

**UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 19 MARCH 2026**

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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 S Arkinstall (Director of Environment & Planning), Mr K Mahmud (Director Infrastructure), Ms A Stons (Communications Officer) and Administration) and Mrs K McCarthy (Executive Assistant)

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**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 10:01am**

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

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

Mayor Culhane also welcomed the public gallery and noted that no public forum had been held today.

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

**30/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

That the apology of Mr A Croke (Director Finance and Administration) be received and a leave of absence granted.

- 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 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  
**31/26**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 February 2026 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**  
**32/26**                        **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan

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, A Meggitt, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

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**33/26**

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

1. That Council move Item 11.3 DA68/2025 (PAN-559067) - Lot 1 DP 1311613 - 2603 Cullerin Road, Gunning - Clause 4.6 Variation To Minimum Lot Size - forward in Council order of business.

- 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 11.3**

**DA68/2025 (PAN-559067) - LOT 1 DP 1311613 - 2603 CULLERIN ROAD, GUNNING - CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATION TO MINIMUM LOT SIZE**

**34/26**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Reynolds

1. It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the attached conditions.

- 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 8: CORRESPONDENCE**

**ITEM 8.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE MONTH MARCH**  
**35/26 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Reynolds**

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

1. The Office of the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP - Refresh of the Joint Organisations framework - Regional Councils - 9 February 2026.
2. Office of Local Government - Circular 26-04 Advice to councils on transfer of Crown roads to councils - 20 February 2026.
3. AGL - Correspondence to Upper Lachlan Shire Council - Proposed Dalton Gas Power Station - 9 March 2026.

- 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**  
**36/26 RESOLVED by Cr Peirce and Cr Searl**

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 10.2-10.7 INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS**

**37/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Searl

1. Council receive and notes items 10.2-10.7 in 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

Cr Simon Peirce left the meeting, the time being 11:19am  
Cr Simon Peirce returned to the meeting, the time being 11:20am  
Cr Gregory Harris left the meeting, the time being 11:23am  
Cr Alexandra Meggitt left the meeting, the time being 11:25am  
Cr Gregory Harris returned to the meeting, the time being 11:26am  
Cr Alexandra Meggitt returned to the meeting, the time being 11:27am

Council took a short break at 11:41am and the public, staff and press left the chambers and live streaming ceased.

Council resumed at 11:58pm live streaming returned to the public.

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**REPORTS FROM STAFF AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 11: ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

**ITEM 11.1 REQUEST FOR COMMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT – MERINO SOLAR FARM (SSD-59155459) (STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT)**

**38/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Reynolds and Cr Cameron

1. The report be received and noted as information.
2. Council endorses the matters raised within the report to form the basis of a submission to the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed the Merino Solar Farm located at Turrannville and Gundry, approximately 6 km south of Goulburn within Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area.

- 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 11.2**            **ADVICE TO SECRETARY'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS (SEARS) – LANGLEY VALE SOLAR FARM (SSD-100679208) (STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT)**

**39/26**                **RESOLVED** by Cr Meggitt and Cr Flanagan

1. The report be received and noted as information.
2. Council endorses the matters raised within the report to form the basis of a submission to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the proposed Langley Vale Solar Farm at 721 Collector Road, Gunning, and 196 Lucks Lane, Lerida.

- 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 11.3**            **DA68/2025 (PAN-559067) - LOT 1 DP 1311613 - 2603 CULLERIN ROAD, GUNNING - CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATION TO MINIMUM LOT SIZE**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting.

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**ITEM 11.4**            **AMNESTY DAY 2026**  
**40/26**                **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. For 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

**SECTION 12:        INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT**

**ITEM 12.1**            **REVIEW OF ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY**  
**41/26**                **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Reynolds

1. Council adopts the reviewed Asset Management 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 13: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**ITEM 13.1 REVIEW OF DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL REAL ESTATE POLICY**  
**42/26 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce**

1. Council adopts the reviewed Disposal of Council Real Estate 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**

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**  
**43/26 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce**

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

1. Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes from meeting held 1 December 2025.
2. Collector Oval Section 355 committee - Minutes - 4 February 2026.
3. Breadalbane Hall Section 355 Committee – Minutes - 15 February 2026.
4. Gunning Shire Hall and Showground Section 355 Committee – AGM Minutes – 13 October 2025.

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5. Binda Memorial Hall Committee Minutes from Meeting – 10 February 2026.
6. Crookwell Historical Society Minutes from meeting – 12 February 2026.

- 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

**44/26**

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

1. That Council write to Gunning Shire Hall and Showground Section 355 Committee formally accepting the new office bearers – President Kelly Dowling, Deputy Chair Sue Hope, and Secretary Michael Coley.

- CARRIED

**Councillors who voted for:-** Crs R Cameron, P Culhane, V Flanagan, G Harris, 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 - HERITAGE LISTING - BILL'S WATER TROUGH**

**45/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Flanagan and Cr Searl

1. 'That the Bills Water Trough, located in Robertson Street Crookwell, be referred to Council's Heritage Advisor for investigation and consideration for inclusion as an item of State or National significance.'

- 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 17.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - HERITAGE CONSIDERATIONS COWPER STREET CROOKWELL**

**MOVED** by Cr Flanagan and Cr Searl

1. That the existing streetscape located on the Southern side of Cowper Street and bound by Colyer and Spring Streets, is referred to Council's Heritage Advisor for consideration as a locally significant heritage item.
2. That any heritage investigation give consideration to future development and include protections:
  - to encourage the retention and conservation of facades of the houses including existing fencing,
  - to ensure any new subdivision and construction in the zone is consistent with the existing pattern of subdivision and construction (i.e. scale, materials and details of facades),
  - to ensure that any additions are of a form, scale, location and detailing compatible with the traditional typologies of Crookwell; and
  - that do not allow infill development of unsympathetic scale, form, materials or siting.

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

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

**SECTION 18: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**ITEM 18.1 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - ADVISE ON UPGRADE AND USE OF AMENITIES BLOCK AT GUNNING ENDEAVOUR PARK GUNNING**

Refer to the business paper for 19 March 2026 Council Meeting for the CEO's comments.

**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:*

**46/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Meggitt

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 (2) (2d(ii) and 2d(ii) 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

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**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 13:02pm and the public, staff and press left the chambers and live streaming ceased.

**47/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Searl

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 13:14pm 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.

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**SECTION 19: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**ITEM 19.1 SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF CROOKWELL CARAVAN PARK CABINS - TENDER**

**48/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Meggitt and Cr Yallouris

1. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the intention to enter into a contract with Uniplan for the supply, construction and installation of up to (6) cabins at the Crookwell Caravan Park for a lump sum amount not exceeding \$850,000.00 (excl. GST)
2. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute and finalise the contract and associated documentation.

- 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

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 13:15pm**

Minutes confirmed 16 APRIL 2026

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Mayor