



## **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE**

**ON 3 MARCH 2026**

**COMMENCING AT 6:58PM**

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### **1 INTRODUCTION**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

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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

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Acting Director Community, Recreation & Cultural Services (Stanford), Acting Director Technical Services (Theakstone), Chief Financial Officer, Manager Corporate Governance, Governance Officer (Robinson)

#### **1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

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

Cr Judge declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.1-2(e) - Small Donations - Requests for Donations as the applicant is known to him.

Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.1-2(d) - Small Donation - Requests for Donations as he is a volunteer treasurer of the Orange Region Suicide Prevention Network.

Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant Non-pecuniary Interest in item 2.1-2(b) - Small Donations - Requests for Donations as members of the Orange Lacemakers are known to him.

Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 2.1-2(d) - Small Donations - Requests for Donations as he has had dealings with Orange Suicide Prevention Network over the years.

**2 GENERAL REPORTS**
**2.1 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/144

**RESOLVED - 26/082**
**Cr F Kinghorne/Cr T Greenhalgh**

1 That this item be heard and voted on separately.

For: 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 26/083**
**Cr K Duffy/Cr F Kinghorne**

2(a) That Council donate \$500 to Country Women's Association Central Western Group to contribute to the costs of the Country Women's Association Public Speaking Competition.

For: 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

*Cr Mileto declared an interest in this item, left the meeting with the time being 7.00pm and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.*
**RESOLVED - 26/084**
**Cr M McDonell/Cr J Stedman**

2(b) That Council 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.

For: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr T Mileto (Mayor)

*\*Cr Mileto returned to the meeting with the time being 7.01pm\**
**RESOLVED - 26/085**
**Cr G Power/Cr J Whitton**

2(c) That Council 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.

For: 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

*Cr Peterson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item left the meeting with the time being 7.06pm and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.*

*Cr Mileto declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item left the meeting with the time being 7.06pm and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.*

*\*In the absence of the Chair and the Mayor, Cr Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor) chaired the meeting for this Item\**

**RESOLVED - 26/086**
**Cr J Whitton/Cr G Power**

2(d) That Council donate \$283 to Orange Region Suicide Prevention Network to contribute to branded tablecloths to be used at community events.

For: Cr T Greenhalgh (Chairperson) (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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor)

*\*Cr Peterson and Cr Mileto returned to the meeting with the time being 7.08pm and Cr Peterson resumed the Chair\**

*Cr Judge declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item, left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.*

**MOTION**
**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr D Mallard**

2(e) That Council donate \$2500 to the Orange United Sports Club to purchase a ball machine to support inclusive goal keeper training for all ages and abilities.

**AMENDMENT**
**Cr T Mileto/Cr M Ruddy**

2(e) That Council donate \$1250 to the Orange United Sports Club to purchase a ball machine to support inclusive goal keeper training for all ages and abilities.

For: Cr S Peterson (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman

Against: Cr J Whitton, Cr G Power, Cr D Mallard

Absent: Cr G Judge

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION**

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**RESOLVED - 26/087**
**Cr T Mileto/Cr M Ruddy**

2(e) That Council donate \$1250 to the Orange United Sports Club to purchase a ball machine to support inclusive goal keeper training for all ages and abilities

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr G Judge

*\*Cr Judge returned to the meeting with the time being 7.21pm\**

**MOTION**
**Cr M Ruddy/Cr F Kinghorne**

2(f) That Council donate \$2148 to Lions Club of Orange to contribute to purchasing specialised medical equipment.

**AMENDMENT**
**Cr J Stedman/Cr M McDonell**

2(f) That Council donate \$1074 to Lions Club of Orange to contribute to purchasing specialised medical equipment.

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

Against: Cr J Whitton, Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor) ,Cr F Kinghorne, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge

Absent: Nil

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION**
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**RESOLVED - 26/088**
**Cr J Stedman/Cr M McDonell**

2(f) That Council donate \$1074 to Lions Club of Orange to contribute to purchasing specialised medical equipment.

For: 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**2.2 EVENT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/302

**RESOLVED - 26/089**
**Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

1 That this item be heard and voted on separately.

For: 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 26/090**
**Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

2(a) That Council does not approve funding of \$5,000 under the Liveability Stream to Back to Buckinbah Festival - July 2026.

For: 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**RESOLVED - 26/091****Cr D Mallard/Cr T Greenhalgh**

2(b) That Council approve funding of \$1,250 under the Visitor Economy Stream to Australian Women in Agriculture National Conference - 27–29 July 2026.

For: 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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:31PM**