



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

21 FEBRUARY 2023

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ORDINARY MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 21 February 2023** commencing at **6.30PM**.

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Administration on 6393 8106.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

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

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

1.5 OPENING PRAYER

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM

COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES

2 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 February 2023 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 7 February 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 February 2023

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

ON 7 FEBRUARY 2023

COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

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

1.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED - 23/001

Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Jason Hamling (leave) for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 February 2023.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

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

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Cr Peterson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Finance Policy Committee Item 2.1 Events Sponsorship Program – Applications for Consideration – part 2 as he is the Clinical Governance Board Member for Wangarang Industries Pty Ltd.

Cr Evans declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 5.1 Leave of Absence as the request is in relation to his absence.

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Closed Agenda Item 6.1 Road Closure Application – Part Carwoola Drive Orange as she resides nearby.

THERE WERE NO REGISTERED SPEAKERS AND NO OPEN FORUM

2 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED - 23/002****Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 20 December 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 20 December 2022.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT 6.34PM

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 8.00PM

4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION**4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/72

RESOLVED - 23/021**Cr S Peterson/Cr J Whitton**

That individual Councillors be able to volunteer to deliver the Acknowledgement of Country during the second Council Meeting of each month.

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

Against: Cr K Duffy

Absent: Cr J Hamling

Cr Evans left the meeting with the time being 8.15pm

5 GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/71

Cr Evans declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as the request is in relation to his absence, left the Chamber and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 23/022

Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton

That a Leave of Absence be granted to Cr Jack Evans for the period Wednesday 1 March 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans

Cr Evans returned to the meeting with the time being 8.17pm

5.2 LGNSW RURAL AND REGIONAL SUMMIT - NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/40

RESOLVED - 23/023

Cr G Floyd/Cr T Greenhalgh

That the Deputy Mayor will attend the LGNSW Rural and Regional Summit on 20 February 2023.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

5.3 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 2023 - OPENING OF CALL FOR MOTIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/39

RESOLVED - 23/024

Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell

That any proposed motions for the National General Assembly 2023 to be put in writing and submitted to Chief Executive Officer by Thursday 23 February 2023 for inclusion in a further report to the 7 March 2023 Council meeting for determination before submission.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

5.4 CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION - ORANGE CITY COUNCIL PLACEMAT AND REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/66

RESOLVED - 23/025**Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

That Council:

- 1 Note the 'Our PlaceMat' Report.
- 2 Note the 'PlaceMats' purpose is to have an informed conversation with the community about their aspirations, particularly for their Community Strategic Plan.
- 3 Acknowledge that the 'PlaceMats' use publicly provided data and as such can rapidly date.
- 4 Note that repeating the process will show change and ultimately trends.
- 5 Commend to the CNSWJO Board that it repeat the process in good time for the next round of Integrated Planning and Reporting; and
- 6 Continue to advocate, including through the CNSWJO for better recognition of Integrated Planning and Reporting.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

5.5 DETERMINATION OF REFERENDUM - NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2213

RESOLVED - 23/026**Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd**

That Council retain the current number of 12 Councillors.

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

Against: Cr S Peterson, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr K Duffy

Absent: Cr J Hamling

5.6 STRATEGIC POLICY ADOPTION - POST EXHIBITION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/58

RESOLVED - 23/027**Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council adopts the following Strategic Policies:

- ST06 – Statement of Business Ethics
- ST07 – Modern Slavery
- ST14 – Related Parties
- ST09 – Gifts & Benefits
- ST16 – Access to Information held by Council
- ST21 – Child Safe

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

6 CLOSED MEETING

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

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

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

RESOLVED - 23/028**Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

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

6.1 Road Closure Application - Part Carwoola Drive Orange

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

6.2 Lease to Orange Hockey Incorporated - Hockey Centre Glenroi Oval

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

6.3 Proposed Acquisition of land - Footpath along Northern Distributor Road

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d)i commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

6.4 Tenders for Installation of Street Lighting for Clergate Road Upgrade

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

6.5 Southern Feeder Road Stage 4 & Shiralee Collector Road Stage 5 - Contract F3718

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

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 8.48PM

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 9.30PM

7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

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

Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 8.49pm

6.1 ROAD CLOSURE APPLICATION - PART CARWOOLA DRIVE ORANGE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/61

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as she resides nearby, left the Chamber and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 23/029

Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton

That Council resolves:

- 1 To advertise the proposed road closure in accordance with the requirements of the Crown Land Management Act.
- 2 That Council's Chief Executive Officer be given delegation to finalise determination for the road closure of part Carwoola Drive, Orange post exhibition.
- 3 To proceed to sell that part of the road closed to the owner of 7 Carwoola Drive, subject to determination of any submissions received.
- 4 To grant approval for the use of the Council Seal on any necessary documentation.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling, Cr F Kinghorne

Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 8.51pm

6.2 LEASE TO ORANGE HOCKEY INCORPORATED - HOCKEY CENTRE GLENROI OVAL

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2

RESOLVED - 23/030

Cr D Mallard/Cr T Greenhalgh

- 1 That following compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, Council enter a lease of the Hockey Centre for a term of ten years with an option to renew for ten years under the terms contained herein.
- 2 That permission be granted to affix the Council seal on any documents necessary.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

6.3 PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND - FOOTPATH ALONG NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/25

RESOLVED - 23/031**Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To acquire approximately 750m² of part Lot 20 DP 1013978 for the construction of a footpath along the Northern Distributor Road.
- 2 That upon acquisition, the land be classified as Operational.
- 3 To delegate to the Chief Executive Officer such authority as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this resolution, including without limitation the affixing of the Seal of the Council on any document if required.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

6.4 TENDERS FOR INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING FOR CLERGATE ROAD UPGRADE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/59

RESOLVED - 23/032**Cr T Mileto/Cr S Peterson**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Approve the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to enter into a standard contract with Central West Power Constructions Pty Ltd for the installation of street lighting on the Clergate Road upgrade for the amount of \$370,597.37 plus GST;
- 2 Grant permission to the Chief Executive Officer or nominee to do such things as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this decision, including affixing the Council Seal to all relevant documents if required.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

**6.5 SOUTHERN FEEDER ROAD STAGE 4 & SHIRALEE COLLECTOR ROAD STAGE 5 -
CONTRACT F3718**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/57

RESOLVED - 23/033

Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton

- 1 That Council acknowledges the content of this report and endorses the contractual changes discussed that were brought about by delays in the authorisation of a grant fund change request.
- 2 That Council re-endorses entering into a contract with MAAS for the construction of F3718 - Southern Feeder Road Stage 4 and Shiralee Collector Road Stage 5.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Hamling

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.33PM

This is Page Number 9 and the Final Page of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 February 2023.

4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION

4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/209

I, **CR STEVEN PETERSON** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 21 February 2023:

MOTION

That a Working with children check be mandatory as part of induction documents for Councillors from the next election.

BACKGROUND

Orange City Council staff that have contact with children are required to have a Working with children's check. The strategic policy document adopted at Council meeting of 7 February 2023 doesn't apply to Councillors (ST21 – Child Safe).

Elected Councillors may also have contact with children through Council events. From an equality basis, and to mitigate risk to Council, it is appropriate to ask the same of elected Councillors as part of the on-boarding process.

Signed Cr Steven Peterson

STAFF COMMENT

A working with children check is a prerequisite for anyone in paid or voluntary child-related work in NSW. Work as a Councillor would not be classified as child related work and require a working with children check under the below definitions.

Applicants are required to submit information and documentation online via kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check, present at a Service NSW office in person to verify identification then provide the clearance to the relevant organisation once received.

The process involves a national police check and a review of any findings of misconduct. The result is either a clearance to work with children for five years or a bar against working with children.

Under Part 2, section 6, of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, child-related work is defined as work in a specific child-related role or face to face contact with children in a child-related sector. Additional roles can be found in the Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013.

Included in the listing of Exemptions are the following applicable categories:

“a visiting speaker, adjudicator, performer, assessor or other similar visitor to a school or other place where child-related work is carried out if the work of the person at that place is for a one-off occasion and is carried out in the presence of one or more other adults”

“Administrative, clerical or maintenance work, or other ancillary work, that does not ordinarily involve contact with children for extended periods”.

4.1 Notice of Motion - Working With Childrens Check



Who needs a Working With Children Check?

Only people in child-related work need to apply for a Check. Under the *Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012*, child-related work is defined as:

1. Face-to-face contact with children in one of the following sectors:
 - Child development and family welfare services
 - Child protection
 - Children's health services
 - Clubs or other bodies providing services for children
 - Disability services
 - Early education and child care
 - Education
 - Entertainment for children
 - Justice centres
 - Religious services
 - Residential services
 - Transport services for children
 - School cleaning
 - Youth work;
2. Work in one of the following roles:
 - An approved provider or manager of an education and care service
 - A certified supervisor of an education and care service
 - An authorised carer
 - An assessment officer
 - The principal officer of a designated agency
 - The principal officer of an accredited adoption service provider
 - An adult who lives at the home of an authorised carer
 - An adult who shares the home of a:
 - home-based education and care service
 - family day care service
 - A potential adoptive parent.

Additional roles may be designated as child-related by employers with the permission of the Office of the Children's Guardian.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS

Working with Children Checks currently cost approximately \$80 per application for work-related clearance.

5 GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM POLICY COMMITTEES

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/231

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 February 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 2 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 February 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 3 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 February 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 4 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 February 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 5 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 February 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION**Planning and Development Policy Committee**

At the Planning and Development Policy Committee meeting held on 7 February 2023, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

Infrastructure Policy Committee

At the Infrastructure Policy Committee meeting held on 7 February 2023, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee

At the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee meeting held on 7 February 2023, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

Finance Policy Committee

At the Finance Policy Committee meeting held on 7 February 2023, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

Services Policy Committee

At the Services Policy Committee meeting held on 7 February 2023, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 PDC 7 February 2023 Minutes, 2023/141 [↓](#)
- 2 IPC 7 February 2023 Minutes, 2023/142 [↓](#)
- 3 ESPC 7 February 2023 Minutes, 2023/143 [↓](#)
- 4 FPC 7 February 2023 Minutes, 2023/144 [↓](#)
- 5 SPC 7 February 2023 Minutes, 2023/145 [↓](#)

5.2 USE OF REDMOND HANGAR BY RURAL FIRE SERVICE

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/2389

AUTHOR: Ian Greenham, Director Technical Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides Council with the information to consider the March 2022 request from the Rural Fire Service (RFS) to repurpose the Redmond Place Hangar for the sole use of the Orange Rural Fire Brigade.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Council is of a mind to repurpose the Redmond Place Hangar for use by the Rural Fire Service, then it would be losing the opportunity cost of a \$3M facility essentially contributing 100% of its capital value. Normally under the Rural Fire Services Act 1997, Clause 110(3), Council would only be liable for 11.7% of new capital improvements approved under the Bushfire Fire Fighting Fund.

Council also needs to consider the best mechanism to transfer the Hangar if it resolves to do so with maintenance, insurance and land tenure in mind.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Other than extending Council’s commitment beyond the Rural Fire Services Act and notices to existing leaseholders, the current B5 business development zoning would need to be addressed through a development application, see “Environmental” considerations below.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council either:

- 1 Agree to entertain the request from the Rural Fire Service to repurpose the Redmond Place Hangar for the sole use of the Orange Rural Fire Brigade, request the various Service Groups to vacate and request Council staff to prepare a subsequent report on the best mechanism to hand over the Redmond Place Hangar to the Orange Rural Fire Brigade;**
or
- 2 Thank the Rural Fire Service for their request and explain that the Redmond Place Hangar is currently in use and not considered appropriate for use by the Orange Rural Fire Brigade at this time.**

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	It is claimed that there will be improved efficiencies for the Rural Fire Service with potential additional expense or inconvenience with some, but not all, charitable service organisations that currently utilise the Redmond Place Hangar.
Reputation	It is claimed that the reputation of Council would be improved if it was to agree to the RFS request. However, there are competing existing interests for use of the facility and Council would be making a consideration well in excess of its obligations under the Rural Fire Services Act 1997 (9 times more than 11.7%). This consideration would be made to among other things address storage issues for Airport Fire Fighting Equipment that would be alleviated under the zones ten year plan with the construction of a proposed Hangar at the Orange Regional Airport in 2027/2028.
Environmental	The site is zoned B5 Business Development which in April 2023 the State Government will collapse with similar business zones into an E3 economic or enterprise zone. The site is also within the city of Orange drinking water catchment, with third order gullies feeding into Summerhill Creek and Suma Park Dam. As such, the proposed change of use to an RFS Brigade headquarters will require development consent for the change of use and possibly trigger a planning proposal, depending on the full range of activities the RFS wish to conduct on the site.
Compliance	Covered under "Environmental" with development consent conditions and any spills reported through to Council under our drinking water management guidelines and Environmental Protection Authority under the Pollution of the Environment Act.
People	Covered under "Environmental" with development consent conditions and potential risk of pollution of the environment and the city of Orange's drinking water supply.
Climate Change	It is claimed that improved efficiencies for the Rural Fire Service will have a positive impact in response times to any increased fire activity brought about by climate change.

SUPPORTING INFORMATIONStakeholder and Engagement Team notes:

In early 2019, Council was approached by several Service/Community groups with a request to use the former hangar at Redmond Place for storage of their equipment, preparation for events and general use. Council agreed to the request under written licences with each Club.

5.2 Use of Redmond Hangar by Rural Fire Service

There are currently 7 groups using the facility being:

- Rotary Club of Orange North
- Rotary Club of Orange
- Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak
- Orange Canobolas Lions Club
- Orange Lions Club
- Orange Farmers Markets
- Ladies Probus Club of Orange

Each organisation has their own secured sections within the hangar for their exclusive use with the large pad area, board room, facilities and kitchen area shared. The groups share the cleaning of the facility and the maintenance of the surrounding gardens and grass area. This arrangement has worked extremely well with Council having to provide limited assistance and the facility is maintained to a high standard. The paddock area is also used for agistment by a lessee.

Following a request from the RFS for the groups to be relocated and for their organisation to have access to the facility, staff sought advice on how a relocation would affect the service clubs, the level of activity at the site and how the clubs use the hangar to support their community work. The responses were in writing and through conversations. The RFS proposal is attached as are the responses.

The clubs are extremely happy with the amenity the hangar provides to them. Before being able to use the site, the clubs gear was located at several locations, often in members' sheds and homes. An option has been put to them to move to the Margaret St RFS shed and possibly also the Spring Hill and Clifton Grove RFS facilities. The general view was that the Margaret Street option may work when clubs considered it singularly. However, when all needs are considered, the size available would be a significantly limiting factor. The space used by the clubs at the hangar is approximately 625m². The Margaret Street shed is approximately 180m², the Spring Hill shed 90 m² and the Clifton Grove shed 190 m², a total area of 460 m².

The Clifton Grove and Spring Hill alternatives are also problematic in that most members of the community groups are retirees and the additional travel, towing of vans and equipment would create a burden both physically and economically with the additional requirement for petrol and wear and tear to vehicles both privately and those of the community services.

In relation to Clifton Grove that was apparently offered to the Canobolas Lions Club, concerns were raised about the state of the site and how it could impact on meeting food handling standards. The groups use the large kitchen area of the hangar for the preparation and healthy storage of food for upcoming events. It was suggested that none of the RFS facilities offered would comply with the required health regulations which they need to comply with. It is suggested to try and update any of the facilities to comply with their requirements would be at a substantial cost.

While the clubs were supportive of the work the RFS carries out, they also wanted acknowledged the enormous charitable work the service clubs carry out. The community clubs have raised a significant amount of money to support the community which is outlined

5.2 Use of Redmond Hangar by Rural Fire Service

in their attached correspondence. In relation to the request by the RFS, the Lions Clubs were particularly forthright on this point arguing handing a community asset over to a NSW Government funded authority was not fair, reasonable or in the best interests of the local government community.

It was also noted that the facilities which the RFS have offered to the community organisations are sub-standard to that of the hangar. It is unclear from the RFS submission as to what it assessed as alternatives, which could include an extension of Margaret Street or a new facility at the Cadia Road HQ. In discussion with the RFS rep, it is understood they are the recipient of Cadia Valley Operations and NSW Government grants that may assist with their storage requirements.

One of the issues to consider is future uses of the facility or site. If the decision was made to relinquish the facility to the RFS, moving them on to realise a commercial opportunity in the future is likely to be more difficult than managing the service clubs in the same scenario.

It is noted that Council has complied with its obligations under legislation to provide adequate facilities to the RFS including the Spring Hill shed which is currently vacant.

The site is zoned B5 business development.

Director's notes:

If one was to consider the RFS request on its own, the answer would be a resounding yes, as they are a largely volunteer based State Government Agency that does a lot of positive work in the community beyond rural fire response. However, there are other considerations as highlighted by the Stakeholder and Engagement Team and outlined below.

The Bushfire Fighting Fund that supports the activities and any capital expenditure for the RFS is jointly funded from:

- 73.7% from Property Insurance Emergency Services Levy
- 14.6% State Government (NSW Treasury NB: the % is not legislated under the Rural Fires Act 1997)
- 11.7% Local Government (Local Authority under the Rural Fires Act 1997 Clause 110(3))

The RFS also receives significant donations (more than \$100M since the 2019/20 bushfires). So, while the State Government Agency of the RFS employing over 1,000 staff are well funded, local brigades are volunteer based and still rely on raising money to support their local activities.

The request to repurpose the Redmond Place Hangar would extend Council's consideration nine (9) times that of any capital contribution ordinarily payable under the Rural Fires Act 1997.

We agree with the RFS presentation that the Canobolas Zone's ten-year capital plan does not include construction of a new brigade building for the Orange Rural Fire Brigade with several other buildings taking priority and to be delivered before this would be considered. However, it does include a proposal for the construction for a hangar at the Orange Regional Airport in circa 2027/28 that would address several of the storage requirements identified in the RFS request for the Redmond Place hangar.

While the ownership of RFS brigade buildings is vested with Council, they cannot be repurposed or sold without the written permission of the Commissioner. This rules out any

5.2 Use of Redmond Hangar by Rural Fire Service

future commercial activity without consent of the Commissioner, that is based in the Parramatta Headquarters of the RFS, removing local decision making.

The Margaret Street Orange Fire Brigade building is located in land zoned IN1 General Industrial and is appropriately zoned for a brigade building. The Redmond Place Hangar is zoned B5 Business Development. This zone is used to cater for warehouse businesses and bulky goods retail stores that need large floor areas to operate effectively. This means that the usual businesses that operate within the B5 zone are:

- Warehouses,
- Distribution centres,
- Bulky goods premises,
- Hardware and building suppliers,
- Landscaping material suppliers,
- Garden centres.

It is claimed that relocating to Redmond Place would create a residential buffer. Any buffer would also impact on future rezonings for extending social and affordable housing in the adjoining lands.

Summary

The consideration for the repurposing of the Redmond Place Hangar for the Orange Rural Fire Brigade is nine times the legislated Council contribution for capital works by the RFS (State Government Agency); it is claimed to address storage needs that would largely be catered for with the proposed 2027/28 construction of an RFS Hangar at the Orange Regional Airport; the land is zoned B5 Business Development and any future commercialisation would be solely at the discretion of a Sydney based RFS Commissioner; any residential buffer may impact on any future expansion of social and affordable housing in this area; the Redmond Place Hangar is located within the Orange City drinking water catchment together with the B5 zoning, requiring development consent and there are competing existing community based charity interests for the use of the Redmond Place Hangar.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Proposal from Orange Rural Fire Brigade for use of Redmond Hangar, D23/7441 [↓](#)
- 2 Presentation - Rural Fire Service (RFS), D23/7427 [↓](#)
- 3 Orange Canobolas Lions Club, D23/7448 [↓](#)
- 4 Orange North Rotary, D23/7547 [↓](#)
- 5 Rotary Orange Daybreak, D23/7549 [↓](#)
- 6 Rotary Club of Orange, D23/7548 [↓](#)
- 7 Orange Lions Club, D23/7554 [↓](#)
- 8 Orange Lions Club (2), D23/7546 [↓](#)

5.3 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEWS

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/2498

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents policies which have been reviewed and are recommended for placement on public exhibition for a period of 28 days:

- ST18 - Social Media
- ST19 - Media
- ST20 - Community Engagement
- ST29 - Water & Sewer Infrastructure

Following a review of Councils Policy Structure, over the coming months, Council will continue to be provided with policies for consideration as they are updated and recommended for exhibition before adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Council’s Strategic Policies are reviewed and amended to ensure ongoing compliance with legislation and industry best practice.

Policies of Council are of two types – Strategic Policies are determined by Council, and relate to Councillors, required by Legislation or Regulation and/or have an impact on the Orange community. The Local Government Act 1993 requires the public exhibition of Policies (if new or include significant changes) and adoption by Council. Operational Policies are determined and implemented by the Chief Executive Officer, and relate to staff and the operations of the organisation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to place the following policies on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days:

- **ST18 - Social Media**
- **ST19 - Media**
- **ST20 - Community Engagement**
- **ST29 - Water & Sewer Infrastructure**

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**Policies for Exhibition**

The following policies have been reviewed and outlined below are changes/updates made to each policy. It is recommended these policies be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 day to allow for Council and public review and submissions.

ST18 – Social Media

The Social Media policy is based on the Model policy issued by the Office of Local Government. The policy is not mandatory and Councils can adapt the policy for our own purposes. If adopted, the policy will operate to supplement the provisions of the adopted Code of Conduct.

Reference	Update
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Policy

ST19 – Media

The Media policy is based on the Model policy issued by the Office of Local Government. The policy is not mandatory and Councils can adapt the policy for our own purposes. If adopted, the policy will operate to supplement the provisions of the adopted Code of Conduct.

Reference	Update
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Policy

ST20 – Community Engagement

Reference	Update
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renumbering of Policies commenced – New Numbering ST20, Previously ST049. • Condensed Policy information to remove any information covered in the Social Media and Media policies. • Operational Information on how Community Engagement is to be undertaken through specific mechanisms has been removed from Strategic Policy into an Operational Procedure.

ST29 – Water & Sewer Infrastructure

Reference	Update
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combination of Water and Sewer policies - no major changes to the content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST125 – Working on Council’s Water & Sewer Infrastructure • ST129 – Water Supply Infrastructure Services • ST130 – Sewer Infrastructure Policy • Separation of Operational procedures out of the Strategic Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 DRAFT - Strategic Policy - ST18 - Social Media, D23/6709 (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)
- 2 DRAFT - Strategic Policy - ST19 - Media, D23/6710 (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)
- 3 DRAFT - Strategic Policy - ST20 - Community Engagement, D23/6711 (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)
- 4 DRAFT - Strategic Policy - ST29 - Water & Sewer Infrastructure, D23/7720 (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)

5.4 PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE FEBRUARY 2023

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/49

AUTHOR: David Waddell, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on the numerous projects that staff are working on. This includes major projects and works projects.

The Executive has brought together the project list for the 2022-2023 financial year in a consolidated form to assist with resourcing and to understand the sequence required to deliver our ambitious capital budget for the year.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the information in the report on Projects be acknowledged.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The attached tables show the overall project database of current, complete and planned projects.

The tables will be progressively updated to inform Council and the Community.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Projects Overview - February 2023, [D23/7337](#)
- 2 Works Overview - February 2023, [D23/6348](#)

5.5 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING AND COMPLETED RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL INCLUDING QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE, MATTERS ARISING AND NOTICES OF MOTION

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/67

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A list of updates on outstanding resolutions, questions taken on notice, matters arising and notices of motion is provided together for the information of Council. Only matters requiring action to be taken are noted in this report, including outstanding items from the previous Council term. A report is also provided to Council on those Actions completed since the report was last provided to Council. After items are reported in the Completed Actions Report, items are removed from this listing, however, are available for administrative purposes.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the information provided in the report on Outstanding and Completed Resolutions, Questions Taken on Notice, Matters Arising and Notices of Motion be acknowledged.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Attached is a listing of tasks requiring action or follow up by Council staff. This list identifies progress on decisions of Council, including Notices of Motion, Questions Taken on Notice and Matters Arising. Upon completion, items will be noted as such and removed after production to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Outstanding Actions Report as at 10 February 2023, D23/7929 [↓](#)
- 2 Completed Actions as at 10 February 2023, D23/7930 [↓](#)

5.6 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/78

AUTHOR: Julie Murray, Financial Accountant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a statement of Council's investments held for the periods December 2022 and January 2023.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "17.2. Ensure financial stability and support efficient ongoing operation".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves:

- 1 To note the Statement of Investments for the periods December 2022 and January 2023.
- 2 To adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

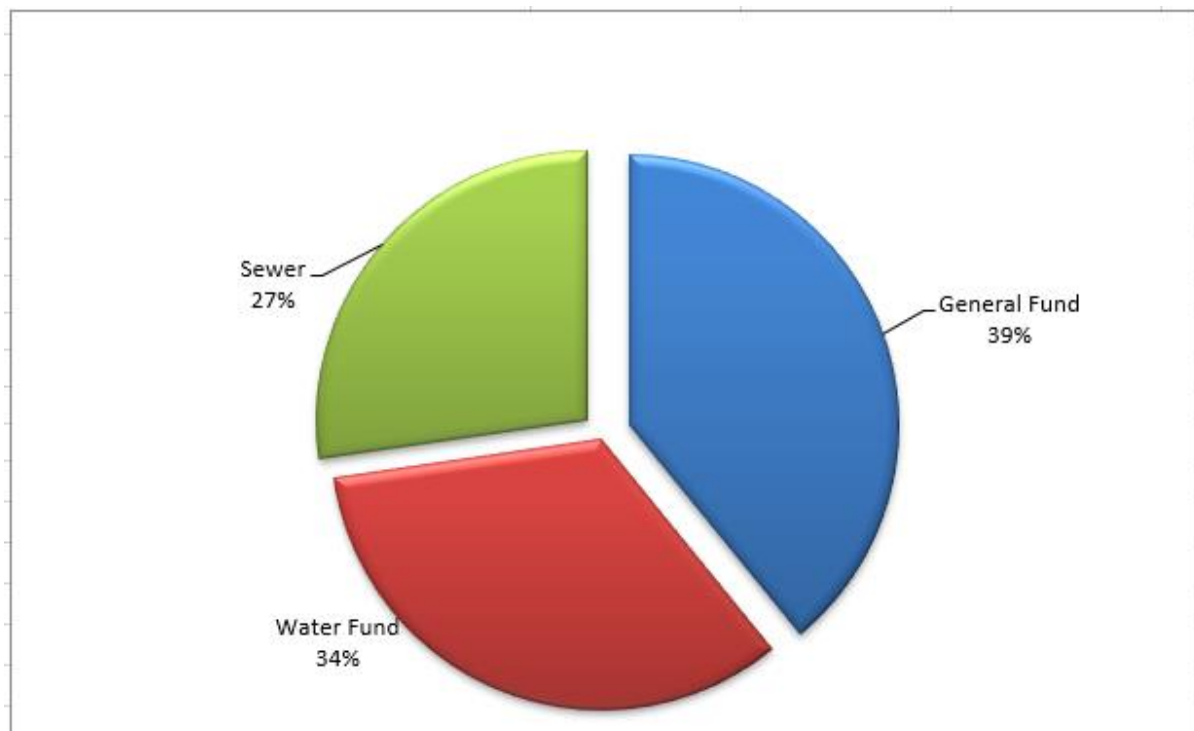
Consideration has been given to the recommendation's impact on Council's service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section 212(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that a written report be presented each month at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council detailing all money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

For the periods December 2022 and January 2023, the investments held by Council in each fund is shown below:

	31/01/2023	31/12/2022
General Fund	90,117,277.94	86,634,385.32
Water Fund	77,536,871.99	76,997,916.94
Sewer Fund	62,933,885.90	62,639,804.46
Total Funds	230,588,035.83	226,272,106.72



Portfolio Advice

Council utilises the services of an independent investment advisor in maintaining its portfolio of investments. Council's current investment advisor is Imperium Markets, an independent asset consultant that works with wholesale investors to develop, implement and manage their investment portfolio. Imperium Markets is a leading provider of independent investment consulting services to a broad range of institutional investors including government agencies, superannuation funds and not-for-profit organisations.

