



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 7 APRIL 2026
COMMENCING AT 6.02PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Director Development Services (Arnold), Acting Director Technical Services (Davis), Governance Lead (Wright), Governance Officer (Allan), Risk Lead (Robinson), Manager Development Assessment (Johnston), Senior Strategic Planner (Mariot), Communications Lead (Townsend)

1.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED - 26/137

Cr J Whitton/Cr M McDonell

That the apologies be accepted from Cr S Peterson and that Council grant them a leave of absence from the Council Meeting of Orange City Council on 7 April 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

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

Cr T Mileto (Mayor) declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in Item 5.4 – Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club House and Museum Project Proposal, as he is a member of the club.

Cr Greenhalgh declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in PDC Item 2.5 – Development Application DA464/2025(1) 32 Perc Griffith Way as a person that was on her electoral ticket is member of GBOTA.

Cr Judge declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in PDC Item 2.2 – Development Application DA362/2008(2) 16 Carwoola and PDC Item 2.3 – Development Application DA421/2015(4) 20 Carwoola as he lives nearby.

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in PDC Item 2.2 – Development Application DA362/2008(2) 16 Carwoola and PDC Item 2.3 – Development Application DA421/2015(4) 20 Carwoola as her family owns the properties.

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in PDC Item 2.5 - Development Application DA464/2025(1) 32 Perc Griffith Way as she received a donation from a member of GBOTA.

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in PDC item 2.4 – Development Application DA298/2025(1) as he is a member of an organisation that made a submission for this application.

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in PDC Item 2.5 – Development Application DA464/2025(1) 32 Perc Griffith Way as his partner made a submission for this application.

Cr Power declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in FPC Item 2.1 – 2(b) – Small Donations – Requests for Donations as he is a mentor for the program.

Cr Whitton declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in FPC Item 2.1 – 2(a) – Small Donations – Requests for Donations as OCTEC is sponsor of the Orange Netball Association and he is the Chairman of OCTEC.

Cr Whitton declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in Item 5.5 - Regis Resources Ltd McPhillamy's Gold Project as he is a consultant for the mine.

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM AT 6.10PM

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

- Bob Nash – Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club

Cr Greenhalgh & Cr Kinghorne left the meeting with the time being 6.14pm

PDC Item 2.5 Development Application DA 464/2025(1) - Report to Western Regional Planning Panel - 32 Perc Griffith Way

- Nick King – Environmentally Concerned Citizens of
- Helen Johnstone
- Neil Jones – Orange Greyhound Task Force

- Rosemary Elkington
- Russell Roberts
- Professor Robert Meyernn
- Kylie Field - Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds (Online)
- Lisa White – Friends of the Hound (Online)
- Lisa J Ryan – Animal Liberation (Online) (Unable to turn on video, participation was refused)

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 6.53PM

Cr Greenhalgh and Cr Kinghorne returned to the meeting with the time being 6.53pm

2 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED - 26/138****Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

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 record of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 17 March 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

Cr Duffy asked why an article in the Central Western Daily reported that Council paid Orange 360 \$1.4million for one year.

The Director Corporate and Commercial Services responded that the article is incorrect and that the payment referenced was for a 3 year contract.

RESOLVED - 26/139**Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard**

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 record of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 31 March 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT 6.57PM

Cr Judge left during the Finance Policy Committee with the time being 8.06pm, and did not return

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED AT 8.22pm**RESOLVED - 26/162****Cr T Mileto/Cr K Duffy**

That Item 5.4 – Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club House and Museum Project Proposal be brought forward and heard as the next item.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

5.4 GNOO BLAS CLASSIC CAR CLUB HOUSE AND MUSEUM PROJECT PROPOSAL

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/557

RESOLVED - 26/163**Cr D Mallard/Cr J Whitton**

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.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

Cr Stedman asked what the plan is to replace the cricket field at Jack Brabam Park.

The Chief Executive Officer responded this will be investigated and considered as it relates to the planning proposal.

4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION**4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - WITHHOLDING TAX FROM COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/613

RESOLVED - 26/164**Cr M McDonell/Cr J Stedman**

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.

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

Against: Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor)

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr F Kinghorne**

Cr Kinghorne requested that the report regarding withholding tax from Councillor remuneration investigate and include considerations and applicability for a variety of individual financial circumstances.

4.2 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY FUNDING ALLOCATION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/615

RESOLVED - 26/165**Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

That Council acknowledge the responses provided to the below Question with Notice:

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?

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

Cr McDonnell asked for clarification as to whether the money allocated to Affordable Housing Strategy from 2022/2023 been rolled over to subsequent years.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he was unable to find the money in budgets from 2022/2023 onwards.

5 GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 ABORTION SERVICES UPDATE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/587

RESOLVED - 26/166**Cr G Power/Cr J Stedman**

That Council acknowledge the updated information provided in this report.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

5.2 WOODWARD STREET DRIVEWAY - 26 WOODWARD STREET

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/590

RESOLVED - 26/167**Cr D Mallard/Cr F Kinghorne**

That Council proceed with the driveway modification at 26 Woodward Street as requested by the resident.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

Cr Stedman asked if Council are responsible for the full cost of the driveway modification.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that Council would take on the full cost, as configuration and linemarking changes compromised the parking lane.

5.3 POLE MOUNT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER TRIAL

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/449

RESOLVED - 26/168**Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

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.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr F Kinghorne**

Cr Kinghorne asked for information on the consultation undertaken for the Moulder Street location for the Electric Vehicle Pole Chargers.

Item 5.4 - Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club House and Museum Project Proposal - was moved to another part of this document.

5.5 REGIS RESOURCES LTD MCPHILLAMY'S GOLD PROJECT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/601

Cr Whitton declared a Significant Pecuniary interest in this Item as he is a consultant for the mine, left the meeting with the time being 8.58pm and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 26/169**Cr G Power/Cr F Kinghorne**

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.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge, Cr J Whitton

Cr Whitton returned to the meeting with the time being 9.00pm

5.6 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/314

RESOLVED - 26/170**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 K Duffy, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell would like further information regarding tree planting - the number of replacement trees planted (not only new) and how many tree planting projects and results since the last reporting in 2022 report.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr M McDonell**

Cr McDonell asked for clarity on why it took so long for the Department of Housing to endorse the Local Housing Strategy, and why advice was given that they were unable to provide endorsement initially.

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 - 26/171**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr K Duffy**

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.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for the conduct of the Closed Meeting at 9.05pm.

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed at 9.17pm.

7 RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

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

6.1 2026 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - REQUEST NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/274

RESOLVED - 26/172**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr J Stedman**

That Council resolves that up to 8 Councillors attend the National General Assembly 23 to 25 June 2026 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

6.2 2026 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE - REQUEST NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/513

RESOLVED - 26/173**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr M McDonell**

That Council resolves that no Councillor representatives attend the 2026 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference to be held at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre on the Gold Coast Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd April 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

6.3 PROPOSE EASEMENT - COUNCIL OWNED LAND - LOT 1 DP 995733

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/534

RESOLVED - 26/174**Cr F Kinghorne/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That Council resolves:

- 1 To consent to the registration of an easement on Lot 1 DP 995733.
- 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 K Duffy, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

6.4 EXTENSION OF TENDER - PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/543

RESOLVED - 26/175**Cr D Mallard/Cr F Kinghorne**

That Council offer its current panel lawyers an extension of their current contracts to provide legal advice to 1 January 2027.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

6.5 SUBMISSION REDACTION REPORT 7 APRIL 2026

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/350

RESOLVED - 26/176**Cr G Power/Cr F Kinghorne**

That the information in the Submission Redaction report be acknowledged.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.21PM

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