

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Oates referred to a previous request to have the health of the trees located along Moore Oxley Bypass between Dumaresq and Cordeaux Streets investigated as it appears many are dying. Councillor Oates advised that she has not been advised of any outcomes in relation to this request and asked if the matter could again be investigated and that she be advised of the outcome.

The General Manager advised that he will arrange for relevant staff to investigate the matter and report back to Councillor Oates by way of a memo.

2. Councillor Thomas referred to a request made to her to support a submission being made by Bambi Kindergarten concerning the Edmondson Park Project and suggested that any support would hold more weight if it was provided by Council.

The General Manager sought the direction of Council in regard to the provision of a letter of support. Councillors agreed that it was appropriate for the General Manager to prepare and submit a letter of support to the Department of Planning on behalf of Council.

3. Councillor Borg thanked Council and its staff for their support of the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer. Councillor Borg noted that he and the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Committee are very grateful for the ongoing support provided by Council.

The General Manager, Mayor and a number of Councillors congratulated Councillor Borg on achieving the milestone of raising \$1m for local hospitals.

4. Councillor Thompson asked the General Manager if it is feasible to provide information to residents in Council's Compass magazine regarding regulations for the installation of Satellite Dishes.

The General Manager advised that he would investigate this suggestion.

5. Councillor Rowell referred to the Georges River Combined Councils Committee (GRCCC) Symposium held at the Arts Centre over the weekend. Councillor Rowell noted that a number of recommendations were submitted during the event and asked if all Councillors could receive a copy of these recommendations.

The General Manager advised that he will arrange for Councillors to receive a copy of the recommendations made at the GRCCC Symposium.

6. Councillor Hawker referred to a recent letter distributed by the General Manager that was received from Mr Pat Paroz the former Commander at Macquarie Fields Local Area Command. Mr Paroz expressed his appreciation for the dedicated contribution made to Emergency Management within the Local Government Area by Council's Manager Emergency Services. Mr Paroz acknowledged that Council should be commended for appointing a man of Mr Dodd's calibre to this position as he fulfils his duties to a very high standard. Councillor Hawker read excerpts from the letter and noted that the comments made by Mr Paroz are not only a reflection on the character of Mr Dodd but a reflection of all Council employees.
7. Councillor Hawker noted that there was an article in last weeks newspaper regarding uncontrolled dogs in Marsden Park. Councillor Hawker noted that under the Companion Animals Act, serious fines can be placed on owners of uncontrolled animals and asked the Director Planning and Environment if he could investigate opportunities to alleviate this problem in all Council's Reserves.

Councillor Hawker further asked the Director Planning and Environment if he could investigate the feasibility of having all major parks within the Local Government Area classified as Dog Free Areas, given that there are a large number of alternatives and leash free areas that could be utilised.

In regard to both issues raised by Councillor Hawker the Director Planning and Environment advised that he will investigate the matters and will present his findings to Councillors at a future briefing evening.