

## 13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Kolkman referred to an article in the recent edition of the magazine 'The Councillor' acknowledging Council's success in winning the 'ICT (Information Communication and Technology) Professional of the Year' Award for the installation of the VOIP system throughout Council. Councillor Kolkman was pleased to see the acknowledgement of Council's success in print and congratulated the Director Business Services and all those involved in winning this prestigious award.
2. Councillor Lake referred to a recent article regarding the introduction of carbon tax and more particularly the cost of re-gassing refrigeration and air conditioning units. Councillor Lake asked the Director Business Services if Council had any estimate of costs that would be incurred by Council on re-gassing its vehicle fleet and the air conditioning units in its buildings.

The Director Business Services advised that at this stage Council has not conducted any modelling on the re-gassing of vehicles and air conditioning units.

The Acting Director City Works advised there are strategies in place to minimise any gas emissions.

3. Councillor Borg referred to a previous question he had asked regarding the removal of signage on Appin Road which highlighted Appin Road as being dangerous and also included statistics on fatalities.

Councillor Borg advised that he and a local newspaper reporter received advice from the Roads and Maritime Services indicating that it is a state wide policy that such signs not be erected because they can distract drivers, tend to be vandalised and it is costly to continually update the statistics.

Councillor Borg indicated that he felt that the signage was successful in highlighting the dangers of Appin Road and asked the Acting Director City Works to consider writing to the Roads and Maritime Services seeking the revision of this policy and the re-erection of the said signage on Appin Road.

4. Councillor Thompson asked if the Director Planning and Environment could update Councillors on the status of the Edgelands.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that Council had previously resolved to move forward with this matter as part of the Draft Comprehensive LEP and that an owner of one parcel of land was invited to lodge a submission. Council has been advised that the submission will be lodged in the near future. The Director Planning and Environment also advised that it is anticipated at this stage the Draft Comprehensive LEP will be placed on exhibition in March 2013 but the matter will be reported to Council beforehand.

5. Councillor Thompson indicated that he had recently visited the Glenfield Railway Station precinct with the Member for Campbelltown and following discussions with local shop owners was advised that customers have nowhere to park to allow them to utilise the shops in the vicinity of the railway station causing economic loss to shop owners. Councillor Thompson asked the General Manager if he could inspect this vicinity with a view to finding a remedy to the parking problems highlighted.

The General Manager advised that the Manager Technical Services is in regular contact with RailCorp regarding works undertaken in this precinct and that he will raise this issue at his next meeting with RailCorp and following receipt of advice, will forward a memo to all Councillors.

6. Councillor Rowell noted that Appin Road is a very dangerous road despite being upgraded by various governments over many years. Councillor Rowell indicated that he, in his capacity as the Member for Wollondilly, would make representations to the appropriate minister regarding the issues raised by Councillor Borg.
7. Councillor Rowell referred to Council's past contributions to the upgrading of Lynwood Park and asked if there are any plans for additional funding to be provided for Lynwood Park.

The Director Community Services indicated that funds are allocated within the Annual Asset Maintenance Program on an annual basis and at this stage no additional funds have been allocated for further upgrades to this facility.

8. Councillor Rowell indicated that the skate bowl located in Bradbury Park is in urgent need of maintenance due to damage caused by tree roots, graffiti and litter. Councillor Rowell indicated that he felt that this skate bowl was going to receive the same level of maintenance as skate park in Leumeah. Councillor Rowell asked if Council staff could inspect the skate bowl at Bradbury with a view to rectifying any issues and also ensure that regular maintenance is undertaken.

The Acting Director City Works advised that Council staff recently attended the skate bowl at Bradbury and undertook a variety of maintenance tasks. The Acting Director City Works also advised that he would ensure that more regular inspections would be undertaken to ensure that issues at the skate bowl are remedied as they occur.

9. Councillor Rowell asked the Director Business Services if Council would consider making an allocation of funds to the Wilton Airport Fighting Fund.

The Director Business Services advised that he would take this question on notice and advise Councillors when this request has been reviewed.

10. Councillor Matheson asked the Acting Director City Works if the Roads and Maritime Services have a schedule for boundary maintenance for properties adjoining the F5.

The Acting Director City Works confirmed that it is the responsibility of the Roads and Maritime Services to undertake boundary maintenance on properties adjoining the F5 and that he will investigate as to what procedural arrangements they have and will advise Councillors of the outcome by way of memo.

11. Councillor Matheson asked the Acting Director City Works if Councillors could be provided of the status of plans for enhancement of lands surrounding Lake Burrendah at Varroville.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he would provide Councillors with a status report regarding proposals for Lake Burrendah by way of a memo.

12. Councillor Matheson referred to previous requests for investigation regarding the potential to construct a skate park as part of the Airds/Bradbury renewal plans and asked to be advised if any progress had been made in this regard.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he would provide Councillors with a status report regarding this proposal by way of a memo.

13. Councillor Greiss advised that he had received a complaint from a resident in Grandview Drive, Campbelltown regarding the damage caused by Sydney Water during works they undertook in Grandview Drive. Councillor Greiss asked for a brief outline of the procedures for the undertaking of road restoration following work undertaken by Sydney Water.

The General Manager advised that Sydney Water has an agreement with councils regarding road restoration and that over the last 18 months this has been an issue of concern for many councils. The General Manager indicated that he and a number of General Managers from other councils will shortly be meeting with representatives of Sydney Water regarding the deterioration of the service they provide.

14. Councillor Hawker commended the Operational Services staff on the work recently completed at Apex Park, Bradbury and asked if consideration could be given for the new fencing to be extended the full length of the reserve towards the Campbelltown CBD.

The Acting Director City Works advised he will take this on notice and respond to Councillors by way of memo.

15. Councillor Lake enquired as to the status of the erection of the statue at Rizal Park, Rosemeadow.

The Manager Executive Services advised that the statue was due for installation in June 2012 however due to unforeseen circumstances the statue is yet to arrive. The Manager Executive Services advised that he has been having meetings with the Ambassador and Consul General regarding the progress of this matter.

16. Councillor Greiss referred to the recent opening of the new state of the art playground facilities at Koshigaya Park and congratulated all those involved in the playground's construction and the festivities at the official opening of the rejuvenated facilities.

17. Councillor Rowell congratulated the staff on the great event held for the opening of Koshigaya Park noting that Koshigaya Park is the pre-eminent park within the Local Government Area.

Councillor Rowell asked if consideration could be given to the provision of similar facilities within the suburbs of Ambarvale and Rosemeadow.