

Question from Mr Vincent De Luca

Subject: Awareness Campaign for Drink Spiking

Meeting Date: 12 October 2004

Question: In the meantime, until Council officially launches its awareness campaign regarding spiking of drinks could Council please email/mail all members of relevant advisory committees, particularly the Surf Club Liaison Advisory Committee, Youth and Community Centres and Youth Advisory Committee advising of the issue and the need for awareness? Also, could Council please write to the Hon Secretary of sporting organisations in Warringah about the issue?

Response: The Administrator commented that he appreciates and shares the concern of Mr De Luca. He reiterated his reply of 24 August 2004 that local groups are working together under SHOROC in order to produce a coordinated and locally supported strategy. Further to advice and research, those groups are focussing on Christmas as the optimum period for implementation of the plan. The Administrator cautioned against involving community groups prematurely by alerting them without advice and support materials; he will, however, request the advice of community groups regarding their feelings on an earlier release date for the strategy.