



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

4 JULY 2023

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 4 July 2023.**

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Administration on 6393 8106.

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1 INTRODUCTION

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

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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 Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 1 JUNE 2023

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/1051

AUTHOR: Nigel Hobden, Manager City Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee met on 1 June 2023 and the recommendation from that meeting are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

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

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee at its meeting held on 1 June 2023.
- 2 That Council determine recommendation 3.1 from the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting of 1 June 2023.
 - 3.1
 1. *That the Urban Forest Strategy consultation undertaken by Sarah Nunn from Active Green Services be acknowledged.*
 2. *That the consultation be undertaken jointly with the Parks, Trees and Waterways and the Environmental Sustainability Community Committees.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee from its meeting held on 1 June 2023 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.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 PTWCC 1 June 2023 Minutes
- 2 PTWCC 1 June 2023 Agenda, D23/33257 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCILLOR'S WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 1 JUNE 2023

COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, , Mr Reg Kidd (*teams*), Mr Neil Jones, Ms Sharyn Pussell, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Cyril Smith, Manager Engineering Services, Horticultural Services Supervisor

Guest: Sarah Nunn

Observer: Vanessa Westcott

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Mr R Kidd/Mr A Kennedy

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Sarah Keir, Mr Gavin Kidd and Mr Malcolm Stacey for the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting on 1 June 2023.

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 N Jones/Mr R Kidd

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 9 March 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 Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 9 March 2023.

Cyril Smith requested to be recorded as against previous minutes.

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/741

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M McDonell/Mr A Kennedy**

1. That the Urban Forest Strategy consultation undertaken by Sarah Nunn from Active Green Services be acknowledged.
2. That the consultation be undertaken jointly with the Parks, Trees and Waterways and the Environmental Sustainability Community Committees.

3.2 NEW SUBDIVISION CODE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/751

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Mr C Smith**

That the update provided by Manager Engineering Services on the new Subdivision Code be acknowledged.

4 GENERAL REPORTS

4.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/740

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M McDonell/Mr C Smith**

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan be reviewed and priorities determined.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.32PM.



PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

1 JUNE 2023

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**1 JUNE 2023**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Mr Brendan Stuart, Ms Sarah Keir, Mr Reg Kidd, Mr Malcolm Stacey, Mr Neil Jones, Mr Gavin Kidd, Ms Amanda Lockwood, Ms Sharyn Pussell, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Cyril Smith, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager City Presentation, Water Treatment Manager, Horticultural Services Supervisor

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 Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee at this meeting.

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**1 JUNE 2023**

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 9 March 2023 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 9 March 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 9 March 2023

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCILLOR'S WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 9 MARCH 2023

COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Mr Brendan Stuart, Ms Sarah Keir, Mr Reg Kidd (*teams*), Mr Malcolm Stacey, Mr Neil Jones, Mr Gavin Kidd, Ms Amanda Lockwood (*teams*), Ms Sharyn Pussell, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Cyril Smith, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager City Presentation

Guest – Mr John Mills.

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil.

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 Smith/Mr A Kennedy

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee held on 17 November 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee meeting held on 17 November 2022.

MINUTES OF PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 9 MARCH 2023

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/278

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Cr M McDonell**

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee:

1. Advise the Community Safety Committee about observation on environmental management social disfunction and behaviour and provide feedback to Council on how these matters can be handled.
2. Recommend to Council an increase in allocations for parks and trees to future maintain and improve colour city image.
3. Recommend that Council review the planned retention basin in North Orange and develop the basin as a constructed wetland with chain of ponds with the same storage capacity as that currently designed.

3.2 MOULDER PARK MASTER PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/279

RECOMMENDATION**Mr C Smith/Cr M McDonell**

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee acknowledge the status of the Moulder Park Masterplan and future upgrading plans.

