

13. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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1. Councillor Glynn noted that Campbelltown Rotary will be presenting a cheque to Midnight Basketball this Friday. Councillor Glynn asked the General Manager if a letter of thanks can be presented to Mr Doug West for the significant contribution that he has given to ensure the success of Midnight Basketball in Campbelltown. Councillor Glynn asked the Mayor if he would consider attending the final Midnight Basketball event to be held on Friday 15 November 2013.

The General Manager advised that the Mayor has already arranged to attend the final Midnight Basketball event and that he will present an appropriate letter of thanks to Mr West.

2. Councillor Brticevic noted that a significant tree in the Child Care Centre in Blomfield Road, Denham Court, has fallen onto Council owned property. Councillor Brticevic asked the Acting Director City Works if he could investigate the removal of the tree.

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

3. Councillor Lound thanked all Council staff responsible for ensuring the success of Fred's First Night.
4. Councillor Borg thanked all Council staff involved in the 24 hour Fight Against Cancer. Councillor Borg also thanked Council for its ongoing support noting that it ensures the success of this worthwhile community event.
5. Councillor Lake asked the Acting Director City Works if a map of the Local Government Area could be prepared distinguishing roads that fall under the care of Council together with those that are the responsibility of other authorities. Councillor Lake asked that a copy of this map be placed on Council's website to assist residents in understanding which authorities are responsible for road maintenance within the Local Government Area.
6. Councillor Lake referred to an announcement made on national radio this morning, advising that James Packer has made a donation of \$60m to the Arts. It was noted that a significant portion of this donation has been earmarked for the Western Suburbs and that some mention was made of a contribution to the Campbelltown Arts Centre. Councillor Lake asked the General Manager if he could make appropriate enquiries regarding a possible contribution being made to the Campbelltown Arts Centre.

The General Manager advised that he will make enquiries regarding the announcement and advise Councillors of the outcome of his investigations.

7. Councillor Dobson noticed that the tiles on the footpath adjacent to the Spotlight Arcade in Queen Street, Campbelltown are loose and could cause a safety issue to pedestrians and asked if this matter could be investigated with a view to having the tiles replaced. Councillor Dobson also asked if the Queen Street pavement is regularly checked to ensure that where possible appropriate maintenance is undertaken.

The General Manager advised that he will investigate the issue raised and noted that Council staff regularly inspect the Queen Street pavement to identify and rectify safety concerns.

8. Councillor Dobson asked the General Manager if she could be provided with an update as to when Queen Street will be re-paved.

The General Manager advised that a report will be presented in the near future identifying the most appropriate methods for the renewal of the footpath areas in the Queen Street CBD.

9. Councillor Thompson noted that he attended the presentation day for the Ingleburn Bulldogs Junior Rugby League and was asked to pass on to Council their thanks for the assistance provided over the season by the City Works section.

10. Councillor Greiss asked the Mayor if he would consider holding a Civic Reception to thank members of the Rural Fire Service, SES and NSW Fire and Rescue for their efforts during the recent firestorms.

The Mayor indicated that he would be happy to arrange for an appropriate Civic Reception to be held.

11. Councillor Greiss noted that November is Shop Small Month and that a campaign is being undertaken to encourage people to reconnect with small business within the Local Government Area. Councillor Greiss asked if practicable could Council assist with the promotion of this campaign.

12. Councillor Greiss noted that Prof Alan Bensoussan from UWS Campbelltown received a significant award for Chinese medicine. Councillor Greiss asked if the Mayor would consider forwarding a letter of congratulations to the recipient of the award.

The Mayor advised that he would ensure that an appropriate letter of congratulations is forwarded.

13. Councillor Oates advised that she had received representations from the Campbelltown Airds Historical Society expressing concern for the ongoing deterioration of the historic home 'Raith' in Bradbury and asked the Director Planning and Environment if he could follow up Councils previous representations with the appropriate authorities regarding this issue.

The Director Planning and Environment advised that he will follow up this issue as requested and advise Council and the Campbelltown Airds Historical Society of the outcome.

14. Councillor Mead noted that he was approached by a local resident who advised that they were having difficulty in finding appropriate organisations to offer their services as a volunteer and asked if Council could assist in this regard.

The Director Community Services advised that she would make arrangements for the resident to be contacted and noted that this information is available on Councils website under the community directory.