vastly different from actual reality.

Wake up, Bryan, and listen to the people who put you in Parliament.

**Lois Beck, St Helens Park**

## Cut costs first

I attended the first of the community forums to discuss Campbelltown Council's proposed 11 per cent rate rise, and several issues became quite obvious.

Firstly, the council is facing a revenue shortfall, and in order to maintain and improve its infrastructure, needs additional revenue.

Secondly, in order to apply to for a rate increase above the usual 2 to 3 per cent annual increase, the council must use the term "one-off". This is definitely not a "one-off" increase.

If your annual rates are, say, \$1000 for 2013-14, then a "normal" 3 per cent annual increase would mean that your rates would increase to \$1030 in 2014-15, \$1061 in 2015-16, \$1093 in 2016-17, etcetera.

Now, if the 11 per cent increase is approved, then your annual rates of \$1000 in 2013-14 would increase to \$1110 in 2014-15, after which your rates would increase by the "normal" 3 per cent annually, therefore being \$1143 in 2015-16, \$1178 in 2016-17, etcetera.

So, due to the 11 per cent change in the rate base, the increase above the "normal" 3 per cent is about 7 1/4 per cent every year.

We do not want any reduction in council services, but we do want firm evidence of waste reduction, cost con-

trol, and cost cutting where necessary. Go ahead with the rate increase, but only after all other possibilities have been evaluated and acted upon.

**RG Oide, Leumeah**

## Sensational swim

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in last weekend's annual swimathon for supporting cystic fibrosis sufferers.

With support from more than 500 participants and many local businesses, our community raised more than \$130,000.

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**Greg Warren, Mount Annan**



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## WEBCHAT

### There's a push to have Jamie Oliver's pop-up kitchen in Macarthur

Maybe it could be a joint venture with Campbelltown, Camden and the Wollondilly Shire considering we were also part of Macarthur.

Posted: Tania Willett

### On our comprehensive coverage of the Wests Tigers ahead of the 2014 season

Shame they are playing the mighty Dragons.

Posted: Darryl McDiarmid

### Narellan's town centre set to triple in size

They should be applauded for the initiative and investment. Campbelltown Council will be concerned with Campbelltown businesses and residents first and last.

Posted: Michael

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Why not slug young families already struggling to cope with another rising bill? Those that voted for the rate rise need to work on an average salary and see how well they do with continuing rises in bills but not salaries.

Posted: Disappointed



## Show respect, schoolkids!

Here is what's getting me a tad cranky.

Why aren't schoolkids showing respect by giving up their seats to paying adults on buses these days?

They spend at least six hours a day on their butts, so why can't they show the proper respect and give up their seat to a paying passenger, in particular the elderly and less mobile people.

Here's a message to you schoolkids. Stop being so damned selfish and show some respect. You get free travel, but it will only get you so far.

By the time you reach 18, all that will change!  
Craig Mitchell, Leumeah

## Councillors protect hills

I agree with the editor that some people see open space merely as "vacant" space waiting for bulldozers.

And of course some landowners would want to sell off part or all of their land for bigger bucks if the current zoning of "Environmental Protection - Scenic" was changed.

But how would we be if our councillors had caved in to every request to change the zoning in these hills?

It is strong councillors who have ensured we still have these beautiful hills to enjoy, from Denham Court through to the Botanic Gardens.

It's lame to suggest a cemetery will "protect" our hills.

A cemetery could ruin the Scenic Hills because it'll require a change to the zoning in order to happen, and this may open the door for other commercial developments that are currently not per-

missible. Our councillors vowed during the last election they would preserve the Scenic Hills' current zoning and exclude commercial development.

This includes cemeteries.

Nea Makowski  
Leumeah

## Disastrous changes

After a long wait the road changes at the Narellan Road exit of the freeway are complete and what we have is simply a disaster.

The exit lane continues to bank up due to the cars heading directly to Narellan.

The designers did not take advantage of the inside lane to turn left heading towards Campbelltown.

There is an additional 200 metres available to be opened as a left lane exit which would allow a faster safer passage of exit for Campbelltown cars and alleviate the need for cars to "drop in" from

outer lanes on the motorway at great risk. A perfect example of a planner simply not understanding the flow.

Steve Oldridge  
Glen Alpine

## Rates rise exaggerated

I don't want to see a rate increase of 11 per cent in Campbelltown but there are inaccuracies in R. G. Olde's letter.

The inference in his letter is that our rates will rise by about 7.25 per cent every year.

This is not right. Using his figures in 2014-15 the amount would be \$1110 and 2015-16 \$1143 etc.

If our rates were raised by 11 per cent in 2014/15 and 3 per cent thereafter they would not double for approximately 20 years. If the increase was really 7.25 per cent they would double in less than 10 years.

In reality the actual figure our rates

will rise in the long term is only slightly larger than the IPART approved figure, this being 3.33 per cent. My main concern however is the same as most people's — if the money is wasted why have an increase at all?

Richard Olsen  
Leumeah

## Plea for peg

I believe the local council has misled the public in the way it advertised the rate increase as a "one off for this year".

This 11 per cent rate increase will be permanently added to our base rates forever and will still go up the normal 2-3 per cent every year — it will not go away after one year. A TV channel recently exposed how we pay much higher rates than the eastern suburbs already — so leave us alone.

Robert (surname withheld)  
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# Cemetery plan killed off

Amanda Partridge

## COUNCILLORS REJECT PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP BURIAL SITE

CAMPBELLTOWN Council has rejected a planning proposal to develop the Scenic Hills into a cemetery.

Councillors voted against plans to rezone land to allow the 136,000 cemetery plot Macarthur Memorial Park, saying the proposal was not suitable for the sensitive, scenic protection land off St Andrews Rd, Varroville.

"It's not wanted and it's

not appropriate. It shouldn't be happening," Labor Councillor Meg Oates told last week's meeting.

"I think it's going to be the end of heritage if you cut up the Scenic Hills," independent Cr Bob Thompson said.

Liberal Cr Paul Hawker said the people of Campbelltown would not benefit from the Catholic Metropolitan

Cemeteries Trust proposal.

"Do we want to be the dumping ground for Sydney basin's dead? I don't think so," Cr Hawker said.

Independent Cr Sue Dobson said the proposal conflicted with the desire to maintain the region's green spaces and heritage.

Scenic Hills Association's Jacqui Kirkby was relieved

to learn of council's decision to reject the proposal.

Only Campbelltown Mayor Clinton Mead and Deputy Mayor Paul Lake were in favour of the proposal.

"It's a strong message from council. We hope this is the end of it and would like the council to draw a line in the sand about the Scenic Hills," Ms Kirkby said.

The Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust said in a statement it was disappointed with the decision.

The trust still believes a new cemetery would alleviate an impending of burial site shortage and is considering its "options for the next step in the approvals process."



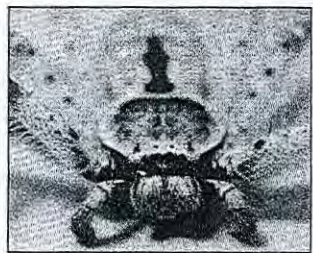
### In the balance



Last week's Chronicle front page, waiting on the verdict of the Scenic Hills' future.

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## No reason to fear huntsman



THEY might be heading for your bedroom, kitchen and car's sun visor, but the huntsman spider should not be feared, say experts.

The big hairy harmless spider is expected to head inside homes as they hunt for insects and seek refuge from cooler, wetter weather.

