

12.2 MINUTES - COUNCILLORS MEETING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS/REPRESENTATIVES - 14 FEBRUARY 2024

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

REPORT:

Present: Mayor Jess Jennings, Neil Southorn (DEPBS), Janelle Middleton (A/DCCS), Darren Sturgiss (DES), David Sherley (General Manager), Cr Ben Fry, Cr Robert Taylor, Cr Margaret Hogan, Cr Ian North, Cr Graeme Hanger, Cr Kirralee Burke (TEAMS), Nicholas Murphy (MCG)

Apologies: Cr Andrew Smith, Cr Warren Aubin

1. Bathurst hand weavers and spinners guild – Lesley Picker

- Provided the background and an update on the Association. Currently have approximately 40 members.
- Currently renting the Bathurst Aero Club with storage in a storage container. Raised a number of concerns with the current venue.
- Provided a plan of a preferred building (floor area ~220sqm) for their use as their permanent home.
- Requested Council consider the purchase/construction of a permanent venue including workshop area, as well as storage areas, as well as a contribution towards the purchase of additional equipment.

2. Bathurst Floodplain Model Update – Stantec (Alireza Pouya, Martin Griffin), Xenghong Meng

- DES provided an introduction to the Flood Study and the importance of the project. Council received grant funding to undertake the project and the model will assist planning decisions and flood mitigation works.
- Provided an update on the project and the works completed to date.
- Original Flood Management Plan was adopted in 1995, and the majority of the recommendations have since been implemented. New model was sought using the latest information available including rainfall and runoff data and climate change.
- Will incorporate the 2023 Flood Risk Management Manual.
- Spoke to the model catchment boundaries and the inputs to the model.
- Spoke to the recent inclusion of urban expansion areas adjacent to the Macquarie River.
- Model focusses on Bathurst urban areas, including Georges Plains, Perthville and downstream of Eglinton.
- The project is progressing towards Community Consultation to supplement the data already available.
- Spoke to the community consultation methodology and processes.

- Spoke to the development and validation of the model by mid-2024. Ongoing modelling to occur to be completed by the end of 2024.
- Public exhibition of the draft Flood Model around March 2025. Final adoption of the model to be considered mid-2025 after consideration of community feedback.
- DES outlined that community consultation to happen during 2024 is about seeking data and the invite will be to all flood affected properties.
- DES and DEPBS provided clarification about the process to amend the planning controls which is subsequent to this process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration.

Strategy 6.4 Meet legislative and compliance requirements.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

01 **Inform** - to provide the public with balanced and objective information to help them understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil