

**UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 20 MARCH 2025**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor P Culhane (Chairperson), Cr R Cameron, Cr V Flanagan, Cr G Harris, Cr A Meggitt, Cr S Peirce, Cr S Reynolds, Cr J Searl, Cr T Yallouris, Ms A Waldron (Chief Executive Officer), Mr J Abakah (Acting Director Finance and Administration), Mr K Mahmud (Director Infrastructure), Mr S Arkinstall (Director of Environment & Planning) Ms A Stons (Communications Officer) and Mrs K McCarthy (Executive Assistant)

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**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 13:32pm**

**SECTION 1: NOTICE OF WEBCASTING/AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETING**

Mayor Culhane read an acknowledgment of Country and notice of meeting/webcast to the meeting.

Mayor Culhane also welcomed the public gallery.

**SECTION 2: APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

**SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**SECTION 4: CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

Nil

**SECTION 5: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**ITEM 5.1** **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

**30/25**

1. That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 February 2025 be adopted.

– CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

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**SECTION 6: PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL/PUBLIC**

A presentation was provided by Head of Community Engagement, Energy Australia David Wilson regarding the Marulan Gas Fired Power Station.

**SECTION 7: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE**

**31/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Culhane and Cr Peirce

1. That Council receive and note the activities attended by the Mayor for February and March 2025.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**SECTION 8: CORRESPONDENCE**

**ITEM 8.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025**

**32/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

That Item 8.1 - [Correspondence/Information] listed below be received:

1. Office of Local Government – Circular 25-02 Time Data Series 2023/24.
2. Office of Local Government – Circular 25-03 – Review of the NSW Companion Animals Laws – Discussion Paper.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

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**SECTION 9: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**SECTION 10: INFORMATION ONLY**

**ITEM 10.1 DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS REPORT**

**33/25** **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. Council receives and notes the report as information.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**ITEM 10.2-10.7 INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS**

**34/25** **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. Council receive and note reports 10.2-10.7 as information.

- CARRIED

**Councillors who voted for:-** Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V Flanagan, G Harris, A Meggitt, 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**

Cr Culhane and Cr Searl moved a motion that Council move to suspended orders to committee of the whole for Item 11.1 Planning Proposal (pp-2023-1168): Lot 1 DP 1064795, - 39 Redground Road, Crookwell to allow for open discussion to occur.

On being put the meeting the motion was carried.

**35/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Culhane and Cr Searl that -

1. Council move to suspended orders to committee of the whole for Item 11.1 Planning Proposal (pp-2023-1168): Lot 1 DP 1064795, - 39 Redground Road, Crookwell to allow for open discussion to occur.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**36/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Culhane and Cr Peirce that -

1. Council move out of committee of the whole for Item 11.1 Planning Proposal (pp-2023-1168): Lot 1 DP 1064795, - 39 Redground Road.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

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**ITEM 11.1**            **PLANNING PROPOSAL (PP-2023-1168): LOT 1 DP 1064795, - 39 REDGROUND ROAD, CROOKWELL**

**37/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. Council endorse the planning proposal to amend the Upper Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2010:
  - a. Amend land use zoning of Lot 1 DP 1064795, 39 Redground Road, Crookwell from RU1 Primary Production to R2 Low Density Residential.
  - b. Amend the minimum lot size of Lot 1 DP 1064795, 39 Redground Road, Crookwell from 100ha to 800m<sup>2</sup>.
2. Forward the planning proposal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) requesting a Gateway determination.
3. Request delegation of Plan Making Authority, for this planning proposal.
4. Undertake agency consultation and public exhibition according to the requirements of the Gateway determination.
5. Should no objections be received, undertake the necessary actions to finalise the making of the Upper Lachlan Environmental Plan 2010.

- CARRIED

**Councillors who voted for:-**            Crs P Culhane, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, and J Searl

**Councillors who voted against:-**    R Cameron, A Meggitt S Reynolds and T Yallouris

**SECTION 12:        INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT**

Nil

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**SECTION 13: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**ITEM 13.1 REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED USE OF COUNCIL VENUES POLICY**  
**38/25 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce**

1. Council adopts the reviewed Subsidised Use of Public Halls Policy and replaces this with Subsidised Use of Council Venues Policy.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**ITEM 13.2 REVIEW OF SPORTING REPRESENTATION DONATIONS POLICY**  
**39/25 RESOLVED by Cr Reynolds and Cr Peirce**

1. Council adopts the reviewed Sporting Representation Donations Policy.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

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**SECTION 14: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**ITEM 14.1 OPEN STREETS - GRANT**

**40/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Yallouris

1. Council allocate \$44,871.74 of grant money to the purchase of a parklet.
2. Council call for expressions of interest (EOI) for the location of the parklet on Goulburn Street, Crookwell as per the Open Streets Program funding requirements.
3. Council delegate authority to the CEO to approve the installation of the parklet at the most suitable location following the EOI process.

- CARRIED

**Councillors who voted for:-**

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**SECTION 15: LATE REPORTS**

Nil

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

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

**41/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

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

1. Tuena Hall & Recreation Area Committee – Minutes from Annual General Meeting held 5 February 2025.
2. Tuena Hall & Recreation Area Committee – Minutes from meeting held 5 February 2025.
3. Breadalbane Community Hall Committee – Minutes from meeting held 9 February 2025

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4. Crookwell & District Historical Society – Minutes from meeting held 13 February 2025.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**42/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Meggitt and Cr Reynolds that -

1. Council write to Tuena Hall & Tuena Hall & Recreation Area Committee accepting the office bearers as Chairperson, Robyn Hall, Vice chairperson Rae Ford, Secretary Gabriella Saville and Treasure Jenelle Parson.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil



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**SECTION 17: NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEM 17.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL MEETING DEBATE**

**MOVED** by Cr Yallouris and Cr Meggitt that-

1. Council adopt mandatory justification by mover and seconder:
  - The mover and seconder must each speak for up to 5 minutes to explain their reasoning for supporting or opposing the motion.
  - Their statements must be relevant to the motion and outline specific reasons rather than merely stating that the motion is "worth debating."
2. Council adopt a structured debate process:
  - Once the mover and seconder have presented their rationale, the floor will be opened for other councilors to debate the motion.
  - This ensures a fair and structured discussion where all viewpoints can be considered before a decision is made.

- LOST

**Councillors who voted for:-** Crs R Cameron, A Meggitt and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-** Crs P Culhane, V Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, S Reynolds and J Searl

On being put to meeting the motion was **lost**.

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**ITEM 17.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMITMENT TO WIND TURBINE DECOMMISSIONING TRANSPARENCY**

**MOVED** by Cr Yallouris and Cr Meggitt that -

1. Council establishes a Centralised Repository at the ULSC containing records of all active contracts between the State Government and energy companies, including:
  - o Commissioning dates of wind turbines.
  - o Expected lifecycle duration.
  - o Assurances, bonds, and caveats associated with decommissioning obligations.
2. Council ensures public accessibility to all relevant documents and make these available to the general public, to guarantee that stakeholders remain accountable for their commitments.

- AMENDMENT

Cr Culhane moved an amendment to Cr Yallouris motion that -

1. Council presents to the Canberra Region Joint organisation (CRJO) a proposal that the NSW State Government create and maintain a Centralised online Repository available to member organisations containing records of all existing contracts between the NSW State Government and energy companies, including:
  - o Commissioning dates of wind turbines.
  - o Expected lifecycle duration.
  - o Assurances, bonds, and caveats associated with decommissioning obligations.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was accepted therefore becoming the motion.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMITMENT TO WIND TURBINE  
DECOMMISSIONING TRANSPARENCY**

**43/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Yallouris and Cr Meggitt that -

1. Council presents to the Canberra Region Joint organisation (CRJO) a proposal that the NSW State Government create and maintain a Centralised online Repository available to member organisations containing records of all existing contracts between the NSW State Government and energy companies, including:
  - o Commissioning dates of wind turbines.
  - o Expected lifecycle duration.
  - o Assurances, bonds, and caveats associated with decommissioning obligations.

- CARRIED

**Councillors who voted for:-**

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

A motion was moved by Cr P Culhane that Council meeting be extended by 30 minutes time in line with the code of meeting practice.

On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

**44/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Culhane and Cr Flanagan that -

1. That Council meeting be extended by 30 minutes time in line with the code of meeting practice.

- CARRIED

**Councillors who voted for:-**

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

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**ITEM 17.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - ENHANCING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
IN STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS OBJECTIVE**

**MOVED** by Cr Meggitt and Cr Yallouris that -

“That Upper Lachlan Shire Council -

1. Establishes a Formal Community Engagement Framework for SSDs, ensuring that residents are adequately informed and provided with accessible platforms to voice concerns.
2. Advocates for Greater Transparency by requesting that project developers and relevant state authorities publicly disclose impact assessments, mitigation plans, and community benefits.
3. Monitors and Reports on SSDs within the region, ensuring that developers comply with all commitments made during the approval process, particularly in areas concerning environmental protection and social responsibility.
4. Creates an Easily Accessible Online Repository to house key information on active SSDs, including environmental reports, economic impact assessments, and community consultation records.
5. Engages with State Authorities to ensure local community concerns are given due weight in decision-making processes regarding SSDs.

- LAPSED

A further motion was put forward by Cr Meggitt and Cr Yallouris

A motion was moved by Cr Meggitt and Cr Yallouris that –

1. Council CEO prepares a motion for the Ordinary Meeting of Council (April 2025) to present to the Canberra Region Joint organisation (CRJO) to address the items raised in Item 17.3 Notice Of Motion - Enhancing Community Engagement in State Significant Developments Objective tabled at 20 March 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.

On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

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**45/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Meggitt and Cr Yallouris that -

1. Council CEO prepares a motion for the Ordinary Meeting of Council (April 2025) to present to the Canberra Region Joint organisation (CRJO) to address the items raised in Item 17.3 Notice Of Motion - Enhancing Community Engagement in State Significant Developments Objective tabled at 20 March 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**SECTION 18: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

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

1. In accordance with clause 9.3 (a) and (b) of the Council Code of Meeting Practice that Confidential Item 19.1 - Fire Safety Inspection: Lot C DP406822, 101 Goulburn Road, Crookwell - Crookwell Hotel be considered at this March 2025 Council Ordinary Meeting, as it contains time sensitive matters and requires Council to table the information.

On being put to the meeting the Motion was Carried.

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**46/25**

**ACCEPTANCE OF LATE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Culhane and Cr Searl that –

1. In accordance with clause 9.3 (a) and (b) of the Council Code of Meeting Practice that Confidential Item 19.1 - Fire Safety Inspection: Lot C DP406822, 101 Goulburn Road, Crookwell - Crookwell Hotel be considered at this March 2025 Council Ordinary Meeting, as it contains time sensitive matters and requires Council to table the information.

- CARRIED

**Councillors who voted for:-**

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**

Nil

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**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:*

**47/25**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

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 (2e) 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, A Meggitt, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

Council closed its meeting at 16:40pm and the public, staff and press left the chambers and live streaming ceased.

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**48/25**                    **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, A Meggitt, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-**            Nil

Open Council resumed at 16:52pm live streaming returned to the public prior to the meeting closing.

**Resolutions from the Closed Council Meeting**

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**                    **FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION: LOT C DP406822, 101 GOULBURN ROAD, CROOKWELL - CROOKWELL HOTEL**

**49/25**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan

1.    The Council notes this report as information only.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**            Nil



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**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 16:55pm**

Minutes confirmed 17 APRIL 2025

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Mayor