



SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

4 NOVEMBER 2025

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **SERVICES 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 M Ruddy (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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, 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 Services Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee meeting 1 September 2025

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/2116

AUTHOR: Scott Maunder, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee met on 1 September 2025. The recommendations from the Committee are provided to the Services Policy Committee for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “13.3 Provide opportunities for widespread and quality engagement and, where appropriate, shared decision making”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee at its meeting held on 1 September 2025.
- 2 That Council determine recommendation 4.4 from the minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee meeting of 1 September 2025.
4.4
That the Charter for the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee be updated with the following changes:
 - 1) *Include the following dot point under the Purpose heading:*
 - a. *Support in the development and implementation of an Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Strategic Action Plan and other road safety matters as required.*
 - 2) *Include the following dot points under the Membership heading:*
 - a. *Up to two Cabonne Shire Councillors*
 - b. *Cabonne Shire Council staff (non-voting)*
 - c. *One representative from Transport for NSW*
 - 3) *Amend the following dot point under the Membership heading:*
 - a. *Up to 15 community representatives including from relevant government or community agencies.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee from its meeting held on 1 September 2025 be adopted.

2.1 Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee meeting 1 September 2025

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	Nil.
Financial	Nil.
Reputation/Political	Nil.
Environment	Nil.
Compliance	Nil.
People & WHS	Nil.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

It was recommended that the Charter be reviewed and updated to support the merge of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention and the Orange & Cabonne Road Safety Committees, to be known as the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee. The merge was approved by Council on 6 May 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee held on 1 September 2025, 2025/1912[↓](#)
- 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee held on 1 September 2025, 2025/1795[↓](#)

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**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE****HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE****ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2025****COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM**

1 INTRODUCTION**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Marea Ruddy (Chairperson), Cr Tony Mileto (Mayor), Cr Tammy Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor) (via *Teams*), Cr Graeme Judge, Cr Aaron Pearson (Cabonne Council), Chief Inspector David Maher, Sergeant Yonneka Hill, Phillip Kirkwood, Charlotte Maguire, Elisabeth Sattler (via *Teams*), Elizabeth Griffin, Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager Community Services, Road Safety Officer, Parking Patrol Officer, Community Development Coordinator, Manager Engineering Services (via *Teams*), Community Services Administration Officer

Guest:

Inspector Bradley Parker (via *Teams*), Superintendent Luke Rankin

1.1 APOLOGIES**RESOLVED****Ms C Maguire/Mr P Kirkwood**

That the apologies be accepted from Laga Van Beek, Sara Tabb, Ainsley Bruem and Matthew Chisholm for the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee meeting on 1 September 2025.

1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

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2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLVED****Ms C Maguire/Mr P Kirkwood**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee held on 2 June 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee meeting held on 2 June 2025.

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 CHAIRPERSON PRESENTATION - SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE - 1 JULY 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1742

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M Ruddy/Cr G Judge**

That the information provided in the Chairperson Presentation be acknowledged.

4 GENERAL REPORTS**4.1 CENTRAL WEST POLICE DISTRICT UPDATE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1725

Chief Inspector David Maher provided a verbal update on proactive policing strategies and an overview of crime statistics for the Orange LGA for the period 1 May 2025 to 31 July 2025, including:

- Assault (DV) – 65 incidents
- Stolen Vehicles – 15 incidents
- Steal From Motor Vehicle – 28 incidents
- Break and Enter (Dwelling) – 34 incidents
- Break and Enter (Non-Dwelling) – 6 incidents
- Steal From Retail Store – 55 incidents
- Powers – Move On – 70 incidents
- Powers – Person Search – 253 compass incidents
- Powers – Vehicle Search – 52 incidents

It was requested that vehicle accident statistics be included in the Central West Police District Update at the next meeting. Chief Inspector Maher will investigate whether a representative from Highway Patrol could attend future meetings.

Superintendent Luke Rankin gave an overview of Operation Soteria, which targets serious youth crime across regional NSW, including Orange. The operation focuses on a small group of highly motivated offenders, combining enforcement with prevention and youth engagement to disrupt crime and prevent wider involvement.

Inspector Bradley Parker from the Crime Prevention Command presented an overview of the

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Command's collaborative approach to supporting local police, outlined available resources and programmes, and offered to run a free Community Safety Forum and security audits for the Orange community. The Committee agreed to investigate further and add the Community Safety Forum as an item on the Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr P Kirkwood/Ms C Maguire**

That the information provided in the Central West Police District update be acknowledged.

Inspector Bradley Parker left the meeting at 5.53pm

Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services left the meeting at 6.15pm

4.2 ORANGE AND CABONNE ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1733

The Committee reviewed the Road Safety Officer's (RSO) report. Andrea Hamilton-Vaughan clarified the role of the RSO, explaining the focus on behavioural change, human factors in road safety, targeted speed enforcement, and successful interventions at high-risk intersections, supported by data-driven collaboration with Highway Patrol.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms E Griffin/Cr M Ruddy**

That the information provided in the Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Officer Report be acknowledged.

4.3 TRANSPORT FOR NSW REPORT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1734

A report was not provided as a Transport for NSW representative was not in attendance.

RECOMMENDATION

Nil.

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4.4 UPDATED CHARTER

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1723

RECOMMENDATION**Cr T Mileto/Cr G Judge**

That the Charter for the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee be updated with the following changes:

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2. Include the following dot points under the Membership heading:
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 - a. Up to 15 community representatives including from relevant government or community agencies.

4.5 UPDATE AND REPORT - CHILDREN (PROTECTION AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) ACT 1997

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1724

The Committee discussed the extension and ongoing implementation of the operational area under the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act.

Chief Inspector Maher noted the importance of the continued use of the Act, noting that it makes a significant impact on reducing youth crime in the Orange area. When the operational area lapsed approximately two years ago, perceived crime in town escalated exponentially and members of the public reported increased safety concerns in various areas of the CBD.

RECOMMENDATION**Cr T Mileto/Cr G Judge**

That the information provided in the Update and Report - Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 be acknowledged.

4.6 ACTION PLAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1726

The Committee discussed the Action Plan, including the following:

- The Coordinator Community Development provided an update on the AXLR8 program, which is a mentoring program for young people. The program currently includes 31 young people and 15 volunteer mentors, with a focus on engaging young people through sport.
- The items regarding extension of the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act have been completed and can be removed from the Action Plan.

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- The Committee agreed to add Elder Abuse Prevention as an item under the Seniors Crime Prevention section of the Action Plan.
- Community Safety Forum is to be added as an item on the Action Plan.
- The Action Plan for the Road Safety Officer has been approved by Transport for NSW.
- Concerns were raised regarding used syringes found at Sturgeon Oval, including:
 - The Committee will liaise with Council's Sport and Recreation Supervisor to raise awareness among sporting groups about checking fields for used syringes before training and matches, and inform clubs about sourcing safety kits for safe disposal.
 - There was a discussion around the importance of promotion and education of safe injection practises and access to safe injection materials and disposal boxes among the wider community.
 - Members were encouraged to report syringe findings online or directly to Police, enabling targeted patrols and intelligence-led responses to areas where drug use is occurring.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms C Maguire/Mr P Kirkwood**

That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee consider and discuss items on the Action Plan, and that the Action Plan be updated.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.51 PM.



COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

1 SEPTEMBER 2025

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Monday, 1 September 2025** commencing at **5:30 PM**.

Barry Omundson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

Cr Marea Ruddy (Chairperson), Cr Tony Mileto (Mayor), Cr Tammy Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr Graeme Judge, Cr Jamie Stedman, Cr Aaron Pearson (Cabonne Council), Cr Jamie Jones (Cabonne Council), Chief Inspector David Maher, Sergeant Yonneka Hill, Senior Constable Sarah Archer, Sara Tabb, Matthew Chisholm, Phillip Kirkwood, Charlotte Maguire, Laga Van Beek, Elisabeth Sattler, Elizabeth Griffin, Ainsley Bruem, Matthew Christensen, Mark Ellis, Rebecca Johnson, Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager Community Services, Road Safety Officer, Parking Patrol Officer, Community Development Coordinator, Manager Engineering Services

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

**1.3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS
AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee at this meeting.

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2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee held on 2 June 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee meeting held on 2 June 2025.

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- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee held on 2 June 2025

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ORANGE CITY COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

HELD IN COUNCILLORS' WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 2 JUNE 2025

COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM

1 INTRODUCTION**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Marea Ruddy (Chairperson), Cr Graeme Judge, Cr Jamie Stedman, Chief Inspector David Maher, Sergeant Yonneka Hill, Janelle Jarman, Phillip Kirkwood, Charlotte Maguire, Laga Van Beek (Via *Teams*), Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager Community Services, Road Safety Officer, Parking Patrol Officer, Community Services Administration Officer

Guest: Elisabeth Sattler (via *Teams*)

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED**Mr P Kirkwood/Cr M Ruddy**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Tony Mileto, Matthew Chisholm and Katrina Hausia for the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee meeting on 2 June 2025.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLVED****Mr P Kirkwood/Cr M Ruddy**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee held on 31 March 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee meeting held on 31 March 2025.

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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE
2 JUNE 2025
3 PRESENTATIONS
3.1 CHAIRPERSON PRESENTATION - SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE - 6 MAY 2025
TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/839

Cr Ruddy provided an update from the Services Policy Committee meeting of 6 May 2025 including the following:

- It was resolved that the proposed changes to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee Charter be adopted.
- It was resolved that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention and Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Committees be merged.
- It was also noted that Cr Ruddy, Council's Manager Community Services and representatives from the Central West Police Force met on 8 May 2025 to update the Action Plan, which is presented to this Committee for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION
Cr M Ruddy/Cr G Judge

That information provided in the Chairperson Presentation be acknowledged.

4 GENERAL REPORTS
4.1 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/854

An Expression of Interest for Elisabeth Sattler (Plus Community) was tabled and accepted by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION
Ms C Maguire/Mr P Kirkwood

That the Expression of Interest for Committee membership for Elisabeth Sattler be accepted.

4.2 CENTRAL WEST POLICE DISTRICT UPDATE
TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/791

Chief Inspector David Maher gave an overview of crime statistics in the Orange LGA from 1 March to 30 April 2025, including:

- Assault (DV) – 51 incidents
- Stolen Vehicles – 20 incidents
- Steal from Motor Vehicle – 63 incidents
- Break and Enter (Dwelling) – 50 incidents
- Break and Enter (Non-Dwelling) – 19 incidents
- Steal from Retail Store – 40 incidents
- Powers – Move On – 67 incidents
- Powers – Person Search – 153 incidents
- Powers – Vehicle Search – 24 incidents

Janelle Jarman, Youth Action Coordinator for Orange Police, gave an overview of her role. The Youth Action Coordinator facilitates support for young people who are offenders, or are at risk of offending or of becoming a victim. The aim is to prevent young people from

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engaging with the criminal justice system. Ms Jarman also coordinates monthly Youth Action Meetings, which are attended by government and non-government and services.

The Crime Prevention Officer (covering elder abuse, disability and homelessness) will attend the next Committee meeting to provide an update.

RECOMMENDATION

Cr J Stedman/Cr G Judge

That the information provided in the Central West Police District update be acknowledged.

4.3 LIQUOR ACCORD UPDATE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/838

An update was not provided as there was not a representative from the Liquor Accord present. The Director Community Recreation & Cultural Services to follow up with the Liquor Accord.

RECOMMENDATION

Nil.

4.4 PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT REPORTS - 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/568

The Director Community Recreation & Cultural Services thanked the Orange Police for providing the data for the reports.

An application has been submitted to extend the period of the Operational Area from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028. Committee to request Mr Phillip Donato MP to follow up on progress of application.

RECOMMENDATION

Cr J Stedman/Mr P Kirkwood

That the reports on the implementation of the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 – 1 January to 30 June 2024 and 1 July to 31 December 2024 be acknowledged.

4.5 MERGE OF COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/975

It was noted that all current members of the Orange & Cabonne Road Safety Committee would be invited to join the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

Ms C Maguire/Cr G Judge

1. That the Committee acknowledge the merging of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention and the Orange & Cabonne Road Safety Committees, to be known as the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee.
2. That the Charter for the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee be reviewed and updated to support the merge of Committees.
3. That members of the Road Safety Committee be invited to join the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee.

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/792

- It was noted that the Action Plan should be updated to include relevant actions from the Orange & Cabonne Road Safety Committee.
- It was requested that an update on the AXLR8 program be provided at the next meeting.
- Council to re-share social media posts by Orange Police to encourage people to lock their cars, houses etc and to be aware of potential scams. Manager Community Services to meet with Council's Communications Officer to discuss.
- Crime Prevention Officer from Orange Police to attend next meeting and provide an update on Seniors Crime Prevention Education.
- Janelle Jarman provided an overview of how her role as Youth Action Coordinator supports at risk young people.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms C Maguire/Cr G Judge**

That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee Action Plan be adopted and updated with the discussions from the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:45 PM

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COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**1 SEPTEMBER 2025**

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 CHAIRPERSON PRESENTATION - SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE - 1 JULY 2025

It is noted that the Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee meeting of 2 June 2025 were adopted by Council at the Services Policy Committee meeting of 1 July 2025.

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4 GENERAL REPORTS**4.1 CENTRAL WEST POLICE DISTRICT UPDATE**

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1725

AUTHOR: Rennie Johns, Community Services Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A representative from the Central West Police District will provide a verbal update to the Committee.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “3.1 Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of safety in our homes and the wider community”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information provided in the Central West Police District update be acknowledged.

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	Nil.
Financial	Nil.
Reputation/Political	Nil.
Environment	Nil.
Compliance	Nil.
People & WHS	Nil.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil.

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4.2 ORANGE AND CABONNE ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1733

AUTHOR: Rennie Johns, Community Services Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Road Safety Officer (RSO) covers two Local Government Areas: The City of Orange and Cabonne Shire Council. Three funding bodies, Orange and Cabonne Councils and Transport for NSW, each fund the Local Government Road Safety Program (LGRSP). The RSO works with NSW Police and road safety stakeholders in the community.

A written report from the RSO is attached for the information of the Committee.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “3.1 Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of safety in our homes and the wider community”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information provided in the Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Officer Report be acknowledged.

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	Nil.
Financial	Nil.
Reputation/Political	Nil.
Environment	Nil.
Compliance	Nil.
People & WHS	Nil.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A written report from the RSO is attached for the information of the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Report - Road Safety Officer, D25/95478

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Attachment 1 Report - Road Safety Officer

**Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Officer Report – Community Safety and Crime
Prevention Committee - 1 September 2025**

1. Introduction

The safety of our community's roads remains a top priority for Orange City and Cabonne Shire Councils. The Road Safety Action Plan focuses on targeted education and awareness campaigns to encourage safe driving behaviours, reduce risk to vulnerable road users, and promote a culture of shared responsibility for road safety.

2. Background

Over the past five years, Orange and Cabonne have experienced a steady rate of road incidents, which may have been prevented through behavioural change and increased awareness. Consultation with residents, schools, local police, and community groups has identified a need to strengthen community-based road safety campaigns.

This plan aligns with the New South Wales 2026 Road Safety Action Plan and reflects Council's commitment to proactive, preventative measures rather than reactive responses.

3. Objectives

The Road Safety Action Plan aims to:

1. Reduce the frequency and severity of road accidents within the local area.
 2. Increase awareness and adoption of safe driving and travel behaviours.
 3. Address local risk areas through targeted education campaigns.
 4. Strengthen partnerships between council, community groups, and enforcement agencies.
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4. Program – Road Safety Campaigns

Council will implement the following campaigns during the 2025 - 2026 program year:

- **Child Car Seat Checks – Orange:** Free professional checks to ensure child seats are correctly installed.
- **Child Car Seat Checks – Cabonne:** Mobile service visiting key towns in the shire.

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- **Slow Down in Cabonne:** Speed awareness campaign on rural roads.
- **Leave the Car at Home Make a Taxi Your Plan B:** Encouraging safe transport alternatives after drinking.
- **Win a Swag:** Incentive campaign to promote driver fatigue awareness.
- **NSW Regional Heavy Vehicle Forum:** Community engagement on heavy vehicle safety and shared road use.
- **Power Nap:** Driver fatigue awareness and rest-stop promotion.

5. Expected Outcomes

By delivering these campaigns, the community can expect:

- Increased compliance with road safety laws.
- Greater use of child restraints that meet safety standards.
- Reduced speeding in targeted areas.
- Safer travel choices, particularly regarding alcohol-related driving.
- Improved understanding of heavy vehicle safety.
- Increased awareness of driver fatigue risks.

6. Conclusion

Road safety is a shared responsibility between government, law enforcement, and the community. This action plan provides targeted, practical campaigns that respond directly to identified local risks.

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4.3 TRANSPORT FOR NSW REPORT

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1734

AUTHOR: Rennie Johns, Community Services Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A report from a representative from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) will be tabled for the information of the Committee.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "3.1 Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of safety in our homes and the wider community".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information provided in the Transport for NSW Report be acknowledged.

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	Nil.
Financial	Nil.
Reputation/Political	Nil.
Environment	Nil.
Compliance	Nil.
People & WHS	Nil.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil.

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4.4 UPDATED CHARTER

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1723

AUTHOR: Rennie Johns, Community Services Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the meeting of 2 June 2025, the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee acknowledged the merging of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention and the Orange & Cabonne Road Safety Committees, to be known as the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee. It was recommended that the Charter for the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee be reviewed and updated to support the merge.

The final approval of the Charter lays with Council.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “13.3 Provide opportunities for widespread and quality engagement and, where appropriate, shared decision making”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

All Community Committee Charters have been updated to reflect Council’s requirements and to comply with Council’s Code of Meeting Practice.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Charter for the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee be updated with the following changes:

1. Include the following dot point under the *Purpose* heading

- *Support in the development and implementation of an Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Strategic Action Plan and other road safety matters as required.*

2. Include the following dot points under the *Membership* heading:

- *Up to two Cabonne Shire Councillors*
- *Cabonne Shire Council staff (non-voting)*
- *One representative from Transport for NSW*

3. Amend the following dot point under the *Membership* heading:

- *Up to 15 community representatives including from relevant government or community agencies.*

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4.4 Updated Charter**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	Nil.
Financial	Nil.
Reputation/Political	Nil.
Environment	Nil.
Compliance	Nil.
People & WHS	Nil.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The current Charters for the Community Safety & Crime Prevention and the Orange & Cabonne Road Safety Committees are attached for information.

The updated Committee Charter will be provided to the Council Policy Committee with the minutes for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Charter - Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee, D24/120094
- 2 Charter - Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Committee, D24/120108

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Attachment 1 Charter - Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee

**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CHARTER****COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION**

D24/120094

Community Committees play a vital role in helping Council to make informed decisions about the actions taken. The program is a key driver in Council's community engagement 'collaborate' value, linking to item 15.3 - provide opportunities for widespread and quality engagement, and where appropriate, shared decision making of the Community Strategic Plan.

Purpose

To advise Council and make recommendations in relation to new and existing projects, policies and planning, and develop and drive independent committee initiatives to support community safety and crime prevention in Orange and its surrounds. Activities may include:

- Information provision and education
- Partnering with external stakeholders
- Encouraging increased reporting of criminal activity or conduct (e.g. graffiti and vandalism)

To strengthen engagement between Council and community as identified in Council's Community Strategic and Engagement Plans, and to support a consultative and collaborative approach in the decision-making processes that impact the City of Orange, its people and surrounds.

The Committee does not have a role in the operational function of Council, and any recommendations made may be adopted, amended or declined. Operational Activities are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer and staff. Equally, where Council has adopted a Strategic Policy or Strategic Planning document, the Committee must observe the Council position as set out in that policy, plan or document.

Reports To**Services Policy Committee**

Policy Committee are Council sub-committees designed to support increased engagement and ownership of Councillors in areas of interest and expertise, and to improve the decision making processes.

Responsibilities

To be aware of the needs of the community and ensure that this knowledge is reflected in its activities and recommendations to Council.

To develop and maintain a Community Committee Action Plan that is informed by the knowledge of members and the strategic priorities of Council to support recommendations made and activities undertaken.

The committee and its members must conduct themselves and their business in accordance with Orange City Council's Code of Conduct, Code of Meeting Practice and any procedures relating to Community Committees as approved by the Council.

Term

The Community Safety & Crime Prevention Community Committee shall dissolve at the General Election of Orange City Council. Council may dissolve the Committee at any time by resolution of Council.

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Attachment 1 Charter - Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee



D24/120094

Membership and Roles

- Chairperson – an elected Councillor
- Five Councillors including the Chairperson
- One Representative of the Central West Police District
- Committee Clerk (non-voting) – as nominated by the Chief Executive Officer
- Council staff (non-voting) – as nominated by the Chief Executive Officer
- Up to ten (10) community representative(s) including from relevant government or community agencies

Committee Clerk & Staff Members

The Chief Executive Officer will provide a Committee Clerk who is a sufficiently skilled Manager or Director who will be the representative of the Chief Executive Officer, and will exercise the functions of the Chief Executive Officer so far as they are relevant to the Committee and its Chairperson. The Committee Clerk will be responsible for the management of Committee correspondence, meetings, Agendas & Minutes.

Quorum

Two (2) community members, one representative of the Central West Police District and one Councillor.

Meeting Frequency

Quarterly, with specific meeting dates and times to be determined by the Committee.

Voting

All members have one vote only, including the Chairperson. In circumstances of an equality of votes, the matter is to be referred to Council (via the Policy Committee) for determination.

Reports and Recording

Matters to be considered by the Committee must be included in the agenda for the meeting, and must be provided in writing to the Committee Clerk at least ten (10) business days before the scheduled meeting.

An agenda will be distributed electronically to members at least one (1) week before a scheduled meeting.

Formal minutes of meetings of the Committee will be produced in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice and will be produced by nominated staff members via InfoCouncil – Council's dedicated software program for the production of local council business papers.

Vacancies

Vacancies may arise during the term of the Committee. If a vacancy does occur, the Committee may invite an individual to join the Committee, or seek expressions of interest to fill the vacancy.

Relevant Policies and Documents

[Community Committee Member Information Pack](#)

[Orange City Council Code of Conduct](#)

[Orange City Council Code of Meeting Practice](#)

[Orange Community Strategic Plan](#)

[Delivery/Operational Plan](#)

[Asset Management Plan Strategy and Plans](#)

Copies of these and other documents are available on Council's website at www.orange.nsw.gov.au, from the Committee Clerk or the Council's Governance team.

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Attachment 2 Charter - Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Committee

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CHARTER**ORANGE & CABONNE ROAD SAFETY**

D24/120108

Community Committees play a vital role in helping Council to make informed decisions about the actions taken. The program is a key driver in Council's community engagement 'collaborate' value, linking to item 15.3 - provide opportunities for widespread and quality engagement, and where appropriate, shared decision making of the Community Strategic Plan.

Purpose

To advise Council through recommendation, and support in the development and implementation of an Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Strategic Action Plan and other road safety matters as required.

To strengthen engagement between Council and community as identified in Council's Community Strategic and Engagement Plans, and to support a consultative and collaborative approach in the decision-making processes that impact the City of Orange, its people and surrounds.

The Committee does not have a role in the operational function of Council, and any recommendations made may be adopted, amended or declined. Operational Activities are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer and staff. Equally, where Council has adopted a Strategic Policy or Strategic Planning document, the Committee must observe the Council position as set out in that policy, plan or document.

Reports To**Services Policy Committee**

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Responsibilities

To be aware of the needs of the community and ensure that this knowledge is reflected in its activities and recommendations to Council.

To develop and maintain a Community Committee Action Plan that is informed by the knowledge of members and the strategic priorities of Council to support recommendations made and activities undertaken.

The committee and its members must conduct themselves and their business in accordance with Orange City Council's Code of Conduct, Code of Meeting Practice and any procedures relating to Community Committees as approved by the Council.

Term

The Orange & Cabonne Road Safety Community Committee shall dissolve at the General Election of Orange City Council. Council may dissolve the Committee at any time by resolution of Council.

Membership and Roles

- Chairperson – as elected by the Committee
- Two Councillors
- Committee Clerk (non-voting) – as nominated by the Chief Executive Officer
- Council staff (non-voting) – as nominated by the Chief Executive Officer
- Up to Four (4) community representative(s)
- Representatives from relevant agencies as determined by the Committee.

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Attachment 2 Charter - Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Committee

Committee Clerk & Staff Members

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Quorum

Two (2) community members and one Councillor.

Meeting Frequency

As required, with specific meeting dates and times to be determined by the Committee.

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**4.5 UPDATE AND REPORT - CHILDREN (PROTECTION AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) ACT
1997**

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1724

AUTHOR: Rennie Johns, Community Services Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's application to extend the period of the Operational Area under the Children (Protection and Responsibility) Act 1997 was approved on 27 June 2025. The Orange Operational Order is effective from 1 July 2025 until 30 June 2027.

A report summarising the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 – Police Operational Report from 1 January to 30 June 2025 is also attached.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "3.1 Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of safety in our homes and the wider community".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information provided in the Update and Report - Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 be acknowledged.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	Nil.
Financial	Nil
Reputation/Political	Nil.
Environment	Nil.
Compliance	Nil.
People & WHS	Nil.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil.

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4.5 Update and Report - Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Orange is an Operational Area under the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997, which enables police to escort vulnerable children from public places to their home and place them in the care of their parent or a responsible adult. Whilst enforceable, six-monthly reports are provided to Council by Orange Police outlining the implementation of the legislation during the relevant period. The Act is current from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2027.

The following information is a summary of a report to the Justice Department of the implementation of the Orange Operational Area of the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 (the Act) during the period 1 January to 30 June 2025.

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4.5 Update and Report - Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997

Parental Responsibility Act – January to June 2025							
Date:	Time:	Location:	Age:	Gen:	ATSI?	Circumstances for Notice:	Reason for Legislation:
02/01/2025	11.10pm	Orange Central Square Carpark, Anson St, Orange	14	M	Yes	Call regarding concern for welfare / Located trespassing	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			12	M	Yes		
07/01/2025	2.00am	Anson St, Orange	15	M	No	Located during Patrols / Time	Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			13	M	Yes		
11/01/2025	9.50pm	Dairy Creek Rd, Orange	15	M	No	Public Nuisance / Knock and run at location / Time	Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			14	M	No		
			14	M	No		
25/01/2025	8.10pm	Orange Central Square Carpark, Anson St, Orange	15	M	Yes	Police contacted and informed YP's were in custody of a knife	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			14	M	Yes		
			14	M	Yes		
			15	F	Yes		
26/01/2025	3.15am	Woodward St, Orange	13	F	Yes	DV Assault / Call regarding concern for Welfare / Running away from scene	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			13	F	Yes		
27/01/2025	1.00am	Kearneys Dr, Orange	15	M	No	Located during Patrols / Located holding a large stick / Time	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			14	M	No		
			12	M	No		
			13	M	No		
27/01/2025	6.00pm	Robertson Park, Byng St and Lords Pl, Orange	13	F	Yes	Contacted by next of kin not returning home / Time / Public Nuisance / Loitering around CBD	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
27/01/2025	9.30pm	Windred St, Orange	13	F	Yes	**Matter started in duplicate. Incident recorded under the above event.	
27/01/2025	9.30pm	Orange Youth Hub – 21-33 Garema Road, Orange	14	F	Yes	Located during patrols / Trying to hide from Police / Time / Location	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			13	F	Yes		
07/02/2025	9.00pm	Mitchell Hwy, Orange	14	M	Yes	Public Nuisance / Loitering around CBD / Time / Criminal history	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			12	M	Yes		
09/02/2025	9.55pm	Anson St, Orange	11	M	Yes	Public Nuisance / Throwing rocks at vehicles / Loitering around CBD / Time / Criminal history	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			11	M	Yes		
			12	M	Yes		
			12	M	Yes		

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Parental Responsibility Act – January to June 2025							
Date:	Time:	Location:	Age:	Gen:	ATSI?	Circumstances for Notice:	Reason for Legislation:
11/02/2025	6.30pm	Wolsley St, Orange	13	M	Yes	Call regarding concern for Welfare / Absconded from Carers	Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			14	M	Yes		
12/02/2025	2.00am	Coronation Dr, Orange	13	F	Yes	Reported missing / Located and attempted to evade Police	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			14	F	No		
			13	M	Yes		
			11	M	Yes		
			12	M	Yes		
			11	F	Yes		
15/02/2025	8.15pm	Orange Police Station, 115 -117 Byng St, Orange	14	M	Yes	Unable to get home or contact parents	Risk to themselves or others
			11	M	Yes		
19/02/2025	11.30pm	Lawson Cres, Orange	13	F	Yes	Parent of location did not want the YP at the location	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
20/02/2025	1.55pm	Marsden Pl, Orange	15	F	Yes	Mental health / Run away	Crime Prevention & Risk to themselves or others.
04/03/2025	6.00pm	Anson St, Orange	12	M	Yes	Starting fights with others at the Skate Park	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			13	M	Yes		
05/03/2025	9.30pm	Lords Pl, Orange	13	F	Yes	YP breaching bail conditions	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
09/03/2025	3.25pm	Cnr Anson St and Sale St, Orange	13	F	Yes	Contacted by YP in fear of being assaulted by other YP	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			15	F	Yes		
11/03/2025	2.15am	Woodward St, Orange	15	M	Yes	Break and Enter occurring / Patrols located YP's / Time / Hoodies covering faces	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			15	M	Yes		
17/03/2025	7.00pm	Lone Pine Ave, Orange	12	M	Yes	Climbing Harvey Norman roof	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			13	M	Yes		
21/03/2025	10.00am	McLachlan St, Orange	12	M	Yes	YP breaching bail conditions	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
29/03/2025	10.00pm	McLachlan St, Orange	15	M	Yes	Located during patrols / Time /	Divert them away from crime / Crime

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Parental Responsibility Act – January to June 2025							
Date:	Time:	Location:	Age:	Gen:	ATSI?	Circumstances for Notice:	Reason for Legislation:
			13	M	Yes	Criminal history	Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
01/04/2025	5.25pm	Summer St, Orange	15	F	Yes	Mental health / Run away	Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
02/04/2025	12.00pm	Orange Central Square, Anson St, Orange	16	M	Yes	Public Nuisance / Loitering around CBD / Searched & located knives	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			16	M	Yes		
06/04/2025	7.00pm	Orange	15	M	No	Intimidation	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
14/04/2025	3.00pm	McLachlan St, Orange	13	M	No	Time / Loitering around drain ways / Suspected goods in custody	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
10/05/2025	11.30pm	Elephant Park, Woodward St, Orange	15	M	No	Evade Police / Known for Break and Enter / Location Known for drug activity / Time	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
23/05/2025	11.35pm	Lone Pine Ave, Orange	14	M	Yes	Dressed in black clothing / Known for Break and Enter and steal motor vehicle / Located Drugs on YP / Time	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			14	M	Yes		
01/06/2025	2.00am	Gardiner Rd, Orange	14	M	No	Located during Patrols / Time	Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			14	M	No		
			14	M	Yes		
02/06/2025	10.30am	Summer St, Orange	13	F	Yes	Time/ Location / Concerned member of the public	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
			13	F	Yes		
15/06/2025	10.45am	Coronation Dr, Orange	12	M	Yes	Known offender / bail conditions	Divert them away from crime / Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
20/06/2025	4.00pm	Cnr Frost Street and Lawson Cres, Orange	12	F	Yes	Run away	Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others
30/06/2025	7.50pm	Bathurst Rd, Orange	12	F	No	Call regarding concern for welfare	Crime Prevention / Risk to themselves or others

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4.6 ACTION PLAN

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/1726

AUTHOR: Rennie Johns, Community Services Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Action Plan Review and Update will be a standard item at each meeting.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “3.1 Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of safety in our homes and the wider community”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Items on the Action Plan will not necessarily be put into Council’s program of works or budget. Rather, the Action Plan will be used by the Committee and staff to provide suggestions for Council’s consideration and track specific tasks, projects or requests of the Committee.

Items may be short-term or long-term goals or activities that can be worked on over time.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee consider and discuss items on the Action Plan, and that the Action Plan be updated.

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	Nil.
Financial	Nil.
Reputation/Political	Nil.
Environment	Nil.
Compliance	Nil.
People & WHS	Nil.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil.

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4.6 Action Plan

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

An update to the Committee's Action Plan will be a standard item on every agenda for discussion and review.

The Committee Clerk will ensure the Action Plan identifies possible budget and resourcing implications, and how an item links to Council's Delivery/Operational Plan or could be proposed for future Delivery/Operational Plans.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Action Plan - CSCPC - 2025, D25/29291

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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN
COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

D25/29291

ACTION OR PROJECT	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE	TASKS	RESPONSIBILITY OF	COST IMPLICATIONS	START DATE	END DATE	COMMENTS/PROGRESS	COMPLETED
Road trauma reduction: 1. RYDA 2. Young Driver Education 3. Local Education Provider 4. Child Car Seat Checks 5. Bike Fitness Workshop for young people 6. To improve the sharing of information between Transport for NSW, Police and Council 7. To execute the approved Orange and	3.1. Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of safety in our homes and wider community".		1. Rotary Clubs of Orange 2. Road Safety Officer 3. Road safety Officer 4. Road safety Officer 5. Road Safety Officer/ Youth Development Officer 6. Road Safety Officer 7. Road Safety Officer 8. Road Safety Officer		Ongoing	Ongoing	1. Organised by North Orange Rotary as a joint project with 3 Rotary Clubs of Orange. 2. PCVC Traffic offenders' program 3. Local Education - Driver fatigue campaigns - Drink Drive Campaigns - Be Seen Be Safe - Learner Driver Workshops - Scheduled across the year 4. Child Car Seat Checks scheduled for local children's services. 5. Organised in conjunction with TfNSW, Police and Council – to be run several times per year.	

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ACTION OR PROJECT	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE	TASKS	RESPONSIBILITY OF	COST IMPLICATIONS	START DATE	END DATE	COMMENTS/PROGRESS	COMPLETED
Cabonne Action Plan funded by Transport for NSW 8. To collect speed data from traffic classifiers and provide reports to Police and Traffic Committees								
LDAT update	3.1. Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of safety in our homes and wider community".		LDAT members OCC	LDAT Budget	Ongoing	Ongoing	LDAT – AXLR8 program continuing as a mentoring program for young people.	
		Update on AXLR8 program to be provided at meeting of 1 September 2025.	Manager Community Services Community Development Coordinator	Nil.	2 June 2025	1 September 2025		
Request extension to Operational Area under the Children (Protection and Parental	3.1. Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of		OCC Central West Police	No budget	February 2025	Ongoing	ACTION COMPLETE 21 May 2025: Application for extension until June 2028 submitted to Manager Crime Prevention - DCJ on 3 February 2025.	27/6/2025

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ACTION OR PROJECT	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE	TASKS	RESPONSIBILITY OF	COST IMPLICATIONS	START DATE	END DATE	COMMENTS/PROGRESS	COMPLETED
Responsibility) Act 1997	safety in our homes and wider community".						Supporting information submitted on 24 April 2025. 2 June 2025: Manager Community Services received update on progress of application on 26 May 2025 – application still under consideration. 27 June 2025: Attorney General approved Orange as an Operational Area for a further 2 years under the Children (Protection and Responsibility) Act 1997 to 30 June 2027.	
		Committee to request that Mr Phil Donato MP follow up on progress of application.	Manager Community Services	Nil.	2/6/25		ACTION COMPLETE 11/6/2025 Email requesting update of application progress sent to Mr Phil Donato MP. 13/6/2025 Response from Mr Phil Donato MP provided to Council detailing his urgent representation to the Attorney General to extend the declaration period.	13/6/2025

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ACTION OR PROJECT	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE	TASKS	RESPONSIBILITY OF	COST IMPLICATIONS	START DATE	END DATE	COMMENTS/PROGRESS	COMPLETED
Seniors Crime Prevention Education	3.1. Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of safety in our homes and wider community".		OCC Central West Police		Ongoing	Ongoing	Opportunities include: - Scams Week - Seniors Week - Seniors Expo – Organise 10-minute talks from providers - Fraud prevention - Cyber Week - Radio Advertising 2 June 2025: Crime Prevention Officer to attend meeting of 1 September 2025 to provide update. 13/8/2025: Crime Prevention Officer advised they are unable to attend meeting of 1 September 2025.	
		Council to re-share social media posts from Orange Police encouraging people to lock their cars, houses etc and be aware of potential scams.	Manager Community Services Communications Officer.		2/6/2025		2 June 2025: Manager Community Services to meet with Council's Communications Officer to discuss. 13/8/2025: Manager Community Services has arranged a meeting with Council's Digital Communications Officer for 19/8/2025.	

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ACTION OR PROJECT	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE	TASKS	RESPONSIBILITY OF	COST IMPLICATIONS	START DATE	END DATE	COMMENTS/PROGRESS	COMPLETED
At Risk Youth Programs / engagement to reduce crime	3.1. Support projects and programs that address crime and safety and contribute to an increased sense of safety in our homes and wider community".		Central West Police District OCC Local NGOs		Ongoing	Ongoing	Utilise the Child, Youth and Family Interagency and other partnership or network opportunities to increase programs and activities to engage youth, particularly at-risk youth. Current initiatives include Youth Week, Nations of Origin and Orange Youth Hub. 2 June 2025: Janella Jarman provided an overview of how her role as Youth Action Coordinator supports at risk young people.	

SUPPORTING INFORMATION ON COMPLETING AND UPDATING THE ACTION PLAN

The Community Committee Action Plan outlines what the committee will contribute during the Council term. It should be **updated at least after each meeting**, and otherwise as required.

This template is provided to assist in developing the action plan, and to provide consistency across all community committees.

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Attachment 1 Action Plan - CSCPC - 2025



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Action/Project: The general activity or project that the committee is providing advice and information on for Council, or is going to undertake themselves.

Community Strategic Plan Reference: The Community Strategic Plan is Council's chief planning document. It outlines the aspirations and needs of the Orange community and is a 10-year plan to guide Council and community activity. Linking activities to the goals outlined in this plan helps keep everyone working toward the same vision.

Tasks: These are the individual tasks that need to be undertaken to complete the action or project successfully. There may only be one task, or there may be several tasks included in a project.

Responsibility of: Is this an action or project that Council and its staff are responsible for, or is this something the community committee is going to undertake?

Cost Implications: Are there any costs involved with the project? If any recommendations are being made that impact the already approved Council budget, this needs to go to a full general Council meeting for discussion and resolution.

Start and End Dates: Some activities will be short term activities, some will be for a much longer period, perhaps even across the entire Council term. Providing start and end dates gives the committee (and Council) a timeline and targets to work towards. Dates can always be adjusted as needed.

Comments/Progress: Any time there is movement or progress regarding an action or project, it is recorded to keep track of where it is up to and what needs to happen next.

Updated: Record the date of when the last changes to an activity or project were made. This will help identify any projects or initiatives that may have stalled and need action to be moved along.

2.2 Minutes of Family and Domestic Violence Community Committee Meeting 23 September 2025

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/2154

AUTHOR: Kate Shepherd, Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee met 23 September 2025. The recommendations from the Committee are provided to the Services Policy Committee for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “15.1 Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee at its meeting held on 23 September 2025.
- 2 That the minutes of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee from its meeting held on 23 September 2025 be adopted.

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	Nil
Financial	Nil
Reputation/Political	Nil
Environment	Nil
Compliance	Nil
People & WHS	Nil
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 23 September 2025, [2025/2097](#)
- 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 23 September 2025, [2025/2042](#)

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Committee held on 23 September 2025**

**MINUTES OF THE FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****HELD IN GIYALANG GANYA, 286 LORDS PLACE, ORANGE****ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2025****COMMENCING AT 3:30 PM**

1 INTRODUCTION**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Melanie McDonell (Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr David Mallard (arr 4.23pm), Cr Marea Ruddy, Orange Aboriginal Medical Service, Plus Community, Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre, Katie Baddock, Adam Horton, Mandy Lay, Manager Community Services

1.1 APOLOGIES**RESOLVED****Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Jamie Stedman, for the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting on 23 September 2025.

1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.2 VICTIM-SURVIVOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chairperson read the Victim-Survivor acknowledgement.

**1.3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY
INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RESOLVED****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M Ruddy**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 29 July 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting held on 29 July 2025.

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Committee held on 23 September 2025**

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 CHAIRPERSON PRESENTATION - FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE - 2 SEPTEMBER 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/2030

The Chairperson presented a draft motion for upcoming Local Government NSW Conference for feedback from the group. The draft motion is to advocate for AVO amendments in domestic and family violence cases. Draft needs to be tabled at next Council meeting 7 October 2025 for consideration. Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre (CTaBMCLC) Contributed with information on a discussion paper released last year on the consultations in conjunction with DCJ working group to incorporate Order 6 which will be shared with the Chairperson and happy to discuss offline from meeting.

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M Ruddy/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That the committee note the report provided by the Chair person.

*OLALC representative Annette Steele left the meeting at 4:04pm**Cr David Mallard arrived at the meeting at 4:23pm***4 GENERAL REPORTS****4.1 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE 2025 CAMPAIGN
DISCUSSION - 26 AUGUST 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/2029

OLALC – would like to do Reclaim the Night, potentially to be held Thurs 27 November and morning tea potentially Tues 2 December.

CTaBMCLC team happy to be involved hosting community legal education events where they can offer free Community legal services. They offer 'Lunch and Learn' sessions that can be cross promoted and tailored to needs and time restrictions, but optimally are 2 hour face to face sessions. Can also offer online sessions, attend staff meetings or community meetings they would require a venue, catering and cross promotion. Marked for Thursday 4 December morning tea. Groundstone offered to cater and Headspace meeting room offered as venue.

Plus Community raised the UN Women Australia campaign – 'Safe Everywhere Always'. A walking challenge where participants pledge to walk 'x' kms across the 16 days. Money raised goes straight back to UN to support advocacy, safety and equality for women. Plus Community already do similar 'Run Against Violence', would encourage another group to register to do it for broader involvement.

Member Adam Horton will talk to owners Kumiai Ryu High Impact where employed as Instructor about running free event/class for Women's self-defence. Potentially weekend 6/7 December.

OAMS discussed at Cultural advisory committee. Ideas noted were: Cultural cleanse/Smoking Ceremony; give out dignity packs; yarnning circle with BBQ lunch (offering one on one options); school supplies/drive – giving our essential items. OAMS still to decide.

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Committee enthusiastically discussed idea of donation drive over duration of campaign. Leaving as OAMS initiative, but extending donation boxes to wider areas such as Council, Groundstone café, Kumiai Ryu, Harley & Hem café, Hospital and asking for workplace donations for personal care and school items.

Member Katie Baddock advised Birds in the Bush have meeting in next month where they will discuss option of doing anything for campaign.

Member Mandy Lay advised Health cannot locate banners, Blayney Rotary have expressed they are keen to do dignity pack and promote through 16 days. Following earlier discussion, Mandy to be put in touch with Siara and Casey at OAMS to assist in this area.

Committee suggestion to have a BBQ in one of parks with pop up stalls such as Housing plus, headspace etc. the smaller organisations that cannot stage a whole event themselves.

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M Ruddy/Cr M McDonell**

That the Family and Domestic Violence Community Committee acknowledge this report.

Member Adam Horton to report back to Committee about free self-defence free class supported by Kumiai Ryu.

OAMS to internally discuss and decide on campaign event and liaise with Blayney Rotary for assistance with donation drive over campaign.

4.2 FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN - 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/2032

RECOMMENDATION**Cr T Greenhalgh/Member K Baddock**

That the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee review and update the Committee Action Plan.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.38PM



FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

23 SEPTEMBER 2025

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **GIYALANG GANYA, 286 LORDS PLACE, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 23 September 2025** commencing at **3:30 PM**.

Barry Omundson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies, please contact Kate Shepherd on 02 6393 8392.

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Committee held on 23 September 2025**

AGENDA

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

In the event of an emergency, the building may be evacuated. You will be required to vacate the building. The Committee Clerk will now identify the emergency muster point.

Under no circumstances is anyone permitted to re-enter the building until the all clear has been given and the area deemed safe by authorised personnel.

In the event of an evacuation, a member of Council staff will assist any member of the public with a disability to vacate the building.

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Committee held on 23 September 2025**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

Cr Melanie McDonell (Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr David Mallard, Cr Jamie Stedman, Cr Marea Ruddy, Orange Aboriginal Medical Service, Plus Community, Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre, Ken McCarron, Katie Baddock, Adam Horton, Michelle Peters, Joel Palmer, Many Lay, Amy-Lee Darling, Manager Community Services

1.1 Apologies**1.2 Acknowledgement of Country**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

1.3 Victim – Survivor Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the women, children and men whose lives, safety, wellbeing and liberty have been lost to or harmed by men's use of family violence. We acknowledge the courage of each victim-survivor of family violence, and those who publicly campaign and advocate for a safer Australia for all women, children, men and gender-diverse people. We acknowledge the terrible impact of family violence on individuals, families and communities, and the strength and resilience of the children and adults who have, and are still, experiencing family violence. We pay respects to those who did not survive and to their family members and friends.

1.4 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 Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee at this meeting.

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Committee held on 23 September 2025**

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 29 July 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting held on 29 July 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

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ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN GIYALANG GANYA, 286 LORDS PLACE, ORANGE

ON 29 JULY 2025

COMMENCING AT 3:30 PM

1 INTRODUCTION**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Melanie McDonell (Chairperson), Cr David Mallard, Cr Jamie Stedman (*dept 4.36pm*), Cr Marea Ruddy (*arr 3.42pm*), Tori Evans, Siara Jawai, Gemma Brotherton, Tamiki Carr, Manager Community Services, Director Community Recreation Cultural Services (*arr 4.35pm*), Events Lead, Executive Administration Officer

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence**RESOLVED****Cr J Stedman/Member T Evans**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Tammy Greenhalgh, Jenna Hattersley, Adam Horton, Ken McCarron, Katie Baddock for the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting on 29 July 2025.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Victim-Survivor Acknowledgement

The Chairperson conducted a victim-survivor acknowledgement.

1.4 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

Nil.

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MINUTES OF FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**29 JULY 2025****2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLVED****Cr J Stedman/Member T Evans**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 29 April 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting held on 29 April 2025.

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 CHAIRPERSON PRESENTATION - FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 6 MAY 2025 AND 3 JUNE 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/895

Member Evans provided an update from the Dave Kramer sessions that was well attended and has received positive feedback and congratulated the DAPO team that pulled it together.

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M McDonell/Cr J Stedman**

That the information provided by the Chairperson in the Chairperson Presentation – Services Policy Committee – 6 May and 3 June 2025 report be noted.

4 GENERAL REPORTS**4.1 FAMILY AND DOMESTIC ABUSE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN - 29 JULY 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/896

Committee agreed to host an online half hour meeting next month to ensure plans for 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign are progressing.

Cr McDonell commended Cr Ruddy on her organisation and efforts in the She Matters mural installed on the South Court wall in front of the Gallery and Library.

Director Maunder will share conversations with Communications team offline prior to next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M McDonell/Cr M Ruddy**

That the Family and Domestic Abuse Community Committee review and update the Committee Action Plan.

4.2 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1526

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M McDonell/Member T Evans**

That the Family and Domestic Violence Community Committee endorse the tabled Expressions of Interest for membership for Mandy Lay and Amy-Lee Darling to join the Committee.

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Committee held on 23 September 2025**

MINUTES OF FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**29 JULY 2025****4.3 UPDATE - ORANGE COURT SAFEROOM UPGRADE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/1550

Member T Evans provided an updated on responses from Courts Services regarding the Safe room upgrade.

- Initial request to upgrade was partially approved.
- The room could be upgraded with new furnishings within but no structural changes.
- Community Organisations and Political support letters were submitted to review decisions, however decision stands.
- Local Members Donato and Gee have raised to Attorney General, Michael Daley.
- T Evans about to go on Maternity leave and concerned it will get swept under rug. Prior to going on leave T Evans to email secretariat with most up to date information.
- Despite movement to get new furnishings in late June, nothing has now been allowed.
- Further correspondence should now include Members Donato and Gee and refer to all correspondence we've received.
- Concern noted that funds were raised in DV football round from Community for the DV space, need to be mindful and consult with regard to that money.

RECOMMENDATION**Member T Evans/Cr M McDonell**

That the Family and Domestic Violence Community Committee review the response provided from Courts Services and discuss the next steps for the Committee in advocating for the Community in the upgrade of the Orange Court Saferoom.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Question raised from Housing Plus if anyone knew of any plans or events for Child Protection week in September. Council's Children Services combine to do something for the awareness of the week and it was discussed if Communications team could put something out.

RECOMMENDATION**Member T Evans/Cr M McDonell**

That Council staff talk to the Communications team to put something out for awareness of Children Protection Week and that the Committee reach out to Tablelands Legal Service about scope to put on a webinar for Community awareness including recent highlights of AVOs including Children.

That Committee thanked Tori Evans for her time and wished her all the best on her upcoming maternity leave.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.47PM.

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Committee held on 23 September 2025**

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 Chairperson Presentation - Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee - 2
September 2025**

The Chairperson, Cr McDonell will provide an update to the Committee on the Services Policy Committee of 2 September 2025 when the last Community Committee minutes were presented to Council for adoption.

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4 GENERAL REPORTS
4.1 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2025 Campaign Discussion - 26 August 2025

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/2029
AUTHOR: Kate Shepherd, Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An online meeting took place on 26 August 2025 to discuss the 2025 campaign for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. This report provides a summary of the discussion notes.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "15.1 Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Family and Domestic Violence Community Committee acknowledge this report.

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	Council will not be running any of the activities, only supporting the collaboration and marketing of events across the 16 days.
Financial	Potential staff working time to collate marketing.
Reputation/Political	Stakeholders could question Council's integrity or commitment to the cause or lack of support to the campaign.
Environment	Nil
Compliance	Nil
People & WHS	Ensuring sensitive content is ethically addressed and protect individuals privacy.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1 FADVCC - 16 Days Meeting Notes 26 August 2025, D25/108478

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Attachment 1 FADVCC - 16 Days Meeting Notes 26 August 2025

FADVCC - 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign

Tuesday 26 August 2025, 2pm via MS Teams

Organisation	Name
Orange City Council	Cr Melanie McDonell (Chair)
	Cr Tammy Greenhalgh
	Cr David Mallard
	Cr Marea Ruddy
	Melissa Stanford
	Melissa Simpson
	Scott Maunder
	Kate Shepherd
WNSHWLHD	Mandy Lay
Plus Community	Jenna Hattersley
	Rochelle Monaghan
OAMS	Siara Jawai
	Casey Naden
Community	Michelle Peters
	Amy-Lee Darling
	Katie Baddock

Apologies – Joel Palmer

2024 Program Discussion

- Spend was \$1,452.52

2025 Program Discussion

- Currently no designated budget available from Council.
- Summer Street banners booked in for duration of campaign, cost of \$900
- Request to have lights displaying in Orange in Cultural Precinct & the entry 'Orange' lights on highways in/out of town.
- Plus Community have ear marked Fri 28 November to run "Going Nuts in the Bush"
- Gnoolas ladies day at Naylor Pavilion booked for 30 Nov
- Am I Next (Marea) happy to run twilight vigil again. Location to be Cultural precinct near mural – will need to be booked. It was the first event last year, however Councillors returning from LG Conference will be pushed to attend due to travel.
- Unaware of any planned LHD events. Have previously displayed 'Orange says no to domestic violence' banners. To follow up if this can be done during 16 days campaign.
- OAMS have no planned event/s as yet. Partnering with Amend Project, ideas shared for Community picnic/walk locations like Wade Park, Velodrome – something to encourage involvement.
- Love Bites (contact Jen Symes) – student art works "No to DV" – using a selected art work/s to put on coasters and posters with QR code linked back to Council website ([Family & Domestic Violence Community Guide - Orange City Council](#)).
- Want to get more reach out there with coasters and posters for businesses.
- Council Family & Domestic Violence community guide page needs to be updated with some information, also if there could be a link from these page FADVCC.
- Discussed potential speakers over the campaign:
 - "Home Base" group (Kristy Armstrong's family)
 - Sam Kerr
 - Penny Tonkin
 - Karen Bevan (CEO Full Stop Australia)
 - Molly Ticehurst group/family
 - Alice Burns (not for vigil) – Family Law

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- Discussed the Question/Answer event previously run, wasn't successful
- Review potential to reshare or promote podcasts from last year
- Katie B will table at next Birds in the Bush meeting an open invite to jump in with an event during campaign
- Request if Groundstone would consider decorating windows with artworks for campaign similar to that done for Rainbow Festival – Katie happy to discuss.
- Discussion to also have coasters & posters that do not include the 16 days banner but have all the information to be shared all year round and not just during campaign.
- No knowledge if the "When no one is watching" Mens group still meet.
- DAPO will support events being run but do not have capacity to run a specific event.
- Dave Kramer was interested in coming back to Orange. There was understanding he may even be in Orange around campaign time (doing schools program), will find out.
- Would be great to have one of the local Karate/Martial Arts businesses run a free self defence class at/as an event.
- Would be great to have resources to provide as lucky door prizes – contact Rosie Batty, Jess Hill, Collins Bookstore about donating relevant books for cause.
- Council staff and Cr Melanie McDonell to catch up about getting the mechanics right for utilising resources such as Library and Design team.
- Discussed idea of Library display for duration of campaign.
- Discussed having a Reclaim the Night March during campaign. Sydney event is being held 29 November.
- Would be great to see Disability Advocacy representation on committee (as neutral position, not an organisation).
- Discussed idea of including Art & Therapy events – such as healing through music / yoga.
- Would be great to use some statistics from the Our Watch website to include in resources to be shared throughout community.
- 16 days of activism banner across all promotional events. A social media banner that is recognised and consistent – similar to last year and build on as needed year to year.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence - Schedule as at 26 August 2025

Date	Event	Organisation/Person	Comments
Wed 25 Nov (tentative)	Twilight Vigil	Marea Ruddy	Dates to be reviewed/confirmed To be held in Cultural Precinct, near mural
Fri 28 Nov (earmarked)	Going Nuts in the Bush	Plus Community	
Sun 30 Nov	Gnoo Blas Ladies Day	Gnoo Blas	Naylor Pavilion booking confirmed
(Desired event)	Reclaim the Night walk		

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ACTIONS from 26 August 2025

Action	Person Responsible
Extend invite to Gnoo Blas event organisers for these activism campaign meetings	Rochelle Monaghan
LHD request to display 'Orange says no to domestic violence' banners during 16 days campaign	Mandy Lay
Information for booking Cultural Precinct to be shared with Marea for twilight vigil.	Melissa Simpson
Date to be determined/decided	Marea Ruddy
Council CRM Request to be put in for: 1. Cultural precinct lights to changed to Orange display 2. Road entries for Orange signs to be changed to Orange	Melissa Simpson
Love Bites artworks to be obtained and shared with Committee for selection to occur for use on coasters and posters for material to share during campaign	Melanie McDonell
Council website page Family & Domestic Violence Community Guide to be reviewed and updated	Melissa Stanford
Joel to be contacted about any event/s ideas for campaign	Melanie McDonell
OLALC representation needed on committee – Annette Steele to be contacted	Marea Ruddy
Dave Kramer to be contacted about potentially being in Orange during campaign dates	Melanie McDonell
Reach out to local Karate/Martial Arts business about running free event/in conjunction with event	Rochelle Monaghan
Georgi Whitton / Monica to be contacted about interest in joining an event – for example vigil closing?	Marea Ruddy / Katie Baddock

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4.2 Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee Action Plan - 23 September 2025

RECORD NUMBER: 2025/2032

AUTHOR: Kate Shepherd, Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has noted the important role that Community Committees play in providing feedback and input into Council's operations. Committees can also offer ideas and suggestions to be considered as part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, and related annual budget.

As a means of recording ideas, suggestions and activities made and undertaken by members, each Committee will develop and review on an ongoing basis an Action Plan.

The Action Plans Review and Update will be a standard item at each meeting.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "15.1 Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Items on the Action Plan will not necessarily be put into Council's program of works or budget. Rather, the Action Plan will be used by the Committee and staff to provide suggestions for Council's consideration and track specific tasks, projects or requests of the Committee.

Items may be short-term or long-term goals or activities that can be worked on over time.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee review and update the Committee Action Plan.

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	Nil
Financial	Nil
Reputation/Political	Nil
Environment	Nil
Compliance	Nil
People & WHS	Nil
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Nil

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4.2 Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee Action Plan - 23 September 2025

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

An update to the Committee's Action Plan will be a standard item on every agenda for discussion and review.

The Committee Clerk will ensure the Action Plan identifies possible budget and resourcing implications, and also how an item links to Council's Delivery/Operational Plan, or could be proposed for future Delivery/Operational Plans.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 FADVCC Action Plan September 2025, D25/108532

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Attachment 1 FADVCC Action Plan September 2025
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN
FAMILY AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

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ACTION OR PROJECT	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE	TASKS	RESPONSIBILITY OF	COST IMPLICATION	START DATE	END DATE	COMMENTS/PROGRESS	UPDATED
16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign.	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	This committee will assume the working group from last year. Invite organisation/ group running specific events to attend meeting.	Committee (individual events) Events Lead and Manager Community Services (Council input)	Dependent on Council-run events	25 Nov	10 Dec	Ideally run a timetable similar to last year with Council responsible for marketing providing a central and united theme across organisations. Look to diversify the events across the campaign and to include health services. Council to determine which team the event will sit under and obtain budget funding information. Discussed the idea of Dave Kramer coming back during the campaign.	29 July
Advocate for the update of the Safe Room at Orange Local Court.	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	Organisations to review funding options to support this advocacy	DAPO / OAMS	Nil to Council	25 Mar		OAMS confirmed \$10k funding to upgrade the room. Additionally, the Amend Project - DV round with footy clubs (to be mindful this was Community funded money specifically to the space.) Report in papers 29 July provides an update, any upgrades are currently under review at DCJ level and Committee members are chasing further updates.	29 July

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Drive education / media engagement. Focus on language, education and messaging to community	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	Invite local media (CWD) to meetings as attendee/member	Scott Maunder	Nil	25 Mar	Director Maunder and Manager Community Services to talk to comms team. See if Comms could meet with the various mast heads on print, TV and major online arms around language and learn what/if their rules for language are set from higher authorities. Director Maunder will share information offline prior to next meeting. Good example for reference: the OUR WATCH guide.	29 July
Educators to attend Women and Girls Emergency Centre (WAGEC)	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	Contact to be arranged with WAGEC for educators to attend training.	Cr M McDonell		25 Mar	The All In Program was held, Community Services team commended on job well done. Raised how great it would be to include in the 16 days of activism campaign. Cr McDonell to follow up with WAGEC if this is possible.	29 July
Dave Cramer Event (July)	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	Support search for venue and share ideas to increase participation	Committee		29 July	July event was successfully held. Committee to discuss in 16 days of Activism campaign planning/organisation possibility of bringing him back in November.	29 July
Advocate for flyers or adverts for Empower App to be displayed across town	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	Obtain resources from Police DV forum that was held and see if we can have them displayed across town.	Cr M McDonell Cr Ruddy		29 July	Ascertain if more resources can be provided from police for purpose of displaying in public spaces – shopping centre/pub bathrooms. Cr Ruddy to speak with Mural artist about adding the Empower app QR code on wall.	29 July

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION ON COMPLETING AND UPDATING THE ACTION PLAN

The Community Committee Action Plan outlines what the committee will contribute during the Council term. It should be **updated at least after each meeting**, and otherwise as required.

This template is provided to assist in developing the action plan, and to provide consistency across all community committees.

Action/Project: The general activity or project that the committee is providing advice and information on for Council, or is going to undertake themselves.

Community Strategic Plan Reference: The Community Strategic Plan is Council's chief planning document. It outlines the aspirations and needs of the Orange community and is a 10-year plan to guide Council and community activity. Linking activities to the goals outlined in this plan helps keep everyone working toward the same vision.

Tasks: These are the individual tasks that need to be undertaken to complete the action or project successfully. There may only be one task, or there may be several tasks included in a project.

Responsibility of: Is this an action or project that Council and its staff are responsible for, or is this something the community committee is going to undertake?

Cost Implications: Are there any costs involved with the project? If any recommendations are being made that impact the already approved Council budget, this needs to go to a full general Council meeting for discussion and resolution.

Start and End Dates: Some activities will be short term activities, some will be for a much longer period, perhaps even across the entire Council term. Providing start and end dates gives the committee (and Council) a timeline and targets to work towards. Dates can always be adjusted as needed.

Comments/Progress: Any time there is movement or progress regarding an action or project, it is recorded to keep track of where it is up to and what needs to happen next.

Updated: Record the date of when the last changes to an activity or project were made. This will help identify any projects or initiatives that may have stalled and need action to be moved along.