



## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

# **AGENDA**

**23 JUNE 2022**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ORDINARY MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Thursday, 23 June 2022** commencing at **6.30PM**.

David Waddell

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

For apologies please contact Administration on 6393 8106.

## AGENDA

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING**

This Council Meeting is being livestreamed and recorded. By speaking at the Council Meeting you agree to being livestreamed and recorded. Please ensure that if and when you speak at this Council Meeting that you ensure you are respectful to others and use appropriate language at all times. Orange City Council accepts no liability for any defamatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of this Council Meeting. A recording will be made for administrative purposes and will be available to Councillors.

### **1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

### **1.4 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

The provisions of Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (the Act) regulate the way in which Councillors and designated staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public role.

The Act prescribes that where a member of Council (or a Committee of Council) has a direct or indirect financial (pecuniary) interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council (or Committee), that interest must be disclosed as soon as practicable after the start of the meeting and the reasons given for declaring such interest.

As members are aware, the provisions of the Local Government Act restrict any member who has declared a pecuniary interest in any matter from participating in the discussion or voting on that matter, and requires that member to vacate the Chamber.

Council's Code of Conduct provides that if members have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed. The Code of Conduct also provides for a number of ways in which a member may manage non pecuniary conflicts of interest.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Councillors now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Council at this meeting.

### **COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM**

### **COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES**



## 2 MAYORAL MINUTES

### 2.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - CENTRAL NSW JO - BOARD REPORT 26 MAY 2022

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1045

#### MAYORAL MINUTE

The CEO and I attended the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting on Thursday 26 May in Sydney. This Mayoral Minute provides a summary of that meeting and attaches minutes for your information.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council note the report from the Mayor on the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting of 26 May 2022 and provide feedback to the Board regarding post federal election priorities.**

Jason Hamling

**MAYOR**

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Board met in Sydney to allow members to attend to Country Mayors Association Health Forum later in the day.

Speakers to the meeting included DPE representatives Amanda Chadwick, Executive Director Performance Division -Water Group, Jim Bentley, Deputy Secretary & CEO NSW Water Sector and Shagofta Ali, Leader of the Regional Water Strategies.



The meeting considered fourteen reports where the full agenda is available on the website <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/business-papers-agendas//>. There was significant discussion on the opportunities from the federal election result where further advocacy will be undertaken in June alongside of the National General Assembly in June. Advice is sought from members in this regard where correspondence has been provided separately to this report to Council.

A media release was called for and subsequently issued via Mayors that recognises the role of 'local' in the future of the nation's leadership. <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/>

### **Statement of Budget and Revenue 2022-2023**

The Board approved the 2022/2023 Budget and Statement of Revenue to the Board with a 2.5% increase in fees with the exception of fees for the Central Joint Organisation Water Utilities' Alliance which will have no increase; and an internally restricted reserve of \$150K to enable outcomes from the Best Practice in Procurement Program.

Of interest is;

- the Chair of GMAC is progressing discussion with Lithgow City Council on their interest in membership options;
- The Board is to receive a report on working more closely with Penrith City including membership options; and
- UMCC Upper Macquarie Country Council is to become an associate member.

### **Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement**

The outgoing Board received a report in November 2021 and resolved inter alia to recommend to the incoming Board that it adopt the BPAP Stages 1-6 reports and progress a number of recommendations.

Aggregated procurement has shown over \$5m of savings to members since the JO was proclaimed in May 2018. Please find more detail on cost savings and other value of the JO later in this report.

At the February 2022 meeting, the Board requested a presentation on the BPAP findings which was provided to members via Zoom on 5 May 2022. The presentation can be provided on request. The Board adopted all the recommendations which will now be implemented through the General Managers' Advisory Committee (GMAC).

The Statement of Budget and Revenue makes provision for further investment in this program.

### Electric Vehicles

Seven member Councils submitted an EOI to the NSW Government's EV fast charging application. It is understood that some Councils have been contacted by charging network operators. If Councils wish to seek further support from ChargeWorks to assist with responses from operators as a result of the EOI, the JO has agreed to provide each Council up to 2.5 hours of support, which will be funded through the OLG Capacity Building funding earmarked for energy projects.



The round focusing on destination chargers has recently been announced, opening on 23 May and closing on 23 September. The site assessment work undertaken by ChargeWorks in September 2021 identified the following destination charging sites:

Council	Site	Recommended Equipment Size	Estimated Cost EVSE + Install	Estimated Cost Infrastructure
Bathurst	Sofala	1 x 25kW DC	\$30,000	\$0
	Hill End	1 x 22kW AC	\$9,000	\$0
	Rockley	2 x 7kW	\$12,000	\$0
Blayney	Train Station	2 x Lockable Power Point	\$5,000	\$0
	Milthorpe	1 x 22kW Dual Port	\$20,000	\$0
Cabonne	Eugowra - Grevilia Ave Park	1 x 25kW DC	\$30,000	\$0
	Canowindra - Age of Fishes - VIC	1 x 25kW DC	\$33,000	\$0
Cowra	Japanese Gardens	2 x 7kW	\$12,000	\$0
	Aquatic Centre	2 x 7kW	\$10,000	\$0
Forbes	Victoria Park	2 x dual port 22kW	\$24,000	\$0
Lachlan	Bathurst St - Condobolin	1 x dual port 22kW	\$15,000	\$0
	VIC - Lake Cargelligo	1 x dual port 22kW	\$15,000	\$0
	Tottenham Memorial Park	1 x 25kW DC	\$32,000	\$0

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Oberon	Tallys Lane	1 x dual port 22kW	\$18,000	\$0
Orange	Civic Centre Carpark	6 x 7kW	\$30,000	\$10,000
	Woolworths Carpark	2 x dual port 22kW	\$26,000	\$0
Parkes	Peak Hill	1 x 25-50kW DC	\$45,000	\$5,000
Weddin	Forbes St	1x 25-50kW Dual port DC	\$45,000	\$5,000
			\$411,000.00	\$20,000.00

The grant guidelines state that DC charging is not covered, so consideration is being given to those sites in the table above flagged for 25kW DC charging and whether 22kW is a suitable alternative.

Support is being provided to members via the JO and the DPE Sustainable Councils team who have provided further funding to engage Chargeworks to assist Councils in preparing and collating the information required for the grant round.

### Review of the CNSWJO Strategy

CNSWJO must review its strategy each term. Given JO Board meetings are quarterly, 6 Mayors nominated to form a subcommittee to take on the role of development of the strategy. The mandated Statement of Strategic Regional Priority is due in December 2022 and the subcommittee have been meeting regularly. Council will receive correspondence separately on the work undertaken by the subcommittee including seeking feedback on the draft priorities for the region.

The Board adopted the Central NSW Economic and Social Environmental Scan and this is available on the CNSWJO website at <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/reports-policies/> This document provides advice on the opportunities identified at the State and Federal level for the Central NSW region and is a useful resource for Councils as it brings together a significant number of strategies the impact all members.

Finally, there will be a Summit in region in September where all Councillors will be invited to come together to shape the regional strategy going forward.

### Transport

Industry attending a meeting in Forbes, July 2019 identified the need for work to be done to enable Small to Medium Enterprise to access Inland Rail.

Subsequently a successful application by the CNSWJO and RDA Central West for a fully funded business case to be developed for a productivity enhancement project for Inland Rail. This project is being funded by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

The Board adopted the P2\_022 Central West Consolidation Centre Gate 2 Pre-Feasibility Study report requires this project is at Gateway 2 -prefeasibility, we can now progress to Gateway 3.

Please request the summary advice (placemat in body of report) and see a presentation on the following link that was to be given to the Board but was cancelled with limited numbers available. <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:a4bc417f-878a-3ccb-bf23-f5186f8576e8>

### **Water**

Please request the full report that provides updates on advocacy by the region across multiple fronts in the strategic water planning and management space, including;

- information on the Options Assessment Process for the Regional Water Strategies,
- 10 yearly independent review by the Natural Resources Commission of the Water Sharing Plans for the Belubula Regulated, Macquarie Bogan Unregulated and Lachlan Unregulated River Water Sources 2012;
- on feedback to Infrastructure Australia on water infrastructure in their Regional Strengths and Infrastructure Gaps report.

With the implementation of a new Regulatory Framework for Local Water Utilities proposed to take effect from 1 July 2022, the Town Water Risk Reduction Program (TWRRP) has sought feedback on a draft Regulatory Framework for LWUs over April. While the sector has been working with the TWRRP for the past 18 months the issuing of the draft framework has drawn together the various moving parts of the program into one document that will be supported with a number of Guidance Notes currently being drafted.

At the same time the region is being asked to provide feedback to the Natural Resources Commission on whether the decade old Water Sharing Plans based on 20-year-old data should be reviewed or just extended. Town water was definitely an afterthought in these plans. It is critical that they are reviewed.

Likewise, the IA Regional Strengths and Infrastructure Gaps report does not adequately represent the region's current or future needs with respect to town water.

Where the State Government has emphasised the importance of the Regional Water Strategies in addressing water needs including for towns, progress is slow. Current advice is that they should be on exhibition in the second half of this calendar year.

### **Regional Submissions**

Members have forwarded requests for the JO to lodge submissions, where all advice provided is within existing policy. All are available on the CNSWJO website at <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/submissions/>

The Board has approved and/or endorses submissions for the

- a. Draft Central West and Orana Regional transport Plan;
- b. IPART proposed changes to the Waste Levy;
- c. DPE on the Draft Regulatory Framework for Local Water Utilities
- d. DPE on the draft Guidance Notes on Using the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework for local water utility strategic planning
- e. RACE for 2030 funding to enable an orderly transition to a renewable energy future; and
- f. Transgrid Consultation re Maintaining Reliable Supply to the Bathurst, Orange and Parkes areas.

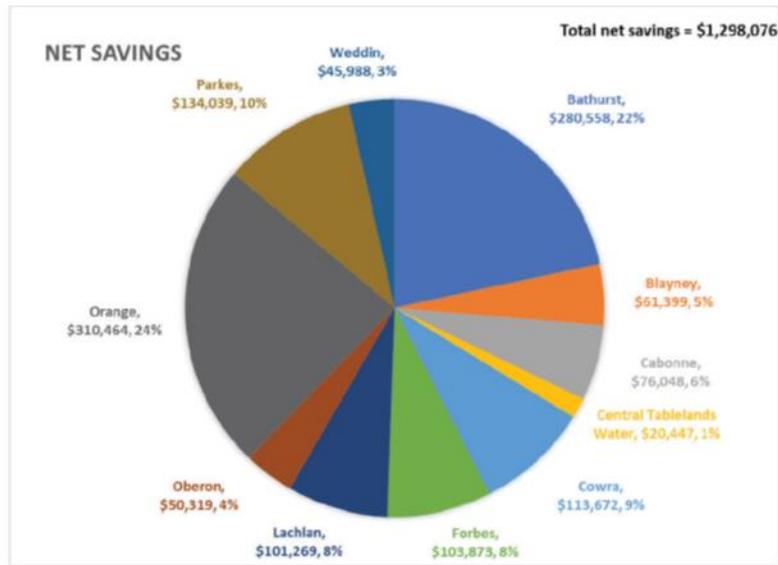
### Value to members

A snapshot of the value to members of the various activities undertaken by the JO for their members in the context of the CNSWJO Strategic Plan follows.

VALUE FOR MEMBERS 2020/2021	FY 2019/2020	FY 2020/2021	FYTD 2021/2022
SUBMISSIONS	20	23	16
PLANS, STRATEGIES AND COLLATERAL GRANTS SEEKING	26	12	2
GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED	3	3	0
COMPLIANCE	\$215k	\$736k	0
DATA	13	9	10
MEDIA INCLUDING SOCIAL MEDIA	6	3	1
COST SAVINGS	13	18	22
REPRESENTATION	\$1.87m	\$2.2m	\$1.3m
OPPORTUNITIES COUNCILS HAVE BEEN AFFORDED	147	159	206
	35	102	100

### Savings

The following chart shows the savings achieved by member councils through aggregated procurement and programming net of JO costs. An explanation of the meaning of each column has been reported previously and is available on request. The chart reflects savings in the 21/22 financial year to date.



Please contact Ms Jennifer Bennett, Executive Officer, 0428690935, with any queries regarding this advice.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes - Central NSW JO Board Meeting - 26 May 2022, [D22/32980](#)

**Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 26 May 2022 held in Sydney at Club York.****In Attendance**

<b>Cr R Taylor</b>	Bathurst Regional Council	<b>Cr M Kellam</b>	Oberon Council
<b>Cr K Beatty</b>	Cabonne Council	<b>Cr J Hamling</b>	Orange City Council
<b>Cr B West</b>	Cowra Shire Council	<b>Cr K Keith OAM</b>	Parkes Shire Council
<b>Cr P Miller OAM</b>	Forbes Shire Council		

<b>Mr D Sherley</b>	Bathurst Regional Council	<b>Ms R Fagan</b>	RDACW
<b>Mr B Byrnes</b>	Cabonne Council	<b>Mr W Sunderland</b>	RDACW
<b>Mr P Devery</b>	Cowra Shire Council	<b>Mr B Reynolds*</b>	UMCC
<b>Mr S Loane OAM</b>	Forbes Shire Council	<b>Ms J Bennett</b>	CNSWJO
<b>Mr G Wallace</b>	Oberon Council	<b>Ms M Macpherson</b>	CNSWJO
<b>Mr D Waddell</b>	Orange City Council	<b>Ms A Thomas</b>	CNSWJO
<b>Mr G Rhodes</b>	Central Tablelands Water	<b>Ms C Griffin</b>	CNSWJO

\*Joined via zoom

Meeting opened at 9.02 am by Chair Cr Kevin Beatty

1. **Welcome from the Chair**
2. **Acknowledgement of Country**
3. **Speakers from the Department of Primary Industries & the Environment**
  - Amanda Chadwick, Executive Director Performance Division -Water Group
  - Jim Bentley, Deputy Secretary & CEO NSW Water Sector
  - Shagofta Ali, Leader of the Regional Water Strategies

4. **Apologies applications for a leave of absence by Joint Voting representatives**

Cr S Ferguson, Cr J Medcalf, Cr C Bembrick, Cr D Somerville, Mr K Boyd, Mr G Tory, Mr M Kershaw, Mr R Earl.

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/Cr J Hamling</b>
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 26 May 2022 listed above be accepted.	

5. **Conflicts of Interest**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr M Kellam/ Cr K Keith</b>
A conflict of interest was declared for the Economic Environment and Social Assessment.	

6. **Minutes**

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 24 February 2022 held in Canowindra**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/Cr R Taylor</b>
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 24 February 2022 held in Canowindra.	

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr M Kellam</b>
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

## 8. Reports on Statement of Regional Strategic Priority

### Priority One: Inter-Council Co-operation

#### a. Financial Report

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B West/ Cr M Kellam</b>
That the Board note the Financial Report.	

#### b. Remuneration for the Chair and or other Mayors in their capacity as Board members for the Central NSW JO

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr M Kellam/Cr J Hamling</b>
That the Board note the report on remuneration of the Chair and defer the matter to the next meeting.	

#### c. Statement of Budget and Revenue 2022-2023

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/Cr M Kellam</b>
That the Board note the Report on the Statement of Budget and Revenue 2022/2023 and	
1. Approve the draft 2022/2023 Budget and Statement of Revenue to the Board including	
a. A 2.5% increase in fees with the exception of fees for the Central Joint Organisation Water Utilities' Alliance which will have no increase;	
b. an internally restricted reserve of \$150K to enable outcomes from the Best Practice in Procurement Program;	
c. noting that the Chair of GMAC is progressing discussion with Lithgow City Council on their interest in membership options;	
d. receive a report on working more closely with Penrith City including membership options; and	
2. Offer an associate membership to the Upper Macquarie Country Council for \$2000.	

#### d. Review of the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority Subcommittee update

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr M Kellam/Cr B West</b>
That the Board note the report on progress on developing the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority for this term of the JO; and	
a. Adopt the Terms of Reference for the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority Subcommittee;	
b. Adopt the Environmental Scan of Social and Economic Strategies; and	
c. Write to members updating them on the process and seeking feedback on priorities.	

#### e. Advocacy to the State and Federal Governments

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/Cr B West</b>
That the Board note the report on Advocacy to the State and Federal Governments and	
1. Seek feedback from members regarding messages	

#### f. Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement Program

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr M Kellam</b>
That the Board notes the report on the Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement Program and	
1. Adopt the Stages 1-6 deliverables including the recommendations and	
a. consider the extent to which Procurement Model 2 is of value to members;	
b. build on the strength of the procurement roles of the JO;	
c. adopt a management fee model for income to the JO using a shared cost savings methodology;	

- d. consider using a shared cost savings methodology for the resourcing required for the JO to support an increased level of procurement as well as supporting other JO programming more broadly noting that councils are reporting they do not want to pay more in fees;
  - e. consider other value-added services including training, sharing expertise, audits and health checks etc., and how these would be funded;
  - f. consider each of the best practice initiatives and decide which should be pursued and in which priority order; and
  - g. send the letter to the Minister for Local Government regarding changes to the Act in relation to procurement undertaken by Joint Organisations as per Stage 1b advice;
2. Nominate the Inter-Council Cooperation Priority Sponsoring General Managers and the Chair of GMAC to oversee the progression of the recommendations;
  3. Internally restrict \$150k from reserves to enable the outcomes of the Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement Program; and
  4. As part of the review of the Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities, consider the recruitment of a Project Officer to support the procurement and contract management function of the JO, as well as other regional programs as needed.

#### g. Regional Procurement and Contracts

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr B West
That the Board notes the report on the Procurement and Contract Management and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approve a 12-month extension for the following contracts:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. restocking of first aid kits with St John Ambulance;</li> <li>b. Employee Assistance Program with Converge International;</li> <li>c. traffic control training with Dubbo Traffic Control, Admire Workplace Safety, and Australian Training and Consulting;</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. note a 3-month extension of the ERP contract with 100% Renewables;</li> <li>3. approve a new procurement process for:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. restocking of first aid kits, with the inclusion of a 5% contract management fee;</li> <li>b. Employee Assistance Program, with the inclusion of a 5% contract management fee; and</li> <li>c. asset revaluations of buildings and operational land, with the inclusion of a 5% contract management fee.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

#### h. Energy Program

Resolved	Cr M Kellam/Cr J Hamling
That the Board notes the report on the Energy Program and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. notes the progress on the electricity procurement process;</li> <li>2. notes the update on the Southern Lights project, particularly in relation to Essential Energy's decision to not proceed with smart controls at this time, and seek further information on alternate options from Councils to enable them to optimise the street lights;</li> <li>3. endorse the Transgrid consultation submission in regard to Maintaining Reliable Supply to the Bathurst, Orange and Parkes areas; and</li> <li>4. encourage members to participate in the recently announced grant funding round for EV destination chargers.</li> </ol>	

#### i. Skills Shortages Report

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Cr B West
That the Board note the Skills Shortages report.	

#### Priority Three: Transport and Infrastructure

**j. Inland Rail Productivity Enhance Program – Adoption of the Ernst & Young Report  
P2\_022 Central West Consolidation Centre Gate 2 Pre-Feasibility Study**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr P Miller</b>
That the Board adopt the P2_022 Central West Consolidation Centre Gate 2 Pre-Feasibility Study report with the following feedback for inclusion in Gate 3;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. value to other Councils in the region in the context of value to the producer;</li> <li>2. more detail on the potential of fertiliser aggregation to and from the region;</li> <li>3. more business engagement;</li> <li>4. non-infrastructure enablers like AQUIS located in region; and</li> <li>5. the potential for induced demand.</li> </ol>	

**11.00am**

**Cr Kevin Beatty left the meeting to attend the NSW JO Chairs meeting with Ms Meredith Macpherson**

**There was a short recess.**

**11.15am Meeting resumed with Cr Kellam as Chair**

**Priority Four: Regional Water Security**

**k. Water Update**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr R Taylor/Cr B West</b>
That the Board note the Regional Water report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. endorse the submission made through the Executive to the DPE TWRRP on the Draft Regulatory Framework;</li> <li>2. endorse the submission made through the Executive to the DPE TWRRP on the Draft Guidance Notes on Using the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework for local water utility strategic planning;</li> <li>3. commend that submissions be made through the Executive to the Natural Resources Commission recommending that the Water Sharing Plans for the Macquarie-Bogan and Lachlan Unregulated River Water Sources be reviewed to recognise and better enable water for critical human needs;</li> <li>4. write Letter to Kevin Anderson regarding the water supply 75/25 funding framework and linkages to CSO.</li> </ol>	

**l. Report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/Cr K Keith</b>
That the Board note the report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Audit Risk and Improvement in Councils Working Group;</li> <li>2. endorse the following submissions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Draft Central West and Orana Regional Transport Plan; and</li> <li>b. IPART proposed changes to the Waste Levy;</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. endorse the \$5k for the renewal of the Regional Activators Alliance Membership for another 12 months;</li> <li>4. follow-up on the advice from the Auditor General about our representation on anomalies in the common Planning assumptions;</li> <li>5. authorise Ms J Bennett as a member Board of Regional Arts NSW;</li> <li>6. follow-up with the Minister for Tourism, Stuart Ayres, regarding signoff to enable the changed Destination Central Network Boundary including Forbes, Parkes and Lachlan;</li> </ol>	

7. advocate to ensure all members of the CNSWJO are included in the Central West Regional Leadership Executive Boundary; and
8. invite Mr Garry Barnes to the next meeting.

**9. Confidential Reports**

**a. Legal Advice to inform response to the Town Water Risk Reduction Program Consultation Draft Regulatory Framework for Local Water Utilities**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr P Miller/ Cr J Hamling</b>
That the Board:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move into closed session to consider legal advice;</li> <li>2. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above; and</li> <li>3. Correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access.</li> </ol>	

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B West/ Cr R Taylor</b>
That the Board note the confidential report on the Response to the Town Water Risk Reduction Program Consultation Draft Regulatory Framework for Local Water Utilities and under the hand of the Chair develops a submission and advocates strongly in response to the Town Water Risk Reduction Program Consultation Draft Regulatory Framework for Local Water Utilities that draws on legal advice from Crennan Legal and supports:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Funding for town water infrastructure decoupled from strategic planning by Local Water Utilities that recognises that access to quality secure water is a basic human right</li> <li>2. Strategic Planning for LWUs to be removed from the regulatory framework recognising strategy is also regulated in the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&amp;R) framework of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i></li> <li>3. A Section 60 appeal process that provides for independent dispute resolution</li> <li>4. A funding framework that incentivises JOs in a regional approach to LWU strategic planning where value to both the State Government and JO members can be leveraged</li> <li>5. An opportunity for the CNSWJO to pilot using the IP&amp;R framework for local water utility strategic planning through a regional lens with its member Councils</li> <li>6. Assurance from the DPE to the provision of one-source of truth with respect to secure yield data</li> <li>7. Commitment to the need for inter-governmental collaboration on strategic regional water planning and management through a multi-agency committee with Local Government at the table in regional NSW, including a Governance and Implementation Plan for delivery of the long-awaited place-based Regional Water Strategies.</li> </ol>	

**b. Small Market Electricity Sites Contract**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Hamling/ Cr K Keith</b>
That the Board note the report on the small market electricity contract and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approve the transition to the NSW Government contract for small market electricity sites with Shell Energy and that CNSWJO does not conduct a new procurement process,</li> <li>2. note the legal advice received in relation to the early exit of the current small market electricity contract, and</li> <li>3. members to give consideration to whether they wish to transition to the NSW Government contract when it commences on 1 July 2022 or wait until 1 January 2023.</li> </ol>	

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr K Keith/Cr R Taylor</b>
That the Board resumes open session.	

**10. Late Reports – Nil**

**11. Matters raised by Members**

**Parkes: Ms J Bennett to bring a report to the Board on the potential for more activity in screen in Central NSW.**

**12. Speakers to next meeting**

1. Mr Matt Keane - Treasurer, and Minister for Energy
2. Mr James Griffin - Minister for Environment and Heritage
3. Mr Dougall Saunders - Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales
4. Mr Sam Farroway – Minister for Regional Transport and Roads
5. Ms Wendy Tuckerman – Minister for Local Government
6. Mr Anthony Roberts - Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes
7. Mr Brad Hazzard - Minister for Health
8. Ms Bonnie Taylor - Minister for Regional Health
9. Mr Kevin Anderson - Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing
10. Mr Paul Toole - Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police

Seek to have dinner at Parliament House and for the Deputy Premier, ask Deputy Premier Paul Toole, to host.

**13. Next meeting**

**GMAC – 28 July 2022**

**Board – 25 August 2022 – State Parliament**

**Meeting close 11.44pm**

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### **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 June 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 7 June 2022.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 June 2022

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# ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 7 JUNE 2022

COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne (*zoom/6.43pm*), Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson (*zoom/7.15pm*), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton (*zoom*).

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Development Assessment, Governance Administration Officer, Manager Engineering Services

#### 1.1 APOLOGIES

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<b>RESOLVED - 22/158</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That the apologies be accepted from Cr Jack Evans and Cr Steven Peterson (for lateness) for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/159</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That Cr S Peterson, Cr J Whitton and Cr F Kinghorne be permitted to attend the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022 via audio visual link (zoom).	
For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton	
Against: Nil	
Absent: Cr J Evans	

#### 1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

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The Mayor advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

#### 1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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The Mayor conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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**1.4 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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Crs Kinghorne, Hamling, Greenhalgh, Mileto, Cr McDonell and Whitton declared Interests in matters considered under item 2.2 – Draft Local Housing Strategy – Post Exhibition – each of which are noted on the items throughout the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee of 7 June 2022.

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in items 2.4 and 2.5 of the Planning and Development Committee – 5 Borrodell Drive – as her spouse has undertaken soil testing on this site.

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**1.5 OPENING PRAYER**

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Pastor Jon Baker of Orange Church of Christ led the Council in Prayer.

**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM AT 6:35PM**

Stephen Martin spoke to Council meeting item 3.1, Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Orange City Council held on 17 May 2022.

The following speakers spoke to PDC meeting item 2.2, Draft Local Housing Strategy – Post Exhibition report.

- Sue Field
- Tim Hall
- Susannah Playfair
- Chip Howitt
- Anne Salter
- Catherine Pringle
- Lee Cook

Deirdre Leslie spoke to PDC meeting item 2.5 – Investigations into tree health, 5 Borrodell Drive, Orange

The following speakers spoke to PDC meeting item 2.6, DA 18/2022(1) – 52 Kite Street

- Jacqueline Tuck
- William Tuck
- Paddy Williams

*\*Cr F Kinghorne joined the meeting with the time being 6:43pm\**

*\*Cr S Peterson joined the meeting with the time being 7.15pm\**

**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 7:16PM****2 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****RESOLVED - 22/160****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M McDonell**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 17 May 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 17 May 2022.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

*Cr K Duffy apologised to those who misconstrued the intent of his comments during item 4.2 of the Council Meeting of 17 May 2022 and offered to bring back a motion regarding road safety to both Council and the Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Committee.*

**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT 7:18PM**

**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 8:43PM**

**4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION****4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - SPORTING PRECINCT CAPITAL & ONGOING FINANCIALS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/987

**RESOLVED - 22/229****Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

That Council provide a report detailing both the Capital and ongoing financials related to the Sporting Precinct, including but not limited to:

- I. Expected ongoing costs of servicing and maintaining the Precinct once completed; including estimated costs of purchasing new equipment and other resources required to service and maintain the Precinct;
- II. Whether these expenses been budgeted for in current and future budgets;
- III. The likely sources of funding these costs.
- IV. That staff provide quarterly reporting on capital expenditure on the project.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**4.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - RUBBISH REMOVAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES DURING ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS FESTIVE SEASON**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/994

**MOTION****Cr G Floyd/Cr K Duffy**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Facilitate with its business partner increased recycling services during the annual Christmas and New Year's festive season, which will assist residents in the removal of the additional recyclable materials which typically accumulate in households at this time of the year. This will promote a better awareness of recycling and the responsible disposal of refuse and reduce unnecessary landfill.
- 2 Increase the frequency of recyclable material collection from fortnightly to weekly during this period.
- 3 Receive a report with a revised delivery schedule over this period and associated costing.

**AMENDMENT****Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Facilitate with its business partner increased recycling services during the annual Christmas and New Year's festive season, which will assist residents in the removal of the additional recyclable materials which typically accumulate in households at this time of the year. This will promote a better awareness of recycling and the responsible disposal of refuse and reduce unnecessary landfill.
- 2 Increase the frequency of recyclable material collection from fortnightly to weekly during this period.
- 3 Receive a report with a revised delivery schedule over this period and associated costing including costs associated with the placement of skip bins located in the CBD for waste and recycling.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr K Duffy

Absent: Cr J Evans

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION****THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED**

**RESOLVED - 22/230****Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Facilitate with its business partner increased recycling services during the annual Christmas and New Year's festive season, which will assist residents in the removal of the additional recyclable materials which typically accumulate in households at this time of the year. This will promote a better awareness of recycling and the responsible disposal of refuse and reduce unnecessary landfill.
- 2 Increase the frequency of recyclable material collection from fortnightly to weekly during this period.
- 3 Receive a report with a revised delivery schedule over this period and associated costing including costs associated with the placement of skip bins located in the CBD for waste and recycling.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

Cr Mileto asked for further information around additional costs.

*The Director Technical Services stated it was not a straight forward option to add additional service due to structure of current services and reminded Councillors of the additional ticket service that can be used for an additional service with tickets available to purchase from the cashier for \$2 each.*

Cr McDonell asked when the last waste audit was conducted and the frequency of audits.

*The Director Technical Services advised an audit is underway but generally we see good compliance with audits conducted regularly.*

Cr Duffy asked if the 2.5% rate increase has gone in yet.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised it has been submitted and we will know the result on 21 June 2022.*

Cr Greenhalgh stated it was a concern taking up carparking spaces in carparks at peak shopping times/festive season with the placement of skip bins.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised this is something the report can review.*

**MATTER ARISING****Cr J Hamling**

Cr Hamling requested further promotion of additional waste collection ticketing system.

## 5 GENERAL REPORTS

### 5.1 PROGRESS REPORT - OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021/2022 (DELIVERY PLAN YEAR 4) - SIX MONTHS FROM 1 JULY 2021 TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/891

**RESOLVED - 22/231****Cr M McDonell/Cr K Duffy**

That the Progress Report - Operational Plan 2021/2022 (Delivery Program Year 4) – Six Months from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 be noted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

Cr Mileto asked why the processing time of DA's was higher than previous.

*The Director Development Services advised the jump in time is mainly due to use of State Government planning portal, increased development within the City and some staff vacancies.*

### 5.2 PROJECT ACTIVITIES JUNE 2022

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/951

**RESOLVED - 22/232****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr F Kinghorne**

That the information in the report on Projects be acknowledged.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**5.3 GRANT APPROVALS AND EVENTS CALENDAR**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/997

**RESOLVED - 22/233****Cr J Hamling/Cr D Mallard**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Approve the use of \$220,000 of the Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program grant to host the proposed Orange Winter Fire Festival in August 2022.
- 2 Approve the use of the balance of the ‘Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program’ grant (\$67,582) to enhance the Council’s 2022 New Year’s Eve event which will not include Fireworks.
- 3 Approve the use of the \$35,000 Building Better Regions grant to host the ‘Sprint into Summer – Orange Mile’ in December 2022.
- 4 Approve a Council contribution of \$35,000 from the proposed 2022/23 events budget to the ‘Sprint into Summer – Orange Mile’, as per the requirements of the grant.
- 5 Note the calendar of Council-run community events.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonnell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**6 CLOSED MEETING**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

In response to a question from the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer advised that no written submissions had been received relating to any item listed for consideration by the Closed Meeting of Council.

The Mayor extended an invitation to any member of the public present at the meeting to make a presentation to the Council as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item.

**RESOLVED - 22/234****Cr K Duffy/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Meeting, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Meeting be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

**6.1 Submission Redactions 7 June 2022**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

**6.2 Lease hangar site AA Orange Airport**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**6.3 Lease Hangar Z Orange Airport**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**6.4 Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting of 5 May 2022**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 9:30pm.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 9:35pm.

## 7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

The Chief Executive Officer read out the following resolutions made in the Closed Meeting of Council.

### 6.1 SUBMISSION REDACTIONS 7 JUNE 2022

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/961

**RESOLVED - 22/235****Cr K Duffy/Cr G Power**

That the information in this report be acknowledged.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

### 6.2 LEASE HANGAR SITE AA ORANGE AIRPORT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/965

**RESOLVED - 22/236****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M McDonell**

The Council resolves:

- 1 To enter a lease of Hangar AA for a term of 15 years.
- 2 That approval be granted for the use of the Council Seal on all relevant documents.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

### 6.3 LEASE HANGAR Z ORANGE AIRPORT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/964

**RESOLVED - 22/237****Cr G Power/Cr K Duffy**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To enter a 10 year lease of Hangar Z on Council land at the Orange Airport.
- 2 That approval be granted for the use of the Council Seal on all relevant documents.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**6.4 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5 MAY 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/993

**RESOLVED - 22/238****Cr K Duffy/Cr F Kinghorne**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee at its meeting held 5 May 2022.
- 2 That the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee at its meeting held on 5 May 2022 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:37PM**

This is Page Number 29 and the Final Page of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 June 2022.

#### **4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION**

##### **4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - MODIFICATION OF GRASS ISLANDS - COOK AND ROBERTSON PARKS**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1092

I, **CR STEVEN PETERSON** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 23 June 2022:

#### **MOTION**

**That Council staff modify certain grass Islands in Cook & Robertson Parks to allow easier access for wheelchairs or similar.**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Cook Park and Robertson Park are locations for community events such as Australia Day, Food Week and others. Frequently stalls will be setup on the grass islands surrounded by paths. There is a vertical concrete barrier of a few centimetres between the grass and footpaths. This is a barrier for prams, wheelchairs, four-wheel walkers or similar. The Ageing and Access Community Committee would like to investigate possibilities to overcome this barrier. As a start we hypothesise a concrete triangular slope placed irregularly would work but happy for advice from staff.

Signed Cr Steven Peterson

## **5 GENERAL REPORTS**

### **5.1 RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM POLICY COMMITTEES**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1077

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council's Policy Committees (Planning and Development Committee, Employment and Economic Development Policy Committee, Infrastructure Policy Committee, Sport and Recreation Policy Committee, Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee, Finance Policy Committee and Services Policy Committee) have delegation to determine matters before those Committees with the exception of items that impact on Council's Delivery/Operational Plan.

This report provides minutes of the Policy Committees held this year. Resolutions made by the Committees are for noting and Recommendations are presented for adoption or amendment by Council.

#### **LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "17.1 Collaborate - Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance".

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1 That the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee at its meeting held on 7 June 2022 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**
- 2 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 June 2022 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**
- 3 That the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 June 2022 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**
- 4 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 June 2022 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**
- 5 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 June 2022 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**
- 6 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 June 2022 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

## 5.1 Recommendations and Resolutions from Policy Committees

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### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to the recommendation's impact on Council's service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### Planning and Development Committee

At the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 7 June 2022, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

#### Infrastructure Policy Committee

At the Infrastructure Policy Committee meeting held on 7 June 2022, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

#### Sport and Recreation Policy Committee

At the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee meeting held on 7 June 2022, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

#### Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee

At the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee meeting held on 7 June 2022, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

#### Finance Policy Committee

At the Finance Policy Committee meeting held on 7 June 2022, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

#### Services Policy Committee

At the Services Policy Committee meeting held on 7 June 2022, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 PDC 7 June 2022 Minutes, 2022/1052 [↓](#)
- 2 IPC 7 June 2022 Minutes, 2022/1053 [↓](#)
- 3 SRPC 7 June 2022 Minutes, 2022/1054 [↓](#)
- 4 ESPC 7 June 2022 Minutes, 2022/1056 [↓](#)
- 5 FPC 7 June 2022 Minutes, 2022/1057 [↓](#)
- 6 SPC 7 June 2022 Minutes, 2022/1058 [↓](#)

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 7 JUNE 2022

COMMENCING AT 7:18PM

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### ATTENDANCE

Cr J Whitton (Chairperson)(*zoom*), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne (*zoom*), Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson (*zoom*), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor).

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Development Assessment, Governance Administration Officer, Manager Engineering Services

### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<b>RESOLVED - 22/161</b> That the apologies be accepted from Cr Jack Evans for the Planning and Development Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022.	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
<b>RESOLVED - 22/162</b> That Cr S Peterson, Cr J Whitton and Cr F Kinghorne be permitted to attend the Planning and Development Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022 via audio visual link ( <i>zoom</i> ).	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

#### 1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in items 2.4 and 2.5 – 5 Borrodell Drive – as her spouse has undertaken soil testing on this site.

Crs Kinghorne, Hamling, Greenhalgh, Mileto, Cr McDonell and Whitton declared Interests in matters considered under item 2.2 – Draft Local Housing Strategy – Post Exhibition – each of which are noted on the items throughout the minutes below.

**MINUTES OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2 GENERAL REPORTS****2.1 ITEMS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF COUNCIL MAY 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/466

**RESOLVED - 22/163****Cr K Duffy/Cr G Power**

That Council resolves to acknowledge the information provided in the report by the Manager Development Assessments on Items Approved Under the Delegated Authority of Council.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**RESOLVED - 22/164****Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell**

That the items in 2.2 of the Planning and Development Committee meeting of 7 June 2022 be dealt with in seriatim.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**2.2 DRAFT ORANGE LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY - POST EXHIBITION REPORT**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/767

**RESOLVED - 22/165****Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto**

- 1 That Council consider this report and associated submissions and resolve to adopt the draft Orange Local Housing Strategy (October 2021) subject to the following changes or additions, namely that the strategy shall include points i to vi as resolved below.

**RESOLVED - 22/166****Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling**

- i. Include the northern 10ha of 1 Industry Drive within the North Corridor Candidate Area, subject to being incorporated within the NCCA DCP masterplan area and consideration being given to the need for a transitional use between the industrial and residential areas.

**MINUTES OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**7 JUNE 2022**

<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/167</b></p> <p>II. Include the potential for a reduction in minimum lot size applying to Daydawn Place from the current 2ha to 1ha, subject to a planning proposal that adequately addresses the presence of Naturally Occurring Asbestos, traffic noise from the Northern Distributor Road and visual prominence of the hillside when viewed from the NDR.</p>	<p><b>Cr G Power/Cr J Whitton</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/168</b></p> <p>III. Confirm support for the Witton Place Candidate Area subject to the future development being denied direct access onto Neals Lane.</p>	<p><b>Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/169</b></p> <p>IV. Confirm support for the North Orange Candidate Area and the North Corridor Candidate Area subject to both areas being required to undertake detailed flora and fauna surveys to inform the overall layout design as part of the Planning Proposal process.</p>	<p><b>Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/170</b></p> <p>V. Allow some flexibility in the application of minimum lot sizes within the NOCA responding to site constraints as determined during the planning proposal process subject to overall yield within the NOCA being consistent with the exhibited strategy.</p>	<p><b>Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/171</b></p> <p>VI. Require ALL planning proposals for rezoning or development under this strategy, including any additions identified in this report, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Masterplans that address the full range of matters outlined under section 6.3(3) of the Orange Local Environmental Plan 2011 backed by supporting studies from suitably qualified professionals, and</li> <li>b. Conceptual layout plans of the likely subdivision pattern, to illustrate the matters required in the respective masterplan, and</li> <li>c. Include details on contributions and/or planning agreements that demonstrate the masterplan can be delivered in a manner that is cost-neutral to Council.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr J Whitton</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/172</b></p> <p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Commence a review of existing infill development policy settings and prepare an infill development strategy that may guide future rezonings of existing urban land to R3 Medium Density Residential zone in appropriate locations.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/173</b></p> <p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>II. Commence a review of the current skill shortages in the city and prepare an essential worker housing policy or strategy that may guide direct or indirect provision of housing for locally essential workers and address skill gaps.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh</b></p>

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<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/174</b></p> <p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <p>III. Prepare a local Short Term Rental Accommodation policy with a view to providing appropriate DCP provisions and incentives for STRA operators to maintain or provide some level of longer term rental stock.</p>	<p><b>Cr G Floyd/Cr J Whitton</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/175</b></p> <p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <p>IV. Initiate consultation with the village communities of Spring Hill, Lucknow and Spring Terrace to gauge the level of interest in preparing scoping studies that may ultimately lead to minor expansions of these communities.</p>	<p><b>Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/176</b></p> <p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <p>V. Commence investigation and review of the potential expansion of the Molong Road Candidate Area (MRCA) as outlined in the Allera submission with a view to being able to incorporate the expanded area in the strategy later.</p>	<p><b>Cr J Whitton/Cr G Power</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/177</b></p> <p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <p>VI. Prepare a draft policy on rural boundary adjustments and the interpretation of “minor change” and report back to Council on any suggested LEP clause changes in this regard.</p>	<p><b>Cr G Floyd/Cr J Whitton</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/178</b></p> <p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <p>VII. Prepare a Local Affordable Housing Policy giving consideration to the variety of affordable housing options available, depending on Government funding. The Policy shall also examine creating an Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme (AHCS) and Community Land Trust (CLT) to support the intent of the strategy.</p>	<p><b>Cr T Mileto/Cr D Mallard</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/179</b></p> <p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <p>VIII. Commence a broad review of the Shiralee Masterplan to improve the response to flooding information, changes to detention basins and open space requirements as well as matters raised in submissions.</p>	<p><b>Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/180</b></p> <p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <p>IX. Audit public Council land that could be used by Council, in partnership with community housing providers and/or Government agencies, to develop new social and affordable housing dwellings, and prepare a report for Council on the results of the audit.</p>	<p><b>Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto</b></p>

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<b>RESOLVED - 22/181</b>	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto</b>
<p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <p>X. Organise for Council to host a local Housing Summit that brings together a broad range of stakeholders including Government agencies, community housing providers, providers of mental health services, strategic planners and representatives of relevant peak bodies, to discuss issues and proposed solutions to the housing affordability challenges facing the city, before the end of 2022.</p>	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/182</b>	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto</b>
<p>2 That Council resolve for staff to:</p> <p>XI. Prepare a Homelessness Policy that identifies principles and actions, including partnerships and advocacy roles, for Council to contribute to efforts to end homelessness in Orange.</p>	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonnell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

*\*Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 7.39pm\**

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/183</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling</b>
That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:	
Broken Shaft Creek Precinct	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 180 Murphy Lane, Orange</li> </ul>	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonnell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.	
Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as a person subject to a lot below is known to him.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/184</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton</b>
That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:	
Molong Road Precinct	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 454 Mitchell Highway, Orange</li> <li>• 511 Mitchell Highway, Orange</li> <li>• 86 Murphy Lane, Orange</li> <li>• 100 Murphy Lane, Orange</li> </ul>	

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- 72 Murphy Lane, Orange
- 36 Murphy Lane, Orange
- 545 Mitchell Highway, Orange

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne

*\*Cr Greenhalgh left the meeting with the time being 7.40pm\**

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

Cr Greenhalgh declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

**RESOLVED - 22/185** **Cr G Floyd/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:

Molong Road Precinct

- 487 Mitchell Highway, Orange

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr T Greenhalgh

*\*Cr Greenhalgh returned to the meeting with the time being 7.41pm\**

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

**RESOLVED - 22/186** **Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:

North Orange Precinct

- 59 Wicks Road, Orange
- 73 Beer Road, Orange
- Clergate Road, Orange
- 58 Wicks Road, Orange
- 56 Wicks Road, Orange

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne

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Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

**RESOLVED - 22/187****Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:

North Corridor Precinct

- 371 Clergate Road, Orange
- 459 Clergate Road, Orange
- 441 Clergate Road, Orange
- Clergate Road, Orange
- 439 Clergate, Orange
- 45 Auberson Road, Orange
- Clergate Road, Orange
- 352 Clergate Road, Orange
- 352 Clergate Road, Orange

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne

*\*Cr Kinghorne returned to the meeting with the time being 7.43pm\**

**RESOLVED - 22/188****Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:

North Corridor Precinct

- 524 and 538 (not 526) Burrendong Way, Orange
- 524 and 538 (not 526) Burrendong Way, Orange

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

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**RESOLVED - 22/189****Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:

Trotting Track Precinct

- 34 Perc Griffith Way, Orange
- Mitchell Highway, Lucknow

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

Cr Greenhalgh asked whether adding the trotting track property to the Local Housing Strategy had any effect on the motorkarts using the facility.

*The Director Development Services stated this area is included in long term part of strategy, as resolved above 1(iv) a master plan required for every site as this is Council land it would need planning proposal for whole area/precinct taking into account what is existing. We will be looking at what is there as it progresses through and just because it is in the strategy does not mean it gets rezoned.*

**RESOLVED - 22/190****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:

Leeds Precinct

- 274 Leeds Parade, Orange

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

Cr McDonell declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as a relative owns a property listed in those item.

**RESOLVED - 22/191****Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

Council resolves not to include the properties listed below in this version of the Local Housing Strategy:

- 641 Mitchell Highway, Orange
- 13 Hewitt Close
- 57 Wicks Road, Orange
- 424 Mitchell Highway, Orange
- 191 Icely Road, Orange
- 234 Canobolas Road, Canobolas
- 79 Thompson Road, Orange

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For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

*\*Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 7.54pm\**

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/192</b>	<b>Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr J Whitton</b>
That Council resolves not to include the properties listed below in this version of the Local Housing Strategy:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Borrodell Drive, Orange</li> <li>• 611 Pinnacle Road, Orange</li> <li>• 131 and 191 Bargwanna Road, Spring Creek</li> <li>• 93 Brooking Lane, Orange</li> <li>• 96 Buttle Road</li> <li>• Land surrounding CSU Orange Campus</li> </ul>	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne

*\*Cr Whitton left the meeting with the time being 7.55pm\**

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.	
Cr Whitton declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/193</b>	<b>Cr G Floyd/Cr M McDonell</b>
That Council resolves not to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 74 Brooking Lane, Orange</li> </ul>	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr J Whitton

*\*Cr Hamling left the meeting with the time being 7.55pm\**

*\*Cr Kinghorne returned to the meeting with the time being 7.55pm\**

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Cr Hamling declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

Cr Whitton declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as a person subject to a lot below is known to him.

**RESOLVED - 22/194****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves not to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:

- 579 The Escort Way, Orange
- 549 The Escort Way, Orange
- 5104 Mitchell Highway, Orange

For: Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr J Hamling, Cr J Whitton

*\*Cr Hamling and Cr Whitton returned to the meeting with the time being 7.57pm\**

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as a shareholder of the solar farm at an address listed in this item.

**RESOLVED - 22/195****Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:

- 615 Mitchell Highway, Orange
- 641 Mitchell Highway, Orange
- 643 Mitchell Highway, Orange
- 1 Industry Drive, Orange

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

*\*Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 8.00pm\**

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Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

**RESOLVED - 22/196** **Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to include the properties listed below in the Local Housing Strategy:

- 18 Daydawn Place, Orange (and all Daydawn Estate)

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton  
 Against: Nil  
 Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

**RESOLVED - 22/197** **Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves not to include the properties listed below in this version of the Local Housing Strategy:

• 60 Auberson Road, Orange	• 4682 Mitchell Highway, Lucknow
• 226 Murphy Lane, Orange	• 730 Burrendong Way, Orange
• 534 The Escort Way, Orange	• 700 and 704 Forest Road, Orange
• 9 Borrodell Drive, Orange	• 234 Canobolas Road, Orange
• 616 Mitchell Highway, Orange	• 601 Pinnacle Road, Orange
• Mitchell Highway, Lucknow	• 611 Pinnacle Road, Orange
• 274 Leeds Parade, Orange	• 645 Pinnacle Road, Orange
• 616 Forest Road, Orange	• 90 Hawke Lane, Orange
• 190 Ophir Road, Orange	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton  
 Against: Nil  
 Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne

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Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

**RESOLVED - 22/198****Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves not to include the properties listed below in this version of the Local Housing Strategy:

- 114 Canobolas Road, Orange
- 512 Pinnacle Road, Orange
- 117 Phoenix Mine Road, Lucknow
- 40 Beasley Road, Lucknow
- 247 Clergate Road, Orange

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

Cr Whitton declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

Cr Hamling declared a Significant interest in this item, left the meetings and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as a person subject to a lot below is known to him.

**RESOLVED - 22/199****Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd**

That Council resolves not to include the properties listed below in this version of the Local Housing Strategy:

- 549 The Escort Way, Orange
- 579 The Escort Way, Orange
- 5104 Mitchell Highway, Orange

For: Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr J Hamling, Cr J Whitton, Cr F Kinghorne

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Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as a person subject to a lot below is known to him.

Cr McDonell declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as a person subject to a lot below is known to her.

**RESOLVED - 22/200**

**Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves not to include the properties listed below in this version of the Local Housing Strategy:

• 57 Glasson Drive	• 59 Evergreen Land, Springside
• 94 Emu Swamp Road, Lucknow	• 324 Orchard Road, Spring Terrace
• 27 Emu Swamp Road, Lucknow	• 39 Glasson Drive, Orange
• 8 Springbank Lane, Orange	• 152 Ginns Road, Huntley
• 9 Ammerdown Crescent, Orange	• 25 Chapman Street, Spring Hill
• 450 Mitchell Highway, Orange (Ammerdown Homestead)	• 91 Murphy Lane, Orange
• 32 Perc Griffith Way (unused Orange Harness Racing Track)	• 24 Wicks Road, Orange
• 42 Cowriga Road, Spring Terrace	• 7 Hamer Street, Orange
• Ophir Road, Orange	• 21 Lawson Crescent, Orange
• 27 Emu Swamp Road, Lucknow	• 82 Thompson Road, Orange
• 35 Glasson Drive, Orange	• 37 Thompson Road, Orange
• 100 Shiralee Road, Orange	• 82 Hawke Lane, Orange
• 168 Shiralee Road, Orange	• 1 Ivanhoe Way, Orange
• 12 Shiralee Road, Orange	• 3 Rahiri Lane, Orange
• 20 Shiralee Road, Orange	• 25 Chapman Street, Spring Hill
• 185 Shiralee Road, Orange	• 616 Forest Road, Orange
• 67 Beer Road, Orange	• 81 Buckland Drive, Orange
• 7 Neals Lane, Orange	• 115 Thompson Road, Orange
• 83 Park Road, Canobolas	

For: Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr J Hamling, Cr J Whitton, Cr F Kinghorne

*\*Cr Hamling, Cr Whitton and Cr Kinghorne returned to the meeting with the time being 8.05pm\**

**MINUTES OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 118/2021(1) - 161 BATHURST ROAD**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/938

**RESOLVED - 22/201****Cr T Mileto/Cr D Mallard**

That Council consents to development application DA 118/2021(1) for Multi Dwelling Housing (two additional dwellings), Demolition (garage) and Carport at Lot 5 DP 22129 - 161 Bathurst Road, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**2.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 304/2007(2) - 5 BORRODELL DRIVE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/949

**THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN.**

*\*Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 8.09pm\**

**2.5 INVESTIGATIONS INTO TREE HEALTH - 5 BORRODELL DRIVE ORANGE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1012

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as her spouse has undertaken soil testing on this site, left the meeting and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

**RESOLVED - 22/202****Cr T Mileto/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves:

- 1 That Council engage a Level 5 AQF Arborist and conduct further investigations into the demise of a Pin Oak Tree at 5 Borrodell Drive Orange.
- 2 That Council encourage members of the community to report any information via Council's contact us page on its website.
- 3 That a nominated Council representative be present when the arborist takes a sample from the tree for testing.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr K Duffy

Absent: Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne

*\*Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 8.16pm\**

**MINUTES OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 18/2022(1) - 52 KITE STREET**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/962

**RESOLVED - 22/203****Cr J Hamling/Cr D Mallard**

That development application DA 18/2022(1) for Demolition (additions, garage, trees), Dwelling Alterations and Additions, Swimming Pool and Front Fence at Lot 100 DP 1244765 - 52 Kite Street, Orange be deferred to allow Councillors to undertake a site inspection.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonnell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

Cr Kinghorne asked about construction hours, and whether this was something that will apply to new DA's too.

*The Director Development Services stated it has standard conditions that were amended to allow for the Premier's amendment to noise construction hours. More restricted hours were a standard condition prior to the Premier's covid temporary legislation changes. We will check if this temporary legislation has been revoked and if so I will provide an amendment to the consent that will be brought back in accordance with the EPA interim Guidelines for Construction Noise and the SEPP that may apply.*

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:19PM.**

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

### INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 7 JUNE 2022

COMMENCING AT 8:20PM

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### ATTENDANCE

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Cr J Hamling (Mayor, A/Chairperson), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne (*zoom*), Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson (*zoom*), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton (*zoom*).

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Development Assessment, Governance Administration Officer, Manager Engineering Services

### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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<b>RESOLVED - 22/204</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That the apologies be accepted from Cr Jack Evans for the Infrastructure Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/205</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That Cr S Peterson, Cr J Whitton and Cr F Kinghorne be permitted to attend the Infrastructure Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022 via audio visual link ( <i>zoom</i> ).	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

### 1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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Nil

**MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2 COMMITTEE MINUTES****2.1 MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING - 18 MAY 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/935

**RESOLVED - 22/206****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M McDonell**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Airport Community Committee at its meeting held on 18 May 2022.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and General Business from the minutes of the Airport Community Committee meeting of 18 May 2022.
  - 3.1 Mowing of grass – Intersection of Huntley Road and Aerodrome Road  
That the Manager Depot, Airport and Emergency Services investigate to see if it can be mowed
  - 3.2 Pruning of trees along Aerodrome Road  
That the Manager Depot, Airport and Emergency Services request Council's Tree Crew to investigate pruning the trees.
  - 4.1 Draft Committee Charter – Airport Community Committee
    - 1 That the Charter for the Airport Community Committee be adopted.
    - 2 That future meetings of the Airport Community Committee be held quarterly at 6pm on a Wednesday.

General Business  
A discussion was held concerning the speed in which cars were doing when travelling along Aerodrome Road past the Airport entrance and exit gates and it was decided to ask Council if they could consider having the speed limit reduced in this area.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Airport Community Committee at its meeting held on 18 May 2022 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**3 GENERAL REPORTS****3.1 SECTION 7.11 ORANGE CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/488

**RESOLVED - 22/207****Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton**

That subject to the Orange Local Housing Strategy being adopted at the Council Meeting of 7 June 2022, the Orange Contributions Plan 2022 be placed on exhibition for 28 days.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**7 JUNE 2022**

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**3.2 CURRENT WORKS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/933

**RESOLVED - 22/208**

**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr K Duffy**

That the information provided in the report on Current Works be acknowledged.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:22PM**

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

### SPORT AND RECREATION POLICY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 7 JUNE 2022

COMMENCING AT 8:24PM

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### ATTENDANCE

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Cr T Greenhalgh (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr F Kinghorne (*zoom*), Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson (*zoom*), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton (*zoom*).

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Development Assessment, Governance Administration Officer, Manager Engineering Services

### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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<b>RESOLVED - 22/209</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That the apologies be accepted from Cr Jack Evans for the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/210</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That Cr S Peterson, Cr J Whitton and Cr F Kinghorne be permitted to attend the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022 via audio visual link ( <i>zoom</i> ).	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

#### 1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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Cr T Mileto declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interested in item 2.1 - Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Community Committee, relating to a contribution made to the Orange District Football Association as he is the President.

**MINUTES OF SPORT AND RECREATION POLICY COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2 COMMITTEE MINUTES****2.1 MINUTES OF THE SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 4 MAY 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/863

**RESOLVED - 22/211****Cr J Hamling/Cr M McDonell**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Sport and Recreation Community Committee at its meeting held on 4 May 2022.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2 from the minutes of the Sport and Recreation Community Committee meeting of 4 May 2022.
  - 3.2 That the Charter for the Sport and Recreation Community Committee be adopted by the Committee Members with the following amendments:
    - Quorum – At least five community members and one Councillor.
    - Meeting Frequency – Quarterly with specific dates and times to be determined by the Committee.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Sport and Recreation Community Committee at its meeting held on 4 May 2022 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**3 GENERAL REPORTS****3.1 ADDITION TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK - BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/892

**RESOLVED - 22/212****Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power**

- 1 That Council accept the addition of the Bicycle Community Committee as part of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee framework for the 2022/2024 term of Council.
- 2 That Council confirm Cr Peterson (Chairperson), Cr McDonell and Cr Greenhalgh as the Councillor members of the Bicycle Community Committee.
- 3 That Council seek expressions of interest from community members and relevant agencies/organisations to join a Community Committee, based on the draft Charter for the Bicycle Community Committee.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**MINUTES OF SPORT AND RECREATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

**7 JUNE 2022**

Cr Kinghorne asked why this committee cannot be part of the Sport and Recreation Community Committee (SRCC).

*The Chief Executive Officer stated that the Committee addresses big issues and this would be lost in SRCC.*

Cr Whitton noted that a bike committee used to exist.

*The Chief Executive Officer stated that, but it had lost its formality and framework and needs involvement of Council Members.*

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:31PM**

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 7 JUNE 2022

COMMENCING AT 8:32PM

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne (*zoom*), Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson (*zoom*), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton (*zoom*).

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Development Assessment, Governance Administration Officer, Manager Engineering Services

### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<b>RESOLVED - 22/213</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Evans for the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/214</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That Cr S Peterson, Cr J Whitton and Cr F Kinghorne be permitted to attend the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022 via audio visual link ( <i>zoom</i> ).	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

### 1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2 COMMITTEE MINUTES****2.1 MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 APRIL 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/751

**RESOLVED - 22/215****Cr J Hamling/Cr T Mileto**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 27 April 2022.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations {4.1,4.2,4.3} from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting of 27 April 2022.
  - 4.1.2 That Council construct all new dog off leash areas with double gates.
  - 4.2 That the Companion Animals Community Committee acknowledge the requirements set by the Code of Conduct, and members commit to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct at all times while on Committee/Council business.
    - 4.3.1 That the Charter for the Companion Animals Community Committee be adopted by Committee members.
    - 4.3.2 That Council invite additional members of the community to join the Companion Animals Community Committee by a media release.
    - 4.3.3 That meetings of the Companion Animals Community Committee be held quarterly in July, October and December in 2022. Exact date yet to be determined.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 27 April 2022 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2.2 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/895

**RESOLVED - 22/216****Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 13 May 2022.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2 from the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting of 13 May 2022.
  - 3.2 That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee adopt the draft Charter with the maximum number of community committee members being changed from 15 to 20.
  - 3.3 That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the requirements set by the Code of Conduct, and members commit to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct at all times while on Committee/Council business.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 13 May 2022 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:33PM**

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

### FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 7 JUNE 2022

COMMENCING AT 8:34PM

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### ATTENDANCE

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Cr K Duffy (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr G Floyd, Cr S Peterson (*zoom*), Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne (*zoom*), Cr J Whitton (*zoom*)

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Development Assessment, Governance Administration Officer, Manager Engineering Services

### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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<b>RESOLVED - 22/217</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Evans for the Finance Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/218</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That Cr S Peterson, Cr J Whitton and Cr F Kinghorne be permitted to attend the Finance Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022 via audio visual link ( <i>zoom</i> ).	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

### 1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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Nil

**MINUTES OF FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2 GENERAL REPORTS****2.1 SMALL DONATION APPLICATION - REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SUPPORT**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/879

**RESOLVED - 22/219****Cr J Hamling/Cr D Mallard**

That Council approve Orange City Rugby Club Ltd's application for \$500 labour/in-kind support and the lending of Council equipment for the Under 14's State and NSW Country Rugby Championships held in Orange over the June long weekend (11-13 June).

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**2.2 SMALL DONATIONS & GRANTS - DEFERRAL OF USE OF FUNDS BY ORANGE EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY INC.**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/897

**RESOLVED - 22/220****Cr T Mileto/Cr M McDonell**

That Council approve that the City of Orange Eisteddfod Society Inc. use their 2021 \$500 Council small donation for the 2022 Orange Eisteddfod in 2022 for the previously approved purpose.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**2.3 GRANTS REPORT - COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATIONS TO EXTERNAL FUNDERS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/905

**RESOLVED - 22/221****Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton**

That Council note the report on Council's grant applications to external funders from December 2021 to May 2022.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

Cr Greenhalgh asked if this report included all current grants Council has applied for.

*The Director Corporate and Commercial Services stated that it includes all grants applied for in this term of Council.*

**MINUTES OF FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022**

Cr McDonell asked if the create NSW grant for the Conservatorium had been approved.  
*The Chief Executive Officer advised that the grant submission is in and we are awaiting an outcome.*

**2.4 SMALL DONATIONS AND GRANTS - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/939

**RESOLVED - 22/222****Cr G Floyd/Cr M McDonell**

That Council approve \$2,000 in financial support for the Australian Swim Coaches and Teachers' NSW Conference to be held in Orange on the 8-10 July 2022.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:38PM**

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

### SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 7 JUNE 2022

COMMENCING AT 8:38PM

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### ATTENDANCE

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Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr D Mallard, Cr T Mileto, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr S Peterson (*zoom*), Cr F Kinghorne (*zoom*), Cr J Whitton (*zoom*)

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Development Assessment, Governance Administration Officer, Manager Engineering Services

### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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<b>RESOLVED - 22/223</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That the apologies be accepted from Cr Jack Evans for the Services Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022.	
<b>RESOLVED - 22/224</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy</b>
That Cr S Peterson, Cr J Whitton and Cr F Kinghorne be permitted to attend the Services Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 June 2022 via audio visual link ( <i>zoom</i> ).	

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

### 1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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Nil

**MINUTES OF SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2 COMMITTEE MINUTES****2.1 MINUTES OF THE ORANGE REGIONAL MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING - 19 APRIL 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/777

**RESOLVED - 22/225****Cr G Floyd/Cr D Mallard**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Orange Regional Museum Committee at its meeting held on 19 April 2022.
- 2 That the Charter for the Orange Regional Museum Community Committee be adopted with the following changes:
  - a. Membership – One member from the Aboriginal Community
  - b. Quorum – Minimum of three community members and one Councillor
  - c. Meeting Frequency – Minimum of twice a year.
- 3 That the Orange Regional Museum Community meet on the 3rd Tuesday of April and October 2022 commencing at 3.00pm.
- 4 That the remainder of the minutes of the Orange Regional Museum Committee at its meeting held on 19 April 2022 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**MINUTES OF SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2.2 MINUTES OF THE AGEING AND ACCESS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - 27 APRIL 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/904

**RESOLVED - 22/226****Cr S Peterson/Cr K Duffy**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Ageing and Access Community Committee at its meeting held on 27 April 2022.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.3 and 4.2.1 from the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee meeting of 27 April 2022.
  - 3.1 That the Disability Services Continuous Improvement Register be deferred to the next meeting of the Ageing and Access Community Committee to be held on 2 August 2022.
  - 3.2.1 That the actions identified by the Committee be included in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.
  - 3.2.2 That the Committee be provided a copy of Council's Transport Asset Management Plan.
  - 3.3 That the access issues raised by the Committee be added to the Ageing and Access Community Committee Action Plan.
  - 4.2.1 That the Charter Quorum be updated to read a minimum of three community members and one Councillor.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee at its meeting held on 27 April 2022 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonnell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**2.3 MINUTES OF THE NAIDOC WEEK COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD 5 MAY 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/940

**RESOLVED - 22/227****Cr D Mallard/Cr T Greenhalgh**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 5 May 2022.
- 2 That the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 5 May 2022 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonnell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor congratulated thanked Council and Council Staff for the successful organising of Reconciliation Day.

**MINUTES OF SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE****7 JUNE 2022****2.4 MINUTES OF THE ORANGE HEALTH LIAISON COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 MAY 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/941

**RESOLVED - 22/228****Cr K Duffy/Cr T Greenhalgh**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Orange Health Liaison Committee at its meeting held on 3 May 2022.
- 2 That Council resolves:
  - 3.1 That the Charter for the Orange Health Liaison Committee be adopted with the following amendment: That the Quorum be Four Community Members and at least One Councillor.
  - 3.2.2 That the Code of Conduct be segregated into separate documents for Councillors and for Community Members for ease of reading.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Orange Health Liaison Committee at its meeting held on 3 May 2022 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Evans

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:42PM**



## 5.2 ADOPTION OF INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING DOCUMENTS - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN AND RESOURCING STRATEGY

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/920

AUTHOR: David Waddell, Chief Executive Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Council Meeting held on 19 April 2022 the following was resolved:

**RESOLVED - 22/116**

*Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard*

*That Council resolves:*

1 To place on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days the following documents:

- Draft Community Strategic Plan
- Draft Delivery Program 2022/2023 to 2025/2026
- Draft Operational Plan 2022/2023
- Draft Budget 2022/2023
- Draft Fees and Charges 2022/2023
- Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 to 2031/2032
- Workforce Management Strategy 2022/2023 to 2026/2027
- Asset Management Strategy 2023-2042

2 To adopt Strategic Policy ST009 – Revenue and Pricing and Strategic Policy and ST007 – Asset Management which have not had any changes since their last adoption.

The draft Community Strategic Plan, Delivery and Operational Plans, Long Term Financial Plan and Workforce Management Plan were placed on public exhibition from 20 April 2022 to 19 May 2022.

The public responded via Council's Your say site and through written submissions. This feedback is included in this report for Council's consideration.

The Delivery/Operational Plan for adoption delivers:

1. An operating deficit of \$1.78 million for the general fund
2. \$41.3 million in capital expenditure in the general fund
3. \$3.59 million deficit in the overall cost to Council (includes capital)
4. An operating deficit in water (\$0.54 million) and an operating surplus in sewer funds (\$1.34 million) in the 2022/23 financial year. Surpluses in these funds are accumulated to meet future capital costs as the city grows, modelled over a 30-year plan.

The **Draft Budget 22/23** has been developed through consultation with the community via the Community Strategic Plan, with Councillors and with Managers and Directors via a budget bid process.

The **Draft Budget 22/23** will continue the trend of deficit budgets to a lesser extent as Council moves towards a balanced overall budget in 2023/24. Council makes this decision to continue the stimulus impact on the City.

The **Draft Budget 22/23** includes a capital spend of \$68.3M in 2022/2023 and \$196.3M over the four-year period 2022/2023 to 2025/2026.

**5.2 Adoption of Integrated Planning & Reporting Documents - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery/Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy**

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The budget position is subject to headwinds which are emerging across Local Government. At the time of writing of this report the State Government had yet to respond to IPART's stated 0.7% rate peg position. Electricity and gas prices are to rise by 15-25% in the new financial year according to most sources, project costs are continuing to escalate and depreciation arising out of asset revaluation continues to plague all of Local Government.

In terms of the exhibition, the Draft budget has not been significantly changed as Council is intending to go through a September mini-budget process to align the budget with the CSP. This approach is being adopted due to the truncated timelines arising from the postponed elections.

Slight additions have been made to include some emergency capital works associated with Council's operations. A delayed election timeframe because of COVID-19 created a significantly compressed process for the creation of these plans. This necessitated developing the plans concurrently meaning there is still some work to be done on a complete alignment of the documents.

This report foreshadows a proposed mini budget for September this year. This mini budget will allow this alignment to proceed and to better understand some of the implications of the changing priorities revealed in the community engagement to develop the draft CSP.

Council will need to consider its overall forward position. Our position against benchmarks remains above recommended levels. They are dropping which is in line with our historical plan to invest in the city and from the difficult Covid years. Pleasingly and as always, our debt cover ratio is above the benchmark and we should maintain that in our opinion. One day soon it will be time to 'pull out of the dive'.

Council needs to adopt the budget in order to allow Council's operations to continue after July 1 2022.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "17.1 Collaborate - Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance".

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed Delivery/Operational Plan identifies the operational and subsequent budgetary impacts arising in the delivery of the proposed levels of service.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to exhibit the documents for a minimum of 28 days. The documents were exhibited from 20 April 2022 to 19 May 2022.

The draft suite of documents has not been reproduced with this report, however following Council's adoption of the documents, they will be updated, and a full copy supplied to all Councillors and made available on Council's website.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "17.1 Collaborate - Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance".

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1 In accordance with Sections 534, 535, 537 and 538 of the Local Government Act 1993, to adopt the following structure for rating purposes for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, and make the ad valorem rate in the dollar and base amount as detailed in the table below, noting that land value to be used is based on the valuation date of 1 July 2019 and supplementary information provided since that date, for the rateable land in the Orange Local Government Area, as follows:**

Ordinary Rates	No. of assessments	Value of assessments \$M	Ad Valorem Amount	Base Amount	Base Amount % of Total	Estimated Yield \$
Residential	16,684	2,508	0.005286	746.69	48.44%	25,716,748
Residential – Rural Residential	500	232	0.002752	746.69	36.90%	1,011,858
Residential – Clifton Grove	231	77	0.003912	746.69	36.32%	474,956
Residential – Ammerdown	43	18	0.004198	746.69	29.65%	108,293
Residential – Village	191	24	0.003539	443.18	49.79%	170,012
Farmland	380	329	0.001428	746.69	37.64%	753,778
Business	1,327	606	0.012704	746.69	11.40%	8,691,842
Business – Village	19	2	0.003818	407.75	49.51%	15,649
Special Rates						
Orange Central Business Area	325	175	0.004250	N/A	N/A	745,324
					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,943,135</b>

- 2 To adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges as listed in the exhibited draft Delivery/Operational Plan for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, provided that such changes may be varied by any alteration to the Local Government Act 1993 or Local Government (General) Regulation as directed by the NSW Government and subject to Council having the right to vary fees charged during the year subject to the required exhibition processes being observed.**

## 5.2 Adoption of Integrated Planning &amp; Reporting Documents - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery/Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy

- 3 That the following expenditure for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 be voted in accordance with the requirements of Clause 211 (2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005:

2022/23	General Fund	Water Supply	Sewer Operations	All Funds
<b>Operational Expenditure</b>	\$81,449,871	\$16,006,454	\$10,682,659	\$108,138,984
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	\$41,291,167	\$18,956,068	\$7,969,617	\$68,216,852
<b>Loan Repayments</b>	\$5,715,384	\$309,426	\$168,993	\$6,193,803
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128,456,422</b>	<b>\$35,271,948</b>	<b>\$18,821,269</b>	<b>\$182,549,639</b>

- 4 To adopt the:

- 2022/32 Community Strategic Plan
- 2022/23 to 2025/26 Delivery Program
- 2022/23 Operational Plan including the 2022/23 Budget and Fees and Charges
- Resourcing Strategy incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Plan and Asset Management Strategy

- 5 That the Councillor allowance be set at \$25,310 and the Mayoral Allowance be set at \$62,510 for 2022/23, being the maximum allowance for Regional Centre Councils as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal on 20 April 2022.

#### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council's other key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

Service Delivery	The Delivery/Operational Plan identifies levels of service for the range of Council's operations. These levels of service are also identified as part of the Asset Management Strategy and Plans. The Delivery/Operational Plan identifies key projects and services Council will deliver over the term of the Plan, and quarterly performance indicators will provide a measure of Council's performance in achieving these objectives.
Image and Reputation	The Delivery/Operational Plan is a pledge to the community to deliver an agreed level service, initiatives and projects over the next four years.
Stakeholders	The Delivery/Operational Plan identifies key agencies and other groups that are stakeholders in key Council activities. The Plan identifies the range of government agencies that provide advocacy, funding and partnerships to Council.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### The Draft Budget

The draft Delivery/Operational Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and Workforce Management Plan were placed on public exhibition from 20 April 2022 to 19 May 2022.

The Delivery/Operational Plan delivers:

1. An operating deficit of \$1.78 million for the general fund
2. \$41.3 million in capital expenditure in the general fund
3. \$3.59 million deficit in the overall cost to Council (includes capital)
4. An operating deficit in water (\$0.54 million) and an operating surplus in sewer funds (\$1.34 million) in the 2022/23 financial year. Surpluses in these funds are accumulated to meet future capital costs as the city grows, modelled over a 30-year plan.

The **Draft Budget 22/23** has been developed through consultation with the community via the Community Strategic Plan, with Councillors over the last four months and with Managers and Directors via a budget bid process.

The **Draft Budget 22/23** will continue the trend of deficit budgets to a lesser extent as Council moves towards a balanced overall budget in 2023/24. Council makes this decision to continue the stimulus impact on the City.

The **Draft Budget 22/23** includes a capital spend of \$68.3M in 2022/2023 and \$196.3M over the four year period 2022/2023 to 2025/2026.

### The Exhibition

The community response to exhibition of the draft Community Strategic Plan, Delivery and Operational plans and other associated documents through the YourSay site is as follows:

- 295 people visited the Budget/CSP site
- 119 visited multiple pages on the site
- 88 People downloaded budget and/or CSP documents
- 45 people completed an online survey
- 7 people contributed comments

Survey Results:

- There was significant support (see pie charts) for features of the draft budget including continued spending on the FutureCity CBD upgrade, the sports precinct, Shiralee area water infrastructure, and the next stage of the southern feeder road.
- Very strong support for extra footpath spending.
- Slightly less support for airport spending.
- There was approximately 50/50 support/opposition to Council increasing Fees & Charges in line with the CPI.
- There was significant opposition to Council seeking a special rates variation (67%).

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Seven people chose to leave longer more thoughtful comments:

- Criticism about the difficulty of understanding the budget.
- Five comments critical of the Mt Canobolas MTB project, including a long contribution from Uncle Neil Ingram.
- A call to allocate even more money towards upgrade Forest Rd (This originally came as an online comment to the Council website and was added as a YourSay contribution).

**BUDGET/CSP**

The survey questions on the CSP asked for a response to several key new directions included in the draft CSP.

- There was 75% support for Council tackling shortage of affordable and social housing and seeking more diversity in housing.
- There was 59% support for Council seeking to provide more recreation options for young people in Orange.
- There was 59% support for Council taking action to address problems of poverty and social inequity in Orange.

As well as providing Yes/No/Undecided responses, a number of people took the opportunity to provide additional brief text responses. A selection follows.

Social and affordable housing comments included:

- The recent expansion of heritage conservation areas (HCAs) has limited many options for increasing housing density in close proximity to the CBD. These expanded HCAs don't seem to contribute much/any heritage value, with many dwellings being new or renovated.
- More focus on affordable housing, as locals are being priced out of the area they grew up in.
- No more urban sprawl having small blocks, we are regional.
- Housing is at a critical level in Orange. I'm a pensioner and am in private housing. I live daily with worry about the rent going up or the owners wanting to sell.
- Affordable housing and rentals are desperately needed, land prices are too high. We need more options for well-maintained unit complexes or townhouses with shared green space. Would also love to see a co-housing type initiative in Orange.
- More diversity to younger people trying to get a house to rent.
- All new developments need to provide affordable housing options, the developers will not do this without being forced to so it's up to council to look at this seriously.

Recreation options for young people comments included:

- Paintball field or go-kart track would be fun.
- Keep prices at the Olympic Pool more realistic to enable all to attend.
- Fenced playgrounds with toilets. Bike pump track please. Also level paved paths for learners or young ones - Gosling Creek is perfect but that's the only suitable site for little kids.

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Poverty and social inequity comments included:

- That's not really in the charter of local government to provide. The wood bank, for example, is a terrible concept and impossible to be implemented fairly. It sets a 'hand-out' precedent and should not be council's responsibility.
- This issue is a close one to me as a single parent, that faced housing insecurity in 2021. Rising rents, petrol, groceries & costs of living are putting so much pressure on households, and we are now completely priced out of the housing market.
- This should be adopted as a priority by Council despite jurisdictional arguments i.e. it's the State Gov's job, particularly while many people are living in their cars in a car park one block from Council chambers.

General comments included:

- Fix the roads correctly and to a level that ensures they last.
- Establish facilities/ infrastructure to push the towns peoples focus to the outskirts of town for shopping, housing and recreation
- Remove "blanket" trash pickups in the way of vouchers for rate payers and online requests for others who are unable to get access to allow for self-sufficient disposal at the tip.
- The Mountain Bike Proposal on Mt Canobolas is a fantastic initiative and would be a massive draw card to Orange, along with bringing in the funds to manage and conserve the environment. It is a disgrace up there at the moment with the amount of weeds and feral animals. Mountain biking tourism is huge elsewhere in Australia and across the world.
- The biggest issue for our community right now is the poor state of our roads. I see very little talk of a plan to deal with these issues except patching over patches, which only creates a bigger issue.
- Better planning for the next 10 years, cut costs, make more savings on service provision, reduce staff in low priority areas, more accountability and transparency, improve communication with ratepayers and senior staff show more respect to ratepayers.
- Council should stick to investment into core services rather than left field peripheral services. Planetarium and expansion of music conservatorium are "nice to have" and are not essential.
- The severe lack of available childcare in Orange is it such high importance as it is hindering the ability of skilled employees to return to work.
- Although education is not the responsibility of Council, there might be a need for an alternative (but registered and accredited) school in Orange to meet specific needs. There are several examples in NSW. This might work alongside sustainability initiatives in Orange such as a vertical garden complex and promotion of unique, sustainable business opportunities.

Aside from the online engagement a number of residents took the opportunity to provide more detailed submissions during the exhibition period.

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- In all 34 were received. Of these 32 opposed funding on the mountain bike proposal on Mt Canobolas. The opposition generally related to cultural, environment and biodiversity protection. One of the submissions received also raised issues around the CSP process, alignment with Delivery and Operational plans and housing affordability. The other sought road upgrades on Forest Road between Spring Terrace and Spring Hill and works on Worboys Street and Whiley Road. A Cancer Council submission sought a “commitment to plan and budget properly in advance for built and natural shade in public spaces including playgrounds, parks, recreation and sporting facilities, active travel networks and town centre.”

**Project/Initiatives List**

A number of residents also defined projects they thought should be included in Council's forward operations:

- Road upgrades on Forest Road between Spring Terrace and Spring Hill
- Works on Worboys Street and Whiley Road
- Action on social and affordable housing
- More affordable prices at Aquatic Centre
- Fenced, accessible and shaded playgrounds with toilets
- Bike pump track
- Footpath near Orange Anglican Grammar School (students not permitted to walk to school)
- Indoor Play Centre (Paintball, indoor skating, rock climbing)
- Splash park
- Increased road maintenance/upgrade funding
- Augment water supply
- Huntley Rd upgrade
- Footpath maintenance
- Expanded footpath network

**Responses to the Exhibition**

In brief:

Council will have the opportunity to address many of the projects and issues arising out of the exhibition through the September minibudget.

In terms of the theme of inequity arising out of the significantly changed housing prices in Orange, Council is attempting to address these concerns as best as possible through Strategies arising out of the Local Housing Strategy recently adopted.

Council will consider roads and other infrastructure in the September minibudget but largely these are in the project lists attached to the budget.

The proposed Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike project features in the future budget projects as a project with no funding source. Several other projects are similarly listed such as the theatre expansion and the aquatic centre expansion. The project is still in the approval phase and will require further Council consideration to proceed. The project will be brought to Council in the future for consideration.

**IPART and the State Government Response on rates**

At the time of writing of this report the State Government had yet to respond to IPART's stated 0.7% rate peg position. The Adopted budget assumes/includes a rate rise of 2.5% in line with Council's long term financial plan. The State Government's response is due on June 21.

The impact on the budget in operational terms is \$662,670 if the 2.5% is not approved.

**The budget was amended slightly**

Aside from additions of \$108,000 to the theatre capital budget to cover much needed operational items that arose late in the financial year, no changes have been made to the budget since exhibition of the Draft budget. Council is asked to adopt the Budget in this form in order to allow continued operations and to use the September mini-budget to align the budget and operational plans with the CSP.

**Next steps - September's Mini-budget**

A delayed election timeframe because of COVID-19 created a significantly compressed process for the creation of these plans. This necessitated developing the plans concurrently meaning there is still some work to be done on a complete alignment of the documents.

This report foreshadows a proposed mini budget for September this year. This mini budget will allow this alignment to proceed and to better understand some of the implications of the changing priorities revealed in the community engagement to develop the draft CSP.

**Issues for the Year ahead and other headwinds**

The budget position is subject to headwinds which are emerging across Local Government. At the time of writing of this report the State Government had yet to respond to IPART's stated 0.7% rate peg position. Electricity and gas prices are to rise by 15-25% in the new financial year according to most sources, project costs are continuing to escalate and depreciation arising out of asset revaluation continues to plague all of Local Government.

Other continuing issues yet to be resolved include the Emergency Services Levy, RFS assets and the rates position.

Council holds a considerable land portfolio and continues the previous Council's land sales process. The timeline for sales is somewhat subject to the vagaries of the market and preparation of land for sale.

Depreciation is a constant issue for Local Government – Money needs to be put aside for renewal of assets – if not then the impact is merely transferred to future Councils. Once assets are revalued **up** then we need to adjust the ongoing funds we put aside to replace them one day.

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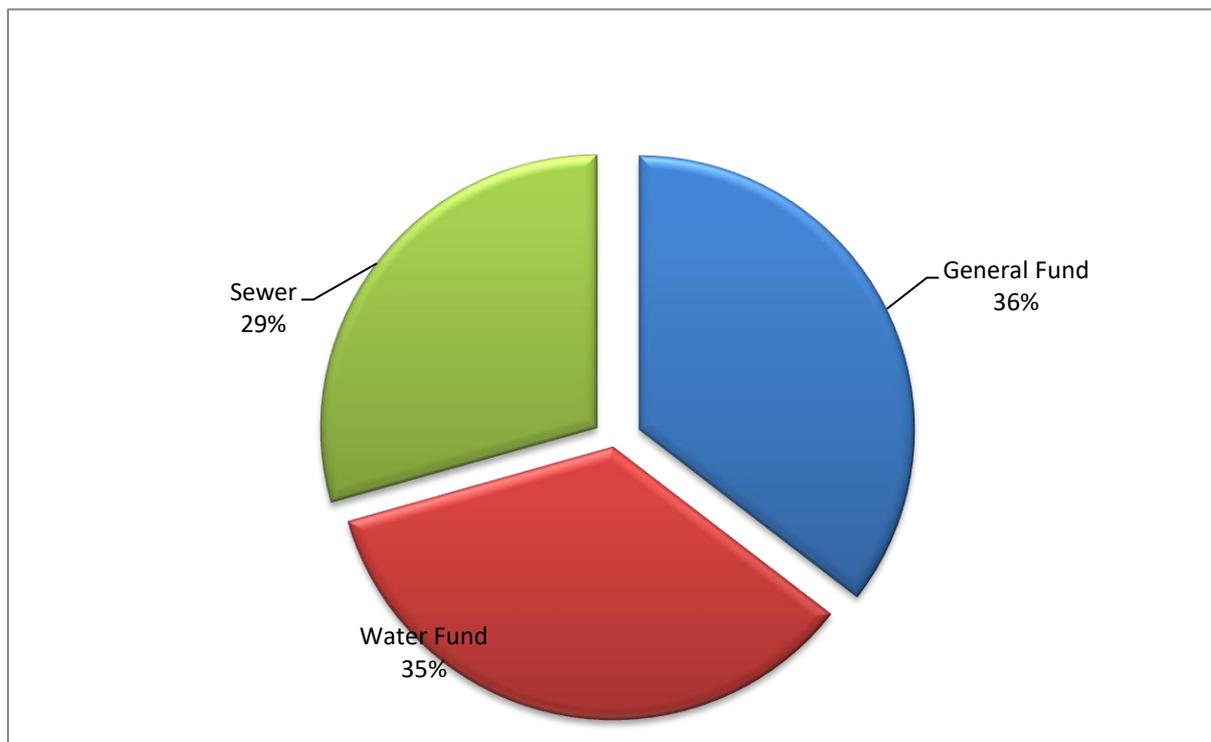
Another depreciation hit is looming which will affect the 2022/23 budget. A consultant will be providing a report on water and sewer ‘revals’ shortly which will see a further hit to the budget as adopted. This again is a reason to have a September minibudget to address out-of-sync matters – IPART, depreciation, RFS assets and Emergency Services Levy for example.

Council will need to consider its overall forward position. Our position against benchmarks remains above recommended levels. They are dropping which is in line with our historical plan to invest in the city and from the difficult Covid years. Pleasingly and as always, our debt cover ratio is above the benchmark and we should maintain that in our opinion. One day soon it will be time to ‘pull out of the dive’.

**Our Reserves**

As of 31 May 2022, the investments held by Council in each fund is shown below:

	<b>31/05/2022</b>	<b>30/04/2022</b>
General Fund	73,631,011.63	71,046,890.48
Water Fund	72,905,658.48	69,256,144.62
Sewer Fund	61,015,593.74	60,411,961.90
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$207,552,263.85</b>	<b>\$200,714,997.00</b>



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A reconciliation of Council’s investment portfolio provides a summary of the purposes for which Council’s investments are being held. The summary is as follows:

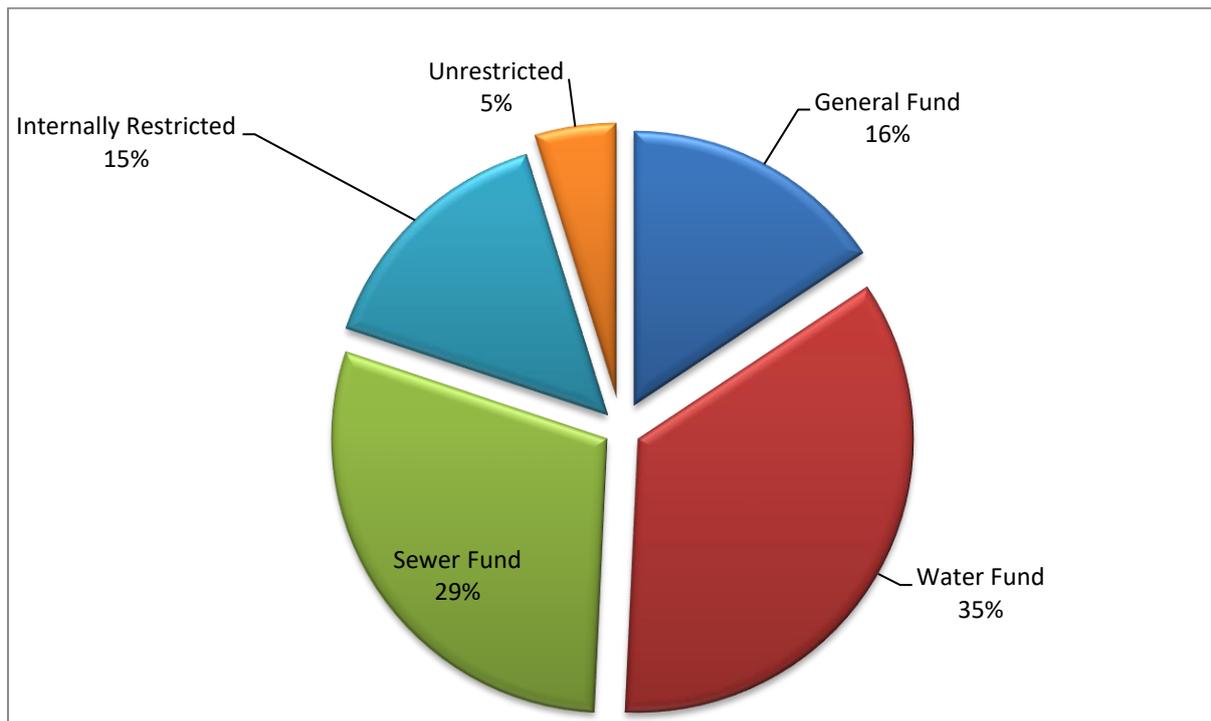
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<b>Externally Restricted</b>		
- General Fund	32,424,299.93	31,306,774.97
- Water Fund	72,905,658.48	69,256,144.62
- Sewer Fund	61,015,593.74	60,411,961.90
<b>Internally Restricted</b>	31,326,433.51	31,326,433.51
<b>Unrestricted</b>	9,880,278.19	8,413,682.00
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$207,552,263.85</b>	<b>\$200,714,997.00</b>

Externally restricted funds are those funds that have been received for a specific purpose and may only be used for the purpose that they have been received, for example, the money received for Water access and usage charges by legislation are only available to be spent for the operation, maintenance, and expansion of the Water supply network.

Internally restricted funds are those that Council has earmarked for a particular purpose, but Council can have that purpose changed.

Unrestricted funds are those available for use to continue the day-to-day operations of Council, made up of General Fund investments and cash only.

The unrestricted cash position movements during the month are normal as projects commence and income is received. Movements may also arise following processing of income received between funds or into restricted assets to appropriately allocate for the purposes Council has determined. Council’s cash flow is monitored daily, and some investments may be redeemed rather than rolled over to support operational requirements.



**5.2 Adoption of Integrated Planning & Reporting Documents - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery/Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy**

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The draft suite of documents has not been reproduced with this report, however following Council's adoption of the documents, they will be updated and a full copy supplied to all Councillors and made available on Council's website.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Your Say Survey - Engagement Report Overview, [D22/35061](#)
- 2 Your Say Survey - Summary Report and Submissions, [D22/35127](#)
- 3 Draft Community Strategic Plan - Written Submissions, [D22/35197](#)

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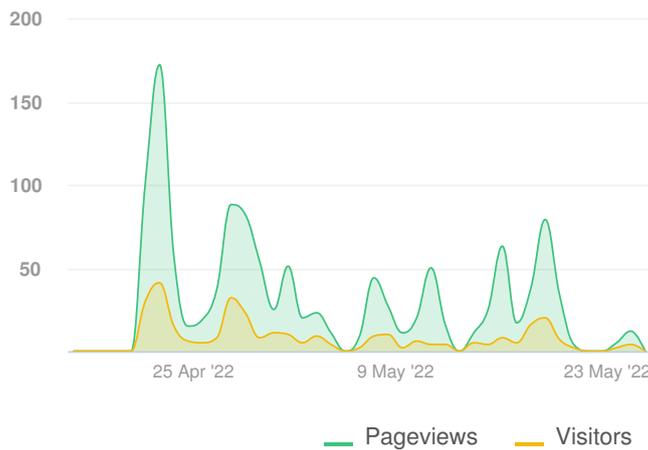
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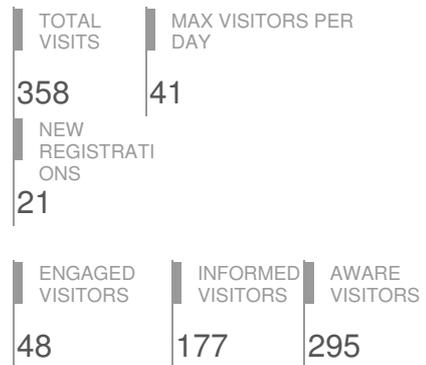
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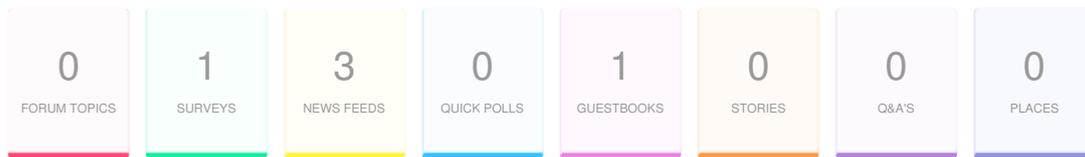
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## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



SURVEYS SUMMARY	
1	Surveys
45	Contributors
45	Submissions

TOP 3 SURVEYS BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS
<p><b>45</b></p> <p>Contributors to</p> <p>Budget 2022/23 Survey : Have your say</p>

NEWSFEEDS SUMMARY	
3	NewsFeed
22	Visits
20	Visitors

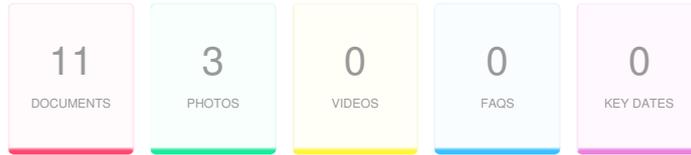
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GUEST BOOKS SUMMARY	
1	Guest Books
7	Contributors
8	Entries

TOP 3 GUEST BOOKS BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS
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### INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



DOCUMENTS	
11	Documents
88	Visitors
183	Downloads

TOP 3 DOCUMENTS BASED ON DOWNLOADS		
52 Downloads	41 Downloads	29 Downloads
Draft Community Strategic Plan 2022-32	DRAFT Budget 2022-23	DRAFT - Operational Plan

PHOTOS	
3	Photos
8	Visitors
18	Views

TOP 3 PHOTOS BASED ON VIEWS		
8 Views	6 Views	4 Views
How the Council spends an average \$100	Proposed major projects	How the Council receives an average \$100

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**TRAFFIC SOURCES OVERVIEW**

REFERRER URL	Visits
m.facebook.com	71
lm.facebook.com	52
www.orange.nsw.gov.au	49
www.google.com	21
l.facebook.com	10
www.centralwesterndaily.com.au	4
www.google.com.au	3
www.facebook.com	2
android-app	2
www.peacekeeperhq.com	1
www.bing.com	1

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## SELECTED PROJECTS - FULL LIST

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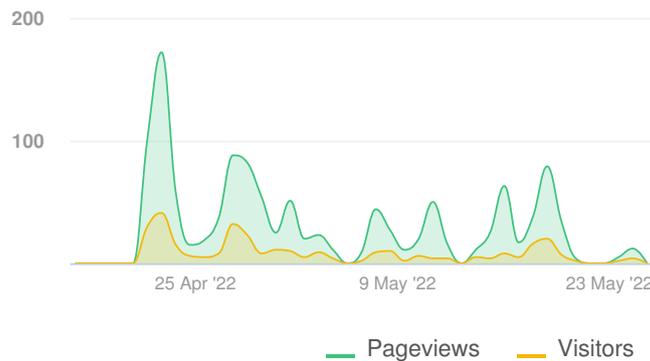
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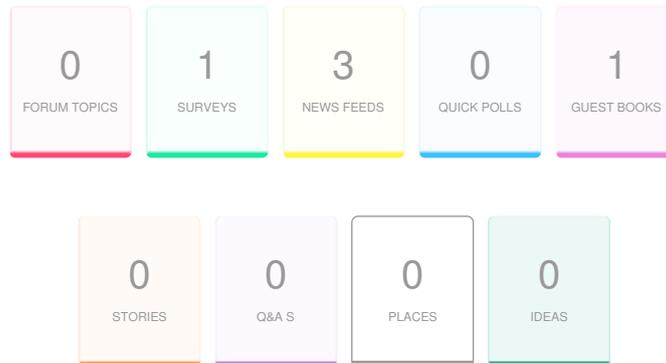
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TOTAL VISITS	358	MAX VISITORS PER DAY	41
NEW REGISTRATIONS	21		
ENGAGED VISITORS	48	INFORMED VISITORS	177
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Aware Participants	295	Engaged Participants	48		
Aware Actions Performed	Participants	Engaged Actions Performed	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
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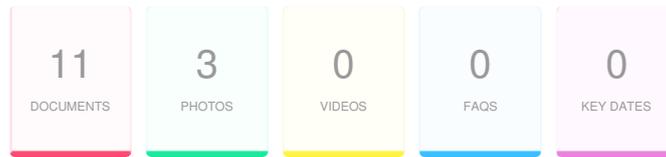
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Newsfeed	Council returns to 'conventional' budget, makes progress ...	Published	7	0	0	0
Newsfeed	Orange pensioners benefit from Council rates rebate	Published	0	0	0	0
Guest Book	Leave a comment about the budget or the new draft CSP	Published	29	7	0	0
Survey Tool	Budget 2022/23 Survey : Have your say	Published	68	45	0	0

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Document	DRAFT Budget 2022-23	36	41
Document	DRAFT - Operational Plan	25	29
Document	Draft Fees and Charges 2022-23	15	16
Document	Draft - Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2023 to 2031-2032	11	11
Document	Delivery Program Principal Activity Plan	10	13
Document	CSP 2022 Engagement Report	10	11
Document	Strategic Policy - ST009 - Revenue and Pricing (April 2022)	4	5
Document	Draft Workforce Management Plan	3	3
Document	Draft - Asset Management Plan	2	2
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20 April 22			<p>Could the actual budget itself be provided with some guidance on how to interpret it? There seems to be different sections, such as Consolidated, Collaborate, Prosper, Live, Preserve, General Fund, Water Fund and Capital Program, but no indication about how these relate to the overall budget... For instance, 'Rates and Annual Charges' has \$5,166,314 under Consolidated, which is the sum of Collaborate (\$36,084,180) and Preserve (\$15,578,964), but why is this split like this? What is the difference between Capital Items under the General Fund, and the Capital Program which has been budgeted separately? Can 'Materials and Contracts' be broken down any further? What is provided is a sheet of numbers that doesn't lend itself to any form of interpretation or analysis.</p>
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01 May 22			<p>I note and agree with the view expressed in the CSP that Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas is incredibly special to the community and deserves protection. Therefore I oppose any further money being spent on any proposal to place mountain bike trails in the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area. The bike tracks will damage the unique biodiversity and endangered ecological communities as well as damage the Wiradjuri cultural and spiritual heritage of the Mt. Protection of both tangible and intangible Wiradjuri heritage is noted in the Council's Delivery Plans, and any further development within the SCA would be in direct conflict with this goal. Suitable alternative sites are available to mountain bikers in the adjoining State Forests. Indeed, the Forestry Corporation, in its response to Council's request for SEARS, stated "State Forests are a very suitable tenure for this type of proposal". Furthermore, Orange Mt Bike Club has recently received funding to build their "Trail of Awesomeness" in the State Forests. Clearly, they too believe that the State Forests are suitable. There is no need to build in the SCA at all. How can OCC propose \$1.5 million for the bike track proposal when no updated business case for it has been released? There is no mention of what the \$1.5 million will be used for. Over \$500,000 has already been spent with much more to be spent to meet the SEARS requirements. This means that over \$2m of ratepayers' money will have been spent just to find out if the proposal can go ahead. This represents a waste of ratepayers' money at a time when there is considerable debate in local media about council's rates and fees. OCC are raising rates to the maximum amount allowable this year and it is inappropriate to put this amount towards a project that will be used by only a small proportion of the population. The funds would be much better spent on community facilities that can be used by everyone such as enhancement of walking tracks and parks and improvement of roads. Construction of the tracks (if approved) would involve considerably more money than this (\$10s of millions if ongoing maintenance is considered). Who pays for this? The OCC proposal is for a bike track development on land outside their council area and on land where OCC has no jurisdiction. Why spend Orange ratepayer's money outside the council boundaries?</p>
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The 2022/23 budget allocates \$800,000 to Forest Road. It is not stated as to what section of Forest Road this money is to be spent, or what type of work is required. However, as a local resident who uses the road regularly the amount of money allocated is far too little for the work that is required. On Forest Road from Spring Terrace to Spring Hill there remains sections of road pavement that require urgent attention. At \$1 Million a kilometer to rebuild a modern roadway, the budgeted amount is clearly inadequate. The pavement is badly broken, uneven, and poorly drained. Forest Road, along with Worboys Street (in Spring Hill Village) and Whileys Road are major thoroughfares for heavy vehicles to Cadia Mine, particularly the trucks taking blue metal aggregate from Shadforth quarry to the mine on a daily basis. The surfaces of these roads were not built for their long-term use by heavy vehicles and with recent wet weather are deteriorating to the point of being dangerous to drive along in a small vehicle. They now need to be reinforced and resurfaced. The importance of this traffic corridor to the local economy, village residents and Cadia Mine is continually underestimated by Orange City Council and the NSW Government, much more funding is required to be made available by both government organisations to upgrade and then maintain these roads. Please reconsider the 2022/23 budget in regard to better funding the upgrade of Forest Road, along with Worboys Street (in Spring Hill Village) and Whileys Road. - Posted on Orange City Council website

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AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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12 May 22			<p>With regard to the proposed spending of \$1.5m for the Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre, there is insufficient detail about what the money will be used for. Since ratepayers have already paid for the previous reports and studies, no more should be spent until a fully costed business plan is tabled, and only then if the majority of ratepayers support the creation of such a centre. Building tracks on the mountain, not only impacts our precious environment, but only a small percentage of the community will benefit. Funds would be better spent on infrastructure and facilities that everyone can use within our council area.</p>
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19 May 22			<p>My comment relates to the proposed mountain bike tracks in the State Conservationist Area on Mount Canobolas. Mount Canobolas is a highly regarded and special place for the community. Bike tracks in the State Conservation Area threaten to damage the unique biodiversity and endangered ecological communities, as well as damage the Wiradjuri cultural and spiritual heritage of the mountain. As suitable alternative sites are available in the adjoining State Forests area, there is no need to build bike tracks in the State Conservation Area at all. Tourists would still be attracted to the Orange area to ride on the newly constructed bike tracks and the Conservation Area would be protected from potential damage. As the area in question is out of the Orange City Council area, I would urge Orange City Council to treat this important, precious and fragile environment with great respect and leave the Conservation Area undamaged and build bike tracks in a more suitable area.</p>
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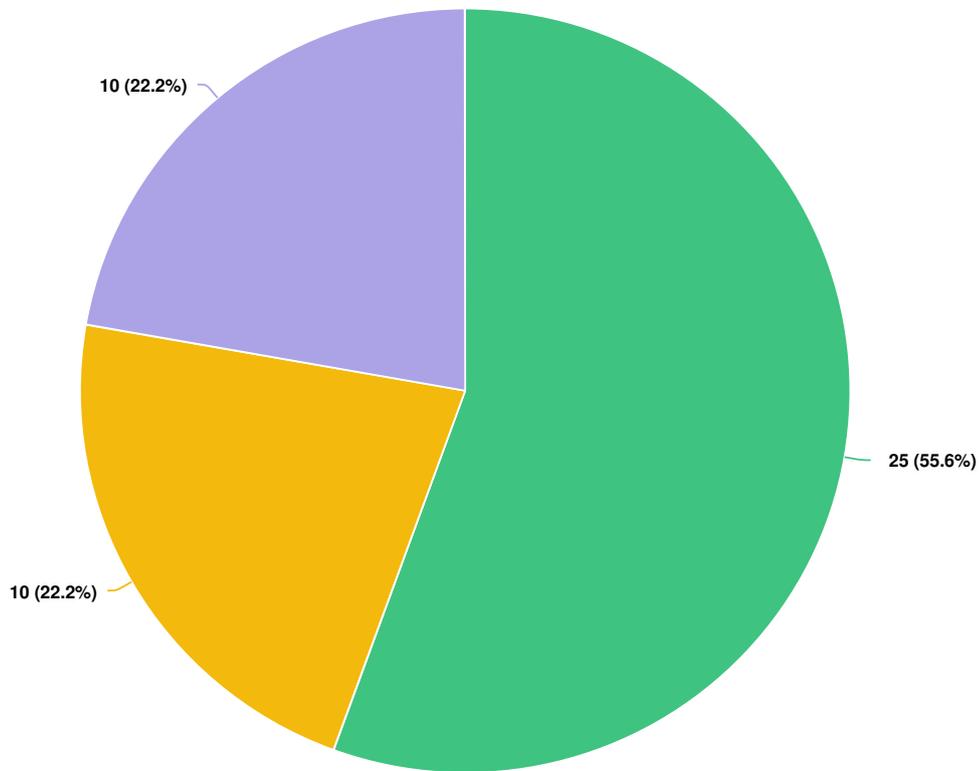
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### ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

#### Budget 2022/23 Survey : Have your say

Visitors <b>68</b>	Contributors <b>45</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>45</b>
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The budget includes proposals to continue with the next stages of the Future City CBD upgrade, spending \$5million. Do you think this project is worthwhile ?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

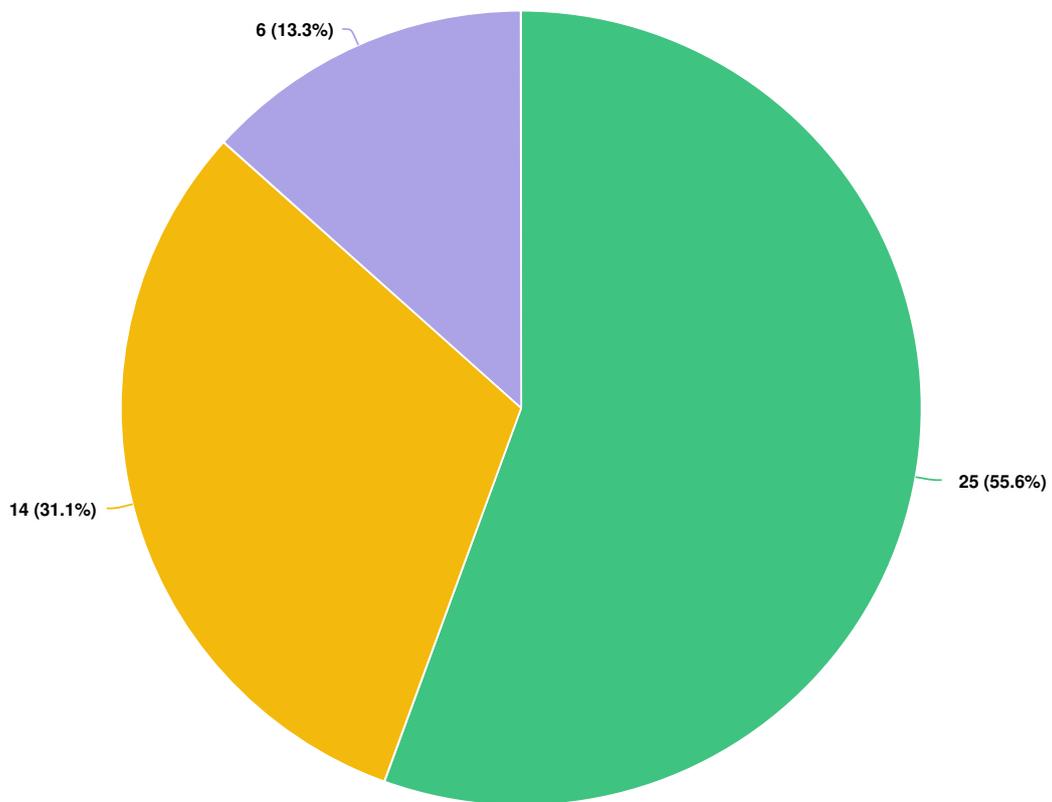
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The budget includes a proposal to construct a new sporting precinct worth \$25 million project (with 100% NSW Government funding). Do you believe this project is worthwhile ?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

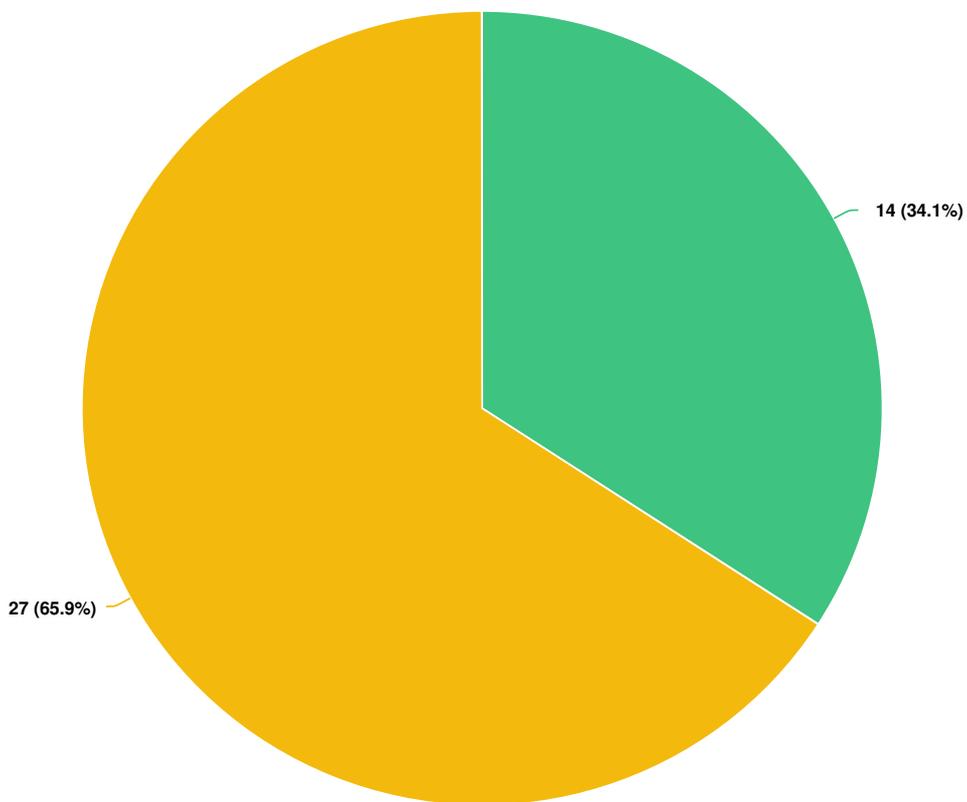
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The budget includes a proposal to spend \$6.6 million on a new water reservoir and underground pipe network to supply the new Shiralee housing area. Do you think this amount is :



**Question options**

- Too much
- About right

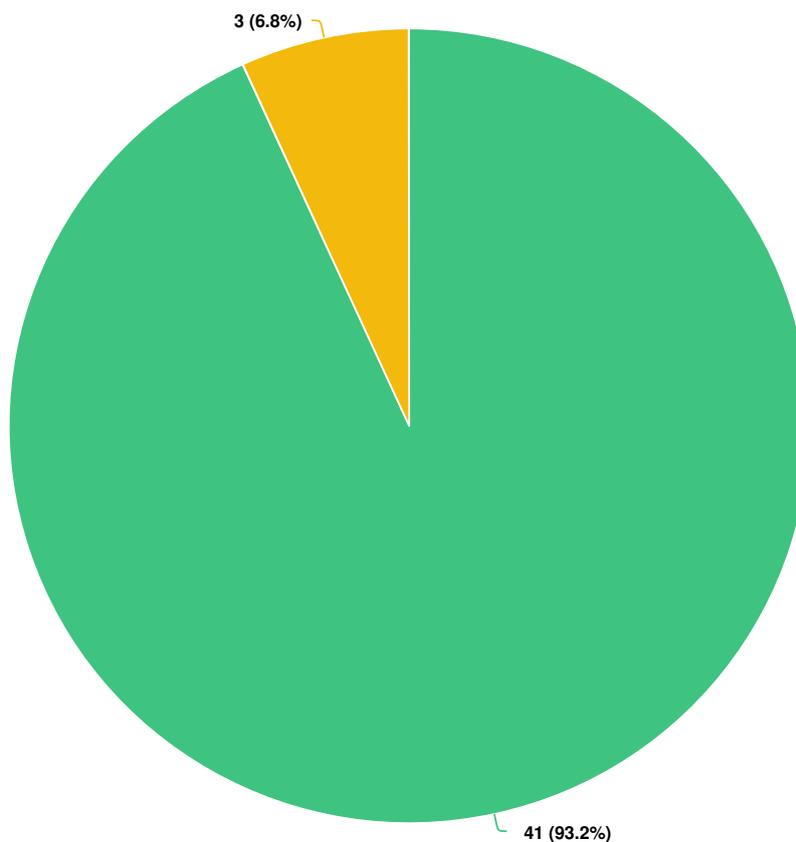
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The proposed budget includes \$600,000 for new and upgraded footpaths in neighbourhoods around Orange. Do you believe this is a worthwhile project ?



