



**LEETON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**27 APRIL 2022  
7.00PM**

TO BE HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
23-25 CHELMSFORD PLACE  
LEETON NSW 2705

Authorised for release: Jackie Kruger General Manager

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### **ITEM 9.1        SUNRISE FESTIVAL - ACKNOWLEDGING A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT**

<b>RECORD NUMBER</b>	22/170
<b>RELATED FILE NUMBER</b>	EF21/334
<b>AUTHOR/S</b>	Cr George Weston
<b>APPROVER/S</b>	General Manager

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## **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

The purpose of this motion is to acknowledge the efforts of the SunRice Festival Committee, Balloon Subcommittee and the SunRice Festival Ambassadors to make the 2022 SunRice Festival such a successful event.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council:

1. Writes to the SunRice Festival Committee and Balloon Subcommittee to congratulate them on the 2022 Festival success and to thank them for their tireless efforts as volunteers.
  2. Contributes \$975.60 to the ambassador program to bring their charitable earning up to \$60,000, with funds to come from surplus grant funds or surplus community services budget.
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## **INTRODUCTION**

I am sure you will agree, Councillors, that this year's festival was an outstanding success. The SunRice Committee pulled together an excellent event program and there were record crowds. The parade had a huge number and variety of entrants and Mountford Park was extremely busy on the Saturday afternoon. The Balloon Glow drew in people from all over the region, not just Leeton. The Manager IT tells me that the electronic counts revealed 8,000–10,000 people in attendance on the Sunday evening. On the Monday there was a good turnout at the Riggz Cup Skate Competition. As usual, the ballooning was extremely popular. The weekend has certainly, once again, put Leeton on the map.

## **COMMENT**

As you know, a key part of the SunRice Festival is the ambassador program. The program offers a wonderful opportunity for young people from our Shire to develop their skills, talent, and confidence, as well as raise much needed funds for important local charities. The three ambassadors for the 2022 Festival did themselves really proud and, together, raised \$59,024.40. This is just \$975.60 shy of \$60,000.

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The SunRice Committee is a Section 355 Committee delegated to run the event on behalf of Council. The ten volunteers on the Committee and the five Balloon Subcommittee members, ably lead by Festival Director Julie Axtill, have done themselves and Leeton Shire Council proud. I think it would be a good idea to formally thank them all for the excellent work they have done.

Further, the three ambassadors did an outstanding job and it would be really good to round off their earnings to \$60,000 by Council making a small contribution to close the gap. At just under \$1,000, I think it would be a modest but welcome gesture from Council to signal our appreciation for the enormous efforts of Katelyn Mills, Sophie Litchfield and Jemma Leeson.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.