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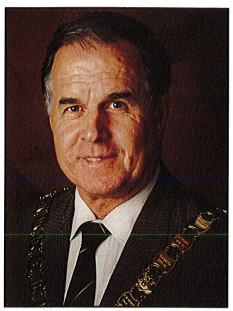
1990 has been a difficult year economically for Campbelltown City Council, as the recession has taken its toll on us, as much as on any organisation.

However, Council is thinking smarter and working to new initiatives in a bid to provide maximum services at minimum costs.

An example of this is the re-structuring of several departments to streamline operations and bring Council inline with modern management techniques, which create a stronger team of officers, capable of meeting the demands of Campbelltown's ratepayers, well into the future.

My Council during its term of office, has endeavoured to provide services not only for the majority of residents but for minority groups as well.

The environment has become the big issue on every level in the '90's as we are made aware of our responsibilities to future generations. It has certainly played an important part in this Council's policy decisions in providing more comprehensive recycling services, discouraging the use of organochlorine chemicals, reclaiming bushland areas from the degradation of urban encroachment, providing more



Mayor Ald. Jim Kremmer

areas of open space along the Georges River, and in general doing whatever we can to preserve and conserve the beautiful city of Campbelltown for the future.

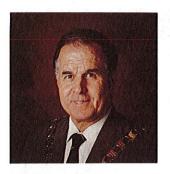
Major achievements by Council during the year have been the provision of the Educational Cycleway on Broughton Street, the first of its kind in the metropolitan area and the construction of a new Central Library on the corner of Hurley Street and Camden Road.

Other achievements have included major flood mitigation and drainage works, reconstruction of Railway Parade. Glenfield, the provision of playground equipment, a skateboard ramp and the upgrading of recreation areas.

The Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Nick Greiner M.P. has visited Campbelltown several times during the year in particular to open 1990's Festival of Fisher's Ghost which, with community participation goes from strength to strength and helps to identify the city as the exciting place to live, that we who live here, know it to be.

In closing, I would like on behalf of my Aldermanic colleagues and myself to wish all Campbelltonians a successful 1991 and assure you that your concerns are this Council's concerns and, working closely with Council staff, we will do our best to make sure that Campbelltown grows and prospers with the residents of the city, foremost in mind.

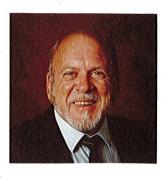
YOUR ELECTED COUNCIL



Mayor,
Alderman Jim Kremmer



Deputy Mayor, Alderman John Hennessey



Alderman Peter Bernard



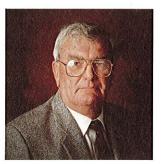
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Alderman Colin Broadbridge



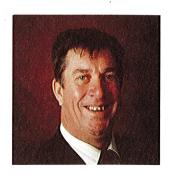
Alderman Richard Cerveny



Alderman Gordon Fetterplace



Alderman Chris Haviland



Alderman Arthur Hutchens

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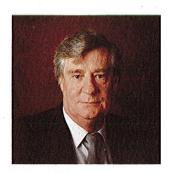
Alderman Jim Merry

Alderman Meg Oates

Alderman Bob O'Sullivan







Alderman Anne Penn

Alderman Peter Primose

Alderman Bryce Regan

HOW YOUR COUNCIL WORKS

Campbelltown City Council services the needs of the 144,000 people who live in the local government area of 303 square kilometres bounded by Glenfield in the north, Menangle Park in the south, the Scenic Hills in the west and the Georges River to the east.

Fifteen Aldermen sit on the Council which is elected every four years. In Campbelltown, each Alderman represents the entire City. The next election will take place on Saturday, 14 September, 1991.

Council sits on a Tuesday evening every three weeks. Prior to Council meetings, Inspections and Committee meetings are held in the two weeks leading up to Council meetings.

Arrangements may be made to address the Committee meetings on particular issues, and anyone may attend a full Council meeting. Full minutes and business papers are available to any interested member of the public, at the meetings.