Mr R Kidd left the meeting with the time being 6.45pm**4 GENERAL REPORTS****4.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/250

RECOMMENDATION**Mr A Kennedy/Mr N Jones**

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan be placed as the first item on the agenda for the next meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.00PM.

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**1 JUNE 2023**

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY**

Sarah Nunn from Active Green Services will be undertaking a consultation with the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee on the development of the Urban Forest Strategy.

3.2 NEW SUBDIVISION CODE

Manager Engineering Services will provide an update on the new Subdivision Code.

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**1 JUNE 2023**

4 GENERAL REPORTS**4.1 PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/740

AUTHOR: Nigel Hobden, Manager City Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached for the information of the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee is the Action Plan from the meeting of 17 November 2023.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan 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.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan, D23/9612

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**1 JUNE 2023**

Attachment 1 Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

D18/37145

**Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee
Action Plan**

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
Urban Forest Strategy – Link to Landscape Master Plans and Conservation Management Plans to be distributed to committee members via email. Hard copy of Master Plans to be available at library for committee members to have access to. Inclusive of a natural resources management plan – Title to be determined.	Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	Not budgeted for	Consultant	May 2022	June 2023	Covering – Riparian zones, wetlands and roadside remnant vegetation
Urban Forest Strategy – Two workshops to be held on 1 and 15 December 2022. Links for Greener Public Spaces, Greener Public Design Guide and examples of other Council's Urban	Committee/ Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	Not budgeted for		Nov 2022		Links emailed to committee members on 24 November 2022.

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**1 JUNE 2023**

Attachment 1 Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
Forest strategies to be emailed out to committee members for review.							
Cook Park – Conservation Management Plan.	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.			January 2021	September 2022	Presentation by Adaptive Architecture and Mark D McCrone 8 September 2022
Plan Of Management review.	Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.		Consultant engaged	January 2021	December 2022	
Geographical name board – naming of unidentified parks eg Stirling Ave.	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.					To be covered in POM by consultants.
Arboretums – Tablelands ECO system park.	Manager City Presentation	Concept Plan		Consultant concept design	Sept 21		Concept design distributed July 2022

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**1 JUNE 2023**

Attachment 1 Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
Sporting Precinct Landscape Master Plan	Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.					Concept design distributed July 2022
Undertake a review of Cook Park Masterplan	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	Nil – review only			June 2020	Committee to take a walk around Cook Park early 2020. Budget bid for steel edging for paths. Estimate of cost to undertake. COMPLETED
Identify small neighbourhood parks that could benefit from tree planting to increase their environmental value	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment.	Nil – investigation only. Cost to undertake planting to be		July 2018		Committee to be provided with a list of neighbourhood parks that can be considered for additional tree planting. Desk top review available PTW members to be undertaken 5.30pm Wednesday 19 June 2019

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**1 JUNE 2023**

Attachment 1 Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
							Reinitiate a drive/site visits. Send out a map and feedback on locations. Scheduled for 18 November 2020. COMPLETED
Undertake a review of the Street Tree Master Plan	Committee	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that value the local environment. 9.4 Develop a vibrant civic and commercial precinct as a centre for the community	Nil - review only.		Mid 2020	December 2019	Presentation to be provided at the Parks, Trees and Waterways Committee meeting in November 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General overview of the document How Council staff apply the STMP COMPLETED
Investigate the possible use of permeable pavement around street trees and report back to the Committee.	Horticultural Services Supervisor & Manager City Presentation	7.1. Engage with the community to develop plans for growth and development that	Nil – Investigation only.		August 2018		Investigations continuing into suitable permeable pavements and the effectiveness of

PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Attachment 1 Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee Action Plan

1 JUNE 2023

Action	Who	Delivery/Operational Plan reference	Cost implications	Resourcing implications	Start	End	Update/Completed
		value the local environment. 9.4 Develop a vibrant civic and commercial precinct as a centre for the community					this treatment COMPLETED

2.2 MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 8 JUNE 2023

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/970

AUTHOR: Rosemary Reid, Project Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 8 June 2023 are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “6.2. Deliver education and services relating to animal health and wellbeing”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Fencing of the future off leash area would have to be considered as a project within the Companion Animals Community Committee budget allocation.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Council is currently finalising a (voluntary) Planning Agreement with the developer of the Hill Top Park area. This document would need to be finalised before any progress is made. It should be also noted that the VPA will require the developer to build and maintain the park for a period of 2 years, before the land is transferred at no cost to Council. The construction of an off leash area within this park would be deferred until the land is transferred into Council’s ownership.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 June 2023.**
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 2 and 3.1 from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting of 8 June 2023.**
 - 2 That the Hilltop Subdivision on Shiralee Road, currently being assessed by Council include a fenced dog exercise area in the open parkland.**
 - 3.1.1 That Council source three quotes on compostable dog bags for the September meeting of the Companion Animal Community Committee.**
 - 3.1.2 That the Companion Animals Community Committee supports the proposal to provide free animal food at Food Care. Information on microchipping and registration is to be attached to the products. The amount of free animal food will depend on sourcing of food. If resources and budget allow a microchipping day could be included.**
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee from its meeting held on 8 June 2023 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.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 CACC 8 June 2023 Minutes
- 2 CACC 8 June 2023 Agenda, D23/35845 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 8 JUNE 2023

COMMENCING AT 12:33 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Mrs Pam Davis, Mr Neil Jones, Ms Helen Wood, Mrs Susan Sanders, Ms Danielle Haase, Ms Anne Reith, Manager Building and Environment, Pound Officer, Companion Animal Registrar

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Ms P Davis/Ms D Haase

That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Hamling (Mayor) for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 8 June 2023.

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

Question raised by Danielle Haase regarding what is defined as pecuniary interest – the Chair provided definition. Advice was also given that details and Policy is available on the Councils website.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

Ms D Haase/Mr N Jones

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 2 March 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 Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 2 March 2023.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith**

That the Hilltop Subdivision on Shiralee Road, currently being assessed by Council include a fenced dog exercise area in the open parkland.

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 2 MARCH 2023**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/769

There was much discussion on the possible ways to increase the community knowledge on the process of microchipping and registering their companion animals. Marketing could be targeted on breeders, vets, and letters out to owners. This is done now six monthly to advise of the need to register a companion animal.

There was some discussion on the actual figures, the accuracy, and the difference between identified and registered.

Discussion raised by N. Jones also included the Operational Plan and the need to increase the registration of companion animals in the city.

Discussion was held regarding the economy and people struggling to feed their pets. Concerns have been raised by the Rangers. The committee discussed options to support these concerns.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms A Reith/Ms P Davis**

That Council source three quotes on compostable dog bags for the September meeting of the Companion Animal Community Committee.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms S Sanders**

That the Companion Animals Community Committee supports the proposal to provide free animal food at Food Care. Information on microchipping and registration is to be attached to the products. The amount of free animal food will depend on sourcing of food. If resources and budget allow a microchipping day could be included.

3.2 CUSTOMER REQUEST AND POUND STATISTICS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/826

The number of dog attacks reported at Gosling Creek/ Bloomfield Reserve does not require any further action. The difference between rehomed and unable to rehome was explained.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms D Haase**

That Customer Request and Pound Statistics report be accepted.

3.3 COMMUNITY MEMBER UPDATES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/860

Anne Reith - RSPCA – the movie night to Book Club raised \$1625.00. There will be a cupcake day in August and another movie night – My Big Fat Greek Wedding will be held in September.

Neil Jones - RSPCA Healthy Pets Day- Wednesday 23rd August. The local RSPCA Friends will be supporting this day with microchipping and desexing vouchers.

Neil Jones - the Council Budget is on exhibition and includes fees to be charged at the Orange City Pound. Members need to be aware of what is currently on exhibition.

Pam Davis - to email Melissa regarding the use of Riawena Oval by sporting groups outside of cricket season and when dog owners are using the oval as an off-leash exercise area. A dangerous clash of uses.

Dannielle Haase - Orange Show Pet Show was very successful with entries up by 10% from last year. Entries included cats, goats and chickens and was a lot of fun for all.

Helen Wood - to promote dog registration to those attending the Kennel Club days at Waratah Sports Ground on Sundays.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms D Haase/Ms H Wood**

That the Community Member updates be accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Manager Building and Environment thanked the Companion Animal Registrar for the successful running of the desexing program.

The next meeting will be held 7 September 2023.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.07PM



COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

8 JUNE 2023

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COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**8 JUNE 2023**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Mrs Pam Davis, Mr Neil Jones, Ms Helen Wood, Mrs Susan Sanders, Ms Danielle Haase, Ms Anne Reith, Manager Building and Environment, Pound Officer, Companion Animal Registrar

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RECOMMENDATION

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COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**8 JUNE 2023**

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION**

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ATTACHMENTS

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ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 2 MARCH 2023

COMMENCING AT 12.32PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Mrs Pam Davis, Mr Neil Jones, Ms Danielle Haase, Ms Anne Reith, Acting Manager Building and Environment, Pound Officer, Companion Animal Registrar

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Ms P Davis/Ms D Haase

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Helen Wood & Mrs Susan Sanders for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 2 March 2023.

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

Cr J Hamling/Ms A Reith

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 8 December 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 8 December 2022.

MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

2 MARCH 2023

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/261

Anne Reith - RSPCA Movie Day was successful. Dogs Day Out at Heifer Station in February raised \$1100. The next movie night is on 18 May 2023.

Pound Officer - there are many people trying to surrender dogs to the Pound, many unwanted kittens and cats are being brought to the Pound.

Danielle Haase - We need to look at an advertising strategy.

Cr Hamling - noted the importance of people putting collars and name tags on their dogs.

Pam Davis - tags can be lost, embroidered collars are better. Bloomfield attacks not being reported to Council. Would be good to have a fenced area at Bloomfield. Need to check the CRM system to find out how many attacks have been reported. Perhaps the rangers could do a late patrol.

Danielle Haase - mentioned a rescue called "Save a Life adopt a Dog" - an online portal for rescue dogs. 50% of all profits go to rescue groups. The Diesel and Blue Dog Show will once again be held at the Orange Show in May.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms D Haase/Ms P Davis**

That the figures on dog attacks reported at Bloomfield Park be presented to the next meeting.

3.2 MAINTENANCE OF OFF LEASH AREAS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/262

Mowing in dog exercise areas is well done in both fenced and unfenced areas.

Lombardy Way dog exercise area needs some maintenance in the areas around the seats-long grass need snipping and spraying, more tree planting is required. Direction signs need to be erected in Lombardy Way as parking is easier there than trying to get off The Escort Way.

Machin Park requires the tree canopy to be lifted approximately 2m off the ground in the eastern corner.

Compostable bags could be replaced by biodegradable bags.

Planning for Dog Exercise areas need to be in future subdivisions.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith**

1. That Council enquire as to the costing of compostable dog refuse bags in place of the current biodegradable bags.
2. That Council include planning for Dog Exercise areas in the early stages of subdivision planning.

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3.3 CUSTOMER REQUEST AND POUND STATISTICS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/260

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith**

1. That the Customer Request and Pound Statistics report be accepted.
2. That Council produce figures on the growth of companion animals' ownership in Orange in respect to identification and registration.

GENERAL BUSINESS

AWL are having a microchipping, health check and vaccination day on 10 March 2023 at the Orange Showground.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.42PM

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

8 JUNE 2023

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 2 MARCH 2023**

Response to the Action Items that were raised at the last meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee on 2 March 2023.

3.1- That figures on dog attacks reported at Bloomfield Park be presented.

Going back to 2013 through the Customer Request Management system there were 19 attacks listed in Bloomfield Park/ Gosling Creek area. Many of these were listed as being in the Gosling Creek area where dogs are not allowed. In 2023 there has been one attack reported. In 2022 there were two attacks reported. In 2021 there were two attacks reported.

3.2.1- Council to enquire as to the cost of compostable dog bags in place of the current biodegradable bags.

The Council ranger's order is usually 6 cartons of bags containing 10 rolls of 200 bags. Cost is \$102.30 per carton. The cost of the compostable bags from Oh Crap is \$114.99 per carton so a very similar cost.

3.2.2 That Council include planning for Dog Exercise areas in the early stages of subdivision planning.

The new affordable housing development planned for Lone Pine Avenue has been made aware of this requirement.

3.3.2 That Council produce figures on the growth of companion animal ownership in Orange in respect to identification and registration. Figures are shown below for the last ten years.

Identified only- Microchip inserted.

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cats	400	379	526	553	495	479	365	346	497	476	153
Dogs	1326	1182	1404	1297	1166	1240	1136	1114	1167	1382	437
Total	1726	1561	1930	1850	1661	1719	1501	1460	1664	1858	590

Lifetime Registered

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cats	147	165	197	226	164	105	112	89	165	221	79
Dogs	806	842	815	669	593	565	497	490	498	664	258
Total	953	1007	1012	895	757	670	609	579	663	885	337

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The total number of Companion Animals in Orange as of 11 May 2023 (the Companion Animal Register was commenced on 1 July 1999).

	ID Only	Registered	Total
Cat	6543	2597	9140
Dog	10646	16914	27560
Total:	17189	19511	36700

Additional Information

The Companion Animal Community Committee and Council desexing program for the 2022-2023 year desexed, microchipped and lifetime registered a total of 82 animals. This year Mulberry Lane Vet Hospital carried out the program after submitting the successful quote.

The total cost of the program was \$19,118.50 with \$10,000 coming from the Companion Animals Community Committee budget and the remainder from Council's Rangers and Pound budget.

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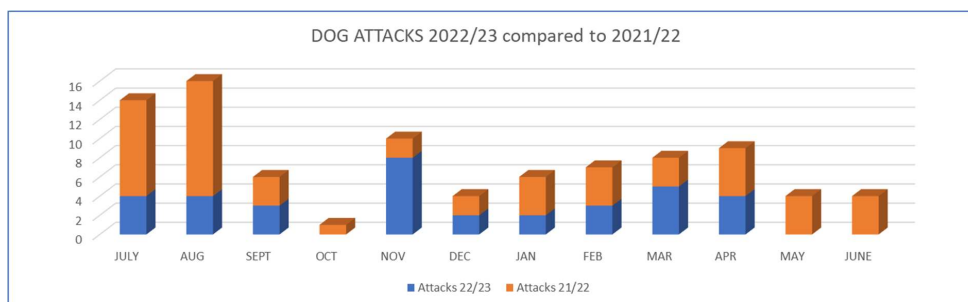
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3.2 CUSTOMER REQUEST AND POUND STATISTICS

2022-2023 CUSTOMER REQUESTS

with 2021-2022 comparisons

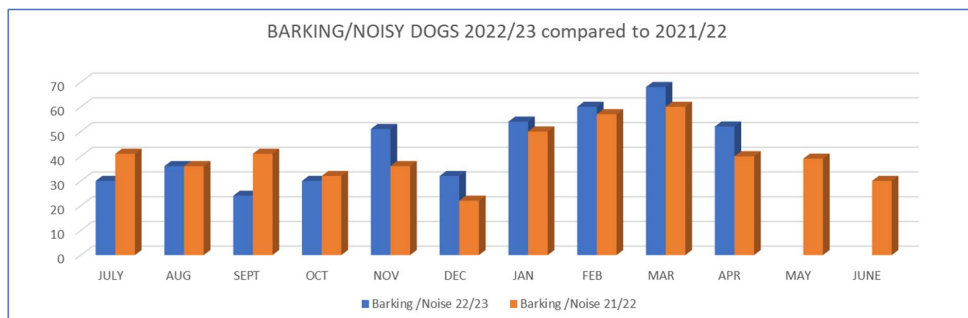
	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Attacks 22/23	4	4	3	0	8	2	2	3	5	4		
Attacks 21/22	10	12	3	1	2	2	4	4	3	5	4	4
Barking /Noise 22/23	30	36	24	30	51	32	54	60	68	52		
Barking /Noise 21/22	41	36	41	32	36	22	50	57	60	40	39	30
Stray 22/23	32	26	24	39	39	23	40	36	36	26		
Stray 21/22	28	44	34	32	21	18	38	28	34	39	45	20

**Dog attacks**

Dog attacks for February - 3 attacks, 1 human victim, 2 animal victims, 1 on private property, 2 in a public place.

Dog attacks for March – 5 attacks, 2 human victims, 8 attacking dogs on private property, 2 in a public place.

Dog attacks for April – 4 attacks involving 8 dogs, 5 human victims, 5 animal victims on a private property.

**Council Ranger and Pound Activity-Dogs**

February – 16 were returned home by the rangers, 32 arrived at the pound, 29 were returned to their owner, 4 transferred to rescue organisations, 2 were adopted and 1 was euthanised (unable to rehome).

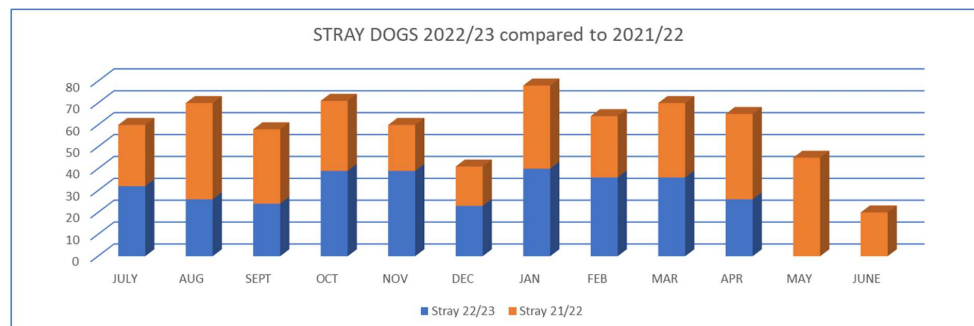
March – 29 were returned home by the rangers, 34 arrived at the Pound, 33 were returned to their owner, 9 transferred to rescue organisations, 2 were adopted, 14 euthanised (7 unable to rehome, 2 illness, 5 unsuitable for rehoming).

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3.2 Customer request and Pound Statistics

April – 8 were returned home by the rangers, 26 dogs arrived at the Pound, 19 were returned to their owner, 4 were transferred to rescue organisations, 6 were euthanised (4 unable to rehome, 1 illness, 1 dangerous)

**Orange City Pound activity- Cats**

February - 40 arrived at the Pound, 5 were returned to their owner, 9 were transferred to rescue organisations, 3 were adopted, 1 died, 16 were euthanised (10 due to illness, 1 feral, 5 unable to rehome)

March - 21 arrived at the Pound, 13 were transferred to rescues, 4 adopted, 10 unable to rehome)

April - 28 arrived at the Pound, 3 were returned to their owner, 8 were transferred to rescue organisations, 3 were adopted, 16 were euthanised (3 feral, 6 due to illness, 7 unable to rehome)

Registrations

What percentage of dogs at the pound each year are registered and returned home? Approx. 25% are already registered so don't incur a fee if it is the first time in the Pound for the year, and another 34% are registered before they leave the pound to return home. The remainder of the animals need to be microchipped and registered before they leave the Pound.

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3.3 COMMUNITY MEMBER UPDATES

Each committee member has the opportunity to report on matters that concern them regarding Companion Animals.