



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

2 AUGUST 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, 2 August 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 COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 JULY 2022

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/1370

AUTHOR: Rosemary Reid, Project Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 7 July 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”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The adopted Council budget for 2022/23 provides funds for the desexing programs along with funds that would cover the other works identified by the Committee. The recommendation does not require any additional Council funding allocation.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 July 2022.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations {3.3 and 3.4} from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting of 7 July 2022.
 - 3.3.1 *That Council allocate \$10,000 to desexing programs in the financial year for concession card holders. Additional advertising of this project is required.*
 - 3.3.2 *That Council include in the plans for Gateway Park on Bathurst Road an area to accommodate the needs of travellers with pets.*
 - 3.3.3 *That off leash dog exercise areas continue to be constructed as needed in new subdivision localities.*
 - 3.3.4. *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 *That Council include responsible Pet Ownership brochures in new residents' packs.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 July 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 7 July 2022
- 2 CACC Agenda 7 July 2022, D22/38509 [↓](#)

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

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

AGENDA

7 JULY 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, 7 July 2022** commencing at **12.30PM**.

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Rosemary Reid on 6393 8229.

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**7 JULY 2022**

AGENDA**EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

In the event of an emergency, the building may be evacuated. You will be required to vacate the building. The Committee Clerk will now identify the emergency muster point.

Under no circumstances is anyone permitted to re-enter the building until the all clear has been given and the area deemed safe by authorised personnel.

In the event of an evacuation, a member of Council staff will assist any member of the public with a disability to vacate the building.

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COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**7 JULY 2022**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

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

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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2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION**

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 27 April 2022

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 27 APRIL 2022

COMMENCING AT 12.34 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

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 N Jones/Cr J Hamling

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 13 September 2021 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby noted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 13 September 2021.

That the update to the Orange map include dog off-leash exercise areas.

MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**27 APRIL 2022****3 PRESENTATIONS****3.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/584

Each member introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their interest in the Committee's purpose.

RECOMMENDATION**Member J Hamling/Ms P Davis**

That the members introductions and interest in the committee be accepted.

3.2 CUSTOMER REQUEST STATISTICS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/583

RECOMMENDATION**Cr Hamling/Ms P Davis**

That the report be accepted.

4 GENERAL REPORTS**4.1 UPDATE ON OFF LEASH EXERCISE AREAS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/621

RECOMMENDATION**Ms P Davis/Ms H Wood**

1. That the Companion Animals Community Committee and Council are advised on the progress of developing suitable off leash dog exercise areas in Orange.
2. That Council construct all new dog off leash areas with double entrance gates.

4.2 CODE OF CONDUCT 2022

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/623

RECOMMENDATION**Cr J Hamling/Ms S Sanders**

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.

MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**27 APRIL 2022****4.3 DRAFT COMMITTEE CHARTER- COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/624

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms P Davis**

1. That the Charter for the Companion Animals Community Committee be adopted by Committee members.
2. That Council invite additional members of the community to join the Companion Animals Community Committee by a media release.
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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A visit to the Orange City Pound for committee members will be arranged in the next few months.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.09PM.

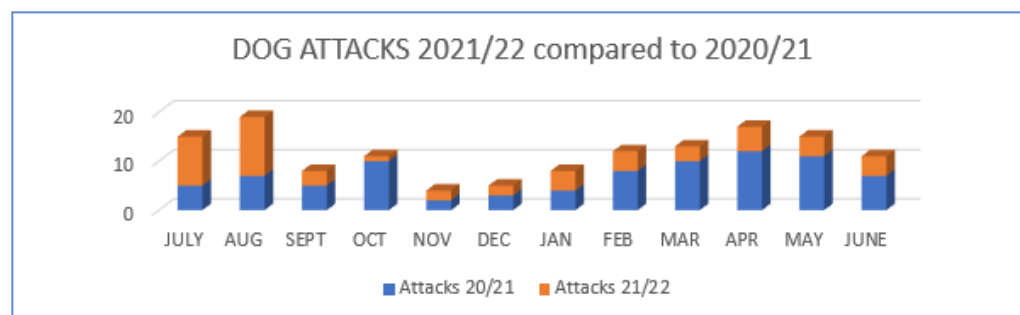
COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

7 JULY 2022

3 PRESENTATIONS

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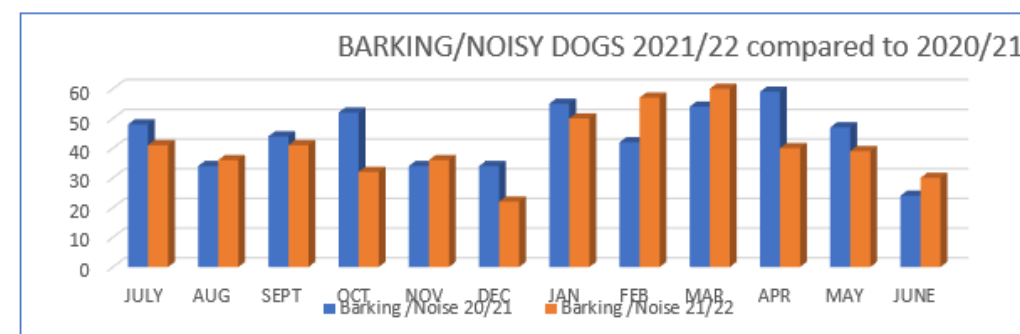
| | 2021-2022 CUSTOMER REQUESTS | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | with 2020-2021 comparisons | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | JULY | AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE |
| Attacks 20/21 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 7 |
| Attacks 21/22 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Barking /Noise 20/21 | 48 | 34 | 44 | 52 | 34 | 34 | 55 | 42 | 54 | 59 | 47 | 24 |
| Barking /Noise 21/22 | 41 | 36 | 41 | 32 | 36 | 22 | 50 | 57 | 60 | 40 | 39 | 30 |
| Stray 20/21 | 31 | 48 | 36 | 28 | 33 | 15 | 20 | 26 | 46 | 37 | 26 | 24 |
| Stray 21/22 | 28 | 44 | 34 | 32 | 21 | 18 | 38 | 28 | 34 | 39 | 45 | 20 |

**Dog Attacks**

April - 5 attacks, 4 animal victims, 2 human, 3 on private property and 2 in a public place

May - 4 attacks, 4 animal victims, 3 on private property and 1 in a public place

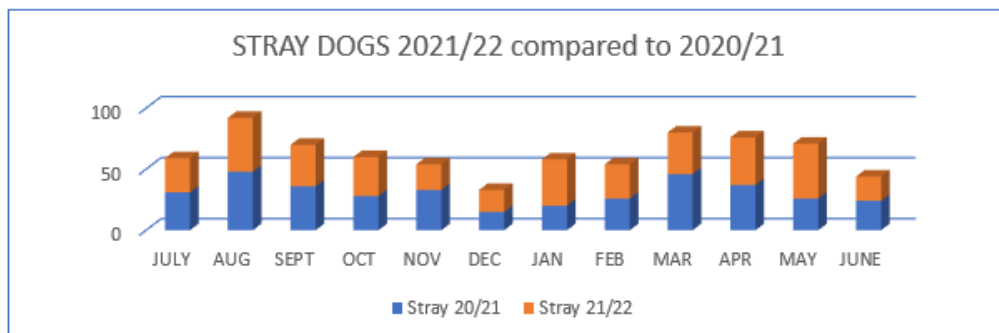
June - 4 attacks, 4 animal victims, 3 human, 4 on private property.



COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

7 JULY 2022

3.1 Customer Request Statistics

**Council Ranger and Pound Activity - Dogs**

April - 8 were returned by the Rangers, 51 arrived at the Pound, 36 were returned to the owner, 10 transferred to rescue and 2 euthanised

May - 31 were returned by the Rangers, 62 arrived at the pound, 31 were returned to owners, 3 transferred to rescue organisations, 2 adopted and 14 euthanised (1 sick on arrival, 2 due to attack and surrendered)

June - as at 28/06/22 - 27 were returned by the Rangers, 35 arrived at the pound, 28 were returned to owners, 6 transferred to rescue organisations, 5 euthanised, 4 adopted

Council Pound Activity - Cats

April - 25 arrived at the Pound, 10 euthanised (6 feral), 5 were adopted and 2 transferred

May - 27 arrived at the pound, 9 transferred to rescue organisations, 29 euthanised (4 were feral and 14 were ill)

June - as at 28/6/22 13 arrived at the pound, 2 were returned to owners, 4 euthanised (1 cat flu)

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**7 JULY 2022**

3.2 SURRENDER OF ANIMALS- RESCUES, RSPCA AND POUND

Verbal report - Pam Davis.

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

Verbal report - Neil Jones.

3.4 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Updates on areas of interest by each committee member.

3.5 DESEXING PROGRAM

The Council/Companion Animals Community Committee program that has been running for desexing cats and dogs owned by concession card holders since March 2022 has finished.

32 cats were desexed in that period. 18 females and 14 males.

23 dogs were desexed in that period. 15 females and 8 males.

Each animal was charged at \$66.00 which included microchipping (where necessary), desexing and lifetime registration.

A total of approx. \$8500 was spent on the program.

Although it was a successful program the overall uptake was much slower than expected.