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**Title:** Questions with Notice  
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## **6.1 Questions with Notice**

The following question was submitted by Councillor Pilon:

*Can you please provide details of all costs including individual consultants fees currently spent on the RPACC/Library to date?*

Response provided by the Executive Manager, Innovation and Futures:

Expenditure in relation the Regional Performing Arts and Cultural Centre (RPACC) and Gosford Regional Library is provided below.

The consultant and land acquisition spend to-date since the formation of the Central Coast Council is as follows:

Consultant Spend to date \$1,211,965.02

Purchase of 75 Mann Street \$2,437,549.53

Purchase of 73 Mann Street \$ 525,000

Total spend to date \$4,174,514.55

This figure excludes staff costs and any spend on the RPACC and Library by the former Gosford Council.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor Holstein:

*Does council have or have had in draft a public arts policy? If not what plans do staff have?*

Response provided by the Director of Connected Communities:

Staff are currently finalising the Public Art Policy, following development of the Central Coast Cultural Plan.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor Holstein:

*The plan to erect the mast of the HMAS Adelaide at Terrigal, what is the status and reasons for the delay in doing so?*

Response provided by the Director of Environment and Planning:

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 May 2019, Council resolved to place the mast at The Haven, Terrigal. Subsequently, a Development Application (DA) was lodged for the installation of the mast.

As Council is the applicant on the DA for the installation of the mast, the DA was sent to an independent assessor for consideration. The assessor has requested two additional pieces of information to be provided before making a determination, one being the design of an accessible pathway and the other, a visual impact assessment.

Staff engage consultants to design the accessible pathway and undertake the visual impact assessment. On 1 October 2019 staff received the second of the two required pieces of information and have forwarded them to the independent assessor.

Following this, the assessor will provide a recommendation to approve or decline the application. This recommendation from the independent assessor is expected to be reported to Council by the 9 December meeting.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor Hogan

*In light of the progress of the Gosford Regional Library, when will the Public Art Policy be finalised and will public art be embedded into the design of the library?*

Response provided by the Director of Connected Communities:

It is expected that public art will feature prominently within designs for the Gosford Regional Library, both within the building and building façade, and also any relevant adjacent public spaces.

Staff are currently finalising the Public Art Policy, following development of the Central Coast Cultural Plan.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor Hogan

*Could staff please provide a score card on how we are progressing with increasing the number of apprentices and trainees across the different directorates?*

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Response provided by the Executive Manager, People and Culture:

Central Coast Council currently has 227 young people aged 24 or under. We currently employ 22 apprentices, 10 trainees and 12 undergraduates. We are currently recruiting for 6 apprentices and 4 trainees who will be commencing with us in January 2020 as well as 15 new undergraduates.

Youth	Total for 2019	Total for 2020
Apprentices	22	28
Trainees	10	14
Undergraduates	12	15

Through the recent recruitment of apprenticeships and traineeships;

- Council attracted 247 applications across a variety of disciplines
- 12.6% of applications were from candidates who identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 7.7% of candidates were female

During 2019 the focus has been setting up Central Coast Council with a harmonised process of managing Apprentices and Trainees to provide a consistent experience across the Council. This harmonised process is currently being finalised and will be operational at the end of November 2019.

This model will mean that all Apprentices and Trainees will be employed by Central Coast Council while a GTO will provide a managed placement service. As we transition to this new model it will provide the opportunity to increase our apprenticeship and trainee opportunities over the coming years.

In addition, there is a detailed youth employment strategy currently being finalised that in collaboration with the Youth Services team will be looking at improving the attraction, promotion and retention of youth to support better employment outcomes for the youth of the Central Coast.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor MacGregor

*Food trucks and public food markets in the CCLGA*

*What policies, rules and regulations currently exist around and govern the establishment and operation of food trucks and public food markets in the CCLGA?*

Response provided by the Director of Environment and Planning:

- To establish a public food market, a proponent needs submit a development application and attain development consent under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
  - Food trucks are required to be compliant with the *Food Act 2003*.
  - The *Food Act 2003* requires food trucks used for the preparation, to be constructed to food safety requirements of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.
  - Australian Standard AS4674:2004 Design, Construction and Fit out of Food provides guidance for food trucks and food premises.
  - The NSW Department of Primary Industries, Food Authority provides Guidelines for Food Businesses at Temporary Events June 2016.
  - Council undertakes an annual inspection of all registered vendors to ensure compliance with the *Food Act 2003* and the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.
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The following question was submitted by Councillor MacGregor

*Disaster and emergency relief control centre and response*

*Does the Central Coast Council area currently have a disaster or emergency relief co-ordination control centre or the like in our LGA and how is a co-ordinated response organised and provided amongst various stakeholders, agencies and units when catastrophic weather (or other) events such as massive flooding, bushfires or the similar events occur within our LGA?*

Response provided by the Director of Environment and Planning:

Council currently has two Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs). One is co-located at the Rural Fire Service (RFS) Fire Control Centre at Charmhaven, and the second co-located at the RFS Fire Control Centre at Kariong.

Each EOC is equipped for the control and coordination of a multi-agency response to a significant emergency or disaster event.

Should an EOC need to be activated to support a lead combat agency, the Local Emergency Operations Controller will request various agencies to provide a Liaison Officer to the EOC who will then manage the response operation appropriately.

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The following question was submitted by Councillor Smith

*Is Council able to publish the total amount of briefings that have been held since the inception of the current Council and have a table which confirms how many of this total number have been attended by individual Councillors with either the numbered*

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*attended or a percentage that reflects the number of total attended published in response to this question on notice in an upcoming business paper?*

Response provided by The Director or Governance:

A total of 78 Councillor Briefings have been held between 18 September 2017 and 25 September 2019.

Attendance records for Councillor Briefings have been recorded each week since October 2018. There were 16 Briefings held in 2017 to 2018 of which there are no attendance records.

Individual Councillor attendance at the Briefings where attendance was recorded is detailed below:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Briefings attended</b>
Best	17
Burke	38
Gale Collins	37
Greenaway	55
Hogan	54
Holstein	48
MacGregor	52
Marquart	19
Matthews (Mayor)	36
McLachlan	50
Mehrtens	47
Pilon	39
Smith	60
Sundstrom	58
Vincent	33

These figures are correct as at the day of printing and reflect the recording of attendance by Councillor Support.

Councillor should contact Councillor Support if they would like a detailed breakdown of these figures.

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### **Attachments**

Nil