

UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 17 APRIL 2025

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 A Croke (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)

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 13:30pm

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

Cr R Cameron declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 16.1 Reports from Committees specifically to the Crookwell Art and District Gallery Committee as his wife is the secretary of the committee and will make a declaration, stay in the chamber, not participate in the debate and not vote.

SECTION 4: CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Nil

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SECTION 5: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM 5.1 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Reynolds
50/25

1. That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 March 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

SECTION 6: PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL/PUBLIC

Nil

SECTION 7: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 7.1 **MAYORAL MINUTE**
51/25 **RESOLVED** by Mayor Culhane and Cr Searl

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

It was noted that Upper Lachlan Shire Council is a NSW Local Government Excellence Award's Finalist for Crookwell Aquatic and Visitor Information centre, in the Asset and Infrastructure – over \$1.5 million – Under 50K population category.

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SECTION 8: CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 8.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025
52/25 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

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

1. Office of Local Government – Circular 25-04 – Draft Quarterly Budget Statement Guidelines.

- 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 9: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

SECTION 10: INFORMATION ONLY

ITEM 10.1 DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS REPORT
53/25 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

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ITEM 10.2 BIOSECURITY REPORT

54/25 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

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

- CARRIED

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Flanagan, G Harris, A Meggitt, S
Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and
T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

ITEM 10.3-10.8 INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS

55/25 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Harris

1. Council receive and note reports 10.3-10.8 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
T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

REPORTS FROM STAFF AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 11: ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Nil

SECTION 12: INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

Nil

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SECTION 13: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

56/25 **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Searl

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 2025/2026;
 - Delivery Program 2025/2026 – 2028/2029;
 - Resource Strategy documents including:-
 - Long Term Financial Plan 2025 – 2034;
 - Infrastructure Plan 2025 – 2034;
 - Workforce Plan 2025/2026 – 2028/2029.

The public exhibition period commences Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025 inclusive, with copies of each plan available for viewing at Council administration offices and libraries, 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, A Meggitt, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

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ITEM 13.2 **REVIEW OF THE SECTION 356 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY**
57/25 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. Council adopts the reviewed Section 356 Financial Assistance Policy.

- CARRIED

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Councillors who voted against:- Nil

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

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SECTION 14: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM 14.1 COUNCIL MOTION TO CANBERRA REGION JOINT ORGANISATION (CRJO) FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS OBJECTIVE

58/25 **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Meggitt

1. Council write to the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) seeking their advocacy to propose that the **NSW Government**;
2. Impose more stringent, localised community engagement requirements for high impact State Significant Developments, particularly those relating to energy production and generation.
3. Create an Online Repository to house key information on current State Significant Development applications, including but not limited to;
 - Environmental reports,
 - Economic impact assessments
 - Community consultation records.
4. Maintain a Centralised online Repository available to all CRJO member organisations containing records of all existing contracts and variations between the NSW State Government and energy companies, including:
 - Commissioning dates of wind turbines.
 - Expected lifecycle duration.
 - 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:-

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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

59/25 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

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

1. Crookwell & District Arts Gallery – Minutes from meeting held 27 February 2025.
2. Crookwell & District Arts Gallery - Chairs Report - held 27 February 2025
3. Gunning Shire Hall & Showground Advisory Committee – Minutes from meeting held 3 March 2025.
4. Tourism and Economic Development s355 Advisory Committee – Minutes from meeting held on 4 April 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

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RESOLVED by Cr Harris and Cr Meggitt that -

1. Council resolve to accept the Tourism and Economic Development s355 Advisory Committee charter.
2. Council place on advertisement an Expression of interest for two new members to join and fill the vacancies the Tourism and Economic Development s355 Advisory Committee.

- 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 17: NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

SECTION 18: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 18.1 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Refer to the business paper for 17 April 2025 Council Meeting for the CEO's comments.

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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:

61/25 **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(2d(i)) 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 15:13pm and the public, staff and press left the chambers and live streaming ceased.

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62/25 **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
T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

Open Council resumed at 15:32pm 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 WEEDS ACTIONS PLAN - FUNDING 2024/2025

63/25 **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan

1. Council receive and note the 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
T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

A motion was moved by Cr Culhane that Council advocate through Country Mayors Association, and the Canberra Region Joint Organisation to lobby the State Government for funding to not be cut to Councils for the NSW Weeds Action program.

On being put the meeting the motion was carried.

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RESOLVED by Cr Cuhane and Cr Searl that -

1. Council advocate through Country Mayors Association, Canberra Region Joint Organisation to lobby the State Government for funding to not be cut to Councils for the NSW Weeds Action program.

- 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

Cr Susan Reynolds left the meeting, the time being 15:30pm and did not return.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 15:35pm

Minutes confirmed 15 MAY 2025

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Mayor