



## **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

# **AGENDA**

**7 APRIL 2026**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ORDINARY MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 7 April 2026** commencing at **6:00 PM**.

Scott Maunder  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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# AGENDA

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence**

### **1.2 Livestreaming and Recording**

This Council Meeting is being livestreamed and recorded. By speaking at the Council Meeting you agree to being livestreamed and recorded. Please ensure that if and when you speak at this Council Meeting that you ensure you are respectful to others and use appropriate language at all times. Orange City Council accepts no liability for any defamatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of this Council Meeting. A recording will be made for administrative purposes and will be available to Councillors.

### **1.3 Acknowledgement of Country**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

### **1.4 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 Councillors now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Council at this meeting.

## **COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM**

## **COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES**

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**2 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 17 March 2026 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 17 March 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 31 March 2026 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate records of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 31 March 2026.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 17 March 2026
- 2 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 31 March 2026



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE**  
**ON 17 MARCH 2026**  
**COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Acting Director Community, Recreation & Cultural Services (Stanford), Acting Director Technical Services (Theakstone), Manager Corporate Governance, Coordinator Strategic Planning (Weir), Governance Officer (Allan)

### **1.1 APOLOGIES**

#### **RESOLVED - 26/113**

**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr F Kinghorne**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Duffy and that Council grant them a leave of absence from the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 17 March 2026. It is noted that Cr Ruddy was previously granted leave for the Council Meeting of 17 February 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

### **1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING**

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

### **1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Cr Power conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item 5.10 - Strategic Policy Reviews - Post Exhibition as he is a member of an organisation that made a submission on this item.

Cr Mileto declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in item 5.4 - Orange360 Contract Renewal Proposal as he is a representative of Orange City Council on the Orange360 board.

Cr Power declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in item 5.4 - Orange360 Contract Renewal Proposal as he is a representative of Orange City Council on the Orange360 board and a financial member for his own business.

## 1.5 OPENING PRAYER

Tim Goldsmith of the Orange Evangelical Church led the Council in Prayer.

**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM AT 6:06PM.**

### **Item 5.3 – Minutes of the Electronic Extraordinary Local Transport Forum - 3 March 2026**

- Rebecca Plant

*\*Cr Mileto & Cr Power left the meeting with the time being 6:13pm\**

*\*In the absence of the Mayor, Cr Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor) assumed the role of Chairperson for the remainder of the Open Forum\**

### **Item 5.4 – Orange 360 Contract Renewal Proposal**

- Ned Sweetapple
- Stef Loader
- James Robson
- Jeremy Norris

*\*Cr Mileto & Cr Power returned to the meeting with the time being 6:37pm, and the Mayor returned to Chairperson\**

**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 6:37PM.**

## 2 MAYORAL MINUTES

### 2.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/382

**RESOLVED - 26/114****Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Establish a Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Panel consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Mallard.
- 2 Appoint a Councillor, to be included on the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review
- 3 Acknowledge that all Councillors appointed to the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Panel will complete the General Manager Performance Appraisal Training if they have not done so already, prior to the next appraisal of the Chief Executive Officer
- 4 Delegate the Performance Review of the Chief Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED - 26/115****Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M McDonell**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 3 March 2026 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 3 March 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Greenhalgh asked if any Council staff attended the homeless conference held by Housing Plus on 8 March 2026.

*The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that a staff member attended the conference.*

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr T Greenhalgh**

Cr Greenhalgh requested a report at the next Council Meeting on the homelessness forum held by Housing Plus on 8 March 2026.

Cr Mileto asked for clarification on whether the O'Brien Centre is the responsibility of the NSW Department of Health rather than Council.

*The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the decision on the suitability of the O'Brien Centre location was determined by the NSW Department of Health and that the arrangement was terminated for their own reasons.*

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr T Mileto**

Cr Mileto requested Council write to the NSW Department of Health seeking clarification on the arrangements for finding suitable housing for the O'Brien Centre.

**4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION****4.1 PROJECT FINANCIALS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/448

**RESOLVED - 26/116****Cr S Peterson/Cr M McDonell**

- 1 That the quarterly budget review report includes an overview of the financial status of all major projects.
- 2 That Council reaffirms to the entire staff leadership team our desire for knowledge of substantial negative financial changes early to maximise Councillor involvement and the options available to us.
- 3 That the Chief Executive Officer develops a reporting framework for major projects including the definition of a major project and thresholds for reporting to Council.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Kinghorne asked if there is a definition of what is considered a major project for the Major Projects and Infrastructure Community Committee.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that the charter for the community committee does not include a specific definition.*

Cr Whitton asked if there is an existing financial reporting process at an operational level related to major projects.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that every project has a project control group or project management team that reviews budgets, so it is a matter of consolidating the information and providing it to Councillors.*

Cr Greenhalgh asked how Council could prevent projects from going over budget in the future.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that he believes quarterly updates are sufficient, but will continue to bring forward any significant matters to Council between quarters as they arise.*

**5 GENERAL REPORTS****5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS 3 MARCH 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/333

**RESOLVED - 26/117****Cr D Mallard/Cr J Whitton**

- 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 2 That the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 3 That the Minutes of the Finance Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 4 That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 5 That the Minutes of the Recreation & Culture Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 6 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 7 That the Minutes of the Regional & Economic Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**5.2 REFRESH OF THE JOINT ORGANISATIONS FRAMEWORK - REGIONAL COUNCILS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/218

**RESOLVED - 26/118****Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council resolves to submit a letter of preference directly to the Office of Local Government supporting continuation and membership of the Central NSW Joint Organisation.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**5.3 MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - 3 MARCH 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/438

**RESOLVED - 26/119****Cr S Peterson/Cr J Stedman**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the electronic Extraordinary Local Transport Forum at its meeting held on 3 March 2026.
- 2 That Council determine recommendation 2.1 from the minutes of the electronic extraordinary Local Transport Forum meeting of 3 March 2026.  
*2.1 – Woodward Street/Racecourse Road Intersection and Woodward Street/Gardiner Road Intersection Lines and Signs*  
*That Council:*
  - 1 *Linemark and signpost the Woodward Street/Racecourse Road intersection as a “Seagull” type intersection.*
  - 2 *Linemark and signpost the Woodward Street/Gardiner Road as a CHR type intersection.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the electronic Extraordinary Local Transport Forum from its meeting held on 3 March 2026 be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr McDonell asked if the Acting Director had any comments after the Open Forum on alternatives to a concrete median strip.

*The Acting Director Technical Services advised that the Australian Road Standards require concrete median strips to be implemented for a “Seagull” intersection due to driver safety concerns.*

Cr Kinghorne asked if the concrete median strip will encourage vehicles to slow down.

*The Acting Director Technical Services confirmed that narrowing the road does slow drivers down and noted that concrete medians prevent drivers from going around vehicles entering or exiting driveways, preventing head-on collisions.*

Cr Kinghorne asked if it were possible to have a transition from the median strip to painted lines as noted by the speaker.

*The Acting Director Technical Services advised that the Australian Road Standards provide it should not be painted and that concrete median strips are required.*

Cr Judge asked if it is possible to widen driveways to reduce safety risks.

*The Acting Director Technical Services advised that Section 76 of the Local Government Act requires Council to determine if any works can be undertaken on private property. A report will be provided to a future Council Meeting addressing resident requests.*

Cr McDonell asked about the possibility of installing a roundabout incorporating the large gum tree or if this was not achievable for budgetary reasons.

*The Acting Director Technical Services advised that there is limited funding for this project and that it would be difficult not to harm the gum tree, there is also high voltage power located nearby which would need to be considered.*

**5.4 ORANGE 360 CONTRACT RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/423

*Cr Mileto declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in this Item as he is a representative of Orange City Council on the Orange360 board, left the meeting with the time being 7.14pm and did not participate in the voting or discussion on this Item.*

*Cr Power declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in this Item as he is a representative of Orange City Council on the Orange360 board and a financial member for his own business, left the meeting with the time being 7.14pm, did not participate in the voting or discussion on this Item.*

*\*In the absence of the Mayor, Cr Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor) assumed the role of Chairperson\**

**MOTION**
**Cr S Peterson/Cr M McDonell**

That Council determine part 4 and 5 of item 5.4 separately from part 1, 2, 3 and 6.

For: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson,

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy, Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr G Power

**THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS LOST**
**MOTION**
**Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton**

- 1 That Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign a one-year agreement with TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 to commence from 1 July 2026
- 2 That an option be included in that agreement of a three-year extension of the agreement
- 3 That the value of the agreement be \$503,168 (plus GST) per year, with a CPI increase annually
- 4 That year one of the agreement also be increased by up to \$50,000 as requested by TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 for the conduct of an additional advertising campaign, subject to detail of the campaign being accepted and authorised by the Chief Executive Officer
- 5 That the increase to fund an additional advertising campaign be reviewed at the time the three-year extension is considered
- 6 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate details of the Key Performance Indicators for Orange360 as part of that agreement

**AMENDMENT**
**Cr S Peterson/Cr F Kinghorne**

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- 2 That an option be included in that agreement of a three-year extension of the agreement
- 3 That the value of the agreement be \$503,168 (plus GST) per year, with a CPI increase annually.
- 4 That consideration of year one of the agreement being increased by up to \$50,000 as requested by TDO Ltd trading as Orange 360 for the conduct of an additional advertising campaign be part of the budget process. Subject to detail of the campaign being accepted and authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 5 That any increase to fund an additional advertising campaign be reviewed at the time the three-year extension is considered.
- 6 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate details of the Key Performance Indicators for Orange360 as part of that agreement.

For: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr J Stedman

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy, Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr G Power

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS TIED 4 VOTES FOR AND 4 VOTES AGAINST**

**THE CHAIRPERSON (CR GREENHALGH) USED A CASTING VOTE TO VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT**

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS LOST**

**THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED**

**RESOLVED - 26/120**

**Cr M McDonell/Cr J Whitton**

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

Against: Cr J Stedman

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy, Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr G Power

Cr McDonell asked about the changes to the composition of the Board and if the process of replacement is included in the recommendation.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that it was put into the report for consideration but is a separate decision not related to the contract renewal.*

Cr Greenhalgh asked what security a one year agreement provides Orange360.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that a one year agreement provides a mechanism for working through and improving certain elements alongside Orange360 without being locked into a four-year contract.*

*\*Cr Mileto & Cr Power returned to the meeting with the time being 7.43pm and the Mayor resumed the role of Chairperson\**

**5.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT (QBR) - QUARTER 2 2025/2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/466

**RESOLVED - 26/121****Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr S Peterson**

That Council resolves:

- 1 That the information provided in the report on the Quarterly Budget Review Report for Q2 (October – December 2025) be acknowledged.
- 2 To adopt the variations in the consolidated overall operating improvement to Council arising from the Q2 Quarterly Budget Review, in the amount of \$426,000 deficit (Operational Budget) and \$7,062,000 deficit (Capital Budget).
- 3 That the Statement of the Responsible Accounting Officer stating that Council is in a satisfactory financial position having regard to the changes contained herewith to the original budget, be noted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Peterson asked about the notable changes in budget to the general fund between quarters and for clarification on why the budget for grants is set as \$0.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised the changes in this quarter are not as significant as the changes in the first quarter and that the budget for grants is determined by what Council is expected to receive within this quarter.*

Cr Peterson noted that the Year-To-Date revenue is \$6.3 million behind forecasted expectations and asked if this deficit is from grants.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council does not budget for grants that are not expected to be received.*

Cr Peterson noted that Table 4 - Income and Expenses Budget Review Statement Consolidated Fund - has changes of \$7.5m regarding materials and services in quarter one and that Table 5 - Income and Expenses Budget Review Statement General Fund - includes \$3.5m from the general fund, and asked if these changes are already determined.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that the \$3.5m included in Table 5 feeds into the \$7.4m on Table 4 and that these are changes that Council adopted in the last quarter.*

Cr Peterson asked if the expenditures listed on page 161 are covered by grants.

*The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the majority of the expenditures listed are covered by grants.*

Cr Peterson asked if the volunteer scheme is funded from grants or Council's budget.

*The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the volunteer scheme is funded by grants.*

Cr Peterson asked if non-cash developer contributions are accounted for in the budget review statements.

*The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that it is accounted for as it is an asset.*

**5.6 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - FEBRUARY 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/272

**RESOLVED - 26/122****Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Note the Statement of Investments for the period February 2026.
- 2 Adopt the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**5.7 PROGRESS REPORT - DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025/2026 (DELIVERY PROGRAM YEAR 1) - SIX MONTHS FROM 1 JULY 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/347

**RESOLVED - 26/123****Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power**

That the Progress Report - Delivery Program/Operational Plan 2025/2026 (Delivery Program Year 1) - Six Months from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025 be noted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked that Council receive a report on the increase in tree planting since the implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy compared to planting numbers prior to the strategy.

Cr McDonell noted that item 3.1.4.1 advises the target is to facilitate one forum per year, however there is no budget allocation or specification on who is expected to host these forums.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that forums are usually facilitated through the Community Committee, there is currently no dedicated plan for hosting or chairing these forums, however this can be undertaken.*

Cr McDonell asked why performance measures have been established without the consideration for how they will be achieved.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that this is a four-year plan and it is a yearly progress report.*

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked that Council be provided an update on where the most recent Local Environmental Plan (LEP) amendments are up to with the State Government, noting that there had been a holdup with processing.

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked that an update be provided on the review of the Development Control Plan (DCP) and when it is expected to be presented to Council.

Cr McDonell noted that for item 9.1.1.1 grant applications closed on 12 December 2025 and asked when Council can expect an announcement from State Government.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that there has been no indication as of yet.*

Cr McDonell asked if the figures in item 13.3.1.2 includes those who contribute to more than one engagement opportunity.

*The Director Corporate & Commercial Services confirmed that it does include double ups.*

Cr Peterson asked about the quality of Council communications and if a process could be devised as part of a performance measure to record incidents of communication not working as intended.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that effective communication is subjective and can alter depending on the lens through which it is received. Council disclosing unfavourable decisions does not equate to ineffective communication.*

**5.8 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/271

**RESOLVED - 26/124****Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

That the information contained in the report on responses to Questions Taken on Notice be acknowledged.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

*\*Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 8.09pm\**

*\*Cr Kinghorne returned to the meeting with the time being 8.10pm\**

Cr McDonell noted she was unsatisfied with the information relating to a factsheet on secondary dwellings and requested that staff provide a factsheet specific to Orange and this Council's processes.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that a factsheet will be provided.*

Cr Whitton asked who is responsible for the garden and tree maintenance outside the golf course at Bloomfield Hospital.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that the land was transferred to Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council and that land maintenance is their responsibility.*

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked staff to provide a reason as to why the Orange Local Housing Strategy adopted by Council in 2022 was not provided to the State Government for endorsement until last year.

**5.9 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEWS - EXHIBITION**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/337

**MOTION**
**Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves to place the following Strategic Policies on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days:

- ST32 – Donations & Grants
- ST34 – Water Carting
- ST21 – Child Safe
- ST61 – Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program.

