



FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

6 FEBRUARY 2024

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, 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

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 - ALL ABILITIES REPORT

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/2314

AUTHOR: Rachelle Robb, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarises research into the options for financial support for All Abilities (AA) Sporting groups in Orange, as requested by Cr Greenhalgh in the Finance Policy Committee meeting of 6 June 2023.

The recommendation to Council is to support existing and future AA programs by prioritising applications through the Small Donations and Grants program.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “16.2. Support community organisations and groups to deliver services and programs”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Small Donations and Grants - All Abilities Report by the Director Corporate & Commercial Services.

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

Of the 43 sporting organisations based in Orange, Council received eight responses to a request for information on All Abilities programs. Of those, five have specific provisions or programs designed for AA participants. The remaining three organisations are prevented from offering a specific AA program due to lack of funding and/or available volunteers.

Information was gathered from sporting clubs in Orange by asking the following questions:

1. Does your club currently offer any specific all-abilities programs? If yes, please provide details and contact details for the organiser.
2. Are you considering all-abilities options for the future? If yes, please provide details.
3. What other steps or measures do you have in place to cater for all-abilities access to your membership?

2.1 Small Donations and Grants - All Abilities report

Emails were sent to all 43 sporting clubs in Orange. Five clubs currently offer an All-Abilities program or facility as detailed below.

SPORTING CLUB	PROGRAM OFFERED	DETAILS
ORANGE & DISTRICT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION	Kandooz Program	ADSA has run an all-abilities softball program for over 10 years. Membership sits around 15. They have a purpose-built diamond close to the car park for easy access, and dedicated volunteers that assist the program every week.
ORANGE CLAY TARGET CLUB	Wheelchair / mobility chair access	Due to the nature of the sport (use of firearms), OCTC is limited in what they can offer, but they do cater for wheelchair athletes. The clubhouse is also fully accessible.
ORANGE CYCLE AND TRIATHLON CLUB	Not a specific offering	Aim to be inclusive and can modify events to cater for different levels of ability.
ORANGE MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB	Wheelchair accessible trail	Currently have around 2-km of accessible trails in the Glenwood State Forest area (northwest side of Mt Canobolas). The club however struggles to maintain them due to low volunteer numbers.
	Trail of Awesomeness	Although not specifically built to standards, this trail can also be ridden by some adaptive mountain bikers.
ORANGE TOUCH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	Orange Thunder All-Abilities Touch	Offer both an Open's and Junior's program. Opens have been running for three years and Juniors for two. They have represented Orange at AA Carnivals and aim to take teams to the State Cup which is a pathway to regional representation.

2.1 Small Donations and Grants - All Abilities report

Three clubs expressed interest in offering an All-Abilities program or facility.

SPORTING CLUB	PROGRAM OFFERED	DETAILS
ORANGE & DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	None currently offered	ODFA are interested but currently lack the volunteers and committee to make something like this happen
ORANGE CYMS RLFC	None currently offered	Interested by don't have the resources. Have seen Bathurst Panthers run a successful all-abilities tag. They also welcome community to engage in non-playing roles.
ORANGE TIGERS AFC	None currently offered	Considered offering 'kickability' program but currently do not have the resources. They do try to involve everyone whether that is playing, umpiring or just generally helping out around the club regardless of ability.

It is recommended that Council supports existing and future AA programs by prioritising applications through the Small Donations and Grants program.

This prioritisation can be highlighted by adding the following clause under General Conditions (relating to all donation categories):

Applications in support of existing or new all-abilities sporting programs or facilities will be prioritised for consideration by Council.

Council could also write to Orange Sporting organisations to make them aware of the prioritisation and encourage them to apply for funding under the Small Grants and Donations program.

2.2 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/2304

AUTHOR: Rachelle Robb, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

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 received between November 2023 and January 2024.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “16.2. Support community organisations and groups to deliver services and programs”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget for General Donations within the Small Donations & Grants Program for 2023/2024 is **\$84,000** with \$40,270 spent to date. The total requested in this round is **\$9,908.62**.

Annual budget 23/24	\$84,000.00
<i>Total spent to date</i>	\$40,250.05
<i>Requested amount this round</i>	\$9,908.62
<i>Remaining balance</i>	\$30,341.43

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 determines the following applications:

- 1 To donate \$2,500 towards the performance costs of the kids/families focused show ESCAPE FROM PLASTIKA being presented during the Autumn or Spring school holidays.
- 2 To donate \$393 to the Central Tablelands Historic Car Club to cover the costs for hiring the Naylor Pavilion for the Veteran & Vintage Care Autumn Tour planned for May 2024.
- 3 To donate \$1,110 to GROW Mental Wellbeing Programs to cover the costs for hiring a room in the Community Services Centre for their weekly workshops in 2024.
- 4 To provide \$905.62 of in-kind support to the Combined Rotary Clubs of Orange for provision of road barriers for the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program being held at Towac Racecourse in May 2024.
- 5 To donate \$2,500 to the Orange Runners Club to assist with overall cost of the event and to help with some of the cost increases.
- 6 To donate \$2,500 to Orange Equestrian Club to replace aging and inadequate underground water infrastructure and increase the number of water outlets across the Equestrian Reserve.

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	Australian Dance Party (ADP)
Assistance Would Support	ESCAPE FROM PLASTIKA is an outdoor interactive dance and theatre show giving kids and families the chance to experience quality professional dance work with inspiring messages of sustainability. Their aim is to engage an audience of around 400 for a free event. The production is site-specific and hosted in local parks or playgrounds, and they are keen to work with Council to maximise the potential of the performance. The storyline focused on the heroes (Alpha, Delta and Pi) who land in unsuspecting community locations to adventure with young explorers (the audience) to investigate the problem of plastic. ADP has received funding to cover touring costs and is looking for Council to help cover local performance costs.
Amount Requested	\$2,500
Policy Category	Community event not being event sponsorship
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Complies With Policy	Yes
Previously funded by Council?	No

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Applicant 2	Central Tablelands Historic Car Club
Assistance Would Support	The Veteran and Vintage Car Autumn Tour planned for May 2024 by covering the administration costs of hiring the Naylor Pavilion. The tour is expected to attract around 130 or more entrants from across the Central West who will stay and dine in Orange over four days and three nights.
Amount Requested	\$393
Policy Category	Community events not being event sponsorship
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Complies With Policy	Yes
Previously funded by Council?	No

Applicant 3	GROW Mental Wellbeing Programs
Assistance Would Support	The funds will be used to pay for room hire at Community Services for their weekly workshops
Amount Requested	\$1,110
Policy Category	Community event not being event sponsorship
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Complies With Policy	Yes
Previously funded by Council?	Yes 2022/23 for \$1,100

Applicant 4	Combined Rotary Clubs of Orange
Assistance Would Support	Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) workshops for Year 11 students is run over four days by Rotary volunteers at Towac Racecourse. A different group of students from different schools attend the workshop that aims to raise awareness about driver safety through education. The request is for Council to provide in-kind support for the provision and installation of road barriers for one week in March 2024 so that students can observe the demonstration of speed in safety.
Amount Requested	\$905.62
Policy Category	Community event not being event sponsorship
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Complies With Policy	Yes
Previously funded by Council?	Yes 2023/24 for \$2,500 towards road safety workshops 2022/23 for \$2,000 towards road safety workshops 2022/23 for \$717.50 for road safety barriers

Applicant 5	Orange Runners Club
Assistance Would Support	The 2024 Orange Running Festival will take place on March 9th and 10th, 2024 at Gosling Creek Reserve. Total costs for the festival are

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	estimated to be \$106,292. Registration fees and sponsorship are expected to cover the majority of our expenses, but the exact outcome is not known until event date. Grant funds from Orange City Council will allow us to invest funds as needed for the event including the cost of traffic management, equipment rentals, finisher medals, water and sports drink supplies, printing, security and cleaning services and entertainment. Costs have increased recently due to the addition of the Community Mile (now Community Dash) with Council's support in 2023, including setting the entry fee at a below-cost level of \$10 for this event to maximise participation and social inclusion. Costs have also increased due to overall inflation, while we have kept most of our race fees at prior year levels. We are requesting \$2,500 from Orange City Council's Small Donations Program to assist us with the overall costs of the event and to help cover some of the cost increases, and marginal losses from the Community Dash.
Amount Requested	\$2,500
Policy Category	Community event not being event sponsorship
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Complies With Policy	Yes
Previously funded by Council?	No

Applicant 6	Orange Equestrian Club
Assistance Would Support	Replacement of aging and inadequate underground water infrastructure and increase the number of water outlets across the Equestrian Reserve. In 2022 the Club installed a pressurised watering system (pump) to replace the existing gravity fed watering system. Stage II of the project is now ready to commence by replacing the aging and unsuitable underground pipework (that continues to break and leak at various weak points), extending that pipework to further areas of the reserve and installing new outlets. We have been advised that the existing pipework is of an unsuitable diameter and for water efficiency should be replaced. Ongoing maintenance is expected to be minimal. The Club is seeking support to upgrade these facilities.
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?	No

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Small Donations - General Donations - Application Form - Australian Dance Party - Escape from Plastika (redacted), D23/105988[↓](#)
- 2 Small Donations - General Donations - Application Form - Central Tablelands Historic Car Club (redacted), D23/95801[↓](#)
- 3 Small Donations - General Donations - Application Form - GROW workshops (redacted), D23/102210[↓](#)
- 4 Small Donations - General Donations - Application Form - RYDA workshops (redacted), D23/102350[↓](#)
- 5 Small Donations - General Donations - Application Form - Orange Running Festival (redacted), D24/8456[↓](#)
- 6 Small Donations - General Donations - Application Form - Orange Equestrian Club Irrigation (redacted), D24/8452[↓](#)



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SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM

General donations

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Australian Dance Party Ltd

Contact name: Alison Plevey

Position: Artistic Director

Postal address

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

What is the legal status of your organisation? (eg Incorporated, Association, etc.)

If not-for-profit please attach evidence - such as charter/constitution showing no personal gain will be available to members, charitable status advice or a statutory declaration

Company Limited by Guarantee, non-profit arts and cultural organisation

Please select:

Profit or Not-for-Profit

If not-for-profit:

Constitution, tax ruling or other document confirming not-for-profit status is attached

Is your group/organisation registered for GST?

Yes No

If applicable, please provide: ABN: 85 612 587 827

ACN: 612 587 827

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

BSB No:

Account No:

Account Name:

Bank:

YOUR ORGANISATION

Please describe your organisation and its purpose

Australian Dance Party (ADP) is an award winning site-specific dance company, creating inventive and powerful immersive experiences, recognised as agitators and mobilisers of artists and audiences in movements for social change, emanating from Ngunawal Country, Canberra. Since its beginnings in 2016, ADP holds an important role as Canberra's leading dance company, strengthening and deepening artistic practice and arts enjoyment in the Australia's Capital and regionally, platforming and excelling a unique voice through one of the most vital art forms.

Our purpose is to:

- present innovative dance work that communicates contemporary issues
- lead as the flagship dance company of Canberra, with a national profile
- provide employment and development for professional dance artists
- inspire a conscious and connected community

Founded in 2016 by Bathurst raised, Alison Plevy, Australian Dance Party has:

- created 10 critically acclaimed major works, 20 small scale events and films
- presented over 146 performances.
- an audience reach of over 14,000 people
- conducted 32 arts/science/business/place based collaborations
- employed over 138 local and interstate artists
- supported 8 internships and secondments
- connected national dance network by producing ambitious site specific work, curate new work and deliver regular classes.
- delivered over 160 workshops, labs and classes to over 860 participants.

Demonstrating success in self-producing small and large scale productions ADP has an ability to:

- connect to an unlikely audience via public space and unconventional venues
- engage assiduously with our research partners to tell a rounded story
- deliver material with both meaningful and memorable content with lasting impact
- create challenging work that pushes boundaries without alienating
- create quality work that enralls and inspires a wide audience

Canberra Critics Circle Awards:

- Seamless, 2017
- From the Vault, 2019, and Australian Dance Award shortlist
- Lake March, 2020
- Symbiosis, 2021
- LESS, 2022

REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Please describe your project, equipment purchase, community service, community event (including the date of the event) or other eligible category listed in the ST029 Donations and Grants Policy

Australian Dance Party is applying for partial subsidy from Orange Regional Council small donations and grants program to assist with the performance costs of presenting our kids/families focused show ESCAPE FROM PLASTIKA, following our application to Playing Australia national touring grant, which would cover touring expenses (travel/accommodation).

We would present 2 shows and 1 workshop during the school holidays in Autumn or Spring enabling parents, grandparents and children the opportunity to experience quality professional dance work with inspiring messages of sustainability. Our aim is to engage an audience of 400, providing vital FREE access to arts enjoyment that connect and inspire the community especially during the school holiday time.

Escape from Plastika is a fun and uplifting, 40 minute outdoor site-oriented dance and theatre show presented in community parks and playgrounds hosted and in collaboration with the council if possible to achieve the best audience outcome. We are flexible with the performance space/venue/location and date at this stage and keen to work with you to maximize the possibilities of presenting the show here.

It is place based, immersive, interactive children's theatre at its best - educative, change inspiring, and community building - activating public spaces in a playful and powerful way. Using song, dance and story our dance heroes - Alpha, Delta and Pi - land in unsuspecting community locations to adventure with young explorers (our audience) to investigate the problem of plastic!

ADP has delivered performances of the show in a diversity of contexts including primary school incursions, community playgrounds and Floriade Festival. Each iteration has been unique, wonderfully successful and positively received. Escape From Plastika is a production that is versatile, and with low economic and environmental costs, making its joy and poignant messages accessible to wide audiences. We want to share it with communities regionally, enabling them access to free, professional productions that are entertaining and meaningful.

Developed in 2019/2020, with seed funding from the Canberra Theatre Centre in partnership with Ainslie School, the University of Canberra - Discovery and Learning and ACT NoWaste, the show has much potential to inspire kids to aspire to arts careers as well as inviting environmental care and connection to place, inspiring earth warriors of the future.

Escape from Plastika was selected to pitch at ArtsOnTour SALON in 2022 at Walsh Bay Sydney, presented/performed by Alison Plevy, sparking the design of a regional tour of the show. We very much hope that we can present the show in Orange with your partial support through this grant.

Audience responses to Escape From Plastika:

- "It was fabulous! It was interactive, factual, funny, engaging both physically and thought provoking. It was repetitive which is so important for little people!! Super effort!"
- "Amazing. Please do more kids concerts. Totally happy to pay for such great quality shows like this!"
- "Thank you for persisting to get the message to our little people."
- "Perfect way to engage kids in environmental conversations and share an important message. Loved the setting and interactive format. Well done everyone!"

YOUR COSTS, COST OF PROJECT OR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT OR COMMUNITY EVENT (OR ELIGIBLE CATEGORY) AND YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Please attach evidence of your costs. For purchase equipment, please attach three quotations.

Your costs	\$ 10,086
Your contribution	\$ 6,092
Your voluntary contribution	\$ 747
Amount required from Council (eligible amounts are listed in the ST029 Donations and Grants Policy)	\$ 2,500 (+ \$750 approx. value in-kind venue/marketing support)

DONATION CATEGORY

Which category are you applying under?

- Projects or Equipment Purchase or Providing a Community Service
- Community Events (not being Event Sponsorship)
- Non-sport Individuals or Teams Representing Orange at a National Event or at an Overseas Event
- Prize Giving (Central Women’s Association (CWA) or Orange Eisteddfod)
- Grand Finals, Carnivals/Championships and Invitationals

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL’S STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

Which Theme/s is your project, purchase equipment community event (or other eligible category) under?

- LIVE - A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community**
This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging. This can be achieved by maintaining a safe, caring and connected community, with active community participation supported by enhanced cultural and recreational facilities and services that cater for all of our residents. The beautiful parks, gardens and natural assets of our City are amongst our most cherished assets and contribute to making Orange a desirable place to live, work and play.
- PRESERVE - Balancing the natural and built environment**
This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and development. The community was strong in its desire to be more sustainable by promoting renewable energy, reducing waste and protecting our natural resources. There is also an expectation for infrastructure to support a growing City, with roads, footpaths, parking and a vibrant CBD seen as priorities.
- PROSPER - A smart, innovate and resilient economy**
This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study. It includes strengthening and diversifying our economy by targeting new and innovative industries, as well as fostering our existing strengths such as medical services, mining, local food and wine production and tourism. Orange residents are keen to see more engagement between Council, local business and industry and the education providers.
- COLLABORATE - Leadership and partnership**
This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making. Developing future leaders and supporting community groups to deliver services and programs were identified as priorities during the consultation. The community is looking to Council to provide leadership, guidance and responsive governance.

LOCAL BUSINESS USE

Will you be supporting local businesses? Please list any local business that you will be using and the level of expenditure.

Business	Expenditure
Accommodation - Central Caleula Motor Lodge	\$ 800
Meals - local restaurants	\$ 400
Fuel	\$ 150
	\$
	\$
	\$

DECLARATION

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.

Signed

Date /11/2023

Print name Alison Plevey

Position in organisation Artistic Director

The information you provide will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information by you is voluntary. If you cannot provide or do not wish to provide the information sought, your application may be unable to be processed. Any personal information collected from you will be in order to process your application.



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SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Central Tablelands Historic Car Club Inc.

Contact name: Keith & Nancy PACKHAM

Position: Tour Coordinator and Secretary

Postal address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted]

Mobile: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

What is the legal status of your organisation? (eg Incorporated, Association, etc.)

If not-for-profit please attach evidence - such as charter/constitution showing no personal gain will be available to members, charitable status advice or a statutory declaration

incorporated.

Please select: Profit or Not-for-Profit

If not-for-profit: Constitution, tax ruling or other document confirming not-for-profit status is attached

Is your group/organisation registered for GST? Yes No

If applicable, please provide: ABN: ACN:

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

BSB No: [Redacted] Account No: [Redacted]

Account Name: [Redacted]

Bank: [Redacted]

