

Item 10

Questions on Notice with Answers

Pymont Community Centre

1. By Councillor Phelps

Question

On 9 September 2019, a Lord Mayoral minute was brought to Council which addressed requests of Pymont community groups for the upgrade of the highly-used Pymont Community Centre facilities.

It was resolved that the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare a project scope, concept design and budget for the Pymont community's requests and report this to Council for consideration.

The specific requests of the resident groups included:

1. Building an additional room to accommodate gym activity and equipment, which would free up the current gym room as a music room, and a smaller gym room as a meeting room.
2. Installing an additional toilet upstairs.
3. Installing a cupboard system to store equipment that would allow the out of school hours care space to be used for other purposes when not being used for after school care.
4. Expanding the availability of staff on Sundays to enable the use of the Maybanke facility.
5. Exploring the addition of more active recreation facilities for young people in Pirrama Park.

The residents have contacted my office and expressed their concerns that there appears to be no sign of the promised project scope and concept design.

Could the Chief Executive Office please advise:

1. What is the timeline for delivery of the project scope and concept design?
2. What is the timeline for commencement and completion of works for the new facilities at the Pymont Community Centre?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

In discussion with the community, the following early works have already been implemented:

- Glass roof over the foyer has been replaced.
- Joinery in the Out of Hours care space is being replaced with new joinery to provide a more versatile and functional storage solution allowing the space to be used for other purposes when not being used for after school care.

In addition to the above works, the kitchen at the Centre was also recently upgraded.

Projected delivery of the project scope and concept design for the long term works are as follows:

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| (a) | Finalise Concept Design Option/s | March 2020 |
| (b) | Community Consultation | April 2020 |
| (c) | Project Scope report to Council | May 2020 |

The delivery program will be dependent on the concept design options and is projected to be reported to Council with the project scope report in May 2020.

Mardi Gras Resources

2. By Councillor Phelps

Question

During an election campaign there are restrictions in place on what the Government can do – both in initiating policy and in use of official resources. This is to avoid “inappropriate use of official resources” and to ensure the impartiality of the civil service.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. What was the estimated cost to the City of Sydney of the production - including scripting, filming, editing, directing, producing and boosting - of Clover Moore’s announcement at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras of her candidacy for the next Council elections?
2. What City of Sydney funds were spent on the 'Alex and Clover' float at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras on 29 February, 2020?
3. Were City and Councillor staff paid overtime to staff the City of Sydney stall at Fair Day?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The City of Sydney was not involved in the Lord Mayor’s announcement at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, nor were City of Sydney funds spent on the 'Alex and Clover' float.

Councillor Support staff were not paid overtime to staff the City of Sydney stall at Fair Day. City of Sydney staff were rostered to work on the day of Fair Day as part of their normal roster, therefore overtime was not required to be paid.

City of Sydney Social Media Spending

3. By Councillor Phelps

Question

Constituents have reported an extraordinary volume of sponsored City of Sydney advertisements on Instagram and other social media platforms recently.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. What is the budget for social media promotion of the Council of the City of Sydney?
2. What is the expenditure for the production of - including filming, editing, scripting, directing and boosting - the City of Sydney's social media videos and other campaigns?
3. Where does this expenditure appear in the City of Sydney's financial statements?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

In financial year 2019/20, \$33,364 has been spent to date against the 'Videography' natural account for outsourced video production. In financial year 2019/20, \$18,683.77 has been spent to date on Facebook video ads and promotion of Instagram Story videos.

This expenditure appears in the financial statements. The expenditure appears in 'Note 4. Expenses from continuing operations', under 'Other Expenses' under the following categories:

- (a) Videography – Events/Project Costs
- (b) Editing – Events/Project Costs
- (c) Social Media Advertising – Advertising

There is no dedicated budget for 'social media promotion' at the City. Promotional budgets are set at a project level and costed against a 'General Advertising' natural account.

Dog Related Ordinances

5. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Please detail by suburb how many reports of ordinances related to dogs are received by the city (e.g. off leash, attacks etc.) for the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2019
 - (b) 2018
 - (c) 2017
 - (d) 2016

2. Also by suburb, please detail how many of these ordinances were attended by council for the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2019
 - (b) 2018
 - (c) 2017
 - (d) 2016

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1.

2019	
Suburb	Request Received
ALEXANDRIA	65
ANNANDALE	5
BARANGAROO	1
BEACONSFIELD	8
CAMPERDOWN	35
CENTENNIAL PARK	9
CHIPPENDALE	18
DARLINGHURST	55
DARLINGTON	17
DAWES POINT	3
ELIZABETH BAY	32
ERSKINEVILLE	55
EVELEIGH	1
FOREST LODGE	51
GLEBE	162
HAYMARKET	5
MILLERS POINT	9
NEWTOWN	27

2019	
Suburb	Request Received
PADDINGTON	12
POTTS POINT	40
PYRMONT	70
REDFERN	50
ROSEBERY	43
RUSHCUTTERS BAY	9
SURRY HILLS	86
SYDNEY	33
ULTIMO	15
WATERLOO	81
WOOLLOOMOOLOO	66
ZETLAND	45
NOT SPECIFIED	208
Total	1316

2018	
Suburb	Request Received
ALEXANDRIA	93
ANNANDALE	24
BARANGAROO	1
BEACONSFIELD	6
CAMPERDOWN	21
CENTENNIAL PARK	4
CHIPPENDALE	12
DARLINGHURST	58
DARLINGTON	17
DAWES POINT	1
ELIZABETH BAY	26
ERSKINEVILLE	53
EVELEIGH	6
FOREST LODGE	29
GLEBE	170
HAYMARKET	8
MILLERS POINT	6
MOORE PARK	5
NEWTOWN	42
PADDINGTON	21
POTTS POINT	17
PYRMONT	37
REDFERN	96
ROSEBERY	57
RUSHCUTTERS BAY	14
SURRY HILLS	63
SYDNEY	44
THE ROCKS	1
ULTIMO	13
WATERLOO	101

2018	
Suburb	Request Received
WOOLLOOMOOLOO	73
ZETLAND	29
NOT SPECIFIED	233
Total	1381

2017	
Suburb	Request Received
ALEXANDRIA	96
ANNANDALE	9
BEACONSFIELD	7
CAMPERDOWN	33
CENTENNIAL PARK	9
CHIPPENDALE	11
DARLINGHURST	28
DARLINGTON	14
DAWES POINT	7
ELIZABETH BAY	20
ERSKINEVILLE	55
EVELEIGH	1
FOREST LODGE	15
GLEBE	121
HAYMARKET	4
MILLERS POINT	14
MOORE PARK	5
NEWTOWN	50
PADDINGTON	14
POTTS POINT	28
PYRMONT	99
REDFERN	108
ROSEBERY	33
RUSHCUTTERS BAY	18
SURRY HILLS	61
SYDNEY	51
THE ROCKS	2
ULTIMO	8
WATERLOO	106
WOOLLOOMOOLOO	22
ZETLAND	45
NOT SPECIFIED	270
Total	1364

2016	
Suburb	Request Received
ALEXANDRIA	72
ANNANDALE	4
BARANGAROO	1
BEACONSFIELD	13
CAMPERDOWN	29
CENTENNIAL PARK	11
CHIPPENDALE	13
DARLINGHURST	57
DARLINGTON	15
DAWES POINT	4
ELIZABETH BAY	18
ERSKINEVILLE	42
EVELEIGH	11
FOREST LODGE	27
GLEBE	139
HAYMARKET	9
MILLERS POINT	12
MOORE PARK	4
NEWTOWN	53
PADDINGTON	18
POTTS POINT	25
PYRMONT	114
REDFERN	115
ROSEBERY	41
RUSHCUTTERS BAY	25
ST PETERS	2
SURRY HILLS	75
SYDNEY	38
THE ROCKS	1
ULTIMO	20
WATERLOO	94
WOOLLOOMOOLOO	41
ZETLAND	88
NOT SPECIFIED	357
Total	1588

2. City Rangers respond to all complaints received.

City Advertising

6. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Detail the City of Sydney's total advertising spend on print media, separated by publication for the following years
 - (a) 2019
 - (b) 2018
 - (c) 2017
 - (d) 2016
2. Detail the City of Sydney's total advertising spend on online media, separated by publication for the following years
 - (a) 2019
 - (b) 2018
 - (c) 2017
 - (d) 2016
3. Who is delegated to approve expenditure on advertising?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

This information will take some time to compile. A CEO Update will be provided to Councillors when the information is available.

Garbage Collection in Chippendale

7. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Detail the total number of waste pick ups (non regular scheduled residential bin collections) booked by residents in Chippendale for calendar years:
 - (a) 2016
 - (b) 2017
 - (c) 2018
 - (d) 2019
2. Detail the total number of complaints received by council in relation to waste left on the street in Chippendale for calendar years:
 - (a) 2016
 - (b) 2017
 - (c) 2018
 - (d) 2019
3. Detail the total number of complaints received by council in relation to missed or delayed regular scheduled bin collections in Chippendale for calendar years:
 - (a) 2016
 - (b) 2017
 - (c) 2018
 - (d) 2019

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Answer requested from Director City Services

1. Household bookings (bulky household, metals, whitegoods, e-waste and mattresses)

	Booked services
2016	1303
2017	1524
2018	1626
2019	1875

2. Illegal dumps reported/street cleaning requests:

	Illegal Dumps
2016	494
2017	468
2018	554
2019	714

	Street Cleaning
2016	71
2017	61
2018	98
2019	109

During each year the City received the below waste feedback requests in Chippendale, the feedback selection is not a mandatory function in the Customer Request Management (CRM) system, meaning there are blank records:

	Complaint
2016	14
2017	24
2018	6
2019	4

3.

	Missed Garbage Bin (Red)	Missed Garden Organic Bin (Green)	Missed Recycling Bin (Yellow)
2016	227	51	85
2017	320	85	113
2018	202	64	79
2019	177	30	123

Provision of Aquarobics Classes at Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre (ITAC)

8. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Are aquarobics classes currently being provided by the Belgravia Leisure at Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre?
2. How many classes are provided weekly?
3. Are these classes currently scheduled to continue indefinitely?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Aquarobics classes are a core program and are offered weekly at Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre.
2. The current aquarobics program includes a total of 12 classes scheduled each week. The breakdown of classes is three shallow aqua; four deep aqua and five warm water aqua.
3. All fitness and aquarobic classes are reviewed on a quarterly basis. Classes are scheduled, increased or decreased to meet customer demand. Attendances are currently good for Aquarobics with an average of 14.4 people per class during February.

Skate Parks in City of Sydney

9. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Please provide an update on the current progress of all skate park projects in The City of Sydney
2. Please provide expected completion times for all of these projects

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The Sydney Park Skate Park construction is progressing well with works due to finish mid-2020. Most earthworks and structural walls are complete including the new circuit path. The main focus on site is now on rolling out the concrete skate elements. The project is scheduled to be completed by mid-2020.

Following the liquidation of the contractor of the Crescent Lands, the remaining site area has been made safe and negotiations with an alternate contractor are proceeding. If a successful result is achieved in these negotiations, Council will be updated on the revised program by May 2020.