

## 12.3 MINUTES- BATHURST REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE - 22 FEBRUARY 2024

**File No:** 07.00107

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be noted.

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### **REPORT:**

The Bathurst Regional Community Safety Committee considered a number of items at their meeting held on 22 February 2024, including the following:

- Election of Committee Chair and Cochair
- Emergency Services Session
- Seniors Road Safety Session
- Don't be Next/Lock It or Lose It Campaign
- Domestic Violence Campaign Development

The Minutes of the Bathurst Regional Community Safety Committee held on the 22 February 2024 are **attached**.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

### **BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:**

#### **Objective 4: Sustainable and balanced growth.**

Strategy 4.1 Facilitate development in the region that considers the current and future needs of our community.

#### **Objective 5: Community health, safety and well being.**

Strategy 5.1 Provide opportunities for our community to be healthy and active.

Strategy 5.4 Make our public places safe and welcoming.

#### **Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration.**

Strategy 6.1 Communicate and engage with the community, government and business groups on important matters affecting the Bathurst region.

Strategy 6.3 Advocate for our community.

### **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:**

1. Minutes 22 February 2024 [**12.3.1** - 4 pages]



**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024  
AT 11:30AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erin Hogben (Housing Plus), Chief Inspector Glenn Cogdell (Chifley Police District), Councillor Ben Fry, Christopher Morgan (Bathurst Business Chamber), Sam Bolt (headspace Bathurst), Councillor Robert Taylor, Jean Fell (The Neighbourhood Centre Bathurst), David Bull (Cycle Safe Bathurst), Tim Fagan (Bathurst Liquor Accord).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Aimee Cook (Bathurst Regional Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Lisa Coates (CSU), Senior Constable Arna Martin (Chifley Police District), Simone Corby (Bathurst Seymour Centre)

**1. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2023**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held 23 November 2023 be accepted.

**MOVED:** Chief Inspector Glenn Cogdell

**CARRIED:** Councillor Ben Fry

**2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR**

Aimee Cook declared the position of Chair vacant and called for nominations.

Christopher Morgan was elected unanimously.

Aimee Cook declared the position of Co-Chair vacant and called for nominations.

Councillor Ben Fry was elected unanimously.

**3. PROJECT PLANNING**

**16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 25 November – 10 December 2023**

- Social media and website content shared.
- Nutbush 10am 1 December Kings Parade in partnership with Housing Plus. Good attendance. Would be good to make an annual event and grow participation.
- 16 books about gender equity and gender-based violence were promoted by the Library.

**Scams Awareness Week 27 November – 1 December 2023**

- Scams Awareness information session with NSW Police held at Library 30 November 2023 at 2pm. Low attendance with 10 attendees. Attendee feedback was that the session was very useful.
- Scams awareness promoted on Council website and social media.

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- Fraud awareness sessions have been run as part of the Seniors Festival program for the past couple of years. In 2024, the session has been replaced by an Emergency Services Information Session with presentations from NSW Police, Fire and Rescue, NSW Ambulance and SES.
- The Seniors Festival program includes 97 events in the region, an increase from 30 events in 2023.

#### Seniors Road Safety Session

- Seniors Road Safety session held 15 February 2024 at the Library with NSW Police, Service NSW and Transport NSW in attendance.
- 20 seniors in attendance, all had very positive feedback.

#### Don't be Next/Lock It or Lose It Campaign

- Campaign launched in December and included a mailbox drop to all Bathurst household and social media advertising. Cinema advertising was too expensive to fit in budget.
- Designs are currently being approved for car signage on Seymour Centre and Community Transport vehicles.
- Break and enter reports dropped during the December and January period, coinciding with the campaign.

#### Domestic Violence Campaign Development

- The Committee discussed the development of an awareness raising campaign targeting domestic violence and men's behaviour.
- The campaign should include promotion of the 'Empower You' app, a free safety app for people experiencing domestic and family violence.
- The Committee will utilise the remaining 2023 – 2024 budget for the campaign, with the aim to add funds from the 2024 – 2025 budget in the new financial year.
- The Committee will seek partnership from local domestic violence service providers. Aimee to reach out to service providers prior to next meeting.
- If budget allows, an agency will be contracted to coordinate the campaign and create the campaign assets.
- Local buy in is important. Football clubs, local personalities etc should be used in the campaign to increase success.
- Drug and alcohol counselling in Bathurst is only provided through the hospital and the wait list is often long. This may contribute to the incidence of domestic violence in the region. The Committee discussed including drug and alcohol awareness in the campaign.

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### **4. ROUND TABLE UPDATE**

#### Erin Hogben – Housing Plus

- The Orchard is still under construction.
- New program, 'Shark Cage', identifying red flags in relationships is receiving referrals.
- Housing Plus is focusing on community engagement, attending meetings and networking.

#### Chief Inspector Glenn Cogdell – Chifley Police District

- Chifley Police District have been invited to join the Central West Collaborative Against the Abuse of Older People.
- Current focus on youth crime and diversion.
- Rates notices sent by Council could be utilised for safety messages, eg Don't be Next!
- Weekly segment on 2BS continuing.
- Distributed local crime statistics detailing 18 crimes, noting decrease in break and enter and stealing over the last couple of months.

#### Sam Bolt – headspace Bathurst

- Planning underway for Mardi Gras 2024. Working Party in place and Traffic Management Plan with Council.
- Several events taking place in the region for Mardi Gras this year.

#### Tim Fagan – Bathurst Liquor Accord

- Major events in February including soccer and car races have resulted in a busy month.
- A new program targeting gambling harm minimisation is rolling out mid 2024 with requirements to complete additional training in venues with over 20 machines.

#### Councillor Ben Fry and Councillor Robert Taylor – Bathurst Regional Council

- 3,000 people attended the Women's A-League Soccer. Incident free event.
- 12-Hour was successful with very few issues.
- Council currently working to balance budget with community expectations.
- A new family friendly cycling event will be held on 11 May. Registrations opening soon.

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### Jean Fell – The Neighbourhood Centre Bathurst

- The Neighbourhood Centre Bathurst runs gambling, narcotics and alcoholic anonymous programs.
- Bathurst's multicultural community is growing. The multicultural community often feel vulnerable and fear for their safety. This includes an increase in people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

### David Bull – Cycle Safe Bathurst

- The roundabout campaign has been very successful.
- Currently seeking approval for shared pathway signage.
- Liaising with Council regarding cycle lanes around the region.

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### New Logo

- The logo competition will be launched mid-March and open to anyone residing, working, or studying in the Bathurst LGA.
- The winner will receive a \$500 Buy Local Gift Card.
- The winner will be selected by the Committee.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Safety Committee will be held on Thursday 21 March 2024 at 11:30am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:43pm.