

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Oates asked the Director Planning and Environment for an update regarding the status of Raith (in Poplar Avenue, Bradbury) particularly if advice has been received from the Department of Community Services or Planning regarding plans for restoration of the burnt out building or potential plans for the overall site.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that he is currently investigating the matter and will advise Councillors of the outcome by way of the weekly memo.

2. Councillor Oates referred to her previous request for consideration to be given to the construction of a pedestrian crossing on Rudd Road, Leumeah and asked the Director City Works if he could provide the current status of this request.

The Director City Works advised that the camera is still currently in position counting pedestrian access at the site and that when this process has been completed a report will be presented to the Traffic Committee for their consideration.

3. Councillor Glynn referred to a previous request regarding a potential upgrade to the printing facilities in the Councillors work room to allow for printing from iPads and iPhones using Wi-Fi.

The Director Business Services advised that he is currently investigating the matter and will respond to Councillors by way of a memo.

4. Councillor Chanthivong asked the General Manager if the recent Coal Seam Gas Forums were electronically recorded and if so could Councillors be provided with a copy of the forums.

The General Manager advised that the forums were recorded on video and that when they have been edited he will provide Councillors with a copy of the recordings.

5. Councillor Chanthivong asked the General Manager if the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 18 December 2012 have been adopted.

The General Manager advised that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting were adopted at the commencement of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 February 2013.

6. Councillor Chanthivong asked the General Manager if the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 December 2012 are accurately recorded.

The General Manager advised that the Minutes as adopted by Council are accurate.

7. Councillor Chanthivong asked Her Worship the Mayor if at the recent Coal Seam Gas Forum held at Varroville if she acknowledged Councillor Hawker as bringing the issue of Coal Seam Gas to light within our Local Government Area and initiating the Coal Seam Gas forums.

The Mayor acknowledged that she did state this at the Forum.

8. Councillor Chanthivong referred to the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 18 December 2012 regarding the Corporate Governance Committee Item 8.1 - Coal Seam Gas Rally noting that Councillor Borg is recorded as having moved the Motion initiating the Coal Seam Gas forums and asked the Mayor if she would acknowledge this.

The Mayor noted that as stated by Councillor Chanthivong, Councillor Borg is recorded as having moved the Motion in regard to Item 8.1 - Coal Seam Gas.

The Mayor advised that according to her recollection, Councillor Borg moved item one of the Committee's Recommendation then Councillor Hawker moved a two part Amendment which lost. Committee members suggested the first part of Councillor Hawker's amendment be added as part two of Councillor Borg's initial Motion this was agreed to and the Motion containing two parts was adopted by the Committee.

9. Councillor Lound referred to the recent soccer match between Western Sydney Wanderers FC and Newcastle Jets FC held at Campbelltown Stadium and congratulated all involved with the successful running of the event.
10. Councillor Lound referred to the article in the Macarthur Chronicle regarding Damian Mortimer, a local resident that has been selected in the Australian Under 19s Cricket team. Councillor Lound asked Her Worship the Mayor if she would consider writing a letter to Mr Mortimer congratulating him on his selection.

The Mayor advised that she will write a letter to Mr Mortimer passing on Council's congratulations.

11. Councillor Lake asked the Director City Works when a briefing will be provided to Councillors regarding parking and traffic issues at the Park Central precinct.

The Director City Works advised that this matter is scheduled to be presented to Councillors at the Briefing evening to be held on 12 March 2013.

12. Councillor Lake congratulated Council's Manager Emergency Management on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for the 29 years of service he has provided to Council and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.
13. Councillor Mead referred to the Minutes of the Corporate Governance Minutes held 11 December 2012 and noted that there was an error in the Minutes in relation to Item 8.1 Coal Seam Gas Rally as it should have been noted that the amendment lost within the Minutes.
14. Councillor Thompson referred to the 2013 Free Recyclables Drop Off Day held in January and noted that it was a very successful event with a large number of residents attending.

Councillor Thompson thanked all staff involved in the event.

15. Councillor Thompson referred to the bathroom facilities at the Macquarie Fields Indoor Sports Facility and asked if these facilities could be inspected to determine if they are in need to upgrade.

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

16. Councillor Greiss congratulated Council's Manager Emergency Management on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for the 29 years of service he has provided to Council as the Manager Human Resources and Emergency Management and asked the General Manager if consideration should be given to a formal letter of thanks be prepared by the Mayor.

The Mayor advised that she will be happy to write the letter as suggested.

17. Councillor Hawker thanked the Manager Emergency Management for his 29 years of service to Council and also thanked him for his friendship and advice. Councillor Hawker wished the Manager Emergency Management well in his future endeavours.