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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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APPLICATION/PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING UNDER SECTION 356 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 BY COUNCIL IN THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

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| 1. Applicant/recipient organisation: |
| Bathurst Hockey Association Inc |
| 2. Location/address: |
| 7 Lions Club Drive Kelso NSW 2795 |
| 3. Date of establishment or inauguration: |
| ___ / ___ / 1925 |
| 4. Please quote your organisation's ABN (if applicable): |
| 33 425 385 411 |
| 5. Is your organisation registered for GST? |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (refer to Note 1) |
| 6. Amount of funding requested: |
| \$ 12,463.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> including GST <input type="checkbox"/> not including GST |
| 7. Brief description of nature and objectives of applicant/recipient organisation: |
| <p>Bathurst Hockey Association Inc is responsible for the planning and management of the local hockey competition held at Cooke Hockey Complex as well as engagement in the Central West Premier League competitions. Bathurst Hockey competitions range from Minkey (Under 5 to Under 11) for both boys and girls and the men's and women's senior competitions.</p> <p>Bathurst Hockey Association also takes care of general facility maintenance including grounds, turfs and the clubhouse.</p> |
| 8. Purpose for which assistance is sought and how it will benefit the Bathurst Community: |
| <p>Bathurst Hockey Association has been awarded hosting rights for the 2025 Hockey NSW Women's Masters full state tournament to be held from 24-27 July 2025 at the Cooke Hockey Complex. Hockey NSW has indicated it is likely Bathurst will be hosting this same tournament every 5 years.</p> <p>The last full state Women's Masters Tournament was held in Bathurst in 2019 and saw over 110 teams compete over the 4 days bringing almost 2000 people to Bathurst and surrounds for the duration of the tournament. This sees a highly significant injection of funds into the community with accommodation, food, beverage and general retail businesses all benefiting from the visitors.</p> |

Bathurst Regional Council assistance is sought with associated costs for providing the necessary facilities and services required to hold such a large tournament. Funding support is requested for the following:

- Portable toilets to boost capacity near the clubhouse and also out on the grass fields
- Supplies required for additional toilets
- Marquis for use as a food hall plus tables and chairs to provide weatherproof seating/eating area
- First Aid services, required to be supplied locally

9. Outline how your request aligns with the "Our Region Our Future – Bathurst Community Strategic Plan 2022"? (copy of the Plan is available on Council's website).

Bathurst Hockey's request for support aligns with Bathurst Regional Council's Community Strategic Plan against the following objectives:

Objective 2 – 2.1 Support local business and industry – Events such as these inject a substantial amount of additional turnover and revenue for local businesses which has a positive flow-on effect for the local economy. Unlike many race events at Mount Panorama, most attendees at these tournaments do not bring food, beverages etc with them, they purchase on arrival and ongoing over the weekend as well as booking into restaurants, pubs and clubs for meals. Additionally, Bathurst Hockey has additional food and beverage vendors on site at the hockey complex which also benefits these small businesses.

2.6 Promote our city and villages as a tourist destination – A sporting event such as this brings large numbers of people to the region that have never been here before. Many travel long distances to attend including from the far north coast and just as far south as well. They will stay a day or so either side which then gives them the opportunity to play tourist and see what Bathurst and the region has to offer.

Objective 4 – 4.3 Ensure services, facilities and infrastructure meet the changing needs of our region – Bathurst Hockey Association manages and undertakes many maintenance and enhancement activities at the complex to build our capacity and capability to host events such as these and ensure the facilities are fit for purpose and operating as efficiently as possible. These ventures are undertaken with Bathurst Regional Council providing guidance and advice as well as in-kind assistance where possible.

Objective 5 – 5.1 Provide opportunities for our community to be healthy and active – The Cooke Hockey Complex is in a unique position among Bathurst sporting facilities due to its location next to the Great Western Highway making it extremely visible to passersby when any events are held there. This generates interest for spectators and can encourage people to become involved in the sport. Hosting these events also encourages former players to return and play in the tournament for the weekend who may then come back next season to fully return to hockey. There are definite health and fitness advantages from the sport but also, and arguably more importantly, significant social and mental health benefits for mature women to engage in an enjoyable activity with like-minded people.

10. Financial details of project or program for which assistance is sought. If funding is for an event please provide a complete budget for the event:

The Women's Masters tournament is not an event in the usual sense of the word. Hosting the event is not aimed at making a profit and Bathurst Hockey do not charge teams or participants any fees or contributions towards the tournament. Registration requirements etc are managed by Hockey NSW and Bathurst Hockey provides the venue and volunteer support on the ground.

Financial support required for the tournament is as follows:

- Additional toilets and associated supplies = \$3,850
- First Aid Services = \$4,400
- Marquis, tables and chairs = \$4,213

