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**Title:** Questions with Notice  
**Department:** Governance

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## **7.1 Questions with Notice**

The following question was submitted by Councillor Gale:

### **Breaches of Dog Policy**

***How many fines have been issued over the last 12 months for breaches of the dog policy for Umina Beach and Ocean Beach?***

Response provided by the Director, Environment and Planning:

Council Rangers issued 11 infringement notices for breaches of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* in the Umina suburb over the period 1 July 2018 to 31 October 2019. The database does not identify the Umina or Ocean Beaches as isolated areas.

For information, there was 969 infringement notices for breaches of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* across the whole Central Coast Council area over the same period.

The following question was submitted by Councillor Hogan:

### **Budgewoi Masterplan**

***Could staff please provide a report on the actions identified in the Budgewoi Masterplan that have been competed/on track/delayed/not commenced or on hold?***

Response provided by the Director, Environment and Planning

This is a complex question requiring research and resources to provide an appropriate response.

As a result it is not possible to provide a response for this Council meeting and it is proposed to provide the response for inclusion in the Business Paper for the meeting of 10 February 2020.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor Hogan:

**Gwandalan Playground**

***Could staff please provide a progress report on the missing Gwandalan Playground project?***

Response provided by the Director Environment and Planning:

In line with the Resolutions of Council on 11 March 2019 identified below, it is confirmed that \$200,000 has been added to the draft 2020/21 budget for Council approval. If this project is approved in the 2020/21 financial budget, the works for the South Eastern Park playspace will be scheduled for delivery in the 2020/21 financial year.

*182/19 That Council allocate a budget of \$200,000 to construct South Eastern Park playspace in the 2020/21 Capital Works budget.*

*183/19 That Council supports the construction of the Tunkuwallin Oval District Playspace to commence in the 2020/21 financial year.*

The following question was submitted by Councillor MacGregor:

**Former Tourist Information Building at Kariong**

***Is council aware of any plans for future or alternative uses for the old tourist information building on The Avenue at Kariong?***

Response provided by the Director, Connected Communities:

The former tourist information building located on the Central Coast Highway at Kariong is part of the larger Mt Penang Precinct held in the ownership of the NSW Government under the care and control of the Hunter Central Coast Regional Development Corporation.

Council staff recently met with the Chair of Central Coast Tourism (CCT), who are the owners of the former Kariong Visitor Information Centre, they have advised they are currently in negotiations with the landholder regarding the future of the Visitor Information Centre building.

The Hunter Central Coast Regional Development Corporation continues to progress various projects across the Mt Penang Precinct including infrastructure upgrades and analysis for options for future use of land within their control. Council is not privy to specific details.

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**7.1 Questions with Notice (contd)**

The following question was submitted by Councillor MacGregor:

**Central Coast Libraries**

***How many Libraries does council currently operate, does council have plans for expansion or reduction in physical library services in the next 12 months and has council considered expanding library services into community and progress halls around the CCLGA?***

Response provided by the Director, Connected Communities:

Council currently operates 11 branch libraries located across the Central Coast Local Government Area.

Suburb Location	Operating Hours Monday – Friday	Operating Hours Saturday	Operating Hours Sunday	Offers Council Services
<b>Bateau Bay – Bateau Bay Square</b>	9.00am – 5.30pm	9.00am – 3.00pm	Closed	
<b>Erina – Erina Fair</b>	9.30am – 5.00pm Mon, Tues, Wed. 9.30am – 7.00pm Thurs. 9.30am – 5.00pm Friday	9.30am – 4.00pm	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Council Services Delivered Mon - Fri
<b>Gosford</b>	9.30am – 5.00pm	9.30am – 12.30pm	Closed	
<b>Kariong</b>	Tues – Fri 9.30am – 5.00pm	Closed	Closed	
<b>Kincumber</b>	9.30am – 5.00pm	Closed	Closed	
<b>Lake Haven</b>	9.00am – 5.30pm	9.00am – 3.00pm	10.00am – 2.00pm	Council Services Delivered Mon - Fri
<b>The Entrance</b>	9.30am – 4.30pm	9.00am – 12.00pm	Closed	Council Services Delivered Mon - Fri
<b>Toukley</b>	9.00am – 4.30pm	9.00am – 12.00pm	Closed	
<b>Tuggerah</b>	9.00am – 5.30pm	9.00am – 3.00pm	Closed	Council Services Delivered Mon - Fri
<b>Umina</b>	9.30am – 5.00pm	Closed	Closed	
<b>Woy Woy</b>	9.30am – 5.00pm	9.30am – 12.30pm	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Council Services Delivered Mon - Fri

Central Coast Library Service currently supports 2 community Libraries:

Suburb Location	Operating Hours
<b>Community Library – Gwandalan</b>	Mon – Tues 9.00am – 12pm Sat 8.45am – 11.45am
<b>Community Library Mooney Mooney</b>	Mon 10am – 2pm Tues 2pm – 5pm Sat 9am – 12pm

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Our libraries provide a wide range of diverse resources free of charge to our users. In 2018/19 986,620 visitors to our libraries borrowed 1,582,085 items.

The Home Library Service delivers library resources to approximately 225 home bound patrons per month. In 2018/19 this service lent 38,543 items to our community.

Outlying areas of the region are supported by our Bookmobile service which makes 1,552 visits per year and in 2018/19 lent 10,109 items to community in outlying areas of the Central Coast.

A review of Library Services was completed in June 2019 and includes recommendations to expand outreach services, expand mobile programming to geographically isolated areas within the community, further review Library opening hours to ensure they meet community needs, including extended opening hours in branches located within retail precincts and review weekend hours.

Kariong Branch library is the smallest of our libraries and is currently located in a leased building on the corner of Currunga Rd and Arunta Ave Kariong. In the first half of 2020 this branch will relocate to Council's Kariong Hill Youth Centre to expand service and program offerings.

Planning is underway for the construction of a new Regional Library in the Gosford CBD.

During 2020/21 the library service will develop a strategic plan that will provide long term direction for the service including the expansion, colocation and/or rationalisation of services including Council Customer Service functions.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor Greenaway:

### **BioNet Atlas Database**

***Would staff please confirm the number of species of plant and animals have been atlased by staff into the BioNet Atlas Database in the last 2 years and a list of the species so atlased.***

Response provided by the Director Environment and Planning:

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### **Attachments**

Nil

