



# **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

# **AGENDA**

**6 FEBRUARY 2024**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ORDINARY MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 6 February 2024** commencing at **6:30PM**.

David Waddell  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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# AGENDA

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# **1 INTRODUCTION**

## **1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

## **1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING**

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## **1.3 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.

## **1.4 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 Councillors now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Council at this meeting.

## **COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM**

## **COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES**

**2 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 19 December 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 Council meeting held on 19 December 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 19 December 2023

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# ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

ON 19 DECEMBER 2023

COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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Cr J Hamling (Mayor), 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 (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton

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

#### 1.1 APOLOGIES

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Nil.

#### 1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

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The Mayor advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

#### 1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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Cr Evans conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

#### 1.4 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in item 5.3 – Development Application DA 236/2023(1) – 35 Astill Drive as her husband's consultancy company has undertaken work on this site.

Cr Greenhalgh declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 6.1 – Sale 22 Elwin Drive as she is the secretary of the Junior Football Club sponsored by the proposed purchaser.

**RESOLVED - 23/586****Cr G Floyd/Cr K Duffy**

That the following Late Item be permitted to be considered at the Council Meeting of 19 December 2023:

6.3 – NSW ALGWA Conference 2024 – Nomination(s) for Councillor Attendance.

Cr Duffy presented Council with gifts from Tipperary County Council, Ireland, received from a recent visit.

Cr Duffy acknowledged the work undertaken to produce the banners for ANZAC servicemen and commended the working party, RSL and Council Staff.

**1.5 OPENING PRAYER**

There was no opening prayer.

**THERE WAS NO OPEN FORUM.**

**2 MAYORAL MINUTES****2.1 COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION AGM AND NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2179

**RESOLVED - 23/587****Cr J Whitton/Cr J Evans**

That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged.

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

**2.2 CNSWJO NOVEMBER BOARD REPORT**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2213

**RESOLVED - 23/588****Cr G Floyd/Cr J Evans**

That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged

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

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr D Mallard**

Cr Mallard asked that information relating to windfarm projects in Forestry Corporation softwood forests in Bathurst, Lithgow, Oberon and Orange as per the minutes of the CNSWJO November Board Report (81.4) be circulated to Councillors.

**2.3 OPHIR CARPARK - FREE PARKING**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2249

**RESOLVED - 23/589****Cr J Hamling/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to permit Free Parking at the Ophir Carpark from 20 December 2023 to 1 February 2024.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr T Mileto, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson

Absent: Nil

Cr Peterson asked if the free parking would just be taken up by workers and whether a time limited free parking would be better.

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that the 2hour parking around the perimeter would remain and be patrolled, the rest of the carpark would be free unlimited parking.*

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****RESOLVED - 23/590****Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 5 December 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 Council meeting held on 5 December 2023.

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

**4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION****4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ORANGE AQUATIC CENTRE FREE ENTRY**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2247

**RESOLVED - 23/591****Cr J Whitton/Cr J Hamling**

That Council resolves to permit Free Entry into the Orange Aquatic Centre from 22 December 2023 to 31 January 2024 (inclusive) for Everyone.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell

Absent: Nil



Cr Mileto asked whether there would be an impact on staff needed for the extra time and whether we had the staff for this.

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that yes, we have sufficient experienced lifeguards and there are no issues with leave as most seasonal lifeguards are available during this period.*

Cr Mileto asked what was a safe number of patrons and whether we monitored this.

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that typically it runs 100 people per lifeguard. Often we have more lifeguards than people but that is the standard. Yes, we monitor numbers.*

Cr Mallard asked if there were any plans to consult with the public on the proposed LTS facility during this period.

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that there were no plans in place to consult specifically, however the facility plans are on display and we could look at options to consult during this period.*

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr T Mileto**

Cr Mileto asked whether running free public transport to Lake Canobolas had ever been considered as an option.

## 5 GENERAL REPORTS

### 5.1 RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM POLICY COMMITTEES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2237

#### RESOLVED - 23/592

Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr K Duffy

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 2 That the Minutes of the Employment & Economic Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 3 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 4 That the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 5 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 6 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 7 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 December 2023 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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

Cr Duffy asked for information relating to signage and statue for Max Stewart and the use of Redmond Place hanger by Gnoo Blas.

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that staff have been in discussions with Gnoo Blas regarding the use of Redmond Place hanger and are working on an alternative. The Statue was to be led by Gnoo Blas and Gnoo Blas is updating signage where it had been scratched out.*

Cr McDonell asked for an update on Road Patching on Coronation Drive.

*The Director Technical Services advised that asphalt was booked for the week commencing 15 January 2024 and all patches that have a holding seal will be re-patched with asphalt bringing works up to road level.*

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr J Whitton**

Cr Whitton asked if there was a specific issue with the surface on Coronation Drive outside the PLC because it has a long history of repairs.

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr J Hamling**

Cr Hamling asked for an update on planned roadworks and their status to be provided to Councillors.

Cr Duffy asked for the dates of the Rainbow Festival.

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that it will be held 22-24 March 2024.*

**5.2 MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 6 DECEMBER 2023**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2208

**MOTION****Cr G Floyd/Cr G Power**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.
  - 3.1  
*That the Committee recommends to accept the Mr Hatswell's Expression of Interest Community Committee Membership.*
  - 3.3
    1. *That Australia Day Activities for 2024 remain at Cook Park.*
    2. *That the Committee will continue to monitor the situation and if anything changes to increase the risk of holding the event at Cook Park that Council resolve to give the Committee permission to decide to move Australia Day to Robertson Park as the alternative location.*
- 3 That the remainder of that minutes from the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be adopted.

**AMENDMENT****Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023.

2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

**3.1**

*That the Committee recommends to accept the Mr Hatswell's Expression of Interest Community Committee Membership.*

**3.3**

*1. That Australia Day Activities for 2024 remain at Cook Park.*

*2. That Council staff continue to monitor the situation and if anything changes to increase the risk of holding the event at Cook Park that Council resolve to give the Chief Executive Officer permission to decide to move Australia Day to Robertson Park as the alternative location.*

3 That the remainder of that minutes from the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be adopted.

For: Cr J Evans, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power

Against: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr J Whitton

Absent: Nil

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS TIED – 6 VOTES FOR AND 6 VOTES AGAINST**

**THE CHAIRPERSON (MAYOR) USED A CASTING VOTE TO VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT**

**THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST**

**MOTION****Cr G Floyd/Cr G Power**

1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023.

2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

**3.1**

*That the Committee recommends to accept the Mr Hatswell's Expression of Interest Community Committee Membership.*

**3.3**

*1. That Australia Day Activities for 2024 remain at Cook Park.*

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3 That the remainder of that minutes from the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be adopted.

**AMENDMENT****Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

**3.1**

*That the Committee recommends to accept the Mr Hatswell's Expression of Interest Community Committee Membership.*

**3.3**

1. *That Australia Day Activities for 2024 remain at Cook Park.*  
(noting part 3.3(2) has been removed)

- 3 That the remainder of that minutes from the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power

Absent: Nil

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION****THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED.****RESOLVED - 23/593****Cr J Whitton/Cr T Mileto**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

**3.1**

*That the Committee recommends to accept the Mr Hatswell's Expression of Interest Community Committee Membership.*

**3.3**

1. *That Australia Day Activities for 2024 remain at Cook Park.*  
(noting part 3.3(2) has been removed)

- 3 That the remainder of that minutes from the Australia Day Community Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be adopted.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell

Absent: Nil

*\*Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 7.38pm\**

*\*Cr Whitton assumed the role of chairperson with the time being 7.38pm\**

**5.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 236/2023(1) - 35 ASTILL DRIVE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2164

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in this item as her husband's consultancy company has undertaken work on this site, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

**RESOLVED - 23/594****Cr J Hamling/Cr G Floyd**

That Council consents to development application DA 236/2023(1) for Warehouse or Distribution Centre (two buildings) at Lot 402 DP 1292031 - 35 Astill Drive, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr F Kinghorne

*\*Cr Kinghorne returned to the meeting with the time being 7.39pm\**

**5.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 514/2021(1) - 1 BATHURST ROAD**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2180

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr K Duffy/Cr G Floyd**

That Council defers consideration of the Conservation Management Strategy for the Former Orange Congregation Church located at The Fives Way, 1 Bathurst Road, Orange, prepared by Christo Aitken + Associates (February 2021) for the purpose of a Councillor Briefing.

**AMENDMENT****Cr D Mallard/Cr J Evans**

That Council approves the Conservation Management Strategy for the Former Orange Congregation Church located at The Fives Way, 1 Bathurst Road, Orange, prepared by Christo Aitken + Associates (February 2021).

For: Cr J Evans, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power

Against: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd, Cr J Whitton

Absent: Nil

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION****THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED****RESOLVED - 23/595****Cr D Mallard/Cr J Evans**

That Council approves the Conservation Management Strategy for the Former Orange Congregation Church located at The Fives Way, 1 Bathurst Road, Orange, prepared by Christo Aitken + Associates (February 2021).

For: Cr J Hamling, 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: Cr K Duffy

Absent: Nil

Cr McDonell noted the strategy was some 2.5 years old and asked why it had taken so long to come to Council.

*The Acting Director Development Services stated the applicant has been working through a number of different scenarios with regard to this building. The conservation management strategy plan looks at what suitable options may be appropriate for a former church building and that it may be more appropriate as a gathering place for example a café or small function facility. The applicant has been in consultation with Council staff and their own consultants hence the delay.*

*\*The Mayor resumed the role of chairperson with the time being 7.51pm\**

## 5.5 WIRRABARRA WALK LIGHTING UPDATE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2196

### MOTION

**Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson**

That Council supports the installation of Powered Lighting along Wirrabarra Walk connected to the existing power infrastructure on site.

### AMENDMENT

**Cr J Hamling/Cr K Duffy**

That Council supports the installation of Solar Lighting in accordance with Option 1 of the report along Wirrabarra Walk connected to the existing power infrastructure on site.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power

Absent: Nil

### THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS LOST

### THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED

### RESOLVED - 23/596

**Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson**

That Council supports the installation of Powered Lighting along Wirrabarra Walk connected to the existing power infrastructure on site.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr J Evans, 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: Cr K Duffy, Cr G Floyd

Absent: Nil

Cr Greenhalgh asked what the difference in cost would be between Powered and Solar lighting.

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that install costs are similar, the solar option 2 is cheaper because timing changes occur at the box whereas the other solar option requires replacement of individual timer changes.*

Cr Hamling asked if there was more infrastructure required and digging of holes.

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that yes trench connections would be required for all lights, for Solar Lights option 1, this would require individual holes for each.*

**5.6 FEES AND CHARGES AMENDMENTS - ORANGE CITY COUNCIL CHOICES AT HOME - HOME MAINTENANCE SERVICE FEE (LAWN MOWING)**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2192

**RESOLVED - 23/597****Cr M McDonell/Cr T Mileto**

That Council exhibit the amended fees and charges for a period of at least 28 days (with a closing date for submissions being to 29 January 2024), noting the client contribution fee of \$40.00 per hour (\$20.00 per half hour), for lawn mowing service provision to seniors under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, effective from 26 February 2024.

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

Cr Mileto asked whether Council had considered a partnership with Boys to the Bush to engage for this kind of work.

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that these services are provided through commercial enterprises or businesses and they would be welcome to sign up.*

**5.7 FEES AND CHARGES AMENDMENTS - ORANGE REGIONAL MUSEUM TOURING EXHIBITIONS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2221

**RESOLVED - 23/598****Cr D Mallard/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council resolves to place the Orange Regional Museum – Touring Exhibition fees on exhibition for the information of the community for a minimum period of 28 days with a closing date for submissions being to 29 January 2024.

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

**5.8 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - NOVEMBER 2023**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2219

**RESOLVED - 23/599****Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To note the Statement of Investments for the period November 2023.
- 2 To adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

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



**5.9 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN - POST EXHIBITION ADOPTION**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1959

**RESOLVED - 23/600****Cr J Whitton/Cr G Power**

That Council resolves to adopt the Planning and Development Community Participation Plan.

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

**5.10 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEW - GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2025

**RESOLVED - 23/601****Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Place Strategic Policy ST32 - Donations and Grants on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
- 2 Note the updates to the Donations and Grants webpage.
- 3 Note the updated Small Donations application form.

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

Cr Peterson requested that should the \$12,000 not be expended on educational sponsorship, these funds be reallocated in the Donations and Grants budget for use during that same financial year.

**5.11 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEW**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/1961

**RESOLVED - 23/602****Cr K Duffy/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves to adopt the following policies:

- Strategic Policy ST33 – Liquid Trade Waste
- Strategic Policy ST34 – Water Carting

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

## 6 CLOSED MEETING

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in the opinion of the Acting Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

In response to a question from the Mayor, the Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that no written submissions had been received relating to any item listed for consideration by the Closed Meeting of Council.

The Mayor extended an invitation to any member of the public present at the meeting to make a presentation to the Council as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item.

**RESOLVED - 23/603****Cr G Floyd/Cr M McDonell**

That Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Meeting, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Meeting be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

**6.1 Sale 22 Elwin Drive Orange**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d)ii information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

**6.2 Proposed Easement Through 73a Hill Street Orange**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**6.3 NSW ALGWA Conference 2024 - Nomination(s) for Councillor Attendance**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

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

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 8.13pm.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 8.16pm.

## 7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

The Acting Chief Executive Officer read out the following resolutions made in the Closed Meeting of Council.

*\*Cr Greenhalgh left the meeting with the time being 8.13pm\**

### 6.1 SALE 22 ELWIN DRIVE ORANGE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2209

Cr Greenhalgh declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as she is the secretary of the Junior Football Club sponsored by the proposed purchaser, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

#### RESOLVED - 23/604

Cr K Duffy/Cr S Peterson

- 1 That Council resolves to accept the offer to sell 22 Elwin Drive to Forefront Services.
- 2 That permission be granted to affix the Common Seal on any necessary documentation.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, 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 T Greenhalgh

*\*Cr Greenhalgh returned to the meeting with the time being 8.13pm\**

### 6.2 PROPOSED EASEMENT THROUGH 73A HILL STREET ORANGE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2222

#### RESOLVED - 23/605

Cr G Floyd/Cr K Duffy

- 1 That Council consent to the registration of an easement through 73a Hill Street.
- 2 That permission be granted to affixed the Common Seal on any necessary documentation.

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

### 6.3 NSW ALGWA CONFERENCE 2024 - NOMINATION(S) FOR COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/2273

#### RESOLVED - 23/606

Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell

That Council resolved 2 Councillors will attend the 2024 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Conference in the Ryde NSW from 14-16 March 2024.

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

## THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.19PM

This is Page Number 14 and the Final Page of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 19 December 2023.



**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEES**

Planning and Development - Chaired by Cr Jeff Whitton

Employment and Economic Development – Chaired By Cr Tony Mileto – NO ITEMS

Infrastructure - Chaired by Cr Jack Evans

Sport and Recreation - Chaired by Cr Tammy Greenhalgh – NO ITEMS

Environmental Sustainability - Chaired by Cr David Mallard

Finance - Chaired by Cr Kevin Duffy

Services - Chaired by Cr Melanie McDonell

**COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES**



## **4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION**

### **4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - FIREWORKS - NEW YEAR'S EVE - WARATAH OVAL**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2024/55

I, **CR GLENN FLOYD** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 6 February 2024:

#### **MOTION**

**That Council:**

- 1 Look into the possibilities of the re-instating a fireworks show on New Years Eve at Waratahs Oval or a suitable location.**
- 2 Investigate funding opportunities from sources such as business donations, grants or council funding.**
- 3 Report back to the Chamber with costings and funding options and opportunities.**

#### **BACKGROUND**

I would like to start the new Council year and end it with a Bang!

Over the recent Christmas/New Years period I have been asked by many disgruntled locals about the lack of a fireworks display on New Year's Eve. Let's face it, fireworks at the Waratahs Oval was building a tradition in this city. I can remember sitting with my two daughters in the back of my utility at the Botanical Gardens car park, covered in mosquito repellent, eating chips just waiting for the show to start.

I believe this is a tradition that has helped bring the people of Orange together and was a great social bonding event. As a community we are seeing a lot of hardship and unrest. Taking this type of traditional event away due to poor excuses like it adds to global warming or may start a fire is lame in my opinion.

The community benefits far outweigh the possible risks, and if managed the risks can always be negated. I am aware that many residents leave town to attend firework displays in other cities like Bathurst or Cowra.

My belief is we stop this madness and bring back what the people of Orange want, a proper traditional New Year's Eve firework display.

Signed Cr Glenn Floyd

#### **STAFF COMMENT**

A report can be brought back to the Chamber with the costings and funding options for a New Years Eve fireworks show at Waratahs Oval or a suitable location such as Lake Canobolas.

#### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS**

A budget of \$62,820 is allocated in the 24/25 budget for the New Years Eve Event.

4.1 Notice of Motion - Fireworks - New Year's Eve - Waratah Oval

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**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

See below a resolution of Council on 19 October 2021 that prohibits fireworks on New Years Eve and attached the detail of the Mayoral Minute that was put to Council at that meeting.

**2.1 ORANGE CITY COUNCIL NEW YEARS EVE LASER EVENT**

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/2428

**RESOLVED - 21/377****Cr R Kidd/Cr K Duffy**

*That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged.*

*For: Cr R Kidd, Cr K Duffy, Cr J Hamling, Cr S Nugent, Cr S Munro, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Romano, Cr R Turner, Cr J Whitton*

*Against: Nil*

*Absent: Cr G Taylor*

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Mayoral Minute - New Year's Eve Laser Event 2021, D24/8328[↓](#)



**COUNCIL MEETING****19 OCTOBER 2021****2.1 ORANGE CITY COUNCIL NEW YEARS EVE LASER EVENT**

RECORD NUMBER: 2021/2428

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

That Orange City Council have an ongoing commitment to a New Years Eve Community event. That this event be a 'Laser Show' along the lines of the very successful event held 2020/21.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information contained in this Mayoral Minute be acknowledged.**

Reg Kidd

**MAYOR****SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Following on from the successful first event held in 2020/21, Orange City Council move away from firework events, which can be very problematic. Laser shows are safer and more environmentally sustainable.

Laser shows can be built around themes. For example, last year's was themed around our Wiradjuri heritage.

Council already donates to whatever event is on but supporting this motion would 'lock it in', and make planning, attracting sponsors etc much more efficient and effective.

This year (and probably next year) I am confident Council could attract funding from the State Government's COVID recovery packages that are currently being promoted.

This can be a ticketed event, and with regulations as of 18 October 2021, the event could have up to 3,000 attend depending on the density limit of the venue.

**STAFF COMMENT**

Event staff resources are limited and are completely utilised over the Christmas and New Year period. A commitment to this event requires an external party to manage the delivery of the event as it is not possible to resource internally. However, Council staff can support the event organiser through the event application process, booking of location and assistance with providing Covid-19 plans and other regulatory requirements.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding to be allocated in accordance with the Event Sponsorship Program (ST144).

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Event Sponsorship Program (ST144)



## 5 GENERAL REPORTS

### 5.1 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/2316

AUTHOR: Rachelle Robb, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a report on the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence events held to deliver on Council's resolution from its meeting on 2 May 2023.

#### 4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2023/606

**RESOLVED - 23/167****Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

*That Council resolves to participate in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence from 25 November to 10 December 2023, with staff to develop appropriate communications, events and/or programs and identify opportunities to partner with other services and organisations in this campaign.*

*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*

It is recommended that Council continues to support 16 Days of Activism against Gender Base violence and allocate an event budget of \$5,000 in the 2024/2025 budget to fund marketing and promotions, and nominal costs associated with holding the Vigil and Nutbush events. Promotional materials such as the Street and entry banners will be re-used.

#### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "16.2. Support community organisations and groups to deliver services and programs".

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is recommended that Council allocates a budget of \$5,000 in the 2024/2025 budget to deliver two 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Events and promotion of the campaign. Promotional materials such as the Street and entry banners will be re-used.

#### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Committee would be reformed to coordinate and deliver the 2024 campaign.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1 That Council notes the report on the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**
- 2 That Council resolves to support the campaign in 2024 and allocates \$5,000 in the 2024/2025 budget to deliver events and promotions to raise awareness of Gender based violence.**

**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**

Following Council's resolution to support the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign held from 25 November to 10 December 2023, an organising Committee was formed with representation from Council, Orange Police and service providers including Housing Plus, Children and Family Services, Live Better, The Smith Family, Rotary Day Break, OLALC and OAMS.

The Committee met fortnightly from 26 July through to 20 December 2023 and developed a program of events and activations to support and promote the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence campaign in Orange.

The campaign delivered the following:

1. Turning Orange, orange (in accordance with the colour of the campaign) by installing entry and street banners, a promotional banner on Council's Civic Centre balcony and turning Robertson Park fountain and lights in the South Court orange.
2. Launching the campaign with a Twilight Vigil on 24 November 2023 attended by Inaugural Women's Safety Commission Dra Hannah Tonkin.
3. Raising awareness across the community with a Nutbush Dance on 1 December 2023 in Robertson Park. This was in sync with other regions across the Central West and joint initiative with Housing Plus and Rotary for their National Day of Action. Kinross School and members of the public joined in the dance and were encouraged to wear orange.
4. A business forum held at the Art Gallery Theatre on 7 December 2023. Representatives from four different service providers (Lifeline, Police, Housing Plus and Health) shared resources, ideas, and strategies to help businesses support their own staff, customers, and clients who maybe victims of gender-based violence.

Key successes of this year's campaign included:

- The establishment of the Committee and ongoing relationships between Council and service providers and Orange Police.
- The successful delivery of three specific local events.
- Creating reusable marketing collateral including street banners, fliers, advertising, web pages and social media posts, and

**5.1 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**

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- Broad media coverage, of events particularly the Nutbush dance that help to raise awareness of gender-based violence.

The Committee is committed to working together to support the 2024 campaign and to continue to raise awareness of gender-based violence.

The Committee requests that Council continues to support 16 Days of Activism against Gender Base violence and allocate an event budget of \$5,000 in the 2024/2025 budget to fund marketing and promotions, and nominal costs associated with holding the Vigil and Nutbush events. Promotional materials such as the Street and entry banners will be re-used.



**5.2 2024 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - OPENING OF CALL TO SUBMIT MOTIONS**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2024/5

AUTHOR: Catherine Davis, Executive Support Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is convening the 30<sup>th</sup> National General Assembly (NGA), to be held in Canberra from 2-4 July 2024. A discussion paper is attached to this report to provide guidelines to assist Council in submitting motion(s) for debate at this Assembly if it so wishes. The theme for the 2024 NGA is Building Community Trust. A report will be brought to Council seeking Councillor attendance when more information on the Assembly is made available.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “15.3. Provide opportunities for widespread and quality engagement, and where appropriate, shared decision making”

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council notes the report by the Executive Support Manager on motions to be submitted to the National General Assembly to be held in Canberra in July 2024.**

**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****National General Assembly**

Convened annually by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government is the peak annual event for Local Government to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy, and to influence the future direction of councils and communities.

The theme for the 2024 NGA is Building Community Trust with the conference being held 2-4 July 2023 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra ACT.

**Criteria for Motions**

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
6. Propose a clear action and outcome ie call on the Australian Government to act on something.
7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
8. Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
9. Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
10. Be supported by sufficient evidence to support the outcome being sought and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions must commence with the following wording: This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ...

Please note that resolutions of the NGA do not automatically become ALGA's national policy positions.

Motions should be received by the CEO by 5 pm February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, so they can be brought back to Council to be resolved prior to the submission deadline of no later than 11.59pm on Friday 29 March 2024.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 2024 NGA Motions Discussion Paper, D24/408 [↓](#)



# 2024 NGA

Building  
Community  
Trust

National Convention Centre  
Canberra



AUSTRALIAN  
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## KEY DATES

29 March 2024 | Acceptance of Motions

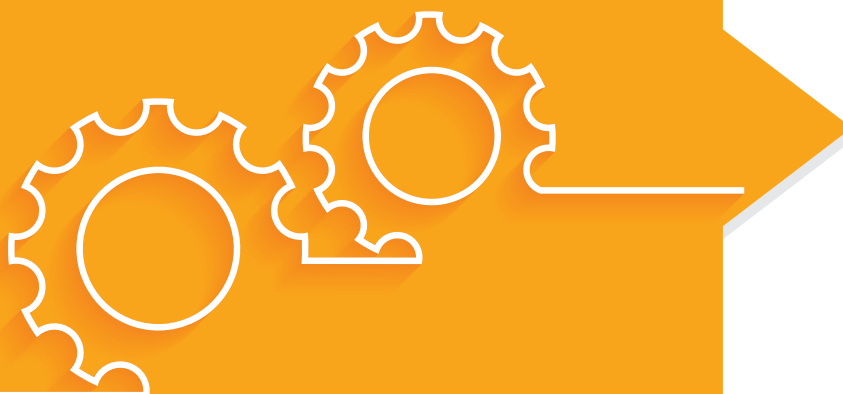
2 July 2024 | Regional Cooperation & Development Forum

3 - 4 July 2024 | National General Assembly

5 July 2024 | Australian Council of Local Government

## TO SUBMIT YOUR MOTION

VISIT: **ALGA.COM.AU**





The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is pleased to convene the 30th National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra from 2-4 July 2024.

As convenor of the NGA, the ALGA Board cordially invites all councils to send representatives to this important national event.

The NGA is the premier national gathering of local governments, and provides councils with the opportunity to come together, share ideas, debate motions, and most importantly unite and further build on the relationship between local government and the Australian Government.

This discussion paper contains essential information for Australian councils considering submitting motions for debate at the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

It is recommended that all councils and delegates intending to attend the 2024 NGA familiarise themselves with the guidelines for motions contained in this paper on page 6.

## BACKGROUND TO ALGA AND THE NGA

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ALGA was established 1947. In structure, ALGA is a federation of member state and territory associations. Its mission is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy with impact, and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and our communities.

Since 1994, the NGA has built the profile of local government on the national stage, showcased the value of councils, and most importantly demonstrated - particularly to the Australian Government - the strength and value of working with local government to help deliver on national priorities.

Debate on motions was introduced to the NGA as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas. Outcomes of debate on motions (NGA Resolutions) could be used by participating councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their advocacy when dealing with federal politicians.

At the same time, they help ALGA and its member state and territory associations gain valuable insight into council priorities, emerging national issues, and the level of need and support for new policy and program initiatives.

Given the structure of ALGA, its Constitution, and level of resources, the NGA does not bind the ALGA Board. However, the Board carefully considers NGA resolutions as it determines ALGA's policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

This is your NGA and ALGA is pleased to act as the convenor. ALGA's policies and priorities will continue to be determined by the ALGA Board in the interests of all councils.

**The ALGA Board thanks all councils for attending the NGA and those that will take the time to reflect on the purpose of debate on motions outlined in this paper, and to submit motions for debate at the 2024 NGA.**

# SUBMITTING MOTIONS

Australia is one of the world's great democracies. It is held in high regard across the world but should never be taken for granted.

**The theme of the 2024 NGA is – Building Community Trust.**

This theme aims to explore the critical importance of trust in governments, between governments, its institutions, and its citizens. This trust is a fundamental building block of our nation's democracy.

While relatively low key, over the past decade there has been increasing public debate by scholars and policy makers about the level of trust in government, its institutions and indeed the operation of our democracy more broadly.

Mark Evans et al (2019) published research in 'The Conversation' indicating that Australians' trust in politicians (our political representatives) and democracy has hit an all-time low. This report indicates 'fewer than 41% of Australian citizens are satisfied with the way democracy works in Australia, down from 86% in 2007.

Public satisfaction has fallen particularly sharply since 2013, when 72% of Australian citizens were satisfied. Generation X is least satisfied (31%) and Baby Boomers most satisfied (50%). Some political authors suggest that these trends in part explain the rise in popularity and the relative success of independents and micro or single-issue parties.

These statistics should be of concern to every level of government and those interested in the future of our communities and Australia's democratic system.

It is said that 'trust is hard-earned, easily lost, and difficult to re-establish – and a key to absolutely everything.' While media and public attention frequently focuses on levels of trust in the national and state governments, local governments have an equally important role in building, maintaining and indeed, often repairing government-community relationships.

At its most fundamental level, the 2024 NGA focusses on the role of local government and how all levels of government can help each other build, maintain and strengthen government-community relationships.

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2024 NGA to be held in Canberra from 2-4 July 2024.



Motions for this year's NGA should consider:

- how all levels of government in Australia can build trust in each other and earn greater trust from the community;
- practical opportunities for the Australian Government to leverage the trust that local communities have in their local council;
- focus on practical programs that can strengthen the system of local government nationally to provide the services and infrastructure required to support and strengthen our communities; and
- new program ideas that that would help the local government sector to deliver the Australian Government's objectives.

Motions should be concise, practical and implementable and meet the guidelines for motions set out in the paper.

You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every issue or question. Your council's motion/s must address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Motions must be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.com.au](http://www.alga.com.au) and received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 29 March 2024.

All notices of motions will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-committee prior to publishing the NGA Business Paper to ensure that they meet these guidelines. This sub-committee reserves the right to select, edit or amend notices of motions to facilitate the efficient and effective management of debate on motions at the NGA.

All NGA resolutions will be published on [www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au](http://www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au).

As the host of the NGA, ALGA will communicate resolutions to the relevant Australian Government Minister and publish Ministerial responses as they are received on this website.

Please note that if your council does submit a motion, there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the NGA to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2024 NGA.

## CRITERIA FOR MOTIONS

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
6. Propose a clear action and outcome ie call on the Australian Government to act on something.
7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
8. Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
9. Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
10. Be supported by sufficient evidence to support the outcome being sought and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions must commence with the following wording:

***This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ...***

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## OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

It is important to complete the background section of the submission form. Submitters of motions should not assume that NGA delegates will have background knowledge of the proposal. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion. Please note, motions should NOT be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

**Try to keep motions practical, focussed and capable of implementation to ensure that relevant Australian Government Ministers provide considered, thoughtful and timely responses.**

Try to avoid motions that are complex, contain multi-dot points and require complex cross-portfolio implementation.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-committee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

When reviewing motions, the Sub-committee considers the criteria, clarity of the motion and the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer. With the agreement of the submitting council, these motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

To ensure an efficient and effective debate, where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the NGA Sub-committee will group these motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions will have either been drafted by ALGA or will be based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter.

Debate will occur in accordance with the rules for debate published in the Business Papers and will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only or in accordance with the debating rules.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

All motions require:

- a contact officer;
- a clear national objective;
- a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion; and
- endorsement of your council.

**Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available at [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au).  
Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 29 March 2024.**

## SETTING THE SCENE

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The theme for NGA24 'Building Community Trust' aims to focus on the role of local government in the Australian system of government and explore the critical importance of trust in governments, between governments, its institutions, and our citizens.

In a recent essay on Capitalism after the Crisis (2023) the Treasurer the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP wrote:


*'Our mission is to redefine and reform our economy and institutions in ways that make our people and communities more resilient, and our society and democracy stronger as well.'*

The need to strengthen our democracy was also emphasised the Prime Minister the Hon Anthony Albanese MP in a speech at Queensland's Woodford Folk Festival toward the end of 2022:

*'I urge anyone who thinks our democracy is unassailable to have a look around the world. Even some of the oldest, most stable democracies have come under attack from a whole range of corrosive, insidious forces. No one is immune. Our democracy is precious, something we have carefully grown and nurtured from one generation to the next. One of our core responsibilities is to make it stronger, and the key to that strength is transparency and accountability.'*

In early 2023 the Australian Government established a taskforce to advise government on 'what can be done – practically – to strengthen Australian democracy'.





The 2024 NGA provides you - the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities - with the opportunity to engage with the Federal Government and key Ministers.

Further, it is your opportunity to advocate for new or expanded programs and key policy initiatives that could strengthen local governments, its capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to local communities across the nation. This service delivery is critical to build, maintain and strengthen the trust of our citizens.

This year's call for motion focusses on twelve priority areas:

- Intergovernmental relations;
- Financial sustainability;
- Roads and infrastructure;
- Emergency management;
- Housing and homelessness;
- Jobs and skills;
- Community services;
- Closing the Gap and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation;
- Data, digital technology and cyber security;
- Climate change and renewable energy;
- Environment; and
- Circular economy.



# 1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

‘Australia’s federal structure, built upon reciprocal financial, legislative and policy responsibilities, requires intelligent cooperation on issues of strategic national significance.’

National Cabinet is a forum for the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers to meet and work collaboratively. National Cabinet was established on 13 March 2020 and is chaired by the Prime Minister. The National Cabinet is a key mechanism in Australia’s current intergovernmental architecture.

A representative of local government, the President of ALGA, is invited to meet with National Cabinet once each year. The President of ALGA also attends one meeting per year of the Council on Federal Financial Relations comprising the Commonwealth Treasurer as Chair and all state and territory treasurers.

A substantial body of research, from Australia and internationally, has highlighted that governments that work together are generally more successful in achieving shared national objectives, including economic recovery from events like the COVID-19 pandemic as well as in service and infrastructure delivery.

This research reinforces the need for local government to be included in relevant ministerial forums that support national priorities – from housing affordability to reaching net-zero emissions. ALGA currently participates in National Cabinet (1/year), Council on Federal Financial Relations (1/year), Infrastructure Transport Ministers Meeting, National Emergency Managers Meeting, Local Government Ministers Forum, Joint Council on Closing the Gap, Planning Ministers Meeting, Meeting of Environment Ministers, Energy and Climate Change Ministers and the Road Safety Ministers Meeting, to represent local government views.

Local government input can provide a community voice, enabling our intergovernmental forums to make decisions with greater legitimacy and authority.

*Given the importance of trust in governments, between governments and its citizens, how can intergovernmental arrangements be further improved in Australia?*

*Are there ways of maintaining and enhancing the community’s trust in local government?*

*Are there new initiatives and programs that could be adopted to improve the level of cooperation and collaboration between the Australian Government and local government?*

## 2. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Trust in governments is highly correlated with their ability to fulfill the implicit social contract between government and its citizens by keeping promises.

Local government is the third sphere of government in Australia's system of government. Councils are comprised of locally elected representatives who understand local needs and engage locally on strategies to meet those needs.

Councils are responsible for providing a wide range of critical local area services including planning, libraries, waste management systems, transport and infrastructure (eg roads and footpaths, parks, sporting grounds and swimming pools) and social services.

These services are critical to the wellbeing, liveability and productivity of all local communities, and therefore the nation. Equally important is the sustaining of democratic processes at the local and regional level.

Local government's total annual expenditure in 2021 -22 was approximately \$43.6 billion. Non-financial assets including roads, community infrastructure such as buildings, facilities, airports, water, and sewerage (in some states) including land, are valued at \$539 billion [ABS Government Finance Statistics, Australia, 2021-22].

In 2021-22, the Australian Government provided \$2.6 billion in Financial Assistance Grants funding to councils. This included \$1.3b which was brought forward from the 2021-22 estimate and paid through state and territory governments in 2020-21.

Nationally, local government derives nearly 90% of its revenue from its own sources (including rates and services charges), compared to around 50% for state governments. Grants from other levels of government make up just over 10% of local government's total revenue, however these grants are particularly important in areas with a low-rate base, and/or high growth rates, and rapidly expanding service and infrastructure needs.

In 2021-22 Financial Assistance Grants to local governments was less than 0.6% of Commonwealth taxation revenue (CTR), a significant drop from 1996 when these grants were at 1% of CTR. In 2023-24 Financial Assistance Grants have fallen to 0.5% of Commonwealth taxation.

*What improvements are needed to the intergovernmental financial transfer system, particularly the Commonwealth transfers to local government, to enhance the community's trust in local government and by extension all governments?*

*Noting that Commonwealth tied funding is provided with detailed requirements how can this system be improved to provide flexibility and maximize the benefit to local communities?*

### 3. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ALGA's 2021 National State of the Assets Report (NSoA) is currently being updated and expected to be launched in 2024. The most recent NSoA shows that while most local government assets such as roads, bridges, buildings, parks and recreation, stormwater, water and wastewater, and airports and aerodromes are generally in good to very good condition, around 10% are not fit for purpose, and around 20–25% are only fair and over time will need attention.

The last NSoA found that in 2019–20 non-financial infrastructure assets were valued at \$342 billion and were depreciating at \$7.7 billion per year. Replacement costs of these infrastructure assets were in the order of \$533 billion.

Local government assets make up a significant proportion of the physical structure of local communities and often provide critical access to and support for citizens to engage in state and national assets and opportunities.

For example, local roads provide important “first and last-mile access” for communities and industry to road networks, integral to economic development and community connection. Local sporting grounds can provide access for community groups to build community participation that has social, health and economic benefits.

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to improve the long-term sustainability of local government infrastructure?*

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's capacity to manage local government infrastructure and to integrate these plans into long-term financial plans?*

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could develop to maintain, strengthen and enhance the reputation of Australia's infrastructure providers, including local government?*

## 4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2022 alone, 46 disasters were declared across Australia, covering more than 300 different council areas. In recent years, almost every Australian council has been impacted in some way by fires, floods, or cyclones.

Last year's flooding caused a damage bill of approximately \$3.8 billion to local roads across Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. This was just a fraction of the total disaster costs incurred by governments across the country.

There have been numerous NGA motions in recent years regarding natural disasters and this has been a significant priority in ALGA's advocacy program.

In 2022 ALGA successfully advocated for a new \$200 million per year Disaster Ready Fund, with the first round of funding allocated in June 2023. This fund will support councils and communities to mitigate against the risk of future disasters and help address the significant imbalance between mitigation and recovery spending.

Councils are encouraged to draw on their practical experience of the improvements that could be made to managing emergencies.

Please note that many aspects of emergency management are state or territory responsibilities, and your motions should focus on how the Australian Government could assist.

*What new programs, or improvements to existing programs, could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to improve the current natural disaster management systems to further assist in recovery and build resilience?*

## 5. HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Almost every Australian council and community is facing challenges around a lack of affordable housing.

Alarming research by the UNSW City Futures Research Centre shows 640,000 Australian households – or one in 15 households – are under housing stress.

All levels of government, including councils, have a fundamental role to play in addressing this crisis, which is being compounded by high interest rates, rising construction costs and skills shortages.

At a national level, ALGA is a signatory to the National Housing Accord, and in 2023 successfully advocated for a new \$500 million Housing Support Program for state and local governments to deliver supporting infrastructure for new housing developments.

While the provision of affordable housing is not a local government responsibility, councils have a role to play in ensuring there is enough suitably located land available for housing and that a diversity of housing stock is supported. Councils also want to ensure that new housing developments are supported with the necessary services and infrastructure to create liveable and sustainable communities.

Many councils are also addressing thin markets and developing land and housing themselves, delivering local solutions to meet the needs of their communities.

Councils also want to ensure that they engaged with planning decisions that affect local communities. Taking planning powers away from councils does not always support the best local outcomes.

Councils also play an important role addressing some of the causes of homelessness, including social inclusion programs that can assist mental health and family violence issues, as well as providing support for people currently experiencing homelessness.

*What new programs and policies could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to support the provision of more affordable housing?*

*How can the Australian Government work with councils to address the causes and impacts of homelessness?*

## 6. JOBS AND SKILLS

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Local government is a major employer in Australia providing employment, career advancement and training opportunities for more than 190,800 Australians, across an estimated 400 occupations.

However, councils are facing significant jobs and skills shortages that are constraining their capacity to deliver services and build and maintain local infrastructure.

ALGA's 2022 National Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey indicated that more than 90 percent of Australia's 537 councils were experiencing skills shortages.

The survey also showed that for approximately two-thirds of these councils, these shortages were impacting on project delivery.

In particular, councils are facing a shortage of planners, engineers, building surveyors, environmental officers and human resources professionals.

Skills shortages occur for a variety of reasons including an inability to compete against the private sector, worker accommodation, support services for families, ageing of the workforce and geographic isolation.

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could implement that would enhance local government's capacity to attract and retain appropriately skilled staff now and into the future?*

*Are there programs or changes to existing programs that would increase local government's ability to employ apprentices and trainees?*

*Are there other initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's ability to plan and develop skills fit for the future?*

## 7. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Councils provide a wide range of services based on local characteristics, needs, priorities, and the resources of their community. Indeed, it is this level of responsiveness and accountability to the local community that is an essential feature of democratic local governments worldwide.

Some of these services are provided to address market failure, and many of them are provided by councils on behalf of other levels of government.

It is important to note that nationally local government is more than 83% self-sufficient ie funded at the local level either through rates, fees and charges, sale of goods and services, or interest. The Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that total local government annual expenditure in 2021-22 was \$43.6 billion.

Only 17% comes from grants and subsidies from other levels of government. Unfortunately, many of these grants and subsidies are tied, or require matching funding which restricts the ability to address local priorities in the way the council and community might need.

Arguably there is no greater obligation upon government than to maintain the trust that citizens have in meeting their community services obligations and promises, particularly to society's most vulnerable.

Local government community services are broadly defined, and may include but are not limited to:

- environmental health including food safety;
- childcare, early childhood education, municipal health;
- aged care, senior citizens;
- services to people living with disability;
- programs to address disadvantage, to reduce poverty and homelessness;
- sporting and recreational programs;
- arts and cultural activities, programs and festivals;
- tourism and economic development activities; and
- library services.

*Noting the funding arrangements for the provision of local government community services are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to improve the delivery of these services?*

*Are there reforms or improvements in national community services program that would help local governments support the Australian Government to deliver on its national objectives?*



## 8. CLOSING THE GAP AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECONCILIATION

In 2021, ALGA co-signed a landmark national agreement to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. At the heart of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Partnership are four agreed priority reform targets and 19 socio-economic targets in areas including education, employment, health and wellbeing, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

The Indigenous Voice Co-design Final Report to the Australian Government was released in December 2021. The Local & Regional Voice will contribute to achieving the Closing the Gap outcomes by providing avenues for Indigenous voices to be heard, including to provide feedback to government on Closing the Gap.

As the level of government closest to the people, councils have an essential role supporting and helping to steer the development of policies and programs in partnership with local Indigenous peoples that address closing the gap priorities at the local and regional level.

Local government plays a positive role in reconciliation and celebrating Indigenous culture and identity, and sustainably funded could work effectively to reduce Indigenous disadvantage in all its forms.

On 14 October 2023, Australians voted in a referendum about whether to change the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. The referendum did not pass.

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to assist local government to advance reconciliation and close the gap?*

*Are there practical programs or initiatives that local government and the Australian Government could introduce to maintain, build and strengthen the level of trust between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and governments?*

## 9. DATA, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER SECURITY

Provision of information technology to all Australians is vital to innovation, economic growth, and social equity. However, it is potentially even more important to regional Australia where the tyranny of distance increases the inequity of services available – including education, health, economic and social. Innovative technology is becoming more broadly available and could boost productivity and economic growth.

Councils around Australia continue to embrace new technologies to improve their service delivery standards and broaden consultation and engagement with their local communities. However, implementation can be hindered without access to basic technological infrastructure and the necessary IT skills and resources.

In recent times, cyber-attacks on major corporations and other businesses have resulted in significant data breaches. It is a timely reminder as digital information, services and products become an increasing feature of modern business operation including in local government.

Like all risks, local government must manage the risk of cyber-attacks and address cyber security. At a national level, there is limited understanding of local governments' vulnerability to cyber-attacks, preparedness and adequacy of risk management strategies or business continuity planning.

While this is primarily a responsibility of the sector itself, governments at all levels must work together to ensure that the public have confidence in government information management systems and its security.

*Drawing upon your council's experience, and your knowledge of other councils within your state or territory, are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to help local government develop its digital technology services and infrastructure?*

*Are there actions the Australian Government could take to improve cyber security within the local government sector?*

## 10. CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Australia's changing climate presents a significant challenge to governments, individuals, communities, businesses, industry, and the environment.

The Australian Government has committed to address climate change and in June 2022 submitted its revised National Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The revised NDC included reaffirming a target of net zero emissions by 2050 and committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 43% from 2005 levels.

Local governments have played an important leadership role in addressing climate change, and councils have supported a wide range of community-based programs and initiatives to lower the carbon footprint of their own business operations and of their local communities.

As a sector, local government has been an advocate and active participant in the debate for lowering carbon emissions, is sourcing renewable energy, has responded creatively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, and facilitated the construction of green buildings and water sensitive design of cities and towns.

Local government has been at the forefront in addressing the impacts of climate change and adaptation to climate change. In particular, councils have a practical understanding of the risk and impact of climate change on Australia's infrastructure and physical assets, natural ecosystems, local economies and their community.

*Noting the Australian Government's approach to reducing emissions, are there partnerships, programs, and initiatives that local government and the Australian Government can form to achieve Australia's 2050 net zero emissions target?*

*Are there initiatives that could assist local governments to build trust in the community for implementation of key climate change and emissions reduction initiatives?*

## 11. ENVIRONMENT

Australia's 537 local councils play an essential role in providing, regulating and managing Australia's environmental services and infrastructure.

Whether it's biodiversity, biosecurity, natural resource management (NRM), contaminated lands, waste management, water resources, sustainability or roadside environments, councils are responsible for educating households and businesses on environment policy, as well as driving environmental programs and initiatives in their local communities.

In recent years the National General Assembly has considered a range of environmental issues, and passed resolutions on biodiversity, biosecurity, conservation, climate change and water security.

*How could the Australian Government partner with local government to strengthen Australia's environmental services and infrastructure?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government in to progress local regional and national objectives?*



## 12. CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Local government is responsible for the management of household and domestic waste and has a critical role to play in further developing the circular economy.

Australia's 537 councils manage approximately 26 percent of Australian waste, either directly or through contractual arrangements. Each year, local governments collect around 9.7 million tonnes of waste from kerbside bin services, sort it at material recovery facilities (MRFs), and dispatch what can be recycled to reprocessing facilities in Australia and overseas.

Where waste cannot be recovered it is landfilled, and local governments in most jurisdictions must pay a significant levy per tonne for landfilled waste, as well as incur the operational costs of maintaining and managing a landfill.

Collecting, treating, and disposing of Australian domestic waste costs local government an estimated \$3.5 billion annually. Local government also dedicates resources to administering community waste-education programs, collecting litter, addressing illegal rubbish dumping, and ensuring compliance with waste bylaws.

In November 2023, Australia's Environment Ministers agreed that the Federal Government would establish new regulations for packaging as well as mandate how packaging is designed, develop minimum recycled content requirements and prohibit harmful chemicals being used. These changes are expected to have a positive impact on the amount of waste sent to landfill, and the costs borne by councils and their communities.

*How could the Australian Government further strengthen product stewardship arrangements to support local governments in their endeavours to increase recycling and reduce the volume of waste?*

*How could the Australian Government partner with local government to advance the circular economy?*

# CONCLUSION

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and your support for the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government.

## A FINAL REMINDER:

- » Motions should be lodged electronically at [www.alga.com.au](http://www.alga.com.au) and received no later than 11.59pm on Friday 29 March 2024.
- » Motions must meet the criteria published in this paper.
- » Motions should commence with the following wording: 'This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...'
- » Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- » Motions should be practical, focussed and relatively simple.
- » It is important to complete the background section on the form.
- » Motions must not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
- » When your council submits a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the 2024 National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.
- » Resolutions of the National General Assembly do not automatically become ALGA's national policy positions. The resolutions are used by the ALGA Board to inform policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2024 National General Assembly in Canberra.





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## **6 CLOSED MEETING - SEE CLOSED AGENDA**

The Chief Executive Officer will advise the Council if any written submissions have been received relating to any item advertised for consideration by a closed meeting of Orange City Council.

The Mayor will extend an invitation to any member of the public present at the meeting to make a representation to Council as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Meeting, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Meeting be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

#### **6.1 NetWaste Tender for Collection and Recycling of Used Mattresses**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

#### **6.2 Waiving of interest**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

#### **6.3 Submission Redaction Report - 6 February 2024**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.



**6.1 NETWASTE TENDER FOR COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF USED MATTRESSES**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2023/2282

AUTHOR: Wayne Davis, Manager Waste Services and Technical Support

**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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**6.2 WAIVING OF INTEREST**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2024/68

AUTHOR: Scott Maunder, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural  
Services**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.



**6.3 SUBMISSION REDACTION REPORT - 6 FEBRUARY 2024**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2023/2295

AUTHOR: Janessa Constantine, Manager Corporate Governance

**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

## **7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING**