

# Further financial commitment to festival



**LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT:** The Bathurst Winter Festival has become a favourite on the local events calendar since it was first held in 2015.

## COUNCIL

MEMBER for Bathurst Paul Toole has announced a further commitment from the NSW Government for the Bathurst Winter Festival.

A slimmed-down festival - featuring a drive-in cinema at Mount Panorama and the traditional illuminations - was held in 2020 due to coronavirus restrictions, but it is hoped the festival will be back in its usual format next year.

The NSW Government provided \$40,000 in funding for the event in 2018-19 and Mr Toole says the support will continue.

He said the NSW Government will provide \$90,000 over the next three years, from the Flagship Event Fund, to ensure the festival remains an integral part of the local calendar.

"Since starting in 2015, the Bathurst Winter Festival has kept going from strength to

strength," he said.

"It draws people to the Bathurst region from near and far and it gives a real boost to the local economy.

"The State Government's Flagship Event Fund identifies and assists in the marketing of events that contribute to the unique character of the tourism regions in NSW which demonstrate they can attract overnight visitation."

Mr Toole said he hopes the Bathurst Winter Festival will

see the return of the popular ferris wheel and ice rink in Russell Street in the CBD in 2021.

He said the drive-in movie nights at Mount Panorama are bound to be back again after being so well received when they were held this year.

The Bathurst Winter Festival was launched in July 2015 to coincide with the celebrations to mark the Bathurst Bicentenary.

## A chance to give, connect and develop

### INTERAGENCY

TO CELEBRATE National Student Volunteer Week, August 10-16, The Neighbourhood Centre is excited to announce the Youth Volunteering Program.

The theme for this year is "Collective Impact: Give. Grow. Connect" and the Youth Volunteering Program will be offering Bathurst youth the opportunity to give a hand to the community, grow as they gain knowledge and skills, and connect with others.

The program will involve 12-24-year-olds in a variety of activities at The Neighbourhood Centre and in other local organisations.

This can also fulfil volunteer requirements for the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

Activities may include helping tutor English language, visiting people in aged care, sewing face masks, packing food hampers, creating a fundraising project or fixing second-hand bikes for donations.

A program will be designed specifically to suit the interests and skills of the participant.

Upon completion, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion and names of referees which they can include in their resume.

For information on being involved as a participant or as a volunteer involved organisation, contact The Neighbourhood Centre on 6332 4866 or volprograms@binc.org.au.



**ON THE RISE:** Ben Chifley Dam is at 50.9 per cent. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

## Dam goes over 50 per cent capacity

### BEN CHIFLEY DAM

RECENT rain in the region has seen Ben Chifley Dam record its highest level in almost 76 weeks.

On Tuesday, the city's main water storage registered 50.9 per cent, the first time it's been above 50 per cent since the start of 2019 and up 2.5 per cent from last Tuesday's reading.

As of August 11, there is also a green level alert in place for Ben Chifley Dam.

This means that water related recreational activities are now allowed on the dam.



Australian Government

# We're extending financial support

The Australian Government is extending JobKeeper until 28 March 2021 and the temporary Coronavirus Supplement for those on income support until 31 December 2020, after which income support will continue.

For JobKeeper and the temporary Coronavirus Supplement there will be some changes to payments and eligibility to support businesses and households who need it most.

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28 Mar 2021

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