

It's a chance to make bus suggestions



ON THE BUSES: Member for Bathurst Paul Toole with Carolyn James from Bathurst Buslines. Bathurst residents are invited to have their say on the network.

TRANSPORT

LOCALS are being invited to have their say on how to improve Bathurst's bus network.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and Member for Bathurst Paul Toole says submissions are being sought on how the current bus network is performing and how to improve accessibility and connectivity in the region.

"Traditionally, transport

planners have developed bus routes through population centres with linkages into the CBD and local train station," he said.

"While this works well for many people, there is an opportunity to think about new cross-city links and potential routes into newer industrial and community areas that might not be currently serviced."

Mr Toole said almost 60 new services had already

been introduced throughout Bathurst as part of phase one of the 16 Regional Cities program.

"This includes additional services on route 523, which now provides Saturday services to the hospital, and improved connectivity on route 520 for the Bathurst Bullet 2.0 on weekdays and to service visiting hours at the correctional facility on Saturdays," he said.

"We are now reaching out

to the community to build on these new initiatives and asking the community for their say to identify gaps and how the needs of the community can be better met."

Those who want to provide feedback are asked to fill in a submission via yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/better-bus-network-bathurst or call 1800 717 528.

Submissions will be open until Sunday, August 16, Mr Toole said.

Thank you for cards created with kindness

INTERAGENCY

COMING up next month is National Student Volunteer Week.

To be held from August 10 to 16, its theme is Collective Impact: Give.Grow.Connect #NSVW20.

The Neighbourhood Centre wants to give a very big shout out to some of our youngest ever student volunteers, from Jenny's Kindergarten and Elizabeth Chifley Preschool, who have been volunteering their time to make cards for those in isolation.

Your contribution has let a lot of people in our community know that we all care about them, so thank you!

It's that time of the year again and you can get some tax help at our centre from August 6 until October 31 on Tuesdays from 1-3pm, Thursdays from 1-3pm and Fridays from 9am-3pm. Bookings are essential.

We are calling out for volunteers and donations of good quality fabric to help us make masks for vulnerable people who have none.

Some will be sent overseas to Peru where they have no PPE (personal protective equipment) and others will be distributed locally.

The Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am-4.30pm at 96 Russell Street.

Phone 6332 4866 or visit www.binc.org.au



BIG STAGE: Bathurst's Isabella Owens performing at last year's eisteddfod.

Volunteers sought for the eisteddfod

EVENTS

ORGANISERS of the upcoming Bathurst Eisteddfod are looking for volunteers to help run the event.

Helpers can volunteer for a morning, a day or an evening, though they will be required to have a Working With Children Check.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact volunteer co-ordinator Charmaine Nicholls via email at bathurst.eisteddfod1@gmail.com.

This year's eisteddfod will be held from August 22 to September 12.



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.

For information on how these changes affect you, visit Australia.gov.au



28 Mar 2021

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