



EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

6 AUGUST 2024

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

David Waddell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Executive Support on 6393 8391.

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1 INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Employment and Economic Development Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 3 JULY 2024

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1238

AUTHOR: Tony Boland, Industry & Business Engagement Lead

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee was held on 3 July 2024. The minutes are attached for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “13.1. Attract and grow strategic investment”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The shopping/gift card referred to in item 4.2 is unfunded in Councils budget.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Economic Development Community Committee at its meeting held on 3 July 2024.
- 2 That Council determine recommendation 4.2 from the minutes of the Economic Development Community Committee meeting of 3 July 2024:
 - 4.2(1) *The Orange City Council does not renew or continue to underwrite the Think Orange Region gift card.*
 - 4.2(2) *That Business Orange are approached to gauge their interest in operating the card, and if there is no interest the program is allowed to lapse.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Economic Development Community Committee from its meeting held on 3 July 2024 be adopted.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The supporting information is included in the attached agenda.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 EDCC 3 July 2024
- 2 EDCC 3 July 2024 Agenda, D24/67987 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 135 BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 3 JULY 2024

COMMENCING AT 8:00 AM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne, Mr Reginald Kidd (via phone), Ms Julia Andrews (Temas), Mr Garry Norton, Mr Michael Banks, Mr Robert Alford, Mr Craig Hort, Mr Russell Tym, Mr Timothy Hall, Ms Ned Sweetapple, Acting Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Manager Economic Development, Business Projects Officer

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Cr J Evans/Mr T Hall

That the apologies be accepted from Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr M McDonell, Mr Darryl Curran, Ms Amy Gormly and Mrs Michelle Smith for the Economic Development Community Committee meeting on 3 July 2024.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

Mr M Banks/Mr T Hall

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee held on 10 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 Economic Development Community Committee meeting held on 10 April 2024.

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 NED SWEETAPPLE - ORANGE 360 - CURRENT VISITOR MARKET TRENDS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1106

Ned gave an overview of the Orange 360 structure, vision and mission. Ned also highlighted that Orange 360 have the responsibility of marketing product that they do not have control over.

There was a brief overview of the program Localis and the data it shows. Currently it is showing visitor numbers are down, as is spending, as a result of the current economic climate.

Ned believes that the local events have the potential to grow but the limiting factors such as volunteer base, costs, having businesses to run all constrain this growth.

Cr Evans left the meeting with the time being 8.36am

4 GENERAL REPORTS

4.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - CIRCULATION FOR COMMENT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1082

RECOMMENDATION

Mr C Hort/Mr G Norton

That the Committee provide feedback on the draft Economic Development Strategy on a Page document by 9 July 2024.

4.2 THINK ORANGE REGION CARD

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1103

RECOMMENDATION

Cr F Kinghorne / Mr T Hall

That the Committee make a recommendation to Council on the future of the Think Orange Region card with the following recommendation(s):

1. The Orange City Council does not renew or continue to underwrite the Think Orange gift card.
2. That Business Orange are approached to gauge their interest in operating the card, and if there is no interest the program is allowed to lapse.

4.3 SPENDMAPP DATA UPDATE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/931

RECOMMENDATION

Mr G Norton/Mr R Alford

That the Committee acknowledge the report on the Spendmapp Data Update for the month of May.

4.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1105

It was agreed that the Manager of Economic Development would liaise with Ms Julia Andrews regarding the CSU relationship with Transgrid.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr C Hort/Mr T Hall

That the Economic Development Community Committee Action Plan be updated.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.17AM.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

3 JULY 2024

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 135 BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Wednesday, 3 July 2024** commencing at **8:00 AM**.

David Waddell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Tony Boland on 6393 8250.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

3 JULY 2024

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

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**3 JULY 2024**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr M McDonell, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne, Mr Reginald Kidd, Mr Alex King Elphick, Ms Erika Vass, Mr Wayne Sunderland, Mr Garry Norton, Mr Michael Banks, Mr Robert Alford, Mr Craig Hort, Mrs Michelle Smith, Mr Anthony Doyle, Mr Tony Healey, Mr Russell Tym, Mr Timothy Hall, Ms Kath Logan, Mr Grant Gill, Mrs Catherine Lawrence, Mr Darryl Curran, Ms Julia Andrews, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Manager Economic Development, Business Project Officer

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

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

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

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Economic Development Community Committee at this meeting.

