

9.2.5 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CAN ASSIST BATHURST

File No: 04.00024

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council waive the Mount Panorama venue hire fees of \$328.00 for the “Country Cruisin’ for Can Assist Bathurst” event scheduled for 14 April 2024, with funding to be provided by Council’s Section 356 – Mount Panorama Fee Subsidies allocation.

REPORT:

Council is in receipt of a request from the organisers of the sixth annual “Country Cruisin’ for Can Assist” fundraiser, seeking a waiver of the venue hire fees for their event which is scheduled to occur in McPhillamy Park, on 14 April 2024. A copy of their request is provided at **Attachment 1**.

The organisers are seeking to run a car show style of event, with an anticipated 200 show cars and bikes on display.

All proceeds raised from this event will be going to Can Assist Bathurst.

The venue hire fees for this event are \$328.00. Any costs associated with post-event cleaning and/or Council staff/security call-outs will be charged at cost and will be payable by the hirer.

The organisers have obtained the required insurance coverage for this event, and have provided Council with copies of the relevant certificates of currency.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Should Council resolve in accordance with the recommendation of this report, there are sufficient funds within Councils Section 356 – Mount Panorama Fee Subsidies allocation to fund this request.

BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

Objective 2: A smart and vibrant economy.

- Strategy 2.1 Support local business and industry.
- Strategy 2.5 Support Mount Panorama Wahluu as a premier motor sport and event precinct.
- Strategy 2.6 Promote our City and Villages as a tourist destination.

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. can assist letter - attachment 1 Redacted [9.2.5.1 - 1 page]



**6th Annual Cruise & Shine
Country Cruisin' for Can Assist, Bathurst**



Dear Whom It May Concern,

Bathurst Regional Council Parks and gardens.

We are writing to request the use of McPhillamy Park for our 6th annual "Country Cruisin for Can Assist" car show fundraiser, raising money for Can Assist Bathurst.

We propose to hold a charity event on 14th April 2024 in McPhillamy park which will include a car show, a few food vans, jumping castle, small band, and fundraising activities such as silent auctions and raffles. The event would run from 9am-3pm and we anticipate approximately 200 show cars and bikes.

Previously, we have met in Bathurst and cruised to Portland where we have held our event at "The Foundations", however this year we are looking to keep the event more local, including more local people and businesses.

This will be our 6th year of this event, so far raising just over \$100,000 for Can Assist Bathurst. We are fully run by volunteers and all items are donated to our raffles, so that 100% of money raised goes to local people battling cancer.

Can Assist Bathurst is committed to ensuring that all people, regardless of where they live, have access to cancer treatment and care by providing accommodation, financial assistance and practical support to people from rural and regional areas. They ensure that country people are given the same opportunities and treatment choices as those who live in city centres.

The reason for us doing this is to give back to Can Assist Bathurst for all of their support they gave our Son/Brother, Ash James, during his 6 year battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Ash lost his battle on April 28th 2018 at the age of 37, leaving behind his wife and 2 young sons. Can Assist Bathurst supported Ash's family through this time with things such as paying medical and treatment bills, car registration, power bills, phone bills and much more.

Our family are hoping to continue to organise this event every year around the anniversary of Ash's passing so that Can Assist can help other families, as they did with Ash's family, and to honour Ash and his passion for cars.

We hope to hear back from you soon in response to our proposal and hope that council would consider a fee exemption due to this event being a charity event.

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Facebook: Country Cruisin for Can-Assist Bathurst

Thank you for your time.

The James Family