



FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

4 NOVEMBER 2025

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 4 November 2025**.

Barry Omundson

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1 INTRODUCTION

MEMBERS

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

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

1.2 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 Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Finance Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 Small Donations - Requests for Donations

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/2088

AUTHOR: Jen Sharp, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council to allow for the consideration of a resolution regarding applications for funding through the Small Donations Program received in the last month.

The Small Donations Program has been established to provide assistance to community and not-for-profit groups that offer significant contribution to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area (LGA).

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “10.2 Develop and attract a variety of events, festivals, venues and activities that attract visitors”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget for General Donations within the Small Donations Program for 2025/2026 is **\$90,000** with **\$50,745.50** spent to date including in kind contributions approved by the CEO.

During the month in kind contributions under \$1000 have been approved by the CEO for the following:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Request Type</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>Orange Ladies Probus Club</i>	Rental Fees	\$352.00
<i>Rotary Club of Orange Day Break</i>	Rental Fees	\$252.00
<i>Australian Nation Field Days</i>	Council Services	\$500.00
<i>NSW Police Force</i>	Venue Fees	\$427.00
<i>Lions Club Incorporated</i>	Rental Fees	\$352.00
<i>Current month total approved under delegation</i>		\$1,883.00

The total requested in this round is **\$10,500.00**. The total recommended for approval this round is **\$10,500.00**.

Annual budget 25/26	\$90,000.00
<i>Total spent to date</i>	\$50,745.50
<i>Recommended amount this round</i>	\$10,500.00
<i>Remaining balance</i>	\$28,754.50

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Council's Donations and Grants Policy - ST32

This policy is in accordance with these sections in the Local Government Act 1993:

1. Section 356 (financial assistance)
2. Section 377 (delegated authority)
3. Section 610E (waive or reduce fees)

And in accordance with this section in the Local Government Regulation 2021:
Section 207 (record of donations for auditing purposes).

2.1 Small Donations - Requests for Donations

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That this item be heard and voted on *in seriatim*.
- 2 That Council determines the following applications:
 - a) To donate \$2,500 to Springside Progress Association to contribute to repairing and painting windows/doors at Springside Schoolhouse.
 - b) To donate \$2,500 to Wangarang Industries to contribute to a building an outdoor facility for supported employees and NDIS participants
 - c) To donate \$1,500 to Orange Eight Day Games to contribute to the costs of repairs and maintenance of equipment including pushbikes, and printing/stationary costs.
 - d) To donate \$1,500 to Metluma to contribute to running “Menopause in Orange” — a community education and awareness event, including sponsorship for attendance provided to 50 people unable to afford tickets.
 - e) To donate \$2,500 to Orange City Bowling Club Ltd to contribute to contribute to accommodation, food and beverage facilities for participants and their families attending the Golden Eagle event.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council’s key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

Service/Project Delivery	Grants and Donations are part of Council’s service to the community. Assessing applications for Grants and Donations forms part of the delivery of this service. There are no risks currently of concern with regard to achieving delivery of this service.
Financial	There is sufficient budget to meet the current commitments of Grants and Donations in the current financial year.
Reputation/Political	Awarding Grants and providing donations has a positive impact on Council’s reputation. A policy is in place to ensure that grants and donations are awarded in a fair and equitable manner.
Environment	There are no environmental risks or implications relating specifically to the Grants and Donations program.
Compliance	Council applies the approved Grants and Donations policy and related internal policies and procedures when processing applications for Grants and Donations.
People & WHS	The Grants and Donations program has minimal interactions with Council Staff. There are no identified People or WHS risks associated with the program.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Information collected as part of the Grants and Donations program is managed within the policies which minimise the risks to Information Technology and Cyber Security for both the Council and the program applicants.

2.1 Small Donations - Requests for Donations

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Applicant 1	Springside Progress Association
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would contribute to repairing and painting windows/doors of historical building, Springside Schoolhouse
Amount Requested	\$2,500
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$2,500
Policy Category	Community group providing benefit to local community
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Complies With Policy	Yes
Previously funded by Council?	Yes 2024/2025 \$2,500

Applicant 2	Wangarang Industries
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would contribute to a building an outdoor facility for supported employees and NDIS participants
Amount Requested	\$ 2,500
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$ 2,500
Policy Category	Community group providing benefit to local community
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Previously funded by Council?	Yes 2015/2016 \$3,000

2.1 Small Donations - Requests for Donations

Applicant 3	Orange Eight Day Games
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would contribute to the costs of repairs and maintenance of equipment including pushbikes, and printing/stationary costs
Amount Requested	\$1,500
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$1,500
Policy Category	Community event not being event sponsorship
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Previously funded by Council?	2024/2025 - \$2,000 2023/2024 - \$2,000 2022/2023 - \$2,500 2021/2022 - \$2,500 2019/2020 - \$2,000 2018/2019 - \$3,000 2017/2018 - \$1,500 2016/2017 - \$2,500 2015/2016 - \$500 2014/2015 - \$3,000

Applicant 4	Metluma
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would contribute to running “Menopause in Orange” — a community education and awareness event at the Banksia Centre. \$500 as sponsorship towards running the event and \$1000 to allow 50 individuals unable to afford tickets to attend.
Amount Requested	\$1,500
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$1,500
Policy Category	Community event not being event sponsorship
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Previously funded by Council?	No

2.1 Small Donations - Requests for Donations

Applicant 5	Orange City Bowling Club Ltd
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would contribute to accommodation, food and beverage facilities for participants and their families attending the Golden Eagle event
Amount Requested	\$2,500.00
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$2,500.00
Policy Category	Community event not being event sponsorship
Category Maximum	\$2,500
Previously funded by Council?	Yes, under Event Development Fund: 2024/2025 - \$1,500 2023/2024 - \$5,000 No longer fits under Event Development Fund due to policy changes.
Comments	The application was originally for Event Sponsorship which was previously the correct fund, however with the changes to our donations and events policies the application now fits within the Small Donations category. To limit paperwork for the applicant, staff have created a small donations form for the applicant and transferred their event sponsorship application to this category.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Springside Progress Association - Internal Fittings for Schoolhouse (Redacted), D25/114199 [↓](#)
- 2 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Wangarang Industries (Redacted), D25/123303 [↓](#)
- 3 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Orange Eight Day Games - 8-15 November 2025 (Redacted), D25/123940 [↓](#)
- 4 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Metluma - Menopause in Orange - 20 November 2025 (Redacted), D25/124273 [↓](#)
- 5 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Orange City Bowling Club Ltd - Golden Eagle - 22-26 February 2026 (Redacted), D25/129645 [↓](#)

Attachment 1 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Springside Progress Association - Internal Fittings for Schoolhouse (Redacted)**SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM****General donations**

Community or not-for-profit group providing benefit to the local community can apply for a maximum of \$2,500

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Springside Progress Association (SPA)

Contact name: Robyn Murray

Position: President

ABN (if applicable):

90530441301

ACN (if applicable):

YOUR ORGANISATION

☒ Not-for-Profit ☐ Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

SPA are Crown Land Managers for the Springside Schoolhouse, built in 1878 from bricks quarried on site, one of the first schools in the area. It no longer operates as a school but is a focal activity point for this rural community. It is located 10 km south of Orange in Orange LGA, and is the only community building catering for around 150 farms. SPA has supported the restoration and maintenance of this historic schoolhouse/ schoolmasters residence for over 20 years with a dedicated membership/volunteer base. In the last 18 months, members have contributed over 200 hours to restore the hall to its original condition, maintaining the historic fabric of the buildings. OCC was very helpful enabling us to polish the original cypress floor. Rent from residence only covers rates, fees, maintenance (eg water tanks, carpet, heating) so extra funds are required for

Attachment 1 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Springside Progress Association - Internal Fittings for Schoolhouse (Redacted)
YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ **2,500**

Date event if applicable: **March 2026 completion**

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

n/a

What will this donation be used for?

To help complete the internal fittings of the Schoolhouse Hall we need to repair and paint windows and doors. The eleven historic, original windows need preparation work such as the need to re-putter the glass frames, replace glass and /or surrounds if required, repair those windows that currently don't open (sashes), re-do two windows which need to be taken back to the original framework design, and paint all windows on the inside. Three inside doors need to be repaired and painted. We can do most of this work with our volunteers but a contribution from OCC would give us the confidence to buy paint, glass etc and employ an expert carpenter as required.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

The Schoolhouse performs a vital 'bringing together' role for the immediate Springside community and wider Orange community groups. It is an iconic part of local history and the Orange LGA that is at risk of being lost without further support beyond our small band of dedicated volunteers. Funding will benefit local Orange tradesmen. We recently were able to hold a community information and social night due to the help from OCC last FY to restore the Hall. Over 40 local people attended to hear about the Trees (and Weeds!) of the Springside Area by a local farmer.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Which theme/s best match your reason for donation?

☒ LIVE: A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging. 	☒ PRESERVE: Balancing the natural and built environment This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and improvement. 
☐ PROSPER: A smart, innovative and resilient economy This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study. 	☒ COLLABORATE: Leadership and partnership This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making. 

Attachment 1 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Springside Progress Association - Internal Fittings for Schoolhouse (Redacted)
COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS	Paint, putty, glass, timber	\$ 2,500
	Expert glazier and carpenter	\$ 2,500
	Contingencies	\$ 500
		\$
		\$
	Total costs	\$ 5,500

FUNDING	Your organisation's contribution	\$ 3,000
	Funding from other councils	\$
	Contribution from other sources	\$
	Total funding	\$ 3,000

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT**DECLARATION**

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)

☒ I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.

Date 19 September 2025

Print name Robyn Murray

Position in organisation President, SPA

The information you provide will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information by you is voluntary. If you cannot provide or do not wish to provide the information sought, your application may be unable to be processed. Any personal information collected from you will be in order to process your application.

Attachment 2 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Wangarang Industries (Redacted)


SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM
General donations

Community or not-for-profit group providing benefit to the local community can apply for a maximum of \$2,500

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Wangarang Industries

Contact name: Chris Rawlins

Position: CEO



ABN (if applicable):

11 001 241 005

ACN (if applicable):

YOUR ORGANISATION☒ Not-for-Profit ☐ Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose:

Wangarang Industries is a not-for-profit Australian Disability Enterprise, providing a range of jobs and training for people with a variety of disabilities in the Orange region. Wangarang also provides social support and life skills through the NDIS, and is the operator of the Orange's Return and Earn Depot.

Attachment 2 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Wangarang Industries (Redacted)

YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ 2500 Date event if applicable:

What round are you applying for? ☒ Round 1 ☐ Round 2 ☐ Round 3 ☐ Round 4

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

We have received \$5,000 from ClubGrants for this project, and have applied to another corporate foundation

What will this donation be used for?

Building upgrade project: The Wangarang building is showing signs of age. Our people with disabilities have asked for a area where they can have morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea that is open aired and where the sun can shine onto them. Currently our meal area is indoor. We wish to obtain picnic style table and seats for use by our supported employees and NDIS participant so they can access an aesthetically pleasing setting for meal break that is in the sunlight. Artificial grass will be laid to soften the concrete in the designated area. The provision of this outdoor facility will enhance the lives of our people with a disability by giving them a sunny, open aired eating area and make their working day far more enjoyable by having an area that is welcoming and functional so they can all have a break at the same time. Currently our 3 meal breaks are split into 2 and sometimes 3 sessions due to lack of seating room.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

As a workplace for over 100 supported employees, and for more than 40 support staff, our building is a key part of our employee experience. We wish to sustain and grow our employment and social support service and an attractive workplace is a key part of this. Wangarang generates a minimum of \$10m in economic benefit annually across the Orange region. Many of our supported employees are earning a wage that they would not be able to in open employment, boosting their earnings and allowing fuller participation in the local economy. Our annual wage payments are >\$3 million when combining wages paid to our supported employees and their support workers, crew leaders, supervisors and management. We also pay out >\$1.2m in return and earn refunds to the community, and have estimated that is the adjacent benefit that the carers and families of supported staff gain by being able to fully participate in the workforce rather than care for their loved one is >\$5.5 million in wage earnings.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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☐ PROSPER: A smart, innovative and resilient economy This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study. 	☐ COLLABORATE: Leadership and partnership This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making. 

Attachment 2 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Wangarang Industries (Redacted)
COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS	Artificial grass purchase and laying	\$ 9000
	Outdoor tables and chairs	\$ 12000
		\$
		\$
		\$
	Total costs	\$ 21000

FUNDING	Your contribution	\$ 10000
	Funding from other councils	\$
	Contribution from other sources	\$ 5000
	Total funding	\$ 15000

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT**DECLARATION**

On behalf of: (name of organisation, if applicable) Wangarang Industries

☒ I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.

 Signed [Redacted Signature] Date 16/7/2025

Print name Chris Rawlins

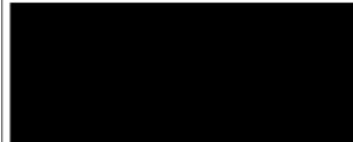
Position in organisation CEO

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Attachment 2 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Wangarang Industries (Redacted)


QOF PTY LTD T/AS
office furniture

ABN: 86 636 881 368

Invoice To:

Quote

Salesperson	Delivery Date	Your Order Number	Invoice Date	Invoice No	
Matthew Gamble			11/06/2025	00016289	Page 1 of 1

Stock Code	Description	QTY	Unit Price Ex GST	Unit	Ext. Price Ex GST	Tax Code
OUS501581T X	OUTBACK STAINLESS STEEL TREX TABLE 1500L X 818W X 730H	4	\$1,477.27	EACH	\$5,909.09	GST
OUS501253B STX	OUTBACK STAINLESS STEEL TREX BENCH SEAT 1247L X 530W X 450H	8	\$1,037.27	EACH	\$8,298.18	GST
DEL ORANGE	ASSEMBLY, DELIVERY & PLACEMENT - ORANGE	1	\$25.46	EACH	\$25.46	GST

*** PLEASE NOTE NEW BSB *** Payments May Be Made Direct To Our Bank Account: Please email remittance to:				Sub-Total	\$14,232.73
				GST	\$1,423.27
				Total Inc GST	\$15,656.00
				Amount Paid	\$0.00
TERMS: C.O.D. Account Holders: 14 Days from Invoice Date				BALANCE DUE	\$15,656.00

Attachment 3 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Orange Eight Day Games - 8-15 November 2025 (Redacted)**SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM****General donations**

Community or not-for-profit group providing benefit to the local community can apply for a maximum of \$2,500

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Orange Eight Day Games King and Queen of Sport

Contact name: Jason Lyne

Position: Hon. President

ABN (if applicable):

ACN (if applicable):

YOUR ORGANISATION

☒ Not-for-Profit ☐ Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

The Orange Eight Day Games is a unique annual event held in Orange and surrounding areas for 8 consecutive days during November of which this our 48th edition. We give the opportunity for individuals to try their hand at many sports & activities around the city using council grounds, sporting clubs and various community organisations. There are no restrictions on our event with the only stipulation competitors must be over 18 years of age.

We are an inclusive event for all people with some participants in recent years being in their 60's or 70's.

Several years ago, we added another division, (Parasports) offering people with disabilities the opportunity to join us for the week where they could participate in activities they feel comfortable with and not normally easily accessible to them. This has been a great success with many now assisting during the week if they can't attempt events, building friendships during the course of the week, that strengthen during the course of the event.

The voluntary committee has been meeting and collaborating since February with the various sporting clubs and organisations who are again are willing to have us utilise their venues or services again as well as have their club members offer support or training activities.

The event will see us use many facilities in town during the week inclusive of council grounds supporting and promoting many organisations while the event is underway.

Attachment 3 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Orange Eight Day Games - 8-15 November 2025 (Redacted)
YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ 1500 Date event if applicable: 8th-15th November inclusive

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

In Kind donation from Orange Ex-Services Club for use of venues and rooms for the event including our rules day on 18th October.

What will this donation be used for?

Contribute to the costs of repairs and maintenance of equipment including pushbikes to ensure safety of competitors, other equipment and printing and stationary costs.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

We are an event that prides our ourselves on inclusiveness and with the ongoing challenges of mental health challenges in the community we feel our community event is a positive for participants whether volunteers or competitors to make new friendships and do something different. This year competitors are not only from Orange and the surrounding area but are coming here for the week from Canberra, Sydney, Newcastle, North Coast and a previous competitor returning who now resides in the Northern Territory.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Which theme/s best match your reason for donation?



LIVE: A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community



This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging.



PRESERVE: Balancing the natural and built environment



This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and improvement.



PROSPER: A smart, innovative and resilient economy



This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study.



COLLABORATE: Leadership and partnership



This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making.

Attachment 3 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Orange Eight Day Games - 8-15 November 2025 (Redacted)
COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS

Orange Bowhunting Club, Orange Clay Target Club, Orange Croquet Club, Orange Little Athletics Club, Orange Runner Club, Orange Ten Pin Bowling Alley, Orange Gold seekers Club. All for use of facilities and assistance	\$ 4,800 approx
Orange Ex Services Club - Presentation Night includes entertainment	\$ 6,500 approx
Various small businesses in town - prizes, trophies etc	\$ 5,000 approx
Various Supermarkets, Service Stations and Food venues	\$ 1,500 approx
Preventative Maintenance, Repairs, Printing & Stationary etc	\$ 2,500 approx
Total costs	\$ 20,300

FUNDING

Your organisation's contribution	\$ 15,000 rego fees
Funding from other councils	\$ Nil
Contribution from other sources	\$ 3,000
Total funding	\$ 18,000

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT**DECLARATION**

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable) Orange Eight Day Games

☒ I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.

Date 10th October 2025

Print name Jason Lyne

Position in organisation Honorary President

The information you provide will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information by you is voluntary. If you cannot provide or do not wish to provide the information sought, your application may be unable to be processed. Any personal information collected from you will be in order to process your application.

Attachment 4 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Metluma - Menopause in Orange - 20 November 2025 (Redacted)**SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM****General donations**

Community or not-for-profit group providing benefit to the local community can apply for a maximum of \$2,500

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Metluma

Contact name: Georgie Drury

Position: Co-founder and CEO

ABN (if applicable):

63664523255

ACN (if applicable):

YOUR ORGANISATION

☐ Not-for-Profit ☒ Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

Metluma is a doctor-led initiative that provides innovative yet compassionate team-based care. Grounded in science and guided by empathy, we offer clinical care (including access to hormonal treatments if needed) alongside alternative therapies, behavioural support, and personalised coaching. It's all delivered in a connected, holistic framework that empowers women to find clarity, take control of their health, and live life on their terms.

Attachment 4 Small Donations Program - Application Form - General Donations - Metluma - Menopause in Orange - 20 November 2025 (Redacted)

YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ 1,500

Date event if applicable: November 20th

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

Dr Gab Staniforth, Dr Nicole Avard and Ben Chiarella are all presenting for free.
Banksia has significantly reduced their fees from \$50 per head to just \$20 per head (the cost of the ticket)
We are actively seeing other local businesses to support the event e.g. Cadia Cares program to help fund ticket costs aswell.

What will this donation be used for?

Metluma, in collaboration with local health professionals and community partners, is hosting “Menopause in Orange” — a community education and awareness event at the Banksia Centre. This event will shine a light on one of the most significant yet under-discussed health transitions: menopause, an experience that directly affects half the population and indirectly touches every household, workplace, and community. Through medical expertise, lived experience, and open discussion, the event aims to:

- Educate and empower women to understand and manage their health.
- Engage men as partners, colleagues, and leaders in creating supportive homes and workplaces.
- Connect the Orange community with local health professionals and evidence-based resources.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

There are approximately 12,000 women aged 40 – 60 living in the Orange Local Government Area — all of whom will experience perimenopause or menopause. Nationally, over 5 million Australian women are in this life stage right now, with 80% experiencing symptoms that impact sleep, mood, work, and relationships. In regional areas like Orange, access to menopause-informed care is limited. Local GP Dr Gab Staniforth, one of Oranges few womens health GPs, currently has few spaces due to overwhelming demand — a situation mirrored across many regional centres. The lack of accessible care and information means many women suffer in silence, affecting not only their health and wellbeing but also their ability to participate fully in the workforce and community life. This event responds directly to that gap — bringing trusted medical advice, practical strategies, and community connection to women where they live.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Which theme/s best match your reason for donation?

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COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS		\$
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	Total costs	\$

FUNDING	Your organisation's contribution	\$
	Funding from other councils	\$
	Contribution from other sources	\$
	Total funding	\$

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT**DECLARATION**

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable) **Metluma**

☒ I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.

Date **14 October 2025**

Print name **Georgina Drury**

Position in organisation **CEO**

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Metluma X Orange City Council: Small Donations Program Application.

Applicant: *Metluma Pty Ltd*

Program: Assistance to community and not-for-profit groups that offer a significant contribution to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area (LGA)*

1. Project Title

Menopause in Orange: A Community Conversation for Everyone

2. Project Summary

Metluma, in collaboration with local health professionals and community partners, is hosting “*Menopause in Orange*” — a community education and awareness event at the Banksia Centre.

This event will shine a light on one of the most significant yet under-discussed health transitions: menopause, an experience that directly affects half the population and indirectly touches every household, workplace, and community.

Through medical expertise, lived experience, and open discussion, the event aims to:

- Educate and empower women to understand and manage their health.
- Engage men as partners, colleagues, and leaders in creating supportive homes and workplaces.
- Connect the Orange community with local health professionals and evidence-based resources.

3. The Issue: Why This Matters for Orange

There are approximately 12,000 women aged 40–60 living in the Orange Local Government Area — all of whom will experience perimenopause or menopause.

Nationally, over 5 million Australian women are in this life stage right now, with 80% experiencing symptoms that impact sleep, mood, work, and relationships.

In regional areas like Orange, access to menopause-informed care is limited.

Local GP Dr Gab Staniforth, one of Orange’s few women’s health GPs, currently has few spaces due to overwhelming demand — a situation mirrored across many regional centres.

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The lack of accessible care and information means many women suffer in silence, affecting not only their health and wellbeing but also their ability to participate fully in the workforce and community life.

This event responds directly to that gap — bringing trusted medical advice, practical strategies, and community connection to women where they live.

4. The Speakers and Format

The evening will feature a panel discussion and Q&A with experts followed by a screening of “The M Factor”

Speakers:

- Dr Nicole Avard – Specialist GP, Co-Founder and Medical Director of Metluma; member of the Australian Menopause Society; Clinical Adjunct with the National Institute of Complementary Medicine.
- Dr Gab Staniforth – Local Orange GP and women’s health specialist (currently limited ability to take new patients due to high demand).
- Moderator: *Ben Chiarella* – Health leader, educator and community advocate, bringing the important male voice to the conversation.

5. The Importance of the Male Voice

While menopause is a women’s health issue, its impact extends far beyond women. Partners, fathers, managers, and colleagues play a critical role in understanding and supporting those going through this transition.

Including a male facilitator like Ben Chiarella ensures the conversation is inclusive and balanced — creating space for men to listen, learn, and ask questions without stigma. This approach builds shared empathy, strengthens relationships, and helps workplaces and families become more menopause-aware.

By normalising men’s involvement, we shift menopause from being a “private women’s issue” to a shared community concern.

6. Contribution to the Wellbeing of the Orange LGA

This project makes a significant social and economic contribution to the wellbeing of the Orange community by:

- Increasing health literacy and encouraging early intervention.
- Connecting residents to local and telehealth GPs, pharmacies, and allied health.
- Reducing stigma through open, intergenerational dialogue.
- Supporting workplace participation and productivity among midlife women.

The event follows the success of *Menopause in Mudgee*, which drew over 250 attendees, many of whom reported increased confidence to seek care and start conversations at work and home.

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100% community owned and operated

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**7. Request for Support**

We seek support under the Small Donations Program in one or both of the following forms:

Option A – Silver Sponsorship (\$500)

- Logo featured on the event registration page and selected promotional materials.
- Social media recognition (grouped with other Silver Sponsors).
- Verbal acknowledgement at the event.

and/or

Option B – Ticket Support (up to \$1,000)

- Provision of community tickets at \$20 per ticket to enable access for employees and/or local residents who may face financial barriers to participation.

8. Community Benefit and Reach

The event is expected to attract 200–300 participants, including women aged 40–60, partners, local employers, and health professionals.

Key outcomes include:

- Improved access to menopause information and health literacy.
- Strengthened local partnerships between health providers, employers, and residents.
- Greater inclusion of men in health discussions, fostering empathy and awareness.
- Enhanced wellbeing, confidence, and productivity among women in the region.

9. Timeline

- **Event Date:** November 20, 2025, 6-8pm
- **Venue:** Banksia Centre, Orange
- **Promotion:** October–November via local media, council networks, social media, pharmacies and community groups.

10. Contact Details

Georgie Drury
Co-founder and CEO, Metluma

Or

Ben Chiarella
Women's health ally

Metluma
ABN 63 664 523 255

metluma.com

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**SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM****General donations**

Community or not-for-profit group providing benefit to the local community can apply for a maximum of \$2,500

This document will be made public, and only fields with this icon  will be redacted.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Orange City Bowling Club Ltd

Contact name: Hugh Mawter

Position: General Manager

ABN (if applicable):

31000081676

ACN (if applicable):

YOUR ORGANISATION

☒ Not-for-Profit ☐ Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

Since 1899 Orange City Bowling Club has provided a social hub for the Orange community. We openly recognise the steeped tradition of friendship, fun and social connection, Orange City Bowling Club has brought to the community over the years, and we continue to believe that our Bowling Club is the perfect place for all Orange community members and visitors to gather, be entertained, dine, and participate in various activities no matter what their age.

There's no time like the present to reconnect with your community, your friends and family in a welcoming, relaxed, and fun environment. Come and enjoy a relaxed roll up with friends, dinner, drinks or a great day or night out and make The Orange City Bowling Club one of your favourite, local venues.

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YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ **\$2,500**

Date event if applicable: **22-26 February 2026**

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

What will this donation be used for?

The first Golden Eagle was played in 1969 an an invitation group of 128 pairs competing across the greens of the 4 Bowling Clubs in Orange. Over the years as Orange lost some of these bowling clubs but Orange City Bowling Club has strived to keep this event alive. The pairs event is held over 5 days attracting players from all over the country. As this is the premier lawn bowling event in the central west many spectators attend also. The Golden Eagle participants and their family will need accommodation as well as food and beverage facilities. As this event is only held during the day they will be looking at activities to do in the evenings.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

The Golden Eagle its in the Orange Region Destination Management plan under- Sport and recreation, Arts, culture and heritage.

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Bowling Club Ltd - Golden Eagle - 22-26 February 2026 (Redacted)**
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On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)

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Date

Print name **Hugh Mawter**

Position in organisation **General Manager**

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Organisation name

Orange City Bowling Club

Address

[Redacted Address]

Contact name

Hugh Mawter

Position in organisation

General Manager

Phone

[Redacted Phone]

Email

[Redacted Email]

What is the legal Status of your Organisation? (Eg incorporated, Association etc)

Limited

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Please select which applies

Not for profit

Are you registered for GST?

Yes

ABN/ACN (if applicable)

31000081676

Which fund category are you applying for?

Flagship Event Fund (minimum 2000 attendees - Range: \$1,000 - \$15,000 or another agreed number)

Event Name

Golden Eagle Classic

Event Date(s)

22-26 February 2026

Why was this timing selected? (50 words)

Tradition

Venue/Location

61-89 Warrendine St Orange NSW 2800

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Estimated Number of Attendees

500

Are you a member of Orange360

Yes

How many times has your event been held?

56

Event website or booking link

ocbc.org.au

Is your event listed on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse?

No

Please outline the reason the event was created and provide a summary of the event schedule and programmed activities (100 words)

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Please summarise your long terms goals and objectives for your event/organisation (100 words)

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To keep the traditions of the Golden Eagle and the sport of lawn bowls alive for future generations.

Requested Sponsorship Amount (\$)

2500

Has your event been supported by Orange City Council previously?

Yes

Are you requesting to have venue or council venue fees waived?

No

Please provide details of where you intend to spend the money. (This will need to be reflected in the budget that you have provided as an attachment.) (150 words)

Income \$34060

Expenditure \$34060

In-Kind \$13350.92

Can you demonstrate broad appeal to the Orange Community and how this event could enhance life in the community and social participation (see link below) (100 words)

Accommodation plus food and beverage offers will be needed for the competitors. Also it will give some of our more elderly residents a reason to get out and come watch some highly competitive lawn bowls.

Demonstrate alignment with the Orange Region Destination Management plan (see link below) (100 words)

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The Golden Eagle is in the Orange Region Destination Management plan under- Sport and recreation, Arts, culture and heritage.

How will your event involve and engage with local businesses, organisation and community groups? (100 words)

The Golden Eagle participants and their family will need accommodation as well as food and beverage facilities. As this event is only held during the day they will be looking at activities to do in the evenings.

Can you substantiate or estimate the economic impact your event might have? Please summarise how you have arrived at this number? (100 words)

\$28000 Accommodation (approx. 70 beds at \$100 per person per night for 4 nights)
\$17500 Food and Beverage (\$50 per person per day over 5 days)
\$10000 other contributions to local business like retail

Or please summarise what you are planning to do to promote your events and how you are planning to attract attendees (75 words)

\$4500 for local radio and print advertising

What is your target market for this event? (50 words)

Competitive lawn bowlers from across the country and their families and spectators.

Please indicate which documents are you attaching

Budget

Sent from [Orange City Council](#)

2.2 Event Development Funding

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/2244

AUTHOR: Jen Sharp, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council so it may consider applications under Council's Event Development Fund.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "10.2 Develop and attract a variety of events, festivals, venues and activities that attract visitors".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In early 2025, the Event Sponsorship Program was renamed and restructured as the Event Development Fund (ST43), which received approval in April 2025.

The Event Development Fund Strategic Policy is informed by the Orange Regional Destination Management Plan and Community Strategic Plan and features three distinct event development funding categories:

- 1) Flagship Funding - \$1,000 to \$15,000 – notional pool \$40,000
- 2) Visitor Economy Funding - \$1,000 to \$10,000 – notional pool \$40,000
- 3) Liveability Funding - \$1,000 to \$5,000 – notional pool \$30,000

The main objectives of the Event Development Fund are:

- The economic benefit to the community in terms of increased visitation, utilisation of accommodation, and utilisation of local business and products.
- Increased promotion of the city and/or identification of the city with a recognised product such as education, sport, food, wine, agribusiness and clean environment.
- A benefit that has a broad application to the community and not just a special benefit to an individual or selected few.
- That Council can clearly recognise the value of its assistance in the event, in that it provides a material difference to the financial sustainability of the event.

The Event Development Fund budget is \$110,000 for the 2026 financial year.

Table One: Event Sponsorship Program – Financial summary table

Annual Allocation	Committed from previous years	Already approved in 2025/2026	Balance available	Eligible applications received	Total Committed for 2025/26
\$110,000*	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$80,000	\$14,383.00	\$30,000

Applications Received this period:

1. Orange Chamber Music

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Council's Event Development Fund Strategic Policy – ST43

2.2 Event Development Funding

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the Orange Chamber Music Festival with \$10,000 for the 2026 Festival including hire of the Orange Civic Theatre of a hire charge of approximately \$4,000 and the South Court of \$383.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council's key risk categories, and the following comments are provided:

Service/Project Delivery	Event Development Funding is part of Council delivery plan this application moves us towards meeting this service delivery.
Financial	This application falls within the approved Budget for the program.
Reputation/Political	There are no foreseen reputation or political risks associated with this recommendation.
Environment	There are no environmental risks associated with the awarding of funds in this program.
Compliance	This Event Complies with Strategic Policy ST43.
People & WHS	There are no interactions with employees involved awarding funding under this program and no involvement of employees with the third-party event.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	There are no foreseen Information Technology or Cyber Security risks which are not managed within the existing policies. The application has been processed in accordance with those policies.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The approved applications for event sponsorship approved in the 2025/24 and 2025/26 financial year can be found at Table 3.

Table 3: Assistance provided in 2024/25 and 2025/26 to date.

Event	Requested in 2024/25	Approved in 2024/25	Requested in 2025/26 Cash	Requested in 2025/26 in-kind Value	Approved 2025/26 Total in kind & Cash	2024/25 Spend per Visitor Ratio of awarded sponsorship
Careers and Trade Expo	\$1,600	\$1,600				1:10
Gnoo Blas *	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$10,000	3:1
Orange Show	\$10,000	\$10,000				4:1
Orange Regional Arts Foundation	\$5,000	\$5,000				25:1
Goodness gravel +	\$5,000	\$2,500				11:1
Orange Wine Festival (ORVA)	\$14,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5313.73	\$10,000	4:1
Sustainable Living Expo	\$4,000	\$4,000				3:1
National Bridge Championship #	\$5,000	\$5,000				15:1
Orange Chamber Music Festival	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$4838		11:1
Junior Touch Football Championships	\$4,550	\$4,550				2:1
FOOD Week	\$10,000	\$5,500				2:1

2.2 Event Development Funding

Event	Requested in 2024/25	Approved in 2024/25	Requested in 2025/26 Cash	Requested in 2025/26 in-kind Value	Approved 2025/26 Total in kind & Cash	2024/25 Spend per Visitor Ratio of awarded sponsorship
Central West Veterans Golf	\$1,500	\$1,500				6:1
Backroads Brews and Blues +	\$5,000	\$3,000				3:1
Australian National Field Days	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$15,000		\$10,000	1:6
Regional Development Australia	\$5,000	\$3,000				20:1
A Night in Nashville	\$10,000	\$5,000				3:1
Orange Mountain Bike Club	\$5,000	\$5,000				7:1
Lonely Mountain Ultra	\$7,500	\$3,850				3:1
Total Expenditure	\$123,500	\$99,500				
Committed to date for 2025/26					\$30,000	

* Already approved from previous years

National event last year, regional event moving forward

+ Private company

Applicant 1	Orange Chamber Music Festival
Policy Category	Visitor Economy <i>Estimated attendance > 1000</i> <i>Estimated economic benefit >\$150,000</i>
Amount requested	Cash Request: \$10,000 plus In-kind Request: \$4,383
Category Maximum	\$10,000
Aligns to Destination Management Plan	- Running for 6 years - Enhancing the region's profile as a premier cultural tourism destination - Curated Performance schedule across multiple days with a range of operators contributes to increasing overnight visitation and visitor spend in the region - Attraction of interstate visitors
Social issues addressed	- Several performances across 7 venues in partnership with local business and Council South Court & Orange Civic Theatre - Engagement with Council owned assets: library, museum and gallery - A free event on the Saturday Cultured in the South Court - Education Program - residency with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra visiting the region - Engagement with business community
Previously funded by Council?	2024-25 - \$10,000 2023-24 - \$10,000 2022-23 - \$10,000
Other reported sponsorship	There is an additional \$61,350 expected to be raised in other sponsorships, donations and other possible government grants as provided by their draft budget.

2.2 Event Development Funding

Summary information	• Not-for-profit, incorporated. • Member of Orange360 and listed on ATDW. • 6th year running. • Signature events: Program Orange Chamber Music Festival • Use of Festival Pass system to encourage visitors come to the whole festival • Collaboration with Council run assets and use of facilities for performance
Visitation based on applicants' data (per event day)	• 284 festival passes and 188 single tickets were sold in 2024, which amounted to approximately 472 attendees attending the Orange Chamber Music Festival in 2025, with 80% of those being visitors from outside the region • Using latest data from Regional NSW visitor statistics (average spend \$209.70 per night with the average length of stay for this event being around 4.5 nights) • Target market and marketing activity is focused on Sydney & interstate visitors interested in a premium cultural festival
OCC \$ per participant ratio (lower ratio = less spend per person)	• Total participants 21:1 (\$10,000 to 472 attendees) • Overnight visitors only – 26:1 (\$10,000 to 377 visitors) ROI - For every \$1 invested, the festival generated \$35.63 in economic return for the region
Income generated (DNSW)	<i>Attributed to collated Orange Chamber Music Festival</i> Total Economic Impact from visitor data: \$356,322 Expenditure of Visitors Calculation $472 \times 80\% \times \\$209.70 \times 4.5 = \\$356,322$
Complies With Policy	Partial - partly aligns with Visitor Economy criteria: Orange Chamber Music Festival does not meet the >1,000 attendee threshold, but delivers other strong tourism outcomes: • 80% of ticket holders are visitors, more than double the regional average for signature events (35–40%). • Visitors stay longer, exceeding the average stay of 2.2–2.5 nights, contributing more to local accommodation and hospitality sectors. • The festival attracts a high-yield audience, often engaging in premium experiences, dining, and cultural tourism, suggesting that their overnight spend could be far greater than the \$209.70 (DNSW Data) Economic benefit >\$150,000 Strong marketing and strategic plan – proven track record Demonstrated community and industry engagement.
RECOMMENDATION	The project meets the boarder program guidelines and objectives therefore, the recommendation aligns with <i>Visitor Economy Event</i> funding of a maximum of \$10,000 (Including in-kind value of \$4383).

2.2 Event Development Funding

Visitor Economy Events criteria includes:

- Visitors greater than 1,000 or agreed amount (public events)
- Greater than 200 bed nights (business events)
- Greater than \$150,000 estimated economic benefit.

Consideration Factors:

- The Visitor Economy Funding is intended to support initiatives that grow economic return by driving overnight visitation from out of region or extending visitation in a measurable way
- Events supported by this funding must demonstrate either an attendance of over 1,000 people (or another agreed threshold), or a minimum economic impact of \$150,000. Their budget forecasts growth in tickets sales of almost 40%, which if successful could yield 150 more visitors or approximately \$147,000 more economic benefit to the region.
- The Event program showcases a range of business and use of council run institutions in the CBD with clear potential for flow-on economic benefits to CBD businesses through increased visitation and local spend.
- The majority of the benefit will flow to the Orange LGA, with most the events located within the Orange LGA and the visitors will more than likely stay in Orange.
- The Orange Chamber Music Festival is forecasting a net loss of \$31,000, there has been a lack of other significant funding which means that they will need to use retained earnings to support the festival in 2026.
- Ticket sales have also been ambitiously forecast, while event expenditure is more predictable. If actual ticket sales exceed budgeted expectations, the festival might be able to recover some of the losses.
- The Visitor Economy funding stream has a notional annual budget of \$40,000, based on historical allocations and known events. If this event were to receive \$10,000 in direct funding along with \$4,383 in in-kind support, approximately \$15,000 would be committed from the available budget. This would leave \$15,000 for the remainder of the financial year, potentially limiting the availability of funds for other eligible Visitor Economy events. Therefore, the recommendation is to limit total commitment to the event to \$10,000.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Event Funding Application - Orange Chamber Music Festival - 2025, D25/129210 [🔗](#)
- 2 Orange Chamber Music Festival Report 2025, D25/129213 [🔗](#)

Attachment 1 Event Funding Application - Orange Chamber Music Festival - 2025

Organisation name

Orange Chamber Music Festival Incorporated

Address

PO BOX 1693
ORANGE, NSW
2800

Contact name

Jay Byrnes

Position in organisation

Treasurer

Phone

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

What is the legal Status of your Organisation? (Eg incorporated, Association etc)

Incorporated Association

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Please select which applies

Not for profit

Are you registered for GST?

Yes

ABN/ACN (if applicable)

30229678462

Which fund category are you applying for?

Visitor Economy Fund (minimum 1000 attendees - Range: \$1,000 - \$10,000 or another agreed number)

Event Name

Orange Chamber Music Festival 2026

Event Date(s)

March 12-15 (4 days)

Why was this timing selected? (50 words)

First trimester of the year - warmer weather (preferred for classical music), not clashing with other major classical music events nationally such as Adelaide Festival (April),

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Canberra International Music Festival (May) , Australian Festival of Chamber Music
(July-Aug) - based on target audience.

Venue/Location

Various venues across Orange

Estimated Number of Attendees

1000

Are you a member of Orange360

Yes

How many times has your event been held?

6

Event website or booking link

<http://www.ocmf.com.au>

Is your event listed on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse?

Yes

Please outline the reason the event was created and provide a summary of the event schedule and programmed activities (100 words)

Attachment 1 Event Funding Application - Orange Chamber Music Festival - 2025

The Orange Chamber Music Festival was established to connect regional audiences with world-class chamber music, celebrating both international artistry and local talent. It highlights Orange's cultural and scenic identity by pairing performances with heritage venues, galleries, wineries, and community spaces. Over four days each March, the program includes gala concerts, site-specific recitals, and Cultured—a free community day featuring youth orchestras, choirs, family events, and local collaborations. The festival showcases diverse voices, premieres new works, and integrates education, ensuring chamber music is accessible, relevant, and woven into the life of the Central West region.

Please summarise your long terms goals and objectives for your event/organisation (100 words)

Our goal is to continue growing OCMF as a nationally significant destination event, known for artistic excellence, regional vitality, and inclusivity. We aim to foster lasting pathways for young musicians through education and mentorship, commission and showcase new Australian works, and diversify programming to reflect contemporary voices. Strengthening partnerships with cultural, tourism, and hospitality sectors will embed the festival within Orange's identity as a regional arts hub. Long-term, we seek sustainable growth, increased touring audiences, expanded residencies, and deeper community engagement, ensuring the festival contributes to regional development and cultural vibrancy for years to come.

Requested Sponsorship Amount (\$)

10000

Has your event been supported by Orange City Council previously?

Yes

Are you requesting to have venue or council venue fees waived?

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Yes

Council Venue/Location:

north court and orange civic theatre

Please provide details of where you intend to spend the money. (This will need to be reflected in the budget that you have provided as an attachment.) (150 words)

- Artists fees (partial)
- hire of equipment, light and sound, crew for larger events
- venue hire costs such as the civic theatre and banksia
- marketing

Can you demonstrate broad appeal to the Orange Community and how this event could enhance life in the community and social participation (see link below) (100 words)

The Orange Chamber Music Festival (OCMF) aligns with the Orange Community Strategic Plan's vision of fostering a healthy, safe, inclusive, and vibrant community. By offering diverse cultural experiences, the festival promotes social participation and community cohesion. It provides opportunities for residents to engage with high-quality performances, enhancing cultural enrichment and social interaction. Additionally, the festival supports local businesses and tourism, contributing to economic prosperity and the preservation of the region's unique character. Through these initiatives, OCMF plays a pivotal role in achieving the aspirations outlined in the Community Strategic Plan.

Demonstrate alignment with the Orange Region Destination Management plan (see link below) (100 words)

The Orange Chamber Music Festival (OCMF) directly supports the Orange Region Destination Management Plan by enhancing the region's profile as a premier cultural tourism destination. Through curated performances, signature dining experiences, and

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engagement with local wineries, galleries, and accommodations, OCMF encourages multi-day visits, increasing overnight stays and visitor spending. The festival showcases the region's unique arts, culture, and natural attractions, aligning with the plan's goals of sustainable tourism growth and regional promotion. By attracting national and interstate audiences, fostering partnerships with local businesses, and offering immersive experiences, OCMF strengthens the Orange Region's appeal and delivers measurable economic and social benefits.

How will your event involve and engage with local businesses, organisation and community groups? (100 words)

The 2026 event includes:

Performances: 7 recitals in various venues, primarily partnerships with local businesses such as Banksia, Groundstone Cafe, wineries and a restaurant in Millthorpe, as well as local churches.

Education: A three day residency in partnership with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra will provide tutorial and performance opportunities for over 40 young musicians in Orange

Community Engagement: Library, Gallery and Museum will be co-presenting events during Cultured (on Saturday 14 March) with free access to the whole community.

Can you substantiate or estimate the economic impact your event might have? Please summarise how you have arrived at this number? (100 words)

OCMF is estimated to generate approximately \$1.2–\$1.5 million in direct economic impact. This figure is based on audience data from 2024–2025, where 80% of attendees were returning visitors and 20% new, with an average stay of 4–5 nights. Attendees typically spend on accommodation (minimum four-star hotels, serviced apartments, B&Bs), dining, local experiences, and shopping. Diamond Pass holders contribute additional premium spending on exclusive events. This estimate combines ticket revenue, average daily visitor expenditure, and ancillary spending at local businesses, providing a conservative projection of the festival's regional economic benefit.

Or please summarise what you are planning to do to promote your events and how you are planning to attract attendees (75 words)

Attachment 1 Event Funding Application - Orange Chamber Music Festival - 2025

Marketing Plan includes:

- Festival announcement in national platform Limelight Art Media Pty Ltd, via a series of digital features, EDM, social media boosted posts and distribution of 6000 brochures insert in the October issue delivered nationally.
- Other strategies include in-house built social media, posts and specially made videos
- A detailed PR and marketing plan is attached by an external company engaged by OCMF.

What is your target market for this event? (50 words)

The target market for the Orange Chamber Music Festival includes culturally engaged adults from Orange and surrounding regions, as well as interstate visitors. Audiences are primarily classical music enthusiasts, festival-goers, and experience-seekers who value high-quality performances, fine dining, premium accommodations, and immersive cultural tourism experiences.

If your event has not been held before, please can you articulate how you will go about collecting data and information about your attendees and visitors. Please outline what tools you plan to use to analyse your events success and feedback through collection of data? (100 words)

n/a

Please indicate which documents are you attaching

Strategic Plan
Budget
Balance sheet
Marketing Plan and Budget
Post event report or analysis



Thursday 6th - 9th March 2025 | Orange NSW -
Wiradjuri Country

Event Overview

13 Featured Events
12 Venues in Orange, Belgravia and Millthorpe
3 Free Community Events 'Cultured' at Orange City Library,
Orange Regional Gallery and Orange Civic Theatre

Official Reviews

ClassikOn

'The Orange Chamber Music Festival continues to cement its reputation as one of Australia's most vibrant regional music festivals, offering a compelling mix of internationally renowned and local talent. This year's programming stood out for its commitment to Australian classical music and its thematic nods to International Women's Day. With beautifully spaced concerts that allowed audiences to fully experience both the festival and the charm of Orange itself, the weekend showcased the region's cultural and culinary delights alongside absolutely top world-class performances.'

Full Review: <https://www.classikon.com/orange-2025-another-festival-to-remember/>

Limelight Arts Media

'The Orange Chamber Music Festival's **Cultured** is a day-long program of free events hosted in and around the city's Cultural Precinct, the beating artistic heart of the regional city where the Orange City Library, Orange Civic Theatre and Orange Regional Art Gallery are all situated. It's a celebration of the local community and an adventure through its home town; unearthing clues about its community and culture at each stop on the map.'

Full Review: <https://limelight-arts.com.au/features/the-beating-heart-of-orange/>

Online

Other features appeared in Orange City Life and a social media recap for each event can be found on our social media page [@OrangeChamberMusic](#)

2025 Sales Overview - Passes

Ticket Type	Sold	Cap.	Notes
Diamond Pass	41	40	Attends All events (17)
Festival Pass	13	15	Attends Featured Events (13)
Renaissance Tours	14	15	Attends Featured Events (13)
Express Pass	6	10	Attends Featured Events (3)
Orange Civic Theatre	193 plus special guests 210	492	Festival Gala

Total paid attendance (base) 284

Single Ticketed Events (**Additional from passes, tours and express**)

Event	Sold	Capacity	Venue
Opening Night	47	100	Kinross Wolaroi DPA
Cafe Concert	20	20	Five Ways Church (Bathurst Rd)
Brass Concert	15	30	Orange Uniting Church (Anson St)
Featured Piano Trio	64	100	Orange Conservatorium
Locals group (Vermillion)	26	100	Orange Conservatorium
Gala	16	50	Civic Theatre (additional to ticketek sales)

Total Income from ticketing platform OzTickets
\$79,355.00

Other Ticketing Income

Renaissance Tours \$11,000
Orange Civic Theatre \$2600
No door sales

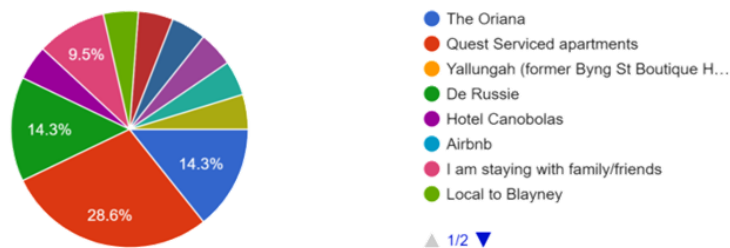
Additional Reporting Data from Guests

Source: Google preliminary data collection from pass holders and Renaissance Tours in preparation for meals and transport requests.

Accommodation:

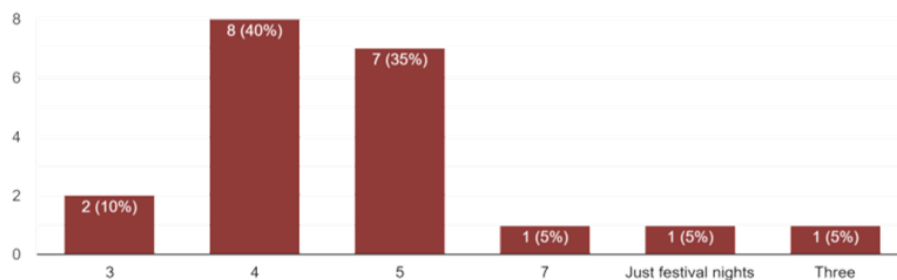
What type of accommodation have you booked?

21 responses



How many nights?

20 responses



Renaissance Tours (not collected in the preliminary survey)

15 rooms at Yallungah Boutique Hotel

Sponsoring Hotels

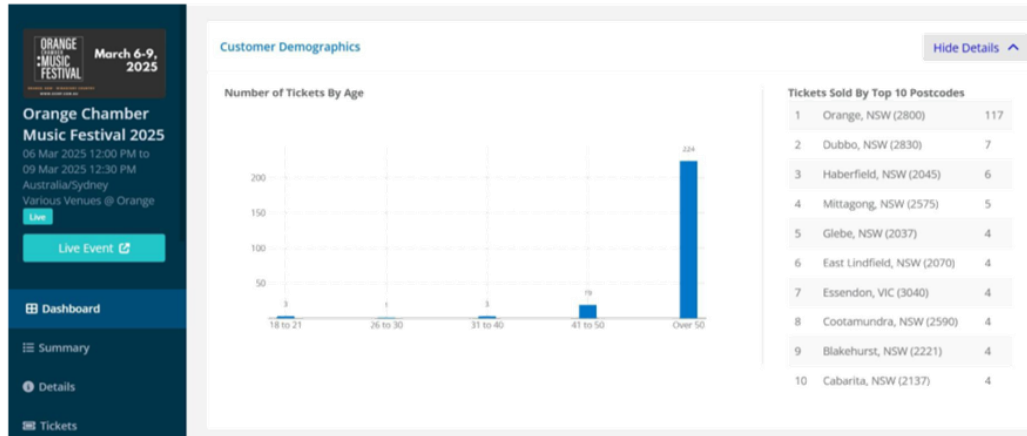
Quest Apartments - (reported sold out for the duration of the festival)

Oriana Orange - (reported sold out for the duration of the festival)

Demographics

Source: OzTickets data report

Includes passes and single ticket sales to selected events



Top 10 postcodes do not include sales in ACT, SA and QLD.

Evidence of attendance

Professional photography and video (this can be provided at request, due to the amount of photography produced and the weight of the images)

Cultured

Free events (not ticketed) were held at the Orange City Library, Orange Civic Theatre and Orange Regional Gallery. We are expecting feedback from these institutions' recorded attendance. Other evidence can be found on the professional photography for an approximation of numbers.

Feedback

Customers had been asked to provide feedback on the [Orange 360 survey](#).

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