

**UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 21 MAY 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 A Hewage (Chief Financial Officer), Mr S Arkinstall (Director of Environment & Planning), Mr K Mahmud (Director Infrastructure), Ms S Pearman (Administration Officer) and Ms A Stons (Communications Officer)

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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 Acknowledgment of Country and notice of meeting/webcast to the meeting.

Mayor Culhane also welcomed the public gallery and noted a public forum had been held prior to the ordinary Council meeting between 9:30-9:45am.

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

An apology was received from Mr A Croke (Director of Finance and Administration).

**65/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

1. That the apology of Mr A Croke 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

It was noted that Cr Meggitt would be late to the meeting.

**SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

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**SECTION 4: CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

Nil

A minutes silence was observed for the passing of Mr John Nicholson and Gwenda Romer.

**SECTION 5: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**66/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Reynolds

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 April 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**

**67/26**

**RESOLVED** by Mayor Culhane and Cr Peirce

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

- 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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**SECTION 8: CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**SECTION 9: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**SECTION 10: INFORMATION ONLY**

**ITEM 10.1 DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS REPORT**

**68/26**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Yallouris

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

**ITEM 10.2-10.9 INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

**69/26**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. Council receive and notes Items 10.2-10.9 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

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**REPORTS FROM STAFF AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 11: ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

**ITEM 11.1 ALCOHOL FREE ZONES**

**70/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Reynolds

1. Council notes, there were no formal submission received during the public exhibition period between 3 November 2025 to 3 December 2025.
2. The Alcohol-Free Zones in Crookwell be re-established from 1 July 2026 to 1 July 2030.
3. The existing Alcohol-Free Zones signage be updated to include the re-established Alcohol-Free Zones dates of 1 July 2026 to 1 July 2030.
4. Informs the relevant Police Local Area District Commander, affected liquor licensees and other organisations of the original proposal and the adoption of the resolution.

- 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 11.2 DA 126/2012.2 - MODIFICATION TO SUBDIVISION STAGE 2**

**71/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Yallouris

1. That the application be approved subject to the attached conditions within report.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Crs V Flanagan and S Peirce

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*Cr Meggitt entered the Chambers the time being 11.23am*

**ITEM 11.3      REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT UPPER LACHLAN HOUSING STRATEGY AND DRAFT UPPER LACHLAN DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN**

**72/26            RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan**

1. Council notes the Upper Lachlan Housing Strategy and Development Control Plan Review of Submissions Report 2026.
2. Council resolves to support the revisions to the Draft Upper Lachlan Housing Strategy and Draft Upper Lachlan Development Control Plan (with the exception of the removal of the preamble at Part D7) for further public exhibition.
3. Council place the Draft Upper Lachlan Housing Strategy, Draft Upper Lachlan Development Control Plan and Upper Lachlan Review of Submission Report 2026 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 56 days.
4. Upon completion of the exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council outlining any submissions received.
5. Accept the Fee Proposal of \$12,500 plus GST from Currajong – Planning, Property & Project Management Services to undertake the associate work for Re-exhibiting the Upper Lachlan Housing Strategy and Development Control Plan.
6. Approve the Allocation and Expenditure of \$12,500 plus GST of funding from Councils Section 7.11 Developer Contribution Plan (Upper Lachlan Development Contributions Plan 2007) – ‘Plan Administration’ reserves to fund the associated works.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Crs P Culhane and G Harris

**SECTION 12:      INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT**

Nil

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**SECTION 13: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**ITEM 13.1 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENTS - 3RD QUARTER 2025/2026**

**73/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan

1. Council endorses the 3rd Quarter Budget Review Statements for 2025/2026 including revotes of income and expenditure to the Operational Plan; and
2. Council endorses the Operational Plan Performance Summary Report.

- 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 Peirce left the chamber the time being 11.39am.*

*Cr Peirce returned to the chamber the time being 11.42am.*

*Cr Cameron left the Chamber the time being 11.48 am.*

*Cr Cameron returned to the Chamber the time being 11.49am.*

**ITEM 13.2 REVIEW OF COUNCIL BORROWINGS/LOANS POLICY**

**74/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Flanagan and Cr Cameron

1. Council adopt the reviewed Borrowings/Loans 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

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

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**SECTION 14: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Nil

**SECTION 15: LATE REPORTS**

Nil

*Council took a short break at 11:55 am and paused live streaming to the public.  
Council resumed at 12.31pm live streaming returned to the public.*

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

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

**75/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Reynolds

That Minutes of Committee/Information listed below be received:

1. Stonequarry Cemetery Committee - Minutes from meeting held 15 April 2025.
2. Breadalbane Hall Section 355 Committee - Minutes from meeting held 12 April 2026.
3. Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes from meeting held 31 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

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**SECTION 17: NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEM 17.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - GREEN WASTE COLLECTION AND FUEL SUPPLY**

**MOVED** by Cr Cameron and Cr Reynolds

Council:

1. receives a report from the CEO each month until the green waste service is resumed, detailing the volume of fuel saved and subsequently stored to be available for critical services if Council's fuel is not supplied as contracted;
2. receives a report from the CEO each month until the green waste service is resumed, detailing whether fuel supply uncertainty has actually resulted in non-delivery of contracted supply, and
3. receives a report from the CEO at or before its June meeting, detailing the periodic review process including factors that will be considered when deciding whether or not fuel supply challenges have been alleviated and the green waste service can be resumed."

- LOST

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

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

A foreshadowed motion was moved by Cr Cameron and Cr Reynolds That Council receive at each meeting until the green waste service is resumed a brief update on fuel supply certainty and usage, and current thinking re the resumption of the service.

On being put to the meeting the foreshadowed motion was carried therefore becoming the resolution.

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**76/26**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Cameron and Cr Reynolds

1. That Council receive at each meeting until the green waste service is resumed a brief update on fuel supply certainty and usage, and current thinking re the resumption of the service.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** J Searl

**ITEM 17.2**

**NOTICE OF MOTION - LIMERICK WIND FARM AND OTHER SSD - PRELIMINARY RISK ASSESSMENT**

**77/26**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Yallouris and Cr Cameron

That Upper Lachlan Shire Council undertake a preliminary investigation, and that the General Manager provide a preliminary report to Council, regarding future potential risks to Council should the Limerick Wind Farm and other active SSD being developed, with specific reference to:

- Responsibilities of Council to protect the value of land through planning controls
- Responsibilities of Council to investigate a public nuisance complaint or order abatement
- Responsibility of Council to commission scenic or landscape assessments
- Responsibility of Council to manage local traffic impacts arising from wind farm construction and operation
- Exposure of Council should ratepayers suffer property diminution due to inappropriate wind farm development affecting land values and amenity expectations

- 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 18: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**ITEM 18.1 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - FUEL SUPPLY STATUS**

Refer to the business paper for 21 May 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:*

**78/26**                      **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Cameron

1. That Council move into closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
2. That pursuant to 10A 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 (2g) (2c) and (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 13.26 pm and the public, staff and press left the chambers and live streaming ceased.

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**79/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Reynolds and Cr Cameron

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 14.21pm 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**                    **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS REPORT**  
**80/26**                        **RESOLVED** by Cr Cameron and Cr Meggitt

1.    Council receive and note 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  
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**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

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**ITEM 19.2            UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT OF ONE MULTIPURPOSE ROAD MAINTENANCE TRUCK**

**81/26                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, A Meggitt, S Peirce, S Reynolds, J Searl and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

**ITEM 19.3            RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - 16 OCTOBER 2025 (191/25)**

**82/26                RESOLVED by Cr Yallouris and Cr Peirce**

1. Council receive and notes the Legal Advice provided by BAL Lawyers on 1 April 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

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 14.22pm**

Minutes confirmed 18 JUNE 2026

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Mayor