



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2025
COMMENCING AT 7:04PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Acting Director Development Services (Johnston), Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Corporate Governance, Governance Lead, Governance Officer

With Cr Peterson attending via Audio Visual Link, Cr Mileto (Mayor) chaired the meeting

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED - 25/431

Cr M McDonell/Cr G Judge

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Whitton for the Finance Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 2 September 2025.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

RESOLVED - 25/432

Cr M McDonell/Cr G Judge

That Cr Kinghorne and Cr Peterson be permitted to attend the Finance Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 2 September 2025 via Audio Visual Link.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

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

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1-2(g) Small Donations - Requests for Donations - Phillip Shaw Wines as she has been the recipient of care from a McGrath Foundation breast care nurse.

Cr Mallard declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1-2(b) Small Donations - Requests for Donations - Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange (ECCO) as he is an active member of ECCO and involved in their events.

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1-2(e) Small Donations - Requests for Donations - Rotary Club of Orange as he is an active member of ECCO which will likely be a stallholder at the event, though he does not participate in the organising or running of the Sustainable Living Expo.

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1-2(k) Small Donations - Requests for Donations - Orange Scouts Camp as he was previously a member of the Scouts.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1757

RESOLVED - 25/433

Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Judge

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

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

RESOLVED - 25/434

Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M McDonell

2a) That Council donate \$2,500 to Blossoms Rescue to contribute to desexing and rehoming unwanted, injured and stray cats and kittens in the Orange area.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

Cr Mallard declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.1-2(b) as he is an active member of ECCO and involved in their events, left the meeting with the time being 7.10pm and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item

MOTION
Cr M Ruddy/Cr M McDonell

2b) That Council donate \$2,500 to Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange ECCO to contribute to the cost of high-vis vests and a purchasing gazebo for promotional purposes

AMENDMENT
Cr F Kinghorne/Cr K Duffy

2b) That Council donate \$612.50 to Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange ECCO cover the costs of the high-vis vests and that funds for the gazebo are sourced elsewhere.

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

Against: Cr G Power, Cr M McDonell

Absent: Cr J Whitton, Cr D Mallard

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED

RESOLVED - 25/435
Cr F Kinghorne/Cr K Duffy

2b) That Council donate \$612.50 to Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange ECCO cover the costs of the high-vis vests and that funds for the gazebo are sourced elsewhere.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton, Cr D Mallard

Cr Mallard returned to the meeting with the time being 7.14pm

RESOLVED - 25/436
Cr M McDonell/Cr F Kinghorne

2c) That Council donate \$1,000 to Mr Perfect Incorporated to contribute to hosting free monthly BBQ's for supporting men's mental health.

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

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

Absent: Cr J Whitton

MOTION
Cr M McDonell/Cr M Ruddy

2d) That Council donate \$2,500 to Orange High School to contribute to travel and accommodation costs for students participating in First Nations Dance Ensemble.

AMENDMENT
Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M Ruddy

2d) That Council donate \$1,250 to Orange High School to contribute to travel and accommodation costs for students participating in First Nations Dance Ensemble.

For: 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

Against: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson)

Absent: Cr J Whitton

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED
RESOLVED - 25/437
Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M Ruddy

2d) That Council donate \$1,250 to Orange High School to contribute to travel and accommodation costs for students participating in First Nations Dance Ensemble.

For: 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

Against: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr S Peterson

Absent: Cr J Whitton

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1-2(e) as he is an active member of ECCO which will likely be a stallholder at the event, though he does not participate in the organising or running of the Sustainable Living Expo

RESOLVED - 25/438
Cr M Ruddy/Cr D Mallard

2e) That Council donate \$2,500 to the Rotary Club of Orange to contribute to cost of hiring presenters, presentation equipment, marketing and promotion, and hire of Showground/Naylor Pavillion for the Orange Sustainable Living Expo.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

RESOLVED - 25/439
Cr K Duffy/Cr T Greenhalgh

2f) That Council donate \$306 to Orange Kart Club to contribute to the cost of running "Mini Karting Academy" to train young drivers in the sport.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

**Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.1-2(g) as she has been the recipient of care from a McGrath Foundation breast care nurse, left the meeting with the time being 7.24pm and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.*

RESOLVED - 25/440
Cr G Power/Cr K Duffy

2g) That Council donate \$2,500 to Phillip Shaw Wines to contribute to the costs of running The Breast Long Lunch in support of the McGrath Foundation's Breast Care Nurses.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton, Cr F Kinghorne

Cr McDonell asked if Council has a say in whether the money raised stays with the local breast cancer nurses or if it goes to the organisation.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that the money is given to the applicant, which in this case is Phillip Shaw Wines for The Breast Long Lunch.

Cr Ruddy asked if this the Breast Long Lunch Application was classified as a donation or a sponsorship.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that this application was processed as a donation even though the form was for a sponsorship.

Cr Kinghorne returned to the meeting with the time being 7.28pm

MOTION
Cr M McDonell/Cr J Stedman

2h) That Council donate \$2,000 to Allegri Singers to contribute to costs of soloists to perform alongside local musicians.

AMENDMENT
Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M Ruddy

2h) That Council donate \$1,000 to Allegri Singers to contribute to costs of soloists to perform alongside local musicians.

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

Against: Cr M McDonell, Cr D Mallard

Absent: Cr J Whitton

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED

RESOLVED - 25/441
Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M Ruddy

2h) That Council donate \$1,000 to Allegri Singers to contribute to costs of soloists to perform alongside local musicians.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

MOTION
Cr G Power/Cr T Greenhalgh

2i) That Council donate \$2,025 to Canobolas Public School Parents and Citizens Association to contribute to the gifting of books to each student at the end of year presentation day.

AMENDMENT
Cr M Ruddy/Cr F Kinghorne

2i) That Council donate \$1,015 to Canobolas Public School Parents and Citizens Association to contribute to the gifting of books to each student at the end of year presentation day.

For: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman

Against: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr G Power

Absent: Cr J Whitton

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS LOST

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED

RESOLVED - 25/442
Cr G Power/Cr T Greenhalgh

2i) That Council donate \$2,025 to Canobolas Public School Parents and Citizens Association to contribute to the gifting of books to each student at the end of year presentation day.

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

Against: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr F Kinghorne, Cr G Judge, Cr K Duffy, Cr S Peterson

Absent: Cr J Whitton

Cr Mileto noted that Canobolas Public School asked for a donation recently on the back of a fundraiser the school had done.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that there was an application made by the P&C, that did not comply with policy and therefore has not been presented to a Council meeting.

RESOLVED - 25/443
Cr M Ruddy/Cr T Greenhalgh

2j) That Council donate \$2,000 to 2MCE Community Radio to contribute to replacing transmitter equipment at Mt Canobolas

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

Against: Cr F Kinghorne

Absent: Cr J Whitton

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1-2(k) as he was previously a member of the Scouts.

MOTION
Cr J Stedman/Cr T Greenhalgh

2k) That Council donate \$2,500 to Orange Scouts Camp to contribute to transport for Orange members to attend regional camp.

AMENDMENT
Cr M Ruddy/Cr M McDonell

2k) That Council DEFER the decision to donate \$2,500 to Orange Scouts Camp to contribute to transport for Orange members to attend regional camp to the next Council meeting on 16 September 2025 in order to obtain more information regarding travel costs.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED

RESOLVED - 25/444**Cr M Ruddy/Cr M McDonell**

2k) That Council DEFER the decision to donate \$2,500 to Orange Scouts Camp to contribute to transport for Orange members to attend regional camp to the next Council meeting on 16 September 2025 in order to obtain more information regarding travel costs.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

Cr McDonell asked if the Orange Scouts Camp will be using all 3 modes of transport listed on page 54 of the report, being two 22-seater buses from Orange and Dubbo Hertz as well as train and bus return costs.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that that level of detail was not provided.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

2.2 EVENT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1816

RESOLVED - 25/445**Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard**

That Council supports the Australian National Field Days with \$10,000 for their Rooftop Express Area Event.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

Cr McDonell asked if the Australian National Field Days applied to Cabonne Council for funding.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised we are not aware if funding has been provided.

Cr Peterson asked for clarification in relation to item 2.1-2(g) Small Donations - Request for Donations, Phillip Shaw Wines providing complimentary tickets for their Breast Long Lunch.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that as Council is providing funding as a donation and not as a sponsorship, tickets or promotion do not form part of this.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:45 PM