**AMENDMENT**
**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Judge**

1 That Council resolves to place the following Strategic Policies on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days:

- ST32 – Donations & Grants
- ST34 – Water Carting
- ST21 – Child Safe
- ST61 – Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program

2 That 4.6 from Strategic Policy - ST32 - Donations & Grants be changed to allow retrospective applications up to 3 months after the date of the event.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr G Power, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

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

**THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED**

**RESOLVED - 26/125**
**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr G Judge**

1 That Council resolves to place the following Strategic Policies on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days:

- ST32 – Donations & Grants
- ST34 – Water Carting
- ST21 – Child Safe
- ST61 – Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program

2 That 4.6 from Strategic Policy - ST32 - Donations & Grants be changed to allow retrospective applications to be submitted up to 3 months after the date of the event.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Greenhalgh asked that, if point 4.6 of Strategic Policy - ST32 - Donations & Grants was removed, retrospective applications could be brought to Council for decision.

*The Director Corporate & Commercial Services confirmed that this would be the case.*

Cr Kinghorne asked if point 4.6 has been overturned by Councillors in past meetings.  
*The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that previously it was common for retrospective applications to be brought to previous Councils, however this Council provided authority to staff to not bring applications to Council that do not meet the policy requirements.*

**5.10 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEWS - POST EXHIBITION**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/150

*Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as he is a member on an organisation that made a submission on Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances.*

**RESOLVED - 26/126**
**Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

That item 5.10 - Strategic Policy Reviews – Post Exhibition be heard and voted on in seriatim.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**RESOLVED - 26/127**
**Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

1 That Council adopt Strategic Policy - ST45 - Data Breach.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**MOTION**
**Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson**

2 That Council adopt Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances.

**AMENDMENT**
**Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

1 That Council adopt Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances.

2 That Council requests Council staff to investigate and prepare a report on ways to give preference to Ethically and Socially Responsible Investments, including the potential to give preference to financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry, while ensuring that:

- a. Council adheres to the strict investment protocols under the Local Government Act 1993 Investment Order of 2011 and Office of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines,
- b. Council maintains the standards of risk management outlined in Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances, and
- c. The expected rate of return on any Ethically and Socially Responsible Investment is no less than other similar investments that may be available at the time of the investment.

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

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION****THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED****RESOLVED - 26/128****Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

- 1 That Council adopt Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances.
- 2 That Council requests Council staff to investigate and prepare a report on ways to give preference to Ethically and Socially Responsible Investments, including the potential to give preference to financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry, while ensuring that:
  - a. Council adheres to the strict investment protocols under the Local Government Act 1993 Investment Order of 2011 and Office of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines,
  - b. Council maintains the standards of risk management outlined in Strategic Policy - ST46 - Managing Council's Finances, and
  - c. The expected rate of return on any Ethically and Socially Responsible Investment is no less than other similar investments that may be available at the time of the investment.

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

Against: Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**5.11 POST EXHIBITION REPORT - REDLEAF PLANNING AGREEMENT**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/361

**RESOLVED - 26/129****Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

- 1 That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Planning Agreement in accordance with recommendations under this report.
- 2 That Council delegates the execution of the Redleaf Planning Agreement to the Chief Executive Officer, authorising where necessary, the use of the Council Seal.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

Cr Kinghorne asked for clarification on where the development is not in accordance with the planning agreement Strategic Policy as the report notes it is only "generally" in accordance; and also asked if the number of lots available has changed as the costs have increased.

*The Coordinator Strategic Planning advised that the planning agreement was negotiated through the previous policy and there is no requirement to meet the current standards. It was also advised that the number of lots has not decreased, but rather the number of dwellings has in order to ensure affordable housing through the first and second phases of the project.*

Cr Kinghorne asked who receives the benefit of the zoning change.

*The Coordinator Strategic Planning advised that Council would receive the benefit which will go towards the improved entrance and quality of the amenities.*

Cr Kinghorne asked if there is concern for lots in other parts of Orange being cheaper than within the subdivision.

*The Chief Executive Officer advised that there is a marketing plan and that the cost base reflects the quality of the development.*

Cr McDonnell asked if there have been significant aesthetic changes from the original design as a result of the bushfire assessments.

*The Coordinator Strategic Planning advised that the plans for the bushfire assessment were taken during the strategic stage.*

## 6 CLOSED MEETING

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

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

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

### **RESOLVED - 26/130**

**Cr S Peterson/Cr G Judge**

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

#### **6.1 Proposed Easement - Lot 2 DP 1085646 Clergate Road**

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

#### **6.2 2025/2026 First & Second Quarter Water/Sewerage Charges - 166-172 Bathurst Road Orange**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

#### **6.3 Submission Redaction Report 17 March 2026**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 9:00PM.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 9:02PM.

## 7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

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

### 6.1 PROPOSED EASEMENT - LOT 2 DP 1085646 CLERGATE ROAD

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/287

#### RESOLVED - 26/131

Cr G Power/Cr S Peterson

- 1 That Council resolves to proceed with the acquisition of an easement through 260 Clergate Road.
- 2 That permission be granted to affix the Common Seal on any necessary documentation.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

### 6.2 2025/2026 FIRST & SECOND QUARTER WATER/SEWERAGE CHARGES - 166-172 BATHURST ROAD ORANGE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/53

#### RESOLVED - 26/132

Cr J Stedman/Cr S Peterson

- 1 That the 2025/2026 second quarter water consumption charge of \$4,742.22 be reduced to \$3,319.55, the sewerage charge of \$3,795.68 be reduced to \$1,886.15 and the trade waste charge of \$984.71 be reduced to \$470.31.
- 2 That the 2025/2026 third quarter water consumption charge of \$3,824.94 be reduced to \$2,677.46, the sewerage charge of \$3,107.72 be reduced to \$2,163.98 and the trade waste charge of \$799.38 be reduced to \$545.15.
- 3 That the interest charges levied for non-payment be waived.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**6.3 SUBMISSION REDACTION REPORT 17 MARCH 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/458

**RESOLVED - 26/133****Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

That the information in the Submission Redaction report be acknowledged.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr M Ruddy, Cr K Duffy

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:04PM.**

This is Page Number 17 and the Final Page of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 17 March 2026.



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

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Governance Lead, Governance Officer (Maley)

### **1.1 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED - 26/134**

**Cr G Judge/Cr T Greenhalgh**

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

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr K Duffy

### **1.2 LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING**

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

### **1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

**THERE WAS NO OPEN FORUM.**

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

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

## 2 GENERAL REPORTS

### 2.1 2024/2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/552

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

**Cr J Stedman/Cr G Power**

That Council resolves:

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

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

Against: Cr J Whitton

Absent: Cr K Duffy

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

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

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

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

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

### 3 CLOSED MEETING

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

**RESOLVED - 26/136****Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power**

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

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

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr K Duffy

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

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

### RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

No resolutions were made during the Confidential Session.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.21PM**

This is Page Number 25 and the Final Page of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 31 March 2026.

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEES**

Planning & Development - Chaired by Cr Melanie McDonell

Environmental Sustainability - Chaired by Cr David Mallard

Finance - Chaired by Cr Steven Peterson

Infrastructure - Chaired by Cr Jeff Whitton

Recreation & Culture - Chaired by Cr Tammy Greenhalgh (No items)

Services - Chaired by Cr Marea Ruddy

Regional & Economic Development - Chaired by Cr Tony Mileto (Mayor)(No items)

**COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES**

**4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION****4.1 Notice of Motion - Withholding Tax from Councillor Remuneration**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/613

I, **CR MELANIE MCDONELL** wish to move the following Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of 7 April 2026:

**MOTION**

**That Council staff investigate withholding tax from Councillor remuneration and provide a report to Council outlining any budgetary impact and the requirements under the Local Government Act (1993) or any other relevant legislation if any such change is to be adopted.**

**BACKGROUND**

I raise this motion once more to a new Council term.

Councillors come from all walks of life. Some have their own businesses, others are PAYG employees, and others retired. All of us receive token remuneration for our time and work.

There has long been a lack of clarity across NSW amongst Councillors as to whether tax is payable on Councillor remuneration, or whether the remuneration is even declarable income. According to the ATO, it is, on both accounts.

Many NSW Councils already withhold tax from Councillor remuneration – City of Sydney, Cumberland City Council, Dubbo Regional Council, City of Newcastle, Lithgow City Council, amongst others. Each Council required a Notice of Motion to do so.

Withholding tax helps Councillors avoid a hefty tax bill at the end of the Financial Year. Not all Councillors are in a position to set aside part of their remuneration for tax themselves. This has no bearing on whether or not they are 'good with money', it is simply a fact that some are in a better personal financial position day-to-day than others.

When I last raised this topic, staff told the Chamber that there would not be any payroll tax or cost incurred to Council. This motion seeks to have that information clarified and/or confirmed.

Signed Cr Melanie McDonell

**STAFF COMMENT**

Nil

**FINANCIAL/RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS**

Staff time would be required to research and provide a report to Council.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

No identified policy or governance implications relating to doing a report as requested.



**4.2 Question with Notice - Affordable Housing Policy Funding Allocation**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/615

We, **CR MELANIE MCDONELL** AND **CR DAVID MALLARD** wish to ask the following Questions with Notice at the Council Meeting of 7 April 2026:

**MOTION**

**With regards to the \$50,000 operational expenditure allocation to engage an affordable housing consultant in the *Quarterly Budget Review – Quarter 1 of 2022/2023* (refer to Finance Policy Committee Meeting Agenda, 1 November 2022, p. 8):**

- 1. How much of the allocation, if any was spent in the 2022/2023 financial year, and on what was it spent?**
- 2. Was the remaining unspent balance of the allocation from the 2022/2023 financial year carried forward for use in future financial years?**
- 3. If so, how much of the allocation has been spent in each subsequent financial year, and on what was it spent?**
- 4. What, if any, is the remaining unspent balance of the allocation?**
- 5. If there is funding remaining from this allocation, is there a plan for how the funds will be spent?**

**BACKGROUND**

Over the past several years we have each asked from time to time for answers and/or reports to Council indicating the status of the funds allocated in the 2022/2023 mini-budget for affordable housing policy development, and for information regarding the delivery on the items included in the resolution to adopt the Local Housing Strategy at the 7 June 2022 Planning and Development Committee.

Although an update on the latter was included in the Orange Local Housing Strategy Progress Update at the 2 December 2025 Council meeting, questions taken on notice regarding the funding allocation still haven't provided clear answers. Therefore, we are submitting these Questions with Notice to continue to seek clarity about this specific funding allocation, its outcomes and any remaining available funding.

Signed Cr Melanie McDonell Cr David Mallard

**STAFF COMMENT**

1. We are unable to identify any expenditure in 2022/23 financial year.
2. No "unspent funds" remain in the budget. This is consistent with all non-capital budget items that are not fully expended unless the amount is specifically carried forward with the approval of the CEO.
3. During the 2025 Calendar Year HillPDA were paid \$26,044.46 for the Conduct of the Affordable Housing Policy Background Strategy. The first payment was in May 2025 and the last payment in November 2025. The funding for this work was sourced from within the Development Services Budget.
4. Nil – as above.
5. Initiatives, planning mechanisms and approaches as identified in the HillPDA document are being considered and investigated by Council staff.

**4.2 Question with Notice - Affordable Housing Policy Funding Allocation**

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**FINANCIAL/RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Council's Strategic Policy ST02 – Code of Meeting Practices at January 2026 provides for a written response in the form of a report (excerpt provided below). It is determined that appropriate staff comment in this report satisfies this requirement.

**Code of Meeting Practice - Questions with Notice**

- 3.13 *A Councillor may, by way of a notice submitted under clause 3.11, ask a question for response by the Chief Executive Officer about the performance or operations of the Council.*
- 3.14 *A Councillor is not permitted to ask a question with notice under clause 3.13 that would constitute an act of disorder.*
- 3.15 *The Chief Executive Officer or their nominee may respond to a question with notice submitted under clause 3.13 by way of a report included in the business papers for the relevant meeting of the Council*

## 5 GENERAL REPORTS

### 5.1 Abortion Services Update

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/587

AUTHOR: Melissa Stanford, Acting Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2025, Council staff reported an augmentation of services for women with the opening of a new service providing Family Choices and Women’s Health. This report serves to provide an update on the service available in Orange and across the Central West.

#### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “15.1 Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance”.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council acknowledge the updated information provided in this report.**

#### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council’s key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	There is a risk that Council’s role may be perceived as exceeding its service delivery responsibility, noting that the update is for information purposes only following the report from last year.
<b>Financial</b>	There are no direct financial risks associated with providing this update.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	There is a reputational and political risk due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter and the potential for divergent community views.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental risk identified as the report is for information purposes only.
<b>Compliance</b>	There is a risk of non-compliance if information is not presented accurately or does not appropriately reflect legislative and regulatory responsibilities.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	There is a potential risk to staff wellbeing due to the sensitive nature of the topic and possible community feedback/interactions.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There is minimal information technology or cyber security risk, provided information is sourced and shared in accordance with Council’s information governance requirements.

## **5.1 Abortion Services Update**

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### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Council staff contacted Western NSW Local Health District Community Centre and obtained the following information on the “Pregnancy Options Care and Support Service”, designed to support pregnant women in determining their pregnancy options.

The program commenced late August/September in 2025 and has consistently been utilised and is continuing to grow. The service in Orange runs between the Kite St Community Centre and the Community Services Department at Orange and Dubbo Health Services. It is a comprehensive service for women in the community and from within the hospital that provides choices for medical and surgical options for abortion if they choose. Staff within this service support a pregnant woman seeking pregnancy medical termination both within the community (up to under 9 weeks) or as an inpatient in Orange/Dubbo Hospital for either medical or surgical termination (patient choice, for over 9 weeks).

Currently the services have a full time Midwife, General Practitioner, Visiting Medical Officer and Nurse across Orange and Dubbo. The support services also have a full-time Social Worker based in Orange who supports all women across the area. Council staff were advised that there are works underway to recruit an Aboriginal Health Practitioner into the service.

Women utilising the service can either self-refer, call 1800 601 324, utilise the online self-referral form, be referred by a GP, service provider medical professional or any supporting person. Any GP, Private Medical Specialist, Nurse, Midwife or Community Health Service can refer a woman to the WNSWLHD Pregnancy Options Care and Support Service where they are able to work through their options with the medical specialists and be supported through their decisions.

WNSWLHD stated this is not the only service available, but the Pregnancy Options Care and Support Service Manager did note the service has been very busy since the program started last year.

## 5.2 Woodward Street Driveway - 26 Woodward Street

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/590

AUTHOR: Jason Theakstone, Acting Director Technical Services

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends seeks Councils determination on construction or otherwise of a driveway addition on private land to 26 Woodward Street as a result of the approval of a CHR intersection at the intersection of Gardiner Road and Woodward Street, Orange.

### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “9.2 Design and deliver the road infrastructure for a growing city”.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in relation to this recommendation.

### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council determine the driveway modification at 26 Woodward Street as requested by the resident.**

### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council’s key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Should Council resolve to undertake the works, the works may impact scheduling or divert resources from other planned operational activities.
<b>Financial</b>	Undertaking the modification at Council’s cost may create precedent pressures for similar future requests.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	The owner of 26 Woodward Street may perceive Council as unsympathetic or unresponsive to their concerns.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental impacts associated with this recommendation.
<b>Compliance</b>	The recommendation poses no compliance risk, as the decision is consistent with relevant standards, policies and legislative requirements.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	A low WHS risk is identified, with existing road and pedestrian safety arrangements remaining unchanged.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	No significant IT or cyber security risks are anticipated with this recommendation as it does not involve digital systems or data handling

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council would remember resolving at its 17 March 2026 meeting:

***That Council:***

- 1 Line mark and signpost the Woodward Street/Racecourse Road intersection as a “Seagull” type intersection.***
- 2 Line mark and signpost the Woodward Street/Gardiner Road intersection as a CHR type intersection.***

## 5.2 Woodward Street Driveway - 26 Woodward Street

During the consultation period with affected residents, Council has been asked to undertake driveway modifications to some properties to mitigate the effect of the new intersections.

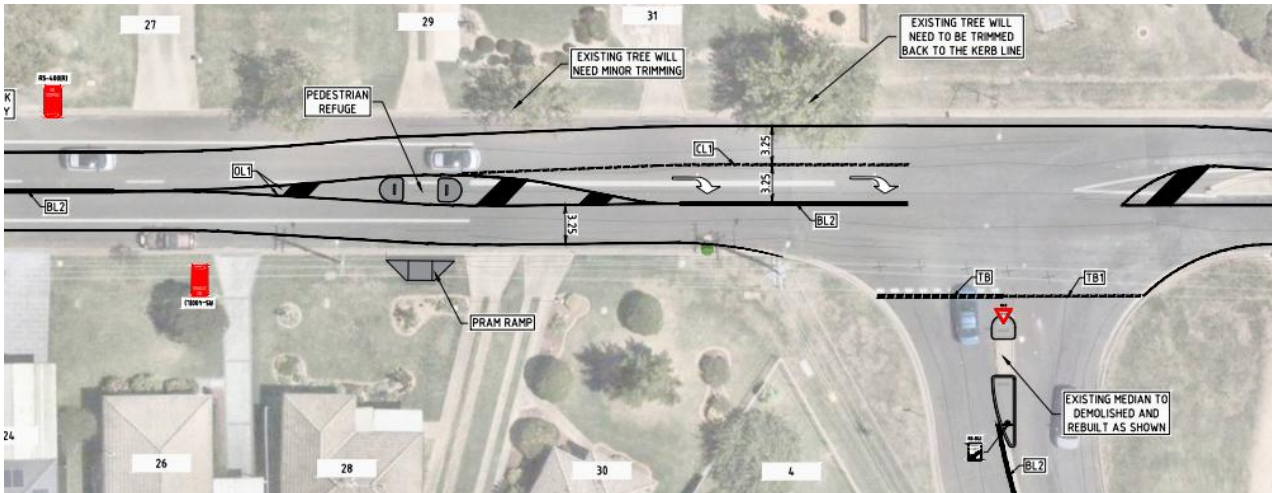


Figure A: Gardiner Road and Woodward Street

The owners of #26 Woodward Street has asked for a “Hammerhead” addition to their driveway that allows their vehicles to undertake a 3-point turn within their driveway so they can enter and exit their property in a forward direction. The hammerhead extension to the driveway would be approximately 12 m<sup>2</sup> in area and would cost approximately \$4,000 to build. The requested location of the hammerhead is shown in Figure B below.

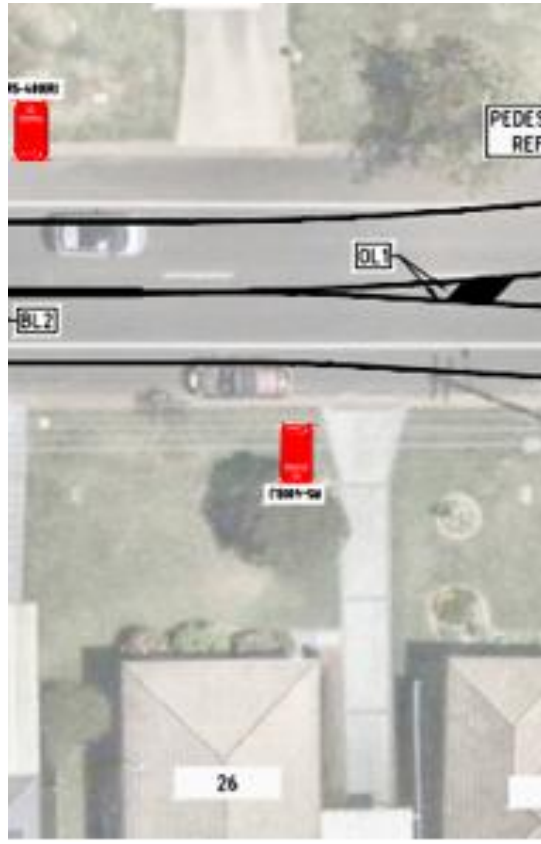


Figure B: Requested hammerhead location

The owner of the property is concerned that exiting their driveway will be made more difficult and possibly more dangerous by Council moving the southbound travel lane towards their property. The movement of the travel lane is shown in Figure C below. Council should be advised that on-street parking is still permitted in front of #26 Woodward Street.

**5.2 Woodward Street Driveway - 26 Woodward Street**

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*Figure C: Movement of the southbound travel lane towards the property*

Council should be aware that June 2024 Google Earth imagery (pre Brabham Way opening) shows the resident of the house presently parking in the proposed location where they have asked for a hammerhead.



*Figure D: Google Earth - June 2024*

## **5.2 Woodward Street Driveway - 26 Woodward Street**

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Section 67 of the Local Government Act allows Council to undertake lawful private works on private property at no cost to the owner, or at a reduced cost, but it must be resolved in an open Council Meeting, with actual costs and post works being reported to the next Council Meeting and details must be included within Council's next Annual Report.

Council should note that other residents on the western side of Woodward Street, between Gardiner Road and Racecourse Road, have asked for driveway adjustments too. Council staff are currently investigating these works which will be presented to Council at May meeting for their consideration.

It is recommended that Council continue with the design investigations, do the intersection works, undertake observations and further consultation with these residents/owners post works.

### 5.3 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/449

AUTHOR: Eli Todman, Sustainability Officer

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been invited to participate in a two-year trial of pole-mounted electric vehicle chargers delivered by EVX and funded through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). Following site investigations and initial community consultation, several potential locations have been identified for the trial.

#### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “7.1 Ensure best practice in climate change mitigation and adaption options for Council and community projects”.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council’s financial obligations are limited to parking signage and line marking at approved charging locations. EVX through ARENA will fund the charger hardware, installation and ongoing maintenance.

#### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

A formal agreement will be negotiated with EVX, outlining ownership, responsibilities and operational arrangements.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate an agreement with EVX for the installation of pole-mounted chargers at the recommended locations identified in this report, and that the necessary line marking and signage be installed to designate the associated EV-only parking areas.**

#### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council’s key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Supports expanded EV charging access for the community.
<b>Financial</b>	Low cost to Council; all major costs are externally funded.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Participation demonstrates Council’s leadership in sustainability and its support for emerging transport technologies. Community feedback from residents and businesses within 50 metres of the proposed sites has been incorporated into this report.
<b>Environment</b>	Supports reductions in transport emissions and enables broader EV uptake across the city.
<b>Compliance</b>	Must meet Essential Energy and Australian Standards requirements.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	Standard construction and traffic safety measures apply.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	No integration with Council IT systems; EVX manages all digital infrastructure

### 5.3 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Electric vehicle (EV) ownership in Orange has grown by more than 250% since 2023, the highest increase in the Central West region. This represents an additional 232 locally owned EVs, accompanied by steadily rising use of Council's charging network since installation. To support this rapid growth and encourage EV tourism and broader community uptake, Council has partnered with EVX to explore opportunities to expand the local charging network.

EVX has secured Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) funding to deploy pole-mounted kerbside AC chargers across regional NSW. As the only charge point operator that manufactures EV chargers locally, EVX has already delivered more than 300 charging sockets statewide, including in many regional communities. Their units are designed for durability and reliability, constructed using infrastructure-grade materials such as a marine-grade stainless-steel chassis.

Over the past 12 months, Council staff have collaborated closely with EVX and Essential Energy to identify suitable locations for this technology. This assessment has confirmed five (5) technically viable sites across the LGA that meet the requirements for pole-mounted charger installation. These chargers provide a cost-effective, low-impact "plug-and-play" alternative to conventional ground-mounted infrastructure, significantly reducing the need for civil works.

**Figure A – EVX Pole-Mount Charger Example**



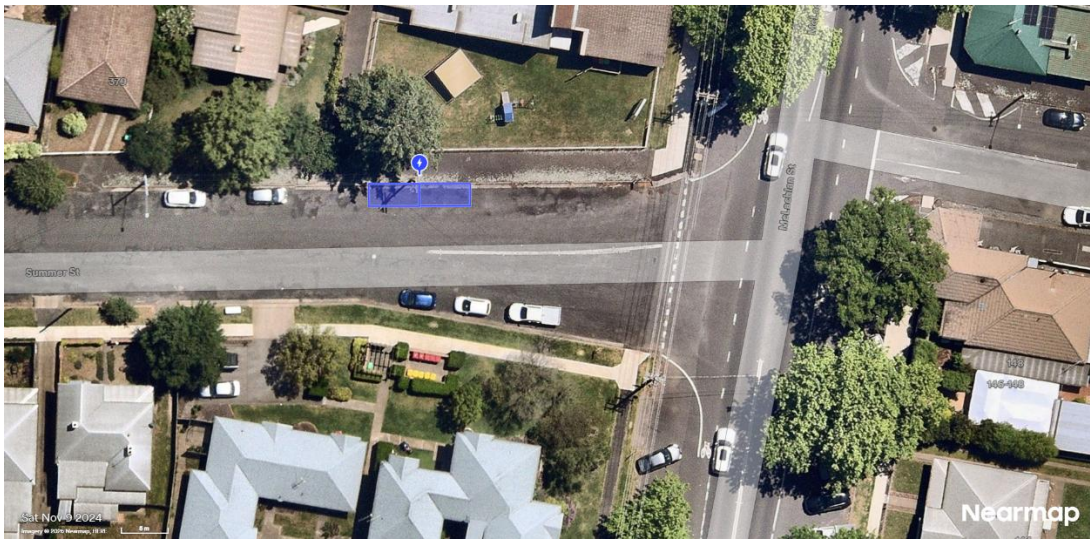
Each proposed site would accommodate two (2) dedicated EV-only parking spaces, supported by appropriate signage and line marking. The specific proposed locations and indicative parking layouts are detailed in this report.

Council has undertaken targeted community consultation by contacting owners and occupiers within 50-metres of each proposed site, seeking feedback on the trial. A summary of responses, along with copies of all correspondence received, is included as an attachment to this report.

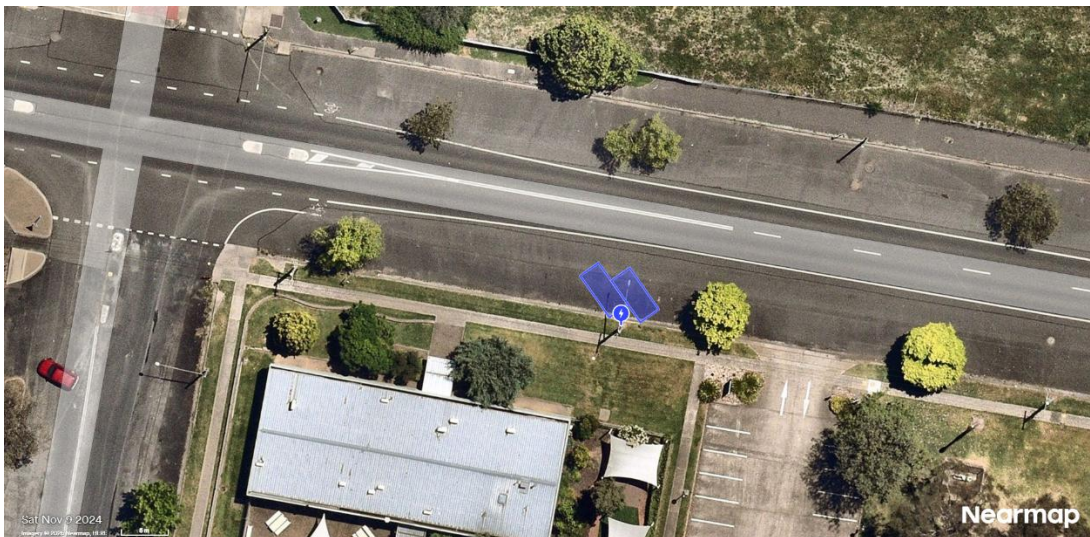
Following consideration of the consultation outcomes, it is recommended that Council proceed with installations at Summer Street East, Prince Street, and Moulder Street, subject to agreement negotiations and final approvals. This would allocate a total of six (6) EV charging spaces, two at each site. While this allocation does not reflect the full scale of EV growth in Orange, it provides valuable support for residents, businesses, and visitors who require access to convenient public charging.

**5.3 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial**

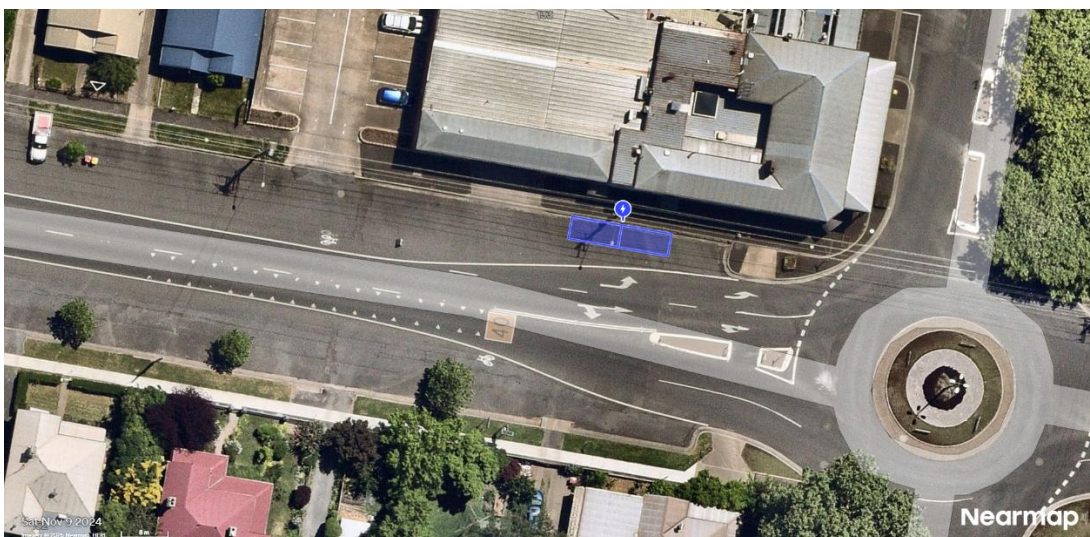
**Figure B – Summer Street East**



**Figure C – Prince Street**



**Figure D – Moulder Street**



**5.3 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial - Engagement Summary Report (Redacted), D26/26795 [↓](#)
- 2 EVX Guidelines, D26/27054 [↓](#)

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**Attachment 1 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial - Engagement Summary Report  
(Redacted)**

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On 10 February 2026, Orange City Council's Manager Building & Environment wrote to owners and occupiers within a 50-metre radius of each proposed EVX pole-mount charger location, inviting feedback on the proposed trial. The comment period closed on Friday 27 February 2026.

**Consultation Summary**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Letters Distributed</b>	<b>Submissions Received</b>
43 William Street	18	1
360 Summer Street	22	1
250 Peisley Street	4	1
133 Lords Place	12	0
10 Prince Street	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3</b>

**Summary of Submissions**

## 43 William Street

- Opposes the charger location due to existing parking shortages affecting surrounding businesses
- Notes overflow parking from Betta Electrical/Officeworks worsens congestion
- Suggests painted angled parking lines to improve parking efficiency
- Supportive of the trial overall, but not at this location

## 360 Summer Street

- No objection to the charger trial, but highlights inadequate street lighting at this location
- Reports repeated vandalism in the area
- Requests Council improve lighting as part of the trial

## 250 Peisley Street

- Opposes the proposed location, citing it is too close to a driveway and often blocked by parked vehicles and heavy vehicle movements
- Raises safety concerns, including large trucks cutting corners and damaging vehicles

The redacted submissions have been attached to this report for the consideration of the Local Traffic Forum.

**Attachment 1 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial - Engagement Summary Report  
(Redacted)**

**Peisley Street Submission**

D26/14847  
F3609-S

All Melissa Maccallum. or Eli Kosman

Referring to Proposed Pole electric vehicle charger

I'm NOT AGAINST charging vehicles however  
the spot you've chosen I feel is in a wrong area

- A) So close to a turning drive way
- B) People park there cars, trucks ect in front of pole
- C) often I see large trucks coming & going to your car park & if one turns sharp quite easily take off the front of a car park & I've seen it happen
- D) I would of thought the pole further down would be better or why not even in the car park itself where the concrete section is at the northern end. or on council side Peisley St,
- E) Aurora People use our driveway to turn to go to the car wash & regularly rip up the road. ect...
- F) IF Area parked cars for charging Do fines apply. IF non charging cars park there?

**Attachment 1 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial - Engagement Summary Report  
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I understand its a trail but I  
feel its the wrong spot to put this  
vehicle charger.

I feel a better spot would be better  
suited. eg in the car park same as  
your council chamber area near usery.

Welcome for a phone call  
if needed.



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**Attachment 1 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial - Engagement Summary Report  
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**Summer Street East Submission**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 February 2026 1:16 PM  
**To:** Sustainability  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Summer Street  
**Attachments:** Orange City Council - [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Eli

Please see response from our landlord at [REDACTED]

After consulting with the [REDACTED] we have agreed that we do not have an objection to the trial per se. But we would be grateful if you would write a brief response to the letter of 10 February noting:

- that the lighting in that part of Summer Street is inadequate;
- that there have been numerous instances of vandalism in that location; and
- asking the Council as part of the trial to consider improving the street lighting in that location.

If you wish to discuss this further please contact me on the number below, or email.

Kind Regards



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**Attachment 1 Pole Mount Electric Vehicle Charger Trial - Engagement Summary Report  
(Redacted)**

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**William Street Submission**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 February 2026 3:14 PM  
**To:** Sustainability  
**Subject:** POLE- MOUNT EV CHARGER TRIAL  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Eli,

Writing in regard to the EV street charging proposal that has been put forth, I consider the idea is a good initiative by OCC as there are more EV on our streets.

However, just in relation to a proposed site on 43 William Street, I strongly suggest this particular part of William Street already has a lack of street parking available.

With many local businesses on this part of William Street, such as Orange Auto Electrics, Western Battery, Mc Signs, Wizard Mechanical, Ideal Air Conditioning, Weeks Mechanical and Johnson Automotive there is not enough street parking at the best of times for staff and customers to adequately park for work or for patronage of our businesses.

There is also an overflow of cars parking onto William Street from the Betta Electrical / Officeworks carpark a lot of the time.

While the idea is terrific, this location will make an already busy area more congested and take away much needed available parking in the street.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Note: could I also suggest for William Street, painted angled parking lines be marked along William Street for clearer designated parking, I notice the way many people park their vehicle which can end up taking up more than one car space by the way they have parked. If this is suggestion could be passed on to relevant people, would be appreciated.

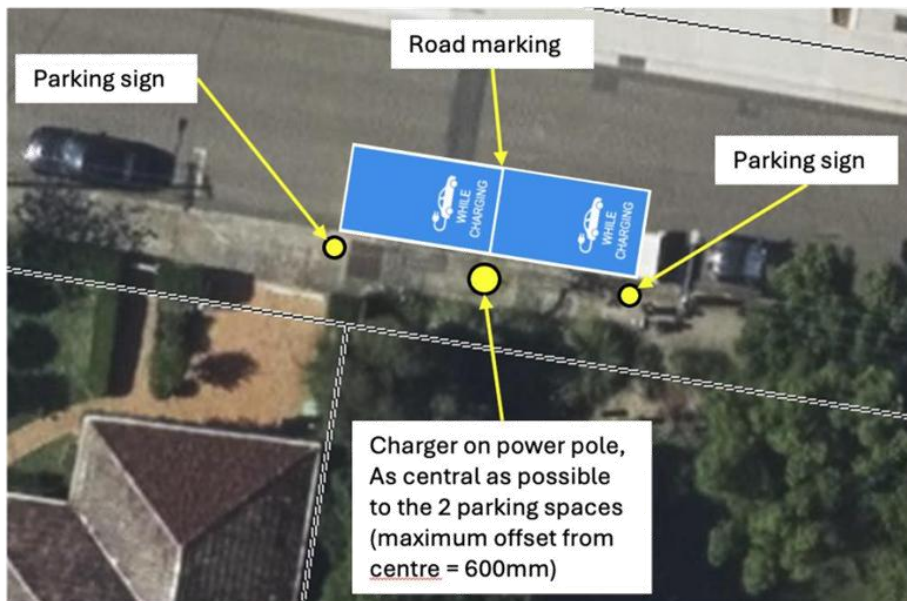
Thank you

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

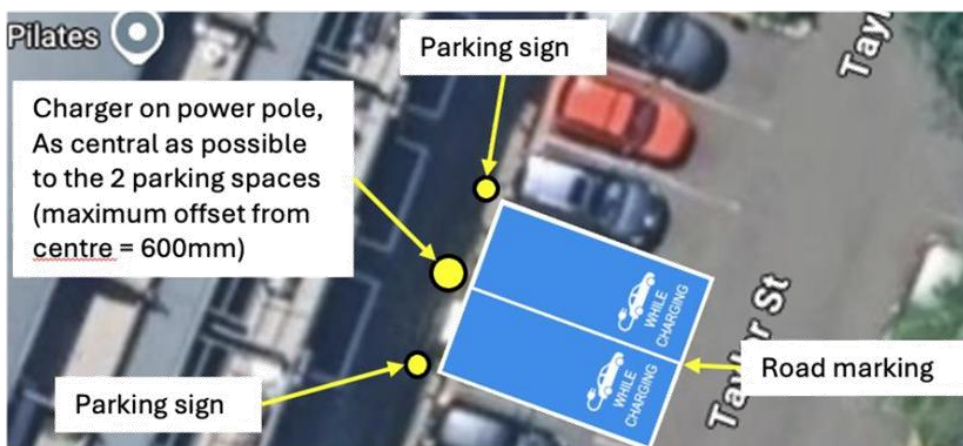


## EVX Guidelines for Parking Signage for EVX Polecharger (twin socket 22kW)

### Site Layout – Parallel Parking



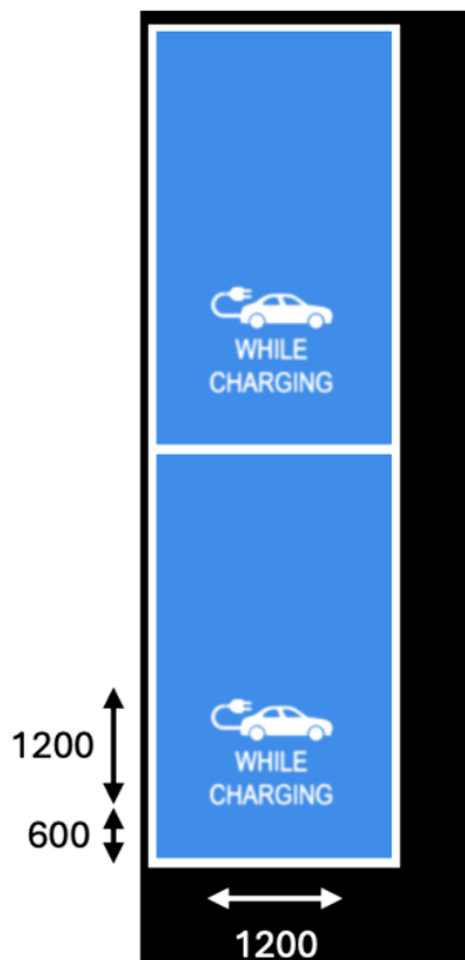
### Site Layout – 90° Parking



## Road Marking

- Full size marking covering the entirety of the 2 parking bays
- Dimensions - refer to 'Standards' section below.
- Preference for blue background with green as a second preference (**colour codes TBC**).
- White stencil of EV logo
- White lines surrounding each bay (width 80mm)

Refer to layout below.



## Parking Signage

The two parking signs shall carry inward-facing signs (arrows pointing inward towards the parking spaces) that allow parking only for an EV, and only while the EV is charging.

Preference is for a parking limit of 4 hours, between the hours of 8am and 8pm, with no time limit operating overnight.

The inward facing signs shall be as per the following figure:



Inward facing signs may also require an indication of whether spaces are metered parking, by inclusion of the word “meter” below the “4P” text.

Outward facing signs may also be required, for example where council requires other parking restrictions to be in place, such as time limits or metered parking.

Notify EVX or council if there are any “rear to kerb” signs - these will need to be removed. Notify Council of any parking issues identified, such as incorrect signage.

Signage height = 450mm.

For NSW, all signage shall meet the Transport for [Transport for NSW requirements for traffic signs](#). For Victoria and South Australia, signage shall meet the relevant state requirements.

## 5.4 Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club House and Museum Project Proposal

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/557

AUTHOR: Melissa Stanford, Acting Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council resolved in July 2025 to in principle, support Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc. for a Museum proposal and to support their investigations into a long term lease of a portion of Crown Land at Sir Jack Brabham Park. This report is to provide the update information and plans undertaken by the Club and Council staff.

### 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

Nil

### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. recommend commencing the process required to amend the Plan of Management from ‘Public Recreation’ to ‘Community Purpose’ for the proposed Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc. Museum portion of land identified in this report at Sir Jack Brabham Park;
2. That the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club provide the required planning proposal together with any additional reports to seek amendment to the Plan of Management; and
3. That the cost for the preparation of reports required to seek the amendment to the Plan of Management be met by the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club.

### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council’s key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	There is a risk that the proposal may not progress as anticipated due to scope, feasibility, resourcing or stakeholder alignment issues.
<b>Financial</b>	There is a potential risk of future financial implications should the proposal progress beyond the discussion stage without identified funding sources.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	There is a risk of community or stakeholder expectation being raised in relation to project delivery outcomes following Council discussion.
<b>Environment</b>	There is minimal environmental risk at this stage; however, environmental impacts would require assessment should the proposal proceed to detailed planning.
<b>Compliance</b>	There is a risk that future stages of the proposal may require compliance with planning, heritage, funding or legislative

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	requirements.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	There is minimal people and WHS risk at this stage; however, risks will need to be managed if site works or public access were proposed.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There is no immediate information technology or cyber security risk identified at this stage.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

At the 15 July 2025 Council meeting it was resolved (25/342) to:

- 1 *To support Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc. for a Museum proposal in principle*
- 2 *To support Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc. to seek ownership or long term lease of a portion of crown land at Jack Brabham Park.*
- 3 *To continue to work with the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc. to identify and investigate alternate sites.*

The proposed area by Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club is part of Crown Reserve 86539 (Lot 1 DP1142713), see image 1 below. Orange City Council is the appointed Crown Land Manager (CLM).

The current purpose of the proposed site is ‘Public Recreation’ and the land is currently used for active recreation and sporting fields. A museum would be permissible under this purpose, however food and drink premises (i.e. a café) and function rooms/conference centre are not permitted under the ‘Public Recreation’ purpose therefore a planning proposal would be required to change the zone on the Plan of Management (PoM) for the Reserve (and planning controls that apply) amending the determination to authorise uses for ‘Community Purpose’. Council as the CLM would also be responsible for ensuring a valid Native Title pathway exists.

Crown Management have advised with an adopted POM over the proposed site, Council could potentially grant a lease under Section 2.19 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

*Image 1 – Proposed site for Gnoo Blas Car Museum*



*Image courtesy Southwell Design - Drafting*

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### Implications of changing categorisation

Staff would need to consider the key implications of amending the categorisation from sportsground (core objectives being Section 36F of the LG Act 1993) to general community use (core objectives being Section 36I of the LG Act 1993).

Primarily, general community use being land that does not fit under the other category. Changing this may signalise a change in direction from Council in relation to the ongoing use for recreation to non-recreational uses, being a risk for Council staff to consider.

The proposed site was also flagged as a possible location for precinct parking for major events, including the staging of the annual Gnoo Blas event which utilises this area for support vehicles and exhibition space (proposed location overlays the darker area of grass below).



### Plan Of Management amendment requirements

To amend the POM as advised by Crown Lands, Council would need to:

1. Prior to public notice, provide the draft to Crown Lands (Section 39 LG Act 1993)
2. Place it on exhibition for a period of 28 days, and allow for no less than 42 days for submissions to be made to Council (Section 38 LG Act 1993),
3. For the purpose of changing the categorisation a public hearing must be held (Section 40A LG Act 1993),
4. Consider submissions, amend or adopt the plan in accordance with Section 40 of the LG Act 1993.

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Gnoo Blas Museum Planning Rationale, D26/39598 [↓](#)
- 2 Gnoo Blas Museum Timing - Plan for Club House and Museum, D26/39597 [↓](#)
- 3 Gnoo Blas Museum Concept Plan, D26/39578 [↓](#)
- 4 Gnoo Blas Museum Architectural Report, D26/39580 [↓](#)



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### GNOO BLAS CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC MUSEUM PROJECT

Orange NSW is a significant Regional City, originally known as Blackmans Swamp a Convict settlement in 1922, later having a name change to Orange in 1829.

Since that time Orange has enjoyed economic and population growth, 100 years after being founded, its status was elevated to that of a City. Orange has a wonderful heritage, rich in many different areas, contributing greatly to the development and history of our nation.

One of the rich histories is the story of the Gnoo Blas Race Track, that encircles what is now known as Sir Jack Brabham Park.

The Gnoo Blas Motor Racing Circuit is a crucial part of Australian motorsport history, that operated from 1953 to 1961. Built as a community project it featured a 3.75 mile track and hosted various events, including the very first Australian Touring Car Championship in 1960. A search of this iconic race track on Wikipedia and other sites will reveal the following comment – “the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club preserves the history of this circuit with an annual car show”.

Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club inc, was formed in 1985, and in 2025 held its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Gnoo Blas Classic Car Show, which celebrated 65 years of Touring Car Racing in Australia, that began at Gnoo Blas Orange in 1960.

Many prominent Australian race car drivers began or had prominent moments in their careers at the Gnoo Blas circuit.

- Sir Jack Brabham, a legend of Australian Motorsport, began his road racing career at Gnoo Blas in 1953, competing in a Cooper 1100. He held the lap record for many years until Jon Leighton and John Youl broke it in 1961.
- Tom Sulman had a notable run at Gnoo Blas, winning five races in April 1953, in a unique single seater.
- Bob Jane, also very well known in Australian Motorsport, competed at Gnoo Blas, firstly in a Jaguar and later in a Maserati
- Stan Jones, another of our prominent drivers, competed often at Gnoo Blas
- David McKay won the inaugural Australian Touring Car Championship at Gnoo Blas in 1960, driving a Jaguar.

Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club has two primary focuses:- –

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**Attachment 1 Gnoo Blas Museum Planning Rationale**

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- 1) One is to preserve the history of Gnoo Blas Race Track, ensuring that generations to come, will understand the importance that this Race Track has not only in Australian Motorsport History, but also in the history and growth of our nation.
- 2) The second focus is to ensure that we support the preservation, history, restoration and maintenance of Motor Vehicles in Australia, and their stories. A 2022 Economic Value study of Australia's Historical Vehicles revealed that there are approximately 970,000 motoring enthusiast-owned vehicles in Australia, that collectively contribute \$9.92b each year to our economy, generating 78,670 jobs across the nation, that equates to \$6.2b in wages and salaries. The study concluded that the Australian Motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicle sector's value-added contribution to GDP is \$11.4b.

Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club has had plans under consideration for more than 20 years, to establish a Museum Facility, to be located in the proximity of the Gnoo Blas Race Track. Orange City Council has been a part of many discussions about this proposal, recognising the importance of importance of the history to this region, and acknowledging the benefits and boost to tourism in this area, that such a development would bring.

Construction of this Museum, sited on land at Sir Jack Brabham Park, land that is surrounded by this iconic race track, would provide the means whereby the members of Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc, by volunteering to manage this facility, contribute to ensuring the history of the Race Track, for generations to come, and by displaying Motor Vehicles and Memorabilia, provide an excellent Tourism drawcard to the region of the Central West.

The facility would of course, also become the home of Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc, and would be utilised by the club members for a variety of Community functions, training events, displays, as well as teaching and encouraging younger generations about motor vehicles in Australia.

Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc – Website [www.gnooblas.com](http://www.gnooblas.com).

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### GNOO BLAS CLASSIC CAR CLUB HOUSE AND MUSEUM PROJECT

#### 2025

- Plan with Orange City Council for the release of a suitable parcel of land within the Gnoo Blas Race Track Circuit as a site for Club Houe and Museum facility.
- Consolidate Building Plans – Confirm Design with Draughtsman and costings
- Encourage Orange City Council to confirm Gnoo Blas Classic as Orange’s Signature Event.
- Commence DA Application process
- Continue to Fund Raise for this Project

#### 2026

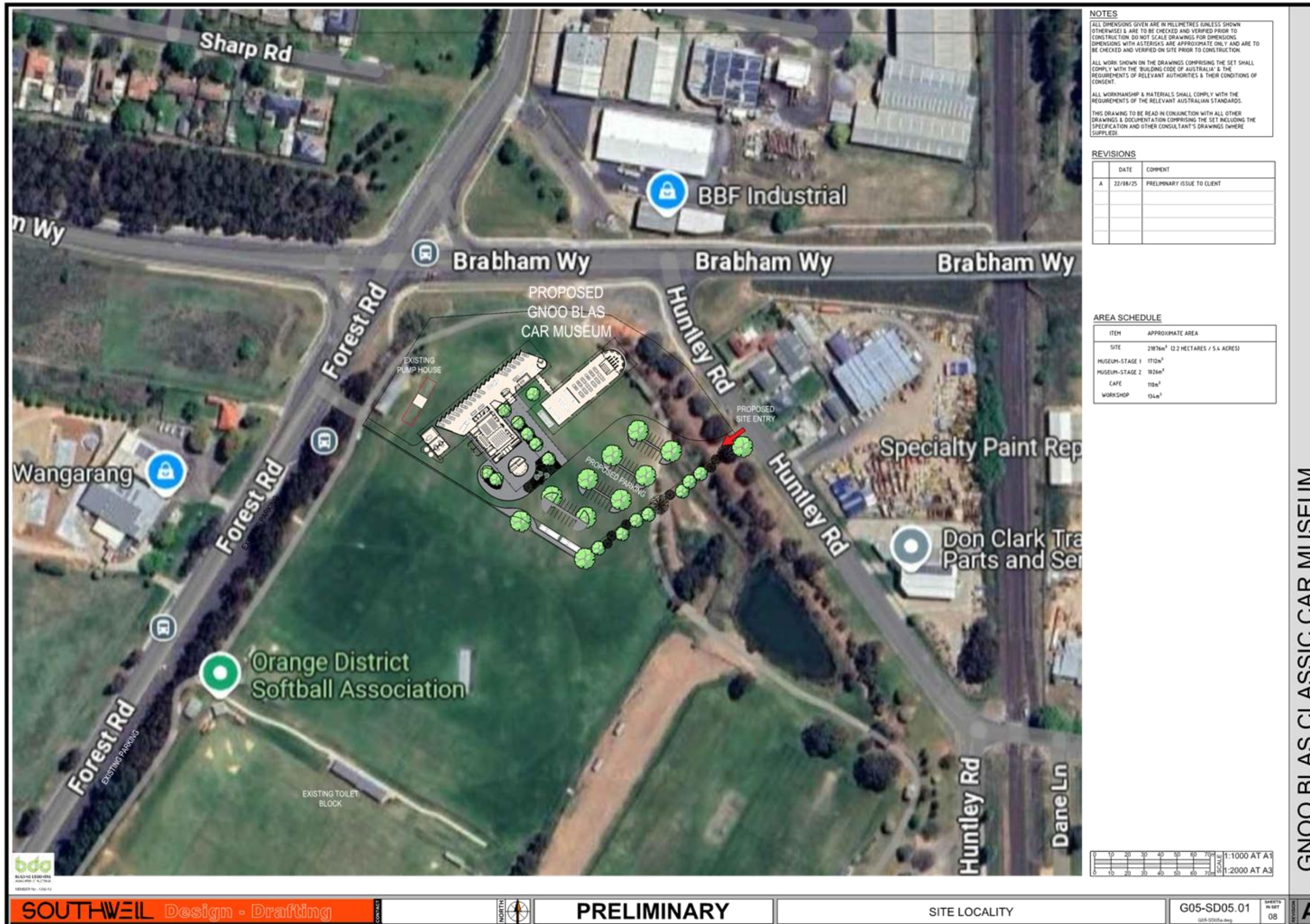
- Apply for appropriate grants, to cover the cost of the building, interior fit out and estimated running costs for the first year.
- Consult with Builders on costs – discuss early plans for Car Club members to contribute labour during construction, to enhance ownership of the facility as well as saving costs.
- Continue Fund Raising for this project
- Pursue DA and other Council requirements

#### 2027

- Confirm preferred Builder and commence construction
- Continue fund raising for this project.
- Invite NSW Premier in advance to Official Opening

#### 2028

- Continue with Build – Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Members to provide voluntary labour under the supervision of selected Building organisation
- Plan for furnishings and equipment required for interior, during construction.
- Plan for Official opening – Extensive Promotion Campaign
- Gnoo Blas Members to provide Volunteers to operate the newest Tourist attraction to the Central West.



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**REVISIONS**

	DATE	COMMENT
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**AREA SCHEDULE**

ITEM	APPROXIMATE AREA
SITE	2876m <sup>2</sup> (2.2 HECTARES / 5.4 ACRES)
MUSEUM-STAGE 1	1712m <sup>2</sup>
MUSEUM-STAGE 2	1026m <sup>2</sup>
CAFE	118m <sup>2</sup>
WORKSHOP	134m <sup>2</sup>



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**PRELIMINARY**

SITE LOCALITY

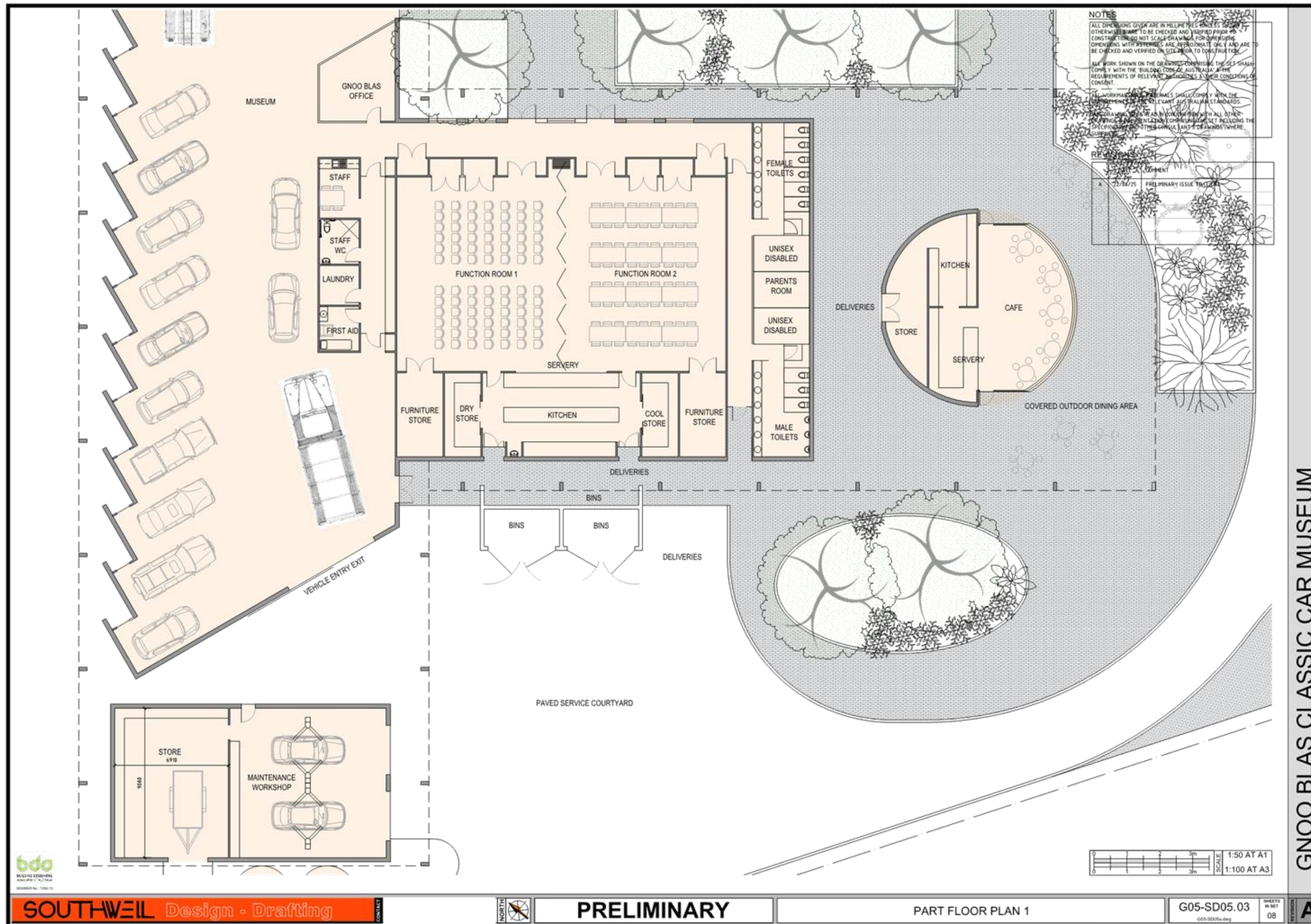
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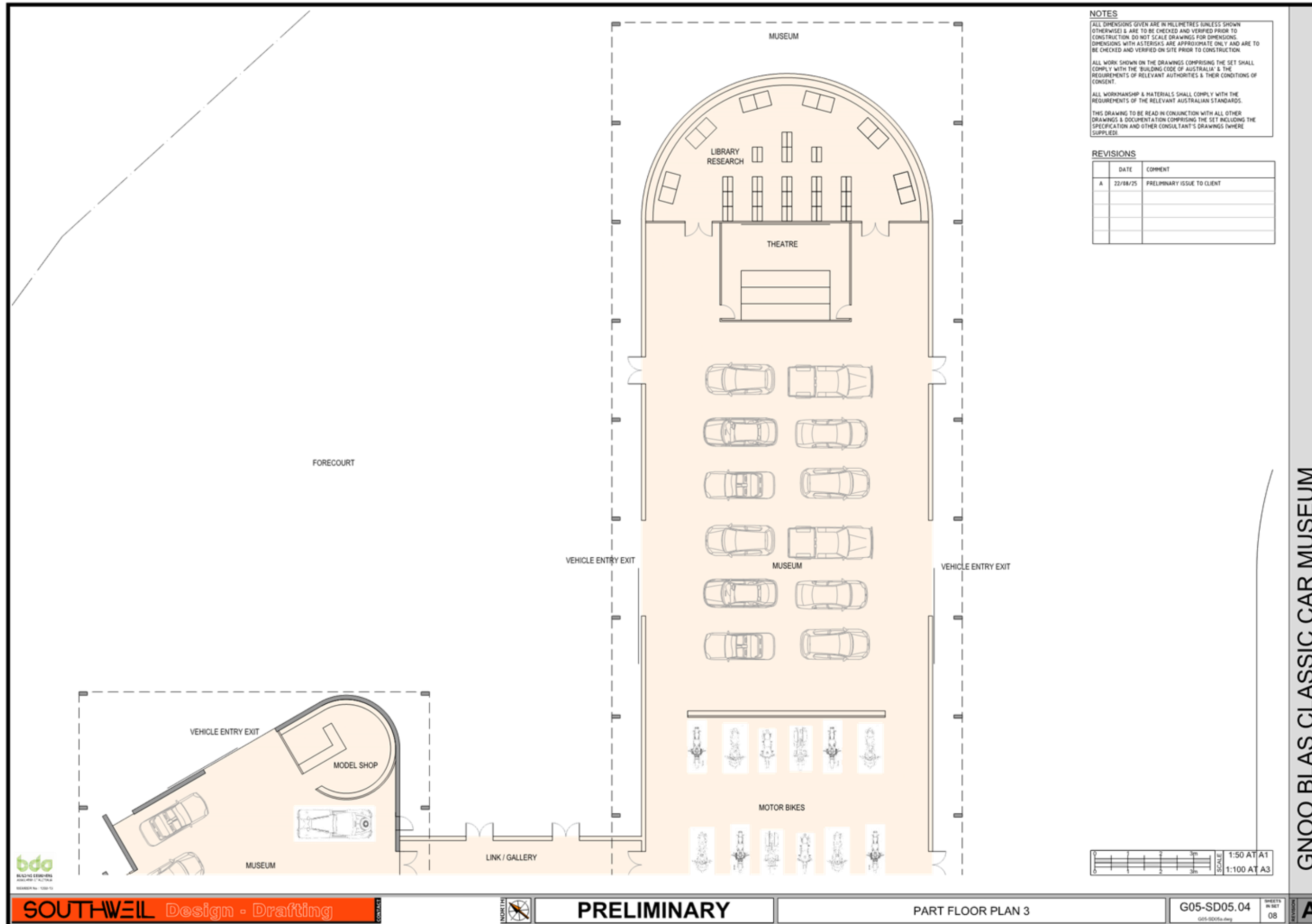
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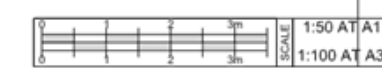
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**REVISIONS**

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**GNOO BLAS CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM**

**SOUTHWELL Design - Drafting**

**PRELIMINARY**

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**ARCHITECTURAL COMMENTARY**

This architectural commentary is provided as a professional review of the design intent and architectural character of the proposed development at Jack Brabham Park and to support the motion to Council to amend the current *Plan of Management* for Jack Brabham Park. These amendments would allow the construction of the proposed Gnoo Blas Classic Car Museum (the Museum). This commentary is based on a review of the Concept Design prepared by Southwell Design and Drafting, dated 22.08.2025. It should be noted that the Concept Design is preliminary and further design development may introduce minor layout revisions, orientation adjustments and consolidation of key components of the design to strengthen the design intent and architectural character of the development. It is not intended to alter the bulk and scale of the development significantly.

The following discussion points reference key design components of the Concept Design and speak to the positive impact the development will have to the immediate and surrounding streetscape, the sporting precinct of Jack Brabham Park and the city of Orange.

**Location and Siting**

The development's siting is significant to the history of the Gnoo Blas racetrack. The proposed location is at 'Wind Sock' corner, an iconic corner due to its advantageous spectating opportunities to view the critical, high-speed braking point on the track. Nowadays, this corner is prominent to traffic users, both local and visiting, due to the recent upgrade and introduction of the Southern Feeder arterial road, Brabham Way. The development intends to emulate the significance of Wind Sock corner by providing a welcoming and accessible development to the southern gateway of Orange and will complement the future Sporting Precinct, visited by local, regional and interstate visitors.



*aerial view, showing the development's location at Wind Sock corner*

**Havenhand & Mather Architects Pty. Ltd.**  
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Director / Nominated Architect  
**Derek F. Moses**  
B.ARCH (Hons), B.App.Sc (Env.Design), M.Planning  
NSW Architect Registration No. 6799



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***Bulk and Scale***

The development's bulk and scale have been carefully considered. Whilst the location of the building components will complement the precinct, the intended building heights, footprints and architectural character will be proportionate in scale to the surrounding streetscape. Whilst the development intends to be an iconic addition to its location; it is not intended to dominate the future Sporting Precinct or residential developments. The facades of the buildings will have human scale and be articulated so as not to have blank, monolithic facades presented to the streetscape.



*view from the Forest Road & Bradham Way intersection*

***Museum – Vehicle displays***

Fronting the Forest Road and Brabham Way intersection the 'body' of the Museum will be the vehicle display areas, flexible spaces showcasing vehicles with historical or racing history along with exhibits that celebrate the local motoring history of Orange and its surrounds. The display areas will be prominent from the intersection and view corridors when travelling past the Museum and will provide a 'window' into the Museum's exhibits. A souvenirs area will also provide the public with the opportunity to take home some memorabilia and historical information relevant to the Gnoo Blas racetrack, Orange's motoring history and other exciting items.



*vehicle displays circled*

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**Museum – Library & Theatre**

Located at the eastern end of one of the display areas, this building component will house a library and theatre space, intended to provide the visiting public with the following experiences:

- Historical literature and photos documenting the Gnoo Bals racetrack and its competitors
- Records of results for the racetrack, along with other associated race events and championships, including local drivers who made it on the national and international stages
- Provide a timeline of the history of Orange’s motoring industry and the participants who contributed to its success, i.e., local business owners, influential citizens, etc.
- Presentations to visitor and community groups, detailing the history of the racetrack, Orange’s motor industry and the impact of Gnoo Blas locally and globally.



library & theatre circled

**Museum – Workshop**

This component is located on the western end of the Museum and is intended to perform several key roles in the operation and use of the development. These include:

- Workshop space housing tools and equipment to mechanically maintain the exhibited vehicles, along with assisting in the restoration of future display items
- Utilised by Schools and TAFE groups for presentations, training and other activities that support and promote community and student learning
- Providing classes and ‘workshops’ for community groups to observe and teach basic skills for car maintenance and repairs
- Utilised by visiting community, sporting groups to provide learning about car maintenance and repairs



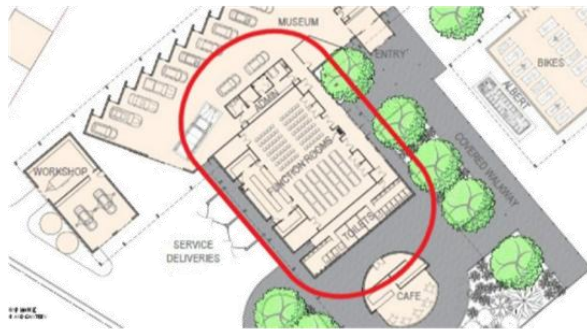
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## ARCHITECTURAL COMMENTARY

**Museum – Function Rooms**

An integral component of the development are the areas dedicated to functions, with the associated Kitchen and Amenities spaces. Whilst these areas will support the Museum overall, it is intended that the function component of the development will:

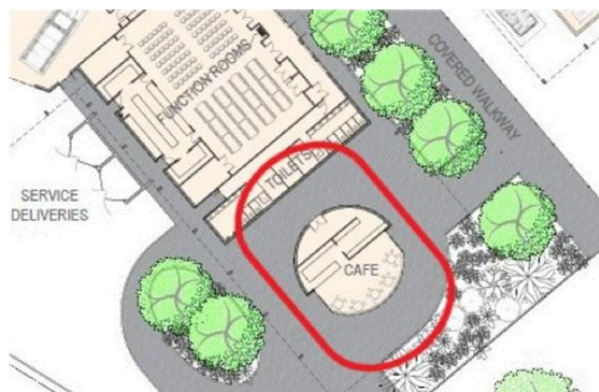
- Provide a dedicated space for Club meetings and functions
- Be utilised by local community and sporting groups for presentation, functions, gatherings, etc.
- Provide spaces for information nights, training seminars (linked with the Workshop) and industry functions, amongst other uses
- Be available to visiting community and sporting clubs for functions, gatherings and engagement functions



*function rooms circled*

**Museum – Café**

Included in the development is a separate Café component, proposed to provide both the Museum and the public with café style food and beverages. The intent is to have the Café available for patronage during Museum opening hours, along with opening times corresponding with sporting events at Jack Brabham Park and the larger Sporting Precinct. Consideration will be afforded to community groups and local businesses that may want to lease this component temporarily or permanently. The interior design intended for the Café would be sympathetic to the Museum core displays (i.e., classic cars) and will represent a time in history where car culture was embraced by community and enthusiasts alike.



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As a third generation Orange resident and having been involved with motorsport and a classic car enthusiast for as long as I can remember, it is a privilege to be involved in what will be a significant addition to the City of Orange, the local and surrounding communities and the classic car community as a whole. I look forward to collaborating with the Club's committee, Council and other stakeholders in developing the design for the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Museum, to fulfil the vision of past members to provide Orange and the region with a meaningful and historically significant addition to the Gnoo Blas precinct and the City as a whole.

Regards,

Greg Schwenke

Havenhand & Mather Architects – engaged Architectural Firm for the design development of the Museum.

**Note: all imagery used in this commentary is courtesy of Southwell Design & Drafting.**



## 5.5 Regis Resources Ltd McPhillamy's Gold Project

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/601

AUTHOR: Nick Redmond, Manager Communications & Engagement

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Orange City Council has a representative on the Regis Resources Ltd. McPhillamy's Gold Mine Community Consultative Committee. The council representative is the author of this report.

The work of the committee is guided by the NSW Government's Department of the Planning and Environment Community consultative committee guidelines for State Significant Projects.

The guidelines contain the following:

*The purpose of the committee is to:*

- *establish good working relationships and encourage the proponent, committee members and other relevant stakeholders to share information*
- *allow the proponent to seek feedback from community representatives, stakeholder groups and councils or respond to project-related matters*
- *give community representatives, stakeholder groups and councils a forum to ask for information or give feedback on a project.*

*Matters that are typically discussed at committee meetings include (but are not limited to):*

- *community concerns and the resolution of community complaints*
- *the implementation of any conditions of approval or consent and management plans*
- *any proposed amendments or modifications to projects*
- *the results of any monitoring, annual reviews or independent audits.*

### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "11.1 Encourage and facilitate inward investment to grow the number of new inbound businesses to the city".

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the report by the Manager of Communications and Engagement and the attached minutes regarding the McPhillamy's Gold Mine Community Consultative Committee are acknowledged.**

### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council's key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Council's membership of the committee can be managed within existing resources.
<b>Financial</b>	No risks identified.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	There are diverse views on this project and publishing the minutes will assist in keeping the community informed.

**5.5 Regis Resources Ltd McPhillamy's Gold Project**

<b>Environment</b>	The environmental impacts of this project have been a significant element identified by the opponent to this project.
<b>Compliance</b>	No risks identified.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	No risks identified.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	No risks identified.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The McPhillamy's Gold Mine Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meets quarterly or as needed if there are developments to the project outside these timeframes.

As listed above a key purpose of the CCC is for "committee members and other relevant stakeholders to share information."

The minutes of the November 2025 and February 2026 meeting are attached.

Also attached is a plan circulated at the February 2026 meeting. Of note on the plan is a shift of the tailings dam to be incorporated into the rock waste dump marked on the map as "Integrated Waste Landform".

This option is a response to the Federal Government's section 10 declaration of protection over part of the site where the tailings dam was to be located which is show in the white hatched area in the north of the attached plan. Regis is also challenging the declaration in the Federal Court.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Regis Site Plan, D26/35381 [↓](#)
- 2 February Minutes, D26/35389 [↓](#)
- 3 November Minutes, D26/35390 [↓](#)

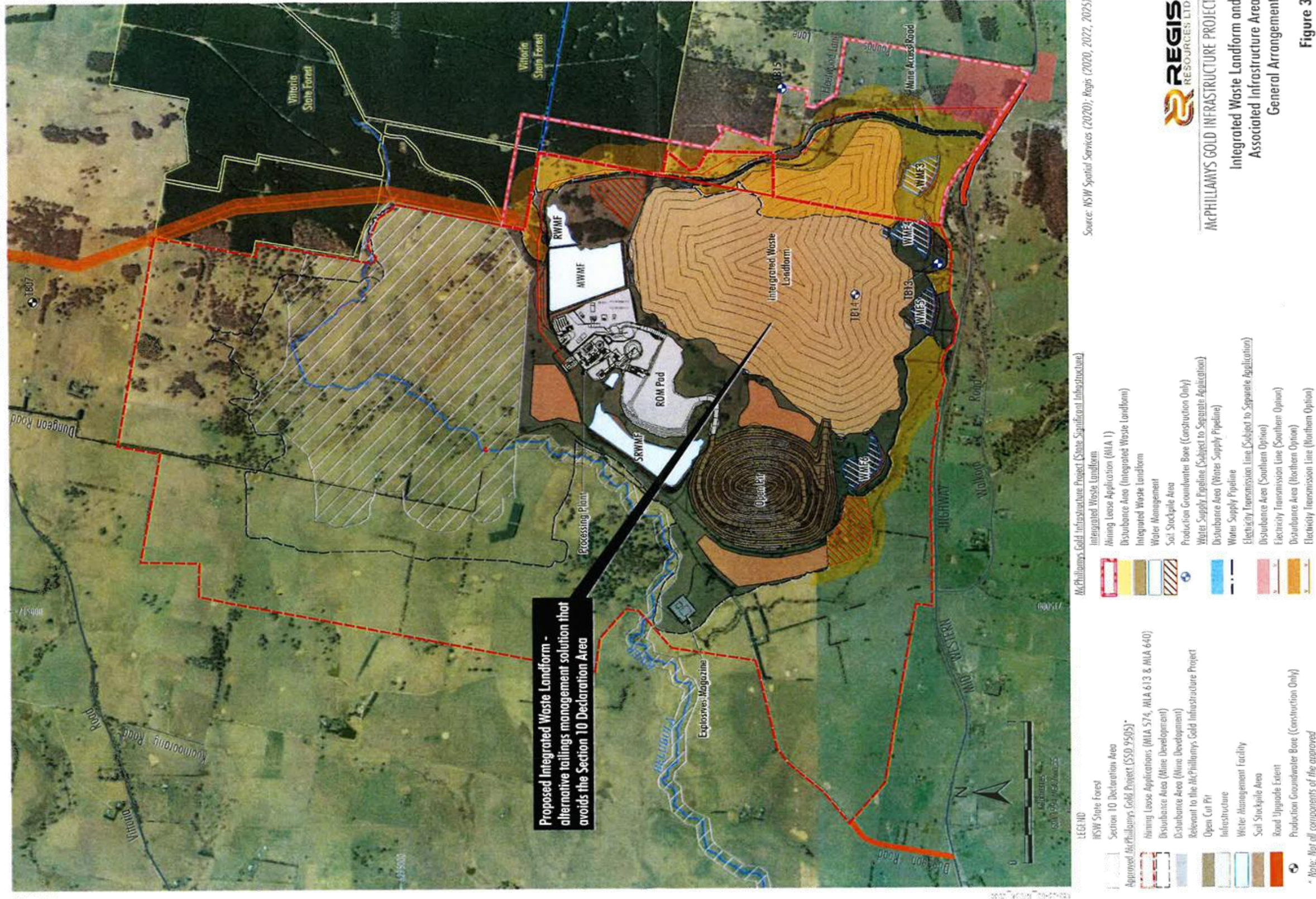


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**McPhillamys Gold Project CCC Minutes**

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #32	
Meeting Date	6pm, Monday 23 February 2026	
Venue	Blayney Shire Community Centre	
Meeting Attendees	<b>David Ross (DR)</b> <b>Jeannine Bryant (JB)</b>	Independent Chair Minute Taker
	<b>Elizabeth Russ (ER)</b> <b>Miles Hedge (MH)</b> <b>Cyril Smith (CS)</b> <b>Rosemary Reid (RR)</b> <b>Daniel Sutton (DS)</b> <b>Jordan Butler (JB)</b> <b>Peter Houston (PH)</b>	Community Representative Community Representative ORWSA Representative Community Representative BHPG Representative Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative
	<b>Bruce Reynolds (BR)</b> <b>Nick Redmond (NR)</b> <b>Robert Taylor (RT)</b>	Blayney Shire Council Orange City Council Bathurst Regional Council
	<b>Wayne Taylor (WT)</b> <b>Danielle Papich (DP)</b>	Regis Resources Regis Resources
Observers	<b>Robert (Bob) Russ (RR)</b>	Community alternate representative
Apologies	<b>Jason Ingham (JI)</b> <b>Matthew Christensen (MC)</b>	Regis Resources Cabonne Shire Council
Next Meeting	6pm, Monday 25 May 2025	

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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Action</b>
Meeting opened	6:00 pm DR welcomed everyone to the first CCC meeting for 2026 and thanked members for their time and commitment to the CCC. DR is hoping to shortly introduce Matthew Christensen (MC) as the new Cabonne Shire Council to CCC members.
1. Apologies	Refer to first page of minutes.
2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests	DR is paid a fee to chair the meeting. JB is paid a fee to that the minutes of the meeting.
3. Business arising from previous minutes	Amendment to previous minutes: amend reference to Robert (Bob) Russ as alternate for Jordan Butler  DP provided information on the IWL (Integrated Waste Landform). SEAR's (Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements) provided before Christmas. WT spoke to Item 9 relating to the provision of copies of slide presentations to CCC members. WT stated that due to internal approvals, which run close to when the meetings take place, he is reluctant to provide copies before meetings take place. He informed CCC members he will return to this request in the future.
4. Previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes endorsed by committee members.
5. Correspondence	Nil
6. Update on project	Refer to overleaf.
7. General Business	Refer overleaf.
8. Next meeting	6.00 pm, Monday 25 May 2026 at Blayney Community Centre
9. Meeting closed	8.00 pm

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	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Due By</b>
1	Book Blayney Community Centre for Monday 25 May 2026	Danielle Papich	Prior to May meeting
2	Draft minutes to be provided to the Chairperson	Jeannine Bryant	Monday 2 March 2026
3	Draft minutes distributed to members by email (including alternates)	David Ross	Monday 9 March 2026
4	Committee members provide any comments on draft minutes to Chairperson.	All committee members	Monday 16 March 2026
5.	Copy of slide presentation to be forwarded to DR for attaching to minutes.	Danielle Papich	Complete
6	Business arising from previous minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correction completed – Robert (Bob)</li> </ul>	Jeannine Bryant	Monday 9 March 2026
7	Post on McPhillamys website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final minutes for 24 November 2025 meeting</li> </ul>	Danielle Papich	Monday 16 March 2026
8	Invite members to submit questions before 25 May 2026 meeting.	David Ross	Monday 2 May 2026
9	Regis to provide information on the current height of the proposed IWL	Danielle Papich / Wayne Taylor	Monday 25 May 2026
10	Regis to provide examples of IWLs used	Danielle Papich / Wayne Taylor	Monday 25 May 2026

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## **6. Update of Project (read with attached slide pack)**

### **ATSIPH Act-Section 10 & Judicial Review**

DP provided a brief update on the progress made on the Judicial Review. Now that the court hearing has been held – in December 2025 – Regis now awaits judgement to be made at an unknown future date.

### **Approvals**

DP reminded members that Regis has lodged three separate scoping reports; namely, for the IWL (Integrated Waste Program), ETL (Electricity Transmission Line) and WSP (Water Supply Pipeline) elements of the Project in November 2025.

The SEARs were issued shortly thereafter, outlining the requirements of the EIS Assessment and the scoping of the specialist studies.

With respect to Commonwealth approvals, Regis have now also lodged three separate EPBC (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act) referral applications. Subsequently, Regis are now waiting for a decision at a Federal level as to whether these are a controlled matter. Based on the documentation, the Federal Government will consider the impacts on special elements such as biodiversity. A decision is anticipated in March this year.

DP continued, observing that while the documents are listed on the EPBC web site, they are not advertised.

DR asked DP if the commencement of the three EIS' needs to be delayed while waiting for the Federal decision to be made?

DP responded that Regis have pre-empted that the Federal Government will decide on a controlled action and therefore, the timeline has not been affected. The EIS' do not need to wait.

### **MGIP – Overview**

DP continued the presentation, talking to the maps that members have previously seen.

BR asked if a preferred route has been determined with respect to the pipeline?

DP stated Regis has confirmed the preferred route and that there have been some changes when compared to the approved route. Changes were required to accommodate landholders and other agencies such as Transport for NSW. A change has also been necessary to a portion in Sunny Corner State Forest after NSW Forestry instigated a deal with a renewable company for a proposed windfarm development there.

BR continued, asking about the southern option for the powerline. Would Regis need to upgrade the 66 kV line? This facilitated a discussion about how Regis' proposal could impact upon energy supply to Blayney.

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WT and DP, collectively, noted that some form of upgrade would be required from Essential Energy. Importantly, it would not impact upon supply to Blayney.

**Key Studies**

DP stated that Regis has commenced preparation of the environmental assessments, including the undertaking of key studies. Several field surveys are underway, including (but not limited to):

- Biodiversity
- Aboriginal Cultural heritage
- Historic Heritage
- Bushfire
- Land contamination

Modelling is underway for larger key studies including (but not limited to) air, noise, ground water and surface water. Extensive engagement is occurring with DPHI (Department Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) and other regulators. Regis committed to undertaking a broader community consultation program over the next few months before finalisation of documentation.

DR asked whether the social impact assessment (SIA) would need to be revised?

DP explained that Regis is completing another SIA, to complement the existing SIA. Square peg is the specialist organisation that is tasked with this.

BR observed that the IWL is getting very close to the highway at Kings Plains. Concerns about noise, dust etc. ER added to this, expressing her deep anger about what is proposed and observing that it will create more of an impact for Kings Plains residents.

DP responded that she understands this and will bring the results of the detailed modelled assessment – air, noise, visual - to future meetings. WT added that, due to Regis collecting baseline data over time, the company will be able to notice any change quickly and then rectify it.

MH asked if Regis is drawing water from bores at the moment? Will they have an impact on ground water?

WT explained that Regis currently has a drill rig installing monitoring bores, which don't extract groundwater and confirmed that no water would be drawn from the bores. DP spoke to the environmental monitoring slide, informing committee members that Regis is installing 18 monitoring bores, which will be used to collect groundwater samples and provide additional baseline data for the project.

JB and MH asked questions regarding the maps presented; namely, did the map show contour lines and was the map to scale?

WT advised that the map is still conceptual and there is a bit of work to do on it.

MH observed that the distance on the map from the pit to his house is different to what he believed it to be.

After WT offered to remeasure the distance, MH responded that he would consider that.

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**Exploration Update**

DP stated that the 2025 exploration drilling program has been extended into January-February 2026 to permit the completion of a few deeper drill holes. WT added that further work may be required, depending on the data recorded.

Rehabilitation is also underway with 11 cut-fill drip pads reshaped and re-seeded. This will involve the use of hydro mulching in to accelerate re-growth.

Gravity geophysical survey completed and data interpretation underway.

DP continued, advising members that drilling is underway on the Kings Plains property "Jirri Jirri", and consultation has commenced. This drilling program will be commencing in early March and will operate Mondays to Fridays, only during day shift hours. No drilling is to take place on weekends or at night. If anyone like to have a chat with Regis, she is happy to do so.

**7. General Business**

BR shared with members that Blayney Council had a good meeting with Federal Environment Minister Watts in late 2025. Items discussed included Council's inability to undertake work on Dungeon Road and bridge works. BR further stated he hoped the court decision would be handed down soon before deciding what to do next.

ER asked is there anything new about the existing proposal?

DP replied it is up to the court if the Section 10 is upheld.

ER stated that the proposed IWL is getting close to Kings Plains residents and I am very anxious about this. She observed how difficult it is continuing not to know what the future holds.

There was then much discussion about the proposed IWL. Members observed that the formation would be very visible and wanted to know how high it would be.

DP replied that it would be higher than the currently proposed formation. She committed to bringing information on the modelled height of the IWL to the next meeting.

In response to a question from BR about planned rehabilitation at the site, DP replied it is part of the EIS requirements. There would be a requirement from the Resources Regulator for a detailed Rehabilitation Strategy and associated plans to be developed and approved well before completion of the IWL. Monitoring against the documentation would then take place.

BR asked if WT and DP could bring examples, preferably videos, to a future meeting of what IWLs look like in practice. He believed that there are examples from across Australia.

DR then moved the discussion on to consider the year ahead, confirming with WT and DP that 2026 will be different for the committee when compared to 2025. Meetings would

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revert to being held quarterly with much anticipated to happen towards the back end of the year as the three EIS' near submission to government.

DS then asked a series of questions. Does Regis have any other avenues for appeal if required?

DP responded that, yes, these include appeals with the Federal and High Courts. There are several ways that this could go, including the Federal Government even appealing. The initial way forward will be dependent on the rationale of the upcoming judgment.

DS then continued, asking if the s10 declaration is overturned, will Regis cease the development of the EIS'?

DP noted that, with respect to the IWL, there would be no change until a clear pathway is established. Nevertheless, Regis would still need to complete the EIS' for the pipeline and ETL. WT reminded members at this point that Regis would still need to go through a redetermination.

With respect to the type of assessment being undertaken, DS asked why are the three EIS proposals been identified as being State Significant Infrastructure?

DP informed that the NSW Planning Minister made this decision with the reasons laid out on the Major Projects website.

DS then asked about how the powerline EIS would consider both options?

DP said that both options would currently need to be assessed. However, if the assessment from the specialist consultants identified a preferred option while the environmental assessment was underway, then the EIS could revert to one option only.

Regarding the pit, DS asked if there would be rehabilitation well into the future?

DP advised that Regis has no intention to fill in the pit after proposed operations cease. A final void is what is proposed.

DS followed up, asking if people could be consulted on the location of the final landform – what it looks like, its shape?

DP said that Regis are always happy for feedback from people and can provide that back to consultants.

DS then asked if baseline monitoring will be made public?

DP informed members that this will be summarised in the EIS'. Furthermore, she told the committee that the EPA is now requiring mines to provide real time monitoring data to be made available publicly when it comes time to start the project.

JB asked about the water model and how many years of data would be collected, thereby factoring in really wet or dry years.

DP confirmed that an extensive dataset would be required, calling on 130 years plus of data. CS added to this, asking if the water modelling would consider trends in, say, whether there are historic data changes over thirty years? Or long term?

Yes, DP said, Regis will certainly look at this. The consultants look into variations.

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At this point in the meeting, DR split members into two groups for approximately 15 minutes to discuss what have been the key takeaways for members out of tonight's discussion. After reconvening, members shared that some of their key takeaways from the discussion included:

- the concerns of residents in Kings Plains that have been raised with respect to dust, noise, rehabilitation. Residents are keen to ensure that this is considered in the EIS';
- groundwater impacts and the need for more information;
- the visual impacts arising from the proposed IWL;
- mental health issues over the last couple of years and whether Regis can consider revising compensation levels as well as the provision of an EAP support program for residents.

### **8. Next Meeting**

DR sincerely thanked members for their time. The next meeting will be held on Monday 25 May 2026.

**Meeting closed at 8.00pm.**

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**McPhillamys Gold Project CCC Minutes**

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #31	
Meeting Date	6pm, Monday 24 November 2025	
Venue	Blayney Shire Community Centre	
Meeting Attendees	<b>David Ross (DR)</b> <b>Jeannine Bryant</b>	Independent Chair Minute Taker
	<b>Elizabeth Russ (ER)</b> <b>Miles Hedge (MH)</b> <b>Cyril Smith (CS)</b> <b>Rosemary Reid (RR)</b> <b>Daniel Sutton (DS)</b> <b>Peter Houston (PH)</b> <b>Jordan Butler (JB)</b>	Community Representative Community Representative ORWSA Representative Community Representative BHPG Representative Community Representative) Community Representative Community Representative
	<b>Wayne Taylor (WT)</b> <b>Jason Ingham (JI)</b> <b>Danielle Wallace (DW)</b>	Regis Resources Regis Resources Regis Resources
Observers	<b>Robert (Bob) Russ (RR)</b>	Alternate community representative
Apologies	<b>Bruce Reynolds (BR)</b> <b>Robert Taylor (RT)</b> <b>Nick Redmond (NR)</b>	Blayney Shire Council Bathurst Regional Council Orange City Council
Next Meeting	6pm, Monday, 23 February 2026	

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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Action</b>
Meeting opened	6:00 pm DR welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the year. DR advised Heather Nicholls has retired from Cabonne Shire Council. Matthew Christensen will be Council's new representative. DR also welcomed DW back from maternity Leave. DW advised that Jason Desmond has finished his contract with Regis.
1. Apologies	Refer to first page of minutes.
2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests	DR is paid a fee to chair the meeting. JB is paid a fee to take the minutes of the meeting.
3. Business arising from previous minutes	Nil.
4. Previous meeting	Previous minutes endorsed by committee.
5. Correspondence	Nil
6. Update on Project	See overleaf.
7. Next meeting	6pm, Monday 23 February 2026 at Blayney Community Centre
8. Meeting closed	7.35 pm

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	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Due By</b>
1	Book Blayney Community Centre for Monday 23 February 2026.	DW	
2	Draft minutes to be provided to the Chairperson	Jeannine Bryant	Friday 28 November 2025
3	Draft minutes distributed to members by email (including alternates)	David Ross	Monday, 1 December 2025
4	Committee members provide any comments on draft November minutes to Chairperson.	All committee members	Monday, 8 December 2025
5	Post on McPhillamy's website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final minutes for 24 November 2025 meeting.</li> </ul>	Danielle Wallace	Monday, 15 December 2025
6	Provide link for IWL, ETL and water supply pipeline to CCC members.	Danielle Wallace	Monday, 1 December 2025
7	Provide SEARS to DR for distribution	Danielle Wallace	Once available
8	Members to submit any agenda items they want to be included into the agenda.	All committee members	Monday, 16 February 2026
9	Consider providing advanced copies of meeting presentations to members.	Regis	Monday 23 February 2026
10	Bring larger hard copies of maps to next meeting.	Regis	Monday 23 February 2026
11	Provide information on the emplacement of filtered tailings and waste rock in the IWL	Danielle Wallace	Monday 23 February 202

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## **6. Update of Project (read with attached slide pack)**

DW commenced the Project update reminding CCC members about the Section 10 Declaration and, the formal legal proceedings in the Federal Court. Judicial Hearing date set for 10-12 December 2025. McPhillamy's will provide an update at the February meeting, if available.

### **State Significant Infrastructure Declaration-(SSI)**

DW stated that in September 2025, the NSW Government designated key infrastructure components of the project as State Significant Infrastructure (SSI). This establishes a planning approval pathway for project infrastructure impacted by external factors, including the Integrated Waste Landform (IWL), Electricity Transmission Line (ETL) and Water Supply Pipeline (WSP).

DW then walked members through a series of maps (slides 8 – 10) to provide a sense of where the various infrastructure options are proposed to be located (available in the CCC slide deck).

The sites and their footprint are currently conceptual in nature and may be subject to change.

MH asked where does the excess water go?

WT replied that, should the IWL go ahead, most of the water would be removed from the processed ore in the IWL compared to the tailings dam. There would be a lot less moisture and would be mixed with waste rock. WT stated this physical process is similar to what happens to the copper concentrate at Cadia's filtration plant prior to being railed to port for export.

JB asked why was this not part of the original mine design?

WT replied that the IWL would be more costly than the development of a tailings dam, more complex from a schedule perspective and would require a larger footprint. DW also reminded members that the powerline (one option for a line coming in from the north and an option for a line coming in from the south) and pipeline were always part of the wider project.

DW continued, adding that the pipeline route has required revisiting at the local level due to, for example, farm planning requiring some repositioning as well as requests due to the proposed construction of the Sunny Corner Wind Farm.

MH asked what is planned if the court case does not go Regis' way.

DW replied that new approvals would be required, implementing all three of the SSI infrastructure components.

The members were informed by DW that each of the SSI component infrastructure would have its own EIS although the intention is to submit them at the same time. However, separate EIS' would provide flexibility should one component experience delays. Furthermore, it will help to facilitate end of life benefits from each component infrastructure – such as how the pipeline could be called on to distribute water in drought - be packaged separately. Three different approvals are better.

### **Scoping Report**

The three scoping reports were lodged on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Copies of the scoping reports are available on the Major Projects website:

Integrated Waste Landform - <https://bit.ly/48kQ38w>

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Electricity Transmission Line - <https://bit.ly/3K3GIQ1>

Water Supply Pipeline - <https://bit.ly/4rth6Y3>

DW further advised that she could provide hard copies if CCC members wanted them.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) is currently preparing Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for each of the three components. The SEARs will outline the requirements for the EIS assessments and will help inform the scoping of the specialist studies.

**Action:** DW to provide DR with the three SEARs once available.

### **Exploration Drilling Program**

DW advised that drilling commenced in July on site. A total of 5,500m has been diamond drilled with 1,500m remaining. Processing, logging and sample is ongoing and will continue into new year. Some of the processes employed by Regis are to be used by the Resources Regulator as a case study.

### **Further Exploration Activities**

Regis are currently undertaking a ground gravity survey across Regis owned land. This is a form of remote sensing that doesn't require any ground disturbance. An additional program primarily on the Kings Plains land owned by Regis is being considered for February 2026. Consultation with residents is likely to commence in the new year.

DR, observing that community members will have Christmas and then summer holidays coming up, asked DW whether the community would be given plenty of notice before any consultation took place. DW confirmed that would be the case.

### **Environmental Monitoring**

DW advised Regis is currently installing new air quality monitors on Regis-owned land in Kings Plains. The new monitoring stations will collect additional background data.

MH asked if monitoring is taking place north or south of the highway?

DW replied on the southern side of the highway, on land owned by Regis. In response to a request from ER to clarify the location, WT replied it is on the "old Vidler" property.

### **Community**

Jl advised that the budget for 2025 donations is larger than that for last year. Regis have supported Blayney United Hospital Auxiliary group, Blayney Little Athletics, Kings Plains Rural Fire Service, Blayney Rotary, Neville Public School, Neville Show Society, Blayney Public School, to name a few.

The project update was recently sent to Regis' email distribution list. In addition, the community has been informed of the SSI declaration by means of letter box delivery to landholders within 3 km radius for the proposed IWL layout. Finally, phone calls have been made to Kings Plains landholders regarding the current drilling program.

As always Regis is open to feedback or suggestions on how they can communicate more effectively.

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### **2025 Wrap Up**

WT thanked the CCC for their interest and time attending meetings this year and wished everyone a happy festive season. The Regis Team looks forward to working with everyone in the new year.

CS appreciated being able to get a copy of the slides but asked if copies could be supplied to CCC members before meetings took place.

**Action:** Regis to consider providing advanced copies of meeting presentations to members.

### **7. General Business**

DW advised that Regis is unsure on when the Section 10 judicial review court decision will be handed down. It is hoped a decision would be made by March 2026.

MH observed that he believes that the second proposal will create more dust and more drilling for local residents. Proposed layout would result in drilling coming closer to Kings Plains, he stated.

DS asked about why the entry driveway may have to be moved?

DW responded that it may be required due to the footprint of the proposed IWL as well as the potential ramifications of the proposed southern option for the transmission line. DW noted that the footprint of the proposed IWL is conceptual at present; the size may change once specialist studies inform Regis better of what is feasible.

DS asked if Regis is purchasing any more land.

JI said that no additional land is being purchased presently.

In respect to a discussion led by DS about the IWL, DW said that it would be higher than the tailings dam. However, the topography would have micro reliefs incorporated into the constructions and therefore, be more natural in appearance. From the road, it would be higher but would be more sloped back in comparison with the tailings dam. Regis commits to consulting further about this with the CCC in the new year.

ER believed that the bank (IWL) would be more aesthetically pleasing.

DS asked if the new waste landform would allow for waste from other satellite mines?

DW replied that no, this proposal is for McPhillamys only and has no considerations or provisions for other potential projects.

DS asked what is the small red area over the Belubula River in the map within the section 10 area?

DW responded that, in relation to the small mining lease area, this was a small area of land that was subject to a Right to Negotiate native title process as part of the mining lease application process. She continued that there have been no native title claimants associated with the existing mining lease application areas, and so Regis are able to proceed under a smaller separate mining lease, noting that additional leases may be required for the modified project.

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DS - How will the tailings be mixed with the waste rock? How is that material emplaced in the IWL?  
What is the methodology?

DW responded that there are several approaches to co-disposal – this question was taken on notice  
(see **Appendix 1 for further detail**).

DS questioned DW and JI about what the preferred way forward is?

DW - Regis are hoping to get a judgment in the company's favour. She then walked members through the SSI approvals process. Essentially, the process would be the same as that for the state significant development process except the final consent authority is the NSW Minister. Irrespective of the number of EIS' that could be submitted to DPHI in the future, each of those would go on public exhibition. Regis, as the usual case, would be obliged to respond to all submissions before DPHI undertakes an assessment report. What would differ through the SSI approvals process is that the Independent Planning Commission would play no part. It was reiterated that the IWL would be more expensive to construct than the tailings dam.

JB asked if there would be three rounds of community consultation, potentially, for the proposals?

DW stated that, as there would be anticipated to be different issues to deal with for each SSI proposal, then separate consultation meetings may be required.

DS – With respect to the IWL, what is the impact of using that option? You stated that the output wouldn't be as wet?

DW – that is correct. The end output is more "cakey" as the water is pressed out during the process. It is not completely dry but has a reduced moisture content, it becomes like a damp soil. It is then mixed with waste rock (co-disposal).

**Action:** DW to provide information on the emplacement of filtered tailings and waste rock in the IWL.

DS asked what is 'sterilization drilling', which is currently being conducted?

DW clarified that it's a drilling program to determine what potential ore or resource is the area being drilled. It is being conducted to ensure there is no resource of value within those areas which are proposed to become covered by infrastructure and the new waste landform.

DS continued, asking will the new proposal change the productivity or output projections in terms of quantity or timeline?

DW noted that it's not expected to.

DS - Has McPhillamys sold any properties?

JI replied no.

### **Next Meeting**

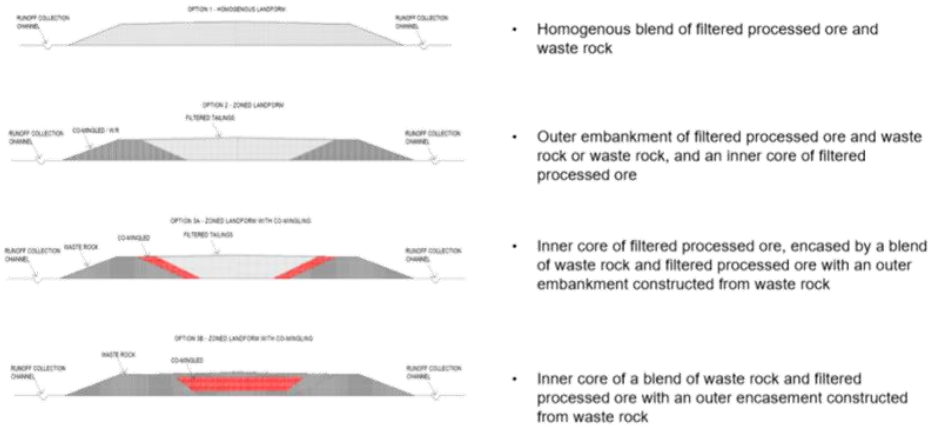
The next meeting will be held on Monday 23 February 2026. DR expressed his appreciation to members on the way that they conduct themselves at CCC meetings and further wished everyone a happy and relaxing Christmas.

**Meeting closed at 7.35 pm**

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**Appendix 1. Information provided post-meeting on IWL**

**Integrated Waste Landform – Variations on a Theme**



*For the co-disposal areas within the IWL, Regis is looking at layers of inter-mixed truck dumps of filtered material and waste rock, which would then be dozed flat and compacted. Regis may also employ some of the alternative approaches in discrete areas of the IWL. This will be dealt with in more detail within the technical study that will accompany the EIS submission for the IWL SSI.*

## 5.6 Responses to Questions Taken on Notice

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/314

AUTHOR: Nicole Wright, Governance Lead

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides responses below to Questions Taken on Notice at the Council meeting held 17 March 2026.

### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “15.1 Provide representative, responsible and accountable community governance”.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the information contained in the report on responses to Questions Taken on Notice be acknowledged.**

### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation of this report has been assessed against Council’s key risk categories and the following comments are provided:

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Delayed or incomplete responses may impact community confidence in Council’s service or project delivery.
<b>Financial</b>	Misinterpreted or inaccurate responses could lead to financial commitments or liabilities.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Public or political reaction may arise from perceived evasiveness or inadequate transparency in responses.
<b>Environment</b>	Responses that overlook environmental implications may lead to reputational or regulatory risks.
<b>Compliance</b>	Failure to address statutory or policy-related questions accurately may result in non-compliance.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	Responses involving staff actions or incidents may expose Council to WHS scrutiny or legal risk.
<b>Information Security      Technology/ Cyber</b>	Disclosure of sensitive or unverified information may pose data security or privacy risks.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### CCL 17 MARCH 2026

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE              Cr T Greenhalgh**

**Cr Greenhalgh requested a report at the next Council Meeting on the homelessness forum held by Housing Plus on 8 March 2026.**

## 5.6 Responses to Questions Taken on Notice

The Western NSW Mental Health, Housing and Homelessness Forum was held on 8 March 2026 and was attended by Council’s Community Development Coordinator. The forum provided information about specific initiatives in NSW [Housing and Mental Health Agreement \(HMHA\)](#), designed to connect people with stable housing and mental health care. Approximately 180 people from across the Central West attended the forum. Topics presented at the forum included:

- The role Housing Plus and Plus Community plays within community in relation to DV – explanation of their services and the Orchid (crisis accommodation)
- Housing NSW and their role in managing mental health and homelessness - understanding the link between both and providing crisis management
- Lived experiences – people described the hardships of trying to get housing when they have diagnosed and undiagnosed mental health challenges.
- A lot of discussions on the link between mental health and homelessness. Agencies now recognise that this is a major factor to people not being able to gain housing or lose their tenancy because of mental health. Both Housing and Community Plus are now addressing this issue.

### **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE            Cr T Mileto**

**Cr Mileto requested Council write to the NSW Department of Health seeking clarification on the arrangements for finding suitable housing for the O’Brien Centre.**

Council have written to NSW Department of Health.

### **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE            Cr M McDonell**

**Cr McDonell asked that Council receive a report on the increased in tree planting since the implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy compared to planting numbers prior to the strategy.**

Greening Orange – Our Urban Forest Strategy was adopted in August 2024.

Below is a table of street tree planting undertaken over the past five years. Our street tree planting program is compiled of:

- New street trees funded by Council
- Developer contribution funded new street trees in new residential subdivisions

Year	Tree qty
2022	292
2023	315
2024	477
2025	440
2026	344

Whilst tree numbers were up in 2024 and 2025 these are due to the increase in new residential areas of Shiralee and North Orange. In 2022 Council invested in additional tree planting projects, not accounted for in the above figures which included Webb Street planting 60 trees, Orange Botanic Gardens (Hill Street frontage) 70 and the Southern Feeder Road (Brabham Way) where 192 trees were planted. An additional 322 trees.

**5.6 Responses to Questions Taken on Notice**

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE                      Cr M McDonell**

**Cr McDonell asked that Council be provided an update on where the most recent LEP amendments are up to with the State Government, noting that there had been a holdup with processing.**

All current planning proposals have received Gateway Determinations. The reclassification amendment is with the Department for finalisation. Council staff are preparing the post exhibition report for the rural boundary adjustment and working through the conditions of the gateway determination for the housekeeping amendment prior to proceeding to public exhibition.

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE                      Cr M McDonell**

**Cr McDonell asked that an update be provided on the review of the Development Control Plan (DCP) and when it is expected to be presented to Council.**

Due to the departure of the Senior Strategic Planner, who was the primary project lead for this body of work, a status review of the Document and its associated chapters is being undertaken. This will ensure continuity, accuracy, and proper governance. A detailed response will then be provided to Council at the next scheduled meeting.

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE                      Cr M McDonell**

**Cr McDonell asked staff to provide a reason as to why the Orange Local Housing Strategy adopted by Council in 2022 was not provided to the State Government for endorsement until last year.**

Council staff requested the endorsement of the Local Housing Strategy post adoption in June 2022. The Department advised Council staff that they were no longer in the position to endorse the strategy. This was continually raised as an issue in meetings held with the department, and staff were made aware this position had changed in May 2025.

Council staff requested the endorsement. Council staff received formal correspondence from the Department in December 2025 of the endorsement.

**ONGOING FROM 17 MARCH 2026**

The below is information provided at the council meeting 17 March 2026, which did not answer the questions to the level of satisfaction required by the Councillors and as such, has been included in this report.

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE                      Cr M McDonell**

**Cr McDonell asked for additional details on how money has been spent and what remains from the Affordable Housing Strategy Budget.**

There is no specific Affordable Housing Strategy budget. Like with many of the major strategic planning documents we have, they are produced in house. Sometimes we utilise contractors for specific parts (like HillPDA for conducting the statistical housing needs review), but then we pull this together with our inhouse Strategic Planning staff to ensure the end result best suits our City. We have a general/modest strategic planning budget and use this sparingly and based on priorities.

**5.6 Responses to Questions Taken on Notice**

**Cr McDonnell has asked for exactly how much money from the budget has been spent, what it has been spent on and how much money is remaining.**

Information provided in Councillors Notice of Motion on the same subject matter.

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE                      Cr M McDonell**

**Cr McDonnell requested that a fact sheet be created to inform residents on the requirements of building a secondary dwelling on their property.**

Fact Sheet being developed. It will be similar in nature to the two to three page summaries provided by other Councils in NSW.

Penrith: [Fact Sheet](#)

Richmond: [Fact Sheet](#)

The fact sheet will be completed by Mid-April.

## 6 CLOSED MEETING - SEE CLOSED AGENDA

The Chief Executive Officer will advise the Council if any written submissions have been received relating to any item advertised for consideration by a closed meeting of Orange City Council.

The Mayor will extend an invitation to any member of the public present at the meeting to make a representation to Council as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### 6.1 2026 National General Assembly - Request Nominations for Councillor Attendance

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

#### 6.2 2026 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference - Request Nominations for Councillor Attendance

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

#### 6.3 Propose Easement - Council Owned Land - Lot 1 DP 995733

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

#### 6.4 Extension of Tender - Provision of Legal Services

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

#### 6.5 Submission Redaction Report 7 April 2026

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.



**6.1 2026 National General Assembly - Request Nominations for Councillor Attendance**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/274

AUTHOR: Catherine Davis, Executive Support Manager

**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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**6.2 2026 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference - Request Nominations for Councillor Attendance**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/513

AUTHOR: Catherine Davis, Executive Support Manager

**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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**6.3 Propose Easement - Council Owned Land - Lot 1 DP 995733**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/534

AUTHOR: Shirley Hyde, Legal &amp; Property Lead

**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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**6.4 Extension of Tender - Provision of Legal Services**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/543

AUTHOR: Shirley Hyde, Legal &amp; Property Lead

**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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**6.5 Submission Redaction Report 7 April 2026**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/350

AUTHOR: Nicole Wright, Governance Lead

**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

**7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING**