
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

RECREATION & CULTURE POLICY COMMITTEE

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

ON 4 FEBRUARY 2025

COMMENCING AT 7:42 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor)(Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Acting Director Technical Services (Davies), Manager Corporate Governance, Governance Officer

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

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

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.1 – Response to Question on the Digitisation of the Central Western Daily (CWD) Negative Collection as he is a paid member with the Orange & District Historical Society.

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.4 – 2024-2025 Sports Facility Partnership Program Application Assessment as he and other family members are actively involved in various sporting clubs and activities locally.

Cr Greenhalgh declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.4 – 2024-2025 Sports Facility Partnership Program Application Assessment as the previous Orange District Basketball Association President ran on her election ticket.

Cr Mileto declared Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.2 – Grounds Maintenance – Waratah Sports Club 2023-2024 as he is the President of the Orange & District Football Association (ODFA).

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2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON THE DIGITISATION OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY (CWD) NEGATIVE COLLECTION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1902

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is a paid member with the Orange & District Historical Society.

MOTION

Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy

That Council fund the digitisation of the CWD Negative Collection project over the next 4 years at \$25,000 per year.

AMENDMENT

Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson

That Council defer this item to the next Council meeting for the purpose of clarifying use of funding and expenditure.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy

Against: Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr G Judge, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Absent: Nil

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

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RESOLVED - 25/013

Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson

That Council defer this item to the next Council meeting for the purpose of clarifying use of funding and expenditure.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge

Absent: Nil

Cr Mileto left the meeting with the time being 7.54.pm

2.2 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE - WARATAH SPORTS CLUB 2023-2024

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1830

Cr Mileto declared Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is the President of the Orange & District Football Association (ODFA), left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 25/014

Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson

That the report on Grounds Maintenance – Waratah Sports Club be noted.

For: Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr T Mileto (Mayor)

Cr McDonell asked whether the new sports precinct will have an impact on other facilities, like Waratahs Sports Club.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a change to the sports landscape in Orange will be seen and that while he cannot answer in detail, he expects there will be an impact and that it will be a positive.

Cr Mileto returned to the meeting with the time being 8.00pm.

2.3 UPDATE ON EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - ESTABLISHMENT OF INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1834

RESOLVED - 25/015

Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power

That Council acknowledges the information provided in the Update on EOI – Establishment of Indoor Recreational Facility report.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

2.4 2024-2025 SPORTS FACILITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/24

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he and other family members are actively involved in various sporting clubs and activities locally.

Cr Greenhalgh declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as the previous Orange District Basketball Association President ran on her election ticket.

Cr Mileto declared Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest this item as he is the President of the Orange & District Football Association (ODFA).

RESOLVED - 25/016**Cr K Duffy/Cr M Ruddy**

That Council allocate funds from the 2024/2025 Sports Facility Partnership Program as per the following table:

Organisation	Project	Funding Request	Recommended Funding
Waratah Soccer Club	Purchase a set of portable competition goal posts.	\$3,495	\$3,495
Orange District Basketball Association	Establishment of two basketball courts at the Orange Showground Naylor Pavilion including linemarking, four portable backboard systems and storage.	\$15,000	\$15,000
Orange Little Athletics	Purchase of athletics event equipment including high jump mats, javelins and hurdles.	\$6,900	\$6,900
Orange Equestrian Club	Installation of permanent shade shelter at the Equestrian Reserve at Towac Park	\$5,690	\$5,690
Orange Mountain Bike Club	Upgrade of pump track at the Lake Canobolas Mountain Bike Park	\$4,035	\$4,035
Orange District Softball Association	Construction of batting cage and bullpen (pitching) facility and upgrade of electrical infrastructure in the softball canteen at Sir Jack Brabham Park	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL		\$50,120	\$50,120

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr Ruddy asked for clarification on work planned for roofing at the agriculture and Naylor Pavilions.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the current budget provides for works at the agriculture pavilion, but the Naylor is a new structure which does not required any current work.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.11PM.