



## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

# **AGENDA**

**1 JULY 2025**

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, 1 July 2025** commencing at **6:30 PM**.

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**

This Council Meeting is being livestreamed and recorded. By speaking at the Council Meeting you agree to being livestreamed and recorded. Please ensure that if and when you speak at this Council Meeting that you ensure you are respectful to others and use appropriate language at all times. Orange City Council accepts no liability for any defamatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of this Council Meeting. A recording will be made for administrative purposes and will be available to Councillors.

### **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

### 2.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - CNSWJO BOARD REPORT AND MINUTES

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1244

#### MAYORAL MINUTE

Please find following advice from the recent meeting of the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board held in Orange on 29 May 2025 of which the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attended. On the night before the Board meeting, guests held a farewell for Ms Jenny Bennett who has been the Executive Officer of the CNSWJO, and Centroc before it, for 19 years. Ms Kate Barker will be the Interim Executive Officer as the Board recruits a new Executive Officer. The minutes of the Board meeting are attached.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

Tony Mileto

**MAYOR**

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Delegates were welcomed to Orange by its Mayor, Cr Tony Mileto. Speakers to the Board meeting were Mr Martin Rush from Mining and Energy Related Councils and representatives from the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

More detail on reports to the meeting are below where the agenda can be found on the [CNSWJO website](#).



Image: The CNSWJO Board meeting at the Orange City Council Chambers

**Forward budget**

The Board adopted its Statement of Budget and Revenue. It can be found on the [CNSWJO website](#).

Considerations for the 2025/2026 budget include:

- taking up the rate peg increase of 3.8% for fees where this figure is the lowest rate increase in this region (Blayney);
- noting the decision by the Board to realise \$150K from internally restricted reserves to support the cyber security project;
- noting the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority (SSRP) will be finalised in November of this calendar year and changes to priorities will be funded in the budget;
- based on the pilot with Forbes Shire Council, growth in the service offering for the procurement function to include a “fee-for-service” procurement management service at a reasonable cost to members showing a conservative income stream of \$20K;
- inclusion of \$12,500 to support matching funding for energy projects;
- inclusion of grant funded projects for:
  - Disaster Readiness;
  - Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration Program; and
  - Water Loss Management.

**Advocacy**

The impact of the significant number of renewable energy development across the region was a hot topic on the day. Not a single council in the Central West is in the so-called Central West and Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ). This means that all the support and funding that the communities in the REZ enjoy does not come to our communities. This is simply unfair and the Mayors of the region are working together to go for a better more equitable outcome.

Another area of significant concern is the Belubula Water Security Project. CNSWJO will support Central Tablelands Water as it seeks to get optimal outcomes for the region in water security.

Submissions seeking endorsement were:

- [Submission to the Inquiry into Infrastructure Needed to Support Electric and Alternate Source Vehicles – 1 May 2025](#)
- [Submission on the Draft Guidelines for QBRs – 18 April 2025](#)
- [Inquiry into the Impacts of the Water Amendment \(Restoring our Rivers\) Act 2023 on NSW regional communities – 14 April 2025](#)
- [Submission to the Roads Act 1993 Review – April 2025](#)
- [Submission to the Regional Consultation Guidelines – March 2025](#)
- [Response to the Natural Resource Commission on the review of the Lachlan Regulated River Water Source 2016 – 23 February 2025](#)
- [Submission Council Code of Meeting Practice Review – February 2025](#)
- [Central West Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan – February 2025](#)

Media releases issues in the past quarter were:

- [Central NSW Councils Take Action on Disaster Preparedness with \\$743k in Funding – 20 May 2025](#)
- [Nuclear or not nuclear is the wrong question – 16 April 2025](#)
- [Federal Government's aspirations for regional communities needs to just add water – 8 April 2025](#)
- [No relief in sight from the Federal Budget for cash strapped councils – March 2025](#)
- [CNSWJO urges member councils to encourage community feedback on Transport Plan – 20 February 2025](#)
- [Central West Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan – February 2025](#)
- [Federal Candidate briefing in Central NSW – February 2025](#)
- [UN Youth Summit – February 2025](#)

### Feedback from the UN Youth Summit

Council will recall previous reports on the UN Youth Summit. The event was held on 26 March at CSU Bathurst. A full report is being drafted by UN youth which will be tabled at the UN in September.

A debriefing session was held on 9 April where it was agreed that more events of this type would be welcomed.



### Charles Sturt University Medical Scholarship Review

CNSWJO has a policy position recognising that growing our own health workforce, particularly doctors, is the most likely approach to tackling health workforce shortages. After a decade of advocacy supported by CNSWJO, Charles Sturt University (CSU) has opened a medical school.

Thank you.

I cannot thank the Central NSW Joint Organisation enough for their generosity in sponsoring the scholarship to support three of our cohort through the five years of our degree.

Their support is much greater than financial, knowing that we are supported by an organisation is an enormous boost to confidence, and is a great source of comfort in some of the more challenging times.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Central NSW Joint Organisation for its hard work and persistence in advocating for the Doctor of Medicine program at CSU over the past years, it is something I have been very aware of, and I am incredibly appreciative for the chance to study Medicine so close to my hometown.



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The Board previously resolved to support three students from the first cohort on the proviso they were from this region. The scholarships were for 5 years and finished this financial year.

The students will complete their study this calendar year and reports from CSU have provided advice that this support has been invaluable, both as a help financially, but also as recognition that the region has for them. One student reported feeling accountable.

A final report was provided by CSU which was considered by the Board who subsequently resolved to continue with the program. Please request the report. Charles Sturt will be asked to track where these students work in the future.

Charles Sturt University has provided advice that these students will be graduating at the end of this calendar year. Advice will be provided to Council accordingly and Councillors are encouraged to attend to support this initiative.

The Board agreed to continue the sponsorship for a further 5 years for 3 more students.

### **Interim Report to the May Board meeting on recommendations for the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority from the Enduring Financial Sustainability Subcommittee**

At the direction of the Board, a subcommittee has been created to provide feedback on programming for this term of the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority (SSRP) to support Council enduring financial sustainability.

This includes consideration of advocacy in two areas. Firstly, for an efficiency dividend for Councils paid from the NSW Government recognising the time-wasting processes of the bureaucracy and its impacts on council resources and secondly for the use by NSW agencies of regulatory impacts statements with particular focus on regional impacts.

From an operational perspective, the Board will receive advice on existing and potential operational support for members in enduring council financial sustainability.

### **Operational support for Councils Highlights**

CNSWJO provides a substantial program of operational support to members through 15 regional operational teams of council staff, delivering a return on investment year-on-year of over 9:1 for membership fees. The teams across the region support staff in many areas ranging from water to roads to planning to HR, WHS and tourism. All teams have terms of reference and plans on a page. Please find advice from five of the region's teams following.

### **Regional Cyber Security Program Report**

The Regional Cyber Security Program (the Program) aims to support member councils in a foundational shift in how cyber risk is addressed across the region.

Recognising the shared nature of cyber threats, and the benefits of collective governance and resourcing, the Program delivers a unified approach that uplifts each council's capability while leveraging regional economies of scale. It responds directly to the [NSW Auditor-General's Report](#) into cyber security in local government and the Office of Local Government's Cyber Security Guidelines (OLG Guidelines).

#### **Ramnicu Valcea**

Ramnicu Valcea (rarn-niku vul-ch-a) is known as hackerville, the most dangerous town on the Internet.

Hackers based in this town have raked in on average US \$1 billion annually.



*Figure 1 This slide is from a three-part training pack on improving cyber security safety for Council staff. Did you know there are communities for whom hacking is just a day job?*



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The Program initiated with the appointment of Jordan Welden-Iley as the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) in February 2025, and to date has developed governance, engaged councils establishing maturity baselines, developed resources and supported quick wins in cyber security uplift as members raise concerns about specific events.

### Regional Procurement and Contract Management

Delegates to the Board meeting noted the ongoing growth of the Regional Procurement and Contract Management Program with its corollary cost savings to member councils. There are currently 20 regional contracts available for use by members, with a further 13 under development.

### Transport

The Transport Technical Committee (TTC) is scoping a Regional Freight Strategy to address shared priorities such as freight route definition and network mapping, regional road hierarchy and design standards, alternate route analysis, integration of bridge integrity testing findings, link to CNSWJO Matrix projects and natural disaster resilience and recovery; supporting future planning, investment and advocacy. The project is likely to be delivered in-house with council-led GIS support. The timeline and scope are currently being finalised.

Transport for NSW is expected to release the Central West Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan (CWOSRITP) and the Great Western Highway (GWH) Corridor Assessment by mid-2025. A CNSWJO briefing will be scheduled to coincide with the exhibition period, once confirmed. CNSWJO has submitted formal feedback advocating for stronger local input, predictable road funding, betterment investment, and improved multi-modal freight and workforce planning.

### Water

Over the past two decades, the CNSWJO's reputation in both operational and strategic water management has made it the go-to for government and other stakeholders seeking advice on the policy, strategic and regulatory framework for town water.

In 2025, CNSWJO program design and implementation are influencing state policy and program delivery with the design of tools to enable replication of programs elsewhere across the state including across portfolios.

The reputation of the CNSWJO and the Water Utilities Alliance (the Alliance) has led to the adoption of a more flexible partnership approach to funding and program delivery for water loss management (WLM) and water efficiency. This [partnership approach](#) has been adopted more broadly by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's (DCCEE) Water Efficiency Program team. Hopefully, the success of this partnership will see more fit-for-purpose regional program design and rollout and a move to incentivised project funding leveraging the collaborative power of Joint Organisations (JOs) across the water and other portfolios.



#### Water Advocacy

The CNSWJO has been working hard on progressing a number of strategic and advocacy priorities, including:

- Alternative Funding Models for Local Water Utilities (LWU)
- Belubula Water Security Project
- Fish River Wywandy Regional Water Strategy
- Macquarie - Castlereagh and Lachlan Regional Water Strategies
- Work with Charles Sturt University on productive water policy
- Local Water Utility Strategic Planning
- Work to validate the State Government's Water Conservation Cost-Benefit Guidelines



Through the strong collaborative relationship built with the Department of Climate Change Energy Environment - Water (DCCEE) Water Efficiency team, phase two of the Water Loss Management and Efficiency Hub continues to leverage local expertise and the regional potential of Joint Organisations to ensure a fit-for-purpose regional program design and rollout.

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With the NSW Water Minister's support for co-design with the Local Water Utility (LWU) sector of the strategic framework for water management, CNSWJO staff, informed by the work of the Alliance, are often called on by DCCEEW and other stakeholders to participate in consultative processes. This includes sitting on DCCEEW's Skills and Training Focus Group and the Western NSW Council Reference Group formed to progress the Productivity and Equality Commission's (PEC) recommendations for Alternative Funding Models for Local Water Utilities. Where water and its management are the subject of ongoing reform, there is also a steady stream of requests for submissions at both the state and federal level.

**Energy**

The announcement of JONZA Round 3 has been made (however the formal announcement is under embargo for now) in relation to an 18-month program has been provided internally within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (NSW DCCEEW). A list of projects has been suggested for inclusion in the upcoming program, where applications closed on 30 May 2025. CNSWJO applied for this funding to continue the work being undertaken over recent years to support councils in emissions reduction.

An Expression of Interest has been lodged with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for a Landfill Emissions Education Officer. The opportunity is funding to embed a resource within a Joint Organisation for a period of up to 18 months. This potential project aligns well with the recommendations from the CNSWJO Emissions Reduction Regional Opportunities Report, which is available on request, and also comes as a direct request from a member council for this support.

An opportunity has arisen regarding biodiversity in-setting (as opposed to offsetting) with a program recently being announced under the Low Carbon Landscapes grant. Where General Managers received a presentation from NSW DCCEEW's Sustainable Councils at its May meeting, with interest expressed from Orange and Parkes Councils, this grant opportunity aligns well.

Work is near completion on the procurement process for the supply of electricity for small market sites showing good results which will be reported in due course and contracts are yet to be finalised. The Sponsoring General Managers of the energy priority have oversight of this project.

The Essential Energy network price list has recently been released where initial estimates suggest increases of 7-12%. Advice has been sought from Essential Energy in this regard. A report will be provided to GMAC detailing the increases where it will impact every site connected to an electricity meter.

**Value to Council**

80% of CNSWJO resources are dedicated to providing its operational support program. For the 2023/2024 year this program delivered a return on investments of 9.3:1 for every dollar Council spends on its membership fees. This value is made up of grant income, monies saved through the CNSWJO procurement program and public relations value from its tourism marketing.

The work the region does in writing submissions, media, supporting projects and project teams, developing collateral and providing opportunities for members in various forums to represent their views is not included in the above figure of 9.3:1 ROI. However, this value is reported quarterly to the Board.

Please go to the CNSWJO website to review past [Board agendas](#) or to review last year's [Annual Statement](#).



CNSWJO will be applying for funding under the LGP Capability Fund to facilitate workshops with non-procurement staff on Procurement 101 and also with local suppliers in how to respond to requests for quotations and tenders to ensure they have the best possible chance at winning work.



CNSWJO is leading a project to develop an interactive map to support EV drivers to travel around regional NSW with a focus on increasing spend through spontaneous tourism. Watch this space - a very exciting project!



Congratulations to the 20 staff from 7 councils who have completed the 'Depower and Reinitialise Battery Electric Vehicle (EV) and Hybrid EV' training course which enables them to conduct basic servicing of hybrids and EVs in-house

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 CNSWJO Minutes of the Board Meeting 29 May 2025 held in Orange, D25/67334 [↓](#)

## Minutes of the Board meeting 29 May 2025 held in Orange

## Voting delegates

<b>Cr R Taylor</b>	Bathurst Regional Council	<b>Cr J Medcalf, OAM</b>	Lachlan Shire Council
<b>Cr B Reynolds</b>	Blayney Shire Council	<b>Cr S Ring</b>	Lithgow City Council
<b>Cr K Beatty</b>	Cabonne Council	<b>Cr A McKibbin</b>	Oberon Council
<b>Cr P Smith</b>	Cowra Shire Council	<b>Cr T Mileto</b>	Orange City Council
<b>Cr C Roylance</b>	Forbes Shire Council	<b>Cr P Best</b>	Weddin Shire Council

## Associate Member delegates and others attending

Mr N Southorn*	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr A Rawson	Central Tablelands Water
Mr M Dicker	Blayney Shire Council	Mr C Harris	Central Tablelands Water
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Cr B Fry	CTWA
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Mr J Gordon	RDACW
Mr R Jane*	Forbes Shire Council	Ms K Annis-Brown	NSW OLG
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms G Collins	NSW Premier's Dept
Mr R Gurney	Lithgow City Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr K Boyd PSM	Parkes Shire Council	Ms J Webber	CNSWJO
Ms N Vu	Weddin Shire Council	Ms C Griffin	CNSWJO

\*Acting General Manager

Voting members in **bold**

Meeting opened at 10.00 am, Chaired by Cr K Beatty

## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

## 2. Apologies

Mr D Sherley, Mr S Loane OAM, Cr P Miller OAM, Cr N Westcott, Cr C Coleman

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr C Roylance/Cr A McKibbin</b>
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 29 May 2025 listed above be accepted.	

## 3. Conflicts of Interest

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B Reynolds / Cr P Smith</b>
No conflicts of interest were declared.	

## 4. Speakers

- NSW Reconstruction Authority – Ms Sarah Tasic, Mr Ken Harrison, Ms Beck Dawson (online), Ms Rhian Tough (online)
- Mining and Energy Related Councils (MERC) – Mr Martin Rush

## 5. Minutes

## 6a Confirmation of the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting dated 27 February 2025 held in Oberon

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr S Ring / Cr B Reynolds</b>
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting held 27 February 2025 held in Oberon were accepted.	

## 6b Noting the Minutes of the CNSWJO GMAC Meeting held on 1 May 2025 in Orange

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B Reynolds / Cr A McKibbin</b>
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO GMAC Meeting held on 1 May 2025 in Orange were noted.	

## 7. Glossary – noted.

## 8. Business Arising from the Minutes - Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr S Ring / Cr A McKibbin
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested, and consolidate the 3 drought preparedness plans for the region and pass the information on to Portfolio Mayors.	

## 9a Financial Report

Resolved	Cr C Roylance / Cr R Taylor
That the Board note the Financial Report and	
1. note the correspondence from Local Government Procurement (LGP) in relation to the notice of change to the rebate scheme providing rebates back to councils rather than the JO;	
2. note the impact that the loss of rebate income will have to the JO budget and seek feedback from General Managers regarding this issue to inform a report to the Board.	

## 9b Budget and Statement of Revenue 2025/2026 Report

Resolved Smith	Cr R Taylor / Cr P
That the Board adopt the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy 2025-2026.	

## 9c Shared Audit Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Service Report

Resolved	Cr S Ring / Cr T Mileto
That the Board note the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) and Internal Audit (IA) Service Report and	
1. agree to participate in the cross-JO Shared ARIC and Shared Internal Audit Service using the Hunter Joint Organisation model at an estimated annual cost of \$10-15K per year; and	
2. advise Hunter Joint Organisation accordingly.	

## 9d Advocacy Report

Resolved	Cr P Smith / Cr C Roylance
That the Board note the Advocacy Report and	
1. note the progress of the Portfolio Mayors and the Opt-in Advocacy Subcommittee; and	
a. note that through the Chair of the Country Mayors Association seek to invite Andrew Gee to the meeting in Orange on 12 June;	
b. seek to work with Mr Michael McCormack MP, Mr Jamie Chaffey MP and Mr Andrew Gee MP for the coordination of orange passes for the August meeting at Federal Parliament House;	
c. explore options for working more closely with the Duty Senator; and	
d. invite Mr Andrew Gee MP, Mr Michael McCormack MP, Mr Jamie Chaffey MP, Senator Deborah O'Neill and Minister Catherine King to the August meeting;	
e. endorse the following regarding the Belubula Water Security Project	
i. a memo be drafted for the Board in relation to the Belubula Water Security Project under the hand of the Chair;	
ii. coordinate a delegation of Mayors to meet with the Minister in Sydney in relation to the Belubula Water Security Project and other water security issues;	
iii. provide briefing notes to the delegation for information into the meeting; and	
iv. provide a letter of support from the Board in regard to the Belubula Water Security Project to CTW for their meeting with the Minister;	
f. the actions from the meeting with Mayors and General Managers regarding the opportunities and challenges for councils regarding large renewable energy generation be progressed, notably:	
i. develop a lessons learned document which will include case studies from member councils focused on the areas noted in the report; and	

- ii. follow-up with key influencers;
- 2. at an appropriate time, after to the publication of the draft Great Western Highway Corridor Strategy (white paper), engage with Blue Mountains and Western Sydney councils with regards to the safe, swift and secure link between Central NSW and Sydney;
- 3. approve the CNSWJO Matrix Regional Priority Projects Review Policy;
- 4. endorse the following submissions that have been lodged:
  - a. Inquiry into Infrastructure Needed to Support Electric and Alternate Source Vehicles;
  - b. Draft Guidelines for QBRs;
  - c. Impacts of the Water Amendment (Restoring our Rivers) Act 2023 on NSW regional communities;
  - d. Roads Act 1993 Review;
  - e. Regional Consultation Guidelines;
  - f. Natural Resource Commission on the review of the Lachlan Regulated River Water Source 2016;
  - g. Council Code of Meeting Practice Review; and
  - h. Central West Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan

**9e Interim Report to the May Board meeting on recommendations for the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority from the Enduring Financial Sustainability Subcommittee**

Resolved	Cr C Roylance / Cr B Reynolds
That the Board note the Interim Report to the May Board meeting on recommendations for the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority from the Enduring Financial Sustainability Subcommittee and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. amend the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority FROM               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Drive efficiencies and effectiveness saving Councils money TO</li> <li>1.1 Drive efficiencies and effectiveness saving Councils money in the context of enduring Council financial sustainability;</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. monitor the state and federal government responses to inquiries in council financial sustainability advocating for better outcomes for members and leveraging opportunities as directed by the Board;</li> <li>3. develop advice for Board consideration for advocacy purposes on               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. an efficiency dividend for Councils paid from NSW Government recognising the time-wasting processes of the bureaucracy and its impacts on council resourcing; and</li> <li>b. the use by NSW agencies of regulatory impacts statements with particular focus on regional impacts;</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. seek advice from members on the need for development and delivery of tailored training for Councillors in financial management;</li> <li>5. provide support to Councils on reporting Nice to Haves, Have to Haves and rates as a % of total income to help build a better understanding of Council finances in the community; and</li> <li>6. develop advice for the Board on existing and potential operational support for members in enduring council financial sustainability</li> </ol>	

**9f Statement of Strategic Priority Review Progress Report**

Resolved	Cr S Ring / Cr J Medcalf
That the Board note the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority (SSRP) Review Progress Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. adopt the Evaluation Plan;</li> <li>2. note the recommended minor changes in wording of the strategic priorities for 1.1, 1.3 and 7.1.2;</li> <li>3. note the progress of consultation with State agencies;</li> <li>4. ask the Opt-in Advocacy Mayors to monitor progress including advice from State agencies; and</li> <li>5. adopt the report from the 11 March workshop with Councils.</li> </ol>	

**9g Policy for Service Provision for Neighbouring Councils Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr T Mileo / Cr A McKibbin</b>
That the Board note the Policy for Service Provision for Neighbouring Councils Report and adopt the policy accordingly with review in November 2025.	

**9h Regional Cyber Security Program Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B Reynolds / Cr P Best</b>
That the Board note the Regional Cyber Security Program Report and note that a presentation on strategy and implementation including Cyber Central will be provided to GMAC and the Board.	

**9i Regional Procurement and Contracts Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B Reynolds / Cr A McKibbin</b>
That the Board note the Procurement Report and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approve a 50/50 split of contract management fees from new contracts identified by the Transport Technical Committee between the JO procurement budget line and a newly created Regional Transport Projects budget line, noting any existing or renewed transport-related contracts already in place are not included in this approach; and</li> <li>2. approve the updates to the procurement plan.</li> </ol>	

Cr B Fry declared an interest in the CSU report, however is not a voting member.

**9j Charles Sturt University Medical Scholarship Review**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr J Medcalf / Cr R Taylor</b>
That the Board note the review of the Charles Sturt University Medical Scholarships (CSU) Program and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note that the first cohort of three students will complete medical degrees this calendar year;</li> <li>2. note that the scholarship was integral to the completion of the three students' success;</li> <li>3. continue funding three new students at \$6K per annum for the next 5 years for a total of \$90,000 or \$18,000 per annum;</li> <li>4. ask CSU to track the extent to which their student cohort, particularly the CNSWJO scholarships students, work in medicine in this region;</li> <li>5. encourage members to attend the graduation ceremony at a date to be advised in December of this year; and</li> <li>6. write to the scholarship recipients to congratulate and wish them well.</li> </ol>	

**9k Regional Resilience Program**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto / Cr R Taylor</b>
That the Board note the Regional Resilience Program report and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. endorse the Integrated Preparedness Project Plan for the Disaster Ready Fund Round 2 project;</li> <li>2. note a regional application has been submitted to the Disaster Ready Fund Round 3; and</li> <li>3. amend the Risk Register to include item 61 and monitor accordingly.</li> </ol>	

**9l Regional Transport Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr A McKibbin / Cr B Reynolds</b>
That the Board note the Transport Report and;	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note that the Transport Technical Committee is progressing the preparation work for the development of a Regional Freight Strategy in-house; and</li> <li>2. note that the Integrated Preparedness project, funded through Disaster Ready Fund Round 2, has commenced and aligns with the work of the Transport Technical Committee.</li> </ol>	

**9m Regional Water Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr C Roylance / Cr R Taylor</b>
That the Board note the Regional Water Report and note the engagement of the CNSWJO Water Utilities Alliance in the co-design of a pilot to test the impact of the Alliance model on the Community Service Obligations / Basic Levels of Service approach for Western NSW councils.	



**9n Regional Energy Program Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr B Reynolds / Cr C Roylance</b>
That the Board note the Regional Energy Program Report and	
1. note the inclusion of Mr Gary Wallace as a Sponsoring General Manager for the energy priority;	
2. approve the submission of an application for the Joint Organisation Net Zero Accelerator (JONZA) Round 3 program through NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's (NSW DCCEEW's) Sustainable Councils program;	
3. endorse CNSWJO's Expression of Interest application to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for an emissions education resource;	
4. approve a regional application under the NSW DCCEEW Low Carbon Landscapes program for a biodiversity inseting project;	
5. advice be provided to councils on the increases in Essential Energy's network charges;	
6. endorse the proposed expansion of the Southern Lights Group to include energy and network security, where an increased member base is being sought from other Joint Organisations;	
7. continue to be heavily involved in a cross-regional approach with other JOs for advocacy in streetlighting and energy network security and note that \$10k per year from the energy project budget line already approved will fund CNSWJO's contribution;	
8. approve a silver sponsorship for the Regional Development Australia Central West Circular Futures Forum of \$5k for its September event.	

**9o Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr T Mileto / Cr A McKibbin</b>
That the Board note the Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025.	

CNSWJO staff and non-member representatives left the room.

**10 Resolve into Confidential Committee of the Whole**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr S Ring / Cr J Medcalf</b>
That the Board	
1. resolve into closed session to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.	
2. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above.	
3. Correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access.	

