13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Kolkman asked the Director City Works if he could liaise with Wollondilly Council to review the maintenance status of the fire trail linking Lysaght Road, Wedderburn and the Appin/Bulli Road, to ensure that it is useable in the event of an emergency and arrange for appropriate maintenance to be undertaken if required.

The Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

2. Councillor Dobson asked the General Manager if she could be provided with a copy of the presentation for Forward Planning of Campbelltown that was presented at a recent briefing night.

The General Manager advised that he will forward a copy of the presentation to Councillor Dobson.

3. Councillor Lake noted that there is a memorial to War Veterans on the left hand side of the F5 adjacent to Macquarie Links and further noted that the memorial is not visible due to overgrown grass and asked the Director City Works if he could liaise with the Roads and Maritime Service for appropriate maintenance works to be undertaken.

The Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter and make the necessary arrangements as requested.

- 4. Councillor Lake asked the General Manager
 - (a) if the University of Western Sydney is an educational facility or property developer
 - (b) if the University of Western Sydney pay Council rates
 - (c) if Council has held any discussions with the Department of Planning regarding traffic issues within the proposed development at the University of Western Sydney

The General Manager advised that the University of Western Sydney is an educational facility and does not does not pay Council rates. The General Manager further advised that Council's Directors have not held any discussions with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure regarding traffic issues within the proposed development.

 Councillor Lake asked the Director City Works if he would contact the Department of Planning and the Chancellor of the University of Western Sydney, expressing concern regarding possible increased traffic issues if the proposed development were to proceed.

The Director City Works advised that he would contact the appropriate authorities and make them aware of Council's concerns regarding traffic issues within the proposed development.

 Councillor Borg noted that the sign that identifies fatalities on Appin Road, has been removed and asked the Director City Works if he could liaise with the Roads and Maritime Service to determine if an updated sign can be reinstalled.

The Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

7. Councillor Borg noted the establishment of the Dharawal National Park may lead to an increase in visitors to the area and further noted there is still only one point of access/exit into Wedderburn and suggested that the issue of upgrading the fire trail linking Lysaght Road to the Appin/Bulli Road needs to be resolved as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Borg asked the Director City Works if he could again liaise with Wollondilly Council to discuss a suitable outcome.

The Director City Works advised that he would investigate options available as requested.

8. Councillor Thompson noted that the hedge in the centre of Oxford Road, Ingleburn adjacent to the Flight Centre office needs to be reduced in height to improve pedestrian safety and asked the Director City Works if arrangements could be made for the hedge to be trimmed.

The Director City Works advised that he would ensure that the appropriate action is undertaken as requested.

9. Councillor Thompson asked if the Director City Works if he could investigate options to improve the passenger set down zone adjacent to the Ingleburn Railway Station.

The Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

10. Councillor Rowell noted that he had received representation from a local resident regarding the lack of street lighting in Parkland Avenue, Macquarie Fields and asked the Director City Works if he could investigate the appropriateness of the current lighting.

The Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

11. Councillor Rowell noted the recently released figures relating to cancer cases within the Local Government Area and asked the General Manager if Council has any ongoing relationship with the Cancer Council of NSW, similar to that undertaken by other Local Government Authorities.

The General Manager advised that Council has had regular contact with the Cancer Council over many years particularly through Council's Healthy Lifestyles Section. The General Manager indicated that he was not aware of any formal relationship and that he will investigate such a possibility as requested and report back to Councillors by way of memo.

 Councillor Rowell asked the General Manager if he could advise Councillors as to Council's current stance in regard to smoking in playgrounds and sporting fields.

The General Manager advised that Council had previously been working towards the development of a Smoking in Public Places Policy however given a recent undertaking by the NSW State Government that it is considering legislating in this area, Council will not progress its Policy until after the legislation has been presented.

13. Councillor Matheson asked the Director Planning and Environment if he could advise of the current status in relation to the development application for the Campbelltown Power Station and if any correspondence has been received indicating that the station may be converted to a base power station.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that he has not received any recent information regarding proposed changes to the power station.

14. Councillor Matheson asked the Director Planning and Environment if he could advise as to the process when the approved development application for the Campbelltown Power Station lapses.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that he would research the matter and advise Councillor Matheson further on this matter.

15. Councillor Greiss referred his recent concerns regarding the traffic delays caused by the extensive work being undertaken at Glenfield Railway Station and noted that considerable delays are still being caused during peak commuting times and asked the Director City Works if he could contact the appropriate authority to identify if anything can be done to reschedule site work to relieve traffic congestion during peak times.

The Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

16. Councillor Bourke advised that during a recent visit to Park Central she noted that the seniors' pedestrian crossing point on Parkside Crescent is located very close to the corner making it visually dangerous for pedestrians to cross at this point and asked the Director City Works if, during his review of Park Central road issues, he could consider options for relocating the current crossing point.

The Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

17. Councillor Rowell referred to recent media speculation regarding the possibility of a second Sydney airport being located at Wilton and suggested that as Council has previously resolved to oppose this location it may be appropriate for Council to discuss this speculation at a future briefing evening to ensure that Council is in a position to respond to this matter if required.

The General Manager advised that he will list the matter at a future briefing evening.

- 18. Councillor Thompson referred to the access to the F5 from Raby Road, Raby and noted that there is difficulty for pedestrians crossing the access ramp and asked the Director City Works if he could arrange for this site to be inspected with a view to finding a suitable solution.
 - The Director City Works advised that he will investigate this issue as requested.
- 19. Councillor Chanthivong congratulated Councillor Borg and the Macarthur Rotary Sunrise group for organising the recent fundraiser to raise much needed funds to be donated to 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur.