

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Lake noted, with regret, the departure of our local Member for Werriwa, Mr Chris Hayes noting that he will be contesting the seat of Fowler in the coming Federal Election. Councillor Lake noted that Mr Chris Hayes will be sorely missed as he has earned the respect of all members of the local community, been approachable and an excellent representative for Werriwa. Councillor Lake extended his best wishes to Mr Hayes.
2. Councillor Borg noted that on numerous occasions during visits to Macarthur Square and Campbelltown Mall that many of the disabled parking spaces were being utilised by vehicles not displaying the disabled parking permit. It was also noted that Campbelltown Mall Centre security advised him that they are not able to take action against cars that are parked in these spaces which do not display the appropriate parking permits.

Councillor Borg asked the Director Planning and Environment whether Council is able to provide Campbelltown Mall and Macarthur Square with the authority to place notices on vehicles that are parked in disabled parking spaces without permits advising them that they are parked illegally.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that Council currently has an agreement with the management of Campbelltown Mall and was anticipating that a similar agreement will be reached in the near future with the management of Macarthur Square. The Director Planning and Environment advised that he would review the current legal agreement and identify what opportunities Council has relating to the placement of notices on vehicles parked in disabled parking spaces by non-Council staff and advise Councillors of the outcome.

3. Councillor Thompson noted that the former Service Station site located on the corner of Fields and Saywell Roads, Macquarie Fields is overgrown and an eyesore and asked if Council could approach the owners with a view to having the site made presentable.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that this request would be investigated and appropriate action taken.

4. Councillor Rowell asked whether all Councillors could receive a memo identifying how much Council spends annually on local charities and what groups/organisations the funds are distributed to.

The Director Business Services advised that this information would be provided to Councillors as requested.

5. Councillor Rowell referred to a proposed 8 storey development at Macarthur Gardens and asked the Director Planning and Environment if a building application has been lodged and if he was in a position to identify the current owners of the development.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that Council was not yet in receipt of a development application and that this matter would be the subject of a future briefing.

6. Councillor Matheson referred to the Lake Burrendah Masterplan at Raby that was developed some time ago where it was proposed to have walkways, exercise stations and cycleways linking other recreational areas in the local vicinity and asked if he could be provided with the current status of this proposal.

The Director City Works advised that he would take this question on notice and provide Councillor Matheson with a memo outlining the current status of the proposal as requested.

7. Councillor Matheson referred to the Airs Masterplan and asked whether the plans outline the possibility of including exercise stations or recreational equipment adjacent to the Airs pond.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that he would take this question on notice and provide Councillor Matheson with a memo outlining the current status of the plan as requested.

8. Councillor Hawker noted recent publicity regarding Car Recharge Stations and requested that Council investigate the feasibility of developing a Policy to incorporate Car Recharge Stations in the Local Government Area.

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

9. Councillor Rule expressed his gratitude to all those who attended and were involved in the organisation of this years Mayoral Ball. Councillor Rule noted that the Ball was a great success and that the funds raised would be donated to the Mary Brooksbank School.