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Stretch your dollar day

Find out how to manage finances better with Orange City's Council **Stretch Your Dollar Day**.

On September 25, Council will partner with a range of service providers from financial counselling services, the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW, Centrelink, FoodCare Orange, Revenue NSW, TAFE NSW Orange and First Choice Orange to help residents '*Stretch the dollar*'.

Orange Mayor Reg Kidd said anyone who wanted advice was welcome to drop in.

"Come in anytime between 10am and 3pm and get some tips on a range of different topics from how to reduce debt, spend less at the supermarket and get advice on how to deal with fines," Cr Kidd said.

"This unique opportunity has the potential to make a difference for many people struggling with their finances particularly as quarterly energy bills roll out after an exceptionally bitter winter."

Orange City Council Services Policy Committee Chair Stephen Nugent said it was a good opportunity to get the right advice from the right people all in the one place.

"No matter how large or small your income, you are invited to call in for a free morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea, sit in on a number of topical information sessions and learn what assistance there is available in the community to assist with making your dollars go that bit further," Cr Nugent said.

"There will be opportunities to talk to relevant agency staff and to make individual appointments to have a confidential chat to take the stress out of money in challenging times."

Information sessions will include "You Can't Ask that!", a session on any and all questions about money.

Other sessions include how to fine tune your finances, avoid scams, review your Centrelink entitlements, reduce debt and deal with fines.

The Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW will be on hand to review your latest energy bills and will offer cost saving advice.

Revenue NSW will offer guidance on how to manage fines and review your driver's license status.

Other exhibitors on the day include First Choice Credit Union, FoodCare Orange, Lifeline Central West Financial Counselling and No Interest Loans.

Stretch Your Dollar Day is Tuesday 25 September from 10am to 3pm in the CWA Hall Robertson Park Orange.

For further information and to book an individual appointment contact Council's Community Development and Support Coordinator 63938972.

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