

Public Forum Question and Response

Subject: Strategy on Drugs and Alcohol

Question From: Mr Vincent De Luca OAM

Meeting Date: 13 November 2007

I refer to my numerous requests in 2006 and in early 2007 for Council to run an education seminar on Drug Ice, Drugs and alcohol and send posters and information to community centres, sporting and community organizations about the harmful affects of drugs and Council's answer that it would prepare a Strategy about drugs instead.

- a) On what dates has the Steering Committee met to formulate the strategy;
- b) Has the strategy been produced?
- c) When will Council finally do what it promised last year and send to Community Centres, sporting and community organizations posters and information about the harmful affects of drugs?

Answer:

The Director Community and Environmental Services advised that Warringah was currently working with other Council's including Manly and Pittwater to possible form a broader Community Drug Action Team (CDAT), with a focus on getting the correct information out. The Director could not establish why the resource kit had been delayed, however it is now available and will be sent out to relevant community centres, sporting and community organisations within the next two weeks. The Director also advised that there was a portal available on the libraries website and Council was still involved with the IMPAKT program (Information, Minimisation Parents and Kids Together) and that there was drug and alcohol information available at YoYo's youth centre.