

UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 16 APRIL 2026

PRESENT: Mayor P Culhane (Chairperson), Cr R Cameron, Cr V Flanagan, Cr G Harris, Cr S Peirce, Cr S Reynolds, Cr J Searl, Cr T Yallouris, Ms A Waldron (Chief Executive Officer), Mr A Croke (Director Finance and Administration), Mr H Waters (Acting Director of Environment & Planning), Mr K Mahmud (Director Infrastructure), Mrs M Selmes (Executive Assistant to Director Finance and Administration) and Mrs K McCarthy (Executive Assistant)

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 10:01AM

SECTION 1: NOTICE OF WEBCASTING/AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETING

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

49/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Reynolds

1. That the apologies of Cr A Meggitt and Mr S Arkininstall (Director Environment and Planning) be received and a leave of absence granted.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

SECTION 4: CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Nil

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SECTION 5: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM 5.1 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Reynolds
50/26

1. That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 March 2026 be adopted.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 6: PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL/PUBLIC

Nil

SECTION 7: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 7.1 **MAYORAL MINUTE**
51/26 **RESOLVED** by Mayor Culhane and Cr Peirce

1. That Council receive and note the activities attended by the Mayor for February and March.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 8: CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

SECTION 9: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

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SECTION 10: INFORMATION ONLY

A Motion was moved by the Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan that –

1. In accordance with clause 9.3 (a) and (b) of the Council Code of Meeting Practice that Item 15.1 Late Report Council fuel supply update be considered at this April 2026 Council Ordinary Meeting, as the information is time sensitive and that the item be moved up in the order of business as it is an information only item.

On being put to the meeting the Motion was Carried.

52/26

RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. In accordance with clause 9.3 (a) and (b) of the Council Code of Meeting Practice that Item 15.1 Late Report Council fuel supply update be considered at this April 2026 Council Ordinary Meeting, as the information is time sensitive and that the item be moved up in the order of business as it is an information only item.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:-

Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

ITEM 10.1

DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS REPORT

53/26

RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

1. Council receives and notes the report as information.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:-

Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

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ITEM 10.2-10.6 INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

54/26 RESOLVED by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan

1. Council receive and notes Items 10.2-10.6 in the reports as information.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

ITEM 15.1 COUNCIL FUEL SUPPLY UPDATE

55/26 RESOLVED by Cr Peirce and Cr Reynolds

1. Council receive and note the report as information only.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

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REPORTS FROM STAFF AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 11: ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

ITEM 11.1 FUEL RESERVES MANAGEMENT - KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION

56/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Reynolds

1. Council cease the kerbside greenwaste collection service for an interim period to assist with the saving of fuel during the current period of uncertainty.
2. The reduction of this service level be reviewed periodically and re-introduced where the current challenges associated with fuel supply are alleviated.
3. The transfer station fees and charges associated with the disposal of domestic greenwaste (grass clippings, pruning's leaves and similar) not be levied, whilst the kerbside greenwaste collection service is not provided.
4. Council notify the public of the proposed changes with respect to the management of greenwaste.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, V Flanagan, S Reynolds and J Searl

Councillors who voted against:- Crs R Cameron, G Harris, S Peirce and T Yallouris

As the Mayor held the casting vote the motion was passed therefore becoming the resolution.

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SECTION 12: INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

ITEM 12.1 PART ROAD CLOSURE - INTERSECTION OF HUME AND GROVENOR STREET, GUNNING

57/26 RESOLVED by Cr Cameron and Cr Peirce

1. Resolve to subdivide a portion of the road reserve located at the intersection of Hume Street and Grovenor Street, Gunning, to create a separate lot and deposited plan.
2. Retain ownership of the newly created lot following subdivision.
3. Permit the use of the land by the NSW Rural Fire Service for the purpose of constructing and operating a fire station, subject to appropriate agreements being executed between the parties.
4. Classify the newly created lot as Operational Land pursuant to Section 31 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), noting that the land is to be used for a specific operational purpose associated with the construction and ongoing operation of a fire station, and that Council will undertake all necessary administration and statutory processes to give effect to this classification.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

Council took a short break at 11:28am and paused live streaming to the public.

Council resumed at 11:48am live streaming returned to the public.

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SECTION 13: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

ITEM 13.1 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - DRAFT PLANS FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

58/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

1. Council, in accordance Sections 403-406, of the Local Government Act 1993, and Sections 8A-8C, of the Local Government Act 1993, place on public exhibition the following suite of draft plans:-
 - Operational Plan 2026/2027;
 - Delivery Program 2026/2027 – 2029/2030;
 - Resource Strategy documents including:-
 - Long Term Financial Plan 2026 – 2035;
 - Infrastructure Plan 2026 – 2035;
 - Workforce Plan 2026/2027 – 2029/2030.

The public exhibition period is from Monday, 20 April 2026 to Monday, 25 May 2026 dates inclusive, with copies of each plan available for viewing at Council administration offices and libraries, available on Council's website and a link is provided to Council's Facebook Page.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

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ITEM 13.2 **ADOPTION OF CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**
59/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

1. Council in accordance with Section 32 (1) (a) and (2), of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts the Code of Meeting Practice as publicly exhibited.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

<https://upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/council/governance/policies/>

SECTION 14: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil

SECTION 15: LATE REPORTS

ITEM 15.1 COUNCIL FUEL SUPPLY UPDATE

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

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**SECTION 16: REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES, SECTION 355
COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES**

**ITEM 16.1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH
AND APRIL**

60/26 RESOLVED by Cr Peirce and Cr Reynolds

That Item - Minutes of Committee/Information listed below be received:

1. Gunning Shire Hall and Showground Advisory Committee –
Minutes from meeting held on 2 March 2026.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V
Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S
Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 17: NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

SECTION 18: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

CLOSED COUNCIL ITEMS

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in 10A (2) of the Act and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the public and the media.

Note: Pursuant to Clause 25(1) of the Local Government (Meetings) Regulation, Council invites verbal representation by members of the public about whether the items listed below should not be considered by Council in a Closed Meeting. The items are:

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61/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. That Council move into closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
2. That pursuant to of the Local Government Act 1993: the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2d(i)) 10A(2d(ii)) and 10A(2d(iii))\ as outlined above.
3. That the report relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

Council closed its meeting at 12:06pm and the public, staff and press left the chambers and live streaming ceased.

62/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

That Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

Open Council resumed at 12:20pm live streaming returned to the public prior to the meeting closing.

Resolutions from the Closed Council Meeting

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The following resolutions of Council, while the meeting was closed to the public, were read to the meeting by the Mayor.

SECTION 19: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

ITEM 19.1 PROCUREMENT OF ONE NEW GRADER

63/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Cameron and Cr Peirce

1. Council purchase one Komatsu GD555-5 Grader for the total sum of \$384,780 EX GST from Komatsu.
2. Council trade in existing grader (Plant No 692) to Komatsu for the sum of \$144,000 Ex GST.

Note: Net price/changeover is \$240,780 Ex GST.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

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**ITEM 19.2 DA 50/2025 - 3 MEMORY AVE CROOKWELL - REQUEST REVIEW
OF SECTION 7.11 AND SECTION 64 DEVELOPER
CONTRIBUTIONS**

64/26 RESOLVED by Cr Harris and Cr Cameron

- 1. Council accept an 80% reduction in s7.11 contributions for Stage 2 of the development.
- 2. Council accept the Works in Kind request associated with the stormwater works required by Condition 6 of DA 50/2025; and
- 3. Council decline the Works in Kind request associated with the extension of the footpath as required by Condition 8(ii) of DA 50/2025 based on these works being required to service the development.

- CARRIED

Councillors who voted for:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:23pm

Minutes confirmed 21 MAY 2026

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Mayor