



MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2025
COMMENCING AT 8.05PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

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

In the absence of Cr Whitton, Cr Mileto (Mayor) chaired the meeting.

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED - 25/456

Cr M McDonell/Cr G Judge

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

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, 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 - 25/457

Cr M McDonell/Cr G Judge

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

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, 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

Nil.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING 12 AUGUST 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1743

RESOLVED - 25/458

Cr M Ruddy/Cr G Power

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the City of Orange Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 12 August 2025.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2 from the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee meeting of 12 August 2025.
*3.2 Charter – Local Transport Forum (formerly the City of Orange Traffic Committee)
That the Charter for the City of Orange Traffic Committee be adopted with the following changes:*
 - *Change of name from City of Orange Traffic Committee to Local Transport Forum.*
 - *Quorum to change to one representative in attendance from Council and Transport.*
 - *Addition to Membership and Roles – mandatory to invite the operator of a public passenger service, likely to be affected by a proposal, to any meeting where that proposal is being reviewed.*
 - *There is no voting.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the City of Orange Traffic Committee from its meeting held on 12 August 2025 be adopted.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, 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 Peterson asked how the Local Transport Forum will make decisions if there is no voting.

The Director Technical Services advised that the Local Transport Forum does not vote on issues however can advise of any contention they have with the proposals, which Council must take into consideration.

3 GENERAL REPORTS

3.1 CURRENT WORKS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1775

RESOLVED – 25/459**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M McDonell**

That the information provided in the report on Current Works be acknowledged.

For: Cr T Mileto (Chairperson), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, 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 asked what the optimal level of water storage is, and if there is any sort of flood mitigation usages for the Suma Park Dam and Spring Creek Dam, as the Macquarie Pipeline is not often utilised.

The Director Technical Services advised that both Spring Creek Dam and Suma Park Dam are licenced for water storage for town use and not for flood mitigation purposes. The goal is to keep the water storage level between 80-100%, which places less restrictions on water users. The reason the Macquarie Pipeline is not utilised often is that a condition of use of the Macquarie Pipeline is that Orange needs to be below 90% water storage.

Cr Kinghorne asked if there is a financial reason behind not utilising the Macquarie Pipeline often as Orange water storage levels have dropped below 90% during this year.

The Director Technical Services advised that Council has a decision support tool that looks at the forecasts going forward through the year and determines whether Council needs to operate those facilities. The Macquarie Pipeline is the most expensive source of water as it has to be pumped, and it was not deemed necessary as the medium range weather forecast was for near average to above average rainfalls that will see Suma Park Dam fill and spill in Spring 2025.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr D Mallard**

Cr Mallard requested asked what considerations have been made on providing assistance for people crossing the road at the Ploughman's Wetlands, such as pedestrian crossings or traffic calming infrastructure.

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Cr Mallard asked for the annual total of the supplementary raw water sources for the 2024/2025 year to be included in the Current Works report as a comparison.

Cr Duffy asked if Council could write to UGL to install boom gates at the railway crossing at Woodward Street.

The Director Technical Services advised that Council has already written to UGL, who has promoted the issue with Transport for NSW which will now form part of their consideration for Federal funding submissions.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked for an update on the plans to upgrade the intersection at Racecourse Road and Woodward Street.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr F Kinghorne**

Cr Kinghorne noted the recent Euchareena Road Resource Recovery Centre proactive lessons learnt session held between the contractor and the project management team, and ask for the outcomes of that session.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.17 PM.