13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Glynn referred to a stone memorial cairn located on the F5/M5 which the surrounding area is currently overgrown and inaccessible to members of the public. Councillor Glynn asked the Director City Works if he could investigate the history of the cairn with a view to its possible relocation to a more accessible area. Councillor Glynn also asked the Director City Works if he could also advise Councillors by way of memo of the inscriptions on the plaque.

The Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter and respond to Councillors by way of memo.

2. Councillor Rule asked the General Manager if he was aware of any further developments regarding the Minto Mall.

The General Manager advised that he will contact the receivers and advise Councillors of any information obtained.

3. Councillor Rule asked the Director City Works if he could be provided with an update regarding the status on the proposed Kevin Wheatley VC Memorial in Mawson Park.

The Director City Works advised that he has received information from the Australian War Memorial that they are in the process preparing a cast to enable the duplicating of the plaque and he will advise Council as further information becomes available.

4. Councillor Borg referred to a letter received by all Councillors by the Carmelite Nuns regarding a development of Emerald Hills and asked the General Manager if he could provide any further information regarding this proposal.

The General Manager advised that the Director Planning and Environment is preparing a response to the Carmelite Nuns indicating that Council does not support the development in Emerald Hills.

5. Councillor Hawker asked the General Manager if Council is planning on making a submission to the Local Government Review Panel.

The General Manager advised that to date he has only received very brief information from the Panel and following receipt of additional information, he will advise Councillors prior to Council preparing a submission.

 Councillor Hawker advised that at a recent Local Government Executive meeting the issue of increased costs to councils incurred as a result of illegal dumping was raised.

Councillor Hawker suggested the introduction of the Carbon Tax may lead to an increase in illegal dumping in semi rural areas and suggested that it may be in Councils best interest to be proactive in the identification of dumping hot spots with the utilisation of portable CCTV cameras in an effort to discourage illegal dumping.

The General Manager advised that he will obtain the background information from the Local Government Executive and will ensure that Council is proactive in identifying dumping hotspots as requested and take the appropriate action.

7. Councillor Dobson referred to an item broadcast on Channel 9 News, on Friday 4 May 2012, regarding the projection of traffic congestion in future years regardless of the widening of the M5 Motorway and asked if Councillors could be provided with a copy of the news report.

The General Manager advised that he will obtain a copy of the report and forward it to Councillors.