

## 12.4 MINUTES - COUNCILLORS MEETING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS/REPRESENTATIVES - 28 FEBRUARY 2024

**File No:** 11.00019

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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### REPORT:

**Present:** Mayor Jess Jennings (TEAMS), Neil Southorn (DEPBS), Janelle Middleton (A/DCCS), Darren Sturgiss (DES), David Sherley (General Manager), Aaron Jone (DCSF), Cr Ben Fry, Cr Robert Taylor, Cr Margaret Hogan, Cr Ian North, Cr Graeme Hanger, Cr Kirralee Burke and Cr Warrin Aubin (arrived 6.20pm)

**Apologies:** Cr Andrew Smith

#### 1. **Eisteddfod – Renee Fowler, Jane Kensit and Donna Miller**

- Social and economic benefit of the Eisteddfod to Bathurst.
- 1st Grand Concert held in 1866.
- 1924 became District Eisteddfod.
- 2023 – 1200 events, 4000 performers over 20 days.
- Bathurst is the largest NFP Eisteddfod outside of Sydney.
- Have sent out a survey to participants.
- Volunteer base of over 80 individuals.
- Economic spend – conservative estimate of \$380,000
- Are activating other venues within Bathurst.

#### 2. **Project Elevate – Nick Jones, Mes Keith, Hamish Keith and Caddie Marshall.**

- Spoke to presentation.
- Project Elevate is a group of businesses who want to do more for tourism.
- Working to do tourism together.
- Transparency builds confidence and engagement.

### 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