



FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

4 APRIL 2023

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE on Tuesday, 4 April 2023.**

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 Finance Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 SMALL DONATIONS AND GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/413

AUTHOR: Tony Boland, Business Projects Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council to allow for the consideration of a resolution regarding applications for funding through the Small Donations & Grants Program.

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 General Donations within the Small Donations & Grants Program for 2022/2023 is **\$60,000**. Funds remaining to date: **\$11,303.51**. The sum of donations requested in this round: **\$10,229.97**.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Council’s Donations and Grants Policy - ST029.

This policy is in accordance with these sections in the Local Government Act 1993:

1. Section 356 (financial assistance)
2. Section 377 (delegated authority)
3. Section 610E (waive or reduce fees)

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

Section 207 (record of donations for auditing purposes)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council decides on the following applications:

- 1 To donate **\$2,500** to Orange Male Voice Choir as a contribution towards honorariums for Music Director and Accompanist.
- 2 To donate **\$2,000** to 3rd Orange Scouts as a contribution to the payment of rates for FY2022/23 and contribute towards day-to-day costs such as power, insurance and registration.
- 3 To donate **\$4,979.97** to Central West Gymsports for the purchase and installation of a hydration station. The sum request is more than the category maximum of **\$2,500**.
- 4 To donate **\$750** to Sharon Cooper of Pinnacle Dragons Abreast to attend the International Breast Cancer Paddling Commission (IBCPC) festival being held at Lake Karapiro (NZ).

2.1 Small Donations and Grants Program Applications

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	Orange Male Voice Choir
Assistance Would Support	Contribution towards honorariums for Music Director and Accompanist.
Amount Requested	\$2,500
Policy Category	Projects or Equipment Purchase or Providing a Community Service
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Complies With Policy	Yes
Previously funded by Council?	2021/22 - \$2,500 2020/21 - \$0 2019/20 - \$0 2018/19 - \$0

Applicant 2	3 rd Orange Scouts
Assistance Would Support	Payment of rates for FY2022/23 and contribute towards day-to-day costs such as power, insurance and registration.
Amount Requested	\$2,000
Policy Category	Projects or Equipment Purchase or Providing a Community Service.
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Complies With Policy	Yes. This request cannot be dealt with under S610E. The payment of a donation under S356 towards rates is entirely permissible
Previously funded by Council?	2021/22 - \$2,000 2020/21 - \$2,000 2019/20 - \$2,000 2018/19 - \$0
Note regarding Local Government Act	<i>610E Council may waive or reduce fees (1) A council may waive payment of, or reduce, a fee (whether expressed as an actual or a maximum amount) in a particular case if the council is satisfied that the case falls within a category of hardship or any other category in respect of which the council has determined payment should be so waived or reduced. (2) However, a council must not determine a category of cases under this section until it has given public notice of the proposed category in the same way as it is required to give public notice of the amount of a proposed fee under section 610F(2) or (3).</i>

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Applicant 3	Central West Gymsports
Assistance Would Support	Purchase and installation of a hydration station to encourage participants to stay hydrated, particularly in hot weather.
Amount Requested	\$4,979.97
Policy Category	Projects or Equipment Purchase or Providing a Community Service.
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Complies With Policy	The amount requested is greater than the limit in the policy.
Previously funded by Council?	2021/22 - \$0 2020/21 - \$0 2019/20 - \$0 2018/19 - \$0

Applicant 4	Sharon Cooper – Pinnacle Dragons Abreast
Assistance Would Support	The International Breast Cancer Paddling Commission (IBCPC) festival is held every four years (5 since the last one due to Covid) and is being held at Lake Karapiro (NZ) from the 10th - 16th April 2023. Sharon will be attending in the capacity of coach, sweep and paddler. Sharon is also on the Board of Dragons Abreast Australia and sees this as an invaluable opportunity to connect with other international breast cancer survivor leaders.
Amount Requested	\$750
Policy Category	Community events has been nominated but is not applicable in this case. Non-sport individuals representing Orange at a National or Overseas event was also nominated and applies.
Category Maximum	Community \$2,500 Non-sport representation \$1,000
Complies With Policy	While the participant will be undertaking sports while at the event, it is not a State or National competitive selection so they are unable to receive funding through the Sports Participation Program. The application complies with the policy for small donations.
Previously funded by Council?	For the individual: 2021/22 - \$0 2020/21 - \$0 2019/20 - \$0 2018/19 - \$0 For the Club: 2021/22 - \$1,200 (funded 11/7/22 & returned 22/11/22) 2020/21 - \$1,200 2019/20 - \$0 2018/19 - \$0

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Orange Male Voice Choir Donation Application (Redacted), IC23/7228 [↓](#)
- 2 3rd Orange Scouts Application (Redacted), IC23/7229 [↓](#)
- 3 Central West Gymsports Application (Redacted), IC23/7230 [↓](#)
- 4 Pinnacle Dragons Abreast Application (Redacted), IC23/7440 [↓](#)



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The General Manager
Orange City Council
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Dear Sir,

Re: 2023 Small Donations Program

Please find enclosed an application from the Orange Male Voice Choir for a grant under Council's *Small Donations Program*. Funds from a grant would be directed to honorariums for our Music Director and Accompanist.

Orange Male Voice Choir appreciates the generous support of Council in past years and acknowledges same on its homepage at omvc.org.au. The Choir was grateful for the invitation to sing last year at the opening of Council's meeting following the passing of Queen Elizabeth 11 and looks forward to the possibility of forging stronger ties with Council in the future.

Our request under the Program is for the maximum \$2500 grant available in the first category, *Providing a Community Service*. Our submission is aligned to the *Live* theme in Council's Community Strategic Plan. A few pertinent facts about OMVC:

- Our organisation is significantly self-funded. Projected expenses for the current budget year are in the order of \$14,600.
- The Choir lost its sponsor with the death of Norman J Penhall (Penhall Funerals) and has experienced the decline in memberships suffered by almost all choirs worldwide following the worst of the pandemic effects. Anecdotal evidence indicates almost 50% of choirs nationwide have ceased functioning as a result of the pandemic.
- We have responded to the challenge of survival with the development of an extremely comprehensive and detailed Strategic Plan to address all areas of our operation. A significant motivation is our commitment to the stewardship of an Orange institution that represents a community force of inherent value and historic significance. Successfully reaching our centenary year in 2026 and prospering beyond it is germane to these goals.

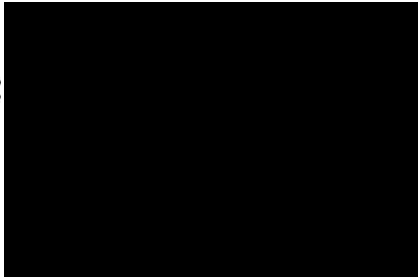
- Our group has always enjoyed strong links with local businesses and other community groups as well as reaching out to assist others in need. This year OMVC is planning concerts in Forbes and closer to home (likely in Molong) to assist raise funds for victims of the tragic floods late last year.
- We rehearse weekly at the Orange Regional Conservatorium and have enjoyed a close relationship with that organisation for some eight years as well as many local businesses, among them in recent years Kelly's Hotel, IGA, Printwest, Collins Booksellers, Orange North Rotary, Parkview Hotel, Landers Music, Orange Credit Union and many more. We have also worked with the FOOD Week organisers to incorporate concerts in their annual program.

The Choir incurs considerable operational costs; among them venue hire, insurances, uniform purchases, travel, and music to refresh our repertoire. We do receive some income from concerts but a large proportion of these proceeds are required to meet the costs of the concerts themselves and ever-increasing recurrent costs.

The Orange Male Voice Choir has represented the City of Orange at various openings, ceremonies and functions for over 90 years (see application) and we have literally sang the praises of Orange throughout the Central West, Australia and overseas during this period. Orange in fact is prominently featured in our signature piece, Friendship in Song, which we commissioned for our 90th anniversary in 2016. We are recognised locally, nationally and internationally for our choral quality, a standard achieved only by virtue of the generous and professional assistance of our Music Director and Accompanist.

We are extremely grateful for Council's help in the past, most notably for very generously meeting the major cost of a new choir blazer in 2008, but also for providing grants in the past for the same purpose as we currently seek in this submission. The Choir would again be most pleased to acknowledge Council's support as it has in the past on letterhead, our website and on all concert programs. As a prominent and long-standing community organisation we ask for Council's assistance in this area so integral to our ongoing success and operation.

Yours sincerely,



Encl. 4

- A. Extract from OMVC Constitution showing not-for-profit status
- B. Extract from Minutes, AGM Orange Male Voice Choir 7/2/22 approving honorariums totaling \$4500
- C. Extract from Australian Business Register
- D. Registered Charity Certificate

2.2 EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/436

AUTHOR: Tony Boland, Business Projects Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council so they may consider applications through Council's Events Sponsorship Program. This application is being considered outside of the usual quarterly funding rounds as the application was received after 10 February 2023.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "11.2. Develop and attract a variety of events, festivals, venues and activities for locals and visitors, ensuring accessibility for all".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget for the Event Sponsorship Program is \$100,000 per financial year. Funds spent or committed in the 2022/23 Financial Year to date is \$67,329 leaving a balance of **\$32,671**. The application requested in this round is **\$3,500**. This event falls into the 2023/2024 financial year but can be considered from the 2022/23 budget.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Events Sponsorship Program Policy ST144 allows organisations to apply early if it helps them to secure an event or to seek additional funding from other sources.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to take one of the following options:

- 1 Sponsor Austin Motor Vehicle Club NSW Incorporated for an amount of \$3,500 from the 2022/23 Financial Year budget: or**
- 2 Defer the application to the 2023/24 Financial Year considerations; or**
- 3 Decline to sponsor the event.**

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	Austin Motor Vehicle Club NSW Incorporated
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	\$3,500.
Category Maximum	\$10,000.
Complies With Policy	Yes.
Previously funded by Council?	No previous funding from Council.
Other reported sponsorship	The organisers and members claim \$22,922.00 in-kind support for the event.
Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sponsorship funding matches the estimate from the organisers for the hire of the Function Centre • First held in 1991 then held every two years in different states • Last time in NSW was in Forbes in 2011 • There are no known clashes with other events • The organisers expect the event to generate 1,200 bed nights.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Redacted Event Sponsorship application - Austin Motor Vehicle Club NSW INC, IC23/7285 [↓](#)

