



FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

7 JUNE 2022

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE on Tuesday, 7 June 2022.**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Administration on 6393 8106.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 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 Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Finance Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 SMALL DONATION APPLICATION - REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SUPPORT

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/879

AUTHOR: Kristina Gottschall-Finkel, Grants Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information in respect to Orange City Rugby Club Ltd's application for in-kind support to assist Central West Rugby and Orange City Rugby Club host the Under 14's State and NSW Country Rugby Championships over the June long weekend (11-13 June) in Orange.

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

General donations (Section 356 Donations) budget for 2021/22 is \$60,000. Expenditure to date \$48,345.45.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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).

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Financial	The Category Maximum for this category - General Donations – Grand Finals, Carnivals/Championships and Invitations is \$1, 000 as per Council's Donations and Grants Policy ST029.
Reputation	Failure to adequately respond to the community applying for funding assistance can potentially cause reputational damage to Council and damage relationships with stakeholders.

2.1 Small Donation Application - Request for In-Kind Support

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A Small Donation application was received by Council on 11 May 2022 from Orange City Rugby Club Ltd (*Category - General Donations – Grand Finals, Carnivals/Championships and Invitations. Category maximum \$1, 000*).

Central West Rugby and Orange City Rugby Club have been selected to host the Under 14's State and NSW Country Rugby Championships. To date, 25 teams have nominated to come to Orange for a three-day tournament over the June long weekend (11-13 June 2022). It is anticipated that over 1,600 people will attend this tournament with many staying in and around Orange for the three days. The organisers will set up four full-sized rugby fields, parking for 25 buses and 350 cars, and related logistics.

Orange City Rugby Club Ltd request \$500 in-kind labour from Orange City Council to line mark 4 fields. They also request to borrow 100 liner meters of safety netting, 45 star posts and 45 liner meters of metal pedestrian fence from Council.

Ben Keegan, Council's Sport and Recreation Coordinator has been consulted and indicates that this work can be done in time, after approval by Council (7 June) but before the championships (11-13 June).

(See application attached)

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Small Donations Application - Orange Rugby Club, D22/28108 [↓](#)



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SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM

General donations

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Orange City Rugby Club Ltd

Contact name:

Position: Committee member

Postal address

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

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: 66861420380

ACN:

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

BSB No:

Account No:

Account Name: Orange City Rugby Seniors

Bank:

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

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/897

AUTHOR: Kristina Gottschall-Finkel, Grants Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide Council with information so they may consider the City of Orange Eisteddfod Society Inc. request to use a \$500 Council grant approved for use in 2021 in 2022.

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. Expended to date: **\$48,345.45**.

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:

- section 356 (financial assistance)
- section 377 (delegated authority)

And in accordance with this section in the Local Government Regulation 2005:

- section 207 (record of donations for auditing purposes)

RECOMMENDATION

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.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Financial	Funding Small Donations & Grants applications have budget implications for Council.	
Reputation	Failure to adequately respond to the community applying for funding assistance can potentially cause reputational damage to Council, and damage relationships with stakeholders.	

Compliance	The Council has appropriate grant control mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with grant conditions etc.
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

In 2021, the council approved a grant \$500 to the Orange Eisteddfod Society Inc. as a part of the 2021 Small Donations & Grants program.

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown in Orange in 2021 the music section of the Orange Eisteddfod had to be cancelled. As a result the Orange Eisteddfod Society Inc. could not use Council's donation for its intended purpose.

These funds have not been expended, and the Orange Eisteddfod Society Inc. requests approval to use these funds for the 2022 Orange Eisteddfod.

