



FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

3 MARCH 2026

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 3 March 2026**.

Scott Maunder
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1 INTRODUCTION

MEMBERS

Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, 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 Finance Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 Small Donations - Requests for Donations

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/144

AUTHOR: Jen Sharp, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council to allow for the consideration of a resolution regarding applications for funding through the Small Donations Program received in the last month.

The Small Donations Program has been established to provide assistance to community and not-for-profit groups that offer significant contribution to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area (LGA).

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “10.2 Develop and attract a variety of events, festivals, venues and activities that attract visitors”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget for General Donations within the Small Donations Program for 2025/2026 is **\$90,000** with **\$66,215.70** spent to date including contributions approved by the CEO.

During the month In-Kind Donations \$1000 and under have been approved by the CEO for the following:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Donation Type</i>	<i>Request Type</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>Legacy Central West NSW</i>	<i>In-Kind</i>	<i>Erection of Legacy Banners on Orange City Council flag poles in Summer Street.</i>	<i>\$ 986.10</i>
<i>Current month total approved under delegation</i>			<i>\$ 986.10</i>

The total requested in this round is **\$3,283**. The total recommended for approval this round is **\$3,283**.

Annual budget 25/26	\$90,000.00
<i>Total spent to date</i>	<i>\$66,215.70</i>
<i>Recommended amount this round</i>	<i>\$3,283</i>
<i>Remaining balance</i>	<i>\$20,501.30</i>

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Council’s Donations and Grants Policy - ST32

This policy is in accordance with these sections in the Local Government Act 1993:

1. Section 356 (financial assistance)
2. Section 377 (delegated authority)
3. Section 610E (waive or reduce fees)

And in accordance with this section in the Local Government Regulation 2021:
 Section 207 (record of donations for auditing purposes).

2.1 Small Donations - Requests for Donations
RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That this item be heard and voted on separately.**
- 2 That Council determines the following applications:**
 - a) To donate \$500 to Country Women's Association Central Western Group to contribute to the costs of the Country Women's Association Public Speaking Competition.**
 - b) To donate \$500 to Orange Lacemakers to contribute to funding 20 beginner lace-making lessons for people who may not otherwise afford to participate and support the purchase of two portable stands to enable members to demonstrate the craft at community shows.**
 - c) To donate \$2,000 to Anson Street School to contribute to covering the cost of 10 students from years 7-8 participating in 5 workshops organised by local artists selected by Arts OutWest.**
 - d) To donate \$283 to Orange Region Suicide Prevention Network to contribute to branded tablecloths to be used at community events.**
 - e) To determine the donation amount to Lions Club of Orange to contribute to purchasing specialised medical equipment.**

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	Grants and Donations are part of Council's service to the community. Assessing applications for Grants and Donations forms part of the delivery of this service. There are no risks currently of concern with regard to achieving delivery of this service.
Financial	There is sufficient budget to meet the current commitments of Grants and Donations in the current financial year.
Reputation/Political	Awarding Grants and providing donations has a positive impact on Council's reputation. A policy is in place to ensure that grants and donations are awarded in a fair and equitable manner.
Environment	There are no environmental risks or implications relating specifically to the Grants and Donations program.
Compliance	Council applies the approved Grants and Donations policy and related internal policies and procedures when processing applications for Grants and Donations.
People & WHS	The Grants and Donations program has minimal interactions with Council Staff. There are no identified People or WHS risks associated with the program.
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	Information collected as part of the Grants and Donations program is managed within the policies which minimise the risks to Information Technology and Cyber Security for both the Council and the program applicants.

2.1 Small Donations - Requests for Donations
SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Applicant 1	Country Women's Association Central Western Group (CWA CWG)	
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would contribute to the costs of the CWA Public Speaking Competition.	
Amount Requested	\$500	
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$500	
Policy Category	Community event not being event sponsorship	
Category Maximum	\$2,500	
Complies With Policy	Yes	
Previously funded by Council?	Yes	
	2023/2024 \$300 2021/2022 \$500 2020/2021 \$500 2018/2019 \$200	2016/2017 \$200 2015/2016 \$100 2013/2014 \$75

Applicant 2	Orange Lacemakers	
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would be used to pay for 20 beginners' lessons (\$200) to be donated to interested people, encouraging people who may otherwise not be able to participate for financial reasons. \$300 being for the purchase of 2 lace making portable stands, allowing members to be able to demonstrate the craft at various shows.	
Amount Requested	\$500	
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$500	
Policy Category	Community group providing benefit to local community	
Category Maximum	\$2,500	
Complies With Policy	Yes	
Previously funded by Council?	Yes	
	2019/2020 \$300	

Applicant 3	Anson Street School	
Assistance Would Support	<p>The assistance would contribute to covering the cost of 10 students from years 7-8 participating in 5 workshops organised by local artists selected by Arts OutWest.</p> <p>Arts OutWest have developed a pilot of this program during Covid - 'Stray - an arts and aged care program' https://artsoutwest.org.au/pf/dog-puppet/ and engaged highly trained arts professionals in puppetry, theatre and music to use a "therapy dog" puppet towards health and wellbeing benefits in care settings.</p> <p>Anson Street School staff and students seek to explore the studied therapeutic benefits of puppetry for neurodivergent teens to explore care, communication and connection whilst learning to 'activate' the</p>	

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	puppet. The second workshop series will see Anson Street School students activate the puppet alongside the artists for their 'grandfriends' at Orange Grove Care Community. Artist support for the second workshop series will be financed by Orange Grove Care Community.	
Amount Requested	\$2,000	
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$2,000	
Policy Category	Community group providing benefit to local community	
Category Maximum	\$2,500	
Complies With Policy	Yes	
Previously funded by Council?	Yes	
	2023/2024 \$500 2022/2023 \$500 2020/2021 \$500	2019/2020 \$500 2016/2017 \$2,000

Applicant 4	Orange Region Suicide Prevention Network	
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would contribute to branded tablecloths to be used at community events. Making the tables easily identifiable and accessible to community members, helping identify volunteers as coming from the Orange region suicide prevention network.	
Amount Requested	\$283	
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$283	
Policy Category	Community group providing benefit to local community	
Category Maximum	\$2,500	
Complies With Policy	Yes	
Previously funded by Council?	No	

Applicant 5	Orange United Sports Club Incorporated-Hockey	
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would contribute to purchasing a ball machine to support inclusive goalkeeper training for all ages and abilities, providing consistent, safe skill development while fostering confidence, mentorship, emotional support, and positive role modelling within the Orange sporting community.	
Amount Requested	\$2,500	
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$2,500	
Policy Category	Community group providing benefit to local community	
Category Maximum	\$2,500	
Complies With Policy	Yes	
Previously funded by Council?	No	

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Applicant 6	Lions Club of Orange	
Assistance Would Support	The assistance would contribute to purchasing specialised equipment assisting medical staff with the diagnosis of autism spectrum for the Children's Ward at the Orange Local Area Health Service.	
Amount Requested	\$2,500	
Amount Recommended for Approval	\$2,500	
Policy Category	Community group providing benefit to local community	
Category Maximum	\$2,500	
Complies With Policy	Yes	
Previously funded by Council?	Yes	
	2025/2026 \$352 2024/2025 \$2,500 2023/2024 \$2,500	2022/2023 \$5,000 2021/2022 \$2,000 2016/20217 \$200.64
Comments	<p>The applicant has received \$352 in the 2025/2026 financial year through Council's Small Donations Program, which covered the lease cost of the Redmond Place Air Hangar.</p> <p>Additional information requested from Finance Policy Meeting 3 February 2026 - This request forms part of a broader funding proposal from Western NSW Local Health District to the Lions Club, that will be delivered to Orange Hospital. The Lions Club is raising a total value of \$25,815.60 covering multiple paediatric health resources and training items.</p> <p>The Lions Club Small Donation application has requested \$2,500, which will contribute towards the community psychology, occupational therapy and speech pathology teams to undertake training in autism diagnosis and assessment. The autism diagnosis training program is \$10,000.</p> <p>Attachment 6 contains the proposal following the application.</p>	

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - CWA Central Western Group (Redacted), D26/11937 [↓](#)
- 2 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange Lacemakers (Redacted), D26/18042 [↓](#)
- 3 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Anson Street School (Redacted), D26/18055 [↓](#)
- 4 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange Region Suicide Prevention Network (Redacted), D26/18119 [↓](#)
- 5 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange United Sports Hockey Club (Redacted), D26/18129 [↓](#)
- 6 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Autism Equipment - Lions Club of Orange (Redacted), D25/153925 [↓](#)

Attachment 1 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - CWA Central Western Group (Redacted)

SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM

General donations

Community or not-for-profit group providing benefit to the local community can apply for a maximum of \$2,500

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Country Women's Association Central Western Group (CWA CWG)

Contact name: Beverley Worrall

Position: President

 Postal address

 Phone:

 Mobile:

 Email:

ABN (if applicable):

ACN (if applicable):

82318909926

YOUR ORGANISATION

Not-for-Profit Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

The Country Women's Association of NSW (CWA NSW) is Australia's largest women's organisation, founded in 1922 to improve the lives of women, children, and rural communities. Its purpose is to advocate, provide practical support, and strengthen regional communities through service, lobbying, and local action. The CWA Central Western Group (CWACWG) is made up of multiple CWA branches across the Central West. It supports local initiatives in health, education, welfare, and community resilience—core aims of the CWA.

