

### ORDINARY MEETING OF BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL

30 October 2024

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

# Notice of Ordinary Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council – Wednesday 6 November 2024

I have to advise that an Ordinary Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 6 November 2024 commencing at 6:00 PM or immediately following the conclusion of the Policy Committee Meeting.

D J Sherley

**GENERAL MANAGER** 

# BUSINESS AGENDA ORDINARY MEETING OF BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON Wednesday 6 November 2024

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### 1 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

### 1.1 RECORDING OF MEETING - GENERAL MANAGER TO READ

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### 2 MEETING COMMENCES

### 3 PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Could all those who are able, please stand for the prayer and the acknowledgement.

3.01 Almighty God, give wisdom to those in authority and guide all peoples in the way of righteousness and peace, so that we may share with justice the resources of the earth, work together in trust and seek the common good. Amen

3.02 I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal people in this land.

### 4 APOLOGIES OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

### 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

### **Declaration of Interest**

To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before the meeting, please give consideration to:

- a) Part 4 and Part 5 of the Council Code of Conduct, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings; and
- b) Councillors' Oath or Affirmation of Office, in relation to their obligations under Section 233A of the Local Government Act.

# 6 RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH GENERAL MANAGER'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS

# **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The following reports are presented for Council's consideration.

Yours faithfully

D J Sherley

**GENERAL MANAGER** 

6.1.1 APPOINTMENT OF DUTY DELEGATES,

REPRESENTATIVES TO STATUTORY

**COMMITTEES, ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND** 

CONSORTIA

FILE NO: 11.00005

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- a) Appoint Duty Delegates and approve attendance at, and associated costs for related conferences, seminars, etc as required.
- b) Appoint the Councillor representative(s) to Statutory Committees, Project and Advisory Committees and Consortiums.
- c) Appoint citizen representatives to committees/working parties.
- d) Approve attendance at meetings and conferences, including associated costs by nominated Councillors of Statutory Committees, Project and Advisory Committees and Consortiums.

### **REPORT:**

Council is currently represented on the organisations as listed in this report.

### **Duty Delegates**

Generally, delegates attend meetings subject to arrangements put in place with the Organisation/Committee and may not have voting rights.

For community organisations, Delegates are a point of contact for community groups, with Council representatives expected to attend meetings generally only when Council issues arise, however this varies on a case by case basis.

**The Mayor is** Council's delegate on the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly, Australian Local Government National Local Roads Congress, Bathurst Business Chamber, Central NSW Joint Organisation of Councils (CNSWJO), Chifley Local Area Command – Community Safety Precinct Committee, Country Mayors Association, Bathurst Regional Local Emergency Management Committee, NSW Inland Forum (RCNSW), Skillset, Regis Resouces Community Committee.

**Duty Delegates** (appointed during the previous term of Council)

Organisation/Committee	Meeting Frequency	Number of Delegates	Previous Delegates	Previous Alternate Delegates	File Number
ARTS OUTWEST	Twice yearly	1	Margaret Hogan		18.0003 6

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BATHURST AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL & PASTORAL ASSOCIATON INC	As Required	1	Ben Fry		18.00108
BATHURST CITY & RSL CONCERT BAND	As Required	1	Jess Jennings		22.00556
BATHURST COMMUNITY INTERAGENCY GROUP	As Required	1	Kirralee Burke	Graeme Hanger	18.00117
BATHURST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON COMMITTEE	As Required	1	Kirralee Burke		07.00109
BATHURST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP	As Required		Graeme Hanger		18.00326
BATHURST MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE INC	Monthly	1	Graeme Hanger	Ian North	18.00236
BATHURST REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP	As Required	1	Margaret Hogan	Kirralee Burke	23.00057
AUSTRALIAN AIRPORT OWNERS ASSOC - NSW DIVISION	Twice yearly + Conference	2	Ian North, Ben Fry		07.00002
AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Annual Conference	1	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	18.00008
AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS	Annual Conference	1	Mayor		18.00008
AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION	Annual Conference s (2)	2	Kirralee Burke, Margaret Hogan		18.00008
BATHURST BUSINESS CHAMBER	Monthly	1	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	18.00027
BATHURST COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK INC	Monthly	2	Kirralee Burke Margaret Hogan		18.00251
BATHURST CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE	Quarterly	1	Warren Aubin	Graeme Hanger	07.00050
BATHURST DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Monthly	1	Graeme Hanger		18.00183
BATHURST DISTRICT SPORT & RECREATION COUNCIL	Monthly	2	Graeme Hanger, Kirralee Burke	Ben Fry	18.00021
BATHURST LIQUOR ACCORD	Quarterly	1	Andrew Smith	Ian North	07.00036
BATHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (BNC)	Monthly	1	Margaret Hogan	Kirralee Burke	18.00017
BATHURST REGIONAL LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Quarterly	1	Mayor		07.00018
CNSWJO	Quarterly	1	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	07.00017
CHIFLEY DAM CATCHMENT STEERING COMMITTEE	Monthly	1	Ben Fry		07.00020

CHIFLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND - COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT	Quarterly	1	Mayor		07.00055
COMMITTEE ClubGRANTS COMMITTEE	Monthly (June-Dec)	3	Andrew Smith, Graeme Hanger, Kirralee Burke		09.00024
COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION	Bi Monthly	1	Mayor		18.00028
EGLINTON HALL & PARK COMMITTEE	Quarterly	1	Ben Fry	Ian North	18.00177
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	Quarterly + Conference	2	lan North		07.00007
BATHURST REGIONAL ACCESS COMMITTEE (BRAC)	Monthly	1	Jess Jennings	Kirralee Burke	07.00031
BATHURST REGIONAL ART GALLERY SOCIETY (BRAGS)	As Required	1	Margaret Hogan		07.00027
BATHURST SENIOR CITIZENS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	As Required	1	Graeme Hanger		22.00219
BATHURST SEYMOUR CENTRE INC	As Required	1	Graeme Hanger		22.00185
BOUNDARY ROAD NATURE RESERVE LANDCARE GROUP	As Required	2	Margaret Hogan, Graeme Hanger		04.00031
CENTRAL WEST WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE	As Required	2	Margaret Hogan, Kirralee Burke		18.00156
COMBINED PENSIONERS & SUPERANNUANTS ASSOCIATION	As Required	1	Robert Taylor		18.00116
EVANS ARTS COUNCIL	As Required	1	Margaret Hogan		18.00213
HILL END & DISTRICT VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE (formerly HILL END & TAMBAROORA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION	As Required	2	Margaret Hogan	Ben Fry	18.00217
NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA - BATHURST & DISTRICT BRANCH (& COX'S ROAD PROJECT COMMITTEE)	Monthly	1	Graeme Hanger		18.00191
NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - BATHURST UNIT	As Required	1	lan North		18.00043
THE AUSTRALIAN MILLING MUSEUM (BATHURST)	As Required	1	Ben Fry		22.01124
WATTLE FLAT HERITAGE LANDS TRUST	As Required	1	Warren Aubin		18.00214
WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP	As Required	2	Warren Aubin, Graeme Hanger		18.00327
WHITE ROCK PROGRESS ASSOCIATION	As Required	1	Ben Fry		28.00280
FRIENDS OF BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON		1	Jess Jennings		04.00021

