



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

6 AUGUST 2024

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, 6 August 2024** commencing at **6:30PM**.

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

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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.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM

COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES

2 MAYORAL MINUTES

2.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - REGIONAL CITIES NSW BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 9 MAY 2024

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1237

MAYORAL MINUTE

The Chief Executive Officer and I attended the Regional Cities NSW Board Meeting in Sydney 9 May 2024, I provide the draft minutes for Councillor information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged

Jason Hamling

MAYOR

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Draft Board Meeting Minutes attached for Councillor information.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 RCNSW May Board Meeting - 9 May 2024, D24/74218 [↓](#)



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 9 May 2024

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Preston Stanley Room, Level 7, NSW Parliament, 6 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Attendees

- Cr Mathew Dickerson – Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council (Chair)
- Mr Murray Wood – CEO, Dubbo Regional Council
- Cr Kylie King – Mayor, Albury City Council
- Mr Frank Zaknich – CEO, Albury City Council
- Mr James Roncon – General Manager, Armidale Regional Council
- Cr Tom Kennedy – Mayor, Broken Hill City Council
- Mr Neil Southern - Acting CEO, Bathurst Regional Council
- Cr Peter Walker – Mayor, Goulburn Mulwaree Council
- Ms Natalia Cowley – General Manager, Coffs Harbour City Council
- Cr Doug Curran – Mayor, Griffith City Council
- Mr Brett Stonestreet – General Manager, Griffith City Council
- Cr Jason Hamling – Mayor, Orange City Council
- Mr David Waddell – CEO, Orange City Council
- Mr Troy Green – General Manager, Tweed Shire Council
- Cr Steve Krieg – Mayor, Lismore City Council
- Mr Jon Gibbons – General Manager, Lismore City Council
- Cr Esma Livermore – Deputy Mayor, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
- Ms Rebecca Ryan – General Manager, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
- Cr Philip Penfold – Mayor, Maitland City Council
- Ms Rachael Sweeney – Secretariat (Managing Director, Collective Position)
- Ms Edwina Blackburn – Secretariat (Senior Client Coordinator, Collective Position)

Apologies

- Cr Russell Webb – Mayor, Tamworth Regional Council (Deputy Chair)
- Mr Paul Bennett – General Manager, Tamworth Regional Council
- Cr Chris Cherry – Mayor, Tweed Shire Council
- Mr Aaron Johansson – CEO, Goulburn Mulwaree Council
- Cr Dallas Tout – Mayor, Wagga Wagga City Council
- Mr Peter Thompson – General Manager, Wagga Wagga City Council
- Mr Jay Nankivell – General Manager, Broken Hill City Council
- Cr Kenrick Winchester – Mayor, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
- Mr David Sherley – General Manager, Bathurst Regional Council
- Cr Paul Amos – Mayor, Coffs Harbour City Council
- Cr Jess Jennings – Mayor, Bathurst Regional Council
- Mr Jeff Smith, General Manager, Maitland City Council
- Cr Sam Coupland – Mayor, Armidale Regional Council



The meeting was declared open at 9:01am AEST.

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

RCNSW Chair Cr Mathew Dickerson – Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council performed the acknowledgement of country, welcomed members to the meeting and noted apologies.

2. RCNSW PRIORITIES

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCNSW Secretariat tabled the RCNSW board talking points and provided an overview of priorities in preparation for delegation meetings with Members of the Standing Committee on State Development and Infrastructure NSW for the information of members.

The update included:

- Overview of the current funding framework in NSW;
- Overview of population growth and shifts experienced for regional cities in NSW;
- Overview of regional council specific issues;
- Outline of the cost impacts from land transformation;
- Outline of the progressive cost shifting issues from State and Federal Governments;
- Overview of the cost impacts experienced by RCNSW members from natural disasters; and
- Overview of the RCNSW position on Emergency Services Levy.

Members noted the overview.

3. RCNSW DELEGATION MEETING WITH THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

RCNSW Chair Cr Mathew Dickerson – Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council welcomed the following members of the Standing Committee on State Development:

- The Hon Emily Suvaal MLC - Chair, Standing Committee on State Development
- The Hon Sam Faraway MLC - Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on State Development
- The Hon Peter Primrose MLC - Member of the Standing Committee on State Development
- The Hon Mark Buttigieg, MLC - Member of the Standing Committee on State Development
- The Hon Amanda Cohn MLC - Member of the Standing Committee on State Development

The Hon Emily Suvaal MLC - Chair, Standing Committee on State Development provided an overview of the Inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services, including:

- Importance of infrastructure investment from State and Federal Governments is required as depreciation of Council assets is a growing issue.
- Ongoing issue of rating in regional cities as more flexibility is needed to meet the demand of growing needs but also replacement and betterment of Council assets is required.
- Noted the issue of Development Contributions Plan (DCP) in meeting infrastructure development needs.
- Ongoing issue of existing residents funding infrastructure for future growth through the rate capped system.



- Noted the current funding system did not support Councils to predict future funds needed for development.
- Noted support for indexing the Section 7.11 DCPs.
- Importance of addressing best use of Council time in completing, auditing and cost of going through a Special Rate Variation.
- Committee noted support for increasing the rate page to allow greater self determination of Councils.
- Noted the impact of renewables and renewable energy zones in regional NSW which impacts most regional cities.
- Noted the over politicised process of applying for a Special Rate Variation which may impact local elections.

Members of the Committee noted the following was underway:

- The Committee was currently reviewing submissions received;
- Hearings on the Inquiry would start on the 17 May, with three hearings to be held in regional locations;
- The locations of the regional hearings would be advised over the coming weeks.

The Hon Emily Suvaal MLC - Chair, Standing Committee invited members to submit to the Inquiry who have not done so already prior to the commencement of the hearings.

Members noted RCNSW would be provisioning a submission to the Inquiry for consideration by the Standing Committee.

4. RCNSW MEETING MINUTES

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCNSW Secretariat tabled the RCNSW March 2024 Meeting Minutes and provided an update on the actions for the information of members.

RCNSW Chair Cr Mathew Dickerson – Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council noted consensus from members to endorse the meeting minutes.

5. SECRETARIAT UPDATE

Ms Rachael Sweeney – RCNSW Secretariat tabled the following documents for the information of members:

- Policy and Advocacy Register;
- Stakeholder Meeting Register;
- Seat at the Table Register; and
- Communications Report.

RCNSW Chair Cr Mathew Dickerson – Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council noted consensus from members to endorse the April 2024 reports.



6. INFRASTRUCTURE NSW

RCNSW Chair Cr Mathew Dickerson – Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council welcomed Mr Tom Gellibrand - CEO, Infrastructure NSW (INSW) and Mr Said Hirsh - Director Policy, INSW to the meeting and introduced all members.

RCNSW members provide an overview of priorities ahead of the State Budget release including:

- Population forecasting to meet growing demand on infrastructure;
- Housing infrastructure priorities;
- Skills and immigration priorities;
- Freight and Port connectivity priorities;
- Road, rail and digital infrastructure priorities;
- Water security infrastructure priorities; and
- Civic and community infrastructure priorities.

Members provided an overview of the RCNSW Pinch Points Program Business Case and noted the Business Case had been submitted to the Department of Transport for consideration.

Mr Tom Gellibrand - CEO, Infrastructure NSW expressed interest in the RCNSW Pinch Points Business Case and asked for a copy of the Business Case to be provided to INSW for review. Mr Tom Gellibrand - CEO, Infrastructure NSW noted Mr Josh Murray - Secretary, Department for Transport would be interested in being briefed on the RCNSW Pinch Points Business Case.

Members noted the discussion.

ACTIONS

- 6.1 RCNSW Secretariat to organise a meeting with Mr Josh Murray - Secretary, Department for Transport to discuss the RCNSW Pinch Point Program Business Case; and**
- 6.2 RCNSW Secretariat to provide a copy of the RCNSW Business Case to Infrastructure NSW.**

7. MEMBER DISCUSSION

Members discussed the meetings with Infrastructure NSW and the Standing Committee on State Development. Members agreed it was important to continue to engage with political and departmental stakeholders on key RCNSW priorities.

8. RCNSW MAY DELEGATION UPDATE

RCNSW Chair Cr Mathew Dickerson – Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council provided an overview of the RCNSW May delegation meetings for the information of members. Members noted the following meetings occurred with:

- **The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC** - Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales and Minister for Western New South Wales
- **The Hon Paul Scully MP**- Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Member for Wollongong
- **Office of the Hon Rose Jackson MLC** - Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth and Minister for the North Coast
- **The Hon Jenny Aitchinson MP** - Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and Member for Maitland



- **Mr Anthony Hayes** - Executive Director, Regional Community and Places Transport for NSW
- **The Hon John Graham MLC** - Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, Minister for Jobs and Tourism and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

Members noted the discussions and actions from the delegation meetings included:

- Confirmation that Memorandum of Understanding discussions should progress through the office of the Minister for Local Government;
- Agreement to brief representatives from the Department of Transport on the RCNSW Freight Pinch Points Program Business Case; and
- Announcements on funding from Regional Development Trust would be announced over the coming weeks.

ACTIONS

- 8.1 RCNSW Secretariat to engage with the Minister for Local Government on the development of the Memorandum of Understanding;**
- 8.2 RCNSW Secretariat to organise meetings with representatives from the Department of Transport on the RCNSW Freight Pinch Points Program Business Case; and**
- 8.3 RCNSW Secretariat to develop a watching brief on Regional Development Trust funding announcements.**

***Post meeting note:** NSW Government announced the first funding allocation from the [Regional Development Trust](#) on 17 May 2024.*

9. RCNSW POLICY

RCNSW 2024-25 State Pre Budget Submission

Ms Rachael Sweeney – Secretariat tabled the final RCNSW 2024-25 State Pre Budget Submission for the information of members.

Members noted the RCNSW Pre Budget Submission had been presented to Ministers during the May Delegation and would be provided to RCNSW Local Members of Parliament following the meeting.

RCNSW Submission to the inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services

Ms Rachael Sweeney – Secretariat noted the RCNSW submission inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services was under development and the final draft would be circulated to members for feedback following the meeting.

NSW Government Freight Policy Reform Program Consultation

Ms Rachael Sweeney – Secretariat tabled the NSW Government Freight Policy Reform Program Consultation Paper for discussion by members.



Members discussed the NSW Government Freight Policy Reform consultation and agreed it was important to contribute to the reform process. Members agreed to formulate a response including the following:

- RCNSW position on freight and port connectivity;
- RCNSW position on road and rail connectivity; and
- RCNSW Freight Pinch Points Program Business Case.

Members agreed to circulate the draft RCNSW submission to the Freight Policy Reform Program Consultation following the meeting for feedback and comment.

ACTIONS

- 9.1 RCNSW Secretariat to provide a copy of the RCNSW 2024-25 Pre Budget Submission to all RCNSW Local Members of Parliament;**
- 9.2 RCNSW Secretariat to circulate the final draft RCNSW submission inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services to members following the meeting; and**
- 9.3 RCNSW Secretariat to draft a submission to the NSW Government Freight Policy Reform Program Consultation.**

10. REGIONAL CAPITALS AUSTRALIA UPDATE

RCNSW Chair Cr Mathew Dickerson – Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council welcomed Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) Chair Cr Kylie King – Mayor, Albury City Council to provide an update on RCA activities for the information of members.

RCA Chair Cr Kylie King – Mayor, Albury City Council provided an overview of RCA activities to date including:

- RCA held a Federal Delegation to Canberra in February and met with key Ministers and stakeholders.
- RCA has continued participation in Federal consultation forums including:
 - Regional Australia Institute Alliance for Regionalisation;
 - Federal Government Urban Policy Consultation Network;
 - Federal Government Regional and Remote Housing Roundtable; and
 - Federal Ministerial Regional Roundtable.
- RCA is currently developing submissions and responses to the following Federal policies:
 - National Urban Policy;
 - Regional Telecommunications Review;
 - Federal Inquiry into local government sustainability;
 - Aviation White Paper; and
 - Review of Regional Migration.

RCA Chair Cr Kylie King – Mayor, Albury City Council noted background documents on RCA would be circulated following the meeting.

Members noted the update.

ACTIONS

- 10.1 RCNSW Secretariat to circulate RCA background documents for the information of members.**



11. GENERAL BUSINESS

2024 Site Visit Wrap Up

Members thanked the representatives from Albury City Council, Griffith City Council and Wagga Wagga City Council for hosting the RCNSW Southern NSW Site Visit in March. Members agreed the site visit provided invaluable insight into the southern cities of RCNSW. Members noted there are some challenges with holding the site visit early in the year and agreed to hold the 2025 site visit in May 2025.

Bonza Closure

Members noted the impact of the recent collapse of the Bonza airline and the significant impact on regional air services. Members agreed to write to the NSW Minister for Regional NSW and the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Development in support of regional airports and air services.

Domestic Violence and Crime in Regional NSW

Members discussed the current issues and funding allocations to address domestic violence across NSW. Members noted the recent announcement of \$230 million to improve NSW domestic violence prevention and support. Members agreed to include a discussion on addressing crime in regional NSW at the next board meeting.

Members agreed to invite the Hon Jodie Harrison MP - Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to attend the August Board Meeting to understand the Government's action on the issue in regional cities.

Next meeting

RCNSW Chair Cr Mathew Dickerson – Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council noted the next RCNSW meeting will be the joint RCA and RCNSW Member Dinner during ALGA National General Assembly on Tuesday 2 July 2024 in Canberra.

ACTIONS

- 11.1 RCNSW Secretariat to schedule the 2025 Site Visit in May of 2025;**
- 11.2 RCNSW Secretariat to include a discussion on addressing crime in regional NSW at the next board meeting;**
- 11.3 RCNSW Secretariat to invite the Hon Jodie Harrison MP - Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to attend the August Board Meeting;**
- 11.4 RCNSW Secretariat to write to the NSW Minister for Regional NSW and the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Development in support of regional airports and air services following the closure of Bonza.**

The meeting was declared closed at 12:44pm AEST.



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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City of Karratha

Message from the Chair

I am pleased to present the Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) 2023 Annual Statement that outlines the work of our alliance to deliver a stronger future for regional capitals across Australia.

Regional Australia continues to thrive in the post-Covid era with city to regional migration rates still up by over 16 per cent on average, compared to 2018/19.¹

However, shortages of suitable housing, connectivity infrastructure and skilled and non-skilled labour continue to be a roadblock to growing regional economies and RCA is championing the case for appropriate support so the population boom is backed up by the right investment for sustainable growth.

This year, the RCA Board have taken our advocacy efforts to the nation's capital on a number of occasions as the Albanese Government shapes a broad range of policy and programs for future years.

In particular, we have worked hard to ensure that regional grant programs are fit for purpose and I'm pleased to see so many of our recommendations to government reflected in the final program guidelines.

We have also worked hard to highlight the critical role played by regional airports and press the case for funding of these important national assets as well as making sure that regions get their fair share of support to address the housing crisis.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of our member councils for their continued support, advocacy and commitment to the common goals and growth of regional capitals.

It has been a privilege to serve regional Australia during my tenure as Chair, and I look forward to supporting RCA to ensure a viable and secure future for the next generation.



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Chair
Cr Kylie King

¹ https://www.regionalaustralia.org.au/common/Uploaded%20files/Files/Regional%20Movers%20Index/July%202023/July_2023_RMI_Report.pdf



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Key Activities and Achievements

This year saw a particularly busy advocacy program as the Albanese Government undertook consultation on regional grant program guidelines and aviation.

In addition, shortage of suitable housing, labour and challenges in delivering infrastructure in an inflated market continued to be a challenge and RCA pressed the case for additional investment in these key areas.

The following areas were a key focus of RCA's advocacy:

Regional Initiatives

- **Regional Grant Programs:** The Federal Government has opened applications for two new regional funding programs totalling \$1 billion - the Growing Regions Program and the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program;
- **Regional Investment Framework:** New investment framework that establishes a regional development forum for Australian Government agencies to better inform government decisions.
- **Roads:** The extension of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (totalling \$500m for Phase 4);
- **Regional Arts:** The Federal Government's new arts and cultural policy provides \$8.5 million in increased support for regional arts and culture, through a boost to the Regional Arts Fund and continuation of the Festivals Australia Program;
- **Regional Housing:** \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund including a new housing enabling fund for local government to support the development of new housing across Australia. A regional stream will be included in this fund;
- **Migration:** Allocating around 70 per cent of the places in the 2023-24 permanent migration program to skilled migrants and providing an extra two years of post-study work rights to Temporary Graduate visa holders with select degrees.



Latrobe City Council

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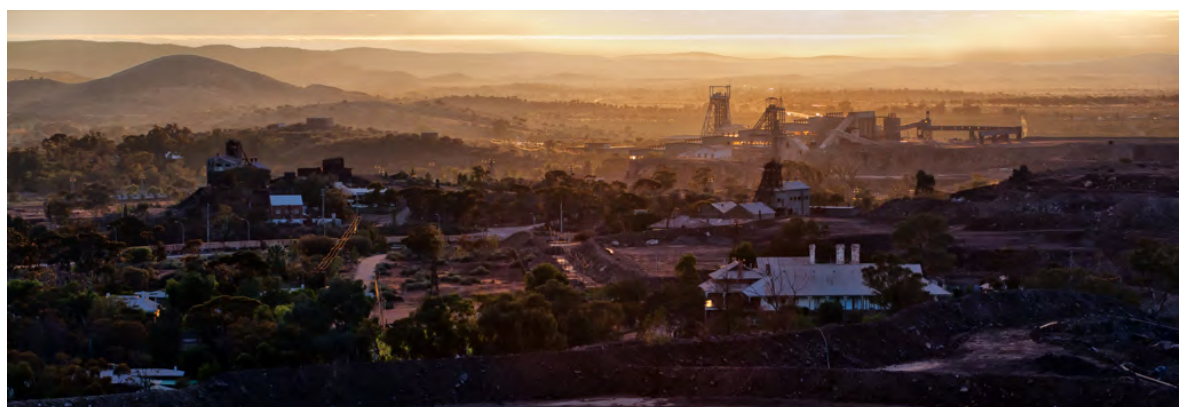
THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Regional Funding Programs

RCA has advocated strongly that growing regional capitals need a reliable funding stream for investments in important community infrastructure, with program guidelines that are fit for purpose, efficient and not overly onerous on applicants.

We were pleased to see many of our recommendations accepted by the Government, across both of the new programs: Growing Regions Fund and the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program.

RCA Recommendation	Growing Regions Fund	Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program
Funds to be exclusively allocated to regional communities: excluding suburban and metro projects	Yes – capital cities excluded	Yes – capital cities excluded
Review the stated intention to allow State Governments to access federal regional grant programs	State Governments ineligible for funding	State Governments can apply provided they demonstrate a partnership with local government
That the Government commit to annual rounds of funding	Three rounds committed	Rolling fund – no open or close date
Implement a two-step application process to ensure resources aren't wasted filling in grant applications with little chance of success	Yes – EOI and then full application	No
Guidelines should support the development of a broad range of enabling infrastructure	Yes	Yes, with the exception of housing and emergency management
Funding caps should set Federal contribution at between \$10 and \$50 million and reflect an accurate population planning statistic	Yes – \$500,000 – \$15 million	Yes – \$5 million – \$50 million
Council resources should be used to carry out infrastructure delivery as an in-kind contribution	No	Yes – contributions can be cash or in-kind
Support for business case development	No	Stream 1 provides funding for business case development



Broken Hill City Council

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Regional Airports

RCA led a delegation to Canberra to advocate for additional support for regional airports in the lead-up to the release of the Government's Aviation Green Paper.

Regional airports are hard-working national assets with a big role to play in the life of regional Australia, and our nation's broader economy and security.

An estimated 200 regional airports are owned and operated by local councils but rising operating, regulation and security costs means that many airports are operating at a loss and a burden on regional ratepayers.

To overcome these financial constraints and to support future growth, RCA is advocating for:

- **Implement a policy recognising the importance of regional airports** in increasing the connectivity of regional Australia and to consider future planning and funding of regional airports;
- **Provide recurrent funding for the Regional Airport Fund** to ensure that regional airports can be upgraded and maintained and that federally mandated security arrangements can be catered for in future years;
- **Upgrade the guidelines for the Regional Airport Fund** to allow for landside developments to be considered; and
- **Review the efficacy of Western Australia's Strategic Airport Asset and Financial Management Framework** (as recommended by the Productivity Commission) to assess the efficacy of the Framework and determine its suitability for application across all jurisdictions.

RCA was pleased to see the challenges facing regional airports acknowledged in the Aviation Green Paper and will be making a further submission for consideration in the forthcoming Aviation White Paper.

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Renewable Energy

Australia's rapid escalation into renewable energy means that regional communities are now facing unfamiliar territory on the frontline of Australia's renewable energy transition.

RCA developed the Renewables Installation Consultation Paper and has advocated for greater regulatory oversight to ensure communities aren't adversely impacted by renewable energy installations.

RCA has called on the Federal Government to introduce new safeguards to ensure regional communities are appropriately consulted and protected, with a nationally consistent framework that delivers baseline standards for investment and consultation.

RCA is seeking a commitment from the Federal Government to ensure that two key commitments are met as renewable energy projects are rolled out across regional Australia:

- **Ensure that robust community consultation and best practice engagement** is established as a minimum standard and as a regulatory requirement. This should function as a requirement to any proponents seeking to build renewable projects and transmission lines; and
- **Guarantee a seat at the table for regional stakeholders.** It is of paramount importance that affected stakeholders are given a seat at the decision-making table to ensure social licence is obtained, and that benefits and costs are properly considered.

Housing

RCA has long advocated that a shortage of appropriate, affordable and available housing options has curtailed growth in regional cities. RCA has welcomed the work underway through the Commonwealth Government's National Housing and Homelessness Plan, the Housing Australia \$10 billion Future Fund and the National Accord.

RCA believes that investment is required in the following crucial areas:

- Enabling infrastructure: roads, water and land;
- Managing growth: support for regional planners;
- Maintain and improve existing housing stock; and
- Housing innovation program to recognise and support innovative local projects that can bring housing to market in a timely manner.

RCA was invited to participate in the Regional and Remote Housing Stakeholder Forum, as part of the development of the National Housing and Homelessness Plan.



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Reports and Submissions

RCA continued to inform and shape government policy and decision-making by representing its members' views in important policy areas.

RCA developed the following documents which can be viewed on our website <http://regionalcapitalsaustralia.org>:

- RCA Renewables Installation Consultation Paper;
- Regional Airports Policy and Case Studies;
- Housing Policy Paper; and
- Pre-Budget Submission 2024-25.

Strategic Relationships

RCA collaborates closely with government, partners and key advocacy bodies to advance the cause of regional capitals and regional Australia more broadly.

- **Regional Australia Institute (RAI):** RCA continues to work closely with the RAI to highlight the potential of regional capitals and address the issues hampering regional growth. RCA was pleased to take a key role in the RAI's Regions Rising National Summit 2023, participating in a panel of keynote speakers discussing progress on the Regionalisation Ambition 2032.
- **National Alliance for Regionalisation:** RCA was one of the founding members of this new national alliance, to progress key targets in the Regionalisation Ambition 2023. The Alliance is the first of its kind for regional Australia, with more than 30 CEO's working together to provide national leadership.

Members include:

Regional Australia Institute;
 Australian Industry Group;
 Australian Local Government Association;
 Regional Arts Australia;
 Master Builders Australia;
 Insurance Council of Australia;
 Business Council of Australia;
 Small Business Organisations of Australia;
 National Farmers Federation;
 Planning Institute of Australia;
 National Rural Health Alliance;
 Royal Flying Doctors Service;
 Regional Universities Network;
 Australian Regional Tourism;
 Australian Rural Leadership Foundation;
 Engineers Australia;
 Minerals Council of Australia;

Australian Medical Association;
 Migration Institute of Australia;
 National Catholic Education Commission;
 Rural Councils Victoria;
 Real Estate Institute of Australia;
 Royal Far West;
 National Rural Women's Coalition;
 Welcoming Australia;
 Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia;
 Independent Schools Australia;
 Regional Aviation Association of Australia;
 Australian Communications Consumer Action Network;
 Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth;
 Country Education Partnership;
 Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute; and the
 Rural Doctors Association of Australia.



Regional Airports Policy and Case Studies





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Stakeholder Engagement

RCA is pleased to represent our members' interests at a number of important national forums including:

- **Ministerial Regional Roundtable:** To discuss the strategic challenges facing regional Australia, and provide feedback on key government initiatives in the regional development portfolio.
- **Australian Government Urban Policy Consultation Network:** To provide advice and feedback to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on urban policy issues including the development of a new National Urban Policy which will shape the direction of Australia's cities.
- **Regional and Remote Housing Stakeholder Forum:** The Australian Government invited RCA to participate in this forum as part of the development of the National Housing and Homelessness Plan, a 10 year strategy outlining a shared vision for housing policy in Australia.
- **Regions Rising National Summit 2023:** RCA Chair Kylie King was a keynote speaker in the opening panel session of the Regions Rising National Summit 2023 in Canberra.
- **SEGRA:** Cr Mathew Dickerson represented RCA at the SEGRA (Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia) Summit in Toowoomba, participating in the opening panel session and also presenting a speech on "Investment and Planning for Regional Cities".



RCA Chair Cr Kylie King presenting at the Regions Rising National Summit 2023



RCA Chair Cr Kylie King at the first meeting of the National Alliance for Regionalisation



Cr Kylie King at the launch of the National Alliance for Regionalisation in Canberra



Cr Mathew Dickerson representing RCA at the SEGRA (Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia) Summit in Toowoomba

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RCA continued to advocate for members' interests, meeting with a long list of Ministers, Senators and government representatives. These include:

Government

- Hon Catherine King MP Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government;
- Hon Kristy McBain MP Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories;
- Hon Andrew Giles MP Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs;
- Senator the Hon Carol Brown Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport;
- Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy;
- Senator Anthony Chisholm Assistant Minister for Regional Development;
- Office of the Hon Michelle Rowland MP Minister for Communications; and
- Office of the Hon Julie Collins MP Minister for Homes, Homelessness and Small Business.

Opposition

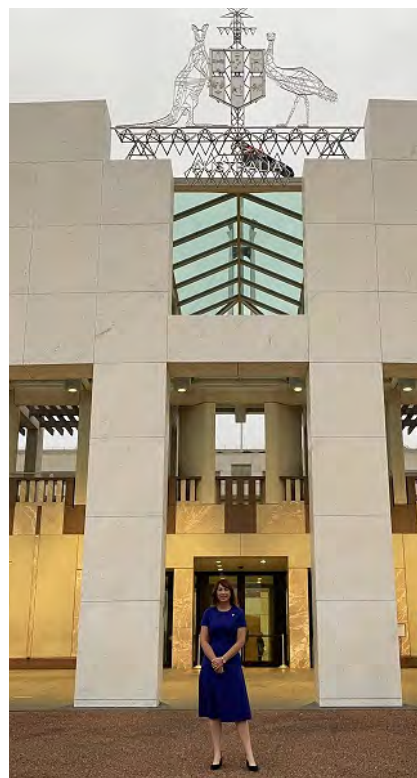
- Hon Darren Chester MP Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories and Regional Education; and
- Hon Michael McCormack MP Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific.

Department

- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water; and
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.



Mr Brett Stonestreet General Manager Griffith City Council, Cr Doug Curran Mayor of Griffith City Council, Hon Michael McCormack MP Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Mr Frank Zaknich Chief Executive Officer Albury City Council, Cr Kylie King Mayor Albury City Council, Cr Russell Webb Mayor Tamworth Regional Council



Cr Kylie King ahead of a busy day of advocacy in Canberra



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Cr George Seymour Mayor Fraser Coast Regional Council, Cr Mathew Dickerson Mayor Dubbo Regional Council, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development the Hon Catherine King MP, Cr Kylie King Mayor Albury City Council, Cr Kellie O'Callaghan Mayor Latrobe City Council



Tim Ellis, General Manager, Latrobe City Council, Cr Kellie O'Callaghan Mayor Latrobe City Council, Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Cr Kylie King Mayor of Albury City Council, Cr Mathew Dickerson Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council and Cr George Seymour Mayor of Fraser Coast Regional Council



Cr Kellie O'Callaghan Mayor Latrobe City Council, Hon Darren Chester MP Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories and Regional Education, Cr Kylie King Mayor Albury City Council and Cr George Seymour Mayor Fraser Coast Regional Council



RCA meets with the Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories and Hon Andrew Giles MP Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.





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Media and Communications

RCA uses a wide range of platforms including a website, social media, stakeholder alerts and media releases to communicate our message.



Regional Capitals Australia website

This year, RCA has also developed a new newsletter to keep our stakeholders informed about the policy issues impacting regional capitals.

We have continued to engage in the national debate, driving a conversation through the media about regional capital cities and the role they play in the Australian economy.

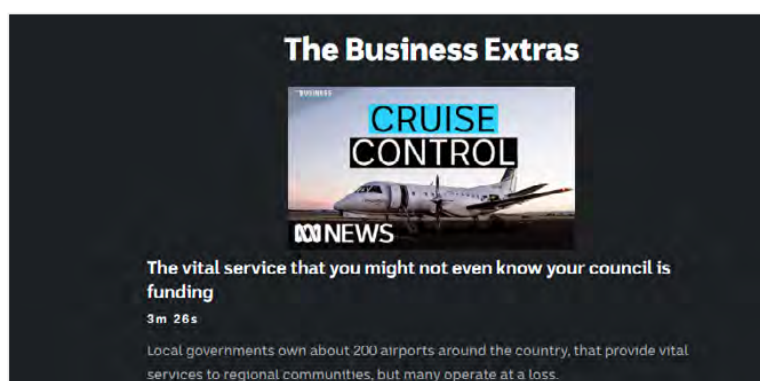
We have engaged in the policy debate at the local and national level, participated in keynote speaking roles at conferences and provided commentary in the lead up to and post the federal budget. RCA continues to be trusted as a voice of reason on regional issues.

RCA has appeared on a range of different media outlets including:

- ABC Radio (various local and national channels)
- ABC TV
- 2SM Radio
- Canberra Times
- Daily Telegraph
- The Courier Mail
- Triple M Victoria
- Warrnambool Standard
- Farm Online
- Border Mail
- Ballarat Courier
- 4CCC Cairns



Regional Capitals Australia Newsletter

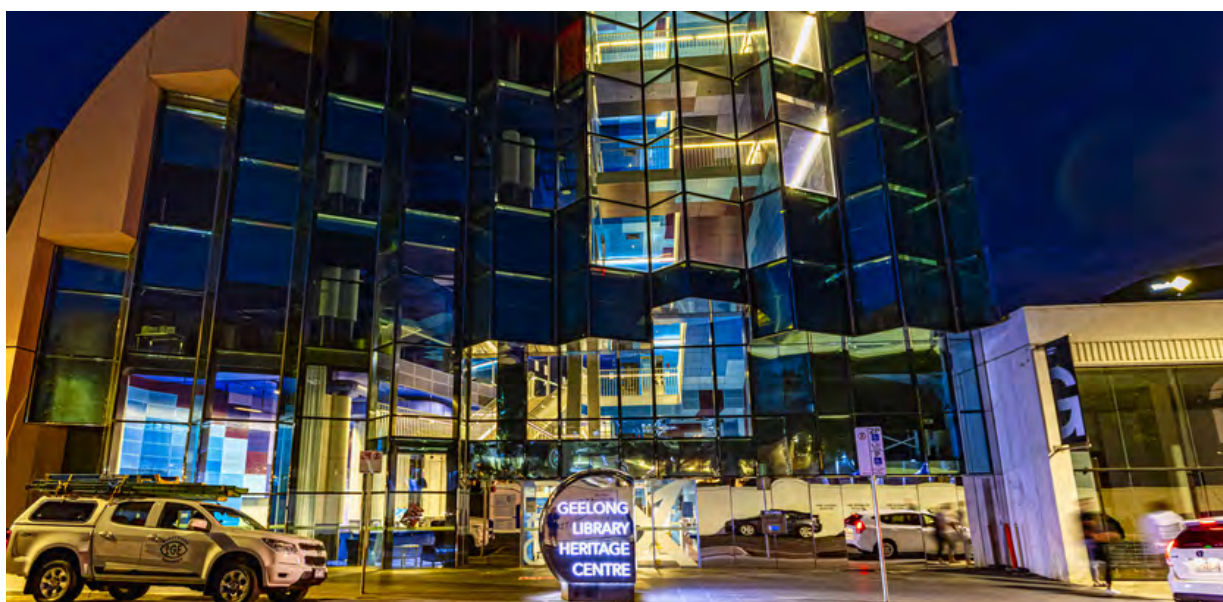


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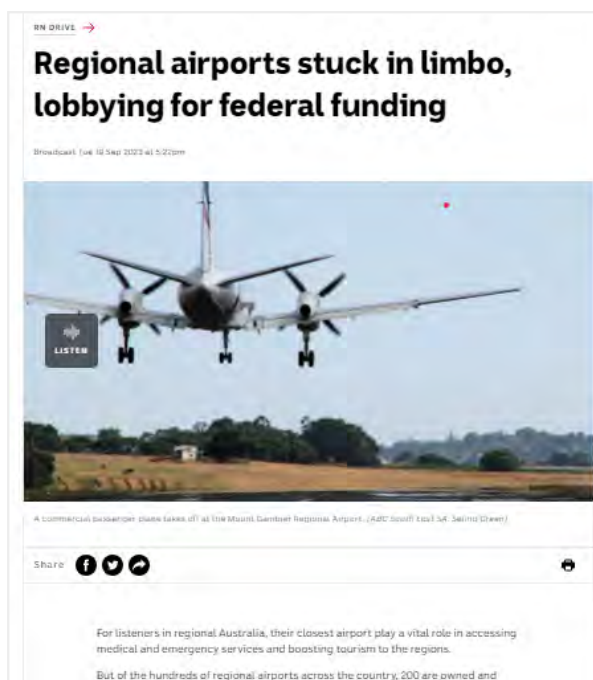
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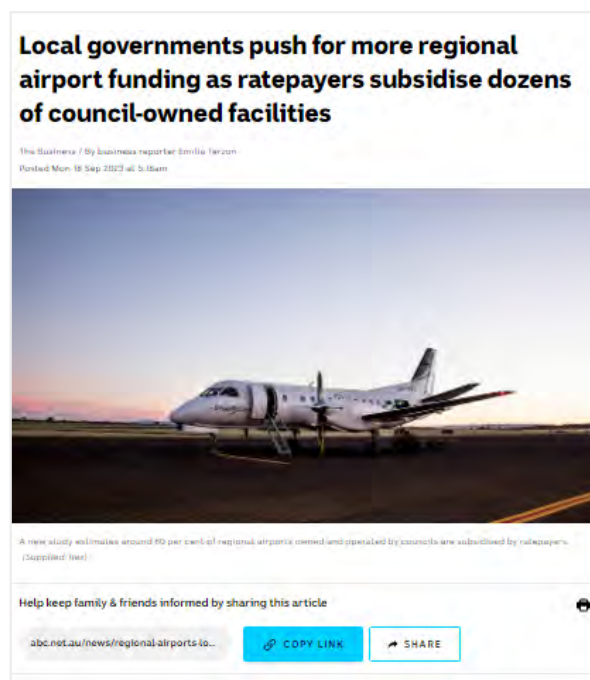
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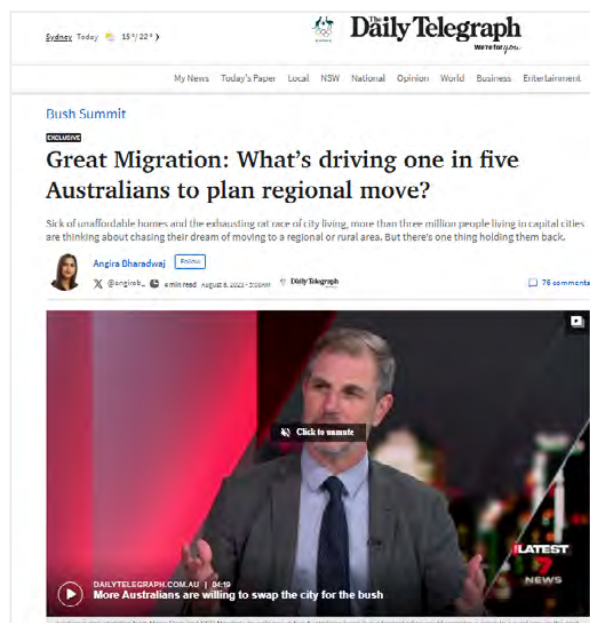
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WHO WE ARE

Who we are

Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) was formed in 2012 to represent the interests of Australia’s regional capital cities.

Our objective is to ensure these needs are reflected in national policy and funding priorities. Regional capital cities perform a ‘capital city’ role within their regions, providing a central point of access to essential services, commerce, employment and education. These services are accessed by local residents as well as those in surrounding towns and rural areas.

Regional capital cities also provide a liveable alternative for people and businesses wishing to escape Australia’s congested metropolitan cities. Every year regional capital cities generate \$225 billion, or more than 16 per cent of national economic activity. All RCA members have a growth agenda and stand ready to ensure a growing Australia means a stronger and more equitable regional Australia.

Through the executive and representatives of each member council, RCA advocates to the Federal Government and agencies on issues that are specific to the regions.

The governance team is made up of a national forum of Mayors and CEOs and is governed by a board of nine councils and led by the Chair and Deputy Chair.

Executive Board Governance

- **Chair:** Cr Kylie King, Mayor Albury City Council;
- **Deputy Chair:** Mayor Jaysen de San Miguel, Mayor City of Bunbury;
- **Secretary:** Mayor Mathew Dickerson, Mayor Dubbo Regional Council; and
- **Treasurer:** Mayor Shane Van Styn, City of Greater Geraldton.

RCA Executive Board

State	Representing Local Government
Victoria	Latrobe City Council
Western Australia	City of Busselton
New South Wales	Griffith City Council
Queensland	Fraser Coast Regional Council
Northern Territory	Alice Springs Town Council



Cr Kylie King,
Chair



Mayor Jaysen de San
Miguel, Deputy Chair



Mayor Mathew
Dickerson, Secretary



Mayor Shane Van Styn,
Treasurer

WHO WE ARE

Membership

RCA member councils are at the forefront of setting our policy agenda and shaping our strategy for advocacy to the Federal Government.

Throughout each financial year, members are invited to contribute to a wide range of advocacy opportunities where councils can have their say on behalf of their city and region.

This includes:

- Input into policy submissions;
- Participation at RCA networking events;
- Participation at delegations to Canberra (non-board members can attend one per year);
- Involvement in surveys and evaluation;
- Participation in case studies; and
- Engagement with research partnerships.

Membership is \$10,000 plus GST per financial year.



RCA board meeting in Canberra

The following cities are members of RCA

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Albury City Council; | • Dubbo Regional Council; |
| • Armidale Regional Council; | • Fraser Coast Regional Council; |
| • Ballarat City Council; | • Greater Geelong City Council; |
| • Broken Hill City Council; | • Griffith City Council; |
| • City of Busselton; | • Latrobe City Council; |
| • City of Greater Geraldton; | • Shire of Broome; |
| • City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder; | • Tamworth Regional Council; |
| • City of Karratha; | • Town of Port Hedland; and |
| • City of Wagga Wagga; | • Warrnambool City Council. |

“Regional cities are the most liveable and desirable destinations in Australia...”

Planning for Regional Growth

Regional cities are the most liveable and desirable destinations in Australia, with people continuing to choose regional living in record numbers.

Looking ahead, RCA's policy priorities for 2024 are:

1. Continue to advocate for a national population plan that recognises and plans for the growth of regional capital cities;
2. Continue to participate in consultation for the design of the National Urban Policy to ensure the urban design of regional cities are planned for;
3. Continue to advocate for regional airports in the whitepaper development and the 2024 budget;
4. Continue to advocate for regional housing in the National Housing and Homelessness Policy development;
5. Continue to participate in consultation and advocate for regional migration in the Migration Review and associated design of any new system.



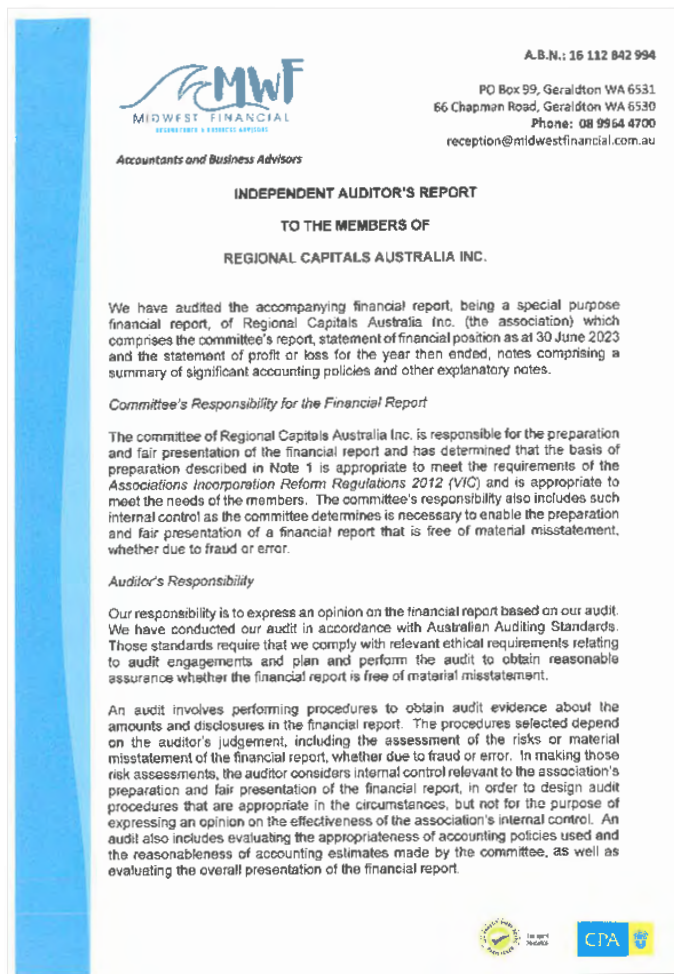
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder



Town of Port Hedland

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Audit Report 2022/23



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Regional Capitals Australia Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Regional Capitals Australia Inc. as of 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012 (VIC)*.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Regional Capitals Australia Inc. meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012 (VIC)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

JIM DILLON – CPA 699724
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Dated this 10th day of August 2023



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Balance Sheet

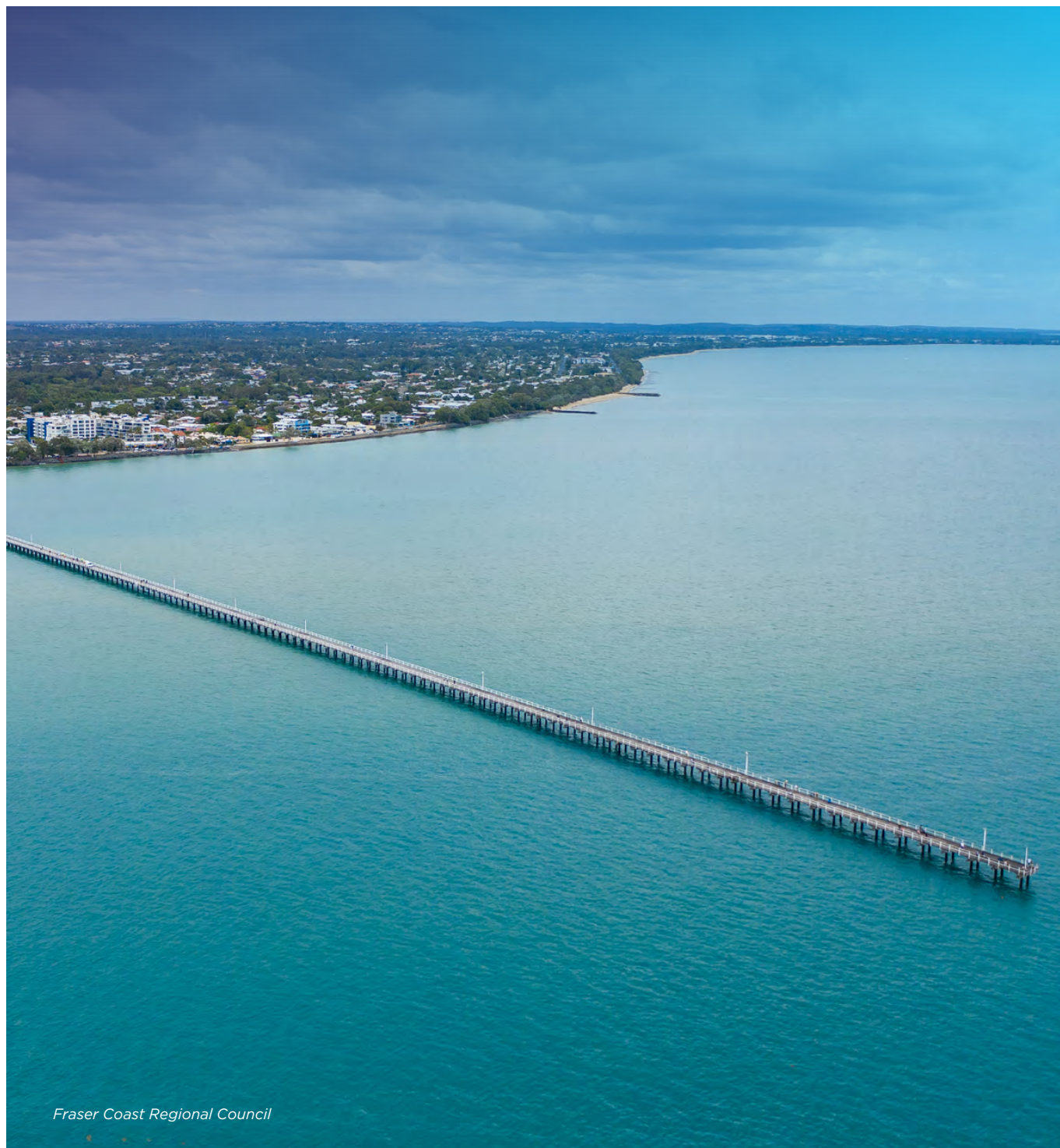
REGIONAL CAPITALS AUSTRALIA INC.			
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023			
	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
BANK			
Regional Capitals Australia Inc		9,883	32,124
Regional Capitals Saver		35,408	45,106
TOTAL Bank		45,291	77,231
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accounts Receivable		154	-
Prepayments		-	-
GST		4,130	9,937
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		4,284	9,937
TOTAL ASSETS		49,575	87,168
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		-	44,598
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	44,598
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-	44,598
NET ASSETS		49,575	42,560
EQUITY			
Current Year Earnings		7,005	(20,978)
Opening Bal Equity		3,310	3,310
Retained Earnings		39,260	60,228
TOTAL EQUITY		49,575	42,560

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Profit and Loss

REGIONAL CAPITALS AUSTRALIA INC.			
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023			
	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
INCOME			
Interest income		302	4
Other Revenue		3,151	-
Memberships		190,000	165,750
		<u>193,453</u>	<u>165,754</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE			
Accounting & Bookkeeping Fees		5,900	5,696
Advertising & Social Media		106	-
Audit Fees		1,250	1,250
Bank Fees		195	125
Delegations & Representatives		13,000	29,000
Events		3,594	5,000
Filing Fees		122	-
Freight & Courier		457	-
Meetings		3,771	-
Member communications & media		33,500	46,020
Policy & Research		31,000	30,000
Printing & Stationery		997	-
RCA Meetings Costs		24,888	-
Reports & Publications		-	5,895
Secretarial & Advocacy Services		66,124	56,060
Subscriptions		887	585
Telephone & Internet		-	291
Travel – National		38	-
Website & hosting		619	7,000
		<u>186,448</u>	<u>186,722</u>
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)		7,005	(20,978)
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Fraser Coast Regional Council

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15 December 2023

The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP
Treasurer
Member for Rankin
Parliament House,
Canberra ACT 2601

Via: PreBudgetSubmissions@treasury.gov.au

Dear Treasurer,

RE: Regional Capitals Australia - 2024-25 Pre Budget Submission

Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) is pleased to present this submission for consideration when preparing the 2024-2025 Federal Budget.

RCA is an alliance of 18 local government associations across the nation, representing Australia's regional capital cities. Regional capital cities perform a 'capital city' role within their regions, providing a central point to access essential infrastructure, services, business, employment and education. These services and infrastructure are accessed by local residents as well as those in surrounding towns and rural areas.

The importance of regional capital cities to the nation cannot be overstated. Regional capital cities are home to almost four million people and service the needs of another four million Australians who live in surrounding areas. Jointly the cities generate \$225 billion per annum, or more than 16 percent of national economic activity.

This submission highlights our position on the future of regional capital cities and their importance to regional Australia. We have also included our priorities for investment opportunities across three key areas required to build connected, liveable and productive regional capital cities. RCA believes a consolidated policy approach and comprehensive investment plan will deliver a more equitable and efficient outcome for all Australians.

On behalf of our 18 members, we look forward to contributing to the development of a regional policy strategy and building our partnership in 2024.

If you have any questions in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact our Secretariat Rachael Sweeney on email secretariat@regionalcapitalsaustralia.org (Federal lobby register no: 18169904232).

Yours faithfully,

A small, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kylie King".

Cr Kylie King
Chair, Regional Capitals Australia
Mayor, Albury City Council



PRE BUDGET SUBMISSION // 2024-25





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Overview

About Regional Capitals Australia

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Regional capital cities perform a 'capital city' role within their regions, providing a central point of access to essential services, commerce, employment and education. These services are accessed by local residents as well as those in surrounding towns and rural areas.

Regional capital cities also provide a liveable alternative for people and businesses wishing to escape Australia's congested metropolitan cities. Every year regional capital cities generate \$225 billion, or more than 16 per cent of national economic activity.

All RCA members have a growth agenda and stand ready to ensure a growing Australia means a stronger and more equitable regional Australia.

Our Agenda

Vibrant and productive regional capital cities are key to Australia's sustainability and prosperity. Regional capital cities are also growing – all RCA members are striving to continue this trend and as such have a growth agenda for their communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the population shift from capital cities to Australia's regions and transformed the anticipated pace and nature of demographic and economic change in regional cities.

There was an estimated 200% increase in net migration from capital cities to regional areas during COVID according to Infrastructure Australia research. In 2020/21 regional areas grew at a faster rate than capital cities for the first time since 1993/94.

Regional growth however has a historical as well as a modern context. The growth of Australia's regional cities is a 100-year trend, which began when residents of smaller rural towns sought improved services, infrastructure and non-agricultural employment and began moving to the larger population centres located in their region.

Overview

Due to this growth regional cities have taken on a 'capital city' role, acting as service hubs for their region. The city's services and infrastructure are accessed by residents as well as those in surrounding towns and rural areas. Every day, more than eight million Australians rely on regional capital cities for their everyday needs.

In addition to the service hub role, growth in regional capital cities is an avenue to allow Australia to return to a strong immigration rate (pre-COVID). Our member cities offer productive centres that are the liveable and affordable alternative to the metropolitan capitals.

Now is the time to plan for a network of growing regional capital cities. Australia's borders are opening, and a flood of new arrivals will soon land to address the much-needed skills deficit across a range of sectors.

If no action is taken to ensure a more balanced approach to population growth, the painful and costly impacts of congestion will once again be felt. Meeting the costs of pre-COVID metropolitan city growth was unsustainable. Infrastructure Australia put the cost of addressing the national infrastructure deficit anywhere between \$450 - \$700 billion. As a nation we cannot afford to let history repeat itself by having metro-centric settlement patterns.

RCA's members across regional capital cities see themselves as ready to grow. The initiatives in this document have been identified to enable this growth to be realised. Now is the time to get investment in regional capitals right for the benefit of all Australians.





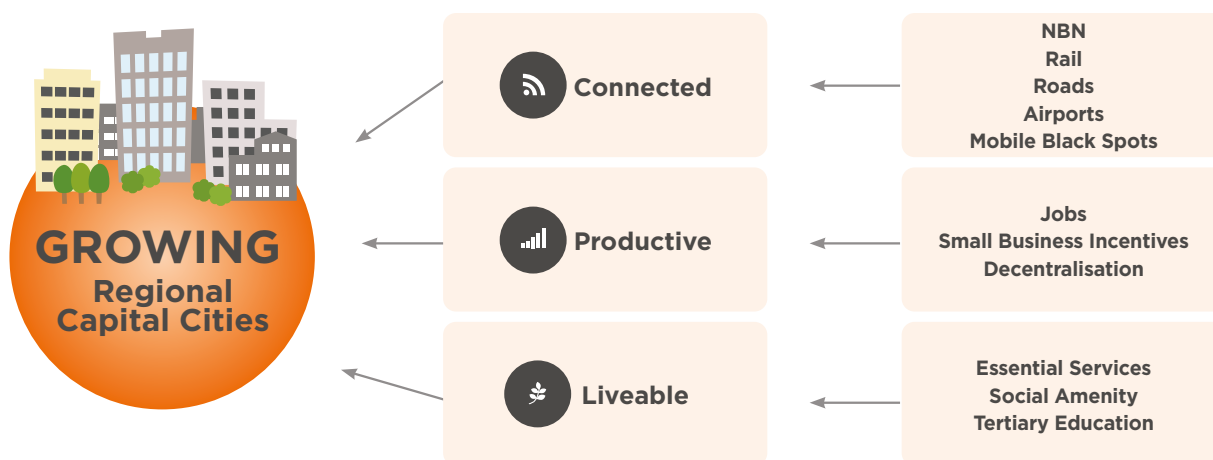
Policy Platform

The following outlines Regional Capitals Australia's framework to grow regional capital cities that are:

1. **Strong service centres:** that continue to be a central point to access essential infrastructure, services, business, employment and education;
2. **Easing the metropolitan congestion:** encouraging regional migration and decentralisation options for new and existing residents and businesses can take the pressure of major metropolitan capitals; and
3. **An affordable alternative:** providing affordable housing and industry industrial land options for families and business seeking to avoid the inflated housing markets of the major metropolitan capitals.

To achieve this vision we must continue to build regional capital cities that are:

1. **Connected:** with roads, rail, airports (and services), broadband and mobile telecommunications;
2. **Productive:** with diverse economies that can be built with government and private sector decentralisation and skilled labour shaped through strong tertiary and continuing education opportunities; and
3. **Liveable:** with high levels of essential services, social amenities and a continued supply of affordable housing options.





Population Policy

Regional Capitals Australia members are seeking a greater share of Australia's population, accelerated through immigration policy.

Regional capitals are not only critical regional hubs, providing services and infrastructure to local residents and those in surrounding towns and rural areas; they are increasingly an affordable alternative for people and businesses seeking to escape capital city costs and congestion.

RCA supports the development of a national population policy aimed at ensuring there is a greater share of population growth that will attract a larger workforce and increased business investment in our member cities.

RCA believes regional population growth must be underpinned by both skilled and non-skilled migration, along with continued investment in enabling infrastructure and services to maintain the local character and amenity that makes regional cities a destination.

Fast Facts

1. In 2020/21 regional areas grew at a faster rate than capital cities for the first time since 1993/94 (*2022 Population Statement*).
2. In 2022/23 less than 17% of net overseas migration will flow to regional Australia (*2022 Population Statement*), despite the fact that there were 94,000 job vacancies in regional Australia in November 2022 (*Regional Australia Institute*).
3. Between 1996 to 2016 migrants contributed 26 percent of the population growth in regional Australia.
4. Skilled migrants account for nearly 70 percent of Australia's permanent migration program, up from 30-40 percent twenty years ago.
5. Skilled migrants and their families offset Australia's ageing population, improve labour force participation and productivity, and help businesses source skills that are difficult to develop at short notice.

Accelerating Regionalisation

The 2021 Australian Infrastructure Plan highlighted that there has been a 200 percent increase in net growth to regional centres and regional areas during the COVID-19 pandemic. Much of this growth was driven by the shift to a 'work from anywhere' capability.

The report further highlighted that Australia's Smaller Cities and Regional Centres have unrealised growth potential and that the increase in net population growth in regional Australia presents an opportunity to lock in accelerating regionalisation.

With improved access to employment, education, services, housing and community facilities, many regional capital cities could accommodate further sustainable population and economic growth. This would support a future population settlement pattern that is more widely distributed across the country, benefiting all Australians.

The Need

In a post-pandemic world international immigration should be a key factor in Australia's overall population growth and as such, should be a significant factor in ongoing regional growth.

Skilled migrants comprise 70 per cent of Australia's migrant intake. These new arrivals and their families offset Australia's ageing population, improve labour force participation and productivity, and help businesses source skills that are difficult to develop at short notice.

The government has the policy levers to encourage skilled migrants to settle outside of Australia's capital cities and RCA believes visas for skilled migration and business investment should be expanded or amended to ensure this occurs.

RCA recognises the Australian Government's stated commitment to increase Australia's permanent migration program to 195,000, and seeks assurances that regional Australia will benefit from this increase.

Recommendations

- Develop a population policy to encourage businesses and families to move to the regions, and that RCA be consulted during the development of this policy;
- Continue support for current 491 and 187 regional visa streams cater for skilled, non-skilled and education migration to regional capital cities; and
- Expansion of business visas to establish a new range of regional visas that are based on the 188, 888 and 132 and 858 but require investment or business activity in regional economies.



Arts and Culture

Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) is seeking a greater share of Australia's public funding for arts and culture for regional Australia to support our growing communities.

Funding for arts and culture in Australia needs to move beyond a capital city-centric approach and better align with contemporary population distribution.

Federal Government funding arrangements reflects population distributions of two decades ago and over-represent arts and cultural institutions in Sydney and Melbourne.

Funding needs to not only fairly recognise the almost eight million residents of regional Australia, but also take account of the COVID-19 driven growth that is seeing people moving away from the metro capitals to regional capital cities.

RCA acknowledges the commitment of the Australian Government to the development of a new National Cultural Policy and looks forward to engagement with the Minister for the Arts on the important role of arts and cultural activities and arts infrastructure to benefit communities across regional Australia.

The Need

There is growing recognition of the role that social infrastructure, such as arts and culture, plays in enhancing the liveability of our communities.

In regional Australia, arts and culture helps shape the character of our communities and enable our people to express themselves and represent regional life on their own terms. However, in regional areas local government has the greatest share of responsibility for funding arts and culture programs and infrastructure.

As population policy encourages businesses and families to move to the regions, there must be recognition that the 'liveability' value of arts and culture not only drives population growth but also assists in retaining people in regional capitals.

RCA endorsed the recommendation by the 2021 Australian Infrastructure Plan to capture, measure and assess the quadruple-bottom-line benefits of social infrastructure including arts and culture, and use the framework to collaboratively plan, develop and invest in arts, cultural and other infrastructure which enhances unique regional identities and brands.

Addressing the arts and culture imbalance between the capital cities and the regions is however more than an adjustment of funding and supporting population growth - it is also about recognising, valuing, and enabling the creative capacity of regional Australians and regional institutions on equal terms with those of capital cities.

Policy Settings

Policy and funding need to reflect that regional and remote Australia should not simply be a passive recipient of arts and culture flowing from capital cities. Rather, the real and potential contribution of regional and remote Australia to the nation's broader cultural life should be fully supported.

The policy and funding environment must not only build the cultural and artistic capacity of regional Australia, but also facilitate the exchange of cultural and artistic output between the regions and capital cities.

Additionally, RCA contends that a disproportionate burden of regional arts and culture financial support falls on regional local governments, compared with those in capital cities.

At the same time, the funding capacity of regional local governments are limited by their smaller rate base, rate caps, broader service provision to their residents and their disproportionately smaller contributions from State and Federal Governments.

Recommendations

- Continue to recognise and enhance the role of arts, culture and creative activity in strengthening local identity, contributing to liveability and fortifying population growth in regional Australia;
- Ensure an equitable distribution of arts and cultural funding for regional Australia to better reflect existing population distribution and anticipated ongoing population growth.



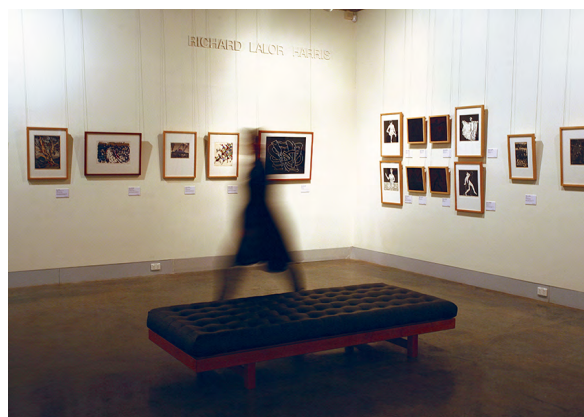
Regional Infrastructure Policy

Regional Capitals Australia recognises the infrastructure and regional funding policies and programs released by the Australian Government that will continue to assist rural and regional Australia.

These programs include the:

- Growing Regions Program and the Precincts and Partnerships Programs (investing a further \$1 billion).

The core of liveable and productive regional capital cities are assets and services that support the development and growth of communities so they are places where people and communities can thrive.



Recommendations

1. Commit to continued funding of the recently established Growing Regions Program to enable infrastructure projects that target regional economic and population growth: \$1 billion over 4 years.
2. Funds be exclusively allocated to regional communities: excluding suburban and metropolitan project.
3. Review the stated intention to allow State Government to access Federal funding: that has been traditionally reviewed for Local Government.
4. Reliable and consistency of funding that includes:
 - A commitment to annual rounds of funding;
 - Applications are sought at a specific time every year;
 - Consistent program guidelines so projects can be planned for that will meet these guidelines and co-contributions can be secured;
 - A two-step process (Expression of Interest, then Full Application) to ensure resources are not wasted on projects that will not fit the focus of the fund; and
 - The success or otherwise of a funding application should be known prior to Local Government budgets being finalised (May).
5. To ensure the diverse needs of regional capital cities: guidelines should support the development of a broad range of projects, including (but not limited to):
 - Enabling infrastructure for housing development;
 - Supporting population growth;
 - Facilitating education, employment and skills opportunities;
 - Tourism infrastructure;
 - Arts and culture infrastructure; and
 - Enabling infrastructure to support adaptation to climate change and emergency management.
6. Funding caps should set the federal contribution at: between \$10-50 million and reflect accurate population planning statistics for regional capitals.
7. Council resources: should be able to be used to carry out infrastructure delivery as an in-kind contribution.
8. Support for business case development: should be considered with the growing pressure on councils to produce productive, social and liveable infrastructure (many in a rate capped/pegged environment).



Local Roads Policy

RCA has welcomed the Australian government's recognition of local governments' need for increased funding for roads and transport infrastructure to manage rising costs and increased pressure on transport infrastructure due to climate change and extreme weather events.

Fast Facts

- [Eighty-five percent of Australia's roads are managed by local governments](#)
- The up-front cost of building a road represents only about **one-fifth** of its lifetime cost (*Grattan Institute: Potholes and Pitfalls, 2023, page. 46*)
- The cost per person to maintain sealed roads in regional and remote communities is **five times higher** compared to metropolitan areas (*ALGA*)
- Heavy vehicles account for **94 percent** of deep road wear (*National Transport Commission, 2022, p. 49*)
- **\$3.8 billion**: The cost of repairs to roads in NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland caused by major flood events in 2022 - more than the total annual spending on local road maintenance in those states [*ALGA estimate*]
- **Additional \$1 billion** – estimated extra funds required next year to keep council roads in their current state (*Grattan Institute: Potholes and Pitfalls, 2023, page. 4*)

The State of Regional Roads

An efficient, safe and well-maintained road network is critical for regional Australia.

Regional roads enable economic activity and population growth by facilitating the movement of people and freight, access to employment, education and essential services and ensuring regional Australians stay connected.

[Eighty-five percent of Australia's roads are managed by councils](#). However the reality is that regional councils do not have the financial capacity to construct new roads to meet population pressures and to maintain existing roads to an acceptable and safe standard.



The Grattan Institute has found that regional councils underspend what is needed to maintain their roads by 42 percent. In comparison, councils located in major cities underspend by less than 14 per cent. [*Potholes and Pitfalls, 2023, page 7,8*]

The situation is currently exacerbated not only by rising costs, a shortage of skilled workers and greater demands on the regional road network with increased traffic flows and heavier trucks, but also by the growing pressures of climate change on the road network.

As the climate changes, heavy rainfall and extreme heat are on the rise, and increasing numbers of extreme weather events are contributing to the poor state of regional roads. Climate change related road impacts include damage to pavement levels, potholes and cracking, and entire washing away of roads in extreme cases.

Regional roads will not be able to cope with future severe weather events if they are not maintained with a changing climate perspective.



Funding Challenges

While demand on regional roads and the cost of maintenance has increased over the last decade, funding has not kept pace.

Transport expenditure has fallen from almost 50 percent of total local government expenditure in the 1960s to 21 percent today [*Commonwealth Grants Commission (2001)* and *ABS (2023a)*.]

Local government's in regional areas remain impacted by the Australian Government's 2014-2017 FAG indexation freeze and the use of CPI indexation (as opposed to Councils' real costs), along with constraints on regional councils' ability to raise revenue (smaller rate bases, rate pegging, rate capping).

In terms of Australian Government funding, RCA notes the findings of the Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP), that:

- sub-programs provide critical funding to councils to build and maintain local infrastructure;
- councils require additional funding to manage rising costs and increased pressure on transport infrastructure due to climate change and extreme weather events; and
- current sub-programs are delivering positive outcomes for councils and value for money.

We welcome the Australian Government's response to the IIP Review, including the increase of Roads to Recovery funding to \$1 billion per year, Black Spot funding increased to \$150 million per year and the creation of the new Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program with funding increased to \$200 million per year.

We also note the Government's commitment to delivering funding in a way that reduces the burden on local councils, allowing more money to be spent on projects and less on administration.



Recommendations



- The majority of the Roads to Recovery funding increase be directed to non-urban councils;
- Councils receive rolling notice of the Roads to Recovery funding allocation;
- The scope for Black Spot Program projects be widened in cost, time and nature;
- The simplification of competitive grant application processes;
- Provision of greater flexibility for project timeframes to allow councils to manage staff and supply constraints and cost variations;
- Reconsideration of the disaster recovery funding requirement of "like for like" replacement to allow councils to build back better in the face of climate change pressure; and
- The government adopt a flexible approach to road infrastructure funding as outlined previously.





Regional Airports Policy

RCA acknowledges the recent Australian Government commitment to prepare an Aviation White Paper which will work with industry and communities to deliver an understanding of the role of aviation in terms of economic development, skills and workforce into the future with regional aviation a key focus.

Regional airports are key to the social and economic life of regional Australia, connecting regional centres and their residents to Australia's capital cities. However, while regional airports play a critical role in their communities, the simple fact is most regional airports are under significant financial strain.

Many are faced with ageing infrastructure, ever increasing security cost pressures, high staffing costs, community service costs and a disproportionately high regulatory cost burden.

Fast Facts

1. It is estimated that more than 200 regional airports and aerodromes are owned and operated by local governments across Australia;
2. Forty per cent of Australia's 61 million annual domestic aviation passengers travel through regional airports;
3. Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)'s regulatory imposts are higher for regional and remote airports, comprising 12 per cent of total expenditure, compared to about 4 per cent for major airports and major regional airports;
4. Sixty per cent of regional airports operate at a loss. They depend upon cross-subsidisation by their local government owners who are already burdened by competing demands on their limited financial resources; and
5. Almost 40 per cent of regional airports expect persistent budget deficits over the next 10 years.



The Contribution

Regional airports are largely owned and operated by local government. During COVID-19 lockdowns these facilities allowed regional communities to keep essential workers and freight moving.

Regional airports continue to generate significant direct employment and economic activity, as well as indirectly through associated business, service and industry activity.

They support the attraction of staff to, and their retention in, regional and remote communities, make FIFO (Fly-in, Fly-out) employment possible, make businesses more efficient and facilitate freight services and same-day business travel to capital cities from regional centres.

Regional airports support tourism and trade, assist regional Australians' access to specialist health, education and legal services that are otherwise not available locally, and play an essential role in saving lives by facilitating medical evacuations, collection and delivery of organ donations and search and rescue.

They also play a vital role in the protection of Australia's physical assets, enabling aerial fire fighting and supporting law enforcement bodies, such as the Western Australia Police Air Support and border protection agencies which operate out of Australia's regional airports, particularly in Northern and Western Australia.

The Challenges

The majority of Australia's regional airports are experiencing ongoing financial strain. During COVID-19 local governments continued to operate their facilities despite suffering major financial losses. Today two-thirds currently operate at a loss and almost forty per cent anticipate continuing deficits over the next decade.

Many regional airports are in need of urgent upgrades - including the burden of costly ongoing security upgrades and increasing and disproportionate regulatory costs.

Existing resources will be further strained as expenditures rise by almost 40 per cent over the next ten years. RCA acknowledge the Government's existing support for regional airports, including the Regional Airports Program and the Regional Airport Security Screening Fund. However, we are concerned by the lack of certainty about ongoing funding given existing financial challenges.

As many regional cities look towards a more connected world in a post-COVID recovery - support for landside investment will be sought to secure the future of agriculture and manufacturing sectors in regional communities.



Vulnerability of Regional Aviation Routes

An additional challenge faced by regional airport operators is the propensity of airlines to suspend, cancel or reduce services on routes, often with limited notice. Within the last 12 months service reductions or suspensions by Qantas, Rex, Virgin, FlyPelican and new low-cost carrier Bonza have affected regional airports in every Australian state and territory. At least seven of the cancelled services had been in place for less than 8 months. These abrupt decisions can leave local governments without sufficient revenue to recover the cost of facility upgrades required by airlines and regulators, as well as the cost of ongoing airport operation. Regional ratepayers ultimately bear these costs.

The vulnerability of regional aviation routes creates a risky investment environment not only for airport operators but also for local businesses. It's clear that for many regional airports a market-driven approach to service provision, which is the basis of major city airports, is not viable. Ongoing federal government investment is required to support provision of reliable air services to these communities.

Snapshot of service changes:

- Since April 2023 Rex has reduced services on 16 routes and suspended 4 routes.
- Less than 6 months after launching in January 2023 Bonza cancelled services on 5 regional routes, and reduced services on a range of other regional routes.
- In November 2023 Qantas cancelled services from Exmouth, Burnie, Davenport and Alice Springs. Other regional airport operators have noted a change in service operations on ad-hoc arrangement.

Recommendations

- Implement a policy recognising the importance of regional airports in increasing the connectivity of regional Australia and to consider future planning and funding of regional airports;
- Provide recurrent funding for the Regional Airport Fund to ensure that regional airports can be upgraded and maintained, and the cost of security can be covered in regional airports - \$500m over 4 years;
- Upgrade the guidelines for the Regional Airport Fund to allow for landside developments to be considered; and
- Review the efficacy of Western Australia's Strategic Airport Asset and Financial Management Framework (as recommended by the Productivity Commission) to assess the efficacy of the Framework and determine its suitability for application across all jurisdictions. Subject to the results of the review, support the roll-out of the Framework across other Australian jurisdictions.





Regional Housing Policy

RCA acknowledges the Australian Government's commitment to help address the housing crisis through its \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund and announced measures, particularly the \$500 million Housing Support Program for enabling infrastructure and connection of essential services.

Like all areas of Australia, regional capitals have an increasing shortage of available and affordable housing. In regional capitals this shortage is driven by surging workforce numbers for major regional projects and construction, along with growing internal migration and an undersupply of diverse housing stock.

Regional capitals welcome increased economic activity and population growth. However, the shortage of housing is undermining our ability to support this growth and function as essential service centres for regional populations while also providing an affordable alternative for families and businesses.

State of Play

According to the Regional Movers Index, capital to regional migration is currently tracking at 11.7 percent above the pre-Covid average and shows no sign of retreating to pre-Covid levels.¹

People are attracted to regional areas by good jobs, the lifestyle and, historically, the availability of affordable housing. However, current growth is driving up rents and house prices, creating a housing shortage that is making regional cities less affordable and less attractive.

Impacts on Rental Market

The rental vacancy rate has more than halved in the last five years, with Domain Research Vacancy Rates October 2023 reporting a regional vacancy rate of 0.8 percent.² Some regional cities report rental vacancies as low to zero.

Correspondingly, over the 24 months to September 2023, rents across regional areas have increased by as much as 20 percent.³

Impacts on Federal Government Policy Agenda

This shortage of housing is not only impacting on local employment, service delivery and local amenity, but the broader ability of regional areas to deliver on key federal initiatives such as the renewables transition, export capability and achieving a more equitable level of services for regional areas.



In a survey of RCA members, 100 percent reported that local health services are affected by the housing shortage, followed by major local industries (93 percent), infrastructure construction, and tourism/cultural services (87%) and education, major development and business attraction (80 percent).

Impacts on Local Businesses

One council noted that local businesses are unable to recruit staff because they are unable to secure housing, which in turn limits capacity to deliver services, projects, or events. Another said businesses are reluctant to invest in their region without certainty that they can secure the construction and operational staff required for their projects.

Impacts on Working Families

Another reported that local childcare services are limited by a lack of staff, again due to cost of living, mainly related to affordable housing. This inability to secure childcare limits opportunities for parents wanting to re-enter the workforce and in some cases forces them to leave the area.

Land Activation

The release of land for new housing is essential. Eighty-seven percent of RCA members agree it would assist provision of housing for key workers, help the supply of affordable and social housing (80 percent), and increase rental market stock (73 percent).

However, even where land is available, regional housing faces many roadblocks including labour shortages, planning delays and rising construction costs.

¹ <https://regionalastralia.org.au/common/Uploaded%20files/Files/Regional%20Movers%20Index/Regional-Movers-Index-September-2023-Report.pdf.pdf>

² <https://www.domain.com.au/research/vacancy-rates-october-2023-1245973/>

³ <https://www.proptrack.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/PropTrack-Rental-Snapshot-Oct-22.pdf>



Skill Shortages

Overwhelmingly, Councils identify a shortage of builders and tradespeople (87 percent) as the most significant barrier to new housing, followed by the costs of enabling infrastructure (80 percent), and state planning processes (60 percent).

Not only is there a shortage of skilled tradespeople for housing construction, 73 percent of RCA members report their own shortages of strategic and statutory planners and other positions necessary to plan and approve residential housing.

It is clear that a different approach is needed; 93 percent of regional capitals do not think current state and federal policy settings can meet their future housing demands.

RCA recommends an approach recognising the diverse nature and challenges of regional cities and providing flexibility for local governments to implement the most effective housing measures for their regions.

In particular, ongoing, dedicated funding is needed for regional councils' enabling infrastructure costs; support is needed for innovative housing solutions including remediation of derelict housing; state planning systems need to be more responsive; and, there is an urgent need for increased training and recruitment of skilled workers.

Fast Facts

- Capital city to regional migration is currently tracking at 11.7% above the pre-Covid average.⁴
- At October 2023, the regional vacancy rate was 0.8%.⁵
- Over the 24 months to September 2023, regional rents increased by 20%.⁶
- 75% of regional capitals identify Construction and Major Project workers as a major driver of housing demand, followed by Internal Migration (56%).
- Within 5 years, it is expected lone person households will be the fastest growing household type across the country.⁷
- 87% of regional capitals identify the shortage of builders and/or tradespeople as a roadblock for land activation, followed by enabling infrastructure costs to council (80%) and state planning processes (60%).
- 75% of regional capitals have derelict housing stock which could be updated to help address housing shortages.
- 93% of regional capitals do not believe existing State and Federal policy settings can meet their region's future housing demand.

Role of Local Government

Local Government understands that its primary role in meeting Australia's housing challenge is through planning and zoning processes and the provision of local infrastructure.

Surging regional migration and traditionally smaller populations and rate bases make this increasingly challenging for regional councils, many of which are operating under rate-capped or rate-pegged systems.

In addition, there is growing demand from local government to partner with the State and Federal Governments to deliver social and affordable housing options, but these partnerships cannot be delivered without financial and policy support.

Infrastructure costs

Activation of land for new housing development requires provision of essential services and enabling infrastructure to be provided by local government. However, 80 percent of RCA members say the increasing costs of providing these services and infrastructure are a roadblock to new housing.

RCA members therefore strongly welcome the Australian Government's \$500 million Housing Support Program. RCA members have noted this fund should assist in the provision of essential services such as water, sewerage, energy and NBN, and community infrastructure including site works, streetscape works, conservation reserves, transport hubs and public transport facilities.



⁴ <https://regionalaustralia.org.au/common/Uploaded%20files/Files/Regional%20Movers%20Index/Regional-Movers-Index-September-2023-Report.pdf.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.domain.com.au/research/vacancy-rates-october-2023-1245973/>

⁶ <https://www.proptrack.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/PropTrack-Rental-Snapshot-Oct-22.pdf>

⁷ [https://www.housingaustralia.gov.au/research-data-analytics/state-nations-housing-report-2022-23#:~:text=More%20than%201.8%20million%20new,properties%20\(e.g.%20holiday%20homes\).](https://www.housingaustralia.gov.au/research-data-analytics/state-nations-housing-report-2022-23#:~:text=More%20than%201.8%20million%20new,properties%20(e.g.%20holiday%20homes).)



RCA members also believe it is important the Housing Support Program provide:

- Recognition of higher service and construction costs for regional cities, with dedicated funding for the regions;
- Flexibility to accommodate a diverse range of regional projects, including infill opportunities;
- Timely announcements of funding so successful projects can be included in councils' budget deliberations; and
- Multiple funding rounds to allow for appropriate planning.

Recommendations

RCA recommends there is a regional stream of the \$500 million Housing Support Program to support the provision of essential services, planning support and funding for council infrastructure.

RCA also recommends that the guidelines for the Housing Support Program allow for a flexible approach to project delivery to accommodate the diversity of regional areas.

Local Government Skills Shortages

According to the Planning Institute of Australia, 232 local government areas in Australia (43 percent) have no planners working within them.⁸

Almost three-quarters of RCA members (73 percent) report shortages of both statutory and strategic planners, two-thirds (67 percent) report shortages of building surveyors and almost half (47 percent) report shortages of building inspectors and engineers.

Councils also note shortages of urban designers and environmental health professionals.

RCA members say there is a critical need for more regionally-based tertiary education options in planning, building surveying and environmental health roles.

They also propose education scholarships and subsidies for students in areas of skills shortages, along with state and federal government sponsorship of local governments to employ cadets and trainees in skills needs areas.

"Building surveyors are a 'dying breed'... many LGAs are struggling to fill building surveyor roles. ... a survey a few years ago suggested over 50% of building surveyors were intending to leave the industry due to retirement."

⁸ <https://www.planning.org.au/news-archive/2021-2023-media-releases/new-data-shows-growing-shortage-of-urban-planners---bad-news-for-housing-regional-communities-transition-to-net-zero>



Challenges

Australia's 51 regional capitals play a vital role in the growth and diversification of Australia's economy. These cities are centres for decentralisation, hubs supporting regional industries and mining, and key to Australia's zero carbon economy.

However, the ability of regional cities to fulfil this role is increasingly challenged by the rate of population growth and shortage of housing needed to accommodate the growing regional workforce. Availability and affordability of housing for those relocating to work in regional cities and on major projects are fundamental to future prosperity.

While the need for increased regional housing is clear, boosting supply faces a range of impediments including rising costs, skill shortages, planning delays and supply chain issues.

Supplying Housing for Major Project Workers

The impact of major project and construction workers on housing demand in regional Australia must be understood.

In some cases, major projects will bring hundreds and even thousands of new workers into regional areas, with a need for short to medium term housing:

- Dubbo is the major urban centre in the Central West and Orana Renewable Energy Zone where development of transmission infrastructure and renewables projects is projected to require 6,000 workers;
- The Pilbara Region has a \$177 billion pipeline of minerals investment of which more than \$46.1 billion is already committed; and
- Projects around Griffith include the new \$250 million Base Hospital, Murrumbidgee Irrigation water infrastructure projects and expansion by large private sector businesses.

Without specific measures for worker housing this otherwise welcome economic activity will continue to exacerbate the regional housing shortage (please refer to our Housing Innovation Fund).

Skills Shortages

Construction of new housing in regional cities is held back by the growing shortage of builders and tradespeople, according to 87 percent of RCA members.

While an RCA member survey found dwelling approvals have increased 58 percent on average over the last five years, members report that completions are slowing due to the lack of builders.

This is confirmed by Master Builders Australia, who found during 2022-23, the average build time for detached houses increased from 10.3 months to 11.7 months.⁹

RCA members report shortages in regional trade skills across the board, including: electricians and plumbers (87 percent); carpenters and joiners, construction project manager and civil engineers (80 percent); painters and bricklayers (73 percent); plasterers and cabinet makers (67 percent); and surveyors, quantity surveyors, glaziers, tilers, architects and structural engineers (60 percent).

Regional building industries are also unable to compete with major infrastructure projects for skilled staff.

Master Builders estimate that to meet growth projections and replace workers leaving the industry, 486,000 workers need to enter the building and construction industry between February 2023 and November 2026 – nearly half will need to be in technician and trade roles.¹⁰

⁹ <https://www.mbansw.asn.au/media/industry-news/new-home-building-times-continue-worsen>

¹⁰ *ibid*



Recommendations

Recommendations identified by RCA members to address regional skills shortages include:

- Increasing skilled migration;
- Scholarships and subsidies for degrees and training in skills shortage areas;
- Greater investment in technical education and apprenticeships; and
- Investment in vocational education in more locations as travel costs are a major barrier to completion.

"The issues are across the board - at every level in every industry there are issues filling roles, because demand overall has increased massively, and whilst people want to come and take up the roles, many can't because of the cost and lack of availability of housing."

Social and Affordable Housing

The growing shortfall between the number of social and affordable houses needed in regional capital cities and the number available is well established.

The City of Ballarat estimated that in 2021 the need for social or affordable dwellings was 6,686 dwellings, while there were 1,665 available. Demand is expected to grow by more than 60 percent by 2041 to 10,850.

The shortage of affordable housing is being felt across regional economies from business investment and major projects to service delivery, diversity and liveability.

One hundred percent of regional capitals report local health services are affected, followed by major local industries (93 percent), infrastructure construction, and tourism/cultural services (87 percent) and education, major development and business attraction (80 percent).

Eighty percent of regional capitals nominate provision of social and affordable housing and key worker accommodation as the greatest opportunities if land can be released for new housing.

Recommendations

Regional cities are actively examining a range of local options to boost affordable housing. However, more support is needed from State and Federal Governments including:

- Release of state land for housing;
- Planning guidelines for social and affordable housing, including mandatory inclusionary zoning or pre-set ratios;
- Flexibility for infill development in established areas;
- Refurbishment or redevelopment of state owned derelict housing;
- Innovative housing solutions such as 3D printing, modular and prefabricated housing;
- Support to facilitate development of project partnerships with local housing providers; and
- Ongoing support for enabling infrastructure costs, such as the Housing Support Program.

"The Town is committed to building housing for service workers to allow service workers an affordable housing option. However, our studies indicate that our service worker housing project will address 10% of the demand for affordable housing for service workers."





Opportunities

In order to manage regional population growth and help meet nationally agreed housing targets, including affordable housing, RCA members recognise the need for a broader local housing mix.

Within five years, it is expected lone person households will be the fastest growing household type across Australia.¹¹

Cities are examining approaches for different dwelling types, including accommodation for smaller households such as major project workers, single person households and aging residents, as well as methods to deliver regional housing more quickly and at a lower cost than traditional family homes.



Innovation

Innovation is key to achieving greater diversity in the housing market, such as entry level and small format homes, and improving the supply of social and affordable homes.

This includes different approaches to housing planning and construction, density options and size of allotments, reuse of existing housing stock, repurposing of buildings and innovative partnership arrangements. RCA members report a range of innovative measures are under consideration, including:

- 3D printing (currently testing with community infrastructure);
- Prefabricated and modular homes;
- Refurbishment of existing buildings for short-term worker accommodation; and

- Innovative approaches for accommodation for major project workers:
 - o Modular villages (a percentage to be retained as permanent dwellings);
 - o Repurposing of council land such as caravan parks;
 - o Development of housing camps close to towns, so on project completion land can be on-sold with council infrastructure already in place; and
 - o Partnerships with major employers to provide secondary dwellings on private properties for worker accommodation.

Funding remains the greatest barrier to progressing innovative local housing solutions. Not only are new approaches usually ineligible for funding under existing government programs, council housing investments are not GST exempt.

Recommendations

RCA recommends the Government consider the establishment of a Housing Innovation Program to fast track innovative approaches to housing projects. This fund could improve supply and overcome supply chain and skills challenges currently in regional capitals.



Density Done Well

Density can help meet regional housing demand by delivering additional housing stock in shorter timeframes. It can also improve affordability of housing through lower costs, including utilisation of existing community infrastructure and essential services.

While density in some cities might include granny flats or apartments, other councils see smaller lot sizes with freestanding dwellings in neighbourhoods within walking distance to amenities as a happy medium.

However, density does not suit every area or neighbourhood and community opposition has been reported by 79 percent of RCA members. It can also place a strain on existing infrastructure.

"There would not be opposition as long as it was in the right areas."

¹¹ [https://www.housingaustralia.gov.au/research-data-analytics/state-nations-housing-report-2022-23#:~:text=More%20than%201.8%20million%20new,properties%20\(e.g.%20holiday%20homes\).](https://www.housingaustralia.gov.au/research-data-analytics/state-nations-housing-report-2022-23#:~:text=More%20than%201.8%20million%20new,properties%20(e.g.%20holiday%20homes).)



Options for derelict housing include basic remediation to make houses habitable, which could be completed in as little as six months; or demolition and redevelopment of sites at greater density, which would take one to two years.

Advantages of utilising derelict stock include minimal planning requirements, leveraging of existing civil infrastructure reducing local government costs, and potential to deliver housing at a lower cost and shorter timeframe than new builds.

Recommendations

To deliver density done well, regional cities require:

- Simpler and improved planning systems, such as the Victorian government's recently announced exemption of small second homes from state or council planning approvals under certain conditions;
- Fast tracking planning and zoning changes;
- Support from State Governments to incentivise and promote higher density developments in the right locations;
- Provision of land from state governments to develop new, higher density housing; and
- Investment from state and federal governments (such as the Housing Support Program) in supporting transport infrastructure - particularly bus services, streetscape and amenity upgrades.

Derelict Housing

Around three-quarters of regional capitals report they have derelict housing stock which could be updated for social and affordable housing. It is estimated that refurbishment or renewal of stock could provide more than one hundred additional homes in some cities.

The majority of derelict housing is owned by state governments, with most of the remainder in private hands.

Recommendations

Utilisation of derelict housing stock requires:

- State Government prioritisation of derelict housing upgrades;
- Local audits of derelict housing to determine ownership, condition and potential use; and
- Funding for:
 - Upfront capital to upgrade state-owned housing;
 - The purchase and upgrade of privately owned homes or to incentivise private owners to renovate; and
 - Incentivisation of derelict home investment and remediation partnerships with the private and community sectors.

"... there is a significant amount of derelict or at least no longer fit for purpose social housing, usually at quite low densities...which could be redeveloped at greater densities, total housing stock increased, and the whole process largely paid for by selling some of the new housing into the private housing market."



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	Support for business case development should be considered with the growing pressure on councils to produce productive, social and liveable infrastructure (many in a rate capped/pegged environment).
Local Roads Policy	The majority of the Roads to Recovery funding increase be directed to non-urban councils.
	Councils receive rolling notice of the Roads to Recovery funding allocation.
	The scope for Black Spot Program projects be widened in cost, time and nature.
	The simplification of competitive grant application processes.
	Provision of greater flexibility for project timeframes to allow councils to manage staff and supply constraints and cost variations.
	Reconsideration of the disaster recovery funding requirement of "like for like" replacement to allow councils to build back better in the face of climate change pressure.
Regional Airport Policy	The government adopt a flexible approach to road infrastructure funding as outlined previously.
	Implement a policy recognising the importance of regional airports in increasing the connectivity of regional Australia and to consider future planning and funding of regional airports.
	Provide recurrent funding for the Regional Airport Fund to ensure that regional airports can be upgraded and maintained, and the cost of security can be covered in regional airports - \$500m over 4 years.
	Upgrade the guidelines for the Regional Airport Fund to allow for landside developments to be considered.
	Review the efficacy of Western Australia's Strategic Airport Asset and Financial Management Framework (as recommended by the Productivity Commission) to assess the efficacy of the Framework and determine its suitability for application across all jurisdictions. Subject to the results of the review, support the roll-out of the Framework across other Australian jurisdictions.





Table of Recommendations

RCA Policy Priority Area	Recommendation
Housing Infrastructure costs	<p>Develop a population policy to encourage businesses and families to move to the regions, and that RCA be consulted during the development of this policy.</p> <p>RCA recommends there is a regional stream of the \$500 million Housing Support Program to support the provision of essential services, planning support and funding for council infrastructure.</p> <p>RCA also recommends that the guidelines for the Housing Support Program allow for a flexible approach to project delivery to accommodate the diversity of regional areas.</p>
Housing Skills	<p>Recommendations identified by RCA members to address regional skills shortages include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing skilled migration; • Scholarships and subsidies for degrees and training in skills shortage areas; • Greater investment in technical education and apprenticeships; and • Investment in vocational education in more locations as travel costs are a major barrier to completion.
Social and Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional cities are actively examining a range of local options to boost affordable housing. However, more support is needed from State and Federal Governments including: • Release of state land for housing; • Planning guidelines for social and affordable housing, including mandatory inclusionary zoning or pre-set ratios; • Flexibility for infill development in established areas; • Refurbishment or redevelopment of state owned derelict housing; • Innovative housing solutions such as 3D printing, modular and prefabricated housing; • Support to facilitate development of project partnerships with local housing providers; and • Ongoing support for enabling infrastructure costs, such as the Housing Support Program.
Housing Innovation	<p>RCA recommends the Government consider the establishment of a Housing Innovation Program to fast track innovative approaches to housing projects. This fund could improve supply and overcome supply chain and skills challenges currently in regional capitals.</p>
Density Done Well	<p>To deliver density done well, regional cities require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simpler and improved planning systems, such as the Victorian government's recently announced exemption of small second homes from state or council planning approvals under certain conditions; • Fast tracking planning and zoning changes; • Support from State Governments to incentivise and promote higher density developments in the right locations; • Provision of land from state governments to develop new, higher density housing; and • Investment from state and federal governments (such as the Housing Support Program) in supporting transport infrastructure - particularly bus services, streetscape and amenity upgrades.
Derelict Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilisation of derelict housing stock requires: • State Government prioritisation of derelict housing upgrades; • Local audits of derelict housing to determine ownership, condition and potential use; and • Funding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Upfront capital to upgrade state-owned housing; o The purchase and upgrade of privately owned homes or to incentivise private owners to renovate; and o Incentivisation of derelict home investment and remediation partnerships with the private and community sectors.



REGIONAL HOUSING CASE STUDIES





Case study: Albury City Council

About the city

Albury is a nationally significant regional city on the northern banks of the Murray River in the Riverina region. It is strategically located, and the largest city, on Australia's busiest inland transport route (Hume Highway and Melbourne to Sydney railway).

Albury has a population of over 56,000 people however when combined with the population of Wodonga over the border in Victoria, the two cities form an urban area with a population of 100,000 (Australia's 20th largest city).

Drivers of housing demand

The top drivers of housing demand in the Albury LGA are:

- Internal migration to the region (1,881 between 2016 and 2021) primarily 'tree-changers' and some retired farmers and elderly people moving from smaller nearby towns; and
- Migration from overseas (1,300 overseas arrivals between 2016 and 2021).

Albury's population has experienced strong recent growth, boosted by 'tree-changers' moving from metropolitan centres during the COVID-19 pandemic. The population is projected to reach over 76,000 by 2041, as the wide range of employment and lifestyle opportunities available in the local government area continues to attract new residents.

Problem statement

Housing costs have risen significantly, demand for affordable and social housing is not being met and the amount and type of housing being delivered locally is not keeping pace with demand or demographic change.

Changing demographics require housing diversity

Albury's population is aging, with the proportion of people aged over 65 years approaching 20 per cent in 2021 and projected to grow further. While families with children are still the dominant household type there is a growing trend for smaller household sizes. In 2021 around 31 per cent of Albury households consisted of one person (NSW average 25 per cent), whereas only 3.7 per cent of dwellings were one bedroom. A greater diversity of dwelling sizes is needed.

Rising costs have driven demand for affordable housing

Over the year to December 2021, the median rental list price increased by 16.7 per cent for a house, 20.8 per cent for a unit. In 2021 there were 1,010 households in Albury (4.3 per cent of total) in need of affordable housing as they were unable to access market-priced rental housing. As at June 2022 there were 504 applicants on the waitlist for social housing in Albury. The expected waiting time for a studio or one-bedroom social housing property is currently 5-10 years.

Addressing housing needs

In March 2023, Council released the [Albury Local Housing Strategy](#) to guide future planning decisions on locations and types of housing to support population growth. The strategy addresses the themes of supply, diversity, affordability and resilience and outlines clear actions for Council.

Council is looking to boost the proportion of housing stock providing medium and high-density options through projects such as the relocation of the CBD council depot site. This project, a collaboration with Department of Regional NSW, Land and Housing Corporation and Crown Lands would use infill development to provide 300-500 new units, including private, social and affordable housing.

Housing snapshot

New dwellings	2012	2017	2022
Approvals	248	347	410
Blocks of land available for housing development	456	493	348

Rental properties

Average monthly rental cost (\$)	-	1,240	1,720
Rental vacancy rate (%)	1.6	2.9	0.7

Derelict housing stock

New houses derelict stock could provide	Up to 99
% owned by state government	50
% owned privately	50

Challenges

- Skills shortages within Council impact land release and housing development. A complex state planning system exacerbates this challenge by reducing efficiency.
- Renewal of government-owned derelict housing stock is not possible under the existing NSW Land and Housing Corporation funding model.
- Housing supply shortages are affecting provision of services such as health (Albury Wodonga Health seeks 300 places per night for key workers), education and emergency services as well as the ability of local businesses to attract new workers to the city.
- Housing development is restricted by skills shortages including builders, tradespeople and engineers.

Opportunities

- Funding to accelerate enabling infrastructure – for example, water and sewer trunk mains, arterial roads, etc.
- The Land and Housing Corporation have identified Albury as a priority area. More sustainable funding is needed for NSW Land and Housing Corporation to increase feasibility of regional projects to address increasing need (waitlists).
- Use regional case studies and advocacy to encourage developers to try high-medium density rather than standard detached house and land.
- Unlock additional sources of land available for new housing, including private land, state owned freehold land, Defence land, vacant council land and Traditional owners' land.
- Roll out training and training incentives to encourage uptake of careers in critical fields like strategic planning, engineering and trades.



Case study: City of Ballarat

About the city

Ballarat is the commercial capital of Victoria's Central Highlands and a significant tourist destination. As the fourth largest inland city in Australia, Ballarat has a population of over 110,000 people with a growth rate accelerated by housing pressures in nearby Melbourne.

Drivers of housing demand

Key drivers of housing demand in the Ballarat LGA:

- Young families are attracted by more affordable housing and lifestyle opportunities.
- Construction and major project workers.
- Internal migration to the region, including older people and people from rural areas.

Ballarat's rapidly growing population is projected to reach around 170,000 by 2041 and will require 29,000 more dwellings. Population growth was boosted during the COVID-19 lockdowns in metropolitan areas and has been encouraged by decentralisation of government services. Growth is accompanied by demographic changes – the fastest growing group is those aged over 65, expected to reach 23 per cent of total by 2041 (currently 19 per cent).

Problem statement

Housing supply and diversity have not kept pace with population growth and demographic change, particularly for those requiring social and affordable housing.

Significant shortfall in social and affordable housing

The estimated gap between the number of households requiring housing assistance in the region and the number of available dwellings is 5,021. If current state policy and investment settings for social housing remain unchanged this gap will reach 9,185 dwellings by 2041 – an increase of 4,164.

Housing shortage affects services and industry

Limited housing availability and declining rental affordability affect the ability of local businesses to recruit staff, which limits capacity for delivery of services, projects and events. Housing supply shortages are also affecting provision of essential services such as health and education and the ability of the city to attract new businesses.

Housing snapshot

New dwellings	2012	2017	2022
Blocks of land available for housing development	-	-	73,600

Rental properties

Average monthly rental cost (\$)	1,035	1,130	1,505
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House Sales

Average days on the market	65		57
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Addressing housing needs

The Ballarat City Council has released a draft [Housing Strategy 2023-2041](#), which will be incorporated into the planning system and guide development of new housing to accommodate a growing and diverse population.

The draft strategy identifies areas where up to 29,000 new homes will be accommodated – within greenfield growth areas and the existing city and townships. Improved and simplified state planning systems would help Council to deliver on the strategy, including projects to increase housing density. Funding to support provision of enabling infrastructure, services and amenities will also be critical to success.

Delivering new social and affordable housing is a priority, and key measures for Council include:

- Exploring new delivery models to achieve best outcomes at identified strategic sites.
- Facilitating local partnerships, including MOUs with housing providers to achieve desired housing outcomes.
- Developing clear guidelines for how Council expects developers to deliver social and affordable housing.
- Establishing funding streams e.g. by capturing value uplift generated by rezoning of land in greenfield locations and capturing revenue in urban areas to be developed for social and affordable housing.

Challenges

- Land activation for new housing is restricted by enabling infrastructure costs, state planning processes, shortage of builders and tradespeople and land banking by developers.
- Developers are less interested in significant levels of infill and CBD development.

Opportunities

- Activation of a variety of available land types would provide broad economic benefits.
- Removal of rate-capping would support Council to address critical skill shortages that affect housing development and land release.
- Funding to support Council to test innovative approaches in growth precincts, including:
 - Installing a microgrid and/or virtual power plants;
 - Sustainable subdivisions and dwelling/built form designs;
 - Enhancement of biodiversity corridors; and
 - Neighbourhood/community waste initiatives.



Case study: Dubbo Regional Council

About the city

The Dubbo Regional Council LGA covers over 7,000 square kilometres in the Orana region of NSW. The population of more than 55,000 is concentrated in the city of Dubbo and the town of Wellington, with smaller populations residing in a number of villages and the rural areas. Dubbo is a major economic and service centre for the wider region.

Drivers of housing demand

Top drivers of housing demand in the Dubbo LGA:

- Construction and major project workers;
- Fly in – fly out (FIFO) and drive in – drive out (DIDO) workers – including health services; and
- Tree-changers moving to the region during and post the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The LGA continues to experience significant housing demand, largely driven by population growth linked to economic development. Dubbo is the major urban centre in the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone - development of transmission infrastructure and renewables projects is projected to require 6,000 workers, who will need to be housed within the region.

The region experiences high demand for short-term accommodation due to large scale infrastructure, energy and mining projects, as well as seasonal agricultural employment. Short-term accommodation in Dubbo and Wellington is frequently booked out during the week.

Problem statement

The growing demand for accommodation in the region is reflected in significant recent increases in house prices (44.5 per cent over 2018-2022), rental costs (45 per cent increase for 3-bedroom dwellings over 2018-2022) and low rental vacancy rates. The expected influx of workers to develop the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone will add pressure to housing supply and rental prices. The impact of the locum health workforce is also creating challenges. More affordable and short-term accommodation is needed to support existing and projected populations.

Housing stock not suited to changing demographics

Current housing stock in Dubbo and Wellington is mismatched with household composition. One-person households and couple-only households make up around 55 per cent of total households in the LGA (an increase of 6 per cent since the 2011 census), whereas less than 4 per cent of dwellings are one bedroom. A range of housing types, densities and price points are needed to meet population needs.

Housing snapshot

<i>New dwellings</i>	2012	2022
Applications	293	262
Approvals	354	364

Rental properties

Average monthly rental cost- house (\$)	-	1,840
Average monthly rental cost- unit (\$)	-	1,240
Rental vacancy rate (%)	2	1

Derelict housing stock

New houses derelict stock could provide	50-99
% owned by state government	90
% owned privately	10

Addressing housing needs

Dubbo Regional LGA has considerable zoned land and a significant private sector capacity in property development and construction. Dubbo Regional Council is a developer of residential land having two major land holdings Keswick Estate and the North-West Urban Release Area. There is the potential for the development of some 3,500 allotments on this land. Dubbo also has zoned land in private ownership that could realise the development of a further 5,000 allotments. However, to realise timely development of these lands, further government assistance is required including funding for enabling infrastructure (roads, sewer, water connections) and assistance with strategic and infrastructure planning.

Council is actively seeking to densify planned housing developments and to encourage private developers to provide varied products to meet housing demand at a range of price points and dwelling types.

To address social housing needs Council is examining opportunities to incentivise development of affordable housing through Planning Agreements with renewables proponents to assist Community Housing Providers. Development of an affordable housing strategy for the region is a priority.

Challenges

- Dubbo has considerable land resources, but enabling infrastructure and strategic planning of both land and infrastructure are an impediment to development.

Opportunities

- A supply of aged Department of Housing stock could be remediated to provide additional housing.
- 3D printing has the potential to deliver additional housing quickly and at a range of price points. Council has set aside three lots at the Keswick Estate for 3D printed houses, following a successful trial of a 3D printed toilet block.
- Council is actively examining options for staged development of temporary workforce accommodation that aims to meet the need for more immediate housing, whilst ensuring a positive legacy is left for the community.



Case study: City of Greater Geelong

About the city

With a population of over 276,000, the City of Greater Geelong is Victoria's second largest city and Australia's fastest growing regional city. Located 75km from Melbourne, the municipality comprises more than 50 suburbs and townships across suburban, coastal and country areas and has a diverse and growing economy driven by jobs in healthcare and social services, retail, construction, education and public administration.

Drivers of housing demand

Top drivers of housing demand in the Geelong LGA:

- Young families attracted by more affordable housing and lifestyle opportunities.
- Growth in service-based jobs including the social insurance industry.
- Internal migration to the region.

Strong population growth and associated demand for housing is driven by Geelong's affordability relative to nearby Melbourne, high quality transport links to Melbourne and attractive job and lifestyle opportunities. The population of Greater Geelong is forecast to grow to more than 393,000 by 2041.

Problem statement

Strong demand for rental accommodation has led to record low rates of rental affordability, and the availability of private rental, social and public housing options are unable to meet current or projected demand.

Housing shortages affect essential services and industry

The housing supply shortage, including very low availability of rental properties for new workers moving to the city, is affecting provision of health services and the operation of major local industries, tourism and cultural services.

Social and affordable housing

Distribution of social housing in Geelong is extremely uneven, and inadequate to meet soaring demand. In 2021 an estimated 5,000 households were in need of social housing, forecast to grow to 13,500 by 2041. Council sites suitable for new social housing would deliver only 1.4% of the overall requirement, and the private sector won't deliver essential social housing without policy reform.

Housing snapshot

New dwellings	2012	2017	2022
Approvals	2,101	2,617	4,025
Blocks of land available for housing development	38,000		25,000

Rental properties

Average monthly rental cost (\$)	1,278	1,408	1,920
Rental vacancy rate (%)	-	-	1

Addressing housing needs

The City of Greater Geelong is implementing its [Social Housing Plan 2020-2041](#) to facilitate an increase in supply of social housing. Mandatory inclusionary zoning is seen as essential to success, so that social housing is provided as part of new developments, to keep pace with demand (4.5% of new developments) and ensure equitable distribution of housing that meets the needs of a diverse population.

There is significant opportunity for increased density and development in infill areas – such as government owned land surrounding train stations or declining industrial areas. Ageing infrastructure (such as 100+ year old stormwater drains) is a key barrier to infill growth, particularly without a clear mechanism for collecting development contributions.

Greater Geelong has access to a significant supply of land that can be utilised for greenfield housing development. Optimal activation of this land would be supported by reforms to state and federal policy and planning systems, including clarity on the role of greenfield developments in future supply, simplified environmental approval processes and long-term infrastructure planning and investment to support development.

Challenges

- The Victorian Housing Statement emphasises an enhanced role for infill development without supporting strategies to fund infrastructure, strategies to enhance community acceptance and reduction in greenfield supply.
- A strategic approach to biodiversity planning at a state and federal level would create more certainty for development projects and improved environmental outcomes.
- Evolving stormwater management policies and strategies create uncertainty for greenfield projects.
- A lack of financial analysis of the affordability and long-term asset management implications of greenfield and infill growth.
- Housing development is hampered by a shortage of critical skills within council and within the city more broadly, including builders and tradespeople.

Opportunities

- Increase high and medium density housing to meet growing demand and changing demographics (e.g. trend towards smaller household sizes), with federal and state co-investment in supporting infrastructure such as public transport, streetscape and amenity upgrades.



Case study: Town of Port Hedland

About the city

Located 1,800 km north of Perth in Western Australia's North West, the Town of Port Hedland is an important service centre for the region's significant mining and resource industry and is home to the world's largest bulk export port. The Council area covers nearly 12,000 square kilometres of the Pilbara and the population of around 17,000 people is concentrated in the twin settlements of Port Hedland and South Hedland.

Drivers of housing demand

Key drivers of housing demand in the Town of Port Hedland LGA:

- Construction and major project workers.
- Fly in - fly outs (FIFO), coming to work in the regional mining and resource industry).
- Internal migration to the region.

The resurgence of the mining and resource sector and a \$177 billion pipeline of related investments in the Pilbara has increased job opportunities and created a surge in demand for housing. The strong investment horizon is also increasing migration to the region as people seek opportunities associated with a strong regional economy.

Problem statement

A lack of affordable housing in the LGA is a handbrake on economic growth and liveability. Average rent is almost \$1,000 per week (compared to \$544 across regional WA) and supply is extremely limited. Housing supply has grown by only 0.2% p.a. since 2017.

Lack of affordable housing restricts growth and amenity

Liveability is severely impacted as people employed in service industries such as education, childcare, retail, hospitality and tourism, who often earn low or moderate incomes compared to those in the mining sector, are unable to afford housing.

New businesses are apprehensive to invest without certainty they can secure staff. Larger companies commonly supply housing for their staff as an incentive to move to the area and opt to rent or buy rather than commit to new builds, putting further pressure on limited supply.

Building costs are very high

Building costs are up to 80% higher than Perth, due to higher costs of supplies and labour (competing with wages in the resource industry), limited availability of residential builders and higher costs associated with risk of severe cyclones. Banks are often unwilling to loan the collective cost of purchasing residential land and building a new dwelling.

Housing snapshot

<i>New dwellings</i>	2012	2017	2022
Approvals	439	12	11

Rental properties

Average monthly rental cost (\$)	7,596	1,996	3,540
Rental vacancy rate (%)	1	5	2

Derelict housing stock

New houses derelict stock could provide	200-499
% owned by state government	40
% owned privately	60

Addressing housing needs

The Town has made service worker housing a priority over the next 5 years, to increase liveability and support residential growth. Concept plans have been developed for a 76-house service worker development in South Hedland. Council requires funding to progress this opportunity, which is estimated to contribute \$152.4 million in benefits to the Hedland community over 20 years (but will only address 10% of the demand for affordable housing for service workers).

A range of other priorities to address housing needs have been adopted by the Town, including supporting pathways to home ownership and leveraging funding and multi-party agreements for land and housing development. State owned land is available for multi-density development in South Hedland, and residential development in Port Hedland could be facilitated by undertaking site works.

Challenges

- High costs of renting, buying and building mean large companies frequently opt to use a FIFO workforce or establish temporary camps to house construction workforces.
- Skills shortages within Council, including building surveyors, slows development. This issue affects many LGAs and requires state action to encourage more entrants to these professions.

Opportunities

- Large potential for tourism industry development in Port Hedland is restricted by high cost of living and comparatively low wages.
- Investment into service worker and affordable housing to support increased services and amenity, supporting liveability.
- Repurposing vacant underutilised properties for short-term or transitional accommodation.





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2.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - CNSWJO MAY BOARD REPORT

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1243

MAYORAL MINUTE

The Chief Executive Officer and I attended the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) May Board meeting in Lithgow on 23 May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged.**
- 2 That Council note that:**
 - **Three reports will be provided to Council from CNSWJO, these being on Strategic Planning for Water Utilities, Destination Marketing for Visitation and reducing duplication from Modern Slavery regulation; and**
 - **The next meeting of the CNSWJO will be at Federal Parliament in Canberra, provide advice to CNSWJO on Council priority for advocacy into this meeting.**

Jason Hamling

MAYOR**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Board members were welcomed to Lithgow by Cr Maree Statham, Mayor of Lithgow City Council.

The Board welcomed Ms Jenny Aitchison, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, to the meeting, as well as Ms Zena Bailly, Deputy Chief of Staff and Mr Alistair Lunn, Transport for NSW who accompanied the Minister.

The Minister provided an update on the direction of Regional Transport and Roads which is guided by the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans (SRITPs). The SRITPs will be integral to driving future change and direct transport governmental spending and consultation regarding them will occur in the second half of this calendar year.

The Minister offered members the opportunity to ask questions both within the meeting and on a one-on-one basis. Of note from her presentation is a new corridor strategy for the Great Western Highway over the Blue Mountains being funded by the Australian Government and delivered by the NSW Government. CNSWJO will provide follow-up.

The Board also received advice from Katrina Annis-Brown from the Office of Local Government including a new website to support the upcoming Council elections at Local Government Elections - Office of Local Government NSW

Finally, Ms Gerry Collins from what is currently the Department of Regional NSW provided an update regarding changes that will come into effect from 1 July 2024 including a name change to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. Members raised concerns that the funding for councils in regional NSW has dropped dramatically including recurrent programs like Resources for Regions and funding through Destination

NSW for events. This is having a significant budgetary impact on some members of the Joint Organisation.

The next meeting of CNSWJO will be followed by a day of engagement with federal representatives hosted by the Hon Kristy McBain, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories. Council is encouraged to provide advice on matters it would like to raise with federal representatives.

Adoption of the Statement of Budget and Revenue

CNSWJO adopted its Statement of Budget and Revenue (the Statement) having put it on exhibition for 30 days. The budget includes a 3% increase in fees, below that of the IPART rate pegged rise for Councils of 4.5% - 5.5%. The Statement is available on the CNSWJO at [Statement-of-Budget-and-Revenue-2024-2025-Endorsed.pdf](#).

Submissions

The following submissions have been lodged since the last Board meeting. All have been at the request of members and/or as part of supporting the advocacy policy of the Board.

All Submissions can be viewed on the website

<https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/submissions/>

- [Feedback on Draft TOR for Review of NSW Councils Financial Model](#)
- [Submission – Inquiry into Local Government to Funds Infrastructure and Services](#)
- [IPART Dam Safety NSW Levy](#)
- [Feedback on Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW Internment Services Levy](#)
- [MDB Plan V2 and buy-backs-Draft Restoring our Rivers Framework](#)
- [Alternate funding models –NSW Productivity Commission](#)

There are both state and federal inquiries regarding government financial sustainability underway. The CNSWJO submissions provide advice on both cost shifting and the extent to which poor state and federal processes, be they strategic, regulatory or funding frameworks; ultimately expend council resources in inefficient and costly ways. In the case of NSW Government Department strategy, CNSWJO has found that the development of state strategies for the region can take years, includes poorly designed consultation with local government. These processes may or may not lead to an output let alone an outcome, rarely if ever are implemented and have poor if any accountability- certainly not in place in our region.

Current examples are the more than five years of inputting into draft regional transport plans which are then dumped or five years on regional water strategies. The Transport Plan had several repetitive approaches as staff turned over/Machinery of Government changes occurred at Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

Welcoming New Councillors to the Region

With support from two first term Councillors from Blayney Shire, Crs Pryse Jones and Gosewisch, a report was received on welcoming new Councillors to the region.

The Board resolved to hold a workshop in the fourth quarter of this year that;

- a. introduces new Councillors to the Joint Organisation providing advice on the value proposition;

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- b. provides a deeper dive into one or two areas that incoming Councillors would benefit from for example Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice; and
- c. seeks advice on other support incoming Councillors might like including an informal network.

Proforma reports coming to Council

Council will be receiving three reports in the near future from the Joint Organisation (JO).

This first is on the current status of tourism services delivered by the JO and their value. Where CNSWJO was successful in advocating for a Destination Network for this region, this entity is not allowed to undertake marketing. It is important that Council understands where its funding for destination marketing though the JO is going and the value it is accruing as well as the changing service levels for the visitor economy from regional peak organisations.

The second will be on the transition Local Water Utility Strategic Planning into Integrated Planning and Reporting was initiated following recommendations from various pilot studies conducted by the CNSWJO and the Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water (DCCEEW) through the Town Water Risk Reduction Program (TWRRP)- phase one.

Further exploration of this process was recommended by the independent evaluation of the TWRRP but not picked up by DCCEEW in round two of the TWRRP. What was picked up was a recommendation to further explore legislative gaps by the DCCEEW in regulating local water utilities (LWU). The risk here is that the DCCEEW develop a duplicative and resource and cost intensive regulatory framework for LWU strategic planning where council's already have an existing framework- IP&R regulated by the Office of Local Government.

The opportunity is for the CNSWJO Water Utilities Alliance and other councils to demonstrate that this integration of strategic planning is a solution to challenges that the state agency is having in managing their own approvals through their Regulatory and Assurance Framework for LWU introduced on 1 July 2022. CNSWJO has developed a toolkit for members with funding from the Office of Local Government and this will be an attachment to the proforma report.

A previous Auditor General's Report was scathing about NSW Government support for water utilities <https://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/our-work/reports/support-for-regional-town-water-infrastructure> and its management of its regulatory framework. There is a significant risk that the previous poor practice of this agency will resurface. This includes being unable to resource its regulatory role and will ultimately lead to greater workloads for Councils, poor funding outcomes and a repeat of the advice from the Auditor General. Resolve from Council supporting the use of IP&R enabled by the toolkit developed by CNSWJO will be sought in the report coming to Council.

The third report will be provided on Modern Slavery. Goal posts continue to change for Council as it seeks to navigate the ongoing guidance and regulation. General Managers of the region expressed concern at the challenges as identified in the Case Study above and are seeking to minimise duplication between the regional effort and what Council is doing locally.

Water

The water report provided an update on progress on three operational and strategic projects under Priority Six: Regional Water Security and Productive Water as identified in the Water Utilities Alliance Strategic Plan:

- Regional Water Loss Management Centres Project;
- Transitioning Local Water Utility Strategic Planning into Integrated Planning and Reporting; and
- Regional Asset Management Assessments.

It sought Board endorsement of the Toolkit with support funding from the Office of Local Government designed to assist councils to transition local water utility strategic planning into the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework. Support to formally present the Toolkit to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment-Water and to approach the NSW Water Directorate to set up a practitioner group of interested councils from across the state to raise the profile of using the existing Integrated Planning and Reporting framework for local water utility strategic planning is also sought.

Advice was provided on work under the Water Loss Management project funded by the NSW Government to provide a framework for the economic analysis of the value of water conservation for the inland regional NSW context. This is critically important work as the value of urban water has been broadly overlooked in the prioritisation process for Regional Water Strategies as they make the assumption that no community will run out of water and so the benefit of avoiding the costs of running out of water have not been included.

Planning continues with Charles Sturt University for a Productive Water Policy Lab this year. All Councillors should have received a place holder for 30/31 July in their calendars. The Board resolved to ask Phil Donato, Member for Orange, to organise a round table with state and federal representation to progress advocacy on water for the region.

Disaster Risk Reduction Program

Disaster has varying priority across the region where with climate change there will be more severe storms and longer hotter droughts. Flooding and bushfire have been identified as the two significant disaster challenges for the communities of Central NSW. For some members of CNSWJO the impacts of disasters have been top of mind. For all councils the funding framework for disasters and the challenges of inundated road networks is ongoing.

Using the advocacy strength of eight JOs working together, CNSWJO is seeking to derive systemic change and local outcomes through its collaborative approach to the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund.

The Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (DRRF) is jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales governments. Round One project is near completions and has;

- provided Councils with a needs analysis on disaster risk reduction;
- provided advice to the JO on how Councils can be supported with gaps and optimisation going forward;
- delivered workshops across the region simulating disasters;
- developed a toolkit for embedment in IP&R that recognises that Councils have variable priority for disaster risk preparedness based on their risks; and

- built a network across regional NSW including with State agencies that is seeking to
 - have one source of truth for spatial data owned and administered by the NSW Government through Spatial NSW;
 - improve outcomes for councils in the funding frameworks;
 - systemize response and recovery to offer communities and Council greater certainty during disaster.

Participants in workshops creating the Disaster Risk Reduction IP&R framework identified the necessity of a Regional IP&R Group. This group intends to convene quarterly, comprising council staff and other stakeholders to provide guidance, share information, and oversee the integration of various programs. Its role is to foster collaboration between councils and the state government, aligning with ISO 55000 asset management standards. The Board agreed to establish this group.

A funding application for Round 2 has been lodged to continue this program.

Energy

There is a substantial amount of activity being undertaken to address the energy priority of the CNSWJO. Current work includes;

- delivering the cross Joint Organisation Net Zero Accelerator (JONZA) program, funded by the NSW DCCEE's Sustainable Councils program to deliver net zero outcomes to member councils;
- leading the Southern Lights program [Southern Lights - Central Joint Organisation \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.southernlightsnsw.gov.au) where the most recent work has been participating in the Australian Energy Regulator program negotiating better pricing for Councils for street lighting; and
- progressing the implementation Business Case for the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emissions, funded under the Regional NSW Business Case and Strategy Development Fund.

Councils have provided advice that they are interested in doing more about waste emissions. The JO is investigating opportunities here where there is no navigable pathway obvious at present.

Meanwhile, the work across the region in EV and low emission fleet has seen growing interest from member Councils. The very successful EV showcase coordinate by the JO in Parkes in October 2023 will be repeated next calendar year – even bigger and better where there has been an offer to bring low emission buses to the region. All Councillors will be welcomed and an invitation will be provided in due course.

Case Study – Modern Slavery Legislation – how an under resourced State entity drives costs up for Local Government and their suppliers

Everyone supports the idea of fighting modern slavery through better supply chains. How should this be implemented?

As it stands, councils must manage the modern slavery risks of their supply chains including international businesses. Every council, every supply chain. Councils must report their compliance in a Formal Annual Report to the Auditor General, annually online with the Anti-Slavery Commission and as from 1 July, 2024 Online Reporting to the Anti-Slavery

Commission for all contracts arising from any high risk procurement with a value of \$150K within 45 days from the date of contract.

Suppliers deemed high risk must be surveyed. Surveys alone are not enough, councils must also demonstrate due diligence and show what they are doing to reduce the risks including following up non respondents and offering them support in lowering their risks. All suppliers must be informed of their ratings. The total list of suppliers for Bathurst Regional Council is approximately 4,000, with over 100 currently rated as high risk. The estimate for the CNSWJO region's members is 14,600, with a lot of overlap.

Meanwhile the advice on the Federal Attorney General's website is that though they have a Register for Modern Slavery they do not check the veracity of the advice therein. Checking become councils' job. The Commissioner suggests that this could include contacting business directly – hopefully councils have staff fluent in the languages of those countries viewed as high risk.

To be compliant there are 14 questions on Modern Slavery in every procurement activity the CNSWJO undertakes. Every supplier responding to Requests for Quotation and Tender must respond to these questions. The Commissioner's guidance is suggesting these questions should be weighted between 5-10%. This competes with other criteria like safety, capability, quality, environmental, pricing and supporting local providers.

CNSWJO is undertaking this work collaboratively to try and reduce duplication both for suppliers and councils and can report that suppliers are furious.

With the change of government and the changes to Regional NSW including funding streams, a rethink of the implementation Business Case for the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emission is needed including buy-in from Essential Energy and NSW Government agencies. CNSWJO staff have begun this work and advice will be provided in due course.

Advice from members

There is an opportunity for members to provide advice on matters of regional interest. Council is welcome to formally raise matters with the JO at any time including seeking grant funding and submission support.

Matters raised by members at the meeting were:

- Oberon – Forestry Corporation has announced the proponents for the wind towers to be built in region;
- Blayney – Western Regional Academy of Sport is amalgamating back of house administration with other academies. An update will be provided to members in due course; and
- Lithgow – the price of fuel – advice will be provided in the next Transport Report to the Board.

Value to Council

80% of CNSWJO resources are dedicated to providing its operational support program. This program delivers a return on investments of 9.4:1 for every dollar Council spends on its membership fees. This value is made up of grant income, monies saved through the CNSWJO procurement program and public relations value from its tourism marketing.

2.2 Mayoral Minute - CNSWJO May Board Report

The work the region does in writing submissions, media, supporting projects and project teams, developing collateral and providing opportunities for members in various forums to represent their views is not included in the above figure of 9.4:1 ROI.

However, this value is reported quarterly to the Board. Please go to the CNSWJO website to review past Board agendas at:

<https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/business-papers-agendas/> or to review last year's Annual Statement please go to https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/content/uploads/Annual-Performance-Statement-2023_Final.pdf

Grant funded projects for the 2022/2023 year were:

- The Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration Program;
- Disaster Risk Reduction Fund program;
- Bridge Assessments;
- Come Out We're Open flood recovery program
- A Business Case for Priority Investment in the Nexus between Net Zero and Energy Security;
- A Regional Centre of Excellence in Water Loss Management;
- Transitioning Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans to Integrated Planning and Reporting; and
- A Spare Capacity in Housing Project.

Most of these are being finalised this year or are ongoing. Further applications have been made for programs under the auspices of the Board – please request advice on their status.

This value is delivered primarily by the various operational teams across the region including the CNSWJO;

- General Managers' Advisory Committee
- Water Utilities' Alliance
- Transport Technical Committee
- Tourism Managers Group
- Planners' Group
- Human Resources Managers Group
- WHS/Risk Management Group
- Training, Learning and Development Group
- Net Zero Group
- Regional IT Group
- Building Surveyors Skills Shortages Working Group
- Disaster Risk Reduction Steering Committee

- Fleet Managers Group (new!)
- Integrated Planning and Reporting Group (new!)

Conclusion

The CNSWJO continues to deliver very good value to Council. Please contact the Executive Officer, Ms Jenny Bennett for more information.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Minutes of the Lithgow Board Meeting 23 May 2024, D24/74315 [↓](#)

Draft Minutes of the Board meeting 23 May 2024 held in Lithgow**In Attendance***

Cr J Jennings	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr P Phillips	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr M Statham	Lithgow City Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr M Kellam	Oberon Council
Cr R Fagan	Cowra Shire Council	Cr J Hamling	Orange City Council
Cr C Roylance	Forbes Shire Council Deputy Mayor	Cr P Best	Weddin Shire Council Deputy Mayor

Associate Member delegates and others attending

Mr N Southorn	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr A McKibbin	UMCC
Mr M Dicker	Blayney Shire Council	Ms C Weston	RDACW
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Ms K Annis-Brown	OLG
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Ms G Collins	Regional NSW
Mr S Loane OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr R Gurney	Lithgow City Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms J Parish	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms E Grimm	CNSWJO
Mr K Boyd PSM	Parkes Shire Council	The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP	Minister for Regional Transport and Roads
Ms N Vu	Weddin Shire Council	Ms Zena Bailly	Deputy Chief of Staff
Cr A Rawson	Central Tablelands Water	Mr Alistair Lunn	Transport for NSW
Mr G Rhodes	Central Tablelands Water		

Weston*Voting members in **bold**

Meeting opened at 10.05am by Chair Cr Kevin Beatty

- The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting and the Mayor of the City of Lithgow, Cr Maree Statham, welcomed attendees to Lithgow.**

- Acknowledgement of Country**

- Apologies, applications for a leave of absence by Joint Voting representatives**

Cr C Bembrick, Cr P Miller OAM, Cr N Westcott, Mr D Sherley, Mr P Donato MP

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr M Kellam
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 23 May 2024 listed above be accepted.	

- Conflicts of Interest**

Resolved	Cr R Fagan / Cr M Kellam
Nil declared	

5. Minutes**5a Noting of the Minutes of the CNSWJO GMAC Meeting held 2 May in Oberon**

Resolved	Cr M Statham / Cr R Fagan
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO GMAC Meeting held 2 May 2024 in Oberon were noted.	

5b Confirmation of the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 29 February in Condobolin

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr R Fagan
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting held 29 February in Condobolin were accepted.	

6. Business Arising from the Minutes - Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr M Kellam / Cr P Best
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

7. Reports on Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025**Priority One: Leveraging our successful collaboration****7a Financial Report**

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr M Statham
That the Board note the Financial Report.	

7b Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025

Resolved	Cr P Best / Cr P Phillips
That the Board adopt the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025.	

7c Advocacy Report

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr R Fagan
<p>That the Board note the Advocacy Update and endorse</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the changes to key messaging for water advocacy; 2. quarterly media be issued regarding Council financial sustainability; and 3. the following submissions be endorsed; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Feedback on Draft TOR for Review of NSW Councils Financial Model b. Submission – Inquiry into Local Government to Funds Infrastructure and Services c. IPART Dam Safety NSW Levy d. Feedback on Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW Internment Services Levy e. MDB Plan V2 and buy-backs-Draft Restoring our Rivers Framework f. Alternate funding models –NSW Productivity Commission 4. seek membership from the Board for a subcommittee to provide oversight of the review of the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority; and 5. receive updated advice from staff on advocacy messaging to make critical town water the number one priority of the Water Advocacy Plan. 	

7d Regional Procurement and Contracts

Resolved	Cr M Kellam / Cr P Best
That the Board note the Regional Procurement and Contracts Report and approve the updates to the procurement plan.	

7e Welcoming New Councillors to the Region

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr M Kellam
<p>That the CNSWJO Board note the Welcoming New Councillors to the Region report and;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. hold a workshop in the fourth quarter of this calendar year for new Councillors that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. introduces new Councillors to the Joint Organisation providing advice on the value proposition; b. provides a deeper dive into one or two areas that incoming Councillors would benefit from for example Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice; and c. seeks advice on other support incoming Councillors might like including an informal network; and 2. note that CNSWJO provides incoming Council sessions tailored to Councils' needs; 3. progress the above initiative under the auspices of the Opt in Subcommittee Mayors and interested 	

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| General Managers; and |
| 4. thank Crs Pryse Jones and Gosewisch for their advice and support of this work to date. |

10:25 The Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP

Ms Zena Bailly, Deputy Chief of Staff and Mr Alistair Lunn, Transport for NSW accompanied the Minister. The Minister provided an update on the direction of Regional Transport and Roads which is guided by the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans (SRITPs). The Minister emphasised that she needs to hear about any roads and transport issues so they can be identified and assessed. The SRITPs will be integral to driving future change and direct transport governmental spending. The Minister offered members the opportunity to ask questions both within the meeting and on a one-on-one basis.

11:40 The Minister left the meeting to speak to individual Council representatives.

7f Disaster Risk Reduction Fund Program Report

Resolved	Cr F Fagan / Cr P Best
That the Board note the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund report and;	
1. endorse the GHD Regional Opportunities and Joint Organisation Opportunities reports;	
2. endorse the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) Framework, including supporting tools and templates; and	
3. endorse the draft Terms of Reference for a Regional IP&R Group.	

7g Requirement of CNSWJO to have an Audit Risk and Improvement Regulations

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr P Best
That the Board note the report on the Requirement for CNSWJO to have an Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) and	
1. await formal advice from the Office of Local Government on Regulatory and Legislative change for a fit for purpose Audit Risk and Improvement Framework for Joint Organisations;	
2. provide in principle support for a cross Joint Organisation risk management and improvement framework;	
3. receive a report on CNSWJO risk management that considers its alignment with regulation; and	
4. continue to seek exemption until the mooted legislative changes are finalised.	

Priority Five: Regional Transport Planning and Infrastructure Prioritisation**7h Transport**

Resolved	Cr M Kellam / Cr S Ferguson
That the Board note the transport report and endorses the Central NSW Joint Organisation Implications of Severe Weather Events on the Local and Regional Road Network ('Fix Me') report.	

Priority Six: Regional Water Security and Productive Water**7i Regional Water Report**

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr K Kellam
That the Board note the Regional Water Report and:	
1. correspondence be sent to the Department of Climate Change Energy and the Environment -Water thanking them for supporting the work by Frontier Economics on the economic analysis of the value of water conservation;	
2. endorse the Toolkit to assist councils to transition local water utility strategic planning into the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework noting that it will be iterative;	
3. correspondence be sent under the hand of the Chair to Jane Shepherd, Director Local Water Utilities presenting the Toolkit to transition local water utility strategic planning into the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework and thanking her for enabling the engagement of their staff in its design;	
4. correspondence be sent under the hand of the Chair to the Executive Officer of the NSW Water Directorate formally requesting facilitation of a practitioner's group of councils from across the state	

	interested in transitioning their local water utility strategic planning into the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework using the Central NSW Joint Organisation Toolkit;
5.	members receive a proforma report endorsing the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework as the regulatory mechanism for water strategy; and
6.	seek to have the Town Water Commissioner reinstated.

7j Charles Sturt University Policy Lab on Productive Water Report

Resolved	Cr R Fagan / Cr M Kellam
That the Board note the Charles Sturt University Policy Lab on Productive Water Report and;	
1.	encourage Councillors to attend the Charles Sturt University Policy Lab on productive water; and
2.	correspondence be sent to Charles Sturt University thanking them for their work on the Policy Lab.

Priority Seven: Transition to a sustainable, secure and affordable energy future**7k Energy Program Report**

Resolved	Cr M Kellam / Cr R Fagan
That the Board note the Energy Program Report and	
1.	endorse the activities included in the JONZA Round 2 application to the NSW Dept of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's (DCCEEW) Sustainable Councils Program;
2.	note the regional application for pools to the Community Energy Upgrades Fund will be delayed until Round 2 to allow more detailed analysis and other funding sources to be identified to assist with co-contribution;
3.	endorse the final reports for the additional 1, 2 and 3 workstream reports for the Business Case on the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emissions Reduction; and
4.	receive a briefing note in due course regarding the impact on councils as a result of the AER's final decision in relation to public lighting through the 2024-2029 Pricing Determination.

8. Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025

Resolved	Cr P Phillips / Cr R Fagan
That the Board note the Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025 and;	
1.	lodge a Final Report to the Office of Local Government for the second round of funding of 150K to support the inception of Joint Organisations under the hand of the Chair;
2.	note the advice on the value of tourism provided below and request that the Mayoral Board Report include detailed advice on the value of tourism to member councils;
3.	note Chairing and administration of the CNSWJO Tourism meetings is to be updated;
4.	seek advice from Destination NSW regarding funding; and
5.	the value of events.

12:00 noon: Gifts presented to Mr Gavin Rhodes and Mr Craig Butler for their service to the region as they are leaving their roles. This gift for Mr Butler was accepted by Cr M Statham in his absence.

9. Joint Organisation Transition Report

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr M Kellam
That a meeting be held to manage staff transition as soon as possible.	

10. Regional NSW Update – Ms Gerry Collins**11. Office of Local Government Update – Ms Katrina Annis-Brown****12. Late Reports - Nil****13. Matters raised by Members**

- Oberon – Forestry Corporation has announced the proponents for the wind towers to be built in region.
- Blayney – Western Regional Academy of Sport is amalgamating back of house administration with other academies. An update will be provided to members in due course.
- Lithgow – the price of fuel – advice will be provided in the next transport report to the Board.
- The Chair of RDA Central West advised that a report will be provided from RDACW to the next meeting.

14. Speakers to next meeting – UGL, Destination NSW

15. Next meetings

Board:

- 21 August in the afternoon in Canberra, location TBC.
22 August – Federal Parliament
- 27 November in the afternoon in Sydney, location TBC
28 November – State Parliament

GMAC:

- 25 July 2024 – Parkes

Meeting closed: 12:40

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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 16 July 2024 (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 16 July 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 16 July 2024

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

ON 16 JULY 2024

COMMENCING AT 6:30PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson (6.33pm) (*AudioVisual Link*), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton

Chief Executive Officer, Acting Director Corporate and Commercial Services (Sharp), Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Communications and Engagement

1.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED - 24/305

Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd

That the apologies be accepted from Cr K Duffy and Cr S Peterson (lateness) for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 16 July 2024.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr K Duffy, Cr S Peterson

RESOLVED - 24/306

Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd

That Cr S Peterson be permitted to attend the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 16 July 2024 via Audio Visual Link.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr K Duffy, Cr S Peterson

1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

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

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr T Greenhalgh conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Cr Evans declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 6.2 – Tender – F4244 – The Provision of Security Services as tenderer is a customer of his business.

1.5 OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Andrew Cunningham of the Uniting Church led the Council in Prayer.

Cr S Peterson joined the meeting via Audiovisual Link with the time being 6.33pm

2 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED - 24/307****Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 9 July 2024 (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 9 July 2024.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr K Duffy

4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

5 GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM POLICY COMMITTEES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2294

RESOLVED - 24/308**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Power**

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 2 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 3 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 4 That the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 5 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, noting Cr Floyd voted against item 2.1.
- 6 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

5.2 PLANNING PROPOSAL - REDMOND PLACE - ADVISORY REPORT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1126

RESOLVED - 24/309**Cr D Mallard/Cr J Whitton**

That Council advise the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure of broad support for the Planning Proposal at 3 Redmond Place, 154 Lone Pine Avenue and 5255 Mitchell Highway subject to the following:

- That the proposal ensure the overall extent of public open space to be provided shall be consistent with the associated Masterplan.
- That, while allowing for reasonable flexibility, the final placement and design of public open space shall not significantly depart from the design principles and outcomes embodied in the associated Masterplan.
- Specifically, there shall be no residential lots situated between the Mitchell Highway and the northern "Park Street" road extending from the hangar/community centre to the detention basins at the eastern extent of the site.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

5.3 REDMOND PLACE MASTER PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1058

RESOLVED - 24/310**Cr G Power/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council place the Redmond Place Master Plan and supporting documentation on public exhibition, concurrently with the Planning Proposal, for a period of 28 days in accordance with the Orange Community Participation Plan 2023.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

Cr Kinghorne asked what was a pocket park.

The Director Development Services advised this is a small park that arises. The final design will show pocket parks and wetlands.

5.4 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 2024

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1153

RESOLVED - 24/311**Cr D Mallard/Cr F Kinghorne**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Note the Statement of Investments for the period June 2024
- 2 Adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

5.5 LORDS PLACE SOUTH - INDEPENDENT REVIEW

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1182

RESOLVED - 24/312**Cr F Kinghorne/Cr G Floyd**

That the Report on the Lords Place South Independent Review be noted.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr F Kinghorne**

Cr Kinghorne asked for clarification as to whether the reviewer Ms Brooke Pendlebury had previously completed work for Council.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr F Kinghorne**

Cr Kinghorne requested a copy of the brief given to the reviewer be provided to Councillors.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr F Kinghorne**

Cr Kinghorne asked for clarification on the onus of Councillors to independently verify information provided to them, noting this is not necessarily possible and can call into question confidence in information provided.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr F Kinghorne**

Cr Kinghorne asked for clarification on the perpendicular placement of the tree pits as the review and plans are inconsistent on this point.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr F Kinghorne**

Cr Kinghorne asked if an adequate internal review process was in place as this project was not successful. In particular to address:

- a) How did this happen
- b) What went wrong
- c) What would we do differently.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr G Floyd**

Cr Floyd asked if Ms Pendlebury came to Orange as part of the review or undertook if from Sydney.

5.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - CALL FOR MOTIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1057

RESOLVED - 24/313**Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd**

That Council identify motions in line with the LGNSW Guidelines for consideration at the Local Government Annual Conference to be held in Tamworth 17 November – 19 November 2024.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

5.7 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE, TRAINING AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE COUNCIL TERM 2021 - 2024

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1022

RESOLVED - 24/314**Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

That Council note the report on Councillor Attendance, Training and Compliance for the Council Term 2021 – 2024.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

5.8 EXTENSION OF LEASE AREA ORANGE CROQUET CLUB

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1188

RESOLVED - 24/315**Cr J Hamling/Cr T Mileto**

- 1 That Council extend the lease area of the Orange Croquet Club from two to three fields by way of variation of lease or entering into a new lease for a period of 5 years.
- 2 That permission be granted to affixed the Common Seal on any necessary documentation.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

5.9 EVENT SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1192

RESOLVED - 24/316**Cr M McDonell/Cr J Evans**

That Council approves the application from Orange Regional Arts Foundation for the amount of \$5,000 for the Orange Winter Fire Festival ORAF Event to be held 10 August 2024.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

6 CLOSED MEETING

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, 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 - 24/317**Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power**

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 National Local Government Housing Summit - Nomination(s) for Councillor Attendance

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 (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

6.2 Tender - F4244 - The Provision of Security Services

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.

6.3 Proposed Easement through Council Owned Land - Lot 22 DP 1212446 Shiralee 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 (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

6.4 Submission Redaction Report - 16 July 2024

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 (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 7.05pm.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 7.14pm.

7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

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

6.1 NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING SUMMIT - NOMINATION(S) FOR COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1178

RESOLVED - 24/318

Cr G Floyd/Cr G Power

That Council resolves that two Councillors attend the National Local Government Housing Summit to be held in Adelaide on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 August 2024.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

Cr Evans left the meeting with the time being 7.09pm

6.2 TENDER - F4244 - THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1152

Cr Evans declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as a tenderer is a customer of his business, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 24/319

Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard

That Council:

- 1 Approve the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to execute contract F4244 - The Provision of Security Services, for the value of \$217,131 (inc gst), with Marvasti Security Pty Ltd.
- 2 Grant permission to the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to do such things as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this decision, including affixing the Council Seal on any relevant documents.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy, Cr J Evans

Cr Evans returned to the meeting with the time being 7.10pm

**6.3 PROPOSED EASEMENT THROUGH COUNCIL OWNED LAND - LOT 22 DP 1212446
SHIRALEE ROAD**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1162

RESOLVED - 24/320**Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd**

- 1 That Council consent to the registration of an easement through Lot 22 DP 1212446 on the terms contained in this report.
- 2 That permission be granted to affix the Common Seal on any necessary documentation.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

6.4 SUBMISSION REDACTION REPORT - 16 JULY 2024

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1191

RESOLVED - 24/321**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Power**

That the information contained in the Submission Redaction report be acknowledged.

For: Cr J Hamling, 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 K Duffy

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.17PM

This is Page Number 9 and the Final Page of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 16 July 2024.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEES

Planning and Development - Chaired by Cr Jeff Whitton

Employment and Economic Development - Chaired By Cr Tony Mileto

Infrastructure - Chaired by Cr Jack Evans

Sport and Recreation - Chaired by Cr Tammy Greenhalgh

Environmental Sustainability - Chaired by Cr David Mallard

Finance - Chaired by Cr Kevin Duffy

Services - Chaired by Cr Melanie McDonell

COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES

4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION

4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMUNITY SURVEY

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1252

I, **CR STEVEN PETERSON** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 6 August 2024:

MOTION

That the results of the Community Engagement Survey conducted in August and September 2023 be publicly released by mid-August to allow for the findings to be considered as part of the upcoming election process.

BACKGROUND

The Central NSW joint organisation via Woolcott research and engagement conducted research in August and September 2023. This included both fieldwork and interviews as well as online surveys. Council was briefed on the results 8th of December last year. Some of the findings were quite interesting, I particularly found relevant the priorities that community members nominated as being the most important issues or infrastructure items for them.

We have been asked to not disseminate findings whilst a strategy for release was established. However, we are now approaching a year since the research was conducted and I feel the priorities should inform candidates running for Council election.

Why would we conduct this costly research otherwise? I have privately asked for guidance on when we can release and discuss these findings over the past few months but want to draw this to the attention of my Council colleagues as well given we are approaching the end of our term.

Signed Cr Steven Peterson

STAFF COMMENT

Considering the below directions in relation to election material and the timeline included in the handbook for the State of the City Report the intention was to publish the survey results as part of the State of the City Report which will be tabled before the new Council.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Council officials must not use Council resources, property (including intellectual property), and facilities for the purposes of assisting their election campaign or the election campaign of others unless the use is lawfully authorised, and proper payment is made where appropriate.

In the 40 days preceding the election, Councils need to consider whether their publications could amount to an “electoral matter”.

4.1 Notice of Motion - Community Survey

Council publications that promote the achievements of the Council may potentially fall within the definition of “electoral matter”.

Section 356 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 provides that:

Electoral material means anything, including without limitation a how-to-vote card, poster or advertisement, containing electoral matter (whether in a tangible or an electronic form).

Electoral Matter means—

(a) any matter that is intended or calculated or likely to affect or is capable of affecting the result of any election held or to be held or that is intended or calculated or likely to influence or is capable of influencing an elector in relation to the casting of his or her vote at any election, or

(b) the name of a candidate at any election, the name of the party of any such candidate, the name or address of the committee rooms of any such candidate or party, the photograph of any such candidate, and any drawing or printed matter that purports to depict any such candidate or to be a likeness or representation of any such candidate.

Additionally, the Integrated Planning & Reporting Handbook for Local Councils in NSW contains the following:

The State of our City Report should be presented to the second meeting of a newly elected council for noting. The report will cover the 4-year term of the previous council and will objectively track council’s progress against the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The report will provide information that sets the scene for the new council and may include achievements to date and highlight future work to be undertaken. The report should assist the new council to undertake a review of the CSP, which is an essential component of IP&R cycle.

4.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - CONFERENCE REPORT - 2024 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1288

I, **CR GLENN FLOYD** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 6 August 2024:

MOTION

That Council note the Conference report and continue its support with Floodplain Management Australia.

BACKGROUND

The 2024 Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) Conference was held at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre from 21 – 24 May 2024. Council sent Cr Floyd, Council's Manager of Engineering Services and Strategic Design and Planning Engineer as delegates.

The FMA Conference has been held annually for over 60 years and is the most respected flood risk management event held in Australia.

The theme of the Conference was Floods in a Changing Climate, which focused on keeping flood risk management a high priority when seasonal forecasts are for below average rainfall, and flooding patterns change as the climate warms.

The Conference was for anyone interested in making our communities more flood safe. It brought together over 400 flood professionals and community members with interests in flood risk management. Attendees included Commonwealth, State and Local Government representatives, research organisations and education providers as well as consultants, engineers, land-use planners, emergency responders and community volunteer organisations.

The Conference program included outstanding Australian and International speakers, plenary and concurrent presentations, a Local Government Councillors' session, field trips addressing floodplain issues in Brisbane and surrounding areas, as well as great networking events. Some of the conference themes included,

- Emergency Preparedness, response and recovery;
- Flood case studies;
- Modelling and flood data;
- Managing growth and land use planning;
- Flood policy and best practice;
- Flood prediction;
- Flood case studies;
- Social sciences, human behaviour and communications;
- Environmental aspects; and
- Infrastructure projects & asset management.

I personally attended:

Day 1

- Official Opening Ceremony, Welcome to Country, Opening Address from The Hon Nikki Boyd MP, QLD Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery / Corrective Services.
- Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery.
- NSW State Disaster Mitigation Plan. Buy back of properties.
- Ex-Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle, flood hazard characterisation. Hawkes Bay NZ.
- Combining and amplifying outcomes from FRMPs (flow risk management plans).
- Forecasting and community awareness.

Dam Field Trips:

- Enoggera Dam:
Built 1866, oldest dam in the Brisbane area. Catchment area of 33 sq Kms. capacity 4262ml. Rock based and cement dam on a heavy clay soil, wall raised in 1976. Has a spillway, so is not a regulated dam. Classed as a recreational dam with swimming and kayaking allowed. popular training spot for the Brisbane Bronco NRL team.
- Wivenhoe Dam:
Build started in 1976 and finished in 1984. catchment area of 7920 sq Kms. Services most of SE QLD. Capacity 4.140 million ml. Holds twice the capacity of Sydney harbour. Hydro introduced in 2003, 500MV. 5 x gates, regulated dam. Rock and earth filled dam standing 23mtrs high. Recreational dam with fishing, kayaking and swimming allowed.

Day 2

- Know your flood risk. Flood community resilience.
- Changes in flood plain management in NSW.
- Keeping flood funding from drying out.
- Improving support for flood effected areas.
- Empowering community led resilience. Disaster recovery in Wiseman's Ferry NSW.
- Where do you draw the line. Engineering judgement in flood extent delineation.
- Conference Poster Presentations.
- Conference Dinner and Australian IAG Excellence Awards, Plaza Terrace Room, BCEC.

Much was learnt by all delegates and it is recommended to continue the support of Floodplain Management Australia.

Signed Cr Glenn Floyd

4.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - ORANGE RAIL ACTION GROUP (ORAG)

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1330

I, **CR FRANCES KINGHORNE** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 6 August 2024:

MOTION

That Council resolves:

- 1 To note the attached report from the Orange Rail Action Group.**
- 2 To continue to support the Orange Rail Action Group in its endeavours to achieve improved passenger rail services between Orange and Sydney.**

BACKGROUND

Attached letter from the Orange Rail Action Group.

Signed Cr Frances Kinghorne

FINANCIAL/RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Orange Rail Action Group - Report to Orange City Council - July 2024, D24/79309 [↓](#)

Orange Rail Action Group - Report to Orange City Council, July 2024

The Orange Rail Action Group (ORAG) has pleasure in providing this update of consultations and lobbying carried out during 2023 and 2024.

ORAG's principal goals remain unaltered : to achieve an early morning direct seamless passenger train service from Orange to Sydney and return, with a stabling facility in Orange, and rail track upgrades that would deliver shorter travel times. Such improvements will not only benefit Orange, but also residents, businesses and tourism in the local Central West Region. Indeed, these objectives were endorsed by the Central NSW Joint Organisation in August 2023.

In September 2023, Phil Donato MP arranged a meeting with the newly elected Labor Government, at State Parliament House. ORAG members, Orange City Council representatives, CEO David Waddell, Cr Jack Evans, Mr Alistair Lunn (TfNSW) and the new Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Ms Jenny Aitchison MP, met to discuss "the Bathurst Bullet" servicing Orange, Blayney and the surrounding district. ORAG tabled a high quality brochure prepared by Council staff and ORAG, and tabled a written submission. Minister Aitchison was favourably impressed and said that she would support the moves for an early morning train.

In February 2024, ORAG met again at Council with Mr Alistair Lunn, Western Region Manager, Transport for NSW. Mr Lunn agreed that the strategies being put forward by ORAG for improved services had merit and promised to give them serious support in future planning.

ORAG participated in a Joint Rail Meeting in March 2024 in Bathurst, between representatives of Transport Advocacy Groups from Lithgow and Bathurst. Mr Sam Faraway MLC, also attended and expressed strong support for improved services for Orange, integrating with the increased activity of the new Regional Fleet, travelling to and from the new Dubbo Rail Maintenance Facility.

On 17th May 2024, prior to the handing down of the NSW State Budget in June, ORAG and Cr. Kinghorne met with Premier Minns, Minister Aitchison and Mr. Lunn at the NSW Country Cabinet Meeting in Orange. Once again, this level of Government supported the proposal to commence "The Bullet" from Orange. Unfortunately, no money was allocated in the 2024-25 Budget for a train stabling facility in Orange, which is the first step in providing this service.

On 11th June, ORAG met with Ms Vicki Secombe Western Region Manager for Business NSW, to outline how businesses in regional NSW, and Orange in particular, could benefit from having access to improved rail services to Sydney.

ORAG is committed to achieving its goals, knowing that it has overwhelming community support, and it will continue to keep up the effort for an early morning train and infrastructure upgrades, in the public eye.

ORAG wishes to thank Councillors Kinghorne and Evans, Mr Tony Boland, and Mr David Waddell for their support and contributions to ORAG's efforts. ORAG also acknowledges the strong support from Mr Phil Donato, Member for Orange.

Neil Jones.

On behalf of ORAG. 24 July 2024.

4.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - SISTER CITY - PATNA, BIHAR INDIA

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1358

I, **CR JEFF WHITTON** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 6 August 2024:

MOTION

That the Sister City Community Committee consider commencing a Sister City Relationship with Patna, Bihar India.

BACKGROUND

Recently I visited Delhi at the invitation of the Honourable Chirag Paswan, Minister for Food Processing.

The Minister is keen to further strengthen trade relationships with Australia, and especially in regional areas.

The Minister's home state is Bihar, home city Patna, and during our discussions, I mentioned the opportunity of Orange and Patna instigating a relationship through the sister city program.

Signed Cr Jeff Whitton

OVERVIEW

Patna historically known as Pataliputra, is the capital and largest city of the state of Bihar in India. According to the United Nations, as of 2018, Patna had a population of 2.35 million, making it the 19th largest city in India. Covering 250 square kilometres and over 2.5 million people, its urban agglomeration is the 15th largest in India.

The Buddhist, Hindu and Jain pilgrimage centres of Vaishali, Rajgir, Nalanda, Bodh Gaya and Pawapuri are nearby and Patna City is a sacred city for Sikhs as the tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh was born here. The modern city of Patna is mainly on the southern bank of the river Ganges. (Wikipedia - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patna>)

4.4 Notice of Motion - Sister City - Patna, Bihar India

**STAFF COMMENT**

Additional resources would be required and taken from the overall Sister City program. This may dilute activity on existing Sister City activities. Consideration could be given to ceasing a less productive existing relationship.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS

Budget for Sister Cities activity is not proposed to be increased, therefore additional costs would need to be funded from other Sister City projects.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

No policy or governance concerns have been identified. The Sister City relationship would follow the precedent of other Sister City arrangements.

5 GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 PROVISION OF EXPENSES AND FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS - FINANCIAL YEAR REPORT

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1097

AUTHOR: Catherine Davis, Executive Support Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As per Strategic Policy ST03 *Councillors – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities* a detailed report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors will be publicly tabled at a Council Meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website. This report is to include expenditure summarised by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors. This report will cover figures for the last financial year 01 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 to be as up to date as possible.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "18.1. Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The provision of expenses and facilities enables Councillors to fulfil their civic duties as the elected representatives of Orange City Council and as such all expenses and facilities are budgeted for annually.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the Provision of Expenses and Facilities to Councillors be noted.

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 below figures incorporate the following:

- monthly telephone charges
- attendance at Professional Development courses
- attendance at conferences
- attendance at meetings/functions/council business, separate to conferences
- corporate uniform expenses
- information and communication technology expenses

Please note Councillor monthly allowances are not required to be reported here.

5.1 Provision of Expenses and Facilities to Councillors - Financial Year Report

Please note all figures are exclusive of GST and rounded to the nearest dollar.
Period is full financial year 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024:

Phone = fees associated with phone plans which are unlimited SMS and calls @\$18 per month, for those that took up Council phone/Sim, those Councillors who use their own personal phones are given a \$40 per month allowance to cover Council business undertaken on their device.

Ipad = fees associated with data sim card with a data pool @ \$19 per month on tablet-like devices.

Councillor	\$	Total per Councillor
Cr Jason Hamling (Mayor)		
Phone	432	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	35	
Training/Development	Nil	
Conference/Seminars	6187	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	8650	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$15,532
Cr Gerald Power (Deputy Mayor)		
Phone	216	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	Nil	
Conference/Seminars	3707	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	2638	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$7,957
Cr Kevin Duffy		
Phone	447	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	Nil	
Conference/Seminars	4312	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	2163	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$7,150
Cr Tony Mileto		
Phone	216	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	Nil	

5.1 Provision of Expenses and Facilities to Councillors - Financial Year Report

Conference/Seminars	243	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	69	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$756

Cr Steven Peterson		
Phone	216	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	Nil	
Conference/Seminars	Nil	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	Nil	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$444
Cr Glenn Floyd		
Phone	216	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	420	
Conference/Seminars	1432	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	Nil	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$2,296
Cr Tammy Greenhalgh		
Phone	216	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	420	
Conference/Seminars	5263	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	217	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$6,344
Cr David Mallard		
Phone	216	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	Nil	
Conference/Seminars	3899	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	138	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$4,481

5.1 Provision of Expenses and Facilities to Councillors - Financial Year Report

Cr Melanie McDonell		
Phone	216	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	199	
Conference/Seminars	6820	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	110	
Childcare Expenses	444	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$8,017
Cr Jack Evans		
Phone	216	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	Nil	
Conference/Seminars	1108	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	248	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$1,800
Cr Frances Kinghorne		
Phone	216	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	Nil	
Conference/Seminars	Nil	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	Nil	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$444
Cr Jeff Whitton		
Phone	444	
Ipad	228	
Clothing & Safety	Nil	
Training/Development	Nil	
Conference/Seminars	2146	
Meetings/Functions/Council Business	Nil	
Childcare	Nil	
Information & Communication Tech	Nil	\$2,818
Total of Provision of Facilities and Expenses for Councillors during this period		\$58,039

**5.2 CARETAKER PERIOD & DELEGATIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 4
SEPTEMBER 2024 - 4 NOVEMBER 2024**

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1249

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Elections are scheduled to be held on 14 September 2024. In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation, the caretaker period is the 4 weeks preceding an Ordinary Election, in this case commencing 16 August 2024.

Under the Local Government Act 1993, all current Councillors (except the Mayor) cease to hold their civic office on election day 14 September 2024. This means that Council will be without a governing body from 14 September 2024 until the declaration of the election and swearing in of the new Council. This report seeks Council's delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the functions of Council as required in period between the last meeting of the Council on 3 September 2024 and the first meeting of Council which is currently scheduled for 5 November 2024.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "18.1. Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1% of Council's 2023/2024 revenue from rates is \$378,633.01.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Under Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council may, by resolution, delegate to the CEO any delegable function under this Act.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves:

- 1 To Note the information contained in this report.**
- 2 That Council resolves to delegate any permissible delegable function under the Local Government Act 1993 to the Chief Executive Officer (those delegations currently in place) for the period 4 September 2024 through to the first meeting of the new Council currently scheduled for 5 November 2024.**

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

Councils are expected to assume a “caretaker” role during election periods to ensure that major decisions are not made which would limit the actions of an incoming Council.

Councils, General Managers (CEO) and other delegates of Councils (other than a joint regional planning panel, a local planning panel or the Central Sydney Planning Committee) must not exercise the following functions during the caretaker period:

- Entering into any contract or undertaking involving an expenditure or receipt by the Council of an amount equal to or greater than \$150,000 or 1% of the Council’s revenue from rates in the preceding financial year (whichever is the larger)
- Determining a “controversial development application”, except where a failure to make such a determination would give rise to a deemed refusal, or such a deemed refusal arose before the commencement of the caretaker period
- Appointing or reappointing the Council’s General Manager (CEO) (except for temporary appointments).

In certain circumstances, these functions may be exercised with the approval of the Minister.

Key points:

- “Controversial development application” means a development application for designated development under section 4.10 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for which at least 25 persons have made submissions during community consultation.
- The caretaker period for the September 2024 Local Government Elections commences on Friday 16 August 2024 and ends on Saturday 14 September 2024.

As outlined by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 at section 393B:

Exercise of council functions during caretaker period

- a) *entering a contract or undertaking involving the expenditure or receipt by the council of an amount equal to or greater than \$150,000 or 1% of the council’s revenue from rates in the preceding financial year (whichever is the larger),*
 - b) *determining a controversial development application, except where—*
 - I. *a failure to make such a determination would give rise to a deemed refusal under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, section 8.11(1), or*
 - II. *such a deemed refusal arose before the commencement of the caretaker period,*
 - c) *the appointment or reappointment of a person as the council’s general manager (or the removal of a person from that position), other than—*
 - I. *an appointment of a person to act as general manager under section 336(1) of the Act, or*
 - II. *a temporary appointment of a person as general manager under section 351(1) of the Act.*
- (2) *Despite subsection (1), such a function may be exercised in a particular case with the consent of the Minister.*

5.2 Caretaker Period & Delegations to the Chief Executive Officer 4 September 2024 - 4 November 2024

All Councillor positions become vacant on the date of the next election, 14 September 2024. The Mayor remains Mayor until the successor is declared to be elected to Office.

The NSW Electoral Commission have provided information noting that a declaration of the election may not be made until mid-October 2024. The first meeting of the new Council is currently scheduled for 5 November 2024.

It has been recommended by the Office of Local Government that Councils ensure appropriate delegations are in place for Chief Executive Officers/General Managers to be able to exercise the functions of the Council as required in this period between election day and the first meeting of the Council following the election.

For the information of Councillors, Section 377(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 states that the following functions are NOT able to be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer:

377 General power of the council to delegate

- (1) *A council may, by resolution, delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any of the functions of the council under this or any other Act, other than the following—*
- a) the appointment of a general manager,*
 - b) the making of a rate,*
 - c) a determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate,*
 - d) the making of a charge,*
 - e) the fixing of a fee,*
 - f) the borrowing of money,*
 - g) the voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations,*
 - h) the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment),*
 - i) the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council,*
 - j) the adoption of an operational plan under section 405,*
 - k) the adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report,*
 - l) a decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6,*
 - m) the fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the council of work on private land,*
 - n) the decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the council for the carrying out of any such work,*
 - o) the review of a determination made by the council, and not by a delegate of the council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#),*
 - p) the power of the council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194,*
 - q) a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons,*
 - r) a decision under section 234 to grant leave of absence to the holder of a civic office,*
 - s) the making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister,*
 - t) this power of delegation,*

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- u) any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the council.*

(1A) Despite subsection (1), a council may delegate its functions relating to the granting of financial assistance if—

- a) the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and*
- b) the program is included in the council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and*
- c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and*
- d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within the council's area.*

(2) A council may, by resolution, sub-delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any function delegated to the council by the Departmental Chief Executive except as provided by the instrument of delegation to the council.

(3) A council may delegate functions to a joint organisation only with the approval, by resolution, of the board of the joint organisation.

5.3 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT SPRING CREEK RESERVOIR TO PERMIT RECREATIONAL FISHING - POST EXHIBITION

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/923

AUTHOR: David Waddell, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks to adopt the revised Plan of Management – Spring Creek Reservoir.

The Plan of Management for Spring Creek Reservoir was placed on Public Exhibition from 16 May 2024 to 14 June 2024. There were seven public submissions received and one internal submission.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “1.1. Develop and maintain parks and open spaces within the city, that meet the needs of the community”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The initiative will require some light infrastructure in the form of work and signage at the entrance area and along the eastern banks together with some operational funding to police the initiative.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Plan of Management has been exhibited for at least 28 days.

RECOMMENDATION

That the updated Plan Of Management – Spring Creek Dam be adopted to permit recreational fishing.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Image and Reputation	Positive tourism/economic impacts
Environmental	Wildlife and wildlife habitat management, introduction of weeds or exotic plants, introduction of exotic animals, foreshore erosion, litter and heightened risk of bushfires.
Health and Safety	Legal and public liability, water quality health risks to users
Stakeholders	Orange residents, local biodiversity interest groups, external/regional users (including sporting clubs), Federal and State Government Approvals Authorities/Regulators
Service/Project Delivery	Legal and public liability, water quality health risks to users
Financial	Minor capital cost, ranger and water staff patrols required.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The revised Plan of Management for Spring Creek Reservoir was placed on Public Exhibition from 16 May 2024 to 14 June 2024. Six public submissions were received and one internal submission was also made.

No.	Position	Key Arguments	Summary Comment
1	Objection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage has occurred at the wetlands from fishing • Fishing line and tackle regularly removed from wetlands 	Allowing fishing will be a repeat of fishing in the Ploughmans wetlands that caused fishing in non-permissible areas, vandalism, damage to reeds and rubbish left behind.
2	Objection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection based on possible habitat destruction. 	Spring Creek is habitat to many waterbirds and woodland birds including threatened species such as blue-billed ducks, freckled ducks and more. 5 species are named in total.
3	Objection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing activities will degrade the banks • There are 10 bird species observed at the site that are gazetted as threatened 	Around 160 bird species recorded in precinct and at least ten of these are threatened bird species.
4	Objection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage has occurred at the wetlands from fishing • Breeding populations recorded at the site • Concerned with use of the term "Stage 1" 	There are already places available in Orange to fish other than Spring Creek Dam. The dam is a haven for waterfowl, particularly in times of drought.
5	Objection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations carried out over a number of years by Dr Jill Campbell and Dr Cilla Kinross • Damage has occurred at the wetlands from fishing 	Water from Spring Creek Dam is required for water supply. Council obliged to protect biodiversity and ecological values of the wetland.
6	Objection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists six objections to fishing • Discusses threatened species of bird observed at the site • Damage has occurred at the wetlands from fishing 	The submission lists the objects found in the other 5 submissions.

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There appear to be four common themes to the objections:

- The site is important habitat for threatened and non-threatened bird species
- People that fish are in the minority of the population
- Damage has occurred at the wetlands from fishing
- People will fish between the gate and the area permitted for fishing

There is no argument with the idea that the site is important habitat for threatened and non-threatened bird species. Based on the report by Beard and Goldney (2000) the proposal for lure and fly fishing is based outside of sensitive habitat areas. This is to protect the habitat for birds to use for feeding and breeding.

One of the arguments from objectors is that the number of people that go fishing is in the minority. One in 5 Australian adults are estimated to participate in fishing each year¹. While it is technically a minority, it is a very sizeable minority and one of the largest recreational activities in Australia.

The wetlands has no doubt sustained some damage from fishing. From the comments in the submissions it is obvious that the fishing at the wetlands is bait fishing as there are hooks and lines left there. The purpose of lure and fly fishing is to remove the likelihood of discarded line and hooks as the lure and fly style of fishing and associated tackle is different to the bait style of fishing.

In respect to fishing between the gate and the proposed fishing zone, there are only two spots in that area that are not blocked out by foliage. However, the shallow water and the thick weed bed make fishing at these sites both impractical and pointless.

DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMENT

Spring Creek Dam is one of two licensed water supply dams and previous reports to Council have lobbied to not allow public recreation on the licensed water supply dams. However, Spring Creek Dam is a secondary supply and in Business As Usual operations is not used directly for town water supply.

As such, I support the amendment of the Plan of Management to allow shore based fly and lure fishing at Spring Creek Dam.

During the last drought, Council successfully secured funding to construct a pump and pipe between Spring Creek Dam and Icely Road Water Filtration Plant. This infrastructure eliminates the Water Losses experienced with releases to Summerhill Creek to Suma Park Dam. It was specifically sized to meet peak water demand during Winter and/or Summer with severe water restrictions. As such, Spring Creek Dam is not operated as a primary water supply dam, and if it was to be, activities that potentially pose a public health risk could be minimised with a temporary closure to recreational use.

This is important as NSW Health applies a risk based assessment on the catchment and dam operations when considering requirements for potable water treatment. Orange City Council allows some controlled public access to Spring Creek Dam and has planning controls within the LEP to control development within the catchment. This, together with our advanced water treatment, that includes Activated Carbon Filters and Ozone Treatment, minimises public health risks. We have heard that NSW Health has reassessed the risk rating

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of a number of water utilities and asked for UV sterilisation on top of the standard chlorine disinfection.

Therefore, on the basis that Business As Usual Water Supply is from Suma Park Dam, then limited access rules for shore based fishing in Spring Creek Dam is supported together with closures at times when we are directly accessing Spring Creek Dam for Water Supply.

1. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/news/national-survey-shows-significant-benefits-of-recreational-fishing#:~:text=%E2%80%9CA%20total%20of%204.2%20million%20or%20one%20in,has%20remained%20relatively%20stable%20overall%2C%E2%80%9D%20Dr%20Greenville%20said>

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 FOR ADOPTION - Plan of Management - Spring Creek Reservoir, D24/51226 [↓](#)
- 2 Submission 1 - Spring Creek Dam PoM (redacted), IC24/18300 [↓](#)
- 3 Submission 2 - Spring Creek Dam PoM (redacted), IC24/18301 [↓](#)
- 4 Submission 3 - Spring Creek Dam PoM (redacted), IC24/18302 [↓](#)
- 5 Submission 4 - Spring Creek Dam PoM (redacted), IC24/18310 [↓](#)
- 6 Submission 5 - Spring Creek Dam PoM (redacted), IC24/18315 [↓](#)
- 7 Submission 6 - Spring Creek Dam PoM (redacted), IC24/18318 [↓](#)

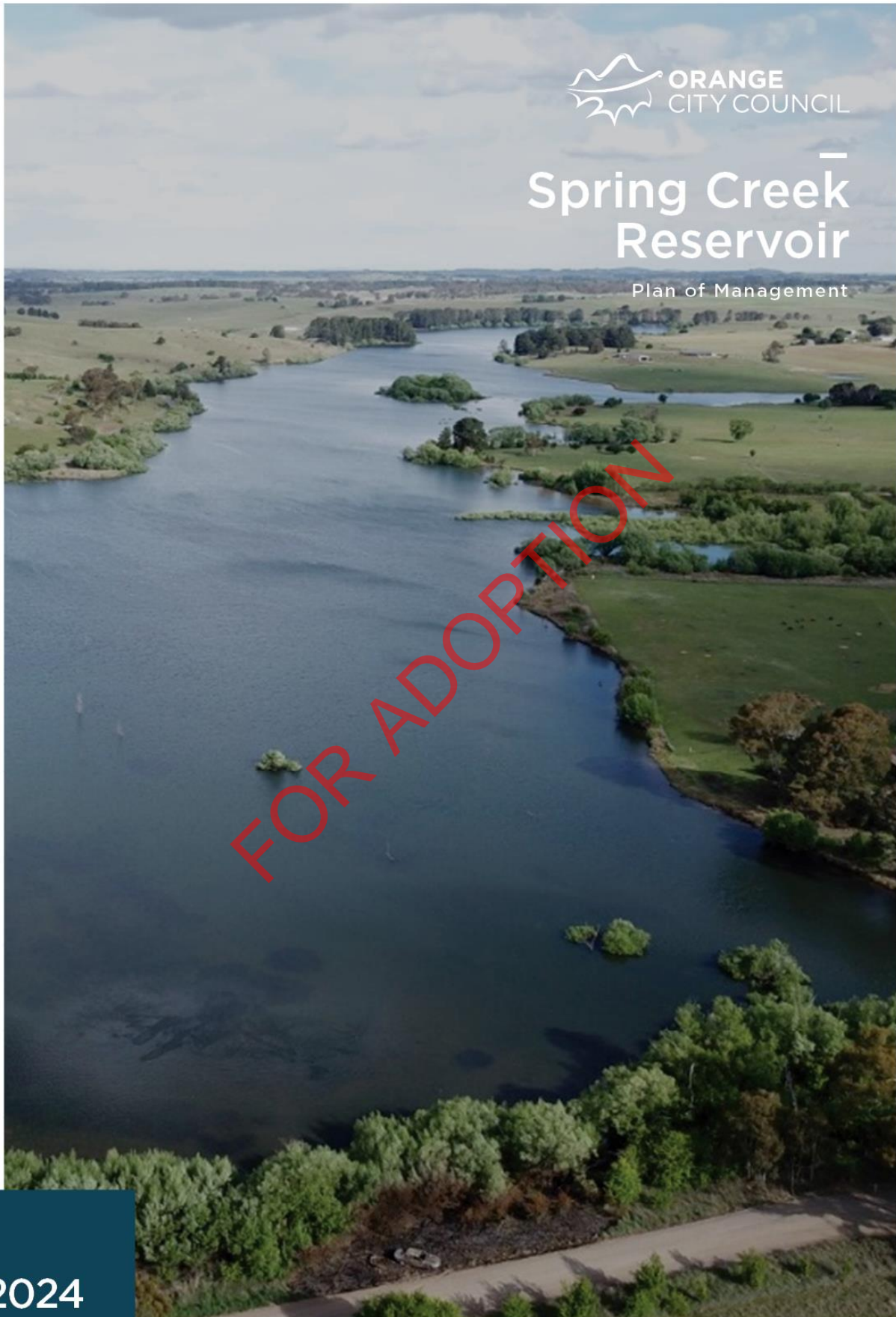




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FOR ADOPTION



1. LAND COVERED UNDER THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

This Plan of Management applies to land comprising Spring Creek Reservoir as indicated on Map 1. Each parcel of land covered by this plan is detailed in Schedule 1 to the plan.

2. CATEGORY AND CLASSIFICATION OF LAND

The land is classified as community land under the Local Government Act 1993 ("the Act"). The following community land categories apply to the land:

- General Community Use
- Natural Area - wetland

The Natural Area category applies to that part of the dam and foreshores identified for the protection of bird habitats and breeding areas in the report prepared by Dr J Beard and Professor D Goldney in April 2000 to assess the potential for recreational activities on Spring Creek Reservoir. This information is indicated in Map 1.

3. LAND OWNERSHIP

The Land is owned by Orange City Council.

4. LOCATION & AREA

The land comprises about 143.5 hectares of land adjacent to Lone Pine Avenue, Calton Road, Louie Lane and Shepherd Road in the locality of Summer Hill. The reservoir is located about 400 metres south of the edge of the Orange urban area defined by the Leewood Industrial Estate.

5. BACKGROUND

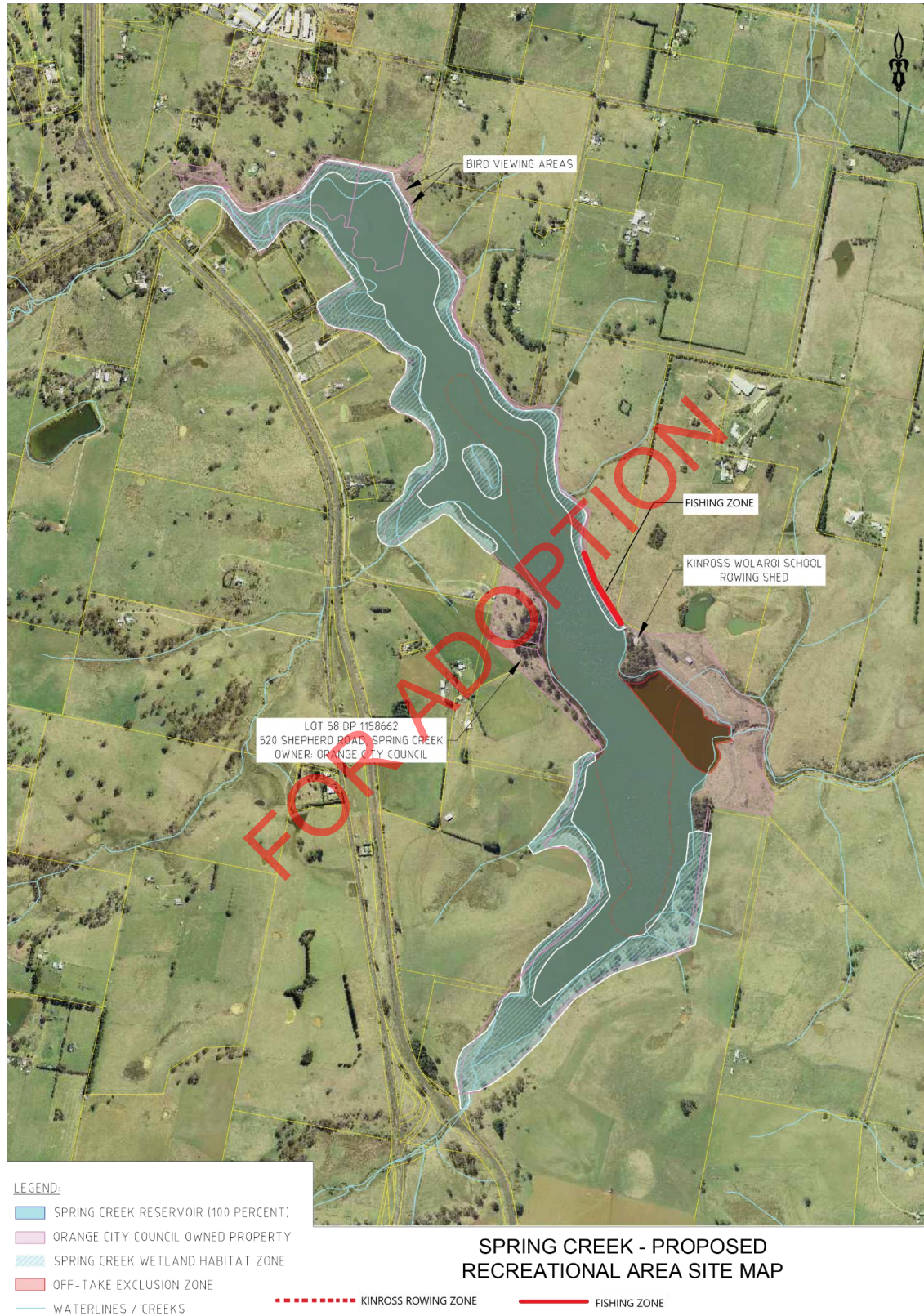
Spring Creek Reservoir was constructed in 1931 at the confluence of the Gosling and Spring Creeks as the City's third water supply reservoir after Gosling and Meadow Creek Reservoirs (Lake Canobolas). The reservoir was located downstream of Gosling Dam. The Spring Creek dam wall was raised in 1947 which increased the full supply level (FSL) by 1.8 metres.



Image 1 - View of concrete arch spillway



MAP 1 – RECREATIONAL AREA





The reservoir has a capacity at FSL of 4,700 ML, a surface area at FSL of about 110 ha and a catchment area of about 63 km².

The reservoir now provides a supplementary water supply to the Suma Park Dam water supply scheme which was commissioned in 1963.

In 1966 a section of the downstream face of the Spring Creek dam embankment slumped which buried the scour outlet. The slump was found to be confined to the material applied during the 1947 dam raising.

In 1994 a surveillance review of the dam embankment and spillway was undertaken by the Department of Public Works and Services to assess compliance with the requirements of the Dam Safety Act. The Dam was assigned a downstream hazard rating of high which required remedial works.

Piezometers were installed in 1998 to measure stresses in the dam embankment. Piezometer readings indicated that water was seeping through the dam embankment. As a consequence, the water level was lowered to lessen pressure on the dam embankment and to assess possible causes of the weakened embankment. Proposed upgrading works will rectify the embankment strength issues and allow the FSL of the reservoir to be reinstated.

NOTE: Dam augmentation works under the Dam Safety Act were completed in February 2007.

In 1999 Council received a request to consider the use of Spring Creek Reservoir for rowing training. As a consequence, Council commissioned a study by Dr Beard and Professor Goldney to assess the potential for rowing and other recreational activities (sailing fishing, canoeing and power boats) on the Reservoir.

6. CONDITION AND USE OF THE LAND

6.1 CONDITION OF THE LAND AND STRUCTURES ON ADOPTION OF THIS PLAN

The main structure comprises the dam embankments, concrete arch spillway, pump building and associated water supply infrastructure. As stated above upgrading is required of the main embankment and spillway to satisfy dam safety requirements (see NOTE above).



Image 2 - View along main embankment

Access to the dam works is via a narrow gravel accessway off Lone Pine Avenue along the eastern foreshore of the reservoir. A locked gate prevents unauthorised access to the reservoir.



The Beard and Goldney report identified weed infestations and proliferation of exotic trees particularly willows on the reservoir foreshores and on the banks of the feeding creeks. Radiata pines predominate on the point immediately north of the main dam embankment.



Image 3 - View of embankment towards pines and pump shed

6.2 USE OF THE LAND AND STRUCTURES AT THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THIS PLAN

The land and structures are used for water supply purposes. Unauthorised access is denied.



Image 4 - View of pump shed

6.3 FUTURE USE OF THE LAND

This plan specifically provides for the use of the land for public water supply purposes.

The plan also includes specific provisions to permit the commencement of controlled and supervised rowing training and other low impact recreational activities subject to development consents and licensing arrangements, specifically recreational fishing with artificial lure or fly in a limited area. The plan provides for the establishment of a boat shed with limited amenities at a specified location in association with rowing training.

Vehicle access to the reservoir shall be subject to the written authorisation of Council. The use of the reservoir for specific recreational purposes will also be subject to development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

The Plan does not permit recreational swimming, picnics, barbeques, sailing, shooting or speed boats.



7. MANAGEMENT OF THE LAND

Spring Creek Reservoir is managed according to the objectives and measures outlined below.

The principal issues affecting the management of the reservoir relate to:

- Water supply management;
- Recreational use; and
- Habitat Conservation.

7.1 CORE OBJECTIVES

The Core Objectives that apply to the Reservoir land under the Local Government Act are:

GENERAL COMMUNITY USE

In relation to the land categorised as General Community Use the Core objectives under the Act are to Promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect to the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

NATURAL AREA - WETLAND

In relation to that part of the land categorised as a wetland the following Core objectives apply as a natural area:

- a) To conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
- b) To maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
- c) To provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
- d) To provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- e) To assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994.

The following additional Core objectives apply for that part of the site identified as a wetland:

- a) To protect the biodiversity and ecological values of wetlands, with particular reference to their hydrological environment (including water quality and water flow), and to the flora, fauna and habitat values of the wetlands, and
- b) To restore and regenerate degraded wetlands, and
- c) To facilitate community education in relation to wetlands, and the community use of wetlands, without compromising the ecological values of wetlands.

These Core objectives are met through this Plan of Management through the following measures:

7.2 WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Spring Creek Reservoir is required to provide a reliable and quality supplementary water supply for Orange.

The provision of a safe and reliable water supply relates to that part of the core objective pertaining to meeting the current and future needs of the Orange community.



This is achieved in two ways; through supply of treated water direct to the City via the Spring Creek water filtration plant and Leewood treated water reservoir; and through releases to Suma Park reservoir via Gosling Creek.

Since the water supply activities involve the provision of public utilities Core Objective (b) (relating to General Community Use in respect of leases, licences or estates) above does not apply to the water supply function of the land being a public utility).

MEANS OF ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Water supply reliability

As stated above Spring Creek Dam was identified in 1994 as requiring remedial works to meet the standards prescribed under the Dam Safety Act.

The following works are proposed to upgrade the Dam to meet acceptable dam safety standards:

- Raising the crest of the main dam;
- Construction of an auxiliary fuse plug spillway;
- Construction of saddle dams on both sides of the new auxiliary spillway;
- Construction of retaining walls on both ends of the existing spillway crest; and
- Extension of the outlet works to accommodate the raising of the main dam.

Council personnel or authorised contractors may enter any part of the reservoir including the use of boats to undertake surveys, inspections, or maintenance or improvement of structures and any related purpose in connection with the operation of Council's water supply functions.

This plan provides for dam improvement works to meet compliance with Dam Safety requirements. This plan also provides for entry to the site by Council personnel to undertake activities associated with the Council's water supply functions including the use of boats in all areas of the reservoir as required. (See NOTE re Dam Safety Act augmentation works above.)

Water quality

Part 2A of the Public Health Act 1991 provides procedures related to the safety of drinking water. The Act provides for testing of raw water, water during treatment and after treatment. The Act also provides for the closure of water supplies where the Minister has reason to suspect that the water is not fit for human consumption. The Act however does not stipulate safe drinking water parameters.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) 2011 Australian Drinking Water Guidelines are widely applied in Australia. While it is stated in the guidelines that they should not be construed as being legally enforceable standards, the guidelines are normally applied for determining drinking water quality.

The following measures are applied to address water quality associated with Spring Creek Reservoir:

- Public access to the reservoir is restricted. This is achieved through fencing, signage and regular inspections of the site.
- Water quality testing is undertaken by Council of raw water, water during treatment and water after treatment at various locations within the City. These tests will continue to be used to determine trends in water quality associated with Spring Creek Reservoir. A water quality monitoring program will also be established for the reservoir.

MANNER OF ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE

Water supply reliability

- Assess compliance with dam safety requirements upon completion of remedial works;
- Assess the successful operation of spillway and fuse plugs;

**Water quality**

- Assess that security arrangements for unauthorised access to the reservoir are adequate by examining trends in unauthorised entry to the reservoir land;
- Establish a monitoring regime of water quality parameters and associated action plan to manage water quality of the reservoir;
- Treated water from Spring Creek Reservoir meets NHMRC Australian Drinking Water Guidelines at all times.

7.3 RECREATIONAL USE

The Beard and Goldney study considered that supervised rowing training may be appropriate in Spring Creek reservoir subject to a number of controls. The use of artificial lure and fly for fishing in a managed area is considered a controlled recreation activity. Uncontrolled recreation activities were considered inappropriate due to the needs to protect habitat values and limit access to protect the integrity of the water supply, considering the likely impacts of a range of activities according to established criteria.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

The plan provides for limited, controlled and supervised recreational use of the Spring Creek Reservoir. This is consistent with the Core Objective under section 361(a) of the Act relating to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public.

The provision of facilities of the reservoir will require a lease or license to be granted in respect of the land which is consistent with the Core objective under section 361(b) of the Act.

MEANS OF ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The objective of controlled recreational use of the Reservoir is to be achieved by providing for the establishment of rowing with associated facilities on the land to operate in a controlled manner in order that the habitat values and water supply are not adversely affected. Other low risk aquatic activities shall be subject to Council's authorisation.

This plan specifically provides for:

- Establishment of a boat shed and associated amenities generally within the location as indicated on Map 1. The amenities shall comprise a portable toilet cubicle located wholly within a bunded area inside the boat shed.
- Rowing training only to be carried out on the reservoir including the use of four-stroke flat bottomed punts. Each punt shall be inspected annually to ensure that the motors are operating according to specification and will not emit pollutants into the waterway.
- No regattas or activities involving spectators are to be held at the Reservoir.
- Rowing to be limited to areas outside that part of the Reservoir categorised as a Natural Area (Refer Map 1) with the northern and southern most ends of the training course being defined by buoys or other suitable markers.
- Rowing access to the Reservoir shall be limited to participating rowers and training personnel only. A maximum of four vehicles per training session shall access the site. Notwithstanding this, access to the Reservoir by no greater than seven vehicles is permitted on no greater than eight occasions per season to enable the transport of boats and rowing equipment to and from regattas, rowing training camps and the like.
- Rowing shall be supervised at all times to ensure that no person deliberately enters or pollutes the reservoir.
- A lease or license shall be effected for the rowing operations including provisions to ensure that rowing is undertaken in accordance with the measures required by this plan.



- Council will restrict or suspend any activity on the reservoir as a consequence of water quality being unlikely to meet health requirements, or upon the water level falling below 4 metres from Full Supply Level (FSL). Council may, however, permit rowing training to be carried out upon the water level falling below 4 metres from FSL only after an appropriately trained and experienced ornithologist has inspected the Reservoir and has determined, following consultation with Council and the licensed user, that rowing training can satisfactorily continue. Rowing Training may be carried out under these circumstances on a month-by-month basis subject to ongoing monthly assessment and endorsement by the ornithologist in consultation with Council and the licensed user.
- There shall be no more than eight boats allowed to use the reservoir within the reservoir at any one time.
- Access for recreational fishing and for birdwatching will be via pedestrian access only.
- Recreational fishing shall be with artificial lure or artificial fly only. Fishing will only be permitted in the designated area on the Eastern side of the reservoir.
- Fishing will not be permitted as far as the Kinross pontoons to allow a separation of activity.
- For safety reasons, parking is not permitted in front of the gate for those people accessing Spring Creek as pedestrians.

Access to the reservoir for purposes other than rowing and controlled recreational fishing shall be subject to the written authorisation by Council and required development consent and shall be undertaken in accordance with any requirements of Council. When considering if approval to use the reservoir should be given, Council will consider which of the above factors applicable to rowing and controlled recreational fishing should apply to other uses.

Applications to use the reservoir for recreational purposes shall indicate how the use will be carried out in a manner that will not impact on the integrity of the water supply, or the safety or convenience of any other approved users or to waterbird habitats.

The entry of boats and use of the reservoir shall be limited to the areas inside the dotted red line, which is outside the exclusion areas indicated in Map 1. This provision does not apply to Council personnel undertaking water supply functions or to persons authorised to undertake specific scientific research, or for controlled wildlife observation approved by Council.

Due to the primary need to protect the water supply quality and because of the limited area available within the site this Plan of Management does not permit the use of the reservoir for picnics, barbeques, camping, swimming, sailing or speed boats.

MANNER OF ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE

- Assess compliance with the above measures through incident reporting measures;
- Assess the raw water quality of the Reservoir at regular periods;
- Assess compliance with the terms of the lease or licence.

7.4 HABITAT CONSERVATION

Spring Creek is essentially an artificial wetland created through the damming of water at the confluence of Gosling Creek and Spring Creek.

As a consequence of the modified environment provided by the reservoir and associated foreshore vegetation Spring Creek Reservoir "provides high quality habitat for a significant number of native water birds" (Beard and Goldney, 2000:14).

Small numbers of the freckled duck, an endangered species, have been recorded at the reservoir during summer in 1994 (maximum number of birds observed at a sighting was 4), 1995(2) and 1997(2). There were also 3 sightings in April 1995.



Foreshore areas have been identified as having habitat values and observed as breeding areas by Beard and Goldney (2000:9, 15-17). Beard and Goldney recommended that a rowing training course be excluded from the northern and southern extremities of the reservoir and from within 50 metres of the foreshores. The area available for rowing generally according to these principles as indicated on Map 1 comprises about 40 hectares which corresponds to less than 40% of the FSL of the reservoir. This area also establishes the limits for all recreational activities.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

The objectives/performance targets of this plan in respect to habitat conservation are to maintain habitats for the use of water birds associated with Spring Creek Reservoir.

MEANS OF ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

- Exclusion areas for aquatic activities and other uses within adjacent foreshores being established to protect bird habitats and breeding areas generally in accordance with the area identified as "Spring Creek Wetland Habitat Zone" on Map 1.
- Protocols for aquatic activities being developed, monitored and reviewed as required to ensure that recreational activities are carried out in a manner that minimises disturbance to waterbird habitats.
- A strategy being developed for weed management at and adjacent to the foreshore to enhance the habitat values of the site.
- Access to the habitat areas being limited to Council water supply operations, scientific research, or for the establishment of a bird hide for controlled observation of wildlife. Scientific research may be undertaken subject to Council authorisation and subject to any data on water bird distribution and numbers being provided to Council to monitor habitat management. A bird hide may be established subject to development consent and subject to protocols being established to ensure that impacts to the habitats are minimised during construction and controlled use.

8. LEASES, LICENCES AND OTHER ESTATES

This plan authorises the lease, licence or grant of any other estate over the land for the express purpose of permitting a rowing training facility to be established by a non-profit organisation on the land, including associated buildings in accordance with the management measures outlined in part 7 above.

Council may give written authorisation to access the reservoir for activities which are permitted under this plan. Such activities shall be carried out in accordance with Council's authorisation and issued development consents.

9. CONTROL OF ACTIVITIES

The Spring Creek Dam water supply catchment district was proclaimed in 1931. Under Clause 8 of the Local Government (Water Services) Regulation 1999 Council may erect notices on land within the district as Council considers necessary to direct attention towards prohibitions or restrictions applicable to the district.

Under section 640 of the Act it is an offence to wilfully or negligently act in contravention of a prohibition or restriction in a notice erected in a catchment district by Council.

Notices under this plan of management prohibiting unauthorised entry or unauthorised activities are to be provided in accordance with Clause 8 of the 1999 Water Services regulations.

**SCHEDULE 1 - SPRING CREEK RESERVOIR LAND**

LAND DESCRIPTION	AREA (HA)
MCP 2065 SEC 3090	130.5000
LOT 1 DP 213971	0.3313
LOT 2 DP 713971	0.0727
MCP 2111 SEC 3096	5.1960
MCP 2091 SEC 3090	2.5290
MCP 2074 SEC 3096	0.3168
LOT 1 DP 339226	0.0980
PT LOT 27 DP 979808	0.0771
PT LOT 27 DP 979808	0.0075
PT LOT 27 DP 979808	0.0411
PT LOT 20 DP 979808	0.0120
PT LOT 20 DP 979808	0.0771
PT LOT 20 DP 979808	0.0347
PT LOT 22 DP 979808	0.0569
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PT LOTS 21 & 22 DP 979808	0.8094
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PT LOTS 22 & 23 DP 979808	0.1492
PT LOT 24 DP 979808	0.0139
PT LOT 24 DP 979808	0.1891
PT LOT 6 DP 979808	0.0771
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From:
Sent: Monday, 10 June 2024 5:00 PM
To: Orange City Council
Subject: Objection to Amendment to Spring Creek Reservoir Plan of Management

Orange NSW 2800

10 June 2024

Mr D Waddell
General Manager
Orange City Council
PO Box 35
Orange NSW 2800

Dear Sir,

Re: Objection to Amendment to Spring Creek Reservoir Plan of Management to permit recreational fishing.

I would like to lodge an objection to the proposed Amendment to the Spring Creek Reservoir Plan of Management to allow its use for recreational fishing.

I write as:

- a member of the Ploughmans Wetlands Care Group
- a community representative on the Orange City Council Parks Trees and Waterways Community Committee.

As a Ploughmans Wetlands Care Group member I have had many hundreds of hours of voluntary experience in the:

- care and maintenance of the biodiversity and ecosystem of the Wetlands
- planting of new areas of native vegetation to extend habitats and biodiversity
- repair and restoration of areas trashed and vandalised by fisher people, particularly since 2020 when Orange City Council opened the Ploughmans Wetlands to fishing, against our best advice.

There was occasional illegal fishing in the Ploughmans Wetlands before 2020. Since then, despite the addition of a deck for fishing and areas being signposted as fishing areas, fisher people have:

- fished in many other areas not signposted for fishing
- ignored and destroyed appropriate Council signage (even throwing them into the water)
- trashed and damaged reeds by going through the reeds to the water's edge, destroying valuable habitat
- left large quantities of general garbage and fishing tackle where they have fished and on the general access walking track.

There are instances of those who walk around the Wetlands and committee members having to rescue birds and ducks bound up in fishing line, even going into the water to rescue ducks in distress. Committee members regularly patrol the Wetlands to remove dangerous fishing tackle and garbage.

Council staff who do a great job in maintaining the Wetlands despair of the current vandalism and damage. Council rangers are never on hand to witness any damage, and when called are not known to attend.

This is known to senior Council managers, who have visited with members and received many representations on these matters.

It is therefore surprising to see Council consider opening part of the Spring Creek Reservoir to fishing.

Your report to Council acknowledges that “illegal fishing is currently occurring”, vandalism already occurs at Spring Creek Reservoir, and optimistically says “current impacts can be reduced” and that “rangers and water management staff would police the dam.”

The experience in the Ploughmans Wetlands is that vandalism will increase and that rangers will not be available to police the dam. Should Council intend to recruit more rangers, can the Ploughmans Wetlands be added to their responsibilities?

The environment of Spring Creek Reservoir provides a valuable habitat for both waterbirds and woodland birds. It should not be opened to fisher people.

I ask that Councillors respect its community members who spend countless hours and energy improving and maintaining a:

- a valuable Council asset
- a much used active exercise area for young and old, and
- a valuable local and regional environmental asset,
- and listen to and act on their advice.

Spring Creek Reservoir should not be opened to recreational fishing.

Yours sincerely

Member Ploughmans Wetlands Care Group

Member Orange City Council Parks Trees and Wetlands Community Committee

From:
Sent: Tuesday, 11 June 2024 3:58 PM
To: Orange City Council
Subject: Spring Creek Dam Plan of Management (PoM)

■ Dear OCC

I object to proposed changes to the PoM as Spring Creek Dam is habitat to many waterbirds & woodland birds including Threatened species such as Blue-billed Ducks, Freckled Ducks, Dusky Woodswallows, Flame Robins and Superb Parrots.

We (human beings) must do all we can to preserve this habitat and ensure more species are not pushed to extinction through our activities.

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regards

Orange, 2800

Mr. David Waddell
CEO, Orange City Council
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Dear Mr. Waddell,

**Re: Amendment to Spring Creek Reservoir Plan of Management
to permit lure and fly fishing**

I own property within the city of Orange and have been a long-time resident and an active ecologist caring for the natural world in the area. I strongly object to the proposal to permit lure and fly fishing at Spring Creek Reservoir.

Spring Creek Reservoir was once a **Proclaimed Protected Region** ("Wildlife Reserve") by Orange City Council, in recognition of its avian biodiversity. Under the ***Proclamation Ordinance....: swimming, boating, fishing, picnicking camping, lighting of fires, gathering of flowers ... are PROHIBITED.***



Council has lost sight of this over the years and seems more interested in catering for a minority of society (fishers) than in appreciating and caring for wildlife and the natural environment.

The importance of the Reservoir for conservation, especially as wetland habitat for water birds, has been well documented. Any disturbance of the habitat, such as the proposed fishing

activities will degrade the value of the foreshore banks for feeding, refuge protection and breeding of waterbirds. Trampling of foreshores, dumping of rubbish (especially discarded tackle, lures and fishing line etc.), as observable elsewhere where fishing has been permitted, is an unacceptable huge risk that Council has ignored and failed to mitigate elsewhere.

There are around 160 bird species recorded for the Reservoir precinct (Birddata database accessed 14.06 2024). At least **ten of these are gazetted threatened bird species** and Council (as the responsible manager) has a duty of care obligation to not only protect, but nurture, the wellbeing of threatened species. It is an offence under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 to “*Damage habitat of threatened species ...*”, and penalties apply. I doubt Council could categorically ensure permitting fishing at the Reservoir would not result in habitat damage and interfere with breeding of the threatened species. And I see nothing in the proposal to show it cares, or steps to mitigate, such a threat.

Council would do well to consider its own **Strategic Plan** and show stewardship to adopt ‘*respectful planning that values the natural environment*’ and disallow lure and fly fishing at Spring Creek Reservoir.

I also submit that Council should revisit dedicating Spring Creek Reservoir as a **Voluntary Conservation Wildlife Refuge** for the protection of the extensive avian fauna and its habitat. Achieving this would be testament that the Council does hold some respect and values for the natural environment.

This proposal for permit lure and fly fishing, if approved, *throws open the door* to future anti-conservation opportunities and I request Council NOT approve it.

Yours sincerely

June 14, 2024

**Mr. David Waddell
Chief Executive Officer
Orange City Council
June 8, 2024**

Re: The proposal to amend the Plan of Management for Spring Creek dam to permit land based lure and fly fishing

Dear Mr. Waddell

On behalf of Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange I wish to lodge an objection to the above proposal. I do so on the following grounds.

Vandalism and public misuse of the Ploughman's Wetlands greatly escalated once fishing was permitted. Since Council allowed fishing, there has been a significant increase in destruction of foreshore vegetation, disturbance of mudflats, leaving litter, discarded line and fishhooks. Such activity has had caused disturbance and at times death of local waterfowl. This has occurred despite comprehensive and unambiguous signage. In comparison with Spring Creek, Ploughman's Wetlands are small and centrally located, surrounded by concerned residents who regularly report breeches and noncompliance with fishing conditions. Similar behaviour has been reported as currently occurring at Spring Creek, and we are concerned that if fishing is permitted at Spring Creek a similar escalation will occur, and despite regulation and signage, similar policing issues will exist. Council has had difficulty providing resources to manage Ploughman's Wetlands, so it is doubtful that it can do so for Spring Creek as well.

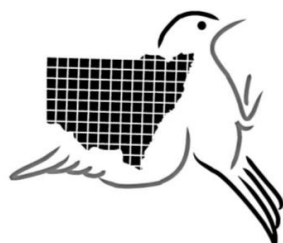
The proposal identifies a very specific and limited area in which fishing will be permitted if it is successful. This area is some distance from the entrance to Spring Creek dam, requiring a walk of over a kilometre past tempting fishing spots. It is highly likely that some fisherfolk will decide to utilise these areas, rather than being bothered to walk the full distance. Just as there is a real possibility of the rules being flouted on access, it is not unreasonable to suggest that the rules of fly and lure fishing will be flouted also.

Spring Creek Dam has been the subject of regular monitoring of waterfowl populations since Kinross school began rowing there. Monitoring has identified the presence of threatened species such as Blue Billed duck, Freckled Duck and Sharp Tailed Sandpiper. Bird surveys have recorded breeding populations of these species at the site. Other threatened species which frequent fringe vegetation around the dam include breeding Dusky Woodswallows, Flame Robins and Superb Parrots. Spring Creek in its relatively undisturbed state provides a haven for these, and many other species of both water and terrestrial birds, especially in times of drought. Recent government reviews of our nation's biodiversity recommend that we must adopt a nature first approach if we are to save our threatened species. This necessity demands that we prioritise nature when considering future proposals, especially those which seek to place the recreational needs of a small sector of the community over the preservation of our natural biodiversity.

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Yours sincerely

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NSW Bird Atlassers Inc
A group monitoring birds in New South Wales

Orange City Council
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ORANGE NSW 2800

12 June 2024

Amendment to PoM Spring Creek Dam - submission
council@orange.nsw.gov.au

Dear Council

The New South Wales Bird Atlassers object strongly to the proposal to allow recreational fishing, specifically recreational fishing with artificial lure or fly in a limited area, along parts of the foreshore of Spring Creek Dam by amending the current Plan of Management (PoM).

Spring Creek Reservoir is well-known as an important waterbird wetland and has been identified as a significant drought refuge which has been utilised for example during drought years by the migratory wader and threatened species Sharp-tailed Sandpiper. It is considered of import for waterbirds by the Bird Atlassers and by Birds Australia, as well as a number of other bird watching groups. Monitoring of bird observations has been undertaken over many years, earlier by Dr Jill Campbell and now by Dr Cilla Kinross. These records show an amazing number and variety of waterbirds observed on the dam, included in these is the threatened Blue-billed Duck (which breed at the dam), and the rare Freckled Duck. Threatened woodland birds always and often observed around the dam environs include Dusky Woodswallow, Flame Robin and Superb Parrot.

A small sample of waterbirds recorded are Little Black and Little Pied Cormorant, Great Egret, Hoary-headed, Australasian and Great Crested Grebe, Pelican, Black Duck, Grey Teal, Hardhead, raptors including White-breasted Sea-Eagle, Whistling Kite, Nankeen Kestrel, and dryland birds Little Grassbird, Reed Warbler and Double-barred Finch.

It is vital that additional Core Objectives as in s.7.1 are emphasised to the Council of its obligations to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the wetland particularly to its hydrological environment, to protect bird habitats and breeding areas, and to the flora, fauna and habitat values of the wetland, to restore and regenerate this once very degraded wetland (in need of continuing regeneration) whilst educating the public to these values and the importance of the community in guarding these values without compromising the ecological value of the wetland, whose modified environment provided by the reservoir and associated foreshore vegetation "provides high quality habitat for a significant number of native water birds" (Beard and Goldney, 2000:14).

Fishing envisaged by the change to the Plan of Management cannot be considered as low impact as witnessed at Ploughman's Wetland where fishing is allowed. Serious impacts

have occurred here such as walking through and trampling of vegetation, snagged fishing lines left behind, disturbance to roosting sites including that of migratory Latham's Snipe, wading waist deep into water, designated areas ignored, rubbish left behind, bird deaths in tangled lines. The same impacts will occur at the Reservoir as it will be impossible to police or control this activity over such a long distance, at least 1.5kms from the entrance gate to the 'fishing zone'. The foreshore before reaching the designated zone will become a 'common zone'. The use of artificial lure and fly for fishing in a managed area is considered a controlled recreation activity will too easily become an uncontrolled recreation activity. The risk due to difficulty of monitoring and policing of the dam by OCC staff and DPI is too great a risk to take in any amendment to the current PoM.

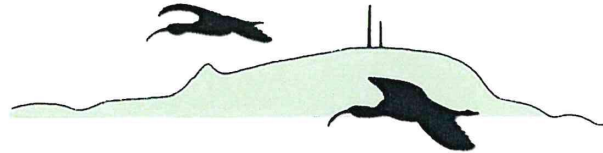
Spring Creek Reservoir is required under s. 7.2 Water Supply Management to provide a reliable and quality supplementary water supply for Orange, the provision of a safe and reliable water supply to meeting the current and future needs of the Orange community. It is vital that all or any activity that could threaten this reliability of a safe water supply be avoided. Fishing permitted along the foreshores will not give this guarantee. The importance of Spring Creek Dam as Orange supplementary water supply needs to be considered; to be kept free of pollution and degradation. Fishing at the dam will be a risk to the integrity of the water supply, and the need to protect habitat values.

Australia is a signatory to the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) in which all signatories are pledged to ambitious targets for the restoration and protection of natural landscapes. Spring Creek dam is not a strictly natural landscape, being man-made for the purpose of water storage, it has become an important, indeed, significant habitat for countless numbers of waterbirds. It is an area to be protected and cared for, such as a Protected Area, under the new set of nature laws mooted to replace current legislative arrangements (Nature Winter 2024). This is an outstanding asset for Orange that is of great importance to the conservation of biodiversity under the Biodiversity Conservation Act, right in our own backyard, not as a playground for entertainment, and is more than worthy of consideration by OCC to have the PoM strengthened so any proposal for recreational fishing with artificial lure or fly in a limited area can never again be put forward.

Yours sincerely

Conservation Officer
NSW Bird Atlassers

ORANGE FIELD NATURALIST
& CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.



Mr. David Waddell
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Dear Mr. Waddell,

Re: Amendment to Spring Creek Reservoir Plan of Management to permit lure and fly fishing

Orange Field Naturalist and Conservation Society (OFNCS) objects to the proposal to permit lure and fly fishing at Spring Creek Reservoir. Our reasons for objecting are that such fishing will result in:

- increased disturbance to birds, including threatened species.
- increased risk to birds and other wildlife from tangled waste line and lures left by fishermen.
- fishermen leaving rubbish along the foreshore and road that will pose a risk to birds and wildlife. This will add to the rubbish that is already left at the reservoir which is infrequently collected.
- fishermen ignoring the 1.5km of Wetland Habitat/exclusion zones that they will have to walk past to get to the permitted fishing area. There are other cleared areas in these exclusion zones that appear just like the permitted fishing zone so what will prevent fishermen using these areas?
- the inability of council rangers and Fisheries staff to police fishing in the Wetland Habitat/exclusion zones frequently enough to deter inappropriate fishing or use of illegal tackle. What penalties will there be for offenders?
- the possibility of unrestrained fishing in the future as the map in the report to Council shows the Fishing Zone as Stage 1. This implies that other stages for expanded fishing zones or activities are planned which would further degrade the environmental values of the reservoir.

Importance of Spring Creek Reservoir for Birds

There is significant birdlife at Spring Creek Dam, both waterbirds and woodland birds. The map in the Plan of Management correctly identifies areas classed as Wetland Habitat Zones which are most of the foreshores around the dam. In the report to Council these habitat zones are shown as exclusion zones for fishing. Regular monitoring by the Society has shown that it is not just the areas of water that the birds use but the muddy edges and banks for feeding and roosting and the adjacent vegetation for roosting, breeding, and sheltering. Some of the important birds that should be protected are:

- Threatened Blue-billed Ducks that have been seen in every month of the year, including 25 on 18 May 2021. This is many more than noted in the Goldney Report.
- Threatened waterbirds who use the reservoir as refuge during drought. Threatened Freckled Ducks have been seen in every month except September. Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, a migratory wader and threatened species, has been seen at the dam in drought years.
- Latham's Snipe, a summer migratory species from Japan, which has recently been listed as a threatened species by the Australian Government, has been seen along the muddy edges from October to March.

- Threatened woodland birds use the fringing vegetation including breeding Dusky Woodswallows, Flame Robins and Superb Parrots.

Such sightings make the reservoir a popular recreational location for local and visiting birdwatchers. Spring Creek is the only publicly accessible local reservoir where fishing is not allowed. Fishing is allowed and accepted at Lake Canobolas and Gosling Creek Reservoir. Waste line and hooks have been found at those locations as well as at Waratahs. It is unlikely to be any different at Spring Creek if fishing is permitted.

The Ploughman's Wetland Experience of Fishing

A number of OFNCS members have experienced first-hand the increased impact on the birdlife and habitat of this wetland since Council permitted fishing in designated areas in 2020. They have seen that fishing does cause disturbance and damage. They have also found that council rangers cannot adequately police it as they have not been on hand to witness this damage being done.

At Ploughmans Wetland, where there are signposted dedicated fishing locations fishermen:

- fish in many places around the wetland not just in the signposted dedicated fishing locations.
- walk through and trample fringing vegetation, either to find a different location or to retrieve lines that have become snagged.
- walk across exposed muddy flats and into waist deep water. These are significant roosting sites for waterbirds, including the migratory and threatened Latham's Snipe. Similar areas occur at Spring Creek Dam.
- leave tangled waste line and lures where they fish. Dead birds have been seen at times tangled in waste fishing line.
- leave other rubbish and litter where they fish. Ploughman's Wetland Care Group members regularly collect rubbish and waste line to keep the area clean and safe.

There is no reason to think that this will not occur at Spring Creek Reservoir if fishing is permitted. It is a much larger wetland for rangers to police and there are few local residents to report breaches of the requirements of the Plan of Management.

It is positive that the revised plan of management lists swimming, sailing or speed boats as activities that are not permitted at Spring Creek. Use of passive watercraft, such as canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, and tinnies must be added to this list of activities that are not permitted. This is especially so as part of the argument to allow land-based fishing has been that it will make current use of the dam by these craft illegal.

Once again, the Society urges Council to take on board sentiments expressed in its Strategic Plan to do '*respectful planning that values the natural environment*' and not go ahead with allowing lure and fly fishing at Spring Creek Reservoir.

June 14, 2024

5.4 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEW - BANNERS - POST EXHIBITION

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/928

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents Strategic Policy ST36 - Banners for adoption. The Policy has been on public exhibition from 19 June to 19 June 2024. With no submissions received, it is now recommended that the policy and its associated fee structure be adopted.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “18.1. Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Strategic Policy will require public exhibition for 28 days prior to adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts Strategic Policy ST36 – Banners, the accompanying Banner Guide and its associated updated 2024/2025 Fees and Charges:

Name	Year 23/24 (incl GST)	Year 24/25			Statutory	GST
		Fee (excl GST)	GST	Fee		
Zone 1 – Hill to Anson	N/A	\$474.10	\$0.00	\$474.10	N	N
Zone 2 – Anson to Peisley	N/A	\$474.10	\$0.00	\$474.10	N	N
Zone 3 – Anson Street	\$339.60	\$355.55	\$0.00	\$355.55	N	N
Zone 4 – McNamara Street Carpark	N/A	\$825.55	\$0.00	\$825.55	N	N

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

ST36 – Banners

Reference	Update
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-written policy. • Consolidation of Summer Street Zones from 4 to 2 Zones in Summer Street. • Creation of McNamara Street Carpark Zone 4

5.4 Strategic Policy Review - Banners - Post Exhibition

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zones: Zone 1 – Hill to Anson Zone 2 – Anson to Peisley Zone 3 – Anson Street Zone 4 – McNamara Street • Removal of Reference to use of the Mayors Balcony.
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Fees

The following Fees were exhibited as part of the 2024/2025 Fees & Charges:

Private Works - Erection of Banners

Minimum erection of 1 zone

Name	Year 23/24 Last YR Fee (incl. GST)	Year 24/25			Statutory	GST
		Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)		
1 zone – maximum 8 banners	\$339.60	\$355.55	\$0.00	\$355.55	N	N
2 zones – maximum 16 banners	\$452.80	\$474.10	\$0.00	\$474.10	N	N
3 zones – maximum 24 banners	\$566.00	\$592.60	\$0.00	\$592.60	N	N
4 zones – maximum 32 banners	\$679.15	\$711.05	\$0.00	\$711.05	N	N
5 zones – maximum 40 banners	\$792.40	\$829.65	\$0.00	\$829.65	N	N

The following fee structure is recommended to support the Policy Changes and will be exhibited with the policy:

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Note: The difference in costing for McNamara Street Carpark relates to the requirement for a lift to access the banner structures.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 FOR ADOPTION - Strategic Policy - ST36 - Banners, D24/60903 [↓](#)
- 2 FOR ADOPTION - Strategic Policy - ST36 - Street Banner Guide, D24/60905 [↓](#)



Strategic Policy ST36

Banners

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform Council's Banner program to promote interest and vibrancy through the City of Orange.
- 1.2 Council's Banner Program is designed to promote significant events, festivals, tourism, civic or community programs, major economic development and sporting events, to visually enhance the streetscape of the Orange CBD, encourage inclusivity and community connection and stimulate local economic activity.

2 APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 This policy applies to all Orange City Council banner locations for the temporary use of both Council and external organisations to promote and publicise events and activities considered appropriate by Council.
- 2.2 External organisations can apply to use banner sites when not in use by Council.
- 2.3 This policy does not apply to the City Entrance Flags or Cultural Precinct Lighting.

3 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To define banner site locations across Orange City Council areas.
- 3.2 To establish the purpose of street banners.
- 3.3 To outline conditions of use and requirements for each of the banner sites.

4 BANNER INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATIONS

- 4.1 Summer Street
Zone 1 - Hill Street to Anson Street
 (16 Banners over 8 poles)
Zone 2 – Anson Street to Peisley Street
 (16 Banners over 8 poles)
- 4.2 Anson Street
Zone 3 – Summer Street to Byng Street
 (8 Banners over 4 poles)
- 4.3 McNamara Street
Zone 4 – Carpark between Summer Street and Kite Street (10 Banners over 6 poles).

- 4.4 Use of the Civic Centre Flag Poles is at the request and discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

5 FEES FOR ERECTION OF BANNERS

- 5.1 The cost of erecting banners is to be met by the applicant.
- 5.2 Council will not be liable for any expense incurred by the applicant if any banner pole(s) is unavailable for any reason.
- 5.3 Fees are outlined in Council's adopted fees and charges and are subject to change each financial year.

6 CONDITIONS OF USE

- 6.1 Council operates a calendar for all locations with preference given to initiatives that fall under the direct control of Council such as:
 - Council run events, activations and campaigns
 - City Celebrations
 - The acknowledgement of Anzac Day, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week etc
 - Council sponsored events
 - Cultural Activations – theatre, gallery, library or museum.
- 6.2 Council events/campaigns must include the Council logo.
- 6.3 The following groups are able to submit applications for one off or annual events that are sponsored by Council or are of significant community interest:
 - Universities
 - Schools
 - Community organisations
 - Not-For-Profit organisations.
- 6.4 Only Banners advertising and promoting a local community event are permitted.
- 6.5 No advertising of an individual organisation or product is permitted.
- 6.6 Council may refuse any application for banners that fall outside the intent of this policy.



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- 6.7 Council may allow banners for commercial purposes when they are for community events or outcomes.
- 6.8 Requests for specific zones will be given if available, otherwise allocation will be determined on a random basis by Council.
- 6.9 A full zone must be booked and no half bookings will be permitted.
- 6.10 The minimum period an individual set of banners may be erected in any location is 7 days.
- 6.11 The maximum period an individual set of banners may remain erected in any location is 21 days.
- 6.12 Banners will be installed and dismantled on Mondays. Each booking period commences and ends on a Monday.
- 6.13 The wording and design of banners must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer or nominee prior to their erection.
- 6.14 The wording and design must be consistent with Council's Banner Style Guidelines.
- 6.15 Applicants are responsible to ensure banners have the correct information/dates on them before they are erected.
- 6.16 Banners must be delivered to Council's Works Depot, 270 McLachlan Street no later 1 week before the banners are to be installed. Contact is to be made with Council's Storeperson to advise delivery.
- 6.17 Banners will not be installed if damaged, faded or dilapidated.
- 6.18 If banners have not been used for a period of 3 years and are stored at the Works Depot, Council reserves the right to dispose of the banners without the consent of the owner/applicant.

7 APPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Banner application form is available on Council's website or via contact with Council's customer service team.
- 7.2 Applications are to review the Street Banner Guide available on Council's Website.

- 7.3 Applications will be assessed by Council based on:

- The level of community interest and/or significance of the event or initiative
- The event or initiative is accessible and inclusive of the whole community
- Relevance to the site location
- Availability of the nominated location.

- 7.4 Applications should be submitted at least three (3) months prior to the intended installation date.

- 7.5 Banner allocations are subject to availability and submission of an application does not guarantee use of the site.

- 7.6 Confirmation & Approval will be provided in writing.

- 7.7 The Chief Executive Officer or nominee reserves the right to refuse any application that falls outside the intent of this policy.

- 7.8 Council reserves the right to decline any application that is not consistent with this policy or specifications outlined within the Banner Style Guide.

8 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.1 Council will be responsible for:

- Maintaining the banner schedule
- Providing advice, guidance and specifications to external applicants
- Assessing applications
- Approving Banner designs prior to production
- Coordinating installation and dismantling.

- 8.2 Applicants will be responsible for:

- Submission of an application to use a Banner location
- Design of any Banners
- Providing Council with a reasonable timeframe to approve applications, banner designs and make reasonable requests for changes to designs
- The cost and coordination of Banner production according to the specifications outlined in the Banner Style Guide.



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- The cost and coordination of any cleaning, maintenance or re-manufacturing required to banners upon their return after dismantling.

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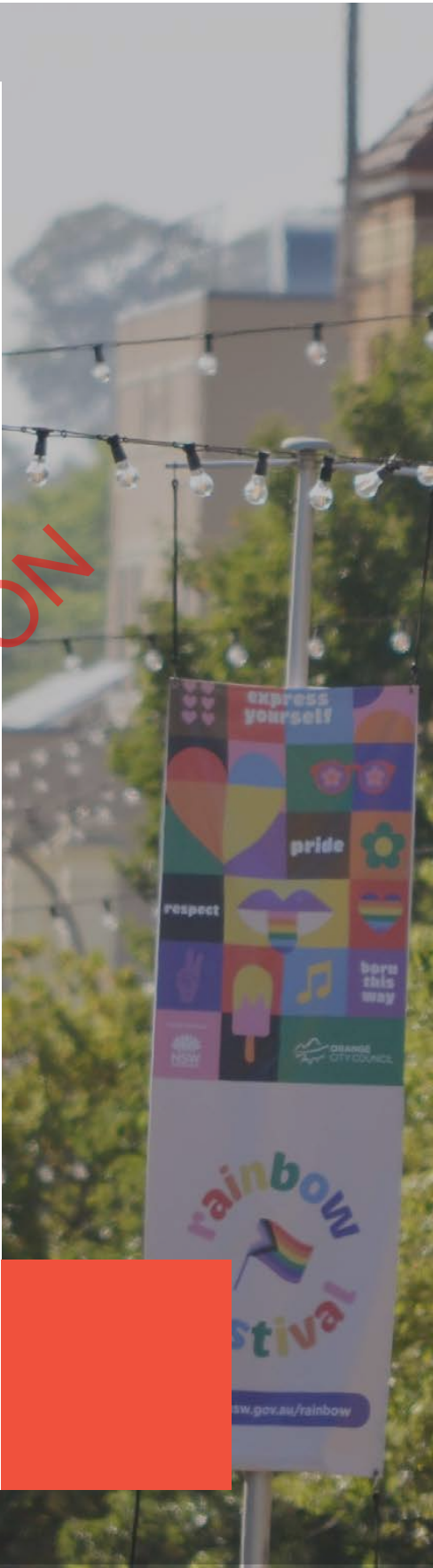
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FOR ADOPTION



Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide information to external organisations who wish to use Orange City Council's banner infrastructure and should be read in conjunction with Council's Street Banner Policy.

Council banner sites are available for temporary use by both Council departments and external organisations to publicise events and activities considered appropriate by Council. External organisations can apply to utilise banner sites when not in use by Council.

Guide Objectives

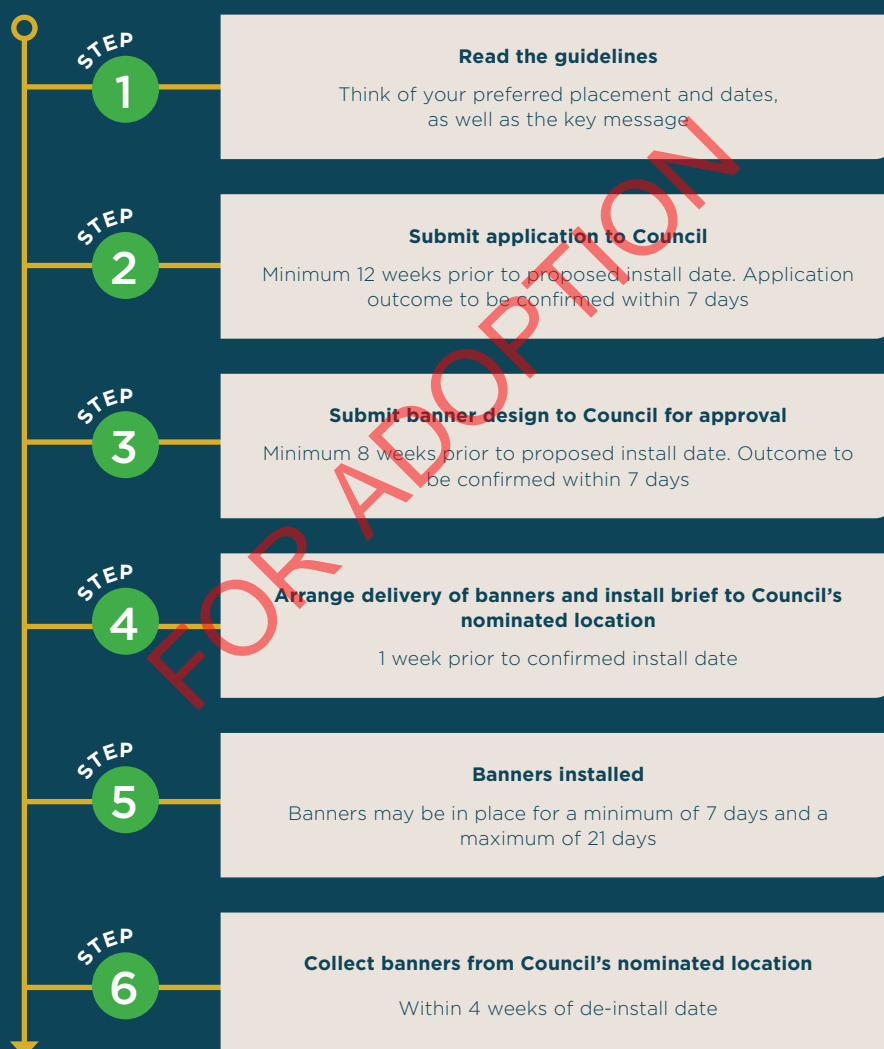
The objectives of this Guide are to:

- Outline the administration of the banner program
- Define the current locations of banner poles and stands available across Orange
- Provide design guidelines and specifications for banners
- Provide production specifications for banners

Process Overview

Hirers to complete Council's banner application form on Council's website and submit for consideration a minimum of twelve (12) weeks prior to anticipated installation date.

Banner allocations are subject to availability and submission of an application does not guarantee use of sites unless approval is provided by Council in writing.

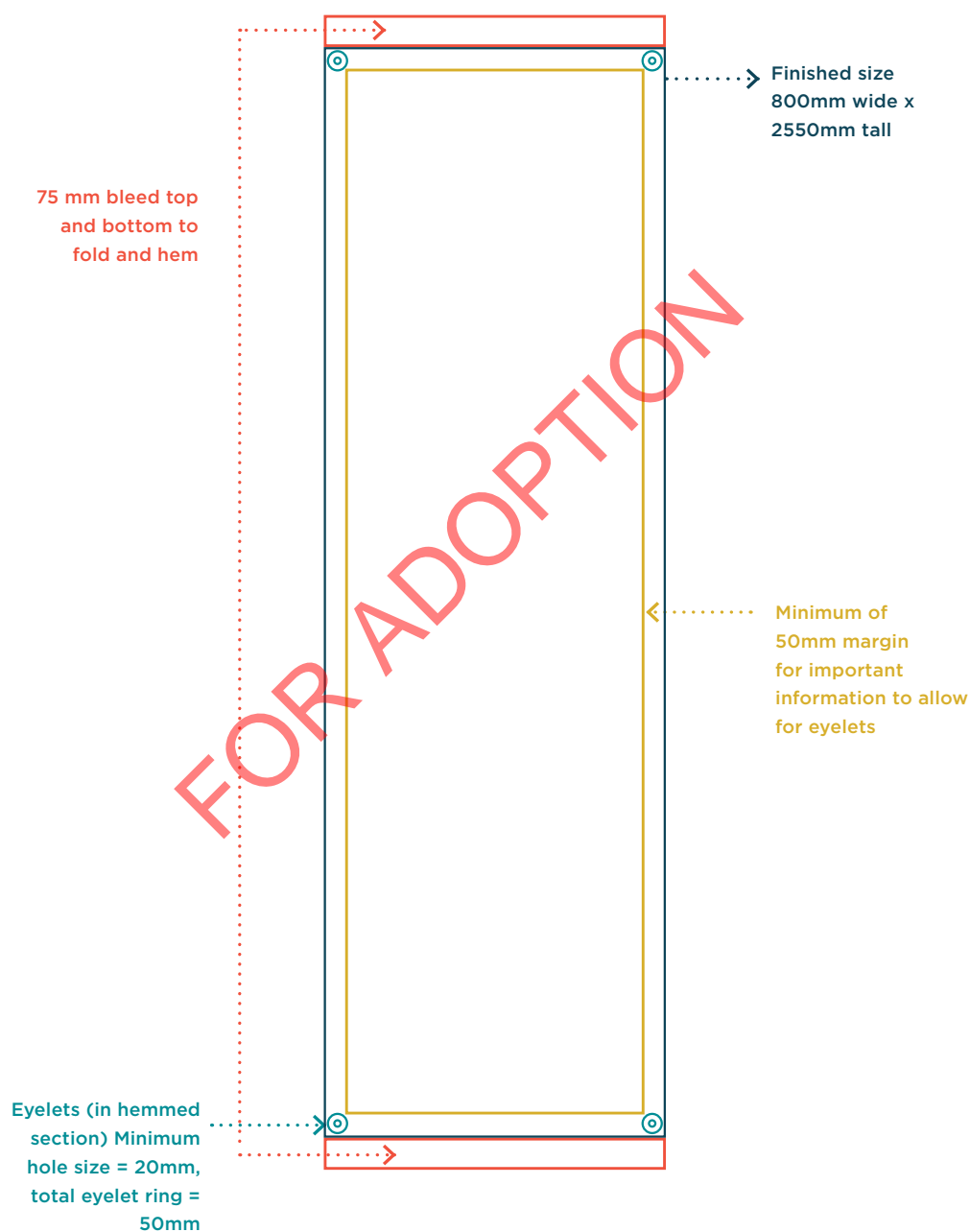








Production Specifications



Design Guidelines

All designs for street banners need to meet the design standards and be approved by Council prior to production. Design standards include:

- Use of organisation logos to indicate sponsorship of event is permissible, identified under "Proudly Supported By".
- If the event or campaign is funded by Orange City Council's grant program, the designs must incorporate Council's logo to indicate funding support.
- Recommended use of bold graphics, images and colours. Your designs should be vibrant and contribute to the overall amenity of the streetscape.
- Use a high degree of contrast between text colour and background colour and use legible fonts so banners are accessible to read for everyone.
- Designs must meet industry standard accessibility requirements in terms of layout, colour, font and image selection.
- Avoid using dates on your designs if you would like the banners to be re-used.
- Up to three (3) different designs can be used on street banner poles per campaign.
- Designs incorporating offensive, illegal or discriminatory language, symbols or imagery are prohibited.
- Banners may be used to display the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag in accordance with the requirements outlined within Council's Banner Policy and Flying of Flags Policy.

Please note fabricators will have printing specifications for designs including bleed, resolution and design element requirements and it is the responsibility of the Hirer to understand these from their nominated printing supplier.

Council reserves the right to reject any banner design that does not comply with this guide, the Street Banner Policy or is considered unsuitable.



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5.5 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEW

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1236

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents Strategic Policy ST08 – Fraud & Corruption Prevention which has been reviewed and now recommended for placement on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “18.1. Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Strategic Policy requires public exhibition for 28 days prior to adoption. The Policy was endorsed by Council’s ARIC at its meeting on 26 June 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to place Strategic Policy ST08 – Fraud & Corruption Prevention on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.

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**ST08 – Fraud & Corruption Prevention**

Reference	Update
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-written policy.• Policy includes model elements from the NSW Audit Office, Independent Commission Against Corruption and Australian Standard for Fraud & Corruption Control AS8001:2021.• The Policy was endorsed by Council’s ARIC at its 26 June 2024 meeting.• The accompanying Operational Plan is pending approval by the CEO following the exhibition period and adoption of this policy.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 FOR EXHIBITION - Strategic Policy - ST08 - Fraud and Corruption Prevention, D24/51393 [↓](#)



Strategic Policy ST08

Fraud & Corruption Prevention

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All policies can be reviewed or revoked by a resolution of Council, at any time.

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline Council's commitment to the prevention, detection, investigation and correction of corrupt and fraudulent activity.

2 APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all areas of Orange City Council including Staff, Councillors, Contractors, Council Delegates, Committee Members and any other person who performs official functions on behalf of Council such as Volunteers. This Policy is to be read in conjunction with Orange City Councils Code of Conduct.

3 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 We are committed to protecting Orange City Council's revenue, expenditure, assets and reputation through awareness, prevention, detection, investigation and action of any suspected or actual instance of fraud and corruption.
- 3.2 Council is committed to promoting an organisational culture that will not tolerate any actual or attempted act of fraud or corruption. This policy is designed to put this principle into practice.
- 3.3 Council will provide avenues for Fraud and Corruption to be distinguished from other forms of unethical behaviour.
- 3.4 Council is committed to establishing a plan aligned with the Australian Standard for Fraud and Corruption Control (AS 8001-2021).

4 PRINCIPLES

Ethical Conduct

- 4.1 All persons identified in this policy are expected to adhere to the highest of ethical standards, avoid conflicts of interest and act in the best interest of the community.

Transparency

- 4.2 Council commits to transparency in our financial transactions, decision-making processes and interactions with the

public, stakeholders and other Government agencies.

Accountability

- 4.3 All persons identified in this policy are held to account for any fraudulent or corrupt activities which occur within or impact our organisation or the community.

Reporting

- 4.4 Council will establish clear and accessible mechanisms for reporting suspected fraudulent or corrupt conduct, protecting those who report any suspected wrongdoing.

Compliance

- 4.5 Council will comply with all applicable legislation, regulation and standards related to fraud and corruption.

5 WHAT IS FRAUD & CORRUPTION?

Fraud

- 5.1 Fraud refers to dishonest activity, by a Council official or external person, causing actual or potential financial loss to Council, including the theft of money or other property.
- 5.2 Fraud includes the deliberate falsification, concealment, destruction or improper use of documentation that is used, or intended, for normal business purposes. It also includes the misuse of information or one's position for personal financial benefit.

Corruption

- 5.3 Corruption involves dishonest activity in which a Council official acts contrary to the interests of Council to obtain benefits or advantages for themselves, another individual or entity.
- 5.4 In accordance with Australian Standard for Fraud and Corruption Control (AS 8001-2021), 'Corruption' may also encompass actions by the entity itself, or by someone claiming to represent and act in its interests, aimed at gaining an improper advantage for the entity, either directly or indirectly.



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6 GENERAL

Relationship to Other Policies and Plans

6.1 Council has developed policies and processes to facilitate the prevention & reporting of suspicions of corrupt or fraudulent conduct. These include the:

- Code of Conduct
- Code of Meeting Practice
- Statement of Business Ethics
- Public Interests & Internal Reporting Policy
- Fraud & Corruption Plan
- Complaint Management Policy
- Customer Service Obligation Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Cyber Security Policy
- Gifts & Benefits Policy
- Secondary Employment Policy
- Purchasing Policy
- Internal and External Committee Charters

Public Interest Disclosures

6.2 The Public Interest Disclosures & Internal Reporting Policy (ST11), helps staff make protected disclosures in accordance with the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022 and sets out procedures for making disclosures to Council and disclosures to appropriate external agencies including provisions for disclosures to be properly investigated and dealt with.

6.3 Council's Fraud and Corruption Prevention Plan outlines the process for dealing with fraud and corruption risks.

Fraud and Corruption Plan

6.4 The Fraud and Corruption Plan provides information and instruction for the operation of the framework including the responsibility structures, prevention mechanisms, awareness, detection, reporting, investigation and actions relating to conduct identified as fraudulent or corrupt.

Reporting

6.5 The Chief Executive Officer and Public Officer are authorised to receive reports of fraudulent and/or corrupt conduct. Where the matter relates to conduct of the Chief Executive Officer, reporting is to be made to the Mayor.

6.6 Reports may also be made to external agencies including:

- NSW Police
- Office of Local Government
- NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)
- NSW Ombudsman.

6.7 Reports can be made to Council via the following channels:

- Phone: 02 6393 8000
- Email: council@orange.nsw.gov.au
- In Person: 135 Byng Street, ORANGE NSW 2800
- Writing: PO BOX 35, ORANGE NSW 2800

6.8 Anonymous Reports may be submitted, and will be managed according to the same processes, however it is suggested that staff or Councillors identify themselves in order to provide necessary protections and support under the PID Act where required.

ST08 – Strategic Policy – Fraud & Corruption		
Review Due: November 2024	Version 1_24	Last Revision: 2 November 2021
Approved By:	Minute Number:	Approval Date:

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

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/973

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 “18.1. 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 30 July 2024, D24/80672 [↓](#)
- 2 Completed Actions Report 15 November 2023 to 30 July 2024, D24/80785 [↓](#)

**OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
AS AT TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2024**



Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
Council 3/05/2022	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr F Kinghorne Cr Kinghorne asked that Councillors be advised how much will be saved by Council when Smart meters are installed.	Reviewing NSW Water Directorate published Digital Metering Guidelines in November 2021.	
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 4/10/2022	RESOLVED - 22/409 Cr F Kinghorne/Cr J Evans That Council defers consideration of the Bulky Waste Service Review for the purpose of investigation of a further option for all ratepayers to be charged a fee for a bulky waste service and for this service to be on an 'at request' basis as it is required by residents.	Updated report to be provided to Council.	
Council 20/06/2023	MATTER ARISING Cr J Evans Cr Evans requested that the speed limit on Forest Road at the Jack Brabham Carpark be reviewed for safety. <i>The Director Technical Services advised that this is not a matter for the traffic committee however he will raise it with TfNSW and bring a report back to Council prior to lodging a request to change the speed limit.</i>	Contact has been made with TfNSW and a further report is to be provided to Council.	
Council 5/09/2023	RESOLVED - 23/400 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power That Council resolves: 1 To extend the easement for water and sewer over Lot 22 DP756899 for construction of the Lake Canobolas to Orange Water and Sewer Pipeline in accordance with the details outlined in this report. 2 To delegate to the Chief Executive Office such authority as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this resolution, including without limitation, the affixing of the Council seal on any document if required.	Project continuing - Surveying underway.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/537 Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell That Council staff investigate potential options for future enhancement of recycling services to allow for the handling of waste materials not currently covered by Orange's existing recycling service (e.g., soft plastics, textiles), and bring a report back to Council outlining potential approaches, estimated costs, etc.	Ongoing review.	

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Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
Planning and Development Committee 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/058 Cr J Hamling/Cr D Mallard 1 That, consistent with the exhibition and matters contained in this report, Council resolve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To endorse the Planning Proposal to amend the LEP, to be known as Amendment 37. Council supports the lots indicated in the planning proposal subject to new typologies adjacent to the park to be exempted from the provisions of SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development) in order to achieve a higher design outcome for residential development. To endorse the VPA in relation to Hill Top Park and related residential developments. To adopt the contents of the Shiralee DCP Amendment, allowing for formatting and branding adjustments to be more consistent with the existing Shiralee DCP layout and style, the Amendment is to take effect upon gazettal of Amendment 37. That the Planning Proposal component now be referred to the Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) for formal legal opinion. That any mapping requirements arising from PCO or the Department shall be at the proponents expense. 2 That Council authorise the CEO to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Execute the VPA on Councils behalf, and Formally make Amendment 37 to the LEP subject to the VPA being registered on title of the subject land and formal opinion from Parliamentary Counsel that the plan may lawfully be made. 	VPA executed by both parties, registered on title. Mapping provided from proponent. DPPI responded on mapping and are negotiating a local clause with Parliamentary Counsel to exclude the park edge lots from the Codes SEPP.	
Council 7/05/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr K Duffy Cr Duffy asked that Council be provided with a report on the current status of the 268 trees planted at Redmond Place in memory of the lives lost in Vietnam, noting some had been removed.	To be investigated and report back to Council - researching the extend of plantings, note: there are not 268 trees planted to recognise fallen soldiers	

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Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
Council 7/05/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr S Peterson Cr Peterson asked if data could be obtained for the number of homes and beds available in Orange at a particular time to see a trend line of our population versus house and room numbers over time.	Research on available data to be undertaken.	
Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/185 Cr T Mileto/Cr S Peterson That Council resolves to extend the Tourism Funding Agreement provided by TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 for twelve months until 30 June 2026.	Review of Agreement being undertaking before finalisation.	
Council 4/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr T Greenhalgh Cr Greenhalgh asked what the cost of an application for Holiday Trade Exemption would be to Council.	Information to be provided once application process has been progressed.	
Planning and Development Committee 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/200 Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard That Council resolves: 1 To support LEP Amendment 40 and direct staff to forward the proposal to Parliamentary Counsel for a formal opinion. 2 To support the Additional Permitted Use (APU) being applied to the footprint of the existing building on the site, as per the gateway conditions. 3 That the proponent be advised of the need to provide an updated APU Map consistent with the Department of Planning's technical guidelines at the proponent's cost. 4 That upon receiving a Parliamentary Counsel opinion Council authorises the CEO to formally make the plan and refer the matter to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation.	Awaiting APU mapping from proponent.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/218 Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton That Council staff meet with the Local Aboriginal Land Council to identify options for appropriate recognition of Yuranigh in Orange.	No known images exist of Yuranigh to progress a statue. Continued discussions with the OLALC.	

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Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/219 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power That staff investigate application for and implications of an exemption to the Public Holiday trade restrictions in place during Easter Long Weekend for the Orange LGA.	Information to be provided once application process has been progressed.	
Council 18/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr F Kinghorne Cr Kinghorne noted that there were previous discussions at the Ageing and Access Community Committee around people abandoning shopping trolleys because they had no alternative to get their shopping home and asked if there was a different approach Council could take to assist with this.	This issue was discussed at Ageing and Access, Community members like the social aspect of going to the supermarket, so online shopping is not an option for them which can create the issue of abandoned shopping trolleys across town. Community Services researched and reported that the trolley collection service in town is highly regarded and efficient and obtained the 1800 number to call for trollies to be collected. This number to be shared on Council social media outlets through Communications team. Staff will continue to follow up any services offered by supermarkets.	
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/231 Cr F Kinghorne/Cr D Mallard That Orange City Council review its land assets to determine whether any of these holdings would be suitable or appropriate for placement of structures that could provide emergency or short-term housing, and if so, work with the community to raise money to provide such structures and connections to services such as water, sewer & electricity.	Review underway.	
Finance Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/275 Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto 1 That Council donate \$8,000 to Housing Plus for the 2024 White Tie Ball on 12 October 2024 at Orange Ex Services Club. RESOLVED - 24/276 Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power 2 That Council donate \$10,000 to the 2025 Orange Chamber Music Festival, held 6 to 9 March 2025.	Funding to be finalised.	

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Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
	RESOLVED - 24/277 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton 3 That the Orange Chamber Music Festival provide a report to Orange City Council after 2025 event prior to approval of future funding. RESOLVED - 24/278 Cr D Mallard/Cr S Peterson 4 That Council donate \$4,000 to the Sustainable Living for the event held on 22 September 2024.		
Services Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/293 Cr G Power/Cr J Evans 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Cultural Heritage Community Committee Meeting held on 17 June 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 4.1 from the minutes of the Cultural Heritage Community Committee meeting of 17 June 2024. 3.1 <i>That Council write to the Minister of Heath on the subject of the Centenary of Bloomfield Hospital to enquire if any events are planned and to seek funding and support to recognise the Centenary.</i> 4.1 <i>1. That Council staff determine a method to include additional information on the walking trail of Banjo Paterson Memorial Park and means for that information to be disseminated within available budget.</i> 4.1 <i>2. That Newman Park WWI Memorial Avenue of Trees be included in the Committee Action Plan.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Cultural Heritage Community Committee from its meeting held on 17 June 2024 be adopted noting the updates to attendance for this meeting.	Resolution noted. Required actions in progress. Newman Park action plan to be updated for incoming Community Committee with new Council term.	

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AS AT TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2024**



Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/302 Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell That Council resolves: 1 To grant delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the sale of 94 Woodward Street as per option 2 in the report. 2 That the funds, upon finalisation of the sale, be applied to the Land Development Fund.	This matter will be progressed once the subdivision of 94 Woodward Street has been finalised and settlement of the homestead lot completed.	
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/288 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton That Council proceed with a request for quotation to develop a design and cost of a Bicycle Pump Track for the purpose of seeking grant funding options for the project.	Request for quotations with the focus to obtain grant funding to establish Pump Track to be progressed.	
Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/319 Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard That Council: 1 Approve the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to execute contract F4244 - The Provision of Security Services, for the value of \$217,131 (inc gst), with Marvasti Security Pty Ltd. 2 Grant permission to the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to do such things as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this decision, including affixing the Council Seal on any relevant documents.	Finalising Contract.	
Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/320 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd 1 That Council consent to the registration of an easement through Lot 22 DP 1212446 on the terms contained in this report. 2 That permission be granted to affixed the Common Seal on any necessary documentation.	To be finalised.	
Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/315 Cr J Hamling/Cr T Mileto 1 That Council extend the lease area of the Orange Croquet Club from two to three fields by way of variation of lease or entering into a new lease for a period of 5 years. 2 That permission be granted to affixed the Common Seal on any necessary documentation.	Lease being prepared.	

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Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/316 Cr M McDonell/Cr J Evans That Council approves the application from Orange Regional Arts Foundation for the amount of \$5,000 for the Orange Winter Fire Festival ORAF Event to be held 10 August 2024.	Funding to be finalised.	

COMPLETED ACTIONS REGISTER AS AT TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2024



Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
Council 17/08/2021	RESOLVED - 21/280 Cr G Taylor/Cr J Whitton That Council resolves: 1 That Orange City Council consult with appropriate organisations to investigate the commissioning and installation of a bronze statue as a tribute to families who have lost family members in the service of their Country. 2 That a report on findings be brought back to Council.	Completed. Public exhibition of concept conducted - reported outcomes to Council.	
Council 5/04/2022	RESOLVED - 22/091 Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto That Council formulate a Working Party and a strategic plan to promote and position Orange and the Central West as a strategic sovereign partner with the Australian Defence Forces.	Completed. Participated in Defence Industry AUUKUS forum hosted by Regional NSW. No further investigations undertaken with Federal Government re defence industry following initial information sessions.	
Council 19/04/2022	RESOLVED - 22/114 Cr G Floyd/Cr J Hamling That Council resolves: 1 To engage willing NRL clubs with the prospect of initiating a long-term association with the City of Orange. 2 To seek to formalise such a relationship for the purposes of maximising the potential of the future Orange Sports Precinct in attracting high profile sporting fixtures, benefiting tourist visitation, spend and local entertainment. 3 To include in any such arrangement that any NRL club affiliated with the City of Orange provide coaching clinics and sports development opportunities for local schools and sporting organisations, and player meet-and-greet opportunities. 4 To consider in the selection of any prospective NRL club affiliation, the club's relationship to Orange, local fan-base and the club's proximity to Orange. 5 To report to the Chamber on the progress of this endeavour, all meetings and aspects of negotiations undertaken, and time frames relating to any proposal or agreement. 6 That staff conduct similar discussions with all sporting codes.	Complete - resolution enacted.	
Council 20/12/2022	MATTER ARISING Cr S Peterson	Ongoing work being undertaken on email disclaimers. Agreed design to be	

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Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
	Cr Peterson noted at clause 6.3 of the Councillors Access to Information and Interaction with Staff policy that contact is to be made during business hours, however emails are often sent outside this time. It was suggested Councillors include a clause in their email signatures to advise emails do not have to be answered when received outside of hours. <i>The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised this would be taken on board in reference to the policy.</i>	implemented.	
Services Policy Committee 4/04/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr D Mallard Cr Mallard asked for information to be provided to Councillors on the Movement in Place Strategy and the Active Travel Plan.	Council's Active Travel Plan is up for review in 2024. Council does not have a Movement and Place Strategy. In 2019 Movement and Place was more of a Strategy. Since then, TfNSW and State Government Architect have developed Movement and Place as a framework that is used in all road design.	
Council 4/04/2023	RESOLVED - 23/124 Cr G Floyd/Cr T Greenhalgh That Council resolves to: 1 Acknowledge in the Chamber the outstanding work of Mr David Conyers and the Fridgy's for Eugowra team, while also acknowledging the work of the many other individuals, groups and businesses from Orange that have helped flood ravaged centres across the Central West. 2 Contact Cabonne Council to discuss the opportunity for both Councils jointly, to show gratitude for this outstanding work in the form of a framed Certificate of Appreciation or similar (e.g. community BBQ) or both, for Mr Conyers and the Fridgy's for Eugowra team and support groups.	Complete. No further action required.	
Council 18/04/2023	RESOLVED - 23/141 Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard That Council resolves to: 1 Not permit land or water-based activity at Suma Park Dam at this stage; 2 Undertake a detailed Feasibility Study for introducing controlled access to Spring Creek Dam for passive watercraft (canoes and kayaks) and land-based fishing/fly	Spring Creek Reservoir Plan of Management exhibited, returning to Council for adoption in July 2024.	

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Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
	casting considering the issues raised in this report and in consultation with the NSW of Primary Industry (Fisheries); and 3 Investigate options to improve existing facilities at Gosling Creek.		
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 2/05/2023	MATTER ARISING Cr J Hamling Cr Hamling asked if Council can approach private businesses/out of town establishments in the creation of an indoor play centre and be proactive in reaching out to other regional centres about why we might not establish in a play centre in Orange.	Operational Action has been added to the Operational Plan.	
Planning and Development Committee 2/05/2023	RESOLVED - 23/149 Cr K Duffy/Cr G Power 1 That Council support the planning proposal and forward the matter to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination. 2 That, subject to a favourable gateway determination, staff commission any additional studies or information required to enable the proposal to proceed to agency and public consultation with such work to be at the proponent's cost.	Post Exhibition Report to Council 6 August 2024.	
Services Policy Committee 2/05/2023	MATTER ARISING Cr J Whitton That Council review the possibility of hosting a Council Meeting at Villages such as Clifton Grove as used to be practice supporting communities.	Site visits to Community Halls was undertaken. , Lucknow was determined the only venue suitable to hold a Council Meeting for accessibility and functional use. A quotation was sought for technology to provide for Sound, Recording and Streaming of the Meeting. The Cost of holding a Meeting at this venue was approximately \$3,500 not including staff time for set up/pack up. There is no current budget to allow for this expenditure.	
Finance Policy Committee 6/06/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr T Greenhalgh Cr Greenhalgh asked for a report to be provided on the options to financially support All Abilities Sporting groups in Orange.	Complete. Report tabled to Council.	

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Meeting and Date	Resolution	Action Taken	
Finance Policy Committee 6/06/2023	RESOLVED - 23/210 Cr G Floyd/Cr G Power That Council resolves to: 1 Increase the current funding of the Small Donations Program from \$64,000 to \$84,000 with a reallocation of the standing annual \$20,000 grant from Orange Harness Racing as these funds have not been expended since 2021. 2 Consolidate the categories in the Small Donations Program and replace with a general category of a community or not-for-profit group providing benefit to the community. 3 Improve the application process by simplifying the application form, using everyday language throughout, removing unnecessary details, and asking applicants to describe how the donation will benefit the local community. Please see the attached copies of the current and updated application forms for more details. 4 Delegate authority to the CEO for regular prize giving, in-kind donations, and non-sport individuals or teams representing Orange at a National or Overseas Event, and for the education support and recognition program.	Policy reviewed and exhibited. Resolution of Council to adopt revised policy. Revised policy is being implemented and information updated.	
Council 6/06/2023	RESOLVED - 23/220 Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power 1 Note the report received from JPAbusiness. 2 That staff provide a report to Council with further information on this matter.	EOI processed and paper provided to Council. No further action.	
Council 20/06/2023	RESOLVED - 23/238 Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard That Council resolves: 1 To note the report by the CEO; 2 To agree in principle to the entering into of an agreement such as a long-term lease of a portion of the Scout Camp; and 3 That Council's Chief Executive Officer be given delegation to negotiate and enter into a long-term lease and that approval be granted for the use of the Council Seal on any necessary documentation if required.	The Chief Executive Officer is continuing negotiations and discussions to finalise this matter.	
Planning and Development Committee 4/07/2023	RESOLVED - 23/248 Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson 1 That Council resolves to amend the planning proposal to include Lot 20 DP 1117081 known as 264 Leeds Parade so that:	DCP & Rezoning Plan approved by Council 2 April 2024 noting additional information required from applicant.	

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	<p>I. The northern area of 264 Leeds Parade, as indicated in the Orange Local Housing Strategy, is to be rezoned from E3 Productivity Support to R1 General Residential, and</p> <p>II. Such rezoning is to exclude the area of the large dam at the southern end of the property, being approximately 100m in width, which is to remain in the E3 Productivity Support zone, and</p> <p>III. The minimum lot size for subdivision applying to the R1 area of 264 Leeds Parade is to be reduced from 2ha to 500m², while the land remaining in the E3 zone is to remain at 2ha, and</p> <p>IV. That the proposed R1 area of 264 Leeds Parade shall be required to provide secondary access points to both Leeds Parade and eastward to land at Lot 1 DP 1276536 to ensure an alternate route for emergency services is available.</p> <p>2 That, for the avoidance of doubt, Council confirm that the draft DCP for the Leeds Parade Candidate Area, which accompanies the Planning Proposal, is intended to apply to both 264 and 274 Leeds Parade.</p>		
Council 18/07/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/284 Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton</p> <p>1 That Orange City Council honour the Local Service Men and Women who paid the ultimate sacrifice during times of War serving our Country by creating and displaying Banners along Summer Street leading into Anzac Day from 8 April to 29 April 2024 through consultation with descendants, Orange RSL and Orange Historical Society.</p> <p>2 That Orange City Council pay for the 80 single sided banners and the second banner be presented to the family of the servicemen as a matter of appreciation and add Anson Streets to Summer Street for the display of the banners</p> <p>3 The concept of a commemoration booklet be discussed and designed by a committee/ working group.</p>	Launch of banners 15 March 2024.	
Council 1/08/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/331 Cr T Mileto/Cr G Floyd</p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <p>1 To enter into a contract with Large Industries Pty Ltd for the Icely Road Water Treatment Plant Generator and Main Switchboard – Design and Construct (F4019) for the amount of \$1,074,730.95 ex GST; and</p>	Contractor (Large Industries) has been engaged and are currently in the design phase of the project. Additional amount was included in the September Quarterly Review.	

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	2 That the use of Council's Seal be authorised on relevant contractual documents. 3 That an additional amount of \$110,000 be drawn from the Water Asset Renewal Fund in the September 2023 quarterly review to facilitate the project.		
Services Policy Committee 5/09/2023	RESOLVED - 23/383 Cr F Kinghorne/Cr G Floyd 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Ageing and Access Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 August 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 from the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee meeting of 8 August 2023. 4.1.1 <i>That Council investigate removing the green chains and posts from around garden areas and install a contrasting colour on the edge of the footpath.</i> 4.1.2 <i>That Council write to Orange City Centre Management requesting repairs be undertaken on the travelator leading into the Centre.</i> 4.1.3 <i>That Council confirm if the repairs being undertaken on the hoist at the Aquatic Centre are complete.</i> 4.1.4 <i>That the Ageing and Access Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed and updated.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee from its meeting held on 8 August 2023 be adopted.	4.1.1 The removal of green chains and bollards will be progressed as resources become available. Painting of paths will be assessed on a case-by-case basis at the time of chain removal. 4.1.2 A letter has been sent to the Orange City Centre requesting an update on the repairs to the travelator to ensure safe access to the Centre. The following response was received from Orange City Centre Management on 12 October 2023: 'Our 'up' travelator has been out of service due to the unavailability of replacement parts, it was turned off due to safety concerns. The Centre is replacing the travelators in early 2024. Until then, we will continue to try and source a part in the meantime. This is not an ideal situation and we would like it up and running as soon as possible. Customers will need to either walk up the travelator, we have installed carpet for safety, or use alternative entries such as the ramp, Anson St or Summer St.', 4.1.3 Hoist was repaired but unfortunately has been rebroken by a community member. A portable hoist is onsite and available for use.	

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Planning and Development Committee 5/09/2023	RESOLVED - 23/353 Cr G Floyd/Cr M McDonell 1 That Council resolve to refer the Planning Proposal to Transport for NSW: a. for formal advice on an acceptable design of, and location of, an access intersection with Cargo Road, and b. subject to receiving advice from Transport for NSW on the Cargo Road access requirements, such requirements be reviewed by Technical Services and incorporated into the Planning Proposal, and 2 That the Planning Proposal be amended to include identifying the site as an Urban Release Area, to ensure that the DCP requirements of the local housing strategy are appropriately addressed, and 3 The concept layout supporting the Planning Proposal be amended to clarify and confirm the need for a connection for an eastern connection through to Witton Place, and 4 The proposed zoning map in the Planning Proposal be amended so that the proposed "park" lot be shown as RE1 Public Recreation, the area involved matching the blank lot shown on the proposed Minimum Lot Size map, and 5 That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate a planning agreement in relation to the embellishment and dedication of the proposed open space lot. 6 The Planning Proposal, inclusive of the above changes, be referred to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination, and a. Upon receipt of a Gateway Determination staff proceed to address any conditions and undertake formal agency consultation and public exhibition.	Public Exhibition now in progress.	
Council 19/09/2023	RESOLVED - 23/411 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton That Orange City Council investigate opportunities to recognise the significant contribution made by Mr Robert 'Bob' Russell to the sporting community of Orange.	Complete. Resolution enacted.	
Council 19/09/2023	RESOLVED - 23/410 Cr S Peterson/Cr J Whitton That Orange City Council undertake a feasibility study to investigate the design, relevant costings and Grant funding opportunities associated with constructing a bicycle 'Pump Track' in Orange.	Report provided to Council 16 July 2024.	

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Council 3/10/2023	RESOLVED - 23/468 That Council undertake community engagement on naming options for the Southern Feeder Road. Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy	Engagement completed and results reported to Council 21 May 2024.	
Council 3/10/2023	RESOLVED - 23/429 Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy 1 That Lords Place South be Reinstated to its Original State - to undertake the task of restoring the Lords Place South precinct to its status quo ante, embodying the unique characteristics and functionalities that served the needs and preferences of the local community. 2 That Lords Place South has Restoration of Lost Amenities - to ensure that the reinstatement process encompasses the recovery of the twenty car spaces lost due to the recent modifications, thereby alleviating the transportation and accessibility grievances echoed by the community. 3 That there be a Collaborative Dialogue with Impacted Parties - to instruct the staff to facilitate constructive dialogues with the impacted businesses situated in Lords Place, forging a consensus on an agreeable timeline for initiating the reinstatement works. 4 That there be Detailed Reporting to Council - to commission a detailed report articulating: • The collaboratively determined timeline for the restoration activities • An agreed upon restoration plan co-developed with the impacted businesses in Lords Place • A financial layout delineating the costings associated with the restoration process. • The retention of dining decks and shade cover outside Crema & Nimrods, subject to agreement with respective business owners.	Complete.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 3/10/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Duffy asked for an update on the status of works on Clergate Road and the Southern Feeder Road and whether these were on schedule. Cr K Duffy	Information provided to Councillors.	

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Council 3/10/2023	RESOLVED - 23/432 That Council events that are likely to be controversial be voted upon by Councillors prior to being approved. Cr S Peterson/Cr K Duffy	Noted.	
Council 17/10/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr McDonell asked why the Orange Aboriginal Community Working Party re-establishment had been delayed. Cr M McDonell	Complete.	
Council 17/10/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Mallard enquired with regard to residential property that lie within a 750m radius of a playground facility and asked what spatial identification looks like and what the process is to identify new playgrounds. Cr D Mallard	Included in the draft Orange Play Strategy which is currently on public exhibition – June 2024.	
Council 17/10/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Kinghorne asked why Council has difficulty reaching Benchmarks in its Portfolio Performance and what do other Councils do in relation to Benchmarking. Cr F Kinghorne	Referred to the ARIC of 26 June 2024 with Question relating to Benchmarking from the Council Meeting of 21 May 2024.	
Council 17/10/2023	QUESTION TAKEN IN NOTICE Cr Power asked given the Aboriginal Community Working Party Target will expire after 10 years in 2024, what steps will Council take to make this a living document. Cr G Power	Complete.	
Council 17/10/2023	RESOLVED - 23/485 1 That Council resolve that the preferred tenderer for the Construction of the Orange Conservatorium and Planetarium, Tender Number F3983-2 is Renascent Australia Pty Ltd subject to agreement on the final tendered amount. 2 That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to finalise the tendered amount with Renascent Australia Pty Ltd as detailed in this report. 3 That a contingency be approved for the project as detailed in this report. 4 That Council approve its contribution to the project of up to \$18.5M (including contingency) of Council funds which is comprised of: a. Proceeds of sale from 73A Hill Street when that occurs; b. Proceeds from property sales as determined by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer; and c. A combination of External borrowings and Internal borrowings, (subject to Ministerial Approval), to a level required to meet the funding for the project. Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton	Complete. Resolution enacted.	

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	5 That Council Grant permission to the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to do such things as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this decision, including affixing the Council Seal on any relevant documents.		
Council 17/10/2023	RESOLVED - 23/478 That Council use social media channels to promote Council facilities open and available to the community to seek refuge in periods of hot weather.	Social media campaign ran over summer 23/24.	
Council 17/10/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Duffy asked for information in relation to the non-returning of cultural items and what happens if they have not received a tax deduction.	Information provided. Complete.	
Council 17/10/2023	RESOLVED - 23/487 1 Liaise with the organisers of the Bush Summit to discuss the opportunity for Orange to host this event when next in NSW. 2 Discuss with the event organisers what is required to host such an event and examine the infrastructure Orange and surrounding areas have in place to ensure we can successfully hold a function of this magnitude. 3 Knowing the event may not be back in NSW for a number of years, report to the Chamber a time frame, requirements to be met by Orange City Council and any other information that could put us in good stead to attract this summit to Orange. Costings can be forthcoming closer to the event, when required.	Bush Summit is currently engaging with Council as with other Councils to determine where they will hold the Summit.	
Planning and Development Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/501 That Council consents to development application DA 177/2023(1) for Multi Dwelling Housing (10 dwellings) and Subdivision (11 Community Title lots) at Lot 500 DP 1240977 - 7 Gregory Place, Orange, pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.	Approved by PDC 7 November 2023. Approval documents uploaded to the Planning Portal.	
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/509 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 14 September 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.3 and General Business from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting of 14 September 2023. 3.3.1	Orange City Life advertising to be investigated as an option noting pricing will be involved. OCC looking to add pets available for adoption on main Facebook page in future. Hard to maintain due to fluctuating numbers. Wording on reuniting pets has been	

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	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>3.3.2 <i>That the Customer Request Statistics report be adopted.</i> <i>General Business.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>General Business.</i> <i>2. That Council approach Mullion Produce, Orange regarding rehoming animals from the Pound.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee from its meeting held on 14 September 2023 be adopted.</p>	<p>changed to rehoming enquires. , General Business item 2 – Mullion Produce no longer selling cats and dogs, not a viable option for rehoming.</p>	
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 7/11/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/508 Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell</p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Bicycle Committee at its meeting held on 7 August 2023, 5 June 2023, 24 November 2022 and 20 October 2022.</p> <p>2 That the minutes of the Bicycle Committee from its meetings held on 7 August 2023, 5 June 2023, 24 November 2022 and 20 October 2022 be adopted.</p>	Noted.	
Planning and Development Committee 7/11/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/504 Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell</p> <p>That Council support the Planning Proposal in principle, and;</p> <p>1 Direct staff to forward the matter to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination, and</p> <p>2 That staff shall request the Department of Planning and Environment to delegate the making of the plan to Council, and</p> <p>3 Upon receipt of a Gateway Determination staff shall review the conditions and coordinate any minor changes or additional studies that may be required, and</p> <p>4 That subject to the above staff commence any government agency consultation and public exhibition requirements</p>	Public Exhibition process has now commenced.	

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Infrastructure Policy Committee 7/11/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr T Greenhalgh Cr Greenhalgh asked how power charges associated with Brendan Sturgeon Oval could be subsidised. Fees were originally per head and now an excess fee is being charged. Could options be investigated to help reduce fees?	Email response provided 4 June 2024.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/505 Cr T Mileto/Cr G Floyd 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 10 October 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 from the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee meeting of 10 October 2023. <i>3.1 No Parking Signs – Astill Court – 75-79 Nile Street</i> <i>That Council remove existing “No Parking signage on either side of the driveway at 75 Nile Street driveway so that parking for aged residents or visitors to park and exit their vehicles when attending functions at the Gallard Centre or indeed for those visiting Units 21 to 37 Astill Court.</i> <i>3.2 Request – Disabled Access Directly in Front of Designated Mobility Parking Space – 72 McNamara Street</i> <i>That Council:</i> 1 <i>Remove the mobility parking space from outside 72 McNamara Street at Council’s cost.</i> 2 <i>Create a new mobility parking space at the rear of 72 McNamara Street adjacent to the “No Parking” area in the Peisley Street carpark (marked in yellow on photo 1 and 2) at Opteon’s cost.</i> 2 <i>Paint the existing bitumen ramp outside 72 McNamara Street to highlight the ramp access (shown in photo 1) at Council’s cost.</i> <i>3.3 Street Event – 2023 Santa Arrival</i> <i>That Council approve the conditional approval for the Santa Arrival event to be held on Saturday 25 November 2023</i> <i>3.4 Street Event – 2024 Orange Running Festival</i> <i>That the Conditional Approval for the 2024 Orange Running Festival to be held Sunday 10 March 2024 be endorsed subject to compliance with the attached conditions.</i>	Memo given to Works Manager to carry out required actions.	

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	3 That the remainder of the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee from its meeting held on 10 October 2023 be adopted.		
Planning and Development Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/500 Cr J Hamling/Cr T Greenhalgh That Council resolves to acknowledge the information provided in the report by the Manager Development Assessments on Items Approved Under the Delegated Authority of Council.	Noted.	
Finance Policy Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/517 Cr J Hamling/Cr K Duffy That Council waive the fees for the hire of the Orange Function Centre for the funerals of the Toot Keegan and John Davis.	Complete. Resolution enacted.	
Finance Policy Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/512 Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto 1 That Council Sponsor the Orange Bridge Club for an amount of \$10,000 for the National Bridge Championships from 6 to 18 July 2024 RESOLVED - 23/513 Cr M McDonell/Cr J Evans 2(A) That Council Sponsor the Orange Chamber Music Festival Inc for an amount of \$9,713.05 for the Orange Chamber Music Festival to be held 7 to 10 March 2024 RESOLVED - 23/514 Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton 3 Sponsor the Rotary Club of Orange for an amount of \$5,000 for the Orange Volcanic Mountain Challenge to be held 24 March 2024. RESOLVED - 23/515 Cr J Hamling/Cr T Greenhalgh 4 Sponsor the Orange Touch Football Association for an amount of \$4,720 for the Junior Touch Football Championships on 21 January 2024. RESOLVED - 23/516 Cr J Hamling/Cr T Greenhalgh 5 Sponsor the Orange City Bowling Club for an amount of \$5,000 for the Orange Golden Eagles Pairs Classic from 27 February to 1 March 2024.	Complete.	

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Finance Policy Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/510 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling That Council determines the following applications: 1 To donate \$1,000 towards the fundraising efforts of Bloomfield Hospital Auxiliary, a charity providing support in the recovery, health and wellbeing of people with mental illness both on and off the Bloomfield Campus. 2 To donate \$2,500 to The Rotary Club of Orange in partnership with the Orange Friends of Banjo Paterson Park to help fund the 2024 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival. 3 To donate \$838.05 to the Orange Campdraft and Rodeo Club to cover the costs of hire for Showground and the Naylor Pavilion over 10-12 November 2023. 4 To donate \$71 to Parkrun Australia to cover the admin fees to renew the annual permit for the free weekly Orange Parkrun events. 5 To donate \$2,000 to the Midstate Budgerigar Club to help cover associated costs of their annual show held in Orange including pavilion hire, judge expenses and prizes. 6 To donate \$71 to Cycling Without Age to cover the admin fees to run their formal launch event at Cook Park on Wednesday 8 November 2023.	All payments have now been processed.	
Services Policy Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/518 Cr T Mileto/Cr T Greenhalgh 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee at its meeting held on 28 August 2023. 2 That the minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee from its meeting held on 28 August 2023 be adopted.	Noted.	
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/507 Cr G Floyd/Cr T Mileto 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Sport and Recreation Community Committee at its meeting held on 27 September 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendation 4.1 from the minutes of the Sport and Recreation Community Committee meeting of 27 September 2023. <i>4.1 That the Sport and Recreation Community Committee recommend that Council allocate funds from the 2023/2024 Sports Facility Partnership Program as per the following table:</i>	Noted.	

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	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Recommended Funding</i>		
	Orange Kart Race Club Inc.	Upgrade to racing control light system.	\$12,081	\$12,000		
	Orange City Croquet Club	Accessible concrete path at Jaeger Reserve from the Hill St footpath to Croquet Clubhouse.	\$6,000	\$5,450		
	Orange City Rugby Club	Accessible path and spectator fencing at northern end of Pride Park (Waratah Sports Club)	\$15,000	\$13,000		
	Wentworth Golf Club	Construction of two accessible concrete paths on the 14th golf hole	\$7,500	\$7,500		
	Orange Netball Association	Installation of court lighting for external netball courts 5 & 6 at Anzac Park.	\$10,000	\$10,000		
	Orange Netball Association	Connect power to BBQ shelter located near the entrance to Sir Neville Howse Stadium (PCYC)	\$2,087	\$2,050		
	Orange Hockey Inc.	Design for Sid Smith Field upgrade including site and pitch survey, geotechnical investigation and dilapidation report.	\$15,000	\$0		
		TOTAL	\$67,668	\$50,000		
3	That the remainder of the minutes of the Sport and Recreation Community Committee from its meeting held on 27 September 2023 be adopted.					

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Services Policy Committee 7/11/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr D Mallard Cr Mallard noted the discussion on the age amendments in the Criminal Responsibility Act from 10 to 14 years and asked what the context was in this regard.	Information provided.	
Services Policy Committee 7/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/519 Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 5 October 2023. 2 That the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee from its meeting held on 5 October 2023 be adopted.	Noted.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/538 Cr J Evans/Cr M McDonell 1 That Council work actively with airlines and the regional community to establish additional air routes between Orange and other regional centres. 2 That Council acknowledge the letters of support for a Direct Flight between Orange and Newcastle.	Report to Council 6 August 2024.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/539 Cr K Duffy/Cr M McDonell That Council resolves: 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 November 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 November 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 3 That the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 November 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 4 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 November 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 5 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 November 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.	Noted.	

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	6 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 November 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.		
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/556 That Council endorse nominees Anna Fryer, Darren Budworth, Dhyan Blore, Laura Shooter, Michelle Pryce Jones, Ricky Puata, Tony Mileto and Steven Peterson to Skillset for consideration for appointment to the Skillset Board.	Nominees put forward at the Skillset AGM as resolved.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/557 That Council advertise Expressions of Interest for the sale of future Lot 2 at 94 Woodward Street Orange for the purposes of constructing and Social and/or Affordable Housing.	EOI sought for the development for affordable housing - Media Release sent to Councillors by email 3 May 2024.	
Council 21/11/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Kinghorne asked what percentage of property rates are paid in the first quarter of each year.	Answer provided out of session 17 June 2024.	
Council 21/11/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Kinghorne asked how concerned we should be that 29.65% (\$7.8mil) of rates and annual charges are still outstanding compared to 22.40% (\$5.69mil) for the same time last year.	Complete.	
Council 21/11/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Duffy asked for a time frame for the commencement of the SFR from The Escort Way to Woodward Street.	These are currently unfunded works.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/536 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 November 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 Council meeting held on 7 November 2023 with the exception of items 5.1, 5.4 and Closed Item (Greyhounds) which require corrections and referral back to Council at its next meeting for confirmation.	Noted.	

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Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/554 Cr K Duffy/Cr G Floyd That Council resolves: 1 To enter into a lease of Hangar Site Lot 2 DP 230430 at Orange Airport for a term of one year plus four, one year options. 2 That approval be granted for the use of the Council Seal on all relevant documents.	Lease sent for signature.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/543 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling That Council consents to development application DA 182/2023(1) for Storage Premises (340 self-storage units) and Business Identification Signage at Lot 2 DP 1052133 - 320 Peisley Street, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.	Notice of Approval issued.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/544 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling 1 That the information contained in the planning report for DA 551/2021(1) for educational establishment (demolition, new building, 750 students) at 7 Murphy Lane and 416 Mitchell Highway, Orange be acknowledged. 2 That Council makes a supportive submission upon this application to the Western Region Planning Panel (WRPP).	A submission was prepared and sent to the Western Region Planning Panel who were the consent authority for this development. The Planning panel granted development consent. The Planning panel have since uploaded approval documentation. Council staff are now working with the applicant regarding the address of conditions.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/541 Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson That Council resolves: 1 That the information provided in the report on the quarterly budget and performance indicators review for July 2023 to September 2023 be acknowledged. 2 To adopt favourable variations in the consolidated overall cost to council arising from the September 2023 quarterly review amounting to \$45,732.	Noted.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/542 Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whittton That Council makes a submission to the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal on Councillors and Mayoral Remuneration seeking that the decision be taken out of the hands of Local Government.	Letter completed and posted 6 December 2023.	

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Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/552 Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy 1 That Council declines to accept both tenders for the Subdivision Construction of 94 Woodward Street as the tender submissions exceeded the available funds for this project or the submissions were non-conforming. 2 That Council enters negotiations with M & C Projects & Contracting with a view to negotiating the tender once all conforming documentation has been provided. 3 That the CEO be granted delegation to finalise this matter within parameters detailed in this report.	Resolution enacted. Contract negotiated and project proceeded.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/553 Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy That Council resolves: 1 That Council enter into a 21 year lease of Emus land currently known as Lot 1 and Lot 3 DP 880736. 2 That permission be granted for the use of the common seal on all necessary documentation in relation to the lease.	Instructions sent to solicitor to prepare updated lease.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/546 Cr F Kinghorne/Cr S Peterson That Council resolves to adopt Strategic Policy ST11 – Public Interest Disclosures & Internal Reporting.	Policy information updated in Council's systems and published to the Council website.	
Council 21/11/2023	RESOLVED - 23/547 Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson That Council determines the following application: 1 To donate \$2,500 of the requested \$4,498 to HD Awareness Orange to help cover the performance costs of HARK, an open-air live and pre-recorded concert for families in the lead up to Christmas.	Donation has been processed.	
Employment and Economic Development Policy Committee 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/564 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr S Peterson 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Economic Development Community Committee at its meeting held on 15 November 2023. 2 That the minutes of the Economic Development Community Committee from its meeting held on 15 November 2023 be adopted.	Complete.	

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Infrastructure Policy Committee 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/565 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 14 November 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 from the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee meeting of 14 November 2023. <i>3.1 Wade Place – Request to Extend No Parking Zone</i> <i>That Council:</i> <i>1 Install 2 additional “No Parking” signs, with arrows in both directions, approximately 30 meters away from the middle of Wade Place as shown in photo 1 of this report,</i> <i>2 Install “No Parking” signs with one directional arrow at each end of Wade Place to close out the “No Parking” zone.</i> <i>3.2 Parking Lines – Frost Street adjacent to Cutcliffe Park</i> <i>That Council paint 90 degree parking lines on the road in Frost Street, adjacent to Cutcliffe Park, to maximise parking spaces as per Figure A of this report.</i> <i>3.3 William Street Parking</i> <i>That Council:</i> <i>1 Remove the two “No Stopping” signs outside 2/65 William Street.</i> <i>2 Modify the parking arrangements immediately north of the Transgrid driveway on William Street to include one parallel parking space as shown on Figure C in this report.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee from its meeting held on 14 November 2023 be adopted.	Memo given to Works Manager for actioning.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/567 Cr J Whitton/Cr F Kinghorne That the information provided in the report on Current Works be acknowledged.	No action required. For noting.	
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/571 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 3 November 2023.	Sustainability Officer to work with Communication and Engagement Team to explore options for disseminating Councils’ sustainability initiatives with the community.	

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	<p>2 That Council determine recommendation 3.2 from the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting of 3 November 2023.</p> <p><i>3.2.2 That Councils Communication and Engagement Team consider options for electronic messaging in public spaces to disseminate sustainability initiatives and other community information.</i></p> <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee from its meeting held on 3 November 2023 be adopted.</p>		
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 5/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/568 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling</p> <p>That once established, the Multi-Purpose Sports Court at Moulder Park be named the Bob Russell Sports Court.</p>	Court named.	
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 5/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/569 Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd</p> <p>That the designs for the Indoor Learn to Swim Facility be exhibited for 35 Days for public comment.</p>	Design on exhibition.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 5/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/566 Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton</p> <p>That Council write to the Local Member seeking extension of membership be made to allow representatives of service vehicle industries (taxi's, buses, trucks etc) to be included as members on the City of Orange Traffic Committee.</p>	Letter emailed to State Member's Office 11 December 2023.	
Services Policy Committee 5/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/575 Cr G Power/Cr K Duffy</p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Cultural Heritage Community Committee at its meeting held on 20 November 2023.</p> <p>2 That Council determine recommendations from item 3.3 from the minutes of the Cultural Heritage Community Committee meeting of 20 November 2023.</p> <p><i>3.3 Action Plan Items</i></p>	<p>1.b - An email invite has been sent to Mr Greg Ingram, member of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Group inviting him to attend a meeting of the Working Party in February 2024.</p> <p>13 - A letter thanking Ms Alex Rezko for her support towards the Cultural Heritage Community Committee over the past two decades has been signed by the Chair of the Committee and posted prior to Christmas.</p>	

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	<p><i>1.a That Cr G Power, Cr D Mallard, Mr S Nugent, Ms E Griffin and Ms J Lacey form a Working Party to develop a plan to interpret significant Aboriginal heritage sites and people in Orange.</i></p> <p><i>1.b That Mr Greg Ingram, member of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Group be invited to attend a meeting of the Working Party in February 2024.</i></p> <p><i>10 That a Working Party be formed to support the Orange City Council Cultural Heritage Awards in 2025.</i></p> <p><i>13 That a letter of thank you be forwarded to Ms Alex Rezko for her support towards the Cultural Heritage Community Committee over the past two decades.</i></p> <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Cultural Heritage Community Committee from its meeting held on 20 November 2023 be adopted.</p>		
Services Policy Committee 5/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/576 Cr G Floyd/Cr S Peterson</p> <p>That Council seek to partner with appropriate organisations to further investigate the initiative.</p>	Discussions held with Chris Colvin/Orange RSL Sub Branch. RSL advised grant funding would be hard to find for this project which would cost approximately (at minimum) \$70k (based off costing of statues on cenotaph and soldier outside of OCTEC - both acquired some years ago so likely a low estimation for current timing).	
Services Policy Committee 5/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/577 Cr D Mallard/Cr J Evans</p> <p>That the report on the Rainbow Festival be noted.</p>	Complete. Noted.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 5/12/2023	<p>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr F Kinghorne</p> <p>Cr Kinghorne asked what the requirements were for contractors to repair footpaths after installing NBN pits noting that in a new footpath on Forbes Road, they appear to have been filled with cold mix, which does not seem to last.</p>	Schedule 3 of the Telecommunications Act 1991 enables NBN to undertake works on any land with notice but on the provisions they, or their contractors, restore the land to pre works condition. In the case of a concrete footpath NBN are required to restore any trenching or	

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		pit work with concrete. Council's Road Opening Officer regulates the restoration of intrusive works within the road reserve via the provisions of Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993. "Intrusive works" include private driveways and provision of services such as Gas, Comms, Power & NBN. With larger service provision works, such as the NBN works on Forbes Road known as a CLANN, the contractor will place cold mix in trenches and around pits as a temporary restoration as to make the footpath safe for pedestrians post works and then employ a concreter to undertake the permanent restoration once the entire works have been completed., The Forbes Road footpath will be permanently restored with concrete within the next 3 - 6 months.	
Services Policy Committee 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/573 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Floyd 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Orange Health Liaison Committee at its meeting held on 7 November 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 4.1 and 4.2.1 from the minutes of the Orange Health Liaison Committee meeting of 7 November 2023. 3.1 <i>That the resignation of Mr Colin Dibble be accepted, and a letter be sent thanking Mr Dibble for his contribution to the Orange Health Liaison Committee during his time of membership.</i> 4.1 <i>That the Orange Health Liaison Committee Action Plan be reviewed and updated with the discussions from the meeting, and that those updates be noted.</i>	Noted.	

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	<p>4.2.1 That the Orange Health Liaison Committee write to the Office for Health and Medical Research (OHMR) regarding better access to clinical trials for regional and rural patients.</p> <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Orange Health Liaison Committee from its meeting held on 7 November 2023 be adopted.</p>		
Services Policy Committee 5/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/574 Cr S Peterson/Cr F Kinghorne</p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Ageing and Access Community Committee at its meeting held on 14 November 2023.</p> <p>2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 4.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4 and 4.3 from the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee meeting of 14 November 2023.</p> <p>3.1.1 That Council investigate matting options which would suit the Orange environment and the proposed event use.</p> <p>3.1.2 That Council investigate purchasing a sample mat to trial at a local outdoor event.</p> <p>4.1 That Council investigate allocating a budget to subsidise the purchase of access ramps for interested businesses.</p> <p>4.2.1 That Council investigate installing rings of reflective tape around bollards to increase contrast and visibility of the bollards.</p> <p>4.2.2 That Council investigate painting the pedestrian refuge and guttering at the northern intersection of Bathurst Road and McLachlan Street, adjacent to Colvin Park, to increase contrast and visibility for pedestrians adjacent to Colvin Park.</p> <p>4.2.3 That Council further investigate options to increase the visibility of the steps out the front of Groundstone.</p> <p>4.2.4 That the Ageing and Access Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed and updated.</p> <p>4.3 That the Ageing and Access Community Committee acknowledge the report provided from Ed Henry on behalf of Michele Englart, Secretary of Cycling Without Age Orange, and investigate to make necessary changes</p>	Noted.	

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	<p><i>to make future shared paths accessible for the use of the Cycling Without Age group.</i></p> <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee from its meeting held on 14 November 2023 be adopted.</p>		
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 5/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/570 Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson</p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee at its meeting held on 2 November 2023.</p> <p>2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting of 2 November 2023.</p> <p>3.1 1. That the report of the Newman Park WWI Memorial Avenue of Trees – Heritage Landscape Plan and Arborist Assessment be acknowledged.</p> <p>3.2 1. That the Committee provide comments on the CBD Gardens Level of Maintenance report that is currently being reviewed by Council's Horticultural Services Supervisor. 2. That the Committee members provide comments on the 4 documents requested to be distributed.</p> <p>3.3 1. That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed and updated. 2. That Council investigate ways of reducing the impact of cattle on the remnant vegetation within the NDR Sports Precinct / future Tablelands Ecosystems Park including exclusion fencing and lease termination with a report back to the committee on options and costings. 3. That Council investigate what can be undertaken to enhance the Gateway Park (Including the WW2 Memorial Garden and Old Dairy Building).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Director Development Services be asked to attend the next meeting of the Parks, Tree, Waterways Community Committee to talk about the Landcom development adjoining Gateway Park. 	All noted with no further action required.	

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	3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee from its meeting held on 2 November 2023 be adopted.		
Council 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/585 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr J Whitton 1 That Tender F4131 for the Construction of the Euchareena Road Resource Recovery Centre Stage 4 and Stages 1 and 2 Finishing Works be awarded to Synergy Resource Management Pty Ltd for a Lump Sum amount of \$3,286,584.31 GST exclusive. 2 That subject to 1 above, \$3.6M be allocated in the 2nd quarter budget review for Construction of the Euchareena Road Resource Recovery Centre Stage 4 and Stages 1 and 2 Finishing Works 2 to cover the contract Lump Sum and contingencies. 3 That the use of the Common Seal of Council be authorised for use on documents associated with the contract.	Synergy Resource Management awarded tender with works anticipated to be completed by 28 October 2024.	
Council 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/559 Cr J Whitton/Cr G Power That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 21 November 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 Council meeting held on 21 November 2023.	Noted.	
Council 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/579 Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton 1 That the Cook Park 150th Celebrations be held in conjunction with the Australia Day Celebrations in January 2024 if the Australia Day Committee recommends for the Australia Day celebration to remain at Cook Park. 2 That if the Australia Day Celebration is not at Cook Park the Council resolve to have the 150th Cook Park Celebration at Cook Park on an agreed date.	The Cook Park 150th celebration was held in conjunction with Australia Day in Cook Park.	
Council 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/580 Cr G Floyd/Cr T Greenhalgh That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 November 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 Council meeting held on 7 November 2023.	Noted.	
Council 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/581 Cr G Floyd/Cr T Greenhalgh That the report on Code of Conduct Complaint Reporting be acknowledged.	Noted.	

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Council 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/584 Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy 1 That the Chief Executive Officer enter into a standard contract with Qmax Pumping Systems Pty Ltd for the Construction of the Lake Canobolas Sewer Pump Station for the amount of \$1,395,750.00 (excl. GST). 2 That the use of Council's seal be authorised on relevant contractual documents; 3 That an additional amount of \$720,000 be transferred from the Sewer Fund to the relevant project Work Order.	Contract Entered into January 2024.	
Council 5/12/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr F Kinghorne Cr Kinghorne noted she had received information that the number of bats was not a high as reported and asked how they were counted, their movements and accuracy of the data reported.	Email response provided 3 June 2024.v	
Council 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/578 Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton That Council rescind the following resolution of Council at its Meeting of 21 November 2023: 5.10 ALTERATION TO PLANNED EVENTS AT COOK PARK TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2049 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> RESOLVED - 23/549 Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell 1 That Council cancel the 150th Anniversary of Cook Park Celebrations scheduled to be held on 25 November 2023 and proceed with the commemorative planting only on 30 November 2023. For: Cr J Evans, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power Against: Cr G Floyd, Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr T Mileto, Cr J Whitton Absent: Nil </div> THE MOTION WAS CARRIED - CR DUFFY PROVIDED NOTICE AT THE CONCLUSION OF VOTING THAT A RESCISSION MOTION WOULD BE LODGED ON THIS ITEM.	Complete. Resolution enacted.	
Council 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/582 Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard That Council publicly exhibit the Draft Orange City Council Subdivision and Development Code for a period of 42 days.	Subdivision and Development Code on public exhibition from 8 December to 19 January 2024.	

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Finance Policy Committee 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/572 That Council Sponsor the Central West Vets Golf Week for an amount of \$1,500 for the Central West Vets Golf Week from 4 to 8 March 2024. Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr J Hamling	Complete.	
Planning and Development Committee 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/561 1 That Council support the proposal in principle and direct staff to refer the matter to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination and request that delegations to formally make the plan be provided to Council. 2 That subject to the requirements of a Gateway Determination that staff place the proposal on public exhibition with the matter to then be reported back to Council. Cr S Peterson/Cr D Mallard	Staff have advised the Department of Council's decision and Council awaits the gateway determination to allow for public consultation.	
Planning and Development Committee 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/562 1 That Council consents to development application DA 115/2023(1) for Pub (alterations and additions) at Lot 10 DP 1228543 - 246 Anson Street, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval. 2 That Council determines \$31,017.85 as the appropriate payable parking contribution to address the carparking shortfall of the development, and amends Condition 9 to suit. Cr T Mileto/Cr G Floyd	Consent issued in accordance with resolution.	
Planning and Development Committee 5/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/563 That Council consents to development application DA 49/2023(1) for Service Station, Take Away Food and Drink Premises, and Business Identification Signage at Lot 1 DP 87409, and Lots A and B DP 152616 - 72 and 74 Summer Street and 68 Hill Street, Orange, pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval. Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy	Development consent has been issued.	
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/604 1 That Council resolves to accept the offer to sell 22 Elwin Drive to Forefront Services. 2 That permission be granted to affix the Common Seal on any necessary documentation. Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson	Instructions for preparation of contract forwarded to solicitor.	
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/606 That Council resolved 2 Councillors will attend the 2024 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Conference in the Ryde NSW from 14-16 March 2024. Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell	Cr Greenhalgh and Cr McDonell registered.	

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Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/602 That Council resolves to adopt the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Policy ST33 – Liquid Trade Waste Strategic Policy ST34 – Water Carting Cr K Duffy/Cr M McDonell	Adopted at Council Meeting 19 December 2023. Updated Policies, Finalised in CM9, Website, Intranet and Pulse 20 December 2023.	
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/600 That Council resolves to adopt the Planning and Development Community Participation Plan. Cr J Whitton/Cr G Power	Adopted by Council 19 December 2023, Completed and Place on Council website 20 December. Finalised in CM9 and advised Development Services.	
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/601 That Council resolves to: 1 Place Strategic Policy ST32 - Donations and Grants on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days. 2 Note the updates to the Donations and Grants webpage. 3 Note the updated Small Donations application form. Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton	Completed and adopted by Council.	
Council 19/12/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Whitton asked if there was a specific issue with the surface on Coronation Drive outside the PLC because it has a long history of repairs. Cr J Whitton	Email sent via Councillor Communications 21 December 2023.	
Council 19/12/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Hamling asked for an update on planned roadworks and their status to be provided to Councillors. Cr J Hamling	Information provided to Councillors.	
Council 19/12/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Mileto asked whether running free public transport to Lake Canobolas had ever been considered as an option. Cr T Mileto	This is being considered as an option for the New Years Eve event at the Lake for 2024.	
Council 19/12/2023	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Mallard asked that information relating to windfarm projects in Forestry Corporation softwood forests in Bathurst, Lithgow, Oberon and Orange as per the minutes of the CNSWJO November Board Report (8l.4) be circulated to Councillors. Cr D Mallard	Information from CNSWJO EO forwarded to Councillor Communication 24 January 2024. NFA required.	
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/590 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 5 December 2023 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power	Finalised and Published to Website.	

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	confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 5 December 2023.		
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/593 Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday, 6 December 2023. <i>3.1 That the Committee recommends to accept Mr Hatswell's Expression of Interest Community Committee Membership.</i> <i>3.3(1) That Australia Day Activities for 2024 remain at Cook Park.</i> <i>(noting part 3.3(2) has been removed)</i> 3 That the remainder of that minutes from the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be adopted.	Complete.	
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/594 Cr J Hamling/Cr G Floyd That Council consents to development application DA 236/2023(1) for Warehouse or Distribution Centre (two buildings) at Lot 402 DP 1292031 - 35 Astill Drive, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.	The development consent has been issued in accordance with the Council resolution.	
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/592 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr K Duffy That Council resolves: 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 2 That the Minutes of the Employment & Economic Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 3 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.	Noted. Published to Website.	

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	<p>4 That the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>5 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>6 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>7 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p>		
Council 19/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/589 Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton That Council resolves to permit Free Parking at the Ophir Carpark from 20 December 2023 to 1 February 2024.</p>	Signage has been established and free parking offered to 1 February 2024.	
Council 19/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/591 Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling That Council resolves to permit Free Entry into the Orange Aquatic Centre from 22 December 2023 to 31 January 2024 (inclusive) for Everyone.</p>	Free entry enacted.	
Council 19/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/598 Cr D Mallard/Cr T Greenhalgh That Council resolves to place the Orange Regional Museum – Touring Exhibition fees on exhibition for the information of the community for a minimum period of 28 days with a closing date for submissions being to 29 January 2024.</p>	Fees and Charges placed on exhibition and returned to Council for adoption.	
Council 19/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/599 Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard That Council resolves: 1 To note the Statement of Investments for the period November 2023. 2 To adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.</p>	Noted. No further action required.	
Council 19/12/2023	<p>RESOLVED - 23/597 Cr M McDonnell/Cr T Mileto That Council exhibit the amended fees and charges for a period of at least 28 days (with a closing date for submissions being to 29 January 2024), noting the client contribution fee of \$40.00 per hour (\$20.00 per half hour), for lawn mowing service</p>	The new fees were accepted and a letter sent out to all clients accessing Home Maintenance Services.	

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	provision to seniors under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, effective from 26 February 2024.		
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/595 That Council approves the Conservation Management Strategy for the Former Orange Congregation Church located at The Fives Way, 1 Bathurst Road, Orange, prepared by Christo Aitken + Associates (February 2021). Cr D Mallard/Cr J Evans	Conservation Management Strategy has been adopted by the Council. Applicant has been advised of such.	
Council 19/12/2023	RESOLVED - 23/596 That Council supports the installation of Powered Lighting along Wirrabarra Walk connected to the existing power infrastructure on site. Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson	Noted.	
Planning and Development Committee 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/006 That Council consents to development application DA 275/2023(1) for Dwelling house (detached addition) - regularise use at Lot 1 DP 252192 - 25 Warratta Way, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval. Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Floyd	Approved by PDC 6 February 2023. Notice of Determination issued 12 February 2023.	
Planning and Development Committee 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/007 That Council consents to development application DA 213/2023(1) for Warehouse or Distribution Centre, Subdivision (two lot industrial) and Business Identification Signage (three signs) at Lot 15 DP788486 - Hawthorn Place, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Determination. Cr K Duffy/Cr T Mileto	Determination issued in accordance with resolution.	
Finance Policy Committee 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/015 That item 2.2 – Small Donations – Requests for Donations be heard and determined in seriatim. Cr G Floyd/Cr T Greenhalgh RESOLVED - 24/016 1 That Council 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. Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M McDonell RESOLVED - 24/017 2 That Council 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. Cr J Hamling/Cr T Mileto RESOLVED - 24/018 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling	All applicants have been notified of successful outcome and donation payments have been forwarded to creditors for processing.	

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	<p>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.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/019 Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/020 Cr K Duffy/Cr T Greenhalgh</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/021 Cr M McDonell/Cr J Hamling</p> <p>That Council determines the following applications:</p> <p>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.</p>		
Planning and Development Committee 6/02/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/005 Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson</p> <p>That Council consents to development application DA 278/2023(1) for Subdivision (two lot Torrens title) at Lot 7 DP 246070 - 1 The Billabong, Clifton Grove pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.</p>	Complete.	
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 6/02/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/012 Cr M McDonell/Cr J Evans</p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 December 2023.</p> <p>2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2 and 3.4 from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting of 7 December 2023.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3.4 That the Committee thanks the Companion Animal Registrar and acknowledge her support and achievements to the Committee over the past 9 years.</p>	3.2 1 and 2 Action of signage for off leash area and tree planting day were brought up at the March 2024 meeting.	

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	3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee from its meeting held on 7 December 2023 be adopted.		
Services Policy Committee 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/025 Cr F Kinghorne/Cr S Peterson 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Clifton Grove Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 December 2023. 2 That the minutes of the Clifton Grove Community Committee from its meeting held on 7 December 2023 be adopted.	Complete.	
Services Policy Committee 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/026 Cr K Duffy/Cr T Greenhalgh 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Spring Hill Community Committee at its meeting held on 14 December 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2(1), 3.2(2), 3.2(3), and 3.3(2) from the minutes of the Spring Hill Community Committee meeting of 14 December 2023. 3.1 <i>That work to restabilise the front fence and re-gravel individual graves at the Spring Hill Cemetery be carried out to the value of \$2,997.20 from the Spring Hill Community Committee fund.</i> 3.2(1) <i>That the installation of a fence to border the pull-in area across from the Spring Hill Railway Hotel be carried out, following approval from UGL, to the value of approximately \$12,000 from the Spring Hill Community Committee fund.</i> 3.2(2) <i>That the basketball court in Alf Read Memorial Park be re-line marked to the cost of approximately \$1,000 from the Spring Hill Community Committee fund.</i> 3.2(3) <i>That the Spring Hill Community Committee proceed with purchasing a PA system for the Recreation Ground to the value of \$15,000 from the Spring Hill Community Committee fund.</i> 3.3(2) <i>That works to install a picnic table to the value of approximately \$4,000 from the Spring Hill Community Committee fund proceed once the fence at the pull-in area across from the Spring Hill Railway Hotel, is complete.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Spring Hill Community Committee from its meeting held on 14 December 2023 be adopted.	Complete.	

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Services Policy Committee 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/023 Cr T Mileto/Cr S Peterson 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee at its meeting held on 27 November 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 3.3.1 from the minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee meeting of 27 November 2023. <i>3.1 That Council request the Liquor Accord to provide details of a representative to attend the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee meetings.</i> <i>3.3.1 That Cr Mileto raise concerns regarding school crossings with the Traffic Committee.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee from its meeting held on 27 November 2023 be adopted.	Noted.	
Services Policy Committee 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/024 Cr J Evans/Cr G Floyd 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Lucknow Community Committee at its meeting held on 30 November 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2 from the minutes of the Lucknow Community Committee meeting of 30 November 2023. <i>3.2 That work to install a crushed granite pathway (and swale drain if required) be carried out to the value of \$10,000 (approx.) from the Lucknow Community Committee fund.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Lucknow Community Committee from its meeting held on 30 November 2023 be adopted.	Complete.	
Finance Policy Committee 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/014 Cr G Floyd/Cr T Greenhalgh 1 That Council notes the Small Donations and Grants - All Abilities Report by the Director Corporate & Commercial Services. 2 That a Briefing be organised for Councillors on the Disability Inclusive Sports programs with Sport4All.	Completed and noted by Council.	
Council 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/029 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Power That Council notes the report by the Executive Support Manager on motions to be submitted to the National General Assembly to be held in Canberra in July 2024.	Motion on Life Vac devices submitted.	

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Council 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/031 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power That Council: 1 Award Tender F4121 for the Collection and Recycling of Used Mattresses to Commonwealth Steel Pty Ltd (trading as Molycop 360) for their tendered price as set out in this report for the initial two (2) year term with the option of two (2) x 12-month available extensions. 2 Participate in a Regional price review that will be conducted after the initial 2-year contract term and would be initiated once only during the full 2 year + 2 x 12 month extension periods (CPI indexation is the preferred method of review as noted in this report). 3 Delegate the authority to execute the contract for the Collection and Recycling of Used Mattresses to the Chief Executive Officer and the use of the Common Seal of Council be authorised for use on documents associated with the contract.	Molycop 360 has sold the business. Netwaste will be going out to tender again at the end of May.	
Council 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/027 Cr G Floyd/Cr K Duffy That Council: 1 Look into the possibilities of re-instating a fireworks show or other alternatives for New Years Eve at Waratahs Oval or a suitable location. 2 Investigate funding opportunities from sources such as business donations, grants or council funding. 3 Report back to the Chamber with costings and funding options and opportunities.	Report to Council 4 June 2024.	
Council 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/028 Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard 1 That Council notes the report on the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2 That Council resolves to support the campaign in 2024 and allocates \$5,000 in the 2024/2025 budget to deliver events and promotions to raise awareness of Gender based violence. 3 That Council investigate other State and Federal funding opportunities to support the campaign.	Complete.	

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Council 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/032 That Council waive the interest component of the outstanding rates as detailed in this report.	Adjustment made.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 6/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/009 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 12 December 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 from the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee meeting of 12 December 2023. 3.1 <i>Move Parking Sign – Anson Street between Summer Street and Kite Street</i> That Council move the 1-hour parking sign from the front of 194 Anson Street to a new pole beside the laneway adjacent to 188 Anson Street, approximately 9 metres south of its current position, and install 'No Parking' signs between the existing loading zone at 194 Anson Street and the new pole and parking sign at 188 Anson Street as shown in figure 3 in this report. 3.2 <i>Line Marking on Beasley Road</i> That Council: 1 Install new double barrier lines on Beasley Road in accordance with the attached plans. 2 Install a new Give Way holding line, double barrier line and Give Way signs on Beaumah Road at Beasley Road in accordance with the attached plans. 3.3 <i>Lords Place Parking Changes from Parallel to 60 degree (Summer Street to Kite Street)</i> That Council alter the parking prescription in Lords Place to remove parallel parking and install 60 degree angle parking with 1hr time limit as shown in the attachment. 3.2 <i>Orange Runners Club – Club Runs – Bargwanna Road and Emu Swamp Road</i> That Council approve the following club run events subject to the attached Conditional Approval: • Gosling Creek including Bargwanna and Buttle Roads - 21 April 2024, 19 May 2024 and 2 June 2024;	Resolutions to be actioned.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emu Swamp Road - 28 April 2024 and 16 June 2024; • Hiney Road - 12 May 2024 and 30 June 2024. <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee from its meeting held on 12 December 2023 be adopted.</p>		
Infrastructure Policy Committee 6/02/2024	<p>QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr M McDonell</p> <p>Cr McDonell asked for an update on the line marking timeframe for Frost Street.</p>	- The Works Department have advised that this work is scheduled to be done by the linemarkers over the next few weeks.	
Council 6/02/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/001 Cr F Kinghorne/Cr J Evans</p> <p>That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Whitton and Cr K Duffy (Lateness) for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 6 February 2024.</p>	Completed.	
Council 6/02/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/002 Cr G Floyd/Cr D Mallard</p> <p>That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 19 December 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 Council meeting held on 19 December 2023.</p>	Noted.	
Council 20/02/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/049 Cr G Floyd/Cr F Kinghorne</p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee at its meeting held 6 December 2023. 2 That Council determine recommendation 4.2(4) & 4.17 from the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee of 6 December 2023: 4.2(4) That Council confirm the ARIC Membership from 1 July 2024 under the new OLG guidelines. 4.17 That Council acknowledges the ARIC Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2023. 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee at its meeting held on 6 December 2023 be adopted. 	Noted.	
Council 20/02/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/034 Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh</p>	Complete.	

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	That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Evans and Cr K Duffy (Lateness) for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 20 February 2024.		
Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/046 That Council resolves to send the Mayor and Cr Greenhalgh to the Sport NSW Industry Conference to participate on a Panel at Sydney Olympic Park on 23 February 2024.	Noted. No further action required.	
Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/048 1 That the Tender F665-4 for Installation of Lake Canobolas Boardwalk be awarded to MDE Projects for their tendered price of \$350,208.00 (Ex GST). 2 That permission be granted for the use of the Council Seal on any relevant document as required.	Contractor engaged to complete the works.	
Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/036 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 6 February 2024 (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 6 February 2024.	Minutes finalised and published to the Website.	
Council 20/02/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Duffy asked for a Report to be provided to Council on complaint Statistics around Companion Animals.	Statistics included in Companion Animals Community Committee report.	
Council 20/02/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Kinghorne noted that the Aus Bond Bank Bill Index had been sitting at 0.94% for some months and has now been changed to 4.5% from back in June 2023, and asked for clarification as to why this has occurred.	Email sent to Councillors by Acting Chief Executive Officer Ian Greenham - 23 February 2024.	
Council 20/02/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr McDonell asked what for the dollar value of Lords Place furniture items part of the EOI.	Email sent to Councillors from Director Corporate & Commercial Services on 12 March 2024.	
Council 20/02/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr McDonell asked if the proposed FutureCity Festoon Lighting was of better quality than the current lighting.	No FutureCity projects made it into the 2024/2025 budget being considered at the time.	

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Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/039 That the report on the Lords Place furniture EOI be acknowledged and the EOI process be endorsed. Cr G Floyd/Cr K Duffy	EOI undertaken.	
Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/040 That Council defer consideration of the FutureCity Program for the purpose of obtaining more information about the projects. Cr K Duffy/Cr T Mileto	Noted.	
Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/037 That Orange City Council resolves to: 1 Advocate for the supply and introduction of Life Vac devices in all NSW Schools/ Childcare Centres by lobbying our Local and State members for funding for the Life Vac Devices. 2 Encourage all local sporting clubs to consider including them as a must have in addition to a defibrillator as part of their first aid toolkit. 3 Write to Prue Car, Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning in support of this initiative. Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Power	Actions complete.	
Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/038 That Orange City Council arrange, as soon as practicable, an independent review of the planning, approval, and construction of the Lords PI Sth Future Cities development. This review should consider the following: 1 Whether all relevant accurate information was officially given to councillors prior to the approval. 2 Whether all required/usual planning protocols and procedures were undertaken in relation to this matter. 3 Whether there were any concerns raised by staff involved in the development, especially in relation to the apparent haste in implementing the project, and, if so, how were these concerns addressed? 4 Whether the immediate start on the project was consistent with regulations, especially in relation to the effective blocking of any potential rescission motion. 5 Whether there was effective consultation/ communication with the business owners during the development. Did the minutes of the meetings held, Cr F Kinghorne/Cr G Floyd	Independent review presented to Council on 16 July 2024 for noting.	

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	<p>accurately reflect the content of those meetings and were these minutes adopted at subsequent meetings?</p> <p>6 Whether the differences between the concept plans and the actual development were necessary, specifically in relation to the arrangement of the double tree pits as perpendicular to the footpath rather than angled to align better with the parking spaces.</p> <p>7 What internal reviews have already been conducted to date, and what is the outcome of any such reviews?</p>		
Council 20/02/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/041 Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard</p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 6 February 2024 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 6 February 2024 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 6 February 2024 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 6 February 2024 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 6 February 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 	Minutes finalised and published to the Website.	
Council 20/02/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/044 Cr D Mallard/Cr K Duffy</p> <p>That Council adopt the amended fees and charges for the client contribution fee of \$40.00 per hour (\$20.00 per half hour), for lawn mowing service provision to seniors under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, effective from 26 February 2024.</p>	Amendments adopted into fees and charges.	

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Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/045 Cr G Floyd/Cr D Mallard That Council adopts the Orange Regional Museum – Touring Exhibition fees: <table><tr><td>Activity</td><td>Existing fee EX GST</td><td>Proposed fee Ex GST</td></tr><tr><td>Touring Exhibition Cost</td><td>Not included in Fees & Charges</td><td>\$0 to \$10,000</td></tr></table>	Activity	Existing fee EX GST	Proposed fee Ex GST	Touring Exhibition Cost	Not included in Fees & Charges	\$0 to \$10,000	Amendments adopted into fees and charges.	
Activity	Existing fee EX GST	Proposed fee Ex GST							
Touring Exhibition Cost	Not included in Fees & Charges	\$0 to \$10,000							
Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/042 Cr G Floyd/Cr S Peterson That Council resolves: 1 That the information provided in the report on the quarterly budget and performance indicators review for October 2023 to December 2023 be acknowledged. 2 To adopt variations in the consolidated overall cost to council arising from the December 2023 quarterly review amounting to \$5,000.	Noted.							
Council 20/02/2024	RESOLVED - 24/043 Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton That Council resolves: 1 To note the Statement of Investments for the periods December 2023 and January 2024. 2 To adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.	No further action required.							
Council 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/051 Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 20 February 2024 (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 February 2024, noting the addition of Cr Kinghorne's comments relating to AusBond data.	Minutes finalised and published to website.							
Council 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/076 Cr J Whitton/Cr J Evans That Council resolves: 1 That the Tender F4173-4 for Construction of the Orange Adventure Playground Upgrade be awarded to Paramount Landscaping (trading as Daracon Landscaping) for their tendered price of \$2,433,787 and that additional funds of \$342,026 be sourced from the Future Cities Budget.	Contractor engaged to complete the works.							

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	2 That permission be granted for the use of the Council Seal on any relevant document as required.		
Council 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/073 Cr G Floyd/Cr G Power That Council defer all agenda items of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee and Services Policy Committee and Council agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 to the Council Meeting of 19 March 2024 and proceed to Closed Council in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice noting the time being 10.00pm, as extended, being the limit on Council Meetings.	Noted. Items deferred to 19 March 2024 Council Meeting.	

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Finance Policy Committee 5/03/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/064 Cr T Mileto/Cr T Greenhalgh 1 That Council donate \$2500 to the Lions Club of Orange to purchase a diathermal kit which allows doctors to undertake very complicated surgery on the ear nose and throat of premature babies as part of their Give Me Change for Kids Program.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/065 Cr G Floyd/Cr J Evans 2 That Council donate \$2500 to the Orange Photography Club to host the Westen Districts Association of Camera Clubs interclub challenge.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/066 Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh 3 That Council donate \$1500 to Regional Development Australia Central West for the TEN4TEN program.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/067 Cr J Hamling/Cr M McDonell 4 That Council donate \$300 to CWA of NSW Western Group to help cover costs of running the CWA Schools's Public Speaking Competition.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/068 Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh 6 That Council donate \$2500 to the Orange Male Voice Choir to assist with the payment of the honorariums for their Music Director and Accompanist for their professional services.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/069 Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell 5 That Council donate \$2500 to the Fairbank Charity Ball to assist with holding the ball to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctors Service (Central West).</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/070 Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling 7 To donate \$3500 to Mr Perfect Incorporated to assist with monthly BBQs to encourage men to make connections with other men, and offer an alternative to isolation and loneliness.</p>	All actions completed, applicants notified and payments requested.	

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Finance Policy Committee 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/060 Cr D Mallard/Cr T Mileto 1 That Council sponsor the Glow Roller Disco for an amount of \$2,000 for the Glow Roller Discos to be held on 17 February 2024 and 16 March 2024. RESOLVED - 24/061 Cr J Hamling/Cr G Power 2 That Council sponsor FOOD for an amount of \$10,000 for the 2024 FOOD Week event being held 5 April 2024 to 14 April 2024. RESOLVED - 24/062 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton 3 That Council sponsor Wangarag Industries Ltd for an amount of \$5,000 for the Wangarag Charity Golf Day.	Complete.	
Planning and Development Committee 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/056 Cr J Hamling/Cr T Greenhalgh That Council consents to development application DA 252/2023(1) for Demolition (existing dwelling, sheds and trees); Subdivision (two lot Torrens title); Dwelling House; Multi Dwelling Housing (six dwellings); and Subdivision (seven lot Community Title) at Lot 10 DP 1086043 - 10 Autumn Street, Orange, pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.	Approved by PDC 5 March 2023. Consent documents issued.	
Planning and Development Committee 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/055 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd That Council consents to development application DA233/2023(1) for a dual occupancy (detached - one additional dwelling); demolition (existing dwelling); dual occupancy (detached - one additional dwelling); and farm building at Lot 2 DP 1042613 - 60 Stairs Road, Orange pursuant to the Conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.	The development consent has been issued and uploaded to the Planning Portal.	
Planning and Development Committee 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/057 Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson 1 That the information contained in the planning assessment report relating to DA 316/2023(1) for proposed school (demolition of existing buildings and new building) at 500 Cecil Road be noted. 2 That Council make a supporting submission upon this application to the Western Regional Planning Panel.	The development consent has been issued in accordance with the development consent and uploaded to the Planning Portal	
Council 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/075 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power That Council allows seven Councillors to attend the National General Assembly 2 July to 5 July 2024 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.	Councillors registered.	

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Infrastructure Policy Committee 5/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/071 Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 13 February 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 3.2 from the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee meeting of 13 February 2024. <i>3.1 Street Event – FOOD Week Sampson Street Lunch – 6 April 2024</i> <i>That Council approve the attached Conditional Approval and temporary road closure of Sampson Street (Summer Street to Byng Street) on 6 April 2024 from 7.00am to 6.00pm for the FOOD Week Sampson Street Lunch</i> <i>3.2 Street Event – Orange Rainbow Festival – 23 March 2024</i> <i>That Council endorse the Conditional Approval for the Rainbow Festival on 23 March 2024 and the following road closures:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rainbow Festival Street March and Family Event (start South Court, walk west on Byng Street, left into Lords Place and finish in Robertson Park) - rolling road closure starting 12.00pm; and</i> • <i>Rainbow Festival Event - Full road closure McNamara Street – Summer to Kite from 12.00pm to 2.00am subject to appropriate consultation taking place with businesses in the vicinity.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee from its meeting held on 13 February 2024 be adopted, noting Cr McDonell was in attendance at this meeting.	Resolutions actioned.	
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/096 Cr M McDonell/Cr J Evans 1 That Council notes the required changes to membership of its ARIC as outlined in the report and OLG Guidelines. RESOLVED - 24/097 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd 2 That Council determines a Non-Voting Councillor will be a member of the ARIC from 1 July to 13 September 2024. RESOLVED - 24/098 Cr G Floyd/Cr T Greenhalgh 3 That Cr Kinghorne be appointed as a Non-Voting ARIC member with Cr Peterson as an alternate, for the period 1 July to 13 September 2024, noting re-election of	Noted. Resolutions referred to ARIC meeting of 27 March 2024.	

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	Councillor members must occur at the first meeting of the Council after an ordinary election.		
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/094 That Council resolves: 1 To note the Statement of Investments for the period February 2024. 2 To adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer. Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd	Noted and adopted.	
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/093 That Council consents to development application DA 303/2023(1) for Demolition (two dwellings, outbuilding and tree removal) and Hotel or Motel Accommodation at Lot 6 DP 32306 and Lot 13 DP 610575 - 14 and 16 Elizabeth Street, Orange, pursuant to the conditions of consent in the updated Notice of Approval including additional conditions 50 and 53. Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton	Notice of Determination Issued.	
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/099 That the Progress Report – Delivery Program/Operational Plan 2023/2024 (Delivery Program Year 2) – Six Months from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 be noted. Cr S Peterson/Cr G Floyd	Noted.	
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/080 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 5 March 2024 (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 5 March 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh	Minutes finalised and published to website.	
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/102 1 That Council publicly exhibits its proposal to declare the Orange City Centre Car Park at 212-220 Summer Street Orange, an area of 'Free Parking' in accordance with Section 650 of the Local Government Act 1993. 2 That Council approves the key terms of the Orange City Centre Car Park Lease Agreement between Orange City Council and Alceon Group Pty Ltd as described within the report. 3 That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer of Council to negotiate and finalise the Orange City Centre Car Park Lease Agreement described in the report (including all matters that the Chief Executive Officer considers require amendment, alteration, clarification to his satisfaction). Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd	Awaiting final agreement from the City Centre management.	

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	<p>4 That Council resolves to sign the Orange City Centre Car Park Lease Agreement and affix the seal of Council where required.</p> <p>5 That a Community Engagement Plan be developed and implemented between Council and Alceon Group Pty Ltd during the exhibition period detailed in Recommendation 1. The Plan shall highlight parking changes that will come into effect at the end of the exhibition period and also the availability of alternative parking areas.</p>		
Council 19/03/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/101 Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh</p> <p>That Council resolves two Councillors will attend the NSW Local Roads Congress to be held in Sydney on Monday 3 June 2024.</p>	Cr Floyd registered.	
Council 19/03/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/092 Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton</p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <p>1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 March 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>2 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 March 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>3 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 March 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p>	Minutes finalised and published to website.	
Council 19/03/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/086 Cr S Peterson/Cr G Floyd</p> <p>That Council provide a letter of support to the Orange Mountain Bike Club stating the value of the Glenwood Forest Mountain bike flow trail to Orange and ask that the section that would be destroyed by planned logging be spared, acknowledging the commercial value of the timber itself. The letter will encourage the club to work with the Forestry Corporation on a collaborative outcome.</p>	Letter of support emailed to Orange Mountain Bike Club 4 June 2024; Cr Peterson copied in.	
Services Policy Committee 19/03/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/085 Cr G Floyd/Cr F Kinghorne</p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Ageing and Access Community Committee at its meeting held on 6 February 2024.</p>	<p>4.1.1 Site visit scheduled 7 May 2024.</p> <p>4.1.2 Ramp areas to be identified during site visit to be held on 7 May 2024.</p> <p>4.1.3 Manager Building Services invited</p>	

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	<p>2 That Council determine recommendations 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.1.5, 4.1.6 and 4.1.7 from the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee meeting of 6 February 2024.</p> <p><i>4.1.1 That Council invite members of the Ageing and Access Community Committee and Events Team to identify potential ramp sites to grassed areas in Robertson and Cook Parks.</i></p> <p><i>4.1.2 That Council allocate funding in the forthcoming budget for the installation of ramps to identified grassed areas in Robertson and Cook Parks.</i></p> <p><i>4.1.3 That the Manager Building Services be invited to the next meeting of the Ageing and Access Community Committee to discuss the delineation of the steps located outside of Groundstone.</i></p> <p><i>4.1.4 That Orange City Council contact Centre Management at Orange City Centre to request that they investigate installing temporary accessible car parks at the ramp entrance during the closure of the main entrance due to building works.</i></p> <p><i>4.1.5 That a representative from Council's Project Management Office be invited to the next meeting of the Ageing and Access Community Committee to discuss the design and accessibility of new projects including the Conservatorium and Sports Stadium.</i></p> <p><i>4.1.6 That Council investigate improving the lighting on the eastern end of the Railway Station footbridge.</i></p> <p><i>4.1.7 That the Ageing and Access Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed and updated.</i></p> <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee from its meeting held on 6 February 2024 be adopted.</p>	<p>to next meeting to be held on 7 May 2024. 4.1.4 Travelator works are complete. 4.1.5 Project Management Office representative invited to attend next meeting to be held on 7 May 2024. 4.1.6 Lighting options currently under investigation.</p>	
Services Policy Committee 19/03/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/084</p> <p>Cr G Power/Cr T Greenhalgh</p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 December 2023 and 1 February 2024.</p>	For information - noted.	

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	2 That the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee from its meetings held on 8 December 2023 and 1 February 2024 be adopted.		
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/087 That the 'Sport4All' proposal be adopted at the 0.4 full-time equivalent option for a period of two years with the option of a third year to be considered following an evaluation of years 1 and 2. Cr S Peterson/Cr F Kinghorne	Contract signed with Sport4All and communications underway on advertising of position.	
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/091 That Council note the report on Free Entry to the Aquatic Centre. Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton	Noted.	
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/089 That Council resolves to Adopt Strategic Policy ST32 - Donations and Grants. Cr G Floyd/Cr J Evans	Updated Policy Register, Intranet and Website.	
Council 19/03/2024	RESOLVED - 24/088 The report on Orange City Library Statistics by the Manager Central West Libraries be acknowledged. Cr G Power/Cr M McDonell	Noted.	
Services Policy Committee 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/120 That Council resolves: 1 Pursuant to Sections 644, 644A, 644B, 644C and 646 of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) to re-establish an Alcohol Free Zone in the public roads and car parks within the area bounded by Hill Street to the west, William Street and Endsleigh Avenue to the east, Prince Street to the north and Moulder Street to the south, for a period of four years from 1 August 2024 to 30 September 2028, with an exemption for events in Robertson Park whereby formal approval has been requested in writing to the CEO, and approval has been provided. 2 To undertake the required formal community consultation as outlined in the Alcohol Free Zone Proposal 1 August 2024 to 30 September 2028 by the Manager Community Services. Cr J Hamling/Cr T Mileto	Noted.	
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/114 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Sport and Recreation Community Committee at its meeting held on 28 February 2024. 2 That the minutes of the Sport and Recreation Community Committee from its meeting held on 28 February 2024 be adopted. Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd	Noted.	

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Services Policy Committee 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/119 Cr G Floyd/Cr F Kinghorne 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Spring Hill Community Committee at its meeting held on 21 March 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendation 3.1 from the minutes of the Spring Hill Community Committee meeting of 21 March 2024. <i>3.1(1) That the installation of a new flagpole and flag for the Anzac Memorial at the Alf Read Park proceed to the value of approx. \$1,800 from the Spring Hill Community Committee fund.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Spring Hill Community Committee from its meeting held on 21 March 2024 be adopted.	Complete.	
Services Policy Committee 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/117 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr D Mallard 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Clifton Grove Community Committee at its meeting held on 14 March 2024. 2 That the minutes of the Clifton Grove Community Committee from its meeting held on 14 March 2024 be adopted.	Complete.	
Services Policy Committee 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/118 Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Cultural Heritage Community Committee at its meeting held on 18 March 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 from the minutes of the Cultural Heritage Community Committee at its meeting held on 18 March 2024: <i>3.1 That the Working Party continue to work with the Aboriginal Elders Group and Wiradjuri Elders to progress the project.</i> <i>4.1 That the report on the Resignation of Committee Member, Mr William Tuck, be acknowledged.</i> <i>4.2 That Uncle Neil Ingram, Mr Jordon Moore and Mr Greg Ingram be accepted as members of the Cultural Heritage Community Committee.</i> <i>4.3 That the Cultural Heritage Community Committee establish a Working Party to assist with the 2025 Cultural Heritage Awards at the next meeting of the Cultural Heritage Community Committee, 17 June 2024.</i>	New members have been added to the Committee members list.	

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	3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Cultural Heritage Community Committee at its meeting held on 18 March 2024 by adopted.		
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 2/04/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Whitton asked for an estimate of the total revenue to the city from hosting of sporting events. Cr J Whitton	Email response provided 4 June 2024.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 2/04/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr McDonell asked for information on the status of the trees at the Summer & Hill Street roundabout. Cr M McDonell	Email sent to Councillors 17 April 2024.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 2/04/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Floyd asked if a fence was being erected around the frontage of the rifle range along the SFR, who would be contracted and a time frame for completion. Cr G Floyd	No fencing is proposed in the Contract Scope of Works.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 2/04/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr McDonell asked for a further update on the Footpath at OAGS between Ploughmans Lane and the school. Cr M McDonell	Email sent to Councillors Friday 10 May 2024.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/111 Cr T Mileto/Cr G Floyd 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its electronic meeting held on 21 February 2024 and 15 March 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 from the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee electronic meeting of 15 March 2024. <i>3.1 Hill and Moulder Streets Roundabout – Linemarking and Signs Layout</i> <i>That Council approve the roundabout construction and the installation of regulatory signs and line marking at the intersection of Hill and Moulder Streets as per the attached plan.</i> <i>3.2 Event - The Orange Agricultural Show - Request for Speed Reduction - 26, 27 and 28 April 2024</i> <i>That Council:</i>	Resolutions noted and actioned.	

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	<p>1 Support the temporary reduction of the speed limit on Leeds Parade (Phillip to Margaret), Phillip Street (Leeds to Noreen) and Margaret Street (Leeds to Mirral) from 50 km/h to 40 km/h for 26, 27 and 28 April 2024.</p> <p>2 Support the temporary lifting of No Stopping restrictions for 300m on the railway side of Leeds Parade between Margaret Street and Phillip Street during 27 April 2024.</p> <p>3 That the costs of implementing these measures by Council staff be borne by the applicant.</p> <p>3.3 Street Event – 2024 Anzac Day March That the Conditional Approval for the ANZAC Day March on 25 April 2024 be endorsed subject to compliance with the attached conditions.</p> <p>3.4 Event - Orange Two Day Tour - Cycling Race That Council approve the AusCycling Orange Two Day Tour cycling race to be held on 11 and 12 May 2024 subject to the attached Conditional Approval.</p> <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee from its electronic meetings held on 21 February 2024 and 15 March 2024 be adopted.</p>		
Infrastructure Policy Committee 2/04/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/113 Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power That Council adopt the 2024 Orange Contribution Plan.</p>	Noted.	
Council 2/04/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/121 Cr S Peterson/Cr D Mallard That Council seek community opinion and feedback of a proposed speed limit reduction for part or all of the length of Pinnacle Road with the Local LGA.</p>	Report to Council 6 August 2024.	
Council 2/04/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/122 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd That Council resolves:</p> <p>1 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 19 March 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>2 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 19 March 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p>	Minutes Finalised and Published.	

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Finance Policy Committee 2/04/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr K Duffy Cr Duffy requested a breakdown of costs be provided to Councillors, cash and in-kind, for the Rainbow Festival.	Report to the 18 June 2024 Council Meeting.	
Finance Policy Committee 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/115 Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd That Council donate \$691.99 to the Bloomfield Junior Rugby League Football Club to hire Portaloo's for the pre-season carnival that they will be hosting in conjunction with NSW Rugby League.	Applicant notified and payment request given to creditors.	
Finance Policy Committee 2/04/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr K Duffy Cr Duffy requested a breakdown of costs be provided to Councillors, cash and in-kind, for the Churches of Orange - Family Easter Festival held in Robertson Park on 24 March 2024.	Report to the 18 June 2024 Council Meeting.	
Council 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/123 Cr G Floyd/Cr D Mallard That Council adopt the Draft Orange City Council Subdivision and Development Code.	Noted.	
Council 2/04/2024	MATTER ARISING Cr S Peterson Cr Peterson noted that at the Council Meeting of 5 May 2022, Council passed a resolution enabling and encouraging community members to nominate names of individuals with historic links to Orange for street names and noted this should be referenced in the Subdivision and Development Code, section 1.16.12 – Street Names.	Code amended to suggest historical names, items, aboriginal, flora and fauna names.	
Services Policy Committee 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/116 Cr J Whitton/Cr G Power 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 March 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 4.1 from the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee meeting of 7 March 2024. <i>3.1 That the new Committee Membership Expression of Interest by Scott Campbell be accepted.</i> <i>4.1 That the Committee consider and discuss items in the Task List/Action Plan for NAIDOC Week Celebrations 2024, and that the report be updated.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee from its meeting held on 7 March 2024 be adopted.	Acknowledged - Clerk advised 11 June 2024.	

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Council 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/107 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 19 March 2024 (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 19 March 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd	Minutes Finalised and published.	
Council 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/125 That Council: 1 Award Tender F4054 Remediation of Pines Lane Stormwater Basin to Precision Civil Infrastructure Pty Ltd at a cost of \$630,629. 2 Grant permission for the CEO 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. Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr S Peterson	Signed Contract Received.	
Council 2/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/126 That Council nominates one Councillor to attend The Floodplain Management Australia National Conference to be held at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre 21 – 24 May 2024. Cr K Duffy/Cr J Hamling	Cr Floyd registered.	
Council 16/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/141 That Council resolves: 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee at its meeting held 27 March 2024. 2 That the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee at its meeting held on 27 March 2024 be adopted. Cr K Duffy/Cr F Kinghorne	Noted.	
Council 16/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/140 That Council resolves: 1 That Tender F4154 for the Sewer Mains Upgrades be awarded to Infrastructure Renewal Services Pty Ltd for a lump sum amount of \$1,169,821.00 (excl. GST). 2 That an additional amount of \$450,000 be transferred from the Sewer Fund Section 64 to the relevant project Work Order. 3 That the use of Council's seal be authorised on relevant contractual documents. Cr G Floyd/Cr F Kinghorne	Signed Contract.	

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Council 16/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/128 That the apologies be accepted from Cr Hamling & Cr Evans for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 16 April 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd	Attendance has been updated.	
Council 16/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/130 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 2 April 2024 (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 2 April 2024. Cr G Floyd/Cr D Mallard	Minutes finalised and published to website.	
Council 16/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/129 That Cr Greenhalgh and Cr McDonell be permitted to attend the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 16 April 2024 via Audio Visual Link. Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd	Attendance updated.	
Council 16/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/138 That Council provide landowners consent for a Development Application to be lodged with Cabonne Council for the establishment of an Inflatable Recreation Park at Lake Canobolas. Cr T Mileto/Cr G Floyd	Progressing with applicant.	
Council 16/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/132 That Council consents to development application DA 266/2023(1) for Demolition (existing dwelling and shed) and Dwelling House at Lot 22 DP 587007 - 5 Cadogan Crescent, Orange, pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval. Cr G Floyd/Cr S Peterson	Approved by Council 16 April 2024. Consent documents issued.	
Council 16/04/2024	RESOLVED - 24/131 That Council resolves: 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 2 April 2024 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 2 April 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 3 That the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at its meeting held on 2 April 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Cr G Floyd/Cr D Mallard	Policy Committee Minutes finalised and Published to Website.	

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	<p>4 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 2 April 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>5 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 2 April 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p>		
Council 16/04/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/133 Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto</p> <p>That Council consents to development application DA 288/2023(1) for Decommissioning of Existing Dwelling; New Dwelling House; Farm Building (shed); Aboveground Water Tanks (2); and Swimming Pool at Lot 200 DP 1301307, 602 Icely Road, Emu Swamp pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Determination.</p>	Determination Issued 23 April 2024.	
Council 16/04/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/136 Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh</p> <p>1 That Council donate \$1,926.30 to The Amend Project to contribute to the cost of holding their not-for-profit event "Remembering Our Mates" to educate on men's health and suicide prevention.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/137 Cr K Duffy/Cr T Greenhalgh</p> <p>2 That Council defer consideration of the application to donate \$1,494.99 to The United Social Club Incorporated to purchase a defibrillator to add an additional element of Health Safety awareness while in the community, for the purpose of obtaining additional information.</p>	The applicant has withdrawn their application on 22 April 2024, no payment will be processed as a result of this.	
Council 16/04/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/134 Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard</p> <p>That Council resolves:</p> <p>1 To note the Statement of Investments for the period March 2024.</p> <p>2 To adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.</p>	Noted.	
Council 7/05/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/144 Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd</p> <p>That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 16 April 2024 (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 16 April 2024.</p>	Minutes Finalised and published to website.	

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Council 7/05/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr S Peterson Cr Peterson noted that 11% of Council's expenditure is on roads, parking, footpaths and the CBD and requested a breakdown of how much of this is spent on roads and footpaths.	Email sent to Councillors 14 May 2024.	
Council 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/143 Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Evans, Cr J Whitton (lateness) and Cr K Duffy (lateness) for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 May 2024.	Attendance spreadsheet updated.	
Council 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/174 Cr G Floyd/Cr J Whitton That the proposal to permit recreational fishing at Spring Creek Dam be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.	Plan placed on Public Exhibition 16 May 2024 to 14 June 2024.	
Council 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/176 Cr J Whitton/Cr G Power That Council resolves: 1 That Tender Submissions for Tender F3803-9 be rejected and that negotiations take place with Johnson Controls Australia to progress with a final hybrid design and installation of Stage 1, being gas fired boiler capacity installed with a target date of September 2024 for the 50m pool. 2 That Johnson Controls Australia be engaged to complete Stage 2 to achieve a hybrid gas and electric heat pump system for the 50m pool, when grant funds become available. 3 That permission be granted for the use of the Council Seal on any relevant document as required.	Successful and unsuccessful contractors have been notified.	
Council 7/05/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr F Kinghorne Cr Kinghorne noted that last year we spoke about increasing awareness of Pensioner rebates on Rates and Water and asked if this had made a difference.	Sent to D Waddell to review and progress.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 7/05/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr T Mileto Cr Mileto requested that a dip on Shiralee Road be inspected and information to be provided on the timeline for Lysterfield to Pinnacle Road works completion.	Email sent to Councillors Friday 10 May 2024.	

