



# BUSINESS PAPER

## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 4 November 2025  
10.00AM  
Council Chambers

### **COUNCIL'S VISION**

To build and maintain sustainable communities while retaining the region's natural beauty.

### **COUNCIL'S MISSION**

To provide services and facilities to enhance the quality of life and economic viability within the Council area.

### **COUNCIL'S AIMS**

To perform services in a cost efficient, effective and friendly manner in order to achieve Council's Mission in meeting the annual objectives and performance targets of the principal activities Council undertakes on behalf of the community.

**Request for an Extraordinary Meeting to be held Tuesday 4 November 2025 at 10:00am Crookwell Council Chambers**

**31 October 2025**

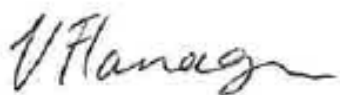
I, Councillor Paul Culhane (Mayor), I Councillor Vivienne Flanagan and I Councillor Robert Cameron (Deputy Mayor) in accordance with the Upper Lachlan Shire Councils Code of Meeting Practice, request to call an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2025, at 10:00am, in the Crookwell Council Chambers. The Extraordinary Meeting of Council shall deal only with Councillors considering changes to the Swimming Pool Charges of Crookwell and Gunning Pool for the 2025/2026 operational swim season.

**Background**

Nil



Cr P Culhane  
31 October 2025



Cr V Flanagan  
31 October 2025



Cr R Cameron  
31 October 2025

## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The following items are submitted for consideration -

<b>1</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER .....</b>	<b>5</b>
1.1	Proposed changes to the Swimming Pool Fees for Crookwell and Gunning Pools	6



# **1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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## Chief Executive Officer - 4 November 2025

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**ITEM 1.1**                      **Proposed changes to the Swimming Pool Fees for Crookwell and Gunning Pools**

**FILE REFERENCE**    **I25/315**

**AUTHOR**                      **Mayor**

### **ISSUE**

This report is recommending making changes to the Swimming Pool Charges for Crookwell and Gunning Pool in the 2025/2026 operational swim season after consideration of feedback from the Upper Lachlan Shire community.

**RECOMMENDATION**      That -

1. Council place on public exhibition for 28 days, in accordance with Section 610, of the Local Government Act 1993, the draft amended fees for the 2025/2026 swim season at Crookwell and Gunning Pools as follows:-
  - \$6.00 per adult entrance fee;
  - \$4.00 per child entrance fee;
  - \$4.00 per concession entrance fee;
  - \$15.00 per family entrance fee (Family of 2 adults and 3 children). Any additional children \$3.00 each.
2. Council resolve that the prices for all Seasonal Tickets for Crookwell and Gunning Pools for the 2025/2026 operational swim season remain unchanged from the adopted 2025/2026 Operational Plan.
3. Any change in adopted fees for the Crookwell and Gunning Pools will not be reimbursed retrospectively for the month of November 2025.

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### **BACKGROUND**

Nil

### **REPORT**

The entrance fees for the Crookwell and Gunning swimming pools were implemented as part of Council Resolution Number 95/25 on 19 June 2025 at the Ordinary Council Meeting as part of the adoption of 2025/2026 Operational Plan.

At the time of adoption of the Operational Plan, Council had not received any formal public submissions on the fee increases for the pool entrance fees. However, Councillors have recently received negative community feedback and genuine concerns raised from the community on the affordability of the adopted entrance fees. I am of the belief that casual pool entrance fees need to be reduced to align with neighbouring councils pool entrance fees.

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### PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SWIMMING POOL FEES FOR CROOKWELL AND GUNNING POOLS cont'd

It is considered the existing season passes are good value and competitive pricing. It should be noted that as people will have already acquired season passes and will do so in the next 28 days it is highly problematic to adjust those fees after the swim season commenced and is not recommended to provide any refunds.

#### Current Fees in the Operational Plan

##### Swimming Pool Charges

##### Crookwell and Gunning Pools

##### Entrance Fees

- Adults
- Children
- Family of 2 adults and 3 children. (Any additional children \$3.00 each)
- Spectators
- Concessions

Under 2 years free admission

Private hire of Swimming Pool - Per Hour

##### Season Tickets (for unlimited season access to the Gunning and Crookwell Pools)

- Family
- Adults
- School Children

School Approved events/carnival/learn to swim per student

GST incl.	\$9.00
GST incl.	\$6.00
GST incl.	\$20.00
	Free of Charge
GST incl.	\$5.00
	Free of Charge
GST incl.	\$222.00
GST incl.	\$200.00
GST incl.	\$130.00
GST incl.	\$80.00
GST incl.	\$2.00

## POLICY IMPACT

Nil

## OPTIONS

1. The 2025/2026 Operational Plan swimming pool fees remain unchanged; or
2. Council may adopt the new prices for the pool entrance fees, to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, and Operational Plan will be amended, this is the preferred recommendation outlined in this report.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The two swimming pools business unit operational expenditure totals \$387,302 and operational income forecast for the two pools is \$32,470. If the new fees are accepted, it is estimated there will be a reduction of income totalling \$10,000.

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil