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# ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

ON 17 JUNE 2025

COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Communication & Engagement, Communications Lead, Senior Management Accountant

#### 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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The Mayor 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 Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 5.3 – 2(E) – Adoption of IP&R Suite – Budget Orange Mountain Bike Club as he has previously been a volunteer and executive member of the club.

#### 1.5 OPENING PRAYER

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Khalid Tufail of the Orange Islamic Centre led the Council in Prayer.

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM AT 6.35PM

**Item 5.5 - Extension of Lease Spring Creek Dam – Kinross Wolaroi School**

- Ben Watt – Kinross Wolaroi School

**Item 5.3 - Adoption of Integrated Planning & Reporting Suite**

- Dannielle Ford – Cheney Suthers
- Julian Ooi
- Kate Berrill
- Lochlan Drabsch
- Lea Benson

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 6.55PM

## **2 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED - 25/257**

**Cr J Whitton/Cr S Peterson**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 3 June 2025 (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 3 June 2025.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

## 4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION

### 4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ADVANCING MENSTRUAL EQUITY IN ORANGE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1068

**RESOLVED - 25/258****Cr M Ruddy/Cr D Mallard**

That Council:

- 1 Acknowledges and commends the current work providing free period products, and requests staff investigate opportunities to expand this service across additional Council-managed facilities.
- 2 Promotes the availability of free period products in Council spaces through appropriate communications to raise community awareness and normalise conversations about menstruation.
- 3 Explores opportunities to deliver menstrual health education in partnership with Share the Dignity's Education Hub, to help reduce stigma and foster greater understanding in our community.
- 4 Investigates the feasibility of introducing a reusable period product rebate program to support residents in purchasing sustainable options such as menstrual cups and period underwear - promoting long-term and environmentally friendly menstrual care.
- 5 Commits to joining Share the Dignity's Council Cares program, becoming part of a national movement to advance menstrual equity and dignity in local communities.

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

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge

Absent: Nil

### 4.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR REPORT - 2025 LGNSW DESTINATION AND VISITOR ECONOMY CONFERENCE - KINGSCLIFF 26-28 MAY 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1096

**RESOLVED - 25/259****Cr M Ruddy/Cr G Power**

That the Post Conference Report by Cr Marea Ruddy on the 2025 LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference be noted.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

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**4.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - POST CONFERENCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1105

**RESOLVED - 25/260****Cr M Ruddy/Cr J Stedman**

That Council:

- 1 Requires any Councillor who attends a Council-funded conference or educational event — regardless of location — to submit a written report within four Ordinary Council Meetings of their return.
- 2 Ensures that all such reports are included in the Council meeting agenda and minutes to promote transparency and allow other Councillors and community members to benefit from the learnings.
- 3 Notes in the minutes when a Councillor has attended a Council-funded conference or education event but has not submitted a report within the specified timeframe.
- 4 Requests the Chief Executive Officer to review the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and any other relevant documents, with a view to amending them to reflect this broader requirement.
- 5 Acknowledges that while the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy currently outlines this requirement for interstate, overseas, and long-distance intrastate travel, the practice is rarely applied in full and lacks consistency across all types of funded attendance.
- 6 That the conference report be based on a template prepared by staff and that staff attending the conference assist with the preparation of the report.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

## 5 GENERAL REPORTS

### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS 3 JUNE 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/904

**RESOLVED - 25/261****Cr S Peterson/Cr J Stedman**

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 June 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 2 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 June 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 3 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 June 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 4 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 June 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 5 That the Minutes of the Recreation & Culture Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 June 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 6 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 June 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 7 That the Minutes of the Regional & Economic Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 June 2025 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr K Duffy**

Cr Duffy requested signage be reviewed on Forest Road alerting motorists to wildlife, near Orange Hospital and Orange TAFE (Rural Skills Centre).

### 5.2 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - MAY 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1126

**RESOLVED - 25/262****Cr J Whitton/Cr F Kinghorne**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Note the Statement of Investments for the period April 2025.
- 2 Adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr Peterson noted that 86% of investments are fixed rate term deposits and 78% of assets would mature in the next 12 months and asked if this was due to various legislation forces or if this was a conscious choice to reduce risk but accept the decreased return.

*The Chief Financial Officer advised that there are no legislative requirements that impact the mix of types of investments or percentage allocations. Most of this is driven by our cash flow needs (rather than purely investment returns) and while we have larger projects on particularly, we need to take a more conservative approach and have more short-term cash available than less.*

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

Cr Mallard asked for additional information to be provided on the Fossil Fuel graphs which now form part of the investment reports.

**5.3 ADOPTION - INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2035, DELIVERY PROGRAM 2025-2029, OPERATIONAL PLAN AND RESOURCING STRATEGY 2025-2026 INCLUDING LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN, BUDGET, FEES & CHARGES, WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/1867

**RESOLVED - 25/263****Cr G Power/Cr T Greenhalgh**

1 That this item be heard and voted on in seriatim

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 25/264****Cr S Peterson/Cr T Greenhalgh**

2(A) That Council include the Subsidised Access Ramps for Businesses of \$2,000 in the 2025/2026 budget.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 25/265****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Judge**

2(B) That Council include the CWD Negative Collection Project of \$25,000 in the 2025/2026 budget.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>Cr K Duffy/Cr T Greenhalgh</b>
2(C) That Council include the MERC – Resources for Regions funding of \$10,000 in the 2025/2026 budget.	
<b>AMENDMENT</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr M McDonell</b>
2(C) That Council defer consideration of the MERC – Resources for Regions funding of \$10,000 for three months.	
For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton	
Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge	
Absent: Nil	
<b>THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION</b>	
<b>THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED.</b>	
<b>RESOLVED - 25/266</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto/Cr M McDonell</b>
2(C) That Council defer consideration of the MERC – Resources for Regions funding of \$10,000 for three months.	
For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton	
Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge	
Absent: Nil	
<b>RESOLVED - 25/267</b>	<b>Cr S Peterson/Cr D Mallard</b>
2(D) That Council include the Increase to Small Donations of \$10,000 in the 2025/2026 budget.	
For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton	
Against: Nil	
Absent: Nil	
<i>Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 5.3 – 2(E) as he has previously been a volunteer and executive member of the club.</i>	
<b>RESOLVED - 25/268</b>	<b>Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell</b>
2(E) That Council include the Payment to MTB club for management of Council land of \$10,000 in the 2025/2026 budget.	
For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton	
Against: Nil	
Absent: Nil	

<b>RESOLVED - 25/269</b>	<b>Cr G Power/Cr F Kinghorne</b>
<p>2(F) That Council include the Flowers for commemorative events for the Mayor of \$1,000 in the 2025/2026 budget.</p> <p>For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton</p> <p>Against: Nil</p> <p>Absent: Nil</p>	
<b>RESOLVED - 25/270</b>	<b>Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard</b>
<p>2(G) That Council include the increase in Communications Team budget of \$10,536 in the 2025/2026 budget.</p> <p>For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton</p> <p>Against: Nil</p> <p>Absent: Nil</p>	
<b>RESOLVED - 25/271</b>	<b>Cr S Peterson/Cr M McDonell</b>
<p>2(H) That Council include the Permanent museum exhibition development timing realignment to suit potential grant from Newmont of \$37,500 in the 2025/2026 budget.</p> <p>For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton</p> <p>Against: Nil</p> <p>Absent: Nil</p>	
<b>RESOLVED - 25/272</b>	<b>Cr F Kinghorne/Cr G Power</b>
<p>2(I) That Council include the Co-contribution for anticipated DCCEEW &amp; NWGF grant for water security strategy for Central Tablelands of \$85,525 in the 2025/2026 budget.</p> <p>For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton</p> <p>Against: Nil</p> <p>Absent: Nil</p>	
<b>RESOLVED - 25/273</b>	<b>Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard</b>
<p>2(J) That Council include Replan of Sustainable Collections Grant from ongoing to as successful – at \$70,000 in the 2025/2026 budget.</p> <p>For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton</p> <p>Against: Nil</p> <p>Absent: Nil</p>	
<b>RESOLVED - 25/274</b>	<b>Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Judge</b>
<p>2(K) That Council include the Income and expenditure for the \$160,000 museum grant (Create NSW Grant) in the 2025/2026 budget.</p> <p>For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton</p> <p>Against: Nil</p> <p>Absent: Nil</p>	



**RESOLVED - 25/275****Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard**

2(L) That Council include the Purchase of library books for Orange City Library at \$130,000 in the 2025/2026 budget.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 25/276****Cr G Power/Cr M McDonell**

3 That the following expenditure for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 be adopted in accordance with the requirements of Clause 211 (2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021:

2025/26	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	All Funds
Operational Expenditure	105,963,159	20,406,026	15,256,644	141,625,829
Capital Expenditure	28,968,016	24,439,582	20,395,502	73,803,100
Loan Repayments	7,474,506	-	-	7,474,506
TOTAL	142,405,681	44,845,608	35,652,146	222,903,435

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 25/277****Cr M Ruddy/Cr M McDonell**

4 To adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges as listed in the exhibited draft Delivery/Operational Plan for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, provided that such changes may be varied by any alteration to the Local Government Act 1993 or Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 as directed by the NSW Government and subject to Council having the right to vary fees charged during the year subject to the required exhibition processes being observed. The fees and charges for the Companion Animals Act are yet to be published and circulated by the NSW Government. These fees and charges will be amended and adopted as soon as they are received from the NSW Government.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 25/278****Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power**

- 5 In accordance with Sections 534, 535, 537 and 538 of the Local Government Act 1993, to adopt the following structure for rating purposes for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, and make the ad valorem rate in the dollar and base amount as detailed in the table below, noting that land value to be used is based on the valuation date of 1 July 2024 and supplementary information provided since that date, for the rateable land in the Orange Local Government Area, as follows:

Ordinary Rates	No. of assessments	Value of assessments \$M	Ad Valorem Amount	Base Amount	Base Amount % of Total	Estimated Yield \$
Residential	17,312	5,456	0.002854	843.14	48.38%	30,169,289
Residential – Rural Residential	498	480	0.001478	843.14	37.16%	1,130,001
Residential – Clifton Grove	231	145	0.002348	843.14	36.31%	536,366
Residential – Ammerdown	43	38	0.002282	843.14	29.65%	122,284
Residential – Village	196	54	0.001832	500.43	49.70%	197,335
Farmland	383	658	0.000801	843.14	37.98%	850,329
Business	1,445	1,015	0.008532	843.14	12.34%	9,876,929
Business – Village	19	5	0.001788	460.42	49.29%	17,747
Special Rates						
Orange Central Business Area	325	233	0.003589	N/A	N/A	836,473
					TOTAL	\$43,736,753

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton  
 Against: Nil  
 Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 25/279****Cr G Power/Cr J Stedman**

6 To adopt the:

- a. Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035
- b. Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan Operational Plan 2025/2026 incorporating the Budget 2025/2026.
- c. Resourcing Strategy 2025/2026 incorporating the:
  - Long-Term Financial Plan (2025-2035)
  - Workforce Management Strategy (2025-2029)
  - Asset Management and Strategy (2025-2045)
- d. Strategic Policy ST27 – Statement of Revenue
- e. Strategic Policy ST28 – Asset Management

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 25/280****Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

7 That the Councillor allowance be set at \$27,860 and the Mayoral Allowance be set at \$68,800 for 2025/2026, being the maximum allowance for Regional Centre Councils as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal on 17 April 2025.

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

Against: Cr K Duffy, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr S Peterson

Absent: Nil

Cr Peterson asked if the budget for the Orange Regional Gallery was \$500,000 or \$2.5M.

*The Chief Financial Officer advised that the annual budget for the Gallery is \$1.78M but that includes \$634,000 for depreciation. Similarly, the Orange Regional Museum has a budget of \$1.12M and \$224,000 depreciation and the Orange Civic Theatre has a budget of \$1.3M and \$363,000 depreciation.*

Cr Peterson asked if a new roundabout on Escort Way & Ploughmans Lane is planned for this financial year.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that this is a carryover amount of \$250,000 and construction of a new roundabout will be heavily dependent on grant funding and Transport for NSW support.*

Cr Peterson asked where the new cycleways are going.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that projects will follow from the new Active Travel Plan under development. Projects will also be dependent on securing grant funding. If no grant funding is secured we will prioritise the spend on a project that can be completed within the budget.*

Cr Peterson noted the \$35M asset renewal backlog that is beyond the capacity of Local Government and asked if we remind the State Government about this regularly.

*The Chief Financial Officer advised that we are continually looking for grant funding and some asset funding is ongoing, others are not. This is a significant challenge for Council and we regularly meet with external bodies and Government agencies.*

Cr Peterson asked how much we are spending on Trees.

*The Chief Financial Officer advised that we generally \$1.1M is the 10 year average which includes maintenance, equipment and labour.*

Cr Peterson asked why there is a substantial drop off in the operating performance ratio and debt service cover ratio over time.

*The Chief Financial Officer advised that The change (deterioration) in the ratio is a function of council managing its expenses to pay for its expenses. We have had some good years in the past few years, noting the Office of Local Government use a benchmark of zero here for this metric. The results going out into the future become less reliable. Generally, we can assume confidence for the first 4 years and then there are a lot of variables and assumptions that we must make. Hence, we update this annually. However, it is a guide for us to monitor and manage as we go forwards.*

Cr Peterson asked why we have a big drop in our liabilities on next year's balance sheet.

*The Chief Financial Officer advised that this is essentially made up of Contract Liabilities which are grants received for projects (received in advance) so must be recorded as a liability until expended on the project.*

Cr Peterson asked what is the \$1.3M in asset disposal planned for this year.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that this was a net figure made up of a gain of \$1.2M and a loss of \$2.5M from property sales.*

*\*Cr Greenhalgh left the meeting with the time being 8.36pm\**

#### 5.4 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/108

##### **RESOLVED - 25/281**

**Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton**

That the information contained in the report on responses to Questions Taken on Notice be acknowledged.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor)

*\*Cr Greenhalgh returned to the meeting with the time being 8.39pm\**

#### 5.5 EXTENSION OF LEASE SPRING CREEK DAM KINROSS WOLAROI SCHOOL

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/991

##### **RESOLVED - 25/282**

**Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell**

That the proposal for a 21 year lease for continued rowing by the Kinross Wolaroi School at Spring Creek Dam be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

## 5.6 POLICY REVIEW - PROPOSED NEW EVENT SUPPORT MECHANISM - EVENT UNDERWRITING FUND

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1111

### RESOLVED - 25/283

Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy

That Council resolves to place Strategic Policy - ST23 - Event Underwriting Fund Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr Peterson asked who decides if Council provides underwriting and how much to a particular event, staff or Councillors.

*The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that the approval comes to Council similar to other donations and event sponsorship items. The financial risk is limited with a cap of \$30k per event within the policy and a limited budget assigned.*

## 6 CLOSED MEETING

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.

In response to a question from the Mayor, the 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 - 25/284****Cr M Ruddy/Cr G Judge**

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 Contract - Retail Gas Supply Agreement**

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 Tenders for Concrete Civil Works**

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 Regions Rising National Summit - Reimagine the Future of Regional Australia - 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.

**6.4 Submission Redaction Report 17 June 2025**

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.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 8.44pm.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 9.00pm.

## 7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

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

### 6.1 CONTRACT - RETAIL GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1069

#### RESOLVED - 25/285

Cr G Power/Cr K Duffy

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Approve participation in the NSW Government's Contract C4000 – Retail Supply of Natural Gas, for a three-year period commencing 1 July 2025.
- 2 Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to execute all necessary documentation to give effect to this resolution.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

### 6.2 TENDERS FOR CONCRETE CIVIL WORKS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1018

#### RESOLVED - 25/286

Cr K Duffy/Cr G Power

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Approve the establishment of a new Concrete Civil Works Panel under the Council's Purchasing Policy.
- 2 Approve the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominee, to enter into a standard contract with Ace Concreting Central West, BJS Concreting, Burtin Pty Ltd, Construction and Kerb Contracting Pty Ltd, CRS Concreting Pty Ltd, G R Spurr Concreting Pty Ltd, Knight Civil Pty Ltd and Matt Foley Concreting as part of the Panel.
- 3 Grant permission to the Chief Executive Officer or nominee to do such things as may be necessary or convenient to give effect to this decision, including affixing the Council Seal to all relevant documents if required.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**6.3 REGIONS RISING NATIONAL SUMMIT - REIMAGINE THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIA  
- NOMINATION(S) FOR COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/893

**RESOLVED - 25/287****Cr M McDonell/Cr J Stedman**

That Council resolves that four Councillors will attend the Regions Rising National Summit 7-8 October 2025 at Parliament House, Canberra.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**6.4 SUBMISSION REDACTION REPORT 17 JUNE 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1095

**RESOLVED - 25/288****Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That the information contained in the Submission Redaction report be acknowledged.

For: 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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.02PM**

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