

## **13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

### **13.1 Questions Without Notice**

1. Councillor Glynn congratulated Council staff for the development of the new Council website and noted that at Penrith City Council citizens are offered the opportunity to comment on Council Policies by an online submission and asked if it was likely that Campbelltown City Council would be in a position to offer a similar facility in the future.

Councillor Glynn also referred to Council's current online survey mechanism and asked if he could be provided with feedback on the value of the responses received so far.

The General Manager advised that the development of Council's website is ongoing particularly with regard to the requirements of Integrated Planning and Reporting and that further information regarding future developments will be provided to Councillors early in 2013. The General Manager advised that he would arrange for feedback on Council's current online survey mechanism to be forwarded to him as requested.

2. Councillor Glynn advised that he had been contacted by an elderly resident who mentioned that he can recall a time that Council provided free loads of top soil to residents. Councillor Glynn asked if this was the case why did Council cease this service and is it feasible for the service to be recommenced.

The General Manager advised that many years ago Council did provide residents with one load of top soil upon request however this was at a time when the population was significantly less than at current times. As the population began to grow quickly the service became financially unsustainable and was ceased. Given the current population of the Local Government Area to commence this service again would require an enormous budget allocation at the expense of other services currently provided to the community.

3. Councillor Brticevic advised that he had been contacted by a resident in regards to a number of ongoing traffic issues adjacent to the Child Care Centre located at Denham Court and asked if a senior officer could contact the complainant to discuss their concerns.

The General Manager advised that he will arrange for a senior officer to contact the complainant and as there have been a number of issues regarding this centre he will list this issue as a topic for a future briefing evening to provide all Councillors with a full history of this matter.

4. Councillor Lound advised that he recently attended the 'Fred's First Night' event which was held at the start of the Festival of Fisher's Ghost. Councillor Lound noted that this event was a great family night and an excellent initiative.
5. Councillor Lound asked Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Dobson if she would consider sending a letter of congratulations to the Gunners Soccer Club who recently won the Champion of Champions Under 18's age group competition for the second consecutive year.

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Dobson advised that she would be happy to write a letter of congratulations.

6. Councillor Lake referred to the tree trimming being undertaken on Williamson Road, Ingleburn and noted that there are still many trees that require trimming and asked to be advised when this program be completed.

Councillor Lake also noted that there is a substantial amount of rubbish on Williamson Road and asked if arrangements could be made to be removed.

Council's Acting Director City Works advised that he would take both these issues on notice and advise Councillor Lake of the outcome by way of memo.

7. Councillor Thompson noted that there is a number of trees currently removed adjacent to Macarthur Square and asked if appropriate Council approval had been given.

Council's General Manager advised that the removal of these trees was subject of a detailed report to the Council Meeting held 16 October 2012.

8. Councillor Thompson advised that he has been made aware of a significant amount of graffiti behind the shops at Glenfield and asked if arrangements could be made for its removal.

Council's Acting Director City Works advised that he would investigate this matter with a view to having the graffiti removed.

9. Councillor Thompson advised that a silt retaining screen located in Chamberlain Street, Campbelltown is in need of maintenance and asked if this matter could be investigated.

Council's Director Planning and Environment advised that he would have the matter investigated as requested.

10. Councillor Greiss advised that he recently attended the official visit to the Lions Club of Ingleburn by Gary Parker, District Governor of Lions Clubs International District 201 N2. Councillor Greiss advised that on behalf of Council he presented the District Governor with a commemorative plaque and in return received a banner from both the District Governor and the Ingleburn Lions Club.

11. Councillor Rowell advised that he had recently attended the Child Care Week celebrations where Council was nominated in 12 categories. Councillor Rowell congratulated all Council Education and Care Services staff for their commitment and provision of high level service to the community.

12. Councillor Rowell recently attended the 25 year celebration event for WILMA and congratulated all staff for the support they provide to the community.

13. Councillor Hawker asked to be provided with an update on the East / West connection from Brooks Road to Ingleburn shopping centre.

The General Manager advised that this issue has been the subject of strong representations from the Ingleburn Chamber of Commerce and that the Acting Director City Works is currently investigating all options available and they will be presented to Councillors early in 2013.

14. Councillor Kolkman referred to the one week extension of the Fisher's Ghost Carnival at Bradbury Oval and asked if it was a success and if any complaints were reported or excessive anti-social behaviour observed.

Council's Director Business Services advised that the Fisher's Ghost Carnival extension was successful and that no complaints have been received and also noted that the crowd attendance was not as large as in the first two weeks of the event as there was not a fireworks display.

15. Councillor Chanthivong congratulated Councillor Borg and his team on the success of the recent 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Walk.