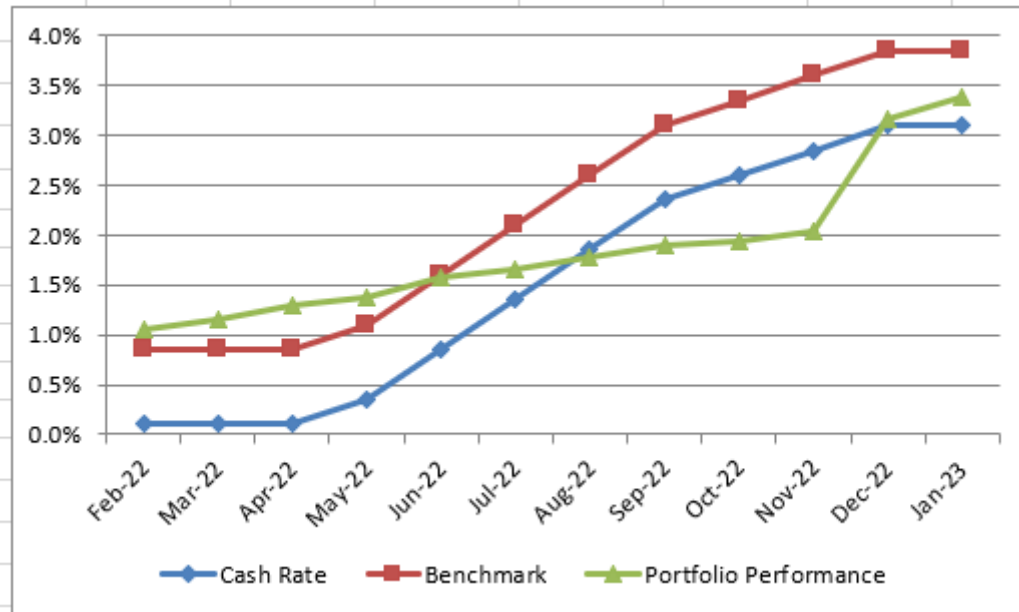
Imperium Markets major services provided to Council include:

- Quarterly portfolio summary reports
- Advice on investment opportunities, in particular Floating Rate Note products
- Advice on policy construction
- Year-end market values for Floating Rate Note products held by Council.

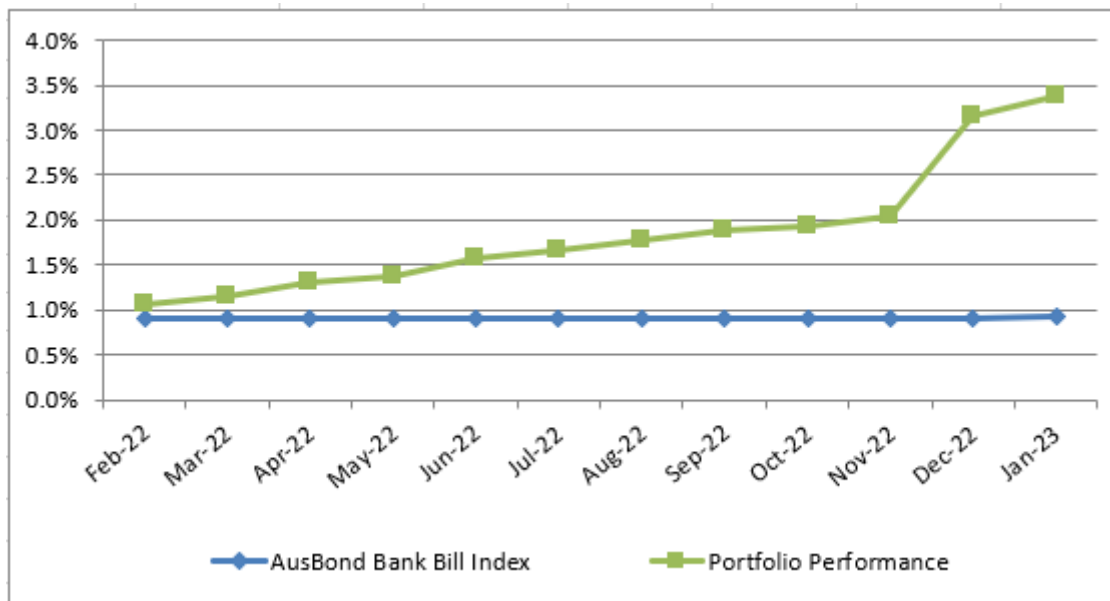
Portfolio Performance

Council's current Long Term Financial Plan establishes the benchmark for Council's interest on investments at "75 basis points above the current cash rate". The cash rate for the period December 2022 increased to 3.10 percent and remained at this level during January 2023. The weighted average interest rate of Council's investment portfolio at the same reporting date was 3.16 per cent (December 2022) and 3.38 per cent (January 2023) which are below Council's benchmark i.e., the cash rate of 3.10 per cent plus 0.75 per cent (or 385 basis points). This is being monitored closely with retiring investments being reinvested to optimise their returns.

5.6 Statement of Investments - December 2022 and January 2023



Council has also utilised the AusBond Bank Bill Index to provide a further benchmark focused on long term investments. As of for the period December 2022 and January 2023, the AusBond rate was 0.914 and 0.9161 per cent respectively. The weighted average interest rate of Council’s investment portfolio at the same reporting date was 3.16 and 3.38 per cent respectively.



Council’s Investment Policy establishes limits in relation to the maturity terms of Council’s investments as well as the credit ratings of the institutions with whom Council can invest.

The following tables provide a dissection of Council’s investment portfolio as required by the Policy. The Policy identifies the maximum amount that can be held in a variety of investment products or with institutions based on their respective credit ratings.

Table 1 shows the percentage held by Council (holdings) and the additional amount that Council could hold (capacity) for each term to maturity allocation in accordance with limits established by Council’s Policy.

Table 1: Maturity – Term Limits

Term to Maturity Allocation	Maximum	Holdings	Capacity
0 - 3 Months	100.00%	19.49%	80.51%
3 - 12 Months	100.00%	42.10%	57.90%
1 - 2 Years	70.00%	17.81%	52.19%
2 - 5 Years	50.00%	20.61%	29.39%
5+ Years	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%

Table 2 shows the total amount held, and the weighted average interest rate (or return on investment), by credit rating. The credit rating is an independent opinion of the capability and willingness of a financial institution to repay its debts, or in other words, the providers' financial strength or creditworthiness. The rating is typically calculated as the likelihood of a failure occurring over a given period, with the higher rating (AAA) being superior due to having a lower chance of default. However, it is generally accepted that this lower risk will be accompanied by a lower return on investment.

The level of money held in the bank accounts has been added to the table to illustrate the ability of Council to cover the operational liabilities that typically occur (for example payroll, materials and contracts, utilities).

Table 2: Credit Rating Limits

Credit Rating	Maximum	Holding	Remaining Capacity	Value	Return on investment
Bank Accounts	100.00%	6.25%	93.75%	14,405,979.38	3.15%
AAA	100.00%	0.43%	99.57%	998,230.00	4.50%
AA	100.00%	50.28%	49.72%	115,937,732.00	3.31%
A	60.00%	26.84%	33.16%	61,896,094.45	3.61%
BBB & NR	40.00%	16.20%	23.80%	37,350,000.00	3.20%
Below BBB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	N/A	N/A

During December 2022 Council has redeemed a number of its lower performing investments the reinvestment of these funds at higher interest rates that will provide a return that will cover any break costs incurred together with additional interest revenue.

Council still holds a number of lower interest rate investments at this point at time, many of these have a maturity of less than 3 months and the costs to redeem early were significant and would have been detrimental to the interest revenue received. These investments shall be redeemed at their maturity and reinvested into a higher performing product.

Certification by Responsible Accounting Officer

I, Veronica Webb, hereby certify that all investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Orange City Council monthly report December 2022, [D23/5711](#)
- 2 Orange City Council monthly report January 2023, [D23/5712](#)

5.7 PALLIATIVE CARE HOSPICE IN ORANGE

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/157

AUTHOR: Scott Maunder, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Council with an understanding of the objectives and funding requirements for the establishment of a Palliative Care Hospice in Orange.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “5.1. Engage with the community to ensure facilities and programs meet changing lifestyle and social needs”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Note the report on the Palliative Care Hospice in Orange;**
- 2 Support the establishment of a Palliative Care Hospice in Orange; and**
- 3 Include this initiative as an election priority in the lead up to the NSW Government election.**

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 following information is the justification for the establishment of the Palliative Care Hospice in Orange as provided by Orange Push for Palliative Care.

Orange Push for Palliative is seeking funding to expand and consolidate existing palliative care services in Orange and district. Currently following a community drive, two designated palliative care beds have been established at Orange Hospital to provide specialised palliative end of life care and support to patients and their families.

5.7 Palliative Care Hospice in Orange

Following intensive lobbying, and demonstrated community support, there has been significant recognition of the need for expanded palliative care services in Orange and District. This was clearly demonstrated in 2018 with the Minister for Health committing funding for an 18- month trial of four end of life care beds at Uniting Parkwood.

Given the success of the trial at Uniting Parkwood and the positive findings of the resultant research paper** there is a proven need, resounding community and local government support to establish a dedicated specialised palliative care hospice staffed by specialist palliative care professionals, which can also provide, in addition to end of life care, pain management, symptom control and respite care for patients and their families.

Statement of Need

While the importance of palliative care is widely recognised in various reports and State Plans, there is an urgent need in rural & remote areas to provide a range of accessible local support in the provision of palliative and end of life care (EoLC).** Qualitative research **such as that arising from the review of the pilot hospice in Orange has established that many rural and remote areas of NSW have no or limited access to specialist physicians **(2022, p2), and dedicated allied health services and amenities. These and other findings endorse and prescribe a coordinated, and responsive end of life care (EoLC) approach.

The 2022 NSW Legislative Council's Report into Health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote New South Wales* reveals and confirms the city country divide.

With around one third of the population living outside major cities and only 16% of palliative care specialists working in rural communities. "...the combination of an older population in rural locations and increasing rates of multiple morbidities, chronic and progressive illness and complex disease, means the need for palliative services is higher than in metropolitan locations. (Report p.106 5.32)

The report also confirms the key challenges of a lack of consistent data on palliative care across the State to 'determine what the need is; what medical practitioners are delivering care, with what training, to what quality; or what the patient experience is' (The Report P 108 5.42).

With these acknowledged difficulties of having standardised, consistent models of care and staffing across the state it is still possible to identify some figures for Orange.

- In the 12- month period from January 2021 to January 2022 occupancy rates for Medical Ward A Palliative Care beds were at or above 100% in 10 of the months despite COVID lockdowns.
- Palliative care as a % of Medical Ward A was at 55.19%
- 186 patients were coded palliative care in Medical Ward A, and over this time the hospital had 337 patients who were classified as palliative.

While the data is inconsistent and does not provide a clear picture of the care provided to identified palliative patients, what can be clearly extrapolated from this statistical reporting is that there is an urgent priority to establish a hospice – to provide appropriate EOL Care,

5.7 Palliative Care Hospice in Orange

respite care and pain management. A hospice will also be crucial in alleviating the pressure on providing acute care beds.

For many families in the Central West region a disproportionate amount of informal palliative care-giving is taken on by family and friends due to limited access to service and appropriate options and in many cases information.** It was reported that in approximately 50% of informal care-givers' situations that their emotional and physical well-being was negatively impacted by caring for someone at home** (2022 p2). This highlights the need for options for the respite care & the need for a specialist hospice.

Since 2021 Orange Hospital has pioneered a model of palliative care which has combined inpatient palliative care with the specialties of Haematology and Oncology. Patients are admitted to the HOPs ward by the HOPs VMO and are supported by the Specialist Palliative Care Service (SPCS).

The Orange Hospital SPCS, headed by Dr Louis Christie provides a continuum of palliative care from diagnosis to post-death support of families. The team, including Allied health professionals provides a range of consultative support whether at home, in an aged care facility or at the hospital.

Orange Push for Palliative has a clear vision to support and increase a range of options for a person to have a peaceful, and dignified death wherever they, and their loved ones feel most comfortable.

The hospice model provides an opportunity for patients to be supported in their palliative care journey. Not just at the end of their life but at various stages when there needs to be pain management or respite care. The ideal is to be supported in a homelike setting, which is also fully equipped with medical equipment, supplies and staffed with dedicated palliative care professionals.

Equally important in the hospice model are amenities for families who may wish to stay on site.

These include comforts and facilities such as sofa beds, communal lounges, gardens, laundry services and a communal kitchen.

Another consideration and noteworthy for the region are the access to culturally sensitive palliative care. First Nations peoples are considered to be disadvantaged across a range of health-related and socioeconomic indicators in relation to non-Indigenous Australians. It has been noted that this may affect their use of, and access to, admitted patient palliative care and other end-of-life care. Locally this was confirmed as an issue after consultation and on-going collaboration with Orange Aboriginal Medical Service (OAMS). A further local concern is that there is a recognised historic reluctance of First Nations Peoples to access acute hospital care. First Nations people have a strong preference to die at home on country. Anecdotally OAMS finds families overwhelmed by the reality and practicalities of realising of their loved ones wishes.

Program Description

The Push for Palliative Care initial request is for funding to support phase one and two:

- Initiation
- Planning

of a five- phase project cycle designed to meet the proven current and anticipated future demands for Orange and region for palliative care.

It aims to through research, consultation and collaboration to develop a blueprint for a palliative care hospice which is responsive to the challenges in providing quality, sustainable and affordable palliative care in Orange and district.

An important element of the initial phases is evaluating and investigating two possible alternative options/ strategies;

- Building on and further developing the measurable success of Parkwood twelve-month pilot project
- **Developing the plans for a new purpose-built facility on a site which is central and easily accessible**

In the initiation planning phases it is vital to broker potential community partnerships which will ensure the sustainability and ability to adapt to emerging needs and occupancy rates and continue to provide appropriate, quality and cost effective fit for purpose palliative care.

Goals and Objectives

The overarching goals and objectives of this proposal is to provide a range of options for palliative and end of life care. Central to this goal is a dedicated palliative care hospice; which is responsive to identified local needs and challenges, adaptive to emerging needs, cost effective and sustainable.

We see it as desirable to have palliative care services based away from an acute care hospital, in a convenient, peaceful green location and to have the allied health services and SPC team based there as well. This model would be similar to the Clare Holland Hospice in Canberra.

This project additionally aims to:

- build the local capacity to deliver quality palliative care
- enhance community and professional awareness of the importance of timely and appropriate access to palliative care services
- provide person and family-centred palliative care which is responsive to cultural diversity needs
- help people live their life as fully and as comfortably as possible when living with a life-limiting or terminal illness and optimise the quality of life.
- Ensure Palliative care based on a person-centred model of care

An outline of the proposed Orange Hospice is at the back of this paper.

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Rural Hospice model 2023**Broad specifications**

A building, capable of housing three components of a 'comprehensive' palliative care service:

1. Inpatient 'hospice' beds

Bed platform built in multiples of 4 – 6 beds (nursing staffing ratios relevant)
Exact number of beds dependent on draining population.

There is no clear data for 'ideal' model from Palliative Care Australia or other organisations, and there is variability in the numbers of beds available (per population) in existing services.

Beds available for end-of-life care, for short-term respite care, or complex symptom control

Construction should include a capacity for expansion into the future (i.e.: 8 bed platform able to be extended easily through building design to a 12-bed platform)

Sufficient 'family room' spaces to allow for families to be present / come and go.

An outdoor BBQ / entertaining area – in the *Wedgetail Retreat* Hospice in Tweed Heads, the outdoor meals area is the area where families are most likely to gather, and to share meals, celebrate birthdays and so on, with family members who are in the hospice.

A small commercial-grade kitchen for food preparation (by staff, families or community volunteers)

These beds would be prioritised for 'inpatient hospice' work (end of life care), but as demand for this fluctuates over time (week by week), reserve capacity (empty beds) could be used for periods of brief inpatient 'respite care'. This is usually provided in blocks of 3 – 7 days, to enable full-time carers to have a break from providing care, and 'recharge' with the expectation that the patient (person being cared for) will return home at the conclusion of the respite admission.

Architectural design would need to accommodate the management of individual patients and their family members in isolation of other patients and families. This could be achieved by the careful configuration of patient rooms, and means of entry and egress with both common entry points and individual entry points (ie: external entries direct into rooms via a secure open-air courtyard), to allow for the humane management of terminally-unwell people in the event of another significant pandemic event.

2. Office space to house the community palliative care team

Administrative offices / 'home base' for the community palliative care specialist nursing team, the occupational therapist, the other allied health staff and the medical staff engaged in the service. Probably a mix of 4 – 6 single offices and a combined / open-plan

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office with space for another 6 – 8 workstations. This would allow for growth in community-based service over the next 15 - 20 years. Office layout would need to take into account social distancing requirements and the management of the workforce through ongoing COVID / future pandemic experience.

3. An outpatient area for day-programs

An activities room / rooms to allow for the running of a day program for day-respite, and to provide those additional components of good palliative care that are not currently available (including grief and bereavement groups). Would include a small kitchen / kitchenette for the preparation / serving of light meals or refreshments.

Day activity program would include the following (examples only, not exhaustive list)

- Fatigue management and breathlessness management group
- Oncology dietician / food / weight management group
- Renal supportive therapies group
- Bereavement support group
- Disease-specific psychology / counselling groups
- Music therapy sessions
- Art therapy sessions
- Relaxation and mindfulness sessions

2 – 3 clinic rooms to allow outpatient clinic consults to occur whilst people were attending the day program activities (ie: people come to the exercise / music therapy / art therapy class, and whilst there, they are taken aside for 15 – 30 minutes to have an appointment with the nurses, dieticians, social workers, doctor or other clinical staff as needed.

One minor procedures room. Increasingly, good symptom control is being achieved with minor procedures (pleural drainage catheters, abdominal catheters, peripheral nerve neurolysis, regional nerve blocks, etc). Occasionally, people in the stages of advanced illness also required dressing changes under light procedural sedation. To perform these procedures safely without having to move patients back into the acute hospital, would require a minor procedures room (similar to that seen in many general practice surgeries, and MPS facilities).

A meeting room / space within that would provide a ‘chapel’ / spiritual function for any people (patients, families or staff) who needed time and space to engage spiritually.

Surrounds / outlook

Set in gardens that are wheelchair accessible, with sufficient outdoor space to allow for quiet reflection and to give family members space to ‘step away’ without losing their privacy if they need to. A quiet location which creates a sense of ‘sanctuary’ and peace.

Sufficient space for proximate parking for family members, and those attending day program.

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Architectural design should include space for expansion, with clear planning for additional expansion to accommodate future service growth and development of further co-located building structure with minimal disruption of the fabric of the initial build.

Access to a hospice van / driver to transport people into and out of the hospice, and who could also help with transfers of palliative patients in and out of the community / other hospitals generally. This would help to facilitate movement of palliative patients from other communities out of the main centre and back to their community of origin where that was their preference. By example, currently, transfer of patients from OHS to other facilities within the LHD can be delayed due to the workload of the PFU and transport systems.

The draining area would need to be the main rural centre, and any small communities within 20 – 30 minutes of the major centre (usually, effectively the communities within the LGA or on the boundaries of the LGA). By example: Orange and surrounds (including little towns like Clergate, Mullion Creek, Nashdale, etc).

Often people further away, and from smaller regional towns (ie: Cowra / Parkes / Forbes) prefer to be 'at home' in their own towns for end of life care, because that is the community that they are connected in with. There should be no need to enforce a strict prohibition on people from other communities who wanted to come into the hospice; but it would not be the expected route / location for their care. There may be specific personal circumstances which would make Orange the most appropriate location for end of life care for people outside the immediate drainage area; and this should be available on a case-by-case basis.

GPs who had an interest in providing palliative care could admit patients and contribute directly to End-of-life Care in the facility. This is not currently available to GPs who want to admit locally in Orange. I am unsure of other arrangements around the state, but this comes up regularly from members of the community as being 'of concern to them'.

This would foster the development of a career pathway into specialist palliative care work for nursing, allied health and medical staff and would contribute to succession planning of a palliative care workforce within the LHD; and the upskilling of generalist nursing staff through short-term placements in the hospice inpatient beds, or with the palliative care team.

5.8 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - QUARTER 2 OF 2022/2023

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/162

AUTHOR: Veronica Webb, Chief Financial Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presented is the Quarterly Budget Review for the second quarter of the financial year ending 30 June 2023. The purpose of the quarterly budget review is to advise council of the forecasted financial position and present variations for approval that have changed since setting the original budget.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “17.2. Ensure financial stability and support efficient ongoing operation”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The December Quarterly Review has identified favourable variations totalling \$995,178 to Council’s Operating Result before capital. The effect of these variations has also improved Council’s projected overall deficit and cost to council by \$555,314.

Table 1 below presents Council’s Operating result before Capital - by Fund. It is important to note that all red bracketed numbers in Tables 1 and 2 below indicate a surplus result for Council.

Operating Result before Capital

Fund	Adopted Budget	Proposed Variations	Proposed Budget	
General	776,509	(756,426)	20,083	Deficit
Water	733,129	(395,991)	337,138	Deficit
Sewer	(1,342,697)	157,239	(1,185,458)	Surplus
Total	166,941	(995,178)	(828,237)	Deficit

Table 1: Projected Operating Result before Capital

Table 2 presents Council’s projected Cash result by Division, showing the Cost to Council (which includes capital expenditure, capital income and funding).

Cash Result by Direction (Cost to Council)

Direction	Adopted Budget	Proposed Variations	Proposed Budget	
Collaborate	(25,280,585)	(889,060)	(26,169,645)	Surplus
Live	15,083,733	102,246	15,185,979	Deficit
Prosper	1,306,478	0	1,306,478	Deficit
Preserve	12,412,513	231,500	12,644,013	Deficit
Total	3,522,139	(555,314)	2,966,825	Deficit

Table 2: Projected Cash result – Cost to council

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the information provided in the report on the quarterly budget and performance indicators review for October 2022 to December 2022 be acknowledged.**
- 2 To adopt favourable variations in the consolidated overall cost to council arising from the December 2022 quarterly review amounting to \$555,314.**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION**Income**

The December quarter budget variations for income has decreased unfavourably by \$8.7m. Council has deferred some projects that would have received grant funds such as Blackmans swamp, airport security screening and the Forest road railway bridge is not progressing. However, there were a number of grants awarded during the period. These include; Resources for Regions, Stronger Country communities, Fixing local roads for pothole repair, NSW Get Active program for footpaths, Crown Reserve for Pinnacle lookout, Regional Airport grants for lighting and a parking hard stand. A list of major variations is included in the attached report.

Income streams such as User Charges and Fees and Other Revenues are currently on track as generally their rate of receipt is consistent throughout the year. As Council's annual rates are levied in July of each year, this income is almost fully recognised in the first quarter.

Interest revenue forecast for the remainder of the financial year has increased due to the increase in interest rates being offered and management undergoing a full review of investments at lower rates. The forecast increase for the remainder of the year is \$1.4m

Other income streams are subject to external influences including occurrences of development, or the success of grant applications. These income streams are routinely reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each quarterly review.

Figure 1 below provides a snapshot of the split of Council's income against budget.

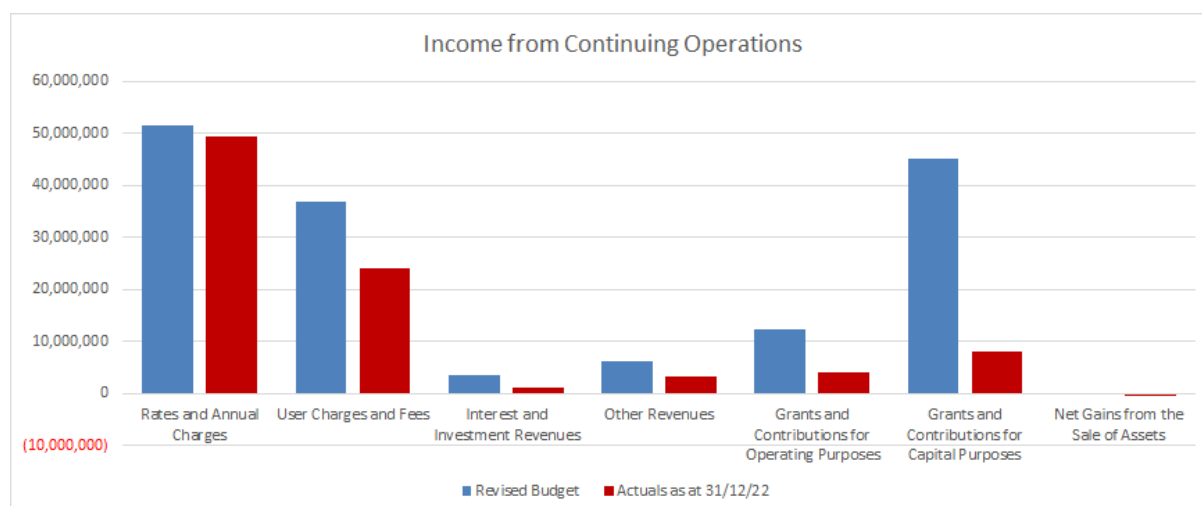


Figure 1: Income with Original Budget, Projected budget and Actuals as at 31 December 2022

Operating Expenditure

The December quarter budget variations for operational expenditure has increased unfavourably by \$725,063. The main increase is due to depreciation being forecasted higher for water and sewer assets as a result from the recent revaluation. Other small variations include; Pot hole repair, Orange mile program, Summer holiday program, creek rehabilitation. A list of major variations is included in the attached report.

Actual expenditure is tracking in line as expected, however there could be pressure on existing maintenance, electricity and other budgets as rising and escalating costs are realised. Council will be well aware of the price rises for gas, electricity, fuel currently impacting operations and the further flagged increases in the Federal budget. Staff are doing what can be done to reduce these impacts through the long-term electricity contract recently signed and through solar and battery installs which will reduce demand. Project material and contactor price increases of around 25% are being experienced and will continue to impact the budget in the foreseeable future.

In general, Council’s routine operational expenses should be incurred at a consistent rate. These include expense groupings such as Employee Costs, Materials and Contracts, Depreciation and Other Expenses.

Figure 2 provides a snapshot of the split of Council’s operating expenditure

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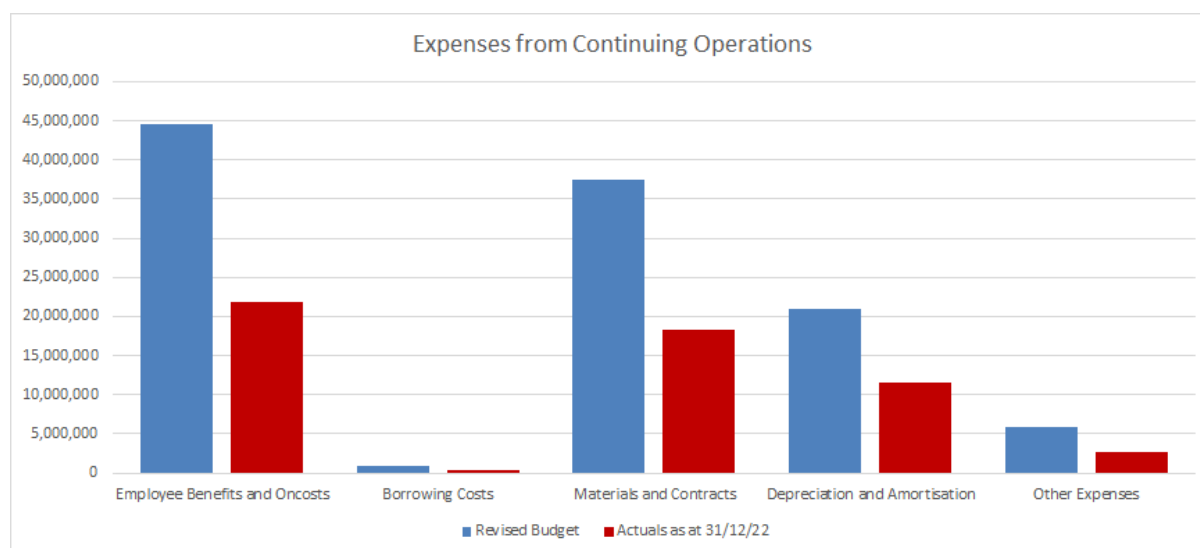


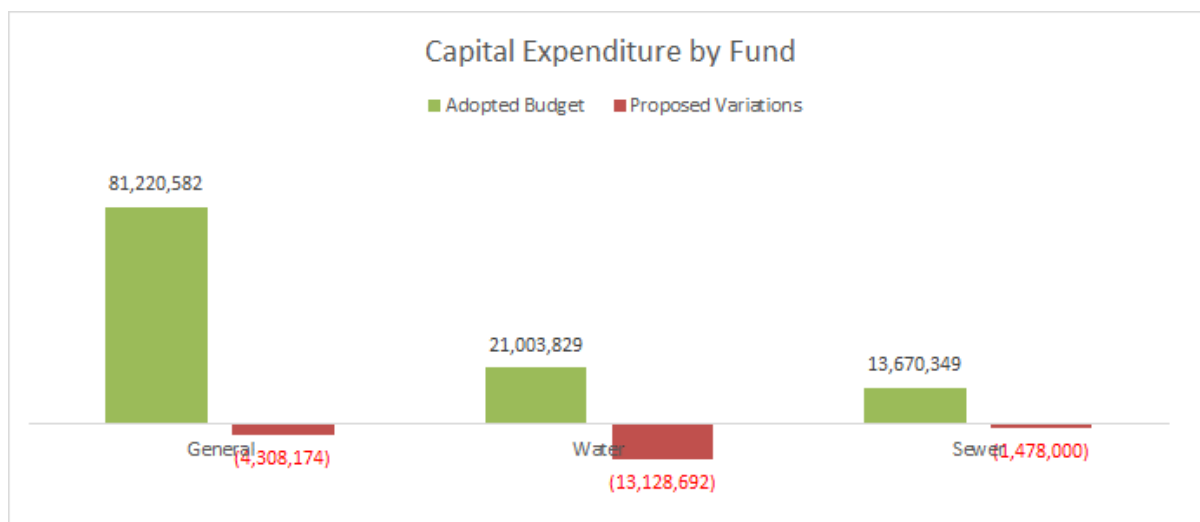
Figure 2: Expenditure Report with Original Budget, Projected budget and Actuals as at 31 December 2022

Capital Expenditure

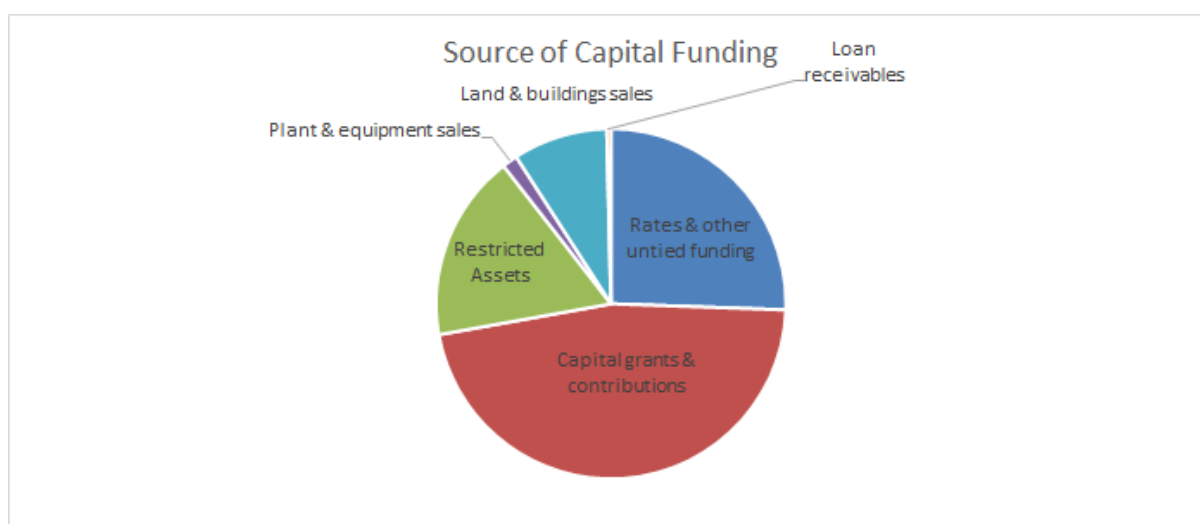
The December quarter budget variations for capital expenditure has decreased by \$18.9m. A review of all capital projects has been undertaken and managers have assessed the timeframes of expected delivery. As a result some projects have been deferred until the new financial year. These include mainly water and sewer infrastructure. A list of major variations is included in the attached report. The table below represents Council's capital expenditure by fund.

Capital Budget by Fund

Fund	Adopted Budget	Proposed Variations	Proposed Budget
General	81,220,582	(4,308,174)	76,912,408
Water	21,003,829	(13,128,692)	7,875,137
Sewer	13,670,349	(1,478,000)	12,192,349
Total	115,894,760	(18,914,866)	96,979,894



Council’s capital expenditure is funded by a mix of funding sources. The following table shows the funding source for capital expenditure.



Cash Restrictions

The December quarter budget variations for restricted asset movements has resulted in a return back to reserves of \$14.1m. These variations will result in a predicted total cash held of \$207m. The Table below shows the restricted cash held by each fund and the projected closing balance. The detail list of restrictions is included in the attached report.

Cash Restrictions Movement				
Fund	Opening Balance	Adopted Budget Transfers	Proposed Variations Transfers	Closing Balance
General	87,744,007	(21,060,676)	6,394,682	73,078,013
Water	75,727,021	(3,122,580)	6,015,622	78,620,063
Sewer	62,570,972	(8,783,785)	1,697,313	55,484,500
Total	226,042,000	(32,967,041)	14,107,617	207,182,576

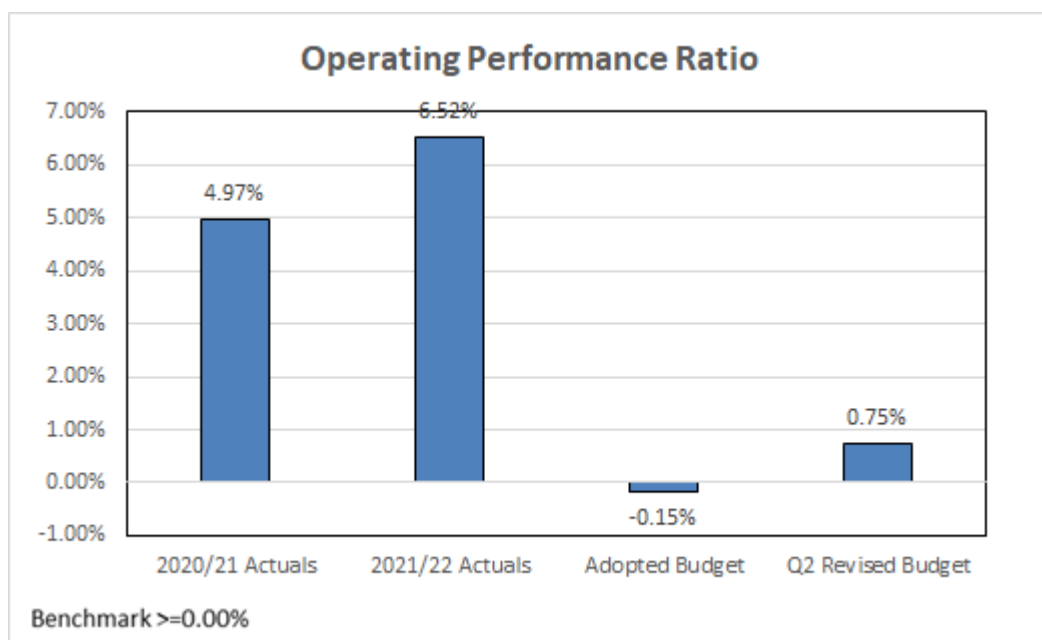
Financial Performance Indicators

The tables below represent financial performance against local government industry indicators from the annual financial statements. The charts compare actual performance from 2021/22 against the adopted 2022/23 budget and the proposed Q2 revised 2022/23 budget.

Operating Performance Ratio:

The purpose of the operating performance ratio is to measure the extent to which Council succeeds in containing operating expenditure within operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions).

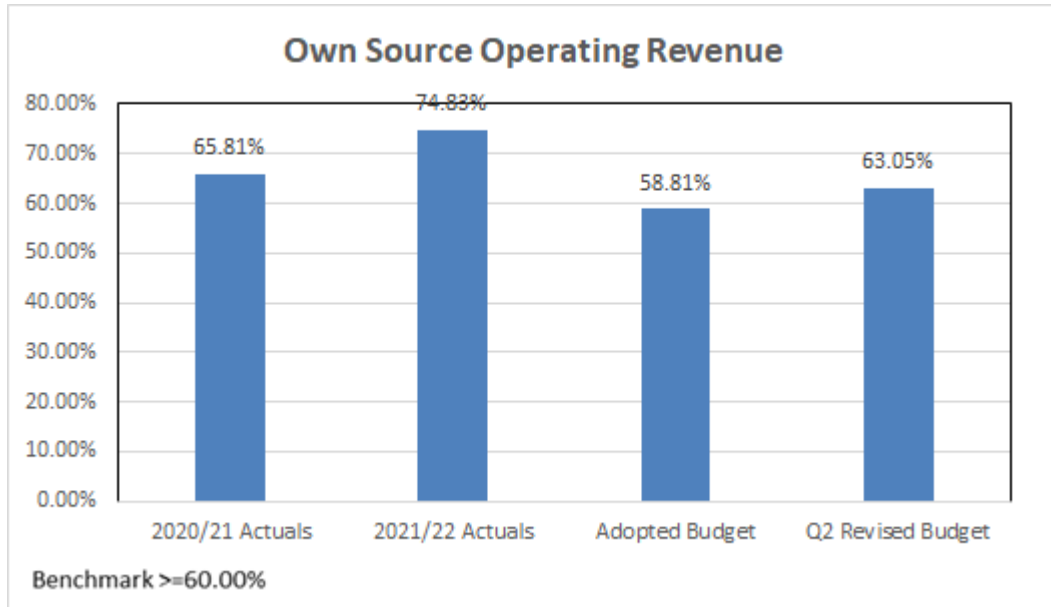
The performance to date indicates Council is now tracking above the benchmark due mainly to the forecast of a operating surplus for the 2022/23 year.



Own Source Operating Revenue:

The purpose of the own source operating revenue ratio is to measure fiscal flexibility by analysing the degree of reliance on external funding sources.

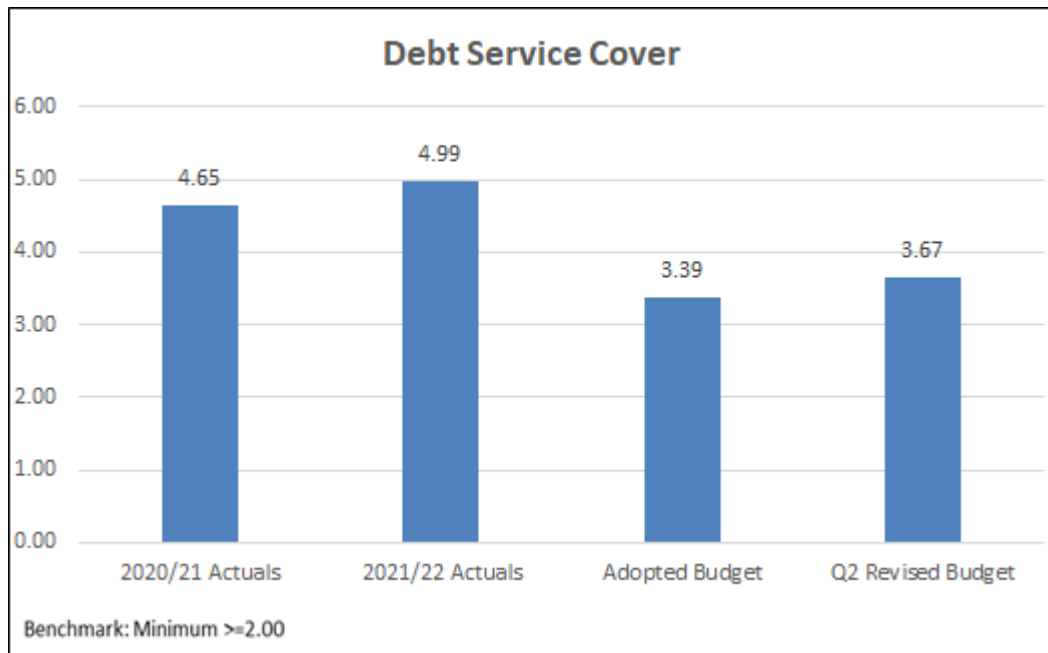
The performance to date indicates Council is now above the benchmark, with a significant increase in the level of funding expected to come from capital grants and contributions for major projects in 2022/23.



Debt Service Cover:

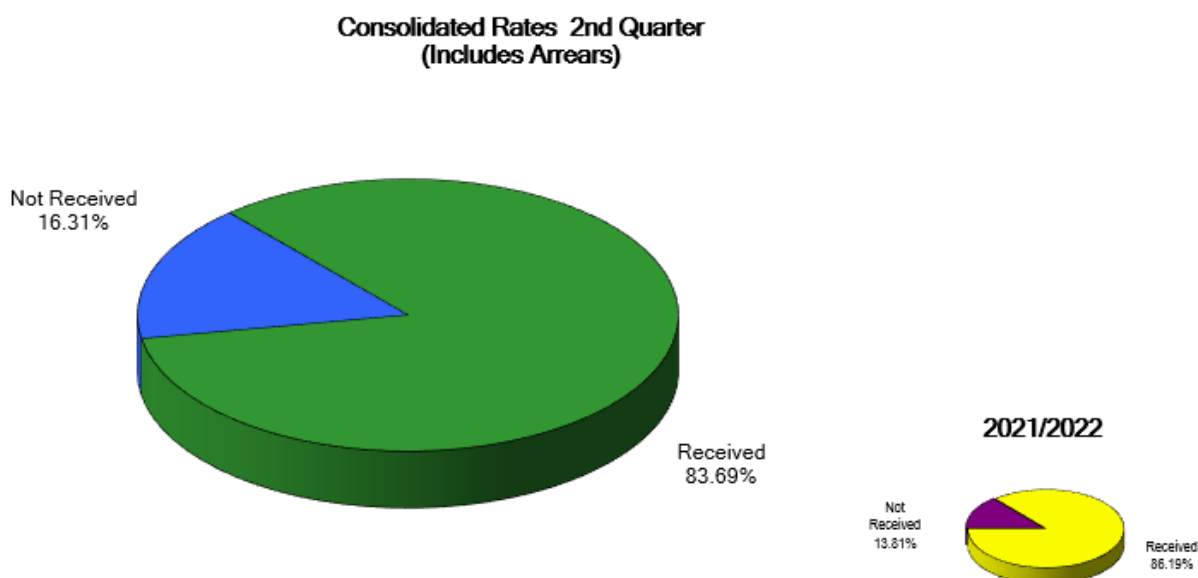
The purpose of the debt service cover ratio is to measure the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments.

The performance to date indicates Council is tracking in advance of the benchmark. The budgeted performance is below the 2021/22 ratio due to the surplus operating result achieved in 2021/22 combined with lower loan repayments and interest than is forecast for 2022/23.



Rates and Charges Collection

As at December 2022, a total of \$7.11 million (16.31 per cent) remains outstanding for rates and annual charges. For the purposes of comparison, for the same quarter last financial year, \$5.65m (13.81 per cent) of the amount payable remained outstanding.

Rate Collection as at Q2 2022/23 vs Q2 2021/22

During the quarter council received payments for rates and charges of \$16.7m. The next rate instalment is due on the 29th of February 2022 and council staff will continue to monitor outstanding rates and charges.

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005:

As the Responsible Accounting Officer, it is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Orange City Council for the quarter ended 30 December 2022 indicates that Council's projected financial position for 30 June 2023 will be satisfactory having regard to the project estimates of income and expenditure, and variations contained therein.

Veronica Webb, Responsible Accounting Officer

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 February Quarterly Review - Budget Report, D23/7844 [↓](#)

5.9 EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM - APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/167

AUTHOR: Tig Armstrong, Manager Economic Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information requested by Council if sponsorship had been received from Bathurst City Council for the City of Orange Veterans Golf Incorporated for the Central West Veterans Week of Golf Tournament to be held on 5-10 March 2023.

The tournament organiser has confirmed that they have not sought or received sponsorship money from Bathurst City Council due to the naming of the event and because most of the tournament and expenditure on meals and accommodation will be in Orange.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “15.2. Support community organisations and groups to deliver services and programs”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget for the Event Sponsorship Program is **\$100,000** per financial year. This application falls into the 2022/2023 financial year. Funds remaining: **\$72,780.16**. The sum of being requested is the category maximum of **\$1,000**.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Council’s policy: Events Sponsorship Program policy ST144.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council resolves to sponsor \$1000 to City of Orange Veterans Golf Incorporated for the Central West Veterans Week of Golf Tournament, 5-10 March 2023.

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

Applicant 1	Central West Veterans Week of Golf Tournament (5-10th March, 2023)
Policy Category	Flagship Event Fund – for an event that has been running for more than 2 consecutive years that contributes to the Orange360 tourism region and can demonstrate that it attracts overnight visitation. (see guidelines)
Amount requested	\$1,000
Category Maximum	\$1,000

Complies With Policy	Yes.
Previously funded by Council?	\$1,000 in 2022 \$500 in 2021 \$500 in 2020
Other reported sponsorship	\$2,500 – Orange Ex-Services Club \$1,000 – Mitre 10, Everly Jewellers \$250 – Nile Street Café
Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tournament is held over 5 days at Wentworth Golf Club and Duntryleague Golf Club. For the first time in the 26-year history of the event, play will also be held at Bathurst Golf Club due to the closure of one golf course. • Council sponsorship will supplement the cost of promotion, advertising and trophies to attract veteran golfers from all over NSW and interstate. • The organisers estimate that between 200-230 people will be involved in the event, with 150-170 coming from outside of Orange and about 230 staying in Orange overnight. • The organisers are considering change the name of the event to “Central West Veterans Golf Tournament” for next year at which time the organisers will also approach Bathurst Regional Council for sponsorship.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Event Sponsorship application - Central West Veterans Golf Tournament 2023 combined, D22/74599 [↓](#)

6 CLOSED MEETING - SEE CLOSED AGENDA

The Chief Executive Officer will advise the Council if any written submissions have been received relating to any item advertised for consideration by a closed meeting of Orange City Council.

The Mayor will extend an invitation to any member of the public present at the meeting to make a representation to Council as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

RECOMMENDATION

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

6.1 Sale proposed Lot 404, 38 Astill Drive Orange

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

6.1 SALE PROPOSED LOT 404, 38 ASTILL DRIVE ORANGE

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/2587

AUTHOR: Rachelle Robb, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING