

Questions taken on notice

17 December 2019



At Council meetings, questions from the public and from Councillors are sometimes taken 'on notice', meaning that an answer cannot be provided at the meeting itself. When an answer is available, it is provided direct to the questioner, and is also published here.

As well as the full response, the text below includes a summary of the question and the answer provided at the meeting. A recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time and Councillor Questions Without Notice) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting.

Response to question from Cr Searle

Question

On Saturday there was a music festival held at the Burnley Circus site which raised some issues about noise and other amenity issues from neighbours. We want to encourage these sort of festivals to be held in Yarra, it's great to have music festivals in Yarra, but we need to manage off-site amenities as well.

What systems do we put in place and will be put in place to make sure that noise from events like this is managed and also that notification of residents is undertaken because we had some assertions made that some residents didn't know about it and there was a letterbox drop, but it actually wasn't done widely?

A confetti gun was also used at the festival which resulted in bits of paper ending up in the park and down near the riverbank.

What can we do as a Council to manage things like confetti and balloons and those sort of things from people who are hiring our venues and our facilities to stop them from polluting the local environment?

Response at the meeting

The Director Community Wellbeing advised he was advised of the small number of noise complaints. There is a process in place to manage that and operate within the EPA guidelines. In relation to the notification, I will have to take that on notice.

We would not be encouraging the use of confetti guns, balloons or any other type of activity that would cause pollution within the environment. We do work comprehensively with the hirers of this space and we will let them know. We were not aware that they were using a confetti gun prior to the event, but we are aware of the complaints about it and we are now following up with that provider. We will also take this into account with any other future applications.

Subsequent response

Response not yet available

Response to question from Cr Stone

Question

There have been some concerns expressed by residents and people using the bike lane about cars charging into it from side streets and I have observed people edging out into it trying to get into traffic and parking over it, motorbikes using it and a whole lot of breaches of the road rules.

What is Council's approach to enforcing that to kind of get the appropriate behaviours up and running and people getting use to looking out for that bike lane and whose role is it?

Response at the meeting

The Director Planning and Place Making took the question on notice.

Subsequent response

Response not yet available

Response to question from Cr Searle

Question

In relation to Councils live streaming, are we able to simulcast it on Facebook live as some other municipalities do? If not, it would be good to get a report or some information in future about what it would take to simulcast it on Facebook live.

Response

The Group Manager Chief Executives Office took the question on notice.

Subsequent response

Response not yet available