



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA

21 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, 21 April 2026** commencing at **6:00 PM**.

Scott Maunder
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies, please contact Executive Support on 6393 8391.

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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.

1.5 Opening Prayer

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OPEN FORUM**COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES****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 7 April 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 7 April 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 April 2026



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 S Peterson, 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.
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 McDonell 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

This is Page Number 11 and the Final Page of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Orange City Council held on 7 April 2026.

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE**

Chaired by Cr Melanie McDonell

COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES

4 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

5 GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 Statement of Investments - March 2026

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/305

AUTHOR: Jen Sharp, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a statement of Council’s investments held for the period March 2026.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “15.3 Ensure financial stability and support efficient ongoing operation”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

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

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	Minimal risk exposure to our investment assets and ability to deliver services as our investments are fully compliant with our Investment Policy risk appetite and parameters.
Financial	Minimal risk to Council’s liquidity, financial performance, and position, respectively with a diverse investment portfolio achieving solid returns.
Reputation/Political	Negligible risk present.
Environment	Most of the larger Approved Deposit Institutions (ADIs) that we invest in have a hybrid portfolio and their underlying investments are in both Renewable and Non-Renewable energy entities respectively.
Compliance	All investments are fully compliant with Council’s Investment Policy ST042.
People & WHS	Negligible risk.
Information Technology/Cyber Security	Risk is low due to strong IT/Cyber Security controls over financial transactions and products invested in. However, vigilance is always taken with all new investments.

5.1 Statement of Investments - March 2026

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

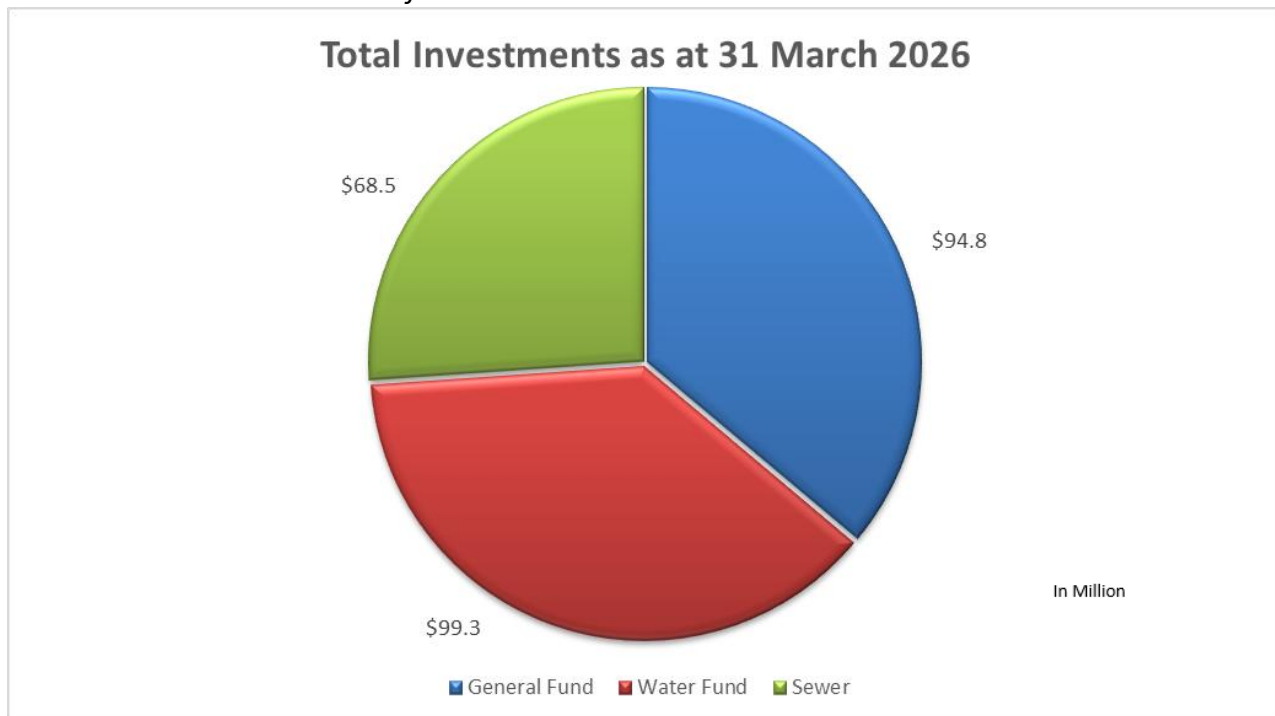
Statement of Investments – March 2026

The investments held by Council in each fund is shown below:

Fund	28/02/2026	31/03/2026
General Fund	88,522,226	94,839,511
Water Fund	101,489,529	99,286,426
Sewer Fund	69,910,687	68,533,298
Total Funds	259,922,442	262,659,235

See **Table 1** below:

Table 1: Total investments as of 31st March 2026



Portfolio Performance

As at the end of March 2026, Council’s investment portfolio remains largely secured through fixed rate term deposits (88%), with the remaining portfolio allocated to FRNs (Floating Rate Note - 4%), bonds (2%), and cash (6%).

Overall Council’s portfolio remains highly liquid and diversified with approximately 65.33% of assets maturing under 12 months and no exposure to the unrated ADI sector.

All investments are within Council’s risk appetite as per our investment Policy ST042.

The weighted average interest rate of **Council’s investment portfolio** (refer to the **green line** in **Table 2** below) for the period ending 31st March 2026 was **4.41 percent (4.26 percent in February)**, which is only slightly below **Council Policy’s (ST042) target** or ‘mandated’ cash rate (refer to the **red line** in the chart below) of **4.85 percent** or 485 basis points (based on a target of 75 basis points above the cash rate for March at 4.10 percent).

5.1 Statement of Investments - March 2026

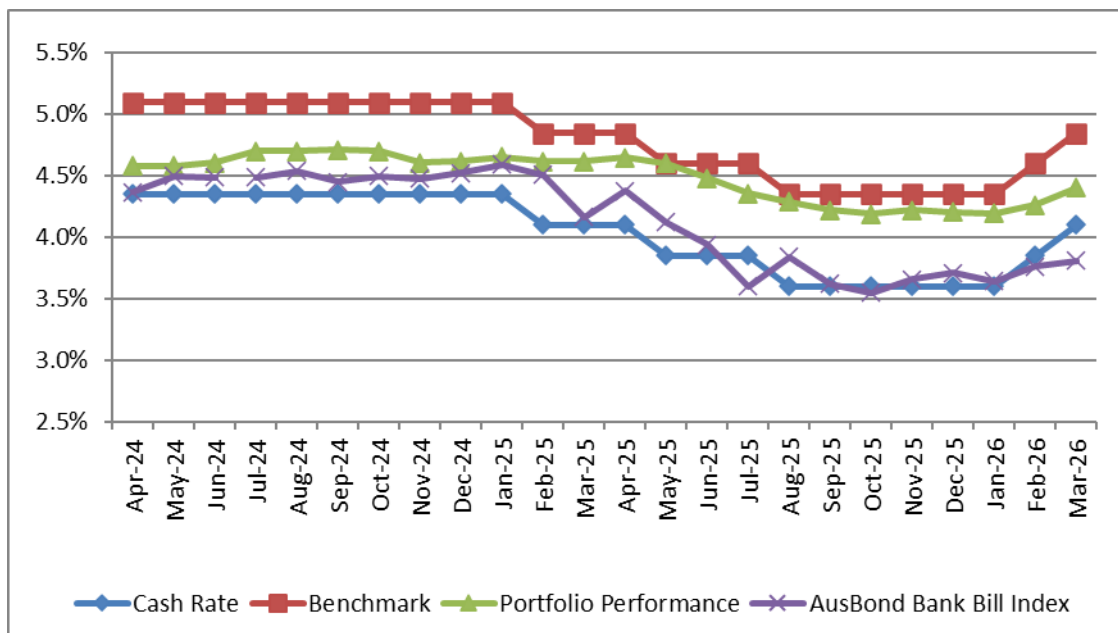
The official cash rate did lift 25 basis points in March to 4.10 percent. Council acknowledges that it is currently not achieving its ‘mandated levels’, although it’s performance on investments in the last 9 months has been very close to this mandated level. This is a function of the interest rate cycle and a stable interest rate environment. It will always have a lag effect to the announced official cash rates as they both increase and decrease respectively.

Council will continue to monitor maturing investments to ensure these are reinvested at optimum investment rates available by respective investment providers at the time balancing these with liquidity and cash flow needs. Retiring investments are reinvested to optimise returns in line with Council’s Investment Policy.

A review of the current target benchmark is underway as part of the broader review of Council’s Investment Policy as discussed and agreed at the 26 June 2024 Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC). This was tabled for ARIC in the 4 June 2025 meeting, however, has been extended for review, with the resignation of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) this will be undertaken by the new CFO once appointed.

For your reference Council has also compared its performances to the Bloomberg **AusBond Bank Bill Index** (Baubil or Ausbond) to provide a further benchmark (refer to the **purple line** in the below chart). This index is focused on short term Australian money market investments. For the period March 2026, the AusBond rate was 3.81 percent (noting the cash rate is 4.10 percent), (February AusBond rate was 3.76 percent with the cash rate at 3.85 percent). The AusBond rate is supplied to Council by our investment consultants Arlo Advisory Pty Ltd.

Table 2: Weighted average interest rate indicators v Council’s investment portfolio



Council’s Investment Policy also establishes limits in relation to the maturity terms of Council’s investments as well as the credit ratings of the institutions with whom Council can invest.

The following tables provide a dissection of Council’s investment portfolio as required by the Policy. The Policy identifies the maximum amount that can be held in a variety of investment products or with institutions based on their respective credit ratings.

5.1 Statement of Investments - March 2026

Table 3 shows the percentage held by Council (Holdings) and the additional amount that Council could hold (Capacity) for each term to maturity allocation in accordance with limits established by Council's Policy.

Table 3: Maturity – term limits

Term to Maturity Allocation	Maximum	Holdings	Capacity
0 – 3 Months	100%	30.41%	69.59%
3 – 12 Months	100%	34.92%	65.08%
1 – 2 Years	70%	15.19%	54.81%
2 – 5 Years	50%	19.48%	30.52%
5+ Years	25%		25%

Table 4 (below) shows the total amount held, and the weighted average interest rate (or Return on investment), by the deposit parcel credit ratings respectively. The credit rating is an independent opinion of the capability and willingness of a financial institution to repay its debts, or in other words, the providers' financial strength or creditworthiness. The rating is typically calculated as the likelihood of a failure occurring over a given period, with the higher rating category (AAA) being superior due to having a lower chance of default. However, it is accepted that generally this lower risk will be accompanied by a lower return on investment and conversely the higher the risk will be accompanied by a higher weighted return.

The level of money held in the bank accounts has been added to the table to illustrate Council's ability to cover its operational liabilities that typically occur (for example payroll, materials and supplies, contracts, utilities, etc.).

Table 4: Credit rating limits

Credit Rating	Maximum	Holding	Remaining Capacity	Value	Return on investment
Bank Accounts	100.00%	6.04%	93.96%	15,868,162	3.90%
AAA Category	100.00%	0.38%	99.62%	991,967	4.50%
AA Category	100.00%	35.44%	64.56%	93,074,999	4.08%
A Category	60.00%	28.48%	31.52%	74,808,623	4.75%
BBB & Unrated Category	40.00%	29.66%	10.34%	77,915,484	4.61%
				262,659,235	

It is noted that Council still holds several long-term investments (longer term investments established several years ago) with a significantly lower than market interest rate. These investments will incur significant costs to redeem (or break) early and would thus impact Council's expected interest income. These investments will naturally be redeemed at maturity and reinvested into the best performing products at that time. It is important to note there will always be a lag in our performance to the spot interest rate at any time (both on the lower side and the higher side) depending on where we are at in the interest rate cycle.

5.1 Statement of Investments - March 2026

Portfolio advice

Council uses the services of an independent investment advisor in maintaining its portfolio of investments. Council's current investment advisor is Arlo Advisory Pty Ltd. Services provided to Council currently include:

- monthly portfolio summary reports.
- periodic investment opportunities, in particular Floating Rate Note products from ADIs;
- advice on policy construction; and
- year-end market values for Floating Rate Note products held by Council.
- a digital platform to manage all investments.

Page 39 of the Orange City Council report (attachment 1) shows a 50:50 split between investments funding fossil fuels and those not funding fossil fuels. Council is continuing to work on a comparative performance analysis.

Certification by Responsible Accounting Officer

Section 212(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 requires that a written report be presented each month at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council detailing all money that Council has invested under *Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993*.

I, Jen Sharp, hereby certify that all investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's Investment Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Orange City Council Monthly Report March 2026, D26/43939 [↓](#)
- 2 ARLO Orange City Council Monthly Report March 2026, D26/45816 [↓](#)



Investment Report

01/03/2026 to 31/03/2026

Portfolio Valuation as at 31/03/2026

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/08/2025	02/04/2026	4.1200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	121,906.85	17,495.89
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	WATER	Annual	13/03/2025	02/04/2026	4.6500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	12,102.74	12,102.74
MyState (Auswide) Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/12/2025	09/04/2026	4.3000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	27,802.74	7,304.11
BankVic	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	24/07/2025	09/04/2026	4.1500	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	85,615.07	10,573.97
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	20/03/2025	09/04/2026	4.6500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,057.53	3,057.53
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	20/03/2025	09/04/2026	4.6000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	142,536.99	11,720.55
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	20/03/2025	16/04/2026	4.6500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,057.53	3,057.53
MyState (Auswide) Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/12/2025	07/05/2026	4.3500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	28,126.03	7,389.04
Defence Bank	BBB+	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	04/09/2025	07/05/2026	4.1800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	47,869.59	7,100.27
Defence Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/09/2025	07/05/2026	4.1800	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	71,804.38	10,650.41
BOQ	A-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	04/07/2025	07/05/2026	4.1000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	28,980.82	10,446.58
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Annual	01/05/2025	07/05/2026	4.3000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	78,931.51	7,304.11
State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	03/04/2025	07/05/2026	4.9000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	97,463.01	8,323.29
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	10/07/2025	07/05/2026	4.1500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	120,520.55	14,098.63
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/09/2025	13/05/2026	4.1800	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	71,804.38	10,650.41
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	14/05/2026	4.5000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	16,643.84	16,643.84

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NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/09/2025	03/06/2026	4.1500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	110,856.16	17,623.29
NAB	AA-	TD	WATER	At Maturity	17/07/2025	04/06/2026	4.1000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	57,961.64	6,964.38
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/09/2025	10/06/2026	4.1600	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	66,673.97	10,599.45
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	05/06/2025	11/06/2026	4.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	106,027.40	10,956.16
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	05/06/2025	18/06/2026	4.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	106,027.40	10,956.16
Heartland Bank Australia Limited	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	13/11/2025	02/07/2026	4.4000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	50,268.49	11,210.96
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	WATER	At Maturity	02/10/2025	02/07/2026	4.2000	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	124,964.38	21,402.74
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/12/2025	02/07/2026	4.5400	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	45,275.62	13,495.62
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	04/07/2025	06/07/2026	4.0700	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	60,436.71	6,913.42
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	WATER	Quarterly	13/07/2023	16/07/2026	5.7500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	24,575.34	9,767.12
NAB	AA-	TD	WATER	At Maturity	04/09/2025	05/08/2026	4.1800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	47,869.59	7,100.27
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/02/2026	06/08/2026	4.7500	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	18,739.73	12,102.74
MyState (Auswide) Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/12/2025	06/08/2026	4.6000	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	19,660.27	5,860.27
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	15/01/2026	06/08/2026	4.4900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	18,698.08	7,626.85
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	31/07/2025	06/08/2026	4.1400	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	83,026.85	10,548.49
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	15/01/2026	13/08/2026	4.5400	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	9,453.15	3,855.89
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	15/01/2026	03/09/2026	4.5100	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	37,562.74	15,321.64
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	03/09/2026	4.9600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	7,338.08	7,338.08

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NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	31/07/2025	03/09/2026	4.1300	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	55,217.53	7,015.34
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	08/10/2026	4.8900	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	14,469.04	14,469.04
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	1.7800	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,072.33	1,511.78
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	1.7800	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,072.33	1,511.78
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	1.7800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	6,144.66	3,023.56
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	1.7800	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00	13,825.48	6,803.01
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/02/2026	05/11/2026	4.8000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	18,936.99	12,230.14
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Annual	12/02/2026	12/11/2026	4.8000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	12,624.66	8,153.42
Bank Australia	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	05/03/2026	13/11/2026	5.0000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	18,493.15	18,493.15
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	19/03/2026	03/12/2026	5.2500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	9,349.32	9,349.32
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	2.0000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,643.84	1,643.84
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	2.0000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,287.67	3,287.67
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	2.0000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,287.67	3,287.67
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	27/11/2025	03/12/2026	4.4300	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	8,010.41	7,524.93
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	04/12/2025	07/01/2027	4.4200	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,390.68	3,390.68
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	04/12/2025	07/01/2027	4.4200	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,390.68	3,390.68
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	07/01/2027	4.9500	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	21,969.86	21,969.86
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	25/01/2024	28/01/2027	4.8400	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	8,486.58	4,110.68
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	19/03/2026	04/02/2027	5.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	5,663.01	5,663.01
State Bank of India,	BBB	TD	WATER	At Maturity	24/07/2025	09/02/2027	4.1000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	28,194.52	3,482.19

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Sydney Branch											
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	10/02/2022	09/02/2027	2.3500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,219.18	1,995.89
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Semi-Annual	15/02/2024	18/02/2027	4.8700	1,340,000.00	1,340,000.00	7,866.72	5,542.46
NAB	AA-	BOND	WATER	Semi-Annual	25/02/2022	25/02/2027	2.9000	441,556.20	450,000.00	1,251.37	1,108.36
NAB	AA-	BOND	SEWER	Semi-Annual	25/02/2022	25/02/2027	2.9000	441,556.20	450,000.00	1,251.37	1,108.36
BankVic	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	18/12/2025	04/03/2027	4.7000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,605.48	3,605.48
NAB	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	04/07/2025	04/03/2027	4.0000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	18,849.32	6,794.52
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Quarterly	18/12/2025	01/04/2027	4.6200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	8,860.27	8,860.27
BankVic	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	18/12/2025	08/04/2027	4.7000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	5,408.22	5,408.22
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	Annual	15/01/2026	06/05/2027	4.5500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	37,895.89	15,457.53
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Annual	05/02/2026	03/06/2027	4.8800	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	51,473.97	29,012.60
Royal Bank of Canada	AAA	BOND	WATER	Semi-Annual	13/07/2022	13/07/2027	4.5000	991,967.00	1,000,000.00	9,616.44	3,821.92
BankVic	BBB+	TD	WATER	Annual	15/01/2026	05/08/2027	4.6500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	19,364.38	7,898.63
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Annual	13/11/2025	02/09/2027	4.3300	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	82,447.95	18,387.67
AMP Bank	BBB+	FRN	SEWER	Quarterly	13/09/2024	13/09/2027	5.4475	3,415,483.60	3,400,000.00	9,641.33	9,641.33
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Annual	12/02/2026	02/12/2027	4.9300	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,483.29	4,187.12
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Annual	12/02/2026	02/12/2027	4.9300	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,483.29	4,187.12
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	12/02/2026	02/12/2027	4.9300	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,483.29	4,187.12
BankVic	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Annual	15/01/2026	06/01/2028	4.7000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	19,572.60	7,983.56
ING Bank (Australia)	A	TD	WATER	Annual	05/03/2026	06/01/2028	5.0600	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	5,614.52	5,614.52

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Ltd											
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	05/03/2026	06/01/2028	5.0600	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,743.01	3,743.01
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	05/03/2026	03/02/2028	5.0600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	7,486.03	7,486.03
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	SEWER	Quarterly	31/03/2023	31/03/2028	5.3680	1,514,290.50	1,500,000.00	220.60	220.60
BankVic	BBB+	TD	WATER	Annual	15/01/2026	04/05/2028	4.7000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	19,572.60	7,983.56
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	WATER	Annual	17/07/2025	21/07/2028	4.2900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	60,647.67	7,287.12
BOQ	A-	FRN	WATER	Quarterly	20/11/2025	20/11/2028	4.7568	3,994,920.00	4,000,000.00	20,851.73	16,160.09
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	15/01/2026	07/12/2028	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	30,108.49	12,281.10
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	20/08/2024	20/08/2029	5.0068	1,813,703.40	1,800,000.00	9,876.43	7,654.23
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	WATER	Annual	22/08/2024	29/08/2029	4.8500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	147,493.15	20,595.89
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	29/08/2024	30/08/2029	4.8500	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	85,705.48	12,357.53
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	05/09/2024	06/09/2029	4.8500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	110,553.42	16,476.71
BOQ	A-	TD	WATER	Annual	03/04/2025	04/04/2030	4.5900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	228,242.47	19,491.78
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	WATER	Annual	01/05/2025	02/05/2030	4.7300	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	217,061.64	20,086.30
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	22/05/2025	23/05/2030	4.6200	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	79,489.32	7,847.67
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	22/05/2025	23/05/2030	4.6200	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	79,489.32	7,847.67

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BOQ	A-	TD	WATER	Annual	06/06/2025	06/06/2030	4.1500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	33,995.89	3,524.66
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	12/06/2025	13/06/2030	4.6000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	110,778.08	11,720.55
Westpac	AA-	BOND	WATER	Semi-Annual	19/06/2025	19/06/2030	4.3000	3,837,596.00	4,000,000.00	48,536.99	14,608.22
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	18/12/2025	12/12/2030	5.0800	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	43,423.56	12,943.56
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	WATER	Monthly	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	3.9000	5,020,387.07	5,020,387.07	7,057.70	7,057.70
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	SEWER	Monthly	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	3.9000	1,821,967.25	1,821,967.25	9,901.54	9,901.54
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	3.9000	9,025,807.40	9,025,807.40	48,720.29	48,720.29
TOTALS								262,659,234.62	262,808,161.72	3,904,513.87	908,672.76

Portfolio by Asset as at 31/03/2026

Asset Type: CASH

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	WATER	Monthly	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	3.9000	5,020,387.07	5,020,387.07	7,057.70	7,057.70
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	SEWER	Monthly	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	3.9000	1,821,967.25	1,821,967.25	9,901.54	9,901.54
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	31/03/2026	31/03/2026	3.9000	9,025,807.40	9,025,807.40	48,720.29	48,720.29
CASH SUBTOTALS								15,868,161.72	15,868,161.72	65,679.53	65,679.53

Asset Type: TD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/08/2025	02/04/2026	4.1200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	121,906.85	17,495.89
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	WATER	Annual	13/03/2025	02/04/2026	4.6500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	12,102.74	12,102.74
MyState (Auswide) Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/12/2025	09/04/2026	4.3000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	27,802.74	7,304.11
BankVic	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	24/07/2025	09/04/2026	4.1500	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	85,615.07	10,573.97
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	20/03/2025	09/04/2026	4.6500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,057.53	3,057.53
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	20/03/2025	09/04/2026	4.6000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	142,536.99	11,720.55
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	20/03/2025	16/04/2026	4.6500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,057.53	3,057.53
MyState (Auswide) Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/12/2025	07/05/2026	4.3500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	28,126.03	7,389.04

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Defence Bank	BBB+	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	04/09/2025	07/05/2026	4.1800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	47,869.59	7,100.27
Defence Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/09/2025	07/05/2026	4.1800	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	71,804.38	10,650.41
BOQ	A-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	04/07/2025	07/05/2026	4.1000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	28,980.82	10,446.58
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Annual	01/05/2025	07/05/2026	4.3000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	78,931.51	7,304.11
State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	03/04/2025	07/05/2026	4.9000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	97,463.01	8,323.29
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	10/07/2025	07/05/2026	4.1500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	120,520.55	14,098.63
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/09/2025	13/05/2026	4.1800	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	71,804.38	10,650.41
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	14/05/2026	4.5000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	16,643.84	16,643.84
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/09/2025	03/06/2026	4.1500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	110,856.16	17,623.29
NAB	AA-	TD	WATER	At Maturity	17/07/2025	04/06/2026	4.1000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	57,961.64	6,964.38
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/09/2025	10/06/2026	4.1600	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	66,673.97	10,599.45
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	05/06/2025	11/06/2026	4.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	106,027.40	10,956.16
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	05/06/2025	18/06/2026	4.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	106,027.40	10,956.16
Heartland Bank Australia Limited	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	13/11/2025	02/07/2026	4.4000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	50,268.49	11,210.96
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	WATER	At Maturity	02/10/2025	02/07/2026	4.2000	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	124,964.38	21,402.74
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/12/2025	02/07/2026	4.5400	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	45,275.62	13,495.62
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	04/07/2025	06/07/2026	4.0700	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	60,436.71	6,913.42
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	WATER	Quarterly	13/07/2023	16/07/2026	5.7500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	24,575.34	9,767.12

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NAB	AA-	TD	WATER	At Maturity	04/09/2025	05/08/2026	4.1800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	47,869.59	7,100.27
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/02/2026	06/08/2026	4.7500	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	18,739.73	12,102.74
MyState (Auswide) Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/12/2025	06/08/2026	4.6000	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	19,660.27	5,860.27
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	15/01/2026	06/08/2026	4.4900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	18,698.08	7,626.85
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	31/07/2025	06/08/2026	4.1400	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	83,026.85	10,548.49
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	15/01/2026	13/08/2026	4.5400	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	9,453.15	3,855.89
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	15/01/2026	03/09/2026	4.5100	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	37,562.74	15,321.64
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	03/09/2026	4.9600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	7,338.08	7,338.08
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	31/07/2025	03/09/2026	4.1300	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	55,217.53	7,015.34
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	08/10/2026	4.8900	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	14,469.04	14,469.04
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	1.7800	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,072.33	1,511.78
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	1.7800	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,072.33	1,511.78
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	1.7800	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	6,144.66	3,023.56
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	1.7800	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00	13,825.48	6,803.01
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/02/2026	05/11/2026	4.8000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	18,936.99	12,230.14
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Annual	12/02/2026	12/11/2026	4.8000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	12,624.66	8,153.42
Bank Australia	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	05/03/2026	13/11/2026	5.0000	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	18,493.15	18,493.15
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	19/03/2026	03/12/2026	5.2500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	9,349.32	9,349.32

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Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	2.0000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,643.84	1,643.84
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	2.0000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,287.67	3,287.67
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	2.0000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,287.67	3,287.67
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	27/11/2025	03/12/2026	4.4300	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	8,010.41	7,524.93
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	04/12/2025	07/01/2027	4.4200	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,390.68	3,390.68
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	04/12/2025	07/01/2027	4.4200	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,390.68	3,390.68
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	07/01/2027	4.9500	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	21,969.86	21,969.86
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	25/01/2024	28/01/2027	4.8400	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	8,486.58	4,110.68
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	19/03/2026	04/02/2027	5.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	5,663.01	5,663.01
State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	TD	WATER	At Maturity	24/07/2025	09/02/2027	4.1000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	28,194.52	3,482.19
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	10/02/2022	09/02/2027	2.3500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,219.18	1,995.89
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Semi-Annual	15/02/2024	18/02/2027	4.8700	1,340,000.00	1,340,000.00	7,866.72	5,542.46
BankVic	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	18/12/2025	04/03/2027	4.7000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	3,605.48	3,605.48
NAB	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	04/07/2025	04/03/2027	4.0000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	18,849.32	6,794.52
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Quarterly	18/12/2025	01/04/2027	4.6200	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	8,860.27	8,860.27
BankVic	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	18/12/2025	08/04/2027	4.7000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	5,408.22	5,408.22
NAB	AA-	TD	SEWER	Annual	15/01/2026	06/05/2027	4.5500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	37,895.89	15,457.53
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Annual	05/02/2026	03/06/2027	4.8800	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	51,473.97	29,012.60
BankVic	BBB+	TD	WATER	Annual	15/01/2026	05/08/2027	4.6500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	19,364.38	7,898.63

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Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Annual	13/11/2025	02/09/2027	4.3300	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	82,447.95	18,387.67
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Annual	12/02/2026	02/12/2027	4.9300	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,483.29	4,187.12
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Annual	12/02/2026	02/12/2027	4.9300	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,483.29	4,187.12
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	12/02/2026	02/12/2027	4.9300	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,483.29	4,187.12
BankVic	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Annual	15/01/2026	06/01/2028	4.7000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	19,572.60	7,983.56
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	05/03/2026	06/01/2028	5.0600	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	5,614.52	5,614.52
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	05/03/2026	06/01/2028	5.0600	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,743.01	3,743.01
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	05/03/2026	03/02/2028	5.0600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	7,486.03	7,486.03
BankVic	BBB+	TD	WATER	Annual	15/01/2026	04/05/2028	4.7000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	19,572.60	7,983.56
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	WATER	Annual	17/07/2025	21/07/2028	4.2900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	60,647.67	7,287.12
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	15/01/2026	07/12/2028	4.8200	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	30,108.49	12,281.10
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	WATER	Annual	22/08/2024	29/08/2029	4.8500	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	147,493.15	20,595.89
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	29/08/2024	30/08/2029	4.8500	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	85,705.48	12,357.53
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	05/09/2024	06/09/2029	4.8500	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	110,553.42	16,476.71
BOQ	A-	TD	WATER	Annual	03/04/2025	04/04/2030	4.5900	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	228,242.47	19,491.78
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	WATER	Annual	01/05/2025	02/05/2030	4.7300	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	217,061.64	20,086.30
ING Bank (Australia)	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	22/05/2025	23/05/2030	4.6200	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	79,489.32	7,847.67

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Ltd											
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	22/05/2025	23/05/2030	4.6200	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	79,489.32	7,847.67
BOQ	A-	TD	WATER	Annual	06/06/2025	06/06/2030	4.1500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	33,995.89	3,524.66
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	12/06/2025	13/06/2030	4.6000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	110,778.08	11,720.55
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	18/12/2025	12/12/2030	5.0800	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	43,423.56	12,943.56
TD SUBTOTALS								230,340,000.00	230,340,000.00	3,737,588.09	788,670.13

Asset Type: FRN

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
AMP Bank	BBB+	FRN	SEWER	Quarterly	13/09/2024	13/09/2027	5.4475	3,415,483.60	3,400,000.00	9,641.33	9,641.33
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	SEWER	Quarterly	31/03/2023	31/03/2028	5.3680	1,514,290.50	1,500,000.00	220.60	220.60
BOQ	A-	FRN	WATER	Quarterly	20/11/2025	20/11/2028	4.7568	3,994,920.00	4,000,000.00	20,851.73	16,160.09
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	FRN	GENERAL	Quarterly	20/08/2024	20/08/2029	5.0068	1,813,703.40	1,800,000.00	9,876.43	7,654.23
FRN SUBTOTALS								10,738,397.50	10,700,000.00	40,590.08	33,676.25

Asset Type: BOND

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
NAB	AA-	BOND	WATER	Semi-Annual	25/02/2022	25/02/2027	2.9000	441,556.20	450,000.00	1,251.37	1,108.36
NAB	AA-	BOND	SEWER	Semi-Annual	25/02/2022	25/02/2027	2.9000	441,556.20	450,000.00	1,251.37	1,108.36
Royal Bank of Canada	AAA	BOND	WATER	Semi-Annual	13/07/2022	13/07/2027	4.5000	991,967.00	1,000,000.00	9,616.44	3,821.92
Westpac	AA-	BOND	WATER	Semi-Annual	19/06/2025	19/06/2030	4.3000	3,837,596.00	4,000,000.00	48,536.99	14,608.22
BOND SUBTOTALS								5,712,675.40	5,900,000.00	60,656.16	20,646.85


Portfolio by Asset Totals as at 31/03/2026

Type	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
CASH	15,868,161.72	15,868,161.72	65,679.53	65,679.53
TD	230,340,000.00	230,340,000.00	3,737,588.09	788,670.13
FRN	10,738,397.50	10,700,000.00	40,590.08	33,676.25
BOND	5,712,675.40	5,900,000.00	60,656.16	20,646.85
TOTALS	262,659,234.62	262,808,161.72	3,904,513.87	908,672.76



Counterparty Compliance as at 31/03/2026

Long Term Investments

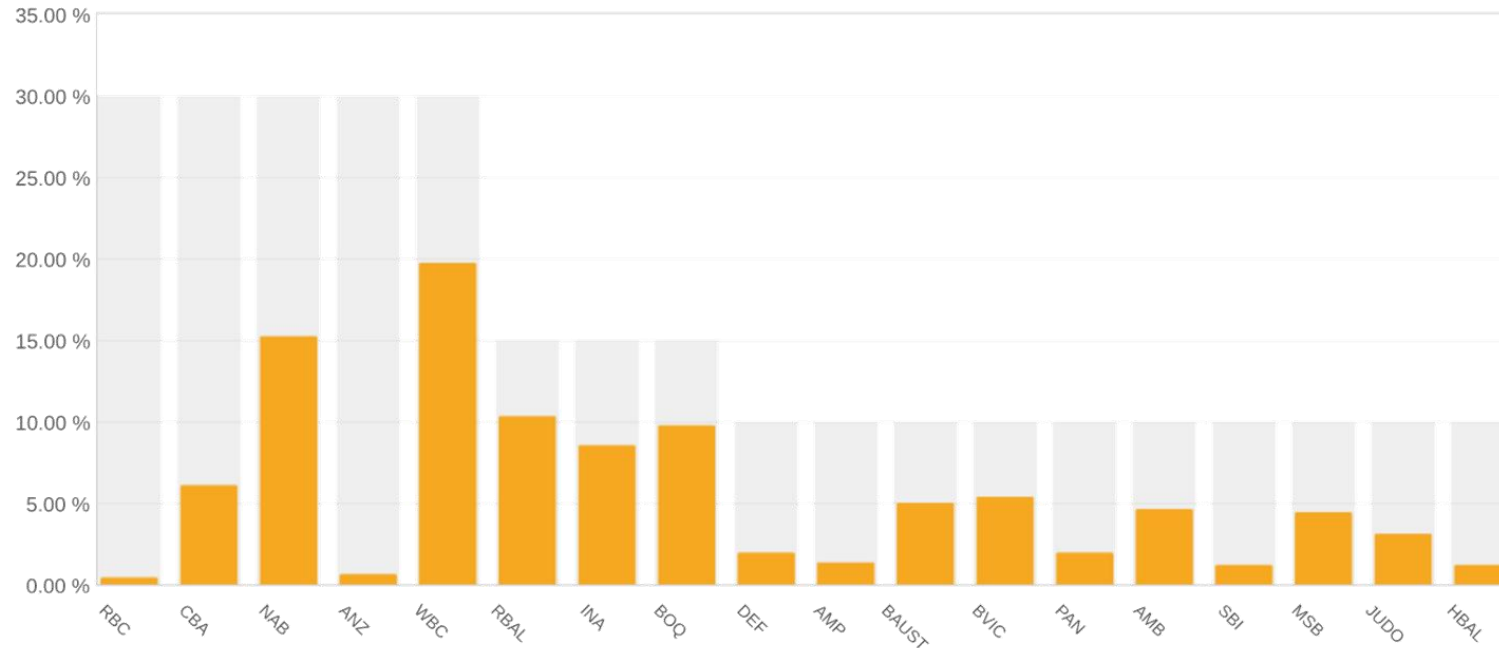
Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
✓	Royal Bank of Canada	Long	AA-	991,967.00	0.38	30.00	-	77,805,803.39
✓	Commonwealth Bank	Long	AA-	15,868,161.72	6.04	30.00	-	62,929,608.67
✓	NAB	Long	AA-	39,883,112.40	15.18	30.00	-	38,914,657.99
✓	ANZ Bank	Long	AA-	1,514,290.50	0.58	30.00	-	77,283,479.89
✓	Westpac	Long	AA-	51,677,596.00	19.68	30.00	-	27,120,174.39
✓	Rabobank Australia Limited	Long	A	27,000,000.00	10.28	15.00	-	12,398,885.19
✓	ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	Long	A	22,313,703.40	8.49	15.00	-	17,085,181.79
✓	BOQ	Long	A-	25,494,920.00	9.71	15.00	-	13,903,965.19
✓	Defence Bank	Long	BBB+	5,000,000.00	1.90	10.00	-	21,265,923.46
✓	AMP Bank	Long	BBB+	3,415,483.60	1.30	10.00	-	22,850,439.86
✓	Bank Australia	Long	BBB+	13,000,000.00	4.95	10.00	-	13,265,923.46
✓	BankVic	Long	BBB+	14,000,000.00	5.33	10.00	-	12,265,923.46
✓	P&N Bank	Long	BBB+	5,000,000.00	1.90	10.00	-	21,265,923.46
✓	Australian Military Bank	Long	BBB+	12,000,000.00	4.57	10.00	-	14,265,923.46

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Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
✓	State Bank of India	Long	BBB	3,000,000.00	1.14	10.00	-	23,265,923.46
✓	MyState Bank	Long	BBB	11,500,000.00	4.38	10.00	-	14,765,923.46
✓	JUDO	Long	BBB	8,000,000.00	3.05	10.00	-	18,265,923.46
✓	Heartland Bank Australia Limited	Long	BBB	3,000,000.00	1.14	10.00	-	23,265,923.46
TOTALS				262,659,234.62	100.00			



Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments



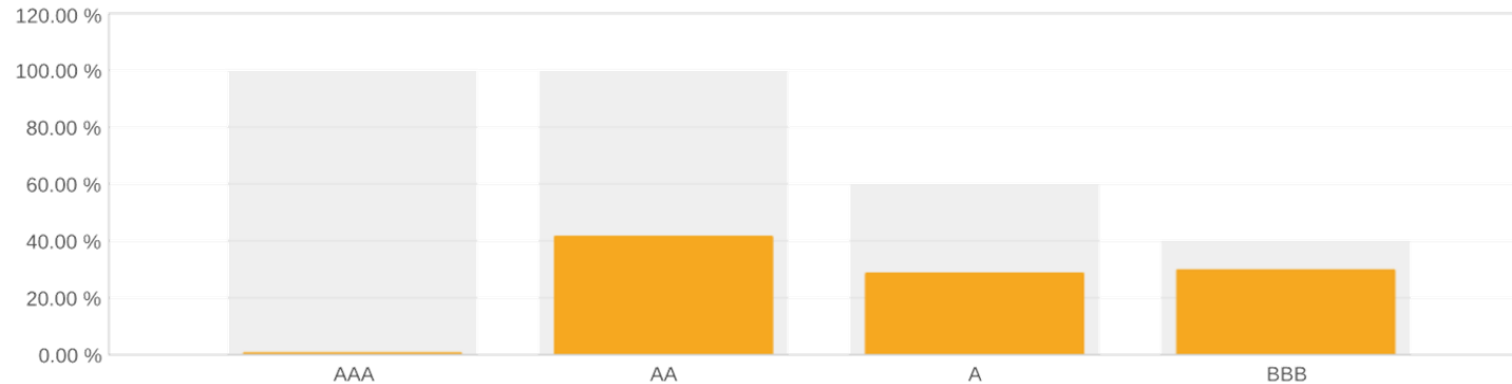


Credit Quality Compliance as at 31/03/2026

Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AAA	991,967.00	0.38	100.00	261,667,267.62
✓	AA	108,943,160.62	41.48	100.00	153,716,074.00
✓	A	74,808,623.40	28.48	60.00	82,786,917.37
✓	BBB	77,915,483.60	29.66	40.00	27,148,210.25
TOTALS		262,659,234.62	100.00		

Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments

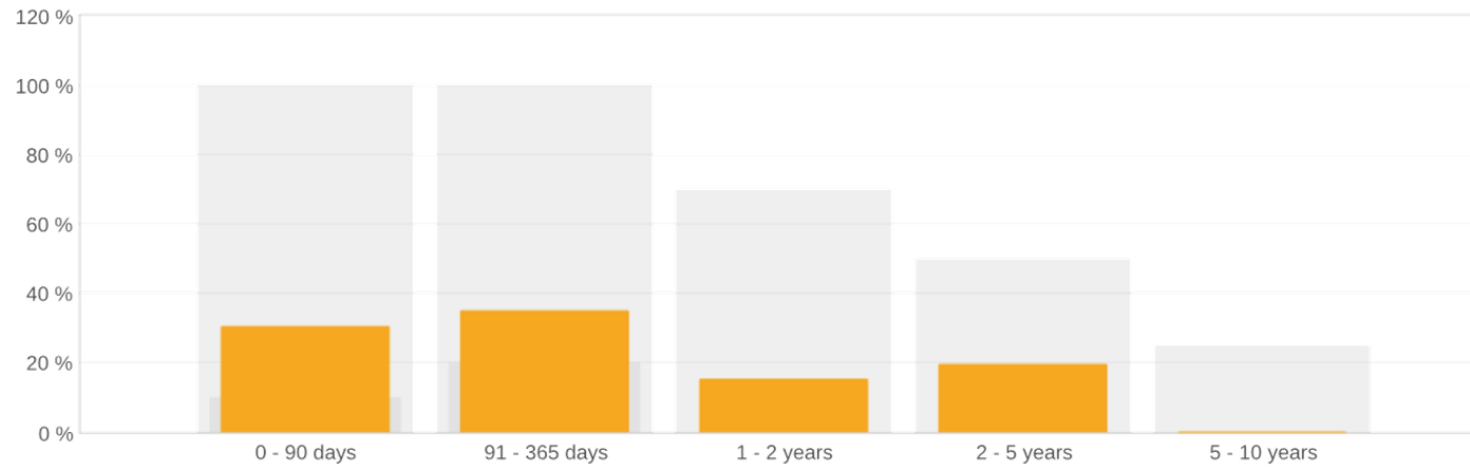




Maturity Compliance as at 31/03/2026

Compliant	Term	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 90 days	79,868,161.72	30.41	10.00	100.00	182,791,072.90
✓	91 - 365 days	91,723,112.40	34.92	20.00	100.00	170,936,122.22
✓	1 - 2 years	39,907,450.60	15.19	0.00	70.00	143,954,013.63
✓	2 - 5 years	51,160,509.90	19.48	0.00	50.00	80,169,107.41
✓	5 - 10 years	-	0.00	0.00	25.00	65,664,808.66
TOTALS		262,659,234.62	100.00			

Maturity Compliance





Portfolio Comparison

From: 28/02/2026 To: 31/03/2026

Issuer	Rating	Type	Rate (%)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest (%)	28/02/2026 (\$)	31/03/2026 (\$)	Difference (\$)
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	4.1800	27/11/2025	05/03/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	-	-2,000,000.00
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	4.1700	04/09/2025	05/03/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	-	-2,000,000.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.1400	04/12/2025	05/03/2026	At Maturity	6,000,000.00	-	-6,000,000.00
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	4.9200	05/09/2024	05/03/2026	Annual	4,000,000.00	-	-4,000,000.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	1.2000	04/03/2021	05/03/2026	Quarterly	1,500,000.00	-	-1,500,000.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	1.2000	04/03/2021	05/03/2026	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	-	-1,000,000.00
BOQ	A-	TD	4.1300	28/08/2025	05/03/2026	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	-	-5,000,000.00
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	4.7000	16/03/2023	19/03/2026	Quarterly	5,000,000.00	-	-5,000,000.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.1200	28/08/2025	02/04/2026	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	4.6500	13/03/2025	02/04/2026	Annual	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
MyState (Auswide) Bank	BBB	TD	4.3000	04/12/2025	09/04/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
BankVic	BBB+	TD	4.1500	24/07/2025	09/04/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	4.6500	20/03/2025	09/04/2026	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	4.6000	20/03/2025	09/04/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	4.6500	20/03/2025	16/04/2026	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
MyState (Auswide) Bank	BBB	TD	4.3500	04/12/2025	07/05/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
Defence Bank	BBB+	TD	4.1800	04/09/2025	07/05/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Rate (%)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest (%)	28/02/2026 (\$)	31/03/2026 (\$)	Difference (\$)
Defence Bank	BBB+	TD	4.1800	04/09/2025	07/05/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	TD	4.1000	04/07/2025	07/05/2026	Quarterly	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	4.3000	01/05/2025	07/05/2026	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	TD	4.9000	03/04/2025	07/05/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	4.1500	10/07/2025	07/05/2026	At Maturity	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	4.1800	04/09/2025	13/05/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	4.5000	05/03/2026	14/05/2026	Annual	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	TD	4.1500	18/09/2025	03/06/2026	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	4.1000	17/07/2025	04/06/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	4.1600	18/09/2025	10/06/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	4.3000	05/06/2025	11/06/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Australian Unity Bank	BBB+	TD	4.3000	05/06/2025	18/06/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Heartland Bank Australia Limited	BBB	TD	4.4000	13/11/2025	02/07/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	4.2000	02/10/2025	02/07/2026	At Maturity	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	TD	4.5400	18/12/2025	02/07/2026	At Maturity	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	-
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	4.0700	04/07/2025	06/07/2026	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	5.7500	13/07/2023	16/07/2026	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	4.1800	04/09/2025	05/08/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	TD	4.7500	12/02/2026	06/08/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-

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MyState (Auswide) Bank	BBB	TD	4.6000	18/12/2025	06/08/2026	At Maturity	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	TD	4.4900	15/01/2026	06/08/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	4.1400	31/07/2025	06/08/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	4.5400	15/01/2026	13/08/2026	Annual	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	4.5100	15/01/2026	03/09/2026	Annual	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	-
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	4.9600	05/03/2026	03/09/2026	Annual	-	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	TD	4.1300	31/07/2025	03/09/2026	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	TD	4.8900	05/03/2026	08/10/2026	Annual	-	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	1.7800	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	1.7800	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	1.7800	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	1.7800	28/10/2021	29/10/2026	Quarterly	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00	-
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	4.8000	12/02/2026	05/11/2026	At Maturity	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.8000	12/02/2026	12/11/2026	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
Bank Australia	BBB+	TD	5.0000	05/03/2026	13/11/2026	At Maturity	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	2.0000	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	2.0000	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	2.0000	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.4300	27/11/2025	03/12/2026	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	5.2500	19/03/2026	03/12/2026	Annual	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00

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Westpac	AA-	TD	4.4200	04/12/2025	07/01/2027	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.4200	04/12/2025	07/01/2027	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.9500	05/03/2026	07/01/2027	Annual	-	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.8400	25/01/2024	28/01/2027	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	5.3000	19/03/2026	04/02/2027	Annual	-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	TD	4.1000	24/07/2025	09/02/2027	At Maturity	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	2.3500	10/02/2022	09/02/2027	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.8700	15/02/2024	18/02/2027	Semi-Annual	1,340,000.00	1,340,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	BOND	2.9000	25/02/2022	25/02/2027	Semi-Annual	442,621.80	441,556.20	-1,065.60
NAB	AA-	BOND	2.9000	25/02/2022	25/02/2027	Semi-Annual	442,621.80	441,556.20	-1,065.60
BankVic	BBB+	TD	4.7000	18/12/2025	04/03/2027	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	4.0000	04/07/2025	04/03/2027	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	4.6200	18/12/2025	01/04/2027	Quarterly	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
BankVic	BBB+	TD	4.7000	18/12/2025	08/04/2027	Quarterly	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
NAB	AA-	TD	4.5500	15/01/2026	06/05/2027	Annual	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.8800	05/02/2026	03/06/2027	Annual	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	-
Royal Bank of Canada	AAA	BOND	4.5000	13/07/2022	13/07/2027	Semi-Annual	997,288.00	991,967.00	-5,321.00
BankVic	BBB+	TD	4.6500	15/01/2026	05/08/2027	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.3300	13/11/2025	02/09/2027	Annual	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Rate (%)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest (%)	28/02/2026 (\$)	31/03/2026 (\$)	Difference (\$)
AMP Bank	BBB+	FRN	4.9820	13/09/2024	13/09/2027	Quarterly	3,419,856.00	3,415,483.60	-4,372.40
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.9300	12/02/2026	02/12/2027	Annual	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.9300	12/02/2026	02/12/2027	Annual	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	TD	4.9300	12/02/2026	02/12/2027	Annual	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
BankVic	BBB+	TD	4.7000	15/01/2026	06/01/2028	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	5.0600	05/03/2026	06/01/2028	Annual	-	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	5.0600	05/03/2026	06/01/2028	Annual	-	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	5.0600	05/03/2026	03/02/2028	Annual	-	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	4.7975	31/03/2023	31/03/2028	Quarterly	1,516,311.00	1,514,290.50	-2,020.50
BankVic	BBB+	TD	4.7000	15/01/2026	04/05/2028	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	4.2900	17/07/2025	21/07/2028	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	FRN	4.7568	20/11/2025	20/11/2028	Quarterly	4,004,008.00	3,994,920.00	-9,088.00
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	4.8200	15/01/2026	07/12/2028	Annual	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	FRN	5.0068	20/08/2024	20/08/2029	Quarterly	1,818,712.80	1,813,703.40	-5,009.40
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	4.8500	22/08/2024	29/08/2029	Annual	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	4.8500	29/08/2024	30/08/2029	Annual	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	4.8500	05/09/2024	06/09/2029	Annual	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	TD	4.5900	03/04/2025	04/04/2030	Annual	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	4.7300	01/05/2025	02/05/2030	Annual	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	4.6200	22/05/2025	23/05/2030	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-

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ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	4.6200	22/05/2025	23/05/2030	Annual	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-
BOQ	A-	TD	4.1500	06/06/2025	06/06/2030	Annual	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	4.6000	12/06/2025	13/06/2030	Annual	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Westpac	AA-	BOND	4.3000	19/06/2025	19/06/2030	Semi-Annual	3,901,228.00	3,837,596.00	-63,632.00
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	5.0800	18/12/2025	12/12/2030	Annual	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	3.7000	28/02/2026	28/02/2026	Monthly	2,144,383.52	5,020,387.07	2,876,003.55
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	3.7000	28/02/2026	28/02/2026	Monthly	3,191,897.95	1,821,967.25	-1,369,930.70
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	CASH	3.7000	28/02/2026	28/02/2026	Monthly	15,703,512.74	9,025,807.40	-6,677,705.34
TOTALS							259,922,441.61	262,659,234.62	2,736,793.01



Trades in Period

From: 01/03/2026 To: 31/03/2026

New Trades - From: 01/03/2026 To: 31/03/2026

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
Bank Australia	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	05/03/2026	13/11/2026	5.0000	5,000,000.00	Folio 5026
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	14/05/2026	4.5000	5,000,000.00	Folio 5027
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	03/09/2026	4.9600	2,000,000.00	Folio 5021
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	05/03/2026	03/02/2028	5.0600	2,000,000.00	Folio 5022
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	07/01/2027	4.9500	6,000,000.00	Folio 5020
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/03/2026	08/10/2026	4.8900	4,000,000.00	Folio 5023
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	05/03/2026	06/01/2028	5.0600	1,500,000.00	Folio 5024
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	SEWER	Annual	05/03/2026	06/01/2028	5.0600	1,000,000.00	Folio 5025
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	19/03/2026	04/02/2027	5.3000	3,000,000.00	Folio 5030
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	19/03/2026	03/12/2026	5.2500	5,000,000.00	Folio 5031
TOTALS								34,500,000.00	


Sell Trades - From: 01/03/2026 To: 31/03/2026

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Yield/Margin (%)	Face Value (\$)	Gross Value (\$)	Capital Value (\$)	Reference
No entries for this item												
TOTALS									0			


Matured Trades - From: 01/03/2026 To: 31/03/2026

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/12/2025	05/03/2026	4.1400	6,000,000.00	Folio 1341
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	27/11/2025	05/03/2026	4.1800	2,000,000.00	Folio 4301
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	04/09/2025	05/03/2026	4.1700	2,000,000.00	Folio 564
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/08/2025	05/03/2026	4.1300	5,000,000.00	Folio 1621
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	05/09/2024	05/03/2026	4.9200	4,000,000.00	Folio 1735
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	04/03/2021	05/03/2026	1.2000	1,000,000.00	Folio 1323
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	04/03/2021	05/03/2026	1.2000	1,500,000.00	Folio 1323
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	WATER	Quarterly	16/03/2023	19/03/2026	4.7000	5,000,000.00	Folio 2302
TOTALS								26,500,000.00	


Unrealised Gains / Losses as at 31/03/2026

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Allocation	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)	Purchase Price	Current Price	Gain/Loss (\$)
NAB	AA-	BOND	25/02/2022	25/02/2027	WATER	448,866.00	441,556.20	99.7480	98.1236	-7,309.80
NAB	AA-	BOND	25/02/2022	25/02/2027	SEWER	448,866.00	441,556.20	99.7480	98.1236	-7,309.80
Royal Bank of Canada	AA-	BOND	13/07/2022	13/07/2027	WATER	998,230.00	991,967.00	99.8230	99.1967	-6,263.00
AMP Bank	BBB+	FRN	13/09/2024	13/09/2027	SEWER	3,400,000.00	3,415,483.60	100.0000	100.4554	15,483.60
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	31/03/2023	31/03/2028	SEWER	1,500,000.00	1,514,290.50	100.0000	100.9527	14,290.50
BOQ	A-	FRN	20/11/2025	20/11/2028	WATER	4,000,000.00	3,994,920.00	100.0000	99.8730	-5,080.00
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	FRN	20/08/2024	20/08/2029	GENERAL	1,800,000.00	1,813,703.40	100.0000	100.7613	13,703.40
Westpac	AA-	BOND	19/06/2025	19/06/2030	WATER	3,993,400.00	3,837,596.00	99.8350	95.9399	-155,804.00
TOTALS						16,589,362.00	16,451,072.90			-138,289.10



Realised Gains / Losses

From: 01/03/2026 To: 31/03/2026

Issuer	Rating	Type	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Cost Price	Current Price	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Realised	Type
No entries for this item											
TOTALS						0	0			0	



Interest Received in Period

From: 01/03/2026 To: 31/03/2026

Periodic Interest

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Frequency	Value (\$)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Date	Type	Rate (%)	Received (\$)
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	6,000,000.00	04/12/2025	05/03/2026	05/03/2026	Maturity	4.1400	61,929.86
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	04/03/2021	05/03/2026	05/03/2026	Maturity	1.2000	32.88
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	04/03/2021	05/03/2026	04/03/2026	Periodic	1.2000	2,958.90
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	1,500,000.00	04/03/2021	05/03/2026	05/03/2026	Maturity	1.2000	49.32
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	1,500,000.00	04/03/2021	05/03/2026	04/03/2026	Periodic	1.2000	4,438.36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	27/11/2025	05/03/2026	05/03/2026	Maturity	4.1800	22,446.03
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	SEWER	At Maturity	2,000,000.00	04/09/2025	05/03/2026	05/03/2026	Maturity	4.1700	41,585.75
BOQ	A-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	5,000,000.00	28/08/2025	05/03/2026	05/03/2026	Maturity	4.1300	106,927.40
Rabobank Australia Limited	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	4,000,000.00	05/09/2024	05/03/2026	05/03/2026	Maturity	4.9200	97,591.23
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	WATER	Quarterly	5,000,000.00	16/03/2023	19/03/2026	19/03/2026	Maturity	4.7000	1,931.51
P&N Bank	BBB+	TD	WATER	Quarterly	5,000,000.00	16/03/2023	19/03/2026	16/03/2026	Periodic	4.7000	57,945.21
JUDO BANK	BBB	TD	WATER	Annual	5,000,000.00	13/03/2025	02/04/2026	13/03/2026	Periodic	4.6500	232,500.00
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	2,000,000.00	20/03/2025	09/04/2026	20/03/2026	Periodic	4.6500	93,000.00
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Annual	2,000,000.00	20/03/2025	16/04/2026	20/03/2026	Periodic	4.6500	93,000.00
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	02/03/2026	Periodic	2.0000	9,863.01
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	02/03/2026	Periodic	2.0000	4,931.51

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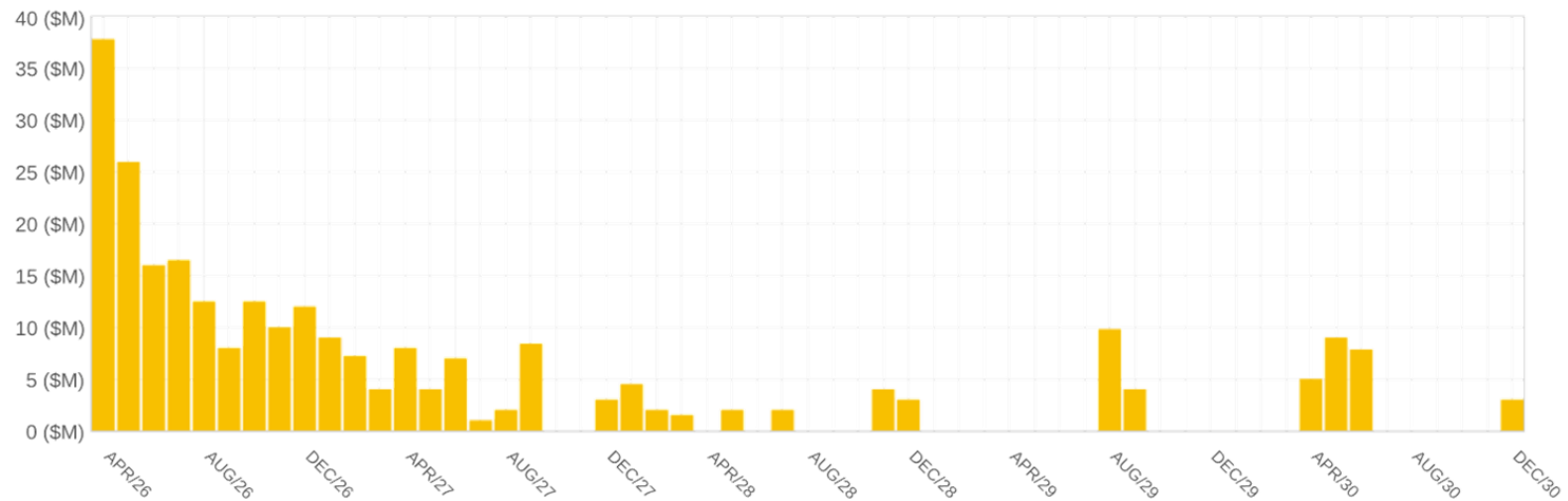

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Frequency	Value (\$)	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Date	Type	Rate (%)	Received (\$)
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	02/12/2021	03/12/2026	02/03/2026	Periodic	2.0000	9,863.01
Westpac	AA-	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	04/12/2025	07/01/2027	04/03/2026	Periodic	4.4200	10,898.63
Westpac	AA-	TD	WATER	Quarterly	1,000,000.00	04/12/2025	07/01/2027	04/03/2026	Periodic	4.4200	10,898.63
BankVic	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	2,000,000.00	18/12/2025	04/03/2027	18/03/2026	Periodic	4.7000	23,178.08
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	TD	WATER	Quarterly	5,000,000.00	18/12/2025	01/04/2027	18/03/2026	Periodic	4.6200	56,958.90
BankVic	BBB+	TD	SEWER	Quarterly	3,000,000.00	18/12/2025	08/04/2027	18/03/2026	Periodic	4.7000	34,767.12
AMP Bank	BBB+	FRN	SEWER	Quarterly	3,400,000.00	13/09/2024	13/09/2027	13/03/2026	Periodic	4.9820	40,838.75
ANZ Bank	AA-	FRN	SEWER	Quarterly	1,500,000.00	31/03/2023	31/03/2028	31/03/2026	Periodic	4.7975	17,744.18
TOTALS					57,400,000.00						1,036,278.27



Maturity Cash Flow as at 31/03/2026

Year	Jan (\$)	Feb (\$)	Mar (\$)	Apr (\$)	May (\$)	Jun (\$)	Jul (\$)	Aug (\$)	Sep (\$)	Oct (\$)	Nov (\$)	Dec (\$)	Total (\$)
2026	-	-	-	37,868,161	26,000,000	16,000,000	16,500,000	12,500,000	8,000,000	12,500,000	10,000,000	12,000,000	151,368,161.72
2027	9,000,000	7,223,112	4,000,000	8,000,000	4,000,000	7,000,000	991,967	2,000,000	8,415,483	-	-	3,000,000	53,630,563.00
2028	4,500,000	2,000,000	1,514,290	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-	-	-	3,994,920	3,000,000	19,009,210.50
2029	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,813,703	4,000,000	-	-	-	13,813,703.40
2030	-	-	-	5,000,000	9,000,000	7,837,596	-	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	24,837,596.00
TOTALS													262,659,234.62

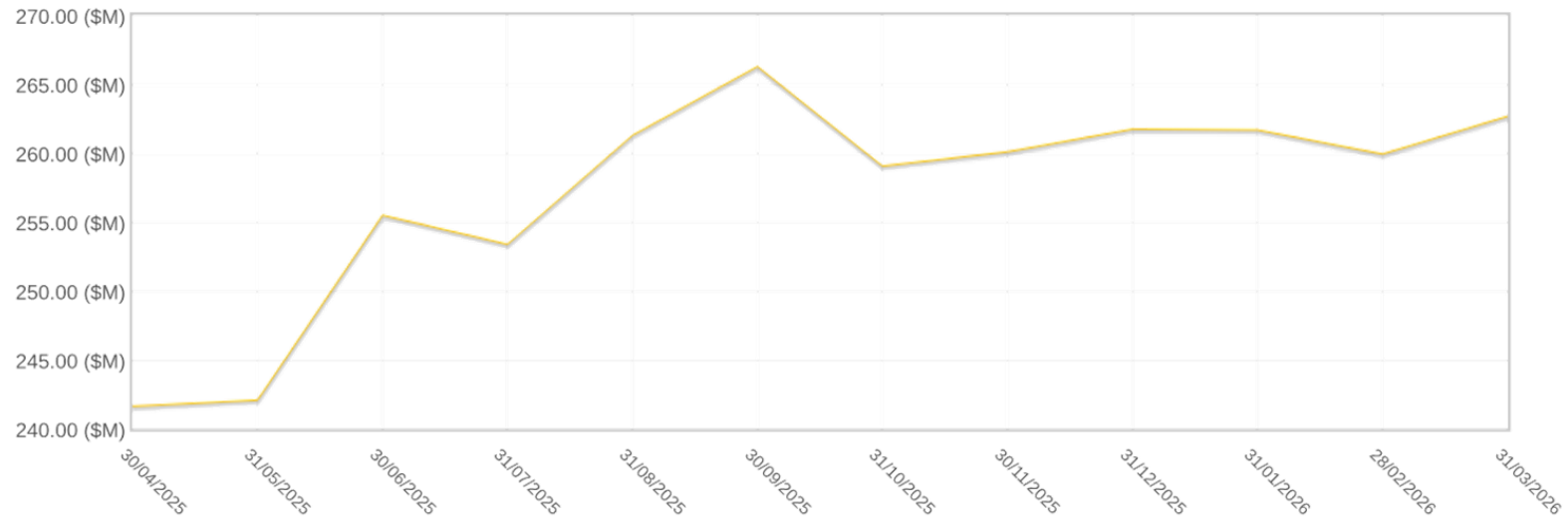
Maturity Cash Flow Distribution





Historical Portfolio Balances as at 31/03/2026

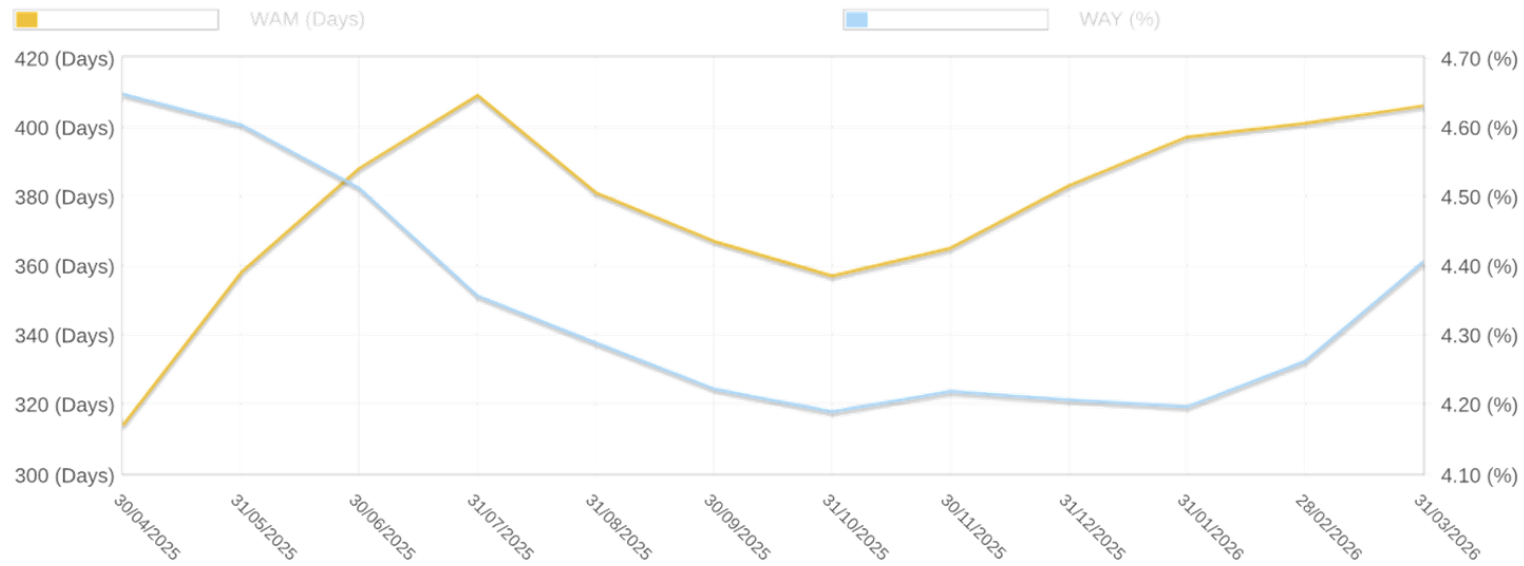
30/04/2025	31/05/2025	30/06/2025	31/07/2025	31/08/2025	30/09/2025	31/10/2025	30/11/2025	31/12/2025	31/01/2026	28/02/2026	31/03/2026
241.62	242.07	255.48	253.37	261.28	266.27	259.04	260.08	261.73	261.67	259.92	262.66





Historical Ratios as at 31/03/2026

	30/04/2025	31/05/2025	30/06/2025	31/07/2025	31/08/2025	30/09/2025	31/10/2025	30/11/2025	31/12/2025	31/01/2026	28/02/2026	31/03/2026
WAM (Days)	314	358	388	409	381	367	357	365	383	397	401	406
WAY (%)	4.6468	4.6027	4.5113	4.3564	4.2887	4.2225	4.1896	4.2191	4.2069	4.1966	4.2621	4.4055

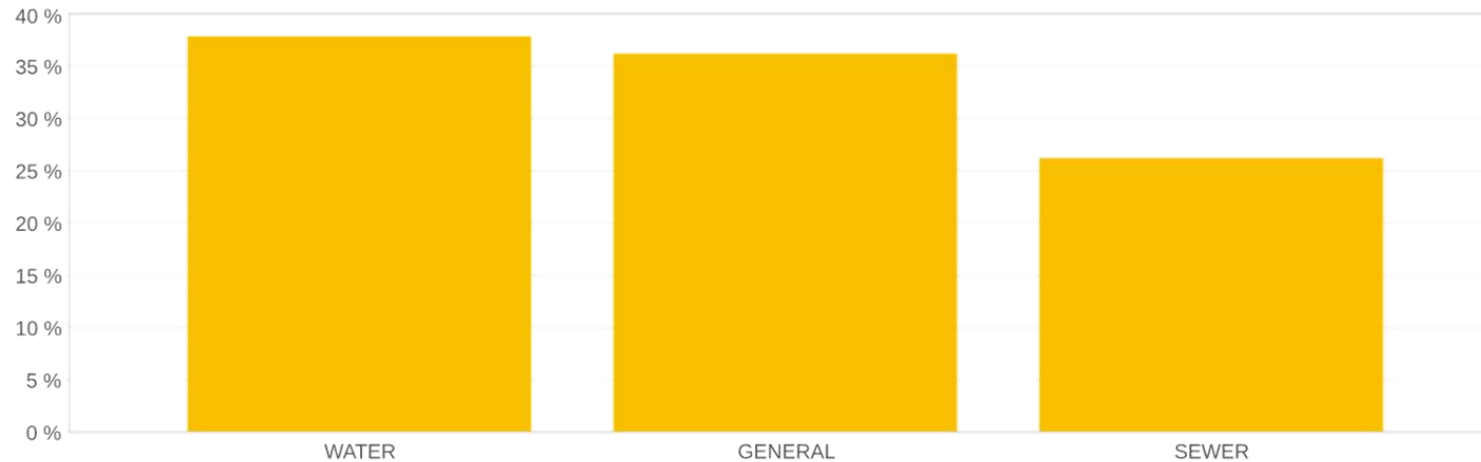




Allocation as at 31/03/2026

Code	Number of trades	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
WATER	35	99,286,426.27	37.80
GENERAL	29	94,839,510.80	36.11
SEWER	31	68,533,297.55	26.09
TOTALS	95	262,659,234.62	100.0

Allocation Distribution as at 31/03/2026

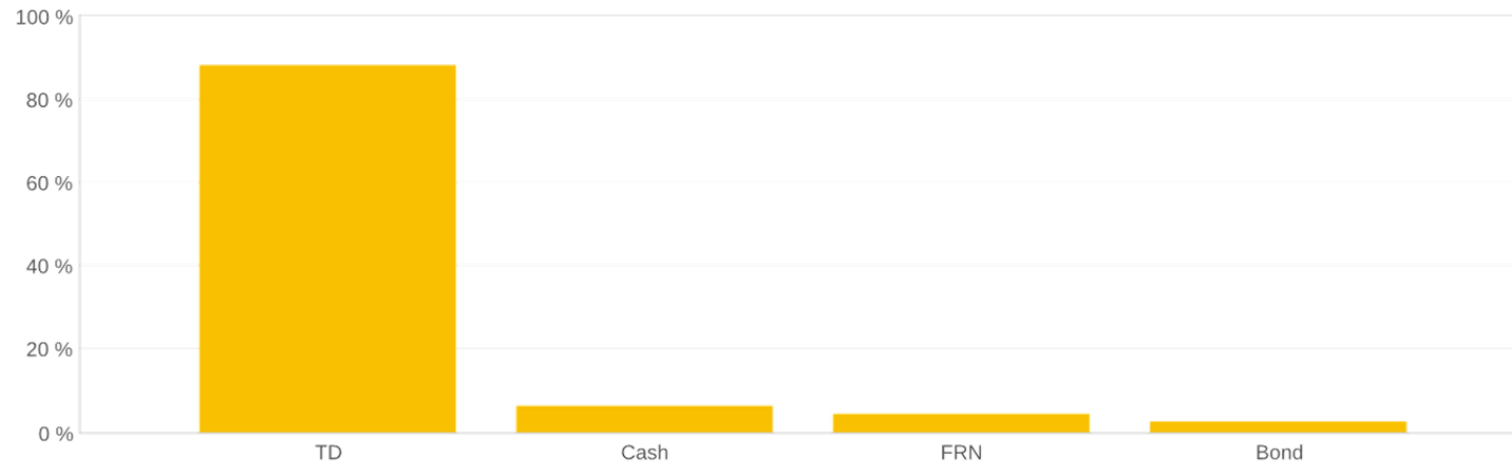




Asset Class as at 31/03/2026

Code	Number of Trades	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
TD	84	230,340,000.00	87.70
Cash	3	15,868,161.72	6.04
FRN	4	10,738,397.50	4.09
Bond	4	5,712,675.40	2.17
TOTALS	95	262,659,234.62	100.0

Asset Class Distribution





ADIs funding fossil fuels as at 31/03/2026

	Number of Trades	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
Not funding fossil fuels	45	131,402,370.60	50.0
Funding fossil fuels	50	131,256,864.02	50.0



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Monthly Investment Review



March 2026

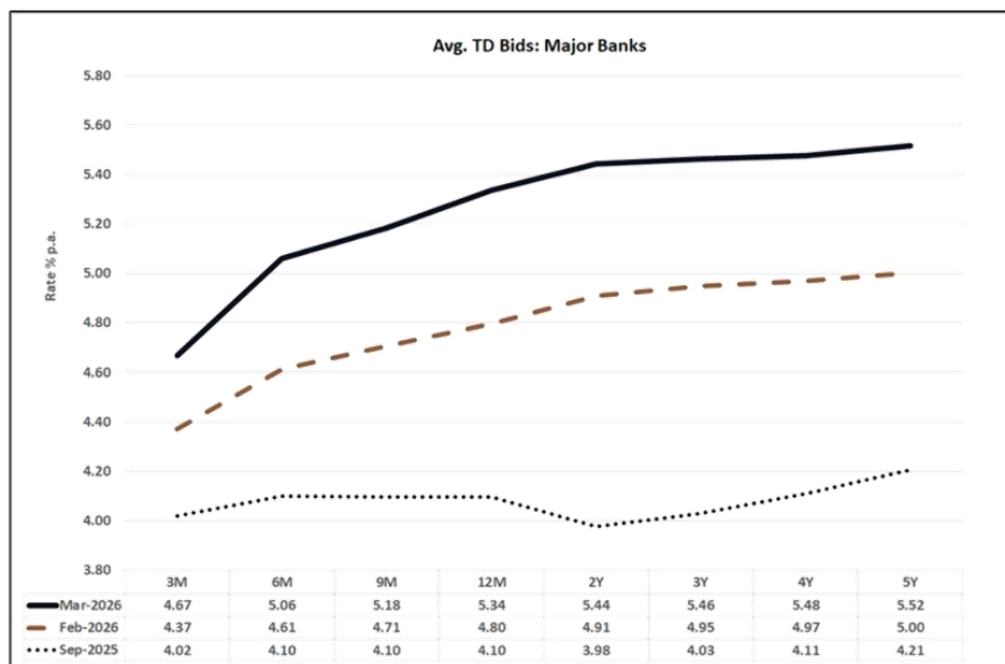
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Market Update Summary

Financial markets remain volatile as the Middle East conflict continues to dampen risk sentiment, with the conflict becoming more protracted and strategically broader. The market remains focussed on the inflation consequences of the disruptions, from which central bank expectations have repriced sharply.

In the deposit market, over March, at the short-end of the curve (12 months and less), the average deposit rates offered by the domestic major banks was up to 35bp higher compared to where they were the previous month (February) after the RBA lifted official rates by a further 25bp. At the longer-end of the curve (1-5 years), the average rates were also up to 35bp higher compared to where they were the previous month. Markets are pricing in another two rate hikes for 2026.



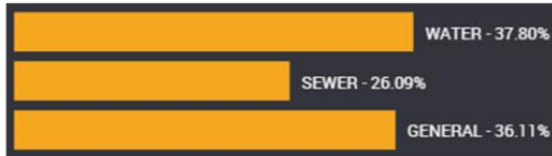
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Orange City Council's Portfolio & Compliance

Account Breakdown

As at the end of March, the consolidated portfolio was made up in the following way:



Asset Allocation

The aggregate portfolio is mainly directed to fixed rate term deposits (88%), with the remaining portfolio allocated to FRNs (4%), bonds (2%) and cash (6%).

Senior FRNs remain marginally 'expensive' on a historical basis but new issuances should continue to be considered on a case by case scenario for diversification purposes (duration and asset type). In the interim, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 9 months to 3 years remains a more optimal strategy for the 'core' assets to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle, which can be supplemented by investing a small proportion of surplus funds in senior FRNs.

Should inflation be within the RBA's target band of 2-3% over the longer-term, fixed assets yielding above 5¼-5½% p.a. for 1-3 years or higher should outperform benchmark.





Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains highly liquid with approximately 65% of assets maturing under 12 months. There is significant capacity to invest in short-medium (1-2 years) and medium-term assets (2-5 years).

Where there is (counterparty) capacity to invest in attractive medium-longer term investments, we recommend this be allocated to any remaining attractive fixed assets for 1-3 years and senior new FRNs for 3-5 years (refer to respective sections below).

Compliant	Horizon	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 90 days	\$79,868,162	30.41%	10%	100%	\$182,791,073
✓	91 - 365 days	\$91,723,112	34.92%	20%	100%	\$170,936,122
✓	1 - 2 years	\$39,907,451	15.19%	0%	70%	\$143,954,014
✓	2 - 5 years	\$51,160,510	19.48%	0%	50%	\$80,169,107
✓	5 - 10 years	\$0	0.00%	0%	25%	\$65,664,809
		\$262,659,235	100.00%			



Counterparty

As at the end of March, Council did not have an overweight position to any single counterparty. Overall, the portfolio is well diversified across the investment grade spectrum, with no exposure to the unrated ADI sector.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	RBC Covered	AAA	\$991,967	0.38%	40.00%	\$104,071,727
✓	ANZ	AA-	\$1,514,291	0.58%	30.00%	\$77,283,480
✓	CBA	AA-	\$15,868,162	6.04%	30.00%	\$62,929,609
✓	NAB	AA-	\$39,883,112	15.18%	30.00%	\$38,914,658
✓	Westpac	AA-	\$51,677,596	19.67%	30.00%	\$27,120,174
✓	ING	A	\$22,313,703	8.50%	15.00%	\$17,085,182
✓	Rabobank	A	\$27,000,000	10.28%	15.00%	\$12,398,885
✓	BOQ	A-	\$25,494,920	9.71%	15.00%	\$13,903,965
✓	Aus. Military Bank	A-	\$12,000,000	4.57%	15.00%	\$27,398,885
✓	AMP Bank	BBB+	\$3,415,484	1.30%	10.00%	\$22,850,440
✓	Bank Australia	BBB+	\$13,000,000	4.95%	10.00%	\$13,265,923
✓	BankVic	BBB+	\$14,000,000	5.33%	10.00%	\$12,265,923
✓	Defence Bank	BBB+	\$5,000,000	1.90%	10.00%	\$21,265,923
✓	P&N Bank	BBB+	\$5,000,000	1.90%	10.00%	\$21,265,923
✓	Heartland Bank	BBB	\$3,000,000	1.14%	10.00%	\$23,265,923
✓	Judo Bank	BBB	\$8,000,000	3.05%	10.00%	\$18,265,923
✓	MyState Bank	BBB	\$11,500,000	4.38%	10.00%	\$14,765,923
✓	State Bank India	BBB	\$3,000,000	1.14%	10.00%	\$23,265,923
			\$262,659,235	100.00%		

In November 2025, Bank Australia's acquisition of Australian Unity Bank was completed. As such, Council's exposure to Australian Unity Bank is now reflected under the parent company being Bank Australia.

On 31st July 2024, ANZ's takeover of Suncorp Bank was formalised, and ratings agency S&P upgraded Suncorp's long-term credit rating to that of its parent company immediately (now rated AA-). Investor's exposure to Suncorp is now reflected under the parent company being ANZ.



Credit Quality

Overall, the entire portfolio is well diversified amongst the investment grade credit spectrum (BBB- or higher). All aggregate ratings categories are within the Policy limits. There is now large capacity to invest in the BBB and Unrated category (although TCorp's covenants which are prohibitive and fundamentally unjustified may result in additional loss of income over future financial years):

Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	"AAA" Category	\$991,967	0.38%	100.00%	\$261,667,268
✓	"AA" or Major Bank	\$108,943,161	41.48%	100.00%	\$153,716,074
✓	"A" Category	\$86,808,623	33.05%	60.00%	\$70,786,917
✓	"BBB" & Unrated Category	\$65,915,484	25.10%	40.00%	\$39,148,210
		\$262,659,235	100.00%		



Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending March 2026:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	0.34%	0.94%	1.84%	2.77%	3.77%	4.04%	4.08%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.32%	0.91%	1.82%	2.75%	3.80%	4.13%	4.15%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.38%	1.08%	2.18%	3.33%	4.55%	4.68%	4.59%
Council's FRN Portfolio	0.44%	1.22%	2.44%	3.70%	5.04%	5.44%	5.36%
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.35%	1.03%	2.10%	3.18%	4.18%	4.03%	3.98%
Council's Portfolio [^]	0.38%	1.08%	2.19%	3.34%	4.56%	4.70%	4.62%
Rel. Performance	0.06%	0.18%	0.37%	0.58%	0.76%	0.57%	0.47%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

Performance (% p.a.)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	4.10%	3.85%	3.72%	3.71%	3.77%	4.04%	4.08%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	3.81%	3.73%	3.68%	3.69%	3.80%	4.13%	4.15%
Council's T/D Portfolio	4.53%	4.44%	4.41%	4.45%	4.55%	4.68%	4.59%
Council's FRN Portfolio	5.27%	5.06%	4.96%	4.96%	5.04%	5.44%	5.36%
Council's Bond Portfolio	4.25%	4.26%	4.26%	4.26%	4.18%	4.03%	3.98%
Council's Portfolio [^]	4.55%	4.47%	4.43%	4.47%	4.56%	4.70%	4.62%
Rel. Performance	0.75%	0.73%	0.75%	0.78%	0.76%	0.57%	0.47%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

For the month of March, the total portfolio (excluding cash) provided a solid return of +0.38% (actual) or +4.55% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.32% (actual) or +3.81% p.a. (annualised).



Recommendations for Council

Term Deposits

Going forward, Council's ongoing strategy in placing across 12-24 months terms is likely to earn up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to shorter tenors in a normal market environment. Despite the possibility of additional rate hikes in 2026, locking in rates above 5¼% p.a. across 1-3 year tenors (small allocation) should still outperform benchmark in the long-run, on assumption that the RBA can get inflation back within their 2-3% target band.

As at the end of March 2026, Council's **deposit** portfolio was yielding 4.41% p.a. (up 12bp from the previous month), with a weighted average duration of around 395 days (~13 months). We recommend Council maintains a duration of around ~12 months in the long-run to optimise returns.

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

Securities

Primary (new) **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) are expensive on a historical basis but remains an option (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) and should be considered on a case by case scenario. **Fixed Bonds** may also provide attractive opportunities from new (primary and secondary) issuances.

Council's Senior FRNs Sale/Switch Recommendations

Should there be an opportunity to sell out of low yielding FRNs and switch into a higher yielding complying assets, we will inform Council accordingly. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.

We now recommend Council sells and switches out of the following FRN(s) at the next best opportunity given it is now yielding a low rate of return, if held to maturity.

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	ISIN	Face Value	Trading Margin	~Capital Price (\$)	~Unrealised Gain (\$)
ANZ	AA-	31/03/2028	AU3FN0076998	\$1,500,000	+54.5bp	\$100.953	\$14,291

We will continue to monitor any sub-optimal FRN investments and continue this strategy going forward to maximise returns where possible, and without comprising risk or liquidity.



Council's Senior Fixed Bonds

Over the past few years, Council purchased into the following fixed bonds:

Issuer	Rating	Maturity Date	ISIN	Face Value	Purchase Yield	Current Yield	Unrealised Gain / Loss (\$)
NAB	AA-	25/02/2027	AU3CB0286763	\$450,000	2.90%	5.03%	-\$7,310
NAB	AA-	25/02/2027	AU3CB0286763	\$450,000	2.90%	5.03%	-\$7,310
RBC	AAA	13/07/2027	AU3CB0290682	\$1,000,000	4.54%	5.13%	-\$6,263
WBC	AA-	19/06/2030	AU3CB0322923	\$4,000,000	4.30%	5.38%	-\$155,804

Should there be an attractive option to sell prior to maturity after a 2–4 year holding period, we will inform Council accordingly. In all likelihood, Council will hold onto these securities for the remaining term unless official interest rates drop quickly (and significantly).



Term Deposit Market Review

Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of March, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ING	A	5 years	5.60%
Westpac	AA-	5 years	5.60%
NAB	AA-	5 years	5.45%
BoQ	A-	5 years	5.39%
ING	A	4 years	5.55%
Westpac	AA-	4 years	5.55%
NAB	AA-	4 years	5.45%
BoQ	A-	4 years	5.34%
Westpac	AA-	3 years	5.55%
ING	A	3 years	5.50%
NAB	AA-	3 years	5.45%
BankVic	BBB+	3 years	5.40%
Westpac	AA-	2 years	5.50%
ING	A	2 years	5.50%
BankVic	BBB+	2 years	5.50%
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	2 years	5.44%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments):



ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
BankVic	BBB+	12 months	5.55%
Regional Aus. Bank	BBB+	12 months	5.50%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	12 months	5.50%
ING	A	12 months	5.46%
Police & Nurses	BBB+	12 months	5.45%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	9 months	5.40%
NAB	AA-	9 months	5.39%
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	9 months	5.39%
Regional Australia	BBB+	9 months	5.35%
Heritage and P.C.	BBB+	9 months	5.35%
BankVic	BBB+	6 months	5.40%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	6 months	5.40%
Bank Australia	BBB+	6 months	5.35%
NAB	AA-	6 months	5.34%
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	6 months	5.34%
Heritage and P.C.	BBB+	3 months	5.00%
NAB	AA-	3 months	4.96%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	3 months	4.95%
Westpac	AA-	3 months	4.82%

For those investors that do not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger their investments longer term, they will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle if they roll for an average min. term of 12 months, with a spread of investments out to 5 years (this is where we see current value). In a normal market environment (upward sloping yield curve), investors could earn over a cycle, on average, up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits.

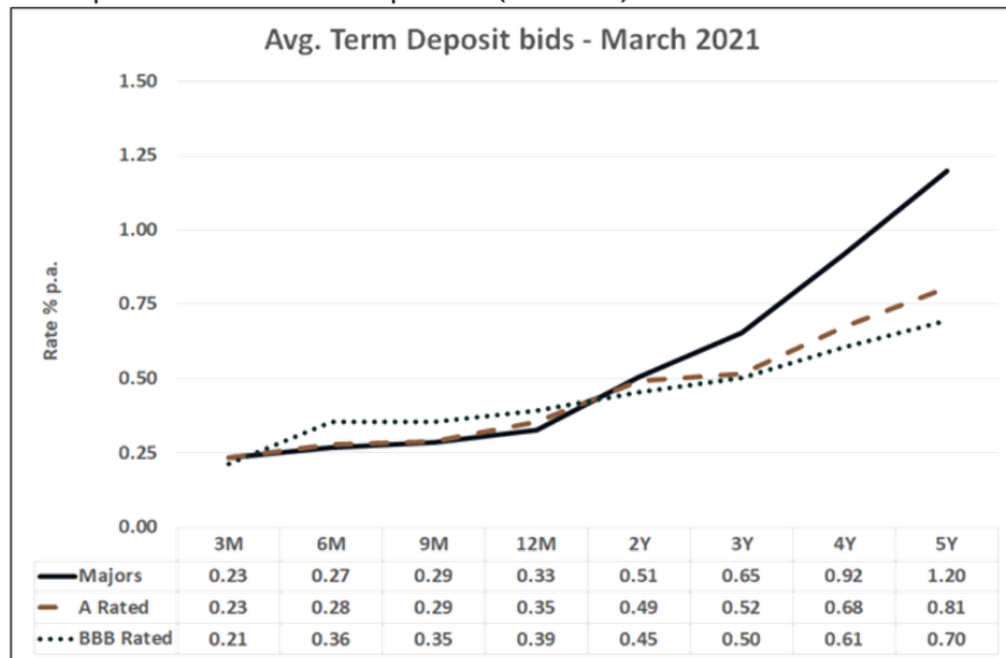
Despite the possibility of additional rate hikes in 2026, investors should consider allocating some longer-term surplus funds for diversification purposes by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 5¼-5½% p.a. Should inflation get under control (be within the RBA's 2-3% target band), yields above these levels should still outperform benchmark.



Term Deposits Analysis

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)



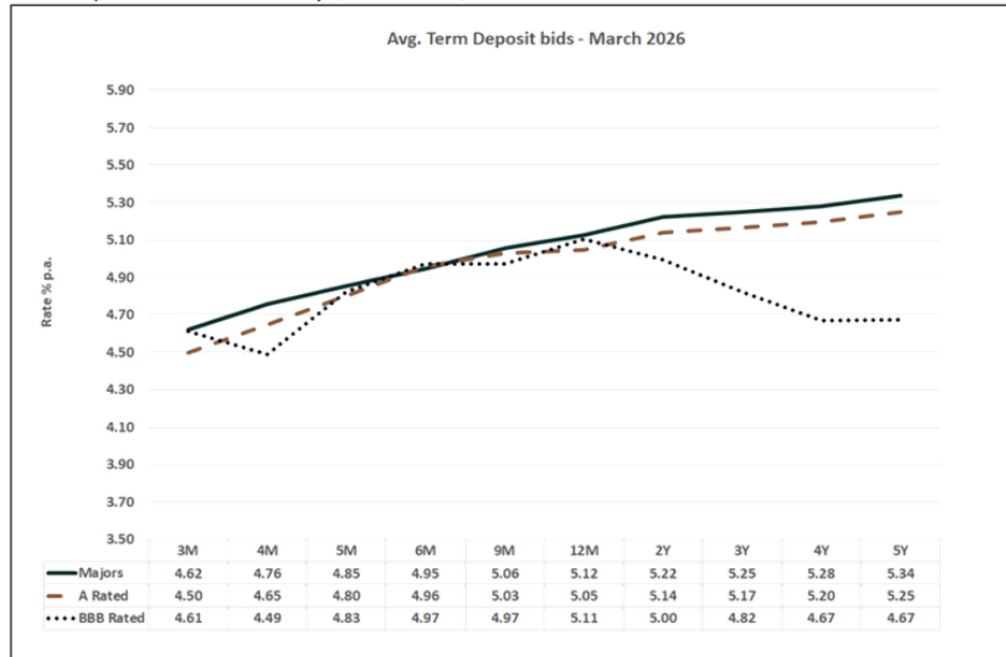
Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA's term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs ("A" and "BBB" rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks ("AA" rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.



Going forward, investors should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge, although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (March 2026)



Source: Imperium Markets

Financial Stability of the Banking (ADI) Sector

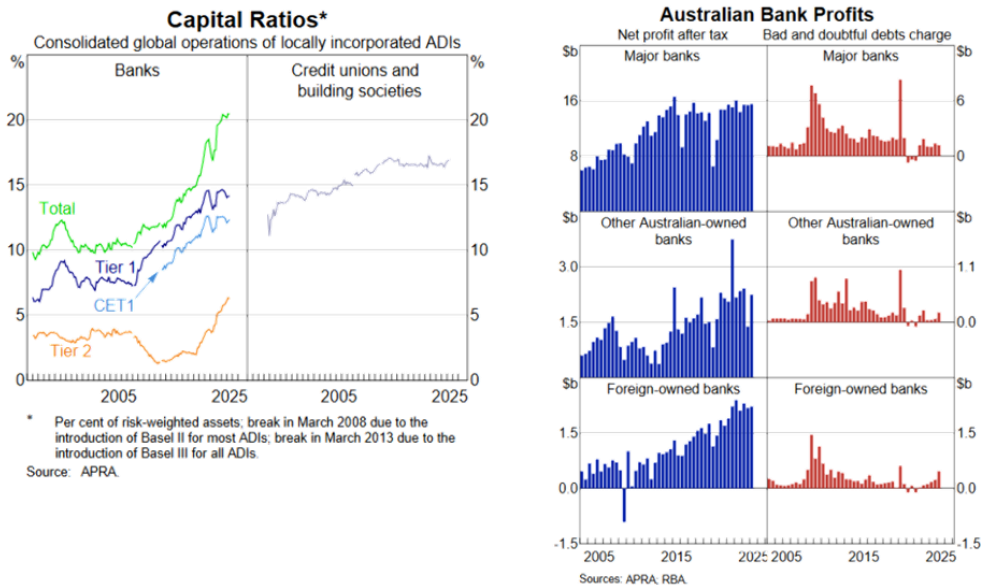
The RBA's Financial Stability reaffirms the strong balance sheet across the ADI sector. They noted that the risk of widespread financial stress remains limited due to the generally strong financial positions of most (individual) borrowers. Very few mortgage borrowers are in negative equity, limiting the impact on lenders (ADIs) in the event of default and supporting their ability to continue providing credit to the economy. Most businesses that have entered insolvency are small and have little debt, limiting the broader impact on the labour market and thus household incomes, and on the capital position of lenders (ADIs).

Australian banks (collectively the APRA regulated ADIs) have maintained prudent lending standards and are well positioned to continue supplying credit to the economy. A deterioration in economic conditions or temporary disruption to funding markets is unlikely to halt lending activity. Banks have anticipated an



increase in loan arrears and have capital and liquidity buffers well above regulatory requirements (see *Capital Ratios chart below*). APRA’s mandate is to “protect depositors” and provide “financial stability”.

Over the past two decades, both domestic and international banks continue to operate and demonstrate high levels of profitability (see *Australian Bank Profits chart below*), which also covers two stress-test environments being the GFC (September 2008) and the COVID pandemic period (March 2020):



The Council of Financial Regulators (CFR) – being the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), the Australian Treasury and the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), have the ultimate aim of promoting the stability of the financial system, whilst supporting effective and efficient regulation. In their latest quarterly review, the CFR agreed on the following priorities heading into 2026:

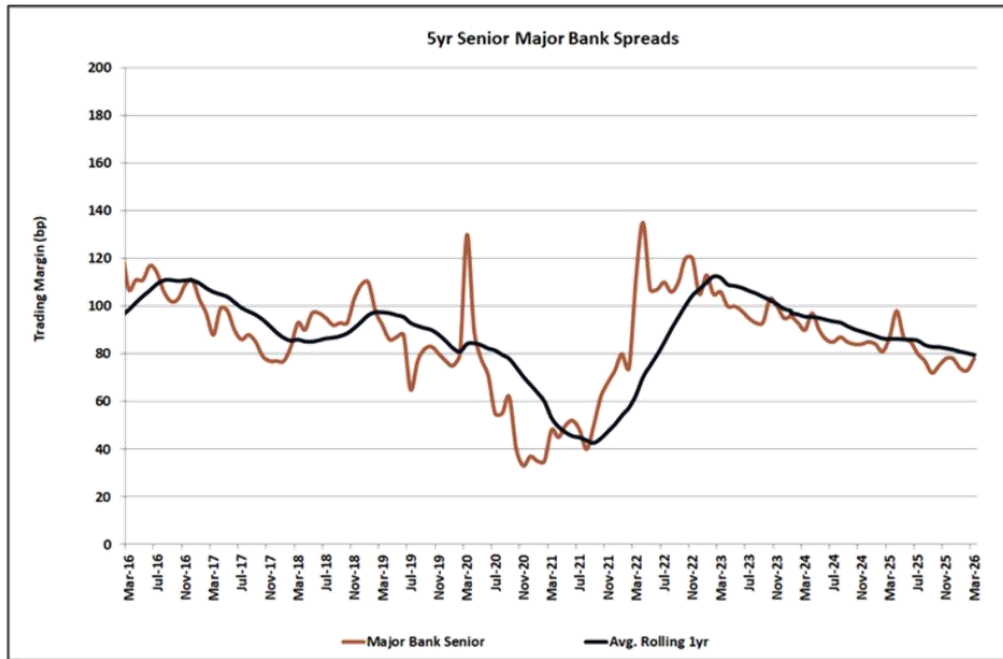
- Improving preparedness for geopolitical risks;
- Operational vulnerabilities, including cyber, third parties and AI;
- Amplification of systemic liquidity risk: further strengthening CFR and industry readiness to respond to systemic liquidity stress events; and
- High household leverage: continuing to closely monitor household leverage and bank lending standards.

The Council noted that in each of these priority areas, CFR agencies are taking forward a number of initiatives to strengthen the resilience of the financial system.



Senior FRNs Market Review

Over March, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities widened up to 5bp at the long-end of the curve. Long-term major bank senior securities remain 'expensive' on a historical basis, noting the 5yr margin has averaged around the +92bp level over a cycle (currently around +80bp).



Source: IBS Capital

During the month, there was little issuances as issuers were reluctant to tap into the primary markets given the selloff in risk markets. QBank (BBB) issued a 3 year senior private placement FRN at +140bp, whilst MyState (BBB) issued a 3 year senior FRN at +115bp, printing \$250m.

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sector, the securities widened up to 20bp at the 3-5 year part of the curve. Overall, credit securities are marginally expensive on a historical basis but remain a good option for diversification purposes. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors' portfolios mainly based on their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets (and especially with the RBA on a tightening bias).



Senior FRNs (ADIs)	31/03/2026	27/02/2026
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+80bp	+73bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+63bp	+58bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+88bp	+80bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+70bp	+63bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+115bp	+95bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before early-2029 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before mid-2027 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6-9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.



Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)

Investors may look at some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0314763	Bendigo	A-	Senior	24/10/2028	2.57	4.79%	5.46%
AU3CB0308955	BoQ	A-	Senior	30/04/2029	3.09	5.30%	5.55%
AU3CB0319879	Nova Sco.	A-	Senior	21/03/2030	3.98	5.23%	5.81%
AU3CB0331056	ING Bank	A	Senior	13/02/2031	4.88	5.21%	5.52%
AU3CB0326890	CBA	AA-	Senior	09/10/2035	9.53	5.18%	5.86%



Economic Commentary

International Market

Financial markets remain volatile as the Middle East conflict continues to dampen risk sentiment, with the conflict becoming more protracted and strategically broader. The market remains focussed on the inflation consequences of the disruptions, from which central bank expectations have repriced sharply.

Across equity markets, the US indices were sold off with the S&P 500 Index falling -5.09%, whilst the tech heavy NASDAQ suffered a loss of -4.75%. Europe's main indices also plunged, with falls across Germany's DAX (-10.30%), France's CAC (-8.90%) and UK's FTSE (-6.73%).

The US Federal Reserve and Bank of Canada held rates steady as expected, both indicating in different ways they are prepared to "look through" initial energy price rises. The Swiss National Bank also kept official rates unchanged, at 0.0%.

US February CPI rose +0.3% m/m, with core CPI up +0.2%, both in line with consensus, confirming inflation remains too firm for the FOMC to pivot toward labour-market support for now. The US unemployment rate rose by 0.1% to 4.4% in February. US retail sales for January, while not disappointing, were at best uninspiring. The headline print, at -0.2%, was down a little less than expected.

Canada's February labour report was unequivocally weak, the unemployment rate up 0.2% to 6.7% (flat on a trend basis since late 2024), with employment falling -84k m/m. Canada's annual inflation rate eased to a nine-month low in February with headline at +1.8% (from +2.3%) and core at +2.0%.

UK January GDP was flat against the +0.2% consensus, which UK economic observers note leaves the level of GDP flat from seven months ago. UK headline inflation was in line at +3.0%, but core and services inflation were both 0.1% higher than expected. The Bank of England, in announcing a unanimous (9-0) decision to keep rates at 3.75%, said that all members "stand ready to act" to contain inflation.

Norway's Norges Bank held policy unchanged, but its guidance pivoted from expected easing to expected tightening. An earlier plan of three rate cuts by the end of 2028 has been replaced by guidance that an increase "at one of the forthcoming monetary policy meetings" will likely be necessary.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index fell -6.25% for the month of March:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	-5.09%	-4.63%	+16.33%	+16.69%	+10.44%	+12.23%
MSCI World ex-AUS	-6.25%	-3.58%	+19.35%	+17.43%	+10.85%	+12.45%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	-7.15%	-1.61%	+11.67%	+9.54%	+8.63%	+9.44%

Source: S&P, MSCI



Domestic Market

In a close decision based on timing and not the direction (5 votes to 4), the RBA Monetary Policy Board decided to lift the official cash rate by 25bp to 4.10% in March. The main driver of the decision was a judgement that there is a material risk that inflation remains above target for even longer than previously anticipated.

The unemployment rate rose to 4.3% in February (4.1% consensus), despite strong employment growth, up +49k. The rise in unemployment came alongside a 0.2% rise in participation to 66.9%, back to where it was in October last year.

Q4 GDP rose +0.8% q/q and +2.6% y/y, slightly below market expectations.

Dwelling prices across the combined capitals have risen +9.6% over the past year. In February, prices rose +0.6% m/m, driven by the mid-size capitals with Sydney and Melbourne seeing flat outcomes. On a 3-month annualised basis, dwelling prices are rising around +30% in Perth and about +20% in Brisbane and Adelaide, while Sydney (-0.3%) and Melbourne (-1.8%) are now recording declines.

Household spending rose by +0.3% m/m in January to be +4.6% higher over the year, but remains below the recent trend.

The Australian dollar fell around -3.94%, finishing the month at US68.45 cents (from US71.26 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The global credit indices widened significantly during the month as risk assets were sold off. Overall, credit assets remain resilient despite the escalating geopolitical tensions, with spreads still below longer-term historical averages:

Index	March 2026	February 2026
CDX North American 5yr CDS	67bp	54bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	73bp	54bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	92bp	67bp

Source: Markit



Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	March 2026	February 2026
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.32%	+0.28%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	-1.42%	+0.88%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.25%	+0.32%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	-1.15%	+0.64%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	-1.36%	+0.98%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	-0.89%	+1.08%

Source: Bloomberg

Other Key Rates

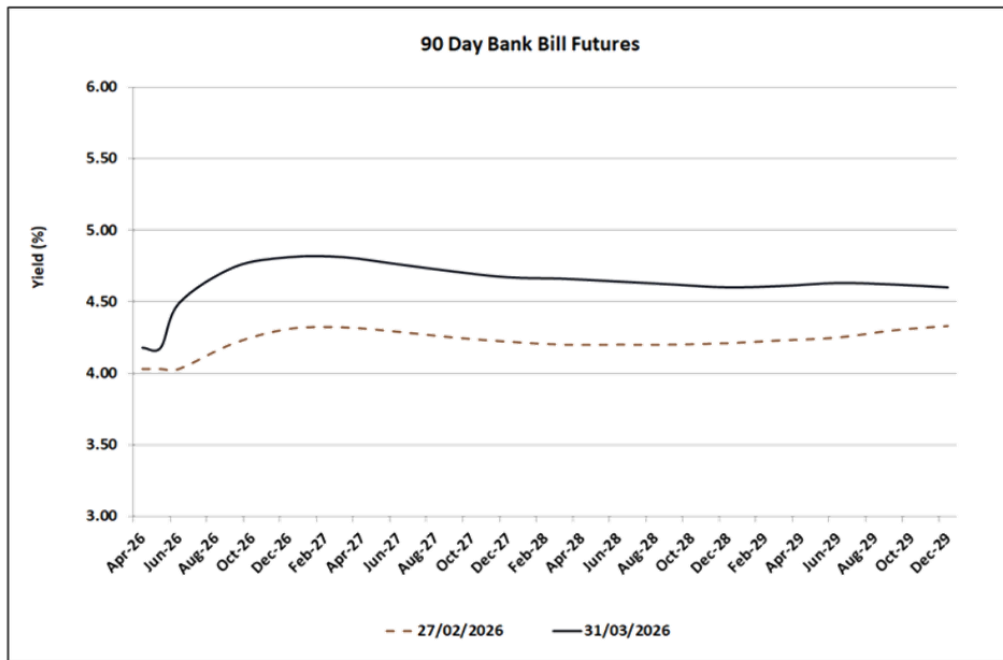
Index	March 2026	February 2026
RBA Official Cash Rate	4.10%	3.85%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	4.32%	3.99%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	4.66%	4.21%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	4.97%	4.64%
US Fed Funds Rate	3.50%-3.75%	3.50%-3.75%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	3.79%	3.38%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	4.30%	3.97%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury



90 Day Bill Futures

Bill futures rose significantly during the month. Markets have reacted quickly after the RBA lifted rates in consecutive meetings, whilst also signalling further rate rises may need to be delivered to temper rising inflation expectations.



Source: ASX



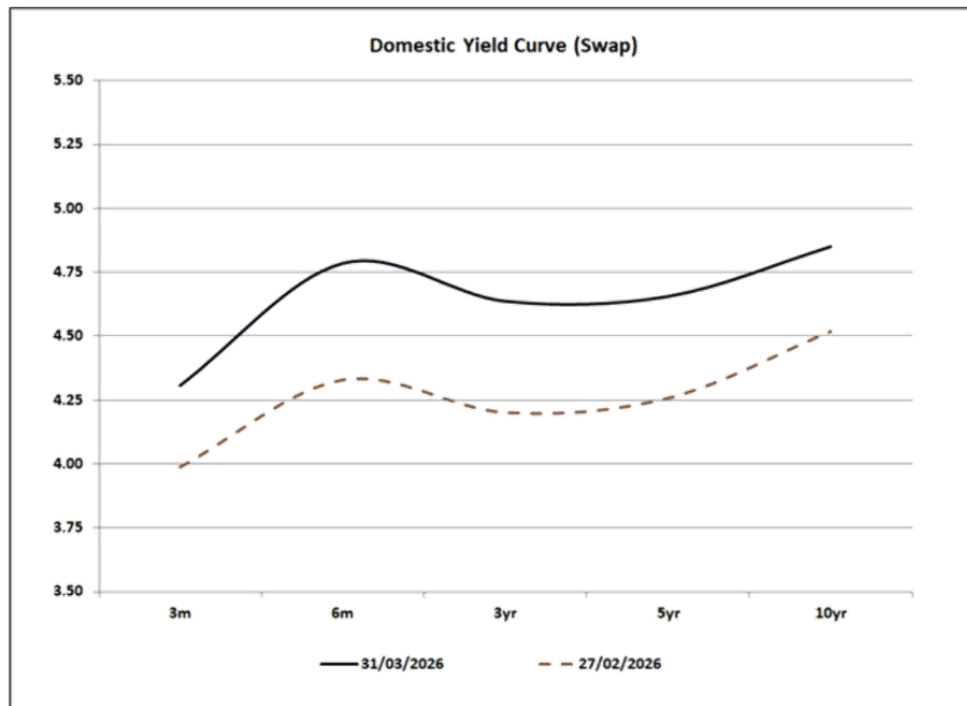
Fixed Interest Outlook

Markets finally flipped from pricing meaningful rate cuts in the US over the next year, to a much flatter and potential rate increase for 2026, as inflation expectations have recalibrated significantly. At month-end, President Trump had told aides he was willing to end the US military campaign against Iran even if the Strait of Hormuz remains largely closed.

Domestically, after lifting rates in February and March, the RBA remains *"attentive to the data and the evolving assessment of the outlook and risks to guide its decisions"*. Every meeting is considered *"live"*, with the RBA commenting that *"members agreed that further tightening in monetary policy would likely be required"*. Members noted higher oil prices had further increased inflation risk and downside risks to the labour market had abated over prior months.

On the path forward, uncertainty about the breadth and duration of the conflict in the Middle East meant *"it was not possible to predict the future path for the cash rate target with any confidence"* and that a longer conflict could have a material bearing on both inflation and economic activity.

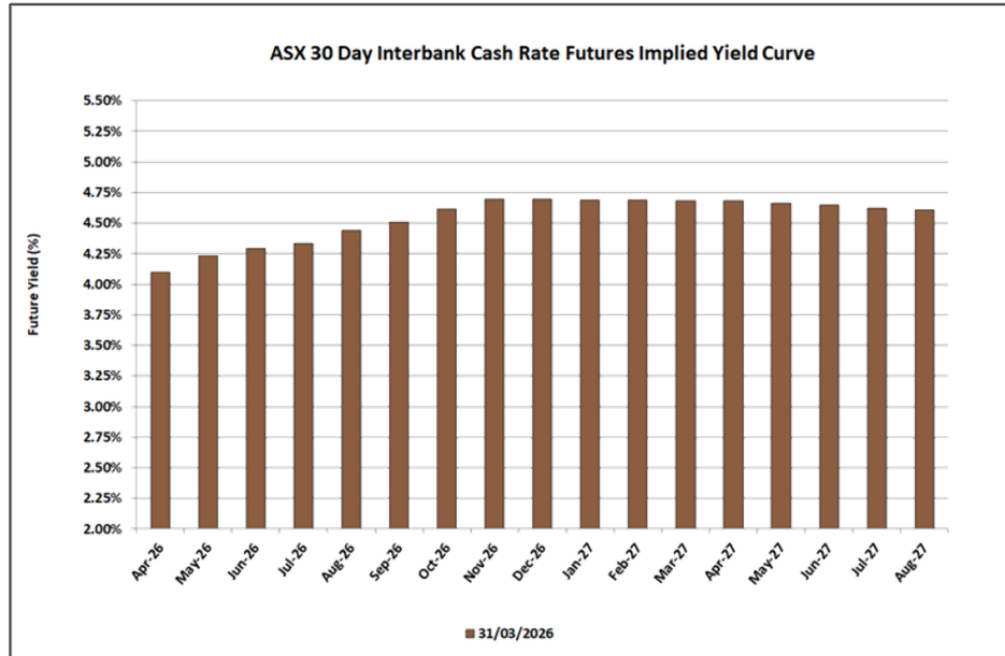
Yields rose up to 45bp at the longer-end of the curve this month:



Source: ASX, RBA



Financial markets are currently fully pricing in two more rate hikes in 2026 (by August and October). There is also the potential for a further rate hike if inflation continues to spike or remain elevated:



Source: ASX

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5.2 Responses to Questions Taken on Notice

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/315
 AUTHOR: Nicole Wright, Governance Lead

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides responses below to Questions Taken on Notice at Council and Policy Committee meetings held 7 April 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:

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

5.2 Responses to Questions Taken on Notice**SUPPORTING INFORMATION****CCL 7 APRIL 2026**

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.

We will ensure that all individual situations of current or future Councillors are included when the report is presented to Council.

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.

The engagement summary report listed the location as 133 Lords Place (the site's postal address); however, the charger is located on Moulder Street. The Moulder Street location (identified as 133 Lords Place in the report) received no submissions from the 12 residents and businesses consulted.

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.

Council staff are compiling data and will provide information to the next meeting of Council.

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.

The Department had advised Council verbally in our scheduled monthly meetings that it was no longer endorsing local strategies (statewide). Council staff were provided no further information. It again raised when a submission was made on a planning proposal in which they advised they were now endorsing local strategies again. At that time Council resubmitted the strategy for endorsement.

There were not issues with the Local Housing Strategy itself.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE Cr F Kinghorne

Cr Kinghorne requested information on when the Wirraburra walk footpath will be upgraded, or the trip hazard painting completed.

Council staff will replace several broken slabs and fill with flexible sealant the other cracks over the next 2-3 months.

5.3 Confirmation of Minutes from Policy Committee Meetings 7 April 2026

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/334
 AUTHOR: Nicole Wright, Governance Lead

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council’s Policy Committees (Planning and Development Committee, Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee, Finance Policy Committee, Infrastructure Policy Committee, Recreation & Culture Policy Committee, Services Policy Committee and Regional & Economic Development Policy Committee) have delegation to determine matters before those Committees.

This report provides minutes of the Policy Committees held this month. Resolutions made by the Committees are presented for adoption or amendment by Council.

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

- 1 That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 April 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 7 April 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 7 April 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 7 April 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 5 That the Minutes of the Services Policy Committee at its meeting held on 7 April 2026 be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	Inaccurate records may misrepresent decisions, affecting service planning and delivery.
Financial	Misstated resolutions could lead to unbudgeted expenditures or financial mismanagement.
Reputation/Political	Misstated approvals could lead to unbudgeted expenditures or financial mismanagement.
Environment	Errors in recorded decisions may overlook environmental commitments or risks.

5.3 Confirmation of Minutes from Policy Committee Meetings 7 April 2026

Compliance	Failing to confirm accuracy may breach governance standards or statutory obligations.
People & WHS	Mis-recorded actions could impact staff safety measures or people related decisions.
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	Inaccurate documentation may affect IT governance or data integrity.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please note, Recreation & Culture and Regional & Economic Development Policy Committee Meetings were not held 7 April 2026, as there were no items to be discussed.

Planning and Development Policy Committee

At the Planning and Development Policy Committee meeting held on 7 April 2026, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee

At the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee meeting held on 7 April 2026, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

Finance Policy Committee

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Infrastructure Policy Committee

At the Infrastructure Policy Committee meeting held on 7 April 2026, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption.

Services Policy Committee

At the Services Policy Committee meeting held on 7 April 2026, all resolutions were made under delegation, and the minutes are presented for adoption

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 PDC 7 April 2026 Minutes, 2026/651 [↓](#)
- 2 ESPC 7 April 2026 Minutes, 2026/647 [↓](#)
- 3 FPC 7 April 2026 Minutes, 2026/648 [↓](#)
- 4 IPC 7 April 2026 Minutes, 2026/650 [↓](#)
- 5 SPC 7 April 2026 Minutes, 2026/652 [↓](#)

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

ON 7 APRIL 2026

COMMENCING AT 6.57 PM

1 INTRODUCTION**ATTENDANCE**

Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, 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), Senior Strategic Planner (Mariot), Communications Lead (Townsend)

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**RESOLVED - 26/140****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 Planning & Development Committee of Orange City Council on 7 April 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

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

Cr Greenhalgh declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in 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 Item 2.2 – Development Application DA362/2008(2) 16 Carwoola and Item 2.2 – Development Application DA362/2008(2) 20 Carwoola as he lives nearby.

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

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

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 ITEMS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF COUNCIL AND BY THE WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/404

RESOLVED - 26/141

Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy

That Council resolves to acknowledge the information provided in the report by the Coordinator Strategic Planning on Items Approved Under the Delegated Authority of Council.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

2.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 362/2008(2) - 16 CARWOOLA DRIVE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/430

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in this item as her family owns the properties, left the meeting with the time being 7.00ppm, did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

Cr Judge declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in this Item as he lives nearby, left the meeting with the time being 7.00pm, did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 26/142

Cr G Power/Cr J Whitton

That Council consents to development application DA 362/2008(2) for Subdivision (14 lot residential) at Lot 6 DP 715252 and Lot 2 DP 1286606 - 16 Carwoola Drive, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr Judge, Cr Kinghorne

2.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 421/2015(4) - 20 CARWOOLA DRIVE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/431

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in this item as her family owns the properties, left the meeting with the time being 7.00ppm, did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

Cr Judge declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in this Item as he lives nearby, left the meeting with the time being 7.00pm, did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 26/143**Cr J Whitton/Cr J Stedman**

That Council consents to development application DA 421/2015(4) for Subdivision (12 lot residential) at Lot 5 DP 715252 and Lot 1 DP 1286606 - 20 Carwoola Drive, Orange pursuant to the conditions of consent in the attached Notice of Approval.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr Judge, Cr Kinghorne

Cr Kinghorne and Cr Judge returned to the meeting with the time begin 7.01pm

2.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 298/2025(1) - REPORT TO WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL - 3 REDMOND PLACE, 154 LONE PINE AVENUE AND 5255 MITCHELL HIGHWAY

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/537

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item as he is a member of an organisation that made a submission for this application, remained in the room.

RESOLVED - 26/144**Cr D Mallard/Cr F Kinghorne**

1 That Council note the contents of this report and the attached assessment report to be presented to the Western Regional Planning Panel in relation to DA 298/2025(1) for the residential subdivision of land at 3 Redmond Place, 154 Lone Pine Avenue and 5255 Mitchell Highway.

2 That Council makes a submission in support of this application to the Western Regional Planning Panel (WRPP).

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

2.5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 464/2025(1) - REPORT TO WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL - 32 PERC GRIFFITH WAY

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/598

Cr Kinghorne declared a Significant Pecuniary Interest in this Item as she received a donation from a member of GBOTA, left the meeting with the time being 7.03pm and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

Cr Greenhalgh declared an interest in this Item as a person her electoral ticket is a member of GBOTA, left the meeting with the time being 7.03pm, did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

Cr Mallard declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in this Item as his partner made a submission for this application, remained in the room.

RESOLVED - 26/145
Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy

That this item be heard and voted on In Seriatim.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr F Kinghorne

RESOLVED - 26/146
Cr D Mallard/Cr M Ruddy

1 That the information contained in the planning report for DA464/2025(1) for Recreation facility (Major) and demolition (existing buildings and tree removal) at 32 Perc Griffith Way, Orange be acknowledged.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr F Kinghorne

MOTION
Cr D Mallard/Cr M Ruddy

2 That Council make a submission to not support this application to the Western Regional Planning Panel (WRPP), indicating that Council opposes the proposed development due to concerns regarding:

- a) inconsistency with the aims of the Orange Local Environment Plan 2011,
- b) likely negative social and economic impacts of the development and limited social and economic benefit
- c) suitability of the site,
- d) significant issues raised in submissions, and
- e) the development being contrary to the public interest.

AMENDMENT
Cr J Whitton/Cr K Duffy

2 Council makes no submission to the Western Regional Planning Panel.

For: Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr J Whitton.

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

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr F Kinghorne

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS LOST

MOTION	Cr D Mallard/Cr M Ruddy
<p>2 That Council make a submission to not support this application to the Western Regional Planning Panel (WRPP), indicating that Council opposes the proposed development due to concerns regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) inconsistency with the aims of the Orange Local Environment Plan 2011, b) likely negative social and economic impacts of the development and limited social and economic benefit c) suitability of the site, d) significant issues raised in submissions, and e) the development being contrary to the public interest. 	
AMENDMENT	Cr T Mileto/Cr G Power
<p>2 That Council make a submission on a conditional position ensuring the key issues of traffic, environmental impacts and amenity are appropriately address through strong enforceable conditions of development consent.</p> <p>For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor) Against: Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr D Mallard, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr F Kinghorne</p>	
THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS LOST	
THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED	
RESOLVED - 26/147	Cr D Mallard/Cr M Ruddy
<p>2 That Council make a submission to not support this application to the Western Regional Planning Panel (WRPP), indicating that Council opposes the proposed development due to concerns regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) inconsistency with the aims of the Orange Local Environment Plan 2011, g) likely negative social and economic impacts of the development and limited social and economic benefit h) suitability of the site, i) significant issues raised in submissions, and a) the development being contrary to the public interest.. <p>For: Cr M McDonell (Chairperson), Cr D Mallard, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman. Against: Cr T Mileto, Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr J Whitton Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr F Kinghorne</p>	

Cr Kinghorne and Cr Greenhalgh returned to the meeting with the time being 7.52pm

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.53PM

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

ON 7 APRIL 2026

COMMENCING AT 7.53PM

1 INTRODUCTION**ATTENDANCE**

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr M McDonell, Cr 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), Senior Strategic Planner (Mariot), Communications Lead (Townsend)

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**RESOLVED - 26/148****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 Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 7 April 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

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

Nil

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES**2.1 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 6
FEBRUARY 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/616

RESOLVED - 26/149**Cr J Stedman/Cr M McDonell**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 6 February 2026.
- 2 That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee from its meeting held on 6 February 2026 be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.54PM



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 7 APRIL 2026
COMMENCING AT 7.55PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

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), Senior Strategic Planner (Mariot), Communications Lead (Townsend)

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED - 26/150

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 Finance Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 7 April 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

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

Cr Power declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in 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.

2 GENERAL REPORTS
2.1 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/269

RESOLVED - 26/151
Cr F Kinghorne/Cr M Ruddy

1 That this item be heard and voted on separately.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, 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 Whitton declared an interest in this item as he is the Chairman of OCTEC and they are a major sponsor, left the meeting with the time being 7.55pm and did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

RESOLVED - 26/152
Cr M Ruddy/Cr M McDonell

2(a) That Council donate \$2,000 to Orange Netball Association to contribute the cost of publishing "Scoring Goals: 84 Years of Netball in Orange (1942 – 2026)".

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, 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 Whitton returned to the meeting with the time being 7.58pm

Cr Power declared an interest in the following item as he is a mentor for the program and left the room with the time being 7.58pm and did not participate in discussion or voting.

RESOLVED - 26/153
Cr D Mallard/Cr J Stedman

2(b) That Council donate \$1,500 to Regional Development Australia Central West to contribute to funding the TEN4TEN mentoring program.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, 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 Power returned to the room with the time being 7.58pm

RESOLVED - 26/154
Cr M McDonell/Cr M Ruddy

2(c) To donate \$750.00 to Mr Perfect Incorporated to contribute to the operational costs of the charity BBQs in Orange.

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 Judge left the meeting with the time being 8.06pm

2.2 EVENT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/518

RESOLVED - 26/155**Cr M Ruddy/Cr D Mallard**

1 That Council determines the following application:

- a. To fund Wangarang's Fair Day and Garage Sale on 2 May 2026 to the value of \$2,500.00

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonnell, 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 8.10PM



MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 7 APRIL 2026
COMMENCING AT 8.11PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

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), Senior Strategic Planner (Mariot), Communications Lead (Townsend)

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED - 26/156

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 Infrastructure Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 7 April 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

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

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

Nil

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES**2.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 10 MARCH 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/512

RESOLVED - 26/157**Cr D Mallard/Cr G Power**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Local Transport Forum at its meeting held on 10 March 2026.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.6 from the minutes of the Local Transport Forum meeting of 10 March 2026.
 - 3.1 *Racecourse Road – Between McKay Crescent and Banksia Street – Funding*
That Council note that \$276,000 has been awarded under the Road Safety Program for works at the Racecourse Road and Barrett Street intersection to improve pedestrian safety.
 - 3.2 *Intersection – Matthews Avenue and Anson Street*
 - 1 *That Council ask the NSW Police to patrol the intersection during school finishing times and that Council's Road Safety Officer undertake observations.*
 - 2 *That Council increase communications regarding the intersection restrictions on school days between 8.00am and 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm.*
 - 3.3 *Spencer Lane and The Escort Way*
 - 1 *That Council remove the bollards at the intersection of The Escort Way and Spencer Lane and linemark the intersection centreline and fog line perpendicular to The Escort Way.*
 - 2 *That Council write to TfNSW requesting a formal investigation for this area of road.*
 - 3.6 *Street Event – ANZAC Day March*
That the Conditional Approval for the ANZAC Day March on Saturday 25 April 2026 be endorsed subject to compliance with the attached conditions.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Local Transport Forum from its meeting held on 10 March 2026 be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

3 GENERAL REPORTS**3.1 CURRENT WORKS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/532

RESOLVED - 26/158**Cr D Mallard/Cr T Greenhalgh**

That the information provided in the report on Current Works report be acknowledged.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr g Judge

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**Cr F Kinghorne**

Cr Kinghorne requested information on when the Wirraburra walk footpath will be upgraded, or the trip hazard painting completed.

Cr Kinghorne asked if Council is concerned about daily water consumption approaching target, and if further water conservation promotion is required.

*The Acting Director Technical Services replied that staff will increase ongoing promotion to the community.***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.15PM**



MINUTES OF THE SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE
ON 7 APRIL 2026
COMMENCING AT 8:16PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr M Ruddy (Chairperson), Cr T Mileto (Mayor), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, 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, Director Development Service (Arnold), Acting Director Infrastructure Services (Davis), Governance Lead (Wright), Governance Officer (Allan), Senior Planner (Mariot), Communications Lead (Townsend)

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED - 26/159

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 Services Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 7 April 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson

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

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

Nil

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES**2.1 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING 2 FEBRUARY 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/521

RESOLVED - 26/160**Cr J Stedman/Cr M McDonell**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee at its meeting held on 2 February 2026.
- 2 That the remainder of the minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee from its meeting held on 2 February 2026 be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

2.2 MINUTES OF THE ORANGE HEALTH LIAISON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 25 FEBRUARY 2026

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/558

RESOLVED - 26/161**Cr F Kinghorne/Cr D Mallard**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Orange Health Liaison Committee at its meeting held on 25 February 2026.
- 2 That the remainder of the minutes of the Orange Health Liaison Committee from its meeting held on 25 February 2026 be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

2.3 MINUTES OF THE NAIDOC WEEK COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 26 FEBRUARY 2026

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/559

RESOLVED - 26/162**Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the NAIDOC Week Community Committee at its meeting held on 26 February 2026.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.2 from the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee meeting of 26 February 2026.
3.2
That the NAIDOC Week Community Committee set meeting and event dates for Orange NAIDOC Week 2026.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the NAIDOC Week Community Committee from its meeting held on 26 February 2026 be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr S Peterson, Cr G Judge

Cr Power thanked Council staff for moving Harmony Day to the Naylor Pavilion at the showground due to the weather, and for a successful event.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.21PM

5.4 Strategic Policy Reviews - Exhibition

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/599

AUTHOR: Jen Sharp, Director Corporate & Commercial Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the following strategic policies which have been reviewed and updated:

- ST47 – Strategic Procurement Policy (Previously known as the ST093 - Strategic Purchasing Policy)

It is recommended that the policy is placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.

During the review of ST093 – Procurement, it was decided to include the intent and content of ST109 - Strategic Buy Local Policy, within the Procurement policy for the purpose of clarity and to improve procedural referencing.

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

Council’s Strategic Policies are reviewed and amended to ensure ongoing compliance with legislation and industry best practice.

Policies of Council are of two types – Strategic Policies are determined by Council, and relate to Councillors, required by Legislation or Regulation and/or have an impact on the Orange community. The Local Government Act 1993 requires the public exhibition of Policies (if new or include significant changes) and adoption by Council. Operational Policies are determined and implemented by the Chief Executive Officer and relate to staff and the operations of the organisation.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council resolves to delete ST109 – Buy Local, and include its intent and key content into ST47 – Procurement.
2. That Council resolves to place the following Strategic Policies on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days:
 - ST47 – Procurement

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	Public feedback may delay implementation or require changes to planned services.
Financial	Exhibition may lead to cost implications if significant revisions or additional consultation are required.
Reputation/Political	Public disagreement or backlash could affect Council’s reputation or political standing.

5.4 Strategic Policy Reviews - Exhibition

Environment	Community input may highlight overlooked environmental impacts or concerns.
Compliance	Failure to exhibit policies appropriately may breach statutory consultation requirements.
People & WHS	Feedback may raise workforce-related risks or highlight gaps in safety-related provisions.
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	Online exhibition platforms may be vulnerable to data breaches or cyber threats.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

It is recommended the policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days to allow for Council and public review and submissions.

ST47 – Strategic Procurement Policy (Previously ST093 – Strategic Purchasing Policy)

Reference	Update
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name change from Purchasing Policy to Procurement Policy (noting that purchasing only forms part of the broader procurement process).
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of the Buy Local objectives and applicability from the Buy Local Purchasing Policy.
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major formatting changes using new template format. Removal of clause <i>‘fostering relationships with suppliers...’</i> Replaced references to “Operational Purchasing Policy” with “Operational Procurement Policy (incorporating Procedure Manual)”. Replacing references to the Buy Local Purchasing Policy with the buy local purchasing provisions detailed in Council’s Operational Procurement Policy (incorporating Procedure Manual). Inclusion of Modern Slavery provisions. Updated related policies/documents to include Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

ST109 - Strategic Buy Local Purchasing Policy (delete)

Reference	Update
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delete existing policy. The 'Buy Local' objectives will be incorporated into the revised Strategic Procurement Policy, with the detailed procedures transferred to the revised Operational Procurement Policy and Procedure. This change aims to enhance clarity and make procedural referencing easier for Council staff.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transferred to Strategic Procurement Policy.
Applicability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transferred to Strategic Procurement Policy.
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transferred to Operational Procurement Policy (incorporating a Procedure Manual).

ATTACHMENTS

- FOR EXHIBITION - Strategic Policy - ST47 - Procurement, [D26/39637](#)
- FOR DELETION - Strategic Policy - ST109 - Buy Local Purchasing, [D19/70377](#)



Strategic Policy – ST47

Procurement

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STRATEGIC POLICY – ST47

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To establish how Council's procurement practices support the implementation and delivery of Council's Community Strategic Plan and Delivery/Operational Plan.
- 1.2 Build upon Council's existing business principles to ensure procurement practices:
- Make efficient and effective use of Council's and Council's supplier's resources
 - Ensure fair, open and effective competition.
 - Are ethical and compliant with legislation.
 - Improve the local amenity of our community and are socially responsible.
 - Give consideration to vendors employing indigenous peoples, migrants, refugees, people with disabilities and people from other disadvantaged backgrounds where applicable.
 - Identify and manage risks to maximise opportunities and manage potentially adverse consequences.
 - Encourage social and environmental sustainability.
 - Foster a viable Australian market for sustainable products and services.
 - Foster local economic development and by maximising participation of local businesses in the delivery of goods and services.
 - Promote effective competition with the supply of goods and services

from local businesses including enhancing their capacity to apply, win and deliver goods and services.

- Encourage the inclusion of local businesses and the employment of local residents.
- Ensure Council and its staff act within their delegations and are accountable for decision making in procurement.

2 APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 This policy applies to all areas of Orange City Council including staff, councillors, contractors, consultants, suppliers, Council delegates, committee members and any other person who performs official functions on behalf of Council such as volunteers.
- 2.2 This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Orange City Council Code of Conduct
- 2.3 This policy applies to all types of procurement, including acquisition, provision and disposal of materials, services and facilities by Orange City Council. The principles of this policy, and associated guidelines/procedures for implementation, must be followed by employees (full time, part time, temporary and casual) as well as all contractors, consultants and service providers engaged in any of Council's business units and services.

3 GENERAL

- 3.1 Council will ensure value for money through a balanced whole-of-life evaluation that includes consideration of



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financial, social, ethical, local economic and environmental factors.

3.2 To deliver on Council's commitment to procurement that meets operational requirements and achieves the highest commercial and sustainability outcomes, Council will:

- Comply with applicable laws and documentation.
- Avoid unnecessary consumption, manage demand for goods and services, and maximise the efficiency of those products and services acquired.
- Exercise responsible financial management and accountability for actions.
- Support the establishment of a diverse supply chain, with particular focus on entities that deliver or have potential to deliver social, economic and/or environmental benefit locally.
- Support Australian owned suppliers and/or suppliers who manufacture in Australia, where doing so is appropriate and permissible by law, focusing on those locally.
- Support suppliers and industry groups that develop and/or apply innovative responses in relation to sustainability issues.
- Establish performance agreements with our key suppliers, and monitor their performance over time.
- Develop practical and transparent tools for assessing and providing feedback to existing and potential

suppliers about their proposals and performance.

- Identify and manage the risks associated with procurement.

4 BUY LOCAL PURCHASING

4.1 Council requires all purchases of goods and/or services below \$3,000 to be sourced from a Local Supplier (as defined in Council's Operational Procurement Policy) unless they are not of sufficient quality or it is not practicable to purchase.

4.2 For goods and/or services from \$3,000 to below \$250,000, Council will apply a percentage price advantage (as defined in Council's Operational Procurement Policy) to suppliers whose business is permanently located within the Orange Local Government Area, or situated within the Central NSW Joint Organisation member council jurisdictions.

4.3 The Buy Local price advantage only applies when a non-local supplier is included in the quotation process.

4.4 Specifications for the calling of quotations must state how the Buy Local price advantage will be applied so that all respondents are aware of Council's policy.

4.5 For tenders, a "Local Content" (as defined in Council's Operational Procurement Policy) criterion is to be applied when submissions are being evaluated to determine a successful supplier. The "Local Content" criterion will form a minimum of 5% (default value) to a maximum of 10% of the



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overall assessment criteria (as approved by the Chief Executive Officer). The score associated with this criterion will be a ratio of the Local Content to the overall tendered price.

5 RISK

5.1 For larger purchases of \$50,000 or greater or purchases where there is the potential for significant impacts upon Council, a risk assessment is to be carried out. Such risk assessment is to identify among other matters:

- If there is an appropriate pool of suppliers locally or if more broad tenders should be called in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.
- The likelihood of contract variations, taking escalating prices above the legislated tender threshold.
- The most appropriate Conditions of Contract to be used.
- The weighting to be applied to the assessment evaluation, e.g. financial, WHS, environmental, etc.
- Any pre-qualifications that should be a mandatory requirement of suppliers or contractors.
- Confidentiality and probity issues.

5.2 Council is committed to protecting its information, system, and community data. Suppliers (including contractors, and consultants) engaged by Council must take reasonable and appropriate steps to manage cybersecurity risks relevant to the goods or services being provided.

5.3 Where a supplier will access, store, process, or transmit Council information or connect to Council systems, the supplier must comply with Council's cybersecurity requirements as notified from time to time, including obligations relating to information security, data protection, and incident reporting.

5.4 Council may require suppliers to demonstrate their cybersecurity practices, acknowledge Council cybersecurity obligations, or agree to specific cybersecurity conditions as part of the procurement and contracting process, consistent with Council's Cyber Security Policy.

6 TENDER DETERMINATION

6.1 The Local Government Act 1993 (Act) and Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 specify a financial threshold of \$250,000 to determine when a tender is required for the procurement of goods and/or services. This means projects of this value must be managed via a tender process unless exempt under the Act.

6.2 This mandated requirement should be considered in concert with the risk assessment above to determine if purchases of a lower dollar value should follow the Local Government Act 1993 (Act), and Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 relating to tendering.

7 MODERN SLAVERY PREVENTION

7.1 Section 438ZE of the Local Government Act 1993 prescribes that "A council must



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take reasonable steps to ensure that goods and services procured by and for the council are not the product of modern slavery within the meaning of the NSW Modern Slavery Act 2018”.

7.2 Council is committed to ensuring:

- its operations and supply chains do not cause, involve, or contribute to modern slavery; and
- its suppliers, relevant stakeholders, and others with whom Council does business respect and share Council’s commitment regarding minimising the risk of modern slavery.
- This policy applies to all persons employed by Council or on Council’s behalf in any capacity. The prevention, detection, and reporting of modern slavery in any part of Council’s operations or supply chain is its responsibility.

8 OPERATIONAL PROCUREMENT POLICY AND PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE MANUAL

- ### 8.1
- Instruction and guidance on complying with this policy will be provided by the Operational Procurement Policy (including its attached Procurement Procedure Manual) which will be updated from time to time to reflect improved practices and minimise risk to Council.

9 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- OP047 - Operational Procurement Policy and Procurement Procedure Manual
- ST01 – Code of Conduct
- ST13 – Cyber Security Policy
- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- ST28 – Asset Management
- ST06 – Statement of Business Ethics
- ST15 – Risk Management
- ST07 – Modern Slavery Prevention



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ST47 - Strategic Policy – Procurement

Amendments:

- Policy number updated to reflect new numbering structure
- Name change from Purchasing Policy to Procurement Policy (noting that purchasing only forms part of the broader procurement process).
- Inclusion of the Buy Local objectives and applicability from the Buy Local Purchasing Policy.
- Major formatting changes using new template format.
- Removal of clause ‘fostering relationships with suppliers....’
- Replaced references to “Operational Purchasing Policy” with “Operational Procurement Policy (incorporating Procedure Manual)”.
- Replacing references to the Buy Local Purchasing Policy with the buy local purchasing provisions detailed in Council’s Operational Procurement Policy (incorporating Procedure Manual).
- Inclusion of Modern Slavery provisions.
- Updated related policies/documents to include Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
- The 'Buy Local' objectives will be incorporated into the revised Strategic Procurement Policy, with the detailed procedures transferred to the revised Operational Procurement Policy and Procedure. This change aims to enhance clarity and make procedural referencing easier for Council staff.
- Transferred to Operational Procurement Policy (incorporating a Procedure Manual).

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BUY LOCAL PURCHASING

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PART 1 - OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Foster economic development and enhance sustainability of the local economy by maximising participation of local businesses in the delivery of goods and services.
- 1.2 Promote effective competition with the supply of goods and services from local businesses including enhancing their capacity to apply, win and deliver goods and services.
- 1.3 Encourage the inclusion of local businesses and the employment of local residents.

PART 2 - APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 To all purchases unless exclusions under the Strategic Purchasing Policy apply.

PART 3 - DEFINITIONS

3.1 Goods

Tangible, quantifiable material requirements usually capable of being moved or transported that is purchased, rented, leased or hired by Council.

3.2 Local Content

Goods or services procured from a Local Supplier or employees living permanently in the Orange City Council local government area.

3.3 Local Supplier

A business, contractor or industry either permanently based in, or employing permanent staff operating from, permanent premises situated within the Orange City Council local government area.

3.4 Net Costs

The total amount offered by a supplier for the supply of goods (after trade-in where applicable) or services, including freight or delivery charges and any discounts or rebates offered by the supplier.

3.5 Non-Local Supplier

A business, contractor or industry that is not a Local Supplier or Regional Supplier.

3.6 Procurement Request

Any purchasing transaction undertaken by Council.

3.7 Regional Supplier

A business, contractor or industry either permanently based in or employing permanent staff operating from, permanent premises situated within the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) member council jurisdictions, ie, Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Central Tablelands Water, Cowra Forbes, Lachlan, Oberon, Parkes and Weddin.

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3.8 Services

Any task, consultancy, work or advice to be performed or provided that is procured by Council. Included are services such as management consultancies, outsourcing, maintenance contracts and agreements, cleaning, waste removal, equipment repairs, external auditors, utilities and services acquired by Council. Excluded are payments made directly to employees, superannuation and pension payments, statutory or involuntary payments, grants, subsidies and transfer payments.

3.9 Shop-Front

An organisation that provides a local address or shop-front only that does not employ significant local resources or where the benefits are not perceived to flow locally.

PART 4 - GENERAL

- 4.1 This policy only applies when a non-local business is part of the quotation or tender process.
- 4.2 Specifications for the calling of quotations for the supply of goods and services must state how a percentage price advantage for local suppliers will be applied so that the respondents to such procurement requests are aware of the Buy Local Purchasing Policy.
- 4.3 For all quotations for the supply of goods and services for Orange City Council up to \$249,999 a price advantage is given to Local Suppliers and Regional Suppliers. In the process of determining the successful supplier, the percentage price advantage as indicated in Table 1 below will be nominally deducted from the Local Supplier or Regional Supplier price for the purpose of price comparison only.

Monetary Threshold	Percentage Price Advantage	Criteria to be met to apply Percentage Price Advantage
Up to \$2,999	Purchases must be sourced from a Local Supplier*	Purchases must be sourced from a Local Supplier*
\$3,000 to \$49,999	4%	Local Supplier
	2%	Regional Supplier
	0%	Non-Local Supplier
\$50,000 to \$249,999	2%	Local Supplier
	1%	Regional Supplier
	0%	Non-Local Supplier
\$250,000 and over	Refer Clause 4.5	Refer Clause 4.5

*Unless goods or services are not able to be sourced from a Local Supplier, are not of sufficient quality or it is not practicable to purchase from a Local Supplier (eg, specialised services, training, accommodation, delivery times unable to be met).

- 4.4 Council reserves the right to consider an organisation that provides a Shop-Front as a Non-Local Supplier.
- 4.5 For Tenders, it is considered that a percentage price advantage is unsuitable as it could:
 - a) Have an undesirable value-for-money impact on Council's budget; and
 - b) May contravene tendering regulations under the Local Government Act 1993

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For Tenders, Local Content is to be included as a measurement criterion when submissions are being evaluated to determine a successful supplier.

A “Local Content” criterion is to be applied when submissions are being evaluated to determine a successful supplier. The “Local Content” criterion will form a minimum of 5% (default value) to a maximum of 10% of the overall assessment criteria (as approved by the Chief Executive Officer). The score associated with this criterion will be a ratio of the Local Content to the overall tendered price.

4.6 The Purchasing Strategic Policy is to be referenced in the implementation of this policy.

RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

Purchasing Operational Policy OP047
 Purchasing Strategic Policy ST093
 Gifts & Benefits ST039
 Gifts and Benefits Register
 Conduct of Conduct ST010
 Credit Card Policy
 Work Health and Safety Management Policy Statement OP084
 OCCOHS 028 V2_11 Risk Assessment for Purchasing and Hiring
 Procurement and Probity Committee Terms of Reference D18/45418
 Bathurst Orange Dubbo Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
 Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 on Tendering and Financial Management.

Responsible Area – Corporate and Commercial Services

REVISION					
	DATE	RESOLUTION		DATE	RESOLUTION
1	16 August 2012	12/322	6		
2	2 December 2014	14/1076	7		
3	4 February 2020	20/032	8		
4			9		
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

Date	Section/Reference and Amendment
November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change of name from Local Preference Purchasing Policy to Buy Local Purchasing Policy. Updated to include sustainability of local economy by maximising participation of local businesses in the delivery of goods and services and encourage the inclusion of local businesses and employment of local residents. Updated to apply to all purchases unless exclusions under the Strategic Purchasing Policy apply. Amendment or addition to definitions: Local Supplier, Regional Supplier, Non-Local Supplier, Local Content and Shop-Front. Removal of 2% percentage price advantage and replaced with various percentage price advantages to be applied for Local Suppliers and Regional Suppliers (as defined in the Policy), as set out in Table 1, dependent on the monetary threshold purchase amounts. For tenders, Local Content criterion to be applied when submissions are being evaluated to determine successful tenderer, being a minimum of 5% to a maximum of 10% of the overall assessment criteria. The score associated with this criterion will be a ratio of the Local Content to the overall tendered price.

5.5 Strategic Policy Reviews - Post-Exhibition

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/451

AUTHOR: Nicole Wright, Governance Lead

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents Strategic Policy – ST58 – Photographic Recording of Heritage Items which has been reviewed and was placed on public exhibition during the period 4 December 2025 – 9 January 2026 and is yet to be brought back to Council for adoption. No submissions were received. It is recommended that the Policy be adopted.

Also presented is Strategic Policy - ST59 – Feral & Infant Animal Management which has been reviewed and placed on public exhibition during the period 5 March 2026 – 3 April 2026. No submissions were received. It is recommended that the Policy be adopted.

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

Council’s Strategic Policies are reviewed and amended to ensure ongoing compliance with legislation and industry best practice.

Policies of Council are of two types – Strategic Policies are determined by Council, and relate to Councillors, required by Legislation or Regulation and/or have an impact on the Orange community. The Local Government Act 1993 requires the public exhibition of Policies (if new or include significant changes) and adoption by Council. Operational Policies are determined and implemented by the Chief Executive Officer and relate to staff and the operations of the organisation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt Strategic Policies:

- **ST58 - Photographic Recording of Heritage Items**
- **ST59 - Feral & Infant Animal Management**

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	Public feedback may delay implementation or require changes to planned services.
Financial	Exhibition may lead to cost implications if significant revisions or additional consultation are required.
Reputation/Political	Public disagreement or backlash could affect Council’s reputation or political standing.
Environment	Community input may highlight overlooked environmental impacts or concerns.

5.5 Strategic Policy Reviews - Post-Exhibition

Compliance	Failure to exhibit policies appropriately may breach statutory consultation requirements.
People & WHS	Feedback may raise workforce-related risks or highlight gaps in safety-related provisions.
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	Online exhibition platforms may be vulnerable to data breaches or cyber threats.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The following policy was placed on public exhibition for a period 5 March 2026 – 3 April 2026. No submissions were received during the exhibition period. The details below outline any updates or changes made to the policy, and the policy is now recommended for adoption

Strategic Policy - ST58 - Photographic Recording of Heritage Items

Reference	Update
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General formatting update • Update of policy number from ST116 to ST58 • Update of associated Digital Image Catalogue Sheet • Purpose added – was the objective in previous version • Objectives reviewed and expanded on • Website for information at clause 4.14 updated • 'Or hard drive' added to clause 4.17 • Related document link updated

Strategic Policy - ST59 - Feral & Infant Animal Management

Reference	Update
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Policy – reviewed by the CACC as noted in the ESPC report put to the ESPC meeting 3 March 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 FOR ADOPTION - Strategic Policy - ST58 - Photographic Recording of Heritage Items, [D25/138020](#)
- 2 FOR ADOPTION - Strategic Policy - ST59 - Feral & Infant Animal Management, [D25/141260](#)



Strategic Policy – ST58

Photographic Recording of Heritage Items

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STRATEGIC POLICY – ST58

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To ensure a photographic recording is an archival record of a heritage place or object so it is documented for future generations.

2 APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 Councillors, Council staff, contractors, and the general public.

3 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Photographic recordings of heritage items are important elements of heritage conservation. They are to provide a record of the physical condition, appearance and history of heritage items. In some circumstances the skills, practices and techniques associated with the items creation or use may also be documented.
- 3.2 A photographic recording typically consists of a photographic representation of the item, supported by base plans and an explanatory report. However, documenting more complex heritage items may require more advanced recording methods, such as 3D scanning, drone photography, or photogrammetry, depending on the complexity of the item.

4 GENERAL

- 4.1 A photographic recording can be made using film-based technology, or digital technology.
- 4.2 A photographic recording of an item may be required when the item is on the State Heritage Register or before full or partial demolition. It may also be required as part of an archaeological investigation, be a heritage item on the local environmental plan as part of the approval process or a heritage project.

Method

- 4.3 The photographer should be aware of all plans and documentary evidence available on the item or place and should have an understanding of its history and operations. This is especially important with industrial sites. Without this knowledge, significant items may be treated inappropriately. If necessary, the photographer may be accompanied to the site (if applicable), by a person familiar with the site's heritage significance and the processes related to it.

Photographer's Requirements

- 4.4 See <http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au> Photographic Recording of Heritage Items using film or digital capture – heritage information series.

Technique

- 4.5 Each site, place or moveable item or collection should be recorded in its context. This means that the surrounding landscape with the site and structures in it should be photographed from several distinct points. Buildings, rivers, landforms and other items should be included and their relationship with the subject defined. Photograph the site, room, or space where moveable items are located and show how the items relate to each other and their setting. This may require 8-10 images.

Items and Relics

- 4.6 Individual relics and moveable items, such as the machinery on an industrial site, should be photographed. The items should be completely photographed before moving onto the next object. Tools or items associated with an object, when it is operating should be photographed in

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an assemblage. Items in a collection such as objects which belong to a group because they perform the same function or produce the same finished product are usually photographed concurrently.

- 4.7 A system is an operational group of related relics or structures that cannot function effectively if any of them is removed. Where a system is being recorded, the sequence in which the items are photographed, will be determined by the operation of the system.

Relationship of Buildings Onsite to Each Other

- 4.8 The special relationship of each structure to another, and to surrounding buildings or structures should be shown. On a complex site, five or six positions may be required before each building is defined in its relationship with those surrounding it.

Individual Buildings or Structures

- 4.9 External images should be taken of each façade. The detail of each façade should be approached in a logical manner usually working from the upper left hand corner to the bottom right. Details such as eaves, rainwater heads, down pipes, window reveals and sills, doorways and steps and balustrades, will require individual attention.

Internal Spaces

- 4.10 Internal spaces of individual buildings are usually more complex. Images should be taken in sequence to show all internal elevations, including floors and ceilings. Special attention should be placed on structural elements, fittings, and moveable items. Do not forget the roof, basements, shafts, and underfloor spaces.

Cataloguing of Images

- 4.11 Each individual frame must be catalogued. By adopting a set sequence the catalogue recording is much simpler. It is normal practice to have a catalogue sheet and enter as much information as possible in the field. Once all the information has been entered onto the sheet, it should then be typed up. When cataloguing information for each exposed frame, it is essential to record data in a consistent manner. It is important that the method of entering remains the same throughout a project.
- 4.12 See appendix 'A' for a sample catalogue sheet.
- 4.13 When the project is complete the minimum requirement should be two sets of catalogue sheets. One set of which should be kept off site in a secure place (possibly the Orange City Library), it may be kept with the image of the item.

Requirements

- 4.14 For Black and White Film, Colour Transparencies or Slides, Colour prints – see <https://environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/guidelines-for-preparing-archival-recordings-of-heritage-items>
- 4.15 For Digital images, one hard (paper) copy print on archival photographic paper, one hard (paper copy) of thumbnails on archival photographic paper with archival ink, to ensure optimum longevity; and two high quality electronic image files, cross referenced to the catalogue sheet, DVD media can be used.



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- 4.16 One set of electronic images and a hard copy file should be kept off site in a secure place (possibly the Orange City Library), with the catalogue record.
- 4.17 It is recommended that a good quality disc or hard drive be selected with long lasting qualities.

5 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- <https://environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/guidelines-for-preparing-archival-recordings-of-heritage-items>
- Digital Image Catalogue Sheet, D25/130448

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ST58 - Strategic Policy - Photographic Recording of Heritage Items

Amendments:

- General formatting update
- Update of policy number from ST46 to ST58
- Update of associated Digital Image Catalogue Sheet
- Purpose added – was the objective in previous version
- Objectives reviewed and expanded on
- Website for information at clause 4.14 updated
- 'Or hard drive' added to clause 4.17
- Related document link updated

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STRATEGIC POLICY – ST59

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To outline Council’s approach to the management of Feral and Infant companion animals.

2 APPLICABILITY

2.1 This policy applies to feral and infant companion animals that come into the care of Council’s Pound by seizure or surrender under the Companion Animals Act 1998 (The Act).

2.2 This policy applies to all Council Staff involved in the care, management and decision-making related to companion animals, including seizure and surrender.

3 OBJECTIVES

3.1 To establish a mechanism by which to manage feral companion animals that pose a high risk to staff and the community; and infant animals that cannot survive without constant and intensive care.

3.2 To assist in the management of the capacity of Orange City Pound to house stray and seized animals.

3.3 To reduce the financial impact of feral and infant companion animals.

4 LEGISLATION

4.1 This policy is in accordance with the requirements of the Companion Animals Act 1998.

5 RESPONSIBILITIES

Title	Responsibilities
Manager Compliance, Senior Ranger, Pound Supervisor	Make determinations regarding the feral or infant status of companion animals in Council’s care and take, or authorise the taking of, action to manage those animals in accordance with this policy and legislation.

6 DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Feral Companion Animal	A dog or cat that is unidentified, is confirmed or suspected to have been living in undomesticated circumstances and demonstrates dangerous behaviour that would make handling the animal a risk to staff and rehoming it a risk to the community.
Infant Companion Animal	A dog or cat that is very young and is unable to feed or fend for itself and has come into Council’s care without its mother, requiring intensive care.
Unidentified	Meaning the animal has not been microchipped per the requirements of the Act and is not wearing an identification tag/collar featuring the contact details of its owner.

7 DETERMINATION

7.1 Council’s Pound Supervisor, Senior Ranger or Manager Compliance may determine an animal to be **feral** if:

- Council staff are unable to locate a microchip or identification tag/collar on the animal, and
- Council staff suspect, or can confirm, the animal has been living in undomesticated circumstances, and
- The animal displays dangerous behaviour that would pose a risk to the safety of the staff responsible for its care and handling or to the community should it be rehomed.

7.2 Council’s Pound Supervisor, Senior Ranger or manager Compliance may determine an animal to be an **infant** if:

- The animal appears to Council staff to be very young, and
- Through observation, the animal demonstrates an inability to feed or fend



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for itself.

8 MANAGEMENT OF FERAL AND INFANT ANIMALS

- 8.1 Per Section 64(2) of the Act, companion animals determined to be feral or infant in accordance with this policy may be humanely euthanised by a veterinarian prior to the end of the holding periods prescribed by Section 64 of the Act.
- 8.2 Infant animals may only be euthanised under Section 8.1 of this policy following investigation of alternatives to euthanasia as outlined in Section 9.3 of this policy.

9 CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO EUTHANASIA

- 9.1 Per section 64(5) of the Act, Council must consider whether alternatives to euthanasia exist prior to taking such action under this policy.
- 9.2 Feral companion animals are unsuitable for alternative care arrangements because:
- The behaviour of feral animals poses a safety risk to the staff caring for them, whether they are Council staff or belonging to a rescue or rehoming organisation.
 - Their behaviour makes them unsafe to rehome in the community.
 - Euthanising feral companion animals helps to reduce feral population in the

region – decreasing the likelihood of such animals ending up in Council’s care in the future and helping to protect native wildlife.

- 9.3 Infant animals require round-the-clock care that Council staff cannot provide, but may be provided by reputable rescue or welfare organisations, should they be released into their care:

- Council staff shall contact these organisations as soon as possible once an animal is determined to be an infant under this policy with the intention of releasing the animal into their care.
- Should these organisations be uncontactable, unable or unwilling to care for the infant animal, action may be taken under Section 8 of this policy.

10 RECORDKEEPING

- 10.1 All determinations made in accordance with the policy, including the reasons supporting those determinations, shall be recorded in Councils electronic Records Management System.

11 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- OPO23 - Operational Policy - Records & Information Management
- Companion Animal Act 1998

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ST59 - Strategic Policy - Feral & Infant Animal Management

New policy with the updates following review by the CACC:

- Section 3: Add objectives regarding financial and facility capacity
- Section 6: Fix the “cate” typo and change “wild behaviour” to “dangerous behaviour” in the Feral Companion Animal definition
- Section 9.3: Correct the cross-reference from Section 9 to Section 8
- Section 10.1: Change the full stop after “policy” to a comma for continuity.

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5.6 Accessibility Improvements Bastick Cottage, Cook Park Guildry

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/589

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In February Mayor Mileto asked for an update of investigations staff have conducted into improving accessibility for the Cook Park Guildry. The purpose of this report is to provide the relevant information on the recommended accessibility improvements for Bastick Cottage with the aim to enhance safety, accessibility, and usability in a way that is sensitive to the building's heritage character.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "3.2 Improve access, inclusion, equity and diversity in our community".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Approx \$10,000 - \$12,000.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Approve the design concept of platform steps at the main entrance of Bastick Cottage, Cook Park;**
2. **Consider the required funding in Council's 2026-2027 budget; and**
3. **Approve the use the accessibility ramp rebate budget to purchase a portable access ramp for the side entrance at a cost of up to \$350.**

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	Failure to secure funding may delay or limit the delivery of accessibility upgrades, reducing equitable access to the facility for all community members.
Financial	If funding not provided or approved, future costs could increase, the building could require reactive retrofitting or an ongoing need for interim solutions.
Reputation/Political	Community perception or dissatisfaction and reputational risk for Council in relation to inclusion and equity expectations.
Environment	Construction activities associated with accessibility upgrades may result in short-term environmental impacts, which will be managed through appropriate planning and controls.
Compliance	Not proceeding with accessibility improvements may increase the risk of non-compliance with relevant accessibility standards and legislative obligations.

5.6 Accessibility Improvements Bastick Cottage, Cook Park Guildry

People & WHS	Inadequate accessibility infrastructure may increase the risk of injury or restricted access for users, including people with disability, older persons and carers.
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	There is minimal IT or cyber security risk, as the proposed accessibility improvements are primarily physical infrastructure works.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council had and an access consultant review Bastick Cottage at Cook Park Guildry. On review of the original report, Council’s Heritage Advisor had concerns about the proposed front ramp entry in terms of visual impacts from footings and that the ramp would protrude into the walkway. A 1:14 ramp will protrude 4.032m from the doorway.

Additional advice from the access consultant was that the front door is not wide enough for a wheelchair to move through, so if a ramp were installed a wheelchair would be caught at the front door at the top of the ramp, therefore this option was not progressed.

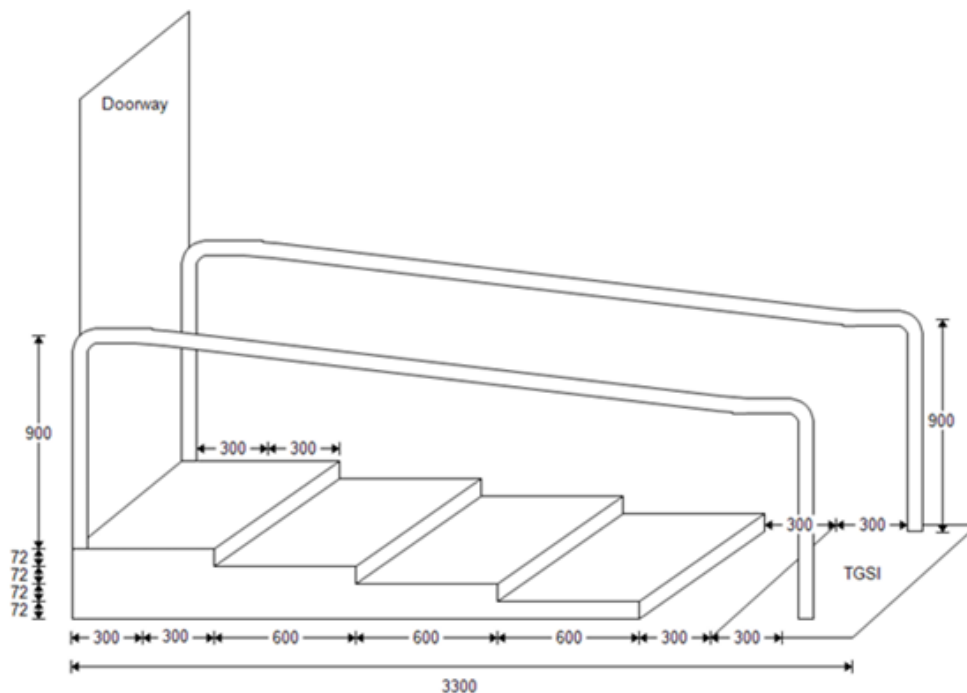
To assist in achieving a suitable outcome, the access consultant provided the following comments and recommendations to enhance safety, accessibility, and usability of Bastick Cottage in a way that is sensitive to the building’s heritage character and spatial constraints:

- The combination of platform steps at the front entry and a portable ramp at the side entrance provides a balanced and proportionate means of improving access for visitors with varying mobility needs. These works represent a meaningful and achievable upgrade that will deliver immediate benefit while supporting Council’s ongoing commitment to making Cook Park and its facilities more inclusive.
- The installation of a fully compliant ramp at the front entry is not feasible without significant alteration to the building facade and surrounding landscape.
- The side entrance offers a more practical location for accessible entry, requiring only minor surface and threshold adjustments to support a temporary or assisted wheelchair access route.

Short-Term / Priority Actions:

1. Install platform steps at the front entry to provide consistent riser and tread dimensions (see drawing below).
2. Install handrails to both sides of the proposed platform steps, designed in accordance with AS 1428.1:2021 Clause 10 – Handrails. (see drawing below).
3. Provide a portable ramp at the side entrance for use by wheelchair users and others unable to manage steps that can be stored on-site and set up when required.

5.6 Accessibility Improvements Bastick Cottage, Cook Park Guildry



From a construction perspective it is proposed to build the staircase as a steel frame that is then backfilled with decomposed granite allowing it to blend in with the surrounding landscape. As it is not fixed to the building, these works would be considered minor in nature. A Development Application is not required, also meaning there should not be any issues in relation heritage constraints.

Council staff have estimated the cost to construct and install the staircase is between \$10 - \$12k. Until design is finalised and priced by a contractor, the pricing remains as an estimate.

As suggested for the side entrance, a portable ramp, stored on-site for use as required by wheelchair users and Community members unable to use steps can be purchased for anywhere between \$139 to \$350 suitable to this purpose.

Fold away/portable ramps come in various sizes, materials and usability. Council is still offering a rebate of \$200 to local businesses for the purchase of this access tool for their business. A determination could be made for the cost of a ramp suitable for Bastick Cottage side entrance to come from the budget allocated to this purpose.

The balance of the fund is \$1,811 remaining in the budget. \$189 has been spent on one rebate to date.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Heritage Report - Bastick Cottage Accessibility Ramp, Cook Park, D26/43644 [↓](#)

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The following Comments were prepared by David Scobie, Heritage Consultant to Orange City Council. The relevant statutory controls are the Orange City Council LEP 2011 – Heritage Conservation 5.10 and DCP 2004 – DCP 13 Heritage.

12. Bastick cottage – accessible entry ramp

Council Officer: Melissa and Wayne

Significance: The site is listed item on the Orange LEP

Orange

**Cook Park,
including
fernery and
Blowes
Conservatory**

22–46 Summer Street

Lot 27, DP 653772 Local

Contacts: Wayne and Melissa

The site:



1. Approach view

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2. Entry view of front elevation



1. General view of the entry which is via the enclosed verandah



2. Close view of the entry area

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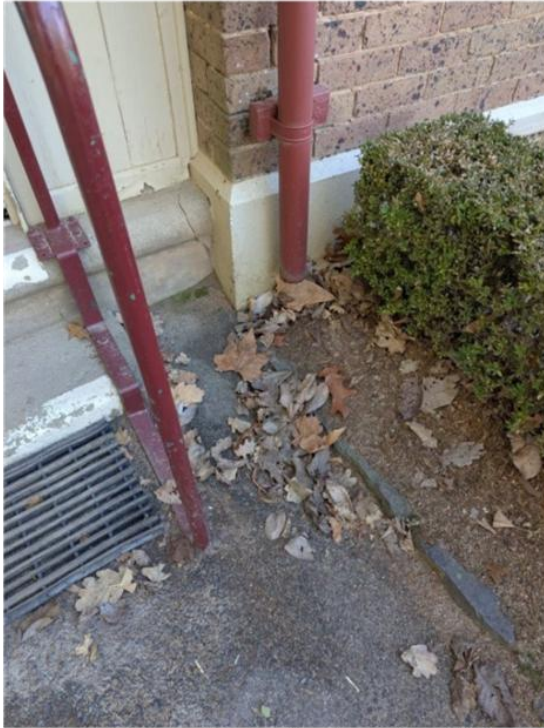


3. Close view



4. Close view. Note that there is damage to the perimeter bull nose edge on the original verandah which should be repaired and form part of the works.

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5. Detail view showing the downpipe which discharges on to the entry area

Option A – as described by Wayne

A landing to Code in front of the door and then a straight 1.14 ramp in timber with balustrade.

Issues: Change to the front of the building and change in the character along the main entry path

Option B

A landing at the front door and then steps down to the path and then a ramp which returns back in the reverse direction beside the verandah.

Issue: This keeps the ramp away from the front approach and is less visible and also keeps a set of steps

Option C

Use the other door as the entry and exit with a landing and ramp coming forward beside the verandah.

Generally:

- Allow to replace the existing damaged bitumen pavement in the vicinity with appropriate cement stabilised deco-granite and planters where appropriate to soften the setting and remove all the bitumen.

The next steps:

- Consider the issues and recommendations raised
- Wayne to prepare proposal sketch drawings with notations sufficient to assist certification and provide these to Alison Weir Council for a fast-track review in terms of using Clause 5.10(3);
- Amend in consideration of the Council & any Heritage comments

David Scobie

Heritage Advisor to Orange City Council

5.7 Tree Removal, Go-Kart Facility

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/591

AUTHOR: Nigel Hobden, Manager City Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Development Services requested a referral from Manager City Presentation in relation to the go-kart/old harness racing complex. The referral asked for comment on the impact of a proposed Development Application on the trees along Perc Griffith Way and some within the old Harness Racing Track area that are proposed to be removed.

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

Negative impact of \$15,625 for the dismantling and disposal of felled timber and cutting stumps to ground level.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council allocate \$15,625 from Tree Maintenance budget to undertake safety tree maintenance work along the driveway to the Go-Kart facility on Perc Griffith Way.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	Failure to remove trees in poor/very poor health may increase the risk of unplanned service disruption due to tree failure impacting facilities or public access.
Financial	If tree removals are deferred, Council may incur higher future costs associated with emergency response, property damage or reactive works.
Reputation/Political	Tree removal may attract community concern or criticism, however, failure to act may pose a greater reputational risk should a tree failure result in injury or damage.
Environment	While removal of trees will result in a short-term loss of canopy, works will be undertaken in accordance with environmental best practice and opportunities for replacement planting considered where appropriate.
Compliance	Not addressing known tree health risks may expose Council to non-compliance with duty of care and asset management obligations.
People & WHS	Retaining trees assessed as being in very poor health presents an increased risk to the safety of staff, contractors and members of the public.
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	There is no material information technology or cyber security risk associated with the proposed tree removal works.

5.7 Tree Removal, Go-Kart Facility

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council can report that the old Harness Racing and Go-Kart facility is under the control and management of Orange City Council. A referral from Development Services requested assessment of the impacts of proposed works and the condition of trees along Perc Griffith Way and within the old Harness Racing Track. The referral is in relation to the proposed Greyhound facility.

Whilst on site assessing trees identified for removal for the proposed facility at the driveway entrance gate, Council staff noted that trees all along the driveway, are in poor to very poor condition. Some trees have lost limbs which have fallen on buildings and in one case a tree has been sheared off at about 1 metre above ground level. The stem of this sheared tree is hollow and there is only around 5 cm of cambial timber.

It is suspected that many of these poplars along the driveway have similar heartwood decay and predisposed to failure as wounds, hollows and structural damage were noted. A comprehensive visual assessment of each tree along the driveway was undertaken.

This detailed investigation of each individual poplar tree lining the driveway to the go-cart facility on Perc Griffith Way identified a minimum of 25 trees to be removed plus a few stumps. A cost estimate for dismantling and disposal of felled timber, cutting stumps to ground level, is \$15,625.



5.8 Classification of Land as Road Surrounding Orange Airport

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/660

AUTHOR: Shirley Hyde, Legal & Property Lead

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Several years ago, road works were undertaken through Council owned land in connection with the extension of the airport runway. This report seeks a resolution of Council to classify those roads as roads under the Roads Act.

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

It is anticipated the cost of preparation and registration of plans will be in the vicinity of \$20,000 to be sourced from the Airport Commercial Operations budget.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council proceed with the registration of plans of subdivision for the classification of roads on land impacted by the extension of the airport runway.
- 2 That all newly created lots be classified as Operational Land.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	As the roads have already been constructed there will be no impact to service or project deliveries.
Financial	Costs will be sourced from the Airport’s Commercial Operations Budget.
Reputation/Political	There could be a reputation and/or political risk if Council does not proceed with the classification as the roads need to be managed under the Roads Act.
Environment	As roads are already constructed there will be no environmental impacts.
Compliance	The classification as road will provide Council with the ability to manage all aspects under the appropriate Act.
People & WHS	As roads are already constructed Council staff will not be required to undertake any works or inspection in conjunction with this report.
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	There is no relevance to this report.

5.8 Classification of Land as Road Surrounding Orange Airport

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

As advised road works were undertaken through Council owned land as part of the extension of the airport runway.

When Council realigned the road for the expansion of the airport runway part of this land was used for the construction and is now a road. To ensure Council can rely on and comply with the Roads Act 1993 legislation, that section needs to be classified as road in the Government Gazette. To achieve this, it is necessary for plans of subdivision to be prepared and registered.

The lots which are affected are:

- 1 Lot 384 DP 1045095
- 2 Lot 7 DP 559537
- 3 Lot 101 DP 1184776
- 4 Lot 200 DP 1195298

These lots and the road network are shown on the map below.

It is recommended that Council resolve to proceed with the subdivision and classification as roads.



Lot 7 DP 559537 Lot 384 DP1045095 Lot 200 DP1195298 Lot 101 DP 1184776

5.9 Cadia Community Committee

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/666

AUTHOR: Andrew Cole, Coordinator Natural Resources and Biodiversity

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Orange City Council has a representative on the Cadia Community Consultative Committee. The council representative is the author of this report.

The Committee operates in accordance and recommendations with the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment's *Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects*. The Committee is independently chaired by **PlanCom Consulting**.

The Guidelines outline the purpose of the Committee as follows:

The purpose of the committee is to:

- *Establish strong working relationships and encourage the proponent, Committee members and other relevant stakeholders to share information.*
- *Provide the proponent with an opportunity to seek feedback from community representatives, stakeholder groups, and councils, and to respond to project-related matters.*
- *Offer community representatives, stakeholder groups and councils a forum to request information and provide feedback on the project.*

Matters typically discussed at Committee meetings include, but are not limited to:

- *Community concerns and the resolution of community complaints.*
- *Implementation of conditions of approval or consent, including associated management plans.*
- *Proposed amendments or modifications to the project.*
- *Outcomes of monitoring activities, annual reviews and independent audits.*

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "14.1 Work in partnership with other councils, regional organisations and State and Federal Governments".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That the report by the Coordinator Natural Resources and Biodiversity and the attached minutes regarding the Cadia 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:

Service/Project Delivery	Council's membership of the committee can be managed within existing resources.
Financial	Nil

5.9 Cadia Community Committee

Reputation/Political	There are diverse views on this project and publishing the minutes will assist in keeping the community informed.
Environment	The environmental impacts of this project have been a significant element identified by the opponent to this project.
Compliance	Nil
People & WHS	Nil
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	Nil

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Cadia 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 March 2026 meeting are attached.

Also attached is a presentation from the March 2026 meeting. Of note in the presentation is Modification 16 (Mod 16) that requests approval to use recovered sands to buttress the southern embankment of the Northern Tailings Storage Facility (NTSF). NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has published Mod 16 on their website for public comment.

Of note is also the online availability of real time environmental data from the site **Envirosuite**. Real time monitoring is moving to an all-in-one platform and allows comparison of multiple monitors Includes weather and stream flow data.

There is also clarification given to recent local media reporting that has misinterpreted information from Newmont's Investor Release last week, leading to inaccurate reporting about Cadia's operations and safety.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 CCC - Agenda - 17 March 2026 - Final, IC26/8553 [↓](#)
- 2 CCC - Minutes - 17 March 2026 - Final, IC26/8548 [↓](#)
- 3 CCC - Presentation - 17 March 2026 - Final, IC26/8549 [↓](#)
- 4 CCC - Information Pack - 17 March 2026 - Final, IC26/8551 [↓](#)
- 5 CCC - Actions - 17 March 2026, IC26/8550 [↓](#)

Meeting Agenda – Cadia Mine- Community Consultative Committee

Tuesday 17 March 2026

Time: 6pm – 8 pm

Location: The Hive - 25-27 McNamara Street, Orange

Members: **Chairperson:** Margaret Harvie (Chairperson)

Community representatives: Graham Brown, Bob Meyenn, Chris Baker, Kim Masters, John Gerathy, Annette Steele (Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council), Frances Retallack (Cadia Community Sustainability Network)

Council representative: Matthew Christensen – Cabonne Council Representative, Stephen Johnston – Blayney Shire Council Representative, Andrew Cole – Orange City Council Representative

Cadia representatives: Lori Douglas (General Manager), David Coe (Director Environment), Erika Rollin (Acting Lead – Social Performance) - *in place of Melissa O'Brien*

Persons in attendance: Gen Lucas - Acting Director Resource Assessments for DPPI, Yurinda Davies (note taker).

Apologies: none to date

Item no.	Description	Who
1.	Acknowledgement of Country Introductions to Chairperson Round the room introductions	Margaret Harvie
2.	Declarations of pecuniary interest	
3.	Correspondence Actions from Previous Meeting (see below)	
4.	What we are hearing from the community - round the table with comments from CCC members.	All
5.	Modification 16 & 17 update	David Coe
6.	Cadia Continued Operations Project (CCOP)	David Coe
7.	Real Time Monitoring – Envio Suite	David Coe
8.	Voconiq Local Voices Community Survey	Erika Rollin
9.	Other items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of any complaints • Activities coming up in coming 3 months 	Cadia
10.	Other matters	CCC members
11.	Next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Week commencing 27 April – actual day to be confirmed – extraordinary meeting to review Terms of Reference for CCC - 18 May or other date – Regular CCC meeting 	Margaret Harvie

Actions from meeting 17 November

ACTION	Status
Cadia to follow up with NSW Forestry to acquire buffer zone on eastern side of Cadia	Complete
DR to undertake annual review of Cadia CCC's performance and effectiveness	In progress

Attachment 1 CCC - Agenda - 17 March 2026 - Final

MO to investigate hotline response to odour incidents	Complete: information provided with last meeting notes
MO to locate previous information presented on molybdenum plant's impact	Complete: information provided with last meeting notes
MO to arrange meeting with councils to discuss road VPAs (voluntary planning agreements)	Complete: meetings in first week of February
JF to investigate why powerlines are proposed to be on both sides of Panuara Rd realignment and members requested to move powerlines to north / west side of the Panuara Road.	In progress: 29/01/25: specialist engineering support
JF and DC to investigate B double intersection slip lanes when turning onto and from Panuara Road to Cadia Road with the proposed realignment.	In progress: 29/01/25: Designs and consultation to ensure compliance
Cadia to include a cut/fill line balance to table 3 of the Panuara Road realignment flyer, as per the length and grade comparison table: Existing vs Proposed Road table in the CCC presentation – November 2025.	Complete: Information provided in the Action List.
JF and DC to investigate how the visibility of proposed Panuara realignment markers could be enhanced	In progress: Procured for installation. Information provided in the Action List.
Newmont to ensure a representative attends future Rural Fire Service meetings	Complete: Information provided in the Action List.
Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development / Local Land Services trial program to investigate how long after treatment can an area be returned to arable land	In progress: Information provided in the Action List
DC and CB to discuss agistment conditions	Complete

Notes: Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmont Cadia Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Location: Held at The Hive, 25-27 McNamara Street, Orange NSW

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Members: Chairperson: Margaret Harvie (MH)

Community representatives: Graham Brown (GB), Bob Meyenn (BM), Chris Baker (CB), Kim Masters (KM), John Gerathy (JG), Frances Retallack (FB) – Cadia Community Sustainability Network.

Council representatives: Matthew Christensen (MC) – Cabonne Shire Council Representative, Stephen Johnston (SJ) – Blayney Shire Council Representative, Andrew Cole (AC) – Orange City Council.

Cadia representatives: Lori Douglas (LD) – General Manager, David Coe (DC) – Director Environment, Erika Rollin (ER) Alternate Representative – Social Performance

Persons in attendance: Gen Lucas (GL) - Acting Director Resource Assessments for DPHI, Yurinda Davies (YD) (note taker).

Apologies: Melissa O’Brien (MO) – Cadia Lead – Social Performance.

Meeting Opened: 6:00 pm.

Agenda Items

Agenda Items	Description	Who
1.	Acknowledgement of Country Introductions to Chairperson Round the room introductions	MH
2.	Declarations of interest	MH
3.	Correspondence Actions from Previous Meeting	MH
4.	What we are hearing from the community - round the table with comments from CCC members.	All
5.	Modification 16 & 17 update	DC
6.	Cadia Continued Operations Project (CCOP)	DC
7.	Real Time Monitoring – Enviro Suite	DC
8.	Voconiq Local Voices Community Survey	ER
9.	Other items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of any complaints • Activities coming up in coming 3 months 	Cadia
10.	Other matters	CCC members
11	Next meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week commencing 27 April – actual day to be confirmed – extraordinary meeting to review Terms of Reference for CCC • 18 May or other date – Regular CCC meeting 	MH

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/By Whom (See below and Appendix 1- Actions List)
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>MH welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself as the new Chair.</p> <p>MH has been engaged by Cadia and DPHI as an independent chair and is paid by Cadia. Introduced Yurinda Davies who is the new notetaker also paid by Cadia (via the Chair).</p> <p>The Chair has spoken to most members of the CCC individually prior to the meeting to understand the background to operation of the CCC and any concerns. She also did a tour of the mine site earlier that day.</p> <p>MH provided an overview of the plan for this meeting and expectations around the balance of questions and discussion.</p> <p>All members introduced themselves and the communities/organisations they represent.</p>	
2.	<p>Declaration of Interests</p> <p>MH is paid a fee by Cadia Mine to Chair the CCC.</p> <p>FR represents CCSN who has commenced a class action against Cadia. This is now in court.</p> <p>AC has a partner who works for Cadia.</p> <p>GB previously sold land to Cadia.</p> <p>CB family previously sold land to Cadia.</p>	
3.	<p>Correspondence and Actions from Previous Meeting – please refer to actions list.</p> <p>MH noted correspondence from DPHI to Cadia re her appointment as Chair.</p> <p>Items 6-9: KM asked for confirmation of the changes to Panuara Road design, grading and gradient.</p> <p>Action 1 in response to this issue raised.</p> <p>Item 11: GB raised at the last meeting that Cadia does not send a representative to the district RFS meeting. A Cadia representative attended the most recent meeting. GB made a comment that the last meeting with RFS had involved Cadia attendees with no history of the area or knowledge of roads. They were unable to conduct a productive discussion due to lack of knowledge. BM reinforced the same experience noting the high turnover of Cadia staff caused frustration in the loss of understanding of the community issues/agreements.</p>	<p>ACTION 1: Cadia to send full sized maps of proposed road design as well as the cut and fill balances to the committee members (Action items 6-9).</p>

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/By Whom (See below and Appendix 1- Actions List)
	<p>Item 12: CB asked if a controlled and systematic study of the process for sticky nightshade regrowth would be conducted. The current growth conditions are influenced by many external factors. Also, the chemicals used for the sticky nightshade reduces other growth. ER will raise the issue with the sticky nightshade Working Group next week.</p> <p>Item 4: KM raised issues with odour from the molybdenum plant from the last year though noted had not reoccurred this year. DC stated that wastewater from the plant is transferred to the pit . CB noted that historically there has been an odour (sulphur dioxide) from the Southern tailings dam.</p> <p>Item 6: BM raised issues regarding traffic and the state of the roads. Large plant equipment and trucks drive through Spring Hill all night and drivers sleeping on the side of the road as it is understood that they are not permitted to sleep close to the Cadia site.</p> <p>LD noted that Cadia met with all three Councils to discuss condition of roads, review speed limits and zoning. Cadia has offers financial support to the Councils which Councils will need to incorporate into their respective budgets. This arrangement is to be revisited in October.</p> <p>MC confirmed recommendations and applications have gone to NSW state departments to approve speed limit changes on Orchard Road.</p>	<p>ACTION 2: ER to raise the possibility of a controlled sticky nightshade study with working group next week (24 March 2026). (Action item 12)</p> <p>ACTION 3: Cadia to investigate sulphur dioxide odour when this is next identified (as per action item 4)</p> <p>ACTION 4: Traffic and Road issues to be an item for discussion at the CCC meeting after October (report from Cadia and Councils).</p>
4.	<p>What we are hearing from the community - round the table with comments from CCC members.</p> <p>SJ noted the class action and lack of understanding in the community about this and asked about the EIS for the CCOP (item on the agenda). SJ raised issues with effectiveness of the communication to the community as his neighbour had not heard anything regarding Mod 16.</p> <p>BM reiterated concern about the state of the roads and truck movements.</p> <p>MC reiterated that there was ongoing community concern about the state of the roads.</p> <p>JG commented the pit is causing a lot of problems through contamination. His neighbours have had blood tests confirming PFAS levels. He is concerned for the health of his employees who live at his property. Asked what Cadia’s management plan is in regard to this as it continues operations.</p> <p>FR asked what the impact will be to the life of the mine with 40% write-off to the mine resources as reported in the media. Will there be increased instability due to pit vs. the underground operations? FR also noted</p>	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/By Whom (See below and Appendix 1- Actions List)
	<p>community members were disappointed Cadia did not send a representative to the class action hearing. It was noted that LD will address the media report and Cadia’s response later in the meeting.</p> <p>AC noted community feedback to the impact of operations on traffic and noise levels for the Spring Hill community.</p> <p>CB reiterated the concern about sticky nightshade.</p> <p>KM commented on the on-going noise impact due to heavy plant movement and operation on Cadia Rd. He noted community concerns regarding the reduced pine tree buffer section noting also that the trees have now matured and are ready for harvest. This will result in a diminished noise buffer from the mill. There are noise concerns regarding the dust suppression planes that operate all day for 1 month per quarter.</p> <p>GB commented on community concern regarding the stability of the mine. Community members are seeking accessible and reliable information prior to modifications going on exhibition. It was noted that there will be a later presentation on the real time monitoring.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Modification 16 & 17 update</p> <p>DC presented an update on Mod 16 &17.</p> <p>JG asked Cadia to confirm height of northern storage facility as previous correspondence with Cadia indicated 744m rather than the full 779m.</p> <p>DC indicated that the current NTSF is at 744m while the current approved height is 779m. Cadia does not intend to return the NTSF into operational use as a tailings facility, however this assumes CCOP’s STSF extension is approved.</p> <p>To rehabilitate the NTSF needs to be raised and filled to allow drainage to occur to the NW- the surface water discharge point at closure. This will require a small raise however the study needs to be concluded to know what this exact height is. Cadia expect it is between 3 to 6m. If the STSF extension is not approved as a part of CCOP, Cadia will investigate engineering options to allow the NTSF to be continued to be raised.</p> <p>FR commented that the link in the Department’s letter notifying of the exhibition was not working. GL clarified that Department officers had responded via email regarding that issue and that the formal Notice of Exhibition does contain the correct link and instructions to making a submission.</p> <p>FR commented that the community has not enough time to comment (current notice period is 21 days). GL advised that formal submissions must be made within the exhibition period. However, additional information</p>	<p>ACTION 5: Discussion on the effectiveness of the March community information session to be on the agenda for the next CCC meeting.</p>

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/By Whom (See below and Appendix 1- Actions List)
	<p>can be submitted to Department officers after the closing date. FR noted that no resident meeting had been organised or Cadia presentation offered.</p> <p>DC noted there is a community drop-in session next week (on 24 March 2026) prior to the exhibition period ending. The session will include the availability of SME's to answer questions. Several CCC members indicated dissatisfaction with the format of the consultations and indicated that some community members do not know what they know and would benefit from a presentation.</p> <p>It was suggested that feedback on the community session to be conducted next week be brought back to the next CCC meeting. See Action 5.</p> <p>FR had submitted a question to the Chair in relation to Mod 16 earlier in the day prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Questions from FR to Cadia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is there is no geochemical analysis (dynamic cell testing) provided to demonstrate that this type of tailings deposition will not form Acid Mine Discharge? Please confirm that this Mod is essentially the same as Mod 15 except the sands are being used instead of Non-Acid Forming rock? Is there evidence to prove the sand will never become acid forming? • Please confirm that the footprint of the buttressing with sand is much bigger than Mod 15? Is there information on how this affects the final landform? 	<p>ACTION 6: Cadia advises that FR questions are likely to be part of the class action and in accordance with the Court Communications Protocol need to be submitted via Cadia's lawyer</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Cadia Continued Operations Project (CCOP)</p> <p>DC presented the update on CCOP. This is due to go on exhibition in Q3 of this year.</p> <p>FR asked if the tailing hadn't gone into the pit would the access to the resource been affected. This is the topic of a presentation to be provided following this presentation by LD.</p> <p>CB asked for copy of studies and closure plans. This is to be provided as part of the EIS for the CCOP.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Real Time Monitoring – Enviro Suite</p> <p>DC and ER provided a live demonstration of the new tool available through the Cadia website. The tool allows greater functionality and shows real time monitoring of the weather, air quality and noise within parameters that can be selected by the user.</p>	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/By Whom (See below and Appendix 1- Actions List)
Additional item	<p>Address of the media reports about the reduction in Cadia’s resources.</p> <p>LD clarified Cadia’s perspective on the incorrect media reports. She noted there was a difference between definition of “resources” and “reserves”.</p> <p><i>A mineral resource is a concentration of minerals with potential for economic extraction post exploration drilling, while a reserve is the economically mineable part of a measured or indicated resource that has a mine design around it.</i></p> <p>Resources are reviewed annually as part of a range of reviews in relation to future operations. Reserves on the other hand are monitored as part of the ‘Life of mine’ plan, which is currently until 2050 – there is no change. LD indicated that Cadia Valley Operations are likely to continue as long as there is a resource to be mined.</p> <p>Details as presented by LD below and as per the presentation slide attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent local media reporting has misinterpreted information from Newmont’s Investor Release last week, leading to inaccurate reporting about Cadia’s operations and safety. • There are no safety concerns with the in-pit tailings facility interacting with current underground mining operations. • Operations have not ceased and are continuing as planned. • The reference to a “geotechnical standoff from the in-pit tailings facility” relates to a previously established buffer zone between mining operations and the pit tailings storage facility. • “Resources” and “reserves” are different – current plans are based on reserves, which are unchanged. • The resource adjustment does not impact our life-of-mine plan, ongoing operations or CCOP. • Our communications team is working with local media to have the coverage corrected. 	
8.	<p>Voconiq Local Voices Community Survey</p> <p>ER gave a presentation regarding a planned survey tool called “Local Voices”. The last community survey (outside the CCOP SIA) was in 2020. Survey is to be conducted soon through multiple channels to support high levels of participation.</p> <p>Question about the changes taken on from the last survey. Cadia to take on notice to provide a summary of changes implemented by the mine in response to what was heard from the community in the survey in 2020.</p> <p>Launch date TBC</p> <p>JG questioned how the socio-economic impacts are being monitored and effect on communities and farming. Noted that there will be a social impact assessment as part of the CCOP.</p>	<p>ACTION 7: Cadia to report back to the next meeting on changes occurring as a result of the last survey.</p>

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/By Whom (See below and Appendix 1- Actions List)
9.	<p>Other items: (these to be regular standing meeting items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of any complaints • Activities coming up in coming 3 months. <p>DC noted all complaints are logged on Cadia’s website. Cadia to provide link to relevant site that shows these complaints. These are to be reported to future meetings.</p>	<p>ACTION 8: Cadia to provide link to complaints section of the website to the CCC.</p>
10.	<p>Other matters</p> <p>CB asked DPHI how they assess the multiple modifications and the cumulative changes and impacts. There was concern that the multiple modification applications led to substantial project changes and suggestion that it indicated lack of planning.</p> <p>GL indicated that this was a common concern expressed by the community. Modifications must meet a statutory test of being ‘substantially the same’ as the original application. It was noted that Cadia has had 16 modification applications over its life.</p> <p>KM raised concerns for the future of the buffer zone (both visual and noise) as the current trees are being harvested. Raised a request for more permanent monitoring of the buffer zone in the East and South of the mine.</p> <p>GB raised community concerns about the instability of the pit and water issues around Cadia East.</p>	
11.	<p>Next meeting date:</p> <p>28th April 2026 (6-8pm) – This will be a discussion around the future operation of the CCC including the adoption of a new CCC Terms of Reference.</p> <p>18th May 2026 (6-8pm) - Regular CCC meeting.</p> <p>JG also raised the need to return to having additional special CCOP/Modification consultation meetings between the quarterly CCC Meetings.</p> <p>MH thanked all members for their time and contribution to the meeting.</p>	

Meeting Closed: 7:55 pm.

Appendix 1: Actions

Page No	Action No	Description	Date Raised
2	1	Cadia to send full sized maps of proposed road design as well as the cut and fill balances to the committee members (Action items 6-9).	17 th March 2026
2	2	ER to raise the possibility of a controlled sticky nightshade study with working group next week (Week commencing 23rd March 2026). (Previous meeting notes Action item 12)	17 th March 2026
2	3	Cadia to investigate sulphur dioxide odour when this is next identified (Previous meeting notes Action item 4)	17 th March 2026
3	4	Traffic and Road issues to be an item for discussion at the CCC meeting after October (with report at that time from Cadia and Councils).	
4	5	Discussion on the effectiveness of the March community information session to be on the agenda for the next CCC meeting.	
4	6	FR questions to Cadia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is there is no geochemical analysis (dynamic cell testing) provided to demonstrate that this type of tailings deposition will not form Acid Mine Discharge? Please confirm that this Mod is essentially the same as Mod 15 except the sands are being used instead of Non Acid Forming rock? Is there evidence to prove the sand will never become acid forming? • Please confirm that the footprint of the buttressing with sand is much bigger than Mod 15? Is there information on how this affects the final land form? 	17 th March 2026 – <i>Cadia advised these questions are related to the Class Action and in accordance with the Court Communications Protocol are to be submitted via Cadia's lawyer</i>
5	7	Cadia to report back to the next meeting on changes occurring as a result of the last community survey.	17 th March 2026
6	8	Cadia to provide link to complaints section of the website to the CCC.	17 th March 2026



Cadia Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

17 MARCH 2026



Agenda

PURPOSE

CCC Meeting 1 17 March 2026

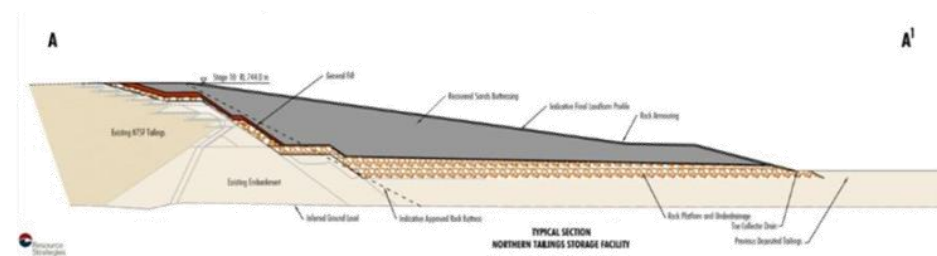
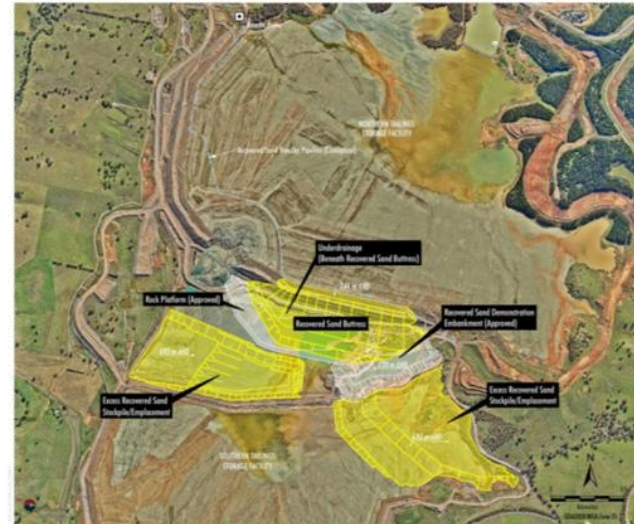
1. Acknowledgement of Country: Margaret Harvie
Introductions to Chairperson
Round the room introductions
2. Declarations of pecuniary interest
3. Correspondence
Actions from previous meeting
4. What we are hearing from the community – round the table
with comments from CCC members: All
5. Modification 16 & 17: David Coe
6. Cadia Continued Operations Project (CCOP): David Coe
7. Real Time Monitoring – Enviro Suite: David Coe
8. Voconiq Local Voices Community Survey: Erika Rollin
9. Other items: Cadia
 - Report of any complaints
 - Activities coming up in coming 3 months
10. Other matters: CCC Members
11. Next meetings: Margaret Harvie
 - TBC date – extraordinary meeting to review Terms of Reference for CCC
 - 18 May or other date – Regular CCC meeting



Modification 16

- Modification 16 (Mod 16) requests approval to use recovered sands to buttress the southern embankment of the Northern Tailings Storage Facility (NTSF):
 1. Buttress the NTSF southern wall with recovered sand in combination with rock base and armouring (see map)
 2. Emplace/stockpile recovered sand within the approved Southern Storage Tailings Facility (STSF) disturbance footprint (see map)
 3. Integrate the Mod 15 demonstration embankment into the Mod 16 buttress to form part of the permanent wall
 4. Sand placement activities across demonstration pad, buttress and stockpiles proposed to be undertaken 24/7

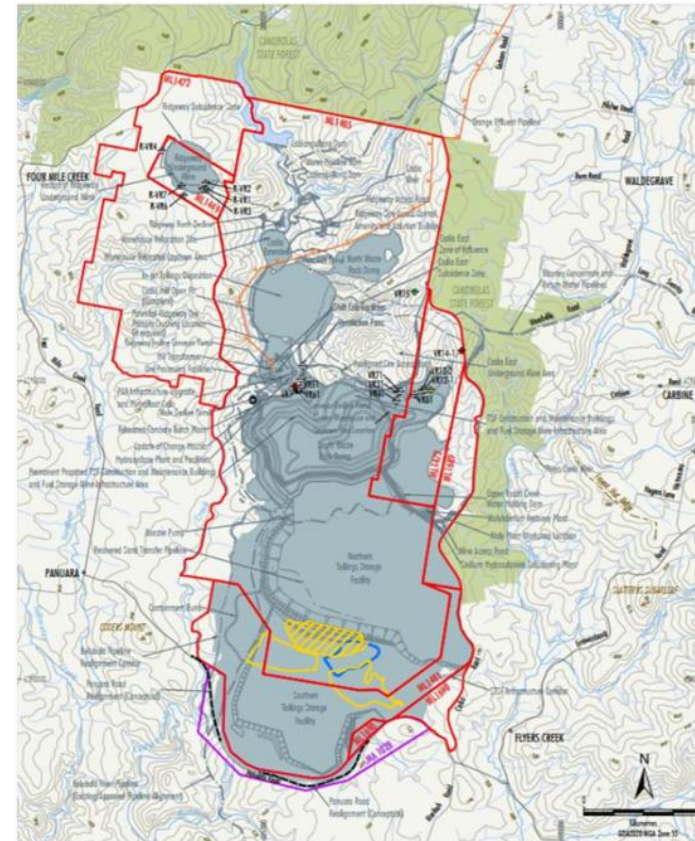
- NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has published Mod 16 on their website for public comment.



Modification 16 Summary of Findings



- This optimised methodology is predicted to result in reduced construction timeframes and an overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the buttressing activities whilst delivering the same geotechnical stability for the final embankment
- Mod 16 Noise and Air Quality predictions show that the works comply with the requirements and conditions of the Project Approval
- Mod 16 is located entirely within the existing approved disturbance footprint and management controls and as such no biodiversity, heritage or water impacts are predicted to occur.



Modification 17

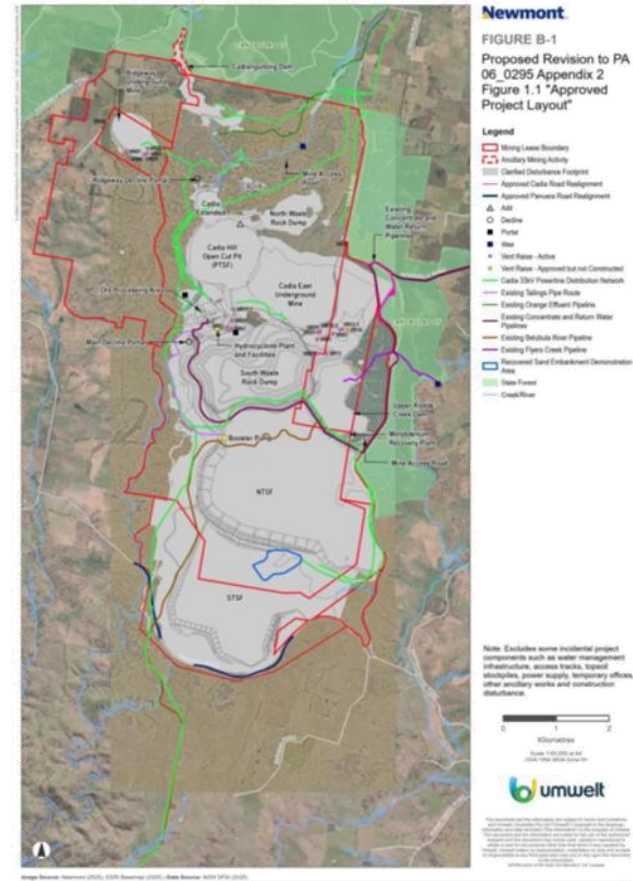
- Modification 17 aligns mapping from all 46+ historical development approvals under which Cadia operates and updated the relocation of the Hydrocyclone plant from STSF to Mill
- Now the site has single DPHI-approved map that clearly shows existing approved operations, associated ground disturbance and resulting rehabilitation obligations.

CCOP Update

- EIS progress – Newmont is continuing work on the EIS for 2026 submission
- EIS assessment reports are being peer reviewed
- SIA consultation is complete
- Recovered sands trial pad visit scheduled for Q2.

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Modification 17 Figure



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Real Time Monitoring



Envirosuite

- Real time monitoring is moving to an all in one platform
- Allows comparison of multiple monitors
- Includes weather and stream flow data
- Has ability to include more monitoring points



Real Time: Community Sentiment

What is Local Voices?

- Local Voices is an independent and anonymous survey program run by VoconIQ that gives the community a safe, anonymous way to share honest feedback about Cadia.

Why is Cadia undertaking the program?

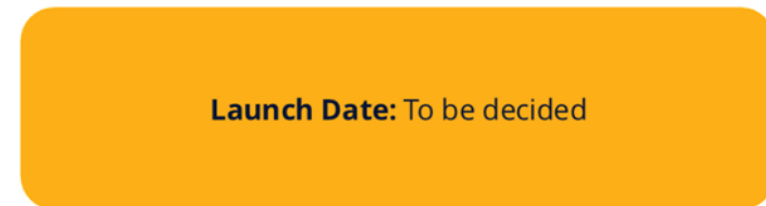
- It helps Cadia understand what builds or breaks trust, using a detailed baseline (“anchor”) survey followed by quick check-ins (“pulse” surveys)
- This helps Cadia track changes in community sentiment over time and respond meaningfully.

How will the community benefit?

- Independent and anonymous voice feeding directly to Cadia leaders (Local Voices by VoconIQ)
- Real-time tracking of trust and concerns so issues are spotted and fixed sooner
- Public, plain-English summaries so anyone can see the trends over time.

How can I take part?

- Surveys are quick and flexible: available online, on mobile, on paper, or by phone.





Other matters

NEXT MEETING

2026 meeting dates:

TBC (Extraordinary meeting)

18 May 2026

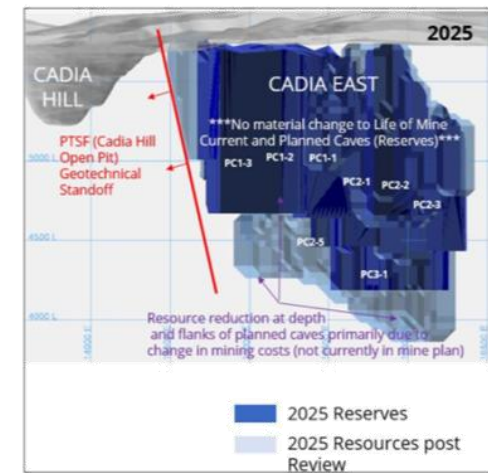
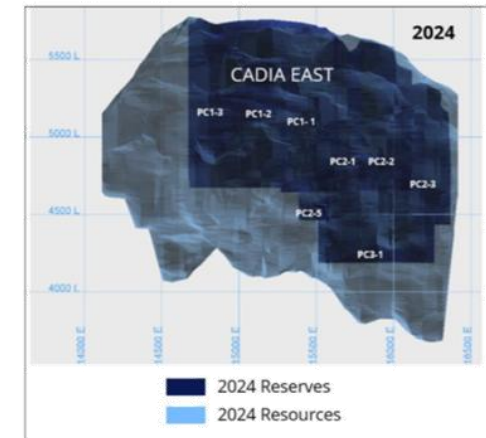
17 August 2026

16 November 2026



Clarifying recent media reporting

- Recent local media reporting has misinterpreted information from Newmont's Investor Release last week, leading to inaccurate reporting about Cadia's operations and safety.
- There are no **safety concerns** with the in-pit tailings facility interacting with current underground mining operations.
- Operations have not ceased** and are continuing as planned.
- The reference to a "geotechnical standoff from the in-pit tailings facility" relates to a previously established buffer zone between mining operations and the pit tailings storage facility.
- "Resources" and "reserves" are different – current plans are based on reserves, which are unchanged.
- The resource adjustment does not impact our life-of-mine plan, ongoing operations or CCOP.
- Our communications team is working with local media to have the coverage corrected.



Cadia Resource changes 2024 to 2025



INFORMATION PACK

Cadia Community Consultative Committee Meeting 1 17 March 2026

The CCC Information Pack provides members with additional information on key projects and activities across Cadia's operations. It aims to keep CCC representatives informed and engaged with current and upcoming activities at Cadia.

At the March CCC meeting, three key topics will be presented: Modification 16 & 17, Cadia Continued Operations Project and Voconiq Local Voices independent survey program.

Introduction

Cadia continues to strengthen its commitment to the community through active engagement and environmental stewardship.

Recently, we held key community meetings, including the Cadia District Residents Drop-in Session, the Cadia District Enhancement Project Governing Committee, CCC meeting and delivery of the Ressies Christmas Party hampers (in lieu of the party due to inclement weather). Cadia's workforce also completed one roadside cleanup in Quarter 4, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to discussing further the CCC Information Pack.

Blayney Battery Storage Project

Blayney Shire Council is taking a major step towards a cleaner, more resilient and cost-effective energy future, with the installation of a Battery Energy Storage System at CentrePoint Sport and Leisure Centre.

Newmont provided \$500,000 in funding from the Cadia Legacy Fund towards the project which has also received \$496,000 from the Australian Government under the Community Energy Upgrades Fund.

Newmont Cadia General Manager Lori Douglas said, "This project reflects Newmont Cadia's commitment to sustainability and innovation and, importantly, it's an investment in our community."



Image 1: Blayney Shire Mayor Bruce Reynolds, Newmont Cadia Social Performance Lead Melissa O'Brien, Federal Member Andrew Gee, Blayney Shire Council General Manager Mark Dicker



Image 2: Golden Memories Millthorpe Museum 60th anniversary and opening of the new kitchen

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Cadia Highlights

Key events and initiatives in Quarter 4, 2025 include:

- Cadia is in ongoing negotiations with Forestry NSW regarding the purchase of pine plantations on the eastern side of the operations along Cadia Road
- Continued focus on road safety discussions with the Cadia workforce
- Attendance at the Golden Memories Millthorpe Museum 60th anniversary and official opening of the new kitchen
- Attendance at NAIDOC Ball, White Tie Ball and Ronald McDonald Ball
- Workforce site-wide appeal to support Housing Plus' Christmas Appeal.

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Tailings Management

Cadia is committed to the safe and transparent management of tailings. The following update outlines recent and upcoming tailings management activities at our operations. This includes progress on works at Cadia’s tailings storage facilities and an update on Cadia’s aerial spray campaign.

Tailings Management

- Stage 7 is the continuation of the Southern Tailings Storage Facility (STSF) works that were commenced in 2025 and 2026. The aim of these works is to expand the capacity of the existing STSF to allow tailings to be deposited into the tailings dam in the mid-term
- Buttressing of the Northern Tailings Storage Facility (NTSF) southern embankment works continue
- Preparing for the installation of infrastructure for the demonstration embankment area and main switchyard extensions works
- Construction and maintenance work continues between 7 am – 10 pm (from 8 am on Sundays).



Image 3. NTSF Area 3 East Buttressing (January 2026)



Image 4. STSF7 Western Embankment – Area 0 (January 2026)

Tailings Dust Management

Newmont Cadia's Aerial Spraying Campaign will commence on 23 February 2026 and be completed prior to Easter.

The aircraft will focus on dust lift-off in areas not accessible by wheeled/tracked equipment. This is around the slump and decant areas.

The aircraft is used in addition to on-ground support for dust management, including the Panther, hydromulch rigs, and irrigation.



Image 5. Southern Tailings Storage Facility (November 2025)



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Environment and Farms

This update provides an overview of Cadia's environmental performance for October – December 2025. It includes key monitoring results for water, air, and noise, as well as updates on rehabilitation and Cadia's farmland management activities.

Undersized Sediment Basin Update

Cadia continues to address this non-compliance and bring the undersized sediment basins and capture dams in line with the criteria in the new Water Management Plan (WMP) as outlined in the table below.

Action	Action Details	Expected Completion Date	Tracking	Comment
1	Complete surveys of R2, CS, SCP	Q4 2024	Complete	Dams resurveyed and tailored rectification solutions devised.
2	Prepare detailed catchment mapping	Q4 2024	Complete	Detailed catchment mapping following ground truthing completed.
3	Review combined capacity of H18 and H19 to determine if the combined capacity meets requirements	Q4 2024	Complete	Combined capacity meets design requirements. Closed.
4	Check pumping equipment is sufficient at SCP	Q4 2024	Complete	Confirmed as part of detailed surveying at dewatering facility.
5	Option and risk assessment	Q1 2025	Complete	Detailed options assessment completed, progressed to detailed design and hazard and operability studies.
6	Action plan for implementation works	Q1 2025	Complete	Finalised and documented in options proposal report and project charter.
7	Detailed design solutions developed	Q4 2025	In Progress	Market engagement for detailed engineering commenced
8	Market engagement for execution works	Q1 2026	In progress	Execution works will involve civil and earthworks



Map 1: Cadia Noise Monitoring Locations, Q4, 2025
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Attended Noise Monitoring Mine Site Operational Noise

- Noise monitoring was conducted in December 2025 at the seven locations surrounding Cadia
- Mining operational activities were audible at six monitoring locations adjacent to Cadia, however recorded levels were below noise criteria in all cases.

Attended Traffic Noise Monitoring Mine Site Operational Noise

- Traffic noise monitoring conducted near Cadia
- Report has found traffic noise levels to be within noise compliance criteria.

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Air Quality and Blasts

Air Quality

Air Quality Monitoring at vent rise ongoing on monthly basis – all compliant, average for period VR8 (5.5 mg/m3), VR3 (3.5 mg/m3), VR5 (2.3 mg/m3) and VR7 (2.7mg/m3) .

All Environment Protection Licence (EPL) dust monitoring locations using BAM compliant for air quality limits for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} levels.

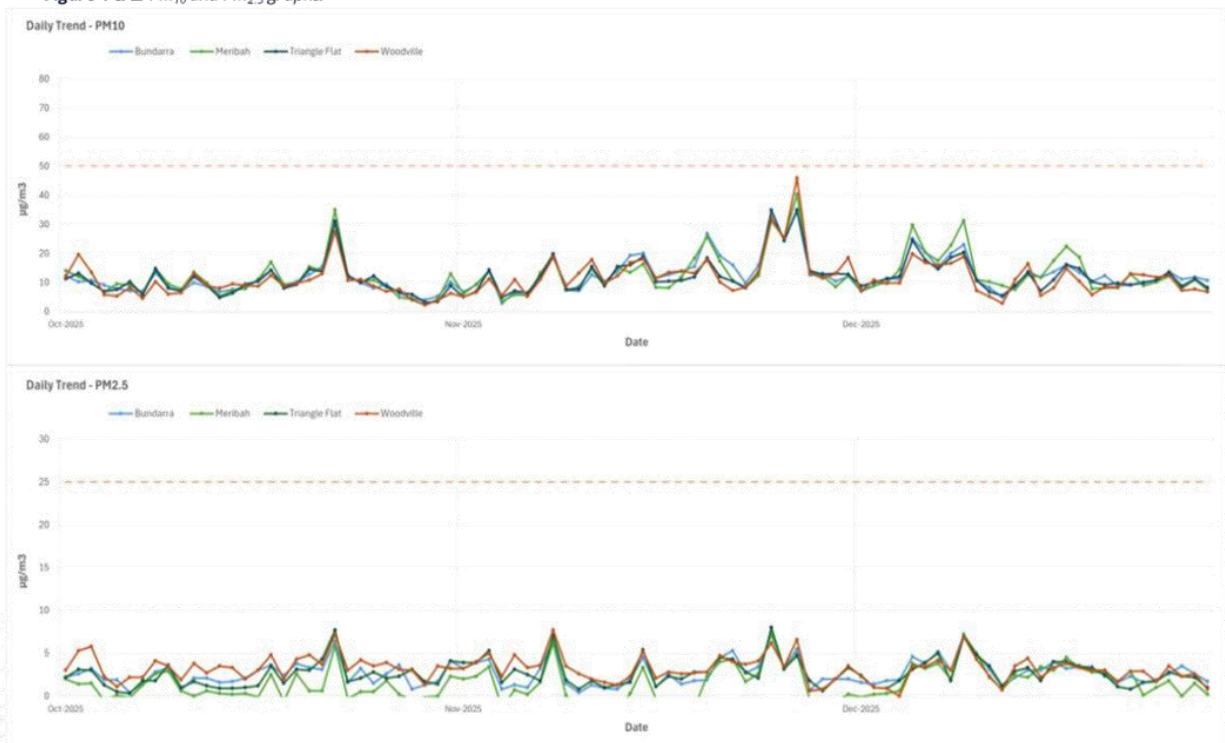
Silica monitoring at four locations on monthly basis – average for period at Bundarra (0.19ug/m3), Triangle Flat (0.11ug/m3), Meribah (0.16ug/m3), and Woodville (0.16ug/m3).

Real-time air quality data remains publicly accessible via the [Newmont Cadia website](#).

Blasting and Vibration

A total of 285 blasts occurred, with no exceedances recorded.

Figure 1 & 2. PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} graphs.





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Environment and Farms (continued)

Storage (as of 31 December 2025)	Storage (ML)	Percentage
Cadiangullong Dam	4,212	100%
Upper Rodds Creek Dam	11,236	78%
PTSF	10,508*	-
Cadia Extended Pit + TSFs**	1,372*	-
Total Available	25,956**	-

*Estimated based on modelling and survey information

** NOTE: Total available – current storage volume – dead storage (Cadia Extended Pit + TSFs)

Surface Water

Key surface water monitoring from October – December 2025 included:

- 27 monthly locations sampled (81 samples collected)
- 28 quarterly locations sampled for the period
- 2 investigation levels triggered:
 - One exceedance of aluminium at SW011, part of a catchment-wide trend, i.e. observed upstream of the Mine Lease
 - One exceedance of electrical conductivity at SW907, part of a catchment-wide trend, i.e. observed upstream of the Cadia Dewatering Facility.

Map 2. Surface Water Monitoring Exceedances Q4, 2025



Groundwater

Key groundwater monitoring from October – December 2025 included:

- 18 monthly locations sampled (54 samples collected)
- 34 quarterly locations sampled for the period
- Level readings obtained for 57 monthly bores each month and 78 bores each quarter
- 16 investigation levels triggered:
 - 6 exceedances for manganese at GW008 (x1), GW011 (x1), GW099 (x2) and GW225 (x2). All concentrations below reference guideline for ecosystem protection and stockwatering guidelines
 - 4 exceedances for sulfate at GW099 (x3) and GW009 (x1). GW009 returning below the SSGV in December, and GW099 aligning with historic trend.
 - 2 exceedances for zinc at GW099 (x2). Returning to below SSGV in January.
 - 2 exceedances for TDS at GW009 (x2). Localised issue aligning with historic trend.
 - 2 exceedances for pH. One (low value) at GW020, aligning with historic trend. The other (high value) at GW079 – outlier in dataset, returning to within-range in January.



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Map 3. Groundwater Monitoring Exceedances Q4, 2025

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**Environment and Farms
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Rehabilitation and Offset Sites

Key highlights from October – December 2025 included:

- Completion of Waste Rock Dump surface water remedial works project
- Collection of 54 kg native seed
- Weed spraying across offset sites, rehabilitation and operational areas.



Image 6. Trial of Rapidlogix GPS spray tracking



Image 7. Cattle yard construction at Stockton

Meribah Group

Meribah Group was subdivided into smaller properties to invite more people into Cadia farms, including:

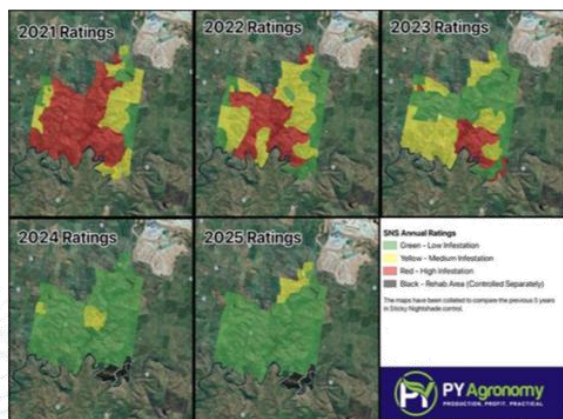
- Meribah – Nick Bailey
- Glen Rowan – Michael Irvine
- Stockton – Hugo Green
- Triangle Park – Hugo Green
- South Log – Graeme White

Cadia Farmland – Weed Management

Sticky Nightshade Update (Q4 2025)

- Hectares covered: 2002
 - Liters Sprayed: 205,000
 - Days Spent Spraying: 64
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- 2022 (\$/ha): \$533.00
 - 2026 (\$/ha): \$182.00

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Map 4: SNS Annual Ratings

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Social Performance

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This update provides an overview of Cadia's social performance activities - October 2025 – January 2026.

Recent activities

Cadia is committed to engaging openly with the Cadia district residents. The team has been busy with the community on several projects including:

- Weekly face to face engagement opportunities with local residents
- Exploration land access agreement engagement
- Noise monitoring and mitigation engagement
- Cadia District Enhancement Project Governing Committee Meeting – October 2025
- Cadia Community Consultative Committee Meetings
- Opening of the Millthorpe Museum Kitchen
- Ressies Drop-in Session – October 2025
- Ronald McDonald House Christmas Lunch preparation
- Opening of The Gold Room at Wangarag Industries
- Bullio Cup support



Image 8: Opening of The Gold Room at Wangarag Industries



Image 9: Bullio Cup

Workforce engagement

In 2025, over 200 members of our workforce contributed more than 1,100 hours to local projects including meal cooking, Cadia Road clean ups, and other community projects.

Most recently, our teams helped with a clean up project at the Panuara Recreation Ground.



Image 10. Newmont Cadia team members assisted with a clean up at the Panuara Recreation Ground.

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Sticky Nightshade Program December 2025

Over Quarter 3 2025, the Cadia District Sticky Nightshade Project has continued to make steady progress, supported by strong stakeholder engagement and effective working group oversight.

Key developments included planning for the High Growth Response Fund in early 2026, efficient reimbursement processes, expanded landholder participation, and significant progress in inefficient terrain earthworks. With DPIRD trails now underway and seasonal conditions remaining dry, continued monitoring and timely management will be critical through the summer period.



Project Figures	Milestones - Achievements	Current works	Upcoming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31 Landholders Total project Ha : 35,000 10 farm visits + calls to all participants <p>1 July 25 - 31 Dec Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total reimbursements: \$159,997 Contractor labour: \$100,072 On farm labour: \$44,246 Chemical costs: \$3,075 Earthworks: \$12,562 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% of earthworks participants have arranged contractors to begin works DPIRD trial site established at Canomodine; initial spraying complete Chemical price comparison completed - very fair across all suppliers. Permit updated for DPIRD trial activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next steps with StevTech proposal Organising software update and maintenance for all Rapid Logix devices Implementation of High Growth Response Fund throughout Feb and March, following feedback from working group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement of data recording for reimbursements Ongoing work with StevTech on drone trial Working group meeting in February 2026 Ongoing participant visits regarding earthworks and High Growth Fund.

Feedback

- "The recent warm weather and summer rain has brought up a lot of SNS"
- Concerns that the high growth response fund will create a bottleneck for spray contractors and some people may miss out
- "It's starting to get dry around the region, tightening available finances for spraying".



Image 11: Beginnings of the DPIRD Trial



Image 12: This SNS plant has died from natural causes and has dropped new seeds - demonstrating how easily it multiplies

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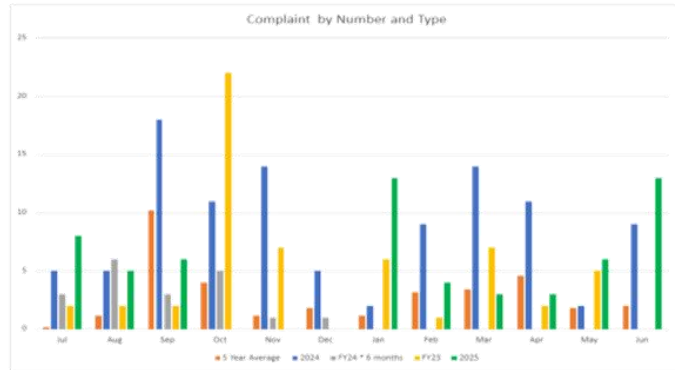
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Community Complaints

Newmont Cadia aims to provide an open and responsive case management process for any feedback or complaints raised by members of the community.

The table outlines the 2025 complaints received by Cadia compared to the 5-year average.

For more information about complaints, visit the [Newmont Cadia website](#).



Images 13 &14: Ressies Drop-in Session, October 2025

Cadia District Residents' Drop-in Sessions

Ressies Drop-in Session 1

March 2026

Ressies Drop-in Session 2

October 2026



Cadia will confirm the exact dates with the community once they are available.

2026 CCC Meetings Dates

Extraordinary Meeting – Monday, 27 April 2026

Meeting 2 – Monday, 18 May 2026

Meeting 3 – Monday, 17 August 2026

Meeting 4 – Monday, 16 November 2026



Meetings will be held at the Quest Apartments, Kite Street, Orange.

Other information

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CCC Information Pack or about Cadia in general, please contact the Social Performance team via cadia@newmont.com or 0461 532 611.
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Cadia Community Consultative Committee

Actions

17 March 2026

Actions

	Actions	Responsible	Due by	Status
1	Cadia to follow up with NSW Forestry to acquire buffer zone on eastern side of Cadia.	DC	Q1 2026	Complete: Negotiations with Forestry are completed.
2	Conduct a survey/review of CCC	Chair	Ongoing	CCC Meeting – 19/02/2024 In progress: Request has been put through DPHI to conduct a review
3	Cadia will produce EIS overview/user guide, update factsheets as well as an updated recovered sands animation.	KL	Q1 2026 CCC meeting 17 November 2026	Agreed: EIS user guide is in production, will be released when the EIS goes on exhibition.
4	Cadia to investigate hotline response to odour incidents	MO	Next meeting	Complete: provided information as an attachment to CCC 17 November 2025 minutes.
5	Cadia to locate previous information presented on molybdenum plant's impact	MO	Next meeting	Complete: provided information as an attachment to the CCC 17 November 2025 minutes.

6	Cadia to arrange meeting with councils to discuss road VPAs (voluntary planning agreements)	MO	Next meeting	Complete: Meetings occurred 1st week in February.
7	Cadia to investigate why powerlines are proposed to be on both sides of Panuara Road realignment and members requested to move powerlines to north / west side of the Panuara Road.	JF	Next meeting	In progress: 29/01/25: specialist engineering support being onboarded to define road alignment, powerline alignment, and Telstra fiber cable routing and options for powerlines. Visual Impact Assessment in process for the work scope.
8	Cadia to investigate B double intersection slip lane and merging lanes when turning onto and from Panuara Road to Cadia Road with the proposed realignment.	JF & DC	Next meeting	In progress: 29/01/25: Designs and consultation with Blayney Shire Council in progress for the intersection to ensure compliance to Australian Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Austroads •Guide to Road Design (2021) •Guide to Pavement Technology – Part 2: Pavement Structural Design
9	Cadia to include a cut/fill line balance to table 3 of the Panuara Road realignment flyer.	KL & JF	Next meeting	Complete: Temporary markers installed to visually demonstrate the proposed road alignment. Flags mounted on concrete blocks for stability and longevity. Spacing designed for clear visibility from nearby properties.

				Markers assessed for stability under typical site and livestock conditions. Markers are positioned every 100m to clearly show the proposed road alignment.
10	JF and DC to investigate how the visibility of proposed Panuara realignment markers could be enhanced.	JF & DC	Next meeting	In progress: Trial Markers procured and assembled ready for installation on Southern Side of the Alignment. Refer to slide.
11	Cadia to ensure a representative attend future RFS meetings.	MO	Next meeting	Complete: Cadia has 44 trained bushfire response members, many of whom are also active members of the Panuara RFS Brigade. Cadia maintains regular liaison with Firecom to ensure coordination, representation at RFS meetings and effective support during bushfire events in the Cadia district. Cadia's Lead, Medical & Emergency Response represents the operation at Local Emergency Management Committee and Bushfire Management Committee meetings, with a delegate attending when required to ensure continuity of representation.
12	DPI / LLS trial program to investigate how long after treatment can an area be returned to arable land.	MO	Next meeting	In progress: Bullseye Ag is continuing collaboration with DPIRD, and the outcomes of the

13	DC and CB to discuss agistment conditions.	DC	Next meeting	trials will be reported when available. Complete
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5.10 Update Orange Sports Precinct and Orange Conservatorium and Planetarium

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/702

AUTHOR: Scott Maunder, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the progress on the two major capital works projects, Orange Sports Precinct and Orange Conservatorium and Planetarium.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “15.3 Ensure financial stability and support efficient ongoing operation”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledge the report.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	Council continue to deliver these projects under the guidance of the Project Management Office which is augmented by external project management experts where required.
Financial	Both projects have a finite external (grant) funding program with any project overruns to be met by Council.
Reputation/Political	Both projects are high value and high-profile projects which have the potential to impact positively and negatively on Council’s reputation.
Environment	Nil
Compliance	Nil
People & WHS	Nil
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	Nil

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

ORANGE CONSERVATORIUM AND PLANETARIUM

The project team continues to work closely with the construction company and, where necessary, the design team to manage requests for information from Renascent.

There are no material changes to report in respect to the budget however we have been provided with an updated timeline which indicates a practical completion date of 4 September 2026.

The major change being a projected delay in the installation of the internal dome for the Planetarium which is reliant on installers based in Europe attending the site and fitting in with their international program.

5.10 Update Orange Sports Precinct and Orange Conservatorium and Planetarium

This date is subject to review by the project team and contractual parameters, however this is the likely date for completion of construction.

Council staff are also progressing with investigations on the installation of the projection equipment for the Planetarium.

ORANGE SPORTS PRECINCT

Works continue on site with the commencement of the construction of the John Davis Stadium, completion of Carpark 4, trunk drainage that services that carpark and the athletics precinct, landscaping and electrical works. Works by the contractor to install additional drainage of fields 5 and 6, together with the northern end of fields 7 and 8 have been completed.

The project has 12 main elements that are in progress. The majority of these elements have been tendered (shaded green) or commenced. These are:

DESCRIPTION	COMMENCEMENT DATE	PROGRAM COMPLETION DATE
1. Level 1 electrical works	Commenced	June 2026
2. Field lighting	May 2026	November 2026
3. John Davis Stadium	Commenced	March 2027
4. Athletics phase 1 (Amenities, change rooms, official's rooms, canteen)	June 2026	December 2026
5. Athletics phase 2 (Grandstand, official's box, storage)	July 2027	January 2027
6. Carpark 4 construction	Commenced	April 2026
7. Forest Road Upgrade	June 2026	January 2027
8. Athletics track and field construction	July 2026	April 2027
9. John Davis Field establishment (grow in period prior to use)	October 2026	April 2027
10. Carpark 1 (near main stadium)	October 2026	January 2027
11. Carpark 3 (near athletics precinct)	November 2026	February 2027
12. Landscaping - Ongoing	Commenced	April 2027

The budget remains tight with some unknown costs yet to be finalised. The last of the major costs relates to the Athletics Phase 2, Forest Road Upgrade and carpark construction. Athletics Phase 2 has been tendered and is under consideration / review by the project team.

The lighting tender has been finalised and is recommended for approval at this Council meeting.

5.10 Update Orange Sports Precinct and Orange Conservatorium and Planetarium

We anticipate cost pressure from the increase in petroleum and petroleum-based products. This will likely impact the supply cost of products through increased input costs, transport costs and an increase in costs for the products themselves. The major exposure is concrete products, bitumen and PVC pipes.

At end March 2026 we have actual and committed costs (costs we have committed to through tenders or contracts awarded but not yet incurred) of \$48M.

We have estimated the remainder of the costs for the project which also includes some contingency amounts. Estimates cover elements such as carparks, scoreboard, Forest Road upgrade and additional hard landscaping features. Some of these elements are scalable if we experience an increase in costs for other elements of the project.

There is a possibility that costs exceeding the budget \$74.5M will be incurred. In that event, this will be reported to Council together with options to manage and meet those costs.

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RECORD NUMBER: 2026/713

AUTHOR: Scott Maunder, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) requirements set out in the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to adopt the following documents following a period of public exhibition and consideration of feedback. These documents are:

1. Draft Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036
2. Draft Delivery Program 2026-2030 & Operational Plan – Action on Principal Activity 2026-2027
3. Draft Resourcing Strategy - Draft Asset Management Strategy 2026-2027 (2026-2046)
4. Draft Resourcing Strategy - Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2027 (2026-2036)
5. Draft Resourcing Strategy - Draft Workforce Management Strategy 2026-2027 (2026-2030)
6. Draft Operational Plan - Draft Budget 2026-2027
7. Draft Operational Plan - Draft Fees and Charges 2026-2027
8. Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2026-2027
9. Draft Asset Management Policy 2026-2027

In previous years Council has considered and published these documents together with the Operational Plan - Draft Budget at its first meeting of May.

We are proposing a different approach this year to enable staff the additional time, if required, to review submissions and for these to be considered by Council prior to the presentation to, and adoption of, the budget by Council.

This report seeks the public exhibition by the Council, of the Operational Plan - Draft Budget 2026-2027 which will be published for community feedback and response for 28 days.

This is the period set out in the Act in which Councillors and the community can put forward new initiatives and changes to priorities.

The remainder of the IP&R documents will be considered for public exhibition by Council at its meeting of 5 May.

Key Elements in Budget

The 2026-2027 year delivers a budget which Council believes is a realistic responsible budget that is both representative of the services demanded of and delivered by Council to support our community and businesses whilst focusing on the completion of major projects and core community infrastructure.

Council is entering a period of renewal, with a strong focus on delivering excellent customer service while identifying opportunities for improvement, rationalisation, and, where appropriate, expanded service provision. The Executive Team—comprising Council's two new Directors alongside the newly appointed Chief Financial Officer—will be pivotal during this time, fostering an environment of opportunity, collaboration, and growth.

I anticipate that this will bring new ideas and approaches for Council to consider.

Council will complete both the Orange Sports Precinct and the Orange Conservatorium and Planetarium this year and move into operation of those facilities which is reflected in the draft budget.

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We are also focusing on key infrastructure and renewal of assets across our footpath, roads and water and sewer network. This is designed to meet the current need whilst ensuring we have the appropriate infrastructure in place for the city’s future growth.

Before depreciation and amortisation Council is proposing a general fund operating budget surplus of \$14.4M, a water fund operating surplus of \$7.4M and a sewer fund operating surplus of \$8M. After depreciation and amortisation, the proposed budgets are \$2.5M deficit, \$1.68M surplus and \$3.42M surplus respectively, with a combined result of \$2.6M surplus.

Council continues to meet the three key performance ratios:

- Operating Performance;
- Own Source Operating Revenue; and
- Debt Service Cover Ratio.

The budget proposes to increase the rates to residents and businesses by the rate peg of 4.0% which represents an increase to the typical residential ratepayer of \$115.53 per year, or \$2.22 per week.

Recognising that residents and businesses are already facing significant cost-of-living hardship exacerbated by the recent increase in fuel costs, the alternative of not increasing rates, however, would be to deprive the community of the services that a viable local Council can offer.

Council too is facing sustainability challenges:

- Staff pay rises budgeted at 3.5% to meet State Award requirements and additional increases to meet superannuation changes;
- Ageing Council assets will require maintenance; and
- Ongoing project cost increases due to the impact of inflation.

Council is focused on completing its major capital projects with other projects, such as new water and sewer infrastructure that will underpin the City’s growth.

The **Draft Budget 2026-2027** has been developed through consultation with the community via the Community Strategic Plan, with Councillors, and with Managers and Directors via a budget review process.

Significant projects included in the next financial year include:

Sporting Precinct development \$75m*
Gosling Creek Dam Investigation \$7M*
Orange Regional Conservatorium \$33.5m*
Molong Road Sewer Servicing \$6M*
East Orange Water Harvesting Storm Water Harvesting \$6M*
East Orange Servicing \$5M*
Roads Program \$3.8M

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Fleet and Plant replacement \$2.9M
Spring Hill + Lucknow Sewer \$2.3M
Cargo Road Sewer Servicing \$ 2.2M
Smart Meters – Water \$1.8M
Water Mains Renewal \$1M
Footpath Rehabilitation & Construction \$650K

* spend over multiple years

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “15.3 Ensure financial stability and support efficient ongoing operation”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed Operational Plan identifies the operational and subsequent budgetary impacts arising in the delivery of the levels of service proposed. The financial implications of this investment are significant and ambitious. The finance team, with the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Leadership Team, have modelled the proposed program of works so Council can continue its operational programs whilst at the same time committing significant capital funds and delivering a balanced budget.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to exhibit the documents for a minimum of 28 days. It is proposed to exhibit the plans for 28 days from 22 April 2026. Following exhibition, it is intended that community submissions and the documents will be brought back to Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to place on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days the Draft Operational Plan - Draft Budget 2026-2027.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

Service/Project Delivery	The Operational Plan identifies levels of service for the range of Council’s operations. The Delivery Program and Operational Plan identifies the key services Council will deliver over the term of the Plan, and quarterly performance indicators will provide a measure of Council’s performance in achieving these objectives.
Financial	Through prudent investment and planning, Council’s finances are in a solid state. There are both opportunities and risks that are not accounted for in the draft budget as they have not crystallised and are not included for that reason.

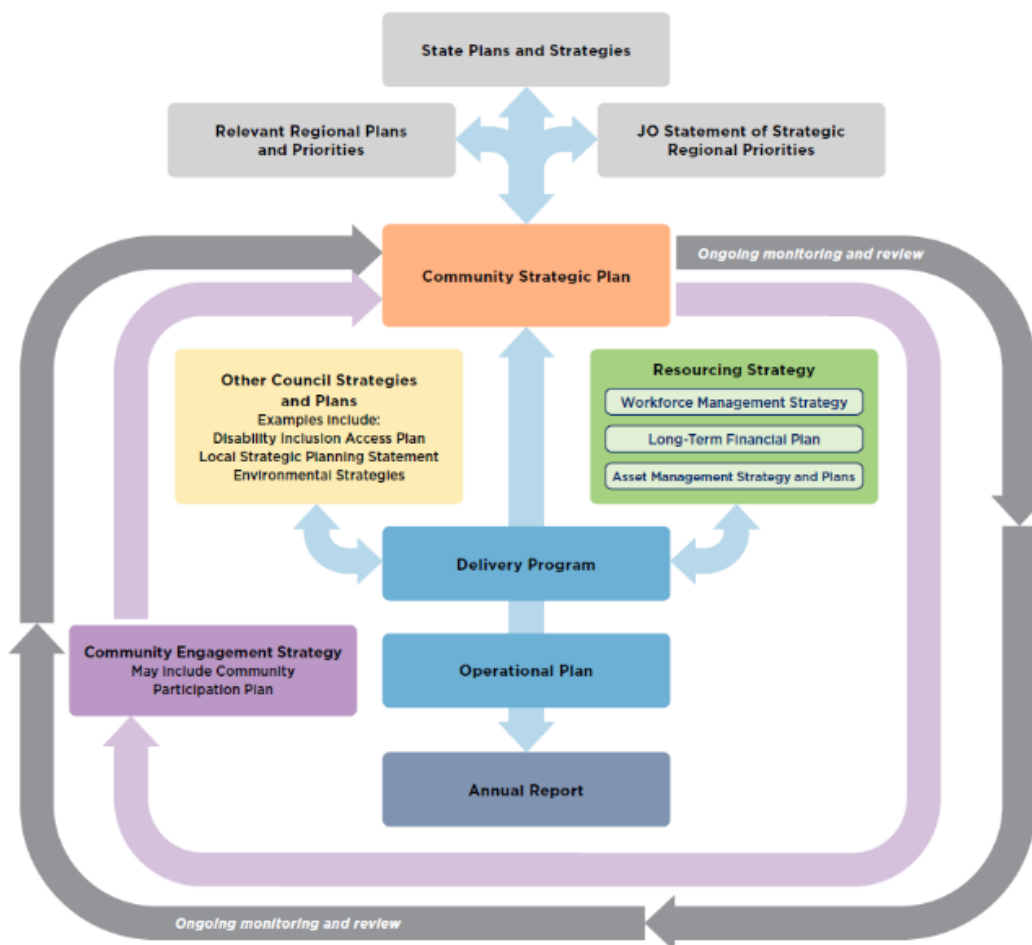
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Reputation/Political	The draft budget deliver an agreed level service, initiatives and projects.
Environment	Environmental considerations have been taken into account in developing the draft plan.
Compliance	Council is required to adopt its IP&R suite of documents by 30 June in the year following an election, then yearly reviews and updates of the documents relating to the Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategies. The draft budget is a component of those documents.
People & WHS	Nil
Information Technology/ Cyber Security	Council Information Technology & Cyber Security are maintained through thorough programs and projects to enhance and optimise system assets as well as keeping information secure and are reflected in the draft budget.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Since 2012, all NSW Councils have been required to prepare a suite of documents under the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework outlined in the Local Government Act and its Regulations.

The Framework is outlined in the following diagram:



5.11 Operational Plan - Draft Budget 2026-2027

In accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements set out in the Local Government Act 1993, this report presents the draft IP&R suite of documents which have been reviewed and updated. The documents are recommended for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.

The draft budget is the first of these documents that are recommended for public exhibition.

At the conclusion of the exhibition period Council will be presented with any submissions and any amendments to these documents to be considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

Operational Plan – Budget (one year)

The Operational Plan details specific individual projects and activities that will be undertaken in the next year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program.

The Operational Plan includes the Council’s detailed annual budget, along with the Council’s Statement of Revenue Policy, which includes the proposed rates, fees and charges for that financial year.

2026-2027 Operating Position

The draft Operational Plan proposes a consolidated operating surplus (before capital) of \$4.17m for 2026-2027 financial year.

The distribution across the funds is as follows with the table also showing the draft operating positions in the subsequent three years:

Fund	2026-2027 Proposed	2027-2028 Proposed	2028-2029 Proposed	2029-2030 Proposed
General	(2,510,065)	(3,953,370)	(4,555,550)	(5,442,670)
Water	1,685,762	1,810,991	2,112,933	2,370,919
Sewer	3,426,412	3,674,049	3,919,412	4,170,057
Total (All Funds)	2,602,109	1,531,670	1,476,795	1,098,306

2026-2027 Capital Budget

The capital budget proposes to deliver a combined total of projects of \$78.5m in the 2026-2027 financial year. Over the next four years a total capital spend of \$261M is proposed. This expenditure is distributed across the funds and the expenditure levels over the subsequent three years are also shown:

Fund	2026-2027 Proposed	2027-2028 Proposed	2028-2029 Proposed	2029-2030 Proposed
General	35,709,463	28,260,762	36,828,886	27,946,380
Water	26,581,827	13,101,321	21,153,650	16,764,290
Sewer	16,289,135	5,762,779	24,799,826	8,564,891
Total (All Funds)	78,580,425	47,124,862	82,782,362	53,275,561

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2026/2027 Rates

IPART have set the Rate peg at 4.0% for the 2026-2027 financial year. The overall impact of this increase on an average assessment is:

- 1 Average Typical Residential assessments will increase by \$2.22 per week or \$115.53 per annum
- 2 Business assessments will increase by \$1.25 per week or \$65.06 per annum.

Please note the above totals do not include water or non-residential sewer charges which are billed separately.

Proposed increases in water and sewer fees and charges are shown below and are based on long term financial models that ensure future capital needs and operating costs can continue to be met.

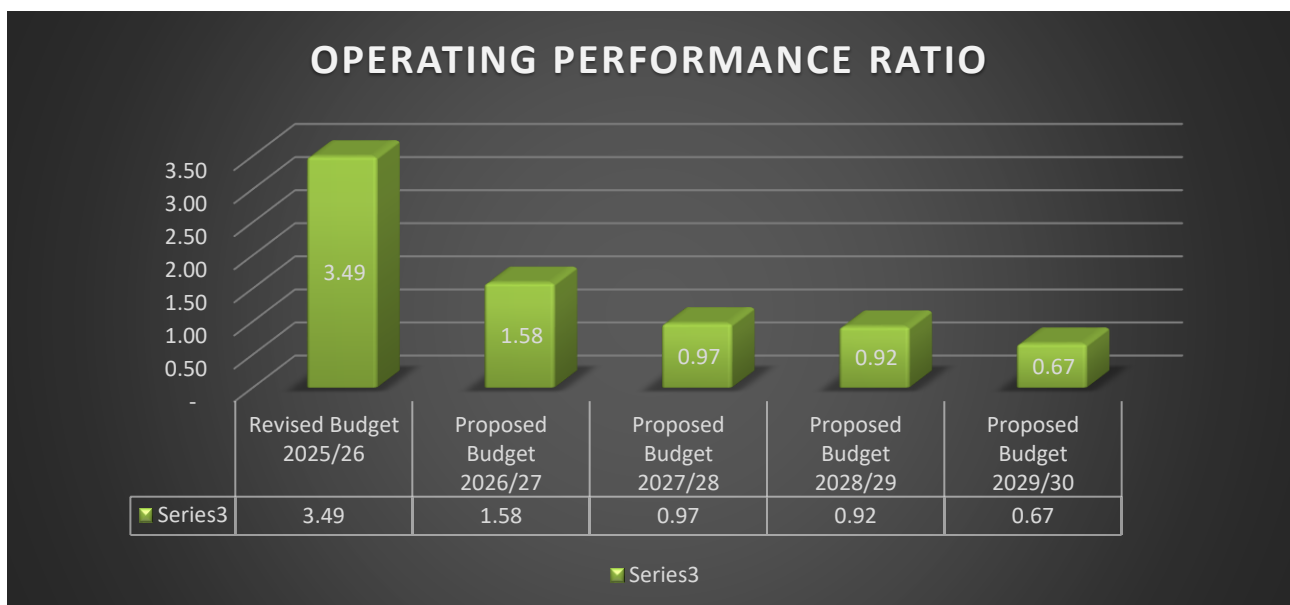
Fund	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
Water	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Sewer	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

Pensioners receive a statutory reduction of \$250 off their General Rates & \$87.50 off both water and sewer charges. Council also offers a voluntary rebate of either ten per cent (pensioners prior to 2006) or five per cent of rates and charges. The additional voluntary rebate costs Council approximately \$470,000 per annum.

2026-2027 Financial Ratios

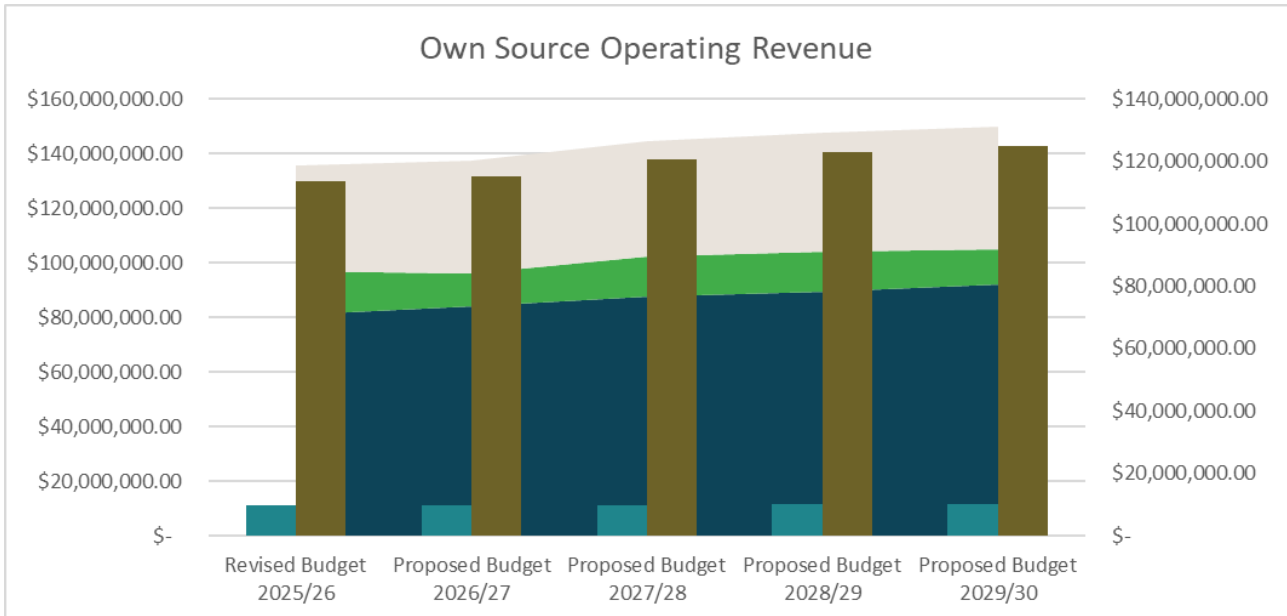
Operating Performance Ratio

The operating performance ratio measures how well Council contains its expenditure within its operating revenue. The benchmark set by the OLG is greater than zero per cent. Council meets this ratio for 2026-2027.

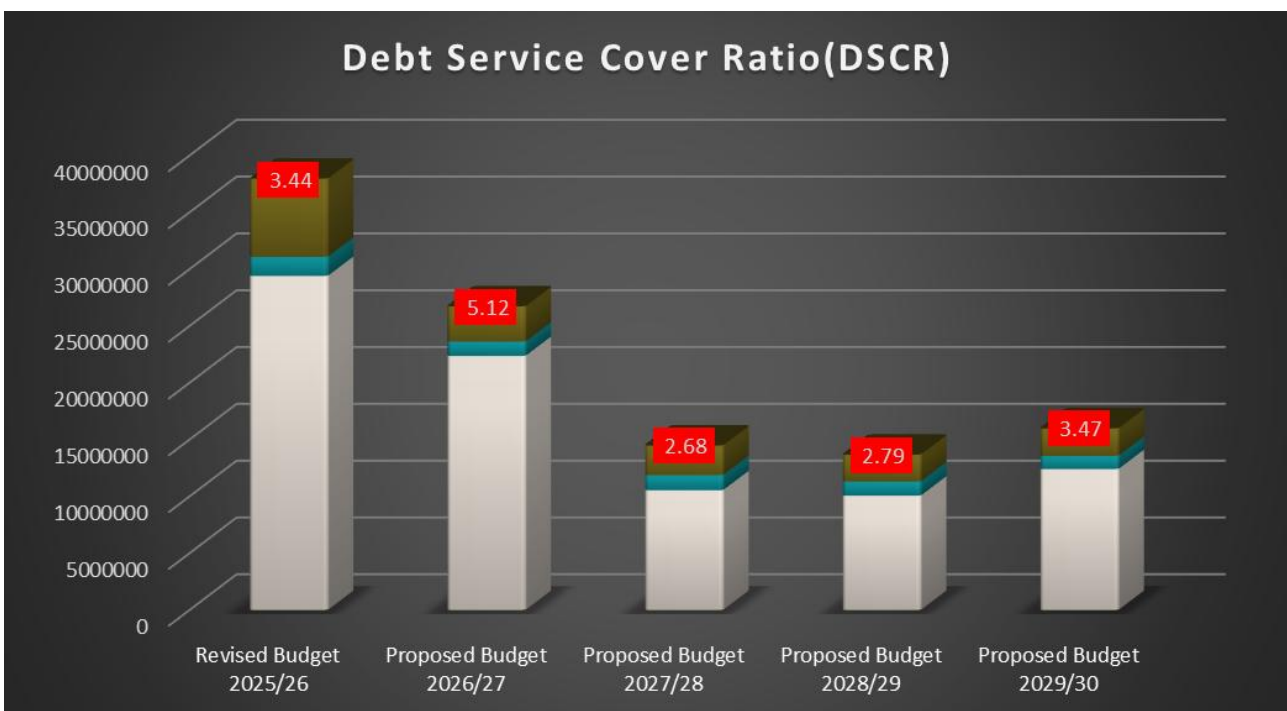


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Own Source Ratio

The own source revenue ratio measures the Council’s ability to be self-supporting and the degree to which it does not rely on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. The benchmark set by the OLG is greater than 60 per cent. Council meets this benchmark for 2026-2027.


Debt Service Cover Ratio

The purpose of this ratio is to measure the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest and principal repayments. The benchmark set by the OLG is greater than 2.00. Council has the ability to meet this benchmark for the 2026-2027 year.


ATTACHMENTS

- 1 FOR EXHIBITION - Annual Budget FY 2026-2027, D26/46256 [↓](#)

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Yuga Mawang

MOVING TOGETHER

This artwork embodies the deep connection between Orange City Council and the local community, highlighting the harmony essential for collaborative initiatives. At its centre, two significant landmarks—Gaanha bula - Mount Canobolas and Guriyan Gaanha bula - Lake Canobolas serve as focal points. Surrounding them are eight circles in yellow and navy, representing my core values that strengthen cultural relationships: Culture, Connection, Community, History, Storytelling, Water, Totems, and Gathering Places. Framed by blue borders that reflect the Council's logo and the outline of Orange, these areas feature symbols of the cultural connections unique to our region.

The Goanna and Platypus represent the Wiradjuri and Orange totems, and bush tucker signifies local produce.

Each border begins and ends with a symbol of a person, representing the idea that everything in the community starts and ends with people. Veins of gold and yellow speaks to the regions abundance, while ripples of green and blue signify the connections between Gaanha bula, Guriyan Gaanha bula and the community. These colours illustrate the ripple effect of Council's influence, showcasing its meaningful impact within and beyond the community.

Artwork and words by Wiradjuri Artist, Mitchell Groat.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Orange City Council is situated within the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri Nation. We acknowledge the traditional custodianship of these lands, and pay our respect to the Wiradjuri people for their care and stewardship of these lands for more than 40,000 years and to the Elders of the Wiradjuri Nation, past, present and emerging.



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Executive Summary

Orange is a prosperous and growing city with a changing demographic as people realise that Orange is a great place to visit, live and grow with all the opportunities offered by larger metropolitan centres with the added benefit of a country lifestyle. As Orange grows it is time to look ahead and build the social infrastructure the city and its next generations will need in 2027 and beyond.

Through prudent investment and planning, previous Councils have built the Council finances into a solid state. To continue for the city to grow it is considered that now is the time to consider future spend carefully for the future.

Financial Statement

As part of the Operational Plan a detailed breakdown of Council's finances helps to give context to the planned projects and activities in the Operational Plan. The 2026/27 budget aims to achieve the objectives and strategies set out in the Community Strategic Plan. The 2026/27 budget ensures financial sustainability with a projected operating result of \$2.6m and a capital works budget of \$78m.

The 2026/27 financial year is Year 2 of the 4 year Delivery Plan for 2025–29. Given changes in the economic climate including rate peg increases, steady investment interest rates balanced against inflationary and revenue pressures, Council has a decreased projected Operating Result for Year 2 of the plan. Below is the projected Operating Result for 2026/27.

Income from Continuing Operations	Revised 2025/26 Budget	Budget (2026/27)
Rates and Annual Charges	\$70,895,484	\$73,552,748
User Charges & Fees	\$33,587,841	\$35,972,369
Other Revenues	\$14,073,813	\$10,681,593
Operating Grants & Contributions	\$15,970,061	\$11,967,525
Capital Grants & Contributions	\$23,448,062	\$19,765,783
Interest & Investment Revenue	\$11,215,691	\$11,241,816
Net Gain from the Disposal of Assets	\$1,499,000	\$1,000,000
Total Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 170,689,952	\$ 164,181,834
Expenses from Continuing Operations	Revised 2025/26 Budget	Budget (2026/27)
Employee Benefits & Oncosts	\$54,945,152	\$55,892,347
Borrowing Costs - Operational	\$54,791,041	\$56,169,127
Borrowing Costs - Capital	\$1,678,485	\$1,265,999
Materials & Contracts	-	-
Depreciation & Amortisation	\$28,541,808	\$27,174,754
Other Expenses	\$1,319,946	\$1,311,715
Net Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	-
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	\$141,276,432	\$141,813,942
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$29,413,520	\$22,367,892
Operating Result before Capital	\$5,965,458	\$2,602,109

Financial Sustainability

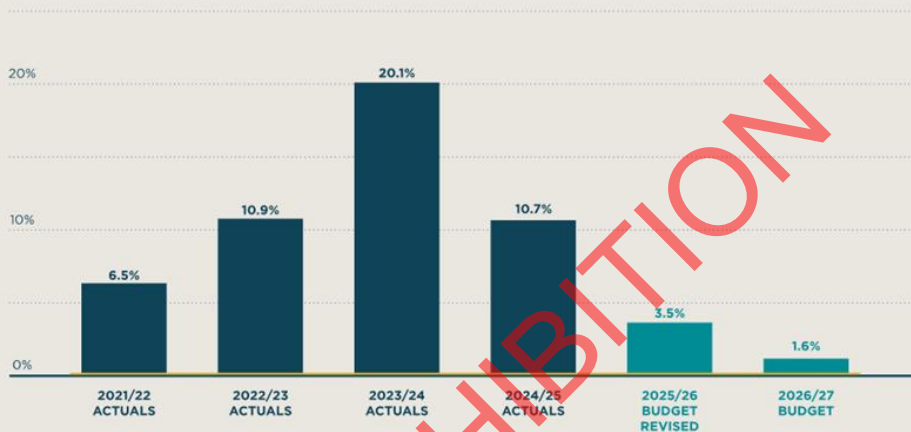
Council is measured against performance measures and benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government. Long term financial plans also ensure that Council is monitoring and planning for 10 years and can maintain long term financial sustainability.

The operating performance ratio measures how well Council contains its expenditure within its operating revenue. The benchmark set by the OLG is greater than zero per cent. Council meets this benchmark for 2026/27 budget.

OPERATING PERFORMANCE RATIO

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BENCHMARK >= 0.00%



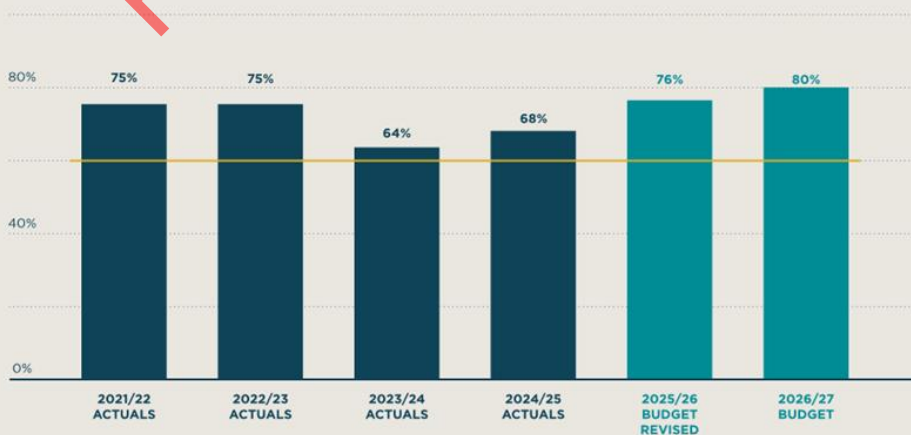
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OWN SOURCE REVENUE

The own source revenue ratio measures the Council's ability to be self-supporting and the degree to which it does not rely on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. The benchmark set by the OLG is greater than 60 per cent. Council meets this benchmark for 2026/27.

OWN SOURCE OPERATING REVENUE

BENCHMARK >= 60.00%



2026/27 BUDGET

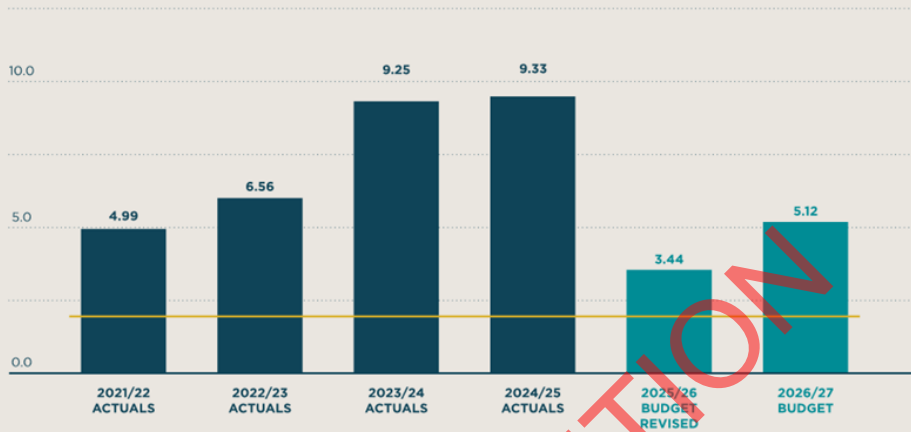
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DEBT SERVICE COVER RATIO

The purpose of this ratio is to measure the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest and principal repayments. Council meets this benchmark for the 2026/27 year.

DEBT SERVICE COVER RATIO

BENCHMARK MINIMUM ≥ 2.00

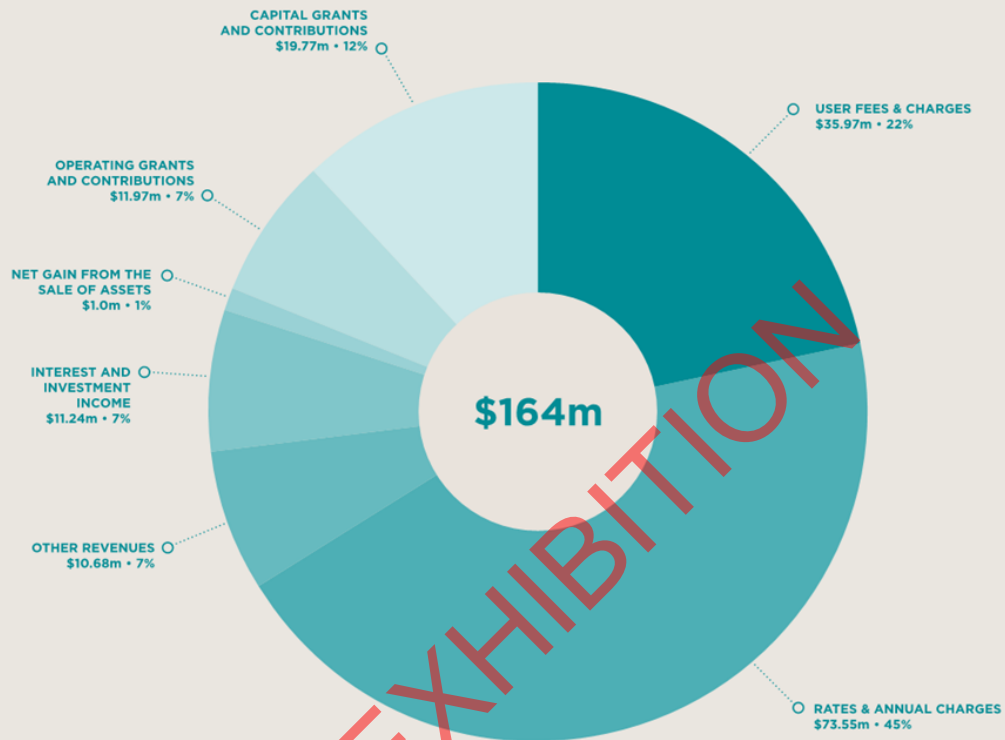


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Income Sources

The total income projected for 2026/27 is \$164.18m.



Assumptions used in projecting this income are:

- The rate pegging increase of 4.0%
- Majority of fees and charges have been increased by 4.0%
- Increase in water and sewer charges of 3.0%
- Grant income expected of \$19.77m funding major capital works
- Interest revenues from investments of \$11.2m with anticipated average interest rate of 4.2%

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How Orange City Spends an Average \$100

This graphic shows how Orange City Council spends its annual budget. The amounts shown here do not include the proposed spending on major capital

projects, but it gives a glimpse of how operational spending compares across different Council programs.



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Major Capital Works - \$78m

General Fund	
Sports Precinct*	\$75m
Conservatorium*	\$33.5m
Road Construction	\$3.8m
Cycleway Construction	\$110k
Fleet and Plant Replacement	\$2.9m
Building Renewals	\$800k
Footpaths Construction	\$650k

Water Fund	
Shiralee Water Supply*	\$6.9m
Smart Meter Program	\$1.8m
Mains Replacements	\$1m
Suma Park Dam - Back up Generator*	\$3m
Icely Road Treatment Plant Building*	\$1.9m
Icely Road WTP Ozone*	\$3m
Gosling Creek Dam Investigation*	\$7m
East Orange Storm Water Harvesting*	\$6m
East Orange Servicing*	\$5m

Sewer Fund	
Spring Hill Lucknow Sewer Strategy	\$2.3m
South Orange Infrastructure	\$1.5m
Mains Relining	\$1.0m
Molong Road Sewer Servicing	\$6m
Cargo Road Sewer Servicing	\$2.2m

* spend over multiple years

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Operating Result by Fund

Income from Continuing Operations	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
Rates and Annual Charges	\$55,886,670	\$6,858,634	\$10,807,444
User Charges & Fees	\$20,961,644	\$11,732,838	\$3,277,887
Other Revenues	\$9,557,077	\$784,781	\$339,735
Operating Grants & Contributions	\$11,624,927	\$155,386	\$187,212
Capital Grants & Contributions	\$14,611,902	\$3,658,795	\$1,495,086
Interest & Investment Revenue	\$4,497,053	\$3,422,361	\$3,322,402
Net Gain from the Disposal of Assets	\$1,000,000	-	-
Total Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 118,139,273	\$ 26,612,795	\$ 19,429,766
Expenses from Continuing Operations	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
Employee Benefits & Oncosts	\$49,107,567	4,050,260	2,734,520
Borrowing Costs - Operational	\$1,265,999	-	-
Borrowing Costs - Capital	-	-	-
Materials & Contracts	\$38,088,858	10,888,485	7,191,784
Depreciation & Amortisation	\$16,892,828	5,699,963	4,581,963
Other Expenses	\$682,184	629,530	1
Net Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	-	-
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	\$106,037,436	\$21,268,238	\$14,508,268
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$12,101,837	\$5,344,557	\$4,921,498
Operating Result before Capital	(\$2,510,065)	\$1,685,762	\$3,426,412

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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 Orange Sports Precinct - Field Lighting Tender F4502-1

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.

6.2 Variation of Buy Back Provision - Lot 402 DP 1292031

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).

6.3 LGNSW Local Roads Congress 2026 - 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.

6.4 Submission Redaction Report 21 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 Orange Sports Precinct - Field Lighting Tender F4502-1

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/655

AUTHOR: Alan Giumelli, Project Manager

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 (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

6.2 Variation of Buy Back Provision - Lot 402 DP 1292031

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/658

AUTHOR: Shirley Hyde, Legal & Property 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 (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

6.3 LGNSW Local Roads Congress 2026 - Nominations for Councillor Attendance

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/667

AUTHOR: Jessica Jackson, Executive Support Officer

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 (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

6.4 Submission Redaction Report 21 April 2026

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/665

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