**Question options**

- Yes
- Undecided

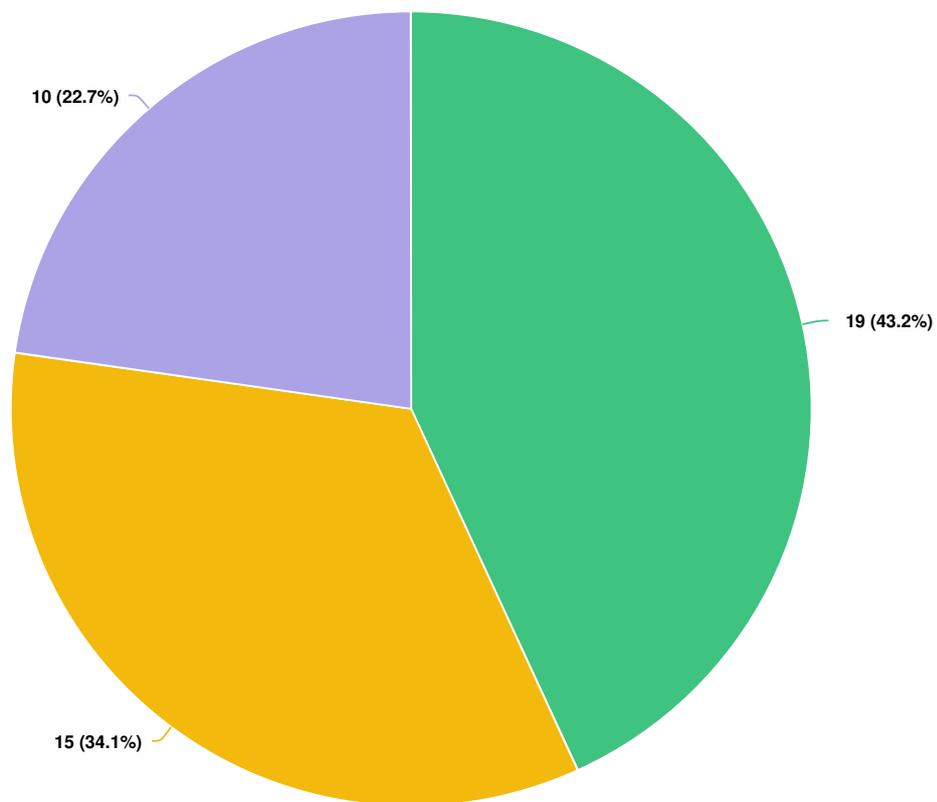
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The budget includes a proposal to spend \$4.8 million to upgrade and maintain the Orange Regional Airport. Do you believe this should be a priority for Orange City Council?



**Question options**

● Yes ● No ● Undecided

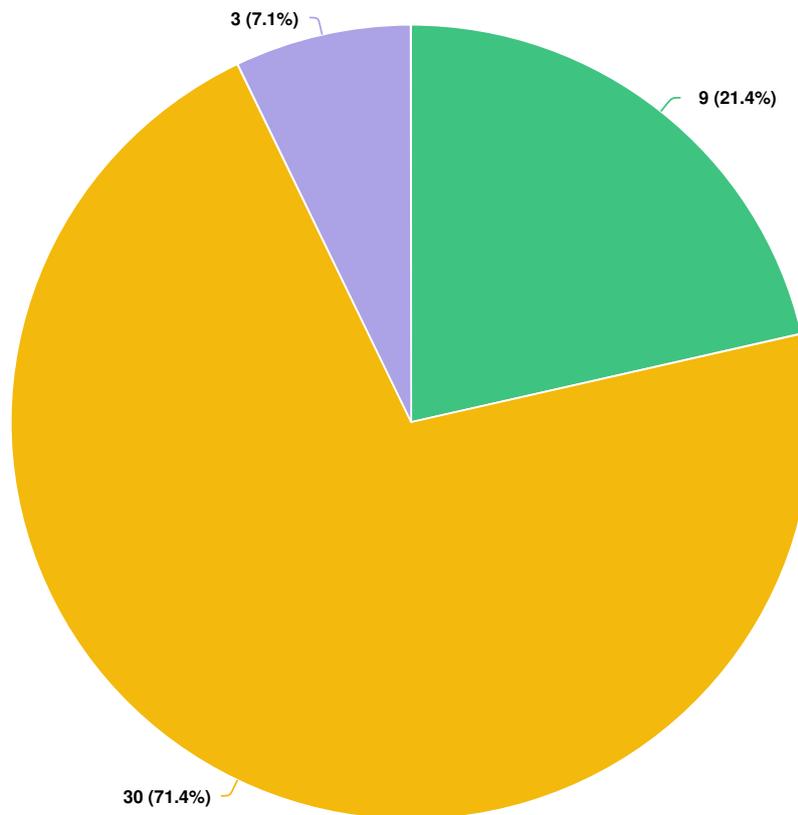
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The budget includes a proposal to spend \$14.7 million on the next stage of the Southern Feeder Road. This project would be supported by government grant funding as well as developer contributions. Is this amount:



**Question options**

- Too much
- About right
- Not enough

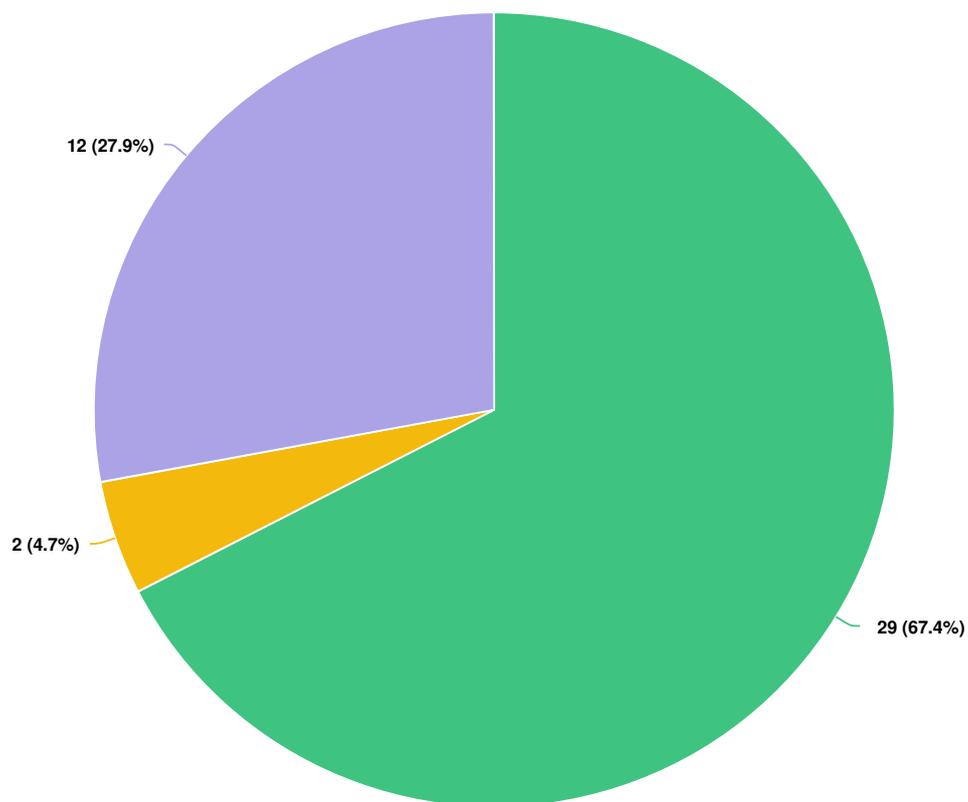
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The budget includes a proposal to seek a special rate variation to increase rates by 2.5% or \$39.82 per year or \$1.33 per week. Do you believe this increase is:



**Question options**

- Too much
- Not enough
- About right

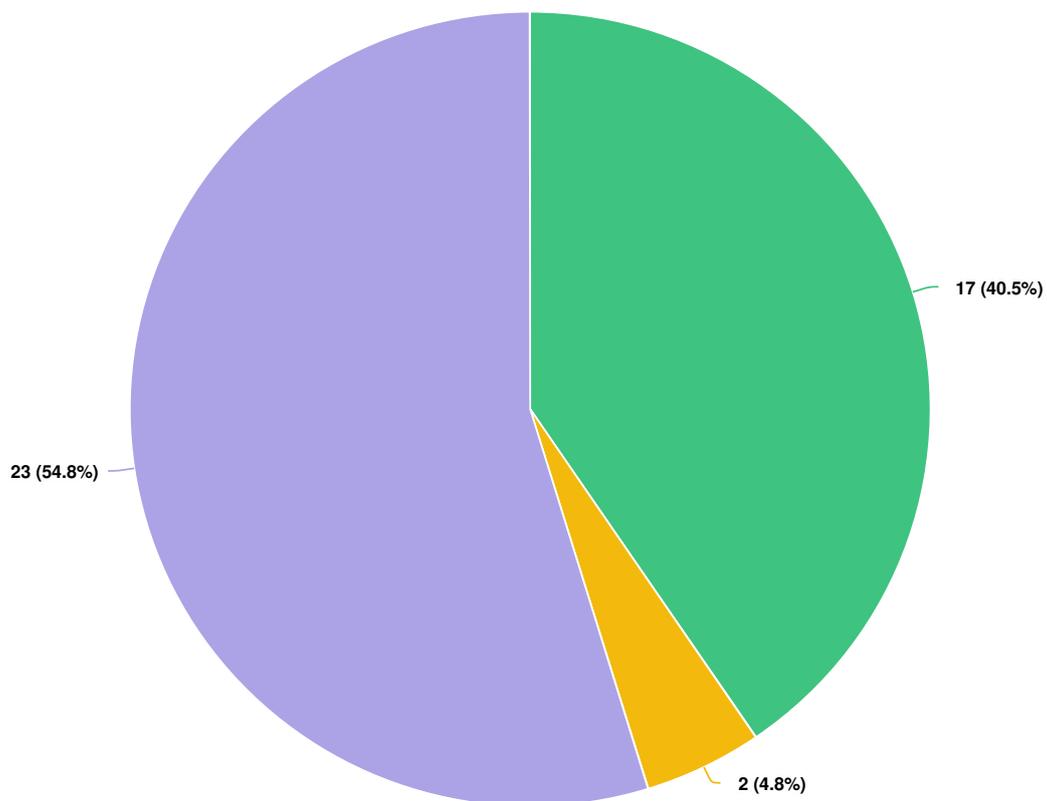
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The proposed 'Fees & Charges' includes a number of CPI increases in the charges for council services. Do you believe these changes are:



**Question options**

- Too much
- Not enough
- About right

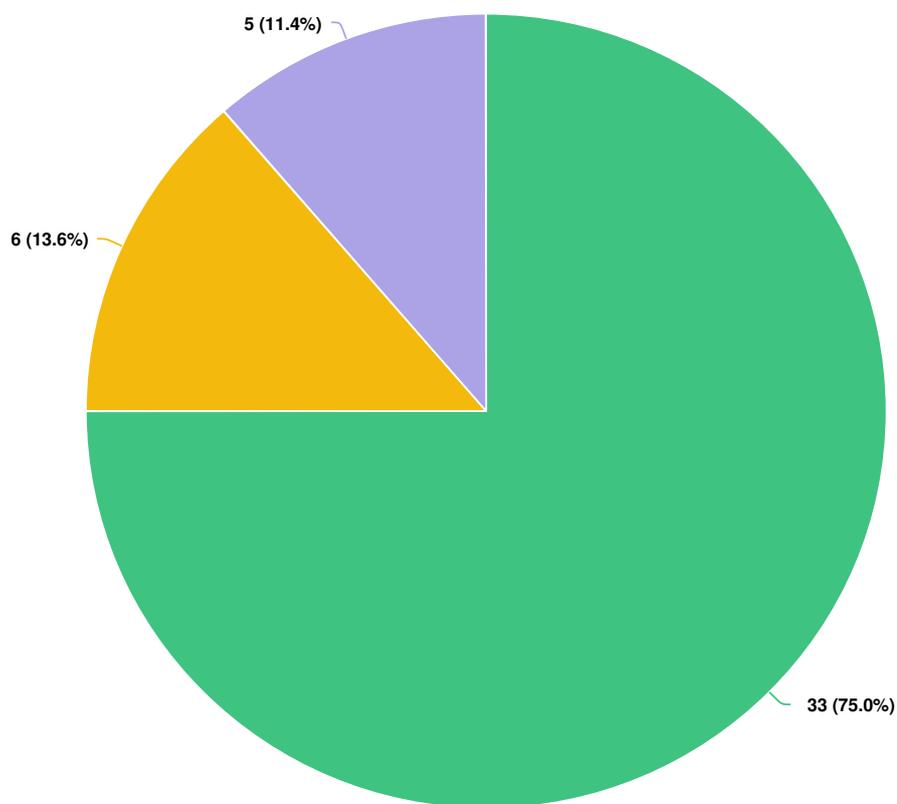
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The draft CSP suggests the Council should aim to tackle the shortage of affordable and social housing, as well as deliver more diversity of housing types. Do you agree that this should be a priority?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

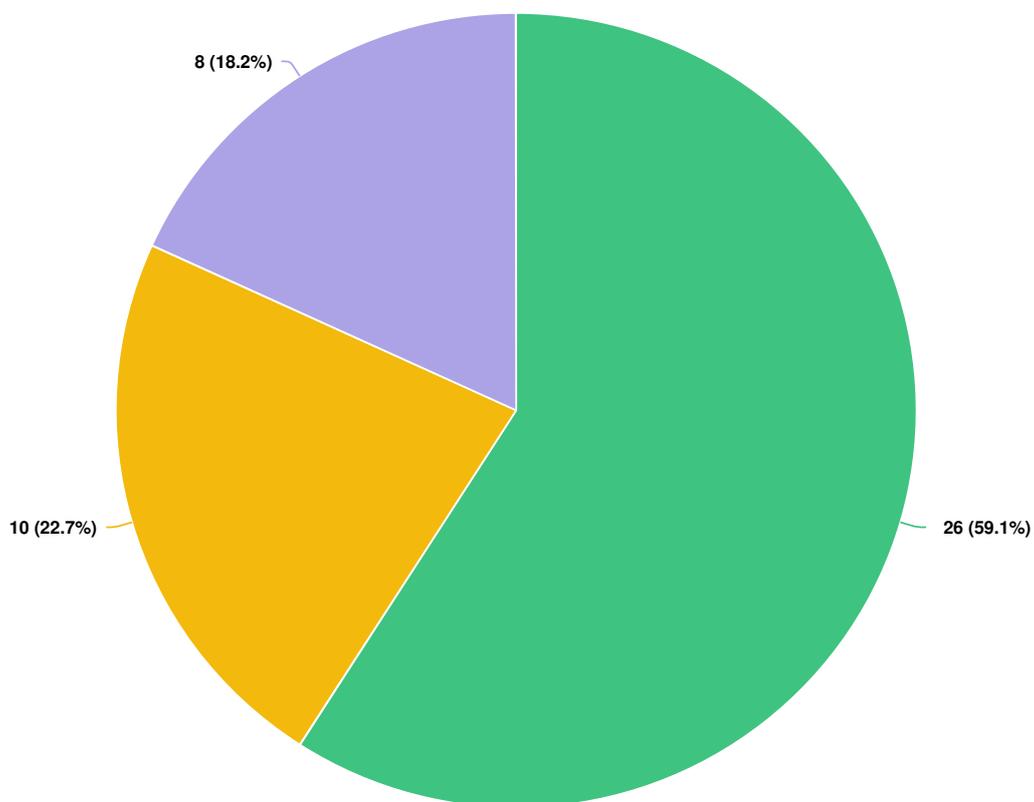
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The draft CSP suggests the Council should aim to provide more recreation options for the young people of Orange. This could include more community playgrounds, an indoor play centre, and other options. Do you agree that this should be a priority?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

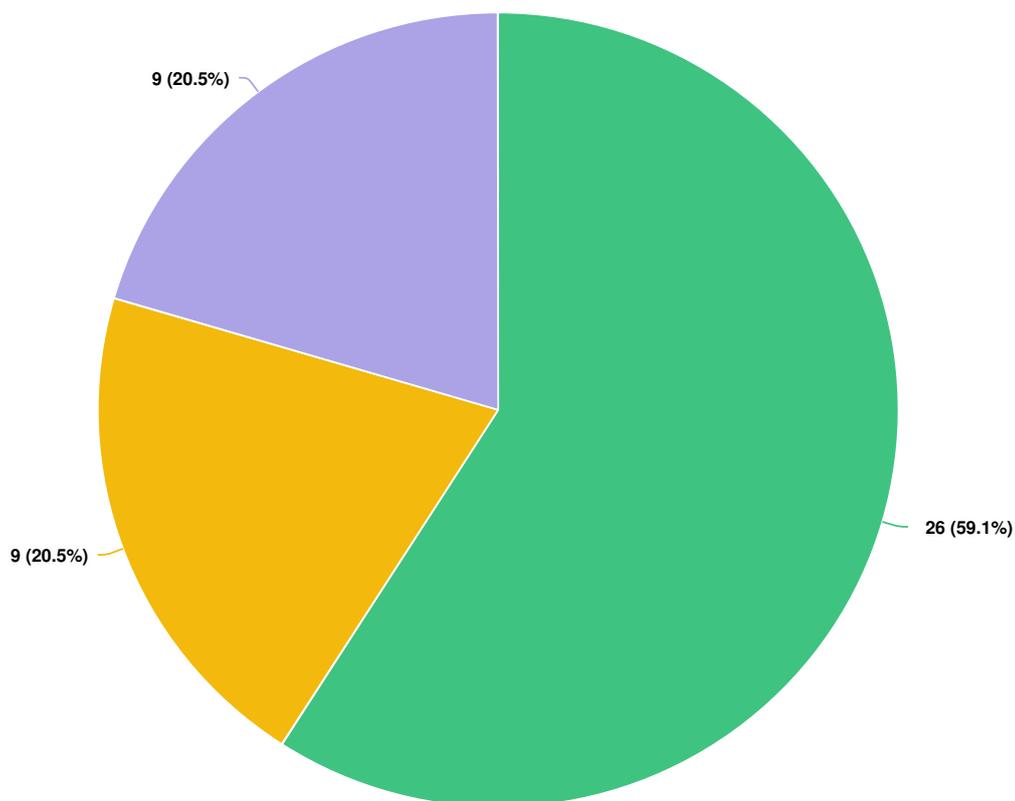
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The draft CSP suggests the Council should take action to address the problems of poverty and social equity in Orange. Do you agree that this should be a priority?



**Question options**

Yes  No  Undecided

Optional question (44 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Orange City Council  
135 Byng Street  
Orange 2800

To executive staff and Councillors,

Reference to: Orange City Council Draft Community Strategic Plan and Budget

As residents and ratepayers living in Orange for over 45 years, we would like to first of all thank Orange City Council for providing the opportunity to participate in the "YourSay Orange" survey and now to comment on the outcomes. Under the heading of "What makes your community a great place to live?" The top two responses were "Beautiful, natural environment (10.4%) and Lifestyle (9.5%). It also shows that Mount Canobolas (Gaanha-bula) is recognised and valued across the Orange community.

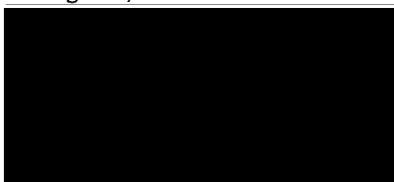
Sadly, the Mount Canobolas State Conservation Area (SCA) has been in the news over the past 16 months because of the threat of Orange City Council's plans for a 100km mountain bike trail centre, 70km of which is planned for the SCA. This development is not what the majority of residents and ratepayers want and would certainly not gain any benefit from. Mountain biking is already very well catered for in the Orange district and encroachment on a sensitive, sub-alpine conservation area is completely unjustifiable. There are thousands of hectares of State Forests available for mountain bike trails to challenge all abilities and for staging high-level competitions.

We congratulate the Orange Mountain Bike Club for their initiative in constructing the Gulinbundinya Trail at Lidster and working on the return loop using the \$325 000 grant they received from the State Government. Trails in pine forests have no negative impact on the environment because the area is already heavily disturbed. In a couple of years' time the Club will be able to re-establish the highly regarded trails in Kinross State Forest as well.

We've noted that in the Draft Budget Papers that an allocation of \$1 500 000 has been made for a "Mount Canobolas - Mountain Bike Trail Centre". This is in addition to the \$500 000 Council has already spent on preliminary environmental studies and trail designs. There is no certainty that such a Trail Centre will be approved by the Department of Planning and we feel it's time to re-allocate such ratepayers funds to projects that will benefit all the community, not just a small number of elite sports people who are indeed already well catered for.

Surely the needs of the Orange community would be better served by spending ratepayers funds on improving active transport infrastructure (shared paths, cycle lanes on roads, children's bicycle parks, etc). When Kinross Forest Mountain Bike Park re-opens, Orange City Council could support the venture by funding infrastructure such as car parking, picnic facilities, toilets and trails suitable for children. What a great way to introduce the sport to the next generation! If bringing in more tourist dollars is one of the main aims of the proposed trail centre, we note that Orange's tourist accommodation is already thriving, with visitors seeking out local attractions (especially the Mount Canobolas SCA), the food and wine scene, cultural attractions, cycling the quiet country roads and the Orange and Villages Bicycle Trail, etc.

Regards,



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 May 2022 9:33 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Community Strategic Plan Submission

**Importance:** High

Dear Councillors, CEO and Directors

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Community Strategic Plan. It is such an important document in Council's planning and budgeting cycle.

First up, I wanted to congratulate Council staff on the quality of the draft document. In particular:

- it is beautifully presented with great use of photos and infographics
- the infographic on pages 14 and 15 is one of the best I've seen – makes it very easy to understand the demographics of the Orange community
- as a result of the presentation, the important information it contains is very accessible
- the Plan does a great job (mostly) of reflecting input from the extensive community consultation.

However, there are a few areas where I think the plan lacks. These include:

- 'Housing supply, diversity, affordability, and resilience' was identified by the community as the top challenge for Orange (page 19), yet it only rates a 'dot point' under Objective 5
- 'Environmental sustainability' and 'Climate change and adaptation' are both in the top 6 identified challenges, yet while renewable energy is mentioned in the objectives, climate change adaptation is not
- Item 8.4 on page 28 – 'Take action to ensure greater stewardship and enjoyment of both Mount Canobolas (Gaahna Bulla) and Lake Canobolas' – is ambiguous and doesn't fully reflect the significant environmental and cultural heritage values of Gaahna Bulla.

To address these concerns, please consider the following recommendations:

1. Create a new Objective under 'Live' titled 'Improve housing supply, diversity and affordability' (the current 5.3), with specific sub-objectives (including current 5.2). This would reflect the importance of the current housing affordability crisis and the obvious concern the community has about the issue. A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community must start with affordable housing for all.
2. Reword 'Objective 1' (page 26) to 'A liveable city that is connected through open spaces and can adapt to future changes in climate', with the addition of relevant sub-objective(s) as required.
3. Add a sub-objective under 'Objective 16: Leaders in our community' that reads 'Lead the community in climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives'.
4. Spilt Item 8.4 into two with the following suggested wording: 'Work with government agencies, community organisations and First Nations Elders to ensure greater stewardship and conservation of Mount Canobolas (Gaahna Bulla)' and 'Provide facilities for the enjoyment of both Gaahna Bulla and Lake Canobolas without compromising their environmental and cultural heritage values'.

Thanks again for the opportunity to comment and I look forward to seeing the next iteration of the Plan.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 May 2022 11:38 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council; Samuel Kwa  
**Subject:** Mount Canobolas and Bike Tracks

Dear Mr Waddell and Orange City Councillors,

I write to voice my concerns regarding the protection of Mt Canobolas as a priority in Community Strategic Planning for the Orange region.

Mount Canobolas is an environmentally sensitive, sacred and special place, deserving of complete preservation now and for perpetuity. The unique heritage of humanity for the past 40,000 years and the biodiversity upon this mountain are found nowhere else on earth. This alone deserves our preservation. It has been protected so far and it will be a travesty to disturb it at all.

There is no need to build bike tracks through the mountain nor to use ratepayers funds to benefit a small proportion of the community whilst destroying the sanctity of Gaanha-bula.

The mountain is the only wild and special place in and around the entire area of Orange, whilst there are many places in the state forests that are suitable for bike trails. Mount Canobolas is extremely fragile and erosion will cause irreversible damage in this world class heritage site. Bike tracks will incur incredibly prohibitive ongoing destruction and costs. Bike tracks have become an enormous problem in many jurisdictions, once built with riders making extensive illegal tracks causing irreversible damage at all times of the day and night. Twenty four hour a day surveillance will be near impossible. Furthermore, the wildlife upon the mountain is isolated and with no corridors to retreat for sanctuary, the outcomes will be devastating. They already are.

There are already many fire trails on the mountain which attract motor bikes that terrify me on my walking excursions on the mountain. Furthermore the erosion makes these tracks very difficult to negotiate on foot and currently impassible by motor vehicles. They are in disrepair. The upkeep of any tracks will be prohibitive.

Council could make much better use of funds to enhance the facilities and walking tracks already in use, making them available to all, including persons with limited mobility. An all inclusive approach, together with the ability and need to immerse ourselves in the natural world is at stake if bike tracks are built on the mountain.

It must be noted that Mount Canobolas falls within Cabonne, and Orange Council should be building facilities upon their own land.

It breaks my heart that in this day and age we must continue to speak up for our natural world, which is diminishing at an alarming rate. Climate change and natural disasters cause significant damage to the mountain already. Bike tracks will be a greater threat.

It is with the deepest love of the natural world for this generation and for all to come that we must preserve our most treasured natural asset forever.

Mount Canobolas is our very last significant natural asset. It is imperative to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



Mr. David Waddell  
CEO, Orange City Council  
PO Box 35  
ORANGE NSW 2800  
council@orange.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr. Waddell,

**Feedback on Orange City Council's Draft Community Strategic Plan Documents  
and Budget**

I'm writing as a ratepayer and resident of the Orange City Council (OCC) area and on behalf of my family who live here. I joined the consultation and thank OCC for the opportunity to give feedback on the draft documents.

As many people said during the consultation process, what they value about living in Orange is the beautiful natural environment; Mt Canobolas, the lake, trees, bushland, and natural environments. They also saw environmental sustainability, climate change and adaptation, and reconciliation and recognition of Traditional Owners as challenges.

I look forward to council making a genuine commitment to these concepts through a number of the objectives and activities in the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and Delivery Program Plan. However, there are some activities and budget items that do not support the environment or address these challenges.

In particular I object to \$1.5 million of ratepayer's money being allocated to a Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre in the 23/24 financial year that is 'hidden' on page 12 of the budget. There is no specific reference to this in the plans and I assume the Centre is to support the Mountain Bike Park Proposal. As that proposal includes more than 70kms of mountain bike tracks in the Mt Canobolas SCA and Crown Land containing native forest it will damage the natural environment, threaten biodiversity, and destroy Wiradjuri cultural heritage....and all on land that is outside the OCC boundaries. This is completely at odds with the community feedback and objectives in the CSP about protecting the natural environment and culture.

As Wiradjuri woman and scientist Kate Harriden said at the recent Conservation in Action Conference '*you need to walk country to get to know it*' and '*know what's best for country*' when planning any development. I have walked Mt Canobolas SCA since the 2018 fires and am only just starting to get to know how precious it is. A mountain bike track or any major development is not what is best for Mt Canobolas. I wonder how many people planning and supporting the track have taken the time to walk the mountain enough times to truly get to know it?

With scientists I have surveyed and seen the endemic Velvet Worm, the threatened Greater Glider and many of the threatened bird species. I have also surveyed for, and seen, many of the forty native ground orchids, some of which are endemic and threatened. Most humbling for me has been documenting many sites of Aboriginal

occupation that were revealed by the fire and learning a little from Wiradjuri Elders, living in Orange, about their culture. As Mt Canobolas has been a reserve for over 150 years the tangible Wiradjuri heritage is mostly undisturbed while the rest of the Orange landscape has been cleared and farmed. Some of the artefacts are likely to be between 2,000 and 4,000 years old. In other places and other countries this ancient heritage is protected, valued, and celebrated. It is not only precious to the Aboriginal community but should be to everyone in Orange and beyond.

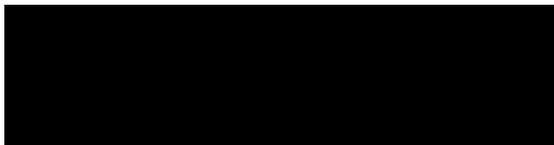
Mt Canobolas was also important for my mental health during Covid lockdowns as were the walking tracks, reserves, and parks that OCC has developed and managed within the city. I fully support the aspects of the plan that include management, enhancement, and expansion of these areas within Orange. They can also be used to support biodiversity if they are linked as native corridors.

Having lived in Orange during the drought and the high-level water restrictions I worry about future availability of water. Council's plans should include better use of recycled water and not rely on extracting even more water out of creeks such as Blackmans Swamp and Summer Hill Creeks. I recently sat beside the creek at Ophir Reserve and was told that water that normally goes to Cadia was being sent down the creek. It looked healthy however I hate to think what it was like when this water was going to the mine. I hope with the changes at Cadia that Orange waste water can be returned to the city for use and also be returned to the creeks. It is positive that OCC will implement its Climate Change Plan and I encourage council to undertake more climate change mitigation strategies. We should not be lulled into a false sense of security by the last few wet years.

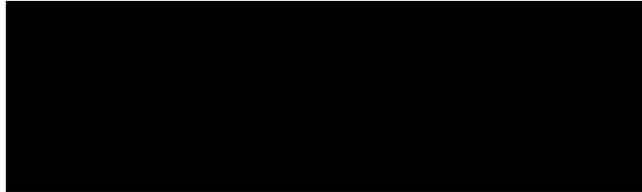
On a final note, it is disappointing to see that CSP Objective 7: *'More for young people to do'* has not been included in the Delivery Plan. I acknowledge that some of the strategies are covered in Objective 1 and 2 but if I were a young person reading the documents, I would think my needs had been ignored. I also encourage you to check on the spelling of the Wiradjuri name for Mt Canobolas.

It is within Council's powers to take steps, over the next 10 years, to protect the rich natural environmental areas around Orange and within Council boundaries and also respect and celebrate the significant Wiradjuri culture in our landscape. My family and I look forward to seeing this happen.

Yours sincerely

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May 19, 2022



Mr. David Waddell  
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Dear Mr. Waddell,

**Re: Orange City Council Draft Community Strategic Plan, Budget and Delivery Program Plan**

 welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on, and suggestions for, the Orange City Council's Draft Community Strategic Plan (CSP), Budget and Delivery Program Principal Activity Plan (DPPAP).

It is pleasing to read the CSP Engagement Report and see that the 'beautiful natural environment' rated as the top priority and strength by the community for the next 10 years. Specific mentions of Mount Canobolas, Lake Canobolas, trees, bushland, natural environments, and nature are all key aspects of the consultation that should be reflected in Council's plans and budgets. These plans and the budget should also reflect the challenges the community identified around environmental sustainability, bike tracks on Gaanha-bula, Mt Canobolas and climate change and adaptation.  welcomes the Mayor's message that OCC will be '*prioritising the environment, protecting, and enjoying our environment along with key social priorities.*'

The Engagement Report also noted that some of the main things missing from the previous CSP were climate change and adaptation and environmental stewardship. It is good to see that the draft CSP and DPPAP have some objectives and activities to target these. However more could be done.

**Mt Canobolas - Mountain Bike Trail Centre.** Despite these words about prioritising and protecting the environment, '*respectful planning that values the natural environment*' (Obj.8) and '*action to ensure greater stewardship and enjoyment of Mt Canobolas (Gaanha-bula)*' (CSP 8.4) the allocation of \$1.5 million in the 23/24 financial year for a 'Mt Canobolas - Mountain Bike Trail Centre' (P12 in draft Budget) completely contradicts these objectives.  strongly opposes this budget allocation and requests that it be removed from the budget and plans. Mt Canobolas is the most significant environmental asset in the region so how can council suggest there should be mountain bike tracks fragmenting it? Most people who enjoy Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas and the SCA do so for passive recreation, cultural connection, citizen science as well as the mental health benefits of the quiet natural surroundings. More than 70kms of mountain bike trails all across the mountain will severely impact the flora and fauna as well as all the other users of Mt Canobolas.

It is noted that CSP objective 8.4 '*Take action to ensure greater stewardship and enjoyment of both Mount Canobolas (Gaahna Bulla) and Lake Canobolas*' is not included in the DPPAP. As OCC has no legal management responsibility over Mt Canobolas SCA, unlike Lake Canobolas,

stewardship remains with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). If this aspect of the strategy is to remain in the CSP the associated activity should be that '*OCC will work with NPWS to enhance the stewardship of the SCA by respecting and enhancing the conservation values and cultural heritage of Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas*'. This will not be achieved by a mountain bike track that will fragment the environment, increase weed dispersal and erosion, and give greater access to feral animals. OCC's stewardship of Lake Canobolas is commended.

Such a budget allocation of \$1.5 million also contradicts the Acknowledgement to Country in the CSP. This allocation also makes CSP Objective 11, priority 12.1, and 3.4 about '*recognition and prioritisation of Aboriginal culture*' hollow as all of Gaanha-bula, Mt Canobolas is a significant Wiradjuri cultural landscape. Intangible knowledge about Gaanha-bula, linked to dreaming stories, exists in the community (as has been acknowledged by OCC in the mural at Lake Canobolas). Much more tangible evidence of occupation, for men and women, has been found across the mountain since the 2018 fire.

■■■■ members who are OCC ratepayers also object to this additional large amount of rate-payers funds being spent outside the council area for the enjoyment of a few. This is especially so as no business plan for the mountain bike proposal has been released and the assessment process has not been completed and the outcome is not known. A much better alternative is for the mountain bike tracks to be developed in the State Forests surrounding Orange and for them to be funded by grants obtained by the Mountain Bike Club, as has happened recently.

**CSP Objective 1: A liveable city that is connected through open spaces.**

Page 26 of the CSP lists two activities under this objective relating to parks and open spaces and improved access to shade. However, these have not been carried through to the DPPAP, as it has completely different strategies and activities. ■■■■ commend that parks and open spaces are maintained and assume this includes wetlands and natural areas. We request that the strategies on page 26 of the CSP are carried through to the DPPAP with appropriate activities included. '*Engaging with the community in the planning and development of public open space*' is not enough and the target should be the number of open spaces developed and linked. ■■■■ suggest the \$1.5 million allocation for the mountain bike centre would be better spent enhancing the natural environments of OCC parks and open spaces to create green corridors. These corridors would support and allow movement of wildlife and threatened species.

**CSP Objective 8: Sustainable growth and respectful planning that values the natural environment.** (Please note this is listed as Objective 7 in the DPPAP. It is a pity that Objective 7: *More for young people to do* is not in the DPPAP).

Despite the environment being a priority there is little in the CSP that aims to protect biodiversity, native bushland, or threatened species from development. While creation and protection of green corridors may help, the ongoing expansion of housing developments in Orange is destroying native habitats, especially mature eucalypt trees. It is also impacting waterways and creeks. This development has been seen as challenge by the community ■■■■ urges OCC to include stronger tree protection than at present in the CSP and to implement a mandatory offset scheme for the replacement of trees and native habitat removed in developments. Respectful planning should not be overridden by efficient approval. The DPPAP target of planting 12,000 new native trees, shrubs and grasses is commended and should be in addition to any offsets.

DPPAP activities 7.1.6 to 7.1.8 are supported however a similar activity needs to be added for inspection and control of weeds on OCC owned and managed land. Lack of weed control has been observed by [REDACTED] members on some council land [REDACTED] would also recommend that the plan include activities for the control of feral animals, such as foxes and feral cats. Evidence of their killing of wildlife has been seen at Ploughman's Wetland.

Water security has been identified as a significant issue. It cannot be solved just by taking water from already stressed streams and environments such as the Blackman's Swamp Creek Stormwater Harvesting Scheme Stage 2. The CSP and DPPAP needs to include alternative strategies such as increased use of recycled water, promoting waterwise gardening and improved subsidises for rainwater tanks.

Council is commended on the ongoing implementation of their Climate Action Plan and Renewable Action Plan and targets.

Comments on activity 8.4, *'the stewardship of Mt Canobolas (Gaanha-bula),'* have already been made.

CSP Strategy 9.2 (or 8.2 in DPPAP) seems to focus on waste and more strategies are needed for water and energy in addition to community education.

**CSP Objective 11 (Objective 10 in DPAPP): Celebrate our cultural, social, natural and built heritage assets. This is linked to CSP Objective 12: Sustainable tourism.**

A suggested activity to be added to this objective in the DPPAP is for OCC to encourage and support businesses that are engaged in environmental or cultural tourism. Gaanha-bula, Mt Canobolas, is one of the natural and cultural heritage assets adjacent to the Council area that should be celebrated. There are also other natural and cultural assets in the region that could be linked to those around Orange.

BirdLife Australia recently released a report 'Bird and Nature Tourism in Australia'. It outlined the value of avitourism. The report found that *"National data reveals that birdwatching tourists spend more money than other types of tourists in Australia, and with dedicated marketing and investment, the birdwatching tourism market has huge potential to grow."* Geotrails, such as the one that includes the Warrumbungles, is another tourism avenue that could be explored under these objectives. The volcanics of Mt Canobolas, limestone areas to the west and fossils at Canowindra could all be included and bring tourists to Orange.

[REDACTED] commends the use of dual naming for Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas in these documents. One way of *'Preserving the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of the region'* (DPPAP 10.2) is for OCC to support any dual naming applications made on behalf of the Wiradjuri community, such as for Mt Canobolas. And as stated earlier the mountain bike track proposal would damage, destroy and not preserve the cultural heritage of Gaanha-bula.