SENIOR STAFF

Council is administered by the **TOWN CLERK**, Ian Porter, and comprises six departments; Corporate Services, Property, Engineering Services, City Planning and Community Development, Health and Building, and Library Services. Each department is divided into various sections devoted to providing specialised services.





Senior Staff

Standing: Geoff Fowler, Barry Daley, Paul Tosi, Malcolm Britton, Denis Moore.
Seated: Bob Webster, Ian Porter, Raewyn Kydd.

The CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT is managed by the Director Corporate Services, Malcolm Britton. This department's responsibilities are to ensure the smooth operation of the Council both in the administration and financial management areas. The Information Services and Personnel Sections are also attached to the Corporate Services Department.

The **PROPERTY DEPARTMENT** directed by Paul Tosi, Director Property and Development, has a wide range of functions including property acquisition, building construction and maintenance, property management and the supervision of various halls, sports centres and development activities.

The ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT is Council's largest department. Geoff Fowler is the Director Engineering Services and has five managers reporting to him in the areas of Engineering Administration, Engineering Development and Engineering Design, Works and Parks. Their many responsibilities include the construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, drainage areas, parks and gardens and sports fields.

CITY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT falls under the direction of the Director Planning & Community Development, Denis Moore. The future planning of the city is the main area of responsibility of this department which includes in this task land zonings, sub division and land use consents.

The Community Development section of this department is the Council's public planning arm which liaises with many community groups, Government departments and individuals in providing services in the areas of child and youth welfare, aged, disabled and migrant services as well as public access to the arts.

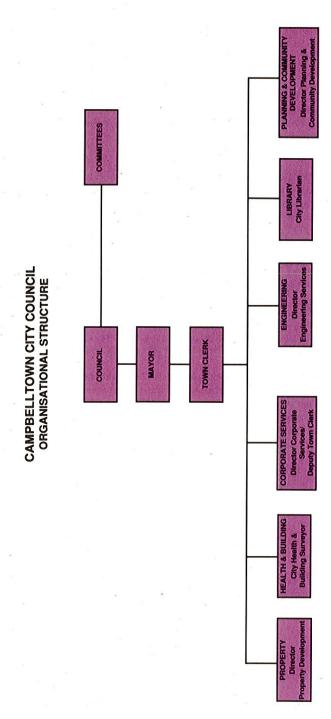
The **HEALTH AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT** is managed by the City Health and Building Surveyor, Bob Webster. This Council department is responsible for public health, including immunisation clinics, baby health centres, ensuring building regulations are complied, with the provision of garbage and recycling services and the operation of the animal pound, swimming pools and garbage tips.

LIBRARY SERVICES is under the direction of City Librarian, Mrs Raewyn Kydd. As well as the main Campbelltown library, the H.J. Daley Library, there are three branch libraries at Minto, Ingleburn and Glenquarie and a mobile book service which visits nursing homes, retirement centres and housebound residents.

The Library offers many services besides book lending, including children's activities, local history information and genealogy. As well as library services, the City Librarian is also responsible for the running of the Campbelltown Bicentennial Art Gallery.

The PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION of Council, which also serves as the Secretariat to the City of Campbelltown Fisher's Ghost Association and the Sister Cities Association, reports directly to the Town Clerk.





PROPERTY

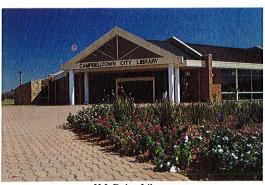
In the last year the activities of the Property Department have continued satisfactorily. The building construction and building maintenance programmes have been completed on time and within budgets set by Council.

Council's investment activities have ensured appropriate financial returns, a large proportion of which are channelled into the provision of more community facilities.

Construction of the new H.J. Daley Library located at the intersection of Camden Road and Hurley Street has been completed and the building was officially opened on 23rd March, 1991. The building replaces the existing H.J. Daley Library which was constructed in 1973.



Woodbine Neighbourhood Centre



H.J. Daley Library

It is intended that the building formerly housing the library will be converted to an aged persons resource centre which will include accommodation for the Campbelltown Senior Citizens Centre and other services to cater for the needs of aged residents of the Campbelltown community. Conversion of this building will be completed in the latter part of 1991.

