

Community Connection Session

Wednesday 8 August 2018

Civic Centre, Council Chamber Wonthaggi

3.00pm to 5.00pm

I. Presentation Topic: 3.00pm

The Hills Are Alive Festival – information for Councillors

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Rhett & Aidan McLaren

Notes:

- Festival has been going for 12 years on the family farm in Krowera
- The drawcard is it is picturesque and laid back
- Also run the NYE on the Hill with a crowd of 2700
- Received the Regional Live Music Award 2017
- Injects funds into local economy – 500 people from interstate and the remained mainly from Melbourne metro and local area – with average spend of \$75 within 50ks of the festival (\$355k)
- An on-line following of 20000 and subscribers of 8000
- Opportunities in the future on single day concerts and working with the schools and Landcare – perhaps work with Council in relation to encouraging Tourism

Actions: Nil

2. Presentation Topic: 3.15pm

South Gippsland Rural Australian for Refugees (SGRAR)

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Felicia Di Stefano

Notes:

- Amnesty International has asked the SGRAR to garner community support
- SGRAR has collect 140 signatures that they will send to federal representatives.
- Applications for sponsorship of families of 5 are in excess of \$100k
- The sponsorship of refugee families have resulted in very positive experiences.
- Mrs Di Stefano has requested support from BCSC

Actions:

- Councillors to discuss