

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Chanthivong offered his best wishes to Councillor Borg and the 24hr Walk Against Cancer Committee for the upcoming event to be held on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October.
2. Councillor Chanthivong referred to an article in Veterans News - Volume 13 Issue 10, and noted that the article has been written by a colleague. Councillor Chanthivong read out a verse of the composition and recommended it to the Council.
3. Councillor Borg asked the General Manager if there is any criteria with regard to Council holding Civic Receptions.

The General Manager advised that there is no set criteria with regard to the holding of such events. It was noted that the Mayor typically requests a Civic Reception to be held for specific groups and that Councillors can request the Mayor to consider holding a Civic Reception.

4. Councillor Borg noted that Campbelltown East Eagles recently won the Sydney Cup and that 17 players from the side played junior rugby league within the Local Government Area. Councillor Borg asked the Mayor if he would consider holding a Civic Reception for the Campbelltown East Eagles.

The Mayor advised that he will consider the request together with a number of other groups that have had recent sporting success.

5. Councillor Mead referred to a request by Councillor Greiss in the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 October 2014 to record a division against an amendment. Councillor Greiss was advised that currently there are no provisions within Council's Code of Meeting Practice for a division to be recorded against an amendment.

Councillor Mead referred to previous correspondence regarding this matter and asked the Director Business Services if he could be provided with a list of all occasions where a division has been recorded against an amendment and if he would liaise with the Office of Local Government and investigate the matter and provide a response to Councillors by way of a memo.

The Director Business Services advised that he will investigate the matter and liaise with the Office of Local Government as requested.

6. Councillor Thompson referred to the M5 entrance to Campbelltown and noted that there is rubbish scattered along the roadside and asked if the rubbish can be removed.

The Acting Director City Works advised that Council is not able to collect rubbish from the M5 corridor as it is the responsibility of the Roads and Maritime Services.

7. Councillor Thompson thanked the Acting Director City Works and his staff for the works that have been undertaken at the Gunners Soccer Club.
8. Councillor Greiss referred to Councils practice with regard to divisions on amendments, and sought clarification on the advice provided by the Office of Local Government to Council on the matter.
9. Councillor Greiss referred to the Roads to Recovery program and asked if Council was the recipient of funding for this initiative.

The Acting Director City Works advised that funding allocations were announced this week with Campbelltown City Council receiving a total of \$4.6m for the 2014-2015 to 2018-2019 period.

10. Councillor Greiss asked the General Manager if he could be provided with an update on the Animal Care Facility report that was requested to be presented to the October meeting.

The General Manager reported that due to delays in obtaining relevant information, as previously advised the report will be presented to the Planning and Environment Committee meeting to be held 4 November 2014.

11. Councillor Greiss asked the General Manager if he could be advised of how Council will deal with the Fit for the Future announcement by the State Government.

The General Manager advised that the Fit for the Future program was announced by the Minister for Local Government in September 2014. This reform program will apply to Metropolitan and Regional Councils across NSW and a number of informative roadshows have been completed.

Each council has been asked to review its current situation and consider the future needs of its local community and the recommendations of the Independent Local Government Panel (Sansom Report).

Councils will be encouraged to discuss ideas and options with their community and neighbouring local government areas. After considering their situation, councils will be asked to submit a proposal on how they intend to become Fit for the Future by 30 June 2015. The NSW Government will assist by providing guidelines and templates. Councils can get support from their regional OLG relationship manager and will also have access to expert assistance if they want to look at voluntary merger options.

The General Manager noted that a meeting will be held next week with the nominated delegate and that a submission template will be provided to each Council.

The General Manager advised that there is set criteria that must be addressed as part of the submission and that as the draft documents are prepared they will be presented to Councillors for review.

12. Councillor Greiss advised that he represented the Mayor recently at the Ingleburn Lions Club District Governor visit noting that he had a fantastic night and a number of flags were presented to Council and forwarded to relevant staff for display.

13. Councillor Greiss wished Councillor Borg all the very best of luck for the 24hr Walk Against Cancer to be held this weekend.
14. Councillor Borg thanked all Councillors and Council staff for their ongoing support for the 24hr Walk Against Cancer.
15. Councillor Lake also wished Councillor Borg well for the success of the upcoming 24hr Walk Against Cancer.
16. Councillor Lake congratulated Councillor Hawker on his recent appointment to the Fit for the Future Ministerial Advisory Group.
17. Councillor Lake wished Councillor Chanthivong all the very best of luck in his endeavours to be nominated as the Labor Candidate for Macquarie Fields.