A worthwhile cultural heritage strategy to be added is a review and update of the 2012 Orange Aboriginal Heritage Report. It recommends that this is done every 5 years and a review would provide an opportunity to see if the recommended actions were implemented. This review should be done with appropriate consultation with the Wiradjuri Elders in Orange and the community here.

**Closing Comment:** [REDACTED] welcomes that the community has prioritised the natural environment and hope that the current and future councils strive to implement objectives and strategies that protect and enhance the precious environments in the local area. The Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre and Proposal will not do this. We also welcome the activities that will protect Wiradjuri cultural heritage as they are closely tied to the landscape and environment. We look forward to future opportunities to participate in genuine consultation that has positive outcomes for the environment and Wiradjuri heritage.

Regards

[REDACTED]

President

[REDACTED]

May 19, 2022

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 May 2022 1:11 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Orange City Council 2023/2024 Budget Submission

I am providing Comments to the 2023/2024 Budget presented to councillors by Orange City Council staff.

Having read the budget papers I visited a number of neighbours to get their viewpoints on the budget.

I have listed their comments for your consideration. I have then documented my concerns.

Their Priorities for the budget are:

If Council wants to spend \$2million outside of Orange then our priority is on roads, footpaths, amenities for families such as child playgrounds, amenities for seniors, sporting facilities for the kids not elite sports, a decent concert theatre that can accommodate at least 2,000 attendees for rock concerts as well as theatre acts.

Get rid of any white elephants, like the helicopter building near the old Bunnings site and there are many more. A rate increase of 2.5% is a result of poor management and Councillors seem to be led along. Very few ratepayers have had a wage increase over the last 3 years and have learnt to live within their means. Orange rates are in the highest tier of rates for regional NSW and Council needs to follow the example of ratepayers by living within their means.

The amount of \$2million for mountain bikes drew comments such as:

1. Orange City Council are using ratepayers money in another Council area without proper consultation with rate payers,
2. How legal is it for Council to spend our rates in another Council area.
3. If it is a forgone conclusion why isnt Council applying a levy to business that will profit from the Mountain bike tracks.
4. Council haven't communicated with ratepayers about the reasons behind their spending on mountain bike trails.
5. Other sports that have a big following in Orange like Hockey have little support from Orange City Council and they bring in State wide Carnivals.
- 6 Council needs to be more efficient and do a proper review of its activities so ratepayers get a decent service.
7. Council cant even fix the potholes, drivers have to go around potholes on many Roads so why spend money in another Council area.
8. Motor Cross is a popular sport with no support from Council, not like Mountain bikes.
9. Ratepayers will be subsidising a sports stadium in the future, no budget.  
How much will ratepayers be subsidising the Mountain bike trails in the future, no budget.

My response to the budget is in the main supporting what my neighbours have said about the budget.

I have concerns about the \$2million to be spent on Mountain bike trails on Mount Canobolas. I am a regular visitor and user of Mount Canobolas State Conservation area. I have always been concerned about the condition of the area and have reported such to National Parks, it has been very poorly managed by the State Government. The area has been subjected to numerous bushfires which have done untold damage to the plants and creatures. Orange Council and Cabonne Council Ratepayers don't do any repatriation of the area, concerned citizens do. Spending \$2million on mountain bike trails in a fire prone area doesn't make sense and potentially could increase the risk of bushfires and damage to native vegetation. Mountain bike racing doesnt protect the environment only damage it.

I understand the Orange CSP has made it clear to Council and Councillors the protection of the environment in the SCA on Mount Canobolas is a high priority.

The CSP clearly doesn't support a mountain bike track in the SCA. It begs the question what does a State Conservation area mean to Orange City Council, the NSW State Government and Cabonne Council if they ignore what is the true purpose of these areas i.e conservation of the environment including plants and creatures which are special to the community and deserve protection

Any development within the SCA would be in direct conflict with Councils delivery Plans.

I don't oppose mountain bike tracks, trails on Mount Canobolas only putting in the SCA on Mount Canobolas. There is room for both and Forests NSW have said that the State Forests are very suitable for this purpose. There has to be areas protected from damage from mountain bikes and these are the SCA Mount Canobolas. Additionally Council won't have to spend \$2million for the tracks or trails.

Prior to approving the budget councillors must be able to provide Orange Ratepayers the business case and justify the spending of \$2million dollars of hard earned ratepayers money.

The fact Orange City Council is spending \$2 million in CAbonne Council is possibly the illegal use of Ratepayers funding and Council hasnt justified to ratepayers the reason for doing this. There is most likely legislation that prohibits this type of expenditure. Council need to answer this question.

In my opinion Council should reduce our rates by at least \$2million in 2023/2024 instead of continuing this action related to the mountain bike trails.

If you wish me to provide more reasons as a community representative I am only too please to do such.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 May 2022 12:05 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Bike trail

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you to object strongly to the proposed mountain bike trail on Mount Canobolas.

The mountain environmentally unique for many reasons. The main reason it has remained this way is due to minimal disturbance.

I have studied the flora and fauna on the mountain seeing species I never see anywhere else. When you start to disturb these fragile systems, it does not take long for things to go out of balance.

This point is visible in so many other areas of the country, that it should not need to be debated. This proposal is completely inappropriate for this area and generations down the track people will wonder why this was allowed to happen.

This is the last remaining area of native vegetation for Orange residents to experience.

Please reconsider this option for the sake of all residents in the area rather than just one group.

Thank you

[REDACTED]



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Submission - Budget 2023/24

I am writing to the Council and all Councillors on the above to voice my objection to the allocating of \$1.5mil. in Council's Draft Budget for years 2023/24 for Mount Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre.

I oppose this allocation because approval has not been given for OCC's mountain bike proposal as a State Significant Development (SSD). Nor has OCC succeeded in gaining approval for the mountain bike proposal to go ahead.

The lack of understanding shown by OCC is totally confusing. It considers that it is permissible to cut off little bits of the SCA and declare one bit a 'sensitive no-go' area and another bit suitable for a mountain bike trail despite acknowledgement by the mayor that Council is dealing with a 'very special environmentally sensitive area'. If the mayor recognises this then he should be making sure this special area is fully protected instead of delighting in the progress towards achieving what he refers to as a 'generational project' – whatever that means! The area is a State Conservation Area set aside for its environmental and heritage values, or was before OCC had its plan of management altered to allow for the degradation and devastation of its values, but should nevertheless not be seen by Council as a tract of land for them to divvy up at will.

The SCA is the sum of all its parts, its ecosystems did not develop in isolation nor can they continue to do so once subjected to this proposal's very high magnitude of disturbance. It is sacred to local Wiradjuri aborigines, glowingly described by elder Neil Ingram Snr. as well as it being incredibly special to the local and wider community; the high energy sport of mountain biking is incompatible with these and should not be considered in Mount Canobolas SCA; high risk mountain bike trail development within the Mount Canobolas SCA is in direct conflict with and disrespectful of the aspirations of both. Already there are thousands of visitors to Mount Canobolas renowned and appreciated for its spectacular views and the quiet enjoyment of nature, with its selection of walking tracks and picnic facilities and opportunities for passive recreation. Mountain bike trails must be banned from Mount Canobolas SCA, the application for a SSD for 'tourism and recreation' to 'attract thousands of extra visitors to Orange', can equally be achieved with the project moved into state forest.

Council's Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment has not been completed nor has approval been give to declare the proposal a SSD. If such approval is given Council still has to proceed to the EIS for further approval of the mountain bike proposal. By allocating

\$1.5mil.. in 2034/24 draft budget the Council is reinforcing its determination to destroy the values for which the SCA was declared. This entire proposal could be transferred to state forest as mentioned above, so this sacred place can be preserved, protected and respected. Cultural, Heritage and Natural Environment of Gaanha-bula Mount Canobolas is paramount, these values must not be turned into a source of revenue for a few select businesses and mountain bikers.

Dr. Col Bower and Dr. Dick Medd have nominated through the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) for Mount Canobolas State Conservation Area to be declared an Area of Outstanding Biodiversity Value (AOBV). The NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) provides legal protections for AOBVs and it would be of great benefit for Council to familiarise itself with this the nomination (available on the web) to see the extraordinary diversity that exists within the SCA and begin to understand that fragmenting and inevitably destroying elements of this diversity in construction of mountain bike trails would be a tragedy.

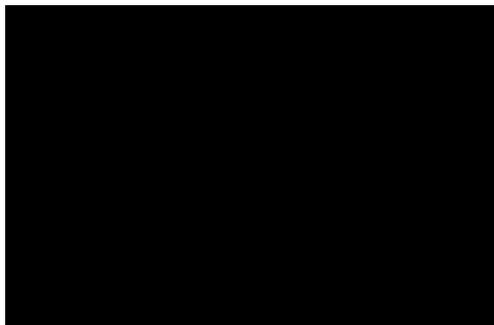
The allocation of \$1.5mil. appears to be an assertion from the Council that they are prepared to pursue the construction of mountain bike trails on Mount Canobolas in the expectation that DPIE will make a favourable decision as outlined in SEARS, and declare the proposal an SSD. The allocation for Mount Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre is money that will be spent in another jurisdiction, on land under the tenure of NPWS and cannot be claimed as an OCC asset. That is another of the reasons to object to the allocation of these funds in the draft budget 2023/24.

Cabonne LEP 2012 lists Mount Canobolas Parklands/Reserve as a significant Heritage item (item 1219), reference Schedule 5 of Cabonne LEP, being Environmental Heritage listing for Cabonne LGA. To OCC the land has no value other than an economic one, even though among its many other attributes, it supports the most diverse vegetation in the Central West.

It is disappointing and unsatisfactory that Council is still prepared to make funds available in order to pursue the exploitation of the natural resources of this precious and unique reserve Mount Canobolas State Conservation Area; to ignore climate change and fail to preserve and protect the environment. Council has the opportunity to take this proposal out of the political arena by showing integrity and return to its main function, administration of the LG Act in the Orange LGA.

Yours sincerely





14 May 2022

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Submission - Budget 2023/24

I am writing to the Council and all Councillors to voice [REDACTED] objection to the allocating of \$1.5mil. in Council's Draft Budget for years 2023/24 for Mount Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre.

[REDACTED] objects to the allocation of \$1.5mil in Draft Budget for 2023/24 for Mount Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre because:

- (a) Mount Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre proposal, if approved, will be located in Cabonne LGA on land whose tenure is with NPWS;
- (b) OCC abrogates all rights to ownership of trails, ancillary components, and all other items on which OCC funds will be spent if this proposal is approved and acted on;
- (c) OCC will have no obligation to maintain bike trails or ancillary components should the time come when mountain biking falls out of favour;
- (d) OCC does not have the mandate to use ratepayers money to put into an enterprise that is not on Council land;
- (e) OCC has not properly considered Additional Requirements in Appendix B DPIE Major Projects, for example justification of location of tracks in the SCA (reasons are very flimsy); long-term social impacts to Aboriginal communities and conservation groups; ongoing maintenance of tracks, and likely funding sources; proper assessment of risks to other park users and public risk management plan; lack of consideration of suitability of Tea House Picnic Area for visitor centre and facilities; no reference to climate change;
- (f) Cabonne lists Mount Canobolas Parklands/Reserves as an item of local environmental heritage significant item (item 1219) in their LEP whereas OCC sees these precious lands as a site for tourism and recreation facilities, as stated in the

application for listing as State Significant Development, for a limited number of users, namely mountain bikers.

Cabonne Council has pointed out that 'bushfire risk' has not been addressed in Planning Proposal and Preliminary Environmental Assessment, nor does Planning Proposal reference Schedule 5 of Cabonne LEP, being Environmental Heritage listing for Cabonne LGA which includes Mount Canobolas Parklands/Reserve.

It is disappointing and unsatisfactory that Council is still prepared to continue making funds available in the draft budget 2023/24 in order to pursue the exploitation of the natural resources of this precious and unique reserve Mount Canobolas State Conservation Area; to ignore climate change and not conserve and protect the environment; in favour of a political agenda, sporting lobby group and the economic benefit of a few local businesses.

Yours sincerely



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 May 2022 9:58 AM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Proposed Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre

I oppose Orange City Council's mountain bike proposals on Mt Canobolas.

Your draft of the current CSP (Community Strategic Plan) shows that the protection of the environment and heritage is a clear priority for the Orange community, and Mt Canobolas is highly valued by the community as part of the natural environment, and is very special to the community and deserves protection. Yet mentions of the mountain bike park are listed as challenging these values.

Despite this, your budget documents propose that \$1.5million be set aside in the financial year 2023-24 for the "Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre". It appears that Council has already spent over \$500,00 on ratepayers money on this proposal. The assessments required by the SEARS (Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements) on environmental, heritage, business, community, social and traffic implications, would be a huge drain on Orange ratepayers' money, (better spent on more pressing issues, eg roads).

The proposed bike tracks and subsequent foot traffic through the area will damage the endangered ecological communities and the unique biodiversity of the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area, already compromised by the bushfires of early 2018

It will also damage the Wiradjuri cultural and spiritual heritage of the area.

State forests are very suitable for mountain bike tracks/parks, and being adjacent to Mt Canobolas SRA, easily accessible. There is no need for any disturbance to the SCA.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear David,

**Submission to the Exhibition of the Community Strategic Plan and Budget**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework that is currently on exhibition.

I have 7 main issues that I want to comment on:

**1. Demographics**

It is disappointing that, in developing the CSP, Council has chosen to reduce the amount of information concerning the origins of migrants and people from Non-English-Speaking Backgrounds compared with previous plans. This information is important for community groups in planning relevant services to our local communities.

**2. Homelessness and Housing Affordability**

It is good to see the inclusion of the following new strategies in the Community Strategic Plan:

5.2 Support our homeless population and stop homelessness

5.3 Improve housing supply, diversity and affordability.

However, it is extremely disappointing that these strategies are not followed through with principal activities in the Delivery Program and actions in the Operational Plan. This tantamount to saying that Council intends to do absolutely nothing about implementing these strategies.

As there are many new Councillors, I do not know whether they realise this problem, but I do hope that changes will be made to the final plans before adoption by Council with Council taking responsibility for leading other partners to implement these strategies.

I would like to see Council taking more action to reduce the number of Short Term rentals in Orange as the purchase of family homes by investors is causing major challenges of affordability in purchasing or renting homes.

**3. Proposed Mountain Bike Trails in the State Conservation Area on Mount Canobolas**

I have worked in local government in England and NSW for over 30 years and I have never heard of one Council acting as a developer in another Council area. I am also concerned that Orange City Council made its application for State Significant Development in mid-January before Councillors were sworn in on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Given that the building of MBTs in the SCA was a matter of considerable controversy during the local government elections, this action being taken when there was no Council appears to me to flout the concept of democracy.

I oppose the Council spending any more money on this proposal as the bike tracks will damage the unique Wiradjuri cultural and spiritual heritage of Gaanha-bula as well as damaging the unique biodiversity and endangered ecological communities. Despite statements to the contrary, there are alternative sites in the State Forests on Mount Canobolas that could be used for MBTs where it seems that car rallies have recently been held. The State Forests have already destroyed any cultural or biodiversity value. I find it very distressing that the views of the Gaanha-bula Action Group and Wiradjuri Elders are being ignored.

However, I still do not want to see \$1.5 million of Orange ratepayers money spent on further investigating this proposal as Orange City Council already has high rates and is proposing to raise the rates by the maximum allowable. The views of Cabonne Council on this proposed development in their local government area are not clear.

It seems that there is no business plan for this proposal and it does not fulfil the following guiding principles under the NSW Local Government Act:

***Guiding principles for councils***

*Councils should carry out functions in a way that provides the best possible value for residents and ratepayers.*

*Councils should work co-operatively with other councils and the State government to achieve desired outcomes for the local community.*

I have completed the survey on Council's Your Say page and I find it interesting that this proposal is not included in that survey.

Given the challenges that Orange is facing with the unaffordability of housing it is not clear to me that this tourist attraction is needed at this time.

**4. Lack of Integration of CSP with Delivery Program and Operational Plan and lack of meaningful targets and measures**

As noted above the strategies concerning housing are not followed through into the Delivery Program and Operational Plan. In fact, there seems to be very little integration between the strategies, principal activities and actions in general.

I attended one of the Forums that were held to discuss the development of the plans, and many of the comments made concerned the need for more meaningful targets, measures and reporting to improve Council's accountability to the community.

While there are some improvements in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan in that they are now separate documents and do detail who is responsible for the actions, the target and measures are mostly meaningless.

**5. Exhibition of Budget is not understandable by the community and where is the Revenue Policy?**

The way that the budget has been exhibited by Council is appalling. How can you expect ordinary members of the community to understand a series of financial tables?

It is a requirement for the Operational Plan to include Council's Statement of Revenue Policy, but it does not.

**6. Where is the map showing the CBD Special Rates?**

It is a legislative requirement to exhibit the map showing where the CBD Special Rate is implemented and yet again this is missing. The requirement is:

*A map showing those parts of the LGA to which various rates will apply (including each category and sub-category of the ordinary rate and each special rate included in the OP) must be available on the council's website and available for public inspection at its office (and any other places it determines) during the exhibition of the OP.*

**7. Where are the continuous improvement proposals?**

I have been unable to find Council's continuous improvement proposals that are a requirement:

*To encourage continuous improvement across council's operations the Delivery Program must identify areas of service that the council will review during its term, and how others will be engaged to determine service level expectations and appropriate measures. It must address ongoing improvements to the efficiency, productivity, financial management and governance of the council.*

I look forward to my comments being taken into consideration so that changes can be made prior to the adoption of Council's plans.

Yours sincerely,



**From:**   
**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 May 2022 2:17 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Objection To The Mountain Bike Trail Proposal In The Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area

I oppose any further money being spent on any proposal to place mountain bike trails in the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area.

The bike tracks will damage the unique biodiversity and endangered ecological communities as well as damage the Wiradjuri cultural and spiritual heritage of the Mountain. Protection of both tangible and intangible Wiradjuri heritage is noted in the Council's Delivery Plans, and any further development within the SCA would be in direct conflict with this goal.

There is no need to build in the SCA at all as there are suitable alternative sites available to mountain bikers in the adjoining State Forests.

Gaanha-bula /Mt Canobolas is incredibly special to the community and deserves protection

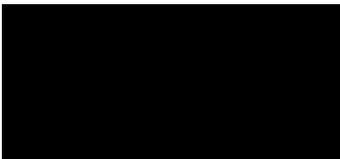
OCC are raising rates to the maximum amount allowable this year and it is inappropriate to put such an obscene amount of money towards a project that is outside the council boundaries and will be used by only a very small proportion of the population.

Over \$2m of ratepayers' money will have been spent just to find out if the proposal can go ahead.

This project represents a complete waste of ratepayers' money. The funds would be much better spent on community facilities that can be used by everyone such as enhancement of walking tracks and parks and improvement of roads.

Again, I strongly object to any further money being spent on any proposal to place mountain bike trails in the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area.

Yours Sincerely,





Mr David Waddell, General Manager, Orange City Council

Cr Jason Hamling, Mayor, OCC

Orange City Councillors

### **Draft Community Strategic Plan (CSP), Delivery Plan and Budgets**

Dear Council members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the [REDACTED] an association of environmental and bushwalking groups, scientists and concerned citizens in the Orange region.

Our purpose is for the protection of the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area (SCA) from destructive development, most recently in the form of Orange City Council's (OCC) proposal to build a Mountain Bike Park there.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Community Strategic Plan (CSP), Delivery Plan and Budgets currently on public display. The CSP is a mostly sound plan that documents the high value that the Orange community places on the local environment and heritage. These are rated as the most important reasons for living here. The Engagement Report highlights the "beautiful natural environment" as a significant factor.

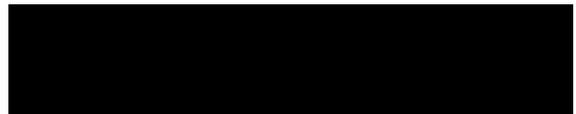
**However, we are most concerned about the mention of \$1.5 million in the proposed budget for FY 23/24 for a "Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Trail Centre".**

There is no information available for what this money is to be used for, however are we to assume that this is to satisfy the SEARS delivered recently by the NSW Dept of Planning? If so, this is a considerable amount of ratepayers money just to determine whether the project is feasible. It would not pay for the trails or any associated infrastructure to be built, and the final project would be contingent on already capricious external grant funding. We question whether Council can justify the expense for such an uncertain outcome.

Without a plausible business case, the [REDACTED] believes strongly that this project in the SCA is **not** feasible; it would cause immense damage to a critical area; and should be abandoned for the following reasons:

#### **There is no broad community support for the Mountain Bike Trail proposal**

OCC, as the developer, does not have broad community support for this proposal. All public consultation in recent years, including responses to the National Parks and Wildlife Service draft Plan of Management, and an OCC Public Forum in 2021, indicated overwhelming opposition to it. Of the over 600 responses to the NPWS draft PoM, more than 70% were against the proposal. All of the substantive responses, including from the scientific community, were against the proposed tracks in the SCA (report obtained via GIPA application). OCC does not appear to have any census or poll indicating broad community support for the proposal.

**The development is outside the LGA – why are Orange ratepayers paying for this?**

All mention of Mt Canobolas should be removed from the CSP and accompanying documents because this is a location outside of the Orange LGA. Why is OCC devoting money to a proposal in an area where it does not have legislative rights? At a time where increased rates and charges are being heavily scrutinised, why is Orange ratepayers' money being considered for this proposal?

**There is no up to date business case for it**

The previous business case was a brief document designed to accompany the original idea from around 2015-16. The economics were speculative only and based on comparisons with other locations (e.g. Blue Derby) which are not comparable to our region. While mountain biking is an increasingly popular activity worldwide, it is almost never conducted in areas that aren't already disturbed. The financial offsets needed to account for loss of habitat alone (under State and Federal threatened species legislation) would make this project unviable even before it began. Maintenance and compliance costs are unknown, nor who would have responsibility for these.

**There is no study of the negative impacts on other tourism**

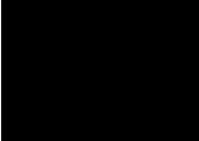
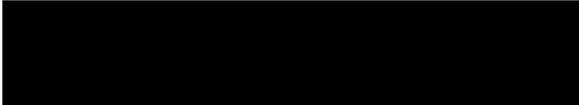
Mt Canobolas is already one of the most important tourist destinations in our region. Visitation is currently at an all-time high. Over 150,000 people visit Mount Canobolas SCA annually seeking expansive views, exercise on the walking tracks, quiet bushwalking, connection to Wiradjuri culture, relaxation from busy lives, bird watching, nature study, photography and much more. Most people value the quiet natural beauty of the cool mountain glades, and the grandeur of the views. In short, there are already many other users of the mountain who would be impacted by the proposed imposition of mountain bike trails. No study has been conducted on the impact that this proposal would have on these values and these tourists. Data from the NPWS indicates that only a tiny percentage of users of the State reserve system do so for biking. Why would we cater only for such a small group when other larger groups would potentially be disadvantaged?

**There is no study of the impacts on health and emergency services from biking accidents**

Published research shows that biking related injuries are very common and are a significant burden on health services. This is a social cost at a time when health services are struggling to keep up with current needs. Has OCC considered the insurance costs? Who pays for any accident caused by poorly constructed trails or poor maintenance? Emergency extractions from inaccessible locations within the SCA would also likely be difficult, costly and ultimately damaging to the environment.

**The Mt Canobolas SCA has significant ecological, cultural and scientific value**

- Mt Canobolas is the highest point in central NSW and the SCA supports the last remnant of sub-alpine environment in this region.

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- The reserve supports the only protected populations of **ten** species **endemic to** Mount Canobolas (ie. existing only here and nowhere else on Earth), some of which risk extinction if further losses of individuals occur.
  - Over **1000** species of flora and fauna have so far been recorded in the SCA with many additional species being discovered annually. Invertebrates, bryophytes and fungi are particularly understudied. This total represents a very high species diversity for such a small reserve, with a number of these species notably vulnerable to ground level disturbance.
  - About **one fifth** of species in the SCA are at the limits of their natural geographical ranges, some being disjunct populations likely to represent unique genetic variants.
  - The woodland, forest and ground vegetation of the reserve comprises **two** Critically Endangered Ecological Communities and **two** Endangered Communities, one of which, the Mount Canobolas *Xanthoparmelia* Lichen Community, is endemic to the mountain and the only listed lichen community in Australia.
  - Mt Canobolas is a lichen hotspot with over **100** recorded species, **four** of which occur nowhere else on Earth.
  - The SCA is a ground orchid hotspot, with around **40** species, **two** of which are endemic.
  - The reserve supports **18** recorded threatened species. The endemic Giles Mintbush, *Prostanthera gilesii*, found only in the SCA, is considered among the most endangered species in NSW. This species has already been declared an Asset of Intergenerational Significance (placing it on the same level as the iconic Wollemi Pine), under NSW legislation.
  - The SCA meets criteria as an Area of Outstanding Biodiversity Value under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act, and is currently being assessed for this classification.

#### **Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas is a significant Wiradjuri cultural site**

- The mountain areas include known initiation sites as well as occupation areas. Some of this knowledge is not in the public domain.
- There are now many thousands of Aboriginal cultural artefacts recorded within the SCA, many only recently exposed by the 2018 bushfire. These include tools used by both men and women.
- It is a place of immense spiritual and cultural significance and is linked to nearby Wahluu-Mt Panorama and Mt Macquarie via a dreaming story.
- Every metre of proposed trail would require detailed excavation to assess for Aboriginal cultural artefacts. Any artefacts found would require removal if the trails go ahead. This represents a permanent impact on aboriginal cultural heritage in an area that has had long term protection and relative lack of disturbance prior to this.

**All trails cause ecological and cultural damage**

- There is considerable global scientific evidence and literature, published over many decades, that highlights the environmental impacts of trail creation and use. These include:
  - Soil erosion
  - Water contamination
  - Habitat fragmentation and removal
  - Pest, disease and weed invasion
  - Potential species extinction. This is particularly concerning in reserves that are 'landlocked' or limited in size or physiography and with minimal ecological buffering in a highly cleared landscape.
  - Increased fire risk
- Recent literature and evidence about the impacts of mountain biking specifically, indicates permanent impacts on landscapes. Mountain bikers themselves call their sport "shredding".
- Construction of more than 70km of track would expose and permanently disturb around 50 football field's worth of ground, mostly on steep slopes vulnerable to erosion.
- While some species may be able to adjust to the trails, others will not, and cultural artefacts would be permanently displaced.

**Recent consultancies did not capture the true picture**

- There were many concerns raised in the scientific and local Wiradjuri communities about the engagement process of the consultants hired by OCC for the purposes of developing an application for State Significant Development.
- While attempts were made to capture available information, desktop studies do not provide the complete picture of the ecology of a location. The ecological field activities of the consultants were brief and limited by the terms of the tender. A true indication of the environmental impact would require field examination over many seasons and possibly years, especially in such a vulnerable location.
- There were many errors in interpretation and omissions from the submitted documents. These included:
  - Poor recognition of the damage caused by mountain bike trail creation and usage. Recent scientific literature on this was either ignored or mis-interpreted. It is critical in any assessment of environmental impact that the source of potential impact be well documented and examined thoroughly. This was only minimally done.
  - No appreciation of the combined effects of climate change and the proposal on ecological values.
  - Inadequate methodology and field assessment of cultural artefacts, with concerns raised by RAPs (Registered Aboriginal Parties) about the rapidity of field assessments and inadequate field sampling.

**Response from Dept of Planning (the SEARS)**

While the proposal met initial criteria to be considered for State significance (mostly due to cost and potential environmental impact), the SEARS highlighted many areas where the proponents needed to provide considerably more information before it could be assessed. These requirements included a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment, more detailed Cultural heritage assessment, a Business case, social impact study and traffic study – all to be conducted by qualified professionals. This would be incredibly costly. The \$500 000 already voted by the previous Council for consultancies was meant to get the project to “shovel-ready” status (see tender documents). The SEARS indicates that the proposal is nowhere near this point, and Council should now reconsider their support for the expenditure of any more Orange rate money on this project. The potential costs are escalating and the outcomes even more tenuous. Councillors have a duty of care to use public money wisely and this project does not warrant any further expenditure on it.

**Alternatives exist**

There are more than 10000ha of State Forests surrounding the Mt Canobolas SCA that would provide more suitable locations for a mountain bike park. Indeed the Orange Mountain Bike Club has been successful in obtaining 2 grants to support their trail development there (most recently for their “Trail of Awesomeness”). They are already well catered for, with nearby locations (e.g. Lake Canobolas Bike Park) also devoted to this sport.

The Forestry Corporation submission in the SEARS indicates their overall support for the proposal within their tenure. They mention the potential difficulty of track destruction each harvest cycle, with the best case scenario being 30 years and the worst 15 years (not every 7 years as claimed by Cr Hamling in the media). Even a 15 year lifespan for an individual trail is going to be sufficient, given the damage that is caused by constant usage, and the need to rejuvenate worn tracks regularly. 30 years is a long lifetime for a mountain bike track, but not for biodiversity. The most important statement is this: “State Forests are a very suitable tenure to host such a proposal and as mentioned Forestry Corporation is very supportive of this proposal”. This negates any argument put by OCC or consultants (in their Scoping Document) that the State Forests can’t be used (and therefore the SCA must be used).

It is our view that a more suitable location for the mountain bike park lies in the adjacent State Forests, however this too requires a detailed business case as well as environmental and cultural assessments.

We request that this proposal in the SCA be **abandoned** and, in line with broader community wishes, the \$1.5 million noted in the forward budgets be re-allocated to projects within the OCC LGA that would benefit the wider Orange community.

For any further information please contact 

Kind regards,



Orange City Council  
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18 MAY 2022

CONTAINER No.

F3749

10<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Dear Orange City Council

I would like to comment on your draft budget for the 2022/23 financial year.

You have allocated \$1.5 million for the Mount Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre. Although over \$500,000 has already been spent.

This means over \$2 million of ratepayers money for a proposal to build an elite mountain bike trail on Mt. Canobolas which would benefit a very small number of Orange ratepayers.

The ongoing maintenance of the trails (if approved) would be 10s of millions and the development is actually within Cabonne Council.

I object to this money allocation and the development of mountain bike trails on Mt. Canobolas within the State Conservation Area as proposed.

Yours Sincerely

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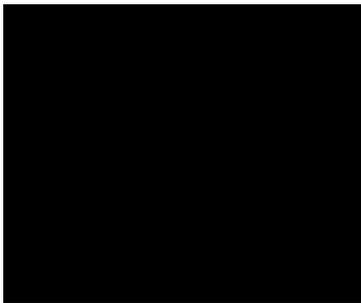
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To: The CEO Orange City Council,  
P.O. Box 35,  
Orange 2800.



**FORMAL SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT BUDGET 2022-23 and ATTENDANT DOCUMENTS.**

I refer to p 12 of the **Capital Program 2022/23-2031/32, Summary-Live General Fund.**

The item I am commenting on is for *Mount Canobolas – Mountain Bike Trail Centre*. The proposed budget for 2023/2024 indicates an expenditure for \$1,500,000. There is no detail in any of the documents and it is difficult to ascertain if this refers to work on the existing Lake Canobolas Mountain Bike Park or to the proposed mountain bike tracks on Mount Canobolas.

If the proposed allocation of funds is to further the attempt to build mountain bike tracks on Mt. Canobolas then I object to our ratepayer funds being made available for this purpose.

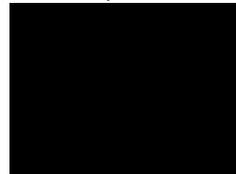
The building of the tracks and the biking activity are not compatible with the preservation of the environment of the State Conservation Area or with that of the Wiradjuri heritage.

Yours faithfully,



The General Manager  
Orange City Council

17<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Dear, David

**Re Orange City Council Budget 2022 - Formal Submission**

Insufficient funding for roadworks on Forest Road, Whiley Road and Worboys Street Spring Hill

The 2022/23 budget allocates \$800,000 to **Forest Road**. It is not stated as to what section of **Forest Road** this money is to be spent, or what type of work is required. However, as a local resident who uses the road regularly the amount of money allocated is far too little for the work that is required.

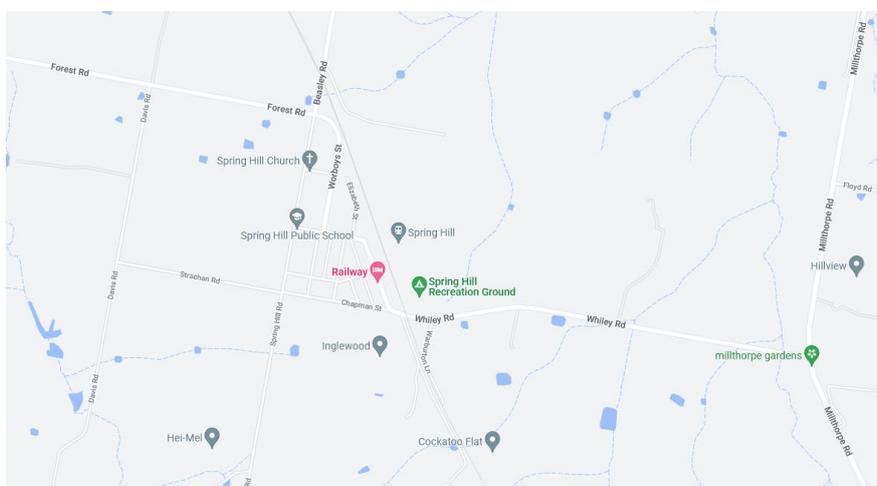
On **Forest Road** from Spring Terrace to Spring Hill there remains sections of road pavement that require urgent attention. At a cost of \$1 Million a kilometre to rebuild a modern roadway, the budgeted amount is clearly inadequate. The pavement is badly broken, uneven, and poorly drained.

**Forest Road**, along with **Worboys Street** (in Spring Hill Village) and **Whiley Road** east of Spring Hill are major thoroughfares for heavy vehicles to Cadia Mine, particularly the trucks taking blue metal aggregate from Shadforth quarry to the mine on a daily basis. Spring Hill also has other local quarries that service the Orange district via these roads. These roads were not built for the long-term use by heavy vehicles and with recent wet weather are deteriorating to the point of being dangerous to drive along in a small vehicle. They need to be reinforced and resurfaced.

The importance of this traffic corridor to the local economy, village residents and Cadia Mine is continually underestimated by Orange City Council and the NSW Government. Much more funding is required to be made available to upgrade and then maintain these roads.

Roadworks of recent years are already deteriorating, and a “quick fix here and there” is not working as pavement on recent roadwork carried out on Forest Road near Spring Hill is already failing.

Another budget (12 Months) without adequate funding for these roads will only highlight Councils neglect of the Spring Hill area, so please reconsider the 2022/23 budget in regard to better funding for **Forest Road**, along with **Worboys Street** (in Spring Hill Village) and **Whiley Road**.



Village of Spring Hill, indicating location of Forest Rd, Worboys Street and Whiley Road - Sourced from Google Maps

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17 MAY 2022

CONTAINER No.

F3749

14 May 2022

General Manager  
Orange City Council  
Byng Street  
Orange NSW 2800

**Re: Community Strategic Plan & Budget**

Dear Sir

My wife and I as lifelong residents of the Orange district wish to indicate that we believe aspiration expressed in the Community Strategic Plan to prioritise protection of the environment and heritage is clearly inconsistent with Orange City Council's continued support and funding of the Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre project.

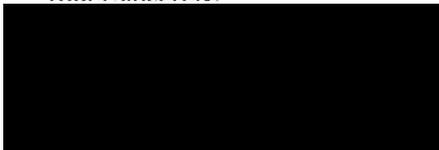
Mt Canobolas has significant environment heritage values that need protection, and this cannot be achieved by the construction of mountain bike trails across the terrain.

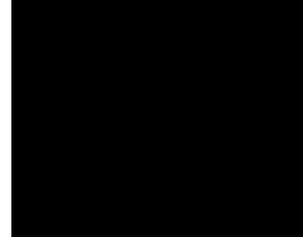
There are plenty of potential mountain bike trails within State Forest land that adjoins the mountain that could be developed without having to cause such massive environmental damage that would occur on the mountain within the conservation area.

The allocation of a further \$1.5 million dollars in council's budget for the FY23/24 is a flagrant misuse of ratepayers' money. In addition, spending funds in a local government area over which you have no jurisdiction is also a misuse of ratepayers' money.

Please be consistent in the objectives set out in the Community Strategic Plan in the protection of the environment on Mt Canobolas and reject any further engagement on the Mountain Bike Proposal.

Yours Sincerely





16/05/2022

To Orange City Council  
135 Byng St  
Orange NSW 2800  
Email council@orange.nsw.gov.au

**RE : Opposition to the Proposed Mountain Bike Trail as highlighted in Draft CSP for Budget 2022**

I am writing to make a formal submission to Oppose the proposed mountain bike trail within the Mt Canobolas State Conservation area.

As a new resident to Orange, I am particularly interested in the environmental impact of works undertaken by the Council and do not see any benefit for the above proposed Bike Trail.

I note and agree with the view expressed in the CSP that Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas is incredibly special to the community and deserves protection.

However, I oppose any further money being spent on any proposal to place mountain bike trails in the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area. The bike tracks will damage the unique biodiversity and endangered ecological communities as well as damage the Wiradjuri cultural and spiritual heritage of the Mt. Protection of both tangible and intangible Wiradjuri heritage is noted in the Council's Delivery Plans, and any further development within the SCA would be in direct conflict with this goal.

