

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Hawker noted that recent media coverage of Councils' such as Manly, Willoughby and Hornsby indicated that their electricity costs will increase by \$650,000 - \$700,000 annually and noted that Campbelltown's Draft 2010 / 2011 budget has allowed for a 9% increase in electricity costs and asked the Director Business Services whether this provision would be sufficient.

The Director Business Services advised that it is anticipated that the projected increase will cater for Campbelltown's electricity charges however noted that reports in recent media have indicated that electricity charges will increase in the vicinity of a further 63% over the next 3 years.

2. Councillor Hawker noted that Randwick Council is currently undergoing a 3 month trial with Point Energy Group Australia utilising solar panelled power poles and requested that the Acting Director City Works monitor this trial and advise Council of the outcome. Councillor Hawker also indicated that he would raise this issue at the next meeting of the Innovation and Performance Sub Committee.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will monitor the trial and present a report to Council following its conclusion.

3. Councillor Matheson noted that he was made aware that a member of the community who has Down Syndrome was left stranded by the cancellation of an Interline Bus Service. Councillor Matheson noted that the cancellation without notice of bus services can be inconvenient for the general public however for a person with special needs the cancellation can be quite distressing. Councillor Matheson asked the Acting Director City Works if he could investigate this bus service cancellation and make contact with the young lady concerned and advise her of the reasons for the cancellation.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he would investigate this issue as requested.

4. Councillor Matheson asked the Acting Director City Works if Council had received any requests for maintenance within Convair Place Raby as he has been approached by some concerned Raby residents regarding this.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he would investigate this request.

5. Councillor Rowell noted that a World Downs Syndrome Day held at Koshigaya Park was a success. This event was the first one of its kind to recognise Downs Syndrome in Australia. Councillor Rowell asked the Director Community Services if she could investigate opportunities available to Council to assist in making this worthy cause an annual event.

The Director Community Services advised that she would investigate this request.

6. Councillor Thompson noted that the trash racks at Milton Park in Ingleburn are clogged and require clearing.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he would ensure that the trash racks are maintained.

7. Councillor Thompson noted that the traffic island at Third Avenue Macquarie Fields requires painting to assist in its visibility and that the adjacent areas require mowing and asked the Acting Director City Works if he could investigate this issue.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he would investigate this issue as requested.

8. Councillor Lake asked the General Manager if he could provide an update of the progress of establishing a fitting memorial for the Late Gordon Fetterplace.

The General Manager advised that Councillors would be presented with the options available for the memorial at a briefing evening within the next month.

9. Councillor Lake asked the General Manager if he could advise as to when Councillors would be provided with a full briefing of the 2010 / 2011 budget.

The General Manager advised that the Director Business Services and the Manager Financial Services would be providing a 1 hour briefing to Councillors on Tuesday 13 April 2010, following this Council will hold an Extraordinary meeting to adopt the draft budget. The General Manager also advised that the budget would be placed on public exhibition and formally adopted in June 2010.

10. Councillor Glynn advised that he has recently attended several functions on behalf of His Worship the Mayor and noted that at a Senior Citizens function at Campbelltown RSL it was suggested that one of the performers Helen Zerefos be invited to perform at Campbelltown's 2010 Christmas Carols event.

Director Business Services advised that he would investigate this suggestion.

11. Councillor Glynn noted that he has also attended the local Midnight Basketball Program and suggested that it was worthy of further support from Councillors.

12. Councillor Greiss requested that at the 2010 / 2011 budget briefing evening details regarding the amount of cost shifting from Federal and State Governments during the last year be provided.

The Director Business Services advised that the briefing evening would include cost shifting analysis.

13. Councillor Matheson advised that he is in receipt of correspondence from a local resident regarding his dog, Rocky and asked the Director Planning and Environment if he was aware of the issues raised in the letter and if he could arrange for staff to contact the gentleman to discuss his concerns.

The General Manager advised that senior staff from Council's Animal Care Facility have been requested to interview the gentleman to further investigate the matter.