



MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 22 JANUARY 2026
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Acting Director Technical Services (Theakstone), Governance Lead, Engagement Lead, Governance Officer (Barnes), Governance Officer (Allan)

1.1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM AT 6.04PM.

Cr Whitton arrived with the time being 6.06pm

Item 2.1 – Redmond Place Air Hangar – Existing Tenants

- Susan Patterson (Premi Babes and Probus)
- Len Banks (Rotary Club of Orange)
- Ken Hind (Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak)
- Don Saville
- Donald Martin (Rotary Club of Orange)

Item 3.1 – Indoor Playground

- Mark Delaney
- Shannon Kirby (read by OCC staff member) (Next Level Play Centre)

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 6.56PM.

RESOLVED - 26/001

Cr D Mallard/Cr K Duffy

That the Council meeting adjourn briefly prior to observing one minute of silence at 7.01pm.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

The Extraordinary Council Meeting adjourned for a short break with the time being 6.56pm.

The Extraordinary Council Meeting resumed with the time being 7.00pm.

AT 7.01PM THE COUNCIL PAUSED FOR ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE TO OBSERVE THE NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING TO HONOUR THE VICTIMS AND ALL THOSE IMPACTED BY THE BONDI TERRORIST ATTACK.

During the adjournment, Cr Greenhalgh left the room and returned after the meeting resumed with the time being 7.02pm

2 GENERAL REPORTS**2.1 REDMOND PLACE AIR HANGAR - EXISTING TENANTS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/44

RESOLVED - 26/002**Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

1. That the termination letter issued in November 2025 be rescinded.
2. That if the Air Hangar is not required to be utilised for the Indoor Playground as decided in a subsequent motion of this meeting, the following three motions are to be rescinded.
3. That Council establish a storage area at the Orange Showground for the seven service clubs who currently are tenants in the Redmond Place Hangar existing of:
 - a. up to 3 shipping containers
 - b. vehicle storage space in the cattle pavilion when not in use by the Orange Show Society; and
 - c. access to the meeting room, kitchen and toilets at the Environmental Learning Facility (ELF) at the Orange Showground.
4. That Council write to the seven service groups who currently occupy the Redmond Place Hangar and:
 - a. Offer a new tenancy agreement to occupy the established service area at the Orange Showground, with moving date to be negotiated by the Chief Executive Officer
 - b. Should any service group not wish to enter into an agreement to occupy space at the Orange Showground, to reissue a termination of their current agreement to be with a termination date of 26 May 2026; and
 - c. The service groups would be asked to advise their decision within 4 weeks of this meeting.
5. That Council commits to continue working with the service groups to address concerns and bring suitable options back to Council for consideration.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

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

Absent: Nil

AS PER PART TWO OF THIS RESOLUTION, PARTS 3, 4 AND 5 ARE RESCINDED AS A RESULT OF THE SUBSEQUENT MOTION FOR ITEM 3.1 OF THIS MEETING.

Cr Mileto asked for details of the process followed in relation to the existing tenants of the Redmond Place Air Hangar.

The Director of Corporate Services provided a comprehensive overview of the timeline, process, correspondence and engagement that occurred with the service groups in relation to this matter.

Cr McDonell asked what arrangements can be made for the period of time that the service groups would be unable to use the pavilion.

The Director of Corporate and Commercial Services advised that the organisations would need to organise alternative spaces, and that such an arrangement is not without precedent for community groups that utilise other Council facilities for storage.

Cr Judge asked for clarification regarding accessibility concerns for aging volunteers with the shipping containers being offered as a storage solution at the pavillion.

The Director of Corporate and Commercial Services advised that accessibility issues had not been raised prior to this meeting, however the costing estimate provided is generous to allow for possible solutions such as shaping of the ground and concrete pads to improve safety and accessibility.

Cr Kinghorne asked if the shipping containers would be powered and what security is in place.

The Director of Corporate and Commercial Services advised that at this stage they would not be powered. It was advised that the Showground is part of the security evening routine, staff are on site during the day and that CCTV will be considered.

3 CLOSED MEETING

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

In response to a question from the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer advised that no written submissions had been received relating to any item listed for consideration by the Closed Meeting of Council.

The Mayor extended an invitation to any member of the public present at the meeting to make a presentation to the Council as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item.

RESOLVED - 26/003

Cr M McDonell/Cr G Power

That Council adjourn into a Closed Meeting and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Meeting, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Meeting be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

3.1 Indoor Playground

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d)i commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

The Mayor declared the Extraordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 8.05pm.

The Mayor declared the Extraordinary Meeting of Council resumed 9.12pm.

4 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

The Chief Executive Officer read out the following resolutions made in the Closed Meeting of Council.

3.1 INDOOR PLAYGROUND

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/36

RECOMMENDATION	Cr M McDonell/Cr M Ruddy
1. That Council note the report on the Expression of Interest Submissions for an Indoor Playground in Orange.	
2. That Council prepare a report on the renovation costs of the Redmond Place Air Hangar to ensure it is fit for the purpose of an indoor playground.	
3. That the Chief Executive Officer enters into a lease agreement for the renovated Redmond Place Air Hangar with Next Level Play Centre.	
AMENDMENT	Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh
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For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr J Whitton, Cr G Judge, Cr S Peterson, Cr J Stedman	
Against: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy	
Absent: Nil	
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Cr Peterson left the meeting with the time being 9.00pm

MOTION	Cr J Whitton/Cr T Greenhalgh
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AMENDMENT	Cr D Mallard/Cr M Ruddy
1. That Council note the report on the Expression of Interest Submissions for an Indoor Playground in Orange.	
2. That Council prepare a report on the renovation costs of the Redmond Place Air Hangar to ensure it is fit for the purpose of an indoor playground.	
3. That Council continue discussions with the applicants regarding feasibility and potential location options for a play centre.	
For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton	
Against: Cr K Duffy	
Absent: Cr S Peterson	
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RESOLVED - 26/004**Cr D Mallard/Cr M Ruddy**

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3. That Council continue discussions with the applicants regarding feasibility and potential location options for a play centre.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr K Duffy

Absent: Cr S Peterson

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.13PM.

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