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Infrastructure Policy Committee 7/05/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Peterson asked for information to be provided with an update on the Tender for the Footbridge connecting footpaths along Molong Road used by OAGS. Cr S Peterson	Email sent to Councillors Friday 10 May 2024.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 7/05/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Greenhalgh noted that there has been an increase in meter box lid replacements in the past month up from an average of 20 to 50 and asked if there was a reason for the increase. Cr T Greenhalgh	Email sent to Councillors Friday 10 May 2024.	
Council 7/05/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Whitton asked whether Gold Card holders are able to get the Pensioner Rebates on Rates and Water as well as Pension Card holders. Cr J Whitton	Complete.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 7/05/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr McDonell asked why the footpaths being installed along Molong Road were not one large path on one side instead of two smaller width paths on each side of the road. Cr M McDonell	Email sent to Councillors Friday 10 May 2024.	
Council 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/173 That the Draft Strategic Policy – Redmond Place Precinct (Diverse and Affordable Housing) be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days. Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard	Policy placed on Public Exhibition 13 May 2024 to 14 June 2024.	
Finance Policy Committee 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/159 That Council resolves: 1 That the information provided in the report on the quarterly budget and performance indicators review for January 2024 to March 2024 be acknowledged. 2 To adopt variations in the consolidated overall cost to council arising from the March 2024 quarterly review amounting to \$64,554. Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling	QBR Noted and sent to OLG 13 May 2024.	
Finance Policy Committee 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/161 1 That Council donate \$1,494.99 to The United Social Club Incorporated to purchase a defibrillator to add an additional element of Health Safety awareness while in the community. Cr J Hamling/Cr D Mallard RESOLVED - 24/162 2 That Council donate \$266.50 to the Orange District Antique Motor Club (ODAMC) for the reimbursement of the cost for maintaining the defibrillator. Cr J Hamling/Cr S Peterson	Payment requests submitted to finance 9 May 2024.	

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	RESOLVED - 24/163 Cr G Floyd/Cr J Hamling 3 That Council donate \$2,500 to the Orange Girl Guides to contribute to the running costs of the Guide Hall. RESOLVED - 24/164 Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh 4 To donate \$1,500 to the Canobolas Highland Pipe Band Inc to contribute to the operational expenses for the band. RESOLVED - 24/165 Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson 5 To donate \$2,000 to assist Spring Hill Public School with the increased cost of accessing and engaging students in instructional swimming lessons at the Orange Aquatic Centre. RESOLVED - 24/166 Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling 6 That Council donate \$2,500 to Young Leaders of the Central West Summit through Canobolas Rural Technology High School, to contribute to the costs to hold the Young Leaders of the Central West Summit event.		
Employment and Economic Development Policy Committee 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/152 Cr F Kinghorne/Cr D Mallard 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Economic Development Community Committee at its meeting held on 10 April 2024. 2 That the minutes of the Economic Development Community Committee from its meeting held on 10 April 2024 be adopted.	Actioned.	
Planning and Development Committee 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/149 Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson That Council consents to development application DA 426/2024(1) for Demolition (shed and carport), Attached Secondary Dwelling and Carport at Lot 68 DP 245220 - 8 Old Regret Road, Clifton Grove pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Determination.	Notice of Determination Issued.	
Employment and Economic Development Policy Committee 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/151 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M McDonell 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Economic Development Community Committee at its meeting held on 21 February 2024. 2 That the minutes of the Economic Development Community Committee from its meeting held on 21 February 2024 be adopted.	Actioned.	

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Finance Policy Committee 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/167 That the Donations and Grants Application Form be updated to include a section on how the applicant has tried to obtain funding or other requests made for funding by the applicant.	Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M McDonell New form approved and on the Council website for use.	
Council 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/170 That Council resolves to: 1 Note the completed Orange Region Food and Wine Business Case; 2 Utilize the Orange Bicycle Committee supported by the Manager Economic Development to pursue grants; 3 Endorse the Trail Project as a priority Council Tourism Infrastructure Project and provide necessary seed funding as part of the budget process; and 4 Seek to partner with Cabonne Council in deciding a Governance model.	Cr S Peterson/Cr G Floyd Discussion with Cabonne underway with updates to be provided to Bicycle committee.	
Council 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/172 That Council resolves to place on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days the following documents: 1. Draft Operational Plan - Actions on Principal Activity 2024/2025 2. Draft Budget 2024/2025 3. Draft Fees and Charges 2024/2025 4. Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024/2025 (2025-2034) 5. Draft Workforce Management Strategy 2024/2025 (2025-2034) 6. Draft Asset Management Strategy 2024/2025 (2025-2044) 7. Draft Strategic Policy ST27 - Statement of Revenue 8. Draft Strategic Policy ST28 - Asset Management.	Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton All documents placed on Public Exhibition 8 May 2024.	
Services Policy Committee 7/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/169 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Lucknow Community Committee at its meeting held on 4 April 2024. 2 That the minutes of the Lucknow Community Committee from its meeting held on 4 April 2024 be adopted.	Cr T Mileto/Cr T Greenhalgh Complete.	
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee	RESOLVED - 24/156 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee at its meeting held on 21 March 2024.	Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power All noted with no further action required.	

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7/05/2024	<p>2 That Council determine recommendations 3.3 from the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting of 21 March 2024.</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>1. That the Moulder Park Master plan be revisited.</p> <p>2. That the City Presentation budget increase to allow for an additional street tree crew be considered during the budget process.</p> <p>3. That the Manager Water Treatment be invited to the next Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting to give a presentation on Council's Catchment Management Plan.</p> <p>4. That the Cook Park Master Plan remains as is.</p> <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee from its meeting held on 21 March 2024 be adopted.</p>		
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 7/05/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/157 Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson</p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 5 April 2024.</p> <p>2 That a follow-up report be prepared by staff to ESCC and Council on the adequacy of Council's current approach to biodiversity conservation reflecting the concerns raised by ESCC along with the other items listed in the committee's recommendation (including the implications of the 2020 biodiversity mapping and its associated report's recommendations for our LEP and DCP controls).</p>	1 Acknowledged. 2 Report will be prepared for ESCC and Council by staff on biodiversity as per recommendation.	
Council 21/05/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/179 Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson</p> <p>That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged.</p>	No further action required.	
Council 21/05/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/177 Cr J Whitton/Cr G Power</p> <p>That the apologies be accepted from Cr T Greenhalgh for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 21 May 2024.</p>	Register updated Cr Greenhalgh apology.	
Council 21/05/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/193 Cr K Duffy/Cr T Mileto</p> <p>1 That Council enter into a lease of the top floor of Soldiers Memorial Hall with OCTEC for a period of five years plus one, five year option.</p> <p>2 That permission be granted for the use of the Council Seal on any relevant documentation.</p>	Lease currently being prepared.	

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Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/180 That the Council Meeting scheduled for 2 July 2024 be rescheduled to 9 July 2024 due to Councillor attendance at the Local Government General Assembly. Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson	Dates on website updated, social media post, calendar reminders updated.	
Council 21/05/2024	MATTER ARISING Cr Kinghorne noted that Council never reaches the benchmark set for the investment portfolio, suggested that the benchmark needed a review and requested this to be referred to Council's ARIC. Cr F Kinghorne	Matter referred to the 26 June 2024 ARIC meeting.	
Council 21/05/2024	MATTER ARISING Cr Kinghorne noted that the Statement of Investments Report refers to 15 consecutive interest rate rises however the only rises in the past twelve months have been 7 June 2023 and 8 November 2023. Cr F Kinghorne	Noted. Updated in the report provided to Council at its meeting on 18 June 2024.	
Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/181 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 May 2024 (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 7 May 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr G Power	Minutes finalised and published to Website.	
Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/192 That Council resolves: 1 To enter into a lease of Hangar Site M at Orange Airport for a term of five years plus 3 x five year options. 2 That approval be granted for the use of the Council Seal on all relevant documents. Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard	Solicitor for lessee advises resolution obtained. Can proceed to sale if necessary.	
Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/187 That two Councillors will attend the 2024 Destination and Visitor Economy Conference to be held in Wagga Wagga from 28 - 30 May 2024. Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton	No further action required.	
Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/184 That Council resolves: 1 To rename the Southern Feeder Road to Southern Distributor Road upon construction completion. 2 That Southern Distributor Road be submitted to the Geographical Names Board. Cr K Duffy/Cr J Hamling	Submitted to the Geographical Naming Board.	

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Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/182 Cr K Duffy/Cr J Whitton That Council resolves: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 May 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 2 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 May 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 3 That the Minutes of the Employment & Economic Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 May 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 4 That the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 May 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 5 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 May 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 6 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 May 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 7 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 May 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 	Minutes finalised and published to Council's website.	
Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/188 Cr D Mallard/Cr J Evans 1 That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer of Council to negotiate and finalise the Orange City Centre Car Park Lease Agreement (including all matters that the Chief Executive Officer considers require amendment, alteration, clarification to his satisfaction). 2 Council declare the Orange City Centre Car Park at 212-220 Summer Street Orange to be a "Free Parking Area" under Section 650 of the Local Government Act 1993.	Awaiting final agreement from City Centre.	

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	3 That Council resolves to sign the Orange City Centre Car Park Lease Agreement and affix the seal of Council where required.		
Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/191 Cr S Peterson/Cr T Mileto 1 That Council consent to the registration of an easement through Lot 182 DP 623231. 2 That permission be granted to affix the Common Seal on any necessary documentation.	Required legal action commenced.	
Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/190 Cr D Mallard/Cr J Evans That this item be deferred to obtain additional information.	Report updated with information for meeting on 4 June 2024.	
Council 21/05/2024	RESOLVED - 24/189 Cr K Duffy/Cr G Power That Council resolves: 1 To acquire approximately 4185m2 of part Lot 113 DP 750401 for the realignment of the intersection of Shiralee and Pinnacle 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.	Instructions sent to solicitor to prepare contract for sale and also surveyor to prepare survey.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/194 Cr G Floyd/Cr S Peterson That Cr Kinghorne be permitted to attend the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 4 June 2024 via Audio Visual Link.	Noted.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/197 Cr G Floyd/Cr S Peterson That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 21 May 2024 (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 21 May 2024.	Minutes finalised and published to Council's website.	
Council 4/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr T Mileto Cr Mileto asked what percentage does \$200k represent in the budget.	Information provided 17 June 2024.	

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Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/224 Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd That Council resolves to: 1 Approve the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to enter into a standard contract with Bitupave Ltd for the supply and delivery of bitumen emulsion. 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.	Contract Executed.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/225 Cr K Duffy/Cr T Mileto That Council resolves: 1 That Council sell 4616 Mitchell Highway for the sum of \$290,000. 2 That permission be granted for the use of the Council Seal on any relevant documentation.	Contract entered into.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/227 Cr J Hamling/Cr K Duffy That Council resolves: 1 That the tender by Never Stop Water Group in the Recommended Tender Amount as detailed in this report, be accepted for Tender F4180 for the construction of the Irrigation, Drainage and establishment of the Multipurpose Fields and 3 x Turf Wicket Squares; and 2 That a provision is made for contingency of 10% of the contract value. 3 To grant permission to the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to do such things as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this decision, including affixing the Council Seal on any relevant documents.	Contract Executed.	
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/207 Cr J Hamling/Cr S Peterson 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held 7 March 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2 and 3.4 from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee Meeting of 7 March 2024. 3.2.1 That a letter be written on behalf of Council to the NSW Parliament lobbying for the change to desexing laws. 3.2.2 That Cr Mallard attend the Orange Show on 27 April 2024 on behalf of the Committee.	Actions completed.	

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	<p>3.2.3 That Council's Social Media channels be used to encourage animal owners have their pets wear collars and/or tags with contact details.</p> <p>3.2.4 That signage in off leash areas clearly showing which areas are off leash and areas that are not.</p> <p>3.4.1 That Forbes Road Reserve (Lombardi Way) and Young Street (North Orange) off-leash dog exercise areas be given a clearer name.</p> <p>3.4.2 That there be an increase in the scheduled maintenance at off-leash dog parks.</p> <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held 7 March 2024 be adopted noting that Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item 3.1 – Customer Request Statistics.</p>		
Infrastructure Policy Committee 4/06/2024	<p>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr J Evans</p> <p>Cr Evans asked if there was a plan for the Eastern Edge of Aerodrome Road to Spring Hill ensure the road does not wash or break away.</p>	There are plans to reconstruct in the 2024/2025 budget.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 4/06/2024	<p>QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr K Duffy</p> <p>Cr Duffy asked when repairs would take place to the Toilet Block in Robertson Park from some damage and peeling paint.</p>	Investigating trialling vandal resistant fittings.	
Planning and Development Committee 4/06/2024	<p>QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr T Mileto</p> <p>Cr Mileto asked if the Borrodell Drive Tree Investigation Report can be made public and if it would be able to be made available under GIPA if it was confidential.</p>	Email sent to Councillors with update.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 4/06/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/202 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling</p> <p>1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its electronic meeting held on 14 May 2024.</p> <p>2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 from the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee electronic meeting of 14 May 2024.</p> <p>3.1 LEEDS PARADE REFUGE – NO STOPPING SIGNS – That Council install 'No Stopping' signs on Leeds Parade as per Figure A of this report.</p> <p>3 That the remainder of the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee from its meeting held on 14 May 2024 be adopted.</p>	Recommendation actioned.	

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Infrastructure Policy Committee 4/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr S Peterson Cr Peterson asked whether Summer Street operated as a Green Corridor of Traffic Lights.	Response sent 17 June 2024.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 4/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr J Evans Cr Evans asked if there was access to the hardstand areas next to the runway to allow for easier access since the installation of the refuelling station, noting that some private users were having difficulties accessing the runway.	Access arrangements and temporary closure of Taxiway Bravo explained in Councillor Communication 4 July 2024.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/221 Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton That Council defer consideration of the New Years Eve Event Options for the purpose of a Councillors Workshop.	Noted. Report to Council 9 July 2024.	
Services Policy Committee 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/212 Cr D Mallard/Cr T Greenhalgh 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 2 May 2024. 2 That the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee from its meeting held on 2 May 2024 be adopted.	Acknowledged - Clerk advised 11 June 2024.	
Services Policy Committee 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/213 Cr G Floyd/Cr S Peterson 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Ageing and Access Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 May 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendation 3.2.1 from the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee meeting of 7 May 2024. <i>3.2.1 That the Sports Precinct plans be presented to the future Ageing and Access Community Committee when available.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Ageing and Access Community Committee from its meeting held on 7 May 2024 be adopted.	Actions acknowledged and finalised.	
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/205 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power That the draft Orange Play Strategy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days with feedback sought from the community.	Strategy on Exhibition until 5 July 2024.	
Services Policy Committee 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/209 Cr T Mileto/Cr G Power 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee at its meeting held on 26 February 2024.	Acknowledged - Clerk advised 11 June 2024.	

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	2 That the minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee from its meeting held on 26 February 2024 be adopted.		
Services Policy Committee 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/210 Cr S Peterson/Cr T Greenhalgh 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Orange Health Liaison Committee at its meeting held on 5 March 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 from the minutes of the Orange Health Liaison Committee meeting of 5 March 2024. <i>4.1.1 That the Orange Health Liaison Committee Action Plan be reviewed and updated with the discussions from the meeting, and that those updates be noted.</i> <i>4.1.2 That the Orange Health Liaison Committee supports the 2024 Rainbow Festival and other initiatives of Council and community groups to support young people, particularly those with mental health issues.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Orange Health Liaison Committee from its meeting held on 5 March 2024 be adopted.	Acknowledged - Clerk advised 11 June 2024.	
Services Policy Committee 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/211 Cr G Power/Cr J Evans 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 4 April 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.3.1 from the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee meeting of 4 April 2024. <i>3.3.1 That the NAIDOC Sports Gala Day is not included in the official Orange NAIDOC Week 2024 program or events guide.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee from its meeting held on 4 April 2024 be adopted.	Acknowledged - Clerk advised 11 June 2024.	
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 4/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr K Duffy Cr Duffy asked if information and map could be provided on Water Refilling Stations around Orange for the use of the public.	Acting Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised Councillors via email on 24 July 2024.	

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Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/216 That Council allocate up to \$35,000 in the 2024-2025 Operational Plan for the installation of 10 AEDs across Orange Public Parks in locations determined in conjunction with Heart of the Nation and Emergency Services.	Cr J Hamling/Cr K Duffy This will be considered as part of the 2024-25 budget by council on 18/7/2024.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/217 That Council include in budget considerations for 2024 – 2025 an allocation of \$200,000 towards the upgrade of Smith Field at the Orange Hockey Centre.	Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr J Whitton To be considered at the 18 June 2024 Council Meeting.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/220 That Council consider a capital allocation for works in the 2024/2025 budget for the conduct of structural repairs in the amount of \$250,000.	Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh - This will be considered as part of the 2024-25 budget. This action is now complete.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/196 That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged.	Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy Noted.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED – 24/214 1 That Orange City Council hold a workshop, during this term of Council, for stakeholders and community members, with the purpose of establishing a draft Charter and Terms of References for a Gender Based Violence Community Committee. 2 That this work informs the next Council when deciding whether to establish a Gender Based Violence Community Committee. The goal of such a committee would be coordinating and driving cultural change to address and eliminate gender-based violence in our community.	Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh Community and service provider meetings scheduled.	
Council 4/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/215 That Council first write to the Local Member seeking support in the first instance when write to the State Government requesting if construction of the athletics track alone, without attached grandstand, could occur simultaneously with construction of the main sports stadium.	Cr S Peterson/Cr G Floyd Letter sent via email from Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services 12 June 2024.	
Council 18/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Duffy requested an update on provision of a report with plans and costings for the Southern Feeder/Distributor Road.	Cr K Duffy Design underway and ongoing. Note: Allocation to finalise design at NDR/Escort Way/Ploughmans Road deferred to help balance 2024/2025 budget.	

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Council 18/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr F Kinghorne Cr Kinghorne noted that the Rainbow Festival Drag Brunch cost \$6,500, which would equate to 80 tickets at a price of \$81.25 and asked if that included payment to the Queens and how much.	Acting Director Corporate & Commercial Services Emailed Councillors 20 June 2024.	
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/230 Cr G Floyd/Cr S Peterson That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 4 June 2024 (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 4 June 2024.	Minutes finalised and published to website.	
Council 18/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr M McDonell Cr McDonell asked for an update to be provided to Councillors on the Gender Based Violence Working Group.	Pending availability for workshop date/time.	
Council 18/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr M McDonell Cr McDonell stated that with the remaining 4 Concrete Blocks and 5 Dining Decks, and information from the previous Director Corporate & Commercial Services (Robb) that this could amount to \$150,000 and asked if this was correct.	Email to Councillors with the requested information sent 21 June 2024.	
Council 18/06/2024	MATTER ARISING Cr M McDonell Cr McDonell noted that the Sports Precinct is not listed clearly in the Asset Management Strategy and there is no specific category that covers Recreation.	Email sent to Councillors 4 July 2024.	
Council 18/06/2024	MATTER ARISING Cr J Hamling Cr Hamling asked if the lights in Summer Street between Anson St & Lords Pl could be inspected as there were a number of bulbs not working.	Inspected. Sale Street string replaced, timings changed for winter and full replacement of faulty bulbs scheduled for spring.	
Council 18/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr S Peterson Cr Peterson noted that the \$25,000 budget allocation (5.4)(1)(f) for the Central Western Daily digitisation of negatives should be referred to the Historical Society for a review of efficiency and information about the scanning, whether the purchase of scanner would be appropriate and whether there was an end date or number of photos for this project.	Originally the request from the OHS was for the purchase of a scanner for the conduct of this project. However the OHS did not have the manpower nor the expertise to complete the work and as a result requested that Council arrange for the scanning of the images, Council will again discuss with OHS.	

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Council 18/06/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr K Duffy Cr Duffy asked for a report to be provided to Council on the process for covering playgrounds with shade sails. It was noted by Cr McDonell that the Play Strategy is currently on exhibition.	Report to Council 6 August 2024 for adoption of play strategy.	
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/228 Cr D Mallard/Cr S Peterson That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Whitton and Cr K Duffy (Lateness) for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 18 June 2024.	Completed.	
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/236 Cr S Peterson/Cr T Mileto That 5.4(1) be heard and determined in seriatim. RESOLVED - 24/237 Cr J Hamling/Cr S Peterson a) That include Operational grants received for autumn & winter school holidays, open streets event and diggers of WWI at \$56,809 in the 2024/2025 budget. RESOLVED - 24/238 Cr G Power/Cr M McDonell b) That Council include Adjustment to staff recruitment at (\$236,000) in the 2024/2025 budget. RESOLVED - 24/239 Cr M McDonell/Cr J Hamling c) That Council include Biobank credit from sales at \$300,000 in the 2024/2025 budget. RESOLVED - 24/240 Cr J Hamling/Cr M McDonell d) That Council include Capital grant for adventure playground at \$400,000 in the 2024/2025 budget. RESOLVED - 24/241 Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard e) That Council include Adventure playground - budget adjusted to resolution 24/076 at \$342,026 in the 2024/2025 budget. RESOLVED - 24/242 Cr J Hamling/Cr G Power f) That Council include Central Western Daily digitisation of negatives at \$25,000 in the 2024/2025 budget. RESOLVED - 24/243 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power g) That the Councillor allowance be set at \$27,050 and the Mayoral Allowance be set at \$66,800 for 2024/2025, being the maximum allowance for Regional Centre	No additional action required.	

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	<p>Councils as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal on 29 April 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/244 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr J Evans</p> <p>h) That Council include Function centre repairs to stage, roof & rising damp at \$248,891 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/245 Cr G Floyd/Cr T Greenhalgh</p> <p>i) That Council include Smith Hockey Fields – surface revitalisation works at \$200,000 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/246 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power</p> <p>j) That Council include Playground shades for Matthews Park and William Maker Drive at \$50,000 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/247 Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard</p> <p>k) That Council include the Rainbow festival with \$50,000 quarantined in the 2024/2025 budget, until a project plan with additional event information is provided to the Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/248 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power</p> <p>l) That Council include Resource Recovery Centre – wages adjustment due to cessation of contractor at \$305,341 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/249 Cr G Power/Cr M McDonell</p> <p>m) That Council include Riding for the Disabled entry repairs at \$21,000 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/250 Cr G Power/Cr M McDonell</p> <p>n) That Council include Safety & Wellbeing Incentive to match insurer contribution at (\$20,000) in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/251 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling</p> <p>o) That Council include Scout Camp upgrades – budget re-entry from 2022 at \$987,274 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/252 Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson</p> <p>p) That Council include Sewer capital works brought forward from future years to match updated capital program at \$2,991,000 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/253 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Floyd</p>		

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	<p>q) That Council include Sport4All contract for inclusive children’s sports coaching at \$5,000 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/254 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling</p> <p>r) That Council include Water capital works brought forward from future years to match updated capital program at \$1,536,000 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/255 Cr D Mallard/Cr S Peterson</p> <p>s) That Council include Wine Trails – seed funding at \$25,000 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/256 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling</p> <p>t) That Council include the purchase of a Super Sopper at \$35,000 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/257 Cr F Kinghorne/Cr T Mileto</p> <p>u) That Council include the waiving of Mud Hut Fees for Clifton Grove residents at \$355 in the 2024/2025 budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/258 Cr K Duffy/Cr J Hamling</p> <p>w) That the issue of fitting out of the Planetarium be noted.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/259 Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson</p> <p>2 That the following expenditure, as amended, for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 be adopted in accordance with the requirements of Clause 211 (2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021:</p> <table><tr><th>2024/25</th><th>General Fund</th><th>Water Fund</th><th>Sewer Fund</th><th>All Funds</th></tr><tr><td>Operational Expenditure</td><td>95,927,869</td><td>17,614,966</td><td>12,405,319</td><td>125,948,155</td></tr><tr><td>Capital Expenditure</td><td>48,592,564</td><td>22,967,263</td><td>13,122,385</td><td>84,682,212</td></tr><tr><td>Loan Repayments</td><td>4,636,752</td><td>332,837</td><td>388,624</td><td>5,358,214</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>149,157,186</td><td>40,915,067</td><td>25,916,329</td><td>215,988,581</td></tr></table> <p>RESOLVED - 24/260 Cr J Evans/Cr D Mallard</p> <p>3 To adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges as listed in the exhibited draft Delivery/Operational Plan, as amended, for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June</p>	2024/25	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	All Funds	Operational Expenditure	95,927,869	17,614,966	12,405,319	125,948,155	Capital Expenditure	48,592,564	22,967,263	13,122,385	84,682,212	Loan Repayments	4,636,752	332,837	388,624	5,358,214	TOTAL	149,157,186	40,915,067	25,916,329	215,988,581	
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	<p>2025, provided that such changes may be varied by any alteration to the Local Government Act 1993 or Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 as directed by the NSW Government and subject to Council having the right to vary fees charged during the year subject to the required exhibition processes being observed. The fees and charges for the Companion Animals Act are yet to be published and circulated by the NSW Government. These fees and charges will be amended and adopted as soon as they are received from the NSW Government.</p> <p>RESOLVED - 24/261 Cr G Power/Cr G Floyd</p> <p>4 In accordance with Sections 534, 535, 537 and 538 of the Local Government Act 1993, to adopt the following structure for rating purposes for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, and make the ad valorem rate in the dollar and base amount as detailed in the table below, noting that land value to be used is based on the valuation date of 1 July 2022 and supplementary information provided since that date, for the rateable land in the Orange Local Government Area, as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Ordinary Rates</th><th>No. of assessments</th><th>Value of assessments \$M</th><th>Ad Valorem Amount</th><th>Base Amount</th><th>Base Amount % of Total</th><th>Estimated Yield \$</th></tr><tr><td>Residential</td><td>17,038</td><td>5,213</td><td>0.002832</td><td>810.71</td><td>48.33%</td><td>28,577,510</td></tr><tr><td>Residential – Rural Residential</td><td>497</td><td>470</td><td>0.001442</td><td>810.71</td><td>37.26%</td><td>1,081,280</td></tr><tr><td>Residential – Clifton Grove</td><td>231</td><td>139</td><td>0.002356</td><td>810.71</td><td>36.31%</td><td>515,761</td></tr><tr><td>Residential – Ammerdown</td><td>43</td><td>44</td><td>0.001855</td><td>810.71</td><td>29.65%</td><td>117,579</td></tr><tr><td>Residential – Village</td><td>195</td><td>45</td><td>0.002068</td><td>481.18</td><td>49.79%</td><td>188,456</td></tr><tr><td>Farmland</td><td>382</td><td>617</td><td>0.000827</td><td>810.71</td><td>37.76%</td><td>820,127</td></tr></table>	Ordinary Rates	No. of assessments	Value of assessments \$M	Ad Valorem Amount	Base Amount	Base Amount % of Total	Estimated Yield \$	Residential	17,038	5,213	0.002832	810.71	48.33%	28,577,510	Residential – Rural Residential	497	470	0.001442	810.71	37.26%	1,081,280	Residential – Clifton Grove	231	139	0.002356	810.71	36.31%	515,761	Residential – Ammerdown	43	44	0.001855	810.71	29.65%	117,579	Residential – Village	195	45	0.002068	481.18	49.79%	188,456	Farmland	382	617	0.000827	810.71	37.76%	820,127		
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	Business	1,390	906	0.00919 6	810.71	11.91%	9,460,665		
	Business – Village	19	3	0.00224 4	442.71	49.51%	16,990		
	Special Rates								
	Orange Central Business Area	324	226	0.00354 7	N/A	N/A	804,842		
						TOTAL	\$41,583,210		
	RESOLVED - 24/262 Cr G Power/Cr T Mileto 5 To adopt the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Operational Plan 2024-2025 b Resourcing Strategy incorporating the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Plan and Asset Management and Strategy 2024-2025 c Strategic Policy ST27 – Statement of Revenue d Strategic Policy ST28 – Asset Management 								
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/263 Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson That Council consents to development application DA 306/2021(3) for Subdivision (Stage 1: 3 residential lots and 2 development lots; Stages 2(a), 2b) and 2(c): 84 residential lots, 1 public reserve lot and 5 roads; Stage 3: 9 residential lots) and Demolition (outbuildings and dwellings) at Lots 87 and 88 DP 1293987 - Lysterfield Road, Orange (formerly known as Lot 184 DP 750401 – 142 Lysterfield Road, Lot 1 DP 130391 - 142 Lysterfield Road and Lot 188 DP 750401 - 158 Lysterfield Road) pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.							DA MOD approved by Council 18 June 2024. MOD Notice of Approval issued.	
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/232 Cr K Duffy/Cr T Mileto That Council resolves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 4 June 2024 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 4 June 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 							Minutes finalised and published to website.	

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	3 That the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at its meeting held on 4 June 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 4 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 4 June 2024 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 4 June 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.		
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/234 Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard That Council resolves: 1 That Birdie Noshery & Drinking Est receives: • 4 Chairs 2 That Orange Uniting Church receives: • 4 Concrete Chairs • 6 Pot Plants • 4 Shade Structures • 3 Round Chairs • 2 Chairs 3 That Blowes Real Estate receives: • 1 Concrete Chair • 2 Pot Plants • 1 Chair 4 That Orange Botanic Gardens receives: • 2 Concrete Chairs • 3 Concrete Blocks 5 That Huntley Berry Farm receives: • 3 Concrete Chairs • 10 Concrete Blocks • 4 Pot Plants • 2 Shade Structures	Completed.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Round Chair 1 Chair 1 Dining Deck. 		
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/264 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd That Council resolves to: 1 Note the Statement of Investments for the period May 2024 2 Adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.	No further action required.	
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/268 Cr G Floyd/Cr M McDonell That Council resolves to: 1 Not accept any of the tenders for a New Spatial System; and 2 Grant permission to the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee to negotiate with a software supplier with a view to entering into a contract in relation to a New Spatial System.	Tenderers notified of resolution and conducting a market review before nominating a supplier to negotiate with.	
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/269 Cr K Duffy/Cr G Floyd That Council endorse: 1 Tender F4207 for the Collection and Recycling of Used Tyres and award the contract to JLW Services Pty Ltd for their tendered prices as set out in this report for the initial two (2) year term with the option of two (2) x 12-month available extensions. 2 Delegation of authority to execute the contracts for the Collection and Recycling of Used Tyres to the Chief Executive Officer with the respective participating Councils.	Contract Executed.	
Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/265 Cr T Mileto/Cr M McDonell That Council resolves pursuant to Sections 644, 644A, 644B, 644C and 646 of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) to re-establish an Alcohol Free Zone in the public roads and car parks within the area bounded by Hill Street to the West, William Street and Endsleigh Avenue to the East, Prince Street to the North and Moulder Street to the South, for a period of four years from 1 August 2024 till 31 July 2028, with an exemption for events in Robertson Park whereby formal approval has been requested in writing to the CEO and approval has been provided.	The Alcohol Free Zone will be in place until 30 September 2028.	

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Council 18/06/2024	RESOLVED - 24/266 That Council resolves to place Strategic Policy ST36 – Banners and its associated Fees and Charges on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days. Cr M McDonell/Cr J Evans	Policy & Fees on exhibition 19 June 2024 - 19 July 2024.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 9/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Hamling asked for a report to be provided to Councillors on lighting in the Ophir carpark including installation of any lighting if required. Cr J Hamling	Director Development Services inspected and electricians adjusted timings for the existing flood lighting. Councillor Communication 12 July 2024.	
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/287 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Sport and Recreation Community Committee at its meeting held on 5 June 2024. 2 That the minutes of the Sport and Recreation Community Committee from its meeting held on 5 June 2024 be adopted. Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd	Noted.	
Sport and Recreation Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/286 That the apologies be accepted from Cr K Duffy for the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 9 July 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson	Completed.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/283 That the apologies be accepted from Cr K Duffy for the Infrastructure Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 9 July 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson	Completed.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 9/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Hamling requested staff investigate appropriate disabled parking outside ServiceNSW. Cr J Hamling	Service NSW has a disabled parking space in Kite Street and a second one in the carpark off McNamara Street. To retrofit one in Lords Place would require a budget allocation to address drainage and reconstruction of footpath.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 9/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Peterson asked for Councillors to be provided with an update on the sports precinct works timetable. Cr S Peterson	Acting Chief Executive Officer (Greenham) provided update to Councillors via email 10 July 2024.	

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Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/290 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 7 June 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.3 from the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting of 7 June 2024. <i>3.3.1. Request Council review the operation of the current community committees in the context of the Final Report, with the aim of identifying any enhancements to the community process under the next Council.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee from its meeting held on 7 June 2024 be adopted.	Meeting to be held with Sustainability and Governance to determined next steps.	
Finance Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/272 Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson That the apologies be accepted from Cr K Duffy for the Finance Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 9 July 2024.	Complete.	
Services Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/294 Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard That the draft Greening Orange – Our Urban Forest Strategy be placed on public exhibition for 21 days with feedback sought from the community.	Strategy placed on public Exhibition from 10 July to 31 July 2024.	
Services Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/292 Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson That the apologies be accepted from Cr K Duffy for the Services Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 9 July 2024.	Complete.	
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/291 Cr M McDonell/Cr T Mileto 1 That the Council adopt the Emissions Reduction Plan. 2 That the Council endorse the Emissions Reduction Targets identified within the Emissions Reduction Plan. 3 That Council publish its emission reduction targets.	Acknowledged. Emissions Reduction Plan and targets will be published.	
Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/289 Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson That the apologies be accepted from Cr K Duffy for the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 9 July 2024.	Complete.	

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Finance Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/273 Cr M McDonell/Cr G Floyd Council determines the following applications: 1 To donate \$2,500 to Trinity Pre-School Kindergarten Limited to contribute to the costs of holding a community event celebrating Trinity Pre-School's 100 years in the community. 2 To donate \$2,500 to the Orange Regional Malayalee Association to contribute to the costs to run the South Indian festival Onam.	Complete. Payment requests submitted to finance 25 July 2024.	
Infrastructure Policy Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/284 Cr T Mileto/Cr S Peterson 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 11 June 2024. 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 from the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee meeting of 11 June 2024. 3.1 <i>Public Participation at Local Traffic Committee</i> <i>That the City of Orange Traffic Committee ask industry group users to address the Committee as required.</i> 3.2 <i>Bus Stop – Hotel Canobolas – Summer Street</i> <i>That Council move the bus stop at the Hotel Canobolas on Summer Street, 24 metres east as per the attached plans.</i> 3.3 <i>Movement of Bus Stop and Construction of a Bus Shelter on Wentworth Lane</i> <i>That Council move the existing bus zone near 17 Wentworth Lane, 70 metres west to allow the construction of a bus shelter.</i> 3.4 <i>Event – Resilience Ride – 5 to 7 September 2024</i> <i>That Council approve the Challenge Works Resilience Ride to be held from 5 to 7 September 2024 subject to the attached Conditional Approval.</i> 3.5 <i>Street Event – 2024 NAIDOC March – 21 October 2024</i> <i>That Council approves the 2024 NAIDOC March to be held on Monday 21 October 2024 subject to the attached Conditional Approval.</i> 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee from its meeting held on 11 June 2024 be adopted.	Resolutions actioned.	

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Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/298 That this item be deferred. Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh	Report referred to the Council Meeting of 6 August 2024.	
Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/299 That Council adopt Strategic Policy ST24 – Redmond Place Precinct (Diverse and Affordable Housing). Cr D Mallard/Cr J Whitton	Policy updated and placed on Council's Website and Pulse.	
Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/300 That Council resolves: 1 That Council note the report on New Year's Eve 2024 Options 2 That Lake Canobolas is selected as the location of the New Year's Eve Event for 31 December 2024 with safest option to be selected to discharge embers over water. 3 That sponsorship is sought from local businesses to support the increased budget for the event. Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson	Noted.	
Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/295 That Council rescind the following resolution of Council from its meeting on 18 June 2024: <i>Cr Greenhalgh declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as she is the secretary of Bloomfield Junior Rugby League Football Club.</i> <i>Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as he is the president of Orange District Football Association.</i> RESOLVED - 24/256 Cr T Mileto/Cr J Hamling t) That Council include the purchase of a Super Sopper at \$35,000 in the 2024/2025 budget. For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr T Mileto, Cr G Power Against: Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson Absent: Cr J Whitton	Noted and forwarded to Budget team for inclusion as part of the 2024-25 approved budget.	

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Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/296 1 That Council allocates 75% of the funds generated from the sale of Biodiversity Credits to support Council sustainability projects. 2 That Council determine available options for the allocation of the remaining 25% of the funds at a Councillor workshop. Cr J Hamling/Cr G Power	Councillor workshop planned for 2 August 2024.	
Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/297 That Council resolves to Formulate a Working Party, with local businesses and support from Business Orange to host an evening/afternoon 'Christmas Shopping Event' in Early December. Cr J Evans/Cr T Greenhalgh	Workshop facilitated with Business Orange.	
Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/303 1 That Council enter into a lease of Shop 3 Leaheys Arcade for 3 years with one 3 year option. 2 That permission be granted for the use of the Council Seal on any necessary documentation. Cr T Mileto/Cr G Floyd	Lease submitted to Lessee.	
Planning and Development Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/281 That Council consents to development application DA 191/2023(1) for Demolition (sheds) at Lot 24 DP 791830 - 1 Gartrell Way, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval including an update to Notice of Approval to delete condition 2 and replace it with standard conditions relating to capturing of photographic records of the building prior to its demolition. Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling	Notice of Determination Issued.	
Planning and Development Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/282 That Council consents to development application DA 514/2021(1) for Mixed Use Development (restaurant or cafe, small bar, shop; information or education facility; recreation facility (indoor)); and business identification signage at Lot 12 DP 1259702 - 1 Bathurst Road, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval. Cr T Mileto/Cr M McDonell	Notice of Determination Issued.	
Planning and Development Committee 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/279 That the apologies be accepted from Cr K Duffy for the Planning and Development Committee of Orange City Council on 9 July 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson	Complete.	

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Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/270 That the apologies be accepted from Cr K Duffy for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 9 July 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson	Complete.	
Council 9/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/271 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 18 June 2024 (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 18 June 2024, noting the correction to Councillor voting on 5.4(1)(g). Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Floyd	Approved, finalised in CM9 and uploaded to website.	
Council 9/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Kinghorne asked why the Drag Brunch cost was \$81.25 per person when average meal cost is around \$28 at Groundstone. Cr F Kinghorne	Question answered in Council Meeting 9th July 2024 and via follow up email.	
Council 16/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Kinghorne requested a copy of the brief given to the reviewer be provided to Councillors. Cr F Kinghorne	Information to be provided to Councillors by the Chief Executive Officer.	
Council 16/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Kinghorne asked for clarification as to whether the reviewer Ms Brooke Pendlebury had previously completed work for Council. Cr F Kinghorne	Information to be provided to Councillors by the Chief Executive Officer.	
Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/305 That the apologies be accepted from Cr K Duffy and Cr S Peterson (lateness) for the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 16 July 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd	Complete.	
Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/307 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 9 July 2024 (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 9 July 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd	Complete.	
Council 16/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr Kinghorne asked if an adequate internal review process was in place as this project was not successful. In particular to address: a) How did this happen b) What went wrong Cr F Kinghorne	Information to be provided to Councillors by the Chief Executive Officer.	

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	c) What would we do differently.		
Council 16/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr G Floyd Cr Floyd asked if Ms Pendlebury came to Orange as part of the review or undertook if from Sydney.	Information to be provided to Councillors by the Chief Executive Officer.	
Council 16/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr F Kinghorne Cr Kinghorne asked for clarification on the onus of Councillors to independently verify information provided to them, noting this is not necessarily possible and can call into question confidence in information provided.	Information to be provided to Councillors by the Chief Executive Officer.	
Council 16/07/2024	QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr F Kinghorne Cr Kinghorne asked for clarification on the perpendicular placement of the tree pits as the review and plans are inconsistent on this point.	Information to be provided to Councillors by the Chief Executive Officer.	
Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/310 Cr G Power/Cr T Greenhalgh That Council place the Redmond Place Master Plan and supporting documentation on public exhibition, concurrently with the Planning Proposal, for a period of 28 days in accordance with the Orange Community Participation Plan 2023.	Awaiting Planning Proposal to go on exhibition.	
Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/311 Cr D Mallard/Cr F Kinghorne That Council resolves to: 1 Note the Statement of Investments for the period June 2024 2 Adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.	Noted.	
Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/308 Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Power That Council resolves: 1 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 2 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. 3 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.	All finalised in CM9 and uploaded to website 17 July 2024.	

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	<p>4 That the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>5 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, noting Cr Floyd voted against item 2.1.</p> <p>6 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 9 July 2024 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p>		
Council 16/07/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/309 Cr D Mallard/Cr J Whitton</p> <p>That Council advise the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure of broad support for the Planning Proposal at 3 Redmond Place, 154 Lone Pine Avenue and 5255 Mitchell Highway subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the proposal ensure the overall extent of public open space to be provided shall be consistent with the associated Masterplan. • That, while allowing for reasonable flexibility, the final placement and design of public open space shall not significantly depart from the design principles and outcomes embodied in the associated Masterplan. • Specifically, there shall be no residential lots situated between the Mitchell Highway and the northern "Park Street" road extending from the hangar/community centre to the detention basins at the eastern extent of the site. 	DPHI advised of resolution.	
Council 16/07/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/314 Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell</p> <p>That Council note the report on Councillor Attendance, Training and Compliance for the Council Term 2021 – 2024.</p>	No further action required.	
Council 16/07/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/318 Cr G Floyd/Cr G Power</p> <p>That Council resolves that two Councillors attend the National Local Government Housing Summit to be held in Adelaide on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 August 2024.</p>	Cr Hamling and Cr Mallard registered to attend.	
Council 16/07/2024	<p>RESOLVED - 24/312 Cr F Kinghorne/Cr G Floyd</p> <p>That the Report on the Lords Place South Independent Review be noted.</p>	No further action required.	

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Council 16/07/2024	RESOLVED - 24/313 That Council identify motions in line with the LGNSW Guidelines for consideration at the Local Government Annual Conference to be held in Tamworth 17 November – 19 November 2024. Cr J Whitton/Cr G Floyd	Noted.	

5.7 GEOGRAPHICAL NAMING BOARD REJECTS NAME - SOUTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1276

AUTHOR: Jason Theakstone, Manager Engineering Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report serves to advise Council of the Geographical Names Board (GNB) rejecting “Southern Distributor Road” as a name for the Southern Feeder Road.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “10.1. Construct and maintain a road network that meets the community’s transport and infrastructure needs”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the Geographical Naming Board rejecting name Southern Distributor Road 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

Council, at its meeting held on 21 May 2024 resolved to *“Rename the Southern Feeder Road to Southern Distributor Road upon construction completion and that the Southern Distributor Road be submitted to the Geographical Names Board”*.

The GNB have rejected the Southern Distributor Road as a name based on Section 6.7.8 of the GNB Addressing Policy as it includes “Southern” as part of its name. Section 6.7.8 of the policy is shown in Figure A below for Council’s benefit.

Council staff have appealed the rejection on the basis that:

- 1 The people of Orange already know the said road as the “Southern Feeder Road”. The change to the Southern Distributor Road is a minor name change that has been resolved by Council;
- 2 The road forms the southern part of the Orange orbital road with the northern part of the orbital road named the Northern Distributor Road;
- 3 There is Sunny South Crescent, North Street and West Street all in Orange, as there are in other Towns/Cities; and
- 4 Orange is divided into North, South, East and West Orange as suburbs.

5.7 Geographical Naming Board Rejects Name - Southern Distributor Road

GNB have since upheld the rejection of the name.

Council's only options are to:

1. Ask the NSW Roads Minister to name the road the "Southern Distributor Road"; or
2. Rename the road to something in accordance with the applicable guidelines

6.7.8 Suffixes, Prefixes and Directional Indicators

A road name shall not include qualifying terminology, a cardinal indicator or a similar prefix (e.g. Upper, lower, Old, New, East, West) unless the road name is derived from the name of a geographical feature (or existing on ground feature near the location of the road) that includes it.

A directional or similar device shall not be used as a suffix to uniquely define road extremities e.g. *Boundary Road East* and *Boundary Road West*.

Origin to destination names, such as *Bathurst-Oberon Road* shall not be used. It is too easy for such names to be confusing as there are too many aliases. Further to this, road name signs for origin-destination names can create confusion when the respective names are opposite in direction to the actual location of the places as indicate by their order on the sign e.g. *Bathurst Road*, *Oberon Road*, *Oberon-Bathurst Road*.

Figure A

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 2021, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, 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 Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting 26 June 2024

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 (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

6.2 Resolution of Minor Property Matters - Phillip Street

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 (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer and (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

6.3 Entering into Contracts for Dam Surveillance and Inspections

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.

6.4 Tender F4256 - Head Design Consultancy - Orange Sports Precinct

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 Tender F3676-5 - The Orange Ultimate Flood Modification Scheme - Feasibility and Design Project

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.

6.6 Easement Adjustment through Lot 68 DP 756899

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.

6.7 Submission Redaction Report 6 August 2024

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 (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

6.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 26 JUNE 2024

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/925

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

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 (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

6.2 RESOLUTION OF MINOR PROPERTY MATTERS - PHILLIP STREET

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1184

AUTHOR: Shirley Hyde, Legal and Property Officer

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 (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer and (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

6.3 ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS FOR DAM SURVEILLANCE AND INSPECTIONS

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1267

AUTHOR: Joshua Barnes, Water and Sewer Engineer

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.

6.4 TENDER F4256 - HEAD DESIGN CONSULTANCY - ORANGE SPORTS PRECINCT

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1324

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

**6.5 TENDER F3676-5 - THE ORANGE ULTIMATE FLOOD MODIFICATION SCHEME -
FEASIBILITY AND DESIGN PROJECT**

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1328

AUTHOR: Jason Theakstone, Manager Engineering 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.

6.6 EASEMENT ADJUSTMENT THROUGH LOT 68 DP 756899

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1368

AUTHOR: John Boyd, Operations Manager

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.

6.7 SUBMISSION REDACTION REPORT 6 AUGUST 2024

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/2301

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

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 (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING