



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

7 FEBRUARY 2023

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 7 February 2023.**

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Administration on 6393 8106.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 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 Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 8 DECEMBER 2022

RECORD NUMBER: 2023/20

AUTHOR: Rosemary Reid, Project Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 8 December 2022 are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “6.1. Provide services and facilities that enable Council to fulfil its obligations under the Companion Animal Act”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within the Companion Animals Community Committee and Special Contracts budget.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 December 2022.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 3.1 3.2 and 3.3 from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting of 8 December 2022:
 - 3.1 *That Council write to the Minister for Local Government expressing the Committees concern over:*
 1. *The non-existent legislation or regulation in NSW regarding cat containment.*
 2. *The non-existent legislation or regulation in NSW regarding backyard breeders/ breeding of dogs.*
 - 3.2 *That Council produce a press release on pets being an unwanted Christmas gift.*
 - 3.3 *That Council produce a press article releasing Pound statistics to the public.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 December 2022 be adopted.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to the recommendation’s impact on Council’s service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 CACC 8 December 2022 Minutes
- 2 CACC 8 December 2022 Agenda, D22/77372 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 8 DECEMBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 12.34PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Mrs Pam Davis, Mr Neil Jones, Ms Helen Wood, Ms Danielle Haase, Acting Director Development Services, Pound Supervisor, Companion Animal Registrar

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RECOMMENDATION

Mr N Jones/Ms H Wood

That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Mrs Susan Sanders, Ms Anne Reith, for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 8 December 2022.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Mr N Jones/Ms H Wood

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 6 October 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 6 October 2022.

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2453

Neil Jones - The Lombardy Way Off Leash area needs some improvement to the access off The Escort Way, mowing and snipping are required around the southern bench. Also has there been an update on cat containment from the Local Government State Conference.

Danielle Haase – please could meetings be convened outside of school holidays

Pam Davis – requested a list of achievements of the Committee for the past year.

Cr David Mallard – asked for an update on the AWL bus that came to provide a microchipping and vaccination day. This was successful although more advertising needs to be done beforehand. Also, apparently some Councils help by subsidising this service so perhaps that is something the Committee could investigate in the next financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

Ms D Haase/Ms P Davis

That Council write to the Minister for Local Government expressing the Committees concern over:

1. The non-existent legislation or regulation in NSW regarding cat containment.
2. The non-existent legislation or regulation in NSW regarding backyard breeders/ breeding of dogs

3.2 COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2454

The Acting Director Development Services produced the list of projects that had been completed this year under the Companion Animals Community Committee budget.

1. Desexing program - \$5,500 spent so far on the desexing of 30 dogs and cats.
2. New bin and bag dispenser has been put in place in the Shiralee area.
3. An extension to the fence height on adjoining properties to the North Orange Off Leash area has been completed.
4. An investigation of dog watering points in off leash areas and parks in Orange. All off leash areas with water services located nearby have this facility.
5. Update and printing of the Dog Exercise Area brochure.
6. Dogs must be on a lead signage for parks were produced and place in Moulder Park.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr N Jones/Ms P Davis

That Council produce a press release on pets being an unwanted Christmas gift.

3.3 CUSTOMER REQUEST AND POUND STATISTICS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2452

RECOMMENDATION

Ms D Haase/Ms P Davis

That Council produce a press article releasing Pound statistics to the public.

Meeting dates for 2023 are 2 March, 1 June, 7 September and 7 December.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.43PM



COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

8 DECEMBER 2022

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Thursday, 8 December 2022** commencing at **12.30PM**.

David Waddell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Rosemary Reid on 6393 8229.

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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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COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**8 DECEMBER 2022**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Mrs Pam Davis, Mr Neil Jones, Ms Helen Wood, Mrs Susan Sanders, Ms Danielle Haase, Ms Anne Reith, Director Development Services, Manager Building and Environment, Pound Officer, Companion Animal Registrar

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**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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ATTACHMENTS

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COMMENCING AT 12.35PM

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1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RECOMMENDATION

Mr N Jones/Ms H Wood

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Danielle Haase, Director Development Services, for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 6 October 2022.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Cr J Hamling/Ms A Reith

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 7 July 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 7 July 2022.

MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**6 OCTOBER 2022**

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES OF DOG EXERCISE PARKS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1938

Neil Jones spoke on the need to maintain the off leash areas and replace the dog bags. He was advised to contact Council and a customer request would be put in for any items requiring attention through the Customer Request Management System.

The comment was also made that it is the responsibility of the dog owners to provide their own bags. It is a community service that council provides.

Lombardy Way off leash is wet and Council have been unable to complete the pathway and tree planting.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms A Reith/Ms S Sanders**

That Council check the gate locks and signs indicating the cricket season at Riawena Oval.

3.2 CAT CONTAINMENT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1939

There is a report going to the Local Government Conference recommending that Local Government lobby the State Government to amend the act to allow local Councils to restrict cats from free roaming and introduce cat curfews.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms A Reith/Cr J Hamling**

That the report be accepted and a follow up from the Conference be given to committee members.

3.3 CUSTOMER REQUEST AND POUND STATISTICS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1941

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith**

That the report on statistics be acknowledged.

MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**6 OCTOBER 2022****3.4 COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES AND COUNCILLOR REQUESTS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1942

The Council desexing program is underway. Mulberry Lane Vet Hospital is the vet for this program.

The Pound has had an increase in cats (89%) and dogs (40%) abandoned this year. These animals are usually not microchipped and no owner comes forward.

Signage is currently being produced for Orange Cemetery and Moulder Park. This will state that dogs must be on a lead in the areas defined.

RECOMMENDATION**Ms A Reith/Mr N Jones**

- I. That Council provide a rubbish bin and bag dispenser at the corner of Shiralee Road and the walking track. This is in response to a request from Cr Evans.
- II. That Council conduct an audit of where water bowls for dog drinking water are placed in the parks. This is in response from a request from Cr Mileto.

3.5 COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1950

S. Sanders- an enquiry is currently being carried out by the state on regulating puppy farms.

H. Wood- Dog Basic Obedience is held each Sunday during school terms at Waratahs.

A. Reith – RSPCA is running the Orange Healthy Pet Day on the 28 October 2022. A movie night is also being planned.

P. Davis – it appears that dog owners are using the Velodrome in Sale Street as an off leash area.

-A study has shown that contamination rates of worms and other health issues is high in off leash areas and pet owners should be made aware. The study has been conducted in Brisbane.

N. Jones – requesting that Dog and Cat brochures be included in the welcome packs to be handed out at the New Residents Lunch.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith**

- I. That Council include responsible pet ownership brochures in the New resident welcome packs.
- II. That Council rangers include the Velodrome Park in their regular drive around.
- II. That the RSPCA Orange Healthy Pet day be advertised on the Council website and Facebook page.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER AT 12.30PM**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.45PM**

COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**8 DECEMBER 2022**

3 PRESENTATIONS**3.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Members are invited to give a report.

3.2 COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES

Verbal report by Manager Building & Environment on projects involving Companion Animals.

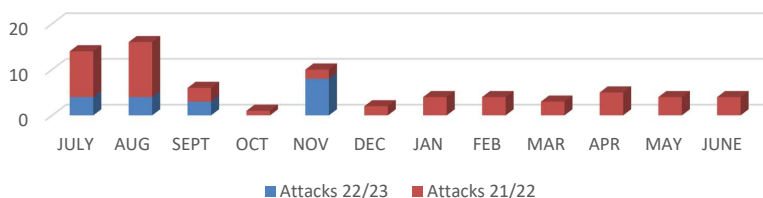
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8 DECEMBER 2022

3.3 CUSTOMER REQUEST AND POUND STATISTICS

2022-2023 CUSTOMER REQUESTS												
	with 2021-2022 comparisons											
	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Attacks 22/23	4	4	3	0	8							
Attacks 21/22	10	12	3	1	2	2	4	4	3	5	4	4
Barking /Noise 22/23	30	36	24	30	51							
Barking /Noise 21/22	41	36	41	32	36	22	50	57	60	40	39	30
Stray 22/23	32	26	24	39	39							
Stray 21/22	28	44	34	32	21	18	38	28	34	39	45	20

DOG ATTACKS 2022/23 compared to 2021/22

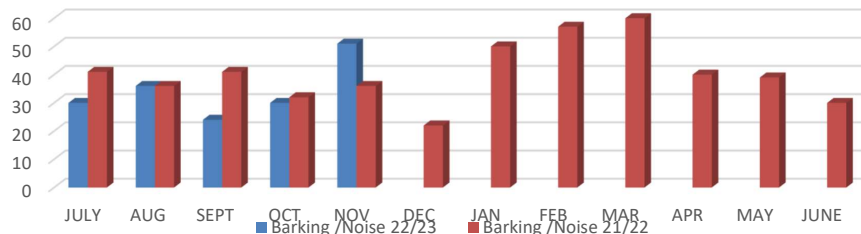


Dog attacks for September-3 attacks,1 animal victims,3 human, 3 in a public place

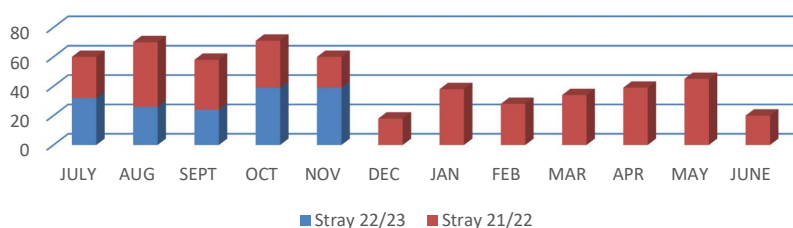
Dog attacks for October- 0 attacks

Dog attacks for November - 8 attacks, 12 animal victims, 5 human victims, 8 on private property, 4 in a public place.

BARKING/NOISY DOGS 2022/23 compared to 2021/22



STRAY DOGS 2022/23 compared to 2021/22



COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**8 DECEMBER 2022****3.3 Customer Request and Pound Statistics**

Council Ranger and Pound activity - Dogs

September - 16 were returned by the Rangers, 45 arrived at the Pound, 23 were returned to the owner, 4 transferred to rescue, 1 Adopted, 4 euthanised unable to be rehomed

October - 11 were returned by the Rangers, 32 arrived at the pound, 23 were returned to owners, 3 transferred to rescue organisations, 3 adopted and 12 euthanised (6 unsuitable for rehoming, 2 unable to rehome, 2 due to illness, 2 at owners request)

November - 16 were returned by the rangers, 49 arrived at the pound, 21 were returned to owners, 5 transferred to rescue organisations, 3 adopted, 4 euthanised (2 unsuitable for rehoming, 2 unable to rehome)

Orange City Pound activity - Cats

September - 8 arrived at the Pound, 2 was returned to the owner, 2 euthanised (infant 1), 4 were adopted and 3 transferred to rescue

October - 15 arrived at the pound, 3 returned to owners, 3 transferred to rescue organisations, 4 adopted, 4 euthanised (unable to rehome)

November - 38 arrived at the pound, 4 returned to owners, 11 transferred to rescue organisations, 1 adopted, 7 euthanised (1 unable to rehome, 6 were feral cats.)