



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

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

ON 7 OCTOBER 2025

COMMENCING AT 9:10 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor)(*AudioVisual Link*), Cr K Duffy (6:37PM), Cr G Judge (*AudioVisual Link*), Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell (*AudioVisual Link*), Cr S Peterson (*AudioVisual Link*), Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy (*AudioVisual Link*), Cr J Stedman (*AudioVisual Link*), Cr J Whitton

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Acting Director Development Services (Troy), Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Engineering Services, Manager Development Assessment, , Governance Lead, Governance Officer, IT Support Officer

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED - 25/527

Cr K Duffy/Cr F Kinghorne

That Cr S Peterson be permitted to attend the Finance Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 October 2025 via Audio Visual Link.

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 - 25/528

Cr J Whitton/Cr D Mallard

That Cr M McDonell, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr G Judge, Cr M Ruddy and Cr J Stedman be permitted to attend the Finance Policy Committee Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 October 2025 via Audio Visual Link.

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

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

CR WHITTON DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST IN ITEM 2.1(A) SMALL DONATIONS – REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) AS HE IS INVOLVED WITH TAFE, NSW EDUCATION AND THE CAREERS EXPO.

CR RUDDY DECLARED A NON-SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST IN ITEM 2.1(F) SMALL DONATIONS – REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS (MUSIC IN MIND MUSIC THERAPY) AS SHE WORKS WITH PARTICIPANTS OF THE APPLICANT.

CR POWER DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST IN ITEM 2.1(G) SMALL DONATIONS – REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS (WIRADJURI NATION SOVEREIGNTY) AS HE HAS A CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE APPLICANT.

CR MILETO DECLARED A NON-SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST IN ITEM 2.1(G) SMALL DONATIONS – REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS (WIRADJURI NATION SOVEREIGNTY) AS THE APPLICANT IS KNOWN TO HIM.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1840

RESOLVED - 25/529

Cr K Duffy/Cr F Kinghorne

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

Cr Whitton left the meeting with the time being 9.12pm

Cr Whitton declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is involved with TAFE, NSW Education and the Careers Expo, left the meeting and did not participate in voting or discussion.

RESOLVED - 25/530**Cr K Duffy/Cr D Mallard**

2(a) That Council donate \$1,587 to the Department of Education to contribute to Orange Function Centre hire costs for the Orange Careers Expo.

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,

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

Cr Whitton returned to the meeting with the time being 9.12pm

RESOLVED - 25/531**Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M Ruddy**

2(b) That Council donate \$1,250 to Country Education Foundation of Orange and District Incorporated to contribute to financial assistance for school leavers from the Orange LGA entering vocational or tertiary training.

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 - 25/532**Cr J Whitton/Cr F Kinghorne**

2(c) That Council donate \$1,250 to Midstate Budgerigar Club Inc to contribute to running costs and judges accommodation/fees for annual show at Orange showground pavilion.

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 - 25/533**Cr K Duffy/Cr M Ruddy**

2(d) That Council donate \$2,500 to Road Safety Education limited to contribute to the RYDA program delivery costs including venue hire and facilitator fees.

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 - 25/534**Cr M McDonell/Cr G Judge**

2(e) That Council donate \$2,500 to Orange Bush Nippers to contribute to the annual cost to run the club including clothing and equipment, lane hire at Orange Aquatic Centre, trailer registration presentation day, hosting and website costs.

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 Ruddy declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as she works with participants of the applicant.

RESOLVED - 25/535**Cr K Duffy/Cr T Greenhalgh**

2f) That Council donate \$2,500 to Music in Mind Music Therapy to contribute to therapeutic singing and community-building for people with Parkinson's disease and neurologic conditions.

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 Power left the meeting with the time being 9.20pm

Cr Whitton assumed the role of Chairperson for this item, as Cr Mileto had declared an interest

Cr Power declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he has a close personal relationship to the applicant, left the meeting and did not participate in voting or discussion.

Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as the applicant is known to him.

RESOLVED - 25/536**Cr F Kinghorne/Cr K Duffy**

2g) That Council decline the application from Wiradjuri Nation Sovereignty to contribute to Wiradjuri Nation Gathering.

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 M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr G Power

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 Power returned to the meeting with the time being 9.23pm

Cr Mileto resumed the Chair

2.2 EVENT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/2052

RESOLVED - 25/537**Cr F Kinghorne/Cr J Whitton**

That Council supports the Orange Region Vignerons Association with \$10,000 for their Orange Wine Festival Expansion of the Sip & Savour Event including in-kind support of \$5,313.73 and cash contribution of \$4,686.27.

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 9:24PM.