Construction of the Decked Car Park located on the existing car parking site at the intersection of Cordeaux Street and Moore/Oxley By-pass was planned to commence in early 1991 with a completion date of Stage 1 later that year.

Stage 1 will provide 400 car parking spaces. Ultimately the building will consist of four levels and will form the first of Council's decked car parking programme which will eventually extend throughout the Central Business District.



A community facility at Eaglevale will be commenced in August, 1991. The centre will be located on a site in Emerald Drive in Eaglevale and will comprise a heated indoor pool and an indoor recreation facility for the use of all residents in Campbelltown's western area.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

The growth of Campbelltown has continued at a high rate, although not with quite with the same impetuous as in previous years.

There was still a good demand for housing throughout 1990 with growth of the major residential subdivisions in the suburbs of Rosemeadow, St Helens Park, Bow Bowing and Glen Alpine, continuing.

A total of 734 housing allotments and 459 strata allotments were created during the year.



Glen Alpine Residential Estate

Several major industrial developments including Bradford Insulation, Aerosols of Australia, Karam Shoes, Bonds Warehouse and distribution centre and Cubico

Minto Industrial Estate

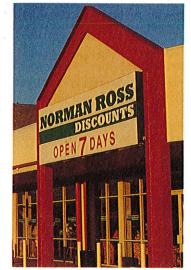
ds Warehouse and distribution centre and Cubico Transport were completed in the year, creating 400 new employment opportunities.

Due to rezonings further development has occurred in the area of bulky goods retail. Areas to have been developed recently are in Campbelltown on Leumeah and Blaxland Roads, and in Minto on the corner of Redfern and Campbelltown Roads.

The demand for industrial land during the year has been high, although it has slowed down from previous years, reflecting the prevailing economic climate.

During 1990 Council embarked upon a review of its residential development policy, with an emphasis on the medium density housing section. The review is being undertaken by a consultant and has involved community participation during the year. Several information days were held at Campbelltown and Ingleburn shopping centres, a questionnaire was sent to a large number of selected residents in the City area, and advertisements placed in the local press, inviting submissions from interested parties, in order to fully involve the community. The review is into its final stage and will be presented to Council during the middle of 1991.

In the plan making area, major work has been carried out on Macquarie Fields House rezoning proposal. This rezoning, concerned land owned by the State Government and declared surplus to its needs. Expressions of interest from potential purchasers of this land were sought, and a response accepted, conditional on the land being rezoned to permit a comprehensive development, involving a hotel/convention centre, golf course and management training facility.



Bulky Goods Retail Area

Council initiated a planning process to achieve the applicant's objective, together with Council's objective of having the land fulfil the role of a non-urban break between the City of Liverpool and Campbelltown. The local environmental plan which incorporates the appropriate development guidelines for the site has been gazetted in early 1991.

The local environmental plan for Menangle Park was prepared and placed on public exhibition. There was great interest from the existing residents of the village area, and in this regard a report on the submissions will be considered early in 1991 by Council, with the proposed plan being finalised later in the year.

During 1990, Council also commenced the preparation of a consolidated planning instrument for the urban area's of the City, the aim of which was to bring together all the planning controls applying to those areas.

Consultants were appointed and are presently preparing the first stage of the plan making process, i.e. gathering the data and preparing options for a draft planning instrument. Further stages in this plan making process will continue in 1991.

There has been considerable liaison with the Department of Planning, regarding the preparation of the regional environmental study for the South Macarthur area. A range of work on various issues throughout this area, including mineral resources, transport, human services, water quality, urban design and open space, drainage, centres and employment, was completed and will form the basis of the regional environmental study which it is proposed to exhibit in April, 1991.

The State Government did advise at the end of 1990 that development of this area would be deferred until further studies in the areas of water quality, mineral resources and air quality had been completed.

