

## **13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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1. Councillor Kolkman noted that he was driving around Campbelltown and observed that a developer had taken possession of public land, using the land for storage of building materials and that a crane which was lifting equipment from the public land across the road and footpath to the development site.

Councillor Kolkman indicated that he contacted Council's Planning and Environment Division to raise concerns regarding this development site. Councillor Kolkman noted that the public land has now been cleared and thanked the Planning and Environment Division for their efficiency in dealing with this matter.

2. Councillor Brticevic noted that there is graffiti at the Macquarie Fields Skate Park and asked the Acting Director City Works if he could arrange for the graffiti to be removed.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will arrange for the graffiti to be removed.

3. Councillor Lound congratulated Damien Mortimer, an upcoming local cricketing talent that has played in the Under 19 Australian Team, for his selection to play cricket in Hampshire, England during the off season.

4. Councillor Lound congratulated all those involved in the organisation of the recent Anzac Day services. Councillor Lound noted that Mawson Park was in pristine condition and thanked all those involved in the maintenance of the area.

5. Councillor Borg asked the General Manager if he had been advised of the potential new stadium to be built at Liverpool.

The General Manager advised that his only knowledge of this matter is what he has heard through media reports.

6. Councillor Lake noted there has been significant changes to State Government Ministerial positions and asked the General Manager if he could provide an update with regard to the establishment of working relationships with the new Minister and relevant Director Generals.

The General Manager advised that he is in the process of contacting the new Ministers to arrange meetings. The General Manager also advised that as the Draft Local Environmental Plan has been approved for exhibition, he will be contacting the Director General to discuss this matter and the Campbelltown South Planning Proposal further.

7. Councillor Lake referred to the proposal for the Director Planning and Environment to establish a Strategic Planning taskforce to assist in the development of Council into a Regional Centre and asked the General Manager if this taskforce includes an Economic Development Section.

The General Manager indicated that the taskforce would include appropriate staffing to guide economic development.

8. Councillor Dobson noted that on Friday 2 May 2014, she received a call from residents with regard to the siting of a male koala near Junction Road, Ruse. It was noted that the koala was at risk of being hit by a vehicle and assistance was sought from a number of animal welfare agencies that were unable to assist. Council's Rangers were contacted and were able to capture the koala and transport it to a safe location.

Councillor Dobson asked the General Manager if he could provide the status of Council's Koala Strategy.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that the Division has been working on this for some time and the strategy incorporates planning controls, management, compliance and other complex issues. Currently Planning and Environment are in the process of providing comments to the external consultant regarding the draft plan and once this has been finalised the matter will be presented to Councillors.

9. Councillor Thompson asked the Director Business Services if he would consider writing a letter to the Ingleburn RSL Sub-branch congratulating them on the success recent Anzac Day services.
10. Councillor Thompson asked the General Manager if any additional parking rangers have been employed.

The General Manager advised that the Planning and Environment Division is preparing a report regarding the Divisions operation and this report will be presented to the General Manager in the near future.

11. Councillor Greiss thanked all those involved for their organisation and planning of the recent Anzac Day services.
12. Councillor Greiss congratulated staff for the success of the 2014 Mayoral Ball and thanked all that contributed to the event.
13. Councillor Rowell congratulated the Local Member for Wollondilly Jai Rowell on his recent promotion as the Minister for Mental Health and Assistant Minister for Health.
14. Councillor Matheson noted that the consultation period for the Badgerys Creek rail corridor is now open, noting that the rail corridor could potentially go through to Narellan. Councillor Matheson asked if consideration had been given to advertising the consultation period throughout Council's newsletter.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that he attended a meeting on Tuesday 6 May with a number other Council's representatives regarding the matter and is preparing a presentation for a future briefing evening to Council.

15. Councillor Hawker noted that the proponents of the cemetery have asked for a review and the matter has been forwarded to the Department Planning and Infrastructure for consideration. This proposal may be forwarded to the Joint Regional Planning Panel for consideration, however he noted that if this happens Council may be disadvantaged as Councillor Hawker and Councillor Lake may be excluded from the decision making on this matter as it has previously come before Council.

Councillor Hawker asked the General Manager if he could seek legal advice regarding Council's position regarding this matter.

The General Manager advised that he will seek legal advice regarding this matter.

16. Councillor Kolkman noted that as part of the correspondence provided by the Department Planning and Infrastructure it was stated that a cemetery was not permissible usage in the Scenic Hills. Councillor Kolkman asked the General Manager if he could contact the Department Planning and Infrastructure to remind them of their correspondence.

The General Manager advised that the Director Planning and Environment has prepared a response to the Department Planning and Infrastructure that addresses a comprehensive range of issues including the issue raised by Councillor Kolkman.

17. Councillor Borg asked the Director Planning and Environment if it would be an appropriate time to seek an extension of the proposed Badgerys Creek rail corridor to include an additional corridor from Narellan through to Camden and on to Campbelltown.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that submissions regarding this matter close 6 June 2014 and that he will provide a briefing to Councillors as soon as practicable.

18. Councillor Greiss asked the General Manager if an Extra Ordinary Meeting could be held to endorse the submission regarding the Badgerys Creek rail corridor. Councillor Greiss indicated that he has previously expressed an opinion that all submissions by Council should be endorsed by a full meeting of the Council.

The General Manager advised that he will arrange for an Extra Ordinary Meeting as requested.

19. Councillor Mead advised that he attended Passfield Park School to present them with a cheque on Tuesday 6 May 2014. Passfield Park School were the beneficiary of the funds raised at the recent Mayors Charity Event.

Councillor Mead thanked all those that generously contributed to the success of the event and further thanked staff that were involved in its planning.