



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 3 MARCH 2026
COMMENCING AT 6:49PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, 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 Community, Recreation & Cultural Services (Stanford), Acting Director Technical Services (Theakstone), Chief Financial Officer, Manager Corporate Governance, Governance Officer (Robinson)

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

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

Nil.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TREES AND WATERWAYS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 18 DECEMBER 2025

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/26

RESOLVED - 26/080

Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Parks, Trees & Waterways Community Committee at its meeting held on 18 December 2025.
- 2 That the minutes of the Parks, Trees & Waterways Community Committee from its meeting held on 18 December 2025 be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

2.2 MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - 5 FEBRUARY 2026

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/243

RESOLVED - 26/081**Cr M McDonell/Cr F Kinghorne**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animal Community Committee at its meeting held on 5 February 2026.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Companion Animal Community Committee meeting of 5 February 2026.
 - 3.1 *That Council should exhibit the Strategic Policy of Feral & Infant Animal Management after the following amendments have been made:*
 - *Section 3: Add objectives regarding financial and facility capacity*
 - *Section 6: Fix the “cate” typographical error and change “wild behaviour” to “dangerous behaviour” in the Feral Companion Animal definition*
 - *Section 9.3: Correct the cross-reference from Section 9 to Section 8*
 - *Section 10.1: Change the full stop after “policy” to a comma for continuity.*
 - 3.2 *That Council resolves to:*
 - *Adopt “Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area” as the official terminology for all materials*
 - *Update website and brochure maps for accuracy relating to the Off-leash Dog Exercise Areas*
 - *Develop a policy that establishes the standards off-leash dog exercise areas in Orange are required to meet. These standards should include naming, signage, fencing, safe access (gates and parking), shade, seating, ‘poo bag’ dispensers, waste bins, watering facilities, and the routine maintenance of vegetation in these areas*
 - *Adopt a policy that requires provision of off-leash dog exercise areas in all major subdivisions.*
 - 3.3 *That Council:*
 - *Acknowledge the DRAFT: Community Dog Desexing Pilot from committee member, Danielle Haase and investigate how Council can support this program*
 - *Allocate the full 2025/2026 Committee budget to a staff-led dog and cat desexing program with no per-household animal limits*
 - *Roll over any unspent funds to the following financial year to ensure program longevity*
 - *Establish eligibility criteria for the desexing program be funded requiring participants to be residents of Orange LGA and holders of a valid pension/concession card.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animal Community Committee from its meeting held on 5 February 2026 be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:57PM