

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Kolkman referred to the Local Government Agenda magazine no# 32 and noted that there are two articles relating to Information Management and Technology initiatives at Randwick City and Pittwater Council's.

Councillor Kolkman asked the Director Business Services if Council intends to investigate the initiatives and if so, will this information be reported to the new Council.

The Director Business Services advised that he will make appropriate enquiries with the two Councils mentioned and report back to Council.

2. Councillor Dobson advised that Campbelltown has a large population of disease free Koalas spread throughout the Georges River open space corridor, particularly in the southern areas and suggested that Koalas should be protected at all times and that development within these areas should cease.

Councillor Dobson asked the Director Planning and Environment if Council maintains any register of Koala populations within the Local Government Area.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that Council does not maintain a detailed register of Koala populations within the Local Government Area.

3. Councillor Dobson asked the Director Planning and Environment if there is any possibility of Council establishing a Koala research facility within the Local Government Area.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that contact could be made with the University Western Sydney which has expertise in this area, with a view to discussing the establishment of a Koala research facility in the Local Government Area.

4. Councillor Dobson asked the Director Planning and Environment if he would contact Federal and State Governments to identify any funding opportunities for the establishment of a research facility to ensure the sustainability of the Koala population throughout the Local Government Area.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that with Council endorsement he would investigate funding opportunities for such a facility.

5. Councillor Dobson asked the Acting Director City Works if CCTV cameras have been installed in Queen Street, Campbelltown.

The Acting Director City Works advised that there are no CCTV cameras installed in Queen Street.

6. Councillor Dobson asked the Acting Director City Works if it is feasible to install CCTV cameras within Queen Street to assist in curbing any anti-social behaviour.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

7. Councillor Lake asked the Director Planning and Environment if given the recent news reports regarding AGL Coal Seam Gas Wells at Menangle Park, if Council has received any feedback from residents or any further information regarding pollution especially as it relates to water quality and leakage to the Georges River.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that compliance officers have inspected the area and have liaised with residents and it was noted that AGL are currently undertaking construction processes in accordance with the approval issued by the Planning Assessment Commission.

The General Manager advised that the results of an independent noise monitoring study being arranged by Council's Planning and Environment Division will be presented to Council in due course.

8. Councillor Lake asked the General Manager if he could be provided with a status report regarding the proposed Leumeah pedestrian bridge.

The General Manager advised that the Acting Director City Works has received documentation from RailCorp regarding the relocation of pillars which were holding up the construction of the footbridge and that the Acting Director City Works will forward further information regarding the bridges construction to all Councillors by way of a memo.

9. Councillor Lake referred to fencing and barricades stored within the carpark of Waminda Oval and asked the General Manager if they belong to Council.

The General Manager advised that the fencing and barriers were used by Campbelltown East Eagles during their senior football games which have now concluded and noted that Council has been in contact with Campbelltown East Eagles in relation to the removal of the fencing from the carpark area.

10. Councillor Thompson asked the Acting Director City Works if he could investigate issues regarding traffic flow on the roundabout at Ingleburn and Oxford Roads, Ingleburn and asked the Acting Director City Works if consideration could be given for the erection of a no entry sign for vehicles entering Oxford Road.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

11. Councillor Thompson asked the Acting Director City Works if the school speed zone on Narellan Road is being removed.

The Acting Director City Works advised that the school speed zone will be removed at the conclusion of the current road works.

12. Councillor Thompson asked the Acting Director City Works if he could be provided with an update regarding proposed installations of lift facilities at Ingleburn Railway Station.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

13. Councillor Rowell noted that CCTV initiatives are very important and that several years ago the State Government offered funding for the installation of CCTV cameras in areas of concern, however this offer was not taken up by Council. Councillor Rowell suggested that Council investigate any funding opportunities that may now be available.

The Acting Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter.

14. Councillor Matheson referred to a previous request regarding a report outlining the proposal for the redevelopment of Lake Burrendah and asked the Acting Director City Works if this report will be presented to the new Council.

The Acting Director City Works advised that a report regarding the redevelopment of Lake Burrendah will be provided to the new Council.

15. Councillor Greiss noted that he has received representations from shop owners at Glenfield advising that they feel that they have not been appropriately consulted or informed in relation to road works and changes within their area.

Councillor Greiss asked the General Manager if he could arrange for a letter to be forwarded to the affected shop owners outlining the current status and plans for this area.

The General Manager advised that he will forward a letter to shop owners providing them with an update of the road works within the area.

16. Councillor Hawker congratulated Councils Communications and Marketing section on the presentation of the Spring Compass Magazine. Councillor Hawker noted that the new format and layout of the information is outstanding.

17. Councillor Bourke congratulated all Council staff involved in the 2012 Riverfest event held on Saturday 25 August.