

## 9.4.1 2023/2024 RURAL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - UPDATE

**File No: 16.00104**

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council further distribute the 2023/2024 Rural Village Improvement Program funding as follows:

<b>Name of Association</b>	<b>Project Requested</b>	<b>Total Requested</b>
Peel Residents Association	Chairs and tables to update those currently in Old School House for use by community for meetings and events.	\$2,500
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$2,500</b>

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### REPORT

Council, at its meeting held 18 October 2023 (DCCS Report #8.4.1) and 7 February 2024 (DCCS Report #9.4.2), considered applications under the Rural Village Improvement Program and noted that the following village had not been able to provide details of suggested projects for funding within the timeframe required:

- Peel

The village groups have now been able to provide details of projects for application under the 2023/2024 Rural Village Improvement Program as follows:

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<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$2,500</b>

It is noted that Council's return, in regards to the social capacity, pride and respect this program has generated in each village, far exceeds the dollar amount allocated over the life of the program.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The amount allocated on 18 October 2023 (DCCS Report #8.4.1) totaling \$12,500 and 7

February 2024 (DCCS Report #9.4.2) totaling \$2,500, along with the total amount requested, as indicated above of \$2,500, if approved, would total an amount of \$17,500 requested under the 2023/2024 Rural Village Improvement Program.

Funding for this item is contained within existing budgets.

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

**Objective 1: Our sense of place and identity.**

Strategy 1.2 Protect, enhance and promote the region's European heritage assets and character.

**Objective 2: A smart and vibrant economy.**

Strategy 2.6 Promote our City and Villages as a tourist destination.

**Objective 4: Enabling sustainable growth.**

Strategy 4.3 Ensure services, facilities and infrastructure meet the changing needs of our region.

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

Strategy 5.2 Help make the Bathurst CBD, neighbourhoods and the region's villages attractive and full of life.

**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.

## **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