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## **BATHURST REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL - ATTENDANCE AT YOUTH COUNCIL CONFERENCE, SOUTH WEST SYDNEY, 11-13 OCTOBER 2024**

**FILE NO:** 11.00020

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be noted.

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### **REPORT:**

Three of the Bathurst Regional Youth Councillors were provided the opportunity to attend a three-day NSW Youth Council Conference, hosted by The City of Canterbury Bankstown, Fairfield City Council and Liverpool City Council, from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October 2024 at Western Sydney University.

The Conference offered a packed program featuring workshops and guest speakers focusing on a wide variety of topics all relating to the Conference theme- "Our Diversity Unites Us".

During the Conference, the Youth Councillors had the opportunity to network with one hundred other Youth Councillors and young people from metropolitan and regional Youth Councils and Youth Groups.

Youth Councillors were given the opportunity to attend workshops relating to:

- Diversity and inclusion
- Youth participation
- Mental health
- Advocacy
- Social change through creativity
- Pollution
- Leadership through sport

Guest speakers at the event included Angelica Ojinnaka-Psillakis, Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations 2022 and Zoë Robinson, NSW Advocate for Young People and Children.

Additional conference activities included experiencing the cultural cuisine of southwest Sydney and attending a Block Party at the Fairfield Youth and Community Centre which showcased a diverse range of cultural performances.

The Youth Councillors, in attendance, will share their experiences with Bathurst Regional Youth Council as an opportunity to incorporate their learnings into future initiatives.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding for this item is contained in the existing budget. Financial assistance was provided by Canterbury, Fairfield and Liverpool Councils for accommodation and meals as part of the grant funding to run the event.

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

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

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

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

Strategy 6.3 Advocate for our community.

Strategy 6.7 Invest in our people.

## **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