



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 4 NOVEMBER 2025
COMMENCING AT 7:16 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy(6.34pm), Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Acting Chief Executive Officer (Maunder), Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Chief Financial Officer, Governance Officer, Manager Engineering Services

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED - 25/581

Cr M McDonell/Cr F Kinghorne

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Power for the Finance Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 4 November 2025.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr G Power

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

Cr Greenhalgh declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1 - 2(c) Small Donations – Requests for Donations Orange Eight Day Game as she had two committee members part of her election ticket.

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1 - 2(d) Small Donations – Requests for Donations Metluma as her business sells related products.

Cr Peterson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1 - 2(b) Small Donations – Requests for Donations Wangarang Industries as he is involved as a volunteer and board member.

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1 - 2(d) Small Donations – Requests for Donations Metluma as he has personal relationships with medical colleagues involved.

Cr Ruddy declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2.1 - 2(d) Small Donations – Requests for Donations Metluma as she has been working with the organisers.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/2088

RESOLVED - 25/582

Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M McDonell

1 That this item be heard and voted on in seriatim.
 For: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton
 Against: Nil
 Absent: Cr G Power

RESOLVED - 25/583

Cr F Kinghorne/Cr J Whitton

2(a) That Council donate \$1,250 to Springside Progress Association to contribute to repairing and painting windows/doors at Springside Schoolhouse.
 For: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton
 Against: Nil
 Absent: Cr G Power

Cr Greenhalgh declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item as she had two committee members part of her election ticket, left the meeting with the time being 7.19pm and did not participate in voting or discussion on this item.

RESOLVED - 25/584

Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy

2(c) That Council 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.
 For: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton
 Against: Nil
 Absent: Cr G Power, Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Greenhalgh returned to the meeting with the time being 7.20pm

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in this item as her business sells related products, left the meeting with the time being 7.20pm and did not participate on voting or discussion on this item.

Cr Ruddy declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as she has been working with the organisers, left the meeting with the time being 7.20pm and did not participate on voting or discussion on this item.

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he has personal relationships with medical colleagues involved.

RESOLVED - 25/585
Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard

2(d) That Council 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.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr G Power, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M Ruddy

Cr Ruddy and Cr Kinghorne returned to the meeting with the time being 7.20pm

RESOLVED - 25/586
Cr T Mileto/Cr M McDonell

2(e) That Council DEFER consideration of a donation of \$2,500 to Orange City Club Ltd to contribute to accommodation, food and beverage facilities for participants and their families attending the Golden Eagle event, to obtain additional information.

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

Against: Cr M Ruddy

Absent: Cr G Power

In the absence of the Chairperson, Cr Mileto chaired the meeting for this item.

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant this item, as he is involved as a volunteer and board member, left the meeting with the time being 7.24pm and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

MOTION
Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh

2(b) That Council donate \$2,500 to Wangarang Industries to contribute to a building an outdoor facility for supported employees and NDIS participants.

AMENDMENT
Cr M Ruddy/Cr F Kinghorne

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For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr M McDonell, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman

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

Absent: Cr G Power, Cr S Peterson

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RESOLVED - 25/587
Cr M Ruddy/Cr F Kinghorne

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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 M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr G Power

Cr Peterson returned to the meeting with the time being 7.26pm

Cr McDonnell asked if the \$500 for the Australian National Field Days in-kind support was included in the application approved recently, or if this was additional support provided.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that it was an additional contribution approved in accordance with the policy.

2.2 EVENT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/2244

RESOLVED - 25/588

Cr M McDonnell/Cr F Kinghorne

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.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr G Power

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:28PM.