



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

1 NOVEMBER 2022

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 1 November 2022**.

David Waddell
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 Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1985

AUTHOR: Nigel Hobden, Manager City Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee met on 8 September 2022 and the recommendation from that meeting are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 September 2022.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 from the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting of 8 September 2022
 - 3.1 *Cook Park Conservation Management Plan*
 1. *That the presentation given by James Nicholson of Adaptive Architecture on the Cook Park Conservation Management Plan be acknowledged.*
 2. *That the presentation given by Mark McCrone of Mark D. McCrone Landscape Architect on the review of 2013 Landscape Master Plan for Cook Park and the Tree Succession Plan be acknowledged.*
 3. *That all committee members be provided with a link for the Cook Park Master Plan and the Tree Succession Plan documents. Hard copies will also be made available at Council’s Customer Service Counter for all members to have access to.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 September 2022 be adopted.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 PTWCC 8 September 2022 Minutes
- 2 PTWCC 8 September 2022 Agenda, D22/52740 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCILLOR'S WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Mr Brendan Stuart (via Teams), Mr William Tuck, Ms Sarah Keir, Mr Reg Kidd (via Teams), Mr Malcolm Stacey, Mr Neil Jones (via Teams), Mr Gavin Kidd, Ms Amanda Lockwood, Ms Sharyn Pussell, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Cyril Smith, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Parks Supervisor.

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Ms S Pussell/Mr N Jones

That the apologies be accepted from Manager City Presentation and Manager Water Treatment for the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting on 8 September 2022.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

Mr C Smith/Mr W Tuck

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 14 July 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 Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 14 July 2022.

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 COOK PARK CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1542

RECOMMENDATION

Ms S Pussell/Mr G Kidd

1. That the presentation given by James Nicholson of Adaptive Architecture on the Cook Park Conservation Management Plan be acknowledged.
2. That the presentation given by Mark McCrone of Mark D. McCrone Landscape Architect on the review of 2013 Landscape Master Plan for Cook Park and the Tree Succession Plan be acknowledged.
3. That all committee members be provided with a link for the Cook Park Master Plan and the Tree Succession Plan documents. Hard copies will also be made available at Council's Customer Service Counter for all members to have access to.

4 GENERAL REPORTS

4.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1541

RECOMMENDATION

Mr M Stacey/Mr C Smith

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed and priorities determined.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.00PM.



PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

8 SEPTEMBER 2022

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCILLOR'S WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Thursday, 8 September 2022** commencing at **5.00PM**.

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Nigel Hobden on 6393 8241.

2.2 MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF 6 OCTOBER 2022

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/2121

AUTHOR: Rosemary Reid, Project Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 6 October 2022 are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “6.2. Ensure that infrastructure exists for the safe exercising of domestic dogs” and “6.2. Ensure that infrastructure exists for the safe exercising of domestic dogs

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within the Companion Animals Community Committee and Special Contracts budget.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledges the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 6 October 2022.
- 2 That Council determines recommendations 3.1, 3.4 and 3.5 from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee of 6 October 2022.
 - 3.1 *That Council check the gate locks and signs indicating the cricket season at Riawena Oval.*
 - 3.4.1 *That Council provide a rubbish bin and bag dispenser at the corner of Shiralee Rd and the walking track. This is in response from a request from Cr.Evans*
 - 3.4.2 *That Council conduct an audit of where water bowls for dog drinking water are placed in the parks. This is in response from a request from Cr.Mileto.*
 - 3.5.1 *That Council include responsible pet ownership brochures in the New resident welcome packs.*
 - 3.5.2 *That Council Rangers include the Veledrome Park in their regular drive around as many people are using this area as off leash.*
 - 3.5.3 *That the RSPCA Orange Healthy Pet Day be advertised on the Council website and Facebook page.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animal Community Committee Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 6 October 2022 be adopted.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 CACC Minutes 6 October 2022
- 2 CACC Agenda 6 October 2022, D22/66434 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 6 OCTOBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 12.35PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Mrs Pam Davis, Mr Neil Jones, Ms Helen Wood, Mrs Susan Sanders, Ms Anne Reith, Manager Building and Environment, Pound Officer, Companion Animal Registrar

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RECOMMENDATION

Mr N Jones/Ms H Wood

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Danielle Haase, Director Development Services, for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 6 October 2022.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Cr J Hamling/Ms A Reith

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 7 July 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 Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 7 July 2022.

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES OF DOG EXERCISE PARKS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1938

Neil Jones spoke on the need to maintain the off leash areas and replace the dog bags. He was advised to contact Council and a customer request would be put in for any items requiring attention through the Customer Request Management System.

The comment was also made that it is the responsibility of the dog owners to provide their own bags. It is a community service that council provides.

Lombardy Way off leash is wet and Council have been unable to complete the pathway and tree planting.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms A Reith/Ms S Sanders**

That Council check the gate locks and signs indicating the cricket season at Riawena Oval.

3.2 CAT CONTAINMENT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1939

There is a report going to the Local Government Conference recommending that Local Government lobby the State Government to amend the act to allow local Councils to restrict cats from free roaming and introduce cat curfews.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms A Reith/Cr J Hamling**

That the report be accepted and a follow up from the Conference be given to committee members.

3.3 CUSTOMER REQUEST AND POUND STATISTICS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1941

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith**

That the report on statistics be acknowledged.

3.4 COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES AND COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1942

The Council desexing program is underway. Mulberry Lane Vet Hospital is the vet for this program.

The Pound has had an increase in cats (89%) and dogs (40%) abandoned this year. These animals are usually not microchipped and no owner comes forward.

Signage is currently being produced for Orange Cemetery and Moulder Park. This will state that dogs must be on a lead in the areas defined.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms A Reith/Mr N Jones**

- I. That Council provide a rubbish bin and bag dispenser at the corner of Shiralee Road and the walking track. This is in response to a request from Cr Evans.
- II. That Council conduct an audit of where water bowls for dog drinking water are placed in the parks. This is in response from a request from Cr Mileto.

3.5 COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1950

S. Sanders- an enquiry is currently being carried out by the state on regulating puppy farms.

H. Wood- Dog Basic Obedience is held each Sunday during school terms at Waratahs.

A. Reith – RSPCA is running the Orange Healthy Pet Day on the 28 October 2022. A movie night is also being planned.

P. Davis – it appears that dog owners are using the Velodrome in Sale Street as an off leash area.

-A study has shown that contamination rates of worms and other health issues is high in off leash areas and pet owners should be made aware. The study has been conducted in Brisbane.

N. Jones – requesting that Dog and Cat brochures be included in the welcome packs to be handed out at the New Residents Lunch.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith**

- I. That Council include responsible pet ownership brochures in the New resident welcome packs.
- II. That Council rangers include the Velodrome Park in their regular drive around.
- II. That the RSPCA Orange Healthy Pet day be advertised on the Council website and Facebook page.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER AT 12.30PM**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.45PM**

3 GENERAL REPORTS

3.1 CENTRAL WEST COUNCILS ENVIRONMENT AND WATERWAYS ALLIANCE

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1894

AUTHOR: David Waddell, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance (Alliance) is a partnership of 18 councils across the Central West of NSW. The Alliance exists to improve environmental outcomes across the region. Orange City Council is a foundation member of the Alliance (since 2001).

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “7.3. Ensure that policies and practices are in place to protect the sustainability and security of water destined for potable supply from the water catchment area”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council’s annual membership to the Alliance is \$5,000 which is scheduled to increase in line with rate pegging for each year of the four-year membership agreement. Council’s adopted budget includes a provision to cover the costs of this membership.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the report by the Chief Executive Officer on the Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance be acknowledged and that Council continue to support this important partnership.

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

The Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance (Alliance) has a current membership base of 18 Councils across the Central West of NSW. The Alliance exists to improve environmental outcomes across the region. Orange City Council is a foundation member of the Alliance (since 2001).

3.1 Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance

As the new membership period has commenced, it provides the Alliance with an opportunity to refresh and focus direction for the coming four years of the new membership period. The Alliance is looking forward to continuing to work with our Council over the ensuing term to further build on the excellent work being achieved.

It has been proposed that future projects for the Alliance could include the potential to adopt nominated iconic species for each Member LGA to provide a focus for works and grant funding; additionally, a mapping project has been proposed to utilise available data to provide relevant information about various vegetation communities within LGAs and across the Alliance region. These concepts are due to be further discussed at the next Alliance meeting in November.

At the first meeting of this financial year elections for the Chair and Deputy were scheduled to take place. With David Waddell (Orange City Council) nominated to continue as Chair and Michael Chambers (Parkes Shire Council) nominated to continue as Deputy Chair.

There was unanimous support for both representatives, and they were elected back into their substantive roles for the coming two year period.

A major benefit of Alliance membership for Council is the capacity building events held across the year to upskill Council staff. A highlight this year was our Conservation in Action 2022 conference that was recently held in Orange to bring together environmental professionals and researchers in order to build knowledge and to develop new partnerships. We had over 150 delegates in attendance with 6 keynote presentations, 5 themes featuring 32 presentations across the three days, as well as two field trips and two workshops.

The Alliance, in partnership with Orana JO, received a \$100,000 grant from the NSW Environmental Trust to deliver the Creating Homes for Threatened Species project. This current project is creating chainsaw carved hollows in each LGA of our member councils, to create new homes for threatened hollow dependent species. Importantly, in 2022 we started working with a university research student to contribute the findings from the project to scientific literature. There will also be an educational forum at the conclusion of the project to share the findings and successes with our member councils, as well as more broadly to environmental practitioners.

We have recently been advised by Charles Sturt University, who we have partnered with to secure our Honours research student for this year, that our joint application for a WIRES research grant of \$50k has been successful. For the Alliance, this means funding is in place to support the research costs of our Honours student this year, as well as new students for the next 2 years. This continues our strong relationship with academic institutions that deliver real world environmental research within our region, allowing us to access new and innovative practices in environmental management and to pass this knowledge onto our Member Councils.

As an organisation with collaboration at the heart of our operations, the Environment & Waterways Alliance does not operate in isolation. We greatly value partnerships and knowledge sharing, and actively work to foster good working relationships with groups and agencies who share our values. In order to formalise these working arrangements and common objectives, we have established Friends of the Alliance.

3.1 Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance

After a disrupted period over recent years due to lockdowns and subsequently limited numbers of meetings, we are planning to re-invigorate our engagement with the Friends of the Alliance and continue to build on our partnerships. This has the potential to benefit community groups such as Landcare and other organisations across our region through resource and knowledge sharing and collaborative works.

The Alliance enters this 4-year membership period in a strong financial position, with a new Strategic Plan and 2022-23 Operational Plan providing a strong platform for growth that will ultimately provide environmental gains across our entire 18 LGA membership region. We look forward to working with your Council to deliver successful projects and events, as well as the sharing of knowledge that is critical to providing Council Officers with the skills that they require to excel in their roles.