GREENING BATHURST	Monthly	2	Margaret Hogan, Kirralee Burke		18.00157
NSW INLAND FORUM - RCNSW	Quarterly	1	Mayor		18.00208
PERTHVILLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC (School of Arts)	Monthly	1	Margaret Hogan		22.01146
PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION NSW	Monthly + Conference s (2), Zone meeting	3	Jess Jennings		18.00127
RAIL ACTION BATHURST	As Required	2	Ian North, Andrew Smith		18.00001
Regis Resources Community Committee: Kings Plains Mine	As Required	1	Mayor		20.00333
Tourism Representative	As Required Annual Conference	1			20.00020
SKILLSET	Quarterly	1	Mayor	Graeme Hanger	18.00014
CENTRAL TABLELANDS WEEDS AUTHORITY (formally Upper Macquarie County Council) (see GM Report #6.1.4, 10/10/2024)	Six weekly	2			18.00172
WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL (WRPP) (see DEPBS Report #8.2.2 16/10/2024)	As Required	2	Mayor, lan North		18.00274
Water Conference	Conference		Mayor	Councillor	23.00007

# <u>Statutory Committees, Project and Advisory Committees and Consortium Memberships</u>

Council may appoint or elect such committees as it considers necessary. Council has the following Statutory Committees, Project and Advisory Committees and Consortium memberships.

The Mayor is, by default, the Chairperson of all Council Committees. Further, the Mayor is a Council delegate on Bathurst Community Health Committee, SBS for Bathurst Committee, Floodplain Risk Management Committee, Georges Plains Floodplain Management Sunset Committee, Sofala Floodplain Management Committee, Living Legends Working Party and Somerville Collection Board of Directors.

Council should note that appointment to the relevant Duty Delegate positions, statutory committees, project advisory committees and consortia incudes approval for attendance at meetings but not attendance at annual conferences nor accommodation, unless otherwise indicated in the meeting frequency column.

### Statutory Committee - S:355 LGA

Organisation/ Committee	Meeting Frequency	Number of Delegates	Delegates	Alternate Delegates	Other Members	File Number
AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC)	Quarterly	2 (From 1 July 2024, 1 only)	Statutory (cannot be Mayor from 1 July 2024)	Ian North	Bathurst Regional Council, Independent external members	07.00125
AUSTRALIA DAY WORKING PARTY	As Required	3	Graeme Hanger, Ian North, Margaret Hogan		Bathurst Regional Council, Community Representatives	23.00033
BATHURST COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE	As Required	1	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Bathurst Regional Council, Independent External Members	18.00035
BATHURST REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL	Bi Monthly	4	Warren Aubin, Kirralee Burke, Ben Fry, Margaret Hogan		secondary school - TAFE & community youth group representatives	11.00020
GEORGES PLAINS FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT SUNSET COMMITTEE	As Required	1	Mayor		community representatives	07.00076
POLICY COMMITTEE	Monthly	9	All Councillors		Bathurst Regional Council	07.00064
BATHURST REGIONAL POSITIVE AGEING STRATEGY COMMITTEE	As required	1	Robert Taylor			9.00057
ROCKLEY MILL MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	As Required	1	Jess Jenning s		community representatives	07.00075
BATHURST AIRPORT USERS GROUP	3 times a year	2	Warren Aubin, Ian North			07.00063
BATHURST REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE	Quarterly	2	Ben Fry, Robert Taylor		Key stakeholders and Statutory Agencies	07.00100
FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	As required + Conferenc e	2	Mayor Cr Fry	Cr Hogan	Community representatives and statutory agencies	07.00007
SBS FOR BATHURST COMMITTEE	As Required	1	Mayor		Bathurst Regional Council, community representatives	08.00009
SISTER CITIES WORKING PARTY	Bi Monthly +	4	Graeme Hanger, Kirralee		Bathurst Regional Council,	23.00011

	Conferenc e		Burke, Warren Aubin, Ian North	community representatives	
SOFALA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT SUNSET COMMITTEE	As Required	1	Mayor	community representatives	07.00076

### **Statutory Committee - Other Legislation's**

Organisation/ Committee	Meeting Frequency	Number of Delegates	Delegates	Alternate Delegates	Other Members	File Number
NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE - CHIFLEY BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Rural Fires Act 1997)	Twice yearly	2	lan North, Ben Fry	Graeme Hanger	Bathurst Regional Council, Oberon Council, various state government departments	13.00020
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (Road Transport (Safety & Traffic Management) Act 1999)	Monthly	1	Warren Aubin	lan North	Bathurst Regional Council, Police, Transport for NSW, State Member Representativ e	07.00006

### **Project & Advisory Committee**

Organisation/ Committee	Meeting Frequency	Number of Delegate s	Delegates	Alternate Delegates	Other Members	File Number
BATHURST PUBLIC ART PROGRAM COMMITTEE	As Required	1	Margaret Hogan			11.00040
BATHURST REGION HERITAGE REFERENCE GROUP	As Required	9	All Councillors		Bathurst Regional Council	20.00123
BATHURST REGION NATURAL ENVIRONMEN T ADVISORY GROUP	As Required	1	Mayor		Bathurst Regional Council, community representatives	13.00001
BICYCLE FACILITIES WORKING PARTY	As Required	2	lan North, Margaret Hogan	Kirralee Burke	Bicycle user group representatives, Bathurst Regional Council	20.00117

COUNCILLOR S MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS/REP RESENTATIV ES	Monthly	0	All Councillors	Bathurst Regional Council, By invitation	11.00019
LIVING LEGENDS WORKING PARTY	Bi- Annually	2	Mayor, Deputy Mayor		20.00282

### Consortium

Organisation/ Committee	Meeting Frequency	Number of Delegates	Delegates	Alternate Delegates	File Number
BATHURST 1000 (OCTOBER)	As Required	3	Warren Aubin, Andrew Smith, Ian North	Ben Fry	04.00001
BATHURST 12 HOUR (FEBRUARY)	Six monthly, includes costs	2	Warren Aubin, Ian North	Andrew Smith,	04.00097
BATHURST 6 HOUR (EASTER)	Six monthly, includes costs	2	lan North, Warren Aubin	Andrew Smith,	04.00125
CHALLENGE BATHURST (NOVEMBER)	Six monthly, includes costs	2	lan North, Warren Aubin	Andrew Smith,	04.00136
SOMERVILLE COLLECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Twice yearly	1	Mayor	Graeme Hanger	18.00186

### **CHARTERS/AIMS OF COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES**

### **Charters of Statutory Committees Section 355**

### Audit Risk and improvement Committee (ARIC)

To assist the Council to discharge its responsibilities including, but not limited to:

- (a) Management and internal controls.
- (b) Monitoring the integrity of the Council's financial reporting practices and finance and accounting compliance.
- (c) Reviewing internal controls, key corporate risks and all audit related matters.

### **Australia Day Working Party**

To facilitate community involvement in the celebration of Australia Day.

### **Bathurst Community Health Committee**

To make representations on behalf of the community, with respect to health services provided in the Bathurst Region. This includes working in partnership with others to promote and improve the health of the community.

### **Bathurst Regional Youth Council**

<sup>\*</sup>Note, a detailed charter for ARIC was adopted by COuncil 19 June 2024, DCSF #9.2.5.

To voice the opinions and concerns of young people in the Bathurst Region to the Council, State and Commonwealth Governments and the wider community.

To work with other youth agencies to develop and promote activities for and social interaction between the young people of the Region.

To raise awareness of health, well-being and safety issues that affect the young people of the Region.

To work with other youth agencies to improve co-ordination and consultation between youth services.

To develop a sense of citizenship in the young people of the Region by developing an appreciation of local, state and commonwealth government processes and through involvement in community projects.

### **Georges Plains Floodplain Management Sunset Committee**

To assist the Council in an advisory capacity in the development of a floodplain risk management plan (and implementation strategy) for the village of Georges Plains.

### **Policy Committee**

To consider development of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and various policies and sub-plans of the Council. Until a new CSP is adopted, the Policy Committee will have regard to the Bathurst 2040 Community Strategic Plan. This is through the six key objectives which help Council to achieve the communities desired future:

- \* Our sense of place and identity
- \* A smart & vibrant economy
- \* Environmental stewardship
- \* Sustainable and balanced growth
- \* Community health, safety and well being
- Community leadership and collaboration

These objectives are supported by more specific strategies, with the CSP describing what will be done to achieve them and how success is going to be measured.

To consider submissions for Development Applications which are referred by the Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services, where there are unresolved objections.

### **Bathurst Regional Positive Ageing Strategy Committee**

To proactively prepare the Bathurst Region for an ageing population, in partnership with key stakeholders within the Bathurst LGA.

To work to address the impact of an ageing population on economic growth, infrastructure and services and to provide increased opportunities for older people to be actively engaged and included in the community.

The priority areas of the Positive Ageing Strategy Committee are:

- Living in Age Friendly Environments;
- Participating in Inclusive Communities;
- Staving Safe. Active and Healthy: and
- Being Resilient and Informed.

### **Rockley Mill Museum Management Committee**

To facilitate the running and maintenance of the Rockley Mill Museum.

### **Bathurst Airport Users Group**

To facilitate discussions with users and the community as to the operations of the Aerodrome.

### **Bathurst Regional Community Safety Committee**

To implement and coordinate the Bathurst Community Safety Plan.

### Floodplain Management Committee

The Committee acts as both a forum and focus for the discussion of technical, social, economic, environmental and cultural issues, guiding the development of the flood plan Model.

The Committee will pursue specific actions and strategies which relate and contribute to the following key focus areas:

- The discussion of technical, social, economic and ecological issues and for the distillation of possibly differing viewpoints on these issues.
- To assist Council by providing direction through the process of preparation and implementation of Floodplain Risk Management Planning
- To foster partnerships and collaboration between the local community and Council

### **SBS for Bathurst Committee**

Facilitate the introduction of SBS Multicultural Radio to Bathurst

Co-ordinate the use of the existing SBS TV facility at Mount Panorama for its retransmission of SBS Radio Programme.

### Sister Cities Working Party

- (a) To oversee itinerary and visits of Sister Cities including, Ohkuma, Cirencester et al.
- (b) Assist with hosting of, funding and sponsorship.
- (c) Explore methods of funding and sponsorship for return visits to Ohkuma, Cirencester et al.
- (d) Examine marketing opportunities relating to Sister City relationships.
- (e) Develop cultural and technical exchanges.
- (f) Collect and disseminate information and ideas.
- (g) Liaise with schools, TAFE and Charles Sturt University on exchange of students and programs.
- (h) Identify areas of future development for the Sister City relationships.
- (i) Develop sporting, music and cultural links.

### **Sofala Floodplain Management Sunset Committee**

To assist the Council, in an advisory capacity, in the development of a floodplain risk management plan (and implementation strategy) for the village of Sofala.

### <u>Charters of Statutory Committees – Other Legislations</u>

## NSW Rural Fire Service - Chifley Bushfire Management Committee (Rural Fires Act 1997)

BFMCs provide a forum for cooperative interaction between organisations, agencies and the community that leads to effective, coordinated bush fire management throughout the area and land adjoining. They ensure that bush fire management is adequately assessed and designed for holistic protection of the community.

- To prepare for the rural fire district a plan of operations (which sets out procedures to be followed if a bush fire breaks out).
- To prepare for the rural fire district a bush fire risk management plan (which sets out schemes for the reduction of bush fire hazards).

### **Traffic Committee (Road Transport Act 2013)**

To act in accordance with authority delegated by Transport for NSW to:

- (a) Preserve and enhance the efficient flow of traffic, while meeting as far as practicable the demands for access, manoeuvres, parking etc.
- (b) Reduce hazards and accident potential for all road users.
- (c) Reduce any adverse impacts of traffic on the surrounding environment.

### **Charters of Project & Advisory Committees:**

### **Bathurst Public Art Program Committee**

To provide a forum for the development and delivery of a strategically planned and innovative public art program for the Bathurst Region.

### **Bathurst Region Heritage Reference Group**

To provide a forum for constructive dialogue between the community and Council in regard to heritage protection, enhancement, promotion and management in the Region, specifically:

- The prioritisation and implementation of activities, programs and projects under the Bathurst Region Heritage Plan, including community based activities;
- Annual review of the Bathurst Region Heritage Plan and its implementation to ensure its vision is achieved;
- The annual reporting of achievements (Council and community) and other outcomes under the Bathurst Region Heritage Plan;
- A major review of the Bathurst Region Heritage Plan during each term of Council.

Membership of the Heritage Reference Group is by registration of interest to create an email notification group and invitation list for Council activities.

Council will engage with members of the Heritage Reference Group by:

 A dedicated Yoursay project page on Council's website that will host the Bathurst Region Heritage Plan and its accompanying Implementation Plan, the latter updated quarterly. HRG members can also update their activities this way.

- An annual conference to workshop priority topics of the Bathurst Region Heritage Plan, with other workshops called on an as-needed basis and to capitalise on training opportunities.
- Direct engagement by Council staff with community groups.
- An annual report provided to Council and NSW heritage.

### **Bathurst Region Natural Environment Advisory Group**

The aim of the Bathurst Region Natural Environment Advisory Group Meetings is:

- a) To provide an opportunity to receive and discuss written and verbal reports from Council on the progress of the Bathurst Vegetation Management Plan, the Bathurst Urban Waterways Management Plan and the Bathurst Biodiversity Management Plan implementation.
- b) To provide an opportunity for representatives from member groups to report on activities and projects being undertaken by their members.
- c) To formulate recommendations to Council by way of discussion and consensus.
- d) To review the list of highest ranked projects on an annual basis.

### **Bicycle Facilities Working Party**

- To advise Council on priorities for funding of bicycle facilities, especially for the purposes of formulating Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.
- To provide advice to Council on the needs of bicycle users.
- To provide a forum for discussion of bicycle issues.
- To provide a co-ordinating mechanism for major bicycle events.

### **Councillors Meetings with Community Groups/Representatives**

The key element of the Councillors Meetings with Community Groups/Representatives is to improve the quality and quantity of information available to the public and to the Council in their decision making process. The "Councillors Meetings with Community Groups/Representatives" are informal, by appointment, and on a scheduled basis to maximise opportunities for organisations and members of the public to raise issues with Council.

In addition, the sessions also allow invitations to be extended to specific community groups and others currently not involved with Council to ensure Council has an updated, accurate and focused position on all facets of the community.

The issues to be discussed are of community interest with individual concerns, for example a ratepayer's excess water charges being a matter to be addressed at the General Manager level followed by a report to Council if required.

### **Living Legends Working Party**

Council as part of the 2015 Bicentenary Celebrations created the Living Legends walk. To preserve the prestige of the title, 'Bathurst Living Legend', Council determined that a number of names are to be added to the avenue of trees annually, this would generally be around six names. The new Living Legends are to be announced as part of the Proclamation Day Ceremony annually.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for this item is contained within existing budgets

# BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

### 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.
Strategy 6.2	Work with our partners and neighbouring councils to share skills, knowledge and resources and find ways to deliver services more efficiently.
Strategy 6.3	Advocate for our community.
Strategy 6.4	Meet legislative and compliance requirements.
Strategy 6.5	Be open and fair in our decisions and our dealings with people.
Strategy 6.6	Manage our money and our assets to be sustainable now and into the future.
Strategy 6.7	Invest in our people.
Strategy 6.8	Implement opportunities for organisational improvement.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

04 **Collaborate** - to partner with the public in each aspect of the decision making including the development of alternatives and identification of preferred solutions

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

# 7 MEETING CLOSE