

## **13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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1. Councillor Oates noted that the street lights in Queen Street, Campbelltown from the old bowling alley site to Moore Oxley Bypass are not working and the area is very dark at night. Councillor Oates asked if arrangements could be made for their repair.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will contact Integral Energy to have the lights repaired.

2. Councillor Kolkman advised that he had received representations regarding the poor condition of the cemetery on the Moore Oxley Bypass. Councillor Kolkman noted that the site used to be maintained by weekend detainees, however the site is in need of maintenance and asked if appropriate arrangements could be made for this work to be completed.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter and arrange for the necessary maintenance work to be undertaken.

3. Councillor Rule referred to an article in the Sydney Morning Herald on Friday 9 March 2012, regarding a proposed Sydney wide Rate Payer Levy to fund Section 94 Contributions. Councillor Rule expressed concern regarding any levy that could be applied to rate payers in the Campbelltown Local Government Area and used for the provision of community facilities, such as parks and libraries within other Local Government Areas.

The General Manager advised that he has received no information regarding this and has contacted other Western Sydney General Manager's and arranged a meeting to be held within the next two weeks to discuss the matter.

The General Manager also advised that he will be attending a meeting with the Director General, Sam Haddad and will raise the matter with him.

4. Councillor Dobson asked the General Manager for an update on the status of the St Helens Park Skate Park.

The General Manager advised that Section 94 funds were allocated to build the Skate Park which was initially proposed to be erected on the school side of Appin Road. Council subsequently resolved to construct the Skate Park on the St Helens Park side of Appin Road. Council has contacted the Department of Planning seeking agreement to transfer the Section 94 funds to the new site and is currently waiting on a letter of approval. It is hoped that on receipt of the letter, works will commence on the construction of the Skate Park within the next few weeks.

5. Councillor Dobson noted that several Alcohol Free Zones within the Airds community are not current and are in need of review and asked the Acting Director Planning and Environment if he could arrange for this matter to be reviewed.

The Acting Director Planning and Environment advised that he will investigate the matter and undertake to make appropriate arrangements for the Alcohol Free Zones to be re-established.

6. Councillor Dobson asked the General Manager for a status on the ex-Landcom site in St Helens Park.

The General Manager advised that the site had recently been submitted in the Land Owner to the Director General's Department as a site to be approved for residential development. Currently a development application is being considered by Council where a number of issues are yet to be resolved by the Developer in terms of outstanding environmental considerations. The applicant is yet to respond to Council's request for further information.

7. Councillor Lake asked the General Manager for an update regarding the State Government's Graffiti hotline.

The General Manager advised that he forwarded an email to the Director General regarding this matter last week and that he is making arrangements to meet with him to discuss this issue.

8. Councillor Lake asked the General Manager if the fences and noise barriers adjacent to the rail corridor are the responsibility of Council or RailCorp.

The General Manager advised that the fences and noise barriers are the responsibility of RailCorp.

9. Councillor Lake congratulated the Director City Works and the Manager Property Services on the receipt of final documentation regarding the construction of the pedestrian bridge at Leumeah.

10. Councillor Borg congratulated Councillor Glynn on his success for the recent television appearance on Channel 9's Hot Seat. Councillor Borg acknowledged Councillor Glynn's generosity in donating his winnings to Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

Councillor Glynn thanked Councillor Borg for his comments and noted that in making his donation he hoped it would encourage other parties to follow suit.

11. Councillor Borg asked the Acting Director City Works if there is a working group that maintains Fisher's Ghost Creek as he has been informed that the Eagle Vale Lake is in need of the assistance of a similar working group.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will investigate this issue and provide a response to Councillors by way of a memo.

12. Councillor Hawker advised that the Department of Local Government has recently published its Dog Attack Statistics for 2010-2011. Councillor Hawker noted that there has been an increase of 16% in attacks on humans and 24% in other animal attacks.

Councillor Hawker asked if Councillors can be provided with a comparison of these statistics against those in Campbelltown.

The Acting Director Planning and Environment advised that he will provide the information as requested by way of a memo.

13. Councillor Hawker advised that at the recent Community Safety Sub Committee meeting a presentation was made by the Campbelltown Licensing Police on a trial education program for year 12 students from Campbelltown Performing Arts School at Leumeah Hotel to raise awareness and educate students on licensing signage, licensed premises, responsibilities, consequences, fines, binge drinking and health issues associated with the consumption of alcohol. Leumeah Hotel closes for a one hour period to assist with the program however assistance from other licensed premises has not been forthcoming. The program in its trial stage appears to be working well.

Councillor Hawker asked if the Acting Director City Works if he could arrange for information on this project to be forwarded to all Councillors.

14. Councillor Chanthivong referred to the significant railway reconstruction works being undertaken at Glenfield and their impact on Glenfield Road.

Councillor Chanthivong asked the General Manager if following the completion of the project will Glenfield Road be upgraded and the re-instatement of appropriate landscaping be undertaken.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will investigate the issue raised and provide Councillors with a response by memo.

15. Councillor Chanthivong referred to the recent Mount Annan Challenge Walk and congratulated all involved for the planning and running of the successful event noting that the numbers of participants was in the vicinity of 2,300-2,500.