



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

6 FEBRUARY 2024

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 6 February 2024**.

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 7 DECEMBER 2023

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/2

AUTHOR: Lisa Frost, Pound Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 14 September 2023 are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “6.1. Ensure that infrastructure exists for the safe exercising of domestic dogs”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within the Companion Animals Community Committee budget for 2023-2024.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 December 2023.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2 *and* 3.4 from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting of 7 December 2023.
 - 3.2 *1. That Council provide clearer naming for Off Leash areas.*
2. That Council organise a community tree planting day at the Off Leash areas for the users of the dog parks.
 - 3.4 *That the Committee thanks the Companion Animal Registrar and acknowledge her support and achievements to the Committee over the past 9 years.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee from its meeting held on 7 December 2023 be adopted.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 CACC 7 December 2023 Minutes
- 2 CACC 7 December 2023 Agenda D23/97113 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 7 DECEMBER 2023

COMMENCING AT 12.39PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Mrs Pam Davis, Mr Neil Jones, Ms Helen Wood, Mrs Susan Sanders, Manager Building and Environment, Pound Supervisor, Companion Animal Registrar, Pound Officer - Administration

Guest: Grace Pelli

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Ms S Sanders/Ms P Davis

That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Ms Danielle Haase Ms Anne Reith, Director Development Services, for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 7 December 2023.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

Ms P Davis/Ms S Sanders

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 14 September 2023 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 14 September 2023.

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2088

S Sanders: Selling RSPCA raffle tickets – good sales

Manager Building and Environment: The Senior Environmental Officer will be attending meetings next year. The , Companion Animal Registrar will be retiring, and Pound Officer - Administration will be taking over the Minutes of this meeting. The Pound is short staffed and have advertised to fill these positions. Applications have been received and they are currently being reviewed.

N Jones: Requested update on Council website to be clearer regarding adoptions and who to contact. Manager Building and Environment responded that it was difficult to make changes to the website and it had been discussed with Comms.

Pound Supervisor: The pound does do adoptions, however, most dogs were moved to Rescue organisations, which provided the pound with more room. Adult cats were hard to adopt, kittens have gone to Rescue organisations. There is a shortage of vaccines hindering the adoption process of the cats. Our euthanasia is on par with other Councils of our size.

D Haase (by email): Diesel and Blue won 2 awards at the Business Orange awards. 1. Excellence in Innovation and 2. Outstanding Business of the Year. She has also joined the Business Orange Committee so is able to be a conduit for businesses.

RECOMMENDATION

Ms P Davis/Mr N Jones

That the Committee member news reports be acknowledged.

3.2 MAINTENANCE OF OFF LEASH AREAS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2087

N Jones: Received an email from the public regarding Lombardy Way Off Leash, general maintenance to be improved. Mowed rather than slashed. Manager Building and Environment requested if he received any further emails like this, they be forwarded to Council general email.

North Orange Off Leash – Another email regarding erection of a ‘buffer’ fence to the neighbours who share the boundary.

Bloomfield Park – the condition of this park was complimented by visitors from Braidwood.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr N Jones/Ms P Davis

1. That Council provide clearer naming for Off Leash areas.
2. That Council organise a community tree planting day at the Off Leash areas for the users of the dog parks.

3.3 CUSTOMER REQUEST STATISTICS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2078

The new format for the graphs was received well by the Committee.

Manager Building and Environment said there had been some bad dog attacks in the area. Possible suggestions were to fence Wirrabarra Walk, it would be costly to complete this.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms S Sanders/Ms P Davis**

That the Customer Request Statistics be acknowledged.

3.4 GENERAL BUSINESS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2089

- Meeting dates for 2024 (due to Council election in September 2024, only three meeting have been planned):
7 March 2024; 6 June 2024 & 1 August 2024.
- The Senior Environmental Officer to be added to the Agenda attendees.
- S Sanders asked what Council could do regarding puppy farms. The Pound Supervisor advised that this was not a matter for Council, the RSPCA should be contacted.
- Bathurst Pound is opening next week.
- An informal morning tea for the Companion Animal Registrar will be held next year on 3 January, venue to be advised.
- The Desexing Program was held - 19 dogs and 5 cats at an approximate cost of \$6,100.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Cr Mallard**

That the Committee thanks the Companion Animal Registrar and acknowledge her support and achievements to the Committee over the past 9 years.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.40PM.



COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

7 DECEMBER 2023

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Thursday, 7 December 2023** commencing at **12.30PM**.

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Rosemary Reid on 6393 8992.

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EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**7 DECEMBER 2023**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

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

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

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

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RECOMMENDATION

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COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**7 DECEMBER 2023**

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 14 September 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 Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 14 September 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 14 September 2023

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

COMMENCING AT 12:31 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

Guest: Grace Pelli.

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Helen Wood, Director Development Services, Pound Officer, for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 14 September 2023.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

Ms D Haase/Ms A Reith

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 8 June 2023 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 8 June 2023.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Neil Jones asked whether the open space for off-leash was dedicated in the Shiralee and Cargo Road subdivisions. He was advised that the open space in the Shiralee subdivision will be under the control of the developer for the first two years and then there has been an area set aside for the development of an off-leash area. The Cargo Road subdivision is only at DA stage now.

MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

14 SEPTEMBER 2023

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1512

D. Haase – the provision of a dog creche at the Night Markets on the 29 September has been approved. This will be a marque in the southeastern corner run by Diesel and Blue. Diesel and Blue has won a Customer Service Award for Australian Achievers in NSW. Santa photos will be taken over the 18/19 November bookings essential. Trainees are working through Cert II and Cert III in dog grooming.

P. Davis – Visits court with a therapy dog and would like some brochures on keeping dogs and the desexing program to be able to distribute to attendees. There was a promotion on International Dog Day held at the City Centre which would be good to attend next year.

A. Reith – the RSPCA held a cupcake day and movie night which although not well attended still raised funds for the RSPCA. A Christmas raffle will be held.

N. Jones- Is concerned about the high rate of euthanasia's at the Pound and could more be done to advertise adoptions available. The Council website needs to be updated on Pet Adoptions and put adoption information on the Council Facebook page.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms A Reith/Ms D Haase**

That the committee member reports be adopted.

3.2 MANAGER BUILDING & ENVIRONMENT REPLY IN REGARD TO DOG WASTE BAGS, FOOD CARE AND CATS.

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1520

The Manager Building and Environment spoke on the outcome of the survey of dog waste bags and that the present company Animal Management Services would provide compostable bags at a slight increase in price to the biodegradable bags.

Food Care- the first donation of animal food went to Food Care – there were about 8 large boxes of food, some donated from donations received at the Pound and other items from the IGA donation cage. Food Care were very grateful for the donation.

Cats - email correspondence has been received about cats roaming at night. Correspondence has been sent through the Local Government Conference last year and will be sent this again this year and with further support from other groups it is hoped to push a resolution to NSW Government.

Staff have been involved in a survey on Pounds in NSW and submitted a comprehensive submission. D. Haase will also send a submission through her contacts.

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

That the report from the Manager Building & Environment be accepted.

MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 SEPTEMBER 2023**

3.3 CUSTOMER REQUEST STATISTICS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1515

Committee members would like the graphs to be shown in a different format with adjoining columns to easily compare the year.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms P Davis/Ms D Haase**

1. That the Council investigate using the Orange City Life to advertise pets available for adoption. That animals also be advertised on the main Council Facebook page and that the wording on the Reuniting Pets Facebook page include available for adoption.
2. That the Customer Request Statistics report be adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS**RECOMMENDATION****Ms P Davis/Ms A Reith**

1. That the committee decided to spend \$5000 of this financial year's budget on a desexing program for Orange City residents who hold a pensioner concession card.
2. That Council approach Mullion Produce, Orange regarding rehoming animals from the Pound.
3. That the next meeting is 7 December 2023.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.41PM

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**7 DECEMBER 2023**

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWS**

Committee members are able to report on their area of interest

3.2 MAINTENANCE OF OFF LEASH AREAS

Neil Jones to discuss the maintenance of off leash areas , in particular control of grass seeds over Summer and potential involvement of users for tree plantings etc.

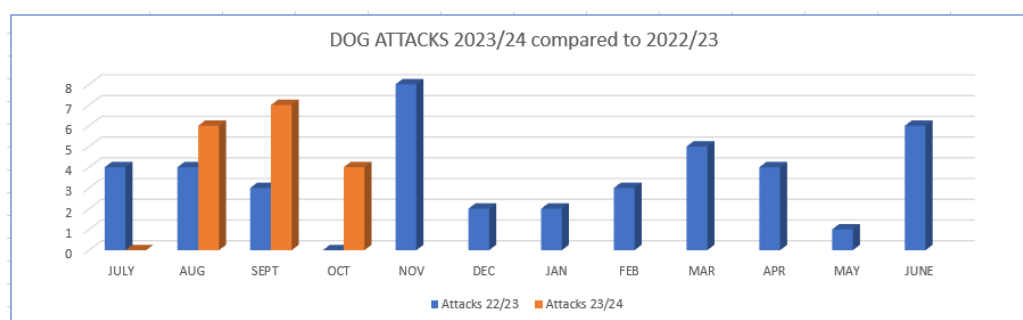
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3.3 CUSTOMER REQUEST STATISTICS

2023-2024 Customer Request Statistics

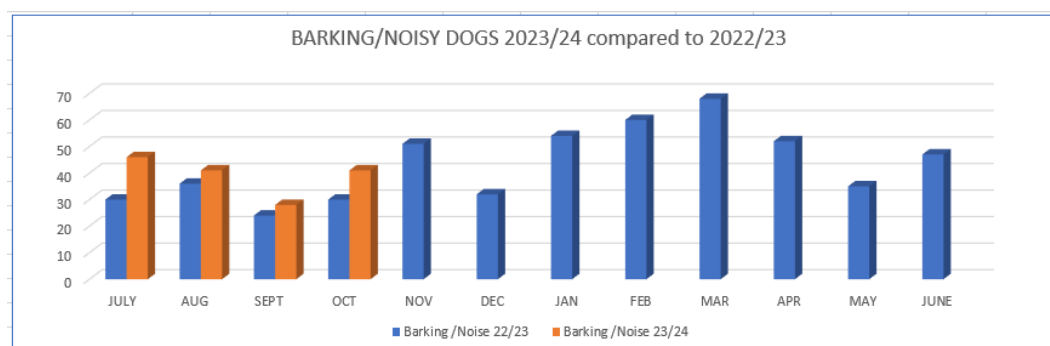
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Attacks 23/24	0	6	7	4								
Barking /Noise 22/23	30	36	24	30	51	32	54	60	68	52	35	47
Barking /Noise 23/24	46	41	28	41								
Stray 22/23	32	26	24	39	39	23	40	36	36	26	44	37
Stray 23/24	26	38	33	41								

Dog Attack Activity**Dog attacks for September 2023**

- 4 attacks involving 4 dogs
- 3 human victims
- 3 animal victims
- 3 on private property
- 1 in a public place

Dog attacks for October 2023

- 7 attacks involving 9 dogs
- 5 human victims
- 5 animal victims
- 3 on private property
- 6 in a public place

Barking Dog Activity

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

7 DECEMBER 2023

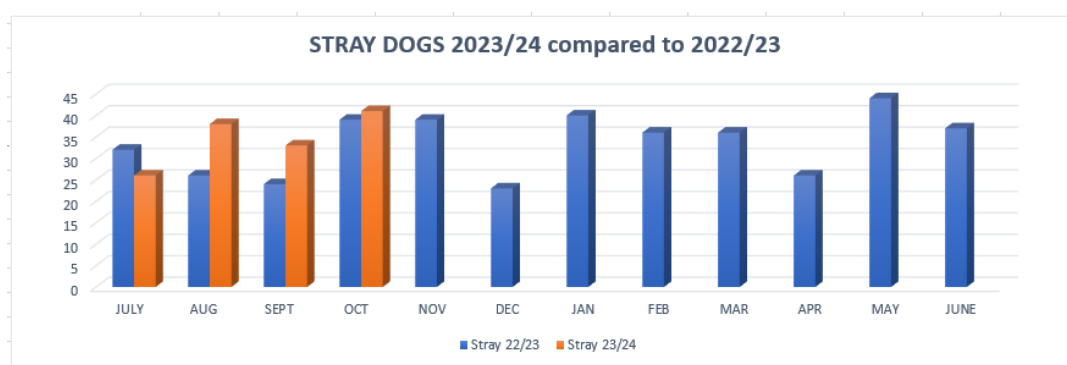
3.3 Customer Request Statistics

Council Ranger and Pound Activity – Dogs**September 2023**

- 20 were returned home by the Rangers
- 48 arrived at the Pound
- 24 were returned to their owners
- 13 transferred to rescue organisations
- 2 were adopted
- 10 were euthanised (8 unable to rehome, 2 unsuitable for rehoming)

October 2023

- 18 were returned home by the Rangers
- 60 arrived at the Pound
- 31 were returned to their owner
- 11 transferred to rescue organisations
- 2 were adopted
- 13 euthanised (11 unable to rehome, 2 unsuitable to rehome)

**Orange City Pound Activity – Cats****September 2023**

- 22 arrived at the Pound
- 3 were returned to their owner
- 5 were transferred to rescue organisations
- 0 were adopted
- 10 were euthanised (1 due to illness, 6 unable to rehome, 1 unsuitable for rehoming, 2 feral)

October 2023

- 23 arrived at the Pound
- 0 were returned to their owner
- 4 were transferred to rescue organisations
- 2 were adopted
- 13 were euthanised (2 unsuitable for rehoming, 7 unable to rehome)

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

7 DECEMBER 2023

3.4 GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting dates to be decided for 2024