



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE  
ON 31 MARCH 2026  
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), 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, Governance Lead, Governance Officer (Maley)

### **1.1 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED - 26/134**

**Cr G Judge/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Duffy and that Council grant them a leave of absence from the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 31 March 2026.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), 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: Cr K Duffy

### **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.

**THERE WAS NO OPEN FORUM.**

**Karen Taylor from the Audit Office of NSW and Katy Henry from Intentus Chartered Accountants presented to Council on the 2024/2025 financial statements and the audit process.**

**The CEO thanked Katy Henry, the Intentus team and the Director of Corporate and Commercial Services for their work in completing the financial statements.**

## 2 GENERAL REPORTS

### 2.1 2024/2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/552

#### **RESOLVED - 26/135**

**Cr J Stedman/Cr G Power**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To authorise the Mayor, Chairperson of Finance Policy Committee, Chief Executive Officer and Director Corporate and Commercial Services to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements in order for Council's Auditors to conduct the audit and upon completion of the audit, issue an audit statement in accordance with section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.
- 2 That Council refers the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements to the Audit Office of NSW for audit.
- 3 That Council's Auditor be invited to present the Audit Report to Council.

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

Against: Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr K Duffy

Cr McDonell requested that the qualifications of the Director of Corporate and Commercial Services be included on signing pages to meet the requirements of the Act for a Responsible Accounting Officer.

Cr Greenhalgh asked for clarification as to the deadline for lodging the financial statements.

*The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the date was 27 March 2026 and that a short extension was sought and granted for 1 April 2026 and this correspondence will be circulated to Councillors.*

Cr Whitton asked for clarification on the status of the document as it has a 'draft' watermark and is not yet signed.

*The Director of Corporate and Commercial Services advised the document is final and any changes recommended by the ARIC are included in the document presented this evening. The motion states 'subject to changes' to account for any changes that Council may make at this meeting.*

### 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.

**RESOLVED - 26/136****Cr D Mallard/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:

**2.1 2024/2025 Financial Statements (additional)**

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 (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), 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: Cr K Duffy

**The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 6.46PM.**

**The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 7.21PM.**

### RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

No resolutions were made during the Confidential Session.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.21PM**

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