Suitable alternative sites are available to mountain bikers in the adjoining State Forests. Indeed, the Forestry Corporation, in its response to Council's request for SEARS, stated "State Forests are a very suitable tenure for this type of proposal". Furthermore, Orange Mt Bike Club has recently received funding to build their "Trail of Awesomeness" in the State Forests. Clearly, they too believe that the State Forests are suitable. There is no need to build in the SCA at all.

How can OCC propose \$1.5 million for the bike track proposal when no updated business case for it has been released?

There is no mention of what the \$1.5 million will be used for. Over \$500,000 has already been spent with much more to be spent to meet the SEARS requirements. This means that over \$2m of ratepayers' money will have been spent just to find out if the proposal can go ahead. This represents a waste of ratepayers' money at a time when there is considerable debate in local media about council's rates and fees.

OCC are raising rates to the maximum amount allowable this year and it is inappropriate to put this amount towards a project that will be used by only a small proportion of the population.

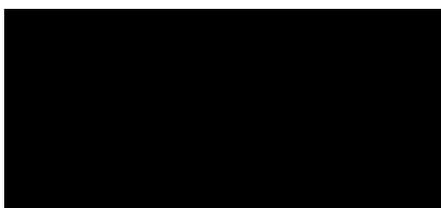
The funds would be much better spent on community facilities that can be used by everyone such as enhancement of walking tracks and parks and improvement of roads. Construction of the tracks (if approved) would involve considerably more money than this (\$10s of millions if ongoing maintenance is considered). Who pays for this?

The OCC proposal is for a bike track development on land outside their council area and on land where OCC has no jurisdiction. Why spend Orange ratepayer's money outside the council boundaries?

While it is important to look forward and plan the City's future, we should not be doing this considering our environment and protecting Wiradjuri cultural and spiritual heritage.

Thank you for considering this submission

Regards



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 14 May 2022 3:05 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Submission re Draft Council Strategic Plan

Dear OCC and David,

I write to express my concern over an amount of \$1.5 million for the 2023–2024 budget identified in the draft Council Strategic Plan to progress mountain biking in the Cabonne Shire. Mountain biking in many parts of our region is to be encouraged but the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area needs to be left out of any such plans. Any proposal to establish mountain bike trails within such a conservation area shows little regard for the purpose the SCA was established.

Conservation has a very important meaning for this protected part of Mt Canobolas and sporting activities such as mountain biking are very much a threat to the conservation intent of the SCA. The area that the SCA is intended to protect has never been cleared and therefore contains intact ecosystem linkages that have developed and evolved over millions of years (the last eruption of Mt Canobolas being around 11 million years ago). These ecological linkages will largely be broken if a network of cleared ground is added to the SCA, particularly through fragmentation of the ground level environment. Invertebrates in particular will be negatively impacted by this fragmentation and it is the invertebrates which drive the ecological processes in such natural areas. Some of these creatures and a number of species of plants and lichens living in the SCA are found nowhere else on Earth making our Mt Canobolas SCA comparable to such revered places as the Galapagos Islands and Madagascar.

Conservation of natural areas has certain requirements, particularly minimising human impact, while recreation has other requirements making it incompatible with conservation. It is up to us to ensure that these rare natural remnants are preserved from inappropriate development which will fragment and degrade the ecosystems. Your own draft Council Strategic Plan has identified preservation of the environment and heritage as the highest priority of the ratepayers of our city.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 15 May 2022 3:32 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Draft Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032

While I generally believe that the above plan is a worthy document, when reading the accompanying **Draft 2022-23 Budget**, there is one detail that gives me great concern – the proposed \$1.5 million dollars under the Line-Item ‘Mt Canobolas- Mountain Bike Trail Centre’. The absence of any business plan in regard to mountain bikes in the Mount Canobolas area makes it impossible to determine what this item actually is. How is it intended that the funds be expended?

I believe that Orange City Council has already spent too much money on the proposal for Mountain Bike Trails in the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area. The additional \$1.5 million will quickly disappear into the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) process. While future stages of the (MBT) development may well be dependent on the receipt of grants, Council resources will be needed to prepare, submit and administer those grants; all for a development on land that is not owned or administered by Orange City Council!

Council has in the past failed to raise funds to properly maintain and develop existing facilities, such as Orange Showground and the Orange Function Centre. Why spend the funds OUTSIDE Council’s domain when that money would make a big difference to facilities already owned by the community?

The Community Strategic Plan identifies the desire for better environmental stewardship and greater care for the Mt Canobolas & Lake Canobolas areas, as well as a desire for more mountain bike tracks. The development of mountain bike trails within the State Conservation Area (by any authority or organisation) would be in direct conflict with stewardship aspirations: the Orange Mountain Bike Club has already demonstrated that excellent mountain bike trails can be created in the vicinity, and without threat to, or loss of, the ecologically significant flora and fauna that is currently protected within the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area.

Further pursuit of establishing mountain bike trails within the State-owned Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area will not only divert Council funds from existing community owned facilities, it will prevent the exploration of alternative, more sustainable, income generating activities. The Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area is already a destination for tourists, walkers, road cyclists, runners, educational institutions, ornithologists and botanists; **there are many avenues to explore in regards to developing and enhancing these visitors’ experiences, rather than diminishing/destroying the very features that attract them.**

[REDACTED]



**Mr. David Waddell**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Orange City Council**  
**May 11, 2022**

**Re: Objection to the Orange City Council allocation of funds in the 2023/24 budget for the Mt. Canobolas Mountain bike trail project.**

Dear David

I am writing to you on behalf of [REDACTED] to express our opposition to the allocation in the Orange City Council draft budget 2023/4 of 1.5 million dollars for the purpose of further pursuing the proposed mountain bike trail network within the Mount Canobolas State Conservation Area.

The draft of the Community Strategic Plan currently on exhibition for public comment clearly identifies the protection of our environment and heritage as a major priority. Mt. Canobolas rates several mentions as an area that needs to be preserved for its environmental and heritage value. References to the mountain bike track in this document relating to Mt Canobolas rate it as a challenge to its environmental values. The message delivered via extensive public consultation is that the mountain bike track is perceived not as an asset, but a threat to the environmental priorities clearly supported by our community. [REDACTED] fully supports the statement identifying Mt. Canobolas as an area which requires preservation for both its environmental and heritage value. We also agree that the establishment of a mountain bike trail network on the mountain would be a threat to its environmental and heritage value.

It is unacceptable that Council should proceed with this funding, and not heed the obvious opposition to inappropriate development in the area, which has been clearly expressed by a majority of those consulted.

It is possible that a large amount of the money allocated by Council to the mountain bike proposal could be spent on completing the assessments required by the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS). \$500 000 has already been allocated to meet environmental requirements for the proposal. If the proposed 1.5 million is to meet the remaining requirements, including that of a business plan, it would mean that two million dollars of ratepayers' money will be spent before the project is approved. On



top of this would be the considerable sum required to develop and maintain the track, also paid for by the ratepayer.

Allocating ratepayers' money for SEARS requirements could be avoided by locating the entire bike trail network in the State Forest. This alternative is supported by the Forestry Corporation which has identifies the state forest as being an appropriate site for mountain bike trail network.

1.5 million dollars of ratepayers' money would be much better spent on projects that benefit the entire community, not just a small percentage of the cycling fraternity. It could also go towards conserving and maintaining the existing environmental and heritage values identified and prioritized by the community through the CSP consultation process.

Yours sincerely



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 15 May 2022 4:02 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** My Opposition to Any Council Budget funding the 'Mt Canobolas - Mountain Bike Trail Centre '

[REDACTED]

Dearest Councillors and staff,

Mt Canobolas (Gaanha-bula) is a vital part of the Orange area's natural environment and country. I, and my family, place great value on having this bush land setting nearby both for our enjoyment but more importantly as a place of mostly pristine nature where nature is somewhat safe from the very heavy pressure we put on our earth.

I am a push bike rider. I use it as a way to get to work, as a joy to ride in the Orange surroundings and as a form of exercise. But I know how heavy it is on the various tracks I do traverse. I regard bike tracks as VERY MISPLACED in a conservation area and I want you to register distress in any plan for locating the "Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre" in a conservation area. It is TOTALLY OUT OF PLACE THERE. There is no way to reconcile what will become an interconnected network of tracks dividing and destroying the mountain with anything resembling a conservation area values. It will instead simply destroy what is left of the conservation area. It will cut it up and increase erosion. It will destroy habitat. It will destroy the biodiversity that is struggling to hang on. And it will go a long way to destroying any remaining cultural value. Promoting the current proposed location is not just WRONG, it is indicative of a complete lack of regard for our heritage.

This is a stupid destructive proposal and made more so when there are alternatives already on offer. I believe the Forestry Corporation has offered that "State Forests (as) are very suitable tenure for this type of proposal". Why is the council not taking up this offer with both hands? Why not? Have the bike track but leave the conservation area as a conservation area.

And with respect to funding this crazy project. Because the council is proposing a plan with so many flaws the cost of paying consultants to find ways to justify it, the cost of fighting community opposition, the cost of the ongoing work that will be needed to minimise the damage etc – this dammed project is going to cost council \$10's of millions over it's lifetime. The \$1.5MILLION in 2023-24 is the v. thin edge to a financial waste. What kind of

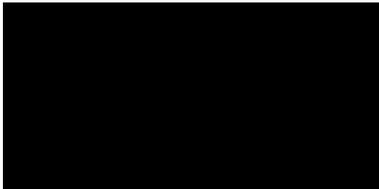
justification can council have for even considering this madness? There are so many alternative ways this money could be spent to boost the community enjoyment of the Mountain and of Orange as a whole.

Shelve this stupidity and put a fraction of this money into real community consultation not just greenwashing what is a really destructive disaster.

Absolutely Sincerely

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the author.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 15 May 2022 4:06 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Opposition to funding Mt Canobolas bike track



Date: 15 May 2022

Dear Councillors

RE: OPPOSING THE MT CANOBOLAS MOUNTAIN BIKE CENTRE

Have you ever walked Mount Canobolas? If you have, how can you possibly even consider the bike track proposal? This is truly a wonderful local feature full of life and diversity.

Why destroy this unique environment for the sake of a bike track where the rider, who would be going so fast to win, would not see the beauty and spiritual heritage around them. They could be riding anywhere and still feel the same jolt of adrenaline. Once it is gone it is gone. Haven't we done enough to destroy so much biodiversity that is essential for all processes that support life.

Last weekend we were to attend a tree planting day at Rockley to plant 6,000 trees to create a koala habitat corridor. Isn't it sad that our children, grandchildren will never see Koalas in the wild because their environments were destroyed? And now you want to do the same. All for the sake of a track that YOU think TODAY is okay to do so – **what about tomorrow and the next generation and the next.**

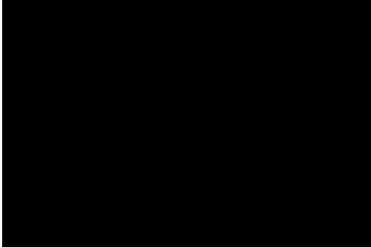
You have been provided with other alternative sides. The Orange Bike Club has funds to build a "Track of Awesomeness". Why not come together as a community and help with this so it includes everyone, not just the few.

How many people are homeless due to living in environments that have been destroyed by people for greed and not caring about the long-term effects. Wouldn't \$1.5 million be better spent on helping those in need. As a ratepayer this is where I would love my hard-earned money to go to. Things are tough for a lot of people now; a bike track seems very irrelevant. Why do the elite always want more? We already have so many natural disasters. Why do we have to add another one?

Get out of your chair. Take a walk with your loved ones and see the beauty of the mountain. See the flora, hear the Mountain, smell the natural environment, and touch the beauty. There is so much depression and anxiety around now, we need places like this to come to. We need to protect and nurture what we have now.

Yours faithfully





Sunday 15 May 2022

Orange City Council

Byng St

ORANGE NSW 2800

by email only to [council@orange.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@orange.nsw.gov.au)

Submission regarding 2023/2024 Budget and Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre

I am writing to object to the proposal to set aside the sum of \$1,500,000 in the budget for the 2023/2024 financial year for a Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre.

I have been a proud Orange resident and ratepayer since 1999. My two children were raised in Orange and I continue to enjoy living and working in this beautiful region.

Ever since I moved to Orange, I have regularly visited Mt Canobolas with my children, extended family members, and visitors from outside the region and overseas. I continue to regularly visit the mountain with friends and walkers to walk, picnic, and sight see. Our family has celebrated birthdays, Mothers Day and other special get togethers in numerous stunning locations in the State Conservation Area.

We have had special sightings of echidnas, wallabies and wombats, we have enjoyed the magic of the snow falls, and the beauty of the spring wildflowers. We have stood on the summit to photograph the glorious sunsets over the western plains.

My first walk on the mountain in September 2021 after an extended lockdown took my breath away due to the beauty of the colour of the spring flowers, the expanse of the views, and the crispness of the air. On my most recent walk on the mountain yesterday, the bush was a misty wonderland with rain drop bejeweled cobwebs between trees, glistening patches of iridescent green moss spongy thick with the most recent rain, and a plethora of multi coloured and widely varied fungi appearing throughout the landscape.

As set out in the Community Strategic Plan, Mt Canobolas is an incredibly special location of significant importance to our community, and very worthy of ongoing care and protection.

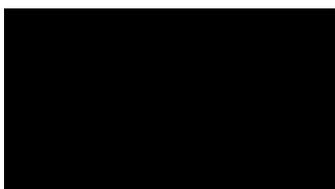
I strongly oppose the spending of any further rate payer funds on a proposal to build mountain bike trails through the middle of this special place. What chance will the echidnas, delicate spring flowers,

fungi and mosses have in the face of a major building site, heavy and ongoing mountain bike traffic and permanent irretrievable damage to the untouched nature of the State Conservation Area?

Mountain Bike riding is a lot of fun and should be promoted in the region. There are a multitude of alternate sites for exhilarating trails to be constructed in the adjoining State Forests. Those areas do not have the wide range of native flora and fauna to be found in the State Conservation Area but in all respects are entirely suitable for a wide variety of downhill trails.

Orange City Council has already spent over \$500,000 of ratepayers' money investigating the possibility of the development of an invasive bike trail network through a gorgeous State Conservation Area that is not even in their own council area. This is a flagrant waste of funds that could be much better spent within the council area.

Elected councillors have a duty to ratepayers to carefully consider how their funds are spent. I urge any councillor properly considering this proposal to drive up the mountain and take a walk through the snow gums and spend some time watching and listening to the bush before deciding if it is a good idea to allocate more funds to continue to investigate making damaging and permanent changes to that special place.



**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, 13 May 2022 3:13 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** MountainBike Track in Mount Canobolas Conservation Area

I am writing to you to give my views on the proposal to build 100 ks of mountain bike track in the Mount Canobolas Conservation Area, and on spending an enormous \$1.5 million of ratepayers money (on what?) to further this proposal which is for a very small minority of the community. That will be \$2 million spent before any business case has been released.

These funds would be much better spent maintaining the walking tracks on the mountain and dealing with the weed infestations which, if the mountain bike tracks were to be built, would only get worse as yet more weeds would be introduced.

It is obvious the State Forests adjoining this area are the most suitable place to put a mountain bike track as the unique and endangered ecological communities, plant and animal, on the mountain would not be damaged, or the Wiradjuri heritage.

CSP s developed from community consultations over the last year make it quite clear that protection of the environment and heritage is a strong priority for this community and as such the degradation of the Mount Canobolas Conservation Area, as would happen should this mountain bike track be built, would be against the aspirations of this community.

Our rates have been raised to the maximum amount allowable this year and spending ratepayers money on a development outside our council's boundaries and where OCC has no jurisdiction is questionable.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 May 2022 5:49 PM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Budget 2022/Your Say Orange

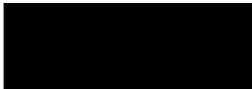
The community has spoken and the most important aspect of living in Orange is the natural environment and nature. Of note, in the CSP, Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas is documented as incredibly special to the community and deserves protection.

I am in agreeance with this and oppose any further money being spent on any proposal to place mountain bike trails in the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area. The bike tracks will damage the unique biodiversity and endangered ecological communities as well as damage the Wiradjuri cultural and spiritual heritage of the mountain.

Your Plan has the preservation of our unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects as important and therefore your proposed development of bike trails on our mountain is outrageous.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



12 May 2022

Orange City Council Draft Community Strategic Plan

I wish to have my say about the draft CSP and Budget.

There is \$1.5million allocated in the 22/23 Budget for "Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre" and although there is no information provided to say what this money is for, I suspect it may be to complete the assessments required for the proposal to be considered a State Significant Development. Already more than 500K has been spent on your proposal to develop 70kms or so of world class mountain bike trails in the Mt Canobolas State Conservation Area.

I object to any more rate payer money being spent on this proposal. Mountain bike riders make up about 5% of users of National Parks so the proposal would be for a very small number of people and in particular, very few Orange ratepayers.

The CSP clearly shows the natural environment and nature is important to Orange residents, in fact the MOST important thing, including Mt Canobolas.

The community sees one of the main challenges to environmental sustainability as bike trails in Mt Canobolas.

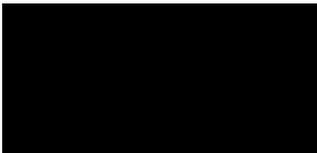
The community wants greater care and enjoyment of Mt Canobolas.

The Plan is to ensure the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our town are preserved AND our natural resources are protected.

Any development on Mt Canobolas (including mountain bike trails) contradicts all of the above ie all that the community have expressed as important.

The Plan could include items to ensure protection of our cultural heritage & environment and protection of local biodiversity.

Yours sincerely



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Orange City Council

135 Byng Street

ORANGE NSW 2800

**SUBMISSION RE. BUDGET 23/24 for the Mt Canobolas/Gaanha-bula Bike Centre**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Budget 2022. My submission relates to the proposed expenditure of \$1.5million for the 23/24 financial year for a Mountain Bike Centre on Mount Canobolas/Gaanha-bula. It appears this budget allocation has been predicted in the absence of a Business Case therefore the strategic, economic, financial, commercial and management analysis are not evident, which in itself is concerning.

The cultural significance of Mount Canobolas/Gaanha-bula mentioned in OCC Community Strategic Plan is welcomed. OCC has demonstrated the important history and culture of the Wiradjuri peoples in past strategies and commissioned the Orange Aboriginal Heritage Report 2012 (NTSCORP) which acknowledged the "two main peaks (Old Man Canobolas and Young Man Canobolas) as a major Wiradjuri ceremonial site." The proposal for bike trails appears to disregard the cultural significance to contemporary Wiradjuri peoples through Dreaming stories shared within. The NTSCORP report concluded that First Peoples likely camped on the mountain, pre the occupation of Europeans. How will this important aspect be preserved and respected? What lengths has OCC undertaken to consult with Wiradjuri elders to protect their heritage?

Mount Canobolas/Gaanha-bula is an area of environmental biodiversity and endangered species eg. the unique Canobolas Candlebark (eucalyptus canobolensis). What measures will OCC undertake to ensure the flora and fauna of the area is not destroyed by bike tracks, spectators, media etc?

As a tourist destination Mount Canobolas/Gaanha-bula area is already a primary site enjoyed by many visitors, currently confined to vehicles on designated roads and walkers on much enjoyed hiking trails. Cabonne Council currently funds and manages this area, has vast experience and knowledge about the impacts of human traffic in the vicinity especially during fluctuating weather events. How has Cabonne Council been included in this proposal give the budgetary impacts this would have on its ratepayers?

Climate change will further impact on the accessibility and risk management of Mount Canobolas/Gaanha-bula with predictions of further threats of bush fire, flooding and drought. Increased human traffic on proposed bike trails may create further risk to wildlife, rare fauna and damage to historical artefacts.

An alternative site, in the adjoining state forest has been identified by The Forestry Corporation. This option would appear to be ideal especially as it has recently been cleared and has established tracks. It is understood the Orange Bike Club has received funding to build a trail in the forest so it would be logical and cost effective to expand on that work in the State Forest and preserve Mount Canobolas/Gaanha-bula as an area of cultural, community and environment significance.

Referred for your consideration.

Citizen

5/5/22



10/5/2022

To the General Manager  
135 Byng Street  
Orange NSW 2800

Good afternoon,

**Re: Response to Orange City Council Community Strategic Plan (CSP)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on your CSP.

Cancer Council NSW is committed to reducing the impact of cancer on individuals and the community. We are community funded and community focused. We believe health is central to urban planning that can create environments that promote cancer-smart behaviours and reduce exposure to known cancer risks such as solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

This submission outlines the importance of the role of built and natural shade in helping to protect the community from over-exposure to UV radiation, and makes specific suggestions for inclusion of shade and UV radiation issues in Council's CSP

As a Community Programs Coordinator at Cancer Council NSW along with being a Western Region resident living and working in the area., I am committed to driving positive and lasting change towards a cancer free future for our local communities. One of the priority cancer prevention advocacy areas our organisation is committed to is skin cancer prevention, and the provision of quality shade in priority locations plays a critical role in reducing this risk.

**Skin cancer in Australia and in your local government area**

Australia has the highest levels of UV radiation and the highest incidence rates of skin cancer worldwide, where two out of every three people are likely to be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70. UV radiation from the sun causes 95% of melanomas and 99% of non-melanoma skin cancers in Australia. This means skin cancer is highly preventable.

**The importance of shade in reducing the risk of skin cancer**

Quality shade, which is defined as a well-designed and correctly positioned combination of natural and built shade, can reduce solar UV radiation exposure by up to 75%. This makes shade a critical component to reducing overall skin cancer risk. Shade availability and accessibility are key to shade use; it needs to be readily available across a range of outdoor spaces where children and adults live, work and play.

Councils have a responsibility for a range of health promoting activities intended to benefit their communities. Facilitating sun protection through thoughtful planning and designing of effective shade forms part of these responsibilities.



Prioritising natural shade for UV protection will also assist Council in achieving NSW Government urban heat management and healthy built environment priorities including:

- Achieving proposed tree canopy targets outlined in the draft NSW Urban Design Guide

Further information on shade is available via Cancer Council NSW's website such as:

- [The co-benefits of shade](#)
- [Cancer Council NSW Guidelines to Shade](#)
- [Cancer Institute NSW case studies of well-designed shade.](#)

#### **Response to your Community Strategic Plan (CSP)**

Cancer Council NSW would like to commend your Council on mentioning the importance of providing shade in your recent Local Strategic Planning Statement. Council's CSP also plays a key role in ensuring the practical planning and delivery of shade.

Cancer Council NSW urges Council to add the following to your CSP:

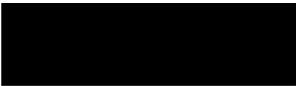
- Ensure the value of shade for UV radiation protection and other co-benefits are fully recognised and acknowledge that there is currently a lack of quality shade in public spaces. This may have already been raised in the community engagement you undertook to develop the plan.
- Recognise that quality shade is an asset that is critical to ensuring the health, comfort and well-being of your community.
- The commitment to plan and budget properly in advance for built and natural shade in public spaces including playgrounds, parks, recreation and sporting facilities, active travel networks and town centres.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on your Community Strategic Plan. If you would like any further support or information, please feel free to contact myself per the below details.



Yours sincerely,





8 May 2022

Mr D Waddell  
CEO Orange City Council  
PO Box 35  
Orange NSW 2800

Dear Sir,

Re: Objection to Budget allocation for Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre

I wish to object to the allocation of \$1.5 million in FY23/24 for a Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre in the Live – (General Fund) of the Capital Program 2022/23 – 2031/32.

The proposal to establish mountain bike trails on Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas is in direct opposition to very important elements in the Draft Orange Community Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032 which, in the words of Mayor Cr Jason Hamling, “outlines the whole-of-community shared vision for our city’s future”. (Message from the Mayor, Draft Orange CSP)

The community vision set out in the CSP ranks ten strengths that make Orange a great place to live. First and foremost, with a strength of 10.4%, ahead of other strengths such as Lifestyle and Location and convenience, is our Beautiful natural environment.

Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas is listed first as one of the places and values such as clean fresh air, trees, bushland and beautiful rural location that are our strengths.

The CSP also acknowledges that one of the challenges facing our vision of Environmental sustainability is ‘bike tracks on Mt Canobolas Gaanha-bula’.

It is therefore contradictory that the current Orange City Council budget plan allocates \$1.5 million to a Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre when our Draft CSP clearly recognises:

- Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas as a strength of our Beautiful natural environment, and
- bike tracks on Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas as a challenge to Environmental sustainability.

For these reasons, without Council having provided any intent for the use of these funds, I wish to object to the allocation of \$1.5 million to the Mt Canobolas Mountain Bike Centre.

I would also like to say that further expenditure on bike trails on Gaanha-bula Mt Canobolas both corrupts and makes a farce of the spirit and the intent of our community participating in the development of a Community Strategic Plan.

Yours sincerely



Submitted by email



02/05/2022

Re: Orange City Council's Draft Community Strategic plan and Mountain Bike proposal on Gaanha-bula (Mount Canobolas)

My name is [REDACTED], and I am a proud Wiradjuri Elder. I am an active Wiradjuri Leader and Member of the Aboriginal and wider communities of Orange. I have lived, worked, and performed voluntary work in Orange and the region for some 40 plus years.

Today, I am writing to you to express my concern for the Draft Community Strategic Plan and my objection to the proposed Mountain Bike track on Gaanha-bula (Mt Canobolas). I oppose this proposal in its entirety.

I was very pleased when Orange City Council recently asked the community for their comments to help build their Community Strategic Plans. The community have spoken, they have said that Gaanha-bula (Mt Canobolas) is of importance to them, that protection of Cultural, Heritage, and Natural Environment is paramount as stated in the current draft Community Strategic Plan. We need to protect Gaanha-bula for all people.

**But to the Wiradjuri people, Gaanha-bula means much more than that.**

- This is our dreaming place. It is significant to the Dreaming story, which is embedded within our culture, belief, practices and tradition.
- We have a spiritual connection to this sacred place. The proposal doesn't reflect the true picture of the Spiritual Significance of Gaanha-bula (Mt Canobolas). This has been lost in the proposal.
- Huge damage to soil and vegetation will be caused by trails and there will be erosion that will spread beyond the tracks and damage our environmentally sensitive area.
- Our Tangible and Intangible Heritage needs to be always protected.
- Tourism and education being away to have employment can happen in any other area including the state forest but not on Gaanha bula (Mt Canobolas). Orange City Council need to look at other opportunities to attract tourism.
- Our ancestors have continuous occupation and connection to this country for over 75,000 years.
- We are not against mountain bike riding, but we are against it on Gaanha-bula, our sacred place.
- It is not about the size/elevation of the mountain, but what is in it, and around it, that matters to our people.
- We want the protection of the entire mountain and not just for registered sites or any sections to be open for abuse and degradation.

**We need to preserve, protect, and respect this sacred place.**

I was deeply disappointed when I read that Orange City Council have set aside \$1.5 million in the 2023/24 financial year budget for the Mountain Bike Track. What is this money being used for? To complete assessments still required for the proposal.

This Mountain Bike track is going to be a very expensive hobby/exercise for a select few! Orange City Council have already spent approximately \$500,000 of rate payers' money to date.

Our yearly rates cost is about to increase to the maximum amount allowed, with this waste of money, around \$2million before the Mountain Bike Track starts to be built, I can understand why this rate rise is needed!

What I am not able to understand is, why are you willing to desecrate the Wiradjuri people's sacred and significant dreaming place, which stands on land outside of Orange City Council boundaries, with great expense to all? To the Wiradjuri people this great expense is not about \$\$\$\$. For Aboriginal people it is about protecting our sacred place.

Once again, community consultation does not account for much with Orange City Council, other than the effort the Community puts in to have their say/opinion.

I am sending this letter to each of the current councillors as well as the Calare Federal Election Candidates. I would like to receive a response from each councillor/candidates sharing your views and stance on this matter.

I live in the hope that common-sense will prevail and this project will not go ahead. Thank you for taking the time to read and hopefully understand the Wiradjuri people and their need to protect their Sacred place – Gaanha-bula.

Regards,



3RD MAY. 2022

To Orange City Council,  
Byng Street,  
Orange - N.S.W 2800.

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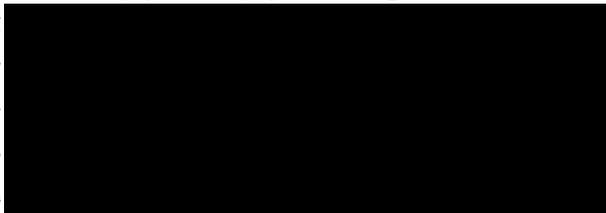
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Dear Sir or Madam,  
Please find enclosed Our Submission  
RE: Mount Canobela Bike Trails -  
Would you please ensure that the  
12 Councillors get a copy or are  
able to view - read our Submission.

Thank you -

Yours Faithfully -



3RD MAY, 2022.

To// MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS  
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL.  
BYNG STREET. ORANGE. N.S.W 2800.

FROM.

DEAR COUNCILLORS,

PLEASE REFER TO MY SUBMISSION. —  
I AM TOTALLY AGAINST MY RATE MONEY'S  
BEING SPENT BY ORANGE CITY COUNCIL  
AS ANNOUNCED IN C.W.D. PAPER LAST  
SATURDAY 30TH APRIL - 2022.

IT STATES ORANGE CITY COUNCIL HAS  
ALLOCATED 1.5 MILLION OF OUR DOLLARS,  
RATE PAYER'S MONEY TOWARDS FURTHERING  
THE PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT 70 KILOMETERS  
OF MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS, WITHIN THE  
MOUNT CANOBOLAS STATE CONSERVATION  
AREA.

1/ The reason I am writing this letter is  
the 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS if it goes ahead.  
WILL DESTROY THE BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN.  
ESPECIALLY IF YOU CONSTRUCT 70 KILOMETERS  
OF MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS - THIS MOUNTAIN  
WILL BE DESTROYED.

2/ What I don't understand is why Orange  
City Council continues to try to take  
over Cabonne Shire Council area. ??

3/ MOUNT CANOBOLAS IS IN CABONNE SHIRE,  
WHY DOES ORANGE CITY COUNCIL, COUNCILLORS  
THINK OUR RATES SHOULD BE SPENT IN  
CABONNE SHIRE COUNCIL AREA - ??

4/ CABONNE COUNCIL HAVE CONTROL TO  
LOCK THE GATES EVERY TIME IT SNOWS,  
AND YOU WANT US TO LET YOU SPEND

22.

1.5 MILLION DOLLARS AND HAVE NO CONTROL.  
 5/ IF ORANGE CITY COUNCIL GETS IT'S WAY AND BUILDS THESE Destructive MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACKS ALL OVER THE MOUNTAIN.

The people of the area Orange and Cabonne will be locked out of the walking tracks, when an event is on. THAT IS IF ANY OF THE WALKING TRACKS ARE STILL THERE ??

6/ FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY ALMOST BEEN HIT BY Mountain Bike RIDERS ON THE WALKING PATH'S. ALSO WHILST WALKING ON THE EDGE OF THE ROAD.

7/ THIS MOUNTAIN RANGE IS THE HIGHEST POINT BETWEEN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS AND PERTH. W.A. BECAUSE OF IT'S MANY UNIQUE FEATURES WOULD BE A WONDERFUL TOURIST DRAW CARD. WITH PEOPLE FROM SYDNEY AND ORANGE AND VISITORS TO THE AREA WANTING TO SEE THE UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA ON AND AROUND THE MOUNTAIN - CABONNE AND ORANGE COULD HAVE TOURS ORGANIZED AND TAKE PEOPLE ON THE WALKING TRACKS TO SEE.

A/ RARE PLANTS NOT FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE, eg. SPIDER ORCHIDS, CANOBOLAS LEEK ORCHIDS THE EUCALYPTUS CANOBOLENSIS NOT FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

THE SILVER LEAF CANDLEBARK TREE - THIS TREE AROSE SOMETIME IN THE LAST 10 MILLION OR SO YEARS IN THE ASHES FROM THE ERUPTIONS.

B/ GLIDER POSSUMS MAKING THE EUCALYPT THEIR HOME. THERE IS 13 OR MORE SPECIES OF MICROBATS THAT UTILISE THE HOLLOW'S IN THE TREES - ROOSTING

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AND BREEDING AMONG THE CANOPIES.  
 C/BIRDS — OWL'S RARE OWL'S NOT FOUND  
 ANYWHERE ELSE — SULPHUR-CRESTED  
 COCKATOO'S — EAGLES — ETC.

D/ FROGS, SNAKES, LIZARDS —  
 KANGAROOS, WOMBATS, ECHIDNAS, etc —  
 AND WHO KNOWS — WHAT OTHER SPECIES  
 MAY BE FOUND — YET TO BE DISCOVERED.

We have many people in the area who have  
 a huge amount of knowledge of this Mountain.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE IS ONLY 100  
 MEMBER'S IN THE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK  
 GROUP —

THE CITY OF ORANGE IS AROUND  
 45,000 PEOPLE, AND A 100 WANT TO  
 SPEND 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS ON A  
 TRACK.

HOW MANY OF THE 100 MEMBERS  
 PAY RATES IN ORANGE — ?

THESE MEMBERS SAY THEY HAVE  
 BUILT THE TRACKS, TRAILS, IN THE  
 PINE FOREST. IN OUR 'OPINION  
 THEY SHOULD STAY IN THE  
 PINE FOREST AND LEAVE  
 OUR MOUNT CANOBOLAS ALONE.  
 SO EVERY ONE CAN ENJOY THE  
 BEAUTIFUL TREES, PLANTS,  
 ANIMALS —

THE 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS  
 SHOULD BE SPENT IN ORANGE  
 IMPROVING ROADS AND THE NEEDS  
 WITHIN THE CITY!

My Family and [REDACTED] Family have  
 lived in and around Orange and  
 owned Businesses for in excess of a  
 hundred years.

SIGN — [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 May 2022 11:21 AM  
**To:** Orange City Council  
**Subject:** Budget Plans for 1.5 million spent to expand bike tracks

Hi There,

Please pass this on to all Council Members.

I am writing with great concern regarding the 1.5 million dollars in the budget allocated to expand the Mountain Bike tracks in Mount Canobalas State Conservation Area.

I am totally against this Bike Track being expanded any more than has already been done, as a business owner in Orange , I can't believe this is even being considered... 😞

Here are the numerous reasons I do not want this going ahead:

\*This money should be spent to fix up the roads and streets in and around Orange , not in another Council area.

\*The State Conservation Area in Mount Canobalas should be protected , and money should be used to make this an amazing tourist attraction in its own right , and even to pay a guide to drive tours of people out to the mountain and talk about all the significant cultural areas and all the endangered species, plants and trees, Federal Falls etc....

\*The endangered animals and plants and trees that are found no where else on earth, should be protected.....I can't believe how ridiculous it is that this is even being considered.

\*Do you not think tourists would pay to go on tours to see all these amazing endangered species and plants and the special trees etc that are found up there????? I definitely think they would.

\*Tourists come into the shop looking for bush walks , nature, waterfalls, not once have any tourists asked me about Bike Tracks.....

\*This is only aiming at a small group of people , people who ride Mountain Bikes, it is not taking into account anyone else.

\*This Mountain is so close to my heart, and I am afraid that Orange wont be the same if this beautiful energy is messed with , and the Mountain is covered with tracks and the destruction of trees and animals homes will be significant.....

\*There is getting less and less places in this area for our native animals to live and find refuge and safety. This will cause more animals on roads and more damage to cars and even life's. Not to mention the animals wellbeing. Do we want to destroy all these areas so there is nothing left for our children????

\*This is sacred Wiradjuri land , a place of great significance to them, and should be protected.

I am not happy about this and will be very upset if this Mountain Bike Track goes ahead in the SCA.

I think this Council needs to listen to the Community instead of ignoring what all people want and just listening to a select few. I thought the new Council may be different.

Very concerning.....

Regards  
[REDACTED]



06 June 2022

General Manager  
Orange City Council  
PO Box 35  
ORANGE NSW 2800

Dear Orange City Council,

**Re: Response to the draft 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan (CSP)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft CSP.

Cancer Council NSW is committed to reducing the impact of cancer on individuals and the community. We are community funded and community focused. We believe health is central to urban planning that can create environments that promote cancer-smart behaviours and reduce exposure to known cancer risks such as solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

This submission outlines the importance of the role of built and natural shade in helping to protect the community from over-exposure to UV radiation, and makes specific suggestions for inclusion of shade and UV radiation issues in Council's draft CSP.

Cancer Council NSW works closely with key stakeholders to reduce the incidence of skin cancer by improving access to adequate shade in NSW. Cancer Council NSW is a key partner in the implementation of the [NSW Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy](#) (2017) which defines a comprehensive approach to reducing overexposure to UV radiation and ultimately the incidence of skin cancer in NSW. The Strategy is a multidisciplinary initiative lead by the Cancer Institute NSW which is an agency of NSW Health.

**Skin cancer in Australia and in your local government area**

Australia has the highest levels of UV radiation and the highest incidence rates of skin cancer worldwide, where two out of every three people are likely to be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70. UV radiation from the sun causes 95% of melanomas and 99% of non-melanoma skin cancers in Australia. This means skin cancer is highly preventable. In the Orange LGA, the age-standardised incidence rate of melanoma between 2013 and 2017 was 66.5 per 100,000 population, which is higher than the NSW average rate.<sup>1</sup>

**The importance of shade in reducing the risk of skin cancer**

Quality shade, which is defined as a well-designed and correctly positioned combination of natural and built shade, can reduce solar UV radiation exposure by up to 75%. This makes shade a critical component to reducing overall skin cancer risk. Shade availability and accessibility are key to shade use; it needs to be readily

<sup>1</sup> Cancer Institute NSW Statistics Portal <https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/research-and-data/cancer-data-and-statistics/cancer-statistics-nsw//analysis/incidence/>



available across a range of outdoor spaces where children and adults live, work and play.

Councils have a responsibility for a range of health promoting activities intended to benefit their communities. Facilitating sun protection through thoughtful planning and designing of effective shade forms part of these responsibilities.

Prioritising natural shade for UV protection will also assist Council in achieving NSW Government urban heat management and healthy built environment priorities including:

- Achieving proposed tree canopy targets outlined in the draft NSW Urban Design Guide

Further information on shade is available via Cancer Council NSW's website such as:

- [The co-benefits of shade](#)
- [Cancer Council NSW Guidelines to Shade](#)
- [Cancer Institute NSW case studies of well-designed shade.](#)

#### **Response to your Community Strategic Plan (CSP)**

Cancer Council NSW would like to commend your Council on mentioning the importance of providing shade in your recent Local Strategic Planning Statement. Council's CSP also plays a key role in ensuring the practical planning and delivery of shade.

Cancer Council NSW urges Council to add the following to your CSP:

- Ensure the value of shade for UV radiation protection and other co-benefits are fully recognised and acknowledge that there is currently a lack of quality shade in public spaces. This may have already been raised in the community engagement you undertook to develop the plan.
- Recognise that quality shade is an asset that is critical to ensuring the health, comfort and well-being of your community.
- The commitment to plan and budget properly in advance for built and natural shade in public spaces including playgrounds, parks, recreation and sporting facilities, active travel networks and town centres.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on your draft CSP. If you would like any further support or information, please feel free to contact me via

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

NSW Skin Cancer Prevention Strategy Shade Working Group

Cancer Council NSW

**5.3 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - MAY 2022**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/759

AUTHOR: Julie Murray, Financial Accountant

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide a statement of Council's investments held as of 31 May 2022.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "17.2 Collaborate - Ensure financial stability and support efficient ongoing operation".

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To note the Statement of Investments as of 31 May 2022.**
- 2 To adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

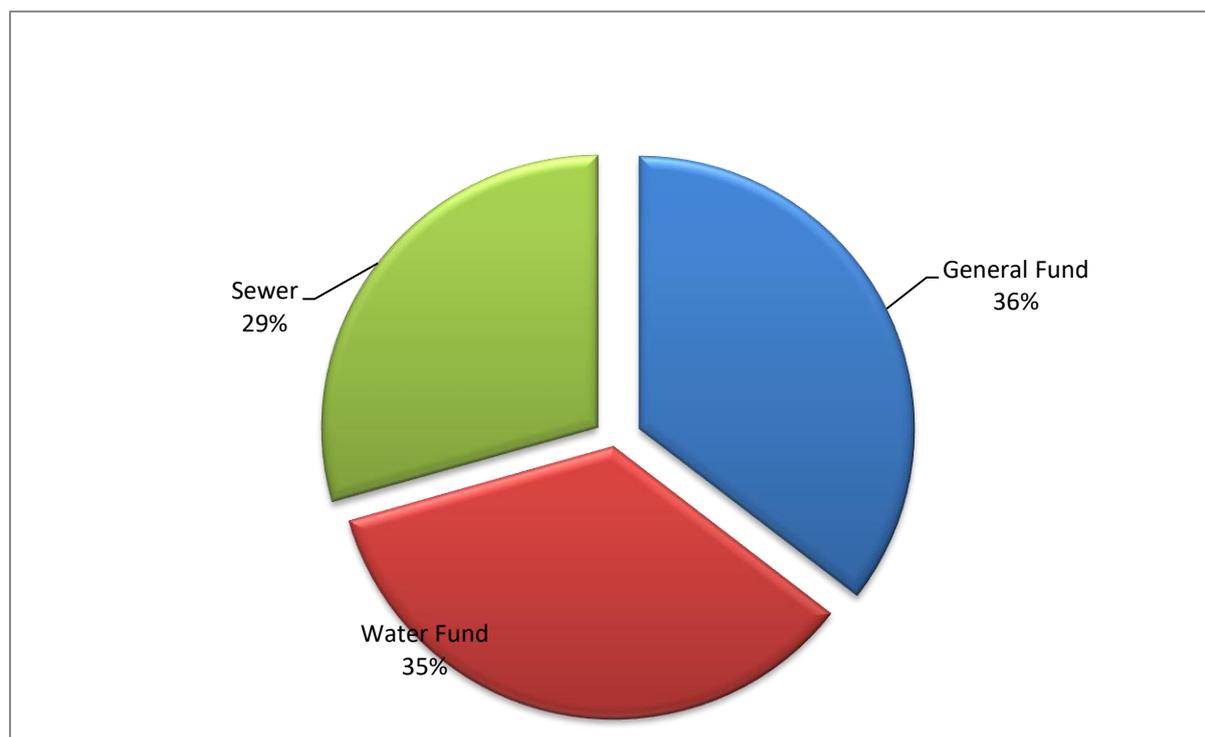
Consideration has been given to the recommendation's impact on Council's service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Section 212(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that a written report be presented each month at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council detailing all money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

As of 31 May 2022, the investments held by Council in each fund is shown below:

	<b>31/05/2022</b>	<b>30/04/2022</b>
General Fund	73,631,011.63	71,046,890.48
Water Fund	72,905,658.48	69,256,144.62
Sewer Fund	61,015,593.74	60,411,961.90
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$207,552,263.85</b>	<b>\$200,714,997.00</b>



A reconciliation of Council's investment portfolio provides a summary of the purposes for which Council's investments are being held. The summary is as follows:

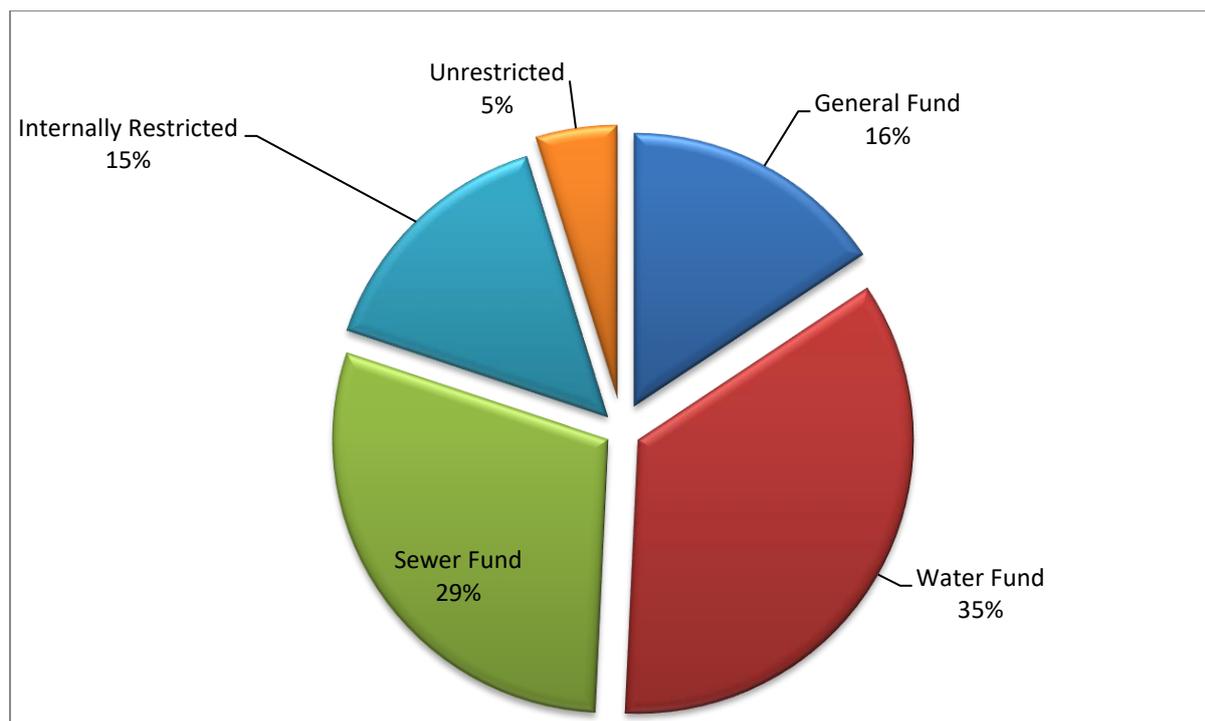
	31/05/2022	30/04/2022
<b>Externally Restricted</b>		
- General Fund	32,424,299.93	31,306,774.97
- Water Fund	72,905,658.48	69,256,144.62
- Sewer Fund	61,015,593.74	60,411,961.90
<b>Internally Restricted</b>	31,326,433.51	31,326,433.51
<b>Unrestricted</b>	9,880,278.19	8,413,682.00
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$207,552,263.85</b>	<b>\$200,714,997.00</b>

Externally restricted funds are those funds that have been received for a specific purpose and may only be used for the purpose that they have been received, for example, the money received for Water access and usage charges by legislation are only available to be spent for the operation, maintenance, and expansion of the Water supply network.

Internally restricted funds are those that Council has earmarked for a particular purpose, but Council can have that purpose changed.

Unrestricted funds are those available for use to continue the day-to-day operations of Council, made up of General Fund investments and cash only.

The unrestricted cash position movements during the month are normal as projects commence and income is received. Movements may also arise following processing of income received between funds or into restricted assets to appropriately allocate for the purposes Council has determined. Council's cash flow is monitored daily, and some investments may be redeemed rather than rolled over to support operational requirements.



#### Portfolio Advice

Council utilises the services of an independent investment advisor in maintaining its portfolio of investments. Council's current investment advisor is Imperium Markets, an independent asset consultant that works with wholesale investors to develop, implement and manage their investment portfolio. Imperium Markets is a leading provider of independent investment consulting services to a broad range of institutional investors including government agencies, superannuation funds and not-for-profit organisations.

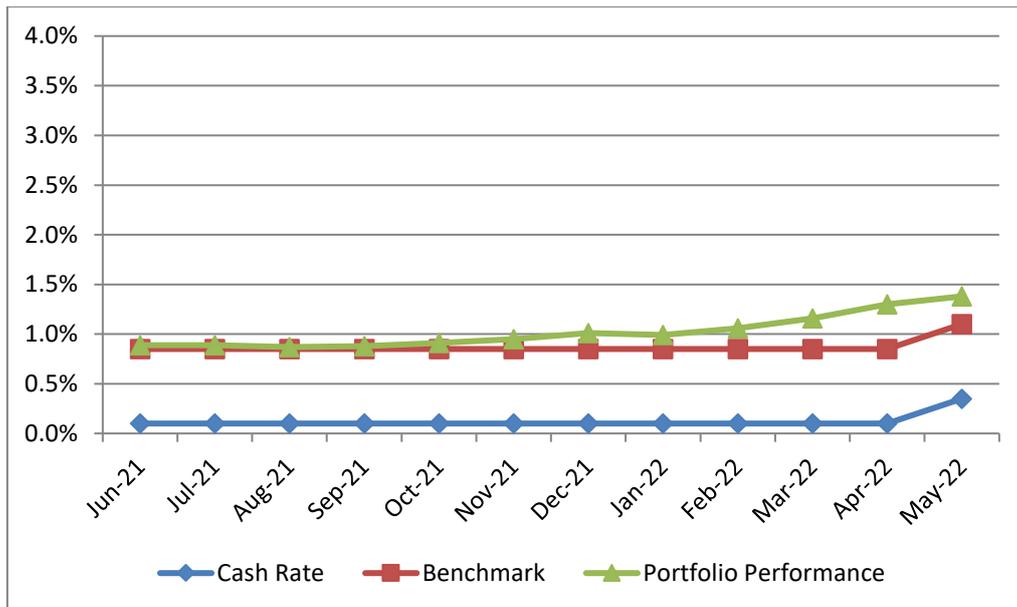
Imperium Markets major services provided to Council include:

- Quarterly portfolio summary reports
- Advice on investment opportunities, in particular Floating Rate Note products
- Advice on policy construction
- Year-end market values for Floating Rate Note products held by Council.

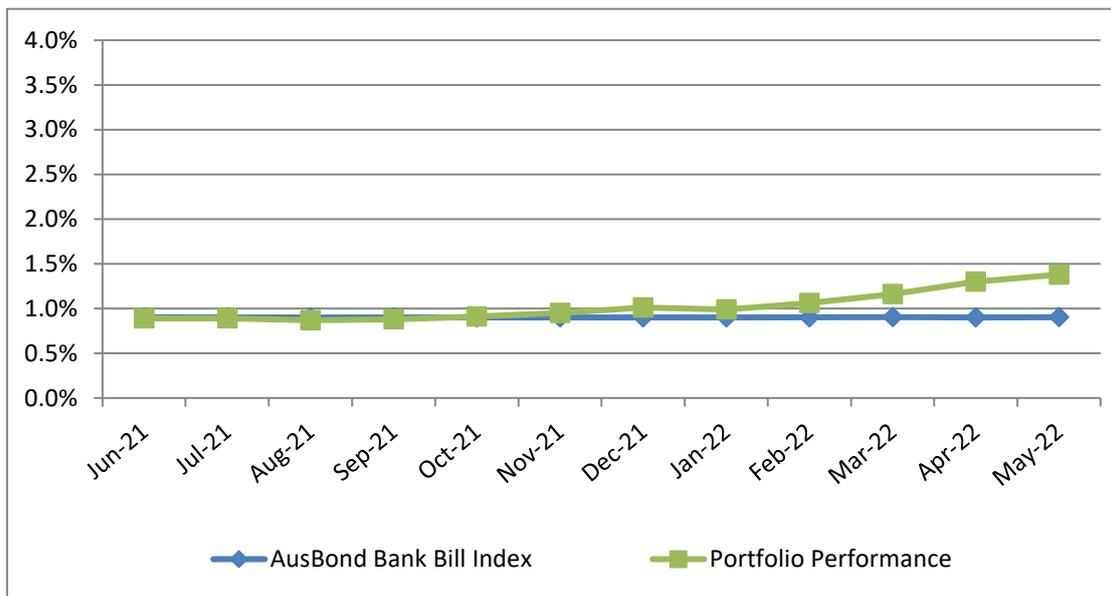
#### Portfolio Performance

Council's current Long Term Financial Plan establishes the benchmark for Council's interest on investments at "75 basis points above the current cash rate". The cash rate as of 31 May 2022 has increased at 0.35 per cent. The weighted average interest rate of Council's investment portfolio at the same reporting date was 1.38 per cent which continues to exceed Council's benchmark i.e., the cash rate of 0.35 per cent plus 0.75 per cent (or 111 basis points).

5.3 Statement of Investments - May 2022



Council has also utilised the AusBond Bank Bill Index to provide a further benchmark focused on long term investments. As of 31 May 2022, the AusBond rate was 0.90 per cent. The weighted average interest rate of Council’s investment portfolio at the same reporting date was 1.38 per cent.



Council’s Investment Policy establishes limits in relation to the maturity terms of Council’s investments as well as the credit ratings of the institutions with whom Council can invest.

The following tables provide a dissection of Council’s investment portfolio as required by the Policy. The Policy identifies the maximum amount that can be held in a variety of investment products or with institutions based on their respective credit ratings.

Table 1 shows the percentage held by Council (holdings) and the additional amount that Council could hold (capacity) for each term to maturity allocation in accordance with limits established by Council’s Policy.

Table 1: Maturity – Term Limits

<b>Term to Maturity Allocation</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Holding</b>	<b>Remaining Capacity</b>
0 - 3 Months	100.00%	11.92%	88.08%
3 - 12 Months	100.00%	35.19%	64.81%
1 - 2 Years	70.00%	15.03%	54.97%
2 - 5 Years	50.00%	37.86%	12.14%
>5 Years	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%

Table 2 shows the total amount held, and the weighted average interest rate (or return on investment), by credit rating. The credit rating is an independent opinion of the capability and willingness of a financial institution to repay its debts, or in other words, the providers' financial strength or creditworthiness. The rating is typically calculated as the likelihood of a failure occurring over a given period, with the higher rating (AAA) being superior due to having a lower chance of default. However, it is generally accepted that this lower risk will be accompanied by a lower return on investment.

The level of money held in the bank accounts has been added to the table to illustrate the ability of Council to cover the operational liabilities that typically occur (for example payroll, materials and contracts, utilities).

Table 2: Credit Rating Limits

<b>Credit Rating</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Holding</b>	<b>Remaining Capacity</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Return on Investment</b>
Bank Accounts	100.00%	10.23%	89.77%	\$21,226,717.37	0.10%
AAA	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	N/A	N/A
AA	100.00%	58.03%	41.97%	\$120,437,732.00	1.40%
A	60.00%	11.96%	48.04%	\$24,825,303.56	1.73%
BBB & NR	40.00%	19.78%	20.22%	\$41,062,510.92	1.14%
Below BBB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	N/A	N/A

#### Certification by Responsible Accounting Officer

I, Patrick McDonald, hereby certify that all investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.



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**5.4 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING - SMALL DONATIONS & GRANTS PROGRAM**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1047

AUTHOR: Kristina Gottschall-Finkel, Grants Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to provide Council with information so that they can consider two applications for funding in Council's Small Donations & Grants Program (Round 4): Glenroi Heights Public School's Swimming Project and Regional Development Australia Central West's Ten-for-Ten Leadership program.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "15.2 Collaborate - Support community organisations and groups to deliver services and programs".

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The budget for General Donations within the Small Donations & Grants Program for 2021/2022 is \$60,000.00. \$46,345.45 has been expended to date, so these grants are within the program allocation.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Refer to Council's Donations and Grants Policy - ST029.

This policy is in accordance with these sections in the Local Government Act 1993:

1 section 356 (financial assistance)

2 section 377 (delegated authority)

And in accordance with this section in the Local Government Regulation 2005:

3 section 207 (record of donations for auditing purposes)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council Approve:**

- 1 \$2, 500 in funding for Glenroi Heights Public School's Swimming Program to provide the school with a pool of swimwear and towels that students can borrow as needed.**
- 2 \$1, 500 (plus GST) in funding for Regional Development Australia Central West's Ten-for-Ten Leadership program to cover some of the costs of the program.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Consideration has been given to the recommendation's impact on Council's service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

1. Glenroi Heights Public School's application for funding is for \$2, 500 for their Swimming Program to provide the school with a pool of swimwear and towels that students can borrow as needed.

Over the last two years, due to Covid, Glenroi Heights Public School's students have not participated in their Swim School program (10 days over 2 weeks) and therefore have very limited swimming abilities. Out of the 110 students recently assessed, only 10 have participated in swimming lessons (less than 10%) and all students are swimming below a level 3. This means students cannot meet the benchmark for 12 years of age, and over half of students attending cannot meet the benchmarks for 6-year-olds. Additionally, 50% of the school's students identify as Aboriginal, and statistics show that Aboriginal people are 2.9 times more likely to drown than non-Aboriginal people.

As a result, the school has urgently sort to engage their students in swim lessons, partnering with the Orange Aquatic Centre to support them. Students are supported by trained swim teachers (trained school staff and aquatic centre staff), as well as some other teachers and School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) who are upskilled to teach Level One students. Students in Years 3 to 6 have been participating so far in 2022, and Year 2 students will participate in Term 4. Currently, classes occur weekly in class time. The program is running in Terms 2, 3 & 4 for 2022, and it is anticipated that it will run over all terms in 2023.

The Orange Aquatic Centre support the school's program with staffing, timetabling, goggle hire and training teaching staff. Newcrest Cadia have contributed \$10, 000 to the program, which will be used to subsidise the bus transport to and from the pool in 2022-23. It costs \$3.50 per child per entry to the aquatic centre and for those children who cannot afford the fee, the school covers this.

Some children come from families who cannot afford swimmers and towels, or they forget to bring them on the required days. The school would like to start a clothing-pool of swimwear and towels that students can borrow as needed, and this is what this request for funding would cover (see attached application form).

2. Regional Development Australia Central West's request for \$1, 500 (plus GST) is to cover some of the costs of their Ten-for-Ten Leadership program.

Regional Development Australia Central West (RDA) is a not-for-profit organisation aiming to maximise economic development opportunities across the NSW Central West region.

The Ten4Ten Leadership Dialogue Program connects ten selected Year 11 students with ten local community leaders for a unique mentoring experience. The Central West is home to a high calibre of leaders, and mentoring plays a significant role in fostering the next generation of young leaders in our community. Since its inception in 2020, the TEN4TEN Leadership Dialogue has 'forged new partnerships, opened doors, and provided insight into the countless opportunities available in the Central West' <https://rdacentralwest.org.au/projects/ten4ten-2022/>.

**5.4 Applications for Funding - Small Donations & Grants Program**

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Successful applicants will have the opportunity to take part in the following:

1. Attend the program launch and dinner in early April and participate in the speed networking activity with all mentors
2. Afternoon tea at Orange City Council Chambers
3. Visit the Parliament of NSW in Sydney
4. Visit the Parliament of Australia in Canberra
5. Attend the end of program breakfast and presentation in November; and
6. Take part in additional events throughout the program.

RDA is also requesting the same amount from each of the Blayney and Cabonne Councils. Seven of the 11 students in this year's program are from Orange (see attached application form).

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Application for Funding - Glenroi Heights PS - Swimming program, D22/33149 [↓](#)
- 2 Application for Funding - RDA Central West - Ten-for-Ten, D22/33150 [↓](#)



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**SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM**

General donations

**APPLICANT'S DETAILS**

Name of organisation: Glenroi Heights Public School

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address 40-62 Maxwell Ave

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the legal status of your organisation? (eg Incorporated, Association, etc.)  
**If not-for-profit please attach evidence - such as charter/constitution showing no personal gain will be available to members, charitable status advice or a statutory declaration**

GovernmentSchool

Please select:  Profit or  Not-for-Profit

If not-for-profit:  **Constitution, tax ruling or other document confirming not-for-profit status is attached**

Is your group/organisation registered for GST?  Yes  No

If applicable, please provide: ABN: \_\_\_\_\_ ACN: \_\_\_\_\_

**BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT**

BSB No: \_\_\_\_\_ Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR ORGANISATION**

Please describe your organisation and its purpose

School vision statement

At Glenroi Heights Public School we provide a supportive learning environment where all students feel a sense of success and belonging. We foster individual growth and inclusivity where students take pride in their learning and their school. Glenroi Heights Public School fosters a collaborative and respectful setting where all staff constantly strive to improve their practice to support our students and each other. Community connectedness is an important part of our school culture and we seek the voice of students, parents, community partners and our local AECG to ensure we are working together to create positive future stories for our students.

School context

Glenroi Heights Public School is situated in the city of Orange, New South Wales on the land of the Wiradjuri. The school provides a dynamic, focused curriculum to meet the diverse needs of our students. The school population fluctuates between 220 and 250 students, 50% identify as Aboriginal. We have nine mainstream classes and five classes to support students with special needs. We work hard to provide an integrated setting for all students and we promote quality teaching and learning across all key learning areas. The school culture is built on the values of Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation and Safety.

**REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Please describe your project, equipment purchase, community service, community event (including the date of the event) or other eligible category listed in the ST029 Donations and Grants Policy

Glenroi Heights Public School is dedicated to educating the whole student. We believe educational experiences transcend outside of the classroom environment and are committed to supporting our students to be lifelong learners, productive members of society and have the skills to be confident and capable adults. Over the last 2 years, due to Covid, our students have not participated in Swim School (10days over 2 weeks) program and therefore have very limited swimming abilities. Out of the 110 students attending, only 10 have participated in swimming lessons (less than 10%) and all students are swimming below a level 3. This means students cannot meet the benchmark for 12years of age, and over half of students attending cannot meet the benchmarks for 6-year-olds.

The Who: We have engaged with Orange Aquatic Centre to support our students. Students are supported by trainer swim teachers, both on our own staff and within the aquatic centre, as well as teachers and SLSOs who are upskilled to teach Level One students. Students in years 3 to 6 are participating, with the addition of year 2 students in Term 4. 110 students have opportunity to access this program at GHPS.

Weekly, Mondays 1-2pm, in-class time to support our community. Terms 2, 3 & 4 for 2022 and all Terms for 2023. Possibly 2 alternative Terms moving past there.

The Why

- Most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander drowning deaths also occurred locally to where people lived (86%), often in the same postcode.
- Aboriginal children are 2.9 times more likely than non-Aboriginal children to drown
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have been reported to have lower levels of swimming and water safety skills compared with non-Aboriginal children and are less likely to achieve the ' benchmark ' skills outlined in the National Swimming and Water Safety Framework.

Support so far

- Orange Aquatic Centre have supported with staffing, timetabling, goggle hire and training of teaching staff
- Cadia – \$10 000 to be used to subsidise the bus transport to and from the pool for 2022/23, bringing the cost down to \$20 per student, per term.
- Schools' sports unit – program allocation and payment of Orange Aquatic Centre staff

**YOUR COSTS, COST OF PROJECT OR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT OR COMMUNITY EVENT (OR ELIGIBLE CATEGORY) AND YOUR CONTRIBUTION**

Please attach evidence of your costs. For purchase equipment, please attach three quotations.

Your costs	\$ 2500
Your contribution	\$ 20000
Your voluntary contribution	\$
Amount required from Council (eligible amounts are listed in the ST029 Donations and Grants Policy)	\$ 2500

**DONATION CATEGORY**

Which category are you applying under?

- Projects or Equipment Purchase or Providing a Community Service
- Community Events (not being Event Sponsorship)
- Non-sport Individuals or Teams Representing Orange at a National Event or at an Overseas Event
- Prize Giving (Central Women's Association (CWA) or Orange Eisteddfod)
- Grand Finals, Carnivals/Championships and Invitationals

**ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN**

Which Theme/s is your project, purchase equipment community event (or other eligible category) under?

- LIVE - A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community**  
This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging. This can be achieved by maintaining a safe, caring and connected community, with active community participation supported by enhanced cultural and recreational facilities and services that cater for all of our residents. The beautiful parks, gardens and natural assets of our City are amongst our most cherished assets and contribute to making Orange a desirable place to live, work and play.
- PRESERVE - Balancing the natural and built environment**  
This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and development. The community was strong in its desire to be more sustainable by promoting renewable energy, reducing waste and protecting our natural resources. There is also an expectation for infrastructure to support a growing City, with roads, footpaths, parking and a vibrant CBD seen as priorities.
- PROSPER - A smart, innovate and resilient economy**  
This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study. It includes strengthening and diversifying our economy by targeting new and innovative industries, as well as fostering our existing strengths such as medical services, mining, local food and wine production and tourism. Orange residents are keen to see more engagement between Council, local business and industry and the education providers.
- COLLABORATE - Leadership and partnership**  
This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making. Developing future leaders and supporting community groups to deliver services and programs were identified as priorities during the consultation. The community is looking to Council to provide leadership, guidance and responsive governance.

**LOCAL BUSINESS USE**

Will you be supporting local businesses? Please list any local business that you will be using and the level of expenditure.

Business	Expenditure
Orange Aquatic Centre	\$ 3.50/child per entry (paid by child or school)
Cook Buses (standard fee)	\$ 360/week
Decathlon/K-Mart/BIG W (see quotes)	\$ 2500 (approx)(see quotes)
	\$
	\$
	\$

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**DECLARATION**

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On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)

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I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.

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Signed

Date 1.6.22

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Print name

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Position in organisation

The information you provide will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information by you is voluntary. If you cannot provide or do not wish to provide the information sought, your application may be unable to be processed. Any personal information collected from you will be in order to process your application.

## Glenroi Heights Public School Swimming Program Years 3-6

**QUOTE ONE**

**Decathlon** - \$10 rash shirts, \$10 boardshorts, towels \$20

Size	Quantity	Total
8	10	200
10	10	200
12	10	200
XS	8	240 (additional \$10 for adult shorts)
Ladies S	8	240 (additional \$10 for adult shorts)
Ladies M	8	240 (additional \$10 for adult shorts)
Men's S	8	240 (additional \$10 for adult shorts)
Total		\$1560 for swimmers

40 x towels - \$800

Looking for an investment of \$2,360 to support the program

**QUOTE TWO**

**BIG W**

**Rash shirt kids – \$12 Rash shirt ladies - \$20 Rash shirt men – \$20 Board shorts kids – \$12 Boardshorts ladies – \$20 Boardshorts men - \$15**

Size	Quantity	Total
8	10	240
10	10	240
12	10	240
XS	8	320
Ladies S	8	320
Ladies M	8	320
Men's S	8	280
Total		1,960

40 x Towels – 800, total = 2,760

**QUOTE THREE****KMART**

Rash shirt kids – \$15 Rash shirt ladies - \$18 Rash shirt men – \$25 Board shorts kids – \$10 Boardshorts ladies – \$10 Boardshorts men - \$20

Size	Quantity	Total
8	10	250
10	10	250
12	10	250
XS	8	224
Ladies S	8	224
Ladies M	8	224
Men's S	8	360
Total		1,782

40 x towels = 440, total: 2,222



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**SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM**

General donations

**APPLICANT'S DETAILS**

Name of organisation: Regional Development Australia Central West

Contact name: [Redacted]

Position: [Redacted]

Postal address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted] Mobile: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

What is the legal status of your organisation? (eg Incorporated, Association, etc.)  
**If not-for-profit please attach evidence - such as charter/constitution showing no personal gain will be available to members, charitable status advice or a statutory declaration**

Please select:  Profit or  Not-for-Profit

If not-for-profit:  Constitution, tax ruling or other document confirming not-for-profit status is attached

Is your group/organisation registered for GST?  Yes  No

If applicable, please provide: ABN: 55418618640 ACN: [Redacted]

**BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT**

BSB No: [Redacted] Account No: [Redacted]

Account Name: [Redacted]

Bank: [Redacted]

**YOUR ORGANISATION**

Please describe your organisation and its purpose

Regional Development Australia Central West is a not-for-profit organisation aiming to maximise economic development opportunities across the NSW Central West region. We partner with governments, local communities and other stakeholders to develop initiatives that enable the Central West region to grow sustainably and realise the region’s vision and economic potential.

<https://rdacentralwest.org.au/about-us/>

**REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Please describe your project, equipment purchase, community service, community event (including the date of the event) or other eligible category listed in the ST029 Donations and Grants Policy

The Ten4Ten Leadership Dialogue connects ten selected Year 11 students with ten local community leaders for a unique mentoring experience. The Central West is home to a high calibre of leaders, and mentoring plays a significant role in fostering the next generation of young leaders in our community. Since its inception in 2020, the TEN4TEN Leadership Dialogue has forged new partnerships, opened doors, and provided insight into the countless opportunities available in the Central West.

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to take part in the following:

1. Attend the program launch and dinner in early April and participate in the speed networking activity with all mentors;
2. Afternoon tea at Orange City Council Chambers
3. Visit the Parliament of NSW in Sydney
4. Visit the Parliament of Australia in Canberra
5. Attend the end of program breakfast and presentation in November; and
6. Take part in additional events throughout the program.

<https://rdacentralwest.org.au/projects/ten4ten-2022/>

Regional Development Australia is seeking \$1500 + GST from Orange City Council to cover costs associated with the program in 2022.

**YOUR COSTS, COST OF PROJECT OR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT OR COMMUNITY EVENT (OR ELIGIBLE CATEGORY) AND YOUR CONTRIBUTION**

Please attach evidence of your costs. For purchase equipment, please attach three quotations.

Your costs	\$ 8000 + GST
Your contribution	\$ 3500 + GST
Your voluntary contribution	\$
Amount required from Council (eligible amounts are listed in the ST029 Donations and Grants Policy)	\$ 1500 + GST <b>(\$1650.00)</b>

**DONATION CATEGORY**

Which category are you applying under?

- Projects or Equipment Purchase or Providing a Community Service
- Community Events (not being Event Sponsorship)
- Non-sport Individuals or Teams Representing Orange at a National Event or at an Overseas Event
- Prize Giving (Central Women's Association (CWA) or Orange Eisteddfod)
- Grand Finals, Carnivals/Championships and Invitationals

**ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN**

Which Theme/s is your project, purchase equipment community event (or other eligible category) under?

- LIVE - A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community**  
This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging. This can be achieved by maintaining a safe, caring and connected community, with active community participation supported by enhanced cultural and recreational facilities and services that cater for all of our residents. The beautiful parks, gardens and natural assets of our City are amongst our most cherished assets and contribute to making Orange a desirable place to live, work and play.
- PRESERVE - Balancing the natural and built environment**  
This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and development. The community was strong in its desire to be more sustainable by promoting renewable energy, reducing waste and protecting our natural resources. There is also an expectation for infrastructure to support a growing City, with roads, footpaths, parking and a vibrant CBD seen as priorities.
- PROSPER - A smart, innovate and resilient economy**  
This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study. It includes strengthening and diversifying our economy by targeting new and innovative industries, as well as fostering our existing strengths such as medical services, mining, local food and wine production and tourism. Orange residents are keen to see more engagement between Council, local business and industry and the education providers.
- COLLABORATE - Leadership and partnership**  
This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making. Developing future leaders and supporting community groups to deliver services and programs were identified as priorities during the consultation. The community is looking to Council to provide leadership, guidance and responsive governance.

**LOCAL BUSINESS USE**

Will you be supporting local businesses? Please list any local business that you will be using and the level of expenditure.

Business	Expenditure
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

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**DECLARATION**

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On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)

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I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.

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Signed  in Date 30/05/2022  
Date: 2022.05.30 16:14:43 +1000

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Print name

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Position in organisation

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The information you provide will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information by you is voluntary. If you cannot provide or do not wish to provide the information sought, your application may be unable to be processed. Any personal information collected from you will be in order to process your application.



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**5.5 DRAFT ORANGE REGION DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022 - 2026**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2022/963

AUTHOR: Tig Armstrong, Manager Economic Development

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Orange City Council engaged Urban Enterprise to develop the 2022–2026 Orange Region Destination Management Plan (DMP) for the Blayney, Cabonne and Orange LGAs. Orange City Council has worked collaboratively with Blayney and Cabonne Councils and engaged actively with the tourism industry and key stakeholders to develop this Plan.

It is recommended that the draft Orange Region Destination Management Plan (attached) is endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. This is subject to all three Councils endorsing the draft DMP and place it on public exhibition.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “11.1 Prosper - Capitalise on the character and lifestyle of Orange to remain a destination of choice”.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The delivery of activities described in the DMP may have financial implications in the future, but these will be determined by other mechanisms, e.g., the adoption of the Community Strategic Plan and associated budget.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

As the DMP is a shared document with Blayney Shire Council and Cabonne Council, implementation of the DMP will rely on all three councils. However, specific actions within the Plan will be as per individual Council resolutions and/or individual Delivery Programs/Operational Plans, and thus not binding on partnering Councils.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolves to:**

- 1 Endorse the draft Orange Region Destination Management Plan.**
- 2 Place the draft Orange Region Destination Management Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, commencing Wednesday, 29 June 2022.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Consideration has been given to the recommendation’s impact on Council’s service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Orange City Council, has engaged Urban Enterprise to prepare a Destination Management Plan (DMP) for the Orange Region, comprising of the Orange, Blayney, and Cabonne Local Government Areas (LGAs).

In preparing the draft DMP Urban Enterprises have conducted:

- background document reviews
- community and business surveys
- an analysis of historical and recent visitor data
- assessments of tourism infrastructure and products
- workshops with industry and Council stakeholders
- a gap analysis
- an events analysis, and
- one-on-one interviews.

The purposed of the DMP is to provide a guide to the long-term growth and sustainability of the visitor economy, and a unified vision and prioritised goals for the Orange Region, with an evidenced business case for investment in the region's visitor economy.

The proposed Public Exhibition Period will align with Orange City, Blayney and Cabonne Council meetings. Feedback will be sought from and collated from all three Councils. This feedback will inform the final DMP, which will come back to Council for endorsement.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 DRAFT Orange Region Destination Management Plan, D22/35580 (Under Separate Cover)⇒

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**5.6 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING AND COMPLETED RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL INCLUDING QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE, MATTERS ARISING AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2022/850

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A list of updates on outstanding resolutions, questions taken on notice, matters arising and notices of motion is provided together for the information of Council. Only matters requiring action to be taken are noted in this report, including outstanding items from the previous Council term. A report is also provided to Council on those Actions completed since the report was last provided to Council at the end of the previous Council term. After items are reported in the Completed Actions Report, items are removed from this listing, however, are available for administrative purposes.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “17.1 Collaborate - Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance”.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information provided in the report by the Manager Corporate Governance on Outstanding and Completed Resolutions, Questions Taken on Notice, Matters Arising and Notices of Motion be acknowledged.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Consideration has been given to the recommendation’s impact on Council’s service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Attached is a listing of tasks requiring action or follow up by Council staff. This list identifies progress on decisions of Council, including Notices of Motion, Questions Taken on Notice and Matters Arising. Upon completion, items will be noted as such and removed after production to Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Outstanding Resolutions as at 14 June 2022, [D22/34900](#)
- 2 Completed Resolutions as at 14 June 2022, [D22/34904](#)

5.6 Update on Outstanding and Completed Resolutions of Council including Questions Taken on Notice, Matters Arising and Notices of Motion

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## OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken
Council 2/02/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/028</b> <b>Cr S Nugent/Cr R Kidd</b> 1 That Council investigate options for additional promotion of the Botanic Gardens and Adventure Playground precinct as a premier rest stop for travellers on the Northern Distributor. 2 That Council prepare a report on options for the triangular block of land to the west of the new Hill Street extension including the possibility of further tree plantings with the aim of enhancing and complementing the Botanic Gardens and Adventure Playground precinct.	To be finalised.
Council 2/03/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/063</b> <b>Cr J Whitton/Cr R Kidd</b> That Council; 1 Create community awareness location maps of existing Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). 2 Investigate a location app for AEDs. 3 Arrange community promotion to have businesses and other groups locate AED in their business or facilities for community access. 4 Investigate funding opportunities to assist in placing AEDs in strategic locations where there are zero AEDs nearby / community high use location in the accessible areas.	Investigations to be conducted on location map for AED's in Community, AED devices installed at Riawena, Sir Jack Brabham and Waratah's Sports Club thanks to successful partial grant award in 2021.
Infrastructure Policy Committee 4/05/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/130</b> <b>Cr R Kidd/Cr K Duffy</b> That staff review the need for traffic lights on Bathurst Road between the Wellness Centre on Allenby Road and Glenroi Avenue intersections and the need for the existing traffic lights in front of Kinross Wolaroi School.	Investigation underway.
Services Policy Committee 1/06/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/170</b> <b>Cr R Kidd/Cr J Hamling</b> 1 That Council develop plans and obtain detailed cost estimates for the establishment of a Native regeneration zone and walking / cycling trails on the eastern portion of the Lot 101 DP 1224248 as identified in 2019 Concept Masterplan; 2 Council make application for participation in the Emissions Reduction Fund; 3 A report on the outcome be provided to Council.	Investigation and options being developed for report to Council.

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Council 15/06/2021	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> Cr Munro asked that staff investigate options to secure the storm water drain in Matthews Park to make it safer for visitors to the park.	<b>Cr S Munro</b>	On design register for design, costing and then budget allocation – due 29 June 2022	
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 3/08/2021	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> Cr Mileto requested that signage be placed at Gosling Creek to identify Leash Free areas and Dog Free areas including explanations of why the areas are marked as such.	<b>Cr T Mileto</b>	To be finalised.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 3/08/2021	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> Cr Kidd asked that street lights be considered for the Cargo Road and Borrodell Drive as the intersection is very dark at night and not easily seen.	<b>Cr R Kidd</b>	Matter to be investigated.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 3/08/2021	<b>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</b> Cr Hamling asked why the funding for the intersection at Lake Canobolas had lapsed.	<b>Cr J Hamling</b>	Matter to be investigated.	
Council 17/08/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/280</b> That Council resolves: 1 That Orange City Council consult with appropriate organisations to investigate the commissioning and installation of a bronze statue as a tribute to families who have lost family members in the service of their Country. 2 That a report on findings be brought back to Council.	<b>Cr G Taylor/Cr J Whitton</b>	Information being sought.	
Council 5/10/2021	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> That a report be brought to Council detailing water usage data/statistics on usage around this time of year in comparison to previous years.	<b>Cr T Mileto</b>	Report to be finalised and presented to Council.	

## OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council 19/10/2021	<p><b>RESOLVED - 21/393</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr S Munro/Cr R Turner</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 To acquire an easement for water and sewer over Lot 22 DP756899 for construction of the Lake Canobolas to Orange Water and Sewer Pipeline in accordance with the details and recommendation outlined in this report.</li> <li>2 To delegate to the Chief Executive Office such authority as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this resolution, including without limitation, the affixing of the seal of the Council on any document if required.</li> </ol>	Finalising terms of the Agreement for Acquisition of the Easement and Construction Access Licence.	
Council 19/10/2021	<p><b>RESOLVED - 21/380</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr S Romano/Cr K Duffy</b></span></p> <p>That staff investigate the stocking of stormwater harvesting wetlands with appropriate fish species including trout, silver perch and golden perch in line with NSW regulations.</p>	Investigations continue into the possibilities, licencing and the like for stocking. There are some technical issues to work through.	
Planning and Development Committee 2/11/2021	<p><b>RESOLVED - 21/402</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr J Hamling/Cr S Nugent</b></span></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That Council advise the proponent of the need for the Planning Proposal to retain the Urban Release Area designation pending preparation and adoption of the following documents that must address the matters raised in this report to the satisfaction of Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A site specific Development Control Plan incorporating the matters in the attached Rosedale Gardens DCP scope of works required document, and</li> <li>• A site specific Development Contributions Plan or inclusion within a review of the LGA wide contributions plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>2 That staff forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment requesting a Gateway Determination, with the recommendation that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Planning Proposal be required to retain the current Urban Release Area designation,</li> <li>• The steepest portions of the site, being areas with a slope exceeding 20%, be added to Schedule 5 of SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) to reduce the risk of landslip potential arising from inappropriate development, and</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Agency consultation period complete - applicant working through feedback prior to seeking DPE approval to proceed to public exhibition	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council requests any Gateway Determination confirm the preferred mechanism for capping the site at 700 residential lots (excluding any lots created for non-residential purposes, such as open space dedications and the like).</li> <li>• Should the Gateway seek substantive changes to the proposal that Council be provided the opportunity to further review and consider such changes before proceeding further.</li> </ul> <p>3 That upon receipt of a Gateway Determination staff proceed with any relevant conditions, consultations and exhibitions required before reporting the matter back to Council.</p>		
Council 2/11/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/396</b> Mayoral Minute – Interactive Mural Eastern Wall of Civic Centre.	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr J Hamling</b>	Gallery Director to prepare report.
Council 16/11/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/446</b> That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged. That the matter of referendum on number of Orange City Councillors be put to the new council for consideration.	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr T Mileto</b>	Report to be provided to Councillors during current Council term.
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 3/03/2022	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> That Council write to the Deputy Premier and Local and State Members expressing Council's dissatisfaction with this proposed benchmarking of domestic waste management charges.	<b>Cr K Duffy</b>	To be finalised.
Council 15/03/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/076</b> That Council: 3) approves the reallocation of previously donated funds for the Orange Regional Malayalee Association	<b>Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard</b>	Funding reallocated and will be paid once invoice is received for future event.
Council 15/03/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/069</b> That Council: b) Approves \$1,000 in sponsorship to the City of Orange Veterans Week of Golf Tournament	<b>Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard</b>	Sponsorship approved, awaiting invoice to arrange payment once received.

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Council 15/03/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/054</b> That: 1. Council supports the national funding priorities of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), which would contribute an estimated \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's GDP and create 43,444 jobs; and 2. Council agrees to support and participate in the Australian Local Government Association's advocacy for their endorsed national funding priorities by writing to the local Federal Member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in local Federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association to: a. express support for ALGA's funding priorities; b. identify priority local projects and programs that could be progressed with the additional financial assistance from the Federal Government being sought by ALGA; and c. seek funding commitments from the members, candidates and their parties for these identified local projects and programs.	<b>Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson</b>	Letter to be written.
Council 5/04/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/091</b> That Council formulate a Working Party and a strategic plan to promote and position Orange and the Central West as a strategic sovereign partner with the Australian Defence Forces.	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto</b>	Progressing formation of working party. Briefing by Australian Defence Forces attended by Manager Economic Development.
Council 19/04/2022	<b>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</b> Cr Peterson requested that information be provided to understand the process behind how the benchmarking of Council fees is undertaken and possible pressure on increases to rates.	<b>Cr S Peterson</b>	Report to be prepared.
Council 19/04/2022	<b>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</b> Cr Peterson requested information to be provided as to Council care services for the Community and whether this is something profit making, cost neutral or out of pocket for Council and in competition with other care service providers.	<b>Cr S Peterson</b>	Report to be prepared.
Council 19/04/2022	<b>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</b> Cr Greenhalgh requested a report be provided to Council on the current status of Grant Funding including what is currently being applied for and what funding works is underway.	<b>Cr T Greenhalgh</b>	Report is being drafted.

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Council 19/04/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/114</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr G Floyd/Cr J Hamling</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 To engage willing NRL clubs with the prospect of initiating a long-term association with the City of Orange.</li> <li>2 To seek to formalise such a relationship for the purposes of maximising the potential of the future Orange Sports Precinct in attracting high profile sporting fixtures, benefiting tourist visitation, spend and local entertainment.</li> <li>3 To include in any such arrangement that any NRL club affiliated with the City of Orange provide coaching clinics and sports development opportunities for local schools and sporting organisations, and player meet-and-greet opportunities.</li> <li>4 To consider in the selection of any prospective NRL club affiliation, the club's relationship to Orange, local fan-base and the club's proximity to Orange.</li> <li>5 To report to the Chamber on the progress of this endeavour, all meetings and aspects of negotiations undertaken, and time frames relating to any proposal or agreement.</li> <li>6 That staff conduct similar discussions with all sporting codes.</li> </ol>	To be finalised.
Council 19/04/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/125</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Gain consent from the daughters of the late Glenn Taylor to the renaming of the Northern Distributor Road (NDR) to Glenn Taylor Way; and</li> <li>2 Seek comment for a 28 day period to rename the NDR to Glenn Taylor Way as per Clause 7 of the Road Regulations 2018.</li> </ol>	Proposal placed on public exhibition with last day for comment being 19 May 2022, a report will be returned to Council.
Council 19/04/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/127</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That subject to agreement on contractual clauses and in accordance with the proposal outlined within the body of this report that Council accept the offer by the MAAS Group for The Construction of the Southern Feeder Road Stage 4 and Shiralee Collector Road Stage 5 – F3718.</li> <li>2 That the common seal of Council be approved for use on documents associated with this contract.</li> <li>3 That Council continue its application under the Regional Housing Fund Grant to pursue the required funding to complete the Shiralee Road Stage 5 construction.</li> </ol>	Progressing as per Council's resolution.

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	<p>4 That subject to grant funding not becoming available Council fund the Shiralee Road Stage 5 shortfall through internal reserves as detailed in recommendation 5 below.</p> <p>5 That Council authorise the use of internal reserves up to an amount of \$7m (to be repaid from developer contributions and general fund over 10 years) to cover section 7.11 contributions not yet realised and possible shortfall grant funding.</p>		
Council 3/05/2022	<p><b>MATTER ARISING</b></p> <p>Cr Mileto requested that Councillors be provided with the report that was put to Council on the future options of the Function Centre.</p>	<b>Cr T Mileto</b>	Report to be drafted.
Council 3/05/2022	<p><b>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</b></p> <p>Cr Kinghorne asked that Councillors be advised how much will be saved by Council when Smart meters are installed.</p>	<b>Cr F Kinghorne</b>	Question being reviewed and report to be prepared.
Finance Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/134</b></p> <p>That Council resolves to endorse the use of the previously approved funding for the March 2022 event for the forthcoming 'Live At Yours Orange 2022' event on 7 May 2022 at the Wesley Uniting Church, Bach to Bolling.</p>	<b>Cr D Mallard/Cr J Evans</b>	Progressing as per Council's resolution.
Infrastructure Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<p><b>MATTER ARISING</b></p> <p>Cr Duffy requested that the following issues are addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Maramba Road – Long grass requires mowing.</li> <li>2 A cover for taxi stand on Moulder street (near the 41 units).</li> <li>3 Wentworth Lane, near Wishharts, needs somewhere for a bus to pull over and drop passengers.</li> </ol>	<b>Cr K Duffy</b>	CRM entered 06/05/22 ref #271480 for the long grass to be addressed. (19/05/22 road name updated on request ticket to Maramba Place).
Council 3/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/139</b></p> <p>That Council seek community suggestions for names of prominent historical people with strong links to Orange whose names could be considered for the names of new roads and streets.</p>	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy</b>	Communications team working on how to best distribute and gather Community input via exhibition.
Council 3/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/138</b></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That Council's website and social media keep a publicly available updated diary of community committee meeting dates, times and locations.</li> <li>2 That periodically information is sent out via social media to encourage community attendance.</li> </ol>	<b>Cr S Peterson/Cr K Duffy</b>	Updating current website page to communicate Community Committee meeting dates, times and locations. Incorporated into communications calendar to publicise on social media.

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Council 3/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/140</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr K Duffy</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 To engage with the Orange Community through online and face to face consultations on the future use of the Orange Function Centre.</li> <li>2 That after community feedback is received from consultation, Council draft a Master Plan for the Orange Function Centre to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.</li> <li>3 That Council be updated on the history of notable works and upgrades of the Orange Function Centre to date.</li> <li>4 That Council be provided with information about any proposed upgrades and costings.</li> </ol>	Progressing as per Council's resolution.	
Council 3/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/146</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr K Duffy/Cr T Mileto</b></span></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That Council accepts the tender from Skilltech Consulting Services Pty Ltd to provide water meter reading services for a period of three years at the rate of \$2.57 per meter in residential and commercial locations and \$4.87 per meter in rural, village and industrial locations.</li> <li>2 That permission be granted to use the Council Seal on any relevant document if required.</li> </ol>	Progressing as per Council's resolution.	
Council 3/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/143</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That the report by the Chief Executive Officer be noted;</li> <li>2 That Council endorse the use of the Indoor Tennis Centre as a temporary indoor playground for Winter 2022, subject to final negotiations with the Club;</li> <li>3 That Council endorses the use of the Carl Sharpe Cricket Centre in the event that the Tennis Centre option is not acceptable to the Club.</li> </ol>	Resolution Noted.	
Council 17/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/156</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That the tender by Symal Infrastructure Pty Ltd in the Recommended Tender Amount of \$8,800,849.20 (including GST), be accepted for Contract No. 10048031 for Orange Sports Precinct Bulk Earthworks and Truck Stormwater Drainage; and</li> <li>2 That a provision is made for contingency of 10% of the contract value.</li> </ol>	Progressing as per Council's resolution.	

## OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council 17/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/157</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Note the extreme and unprecedented volatility of the electricity market currently being experienced</li> <li>2 Replace the previous resolution from Council's Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee report of 1 June 2021, resolution 21/160, part 3: That Council contribute a minimum of 50% of Council's electricity load to a renewable energy power purchase agreement where the pricing is lower than the existing contracted price; with That Council contribute a minimum of 50% of Council's electricity load to a renewable energy Power Purchase Agreement.</li> <li>3 Receive a report on completion of the procurement process.</li> </ol>	Finalising with joint organisation.	
Council 17/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/141</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr S Peterson/Cr J Evans</b></span></p> <p>That Council staff provide a report for Councillor's consideration into the feasibility and impacts of fishing in Suma Park Dam or other water sources (including Lake Canobolas and Gosling Creek), if a jetty was constructed.</p>	Report to be prepared for Council.	
Council 17/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/142</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr J Evans/Cr K Duffy</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Be provided with a report of the current usage of Racecourse Road by pedestrians and vehicles.</li> <li>2 Be provided with a report of past incidences and fatalities on Racecourse Road.</li> <li>3 Conduct an investigation for proposed safety measures for both pedestrians and vehicles to be implemented between Woodward Street and the junction of Pinnacle and Canobolas Roads.</li> </ol>	Report to be provided to Council.	

## COMPLETED ACTIONS REGISTER AS AT TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2022

Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken
Council 1/10/2019	<b>RESOLVED - 19/504</b> <b>Cr K Duffy/Cr S Munro</b> 1 That the report by the Manager of Corporate and Community Relations be acknowledged. 2 That Council continues to support the establishment of an asphalt plant in Orange when opportunities arise. 3 That discussion take place between the Chief Executive Officer, Director Technical Services, Cr R Kidd and Cr J Whitton.	1. Noted 2. Council to continue to support 3. Discussions to take place once interested organisation involved with Council.
Council 27/07/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/261</b> <b>Cr J Hamling/Cr K Duffy</b> That Council resolves: 1 To proceed with the sale and development of 103 Prince Street, Orange in accordance with the terms in this report. 2 That permission be granted to affix the Council Seal on any relevant documentation.	The matter is proceeding with negotiations around the planning agreement.
Employment and Economic Development Policy Committee 3/08/2021	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> <b>Cr R Kidd</b> Cr Kidd requested that Council Communications staff provide information to the community and businesses in relation to the NBN Co's Fibre to Premises in the city.	Information provided to EDC and to business community through website information and links.
Planning and Development Committee 7/09/2021	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> <b>Cr K Duffy</b> Cr Duffy requested a copy of the letter that Cr Kidd is writing to the Minister for Planning regarding DA 423/2019(2) – 643 Mitchell Highway be provided to Councillors.	No indication that Mayor at the time wrote to the Minister of Planning for this DA. No further action.
Planning and Development Committee 7/09/2021	<b>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</b> <b>Cr K Duffy</b> Councillor Duffy requested that future subdivision reports include detailing the advice to Council on the cost to Council of maintaining green open spaces acquired in new sub-divisions.	Assessment reports with open space provided have been including and will continue to include annual maintenance costs.

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Finance Policy Committee 7/09/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/308</b> Council resolves to place the following fees on exhibition for the information of the community for a period of 28 days.	<b>Cr S Nugent/Cr J Whitton</b>	New fees were adopted by Council 03/05/22.
Council 21/09/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/327</b> That a report be brought to Council on the feasibility and costing of installing solar lighting along the full length of Wirrabarra Walk.	<b>Cr J Hamling/Cr S Nugent</b>	Site investigation completed by Council Electricians. Report submitted to Council.
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 5/10/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/361</b> That Council provide a donation for the annual management and maintenance of Orange Waratahs Sporting Club sporting fields for \$104,668 for the 2021/22 financial year being the 2020/21 amount of \$100,855 indexed for the current year by annual inflation to 30 June 2021 of 3.8 per cent.	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr S Munro</b>	Resolution of Council enacted
Council 5/10/2021	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> That the figures for 103 Prince Street be confirmed to Councillors including Council's profit on this property.	<b>Cr K Duffy</b>	Details of sale reported to Council 5 April 2022.
Council 19/10/2021	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> That the Transport Road Network – Term in Review be altered accordingly and circulated to media outlets for publication to the community.	<b>Cr J Whitton</b>	Works delivered by Council regularly provided to media outlets and posted on OCC website.
Council 19/10/2021	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> That the Summary on Projects Activities be altered accordingly and circulated to media outlets for publication to the community.	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr R Kidd</b>	Report tabled at Council meeting 03/05/2022.
Council 19/10/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/378</b> That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged. Re: Sculpture Park.	<b>Cr R Kidd/Cr S Nugent</b>	Mayoral minute noted by council
Services Policy Committee 2/11/2021	<b>RESOLVED - 21/421</b> 1 That Council acknowledges the reports presented to the meeting held on 11 October 2021. 2 That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2021 be adopted.	<b>Cr J Hamling/Cr S Nugent</b>	Minutes noted and adopted.

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Finance Policy Committee 2/11/2021	<p><b>RESOLVED - 21/416</b> <b>Cr J Whitton/Cr S Nugent</b></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That the information provided in the report on the quarterly budget and performance indicators review for July 2021 to September 2021 be acknowledged.</li> <li>2 The bank reconciliation statement be acknowledged.</li> <li>3 To adopt unfavourable variations in the consolidated overall cost to council arising from the September 2021 quarterly review amounting to \$749,116.</li> </ol>	Noted.
Council 16/11/2021	<p><b>RESOLVED - 21/452</b> <b>Cr S Munro/Cr S Nugent</b></p> <p>That Council resolves funding for Round 2 (September 2021) Future City Assistance Fund as follows:</p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 To provide financial assistance of \$1,805.00 (ex-GST) from the Future City Assistance Fund to the Greek Community of Orange and District (Refurbishment of Façade – 46 McNamara Street, Orange).</li> <li>2 To provide financial assistance of \$5,000.00 (ex GST) from the Future City Assistance Fund to 2nd Orange Scout Club (Refurbishment of Façade – 94 Kite Street, Orange).</li> </ol>	Correspondence sent to successful businesses advising of outcome.
Council 15/02/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/033</b> <b>Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard</b></p> <p>That Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Approve the establishment of a new Line-Marking Services Panel under the Council's Purchasing Policy;</li> <li>2 Approve the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to enter into a standard contract with Avante Linemarking, Central West Linemarking, Complete Linemarking Services and Oz Linemarking for linemarking services as part of the Panel;</li> <li>3 Grant permission to the Chief Executive Officer or nominee to do such things as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this decision, including affixing the Council Seal to all relevant documents if required.</li> </ol>	Letter of acceptance sent, completed.

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<p>Infrastructure Policy Committee 3/03/2022</p>	<p><b>MATTER ARISING</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr J Whitton</b></span> That staff be congratulated on the works being done in Orange with new footpaths. Council has worked hard for a long time to get this work through, they are a big issue and good to see the work moving forward. A thank you to all staff involved.</p>	<p>Council's thanks were passed on to relevant staff involved in the construction of new footpaths</p>
<p>Finance Policy Committee 3/03/2022</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/040</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling</b></span>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council appoint Bill Gillooly and Robert Lagaida as the two independent members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee until September 2024 unless otherwise resolved by Council.</li> <li>2. That Council adopt the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Charter.</li> <li>3. That a formal induction on the Committee's purpose and responsibilities be arranged for Committee members.</li> <li>4. That Council note the proposed requirements of the new draft OLG Guidelines.</li> </ol> </p>	<p>Complete, first meeting held 5 May 2022.</p>
<p>Council 3/03/2022</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/042</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr J Hamling/Cr K Duffy</b></span> That funding for installation of a picket fence at the Spring Hill Recreation Ground be reallocated to installation of a picket fence at Riawena Oval.</p>	<p>Council resolved to reallocate the funding and the works have been completed.</p>
<p>Infrastructure Policy Committee 3/03/2022</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/037</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh</b></span>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its electronic meeting held on 18 February 2022.</li> <li>2 That Council determine recommendation 2.1 from the minutes of the electronic meeting of the City of Orange Traffic Committee meeting of 18 February 2022.                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 That Council approve the bus zone time changes, as per Figure 1 of this report, apart from Coronation Drive outside of Orange High School (as this is no longer a bus zone).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 18 February 2022 be adopted.</li> </ol> </p>	<p>Items actioned as necessary.</p>

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Council 15/03/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/072</b> That Council: (e) Approves \$5,500 in sponsorship to Housing Plus' White Tie Ball	<b>Cr D Mallard/Cr T Mileto</b>	Funding agreement approved and payment in processing.
Council 15/03/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/071</b> That Council: (d) Approves \$2,000 in sponsorship to 'Live at Yours'	<b>Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell</b>	Funding reallocation approved by Council 03/05/22. Contract completed and payment in process.
Council 15/03/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/075</b> That this item be deferred to the next Council meeting to allow more information to be circulated to Councillors prior to making a decision.	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr T Greenhalgh</b>	Report tabled at FPC 03/5/22 and resolution reached 22/131 to approve at CEO determination.
Council 15/03/2022	<b>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</b> That Director Corporate and Commercial Services investigate the lack of detail required around the Orange Regional Malayalee Association application to redirect previously granted funds to an Easter event.	<b>Cr T Mileto</b>	Detail provided.
Council 15/03/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/070</b> That Council: c) Does not approve \$1,276.50 in sponsorship to the Yu-Gi-Oh! WCQ Regional Qualifiers	<b>Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton</b>	Report tabled at council 17/05/22 with resolution to grant funding. Applicant advised 19/05/22.
Council 15/03/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/063</b> That Council resolves to support the request from Local Government NSW to reduce the Civic Theatre conference fee to \$1095 per day for three days.	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr M McDonell</b>	Request for fee reduction granted. Local Government NSW have been advised and their invoice for the upcoming Destination and Visitor Economy Conference will be adjusted accordingly.
Council 15/03/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/058</b> 1. That Council permit Funerals, including the presence of a coffin, to be conducted at the Orange Botanic Gardens within the Lawn Area of the Native Garden Display or within the Clover Hill Function Centre with appropriate signage in place; and	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr T Greenhalgh</b>	Report was tabled at Council post exhibition 03/05/22.

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	<p>2. That Council limits the days on which funerals can be held at the Orange Botanic Gardens to weekdays only and only one funeral per day; and</p> <p>3. That Council place this proposal on public exhibition for the information of the community for a period of 28 days including the detail of a hire fee for the conduct of funeral services at the Orange Botanic Gardens being \$300 excluding GST</p>	
Council 15/03/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/068</b> <b>Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh</b></p> <p>That Council:</p> <p>(a) Does not approve \$4,000 in sponsorship to the Wangarang Charity Golf Challenge</p>	Report tabled at council 17/05/22 with resolution to grant funding. Applicant advised 19/05/22.
Council 15/03/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/079</b> <b>Cr K Duffy/Cr T Mileto</b></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <p>1 That Council sell proposed Lot 404, part 38 Astill Drive Orange for the sum of \$3,264,000 plus GST.</p> <p>2 That permission be granted for the use of the Council Seal on any relevant documentation.</p>	Contract being issued. Will not settle until registration of the plan of subdivision
Council 5/04/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/096</b> <b>Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard</b></p> <p>That Council resolves to extend the Tourism Services Contract provided by TDO Ltd trading as Orange360 for six months until 31 December 2022.</p>	Orange360 advised of Council's intent to extend the Tourism Services Contract to 31 December 2022. Letter of agreement has been forwarded to Orange360 for signature.
Council 5/04/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/097</b> <b>Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton</b></p> <p>That Council</p> <p>1. Secure a site for the operation of an indoor recreation facility for the period of 1 May 2022 to 30 August 2022;</p> <p>2. Council secure the rental of indoor play equipment for the operation of the indoor recreation facility; and</p> <p>3. Council conduct an expression of interest process for the operation of the indoor recreation facility.</p>	Report seeking endorsement of location delivered to Council 3 May 2022.

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Council 5/04/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/111</b> That Council resolves: 1 That the report by the Manager of Corporate and Community Relations be acknowledged. 2 To offer to Health Infrastructure the arrangements as outlined in Option 2 in the conclusion of this report. 3 That authority be granted for the use of the Council Seal on any documentation if required.	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling</b>	Matter proceeding as per resolution of Council.
Council 5/04/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/093</b> That Council resolves that Councillors Duffy, McDonell, Greenhalgh, Mallard and Whitton attend at the National General Assembly 19 – 22 June, 2022. That Council ensure there is a motion in relation to Local Government being recognised in the Australian Constitution submitted to the National General Assembly 2022.	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell</b>	Councillors registered.
Council 5/04/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/094</b> That Council resolves that Councillors McDonell and Greenhalgh attend the NSW Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference to be held 7 – 9 July, 2022.	<b>Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton</b>	Councillors registered.
Council 5/04/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/095</b> That Council resolves that Councillors Power, Mileto and Evans attend the Destination & Visitor Economy Conference 2022 to be held 17 – 19 May, 2022.	<b>Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power</b>	Councillors registered.
Council 19/04/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/112</b> That Council prepare a report for Council to consider the matter of Financial Assistance – Event Sponsorship – Yu-Gi-Oh! WCQ Regional Qualifiers.	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling</b>	Report in Council Business Papers for 17 May 2022.
Council 19/04/2022	<b>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</b> Cr Mileto asked for information to be provided to Council on how many pensioners take advantage of the rebates.	<b>Cr T Mileto</b>	There are 3,118 pensioners (in 2,732 residences) who receive a pensioner rebate. This represents about 16% of Orange's 16,000 residences.

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Council 19/04/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/116</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <p>1 To place on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Community Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Draft Delivery Program 2022/2023 to 2025/2026</li> <li>• Draft Operational Plan 2022/2023</li> <li>• Draft Budget 2022/2023</li> <li>• Draft Fees and Charges 2022/2023</li> <li>• Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 to 2031/2032</li> <li>• Workforce Management Strategy 2022/2023 to 2026/2027</li> <li>• Asset Management Strategy 2023-2042</li> </ul> <p>2 To adopt Strategic Policy ST009 – Revenue and Pricing and Strategic Policy and ST007 – Asset Management which have not had any changes since their last adoption.</p>	Exhibition Period now closed. Further Report to Council by CEO to be prepared after reviewing all submissions.
Council 19/04/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/120</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard</b></span></p> <p>That Council apply for a permanent Additional Special Variation of 2.5 per cent for 2022/23 under Section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 to ensure Council's ongoing financial sustainability.</p>	Application submitted to IPART on 28th April 2022
Council 19/04/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/121</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr K Duffy/Cr J Hamling</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves to approve the amended fees and charges for the Carl Sharpe Cricket Centre including the fee for Orange District Cricket Association and Orange District Junior Cricket Association be charged a hire fee of \$10/player for 2022/23.</p>	Fees and charges updated (and out on 28 day display) for the Carl Sharpe Cricket Centre including the fee for Orange District Cricket Association , and Orange District Junior Cricket Association be charged a hire fee of \$10/player for 2022/23.
Finance Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/135</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cr G Floyd/Cr S Peterson</b></span></p> <p>That Council resolves to carry over the approved unused grant money of \$10,000 to fund the National Poetry Competition component of the 2023 Banjo Paterson Festival.</p>	Festival organisers emailed 31 May to inform them of outcome.

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Finance Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/133</b> That Council resolves: 1 That funding of \$2,000 be made from the Small Donations Program to Central West Women's Forum for the event "A Celebration of Australia's First Nation Culture". 2 That funding of \$1,500 be made from the Small Donations Program to the Young Leaders of Orange Summit (James Sheahan High School) in addition to previously agreed-to in-kind support.	<b>Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell</b>	Emailed both applicants with news of their applications' success (9/5/22)., Sent completed Creditors Voucher to creditors to pay funds to each applicant (9/5/22).
Finance Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/131</b> That Council resolves: 1 To consider the new information provided in this report regarding the Shake, Rattle and Roll application to allow the CEO to determine the amount to be funded under the Small Donations Program.	<b>Cr G Floyd/Cr S Peterson</b>	Recommend donating \$1, 000 to Team Shake, Rattle and Roll under the Carnivals/Championships and Invationals category Max \$1, 000., There was no funding amount requested in the application. Donation of \$1, 000 paid to Cancer Council's rally team Shake, Rattle & Roll via the online portal (receipt IC22/13511).
Services Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/137</b> 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the NAIDOC Week Community Committee NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 April 2022. 2 That the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 April 2022 be adopted.	<b>Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton</b>	Noted and minutes adopted.
Finance Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/136</b> That Council offer Orange Show Society \$5,000 for the hire of stables for the upcoming Orange Show and leave relevant authority to the CEO to approve the funding application when received.	<b>Cr K Duffy/Cr J Hamling</b>	Payment to Orange Show Society will occur via Events Sponsorship fund. Creditors voucher sent to creditors for processing 23.05.22
Finance Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/132</b> That Council resolves: 2 To provide \$2,500 to the Orange Male Voice Choir to go towards the payment of honorariums to the Musical Director and Accompanist.	<b>Cr G Floyd/Cr K Duffy</b>	Emailed applicant with news of their application's success (9/5/22)., Sent completed Creditors Voucher to creditors to pay funds to the applicant (9/5/22).

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Infrastructure Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<b>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</b> Cr Duffy requested that Councillors are advised of Council's policy on political placards erected on roadsides and around town.	<b>Cr K Duffy</b> Commonwealth Electoral Act states no electoral matter shall be directly on any roadway, footpath, building, vehicle, vessel, hoarding or place. Councils Rangers and Parks and Gardens teams are removing and impounding signage attached trees and those that could become a danger to the public (such as signs on star pickets along footpaths).
Council 3/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/128</b> That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 19 April 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 19 April 2022.	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson</b> Confirmed minutes published to website.
Council 3/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/142</b> That Council resolves: 1 That Council permit funerals, including the presence of a coffin, to be conducted at the Orange Botanic Gardens within the Lawn Area of the Native Garden Display or within the Clover Hill Function Centre with appropriate signage in place; and 2 That Council limits the days on which funerals can be held at the Orange Botanic Gardens to weekdays only and only one funeral per day; and 3 That the fee for the conduct of funeral services at the Orange Botanic Gardens be confirmed at \$300 excluding GST.	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh</b> Council resolution enacted
Council 3/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/141</b> That Councillors J Evans and K Duffy attend the NSW Local Roads Congress to be held on Monday 6 June 2022.	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr J Evans</b> Councillors registered.
Infrastructure Policy Committee 3/05/2022	<b>MATTER ARISING</b> Cr Duffy requested that the following issues are addressed: 1 Maramba Road – Long grass requires mowing. 2 A cover for taxi stand on Moulder street (near the 41 units). 3 Wentworth Lane, near Wishharts, needs somewhere for a bus to pull over and drop passengers.	<b>Cr K Duffy</b> CRM entered for the grass to be attended to.

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<p>Infrastructure Policy Committee 3/05/2022</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/129</b> <b>Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson</b></p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 12 April 2022.</p> <p>2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 from the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee meeting of 12 April 2022.</p> <p>3.1 Orange Runners Club Hiney Road and Bargwanna Road 2022 Events. That Council approve this event subject to a change in the Conditional Approval for the start and finish line for the Hiney Road event to be the eastern end of Hiney Road (Huntley Road) not Forest Road.</p> <p>3.2 Event – Orange Show – 14 May 2022</p> <p>1 That Council support the temporary reduction of the speed limit on Leeds Parade (Phillip to Margaret), Phillip Street (Leeds to Noreen) and Margaret Street (Leeds to Mirral) to 40 km/h during 14 May 2022.</p> <p>2 That Council support the temporary lifting of No Stopping restrictions for 300m on the railway side of Leeds Parade between Margaret Street and Phillip Street during 14 May 2022.</p> <p>3 That the costs of implementing these measures by Council staff be borne by the applicant.</p> <p>3.3 Definition of Prescribed Parking Angles – William Street (between March and Dalton Streets) That Council alter the parking angle prescription in William Street as shown in Figure A, between March Street and Dalton Street.</p> <p>3 That the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 12 April 2022 be adopted.</p>	<p>Recommendations actioned.</p>
<p>Council 3/05/2022</p>	<p><b>MATTER ARISING</b> <b>Cr J Whitton</b></p> <p>Cr Whitton asked that Councillors be advised why there is a safety mat resting over electrical wires on a light pole on Jack Brabham Park.</p>	<p>The pole for the new field lighting in this area was installed in a position conflicting with existing aerial service supplying site plant and workshop sheds. Due to this "Tiger Tails" were installed to provide additional protection to the aerial cable. There is a possibility the supply to the sheds will be upgraded when the new stadium is built, should this occur, existing aerial cable would be removed.</p>

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Council 17/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/150</b> That Council defers development application DA 304/2007(1) for Subdivision (nine lot residential) and Demolition (tree removal) at Lot 22 DP 791830 - 5 Borrodell Drive, Orange for the purpose of providing further information to Council on the approval process to allow for considered determination of the application.	<b>Cr J Hamling/Cr T Greenhalgh</b>	This application was withdrawn at the Council Meeting 7 June 2022.
Council 17/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/151</b> That Council appoint Mr Allan Renike to the Western Region Joint Regional Planning Panel for the next three years.	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell</b>	Allan Renike has been advised of his appointment. Planning panel to be advised.
Council 17/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/152</b> That Council resolves: 1 To endorse the recommendation of 19 April 2022 resolution number 22/120 to apply for a permanent ASV. 2 That Council acknowledge the additional income derived by the ASV is approximately \$620,000 in the 2022/2023 Financial year 3 That the ASV is required to ensure Council's continued financial sustainability after reasonable consideration of the impact on ratepayers and community in 2022/2023 and future years.	<b>Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh</b>	Councillors have been provided with Superannuation nomination forms, New vendors have been sent to EFTsure for confirmation. This will be ready to commence from the July payment to Councillors. Superannuation shall be paid to those Councillors that have provided complying paperwork from the July 2022 payment
Council 17/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/155</b> 1 That Council enter into another one year License Agreement with The Community Broadcasters to use the top floor of the Senior Citizens Building at 77 Kite Street Orange on the terms set out in the report at the status quo rental rate. 2 That the Council seal be affixed to any necessary documentation.	<b>Cr K Duffy/Cr G Floyd</b>	Paper provided to Council. Resolution received.
Council 17/05/2022	<b>RESOLVED - 22/139</b> That the Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2022 be rescheduled and held on Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022.	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh</b>	no action necessary

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Council 17/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/145</b> <b>Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard</b></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That the additional information provided in this report concerning two submissions in Round 3 of Council's Events Sponsorship fund for the Yu-Gi-Oh! WCQ Regional Qualifiers and Wangarang Golf Challenge is noted.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED - 22/146</b> <b>Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 To approve the provision of funding to Nicolass Drage (DR Gaming Pty Ltd) based on the information in this report.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED - 22/147</b> <b>Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 To approve the provision of funding to Wangarang Industries Ltd based on the information in this report.</li> </ol>	Paper provided to Council. resolution received.
Council 17/05/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED - 22/148</b> <b>Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton</b></p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 That the information provided in the report on the quarterly budget for January 2022 to March 2022 be acknowledged.</li> <li>2 The bank reconciliation statement be acknowledged.</li> <li>3 To adopt favourable variations in the consolidated overall cost to council arising from the March 2022 quarterly review amounting to \$1,394,220.</li> </ol>	Budget variations now included in revised budget

## **6 CLOSED MEETING - SEE CLOSED AGENDA**

The Chief Executive Officer will advise the Council if any written submissions have been received relating to any item advertised for consideration by a closed meeting of Orange City Council.

The Mayor will extend an invitation to any member of the public present at the meeting to make a representation to Council as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Meeting, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Meeting be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

#### **6.1 Submission Redactions 23 June 2022**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.



**6.1 SUBMISSION REDACTIONS 23 JUNE 2022**

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**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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**7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING**