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# ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE

## FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

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

ON 5 AUGUST 2025

COMMENCING AT 7:39 PM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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

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

#### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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Nil

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

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Cr Stedman declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1-2(a) - Donation to Housing Plus as he is employed by Housing Plus.

Cr Whitton declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1-2(a) - Donation to Housing Plus as he is the Chairman for OCTEC who owns the building in which Housing Plus is a tenant.

## 2 GENERAL REPORTS

### 2.1 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1346

#### RESOLVED - 25/377

Cr M McDonell/Cr F Kinghorne

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

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

*\*Cr Stedman & Cr Whitton left the meeting with the time being 7.40pm\*.*

*Cr Stedman declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is employed by Housing Plus, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.*

*Cr Whitton declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is the Chairman for OCTEC who owns the building in which Housing Plus is a tenant, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.*

#### RESOLVED - 25/378

Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr S Peterson

2(a) That Council donate \$2,500 to Housing Plus to contribute to purchasing vouchers to use as prizes for the fundraising activities at the White Tie Ball.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

*\*Cr Stedman & Cr Whitton returned to the meeting with the time being 7.41pm\**

#### RESOLVED - 25/379

Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard

2(b) That Council donate \$962 to Orange Edible Garden Trail Inc to contribute to a financial buffer to ensure continuation of our project in the event of a cancellation.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr McDonell asked what happens with the money if the financial buffer is not needed.

*The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that there is an acquittal process after the event where the applicant reports how the money was spent, however it is their responsibility to return any unused funds.*

Cr Whitton asked if there are concerns that Council is underwriting the event.

*The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that this can be interpreted as Council underwriting the event for that amount, as the applicant requests that Council cover all costs of the event and that ticket sales go to the profit of the ongoing event, which shows potential to become self-sustainable.*

**2.2 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS ADDITIONAL**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1635

**RESOLVED - 25/380****Cr T Mileto/Cr J Whitton**

That Council donate \$5,000 to Orange Push for Palliative to contribute to palliative care items at Orange Hospital.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:51 PM.**