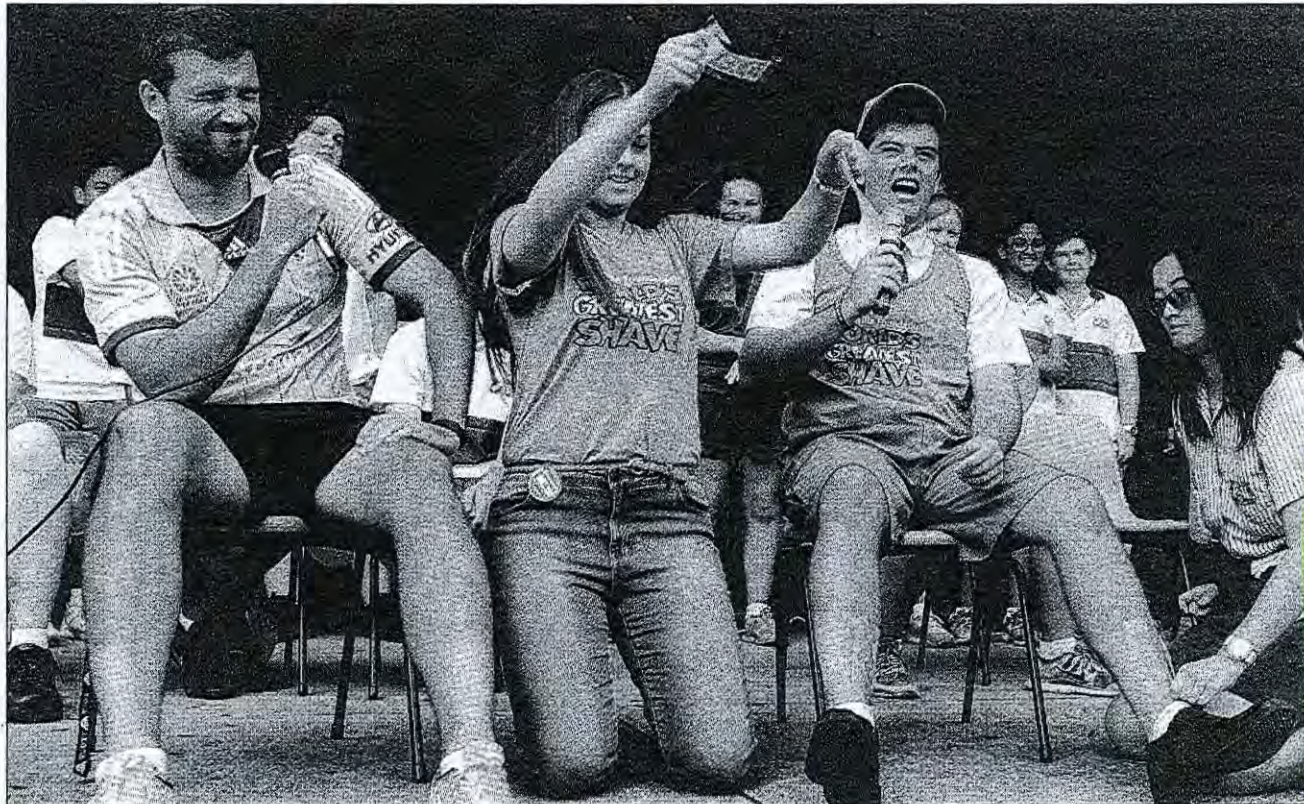
An influx of Macarthur Chronicle readers on Facebook last week said they had noticed an increase in the hairy creatures of late.

"Went to get petrol and lifted out the pump and had around 10 huntsman run out of the pump," Donna LC said.

Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife is urging people not to panic.

"While they may look intimidating with their hairy legs and large pincers, they're actually not at all dangerous to humans and are very timid," a spokeswoman said.

MACQUARIE FIELDS



Macquarie Fields High School teacher Paul Hollis and Year 11 student Dylan Scarborough brave a leg wax. Picture: IAN SVEGOVIC

## Dylan endures wax attack for good cause

MANY people are sporting sleek scalps after the World's Greatest Shave, but Ingleburn's Dylan Scarborough is showing off his smooth legs.

The Macquarie Fields High School Year 11 student joined more than 10 students

and teachers in a World's Greatest Shave event at the Wednesday assembly.

But while they shed their locks, Dylan winced through a leg wax.

He raised more than \$1000, including a generous \$250 donation from a friend's par-

ent, with the school raising nearly \$4000 for the charity, with the tally still rising.

"I decided to give everybody a bit of motivation to fundraise and make it more entertaining, and I said if we could together raise a couple of grand I would wax my

legs," Dylan said. "But wow, it did hurt."

With history teacher Paul Hollis by his side also ready for a wax, Dylan's friend Sarah Drenoska - who shaved her head - pulled the first wax strips off the pair to the sound of their squeals.

## fast lane

### Safety officers

Road safety will get a boost from the State Government with the promise to help fund road safety officers at Campbelltown Council. Campbelltown state Liberal MP Bryan Doyle announced last week the government would fund road safety officers in a bid to improve the region's roads.

### Rate rise opinion

As the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) considers Campbelltown Council's 11 per cent rate rise request, residents are encouraged to have their say. People can make submissions to IPART before March 24. Details: [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au).

