

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Oates referred to the recent tornado in Koshigaya City, Japan which caused considerable damage and serious injuries to a number of citizens. Councillor Oates asked if Council has made representations to Koshigaya City Office offering assistance.

Council's General Manager advised that Council's Manager Executive Services has been in contact with Koshigaya City Office and indicated that he would send a letter outlining Council's concern of the impact of the tornado and offering any practical assistance.

2. Councillor Kolkman advised that he has received representations from a resident indicating that when they were using the change rooms at the Gordon Fetterplace Swimming Centre, they noted that there were no hooks behind the change room doors to allow for clothing to be hung. Councillor Kolkman asked if this could be investigated with a view to remedying this issue.

Council's Acting Director City Works indicated that he would ensure that this issue is attended to.

3. Councillor Brticevic asked to be advised of the status of the proposed intersection at the child care centre in Denham Court. Councillor Brticevic advised that he has been made aware that there has been a change in the conditions of consent and also sought information on the current usage of flags and signage.

Councillor Brticevic also referred to a recent function that was held at the centre and asked if this event had the appropriate authorisation.

Council's Director Planning and Environment advised Council is in receipt of a Section 96 application to amend the conditions which will be presented to the next Ordinary meeting of Council.

Council's Director Planning and Environment also advised that there has been a change in management at the centre and Council's compliance staff have been endeavouring to meet with the new owners to discuss issues that include those raised by Councillor Brticevic.

4. Councillor Chanthivong congratulated both Local Members, Russell Matheson MP and Laurie Ferguson MP on retaining their seats in the Federal election.

5. Councillor Borg asked Council's Director Planning and Environment if Stage 1 works at the UWS Campus have commenced.

Council's Director Planning and Environment advised that Stage 1, which comprises of earthworks, has commenced.

6. Councillor Borg noted that there is still a significant issue with traffic backing up at the lights at the entrance to UWS from Narellan Road and asked if the synchronisation of the traffic lights could be reviewed to assist in alleviating this issue.

Council's Acting Director City Works advised that this matter would be investigated.

7. Councillor Borg referred to the ongoing issues associated with the child care centre in Denham Court and asked to be advised as to what stage Council will commence assertive compliance action to ensure a satisfactory resolution.

Council's Director Planning and Environment advised that Council is undertaking a range of compliance initiatives to endeavour to resolve the issues raised and is arranging for Council staff to meet the new owners of the premises, prior to pursuing any enforcement provisions.

8. Councillor Lake requested a status update on the provision of additional car parking at Park Central.

Council's Acting Director City Works advised that Council is currently undertaking a substantial community awareness program and following its conclusion, it is anticipated that the project will commence in four to six weeks and is expected to be finalised by March/April 2014.

9. Councillor Lake noted that on a recent train trip to Leumeah Railway station that on exiting the train, there is a significant step down to the platform. Councillor Lake indicated that this could possibly cause significant difficulties for a range of members of the community and asked if this issue could be brought to the attention of the Local Member who may be able to assist in rectifying.

Council's General Manager advised that he would pass this information on the Local Member as requested.

10. Councillor Lake referred to the recent Federal election and particularly to the success of Russell Matheson MP, Member for Macarthur and Chris Hayes MP, Member for Fowler. Councillor Lake indicated that both members enjoyed huge swings in retaining their seats which is a testament to the work that they undertake for their local communities.

Councillor Lake also congratulated Laurie Ferguson MP, Member for Werriwa for also retaining his seat.

11. Councillor Thompson asked if wood fire barbeques are legal and if Council has any powers in regard to prohibiting their use.

Council's Director Planning and Environment advised that wood fire barbeques are legal unless a total fire ban has been declared.

12. Councillor Greiss noted that he recently represented the Mayor at a function to celebrate an annual soccer match between Campbelltown and Camden teams and noted that Council was presented with a framed player jersey. Councillor Greiss asked if a letter could be forwarded to the Macarthur District Soccer Association congratulating them on the success of the event and thanking them for the presentation they made to Council.

Council's Director Community Services indicated that she would ensure that the appropriate letter be forwarded as requested.

13. Councillor Rowell congratulated Russell Matheson MP, Member for Macarthur on retaining his seat with a significant majority and advised that he is looking forward to his representation of the local community over the next three years.
14. Councillor Rowell referred to the recent Child Care Australia Awards and asked if Council was successful in winning an award at the event.

Council's Director Community Services advised that Council had several finalists, however, won no major awards.

15. Councillor Matheson advised that she had received representations from members of the community regarding the sufficiency of the bus services to Campbelltown from Killbride retirement village and also from the suburb of Leumeah. Councillor Matheson asked the Acting Director City Works if this matter could be investigated by Council's Traffic Committee.

Council's Acting Director City Works advised that this matter would be listed for discussion at the Traffic Committee as requested.

16. Councillor Matheson congratulated both her father, Russell Matheson MP and Laurie Ferguson MP on their success in the recent Federal election.
17. Councillor Hawker congratulated the three local members on retaining their seats in the recent Federal election.
18. Councillor Hawker referred to the tree planting strategy as part of the conditions of consent for the development in Macarthur Gardens on Carlton Road, Campbelltown and noted that the trees have either not been planted or have been removed. Councillor Hawker asked if this issue could be investigated and noted that residents have asked that consideration be given to the planting of ornamental pear trees in this area.

Council's Director Planning and Environment advised that this matter would be investigated as requested.

19. Councillor Hawker advised that he has received information from residents expressing concern regarding the uneven paving in Hoddle Avenue, Campbelltown in the vicinity of the local shopping centre and asked if appropriate action could be undertaken to remedy this concern.

Council's Acting Director City Works advised that this matter would be investigated as requested.

20. Councillor Kolkman referred to the proposed housing estate at UWS and asked if works had started in the estate without appropriate approval from the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

Councillor Hawker, as a representative of the Joint Regional Planning Panel, advised that as part of the consent, works could commence, however parcels of land could not be sold until the appropriate approvals had been obtained.