



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - NAMING OF ORANGE SPORTS PRECINCT STADIUM

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1537

I, **CR JASON HAMLING** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 3 September 2024:

MOTION

That when constructed the Orange Sports Precinct Main Stadium be named the John Davis Stadium.

BACKGROUND

The Orange Sports Precinct when constructed will include a main stadium field which will include a main Grandstand and associated infrastructure.

This element of the project is due for completion in the second quarter of 2026.

John's love for the communities he lived in and wanting them to thrive at all levels saw John dedicate over 30 years of his life to public office. Often at great cost to his own family.

John at the same time established a successful car dealership that bears his family name. Through that success John donated heavily and often anonymously to many charities, individuals and foundations over several decades.

John was also a passionate sportsman and supporter of sports and when his playing days ended John continued his support and passion for sport through coaching and developing future players.

As recognition of the contribution of John Davis OAM to the community and public life over many decades it is fitting that this contribution be recognised by Council naming the Orange Sports Precinct Main Stadium as the John Davis Stadium.

A summary of some of the contributions by John to the community follows.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAREER – 30 Years

BLAYNEY

- 17 years on Blayney Shire Council (elected 1987)
- Last 10 years (to 2003) as Mayor of Blayney
- Winner of A R Bluett Award for 2000 – Best Rural Council in NSW
- Chair of Mining Related Councils of NSW
- Awarded Emeritus Mayor

ORANGE

- 2004 Elected to Orange City Council
Elected as Mayor in April 2004
Chair of Mining Related Councils
Chair of CENTROC (Central West Regional Organisation of Councils)
Chair of Central West Libraries
Board Member of CW CMA

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- 2008 Re-elected to Orange City Council
Re-elected as Chair of the Mining Related Councils
- 2009 Re-elected as Mayor in September 2009
- 2012 Re-elected to Orange City Council
Re-elected as Mayor
- 2017 Retired from Council.

Served 30 years in local government. Awarded Emeritus Mayor

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

- Supported Relay for Life as a Cancer Survivor
- Sponsored hundreds of community events via his business, PCYC Fundraising Golf Day, Gnoo Blas Classic Car Show, Orange Running Festival, Veritas House Kids Golf Day, Heartkids Regional Ball, Parkes Elvis Festival to name a few.
- Sponsored hundreds of sporting teams via his business in multiple sports - Netball, Rugby League, Hockey, kids sports. Clubs included CYMS Junior League, Hawks Netball, Blayney Bears, Vipers League. This continues through JDM to the current day.
- He was the first to donate prizes for fundraisers, the first to bid at auctions and bought countless raffle tickets.
- Raised money for The Royal Flying Doctors for 25 years with the Bourke Community Police Outback Trek.
- Raised money for Cancer Care Western NSW for 13 years with founding the Cruisin' Along yearly Trek.
- John was an active patron of the Trinity Foundation, the Duntryleague Foundation, The Orange Male Voice Choir and Cancer Care West.

SPORTING INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Played Rugby League & Rugby Union in early years.
- Vice-Captain of Orange High School's University Shield's Champion side of 1967
- Won NSW School ""Blue Award"" for rugby league.
- Youngest player to play rugby league for Orange High's Astley Cup side
- Played rugby league for Ex Services – Won Reserve Grade Premiership in 1973 and 1974
- Played in Reserve Grade for Orange Emus at the same time.
- Played rugby league in Blayney in 1976
- Appointed Captain/Coach in 1977 – 1st Grade - Blayney Bears - Won Group 10 Premiership in that year/First Premiership for Blayney
- Continued to coach/play for next 10 years winning more Premierships/knockouts such as West Wyalong Knockout / Bathurst Knockout & Wagga 7's
- Coach Blayney Bears to Premiership in '93', '96'
- Life Member of Blayney Bears

Other

- Love of Classic Cars

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An article by Nick McGrath in the Central Western Daily on November 1, 2023, following John's passing puts these achievements and contributions into words. A link to that article can be found [here](#).

Signed Cr Jason Hamling

STAFF COMMENT

Supported.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

4.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - CONFERENCE REPORT - NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING SUMMIT

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/1538

We, **CR DAVID MALLARD & CR JASON HAMLING** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 3 September 2024:

MOTION

That the report by Cr David Mallard and Cr Jason Hamling on the National Local Government Housing Summit held in Adelaide on 16 August 2024 be noted.

BACKGROUND

Mayor Hamling and Cr Mallard attended the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National Local Government Housing Summit at Adelaide Town Hall on Friday, 16 August 2024. Local Government's role in addressing the housing affordability crisis had been a key theme at the 2024 National General Assembly and Regional Forum in Canberra, and ALGA organised this summit to further explore the issue.

A key foundation for the summit was new ALGA-commissioned research on housing and local government from Equity Economics. Amanda Robbins, Managing Director of Equity Economics, gave an overview of this research which set the scene, and many of the panel sessions during the day touched on examples of the issues raised in that research.

Following the Summit, the research and the discussions at the event were put together into a report that has now been published, "Addressing the Housing Crisis: Unlocking Local Government's Contribution," which is available at <https://alga.com.au/app/uploads/Addressing-the-Housing-Crisis-report.pdf>.

We encourage all Councillors to examine the full report and its recommendations about the four key areas which it highlights and makes recommendations to allow local government to play a more effective role in addressing the housing crisis:

1. Ensuring Local Government has a seat at the table in state planning and land management.
2. Addressing the local infrastructure gap.
3. Addressing the lack of commerciality in some regions.
4. Aligning incentives – public and private incentives work towards increasing housing supply.

The report made five key recommendations that:

1. National housing agreements and decision-making processes provide for full involvement of local government representatives as parties, including at National Cabinet and the National Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Council.
2. Local Government is engaged in ongoing formal partnership arrangements with State and Territory Governments on State planning and land management.
3. Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments work with Local Government to identify more reliable revenue streams – paid directly to local governments – to close the minimum \$5.7 billion infrastructure gap.

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4. Responses to the challenge of a lack of commercially viable housing, particularly in rural and regional areas, be developed by government in partnership with communities and developers.
5. Governments work together to progress the challenging reforms that tackle the perverse incentives in many areas of housing policy, that produce results like land banking and unoccupied housing.

The sessions at the Summit provided many examples of how Local Governments across the country are taking innovative steps to try to address the housing crisis as it affects their local community. As Adelaide Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith observed in her introductory address, the thing about Local Government is that we collaborate and share – there is a key opportunity for Orange City Council to continue examining the innovative approaches being taken elsewhere, which has included Councils buying or using existing land to deliver affordable housing where it is most needed, ensuring housing development delivers the diversity and forms of housing that are needed to suit modern and changing needs, looking strategically at community needs and ensuring housing development connects to community services, sporting facilities, etc., and gathering and using data to guide strategic planning about housing development.

In addition to the details provided in the published report, a few key observations and arguments that stood out from the day included:

- Wendy Hayhurst (Community Housing Industry Association) noted that we need to talk about not just building 1.2 million homes (the Housing Accord’s target) but that we need homes that everyone has the chance to afford – the overall target should be split and broken down by category (e.g., social and affordable housing). She suggested that the solution could be inclusionary zoning (mandatory requirement for private developments to contribute social and affordable housing), which has been happening in the City of Sydney for many years, or systematic partnership between community housing and local government, which at the moment happens but each time as a one-off. Government expenditure that goes into this housing is an investment that is going to deliver benefits elsewhere (e.g., reduced demand for homelessness services, reduced health and social service needs, etc.).
- Multiple panellists made remarks about the tendency for Local Government to be conservative in taking on new approaches and expenditure, but they provided examples where Councils are recognising that the private market isn’t addressing a need and that Local Government can take action, and that while “we don’t need to turn a profit” this may unlock new and sustainable revenue streams for Local Government while helping to address the housing crisis.
- Amanda Robbins commented during the wrap-up session that there is no magic wand, but from being at the Summit it was clear that Local Government is doing lots to try out solutions. With the right support we can see whether the solutions will scale and if they’re the right approaches. Addressing Local Government financial sustainability, including the problems resourcing trunk infrastructure, is critical.

Signed Cr David Mallard

Signed Cr Jason Hamling