

9.2.5

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - 2025 HOCKEY NSW WOMEN'S MASTERS TOURNAMENT

FILE NO: 18.00004-35/204

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- a) Provide financial assistance of \$12,463 to the Bathurst Hockey Association for the 2025 Hockey NSW Women's Masters Tournament;
- b) Undertake the line-marking of the grass fields at a cost of \$3,300 (including GST);
- c) Undertake the placement and removal of the hockey goals to the grass fields at a cost of \$3,850 (including GST);
- d) Fund items (a), (b) and (c) from Council's 2024/2025 Section 356 General Donations allocation; and
- e) Approve a budget transfer from Council's Section 356 Mount Panorama allocation to Council's Section 356 General Donations allocation of \$13,000.

REPORT:

Council is in receipt of an application for financial assistance from the Bathurst Hockey Association for the 2025 Hockey NSW Women's Masters Tournament which is being hosted in Bathurst on 24 to 27 July 2025. A copy of the application, as submitted, is provided at **attachment 1**.

Ordinarily a request of this nature, for an event being held in the next financial year, would be referred to next year's budget for consideration. However, due to the timing of the event being in July and the required event planning, the Bathurst Hockey Association are unable to wait until June for a decision on this application. Accordingly, the application is being submitted to Council for consideration.

In their application, the Bathurst Hockey Association are seeking a financial contribution from Council of \$12,463. This contribution will assist with meeting the costs associated with:

- the provision of additional toilets and associated supplies;
- the provision of first-aid services; and
- the hire of marquees, tables and chairs

Acknowledgement of Council's support has been proposed as follows:

- Council logo on the William Street banner;
- Acknowledgement in the opening ceremony speech;
- Acknowledgement included in information packs; and
- Signage at the facility

In an earlier email, the Bathurst Hockey Association identified a variety of areas where Council assistance was being sought. Each of these areas are discussed below, noting that some of these items are not include in the application as submitted.

(i) Additional portable toilets

This item has been included in the application as submitted.

In addition to this request, in previous years, the event organisers have hired a toilet block that has been connected to Council's sewer network. On the assumption that a similar facility is being hired for this event, Council will provide staff to assist with the connection and disconnection of this facility to the sewer network. Council staff will be available "on-call" as normal. The provision of these staff will be at no-charge to the event organisers.

(ii) Line-marking of car park, including arrows and drop-off zone.

This item is not included in the application as submitted.

The renewal of the line-marking in the car park is not presently programmed in Council's maintenance schedule and therefore is currently not funded in Council's budget.

Council's Engineers have reviewed the works required, and have estimated that weather permitting, the works can be completed within one full workday, by staff, at a cost of \$4,400 (including GST).

(iii) Grass field mowing and line-marking of fields

This item is not included in the application as submitted.

The grass field works that have been requested for this event are works that are generally undertaken by Council as part of our routine park maintenance and preparation of this venue for sporting use. Hence, the mowing of these fields is able to be funded from Council's maintenance allocation.

The line-marking of the ten additional grassed fields is beyond the scope of Council's normal maintenance for this site, and therefore, is not able to be funded from Council's maintenance budget. Council's Engineers have estimated the cost of this line-marking to be \$3,300 (including GST).

(iv) Installation and removal of goals onto grass fields

This item is not included in the application as submitted.

The placement and removal of 24 hockey goals onto the ten grassed fields is beyond the scope of Council's normal maintenance for this site, and therefore is not able to be funded from Council's maintenance budget. Council's Engineers have estimated the cost of this work to be \$3,850 (including GST).

(v) Additional bins and garbage collection

The provision of up to 20 event waste bins, and the provision of a daily collection service, is able to be accommodated and funded from Council's waste management services budget.

(vi) Septic system maintenance

This item is not included in the application as submitted.

It is assumed that this item relates to the organiser's ability to connect a hired toilet block to Council's sewer network, which has already been addressed at item (i) above.

(vii) Bus parking (at the Showground)

The event organisers have been advised to liaise directly with the Showground, as this is not a Council facility.

In their application, the Bathurst Hockey Association are anticipating 1,700 players and supporters to this event. Using the economic data available through Tourism Research Australia for Domestic Sports Tourism, it is estimated that this event will inject approximately \$2 million into the Bathurst economy (\$395/person/night).

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council:

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As noted earlier in this report, due to the timing of this event, this request is not able to be deferred to next year's budget considerations, and therefore is being considered as part of Council's current budget.

There are sufficient funds within Council's Section 356 General Donations and Section 356 Mount Panorama allocations to fund the recommendation of this report.

BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

Objective 2: A smart and vibrant economy.

Strategy 2.1 Support local business and industry.

Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration.

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:

1. Application for Funding under Section 356 Generic from Bathurst Hockey Redacted [9.2.5.1 - 5 pages]

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: ORD2025-66

MOVED: Cr J Underwood SECONDED: Cr E West

RESOLVED:

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