Due to the rapid increase in population and activity over the past years, the volume and demand for land information has grown continually. To meet these demands in a cost effective manner, the Planning Department is constantly developing its property and mapping information systems. 1990 was a year of significant progress in the development of these systems. Council now has an information base which allows an enquiry to be made from a map displayed at a computer terminal. Information such as land ownership, zoning, building and development application details can be accessed in this way. Such access to quality information in the Land Information Data Base provides tremendous benefits for Council and the community in the future.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In 1989 the Management Review recommended that steps be taken by Council to establish effective management of Council's Child Care Services. The decision was taken during 1990 to employ a Supervisor - Children's Services, and at the end of the year the position was provided for in the 1991 budget.

Community Consultations

The process of community consultation has been identified as essential if community needs are to be adequately addressed in the planning and development of facilities and human services.

Community consultations have been an essential part of the Area Assistance Scheme processes. Six consultations conducted in various districts of the LocaL Government Area (L.G.A.) provided opportunity for residents and organisations to identify issues for consideration in future planning and service/facility needs in the area.

The Community Services co-ordinator has created opportunities for various networks to be established and be involved in consultative processes. These have included:

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Migrant Services - establishment of the Campbelltown Multi-Cultural Centre, involving a range of ethnic groups; representation of Council and migrant organisations' interests in the Liverpool Migrant Resource Centres' Management Committee; the establishment of the Migrant Services Network.

Home And Community Care (H.A.C.C.) Forum - resourcing and chairing the forum in its review of existing services and advocacy of service/facility needs.

Community Information - re-forming the Information Services Network, and creating the opportunity for more effective use of the Women's Rest Centre by the establishment of the Community Information Service, with a Council employed Supervisor and a Community Consultative committee to review the operation.

The Community Arts Officer has also created some opportunities for community consultation, leading to some development projects eg: Women's Creative Writing Group at Glenquarie.



Children's Services

The year has seen more stability in staff, with all centres being fully staffed and little turnover during the year.

The Occasional Care Centre, in Boots Lane, Ingleburn was opened in March, and while limited to 4 days per week, the service is regularly booked to its limits.



Broughton Street Family Day Care Centre

The Children's Services Co-ordinator placed emphasis on networking among community based, private and Council Services; on in-service training for Council staff; and community involvement in service direction, for example in parent action for the establishment of a new Out of School Hours Care Programme at Rosemeadow.

Vacation Activities/Care Programmes

Change in the arrangements for Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing sponsored Vacation Activities Centres have created some conflicts of interest for Council, where the priority is to provide activity centres for the children of working parents. Concerns which were identified in 1990 have been shown to be justified in the first vacation period in 1991.

Care Centres, operated by Council and subsided by the Department of Family and Community Services, have operated effectively during the year.



Community Arts

As usual the Community Arts Officer has found that much time and effort must be given to the funding processes, to attract support from Australia Council, State Ministry of the Arts and Council, so that a variety of Arts Projects are available for community participation.

These have resulted in projects such as: Graffiti Art, Community Silk Screen Training at Tharawal; the Multicultural Arts Development Projects; and Youth Theatre groups.

The Community Arts Officer has also contributed to the development of the Regional Art Co-ordination programme.

Youth Services Co-ordination

The Youth Services Co-ordinator has given particular attention to the development of a Youth Centres Support Team, to encourage communication and sharing of resources among the eight youth workers in youth centres in Campbelltown.



Mural at Minto Youth Centre

A major project during the year was the "Stay In Control - Rage On Healthy Highs Campaign", which aimed at providing alternatives to drug and alcohol abuse amongst adolescents.

The Youth Services Co-ordinator has acted in a resource role for a number of committees engaged in the youth services/youth emergency accommodation or youth development field.



Community Information

After being without a centrally located Community Information Centre for a number of years, 1990 saw the establishment of an Information Service within the Women's Rest Centre. A Supervisor for the new Community Information/Rest Centre was appointed and a Community Consultative Committee established. A comprehensive workplan for the service has been established.

COUNCIL'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME	1988 PERC	ENTAGE	1989 PERC	ENTAGE	1990 PERC	ENTAGE	1991 PERC	ENTAGE
Rates	\$18,661	32.2%	\$21,323	32.7%	\$23,978	35.4%	\$26,083	39.4%
Grants	\$9,644	16.6%	\$11,622	17.8%	\$10,905	16.1%	\$10,410	15.7%
Loans Borrowed	\$5,618	9.7%	\$5,005	7.7%	\$5,407	8.0%	\$4,100	6.2%
Reserves Utilised	\$5,392	9.3%	\$4,210	6.5%	\$4,530	6.7%	\$1,850	2.8%
Fees & Contributions	\$11,206	19.3%	\$10,921	16.7%	\$12,716	18.8%	\$11,700	17.7%
Investor Investments	\$1,834	3.2%	\$3,587	5.5%	\$3,662	5.4%	\$3,030	4.6%
Assets Sold	\$3,553	6.1%	\$1,438	2.2%	\$1,576	2.3%	\$1,148	1.7%
Other Income	\$2,052	3.5%	\$7,164	11.0%	\$4,928	7.3%	\$7,843	11.9%
TOTAL	\$57,950	100.0%	\$65,270	100.0%	\$67,702	100.0%	\$66,164	100.0%

EXPENDITURE	1988 PERCE	NTAGE	1989 PERC	ENTAGE	1990 PERC	ENTAGE	1991 PERC	ENTAGE
Administration	\$5,822	10.0%	\$6,021	9.3%	\$6,667	9.9%	\$7,185	10.8%
Health & Welfare	\$5,615	9.7%	\$6,247	9.6%	\$7,176	10.6%	\$8,666	13.0%
Public Works	\$11,956	20.6%	\$12,671	19.6%	\$12,058	17.8%	\$12,043	18.1%
Recreation & Culture	\$6,177	10.7%	\$7,165	11.1%	\$8,513	12.6%	\$8,066	12.1%
Public & Community	\$3,620	6.2%	\$5,499	8.5%	\$4,495	6.6%	\$4,080	6.1%
Economic & Unclassified	\$8,075	13.9%	\$8,420	13.0%	. \$8,755	12.9%	\$1,847	2.8%
Assets Purchased	\$8,738	15.1%	\$7,866	12.1%	\$8,957	13.2%	\$8,014	12.0%
Loan Redemption	\$2,719	4.7%	\$3,394	5.2%	\$3,747	5.5%	\$10,001	15.0%
Other	\$5,228	9.0%	\$7,510	11.6%	\$7,314	10.8%	\$6,638	10.0%
TOTAL	\$57,950 1	00.0%	\$64,793	100.0%	\$67,682	100.0%	\$66,540	100.0%

WORKING FUNDS

Balance 1/1/91		\$2,014,000
Budgeted Deficit For Year		\$376,000
Estimated Balance 31/12/91	15	\$1,638,000

Factors Affecting Council's Finance and Rating

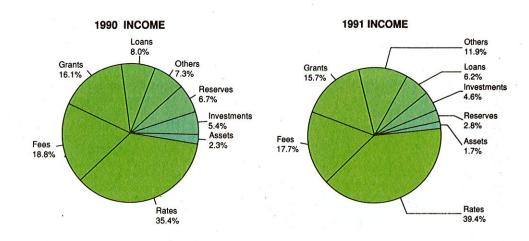
Local Government authorities in Australia have generally similar responsibilities but they also exhibit great diversity of population, area and available revenue and its fragmentary structure, works against its capacity to meet the growing needs of modern society.

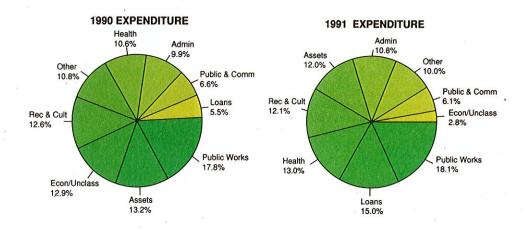
To satisfactorily meet these needs, and in order to overcome basic services and financial problems, other levels of Government are required to become increasingly responsible for the transfer of resources to Local Government. Unfortunately, this requirement is not being met, and the reverse is happening. More responsibilities are being placed on Local Government and other levels of Government are withdrawing resources as they are endeavouring to contain their own expenditure.

In theory, funds provided by other levels of Government, should be sufficient to meet the expenditure of agency functions carried out on behalf of those other levels, and to meet their financial delegations in relation to shared functions.

User charges should fund the provision of services, and other functions of Local Government will be financed mainly from the proceeds of rates and other supplementary income.

If there is one general statement that can be made about Local Government, it is that local authorities everywhere in Australia are short of money. Short in the sense that there are insufficient funds to carry out all the activities which a progressive Council like Campbelltown would like to carry out. However, this situation is not limited to Local Government, it is a general economic truism that resources are limited and wants are unlimited and all sectors of Government are subject to these pressures.





ENGINEERING

Engineering works carried out in 1990 consisted of Major Road Construction, Minor Road Construction, Flood Mitigation Works, Major Drainage Works, Minor Works, Footpath Construction, Major Parks Construction and Minor Parks Construction.

Major Road Construction consisted of major works on the Harold Street connection, further road works at two locations on Raby Road, the extension of Chester Road and the reconstruction of Railway Parade through the Glenfield Shopping Centre.

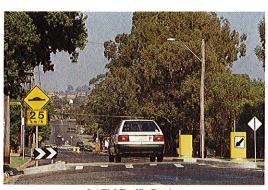


Raby Road Roundabout

Park were also made.

The Minor Works Construction Programme involved the construction of a section of Victoria Road, Macquarie Fields Drainage at Edgar Street, further LATM treatment for Ingleburn at Albert Street and LATM devices for Minto and in Lindsey Street at Campbelltown. Shoulder construction was carried out in Pembroke Road adjacent to Smiths Creek and shoulder construction and footpath construction was carried out for Broughton Street, adjacent to Smiths Creek. Modifications to the inlet structure in Koshigaya

Local Road Construction involved the completion of Oxford Road, Fields Road and the completion of further traffic control devices specified in the Campbelltown Local Area Traffic Management scheme (LATM). Rural construction was carried out in Groves and Derby Street.



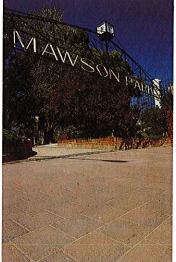
LATM Traffic Device Lindesay Street, Campbelltown

The Major Flood Mitigation Work carried out in 1990 consisted of a further extension of the concrete lined section of Bow Bowing Creek, upstream of Badgally Road.

Major Drainage works consisted of an extension to the inlet structure on Rudd Road of the Campbelltown North Drain and the completion of the low flow section of Glenquarie Main Drain immediately downstream of Harold Street.



Flood Mitigation Works **Badgally Road**



Footpath Construction Queen Street

A programme of footpaving construction at various locations throughout the city area to the value of \$200,000, was executed.

A considerable programme of pedestrian refuge construction was carried out during the year to give improved safety to pedestrians throughout the city area.

The Major Parks Programme involved the provision of field lighting at Blinman Park and the provision of a field watering system at Thomas Acres Fields. Seating was provided on the eastern side of Worrell Park and a skateboard bowl was constructed at St Andrews.



Simmo's Beach on Georges River Macquarie Fields



Grassed Floodway for intense storms east of Koshigaya Park

The **Minor Parks Programme** involved the erection of eleven sets of playground equipment, and fencing at various reserves.

HEALTH & BUILDING

The Health & Building Department had a busy year in 1990 with many innovations being introduced particularly in regard to environmental issues.

Building Control

In the area of Building Control during 1990 there were 3,468 building applications approved by Council. These ranged from large commercial and industrial developments to small additions and included 831 new dwellings. This work involved 22,741 inspections and the estimated value of the buildings totalled some \$161 million. The work of Council's Environmental Health & Building Surveyors in this area helps to ensure the structural adequacy of buildings both new and old and protects the health and safety of the people of Campbelltown.



Health & Building Surveyor inspecting new building

An added responsibility of Council which took effect in September 1990 is the supervision of Theatres and Public Halls Regulations and the Liquor (Entertainment) Regulations. These two pieces of legislation have effectively been combined to form Regulations concerning "Places of Public Entertainment". Having regard for the expertise of Environmental Health and Building Surveyors in matters such as structural soundness, fire safety, convenience in terms of safety, lighting and ventilation, it was a logical step for this work to be carried out by Council. Public Halls, Clubs, Hotels, night clubs and some restaurants will be involved in this process.

Knowing of the dangers of organochlorine chemicals to human health and the environment, Council has resolved to

allow and encourage the use of alternate means of protecting buildings from attack by subterranean termites. Council Health & Building Department holds information on this which it make readily available to any interested party.

Waste Disposal

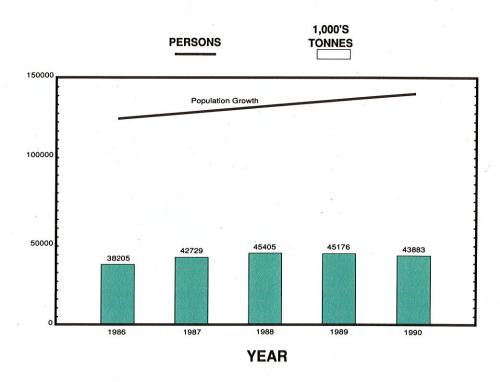
A new waste collection service and a recycling service were commenced in 1990. Both have been well received and in January 1991, the recycling service was improved to provide a WEEKLY collection on the same day as garbage service. Until this time, the recycling service, was only available on a monthly basis.

For the first time in many years, there was a decrease in the amount of garbage collected by Council of some 1293 tonnes. As our population is continuing to grow this reduction is most pleasing. It is felt that the 660 tonnes of recycled paper, the 360 tonnes of recycled glass and the 32 tonnes of recycled P.E.T. plastic drink bottles contributed greatly to the reduction. Residents are to be congratulated in their response to the recycling service and with the added convenience of the weekly service, it is hoped that those figures can be greatly improved upon in 1991.



Weekly Recyclable Materials collection

DOMESTIC WASTE DISPOSAL CAMPBELLTOWN





Environmental Initiative

With a high level of concern for the environment in all it's decisions, Council has requested that the Health & Building Department co-ordinate a Public Seminar on environmental issues. Particular emphasis will be given to steps that individuals can take to help the environment including the benefits of composting, recycling and the use of alternatives to chemicals in the home and garden. The Seminar will be well publicised and will take place later in 1991.

Health Promotion

For some years, Council has employed a specialist Health Promotion Officer in the Health & Building Department. This was an innovative step for Local Government and the success achieved to date shows the benefits of this decision. A comprehensive resource catalogue has been developed and the 6th edition was released in March 1991. The catalogue includes both audio visual and non audio visual material which is widely used by schools, community groups and individuals. In 1990, some 1046 bookings were made for this material reaching an audience of 23,816.

Food & Health Surveillance

There is a wide variety of food dispensing premises throughout the City. Council's Health & Building Department carries out a programme of regular inspection of the 425 registered premises. Licensing for a range of other premises including hairdressers, beauticians, kennels and stables is also required, and in 1990 these premises numbered 161. Over 6,000 general health and food related inspections were made throughout the year. Additional emphasis will be given to food premises in 1991 with more inspections taking place on a regular basis.



Health Promotion Material available for loan

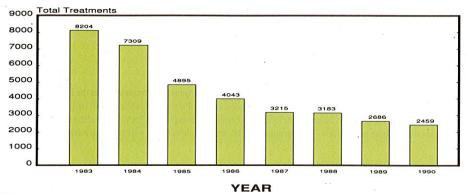
Immunisation

There is continual promotion of Council operated immunisation services at seven locations within the City; Campbelltown, Minto, Ambarvale, Macquarie Fields, Ingleburn, Eaglevale and Airds. Localised promotion in 1990 saw an increase in usage of the Minto and Ambarvale facilities and in 1991 further promotion will be carried out to increase usage of the Macquarie Fields service.

Council is in regular contact with local G.P.'s to determine any shortfalls in an overall immunisation programme for the city. Since medical centres began using the bulk billing service for child immunisation in 1984 there has been a steady decline in patronage of the Council service.

However a survey will be conducted in 1991 to determine if the community level of immunisation is satisfactory overall.

TOTAL IMMUNISATION TREATMENTS PER YEAR



LIBRARY SERVICES

Campbelltown City Library Service experienced an exciting year of growth and expansion in 1990. The highlight of the year was the completion of the H.J. Daley Central Library and the successful relocation of services to the new building.

Despite the closure of the central library for four weeks in December, loans for the year increased by more than 24,00 and totalled over 710,000. Membership topped 88,000 or 61% of the population.

The library is not just in the business of lending books and joining members, people from all walks of life visit the library to use its resources and facilities. In 1990 information requests increased by nearly 10% to 12,700 whilst over 17,600 items were reserved for borrowers.

1990 was International Literary Year (I.L.Y.) and Campbelltown City Library Service established an I.L.Y. network, conducted a successful poetry



H.J. Daley Library

reading evening and consolidated the special "Green Go Ahead" Literacy Collection at each branch.

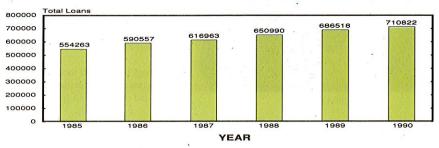
Promotion of books and reading to children is an important function of a public library. Campbelltown has established a reputation for quality activities designed to enrich both parents and children's lives through reading. Storytimes, craft activities and quality films and videos based on books have been used regularly by the Children's Librarian and assistants.

Library extension activities included workshops on topics as diverse as puppetry, writing and deaf awareness; talks on local heritage, Aboriginal culture, reading books to children and research skills; demonstrations of how to use the library to school children, groups from T.A.F.E., Mission Employment, Skillshare and senior citizens; CD ROM demonstration to Chamber of Commerce representatives and community groups.

The Library also took the opportunity to bring many aged and disabled readers who are members of the Special Services Unit and Housebound Services, to the library for morning tea and inspection of the library as a Focus On Ageing week event.

Campbelltown City Library Service has once again provided the community with quality informational, educational and recreational resources and services that they have come to expect. With improved facilities at the H.J. Daley Central Library, the community should be able to look forward to even bigger and better things in 1991.

CAMPBELLTOWN LIBRARY SERVICE YEARLY LOANS STATISTICS



CAMPBELLTOWN CITY BICENTENNIAL ART GALLERY

Campbelltown City Bicentennial Art Gallery has again provided an outstanding exhibition programme during 1990.

One of the highlights was the Ken Done Painting Exhibition which proved to be as popular as his well known designs.

The largest exhibition ever mounted, comprising over 680 artworks, was for the Festival of Fisher's Ghost Art Exhibition which was seen by the biggest monthly Gallery audience of the year, 3,550 people. A contributing factor to the outstanding success of this popular exhibition was the continued support of a number of local sponsors.

The Gallery is fortunate to receive substantial support from the Friends volunteer group, whose assistance enabled the acquisition of several new art works. One of the most appropriate choices was the popular portrait of Claire St Claire, President of the Friends, painted by local artist Dave Thomas. This painting provides a permanent tribute to a remarkably dedicated woman.

The Friends have also assisted in the employment of a Ceramic Artist in the Community, who has visited schools and community groups demonstrating his talents and encouraging others, to work in clay.



Dave Thomas' portrait of Claire St Claire, President of the Friends

Workshop programmes held at the Gallery have continued to draw new students. Each workshop programme has had a new art or craft course added to it to compliment the range of classes already available to adults, children and family groups. Classes currently on offer include creative knitting, portrait and figure drawing, printmaking, clay sculpture, painting, puppet making and patchwork quilting.



Ceramics on display

The 1991 Art Gallery programme will include more than twenty temporary exhibitions featuring a wide variety of art and craft forms. The main attractions are anticipated to be Art Express, the exhibition of major works of Year 12 students; contemporary Spanish photography complemented by the Friends evening of Spanish music, food and dancing; sculptures by noted Australian artist Joan Brassil as well as the display by local artists in the annual Festival of Fisher's Ghost Art Exhibition.

Workshops in 1991 will focus on children, with classes planned specifically for child care groups and children of all ages.

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