



# **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

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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.

**2.1 Minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee of 8 September 2022**

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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.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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

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# 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

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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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

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##### 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

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

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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

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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.
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### 4 GENERAL REPORTS

#### 4.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

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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.

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**1 INTRODUCTION****MEMBERS**

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

**1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****1.2 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.

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

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION**

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 records of the proceedings of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 14 July 2022.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 14 July 2022

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE

## PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 14 JULY 2022

COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Mr William Tuck, Ms Sarah Keir (joined at 5.10pm via Teams), Mr Reg Kidd, Mr Malcolm Stacey, Mr Neil Jones (via Teams), Ms Amanda Lockwood, Ms Sharyn Pussell, Mr Cyril Smith, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager City Presentation

#### 1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

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<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Cr M McDonell/Mr R Kidd</b>
That the apologies be accepted from Mr Brendan Stuart, Mr Gavin Kidd and Mr Andrew Kennedy for the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting on 14 July 2022.	

#### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

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Cr Melanie McDonell conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

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Nil

### 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Mr W Tuck/Cr D Mallard</b>
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 18 May 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 18 May 2022.	

**MINUTES OF PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 14 JULY 2022**

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**3 GENERAL REPORTS****3.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1208

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr M Stacey/Ms S Pussell**

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

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.31PM.**

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**3 PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 COOK PARK CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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A presentation will be made by Adaptive Architecture.

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**4 GENERAL REPORTS****4.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1541

AUTHOR: Nigel Hobden, Manager City Presentation

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Attached for the information of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee is the Action Plan from the meeting of 14 July 2022.

**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**

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

**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 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan, D18/37145

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

D18/37145

**Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee  
Action Plan**

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
Urban Forest Strategy – Link to Landscape Master Plans and Conservation Management Plans to be distributed to committee members via email. Hard copy of Master Plans to be available at library for committee members to have access to.  Inclusive of a natural resources management plan – Title to be determined.	Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	Not budgeted for	Consultant	May 2022	June 2023	Covering – Riparian zones, wetlands and roadside remnant vegetation
Cook Park – Conservation Management Plan.	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.			January 2021	September 2022	Presentation by Adaptive Architecture and Mark D McCrone 8 September 2022

**PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

## Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
Plan Of Management review.	Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.		Consultant engaged	January 2021	December 2022	
Geographical name board – naming of unidentified parks eg Stirling Ave.	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.					To be covered in POM by consultants.
Arboretums – Tablelands ECO system park.	Manager City Presentation	Concept Plan		Consultant concept design	Sept 21		Concept design distributed July 2022
Sporting Precinct Landscape Master Plan	Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.					Concept design distributed July 2022
Undertake a review of Cook Park Masterplan	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and	Nil – review only			June 2020	Committee to take a walk around Cook Park early 2020.

## PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

8 SEPTEMBER 2022

## Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
		development that value the local environment.					Budget bid for steel edging for paths. Estimate of cost to undertake. <b>COMPLETED</b>
Identify small neighbourhood parks that could benefit from tree planting to increase their environmental value	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	Nil – investigation only. Cost to undertake planting to be		July 2018		Committee to be provided with a list of neighbourhood parks that can be considered for additional tree planting.  Desk top review available PTW members to be undertaken 5.30pm Wednesday 19 June 2019  Reinitiate a drive/site visits. Send out a map and feedback on locations. Scheduled for 18 November 2020. <b>COMPLETED</b>
Undertake a review of the Street Tree Master Plan	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to	Nil - review only.		Mid 2020	December 2019	Presentation to be provided at the

## PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

8 SEPTEMBER 2022

## Attachment 1 Park, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
		develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.  9.4 Develop a vibrant civic and commercial precinct as a centre for the community					Parks, Trees and Waterways Committee meeting in November 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General overview of the document</li> <li>How Council staff apply the STMP</li> </ul> <b>COMPLETED</b>
Investigate the possible use of permeable pavement around street trees and report back to the Committee.	Horticultural Services Supervisor & Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.  9.4 Develop a vibrant civic and commercial precinct as a centre for the community	Nil – Investigation only.		August 2018		Investigations continuing into suitable permeable pavements and the effectiveness of this treatment  <b>COMPLETED</b>

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

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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 Veleldrome 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 [↓](#)

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# 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

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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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

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##### 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

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

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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**



## **COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

**6 OCTOBER 2022**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Thursday, 6 October 2022** commencing at **12.30PM**.

