
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

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

ON 6 MAY 2025

COMMENCING AT 7:38 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Chief Financial Officer, Trainee Governance, Manager Engineering Services

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

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

Cr Mallard declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1 – 2(3) – Small Donations – Requests for Donations as he is a member of the applicant organisation, Orange Together.

Cr McDonell declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1 – 2(3) – Small Donations – Requests for Donations as the applicant is known to her.

Cr Power declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1 – 2(3) – Small Donations – Requests for Donations as he is a member of the applicant organisation, Orange Together who was also a supporter of his election campaign.

Cr Ruddy declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in Item 2.1 – 2(2) – Small Donations - Requests for Donations as she promoted the Orange Theatre Event on her social media and was provided tickets to the event.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/437

RESOLVED - 25/152

Cr M Ruddy/Cr D Mallard

1 That this item be heard and voted on in seriatim.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED - 25/153

Cr M Ruddy/Cr M McDonell

2(1) That Council donate \$2,500 to Orange Regional Malayalee Association (Orange Malayalee Community) to contribute to the costs of the non-ticketed South Indian festival called "Onam".

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr Ruddy asked if there would be any impact on the Onam Festival if approval of funding was deferred until the new financial year, in which the festival is being held.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised there is funding remaining for this year with only one meeting left for the FY and that deferring would reduce the funding available for the next financial year.

Cr Kinghorne asked for clarification that if providing funding in a different financial year to when the event is complies with policy.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that the policy states funding can only be provided once per financial year. Should the applicant apply again next Financial Year staff would note in the report to Council that funding has already been provided and they would be ineligible.

Cr Peterson asked if waiving the function Centre Hire fee, would be appropriate, as it is the same amount as the donation requested.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised it is still a cost to Council and would be an administrative accounting transaction.

Cr Ruddy declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in this item as she promoted the Orange Theatre Event on her social media and was provided tickets to the event.

RESOLVED - 25/154

Cr M McDonell/Cr K Duffy

2(2) That Council donate \$2,500 to Orange Theatre Company to contribute to the costs of theatre rental, set building, costuming, and using a portion of the funds to invite VIPs to attend opening night.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr Mallard & Cr Power left the meeting with the time being 7.45pm

Cr Mallard declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is a member of the applicant organisation, Orange Together, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

Cr McDonell declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as the applicant is known to her.

Cr Power declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is a member of the applicant organisation, Orange Together who was also a supporter of his election campaign, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 25/155

Cr M Ruddy/Cr J Stedman

2(3) That Council donate \$2000 to Orange Together to contribute to the costs of screening films and travel expenses relating to the Orange event for National Reconciliation Week.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr D Mallard, Cr G Power

Cr Mallard & Cr Power returned to the meeting with the time being 7.46pm

Cr Whitton left the meeting with the time being 7.49pm

Cr Whitton returned to the meeting with the time being 7.52pm

RESOLVED - 25/156

Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M Ruddy

2(4) To donate \$2500 to the National Rural Health Student Network (NRHSN) to contribute to costs of travel and accommodation for volunteers for an event to be held in Orange.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED - 25/157

Cr G Power/Cr M McDonell

2(5) That donate \$500 to Koori Kids to contribute to the design, printing & distribution of information packs to schools across Orange.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

2.2 APPLICATION FOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/579

RESOLVED - 25/158**Cr M McDonell/Cr M Ruddy**

1 That Council consider the two event sponsorship applications and sub-issues in seriatim.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

MOTION**Cr M Ruddy/Cr M McDonell**

- 2 a) Approve the application for the Freestyle Kings Orange Show
 b) That the \$10,000 in funds be paid from the identified budgeted funds in the 2025 Financial Year
 c) That the site hire and other ancillary costs as determined appropriate by staff be covered through an in-kind contribution under the Event Development Program (ST43).

AMENDMENT**Cr S Peterson/Cr F Kinghorne**

That Council approve the application for the for the Freestyle Kings Orange Show in part, for a total of \$5,000.

For: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr F Kinghorne

Against: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Absent: Nil

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- 2 a) Approve the application for the Freestyle Kings Orange Show

b) That the \$10,000 in funds be paid from the identified budgeted funds in the 2025 Financial Year

c) That the site hire and other ancillary costs as determined appropriate by staff be covered through an in-kind contribution under the Event Development Program (ST43).

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

Against: Cr F Kinghorne

Absent: Nil

MOTION	Cr K Duffy/Cr G Judge
3 That the Event Sponsorship application from the Cancer Council NSW for the Stars of Orange event for \$10,000 be approved.	
AMENDMENT	Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell
3 a) That the Event Sponsorship application from the Cancer Council NSW for the Stars of Orange event be refused b) That the details on the application form used to consider funding under the Donation and Grants program c) That Council waive clauses 4.1, 4.5 & 4.7 of the Strategic Policy ST32 – Donations and Grants d) That the Cancer Council of NSW be given a donation of \$2,500 towards the Stars of Orange event. For: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton Against: Cr K Duffy	
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RESOLVED - 25/160	Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell
3 a) That the Event Sponsorship application from the Cancer Council NSW for the Stars of Orange event be refused b) That the details on the application form used to consider funding under the Donation and Grants program c) That Council waive clauses 4.1, 4.5 & 4.7 of the Strategic Policy ST32 – Donations and Grants d) That the Cancer Council of NSW be given a donation of \$2,500 towards the Stars of Orange event. For: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton Against: Nil Absent: Nil	

Cr Mileto asked for clarification as to why the application from the Cancer Council NSW event did not meet the eligibility criteria.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that the application was for Event Sponsorship, however it is very much a local event that is under the Grant & Donations criteria.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10PM.