

**ITEM 13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE****MELBOURNE CUP LIVE SITES SYDNEY (\$129276)**

1. By Councillor Vithoukas

**Question**

On Melbourne Cup Day, 1 November 2016, the TAB set up Melbourne Cup Live sites in the local government area at Martin Place, The Rocks, King Street Wharf, Cockle Bay Wharf, Harbourside, Sydney CBD and Darling Quarter. What, if any, was the City of Sydney's involvement with the Melbourne Cup Live sites?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The City's Venue Management team approved an application from TAB to host a Melbourne Cup pop-up live site in Martin Place on 31 October and 1 November 2016, as it has done each year for the past 15 years. This was a commercial hire and the applicant paid the applicable venue hire fees.

Martin Place was the only approved TAB Melbourne Cup live site on land the City owns or controls.

The activation in Martin Place included large screens, as a display of historical images covering the changing hat and dress fashions at the Melbourne Cup, a millinery display and lessons, and a fashion parade featuring clothes designed and modelled by students of Sydney TAFE and UTS. It also provided betting terminals. The TAB estimated that 40,000 people visited the site over the two days.

**SMALL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT SURVEY (\$129276)**

2. By Councillor Vithoukas

**Question**

On 26 September 2016, findings of the Small Business Engagement Survey were provided to Councillors as part of the CEO Update.

1. Will all, or a portion of, the survey findings be made available to wider audiences including other small business owners in the local government area?
2. What is the timeframe for amendments to the way that the City of Sydney communicates and shares information with small business owners based on the findings of the research?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The Small Business Engagement Survey was conducted to inform the City about the needs of small businesses and how to best communicate with them. The City has provided briefings and/or a copy of the full report to the NSW Business Chamber, all local chambers of commerce and precinct associations in the City's LGA, the NSW Department of Industry and Destination NSW. The information will also be shared with a range of Industry Associations to enhance the delivery of services and communication with their sectors locally.

Survey findings that are directly relevant to small business owners are being incorporated into the City's precinct profiles (available on the website, currently being updated) and highlighted in communication with small business.

The survey confirmed that the type of business-related support that local businesses seek is generally already offered, either by the City or another relevant agency. Several of the City's programs for business are being improved based on the results of the survey. These include:

- the Business 101 seminar series - topics, promotion and speakers more targeted to the needs of small business
- the development of partnerships to increase the offer of free/low cost seminars workshops for local business
- enhanced local retail and precinct destination marketing campaigns through the creation of event leveraging resources and improved 'What's On' website functionality
- updated and expanded customer and local profile information being made available on the City's website.

The survey noted the preferred channel of communication with small business is via email. The City Business e-newsletter has been redesigned to improve usability and hierarchy of information. Targeted subscriber acquisition initiatives are being undertaken. All information for business on the City's website is being reviewed and updated to improve relevance, usability and cross agency links/navigation.

In addition, a Small Business Operations Group led by the City will commence quarterly meetings in 2017 to improve knowledge and information sharing, and the coordination and communication of support, resources and services for small business across relevant government agencies, industry association and chambers/precinct associations (in consultation with local small business owners).

This research, in conjunction with the Economic Development Strategy action plans and ongoing consultation with local chambers/precinct associations, key agencies and stakeholders, and small business representatives, will continue to inform the City's support programs for, and communication with, local small business.

### **NON-RESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL REGISTER MAINTENANCE (\$129276)**

3. By Councillor Vithoukas

#### **Question**

Is the City of Sydney updating the register continuously until the next Local Government Elections in 2020? Are businesses able to still complete forms from now until 2020?

#### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The implementation of the Non-residential Register and Rolls is the responsibility of the CEO. The CEO has provided Councillors with regular updates on progress with the implementation of the Register and Rolls.

As previously advised, a post-election update will be provided to Councillors shortly.

#### **NON-RESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL REGISTER REVIEW (S129276)**

4. By Councillor Vithoukas

##### **Question**

When will the review for the gathering and processes of the register conclude and when will the findings come to Council?

##### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice No. 3.

#### **NAME CHANGE NOTIFICATION PROCESSES (S129276)**

5. By Councillor Vithoukas

##### **Question**

At Item 5 of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 14 November, Naming Proposal - Girard Plaza (Formerly Napoleon Plaza) – Post Exhibition, a local resident and business owner attended the meeting and ask why they had not been notified of the proposed name change.