Attachment 1 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - CWA Central Western Group (Redacted)

YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ 500

Date event if applicable: 25-28 May, 2026

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

All Regional Councils within the CWA Central Western Group have been sent requests for funding. These include Bathurst, Orange, Blayney, Oberon and Cabonne

What will this donation be used for?

These funds will help cover the costs of the CWA Public Speaking Competition. This Public Speaking Competition is held over a series of events: each school holds an 'in school' competition; the winners of these competitions go to CWACW Group competition and are judged against other schools from the Central Western Group. There are 3 topics for each section and students speak for 3 minutes on a topic of their choice. The topics are provided to the schools at the beginning of the year. All students receive a participation certificate. 1st, 2nd and Highly Commended winners also receive a further certificate and a sizeable money prize. Winning schools receive a book prize for their Library. 1st and 2nd place winners in each section then go on to the CWA Inter Group Competition which includes Central Western, Oxley and Western Groups and is hosted by the Central Western group each year.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

The CWA Public Speaking Competition strongly supports the wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area. This Competition delivers significant social and community benefits. All Orange and local area primary, secondary and independent schools (years 3-12) are invited to participate giving children from every background the opportunity to develop resilience and self-confidence, to build knowledge and communication skills and increase networking amongst their peers. All these aspects valuable and relevant in every aspect of community engagement and development.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Which theme/s best match your reason for donation?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>LIVE: A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community</p>  <p>This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>PRESERVE: Balancing the natural and built environment</p>  <p>This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and improvement.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> <p>PROSPER: A smart, innovative and resilient economy</p>  <p>This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>COLLABORATE: Leadership and partnership</p>  <p>This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making.</p>

Attachment 1 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - CWA Central Western Group (Redacted)
COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS	Stationery, postage and printing of certificates	\$ 1500
	Books given to the libraries of all winning schools	\$ 750
	Catering costs for volunteers, judges, etc over 4 days	\$ 750
	Prize money for winning participants	\$ 500
	CWA Inter Group Competition	\$ 1500
	Total costs	\$ 5000

FUNDING	Your organisation's contribution	\$ 4500
	Funding from other councils	\$ 0
	Contribution from other sources	\$ 500
	Total funding	\$ 5000

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

 BSB No:	 Account No:
 Account Name:	
 Bank:	

DECLARATION

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)	Country Women's Association Central Western Group
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.	
 Signed	Date 30th January, 2026
Print name	
Position in organisation CWA Central Western Group Vice President	

The information you provide will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information by you is voluntary. If you cannot provide or do not wish to provide the information sought, your application may be unable to be processed. Any personal information collected from you will be in order to process your application.

**Attachment 2 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange
Lacemakers (Redacted)**


SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM

General donations

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Orange Lacemakers

Contact name: Angela Zoe Macartney

Position: Member

 Postal address

 Phone:

 Mobile:

 Email:

ABN (if applicable):

ACN (if applicable):

YOUR ORGANISATION

Not-for-Profit Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

The Orange Lacemakers is a community based group dedicated to the intricate and historic craft of handmade lace. The group operates as a local chapter under the umbrella of the Australian Lace Guild (NSW Branch) The primary mission of the Orange Lacemakers is to preserve and promote the traditional art of Lacemaking within the Central West region. Activities generally focus on Skill Preservation, and members practice a variety of techniques, most notably bobbin lace, but often including needle lace, tatting and crochet lace. They provide a supportive environment for both beginners and experienced crafters to exchange patterns, tips, and technical knowledge. The group often participates in local events, agricultural shows, and craft fairs to demonstrate their work to the public, ensuring that the "forgotten trade" remains visible and appreciated. Beyond the technical aspect, the group serves as a social hub for local artisans, fostering friendships through a shared passion for textile history and fine craftsmanship. The Orange Lacemakers as a group is a weekly outing for some people, improving the mental health and wellbeing particularly, of senior citizens who belong to the group, and encourages younger people to become involved and have an appreciation to arts and crafts.

Attachment 2 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange Lacemakers (Redacted)

YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ 500 Date event if applicable: N/A

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

N/A

What will this donation be used for?

This donation will be used to pay for 20 beginners' lessons (\$200) to be donated to interested people, encouraging people who may otherwise not be able to participate for financial reasons. \$300 being for the purchase of 2 lace making portable stands, allowing members to be able to demonstrate the craft at various shows.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

A donation to The Orange Lacemakers helps the members to fund workshops and public demonstrations. Ensuring a centuries old art and techniques are passed to the next generation, while enriching the cultural character of the Central West. Orange has a rich Lacemaking History. This support has economic and environmental benefits by, boosting tourism, attracting "niche tourists" to local shows, who spend in the local economy. Supporting infrastructure, by reinvesting in the community through space rental. Funnelling funds back into the LGA's infrastructure by encouraging people to value hand-made textiles and long-lasting products. The group promotes a low-energy, chemical-free hand craft that reduces textile waste, making it an inherently "green" hobby.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Which theme/s best match your reason for donation?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>LIVE: A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community</p>  <p>This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>PRESERVE: Balancing the natural and built environment</p>  <p>This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and improvement.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> <p>PROSPER: A smart, innovative and resilient economy</p>  <p>This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>COLLABORATE: Leadership and partnership</p>  <p>This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making.</p>

Attachment 2 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange Lacemakers (Redacted)
COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS	20 beginners classes	\$ 200
	2 x portable ground stands	\$ 300
		\$
		\$
		\$
	Total costs	\$

FUNDING	Your organisation's contribution	\$
	Funding from other councils	\$
	Contribution from other sources	\$
	Total funding	\$

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

 BSB No:	 Account No:
 Account Name:	
 Bank:	

DECLARATION

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)	Orange Lacemakers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.	
 Signed	Date 8/2/2026
Print name Angela Zoe Macartney	
Position in organisation Member	

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Attachment 3 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Anson Street School (Redacted)


SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM

General donations

Community or not-for-profit group providing benefit to the local community can apply for a maximum of \$2,500

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: Anson Street School

Contact name: Edwina Brennan

Position: Skills Development Officer

 Postal address

 Phone:

 Mobile:

 Email:

ABN (if applicable):

ACN (if applicable):

17 046 483 620

YOUR ORGANISATION

Not-for-Profit Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

Anson Street School is a School for Specific Purpose (SSP). We provide specialist and intensive support in a dedicated setting for students with diverse learning needs. We cater for students from kindergarten to Year 12 who meet the department's disability criteria. We accommodate students with physical and intellectual disabilities, poor mental health or challenging behaviours. The philosophy that all students can learn and succeed underpins the practice of all professionals in our context. We offer flexible, meaningful learning programs based on both Mainstream and Life Skills Curricula. Our high school students have a particular focus on skill development and community engagement in preparation for life after school. Anson Street School runs program such as the Skills House, Mini•Woolies, Work Experience, Barista, Anson Street Farm and Vineyard, Active Volunteering in the Community and our Intergenerational Learning program to increase skills, engagement in and contribution to our local community.

Attachment 3 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Anson Street School (Redacted)
YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ 2000

Date event if applicable: September 2026 (Term 3, weeks 2 •6)

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

Anson Street School will contribute in-kind support for transportation of students, artists and materials to and from Orange Grove Care Community, support staff, workshop spaces and art materials. Arts OutWest •our not•for profit partner organisation, will contribute in-kind support including the therapy puppet, documentation and support staff. Orange Grove Care Community have pledged \$1,000 from their Lifestyle budget for 3 workshops as a fee for service.

What will this donation be used for?

This donation will cover the cost of 10 students from years 7-8 participating in 5 workshops organised by local artists selected by Arts OutWest. Arts OutWest have developed a pilot of this program during Covid •Stray •an arts and aged care program' <https://artsoutwest.org.au/pf/dog-puppet/> and engaged highly trained arts professionals in puppetry, theatre and music to use a "therapy dog" puppet towards health and wellbeing benefits in care settings.

Anson Street School staff and students seek to explore the studied therapeutic benefits of puppetry for neurodivergent teens to explore care, communication and connection whilst learning to 'activate' the puppet.

The second workshop series will see Anson Street School students activate the puppet alongside the artists for their 'grandfriends' at Orange Grove Care Community. Artist support for the second workshop series will be financed by Orange Grove Care Community.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

This donation will contribute to social wellbeing in the Orange Local Government Area. Our workshop series with artists selected by Arts OutWest and Orange Grove Care Community seeks to address significant social isolation and disconnection arising across two vulnerable population groups in Orange: teenagers living with disabilities, and people living in aged care. This program aligns strongly with Orange City Council's vision to increase community participation in the arts and to improve safety and inclusion. The social benefit to Orange includes meaningful community participation for these two diverse groups, increasing visibility and connection via collaboration to create a best-practice example of an intergenerational arts program.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Which theme/s best match your reason for donation?

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<input type="checkbox"/> <p>PROSPER: A smart, innovative and resilient economy</p>  <p>This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>COLLABORATE: Leadership and partnership</p>  <p>This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making.</p>

Attachment 3 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Anson Street School (Redacted)
COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS	Fee for artist facilitators x 5 sessions	2000
		\$
	Specialised Therapy Puppet (in kind from Arts OutWest)	2780
		\$
	Bus Transportation, art materials and staffing (in kind from Anson Street School)	2,320
		\$
Fee for artist facilitators x 3 •Part 2 (Orange Grove Contribution)	1000	
	\$	
Documentation •still and video footage (in kind from Arts OutWest)	605	
	\$	
Total costs	8705	
	\$	

FUNDING	Your organisation's contribution	2320
		\$
	Funding from other councils	0
		\$
Contribution from other sources	4385	
	\$	
Total funding	6705	
	\$	

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

 BSB No:	 Account No
 Account Name:	
 Bank:	

DECLARATION

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)	Anson Street School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.	
 Signed	Date 12/02/26
Print name Edwina Brennan	
Position in organisation Skills Development Officer	

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**Attachment 4 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange Region
Suicide Prevention Network (Redacted)**
SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM
General donations
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Name of organisation:	Orange region suicide prevention network		
Contact name:	Susan Bonar		
Position:	Secretary Orange Regional Suicide Prevention Network		
 Postal address:			
 Phone:		 Mobile:	
 Email:			
ABN (if applicable):		ACN (if applicable):	
<small>ABN 77 684 869 562</small>			

YOUR ORGANISATION

Not-for-Profit Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

ORSPN is a network to raise awareness about suicide and reduce stigma and its impact on families and the community. Through community involvement we partner with organisations to assist delivery of suicide prevention training, activities, programs and events. We link numerous organisations with an interest in this space to improve the outcomes beyond we would otherwise achieve individually.

Attachment 4 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange Region Suicide Prevention Network (Redacted)

YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ 283

Date event if applicable:

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

What will this donation be used for?

We wish to print branded tablecloths that we can use at community events to be easily identified and accessible to community members. We have privately purchased tables and chairs and have access to a gazebo for events, but the tablecloths would help identify volunteers as coming from the Orange region suicide prevention network

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

Over 3000 Australians died by suicide each year, approximately 10 a day, and amongst certain age groups such as those dates between 15 and 44 it is the most common form of death. This tragic outcome disproportionately affects those in regional Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other vulnerable groups. 54,000 Australians may attempt suicide each year and an even larger number have experienced suicidal thoughts and behaviours. These numbers translate into real people in our town of Orange, our neighbours and friends. We seek to reduce all of those numbers down to 0 and we are grateful for modest support to assist us be visible and accessible at community events. We have invested other fundraised funds into tables, chairs and other paraphernalia for events.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Which theme/s best match your reason for donation?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>LIVE: A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community</p>  <p>This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>PRESERVE: Balancing the natural and built environment</p>  <p>This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and improvement.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> <p>PROSPER: A smart, innovative and resilient economy</p>  <p>This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>COLLABORATE: Leadership and partnership</p>  <p>This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making.</p>

**Attachment 4 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange Region
Suicide Prevention Network (Redacted)**
COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS	Quote from local company Printstorm for branded tablecloths	\$ 283
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
	Total costs	\$

FUNDING	Your organisation's contribution	\$ 0
	Funding from other councils	\$ 0
	Contribution from other sources	\$ 0
	Total funding	\$ 283

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

 BSB No:	 Account No:
 Account Name:	
 Bank:	

DECLARATION

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)	Orange region suicide prevention network
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.	
 Signed	Date 10/2/2026
Print name SUSAN BONAR	
Position in organisation Secretary	

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Attachment 5 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange United Sports Hockey Club (Redacted)**SMALL DONATIONS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FORM**
General donations

Community or not-for-profit group providing benefit to the local community can apply for a maximum of \$2,500

This document will be made public, and only fields with this icon  will be redacted.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation: **ORANGE UNITED SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED-HOCKEY**

Contact name: **FIONA REITH**

Position: **PREMIER LEAGUE HOCKEY COACH**

 Postal address

 Phone:

 Mobile:

 Email:

ABN (if applicable):

ACN (if applicable):

YOUR ORGANISATION

Not-for-Profit Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

We are a team that is inclusive, communal and aims to provide a pathway for all athletes
We encourage a fun and supportive environment of players of ALL abilities ensuring that players and management feel valued and contributing.
We play hockey during winter in the Central West Premier League competition where we travel across the Central West every Saturday during winter.
Our goalkeepers are an integral part of our team and often the most invisible participants in team sport. From our current goalkeeper Kathryn Cox
"We don't score the goals; we prevent them and are frequently remembered only for the moment something goes wrong, not the countless moments when we succeed"

Attachment 5 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange United Sports Hockey Club (Redacted)
YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ 2500

Date event if applicable: MARCH 2026

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

What will this donation be used for?

Donation will assist us to purchase a ball machine to push out balls at intervals to assist and support goalkeeper-focused training sessions that bring goalkeepers of all ages and abilities together in an environment where they are understood, supported and valued. The ball machine provides consistent, controlled training that allows athletes to safely build confidence, improve reaction time, and develop decision-making skills while reducing injury risk. Importantly, it creates space for shared experience, mentorship and emotional support, regardless of the availability of specialised clinics or financial capacity or privilege.

- Positive role modelling and mentoring within the local sporting community is important to us

This project recognises that behind every helmet and set of pads is a person facing unique pressure and responsibility. The equipment creates an environment where goalkeepers feel supported rather than isolated, valued rather than forgotten, and encouraged to continue participating in sport that positively shapes their wellbeing and social connection to the Orange community.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

Importantly we will create a space for shared experiences, mentorship, and emotional support. In turn we aim to hit the following social and well-being community outcomes.

- Improved mental health, confidence, and resilience
- Increased retention of athletes in local sport
- Stronger peer support networks and sense of belonging
- Accessible, inclusive development opportunities across age and experience levels

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Which theme/s best match your reason for donation?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>LIVE: A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community</p>  <p>This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>PRESERVE: Balancing the natural and built environment</p>  <p>This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and improvement.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>PROSPER: A smart, innovative and resilient economy</p>  <p>This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>COLLABORATE: Leadership and partnership</p>  <p>This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making.</p>

Attachment 5 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Orange United Sports Hockey Club (Redacted)
COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS	PACEMAN 245 EDGE PORTABLE HEAVY DUTY MACHINE	\$ 1399.00
	PACEMAN BALLS (60balls)	\$ \$350
	OBO TRAINING GOALKEEPER BOUNCER	\$ 395.00
	12 volt battery	\$ 229.95
	POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$ 200.00
	Total costs	\$ 2573.95

FUNDING	Your organisation's contribution	\$ sadly zero
	Funding from other councils	\$
	Contribution from other sources	\$
	Total funding	\$

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

 BSB No:	 Account No:
 Account Name	
 Bank:	

DECLARATION

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable)

I certify

and any supporting documentation are true.

 Signed

Date **11 FEBRUARY 2026**

Print name

Position in organisation **COACH**

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation:	Lions Club of Orange	
Contact name:	Graeme Eggleston	
Position:	Coordinator - Lions Club of Orange - Give Me Change for Kids	
 Postal address:		
 Phone:	 Mobile:	
 Email:		
ABN (if applicable):	ACN (if applicable):	
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YOUR ORGANISATION

Not-for-Profit Community Group

Please provide a short description of your organisation, and its purpose.

The Lions Club of Orange is a voluntary service club set up to undertake humanitarian aid in the community.

The club assists many needy organisations in the Orange community. One of the most important projects the club manages is the administration of Give Me Change for Kids. This is an ongoing project which raises funds to purchase specialised equipment for the Children's Ward at the Orange Local Area Health Service.

Attachment 6 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Autism Equipment - Lions Club of Orange (Redacted)

YOUR REQUEST

Amount requested: \$ **2,500**

Date event if applicable: **N/A**

If you have attempted to seek funding for this project from any other source, including other grants, requests for in kind donations or reduction in costs from suppliers, please provide details:

What will this donation be used for?

To allow the purchase of specialised equipment which will assist medical staff in diagnosing within the autism spectrum.

BENEFIT TO ORANGE

Please outline how the donation will contribute to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the Orange Local Government Area.

With staff having these resources in Orange, diagnoses within this emerging area can be carried out without disruption of the family unit.
Orange will be one of the few country hospitals to have immediate access to these resources.

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Which theme/s best match your reason for donation?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>LIVE: A healthy, safe, inclusive and vibrant community</p> <p>This theme recognises the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles, community pride and a sense of belonging.</p> 	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>PRESERVE: Balancing the natural and built environment</p> <p>This theme ensures that the unique natural, cultural, social and historical aspects of our community are preserved while recognising the need for growth and improvement.</p> 
<input type="checkbox"/> <p>PROSPER: A smart, innovative and resilient economy</p> <p>This theme focuses on providing the community with positive choices for investment, employment and study.</p> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>COLLABORATE: Leadership and partnership</p> <p>This theme looks at forging a collaborative community that engages with open and ongoing decision making.</p> 

Attachment 6 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Autism Equipment - Lions Club of Orange (Redacted)
COSTS AND FUNDING

Please provide a summary of your event costs and funding sources. For equipment purchase, please attach quotes.

COSTS	Paediatric psychology service	\$ 2,135
	Paediatric occupational therapy service	\$ 4,000
	Speech pathology and psychology feeding clinics	\$ 900
	Autism diagnosis training	\$ 16,250
	One special paediatric wheelchair with two leg extension kits	\$ 2,515
	Total costs	\$ 25,815

FUNDING	Your organisation's contribution	\$ 23,315
	Funding from other councils	\$ 0
	Contribution from other sources	\$ 0
	Total funding	\$ 25,815

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

 BSB No:	 Account No:
 Account Name:	
 Bank:	

DECLARATION

On behalf of: (name of organisation if applicable) Lions Club of Orange

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements made in this application and any supporting documentation are true.

 Signed _____ Date 17/12/2025

Print name Graeme Walter Eggleston

Position in organisation Coordinator -Lions Club of Orange - Give Me Change for Kids

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Western NSW Local Health District



9 December 2025

 Mr. Graeme Eggleston
 Treasurer – Orange Lions Club

 Re: Lions Club Funding Proposal – Community and Allied Health – Orange Hospital

Dear Mr Eggleston

Thank you for considering our proposal for funding of paediatric resources for our child and family health and allied health teams. These resources will enable our teams to enhance their service provision to promote child health and wellbeing in our community. The resources will also be used by our community Psychology, Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology teams to undertake training in autism diagnosis and assessment, this will enable us to support more families with diagnosis of autism and developmental concerns and to provide early intervention to support children to function at their full potential, reducing stress on children and families.

Item Requested	Cost
Child and family health service -A new set of baby scales, measuring mat and carry bag	\$1100
Paediatric psychology service -Facilitator training, manual and resource workbooks for parents to participating in the Cool Little Kids early intervention psychology group program addressing excessive shyness, anxiety and lack of confidence in 3-6 year olds	\$800
Paediatric Occupational Therapy Service -Resource kit for paediatric occupational therapy program-We Thinkers Volumes 1 and 2.	\$515
Paediatric Occupational Therapy equipment-height adjustable table, hokki stool, slope board, tumble form chairs and table, foam shapes	\$3500

**Attachment 6 Small Donations Program - General Donations - Application - Autism Equipment
 - Lions Club of Orange (Redacted)**

Multidisciplinary paediatric feeding clinic (dietetics, speech pathology, psychology)-Toys for the paediatric feeding clinic	\$250
Paediatric Speech Pathology service-Resources for school and clinic speech pathology services	\$885
Autism Diagnosis Training for 5 clinicians to undertake ADOS training, including travel and accommodation costs to Melbourne for training	Training program \$10,000 Flights/accommodation \$6,250
Paediatric Wheelchair with 2 leg extension kits	\$2,515.60
TOTAL	\$25,815.60

The community health and allied health clinicians would like to thank the Lions Club for their generosity and support of our programs and children/families living in the Orange community.

An invoice will be emailed via the accounts system in Healthshare for the combined resources. We are working with our media and communications team to showcase this generous donation and the support that it provides to local children and families

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information

Yours sincerely

Anthea Brand
 Primary and Community Health Manager
 Orange Health Service

2.2 Event Development Funding

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/302

AUTHOR: Jen Sharp, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council so it may consider applications under Council’s Event Development Fund.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “10.2 Develop and attract a variety of events, festivals, venues and activities that attract visitors”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In early 2025, the Event Sponsorship Program was renamed and restructured as the Event Development Fund (ST43), which received approval in April 2025.

The Event Development Fund Strategic Policy is informed by the Orange Regional Destination Management Plan and Community Strategic Plan and features three distinct event development funding categories:

- 1) Flagship Stream- \$1,000 to \$15,000 – notional pool \$40,000
- 2) Visitor Economy Stream - \$1,000 to \$10,000 – notional pool \$40,000
- 3) Liveability Stream- \$1,000 to \$5,000 – notional pool \$30,000

The main objectives of the Event Development Fund are:

- The economic benefit to the community in terms of increased visitation, utilisation of accommodation, and utilisation of local business and products.
- Increased promotion of the city and/or identification of the city with a recognised product such as education, sport, food, wine, agribusiness and clean environment.
- A benefit that has a broad application to the community and not just a special benefit to an individual or selected few.
- That Council can clearly recognise the value of its assistance in the event, in that it provides a material difference to the financial sustainability of the event.

The Event Development Fund budget is \$110,000 for the 2026 financial year.

Table One: Event Sponsorship Program – Financial summary table

Annual Allocation	Committed from previous years	Already approved in 2025/2026	Total Committed for 2025/26	Balance available	Eligible applications received
\$110,000	\$10,000	\$66,750	76,750	\$33,250	\$6,250

Applications Received this period:

1. Grow Yeoval Inc - Back to Buckinbah Festival 2026 (\$5,000)
2. Australian Women in Agriculture - Australian Women in Agriculture National Conference (\$1,250)

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Council’s Event Development Fund Strategic Policy – ST43.

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RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That this item be heard and voted on separately.
- 2 That Council determines the following applications as follows:
 - a) That Council does not approve funding of \$5,000 under the Liveability Stream to Back to Buckinbah Festival - July 2026.
 - b) That Council approve funding of \$1,250 under the Visitor Economy Stream to Australian Women in Agriculture National Conference - 27–29 July 2026.

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	Event Development Funding is part of Council delivery plan this application moves us towards meeting this service delivery.
Financial	These application falls within the approved Budget for the program.
Reputation/Political	There are no foreseen reputation or political risks associated with this recommendation.
Environment	There are no environmental risks associated with the awarding of funds in this program.
Compliance	These Events Comply with Strategic Policy ST43.
People & WHS	There are no interactions with employees involved awarding funding under this program and no involvement of employees with the third-party events.
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	There are no foreseen Information Technology or Cyber Security risks which are not managed within the existing policies. The applications have been processed in accordance with those policies.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The approved applications for event sponsorship approved in the 2025/24 and 2025/26 financial year can be found at Table 2.

Table Two: Assistance provided in 2024/25 and 2025/26 to date.

Event	Requested in 2024/25	Approved in 2024/25	Requested in 2025/26 Cash	Requested in 2025/26 in-kind Value	Approx Stream	Approved 2025/26 Total in kind & Cash	2024/25 Spend per Visitor Ratio of awarded sponsorship
Careers and Trade Expo (now in small donations)	\$1,600	\$1,600					1:10
Gnoo Blas *	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		Flagship	\$10,000	3:1
Orange Show	\$10,000	\$10,000					4:1
Orange Regional Arts Foundation	\$5,000	\$5,000					25:1
Goodness gravel +	\$5,000	\$2,500					11:1
Orange Wine Festival (ORVA)	\$14,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$3,733.61	Visitor	\$10,000	4:1
Sustainable Living Expo	\$4,000	\$4,000					3:1
Central West Festival Gold – Orange Bridge Club	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Visitor		19:1

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Event	Requested in 2024/25	Approved in 2024/25	Requested in 2025/26 Cash	Requested in 2025/26 in-kind Value	Approx Stream	Approved 2025/26 Total in kind & Cash	2024/25 Spend per Visitor Ratio of awarded sponsorship
Orange Chamber Music Festival	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$4,838.00	Visitor	\$10,000	11:1
Junior Touch Football Championships	\$4,550	\$4,550					2:1
FOOD Week	\$10,000	\$5,500	\$5,000		Flagship	\$5,000	0.7:1
Central West Veterans Golf (now in small donations)	\$1,500	\$1,500					6:1
Backroads Brews and Blues +	\$5,000	\$3,000					3:1
Australian National Field Days	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$15,000		Flagship	\$10,000	1:6
Regional Development Australia	\$5,000	\$3,000					20:1
A Night in Nashville	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$903.10	Visitor	\$10,000	8.6:1
Orange Mountain Bike Club	\$5,000	\$5,000					7:1
Lonely Mountain Ultra	\$7,500	\$3,850	\$10,000		Visitor	\$10,000	5:1
Duntryleague Family Day			\$5,000		Liveability	\$5,000	5:1
Australian Dental Association Conference			\$1,750		Visitor	\$1,750	5:1
Renewables Ag Conference +			\$5,000		Visitor	\$5,000	10:1
Back to Buckinbah			\$5,000		Liveability		5:1
Women in Agriculture Conference			\$1,250		Visitor		5:1
Total Expenditure	\$123,650	\$99,500	\$98,000	\$9,474.71			
Committed to date for 2025/26						\$76,750.00	

* Already approved from previous years

+ Private company

Applicant 1	Back to Buckinbah - July 2026
Policy Category	Liveability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate sound operational planning • Estimated attendance > 500 (public events) • A maximum of \$5 of council funding per participant – if event attract 500 people a maximum of \$2,500 will be awarded • Demonstrate broad appeal for the community • Designed to be reoccurring or ongoing • Will be able to measure visitor and or attendee experience • Have a marketing plan and demonstrate financial responsibility
Amount requested	Cash Request: \$5,000
Category Maximum	\$5,000
Aligns to Destination Management Plan	Role of the Event: To bring the community together by celebrating Yeoval’s local heritage through an inclusive, family-friendly festival.

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	<p>Alignment to DMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1 – Visitor Economy Foundations: The applicant states the event supports the visitor economy by attracting visitors from the central west region contributing to increased visitation and regional dispersal. • Theme 3 – Identity, Awareness and Placemaking: The applicant identifies that the festival builds awareness and experience growth by showcasing authentic heritage and local culture, strengthening the region’s identity. • Theme 5 – Events, Festivals and Conferencing: The applicant positions the festival as a community-led event that complements the regional events offering and supports sustainable tourism growth through partnerships and promotions. • Theme 2 – Visitor Ready Region (limited alignment): The applicant notes collaboration and partnerships to leverage regional marketing platforms, indicating a connected and cooperative approach consistent with a visitor-ready region.
<p>Social issues addressed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad Engagement: A free, family-friendly event that welcomes people of all ages from the local and wider regional community. • Inclusive Activities: A diverse program of entertainment, markets and activities designed to appeal to all ages and interests. • Heritage Preservation: Celebrates Yeoval’s heritage by showcasing local traditions, history and rural culture. • Community Identity: Strengthens community pride by bringing residents together to celebrate what makes Yeoval unique. • Local Partnerships: Actively involves local businesses, community groups and volunteers in delivery and participation. • Council Alignment: Aligns with Council objectives by supporting community connection, regional visitation and place-based events. • Enhances Liveability: Enhances liveability by creating shared social experiences that build connection and wellbeing.
<p>Previously funded by Council?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No - this event is the first time Orange City Council has been approached for this event • 2026 will be the second time this event has occurred

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Other reported sponsorship	<p>Yes - \$12,000 in sponsorship and grants – however, it is not clear if the request for \$5,000 is part of this amount.</p> <p>Other Income: Raffle Sales/Merch/Gate/Stallholder \$8,500</p>
Summary information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not for Profit • Member of Orange360 and listed on ATDW. • Event Dates – 11/7/2026 • Event: www.backtobuckinbah.com.au • Back to Buckinbah Festival was created to celebrate Yeoval’s heritage, strengthen community connection, and increase tourism while supporting the local groups that are the lifeblood of small rural towns. • The event delivers a full day of free family entertainment, including an invitational bull ride, Cobb & Co carriage rides, live music, kids’ activities, competitions, giveaways, market and food stalls, and a major raffle, creating an inclusive and memorable experience for all ages. • The funds will be mostly used to fund the invitational bull ride and family friendly entertainment (rides and music) • This event is not located in the Orange City Council LGA, so the economic benefit will not be to Orange.
Visitation based on applicants’ data (per event day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an application in the liveability stream so visitation is not a parameter, the organisers are estimating that around 30% of attendees will be visitors to Yeoval but local to the central west. • Approximately 10% based on previous years report will be visitors • If 1,000 people attend, it is estimated that around \$30,000 be invested in the local economy from the event.
OCC \$ per participant ratio (lower ratio = less spend per person)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total participants 5:1 (\$5,000 to 1,000 attendees)
Income generated (DNSW)	<p><i>Attributed to information provided by Grow Yeoval</i></p> <p>Total Economic Impact from visitor data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservatively estimating 1,000 attendees, with 30–40% travelling from outside Yeoval, and an average spend of \$50–\$80 per visitor on food, fuel, accommodation, and local purchases, the event generates an estimated \$20,000–\$30,000 in regional economic activity.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2025 report estimated 10% of attendees were overnight visitors $1000 \times 10\% \times 2.5 \text{ Nights} \times \\$209 = \\$52,250$ <i>DNSW—2.5 nights per visit and \$209.00 average nightly visitor spend—are the most up-to-date estimates for the Central West/Central NSW region. Yr End June 2025</i>
Complies With Policy	Partially with reservations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The event will be held outside of the Orange Local Government Area Supplied information demonstrates operational planning – provision of event planning documents Estimated attendance > 500 (public events) A maximum of \$5 in council funding is available per participant. For example, if the event attracts 500 attendees, the total award can be up to \$2,500. While an estimated 1,000 people may attend, only a small portion are likely to be Orange residents. As the event is held outside the Orange LGA, it remains uncertain whether it will have broad appeal and engage the Orange community, particularly since about 30% of visitors come from towns in the Central West region, including Orange and Dubbo. The event organisers are planning on the event to be reoccurring or ongoing – in its second year Yes, will measure visitor and or attendee experience Have a marketing plan and demonstrate financial responsibility
RECOMMENDATION	Recommendation: <p>It is recommended that the Back to Buckinbah not be approved under the Liveability Stream or \$5,000 (Maximum of \$5,000). This is due to the fact that there is limited guarantee that there is significant benefit to the impact on Orange residents.</p> <p>It is possible to say that attendees will come from Orange and that this event may benefit residents from Orange, however with the event being over 80km away from Orange the likelihood of Orange attendees is lessened.</p> <p>If Council were to agree to some type of financial backing it should be conditional so that the organisers, look to measure the participation of the Orange Community to further satisfy the broad appeal condition in the policy. This may also support future applications.</p>

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The event demonstrates organisational planning, and some appeal, and measurable community benefit, fulfilling the policy's criteria for funding under the Liveability Stream. The policy states that we support events contribute meaningfully to the liveability of the **Orange Region**, and the variety of activities on offer for residents, despite this event being held in an adjacent LGA. The organisers are promoting the event locally on social media and regional media.

Consideration Factors

- Community Engagement: The funding will be to pay for the invitational bull ride and other family friendly entertainment
- The organisers have estimated the attendance based on last year, if more attendees come to the event the return on investment will be greater. Their Strategic plan indicates ambitions to continue to grow the festival which could lead to increased visitation (economic benefit) to the region
- Cultural and Heritage Value: Celebrate Yeoval's rural and historical heritage, strengthen community connection, and increase tourism while supporting the local groups that are the lifeblood of small rural towns.
- Inclusive and diverse activities: Family friendly & low cost
- Local Economic benefit: actively involves and engages local businesses, organisations, and community groups at every stage of delivery. Local businesses and producers participate through market and food stalls, schools and local services organisations fostering community pride.
- Alignment with Council Strategy: Reflects the Community Strategic Plan values—Live (active participation), Preserve (heritage), and Prosper (business partnerships)—and aligns with the Orange Region Destination Management Plan.
- Enhances Liveability: Adds a unique cultural and recreational experience, enriching the variety of activities available to residents and visitors.

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Applicant 2	Women in Agriculture Conference Australian Women in Agriculture
Policy Category	Visitor Economy <i>Estimated attendance > 1000 (public events)</i> <i>Business Events/conferences > 200 overnight attendees</i> <i>Estimated economic benefit >\$150,000</i>
Amount requested	Cash Request: \$1,250
Category Maximum	\$10,000
Aligns to Destination Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 5 (Events, Festivals and Conferencing) by delivering a high-value professional event that: The conference strongly aligns with the Orange Region Destination Management Plan by strengthening the region’s events and conferencing profile and driving high value visitation during the shoulder season. • Theme 6: It supports the Plan’s vision by showcasing local food, wine, agritourism and cultural experiences, and dispersing visitors across the region through farm tours and producer engagement. • Theme 2: Priorities local suppliers, speakers and venues the event enhances destination awareness, contributes to the visitor economy foundations, and fosters industry collaboration, key objectives identified in the plan for sustainable regional growth.
Social issues addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritising local suppliers, caterers, and venues, the conference channels direct spending into the community and supports regional jobs. • Social participation is strengthened through inclusive networking events, cultural activities, and farm tours that connect visitors with local producers and stories.
Previously funded by Council?	No – this event has been held 20 times before in other regions
Other reported sponsorship/income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$90,000 sponsorship • Ticketing: \$68,000 • Welcome Event Registration: \$8,000 • Tours: \$5,000 • Budget – provided
Summary information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association – not for profit • Event is not listed on ATDW – Not Applicable

2.2 Event Development Funding

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will attract Women working, studying, or leading in agriculture across Australia, including producers, agribusiness professionals, educators, researchers, and emerging leaders. Event Dates – 27-29 July • Event information Conference26 – Australian Women in Agriculture • Event has been previously held 20 times – (not in our region) • Convention in Orange will run for two full days and contain educational lectures, plus multiple social events including a Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner, local tours and golf • Estimated Attendees: 250 + Attendees • Expenditure covers event management, venue and AV services, professional photography, and speaker costs including travel and accommodation. The budget also supports catering for all conference activities, printing, advertising, and delegate materials such as lanyards and bags. Tours on the final day require bus hire and catering, with a focus on showcasing local businesses and using local services.
Visitation based on applicants' data (per event day)	<p>Previous Conferences: 2500 delegates times plus partners attending with 2 – 3 nights' accommodation, \$250 - \$350 per person per day The applicant suggests that Dentist travelling to this conference are a high value visitor so will have a higher average daily spend than average tourists.</p> <p>Total Estimated Economic Impact \$150,000-\$210,000</p>
OCC \$ per participant ratio (lower ratio = less spend per person)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overnight visitors only - most of attendees will be visitors 5:1 (\$1,250 to 250 attendees) <p>ROI - For every \$1 invested, the festival generated \$120.00 in economic return for the region</p>
Income generated (DNSW)	<p>Attributed to collated ADA NSW Convention</p> <p>Total Economic Impact from visitor data: \$124093.75</p> <p>Expenditure of Visitors Calculation (delegates only) 250 x 95% x \$209.00. x 2.5 nights = \$124,093.75</p> <p><i>DNSW—2.5 nights per visit and \$209.00 average nightly visitor spend—are the most up-to-date estimates for the Central West/Central NSW region. Yr End June 2025</i></p>
Complies With Policy	<p>Complies with the Visitor Economy Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance <1,000 (not relevant as it is a conference) • Business Events >200 Overnight Attendees – met

2.2 Event Development Funding

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic benefit >\$150,000 – not met based on DNSW Estimation, there is an argument that conference delegates do yield a higher revenue visitors for \$540 per night • Drives overnight visitation (95% visitors) • Scheduled on a Monday – Wednesday – boost mid-week economic development
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Recommendation: It is recommended the Women in Agriculture Conference be approved under the Visitor Economy Fund for \$1,250. (Maximum of \$10,000). It is being held in mid-week in late July, which is generally a quiet period for visitation in the region and will invest a minimum \$124,000 into the economy over a 3-day period.</p> <p>Consideration Factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to drive overnight visitation from outside the region 95% of participants are visitors to the region • High visitors spend of conference delegates, this could be above \$325,000. • The event showcases not only our regions venue but also includes our agricultural producers and businesses – Orange is the home for leaders in agriculture • Has proven to track record in previous conference – held 20 times • Is using funds to promote the event– benefit will flow through to local tourism operators if they get proposed numbers • Is engaging with local businesses, us of local venues and accommodation and hospitality businesses. <p>This conference meets the Visitor Economy Guidelines; in addition, there are the following points of note: Potential for State, national or international visitation Most of the benefit will flow to the Orange LGA, with the events located within the Orange LGA and the visitors will more than likely stay in Orange. Bookings are strong and the event will look to again attract over 250 visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Visitor Economy funding stream has a notional annual budget of \$40,000, based on historical allocations and known events. Whilst this notional budget has been expended, there is enough remaining in the total budget to allocate to this activity with 3 months remaining until the end of the financial year.

2.2 Event Development Funding

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Back to Buckinbah Application - Event Funding - 2026, D26/21474 [↓](#)
- 2 Back To Buckinbah Festival 2025 - Report, D26/20616 [↓](#)
- 3 Back to Buckinbah Festival 2026 - Strategic Plan, D26/20617 [↓](#)
- 4 Back to Buckinbah Festival 2026 - Event Plan, D26/21482 [↓](#)
- 5 Women in Agriculture Conference Application - Event Funding - 2026, D26/21481 [↓](#)

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Event Development Funding – Back to Buckinbah

Organisation Name: Grow Yeoval Inc

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Position in Organisation: Secretary

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

What is the legal Status of your Organisation? (Eg incorporated, Association etc) :

Incorporated Association

Please select your type of business: Not for profit

Are you registered for GST?: No

Which fund category are you applying for?: Liveability Event fund (minimum 500 attendees - Range: \$1,000 - \$5,000 or another agreed number)

Event Name: Back to Buckinbah Festival 2025

Event Dates: 11/07/2026

Why was this timing selected? (50 words): The timing of the Back to Buckinbah Festival has been carefully chosen to suit the event's rustic winter atmosphere, align with the availability of the festival grounds, and ensure it is evenly spaced between other local events, allowing the community and visitors to fully enjoy and support each celebration.

Venue / Location: Yeoval Sports ground

Estimated Number of Attendees: 1000

Are you a member of Orange360?: Yes

How many times has your event been held?: 1

Event website or booking link: www.backtobuckinbah.com.au

Is your event listed on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse?: Yes

Please outline the reason the event was created and provide a summary of the event schedule and programmed activities (100 words): The Back to Buckinbah Festival was created to celebrate Yeoval's heritage, strengthen community connection, and increase tourism while supporting the local groups that are the lifeblood of small rural towns. The event delivers a full day of free family entertainment, including an

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invitational bull ride, Cobb & Co carriage rides, live music, kids' activities, competitions, giveaways, market and food stalls, and a major raffle, creating an inclusive and memorable experience for all ages.

Please summarise your long terms goals and objectives for your event/organisation

(100 words): Grow Yeoval's long-term goal is to build strong, sustainable community events that celebrate Yeoval's heritage, strengthen social connection, and position the town as a vibrant destination in the Central West. Through the Back to Buckinbah Festival and other initiatives, we aim to increase tourism, support local groups and businesses, foster community pride, and create inclusive opportunities for families. Our objective is to grow these events year-on-year while reinvesting all funds back into the community, ensuring long-lasting social, cultural, and economic benefits for Yeoval and future generations.

Requested Sponsorship Amount (\$): 5000

Has your event been supported by Orange City Council previously?: No

Are you requesting to have venue or council venue fees waived?: No

Please provide details of where you intend the spend the money. (This will need to be reflected in the budget that you have provided as an attachment.) (150 words):

Funds received will be directed toward the delivery of the Back to Buckinbah Festival and will be spent in line with the attached event budget. The largest portion of funding will be allocated to securing the invitational bull ride, which is the headline attraction for this year's festival and represents our single biggest expense. This cost covers professional operators, livestock, equipment, safety infrastructure, and compliance requirements. Additional expenditure will support essential event components including free family entertainment such as rides and attractions, live music and performers, advertising and promotion to attract visitors to Yeoval, prize money for competitions, insurance and event fees, and site infrastructure such as fencing, signage, power, and amenities. All spending is focused on delivering a safe, inclusive, high-quality community event that increases tourism and engagement. Importantly, all funds are reinvested directly into the Yeoval community through the festival and Grow Yeoval's broader community initiatives.

Can you demonstrate broad appeal to the Orange Community and how this event could enhance life in the community and social participation (see link below) (100 words):

The Back to Buckinbah Festival demonstrates broad appeal to the Orange and wider Central West community by offering a free, inclusive, family-friendly event that attracts visitors across all ages and backgrounds. Located within easy reach of Orange, the festival provides a unique rural experience that complements the region's cultural and lifestyle offerings. By increasing visitation, supporting local businesses and producers, and creating opportunities for social connection, the event enhances quality

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of life and social participation. It encourages families, community groups, volunteers, and visitors to come together, fostering regional pride, wellbeing, and stronger social connections beyond town boundaries.

Demonstrate alignment with the Orange Region Destination Management plan (see link below) (100 words): The Back to Buckinbah Festival aligns with the Orange Region Destination Management Plan's goals to grow the regional visitor economy and enhance tourism product development. By attracting visitors from Orange, Cabonne, Blayney and beyond, the festival supports increased visitation, regional dispersal, and visitor spend in rural NSW. It contributes to awareness and experience growth by showcasing authentic heritage, local culture, and community-led events, strengthening the region's tourism offerings. Through partnerships, promotions and inclusive programming, the festival complements the DMP's focus on sustainable tourism growth and community engagement while leveraging regional marketing platforms to boost destination appeal.

How will your event involve and engage with local businesses, organisation and community groups? (100 words): The Back to Buckinbah Festival actively involves and engages local businesses, organisations, and community groups at every stage of delivery. Local businesses and producers participate through market and food stalls, sponsorship opportunities, and in-kind support, benefiting directly from increased visitation and exposure. Community groups are invited to run stalls, volunteer, assist with activities, and receive financial support through funds raised at the event. Local service organisations, schools, and clubs are encouraged to participate, fostering ownership and collaboration. This inclusive approach strengthens partnerships, builds community pride, and ensures the festival delivers lasting social and economic benefits across Yeoval and the wider region.

Can you substantiate or estimate the economic impact your event might have? Please summarise how you have arrived at this number? (100 words): The economic impact of the Back to Buckinbah Festival is estimated based on attendance, visitor origin, and local spending patterns. The festival attracts a mix of local residents and visitors from Orange and surrounding Central West towns. Conservatively estimating 1,000 attendees, with 30–40% travelling from outside Yeoval, and an average spend of \$50–\$80 per visitor on food, fuel, accommodation, and local purchases, the event generates an estimated \$20,000–\$30,000 in regional economic activity. This estimate is supported by stallholder sales, local business trade, accommodation bookings, and increased visitation to the town before, during, and after the event.

Or please summarise what you are planning to do to promote your events and how you are planning to attract attendees (75 words): Back to Buckinbah Festival will be promoted through a targeted mix of social media campaigns, local and regional media, community noticeboards, and partner channels. Promotion will highlight the invitational bull ride, free family entertainment, markets, and heritage experiences.

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Sponsors and local businesses will be engaged to share content, extending reach across the Central West. Word-of-mouth, strong community networks, and consistent storytelling will be key to attracting families, visitors, and regional attendees.

Who is your target market for this event? (50 words): The target market for the Back to Buckinbah Festival includes local families and residents, visitors from Orange and the wider Central West, tourists seeking authentic rural experiences, and supporters of community, heritage, and family-friendly events. The festival appeals to all ages, with a strong focus on families, regional visitors, and community-minded attendees.

If your event has not been held before, please can you articulate how you will go about collecting data and information about your attendees and visitors. Please outline what tools you plan to use to analyse your events success and feedback through collection of data? (100 words): n/a

Address: Street address: [REDACTED]
City: Yeoval
State: NSW
Postcode: 2868
Country: Australia

If you have a Strategic Plan please upload it here: [Back to Buckinbah Festival 2026 Strategic Plan.pdf](#)

Please upload a copy of your balance sheet: [Grow Yeoval – Balance Sheet Snapshot.pdf](#)

If you have an Event Plan, please upload it here: [Back to Buckinbah Festival 2026 Event Plan.pdf](#)

If your event has been held before, please upload a report that demonstrates how you collected data about the event and the outcomes from that event.: [Back To Buckinbah Festival 2025 – Event Outcomes & Evaluation Report.pdf](#)

Please upload evidence of your not-for-profit status : [Screenshot 2026-01-17 030057.png](#)

Please upload your event budget: [Back To Buckinbah Festival – Event Budget.pdf](#)

Back to Buckinbah Festival 2025 – Event Outcomes & Evaluation Report

1. Purpose of Report

This report outlines how data was collected for the 2025 Back to Buckinbah Festival and summarises key outcomes, including attendance, visitor profile, Net Promoter Score (NPS), length of stay, and estimated economic impact.

2. Data Collection Methodology

Data was collected using a combination of: - **On-site attendee surveys** (QR code posters and volunteer tablets) - **Post-event online survey** promoted via social media - **Raffle and gate entry data** - **Stallholder and local business feedback** - **Volunteer observations and counts**

Survey questions captured postcode, visitor type (local, day visitor, overnight visitor), length of stay, estimated spend, satisfaction, and likelihood to recommend the event.

3. Attendance & Visitor Profile

- **Total estimated attendance:** ~1,000 people
 - **Local residents (Yeoval & Cabonne):** ~60%
 - **Day visitors (Orange, Dubbo, Central West):** ~30%
 - **Overnight visitors:** ~10%
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4. Length of Stay

- **Day visitors:** Average stay of 4–6 hours
 - **Overnight visitors:** Average stay of 1–2 nights in the region
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5. Net Promoter Score (NPS)

Attendees were asked: *“How likely are you to recommend the Back to Buckinbah Festival to friends or family?”*

- **Promoters (score 9–10):** 72%
- **Passives (score 7–8):** 21%
- **Detractors (score 0–6):** 7%

Net Promoter Score (NPS): +65

This indicates a very high level of satisfaction and strong word-of-mouth potential.

6. Estimated Economic Impact

Based on survey responses and conservative assumptions: - **Average spend (day visitors):** \$50-\$80 -
Average spend (overnight visitors): \$200-\$350 (accommodation, food, fuel)

Estimated total economic impact: \$20,000-\$30,000

This includes spending at food stalls, local businesses, accommodation, fuel outlets, and surrounding towns.

7. Outcomes & Learnings

- Strong regional draw from Orange and the wider Central West
 - High satisfaction and repeat-attendance intent
 - Clear tourism and economic benefit for Yeoval
 - Data collection methods will be expanded in future events to further refine impact measurement
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Prepared by Grow Yeoval Inc. for grant reporting, evaluation, and continuous improvement.

Back to Buckinbah Festival – Strategic Plan

1. Vision

To deliver a signature Central West festival that celebrates Yeoval’s heritage, strengthens community pride, increases tourism, and creates lasting social and economic benefits for the town.

2. Purpose

The Back to Buckinbah Festival was created to:

- Celebrate Yeoval’s history and rural identity, including its connection to Buckinbah Station and Banjo Paterson
- Reignite community connection and volunteerism
- Attract visitors and boost local tourism and spending
- Support and fund local community groups, recognising them as the lifeblood of small rural towns

All funds raised are reinvested directly back into the Yeoval community through the festival and Grow Yeoval’s year-round initiatives.

3. Strategic Objectives (3–5 Year Horizon)

- Establish Back to Buckinbah as a must-attend annual regional event
- Grow attendance year-on-year while maintaining a free, family-friendly model
- Expand headline attractions (e.g. bull ride, live music, heritage experiences)
- Increase sponsorship and raffle revenue to improve financial sustainability
- Strengthen partnerships with local businesses, community groups, and sponsors
- Build a strong volunteer base and succession plan

4. Event Program & Experience Strategy

The festival will continue to deliver a balanced mix of:

- Heritage experiences (Cobb & Co carriage rides, historical displays, storytelling)
- Modern headline attractions (invitational bull ride, live music)
- Free family rides and children’s entertainment
- Market and food stalls supporting local and regional vendors
- Community competitions, giveaways, and a major raffle

The event experience will focus on accessibility, inclusivity, and creating a space where memories are created as memories are shared.

5. Community & Stakeholder Engagement

- Actively involve local community groups as stallholders, volunteers, and beneficiaries
- Maintain strong relationships with sponsors through regular communication and recognition
- Engage schools, clubs, and service organisations to encourage broad community participation
- Provide clear opportunities for local businesses to benefit from increased visitation

6. Marketing & Promotion Strategy

- Build anticipation through early announcements and storytelling around heritage and new attractions
- Leverage social media, local media, and sponsor channels to reach regional audiences
- Promote the festival as a winter destination event in the Central West
- Highlight free family entertainment and headline attractions to maximise attendance

7. Financial Sustainability

- Diversify income streams through sponsorships, raffles, merchandise, and stallholder fees
- Grow sponsorship tiers and long-term sponsor retention
- Maintain transparent financial management and reinvestment into the community
- Build reserve funds to support future growth and risk management

8. Risk Management & Governance

- Maintain robust event planning, safety, and compliance processes
- Work closely with council, emergency services, and contractors
- Ensure appropriate insurance, risk assessments, and contingency planning
- Operate under strong governance through Grow Yeoval Inc.

9. Evaluation & Continuous Improvement

- Measure success through attendance, funds raised, sponsor retention, and community feedback

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- Conduct post-event reviews with volunteers, sponsors, and stakeholders
- Use learnings to refine programming, logistics, and engagement each year

10. Long-Term Outlook

Back to Buckinbah will continue to evolve while remaining true to its roots — blending history and the future to deliver a meaningful, high-quality festival that strengthens Yeoval today and for generations to come.

Back to Buckinbah Festival – Event Plan

1. Event Overview

Event Name: Back to Buckinbah Festival

Host Organisation: Grow Yeoval Inc.

Location: Yeoval, Central West NSW

Event Type: Free, family-friendly community festival

Key Feature: Invitational bull ride (first in over 10 years)

The Back to Buckinbah Festival is a flagship community event celebrating Yeoval's heritage while driving tourism, community connection, and economic benefit for the town.

2. Event Objectives

- Increase visitation and tourism to Yeoval and the Central West
 - Celebrate Yeoval's history, rural culture, and community spirit
 - Provide free, inclusive entertainment for families
 - Support and fund local community groups
 - Strengthen partnerships with sponsors, businesses, and community organisations
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3. Target Audience

- Local families and residents
 - Visitors from surrounding Central West towns
 - Tourists seeking authentic rural experiences
 - Sponsors, businesses, and community groups
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4. Event Program & Activities

Heritage & Feature Attractions

- Invitational bull ride (headline attraction)
- Cobb & Co carriage rides
- Historical displays and storytelling

Family Entertainment (Free All Day)

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- Kids' rides and amusements
- Interactive games and activities
- Competitions and demonstrations

Entertainment & Experiences

- Live music and performances
 - Market stalls (local makers, producers, artisans)
 - Food stalls and vendors
 - Community raffle, giveaways, and prize draws
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5. Site & Logistics Plan

- Clearly defined zones: bull ride arena, family entertainment area, markets, food precinct, stage/entertainment area
 - Signage for wayfinding, sponsors, and safety information
 - Crowd flow management to ensure accessibility and safety
 - Accessible amenities (toilets, seating, shade)
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6. Stakeholder & Community Involvement

- Local community groups involved as stallholders and volunteers
 - Engagement with council, emergency services, and contractors
 - Sponsor integration through signage, announcements, and promotions
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7. Marketing & Promotion

- Social media campaigns highlighting attractions and sponsors
 - Local and regional media promotion
 - Event listings and community noticeboards
 - Cross-promotion with sponsors and partners
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8. Sponsorship & Revenue Streams

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- Tiered sponsorship packages (\$250–\$2,000+)
- Major bull ride sponsors with chute signage
- Raffle fundraising
- Stallholder fees
- Merchandise sales

All funds raised are reinvested back into the Yeoval community.

9. Risk Management & Safety

- Comprehensive risk assessment and event safety plan
 - Public liability insurance
 - Qualified contractors for rides, bull ride, and equipment
 - First aid services on site
 - Weather contingency planning
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10. Volunteer Management

- Recruitment of community volunteers
 - Clear role allocation (setup, stalls, raffle, information, pack-down)
 - Volunteer briefing and support on event day
 - Post-event acknowledgement and thanks
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11. Sustainability & Accessibility

- Waste management and recycling plan
 - Encouragement of reusable materials
 - Accessible layout for all ages and abilities
 - Family-friendly and inclusive programming
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12. Evaluation & Reporting

- Measure attendance numbers and visitor feedback

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- Review financial outcomes
- Sponsor and stakeholder feedback
- Post-event debrief to identify improvements for future festivals

13. Post-Event Actions

- Sponsor and donor acknowledgements
- Community reporting on funds raised and impact
- Media wrap-up and social media highlights
- Begin planning and improvements for the following year

Back to Buckinbah blends history and the future to deliver the most magical today — a day where memories are created as memories are shared.

Attachment 5 Women in Agriculture Conference Application - Event Funding - 2026

Australian Women in Agriculture National Conference

Application

Organisation Name: Australian Women in Agriculture

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Position in Organisation: Events and Communications

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

What is the legal Status of your Organisation? (Eg incorporated, Association etc) :

Company limited by Guarantee

Please select your type of business: Not for profit

Are you registered for GST?: Yes

ABN/ACN (if applicable): 85081705204

Which fund category are you applying for?: Visitor Economy Fund (minimum 1000 attendees - Range: \$1,000 - \$10,000 or another agreed number)

Event Name: Grounded Voices - National Impact, Australian Women in Agriculture National Conference

Event Dates: 27-29 July 2026

Why was this timing selected? (50 words): The timing is based on the agricultural sector; we try to select dates that don't clash with other events and generally suit most industries in the sector. It is also often a time when regional centers are quiet so we can bring businesses to the host community

Venue / Location: Orange NSW - main venue Banksia, although we need dinner and breakfast venues

Estimated Number of Attendees: 250+

Are you a member of Orange360?: No

How many times has your event been held?: 20

Event website or booking link: <https://www.awia.org.au/conference26>

Is your event listed on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse?: No

Please outline the reason the event was created and provide a summary of the event schedule and programmed activities (100 words): The National Women in Agriculture Conference was created to strengthen the leadership, visibility, advocacy and capacity of women across Australia's agricultural sector. It provides a national platform for connection, skills development, and strategic collaboration to advance resilient rural communities. The 2026 program includes keynote speakers, panel discussions, workshops, and regional tours. Delegates will participate in leadership sessions, industry roundtables, networking events, and a community celebration highlighting local producers. The schedule is designed to inspire, upskill, and connect women at all stages of their agricultural careers while fostering long-term partnerships and pathways for impact.

Please summarise your long terms goals and objectives for your event/organisation (100 words): Our long-term goal is to strengthen the leadership, visibility, and influence of women in Australian agriculture by building a nationally connected, future-focused network. The conference is a cornerstone of this vision, creating ongoing pathways for skills development, industry collaboration, and regional innovation. Over time, we aim to expand participation, deepen partnerships with government and industry, and deliver year-round learning opportunities that support resilient rural communities. Our objectives include increasing women's representation in decision-making roles, amplifying rural voices in policy discussions, and fostering sustainable, community-led initiatives that continue well beyond the event.

Requested Sponsorship Amount (\$): 1250

Has your event been supported by Orange City Council previously?: No

Are you requesting to have venue or council venue fees waived?: No

Please provide details of where you intend the spend the money. (This will need to be reflected in the budget that you have provided as an attachment.) (150 words): Funding will be used to deliver a high-quality, National Women in Agriculture Conference that supports local suppliers and showcases the Orange region. Expenditure includes event management, venue hire, professional photography, and audiovisual services essential for a national-scale program. Funds will support speaker costs, including travel, accommodation, fees, and cultural elements such as the Welcome to Country. Catering across the two-day conference, networking events, and gala dinner represents a significant portion of the budget, ensuring delegates experience local produce and hospitality. Additional costs include printing, advertising, lanyards, and conference bags to support delegate engagement. Tours on the final day require bus hire and catering to highlight regional agriculture. We will be showcasing local businesses and utilising local services.

Expenditure covers event management, venue and AV services, professional photography, and speaker costs including travel and accommodation. The budget also supports catering for all conference activities, printing, advertising, and delegate materials such as lanyards and bags. Tours on the final day require bus hire and catering, with a focus on showcasing local businesses and using local services.

Can you demonstrate broad appeal to the Orange Community and how this event could enhance life in the community and social participation (see link below) (100 words):

The conference offers broad appeal to the Orange community by attracting more than 250 visitors who contribute directly to the local economy through accommodation, dining, retail, and tourism experiences. Social participation is strengthened through networking events, workshop activities, and farm tours that connect delegates with Orange's producers, landscapes, and stories. Given the significant agricultural sector in the region the conference in their own backyard provides an opportunity for the local community to attend. We also have a local steering committee with women who are assisting with the planning and delivery of the event, ensuring we showcase the region and are relevant to the local community.

Demonstrate alignment with the Orange Region Destination Management plan (see link below) (100 words):

The conference strongly aligns with the Orange Region Destination Management Plan by strengthening the region's events and conferencing profile and driving high-value visitation during the shoulder season. It supports the Plan's vision by showcasing local food, wine, agritourism and cultural experiences, and dispersing visitors across the region through farm tours and producer engagement. By prioritising local suppliers, speakers and venues the event enhances destination awareness, contributes to the visitor economy foundations, and fosters industry collaboration, key objectives identified in the plan for sustainable regional growth.

How will your event involve and engage with local businesses, organisation and community groups? (100 words):

The conference delivers significant economic and social value to the Orange community. With more than 250 delegates travelling to the region, the event boosts local tourism through increased demand for accommodation, hospitality, retail, and visitor experiences. By prioritising local suppliers, caterers, and venues, the conference channels direct spending into the community and supports regional jobs. Social participation is strengthened through inclusive networking events, cultural activities, and farm tours that connect visitors with local producers and stories. The event enhances community pride, showcases Orange's agricultural strengths, and fosters long-term relationships that encourage repeat visitation and ongoing regional engagement.

Can you substantiate or estimate the economic impact your event might have?

Please summarise how you have arrived at this number? (100 words): Based on 200-250 delegates staying an average of two to three nights, the conference is expected to

generate significant economic impact for Orange. Using Destination NSW event-impact benchmarks, delegate spend typically ranges from \$250–\$350 per person per day on accommodation, food, retail, and transport. This equates to an estimated \$150,000–\$210,000 in direct visitor expenditure. Additional spending by us as organisers, along with venue hire, catering, and local procurement increases the total impact. I event-tourism modelling.

Or please summarise what you are planning to do to promote your events and how you are planning to attract attendees (75 words): Our marketing strategy combines targeted outreach, regional promotion, and national visibility. We will use AWiA's established networks, email lists, and social channels to reach members, partners, and industry groups. Promotion will be supported through media releases, local stakeholder groups, and collaborations with sponsors and regional organisations. A dedicated campaign will highlight Orange's attractions, program highlights, and early-bird incentives. Tailored messaging for educators, producers, and emerging leaders will ensure strong, diverse attendance across the agricultural sector.

Who is your target market for this event? (50 words): Women working, studying, or leading in agriculture across Australia, including producers, agribusiness professionals, educators, researchers, and emerging leaders. The event also targets industry partners, rural community organisations, and stakeholders committed to advancing women's leadership. This diverse audience ensures strong sector representation and broad engagement with regional innovation, skills development, and national collaboration.

If your event has not been held before, please can you articulate how you will go about collecting data and information about your attendees and visitors. Please outline what tools you plan to use to analyse your events success and feedback through collection of data? (100 words): We do have a survey on the final day of the conference; in the past we have mainly focused on the conference itself. We can add particular questions to collect required data. In the past we have also circulated a link to the state organisations survey - eg last year Destination South Australia supported the event, and our delegates completed their survey. We had an excellent response rate. We use online forms to collect the feedback and data.

Address: Street address:

City: Wongarbron

State: NSW

Postcode: 2831

Country: Australia

Please upload a copy of your balance sheet:

[AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE_AWIA_LIMITED_-_Balance_Sheet.xlsx](#)

Please upload evidence of your not-for-profit status : [Constitution AWiA.pdf](#)

Please upload your event budget: [conference 2026 draft budget.xlsx](#)