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| TOTAL COST OF PROJECT/PROGRAM: | | | | |
| \$ 12,463 | | | | |
| 11. Details of other financial assistance sought or obtained in relation to this project: | | | | |
| No other grants being sought | | | | |
| 12. Financial position of applicant/recipient organisation: | | | | |
| <p>Attach audited financial statements and balance sheets for the past financial year, if applicable. If a new organisation – supply copy of budget for ensuing year, together with a statement from the organisation's bank as to arrangements made for the opening and operation of banking accounts.</p> <p>Failure to submit the above financial information may result in the rejection of this application</p> | | | | |
| 13. Are you aware that Council undertakes an annual process inviting community groups and organisations to submit an application for a donation or financial assistance? Could you please advise why your application was not submitted as part of this annual process | | | | |
| <p>Yes. Bathurst Hockey Association is aware of the annual process for financial assistance applications.</p> <p>This application is actually an early submission for the 2025/2026 financial year due to the tournament being held in July, just into the new financial year.</p> <p>Additionally, depending on BRC capacity it could be possible to include some expense items in this current financial year, if circumstances allow.</p> | | | | |
| 14. Details of any previous funding provided by Council to the applicant/organisation: | | | | |
| <p>Bathurst Hockey Association has previously received Bathurst District Sports Representative Council funding as well as loans to support installation of new turf surfaces.</p> <p>Bathurst Hockey Association has recently paid out the last of these loans and currently has no debt or outstanding funding with Bathurst Regional Council.</p> | | | | |
| 15. Details of how Council's funding is to be acknowledged: | | | | |
| <p>Bathurst Hockey plans to have a banner over Williams St in the lead up to the tournament which can include BRC logo, welcoming everyone to Bathurst.</p> <p>Opening Ceremony speech will thank BRC for their support. In 2019, we had a representative of BRC conduct the official opening.</p> <p>Signage at the Cooke Hockey Complex acknowledges it is a Bathurst Regional Council facility.</p> <p>Information supplied to all attending associations will include acknowledgement of BRC for its support.</p> | | | | |
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| 16. Details of Office Bearers – Bathurst Hockey Association: |
| Kent Bestwick – President Libby Milligan – Vice President Maureen Markwick – Treasurer Sheree Richards - Secretary |
| 17. Payment details (if successful) |
| Bank/Institution : [REDACTED] BSB : [REDACTED] Account No : [REDACTED] Account Name : _Bathurst Hockey Association Inc |
| Signed for and on behalf of the applicant/recipient organisation: |
| Signed: <u>M A Markwick</u> Date: <u>30 / 11 / 2024</u> Name: Maureen Markwick Office Held: Treasurer Postal Address: PO Box 214 Bathurst NSW 2795 _ Telephone No: [REDACTED] Email address: bxhockey@hotmail.com |

Note 1:

If your organisation has an ABN and is registered for GST then Council MUST receive a tax invoice prior to payment being made. The invoice must be for the grossed up amount inclusive of the GST component.

Privacy Statement:

Bathurst Regional Council will only use any personal information collected on this form for the purpose of assessing the Section 356 funding application, reporting to Council and in accordance with the authority granted under this form.

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Council's Vision:

Bathurst: A vibrant and innovative region that values our heritage, culture, diversity and strong economy.

The Our Region Our Future - Bathurst Community Strategic Plan 2022 (CSP) is the highest level forward planning document of Bathurst Regional Council. It identifies the community's priorities and guides the direction for the Bathurst region over the next 20 years.

Six key objectives have been established in the CSP, with each objective supported by strategies, shown below, aimed at identifying the importance of each objective.

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW WHICH STRATEGIES THIS DONATION WOULD ACHIEVE BY TICKING ALL APPLICABLE BOXES

OBJECTIVE 1: Our sense of place and identity

☐ 1.1 Respect, protect and promote the Region's Indigenous heritage assets and character

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- ☐ 1.2 Protect, enhance and promote the region's Non-Indigenous heritage assets and character
- ☐ 1.3 Enhance the cultural vitality of the region
- ☐ 1.4 Protect and improve the region's landscapes, views, vistas and open space
- ☐ 1.5 Promote good design in the built environment

OBJECTIVE 2: A smart and vibrant economy

- ☒ 2.1 Support local business and industry
- ☐ 2.2 Grow local employment, investment and attract new businesses and skills by nurturing and supporting entrepreneurs, partnerships and local skills development
- ☐ 2.3 Develop Bathurst as a Smart City
- ☐ 2.4 Promote our City and Villages as an attractive place to live
- ☐ 2.5 Support Mount Panorama-Wahluu as a premier motor sport and event precinct
- ☒ 2.6 Promote our City and Villages as a tourist destination

OBJECTIVE 3: Environmental stewardship

- ☐ 3.1 Protect and improve natural areas and ecosystems, including the Macquarie River-Wambuuul and other waterways
- ☐ 3.2 Improve water security
- ☐ 3.3 Minimise the City's environmental footprint, live more sustainably and use resources more wisely
- ☐ 3.4 Protect and improve the region's biodiversity
- ☐ 3.5 Increase resilience to natural hazards and climate change

OBJECTIVE 4: Sustainable and balanced growth

- ☐ 4.1 Facilitate development in the region that considers the current and future needs of our community
- ☐ 4.2 Provide safe and efficient road, cycleway and pathway networks to improve accessibility
- ☒ 4.3 Ensure services, facilities and infrastructure meet the changing needs of our region
- ☐ 4.4 Provide parking to meet the needs of the City
- ☐ 4.5 Work with partners to improve public transport, and passenger and freight transport connections to and from the region
- ☐ 4.6 Plan for, assess and regulate development activity

OBJECTIVE 5: Community health, safety and well being

- ☒ 5.1 Provide opportunities for our community to be healthy and active
- ☐ 5.2 Help make the Bathurst CBD, neighbourhoods and the region's villages attractive and full of life
- ☐ 5.3 Help build resilient, inclusive communities
- ☐ 5.4 Make our public places safe and welcoming
- ☐ 5.5 Plan and respond to demographic changes in the community

OBJECTIVE 6: Community leadership and collaboration

- ☐ 6.1 Communicate and engage with the community, government and business groups on important matters affecting the Bathurst region
- ☐ 6.2 Work with our partners and neighbouring councils to share skills, knowledge and resources and find ways to deliver services more efficiently
- ☐ 6.3 Advocate for our community
- ☐ 6.4 Meet legislative and compliance requirements
- X 6.5 Be open and fair in our decisions and our dealings with people
- X 6.6 Manage our money and our assets to be sustainable now and into the future
- ☐ 6.7 Invest in our people
- ☐ 6.8 Implement opportunities for organisational improvement
- ☐ 6.9 Progressive local leadership

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