2.2 MINUTES OF THE SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 11 JULY 2024

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1253

AUTHOR: Allan Reeder, Communications Lead

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sister Cities Community Committee met on 11 July 2024. The Minutes of the committee are provided for the information and consideration of Council.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “4.1. A broad range of creative and cultural facilities, services and programs that meet community needs”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Sister Cities Community Committee at its meeting held on 11 July 2024.**
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2.2 from the minutes of the Sister Cities Community Committee meeting of 11 July 2024.**
 - 3.2.2**
 - 2. *That, following the success of the recent exchange visit by staff from Timaru District Council, Council be requested to consider allocating funding for a return visit in the 2025/26 budget.***
 - 3. *That planning for a return visit include consideration of opening up the visit to the wider Orange community.***
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Sister Cities Community Committee from its meeting held on 11 July 2024 be adopted.**

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Under the umbrella of Council’s Sister Cities program two staff members from Timaru District Council spent a week visiting Orange City Council in early October 2023.

Nicole Timney (Manager of Property Services and Client Representative) and Suzy Ratahi (Land Transport Manager) made a number of presentations to ELT and around 70 staff about their work in Timaru.

There were tours of Council facilities and places of interest. Staff were interested to learn about the key differences in the ways the two similarly-sized Councils go about their work in very different ways. Differences in the way the two Councils deal with assets management and contract management were two of many topics to prompt good discussions. The visit pointed to the value of a return visit by Orange staff being considered at some point in the future.

If successful, Recommendation 2 would provide funding for this visit. The Committee also wishes to float the suggestion of the staff exchange-visit happening alongside an opportunity for Orange residents to visit Timaru. The proposed visit by community members would be self-funded.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 SCCC 11 July 2024 Minutes
- 2 SCCC 11 July 2024 Agenda, D24/74769 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 11 JULY 2024

COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr J Hamling (Acting Chairperson) (Mayor), Mr Chris Gryllis, Mr Graham Bloore, Mr Douglas Brooks, Communications Lead (Reeder)

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED	Mr C Gryllis/Mr D Brooks
That the apologies be accepted from Cr Kevin Duffy for the Sister Cities Community Committee meeting on 11 July 2024.	

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED	Mr C Gryllis/Mr G Bloore
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sister Cities Community Committee held on 27 July 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 Sister Cities Community Committee meeting held on 27 July 2023.	

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 UPDATE ON USHIKU

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1085

The meeting heard that annual Ushiku Cup Japanese Speech Contest was held Thursday 30 November 2023 attracting good number of participants. The next event is planned for November 2024.

Restoration work has been completed on 'The Statue of Empathy', a gift of the city of Ushiku in 1994 which has stood at the entrance to the Civic Theatre. The restoration work was undertaken by a professional art conservation firm. The statue was reinstated on its stone plinth on 6 March this year. While the plinth includes an inscription telling the story of the statue in Japanese text, a metal plaque with English text is still to be re-instated. Staff will follow-up on the plaque with museum staff who've been handling this process. The statue is the work of renowned Japanese artist, Kunihiko Isshiki.

There will be a Mayoral welcome for the next student group of exchange students and staff from Ushiku Eishen High School at the Civic Centre. The event is scheduled for 6 August 2024.

There was discussion of a recent spike in Australian tourism visits to Japan due to favourable exchange rates.

RESOLVED

Cr J Hamling/Mr D Brooks

That the report be noted.

3.2 UPDATE ON TIMARU

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1086

The meeting heard that two staff members from Timaru District Council spent a week visiting Orange City Council in early October 2023.

Nicole Timney (Manager of Property Services and Client Representative) and Suzy Ratahi (Land Transport Manager) made a number of presentations to staff about their work in Timaru. There were tours of Council facilities and places of interest. Staff were interested to learn about the key differences in the ways the two similarly-sized Councils go about their work in very different ways. Differences in the way the two Councils deal with assets management and contract management were two of many topics to prompt good discussions. There was discussion that the visit pointed to the value of a return visit being considered at some point in the future.

RESOLVED

Mr C Gryllis/Mr G Bloore

1. That the report be noted.
2. That following the success of the recent exchange visit by staff from Timaru District Council, Council be requested to consider allocating funding for a return visit in the 2025/26 budget.
3. That planning for a return visit include consideration of opening up the visit to the wider Orange community.

3.3 UPDATE ON MT HAGEN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1087

The meeting heard that Council had written to the High Commissioner for PNG following the earthquake in March to express our concern. The meeting heard that the Orange Rotary Club has also offered funds to PNG to support earthquake victims.

It was reported that, following a resolution of Council, the High Commissioner has also been invited to visit Orange at a convenient time, but that there'd been no response to date.

Against the backdrop of changes in global alliances, there was discussion about the importance of supporting ways of strengthening relations between Australia and PNG.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks

That the report be noted.

3.4 UPDATE ON ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1088

There was no recent activity to report on links with Orange California.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks

That the report be noted.

4 GENERAL REPORTS

4.1 REQUEST FOR NEW 'FRIENDSHIP CITY' IN UKRAINE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1091

In response to a report from the Sister City Community Committee, the 3 October 2023 meeting of Council adopted a motion: *'That staff continue to explore establishing Friendship City links with a city in Ukraine, with a particular focus on Dnipro, decline the approach from Melitopol and produce a report to Council.'*

Since then it has become clear that the local new Ukrainian community in the Orange district has more connections with the region of Zaporizhzhia, than Dnipro.

During this investigation Council has made contact with a Ukrainian man who has been living in Australia and is now working as an engineer in WA. He has assisted with exploring links between his former hometown and an Australian city. He has offered voluntarily to assist this process of exploring links for Orange. Email and telephone contact continues.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr D Brooks/Mr C Gryllis

That a report on progress to date on the proposal to establish a Friendship City link with a city in Ukraine be provided to Council.

4.2 ACTION LIST

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1093

The meeting discussed a recent visit by Cr Jeff Whitton to India and whether there was potential for closer links in future.

The Mayor told the meeting about a recent visit to Orange by the mayor of the Devadaha, Nepal. The meeting discussed the growing size of the Nepali community in Orange and asked for a follow-up letter to be sent to explore ongoing contact.

The Mayor noted it was the last meeting of the Sister Cities Community Committee for the current Council term, and thanked members for their enthusiasm and involvement.

RECOMMENDATION

Cr J Hamling/Mr C Gryllis

That the Action List for the Sister Cities Community Committee be updated with the following actions:

1. That staff follow-up on plans to re-install an English translation plaque on the recently restored 'State of Empathy' at the Byng St theatre entrance.
2. That following the success of the recent exchange visit by staff from Timaru District Council, Council be requested to consider allocating funding for a return visit in the 2025/26 budget.
3. That planning for a return visit include consideration of opening up the visit to the wider Orange community.
4. That a report on progress to date on the proposal to establish a Friendship City link with a city in Ukraine be provided to Council.
5. That staff make follow-up contact with Cr Whitton to see if his recent trip to India has any 'Sister City' implications.
6. That staff respond to the recent visit to Orange by the mayor of Devadaha, Nepal by writing a letter exploring closer links.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.42AM.

3 GENERAL REPORTS

3.1 UKRAINIAN FRIENDSHIP CITY UPDATE

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1254

AUTHOR: Allan Reeder, Communications Lead

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Council Meeting of 6 September 2022 Council resolved:

4.2 UKRAINIAN FRIENDSHIP CITY

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1696

RESOLVED - 22/361

Cr M McDonell/Cr T Mileto

That Council refer back to the Sister Cities Committee to investigate and provide options for a Ukrainian city with which to establish a Friendship City relationship.

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

Further, at the Employment and Economic Development Policy Committee of 3 October 2023, Council resolved:

2.1 MINUTES OF THE SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 27 JULY 2023

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1522

RESOLVED - 23/439

Cr K Duffy/Cr G Floyd

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Sister Cities Community Committee at its meeting held on 27 July 2023.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 4.2.1 and 4.2.3 from the minutes of the Sister Cities Community Committee meeting of 27 July 2023.
 - 4.2.1. *That Council consider inviting the High Commissioner of PNG to visit Orange to explore closer links with Mt Hagen and PNG generally.*
 - 4.2.3. *That staff continue to explore establishing Friendship City links with a city in Ukraine, with a particular focus on Dnipro, decline the approach from Melitopol and produce a report to Council.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Sister Cities Community Committee from its meeting held on 27 July 2023 be adopted.

For: Cr K Duffy, 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 J Hamling

This report provides an update to Council on recent progress on its resolution (23/439) to explore new links with a city in Ukraine. The step of establishing a Friendship City is seen as a preliminary step towards exploring more formal Sister City relationship.

3.1 Ukrainian Friendship City Update

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “4.1. A broad range of creative and cultural facilities, services and programs that meet community needs”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on the Ukrainian Friendship City proposal.

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

In response to a report from the Sister City Community Committee, the 3 October 2023 meeting of Council adopted a motion: *‘That staff continue to explore establishing Friendship City links with a city in Ukraine, with a particular focus on Dnipro, decline the approach from Melitopol and produce a report to Council.’*

Since then, it has become clear that the local new Ukrainian community in the Orange district has more connections with the region of Zaporizhzhia, rather than Dnipro.

During this investigation Council has made contact with a Ukrainian man who has been living in Australia and is now working as an engineer in WA. He has assisted with exploring Sister City links between his former hometown and an Australian city.

He has offered to voluntarily assist this process of exploring links for Orange with a suitably-sized city in the Zaporizhzhia region.

An introductory letter from the Mayor has been supplied to enable an approach to begin.