### Top HSC artist

Art Gallery of NSW's ARTEXPRESS exhibition has announced its winners, with a Raby school student taking out one of the top prizes. Melissa Stenner, of Robert Townson High School, won a prestigious Julian Ashton Art School full scholarship for her piece which was featured in the HSC exhibition.

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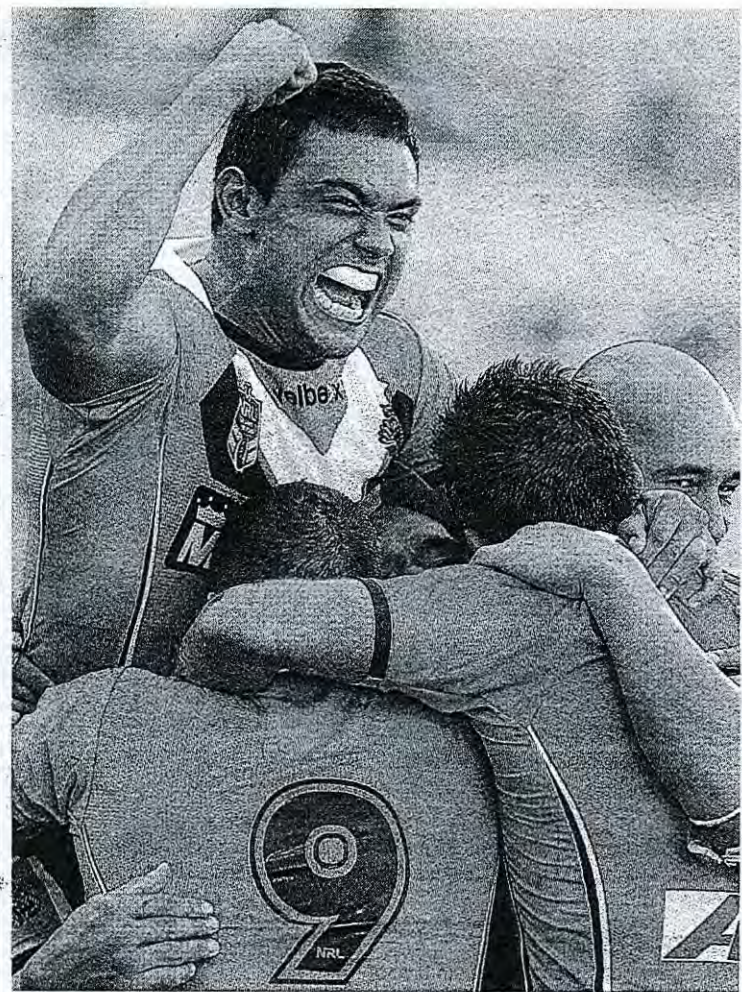
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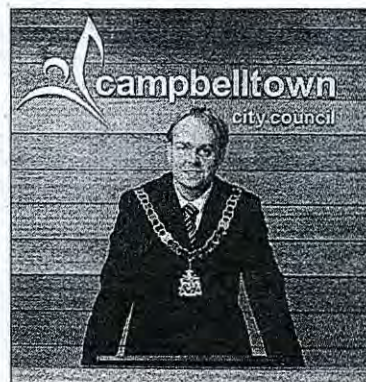
### Ruse boy has much to celebrate

After a disastrous start to the season, Wests Tigers have that winning feeling again. There was plenty to high-five and jump for joy about in the team's 42-12 thrashing of the Gold Coast Titans on Sunday afternoon. In all, the Tigers had seven try celebrations like the one pictured above that shows Ruse product David Nofaluma embracing his teammates.

■ For all the details see Tiger Talk in sport.

# Mead gag bid fails

The mayor will *not* be gagged from criticising his own council — as local debate continues over 11 per cent rate rise. **Jeff McGill** reports.



A LABOR attempt to stop mayor Clinton Mead (pictured) bagging Campbelltown Council failed at last week's meeting.

Cr Rudi Kolkman unsuccessfully moved a motion that the council's code of conduct be amended to insist that the mayor — as Campbelltown's civic leader — represent "the [majority] views of council".

Cr Mead has been in a very public war of words with his colleagues over a planned 11 per cent rate rise, preferring cuts to services instead.

This has created the strange scenario of the mayor being both the council's leader and its opposition leader.

Cr Mead has criticised his own council at public meetings, in the news media and online in social media and his personal blog.

The Labor motion said the mayor could still voice his opinions — but only as a councillor and "may not use the title of the mayor in any way in that process".

The mayor should also be the council's figurehead, Cr Kolkman said.

The motion won the support of independent Fred Borg, but was defeated

when several other independents, and the Liberal councillors, refused to support the motion.

Liberal Paul Hawker supported the rate rise but said he didn't agree with "gagging" Cr Mead.

"He is spokesperson for the council — but he doesn't have to be out

there saying things he doesn't believe in," Cr Hawker said.

Cr Bob Thompson (independent) said he also disagreed with the mayor — "but there's no way I can support this".

In defending his actions, Cr Mead delivered a long speech about taxation and the nation's debt burden, to which Cr Wal Glynn (Labor) asked to know Cr Mead's economic qualifications. A HSC economics course, the mayor replied.

Cr Thompson also expressed his anger at Labor councillors who he said had openly supported the need for a rate rise, then cynically voted against it in the chamber.

"The ALP knew the rate rise had enough support among councillors to be approved without them, so they voted against it — so they can tell voters at the next election that they opposed it," he said.

## Rate increase now being assessed

THE Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has begun assessment of Campbelltown Council's application to increase rates by 11 per cent from July 1.

As well as the rate peg for 2014-15 of 2.3 per cent, Campbelltown Council has applied for a special variation to increase general income by 11 per cent from July 1 — and to maintain this increase permanently.

IPART chairman Peter Boxall said assessment criteria would include demonstrating a need for, and the purpose of, the additional cash flow and evidence that local ratepayers were engaged and aware of the rate rise.

"They need to show that they have listened to the input they have received, weighed up

community concerns against alternatives to the increases sought, and that they have considered the impact on ratepayers," Dr Boxall said. "We are also weighing up the applications against the costs savings councils are making to reduce the need for increases above the rate peg."

IPART should make a determination in June, which will then come back to the council for a final vote.

**Local groups and ratepayers can still make submissions direct to IPART until Monday, March 24. Full details on the IPART website [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au) under Local Government, Fact Sheets & Information Papers.**

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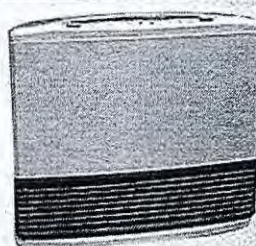
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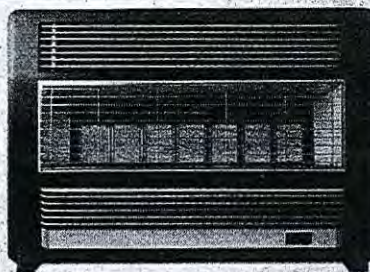


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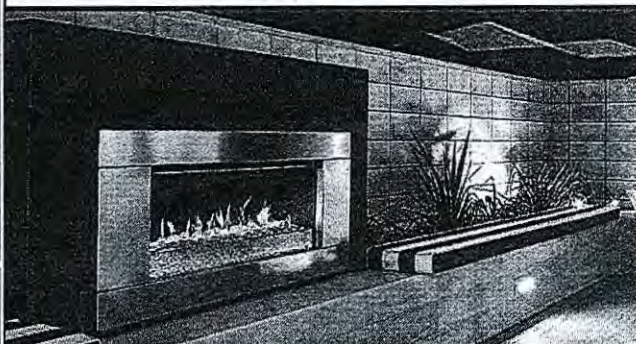


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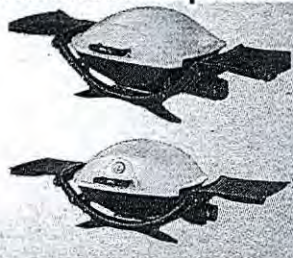
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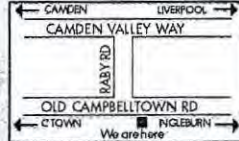
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## CAMPBELLTOWN

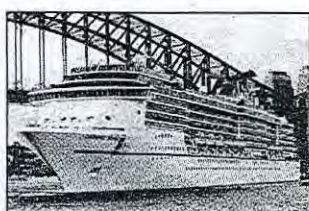
### Carnival's far from over for our region

➤ RUSE resident Damien Caldervank reckons he should be a spokesman for cruise holidays.

He has been on 12 in his lifetime – six since 2009 – joining the record 530-odd Campbelltown-region residents to hit the open waters aboard a Carnival cruise ship in the past year.

The Campbelltown region, which topped the list as the most cruise-crazed region in the country last year, is expected to keep its rank.

Mr Caldervank wasn't surprised to hear the region's residents were leading the way as the most frequent cruisers.



Carnival Cruises draws many Campbelltown people.

"Every cruise I've been on, you always find someone from Campbelltown or Ingleburn or from somewhere else in our region," he said.

"I just love cruises ... The whole thing of only having to unpack once and having everything at your reach is great."

## MINTO

### Mobile internet just got faster

➤ MINTO residents are the latest to enjoy the advantages of 4G, with the mobile coverage rolled out in the suburb this month.

The 4G coverage now reaches 85 per cent of the Australian population, giving faster mobile phone downloads.

Minto joins the suburbs of Campbelltown, Blair Athol, Bradbury, Englorie Park, Glen Alpine, Leumeah, Ruse and Woodbine, which received the 4G coverage in October.

Telstra Country Wide Illawarra area manager Pamela

**The new 4G service will offer faster download and upload speeds – a real plus**

– Pamela Georgiou

Georgiou said the new 4G service will offer faster download and upload speeds.

"The addition of 4G also benefits our 3G-only customers as 3G network capacity is freed up as customers migrate their data on to our 4G service."

## CAMPBELLTOWN

### Council refutes media reports regarding rates

➤ CAMPBELLTOWN Council has refuted Sydney media suggestions its rates are too high, claiming it compares well with similar local government areas.

A recent report pinned Campbelltown's average rate bill as \$817, comparing it to

the \$484 average for North Sydney and \$591 for Ku-ring-gai ratepayers.

Campbelltown Council acting general manager Michael Sewell said: "North Sydney is a small area with a lot of apartments, so the concentration allows for a

lower rate and in Ku-ring-gai ... half their rate is residential and the other half is a special-purpose rate which is not included in these figures.

"We compare relatively well with the councils in our groups and with our neighbouring councils as well."

## MACARTHUR REGION

### Happy couples to head to expo

➤ LOVE will be in the air when The Cube at Campbelltown Catholic Club hosts Select Wedding Services Macarthur's (SWSM) 2014 Wedding Expo on Sunday, February 9.

Couples will be able to access the Macarthur region's best wedding suppliers and services from 10am-2pm.

Services will include venues, florists, photographers, cakes, transport, makeup, accommodation and ceremony directors, to name a few.

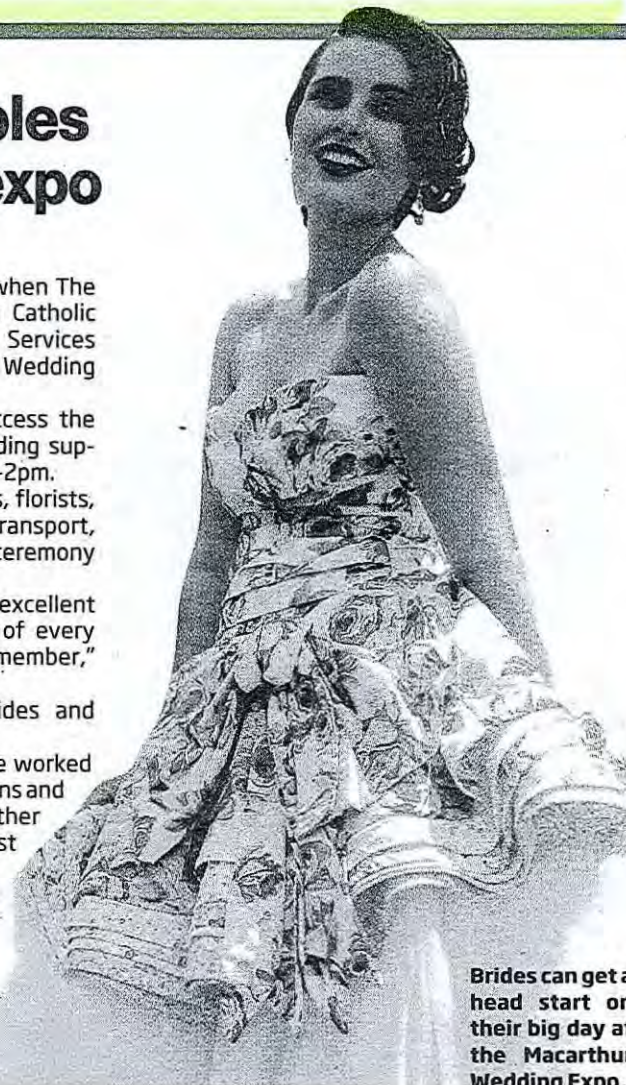
"Years of experience and excellent service underpin the values of every Select Wedding Services member," SWSM wrote on its website.

"Our aim is to direct brides and grooms to the right people.

"Many of our members have worked together on numerous occasions and will happily refer you to other members to provide the best service you will find in Macarthur."

The Cube is at 20-22 Camden Rd, Campbelltown.

For more details: [swwsm.com.au](http://swwsm.com.au) or phone 4655 5973.



Brides can get a head start on their big day at the Macarthur Wedding Expo.

## MINTO

### SES looking for more volunteers

➤ KEEN to make a difference and help others? Campbelltown SES may have an opportunity for you.

The unit is on the hunt for volunteers to join its ranks and will host an information session for people interested in becoming an SES volunteer on February 3 from 7.30pm, at its headquarters on the corner of Alderney St and Townson Ave, Minto.

For more, call 9603 1622 or visit [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au).

## MACQUARIE FIELDS

### Keep littlies cool at reopened pool

➤ TAKE the little ones for a dip to cool off in the hot weather at the newly refurbished Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre pool.

The pool was reopened two weeks ago in response to the recent hot weather.

A new kids' splash park, which is still under construction, will also be a highlight when completed.

Both the pool and splash park will be officially opened in February.

## VARROVILLE

### Plenty to eat and buy at markets

➤ HAVE morning tea or a barbecue feast as you browse the stalls at the Mount Carmel Community Markets and Car Boot Sale at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Varroville on Sunday, February 9, from 9am to noon.

The markets will have bric-a-brac, jewellery, clothing, craft pieces, baked goods and religious items. There will also be plants, handmade cards and toys.

## WORKS NEAR YOU – WHAT YOUR COUNCIL IS DOING

**AIRDS, Riverside Drive:** Council's works crews will do resurfacing works between Elizabeth Way and Davidson Place.

**CAMPBELLTOWN, King St:** Council crews will install new shade cloths at the Bicycle Educational and Road Safety Centre in King St.

**INGLEBURN, Williamson Rd:** The council works crews will reconstruct sections of kerb and gutter in the street this week.

**EAGLE VALE, Eagle Farm Reserve:** The council crews will complete installation of a viewing platform at the reserve.

**MACQUARIE FIELDS, Snow Gum St:** Road resurfacing works will be carried out in the street.  
■ Works subject to change

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## WEB CHAT

### Make Tigers academy happen in south-west Sydney: Mayer

This is a great idea. Just don't make it too expensive. Will schools be involved? When do you envisage this to begin? The Panjos building could easily house a gym and other training facilities. I like the idea of life skills also being taught. This will be of great benefit to the community. What can we do to help make this happen?

Posted: Nan Johnston

The Panjo site is perfect. And close to the stadium, too.

Posted: Drew Peacock

### One dead, two injured in crashes on Macarthur roads

If everyone just considered other road users then we might see change, but too many speed, ignore traffic lights and signs, and don't drive to the conditions.

Posted: David Connor

Wondering why the two people at the Gilchrist Drive accident were taken to Liverpool Hospital when Campbelltown Hospital was just down the road?

Posted: Leon

So sad. Campbelltown don't have a trauma team, whereas Liverpool do, that's why they were taken there.

Posted: Debbie Spek



**Protecting parkland:** Residents opposed to the creation of new housing on existing parks and reserves in Airds/Bradbury pictured at Baden Powell Reserve last year.

## Community wants green spaces

Re: Airds renewal decision time extended (January 15, edition).

I disagree that loss of green space is dividing the community. My research shows the community very much want to keep their green spaces and not see them used for low-cost and Housing Commission homes.

The divide is between the community and the council and NSW Housing and Landcom. Baden Powell Reserve, which is in Bradbury not Airds, was tacked on to the plan as an afterthought, with no consultation whatever, as a way of making more money.

Yes, use waste land or unwanted land, but let us keep our community asset for the people to use, for their mental health, and because green spaces lower violence, including domestic violence, and are needed by wildlife.

Why is our council so keen to turn Campbelltown into just another concrete jungle like most other Sydney suburbs? We are the First Green City - let's keep it that way.

Glenys Hierzer, Bradbury

## HAVE YOUR SAY

**The Advertiser welcomes letters to the editor. Please keep your letters to about 200 words and include a daytime phone number for clarification. Letters may be cut for space, clarity or legal reasons. Anonymous letters will not be published. Preference will be given to letters which allow publication of author's name and suburb.**

## Bus shelter needed

The Claymore/Blairmount bus shelter on Badgally Road was removed many months ago and has not been replaced.

To my knowledge there was nothing wrong with it. Council staff have said it would take time for the new bus shelter to be built and installed. I think locals of Claymore and Blairmount have withstood the elements at that bus stop for too long now. Enough is enough!

Leah McKenzie  
Blairmount

happened for at least the last three years.

It is very inconvenient for families, particularly with the school holidays and all the events happening around, such as the Sydney festival.

Perhaps the Advertiser could contact Sydney Trains for an answer and perhaps next year at least one of our lines could be left open.

David Toomer, Ingleburn

## Well done, Katey

Congratulations to Katey Shaw, another success story from Macquarie Fields.

Katey has been named as one of Australia's top 32 chefs and joins the likes of Soccerroo Brett Emmerton and Olympic Hockeyroo Alison Annan as a Macquarie Fields success story.

We have just received some of the top marks in the state in the HSC, we have the beautiful Simmos Beach, an upgraded shopping centre, a new triathlon track, a new fitness centre, and upgraded swimming pool.

I've bought my home on the back of beautiful bushland with friendly neighbours so I'm in no rush to "Get out".

Best of luck Katie, I'm sure you will go far and Macquarie Fields will have another reason to be very proud.

Lesley Woodland  
Macquarie Fields

## Rates inequity bit rich

There have been reports in the media that rich councils are receiving millions of dollars in federal assistance, enabling

wealthy residents to pay much lower rates than counterpart suburbs in western and south western Sydney. Sydney outskirt suburbs are reportedly paying double in rates compared with apartments in the affluent inner city.

Federal grant money is apparently denied to the neediest places, according to a recent NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel report.

I understand that rates are calculated on land value yet, residents with harbour views on property blocks worth \$1 million apparently pay an average of \$1000 a year on rates, while a \$230,000 property in Penrith is levied about \$957.

Maybe Campbelltown City Council can help us better understand the context to this serious inequity concern.

Dr Poobal Naidoo  
Blair Athol

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10th February 10.30am to 12pm FREE please book wilma@wilma.org.au (Light morning tea)  
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### Tuesday

### Meditation

Starts: 4th February cost \$5.00 per session 11.30am to 12.30pm

### Yoga

Starts: 3rd February cost \$10.00 per session 1pm to 2.30pm

### Relaxation Day

Satyananda  
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& Yoga Teacher

### Wednesday

### WILMA Walkers FREE

Join us for healthy regular morning walks starting from WILMA  
Starts: 5th February 8am to 9am

### Healthy Moves

Lifestyle and health improvements through physical activity and food choices including cooking demonstrations. Facilitated by our Naturopath runs for 6 weeks  
Starts: 5th February cost \$5.00 per session 10am to 12pm

### Thursday

### Living Beyond Abuse

Domestic Violence support group for Aboriginal Women at  
Baptist Community Services Lifecare. Contact 4624 8700

### Evening Yoga 2 Time Slots

Starts: 6th February cost \$10.00 per session 6pm & 7.30pm

### Friday

### Belly Dancing

Starts: 7th February cost \$10.00 per session 9.30am to 10.30am

### Information and Support Morning FREE

Starts: 7th February 9.30am to 11.30am

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