

Campbelltown Cool Spaces for Summer 2023/2024 Trial

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Presentation Outline



Explain what a cool space is and why they are important



Summarise the process and learnings of the Campbelltown City Council:

1. Cool Refuge Investigation Project
2. Cool Spaces Activation Trial



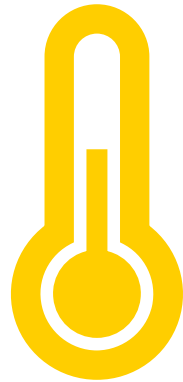
Answer any questions you have about running cool spaces

Why this project?

The death toll from heatwaves in Australia has exceeded that for any other environmental disaster, including floods, bushfires and cyclones, and the same is true for Europe and the USA.

To support the health and wellbeing of our Community we need to think about how we can help people keep cool on hot days and during heatwaves.

What is a Cool Space?

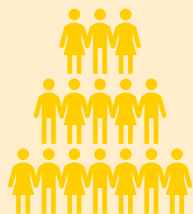


A cool space is an indoor airconditioned space that has been designated as a site to provide respite to people during extreme heat



They are intended to reduce the risks of extreme heat to vulnerable people, especially those who do not have access to air conditioning

Phase 1 – The Action Plan



Co-design approach - develop/design something of value to the Community, with the Community

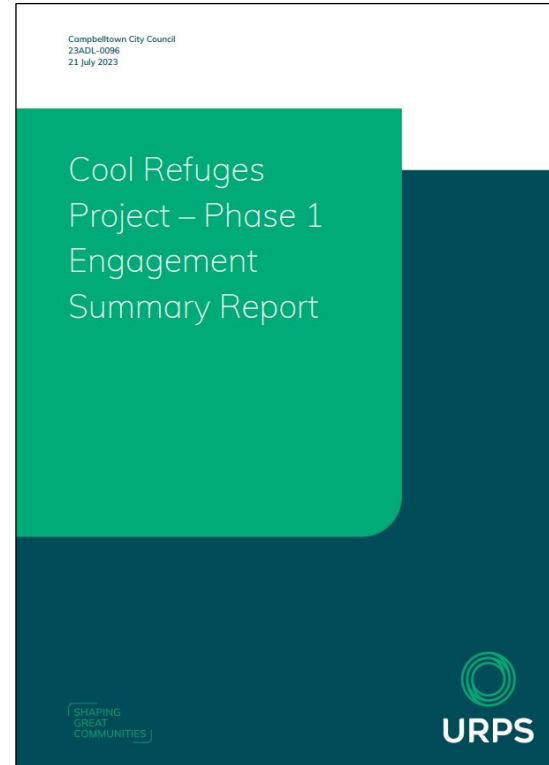
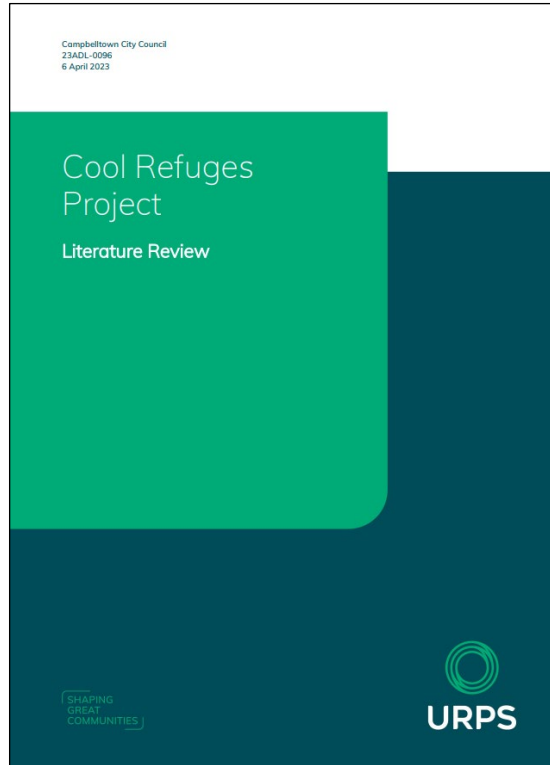



Focused on more vulnerable members of the Community



Iterative process - check point early on in project to reflect on initial findings and to decide on direction of project

Phase 1 – Outputs

Cool Spaces Pilot Project – Details

The following details will need to be determined in order to run a successful cool spaces pilot project. This information will inform many of the actions in the Action Plan and Pilot Project Plan.

Venues

A range of council venues were identified as possible locations for cool spaces. Advantages and disadvantages of each venue are summarised below. This table should be used to select at which venues the pilot project will be held in.

Council have identified that the Campbelltown Library, the ARC and the Function Centre will be the venues for the 2024 pilot project, dependent on grant funding.

Trigger type	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages
Campbelltown Library	Public library run by Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already used as a cool space. Meets most cool space criteria already including regular staffing, entertainment options and seating. Always has areas available to the public. Has solar panels. Additional staff can be rostered if required with several days notice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already used as a cool space – formalising this may be of limited benefit. May reach capacity on hot days. Short regular opening hours on the weekends. No battery or backup generator.
The ARC Campbelltown	Modern recreation facility offering a wide range of fitness amenities, aquatic activities, and recreational programs for the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already used as a cool space. Staffed full time, with staff trained in responding to heat stress. Long regular opening hours. Always has areas available to the public. Has solar panels. Community creche area is always free after 12pm and is well set up for use as a community space. Some activities for older people are cancelled on hot days and these spaces could be used as cool spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already used as a cool space – formalising this may be of limited benefit. May reach capacity. Some changes/arrangements would be required to make this suitable as a cool space, including more public seating areas, entertainment options etc. Access to pool and courts requires payment. Air conditioning not highly effective in pool and café areas. Some areas are prebooked. Car parking is limited.

We acknowledge the Kaurna People as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

SHAPING GREAT COMMUNITIES

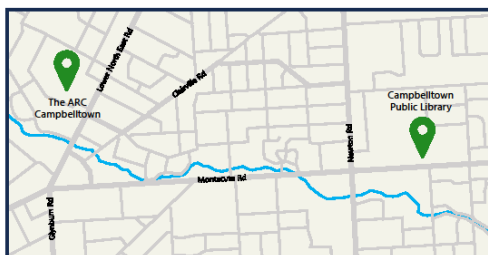
Phase 2 – The Trial

Aim	Activation	Preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test effectiveness of cool spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ran trial at Library and Recreation Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tools: Checklist, observation sheet, feedback form.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve future cool space delivery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activated cool spaces during extreme/severe heatwaves.• Spaces operational for up to 3 days per activation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff training: Heat illness recognition, first aid.• Risk management plan.• Staff roster for extended hours.

Phase 2 – Communications Plan

Let's beat the heat together!

Cool Spaces Locations



Where to find us:

[The ARC Campbelltown](#)

531 Lower North East Rd,
Campbelltown

[Campbelltown Public Library](#)

171 Montacute Rd,
Newton

Find out more at:

www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/services/health-and-safety/cool-spaces-for-summer

Register for updates here:



Did you know?



**WE'RE PART OF THE
COOL SPACES FOR
SUMMER PROJECT!**

Come cool down with us and beat the heat!

REGISTER HERE FOR
UPDATES



SCAN HERE FOR MORE
INFORMATION



*Need a lift? No sweat! For transport related
enquiries, please call 8366 9214.*

**Let's beat the heat!
Cool down with us**



Council will be trialling the activation of dedicated cool spaces for the community during heatwaves, between 26 February and 30 March 2024. Spaces include **Campbelltown Library** and **The ARC Campbelltown** where air conditioning, water and activities will be available.



**Register for notifications to stay
updated about when they will be
activated.**

www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/coolspaces

If you require transport assistance or wheelchair access, please let us know during the registration process.



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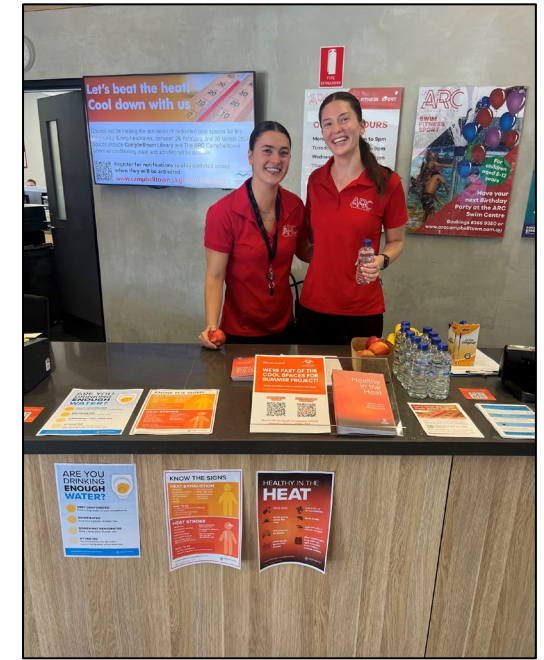
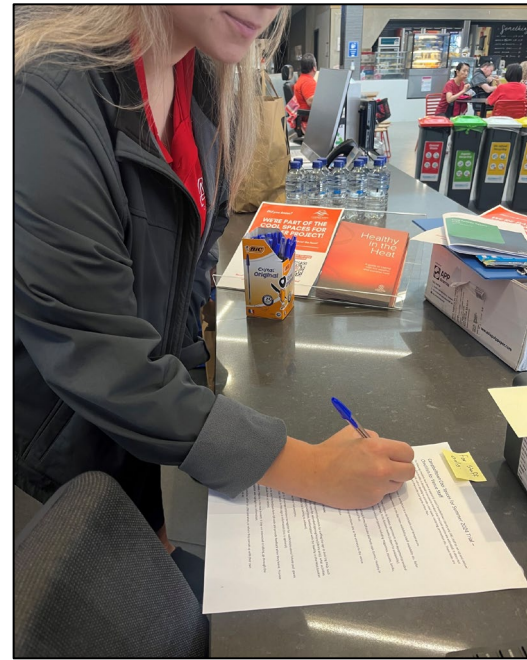
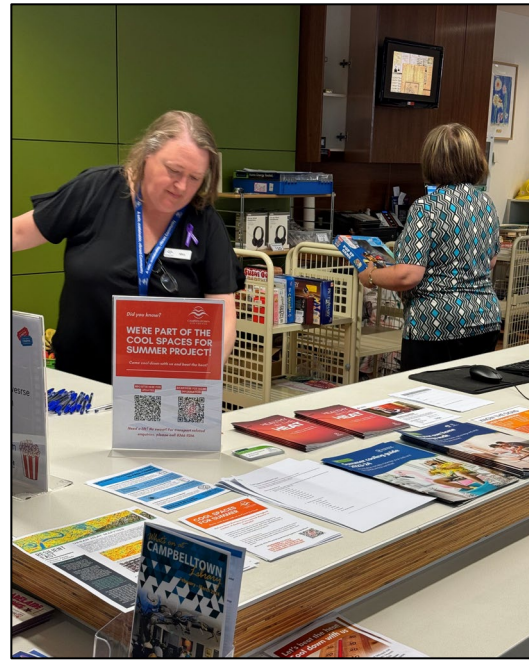
**COOL SPACES FOR
SUMMER**

Come cool down with us and beat the heat!

OPEN LONGER HOURS!

*Friday 8 March - 9:30am - 8:00pm
Saturday 9 March - 9:30am - 7:00pm
Sunday 10 March - 11:00am - 7:00pm*

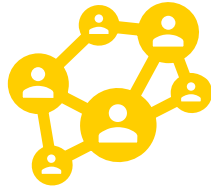
Phase 2 – What Happened During the Trial?



Key Learnings



Activation of cool spaces showed they are a great way to support the Community and help people stay cool



Being at places that are known and already visited by the community work well

Mix of people who attended for the Cool Spaces for Summer activation and people who attended who were not necessarily there due to awareness of the activation but were seeking somewhere known and cool to go.

Reinforces role of existing spaces that are set up well and can cater to increased numbers and extended opening hours on hot days is important.



Preparation and promotion is key