



SPORT AND RECREATION POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

7 MAY 2024

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **SPORT AND RECREATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING** of **ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 7 May 2024**.

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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 Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 PROJECT UPDATE - ORANGE SPORTS PRECINCT

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/522
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Sports Precinct Project.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “2.1. Deliver sport and recreation facilities to service the community into the future”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the information in the report on the Orange Sports Precinct Project update 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

As Council are aware works at the sports precinct were paused to allow a review between Orange City Council and the State Government, with the project now proceeding in stages to ensure it is delivered on budget and in the best interests of the community.

The first stage to be delivered by the Council will be the eight multi-purpose playing fields together with supporting infrastructure to allow their use.

The tender for the establishment of the 8 multipurpose fields, drainage and irrigation closed on Thursday 4 April and is currently under assessment with the aim of Council receiving a report on the recommended tenderer at the Council meeting of 21 May. This may be delayed if there are contractual conditions to be resolved.

The projected program of works sees the fields completed by the end of 2024.

2.1 Project Update - Orange Sports Precinct

Council staff are concurrently undertaking work to finalise the design and deliver the rectangular field and stadium which will support sporting events across the region, particularly men and women’s soccer, rugby union, touch football and rugby league.

The final stage of work will see the delivery of an athletics facility which is also under further design development.

Earth works have now been completed.

View of completed earth works from Athletics Precinct (Huntley Road) side



View of completed earth works from Main Stadium Precinct (Forest Road) side





As mentioned the next stage of the project will see the 8 multipurpose fields established.

Main Field Dimensions

A query has been received on the Main Field dimensions. As defined by NRL Venue Minimum Standards the minimum field dimensions required, (unless otherwise approved as was seen in the recent Las Vegas fixtures and other locations), for an NRL game are:

10.3 Field of Play Dimensions

The Field of Play for each Match must have the following dimensions (unless otherwise approved by NRL):

- (a) Field Width: 68 metres;
- (b) Field length: 100 metres goal line to goal line; and
- (c) In goal areas must be 8 metres.
- (d) 5m buffer or run off zones between FOP and perimeter fence or signage.

This equates to a field of 126m in length and 78m in width.

The image below shows a playing rectangle 130m x 78m which covers a full-size football field plus a minimum of 5m run off on all sides.



Budget

The project has an approved budget of \$59.5M.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Media Release - Premier Minns and Minister Moriarty, IC24/8691 [↓](#)

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Chris Minns

Premier of New South Wales

Tara MoriartyMinister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales
Minister for Western New South Wales**Media Release****Next stage of construction on Orange Sports Complex to commence****Friday, 16 February 2024**

The NSW Government has today announced that the next stage of construction will soon commence on the long-awaited state funded \$59.5 million Orange Sports Complex.

Following a collaborative design review between Orange City Council and the State Government, the project will proceed in stages to ensure it is delivered on budget and in the best interests of the community.

The first stage to be delivered by the Council will be comprised of eight multi-purpose playing fields.

Local residents can look forward to seeing these completed by the end of 2024, with a tender for works being released today.

Following this, work is expected to be undertaken by the Council in 2025 to deliver the rectangular field and stadium which will support sporting events across the region, particularly men and women's soccer, rugby union and rugby league.

The final stage of work will see the delivery of an athletics facility.

The former government announced the Orange Sports Complex five years ago and failed to deliver whilst in Government.

Once completed, this complex will provide a much-needed additional regional sporting hub, which will allow young athletes to thrive and support the local tourism industry.

The NSW Government is committed to working with Council to ensure the successful delivery of this vital community infrastructure and welcomes Orange City Council's commitment to provide any additional funding required if the project exceeds the State's commitment of \$59.5 million.

Premier of NSW Chris Minns said:

"This is an important step towards delivering this long-awaited community infrastructure.

"I congratulate Phil for his unwavering advocacy for his community and Orange City Council for their dedication to delivering this long-awaited precinct.

"I look forward to the next generation of NSW sporting legends getting to play at a completed Orange Sports Complex soon."

NSW Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty said:

"I welcome the local Council's commitment to ensuring this complex is delivered in line with community expectations.

"This is a great example of how local and state governments can work together to ensure our Regional communities receive the infrastructure they deserve.

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“The fact is this should have been achieved much earlier, however unfortunately the Orange Community was let down by the former government.

“I’m proud to be able to make this announcement and look forward to seeing people playing and spectating on these fields in the near future.”

Member of Orange Phil Donato said:

“Finally, we have certainty for the Orange Sports Complex.

“I am pleased that the NSW Government and Council have found a positive pathway forward to deliver this project for the people of Orange.

“This project has been delayed for too long but now it will be delivered over the coming years and prove to be a major drawcard for the City of Orange.”

Orange City Council Mayor Jason Hamling said:

“I’m just happy to see this vital community project go ahead at last.

“This has been one of my key commitments to the people of Orange and I will continue to work with the NSW Government to see this through.”

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