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STATEMENT FROM ACTING CHAIR, LUKE RIENIETS

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The Committee for Ballarat is a non-political organisation working for outcomes in the best interests of the community of Ballarat and region.

It lists among its members the councils of Moorabool, Golden Plains, Pyrenees, Hepburn, Ararat Rural City Council and the City of Ballarat.

It also includes a wide range of industry business and community members from across the region.

The Committee's various task teams, its board and executive have representatives from across its membership, including people with a wide range of views.

The Committee is proud of its performance to date, having worked hard on projects such as the Deer Park Bypass, Lake Blitz, establishment of the Leadership, Ballarat and Western Region program, jobsballarat.com, Workplace Participation and Skills, a Regional Water Strategy and Community Safety and Policing.

It is pleasing to note that the CEO of Ballarat, Richard Hancock, is chair of the Workplace Participation project, Mayor David Vendy of Lake Blitz and Deputy Mayor Wayne Rigg is a participant in the Leadership program. We welcome their constructive contributions and those of all our members.

In relation to the Community Safety and Police Resources program, the Committee is eager to ensure that the overall environment of the city, including the safety of citizens, is conducive to investment and growth.

The Committee stands ready to work with all concerned with these issues to ensure the very best outcomes for the people of Ballarat and the region. It will continue to fight for those outcomes.

It hopes to soon announce the appointment of a new executive director and the process to choose a new chairman is underway.

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