

26 June 2019

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

Notice of Ordinary Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council - Wednesday, 3 July 2019

I have to advise that an **Ordinary Meeting** of Bathurst Regional Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 3 July 2019 commencing at approximately 6.15 pm (or immediately following the conclusion of the Policy Committee).



D J Sherley
GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2019

1. 6:15 PM - MEETING COMMENCES

2. APOLOGIES

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before them at the meeting, please give consideration to Part 4 and Part 5 of the Council Code of Conduct, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings.

4. RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH GENERAL MANAGER'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS

* GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

* DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT

5. RESOLVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO DEAL WITH CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Recommendation: That:

- (a) Council resolve into closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
- (b) Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above.
- (c) Correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005,:

1. In accordance with Section 9(2A) of the Local Government Act 1993, it is the opinion of the General Manager that the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.
2. In accordance with Section 10B(1) it is considered that discussion of the matter in open meeting, would on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

3. In accordance with Section 10A(4) members of the public are invited to make representations to the Council as to whether the matters should or should not be dealt with in Confidential Committee.

*** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT**

ITEM	SUBJECT	REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
1	TENDER FOR WINBURNDALE DAM FLOOD SAFETY UPGRADE	10A (2) (d) (i) – contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Discussion of the matter in open council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

6. RESOLVE INTO OPEN COUNCIL

7. ADOPT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

8. MEETING CLOSE

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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1 NSW GOVERNMENT MUSEUM STRATEGY (18.00289, 18.00165)

Recommendation: That the following proposed resolution be forwarded to LGNSW for consideration at the next LGNSW Conference:

"That LGNSW lobby the NSW State Government to devise a Museum Strategy for NSW with sufficient resources to ensure cultural heritage led vibrancy, collection care and local storytelling initiatives are supported, developed and maintained for communities throughout the State."

Report: Councillors are aware of the Bathurst Regional Council expansion into the provision of museum spaces for the development of the community and visitor economy. Discussions in-house and with MGNSW, and other museum providers has highlighted the need for the development of a museum strategy for the whole of NSW. The following report is provided by way of background and recommends that Council forward a proposed resolution to the next LGNSW conference.

Museums are important to communities throughout the State as they act as a community keeping place for local memory and storytelling. They also provide welcoming places for locals and tourists alike. A NSW Government led Museum Strategy is essential to guide the prioritisation of infrastructure developments, projects and resources to make museums sustainable (keep the doors open), providing vibrant programming - ensuring that local stories are documented and made accessible both in museums and on-line.

During the latter part of 2018, Museums & Galleries of NSW (M&G NSW) undertook a comprehensive survey of the Museum and Gallery sector in NSW.

Using the M&G NSW database as a starting point, the 2018 Sector Census contacted every operational museum, gallery and Aboriginal cultural centre in NSW that have collections, present exhibitions, are accessible to the public on a regular basis and are operated on a not-for-profit basis, including those run and operated by local councils.

In total 524 organisations that met the criteria were identified, including 337 community run and managed museums, 58 public and regional galleries, 58 public and regional museums, 39 community run and managed galleries and artist run initiatives and 32 Aboriginal cultural centres.

The overall objective of the study was to gain factual and reliable data for the sector on collections, staffing levels, facilities, funding and visitation. By comparing this data against previous census findings M&G NSW is able to provide an overview and health check of the sector and build on previous research.

Some key findings of the census include:

VISITATION - Surveyed organisations reported visitor numbers of more than 5 ½ million in 2017. This included over 3 million visitors across country NSW.*
(includes all areas of NSW outside of the greater Sydney Metro area.)

COLLECTIONS - Organisations reported an average of 10,000 objects per collection across the sector.

90% of organisations manage a collection, yet less than half of these collections have been fully catalogued. Organisations reported 824,957 individual items currently in collections with over 3 million additional items estimated.

Half of all museums described their collection as relating to the immediate local history of their region.

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS - Organisations reported a total number of 4069 exhibitions and 21,572 events/public programs across NSW. Of these, 2955 exhibitions and 15,312 events/public programs took place outside metropolitan areas.

STAFF and VOLUNTEERS - Respondent museums, galleries and Aboriginal cultural centres directly support 797 equivalent full time employees.

Over half of all organisations surveyed reported that they rely solely on volunteers.

The organisations surveyed reported 8,629 active volunteers giving almost 5 million hours in 2017, worth over \$150 million per annum.

(Figure based on wage rates per hour as detailed in Unpaid Work and the Australian Economy estimates from ABS data, with increases to account for average wage since 2010.)

New South Wales has a large and diverse volunteer run museum sector. The museum sector sits beside and complements many other volunteer operated community cultural, health, and capital building enterprises. It is recognised that volunteers in regional communities are often actively engaged in more than one community sector and/or organisation.

A paper published by the Curtin Institute in March 2019 identified many factors impacting on the availability of volunteers across Australia.

These factors include:

- Volunteer burnout, particularly faced by those in multiple volunteering roles;
- Volunteers relocating to larger communities to access increasingly centralised retail, health services and care services;
- Ageing rural and regional populations;
- General failures of state and federal governments to provide adequate resourcing to volunteer organisations.

It is considered that the decline in numbers of volunteers will impact on the museum sector during the next decade. A decline in volunteer input will directly affect the sustainability profile of many regional museums - leading to a loss of association and connection between local stories, cultural knowledge and collections.

M&G NSW currently provides effective support services to the volunteer sector. These include:

- An active museums outreach program;
- Support for professional Museums Advisors in a number of Local Government Areas;
- Provision of online resources to encourage good practice in museum management;
- Skills development and mentoring programs for volunteers;
- Small grants for museum training, strategic planning, collection management and a wide range of museum/exhibition development projects;
- A Building Improvement Grants program.

While these programs achieve very positive results for the sector and are supplemented by a ready willingness to engage with and support volunteer museums in crisis, an overarching state-wide Museum Strategy is required to future proof the sector, and to ensure its contribution to community vibrancy, collection care, tourism, wellbeing and economic development is maintained and developed into the future.

Accordingly it is recommended that the following proposed resolution be forwarded to LGNSW for consideration at the next LGNSW Conference:

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Financial Implications: There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

Bathurst Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies

- Objective 1: Our sense of place and identity Strategy 1.1
- Objective 4: Enabling sustainable growth Strategy 4.1
- Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration Strategy 6.2

Community Engagement

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

Yours faithfully



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GENERAL MANAGER

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**1 ITEMS INCLUDED IN CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(36.00695 and 32.00029)**

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

Report: The following items have been included in the confidential section of the business paper for Council's consideration:

1 TENDER FOR WINBURNDALE DAM FLOOD SAFETY UPGRADE

This report considers the proposed tender for the Winburndale dam flood safety upgrade.

Financial Implications: There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

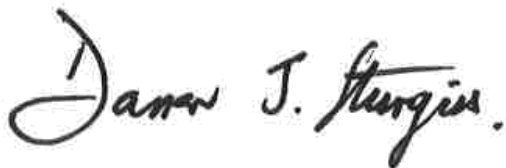
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- Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration Strategy 6.4

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Darren Sturgiss
**DIRECTOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES**