

5. PETITIONS

No Petitions this round

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Hon Kevin Humphries MP Minister for Mental Health

Attachments

- 1 Copy of letter from Hon Kevin Humphries MP Minister for Mental Health
2. Copy of Council's letter to Hon Jillian Skinner MP Minister for Health

Responding on behalf of the Hon Jillian Skinner MP Minister for Health, to the letter Council sent her regarding mental health services at Campbelltown Private Hospital.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting 26 March 2013 (Lake/Mead)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 29

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1



The Hon. Kevin Humphries MP
Minister for Mental Health
Minister for Healthy Lifestyles
Minister for Western New South Wales

M13/27

Mr Michael Sewell
Director Business Services
Campbelltown City Council
PO Box 57
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

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5 MAR 2013

Dear Mr Sewell

Thank you for your correspondence to the Hon. Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, concerning mental health services at Campbelltown Private Hospital and funding for mental health in the Macarthur area. As this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Mental Health, your correspondence was forwarded to me for my consideration.

As you may know, the mental health unit, known as Park Central Clinic, at Campbelltown Private Hospital is operated by Healthscope. I understand that senior staff of the South Western Sydney Local Health District will meet with Campbelltown Private Hospital to discuss the plans for closure. The District will consider possible actions that might be taken to ensure that the community in the Campbelltown Area have access to high quality mental health care, both through the public and private sector, should there be a decrease in the number of private beds.

I appreciate your concerns regarding the provision of mental health services in the Macarthur area. The LHD is currently undertaking a comprehensive planning process for the development of a mental health precinct, including future services and facilities on the Campbelltown Hospital campus. In addition, consideration is being given to how community emergency mental health services based at Campbelltown can better assist with meeting both the current and future needs of people with mental illness and their carers.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Claire Jones, Director of Clinical Services, Mental Health Service, South Western Sydney Local Health District, on 9616 4285.

Yours sincerely

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HON. KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP
Minister for Mental Health
Minister for Healthy Lifestyles
Minister for Western New South Wales

ATTACHMENT 2



21 December 2012

The Hon. Jillian Skinner MP
Governor Macquarie Tower
Level 31, 1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister

Mental Health Funding for the Macarthur Region

At the Campbelltown City Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 December 2012, concern was expressed that the Campbelltown Private Hospital was closing its mental health ward.

Statistics surrounding the Macarthur region indicate that there is a high incidence of mental health illness in comparison to the Sydney statistical district. A contributing factor to this distressing issue is reflected by the socio economic profile, especially as it relates to the concentration of public housing within the Campbelltown Local Government Area.

Council formally resolved to write to both the State and Federal Ministers for Health regarding the provision of adequate funding to address mental health issues in the Macarthur area.

It needs to be reemphasised that this is an extremely important issue within our community. Should you require any further details please contact me on 4645 4662.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Sewell", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Sewell
Director Business Services

6.2 Mr Laurie Ferguson MP Member for Werriwa

Attachments

Copy of letter

Congratulating Council for its continued funding of the Ingleburn Alive Festival.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received.

Council Meeting 26 March 2013 (Glynn/Lound)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 30

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1



MAR12'13 08:05:46 RCVD

11 March 2013

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Mr Paul Tosi
PO Box 57
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Dear Mr Tosi

Ingleburn Alive

I write to congratulate Council for its continued funding towards this great event. The crowds on Saturday were a firm endorsement of the extensive work by the team of local residents who are supported by Campbelltown Officers.

The diversity of stalls, the engagement of people with information that was available, from many services, the children with smiles on their faces and the opportunity of local talent to perform publicly are all tremendous aspects.

I know that in this day and age, festivals such as this are increasingly rare. We need to retain such community events, giving people the option to engage with others, support local businesses and become aware of the opportunities our local groups provide.

I urge Council to continue its funding and logistical support for this valuable local initiative.

Yours sincerely

Laurie Ferguson MP
Federal Member for Werriwa