



## **SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

**2 JUNE 2026**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE on Tuesday, 2 June 2026.**

Scott Maunder  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

For apologies please contact Executive Support on 6393 8391.

## AGENDA

### EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### MEMBERS

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 S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Stedman, Cr J Whitton

### 1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

### 1.2 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 Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Services Policy Committee at this meeting.



## 2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 2.1 Minutes of the Heritage Community Committee - 13 April 2026

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/1027

AUTHOR: Alison Russell, Community Museum and Heritage Manager

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Heritage Community Committee met on 13 April 2026. The recommendations from the Committee are provide to the Services Policy Committee for adoption.

#### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “4.2 Deliver cultural facilities and programs that reflect the interests of a culturally diverse community”.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Heritage Community Committee at its meeting held on 13 April 2026.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Heritage Community Committee meeting of 13 April 2026.

##### 3.1

- a *That the Committee establish a Working Party to work with stakeholders on planning for a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event*
- b *That Euan Greer from the Orange & District Historical Society who has been liaising with Transport for NSW be invited to the next meeting of the Heritage Community Committee to discuss developments to date and;*
- c *That Committee Member David Skyes be nominated as to the Committee representative*
- d *That the 150th Anniversary of the Railway to Orange be included in the Heritage Community Committee Action Plan.*

##### 3.2

*That the Friends of Banjo Paterson Park seek community sponsorship for seating at Banjo Paterson Park.*

##### 3.3

- a *That the Committee accept the resignation from Mrs Colleen Hansen.*
- b *That the Committee meetings are to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month commencing at 5.00pm.*

- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Heritage Community Committee from its meeting held on 13 April 2026 be adopted.

**2.1 Minutes of the Heritage Community Committee - 13 April 2026**
**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Regarding item 3.1 there is a risk that future programs/activities identified by the Committee may require addition planning resources, coordination or funding.
<b>Financial</b>	Regarding item 3.1, there is a low financial risk at this stage, noting that any proposed program/activity will require coting and sperate consideration by Council.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	There is a risk of reputational impact regarding item 3.1 if community expectations for marking the 150th Anniversary of the Railway are not met or if proposed activities are unable to be delivered.
<b>Environment</b>	There is minor environment risk regarding items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.
<b>Compliance</b>	There may be a risk of non-compliance if any future planned programs/activities require permits, approvals or adherence to heritage regulations.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	There is a WHS risk regarding item 3.1 associated with any future program/activities, including crowd management and volunteer safety requirements.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There is low IT/Cyber risk associated with any online promotional or digital engagement regarding item 3.1.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

A copy of the Minutes and Agenda from the meeting are attached for the information of Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 13 April 2026, [2026/703](#)
- 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 13 April 2026, [2026/645](#)

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

HELD IN COUNCILLOR'S WORKROOM, FIRST FLOOR, ORANGE CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET,  
ORANGE

ON 13 APRIL 2026

COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM

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**1 INTRODUCTION****ATTENDANCE**

Cr Gerald Power (Chairperson), Cr David Mallard, Stephen Nugent, Elizabeth Griffin, Jennifer Lacey, David Sykes, Community Museum and Heritage Coordinator

**1.1 APOLOGIES****RESOLVED****Member D Sykes/Member S Nugent**

That the apologies be accepted from Mr R Kidd and Acting Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services for the Heritage Community Committee meeting on 13 April 2026.

**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLVED****Member E Griffin/Cr D Mallard**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 9 February 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 Heritage Community Committee meeting held on 9 February 2026.

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**Attachment 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 13 April 2026**

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**3 GENERAL REPORTS**

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**3.1 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAILWAY TO ORANGE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/498

**RECOMMENDATION****Member D Sykes/Member S Nugent**

1. That the Committee establish a Working Party to work with stakeholders on planning for a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event
2. That Euan Greer from the Orange & District Historical Society who has been liaising with Transport for NSW be invited to the next meeting of the Heritage Community Committee to discuss developments to date and;
3. That Committee Member David Skyes be nominated as to the Committee representative
4. That the 150th Anniversary of the Railway to Orange be included in the Heritage Community Committee Action Plan.

**3.2 HERITAGE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/527

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr D Mallard/Member E Griffin**

That the Friends of Banjo Paterson Park seek community sponsorship for seating at Banjo Paterson Park.

**3.3 PROPOSED CHANGE TO HERITAGE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING DAY**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/604

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr G Power/Cr D Mallard**

1. That the Committee accept the resignation from Mrs Colleen Hansen.
2. That the Committee meetings are to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month commencing at 5.00pm.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.55PM.**



## **HERITAGE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

**13 APRIL 2026**

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Scott Maunder  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**Attachment 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 13 April 2026**

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**1 INTRODUCTION****MEMBERS**

Cr Gerald Power (Chairperson), Cr David Mallard, Stephen Nugent, Elizabeth Griffin, Charles Everett, Reg Kidd, Jennifer Lacey, David Sykes, Colleen Hansen, Brendan Stuart, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager Development Assessments, Senior Planner, Museum and Heritage Coordinator

**1.1 Apologies****1.2 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.

**1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Heritage Community Committee at this meeting.

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**Attachment 2    Agenda of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 13 April 2026**

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**2    PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 9 February 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 Heritage Community Committee meeting held on 9 February 2026.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1    Minutes of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 9 February 2026

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, FIRST FLOOR, ORANGE CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET,  
ORANGE

ON 9 FEBRUARY 2026

COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM

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**1 INTRODUCTION****ATTENDANCE**

Cr Gerald Power (Chairperson), Cr David Mallard, Elizabeth Griffin, Charles Everett, Reg Kidd, Jennifer Lacey, David Sykes, Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager Development Assessments, Senior Planner, Museum and Heritage Coordinator

**1.1 APOLOGIES****RESOLVED****Member E Griffin/Member C Everett**

That the apologies be accepted from Brendan Stuart and Stephen Nugent for the Heritage Community Committee meeting on 9 February 2026.

**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLVED****Member C Everett/Member E Griffin**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 8 December 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Heritage Community Committee meeting held on 8 December 2025.

**Attachment 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 13 April 2026****3 GENERAL REPORTS****3.1 HERITAGE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/3

**RECOMMENDATION****Member C Everett/Member E Griffin**

That the report on Heritage Community Committee Meeting Dates for 2026 be acknowledged.

**3.2 HERITAGE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/43

**RECOMMENDATION****Member C Everett/Member E Griffin**

That the Heritage Community Committee action and discuss items on the Action Plan.

*\*Cr D Mallard arrived at the meeting with the time being 5.05pm\**

**RECOMMENDATION****Member D Sykes/Member E Griffin**

That the Committee further consider a report on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Railway in Orange, to be held on 19 April 2027, with an outline to be prepared prior to seeking Council advocacy.

*\*Mr R Kidd joined the meeting via TEAMS with the time being 5.24pm\**

**3.3 AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE: FRUITS OF ORANGE, NSW - FRIDAY 25 - SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/59

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr R Kidd/Member E Griffin**

That the report on Australian Garden History Society Annual Conference: Fruits of Orange, NSW - Friday 25th - Sunday 27 September 2026 dated 20 January 2026 be acknowledged.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.00PM.**

### 3 GENERAL REPORTS

#### 3.1 175th Anniversary of the Railway to Orange

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/498

AUTHOR: Alison Russell, Community Museum and Heritage Manager

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from Orange & District Historical Society regarding the upcoming 175th anniversary of the railway to Orange in April 2027. The Society has highlighted the significance of this milestone and has suggested that Council consider ways the anniversary might be acknowledged. It is recommended that the Committee discuss potential options for recognising the anniversary and consider how any proposed activities or initiatives may be incorporated into the Heritage Community Action Plan.

##### LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “4.1 Provide a diverse range of creative and cultural facilities, services and programs that meet community needs”.

##### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

##### POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

##### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report on 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Railway to Orange be acknowledged.
2. That the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Railway to Orange be included in the Heritage Community Committee Action Plan.

##### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	There is a risk that future activities identified by the Committee may require additional planning resources or coordination depending on the scope agreed.
<b>Financial</b>	There is a low financial risk at this stage, noting that any proposed public programs will require costing and separate budget consideration.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	There is a risk of reputational impact if community expectations for marking the 175th anniversary are not met or if proposed activities are unable to be delivered.
<b>Environment</b>	There is a minor environmental risk should public events or increased visitation occur as part of future anniversary activities.
<b>Compliance</b>	There is a risk of non-compliance if any future activities require permits, approvals, or adherence to heritage regulations.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	There is a WHS risk associated with any future public programs or events, including crowd management and volunteer safety requirements.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There is a low IT/cyber risk associated with any online promotion or digital engagement linked to the anniversary activities.

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**3.1 175th Anniversary of the Railway to Orange****SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The opening of the railway to Orange formed part of the major expansion of the Main Western Line, which progressively extended from Sydney across the Blue Mountains and into the Central West during the late nineteenth century. The extension reached Blayney in 1876, establishing it as a key junction on the line before continuing westward toward Orange and beyond. This period of rapid railway expansion in New South Wales was driven by the need to connect inland settlements and support agricultural and pastoral industries, forming the backbone of regional development across the state.

Across New South Wales, significant railway anniversaries have historically been recognised through a combination of heritage train operations, community events, and statewide heritage activations. For example, the 150th anniversary of NSW railways in 2005 was marked with official heritage train operations featuring locomotives, public events, and statewide heritage activations. Transport Heritage NSW continues to deliver heritage rail experiences, exhibitions, and programs that support major commemorations across the state and promote community engagement with NSW's transport history.

**Celebrating the 175th Anniversary**

Orange Regional Museum is in the process of developing the new permanent exhibition, 'Mawambul', which will open in 2027 and will feature railway history for both Orange and other villages in the region and may include:

- Timeline – marking the first extension of the Western Line into our region with the opening of the Newbridge station (then Beck Creek) in 1876
- Associated object display to railway development

Orange City Library's digital local history platform 'Recollect Central West' contains a substantial number of historical railway images, including photographs from the Central Western Daily Negative Collection and other community-sourced material documenting stations, rail operations, and local events along the Main Western Line. These images provide valuable visual context for interpreting and celebrating the 175th anniversary of the railway's arrival in Orange through a small photographic exhibition at Orange City Library.

Council is preparing correspondence to Lachlan Valley Railway (LVR), Transport Heritage NSW, and NSW TrainLink regarding the upcoming 175th anniversary of the arrival of the railway to Orange in April 2027. The letter to LVR provides background on the historical significance of the Main Western Line and invites LVR to consider celebrating the milestone by operating heritage train services in the region. The letters to NSW TrainLink and Transport Heritage NSW advise the Government agencies of the anniversary and the associated community interest, ensuring they are aware of the milestone and the potential for local recognition. The correspondence clearly notes that Council is not seeking any formal commitment at this stage but is informing key rail stakeholders of the anniversary and facilitating early awareness and communication.

It is recommended that the Committee discuss options for acknowledging the 175th anniversary, and consider which activities the Committee may wish to facilitate for inclusion in the Heritage Community Action Plan.

Any proposed public programs or events facilitated by the Committee that require funding will need to be costed and submitted to Council for consideration through the budget process.

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**3.1    175th Anniversary of the Railway to Orange**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1        175th Railway Celebration - Enquiry from O&DHS, IC26/6455

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**Attachment 1 175th Railway Celebration - Enquiry from O&DHS**

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**Orange & District Historical Society Inc**

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Email: [orange.history@yahoo.com.au](mailto:orange.history@yahoo.com.au)



Founded in 1949

Mr Scott Maunder  
CEO  
Orange City Council  
135 Byng Street  
Orange NSW 2800

Dear Mr Maunder

**RE: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Railway coming to Orange**

2027 marks 150 years of the opening of the railway to Orange. Orange Station opened on Thursday 19 April 1877. Like many stations it was unfinished. John Whitton as Engineer in Chief was responsible for building the line. He then passed the completion of the station onto the Chief of Existing Lines. Orange was the terminus for three years which was a great benefit to the growth of the town.

Orange & District Historical Society would love to be involved in plans to celebrate such a significant event in the development of Orange.

Kind regards

Dave Sykes  
President

0429 303 242

**Attachment 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 13 April 2026**
**3.2 Heritage Community Committee Action Plan**
**RECORD NUMBER:** 2026/527

**AUTHOR:** Alison Russell, Community Museum and Heritage Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has noted the important role that community Committees play in providing feedback and input into Council's operations. Committees can also offer ideas and suggestions to be considered as part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, and related annual budget.

To records ideas, suggestions and activities made and undertaken by members, each Committee will develop and review on an ongoing basis and Action Plan.

The Action Plan review and update will be a standard item at each meeting.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy "4.2 Deliver cultural facilities and programs that reflect the interests of a culturally diverse community".

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Heritage Community Committee action and discuss items on the Action Plan.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	There is a risk that progress on Action Plan items may be delayed if resourcing, prioritisation or committee capacity changes.
<b>Financial</b>	There is a low financial risk, noting that any Action Plan items requiring funding must be separately costed and considered through the Council budget process.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Here is a reputational risk if actions identified in the Plan do not progress or if expected community outcomes are delayed.
<b>Environment</b>	There is a minor environmental risk depending on the nature of any future programs or heritage activities arising from the Action Plan.
<b>Compliance</b>	There is a risk of non-compliance if Action Plan items are not aligned with the Delivery/Operational Plan or if required approvals or processes are overlooked.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	There is a WHS risk associated with any activities in the Action Plan that involve staff, volunteers or public interaction.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There is a low IT/cyber risk if digital platforms, online forms or data collection processes are used to support Action Plan action.

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**3.2 Heritage Community Committee Action Plan**

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

An update to the Committee's Action Plan is a standard item on every agenda for discussion and review.

The Committee Clerk will ensure the Action Plan identifies possible budget and resourcing implications, and how an item links to Council's Delivery/Operation Plan or could be proposed for future Delivery/Operational Plans.

The Committee is requested to review and consider items on the Action Plan.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1      HCC Action Plan - updated January 2026, D25/93829

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**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**
**HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

Updated January 2026

D25/93829

	ACTION OR PROJECT	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE	TASKS	RESPONSIBILITY OF	COST IMPLICATIONS	START DATE	END DATE	COMMENTS/PROGRESS	UPDATED
1	Interpret significant Aboriginal and European Heritage sites i.e. – Yuranigh, Huntley	7.4 Celebrate, maintain and preserve our cultural, social, natural and built heritage assets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working Party to be established</li> <li>(NB OCTEC/Huntley Berry Farm will be recognizing Alex Rezko as part of the purchase of the Fettle Cottage).</li> </ul>	Heritage Committee  OCTEC		August 2026		NPWS updating signage at Yuranigh's Grave.	
2	Support Banjo Paterson	7.4 Celebrate, maintain and preserve our cultural, social, natural and built heritage assets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to support the development of Banjo Paterson Park</li> <li>Continue to support the Banjo Paterson Poetry Festival Annually</li> </ul>	Heritage Committee		August 2025	August 2028	Banjo Paterson Festival is now cancelled. Friends Of Banjo Paterson Park holds a birthday celebration on 17 February each year.	
3	Support the biannual Heritage Awards	7.4 Celebrate, maintain and preserve our cultural, social, natural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awards to be next held in 2027 – date to be determined</li> </ul>		Budget allocated for event	August 2025	August 2027	Held on 19 September 2025.	

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**Attachment 1 HCC Action Plan - updated January 2026**

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		and built heritage assets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee to support every consecutive year a workshop for owners of heritage buildings (Education)</li> </ul>		Quotations sought on workshop costing.	August 2025	September 2026		
4	Support heritage conservation across the city	7.4 Celebrate, maintain and preserve our cultural, social, natural and built heritage assets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide letters of support where required</li> <li>Provide advocacy as required</li> </ul>	Heritage Committee		August 2025	August 2027		
5	Recognize significant trees and sites across the city	7.4 Celebrate, maintain and preserve our cultural, social, natural and built heritage assets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a program to recognize significant trees and sites across the city – i.e. Newman Park, WWI Memorial Avenue of trees</li> </ul>	Heritage Committee		August 2025	August 2027	Survey of Significant Landscape Features website developed <a href="#">Introduction – Orange Significant Landscapes</a>  Staff to develop nomination form and criteria for significance for Community to nominate trees on private land.	
6	175 Years of Orange Railway		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>						

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**Attachment 1 HCC Action Plan - updated January 2026**

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION ON COMPLETING AND UPDATING THE ACTION PLAN**

The Community Committee Action Plan outlines what the committee will contribute during the Council term. It should be **updated at least after each meeting**, and otherwise as required.

**Action/Project:** The general activity or project that the committee is providing advice and information on for Council or is going to undertake themselves.

**Community Strategic Plan Reference:** The Community Strategic Plan is Council's chief planning document. It outlines the aspirations and needs of the Orange community and is a 10-year plan to guide Council and community activity. Linking activities to the goals outlined in this plan helps keep everyone working toward the same vision.

**Tasks:** These are the individual tasks that need to be undertaken to complete the action or project successfully. There may only be one task, or there may be several tasks included in a project.

**Responsibility of:** Is this an action or project that Council and its staff are responsible for, or is this something the community committee is going to undertake?

**Cost implications:** Are there any costs involved with the project? If any recommendations are being made that impact the already approved Council budget, this needs to go to a full general Council meeting for discussion and resolution.

**Start and End Dates:** Some activities will be short term activities, some will be for a much longer period, perhaps even across the entire Council term. Providing start and end dates gives the committee (and Council) a timeline and targets to work towards. Dates can always be adjusted as needed.

**Comments/Progress:** Any time there is movement or progress regarding an action or project, it is recorded to keep track of where it is up to and what needs to happen next.

**Updated:** Record the date of when the last changes to an activity or project were made. This will help identify any projects or initiatives that may have stalled and need action to be moved along.

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**3.3 Proposed Change to Heritage Community Committee Meeting Day**
**RECORD NUMBER:** 2026/604

**AUTHOR:** Alison Russell, Community Museum and Heritage Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At its last meeting, members of the Heritage Committee requested that a report be brought back regarding the potential to change the regular meeting day due to committee member Mr Brendan Stuarts availability, and the subsequent resignation of Committee Member Mrs Colleen Hansen.

**LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “4.1 Provide a diverse range of creative and cultural facilities, services and programs that meet community needs”.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee accept the resignation from Mrs Colleen Hansen and that the Committee discuss the proposed change to the Heritage Community Committee meeting day.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	There is a low service delivery risk, noting that a change to the regular meeting day is not expected to affect administrative support or reporting timelines.
<b>Financial</b>	There is no financial risk, as the proposed meeting day change carries no budget implications.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	There is a minimal reputational risk if meeting changes create uncertainty for members or reduce committee participation.
<b>Environment</b>	There is no environmental risk associated with adjusting the meeting schedule.
<b>Compliance</b>	There is a low compliance risk, provided meeting schedule changes are updated in Council’s meeting calendar and communicated appropriately.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	There is a minor WHS/people risk if meeting scheduling contributes to reduced participation or the need to replace committee members.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There is a low IT/cyber risk, limited to updating calendar entries and ensuring correct meeting notifications are issued.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

At the last meeting of the Heritage Community Committee, members requested that a report be brought back to the committee regarding the potential to change the regular meeting day. While Committee Member Mr Brendan Stuart has not been able to attend meetings scheduled on Mondays, Mr Stuart has provided advice that a Thursday would be more consistent for his availability at 5.00pm.

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**Attachment 2    Agenda of the Meeting of the Heritage Community Committee held on 13 April 2026**

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**3.3 Proposed Change to Heritage Community Committee Meeting Day**

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The proposed change to Thursdays is not expected to affect administrative support, reporting timelines or current venue availability. Should the Committee endorse a change following discussion, future meetings can be scheduled accordingly and updated in the annual Council meeting calendar.

Discussions have been held with committee member Mrs Colleen Hansen on attending the committee meetings. Mrs Colleen Hansen stated that due to several other commitments it is difficult for her to attend the meetings and wished to resign from the Heritage Community Committee effective immediately.



## 2.2 Minutes of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee - 12 May 2026

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/1013

AUTHOR: Kate Shepherd, Executive Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee met 12 May 2026. The recommendations from the Committee are provided to the Services Policy Committee for adoption.

### 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 Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee at its meeting held on 12 May 2026.
- 2 That Council determine recommendation 3.4 from the minutes of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting of 12 May 2026.
 

*3.4 That the Committee acknowledge the correspondence shared by Orange Aboriginal Medical Service from Local Member Phil Donato regarding improvements to the Safe Room at Orange Courthouse and that a request be sent to Orange Court House to request a lunch time inspection of the newly refurbished safe room could be conducted by Committee Members.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee from its meeting held on 12 May 2026 be adopted.

### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	There is minimal service or project delivery risk associated with noting and adopting the minutes, as no new actions or recommendations are being raised through this report
<b>Financial</b>	There are no direct financial risks arising from noting and adopting the minutes of the community committee
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	There is a reputational risk if the minutes are perceived as inaccurate or incomplete, potentially impacting community confidence in Council’s governance processes.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental risks associated with noting and adopting the minutes.
<b>Compliance</b>	There is a compliance risk if the minutes are not an accurate record of proceedings or are not adopted in accordance with Council’s Code of Meeting Practice

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<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	There are no people or work health safety risks associated with this item.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There is minimal information technology or cyber security risk, noting the minutes are managed in accordance with Council's standard record-keeping and publication processes.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

A copy of the minutes, agenda and action plan from the meeting are attached for the information of Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 12 May 2026, 2026/972 [↓](#)
- 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 12 May 2026, 2026/914 [↓](#)

**Attachment 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 12 May 2026****MINUTES OF THE FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

HELD IN GIYALANG GANYA, 286 LORDS PLACE, ORANGE

ON 12 MAY 2026

COMMENCING AT 3:33 PM

**1 INTRODUCTION****ATTENDANCE**

Cr Melanie McDonell (Chairperson), Cr David Mallard, Orange Aboriginal Medical Service, Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre, Adam Horton, Mandy Lay, Executive Administration Officer

**1.1 APOLOGIES****RESOLVED****Cr D Mallard/Cr M McDonell**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Jamie Stedman, Cr Marea Ruddy, Manager Community Services and Plus Community for the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting on 12 May 2026.

**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

**1.3 VICTIM – SURVIVOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chairperson conducted a Victim – Survivor Acknowledgement.

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

Nil.

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLVED****OLALC Member / Cr D Mallard**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 10 February 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 Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting held on 10 February 2026.

**Attachment 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 12 May 2026****3 GENERAL REPORTS****3.1 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE 2026 CAMPAIGN CALENDAR**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/880

For the 2026 campaign, the Committee discussed:

- Awaiting confirmation/outcome of budget bid with Council
- Still favourable to consolidate some of the events into one 'super event' e.g. Vigil & March
- Banners – report from Council City Presentation team that we should get another year out of banners located at the town entries.
- Kumiai Ryu happy to offer free self-defence classes during campaign again.
- Suggestion to contact CBJ drilling to potentially provide sponsorship again.
- Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre would like to try and offer an information seminar for service staff
- Local Health District representative suggested running online forums similar to one they've just held for Sexual Health –can increase involvement by reaching wider audience and be more flexible for attendance. Have an agenda with set times for when people can come in for appropriate sessions.
- OAMS – have some funding available, keen to see what others are providing and fill in gaps. Would like to see educational/promotion campaign rather than an activity/event. Something like Accidental counsellor training that was popular when last run. OAMS looking at what needs to be done to get recredited for training and discussed also reaching out to PHN for potential joint OAMS/OLALC education piece. Trying to upskill the people who are seeing presentations, such as Doctors.
- OLALC – talking with OHS (Wellbeing Officer) to partner for Reclaim the night event.

**RECOMMENDATION****OAMS Member/Member A Horton**

That the Family and Domestic Violence Community Committee acknowledge this report on the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence and arrange a date to workshop the campaign rather than using FADVCC meeting time.

**3.2 FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/883

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr M McDonell/Cr D Mallard**

That the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee accept the expression of interest submitted for Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council staff L Kemp and N Nelson.

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**3.3 PLUS COMMUNITY - LETTER OF THANKS FROM ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL, YOUTH WEEK INVOLVEMENT**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/887

Committee discussed the positive impact of OHS being active in campaign and hope if influences other schools come on board.

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr M McDonell/OAMS Member**

That the Committee Acknowledge the Letter of Thanks from Orange High School to the Community Organisations involved in Youth Week activities.

**3.4 MEMBER UPDATE ON ORANGE COURT HOUSE SAFE ROOM IMPROVEMENTS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/889

OAMS Member had site visit last week. Upgrade has been completed with a repaint in great calming colours, recarpeted, awkward table removed and replaced with some beautiful custom made furniture. Committee acknowledge the Local court staff have done a lot of advocating for this outcome. Tori will close loop and email Donato/Gee and advise work has been done.

Refurb done well but, not culturally appropriate with no budget left to address. OAMS have budget they can assign for purpose, however, will need to get creative about how. Nothing can be hung on walls and we do not want tokenistic ideas.

OAMS is consulting with the Aboriginal Community to provide Culturally appropriate materials such as books, soft furnishings etc.

**RECOMMENDATION****OAMS Member/Cr M McDonell**

That the Committee acknowledge the correspondence shared by Orange Aboriginal Medical Service from Local Member Phil Donato regarding improvements to the Safe Room at Orange Courthouse and that a request be sent to Orange Court House to request a lunch time inspection of the newly refurbished safe room could be conducted by Committee Members.

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**3.5 FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN - MAY 2026**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/911

Committee to set up a working party workshop for campaign discussions.

Safe room at Court House completed, working on cultural appropriateness.

Empower App Flyers tabled at meeting. Discussed purpose and design of app, follow up investigations on displaying on backs of bathroom doors in Council facilities.

It was report at this meeting that 15 phones have been collected since the DAV Safe Phone boxes were displayed at Customer Services and at Library. Committee to be updated each meeting of donations.

**RECOMMENDATION****OAMS Member/Member A Horton**

That the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee review and update the Committee Action Plan.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre (CTaBMCLC) Member brought awareness to Committee that DCJ has launched DV SAT (Safety Assessment Tool), and part of resources includes a guide for asking about sexual violence and helpful ways of bringing up relevant topics.

CTaBMCLC Member also advised Committee about an upcoming training day in Bathurst on 30 July for Victims Service's. The training is aimed at community workers helping victims – it's a very detailed package put together by State peak body. Information to be circulated to Committee offline.

District Court Judge, Penny Musgrave, developing an innovative process for dealing with more serious matters. Interested in people in community (Agencies/Services working with people/victim survivors) becoming more familiar with the Court environment and processes. Judge Musgrave looking at giving the opportunity for people to come to court for purpose of providing information in relation to when people are at the point of sentence. Aimed at bridging the gap / the disconnect when people given an order and the services providers engaging with them not having the right information. Sessions in Orange and Bathurst, if interested contact Arlia at CTaBMCLC, Committee encourage to share with associates and networks - targeted to people working with/involved with offenders.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:29PM.**



## **FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

**12 MAY 2026**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **GIYALANG GANYA, 286 LORDS PLACE, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 12 May 2026** commencing at **3:30 PM**.

Scott Maunder  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

For apologies, please contact Kate Shepherd on 02 6393 8392.

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## AGENDA

**EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

In the event of an emergency, the building may be evacuated. You will be required to vacate the building. The Committee Clerk will now identify the emergency muster point.

Under no circumstances is anyone permitted to re-enter the building until the all clear has been given and the area deemed safe by authorised personnel.

In the event of an evacuation, a member of Council staff will assist any member of the public with a disability to vacate the building.

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**1 INTRODUCTION****MEMBERS**

Cr Melanie McDonnell (Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr David Mallard, Cr Jamie Stedman, Cr Marea Ruddy, Orange Aboriginal Medical Service, Plus Community, Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre, Ken McCarron, Adam Horton, Michelle Peters, Joel Palmer, Many Lay, Amy-Lee Darling, Manager Community Services

**1.1 Apologies****1.2 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.

**1.3 Victim – Survivor Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge the women, children and men whose lives, safety, wellbeing and liberty have been lost to or harmed by men's use of family violence. We acknowledge the courage of each victim-survivor of family violence, and those who publicly campaign and advocate for a safer Australia for all women, children, men and gender-diverse people. We acknowledge the terrible impact of family violence on individuals, families and communities, and the strength and resilience of the children and adults who have, and are still, experiencing family violence. We pay respects to those who did not survive and to their family members and friends.

**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 Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee at this meeting.

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Committee held on 12 May 2026**

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**2    PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 10 February 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 Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting held on 10 February 2026.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1    Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 10 February 2026

**Attachment 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 12 May 2026****MINUTES OF THE FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

HELD IN GIYALANG GANYA, 286 LORDS PLACE, ORANGE

ON 10 FEBRUARY 2026

COMMENCING AT 3:30 PM

**1 INTRODUCTION****ATTENDANCE**

Cr Melanie McDonell (Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr David Mallard, Cr Marea Ruddy, Orange Aboriginal Medical Service, Plus Community, Adam Horton, A/Director Community Recreation and Cultural Services, A/Manager Community Services, Executive Assistant Community Recreation and Cultural Services

**1.1 APOLOGIES****RESOLVED****Cr D Mallard/Mr A Horton**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr Jamie Stedman and Katie Baddock for the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting on 10 February 2026.

**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

**1.3 VICTIM – SURVIVOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chairperson conducted a Victim – Survivor Acknowledgement.

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

Nil.

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLVED****Member Plus Community/Mr A Horton**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 28 October 2025 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee meeting held on 28 October 2025.

**Attachment 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 12 May 2026**
**3 GENERAL REPORTS**
**3.1 FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN - 28 OCTOBER 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/162

- CWD and media language. If article run, the Committee can review and discuss as needed.
- Empower App QR code onto mural wall – fine with artist. Need A3 size poster and can put in place with the additional posters we need to update. Get QR code to Council and we can print off for installing when Mural next updated. Cr McDonnell to get QR code to Council for printing and Cr Ruddy will install.
- Update for 2026 - approaching 16 days differently to get people involved - discussed weekend option rather work days, get families and other organisations involved.

**RECOMMENDATION**
**Member OAMS/Member Plus Community**

That the Family &amp; Domestic Violence Community Committee review and update the Committee Action Plan.

**3.2 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE 2025 CAMPAIGN DEBRIEF**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/163

- Banners at Molong road entrance still up, not attached at base. Council staff to follow up.
- A/Director has requested \$3,000 Council budget for 2026 sitting with Community Services. Budget bids only just in, will have to await news.
- Discussed that each group organising would still 'own' their event, but we run them as a collaborative one-day 'super event'.
- Committee agreed that we need to involve adult males more. Discussed idea of bringing David Kramer back. Saw success with football clubs last visit.
- Community Feedback to committee: unaware of what was on or where it was, not visible enough. Committee agreed this was most likely due to lack of budget around campaign.
- Discussed generating a letter/seeking donations/sponsorship and wearing a uniform shirt on the day as "Committee Members".
- Can we as a committee create a document/resource to provide to public at event/s.
- Discussed the whole campaign and noted absence of Birds in the Bush organisation, noting they have a significant platform we are not tapping into - a missed opportunity for collaboration.
- Council could reach out closer to events asking if they could create their own tile (within their own branding) to promote campaign event/s allowing them full creative control on how it looks on their socials to reach a wider audience.
- Committee discussed recently released program by Birds in the Bush – "Bird Brains" – agreed it would be good to learn more and will invite them to come present to committee.
- Reminder to Committee about Central West Lovebites program – in all schools other than James Sheahan (believed to be doing inhouse). Anyone in the sector can be trained for free.

**TABLE REVIEW**

- Twilight vigil 2025: went well. Less people, understandable considering storm activity earlier in afternoon.

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- **OLALC Reclaim the Night:** went great, good turnout. Doing something different to what was done before was good option. A lot of Community came down and did exercise for first time and enjoyed it. Would like to do again if individual events or if we did combine efforts, we would look to do something similar.
- **Sefl Defence Classes:** Approx 24 on the night from 40 registered. Great session all in all. Owners would be happy to run it again in 2026.
- **Gnoo Blas Ladies Day:** Pretty good. A massive amount of organising for the money made at the event. Passionate about cause, need to get it out there more. Great day.
- **OLALC Morning Tea:** went well. Community members and services in attendance - the same faces that usually attend, would be great to have other services come and be a part of events. Regular event we will keep doing.
- **Going Nuts in the Bush:** how do we get schools more involved, male demographic from schools particularly, men in council too - lead by example. Great event. Would love to see more school involvement.
- **Collection Boxes:** went well, plenty of donations. So many donations, did not have enough bags to create. Had market stalls for the excess items, only problems were they became a 'community market' rather than domestic violence focus. Really good turnout, was good for community, just didn't hit target audience.

**RECOMMENDATION****Member OLALC/Cr M Ruddy**

That the Family and Domestic Violence Community Committee acknowledge this report to close out the 2025 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence campaign.

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr M Ruddy/Cr M McDonell**

That Family and Domestic Violence Committee invite Birds in the Bush to our next meeting to present on their Bird Brains program.

**3.3 FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/204

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr M McDonell/Mr A Horton**

That the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee acknowledge the resignation of Member K Baddock.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.27PM**

**Attachment 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 12 May 2026**
**3 GENERAL REPORTS**
**3.1 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2026 Campaign Calendar**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/880

AUTHOR: Kate Shepherd, Executive Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to keep a 2026 calendar for the events planned across all Organisations for this years' 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

**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 Family and Domestic Violence Community Committee acknowledge this report on the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence and update the campaign calendar accordingly.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Council will not be running any of the activities, only supporting the collaboration and marketing of events across the 16 days, there is a minor risk that changes to the calendar may impact coordination with community partners if updates are not communicated clearly and in a timely manner.
<b>Financial</b>	There are no direct financial risks associated with noting and updating the campaign calendar, as activities are delivered within existing operational resources.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Stakeholders could question Council's integrity or commitment to the cause or lack of support to the campaign.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no identified environmental risks associated with acknowledging and updating the campaign calendar.
<b>Compliance</b>	There is a low compliance risk, as the campaign activities align with Council's strategic commitments to community safety and wellbeing.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	There is minimal people or WHS risk, noting Council's role is limited to coordination and promotion rather than direct service delivery. Ensuring sensitive content is ethically addressed and protect individuals privacy.

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**3.1 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2026 Campaign Calendar**

<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There is a low ICT risk associated with publishing updated campaign information, consistent with existing content management and cyber security controls.
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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

As Organisations provide their dates for the 2026 campaign events they will added.

Month	Day/Date	Time	Organisation	Event
November	Thursday 26	From 6pm	OLALC	Reclaim the Night
December	Tuesday 1	From 10.30am	OLALC	Morning Tea

**Attachment 2 Agenda of the Meeting of the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee held on 12 May 2026**
**3.2 Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee Membership**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/883

AUTHOR: Kate Shepherd, Executive Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee accepts Resignations and Expressions of Interest on a rolling basis. New Expressions of Interest are presented to the Committee for consideration and Resignations are presented for Committee acknowledgement.

**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 Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee consider any Expressions of Interest submitted for consideration or Committee Resignations for acknowledgement.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Member involvement may influence committee priorities or decision-making dynamics.
<b>Financial</b>	There are no direct financial implications.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Perceptions of fairness and transparency in the selection process may affect community trust.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no direct environmental risks identified.
<b>Compliance</b>	The recommendation must align with the committee's terms of reference and governance protocols.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	New members must be appropriately inducted to ensure safe and respectful participation.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	Access to committee systems and documents must be managed securely for new members.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Attached expression of interest for new Committee Members under Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**


- EOI OLALC Membership - FADVCC, D26/55921

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## Community Committee

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

Please use this form to register your interest in the Orange City Council Community Committee Program.



**APPLICANT DETAILS**

Applicant's Name Leeny Kemp and Natasha Nelson

Postal Address 79-81 Kite Street & 120 Byng Street

Phone Number  Mobile

Email Address

**APPLICANT DETAILS**

Committee Name FADVCC

Interest in Committee  
Domestic and family violence service would like to be apart of the committee

Relevant Skills and Experience  
Domestic and family violence services

SIGNED  DATE 26/2/2026

Please return completed form to:

<span style="color: #00728f;">Customer Service Desk 135 - 137 Byng Sreeet Orange NSW 2800</span>	<span style="color: #00728f;">Governance Team PO Box 35 Orange NSW 2800</span>	<span style="color: #00728f;">council@orange.nsw.gov.au</span>
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**3.3 Plus Community - Letter of Thanks from Orange High School, Youth Week Involvement**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/887

AUTHOR: Kate Shepherd, Executive Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Committee Member for Plus Community will speak to the attached email of thanks from Orange High School regarding Community organisation involvement in Youth Week activities.

**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 Committee Acknowledge the Letter of Thanks from Orange High School to the Community Organisations involved in Youth Week activities.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	There are no service or project delivery risks associated with the acknowledgement of a letter of thanks.
<b>Financial</b>	There are no financial implications or risks arising from noting the correspondence.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Acknowledging the correspondence presents a positive reputational outcome through recognition of community collaboration.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental risks associated with this matter.
<b>Compliance</b>	The acknowledgement of correspondence is consistent with Council's governance and administrative practices.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	There are no people or workplace health and safety risks associated with this matter.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There are no information technology or cyber security risks associated with acknowledging the correspondence.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Member Jenna Hattersley will talk to the attached email of thanks from Orange High School.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 OHS Thank you Letter, Youth Week, D26/55776

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**Attachment 1    OHS Thank you Letter, Youth Week**

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**To:**

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**Subject:** Thank You for Supporting Youth Week at Orange High School

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Dear Community Partners,

On behalf of everyone at Orange High School, thank you for being part of our Youth Week celebrations. It was a wonderful day and a powerful reminder of what can happen when schools and community organisations come together to support young people.

Throughout the day, our students had the opportunity to connect with a wide range of organisations, explore creative activities, learn about future pathways, and simply enjoy being part of a vibrant and supportive community.

Your contributions helped bring the day to life. Activities included collaborative canvas art and creative expression stations, wellbeing engagement, career and pathway conversations, driver's licence support information, pharmacy and nursing career insights, study skills workshops, leadership talks, trivia and badge making, speed mentoring for apprenticeships, and even hands-on experiences like compounding creams in a pharmacy lab activity. Students also enjoyed engaging with emergency services, exploring community stalls, and taking part in fun challenges and competitions throughout the breaks.

We are incredibly grateful to all of the organisations and individuals who gave their time and energy to connect with our students, including:

Rainbow Hub  
Orange Aboriginal Medical Service (OAMS)  
Bilingarra & the Closing the Gap Team  
Fire and Rescue NSW  
Plus Community  
Orange Youth Hub  
Headspace Orange  
Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council  
Charles Sturt University

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PCYC  
Life Pharmacy Orange  
Skillset  
Wellbeing Nurse Kaz  
Veritas House  
VERTO

A special thank you also to the Dave from NRL for generously donating prizes for the day's activities & [@Maribel Bradbury](#) collecting and bringing the posters all the way over from Bathurst for us.

The enthusiasm and generosity shown by our community partners created meaningful conversations and memorable experiences for our students. Events like this strengthen the connection between school and community and help young people see the many pathways and supports available to them.

We will be sharing a Facebook post shortly with photos from the day that have been approved, so please keep an eye on the Orange High School page.

Thank you again for helping make Youth Week such a positive and inspiring day for our students. We truly value these partnerships and look forward to continuing to work together in future community collaborations.

Enjoy your long weekend when it comes.

With gratitude,

Minh



Whatever we do, we do it to the best of our ability.

**Minh Doan**  
**Orange High School**  
**Student Support Officer**  
**Student Support Officer Mobile**  
**School number –**  
**Email**

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**3.4 Member Update on Orange Court House Safe Room Improvements**

RECORD NUMBER: 2026/889

AUTHOR: Kate Shepherd, Executive Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Committee Member for Orange Aboriginal Medical Services shared the attached correspondence from Member for Orange regarding improvements to the Safe Room at Orange Courthouse.

**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 Committee acknowledge the correspondence shared by Orange Aboriginal Medical Service from Local Member for Orange Phil Donato regarding improvements to the Safe Room at Orange Courthouse.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	There are no direct service or project delivery risks to Council arising from the acknowledgement of the correspondence.
<b>Financial</b>	There are no financial implications or risks associated with noting the correspondence.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Acknowledging the correspondence presents a positive reputational outcome through recognition of community collaboration and advocacy.
<b>Environment</b>	There are no environmental risks associated with this matter.
<b>Compliance</b>	The acknowledgement of correspondence is consistent with Council's governance and administrative responsibilities.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	The correspondence relates to safety matters for Community members attending Orange Courthouse, there are no direct people or WHS risks to Council arising from this report.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	There are no information technology or cyber security risks associated with this matter.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Orange Aboriginal Medical Service Member Tori Evans will speak to the attached correspondence from Local Member Phil Donato regarding the improvements to the Local Courthouse Safe Room.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Member for Orange Letter re: Courthouse Safe Room Updates, D26/55938

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**Attachment 1 Member for Orange Letter re: Courthouse Safe Room Updates**

**PHILIP DONATO MP**

STATE MEMBER FOR ORANGE



Our Ref: PD01701

Ms Tori Evans  
Trauma Counsellor  
Orange Aboriginal Medical Service (OAMS)

Via Email:

Dear Ms Evans, *Tori,*

I write to provide you with the response we have received from the Hon. Michael Daley MP, Attorney General, regarding improvements to the safe room at the Orange Courthouse.

The Department of Communities and Justice has confirmed that improvements will be undertaken this calendar year, including repainting, new furniture, and other amenity upgrades. In addition, the Orange Aboriginal Medical Service (OAMS) and the Amend Project will be invited to contribute culturally sensitive artworks and furnishings to support the refurbishment.

The importance of safe rooms for vulnerable community members has been acknowledged, and these works will ensure the Orange Courthouse facility is improved to better meet community needs.

Thank you once again for bringing this matter to my attention. If I can assist you any further, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

**Philip Donato MP**  
Member for Orange  
Encl.

15 September 2025

*Dear Tori,*

*Some good news!*

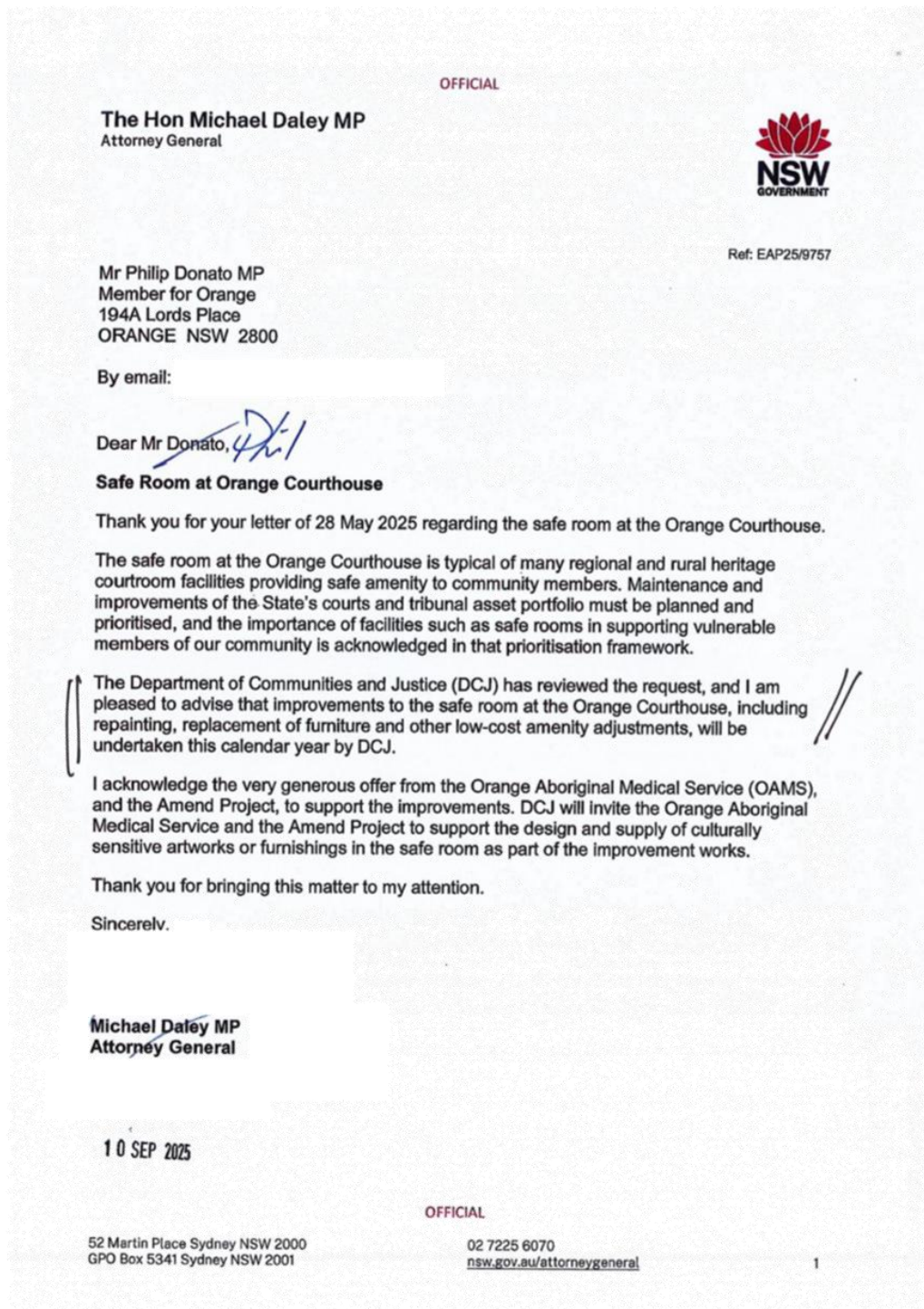
*Thank you for your advocacy on this issue.*

*Best wishes,*

E orange@parliament.nsw.gov.au      P 02 6362 5199      194a Lords Place, Orange NSW 2800

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**3.5 Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee Action Plan - May 2026**
**RECORD NUMBER:** 2026/911

**AUTHOR:** Kate Shepherd, Executive Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has noted the important role that Community Committees play in providing feedback and input into Council's operations. Committees can also offer ideas and suggestions to be considered as part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, and related annual budget.

As a means of recording ideas, suggestions and activities made and undertaken by members, each Committee will develop and review on an ongoing basis an Action Plan. The Action Plans Review and Update will be a standard item at each meeting.

**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**

Items on the Action Plan will not necessarily be put into Council's program of works or budget. Rather, the Action Plan will be used by the Committee and staff to provide suggestions for Council's consideration and track specific tasks, projects or requests of the Committee.

Items may be short-term or long-term goals or activities that can be worked on over time.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Family & Domestic Violence Community Committee review and update the Committee Action Plan.**

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

<b>Service/Project Delivery</b>	Changes to the Action Plan may affect timelines or delivery of existing community initiatives.
<b>Financial</b>	New or updated actions may require additional funding or reallocation of existing resources.
<b>Reputation/Political</b>	Community expectations may be impacted if priorities shift or previously endorsed actions are removed.
<b>Environment</b>	Revised actions should consider environmental impacts and alignment with sustainability goals.
<b>Compliance</b>	Updates must align with Council policies, committee terms of reference and relevant legislation.
<b>People &amp; WHS</b>	New or revised actions may introduce workload or safety considerations for volunteers and staff.
<b>Information Technology/ Cyber Security</b>	Digital updates to the Action Plan must ensure secure access and accurate version control.

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

An update to the Committee's Action Plan will be a standard item on every agenda for discussion and review.

The Committee Clerk will ensure the Action Plan identifies possible budget and resourcing implications, and also how an item links to Council's Delivery/Operational Plan, or could be proposed for future Delivery/Operational Plans.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1        FADVCC Action Plan - May 2026, D26/57351

**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**
**FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

D25/29458

ACTION OR PROJECT	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE	TASKS	RESPONSIBILITY OF	COST IMPLICATION	START DATE	COMMENTS/PROGRESS	UPDATED
16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign.	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	Resume the working group from 2024. Invite organisation/ group running specific events to attend meeting.	Committee (individual events)	Dependent on Council-run events	25 Nov	2025 Debrief at meeting 10 February 2026. Discussion was held on a combined approach and holding one event rather than individuals across dates for the 2026 campaign.	2026 calendar added as report in agenda
Advocate for the update of the Safe Room at Orange Local Court.	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	Organisations to review funding options to support this advocacy	DAPO / OAMS	Nil to Council	25 Mar	OAMS confirmed \$10k funding to upgrade the room. Additionally, the Amend Project - DV round with footy clubs. Any upgrades are currently under review at DCJ level and Committee members are chasing further updates.	Report in agenda May 2026
Drive education / media engagement. Focus on language, education and messaging to community	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	Invite local media (CWD) to meetings as attendee/member	Scott Maunder	Nil	25 Mar	CWD / Nick McGrath attended meeting last year. Our role now to keep CWD accountable – review articles as they are printed.  Good example for reference: the OUR WATCH guide.	

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Advocate for flyers or adverts for Empower App to be displayed across town	3.3 – Partner to support victims of family violence	Obtain resources from Police DV forum that was held and see if we can have them displayed across town.	Cr M McDonell  Cr Ruddy		29 July	Ascertain if more resources can be provided from police for purpose of displaying in public spaces – shopping centre/pub bathrooms.  Cr Ruddy obtained approval from artist to include the QR code for Empower App.	Cr McDonell to send QR code and send to Council staff for printing and Cr Ruddy will add to wall when next updating it.
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