Councillors were advised that, while advertising had been undertaken and notices affixed to lamp posts, the City had not written to or informed directly nearby residents or business owners.

1. What steps are involved regarding informing the community of name changes to streets or places?
2. Is community consultation undertaken?
3. Are local residents and businesses written to?
4. Does the City attempt to contact the residents and businesses directly who are in the immediate vicinity of the street or place?
5. How can this item have been placed on exhibition and the direct residents or business owners in the area not being informed of the proposal?
6. What steps will be undertaken to avoid this in the future?

##### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Please refer to the Relevant To Memo for Agenda Item 6.5.

**LANDSCAPE PLAN – 66-68 KELLETT STREET, POTTS POINT S129269**

6. By Councillor Forster

**Question**

Can the Lord Mayor please provide an update on the City's landscape plan it is developing for the open space bounded by Roslyn Street and Ward Avenue, Potts Point, which is adjacent to 66-68 Kellett Street?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Architects have been retained by the City and the landscape plans, which include demolition of the existing premises, are expected within the next two months.

**BELMORE PARK MASTERPLAN (S129269)**

7. By Councillor Forster

**Question**

Can the Lord Mayor please provide Councillors with a copy of the Belmore Park Masterplan? Does the plan include the proposed public art installation, The Pavilion?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Preliminary work on a master plan for Belmore Park was prepared for the park in 2013. This was undertaken prior to the public art proposal "Pavilion".

The work was put on hold at that time pending light rail design development and master planning of the Central Station precinct as part of the Sydney Metro project by the State Government.

Transport for NSW and ALTRAC have a right under the Light Rail Development Deed to use Belmore Park as a site compound up until completion of the Light Rail Project. This right remains in place unless Transport for NSW and ALTRAC advise formally that they wish to give up this right under the Deed.

It is intended that a long term master plan will be prepared in the near future that includes consideration of light rail interfaces and Central Station master planning outcomes.

**OXFORD STREET SAFETY (S129269)**

8. By Councillor Forster

**Question**

In the CEO Update dated 27 October 2016, we state that immediately following the keystone displacement incident of 28 May 2016, the City strengthened the awnings through cladding with marine plywood and reinforcing the structure through the installation of Acrow props every four metres.

Were these props installed because we discovered that the awnings were not safe after the incident of 28 May 2016?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The City's appointed structural engineer recommended for 110-122 Oxford Street that immediate temporary control measures be put in place following the keystone displacement until full remediation of the façade was completed. These temporary control measures consisted of the construction of a temporary plywood protection deck over awnings with acrow props installed under the awning every four metres. The acrow props were installed to solely support the protection deck and not the awning structure.

The City's structural engineer further recommended the construction of a temporary plywood protection deck over awnings with acrow props installed under the awning every four metres for 56-76 and 82-106 Oxford Street to be undertaken.

These temporary control measures undertaken for the Oxford Street properties were to maintain safety of the public and the structural integrity of the building's façade. They were not installed due to any structural concerns with the awnings.

**CLEANING CONTRACT (S129275)**

9. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

I note the reference to the City's cancelled cleaning contract in the Quarterly report.

What is the date of the termination of the contract?

What is the reason provided for the termination?

What actions has the City taken to prevent similar concerns for future contracts?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The date of termination of the contract is 30 November 2016.

The reasons for the termination are confidential and were discussed in the confidential briefing of Councillors on 24 October 2016.

The termination resulted from a breach of the contract terms by the contractor and such conduct is beyond the City's control.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL REGISTER AND ROLLS - PENALTY NOTICES (S129275)**

10. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

Has the City developed a policy, with associated processes, to ensure that the issuing of penalty notices, in relation to the non-residential register and rolls, is transparent and equitable and that it reflects existing practice in other business units? If not, when will it be complete? Who has or will be consulted?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice No. 3.

**PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES (S129275)**

11. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

1. Please detail which budget year the following new toilet facilities are budgeted for:
  - (a) Railway Square, Haymarket;
  - (b) Lawson Square, Redfern;
  - (c) Regent Street, Waterloo;
  - (d) Erskineville Road, Erskineville;
  - (e) William Street, Darlinghurst;
  - (f) Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross;
  - (g) Oxford Street, Paddington;
  - (h) Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo; and
  - (i) King Street Newtown – jointly with Marrickville Council to service the Newtown shopping and entertainment precinct.
  
2. Please detail which budget year the following upgrading of public toilet facilities in the City's parks are budgeted for:
  - (a) Sydney Park, Alexandria;
  - (b) Wentworth Park, Glebe;
  - (c) Observatory Hill Park, Millers Point;
  - (d) Victoria Park, Chippendale;
  - (e) Green Park, Darlinghurst; and
  - (f) The Glebe Foreshore Parks.
  
3. Has the City made any progress on advocating for the provision of new public toilets to service urban renewal areas and projects:
  - (a) George Street light rail corridor;
  - (b) Barangaroo; and
  - (c) Green Square.

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The City is progressing with the installation and refurbishment of numerous public toilets located throughout the local government area. The following projects identified in the Public Toilet Strategy are currently scheduled to occur this 2016/17 financial year:

- Alexandria Park – new facility
- Erskineville Oval – new facility
- Sydney Park – new facility
- Bellevue House (Glebe Foreshore Parks) modification of existing facility
- Darlinghurst and Bayswater Roads, Kings Cross – installation of automated public toilet
- William Street and Oxford Street, Paddington – installation of automated public toilet

Planning has commenced for the 2017/18 financial year, with a new facility at Observatory Hill Park, Millers Point currently in design. The remaining City public toilet facilities will be managed during future capital work programs in line with the Public Toilet Strategy's long term financial plan.

Good progress has been made on advocating for the provision of new public toilets to service urban renewal areas and projects in the George Street light rail corridor, Barangaroo and Green Square. This includes new public toilets at five locations within the Barangaroo precinct, and another five new public toilets provided across a range of sites (parks and public buildings) in Green Square.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL REGISTER AND ROLLS (S129275)**

12. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

1. Broken down by organisation type, how many trade unions, state-owned entities, incorporated associations and other bodies corporate applied to be on the non-residential register and rolls?
2. Broken down by organisation type, how many trade unions, state-owned entities, incorporated associations and other bodies corporate were deemed to be on the non-residential register and rolls?
3. Are the reporting and archiving functions of the City's IT for the non-residential register and rolls finalised?
4. What reports are possible to create from the City's IT for the non-residential register and rolls, once finalised?
5. From the forecast expenditure for 2015/2016 of \$7.832 million for non-residential register and rolls, how much was spent? Please provide a breakdown of expenses.
6. From the forecast expenditure for 2016/2017 for non-residential register and rolls, how much has been spent? Please provide a breakdown of expenses.

7. In total, how many applicants for the City's non-residential register have ticked a box requesting more information from the City? Of these, how many applicants' details have been passed over to the City's Communications Unit?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice No. 3.

**HOUSING POLICY AND ACTION PLAN (S129275)**

13. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

When will the Council consider the City's Housing Policy and Action Plan?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The Greater Sydney Commission is about to release the six draft District Plans for Sydney. Staff have been advised that these plans will cover housing policy and strategy and mandate the development of District Housing Plans.

The City will need to assess the timing for completion of the City's Housing Policy and Action Plan (with drafting currently underway) once these draft District Plans are released.

**DEFIBRILLATORS AT SPORTING FIELDS (S129275)**

14. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

I refer to the motion carried by Council at its meeting of June 2016, entitled "Defibrillators at City's Sporting Fields". Can the Lord Mayor update the Council as to the progress of the Chief Executive Officer's progress to install defibrillators at the City's sporting fields?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The City of Sydney currently has 24 defibrillators located within areas occupied by City staff, with plans to install a further 35 units in 2017/18 subject to budget availability.

Many sportsfield hirers, particularly organised competitions, supply AED units and / or a medic for the care of players or spectators during sports activities.

City staff have spoken to other councils and agencies who look after sportsfields, and to an AED supplier about the placement of AED units in open locations at sportsfields. The feedback received was that no other councils or agencies install AED units in open locations and that, if installed, units are likely to be vandalised or stolen. Some councils and agencies have installed them within buildings located adjacent or close by sports fields.



City staff will consult further with existing sportsfield hirers to determine the extent of their current medical provisions and any future plans to provide AEDs at the City's sportsfields. In addition to this, we will prepare a risk assessment and review the feasibility of placing AEDs in change room facilities as part of the abovementioned roll out of additional units.