Acknowledgement of Council's sponsorship will be included in the Eisteddfod program, website and digital advertising at the venue. Also, it will be announced at the time of the presentation.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Small Donations Acquittal - Orange Eisteddfod, D22/28783 [↓](#)

2.3 GRANTS REPORT - COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATIONS TO EXTERNAL FUNDERS

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/905

AUTHOR: Kristina Gottschall-Finkel, Grants Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information about recent grant applications submitted by Council to external funding bodies (i.e. State/Federal Governments, etc). This report covers applications totalling \$16.75M submitted during the period December 2021 – May 2022.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “16.1 Collaborate - Work in partnership with other Councils, regional organisations and State and Federal Governments”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Grants are a considerable source of Council’s overall income.

The combined 2020/2021 Financial Year Grants income (from State & Federal Governments, etc) was **\$37, 637, 000** (see Attachment).

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

External Grants applied for – December 2021 to May 2022					
GRANT (PROGRAM)	STATE/FED FUNDING	AMOUNT APPLIED FOR	PROJECT	DATE APPLIED FOR	OUTCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENT DATE
Preparing Australian Communities (Disaster Grant)	Federal	\$440, 000	Electronic wayfinding signs CBD	December 2021	Unsuccessful
Streets as Shared Spaces (EOI)	State	\$500, 000	Lords Place project	December 2021	Successful**
Building Better Regions Fund	Federal	\$10M	Regional Sports precinct	February 2022	Mid 2022
Building Better Regions Fund	Federal	\$435, 416	Lake Canobolas Tourism and Accessibility Activation project	February 2022	Mid 2022
Create Capital – Create NSW	State	\$5M	Regional Conservatorium and Planetarium	April 2021	May 2022
NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government	State	\$86, 199	Connect Us - resource for support to youth and their families	2 May 2022	May 2022
Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program	State	Allocated: \$287, 583	Internal discussions underway to determine the nature of a significant civic event. Event needs to be a free, community, COVID-Safe event (from the guidelines)	Application due 24 June (NB. Despite being notified of the Council's allocation from this grant program, the Council is obliged to apply detailing how the grant is to be used)	
Total applied for		\$16,749,198			

**Please note that any successful funding bids are not to be made public until the Funder makes the knowledge public. It is essential that Councillors keep such information confidential and it is often a specific requirement of funding agreements.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Annual Financial Statements - NoteB2-4 - Grants and Contributions, D22/29168 [↓](#)

2.4 SMALL DONATIONS AND GRANTS - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/939
 AUTHOR: Kristina Gottschall-Finkel, Grants Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide Council with information to enable them to consider an application for funding support from the Small Donations and Grants program from the ASTCA NSW (Australian Swim Coaches and Teachers) for the 'Swim NSW Conference' to be held in Orange on the 8-10 July 2022.

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 category within the Small Donations & Grants Program for 2021/2022 is \$60,000.00. Expended to date: **\$48,345.45**.

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:

1. section 207 (record of donations for auditing purposes)

RECOMMENDATION

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.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Financial	This request for funding is within the Council's allocated annual Small Donations & Grants budget.
Reputation	It is a Council priority to respond to the community applying for funding assistance maintain positive relationships with stakeholders and Council's reputation.

Compliance	The Council has appropriate grant control mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with grant conditions etc.
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Australian Swim Coaches and Teachers' (ASCTA) NSW Conference will be held in Orange on the 8-10 July 2022 between the venues of Orange Aquatic Centre and Orange City Bowling Club.

The Swim NSW Conference caters to swim coaches and teachers throughout NSW. Run over two days, the conference includes guest speakers from high performance programs and specialists in swimming and related services. There will be two conference streams alternating between the Bowling Club and Aquatic Centre, providing quality education and workshops for performance coaches as well as grass-roots coaches and teachers.

Approximately 75 delegates will attend with conference, with approximately 60 being from outside of Orange and thus, staying overnight in local accommodation. Being school holidays, the organisers will promote the Orange region and the opportunity to spend a few days to explore all that it has to offer.

The conference has a total budget of \$14, 400. In addition to this grant, other income will be sourced from registrations, a NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund grant, and some private sector sponsorship.

The draft conference program is attached.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Small Donation Application - Swim NSW Conference, D22/29840 [↓](#)