**10a Resignation of the Executive Officer Report**

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Cr S Ring / Cr C Roylance</b>
That the Board note the Resignation of the Executive Officer Report and	
1. appoint Ms Kate Barker as Interim Executive Officer (EO) for up to 12 months, commencing 30 May 2025;	
2. make provision for appropriate resources to be provided for backfilling of staff positions;	
3. note the EO and Interim EO have two weeks cross-over post the May Board meeting;	
4. note that an external party is required for recruitment;	
5. authorises the Chair to undertake all necessary steps to commence a recruitment process for an Executive Officer with a report to be provided to the Joint Organisation within an appropriate timeframe;	
6. acknowledge the high level of service Jenny Bennett has provided over the years to the Joint Organisation and Centroc and wish her well for the future;	
7. note the interim organisational structure;	
8. note that all existing EO delegations will be resumed by Kate Barker while in the Interim EO position;	
9. terminate Jenny Bennett's credit card from 12 June 2025;	
10. increase the limit of Kate Barker's credit card to \$8k with a review once a new EO appointed;	

11. terminate Jenny Bennett's access as a signatory on the CNSWJO bank accounts from 12 June;
12. add Meredith Macpherson as a co-signatory on the CNSWJO bank accounts and setup online banking access; and
13. update the delegations register to include Meredith Macpherson as a payroll approver and amend the payroll process as required;
14. facilitate the offboarding process for Jenny Bennett including removing access to systems; and
15. the EO's vehicle to be retained by the JO as an additional pool vehicle for staff in Orange/Bathurst, noting it has been fully depreciated.

CNSWJO staff and non-member representatives left the room.

#### **11 RDA Central West Report**

<b>Noted</b>
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That the Board note the Report provided by Regional Development Australia Central West.
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#### **12 NSW Premier's Department Report**

<b>Noted</b>
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That the Board received a verbal report by NSW Premier's Department.
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#### **13 NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) Report**

<b>Noted</b>
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That the Board note the report provided by NSW Office of Local Government.
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#### **14. Late Reports**

Nil.

#### **15. Matters raised by Members**

- Blayney – MERC presentation
- Blayney – PFAS

#### **16. Speakers to the next meeting**

##### **July meeting**

- National Farmers Federation
- Regional Australia Institute

##### **Future meetings**

- Ms Kate Lorimer Ward – Local Land Services
- Mr Ian Smith – NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Mr Ashley Albury - EnergyCo
- Ms Kristanne Anderson – NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water re regional water strategies
- Ms Kate McMullen – Homes NSW
- Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS)
- Biosecurity Commissioner

#### **17. Dates for the next meeting**

- 30 July 2025 – Canberra, followed by the meeting with Ministers at Federal Parliament House on 31 July 2025
- 12 November 2025 – Sydney, followed by the meeting with Ministers at NSW Parliament House on 13 November 2025

**Meeting closed at 1.42pm**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 17 June 2025 (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 17 June 2025.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 17 June 2025

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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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142,405,681</b>	<b>44,845,608</b>	<b>35,652,146</b>	<b>222,903,435</b>

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

Planning & Development - Chaired by Melanie McDonell

Environmental Sustainability - Chaired by Cr David Mallard

Finance - Chaired by Cr Steven Peterson

Infrastructure - Chaired by Cr Jeff Whitton

Recreation & Culture - Chaired by Cr Tammy Greenhalgh

Services - Chaired by Cr Marea Ruddy

Regional & Economic Development - Chaired By Cr Tony Mileto (Mayor)

**COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES**



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

Nil



## 5 GENERAL REPORTS

### 5.1 CLASSIFICATION OF LAND - 57 ORCHARD ROAD SPRINGSIDE

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RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1140

AUTHOR: Jacqueline Hugill, Legal & Property Officer

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council a resolution to classify land as Operational Land. The property is situated at 57 Orchard Road Springside and was acquired by transfer on 10 June 2025. It is currently leased to the Rural Fire Service.

#### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “14.1 Work in partnership with other councils, regional organisations and State and Federal Governments”.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Council resolves:

- 1 That Lot 11 DP 1206162 Orchard Road Springside be classified as Operational Land pursuant to Chapter 6, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- 2 The authority be granted to affix the Council Seal on necessary documentation if required.

#### 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

Lot 11 DP 1206162 Orchard Road Springside was acquired by Council on 10 June 2025 by transfer of ownership from the previous owner.

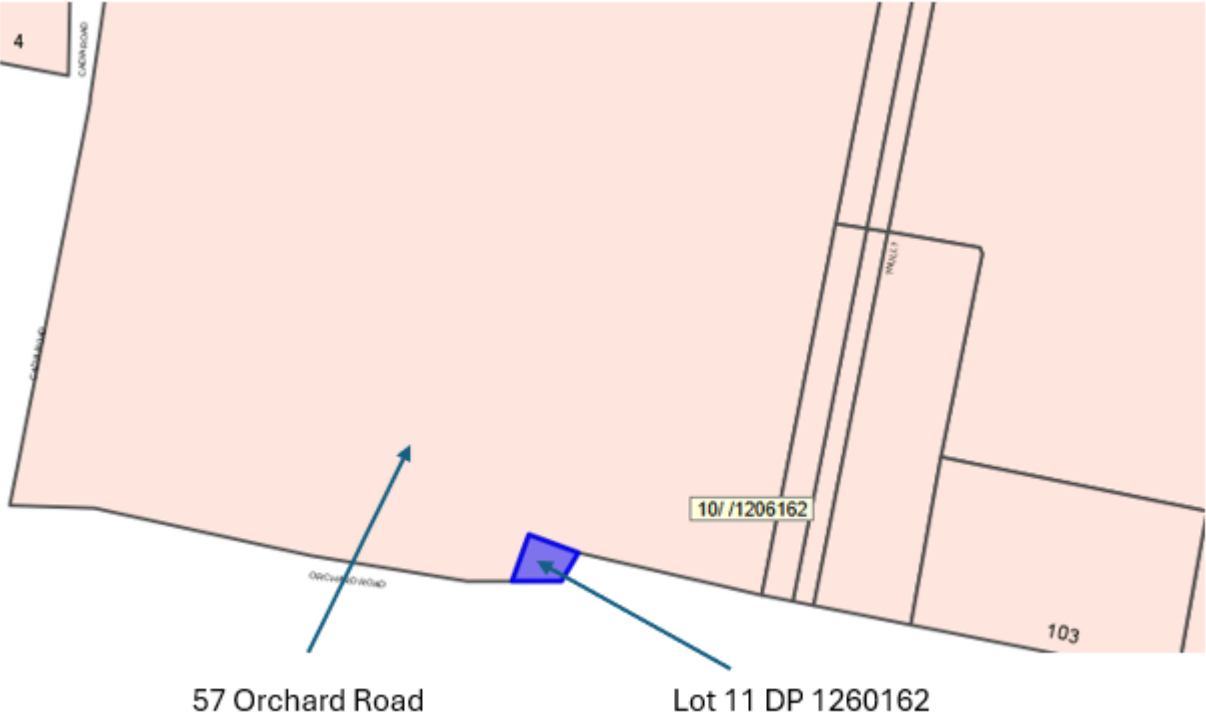
The area comprises the Rural Fire Shed and is leased by the Rural Fire Service who entered into a 99-year lease in 2015.

As the land is used for operational purposes and there is a 99-year lease it is necessary for the land to be classified as Operational.

The map below depicts this area for your information.

5.1 Classification of Land - 57 Orchard Road Springside

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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 Tenders for Supply of Roadbase**

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 Huntley Road Urbanisation**

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 Tenders for Supply of Readymix Concrete**

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.

**6.4 Electricity Procurement - Small Market Sites**

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.

**6.5 Lease to Orange Regional Conservatorium Inc**

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 and (d)i commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**6.6 Lease Cafe at Lake Canobolas**

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.

**6.7 Submission Redaction Report 1 July 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.







**6.1 TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF ROADBASE**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1202

AUTHOR: Mark Frecklington, Assistant Works Manager

**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 (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 HUNTLEY ROAD URBANISATION**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1204

AUTHOR: Mark Frecklington, Assistant Works Manager

**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 (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 TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF READY MIX CONCRETE**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1208

AUTHOR: Mark Frecklington, Assistant Works Manager

**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 (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.



**6.4 ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT - SMALL MARKET SITES**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1205

AUTHOR: David Waddell, Chief Executive Officer

**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 (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.





**6.5 LEASE TO ORANGE REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM INC**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1103

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 (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and (d)i commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.



**6.6 LEASE CAFE AT LAKE CANOBOLAS**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1249

AUTHOR: Shirley Hyde, Legal & Property Lead

**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 (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.



**6.7 SUBMISSION REDACTION REPORT 1 JULY 2025**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1213

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**