David Waddell

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

For apologies please contact Rosemary Reid on 6393 8229.

**COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****6 OCTOBER 2022**

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**COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****6 OCTOBER 2022****1 INTRODUCTION****MEMBERS**

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

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

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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 Companion Animals Community Committee at this meeting.

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION**

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 records of the proceedings of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 7 July 2022.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 7 July 2022

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 7 JULY 2022

COMMENCING AT 12.35PM

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### ATTENDANCE

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Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor)(1.26pm), Mr Neil Jones, Ms Helen Wood, Ms Anne Reith, Ms Susan Sanders and Companion Animal Registrar.

### 1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

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#### RESOLVED

**Mr N Jones/Ms H Wood**

That the apologies be accepted from Mrs Pam Davis, Manager Building & Development, Pound Officer and the Director Development Services for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 7 July 2022.

### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country,

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

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Nil.

## 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

**Ms S Sanders/Ms H Wood**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 27 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 Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 27 April 2022.

## MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

7 JULY 2022

**3 PRESENTATIONS****3.1 CUSTOMER REQUEST STATISTICS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1229

**RECOMMENDATION****Ms H Wood/Mr N Jones**

That the Customer Request Statistics be acknowledged.

**3.2 SURRENDER OF ANIMALS- RESCUES, RSPCA AND POUND**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1230

Concern was raised by Committee members that there is an ongoing problem with the surrender of animals as space is limited at the RSPCA shelter and the rescue groups.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report on the surrender of animals be acknowledged.

**3.3 EXPENDITURE OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022/2023**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1231

Discussion on the budget allocation, mini budget process, desexing programs and where the Committees budget for this year be spent was discussed.

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

1. That Council allocate \$10,000 to desexing programs in the financial year for concession card holders. Additional advertising of this project is required.
2. That Council include in the plans for Gateway Park on Bathurst Road an area to accommodate the needs of travellers with pets.
3. That off leash dog exercise areas continue to be constructed as needed in new subdivision localities.
4. That Council provide a dog waste bin and bag dispenser to be place at the Spring Hill Recreation Ground at the request of the Spring Hill Community Committee.

**3.4 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1232

Anne Reith spoke on the RSPCA support group and their fundraising including a movie night and cupcake day.

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

That Council include responsible Pet Ownership brochures in new residents' packs.

**MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****7 JULY 2022****3.5 DESEXING PROGRAM**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1237

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

That the report on the Desexing Program be noted.

**4 GENERAL BUSINESS****RECOMMENDATION****Ms A Reith/Ms S Sanders**

That Ms Danielle Haase be accepted as a member of the Companion Animals Community Committee.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.39PM.**

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

6 OCTOBER 2022

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**3 PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES OF DOG EXERCISE PARKS**

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Verbal report from Neil Jones on the maintenance and upgrades of dog exercise parks.

**3.2 CAT CONTAINMENT**

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Verbal report from Neil Jones.

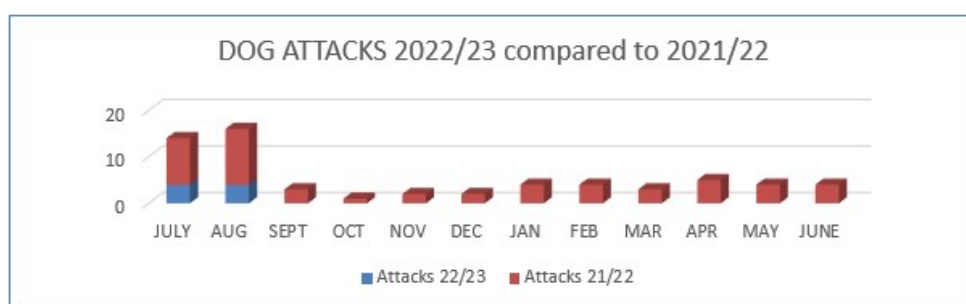
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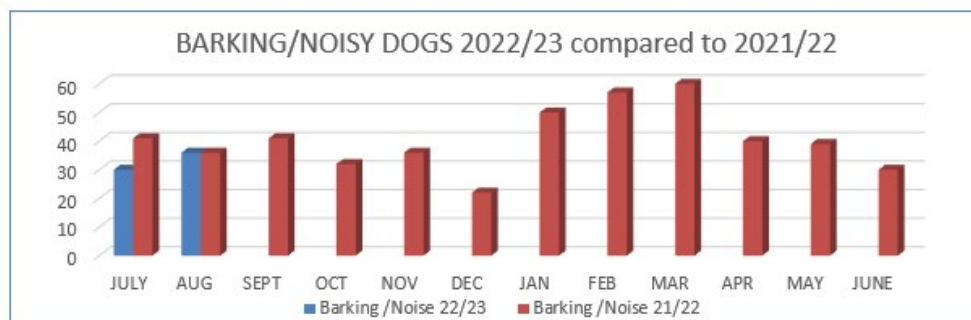
## 3.3 CUSTOMER REQUEST AND POUND STATISTICS

2022-2023 CUSTOMER REQUESTS												
	with 2021-2022 comparisons											
	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Attacks 22/23	4	4										
Attacks 21/22	10	12	3	1	2	2	4	4	3	5	4	4
Barking /Noise 22/23	30	36										
Barking /Noise 21/22	41	36	41	32	36	22	50	57	60	40	39	30
Stray 22/23	32	26										
Stray 21/22	28	44	34	32	21	18	38	28	34	39	45	20



Dog attacks for July - 5 attacks, 4 animal victims, 2 humans, 3 on private property and 1 in a public place.

Dog attacks for Aug - 4 attacks, 4 animal victims, 3 on private property and 1 in a public place.

**Council Ranger and Pound activity- Dogs**

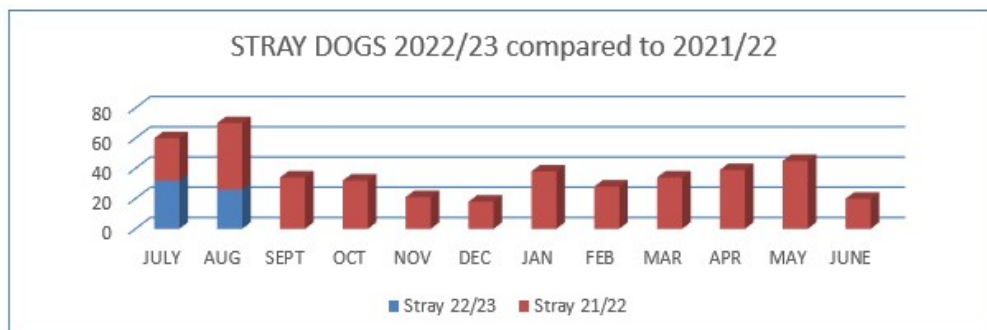
July - 11 were returned by the Rangers, 46 arrived at the Pound, 24 were returned to the owner, 10 transferred to rescue, 4 Adopted, 4 euthanased unsuitable to be rehomed, 5 Euthanised due to illness.

August - 19 were returned by the Rangers, 43 arrived at the pound, 30 were returned to owners, 14 transferred to rescue organisations, 0 adopted and 6 euthanased (unsuitable for rehoming).

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## 3.3 Customer Request and Pound Statistics

**Orange City Pound activity- Cats**

July - 8 arrived at the Pound, 1 was returned to the owner, 3 euthanased (infantl), 2 were adopted and 7 transferred to rescue.

August - 8 arrived at the pound, 10 transferred to rescue organisations, 8 euthanased (2 were feral and 6 unable to rehome).

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**3.4 COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES AND COUNCILLOR REQUESTS**

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Desexing Program - to begin on Tuesday 4 October 2022.

Pound News.

Councillor Request for bin and bags at Shiralee.

Councillor Request for dog water bowls at bubblers in the parks.

Signage – Elephant Park/Moulder Park and Orange Cemetery.

**3.5 COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWS**

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Each committee member is invited to give any updates on their areas of interest

### 3 GENERAL REPORTS

#### 3.1 CENTRAL WEST COUNCILS ENVIRONMENT AND WATERWAYS ALLIANCE

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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**

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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**

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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.