



EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

5 SEPTEMBER 2023

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, 5 September 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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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 HELD 14 JUNE 2023

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/1401

AUTHOR: Rachelle Robb, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee was held on 14 June 2023. 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

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Economic Development Community Committee at its meeting held on 14 June 2023.**
- 2 That the minutes of the Economic Development Community Committee from its meeting held on 14 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 EDCC Minutes 14 June 2023**
- 2 EDCC 14 June 2023 Agenda, D23/61037** [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 14 JUNE 2023

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

In the absence of the Committee Clerk – full minutes, including movers/seconders were not recorded, a general outline of the meeting is below for reference of the committee

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Not recorded.

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil received.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee held on 12 April 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 Economic Development Community Committee meeting held on 12 April 2023.

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ATTENDING AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/893

Director of Development Services spoke to the group about current trends in the city. Some of the key points were:

- There were 409 DAs determined by Council during this financial year to date (May) or \$183M
- This figure is an increase of \$20M on the previous financial year but DA numbers are down
- There are 30-40 DAs a month lodged with Council
- There are currently 90 outstanding DAs at a value of \$97M
- The complexity of applications has increased and the median value of developments has increased to around \$30,000 per application
- Currently building 244 houses are approved each year
- Approvals have a median assessment time of 41 days
- The former Tip Top Bakery site has been marked for an 80 bed motel with smaller rooms aimed towards the budget end of the market. This would be the 5th consent for motels that haven't yet been built.

Regarding a perception of slow development approvals:

- Council were told that the portal would reduce assessment time by 10 days
- It appears it has added 10 days or possibly more
- Council will look into surveys with customers to identify other issues
- There are still significant skill shortage impacting on the recruitment of additional planners and health and building surveyors

3.2 MR MATT ARMSTRONG - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER NBN LOCAL (CENTRAL NSW)

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/894

A presentation was delivered by the NBN Community Engagement Manager however the presentation is not for distribution.

4 GENERAL REPORTS

4.1 BANJO PATERSON AUSTRALIAN POETRY FESTIVAL

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/482

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledge the 2023 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival report.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

14 JUNE 2023

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David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 JUNE 2023**

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 JUNE 2023**

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

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 JUNE 2023**

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee held on 12 April 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 Economic Development Community Committee meeting held on 12 April 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee held on 12 April 2023

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 12 APRIL 2023

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr T Mileto (Chairperson)(*Teams*), Cr T Greenhalgh (*Teams*), Cr J Evans, Cr F Kinghorne, Mr Reginald Kidd (*Teams*), Mr Garry Norton, Mr Robert Alford, Mr Craig Hort, Mrs Michelle Smith, Mr Russell Tym, Mr Timothy Hall, Mr Grant Gill (*Teams*), Mr Darryl Curran (*Teams*)(8.25am), Business Projects Officer

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Julia Andrews, Mr Alex King Elphick, Mr Tony Healy, Mr Michael Banks, Ms Kath Logan and Mrs Catherine Lawrence for the Economic Development Community Committee meeting on 12 April 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 R Kidd/Mr G Norton

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee held on 22 February 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 Economic Development Community Committee meeting held on 22 February 2023.

MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**12 APRIL 2023****3 GENERAL REPORTS****3.1 ECONOMIC INDICATORS UPDATE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/462

RECOMMENDATION**Mr R Kidd/Mr G Norton**

That the report and data be noted.

3.2 ORANGE RAIL ACTION GROUP POLICY ENDORSEMENT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/467

RECOMMENDATION**Mr R Kidd/Mr G Norton**

That the Committee recommend that Council adopt the Orange Rail Action Group position of seeking to achieve the following for the region:

1. That the Bathurst Bullet be extended to Orange, including Opal Card ticketing.
2. A morning day-return service from Dubbo to Sydney via Orange using the Bullet 2 pathway and timetable; and
3. Staged Fast Rail track upgrades to reduce travel time from Sydney to Orange and Dubbo.

3.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/495

RECOMMENDATION**Mr G Norton/Mr R Tym**

That the Economic Development Community Committee Action Plan be updated.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.02AM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 JUNE 2023**

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ATTENDING AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee requested the Director of Development Services attend the EDCC meeting to discuss the implementation of electronic lodgement of DA's.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2023

**3.2 MR MATT ARMSTRONG - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER NBN LOCAL
(CENTRAL NSW)**

Presentation on NBN upgrades relevant to the region.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 JUNE 2023**

4 GENERAL REPORTS**4.1 BANJO PATERSON AUSTRALIAN POETRY FESTIVAL**

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/482

AUTHOR: Rachelle Robb, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In May 2022 Council resolved to carry over \$10,000 unused Financial Assistance funding granted to the Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival. The funds were unused for the 2022 festival due to COVID-19 travel restrictions preventing the event from running as planned in February 2022.

The 2023 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival went ahead in Orange. The event also attracted the National Bush Poetry Performance Championships as part of the festival. Attached is the post event report from the Rotary Club of Orange summarising the success of the event.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “11.2. Develop and attract a variety of events, festivals, venues and activities for locals and visitors, ensuring accessibility for all”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledge the 2023 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival report.

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 2023 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival Report, D23/21953

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2023

Attachment 1 2023 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival Report

**2023 BANJO PATERSON AUSTRALIAN POETRY FESTIVAL****REPORT TO ORANGE CITY COUNCIL****Council grant**

The Rotary Club of Orange and the community organising committee for the Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival is most grateful to the Orange City Council for sponsorship which helped to attract the National Bush Poetry Performance Championships to Orange as part of the 2023 Festival.

A grant of \$12,000 was originally made in 2021-22 in anticipation of the Championships being held in February 2022, but COVID-19 interstate travel restrictions prevented the event from being held. \$2,000 was spent in that year on trophies and initial preparations so Council approved carrying over \$10,000 for use in February 2023.

The Council grant contributed to costs associated with the National Championships, including prizemoney, trophies, professional judges' fees, venue hire, program printing and publicity.

This was a very worthwhile investment in the cultural identity, tourism potential and national profile of the Orange region. While the Banjo Paterson Festival is a huge recognition of Orange being the birthplace of Australia's best-known poet, it is not a large festival in terms of crowds. However, it has become a well-recognised destination for bush poets from across Australia and a festival loved by followers of Australian bush poetry.

National Championships

The National Championships are not held repeatedly in the same location and are not necessarily held every year, depending on suitable associated events or festivals and willing organisers. The previous National Championships were held in 2017 in Perth. Having the National Championships in Orange in 2023 associated with the Banjo Paterson Festival was an honour and a great opportunity for Orange. It ran without a hitch and showed that this is an ideal location for national events. There has been a lot of praise from the Australian Bush Poets' Association (ABPA), contestants and visitors about the organisation of the festival, the venues for events and the attributes of the City. First-time visitors invariably say they will return to Orange.

The National Championships were organised by the ABPA in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Orange. Sixteen poets competed in 4 categories (traditional, modern, original serious and original humorous), with winners and placegetters in each category and an overall Champion. Contestants came from WA, Qld, NSW, Vic, ACT and Tas. and the Champion was Mr. Michael Darby from WA. Judges were three National Champion Performance Poets, who also provided entertainment at other events throughout the festival.

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Festival events

The festival consisted of 19 events over 10 days (17 to 26 February 2023), with each event fully booked and run successfully. Events were held in the Orange, Cabonne and Dubbo local government areas in schools, pubs, wineries, clubs, Orange Senior's hub, Orange Regional Conservatorium, Dundry League Guesthouse and outdoors, including the Banjo Paterson Park, the Civic Centre South Court and North Court. Events included:

- A Banjo Paterson Birthday celebration at the Banjo Paterson Park, Orange, organised by the Friends of Banjo Paterson Park. 35 people attended.
- A visit to the historic Boree Nyrang property, with entertainment by Greg North (performance poet) and November Shorn, organised by the Molong Historical Society. Afternoon tea was served to 168 people.
- Casual poetry competitions at:
 - The Freemasons Hotel (Molong) organised by the Molong Advancement Group with 132 people attending to hear 20 contestants recite original 1-minute poems along with local entertainers.
 - The Lord Anson Hotel (Orange), organised and sponsored by Small Acres Cider, with 60 people attending to hear 16 people recite Banjo Paterson poems or variations thereof.
 - The Cargo Inn (Cargo) and See Saw Wines hosted the inaugural Cargo Cup for walk-up poets. 80 people attended and were entertained by 19 competitors as well as local and visiting entertainers.
- Casual walk-up poetry performances at:
 - The Yeoval Banjo Paterson More Than a Poet Museum with brunch and entertainment all day attracted a rolling audience of 150 people.
 - The Ironbark Hotel at Stuart Town entertained 50 people with 12 poets and a musical duet over lunch.
 - Heifer Station Winery with 84 attendees for dinner and performance by 12 poets and entertainers.
 - Breakfast and Poetry on the Pavers at the Orange South Court with 50 adults and 20 school students attending. There were 15 performances from Orange Public School and 4 from Home School students. These were followed by performances from 11 visiting adult poets.
 - The Lord Anson Hotel, Orange, hosted 60 people for walk-up performances of Banjo Paterson's poems or variations thereof.
 - The Rotary Community market at the Orange North Court, which attracted approximately 1,000 patrons, included a 2-hour walkup poetry session as open-air entertainment.
- Casual walk-up yarn telling at the Metropolitan Hotel, Orange, with 70 people filling the upstairs verandah who dined and heard yarns from 10 story tellers.
- Formal poetry competitions for school students and adults at the Orange Regional Conservatorium. 7 students and 8 adults performed their own original poems in front of an audience of 40.
- National Championships at the Orange Ex Services Club attracted an audience of 70 people each day.
- Performances by professional bush poets in 5 schools reaching 540 students, provided free to the schools.
- A performance and book launch by professional performance poet, Greg North, at the Orange Seniors' Hub with 35 people attending.

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- Musical entertainment at Strawhouse Wines for 71 people.
- A workshop on memorising poetry for performance at Duntry League Guesthouse for 22 people run by professional bush poetry performers, Melanie Hall and Susie Carcary.
- The announcement of winners of the national Blackened Billy Verse Writing Competition at Duntry League Guesthouse in front of 16 people in the room and another 12 on Zoom from right across Australia.

Visitation

A record of postcodes for those who attended the National Championships revealed that of the 70 attendees, 24% were from Orange, 50% from elsewhere in NSW, 11% from Victoria, 6% from WA and 9% from Queensland.

Those who were not Orange residents spent a total of 266 person nights in Orange (ranging from 1 to 14 nights each) with an average stay per person of 5.3 nights. This represents a strong commitment to the festival as a whole, on top of the National Championships.

A record of postcodes of people entering the Rotary market showed that 13% were from outside Orange. This shows that despite being the last day of the 10-day festival, many visitors stayed in the city to experience all it had to offer.

Other financial assistance

In addition to Orange City Council's sponsorship, financial assistance for the festival was received from local businesses, the ABPA, Club Grants, Charles Sturt University, Cabonne Council and participant entry donations, with overall income marginally covering costs.

Festival organisation

Council has been represented on the festival organising committee but has not attended meetings and therefore not participated in discussions about programing, budgets and publicity. It would be highly desirable in the planning for the 2024 festival that Council nominate a person who can contribute to the discussion in person. Council has a lot to offer in understanding venues, community needs, communication and marketing.

The rest of the committee consists of the Rotary Club of Orange, the Orange and District Historical Society, Cabonne Council, Orange360, the Molong Advancement Group and individual community members. The committee meets monthly for the whole 12 months prior to the festival and it plans the program, manages the budget, applies for financial support, liaises with individual event organisers and venues, and conducts overall marketing, promotion and reporting.

Planning is now underway for the 2024 festival which will celebrate 160 years since the birth of Andrew Barton Paterson at 'Narrambla', Orange on 17 February 1864. The celebration will commence with a major family fun day at Banjo Paterson Park on Ophir Road, which is becoming a significant parkland venue as Council enhances facilities for families and visitors. The National Championships will not be held in Orange in 2024, but with the reputation Orange has built for this festival, it will attract poets and visitors from across Eastern Australia.

Len Banks
Rotary Club of Orange.

2.2 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD 9 AUGUST 2023

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/1402

AUTHOR: Rachelle Robb, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee was held on 9 August 2023. 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

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Economic Development Community Committee at its meeting held on 9 August 2023.**
- 2 That the minutes of the Economic Development Community Committee from its meeting held on 9 August 2023 be adopted.**

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1 EDCC 9 August 2023 Minutes**
- 2 EDCC 9 August 2023 Agenda, D23/56698** [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 9 AUGUST 2023

COMMENCING AT 8:00 AM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr J Evans, Mr Garry Norton, Mr Michael Banks, Mr Robert Alford, Mr Craig Hort (Teams), Mrs Michelle Smith (Teams)(8.06am), Mr Tony Healey, Mr Russell Tym, Mr Timothy Hall (Teams)(8.07am), Ms Amy Gormly, Mr Steven Bowman (8.08am), Rhonda Taylor, Manager Economic Development, Business Project Officer

Invited: Ms Kate Sowden

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Mr T Healey/Mr G Norton

That the apologies be accepted from Cr F Kinghorne, Ms Julia Andrews, Mr Darryl Curran, Mr Tim Hall and Mr Grant Gill for the Economic Development Community Committee meeting on 9 August 2023.

After the apologies were resolved, Mr Tim Hall joined the meeting via Teams and messages of apology were received from Cr Melanie McDonell and Mr Reg Kidd

RESOLVED

Cr J Evans/Cr T Greenhalgh

That the apologies also be accepted from Cr Melanie McDonell and Mr Reg Kidd and that Mr Tim Hall be noted as present via Teams for the Economic Development Community Committee meeting on 9 August 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 G Norton/Mr T Healey

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee held on 14 June 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 Economic Development Community Committee meeting held on 14 June 2023.

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.3 WORK + STAY PRESENTATION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1272

Ms Kate Sowden was invited to speak by the Chairperson as she was external to the meeting. Kate took the group through the Work + Stay concept which matches jobs and individuals in regions. The placements are showing around 97% retention rates as they also ensure partners and families are networked into the local community. Work + Stay are currently piloting a "Regional Workforce Solution" with Narromine Shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Cr J Evans/Mr R Alford

That the presentation on Work+Stay by Ms Kate Sowden be noted.

3.1 PRESENTATION FROM BIZHQ GENERAL MANAGER ON BIZHQ ACTIVITIES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1264

Ms Amy Gormly, General Manager of BizHQ presented to the meeting on the activities and outlook for BizHQ. BizHQ have expanded into the sphere of helping small businesses find additional employees. This includes working with 18-25 year olds on a workforce development program to improve their soft skills.

Last financial year BizHQ served around 600 customers. Around 80% had already started their own business and 20% were wanting to start a business.

BizHQ is looking to partner with Council to provide a series of 45 minute business health checks with the option of a further 8 hours of assistance if required.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr T Healey/Mr R Tym

That the presentation from BizHq be noted.

3.2 PRESENTATION BY DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRAL WEST

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1265

Mr Steven Bowman, Director, Regional Development Australia (RDA) Central West gave an update on the organisation.

RDAs have been around for 11 years replacing Consultative Committees. Steve has only been in the role for 9 weeks. RDA has a new charter. RDACW is currently involved in: Visa program; STEAM; Young Leaders Central West Summit; Central West Inspired Womens Network; Ten 4 Ten; circular economy projects; projects on exporting to the Middle East; programs with Regional Australia Institute (Rising Regions seminar to be held in Orange)

RECOMMENDATION

Mr R Alford/Mr T Healy

That the presentation from Mr Steven Bowman – Regional Development Australia be noted.

MATTER ARISING: Mr Robert Alford enquired if RDACW covers power in its scope. The response was that power is covered by the Joint Organisation in a division of roles to ensure there is no duplication.

Cr Jack Evans left the meeting with the time being 8.58am

Mr Robert Alford indicated to the Chairperson that he wished to discuss some issues with power. The Chairperson noted that as it was only expected to take 5 minutes then now would be an appropriate time.

Mr Alford informed the Committee of the historical electricity market in comparison to today's market make up. He noted that an example that he is aware of received a bill for a substantial sum from their retailer that appears to be gathering lost revenue. Mr Alford is interested in finding out if others are in the same boat.

Following on from the presentation from the Director of RDACW, Mr Alford suggested the Executive Officer from the Joint Organisation be invited to the next EDCC meeting to enlighten the Committee on the role of the JO in the electricity supply sphere.

The Chairperson noted that this will be added to the Committee Action Plan.

4 GENERAL REPORTS

4.1 COMMITTEE UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORANGE CITY COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1268

RECOMMENDATION

Cr T Greenhalgh/Mr G Norton

That the Committee acknowledge the update Report on the development of the Orange City Council Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

Craig Hort left the meeting at 9.12am

Steve Bowman left the meeting at 9.21am

Mr Reg Kidd included some questions along with his apology. The questions were:

- Is that report on social/affordable housing available yet?
- The Director mentioned it at a meeting previously when I asked (including buildings that may be available and land)
- Has Council considered a percentage that we should be aiming for?

The Chairperson requested that the items be added to the Committee Action Plan.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.24AM



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

9 AUGUST 2023

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Wednesday, 9 August 2023** commencing at **8:00 AM**.

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Tony Boland on 6393 8250.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**9 AUGUST 2023**

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

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

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2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee held on 14 June 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 Economic Development Community Committee meeting held on 14 June 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee held on 14 June 2023

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 14 JUNE 2023

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

In the absence of the Committee Clerk – full minutes, including movers/seconders were not recorded, a general outline of the meeting is below for reference of the committee

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Not recorded.

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil received.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development Community Committee held on 12 April 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 Economic Development Community Committee meeting held on 12 April 2023.

MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**14 JUNE 2023****3 PRESENTATIONS****3.1 DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ATTENDING AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/893

Director of Development Services spoke to the group about current trends in the city. Some of the key points were:

- There were 409 DAs determined by Council during this financial year to date (May) or \$183M
- This figure is an increase of \$20M on the previous financial year but DA numbers are down
- There are 30-40 DAs a month lodged with Council
- There are currently 90 outstanding DAs at a value of \$97M
- The complexity of applications has increased and the median value of developments has increased to around \$30,000 per application
- Currently building 244 houses are approved each year
- Approvals have a median assessment time of 41 days
- The former Tip Top Bakery site has been marked for an 80 bed motel with smaller rooms aimed towards the budget end of the market. This would be the 5th consent for motels that haven't yet been built.

Regarding a perception of slow development approvals:

- Council were told that the portal would reduce assessment time by 10 days
- It appears it has added 10 days or possibly more
- Council will look into surveys with customers to identify other issues
- There are still significant skill shortage impacting on the recruitment of additional planners and health and building surveyors

3.2 MR MATT ARMSTRONG - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER NBN LOCAL (CENTRAL NSW)

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/894

A presentation was delivered by the NBN Community Engagement Manager however the presentation is not for distribution.

4 GENERAL REPORTS**4.1 BANJO PATERSON AUSTRALIAN POETRY FESTIVAL**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/482

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledge the 2023 Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival report.

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3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 PRESENTATION FROM BIZHQ GENERAL MANAGER ON BIZHQ ACTIVITIES**

BizHQ General Manager, Amy Gormly, will provide a verbal update on BizHQ activities and opportunities for businesses to engage in training and other skills development.

3.2 PRESENTATION BY DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRAL WEST

The recently appointed Director of Regional Development Australia Central West, Steven Bowman, will provide an update on the RDA's priorities and the various programs it runs.

3.3 WORK + STAY PRESENTATION

Kate Sowden, the Executive Director of Work+Stay (<https://www.workandstay.com.au/>) will provide a short (Teams) presentation about a pilot program that is taking a holistic approach to supporting regional businesses address their workforce challenges.

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4 GENERAL REPORTS**4.1 COMMITTEE UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/1268

AUTHOR: Tig Armstrong, Manager Economic Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council's Economic Development team has commissioned SGS Planning & Economics Pty Ltd (<https://sgsep.com.au/>) to develop a five-year Orange City Economic Development Strategy (EDS) and Action Plan. SGS have been instructed to deliver an EDS that:

- identifies opportunities to further diversify the local economy, considering existing strengths and specialisations, and future trends.
- is informed by extensive consultation with a range of key stakeholders; and
- considers the resources and capacity of the Council, and other stakeholders to deliver the Plan.

SGS anticipate delivering the draft EDS and Action Plan by late October/early November and the final version three weeks later (NB. this timeline is subject to confirmation).

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

Funding for this project will come from the Council-approved Economic Development budget.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee acknowledge the update Report on the development of the Orange City Council Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

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 most recent economic development plan developed for the Orange LGA was for the period 2011-12. The development of this five-year Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan will update that work, taking into consideration the Orange community's longer-

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**9 AUGUST 2023****4.1 Committee update on the development of the Orange City Council Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan**

term aspirations for their community and local economy, current economic conditions, relevant international and national trends, social trends, government policy and programs.

The scope of works, as developed by the Economic Development Team, that SGS are contracted to deliver is as follows:

- The strategy will highlight no more than five strategic objectives/priority areas, each of which is to be informed by relevant data, the broader (Government) policy context and input from stakeholders.
- At least one of the strategies should focus on diversification of the local economy by leveraging existing high-value sectors to support the growth of new sectors and/or long-term enterprises.
- Each strategy will be underpinned by an action plan which will assign specific actions to the Council and where relevant, other identified stakeholders. Actions are expected to be measurable, and timebound.
- Key stakeholders (including but not limited to Councillors, Council staff and members of the business/broader community) will be engaged and consulted with during the development of the Strategy and Action Plan.
- Specific commitments made by relevant stakeholders during the consultation process to the delivery of specific actions in the Action Plan will be documented in the Plan.
- After the delivery of the final Strategy and Action Plan, the consultant will provide ongoing support for a period of 18 months to the Economic Development team, including at least one progress review against the Strategy and Action Plan.
- In developing the Action Plan, the consultant will demonstrate an understanding the of the Councils/Economic Development Teams operating environment, capacity and constraints.

Key project deliverables include:

- Economic data and modelling report
- Stakeholder consultation report
- A draft and final EDS and Action Plan (including a 'plan on a page')

An Engagement Plan, detailing the extent and breadth of the proposed stakeholder engagement to be undertaken during the development of the EDS is currently being developed by SGS and the Economic Development Team. The Engagement Plan will be shared with EDCC members once approved.