



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

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

ON 5 MAY 2026

COMMENCING AT 6:36 PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

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

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation & Cultural Services, Director Infrastructure, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Waste Services & Technical Support, Manager Community Services, Manager Communications & Engagement, Legal & Property Officer, Governance Officer (Allan)

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

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

Nil.

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 SMALL DONATIONS - REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/674

RESOLVED - 26/206

Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard

That Council donates \$2,500 to Orange Lapidary and Mineral Club Inc to contribute to the \$19,900 required to purchase and install two professional faceting machines.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr Greenhalgh asked if the applicant was required to address the Council in person as per the updated Donations & Grants Policy.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that the policy has just come off exhibition and takes effect 1 July 2026 if adopted later in this meeting.

Cr Ruddy asked if there will be communication between Council and the applicant on whether they are successful in raising the additional funds.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that there is an acquittal process that requires the applicant to prove the donation was used in the manner approved by Council, so communication is kept open until after that is confirmed.

2.2 EVENT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/749

RESOLVED - 26/207

Cr S Peterson/Cr M McDonell

1 That this item be heard and voted on in seriatim.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED - 26/208

Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson

2 That Council fund A Centenary of Song. Honour the Past. Herald the Future on 7 November 2026 to the value of \$2,500.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

RESOLVED - 26/209

Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell

3 That Council fund a 2026 ALIBI Awards Night on 24 October 2026 to the value of \$2,500.

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr McDonell asked if the request of \$3,030 in kind from A Centenary of Song is intended to cover venue hire.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that the applicant was originally seeking waiver of fees but that changed as they went through the application process noting that whether the donation is in kind or in cash, it still comes out to the same budget allocation.

Cr Stedman asked why the application asks for \$3,030 but they are voting on \$2,500.

The Director Corporate & Commercial Services advised that the funding request did not meet the requirements of the policy, so instead of refusing to bring the request to the chamber they reasoned that it would meet the amount of \$2,500 so that they can still receive funding.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.45PM.