

**UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 18 JUNE 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 J Searl, Cr T Yallouris, Ms A Waldron (Chief Executive Officer), Mr A Croke (Director Finance and Administration), Mr S Arkinstall (Director of Environment & Planning), Mr K Mahmud (Director Infrastructure), and Mrs K McCarthy (Executive Assistant)

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**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 10:06AM**

**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 noted a public forum was held between 9:32am – 9:50am on Item 11.1 – DA 192026 (PAN-614930) – 52 Lot Subdivision – Corner McDonald Street and Tait Street Crookwell Lot 350 DP 1301003.

**SECTION 2: CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

1. Therese Becker – Germany
2. Stephen Johnston – Wales

Council took a short break following the Citizenship Ceremony at 10:17am

Council resumed its ordinary meeting at 10:37am

**83/26**

**RESOLVED** by Mayor Culhane and Cr Peirce that –

1. That Council move Item 13.3 - Rescind 2025 Council Code of Meeting Practice Resolution in Council order of business.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

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**ITEM 13.3**            **RESCIND 2025 COUNCIL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**  
**84/26**                **RESOLUTION**  
**RESOLVED** by Cr Harris and Cr Flanagan that -

1. Council rescind the Council Code of Meeting Practice adopted on 16 April 2026 as Resolution Number 59/26 after disallowance of the prescribed Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils by the NSW Parliament.
2. Council in accordance with Section 360, and 362(1)(a) and (2), of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts the previous version Council Code of Meeting Practice as adopted at the Council Meeting held on 18 September 2025 as previous Council Resolution Number 158/25.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

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**SECTION 3:            APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**85/26**                **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Cameron

1. That the apology of Cr S Reynolds 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  
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**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

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**SECTION 4:       DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Rob Cameron declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in Section 16.1 Reports to Committees – Gullen Range and Crookwell III & III Windfarm as he is member of Crookwell Rotary Club and Grabben Gullen Hall and will make a declaration, stay in the chamber, not participate in the debate and not vote.

Cr Paul Culhane declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in Section 16.1 Reports to Committees – Crookwell II and III Windfarm as he is a life member of Crookwell AP&H Society and will make a declaration, stay in the chamber, not participate in the debate and not vote.

Cr Vivienne Flanagan declared a Non Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in Section 16.1 Reports to Committees – Crookwell II Windfarm as she is a resident of the Roslyn Community and a member of the Roslyn Progress & Memorial Hall who are a grant recipient and will make a declaration, stay in the chamber, not participate in the debate and not vote.

Cr Alexandra Meggitt declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in Section 16.1 Reports to Committees – Crookwell II Windfarm as she is a member of the Crookwell & District extreme obstacle racing club incorporated who are a grant recipient and will make a declaration, stay in the chamber, not participate in the debate and not vote.

**86/26**

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

1. That Council move Item 16.1 Reports from Committees for the months of April and May in Council order of business.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

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

**87/26                 RESOLVED by Cr Peirce and Cr Searl that -**

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

1. Crookwell II Wind Farm Community Fund Committee – Minutes from meeting held 25 May 2026.
2. Cullerin Range Wind Farm Community Fund Committee – Minutes from meeting held 25 May 2026.
3. Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund Committee – Minutes from meeting held 1 June 2026.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

**88/26                 RESOLVED by Cr Peirce and Cr Yallouris that -**

1. Council write to successful applicants for the 2026/2027 Crookwell II and III Windfarm Community Fund Grant.

- CARRIED

**Councillors who voted for:-**            Crs G Harris, S Peirce, J Searl and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

NB: Mayor Culhane, Cr Cameron, Cr Meggitt and Cr Flanagan did not participate and did not vote in the above resolution due to their Declaration of interest.

**89/26                 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce that –**

1. Council write to successful applicants for the 2026/2027 Gullen Range Windfarm Community Fund Grant.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

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**90/26**

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

1. Council write to successful applicants for the 2026/2027 Cullerin Range Windfarm Community Fund Grant.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

NB: Cr Cameron, did not participate and did not vote in the above resolution due to his Declaration of interest.

**91/26**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Meggitt and Cr Flanagan that –

1. That Council move Item 11.1 DA 19/2026 (PAN-614930) - 52 Lot Subdivision - Corner McDonald Street and Tait Street CROOKWELL, Lot 350 DP 1301003 in Council order of business.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**ITEM 11.1**

**DA 19/2026 (PAN-614930) - 52 LOT SUBDIVISION - CORNER MCDONALD STREET AND TAIT STREET CROOKWELL, LOT 350 DP 1301003**

**92/26**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Harris and Cr Yallouris

It is recommended that:

1. DA 19/2026 (PAN- 614930) for a 52-lot subdivision be approved generally in accordance with the conditions contained in the draft conditions of consent.
2. The draft Voluntary Planning Agreement be revised to include a 30-year maintenance contribution for the stormwater detention basin and then be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

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3. Following the exhibition period, the matter be reported back to Council to consider any lawful concerns received with the submissions or the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to finalise and enter into the VPA should no significant submission be received.
4. Council's Chief Executive Officer and the developer endorse the VPA before any construction works commence on the subdivision.
5. That Council publicly exhibits the proposed street name of "Hills" in accordance with the *NSW Roads Act* for a minimum of 28 days and should there be no objection received, Council to forward the name to the Geographical Names Board seeking formal approval; or should any objection be received, the matter be reported back to Council to consider the submissions and any alternative name/s.

- CARRIED

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

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

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

A minutes silence was observed for Mr Dennis Crowe, who recently passed. Dennis was a Gunning resident and member of Gunning RSL Chapter.

**SECTION 5: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**ITEM 5.1**            **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Searl  
**93/26**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 May 2026 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

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

Nil

**SECTION 7: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE**

**94/26**

**RESOLVED** by Mayor Culhane and Cr Peirce

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

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**SECTION 8: CORRESPONDENCE**

**ITEM 8.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE**

**95/26**

**RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

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

1. Office of Local Government – Circular 26-05 - 2026/2027 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.
2. Office of Local Government - Circular 26-06 - Rates Related Determinations for Councils 2026-2027.
3. Office of Local Government – Circular 26-07 – Time Series Data 2024-2025.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**SECTION 9: LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

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**SECTION 10: INFORMATION ONLY**

Cr Simon Peirce left the meeting, the time being 12:00pm

Cr Simon Peirce returned to the meeting, the time being 12:02pm

**ITEM 10.1 DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS REPORT**

**96/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Harris

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, J Searl and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

Cr Alexandra Meggitt left the meeting, the time being 12:14pm and did not return to chambers.

**ITEM 10.2-10.9 INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

**97/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

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, J Searl and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

*Council took a short break at 12:24pm and paused live streaming to the public.  
Council resumed at 12:49pm live streaming returned to the public.*

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**REPORTS FROM STAFF AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 11: ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

**ITEM 11.1**            **DA 19/2026 (PAN-614930) - 52 LOT SUBDIVISION - CORNER MCDONALD STREET AND TAIT STREET CROOKWELL, LOT 350 DP 1301003**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting.

**ITEM 11.2**            **ENERGY    LEGISLATION    AMENDMENT    (PRIORITISING RENEWABLE ENERGY) BILL 2026**

**98/26**                **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Cameron

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, J Searl and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

**SECTION 12: INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT**

Nil

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**SECTION 13: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**ITEM 13.1 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - ADOPTION OF 2026/2027 COUNCIL PLANS**

**99/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

1. Council, in accordance with Sections 8A-8C and Sections 403-406, of the Local Government Act 1993 resolve to adopt the following Strategic Plans:-
  1. Operational Plan 2026/2027;
  2. Delivery Program 2026/2027 – 2029/2030;
  3. Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2035;
  4. Infrastructure Plan 2026-2035; and
  5. Workforce Plan 2026/2027 – 2029/2030.
2. Council approves expenditure and votes money according to the integrated financial budget contained within Council's 2026/2027 Operational Plan.
3. Council provide an acknowledgment and response to the public submissions received.
4. Council make the Revenue Policy, including Fees and Charges, and operational and capital budget as outlined in the 2026/2027 Operational Plan.
5. Council in accordance with Section 506, of the Local Government Act 1993, and the Office of Local Government advice, and in accordance with the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW determination, hereby adopt a 4.90% permissible Ordinary (General) Rates Increase for 2026/2027.
6. Council in accordance with Section 566 (3), of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby resolves that the Interest Rate to apply to all overdue Rates and Charges be calculated at the maximum permissible Interest Rate of 9.50% per annum, calculated on a daily basis, as determined by the Office of Local Government.
7. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 537 and 543 (1), Council make a general ordinary rate Ad-Valorem of 0.0010674 for Farmland Rating Category inclusive of a Base Amount of \$550.00 per Assessment being 24% of the total

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amount payable for land categorised as Farmland, for the year 2026/2027.

8. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 537 and 543 (1), Council make a general ordinary rate Ad-Valorem of 0.0018732 for the Residential Rating Category inclusive of a Base Amount of \$275.00 per Assessment being 37% of the total amount payable for land categorised as Residential, for the year 2026/2027.
9. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 537 and 543 (1), Council make a general ordinary rate Ad-Valorem of 0.0013384 for the Residential – Non Urban Rating Category inclusive of a Base Amount of \$275.00 per Assessment being 31% of the total amount payable for land categorised as Residential – Non Urban, for the year 2026/2027.
10. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 537 and 543 (1), Council make a general ordinary rate Ad-Valorem of 0.0065910 for the Business – Crookwell Rating Category inclusive of a Base Amount of \$275.00 per Assessment being 23% of the total amount payable for land categorised as Business - Crookwell, for the year 2026/2027.
11. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 537 and 543 (1), Council make a general ordinary rate Ad-Valorem of 0.0039130 for the Business – Gunning Rating Category inclusive of the Base Amount of \$275.00 per Assessment being 31% of the total amount payable for land categorised as Business – Gunning for the year 2026/2027.
12. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 537 and 543 (1), Council make a general ordinary rate Ad-Valorem of 0.0033666 for the Business – Taralga Rating Category inclusive of the Base Amount of \$275.00 per Assessment being 30% of the total amount payable for land categorised as Business – Taralga for the year 2026/2027.
13. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 537 and 543 (1), Council make a general ordinary rate Ad-Valorem of 0.0156410 for the Business – General Rating Category inclusive of the Base Amount of \$280.00 per Assessment being 4% of the total amount payable for land categorised as Business – General for the year 2026/2027.

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14. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 537 and 543 (1), Council make a general ordinary rate Ad-Valorem of 0.0056600 for the Mining Rating Category inclusive of the Base Amount of \$280.00 per Assessment being 11% of the total amount payable for land categorised as Mining for the year 2026/2027.
15. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Crookwell Water Supply Annual Charge subject to a Water Access Fee of \$656.00 and a Water Availability Charge of \$656.00, for the year 2026/2027.
16. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Taralga Water Supply Annual Charge subject to a Water Access Fee of \$656.00 and a Water Availability Charge of \$656.00, for the year 2026/2027.
17. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Dalton Water Supply Annual Charge subject to a Water Access Fee of \$656.00 and a Water Availability Charge of \$656.00, for the year 2026/2027.
18. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Gunning Water Supply Annual Charge subject to a Water Access Fee of \$656.00 and a Water Availability Charge of \$656.00, for the year 2026/2027.
19. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Gunning Sewer Supply Access Charge of \$1,102.00 per Assessment categorised as Residential Occupied and an Access Charge of \$724.00 for Residential Unoccupied, for the year 2026/2027.
20. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Gunning Sewer Supply Best Practice Pricing Access Charge per Assessment categorised as Non-Residential and Business of \$1,102.00, a Sewer Discharge Factor of 0.77 and a Usage Charge of \$4.89, for the year 2026/2027.
21. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Gunning Sewer Supply Best Practice Pricing Access Charge per Assessment categorised as Churches / Schools / Hospitals / Nursing Homes

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and Parks of \$1,102.00, a Sewer Discharge Factor of 0.50 and a Usage Charge \$4.89, for the year 2026/2027.

22. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Gunning Sewer Supply Best Practice Pricing Access Charge per Assessment categorised as Commercial of \$1,102.00, a Sewer Discharge Factor of 0.60 and a Usage Charge of \$4.89, for the year 2026/2027.
23. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Crookwell Sewer Supply Access Charge of \$1,102.00 per Assessment categorised as Residential Occupied and an Access Charge of \$724.00 for Residential Unoccupied, for the year 2026/2027.
24. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Crookwell Sewer Supply Best Practice Pricing Access Charge per Assessment categorised as Commercial of \$1,102.00, a Sewer Discharge Factor of 0.60 and a Usage Charge of \$4.89, for the year 2026/2027.
25. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Crookwell Sewer Supply Best Practice Pricing Access Charge per Assessment categorised as Non-Residential and Business of \$1,102.00, a Sewer Discharge Factor of 0.77 and a Usage Charge of \$4.89, for the year 2026/2027.
26. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections, 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Crookwell Sewer Supply Best Practice Pricing Access Charge per Assessment categorised as Churches / Schools / Hospitals / Nursing Homes and Parks of \$1,102.00, a Sewer Discharge Factor of 0.50 and a Usage Charge of \$4.89, for the year 2026/2027.
27. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Taralga Sewer Supply Access Charge of \$1,102.00 per Assessment categorised as Residential Occupied and an Access Charge of \$724.00 for Residential Unoccupied, for the year 2026/2027.
28. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Taralga Sewer Supply Best

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Practice Pricing Access Charge per Assessment categorised as Non-Residential and Business of \$1,102.00, a Sewer Discharge Factor of 0.77 and a Usage Charge of \$4.89, for the year 2026/2027.

29. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Taralga Sewer Supply Best Practice Pricing Access Charge per Assessment categorised as Commercial of \$1,102.00, a Sewer Discharge Factor of 0.60 and a Usage Charge of \$4.89, for the year 2026/2027.
30. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections, 535, 543 (1), 501 and 552, Council make a Taralga Sewer Supply Best Practice Pricing Access Charge per Assessment categorised as Churches / Schools / Hospitals / Nursing Homes and Parks of \$1,102.00, a Sewer Discharge Factor of 0.50 and a Usage Charge of \$4.89, for the year 2026/2027.
31. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections, 535, 543 (1), and 496, Council make a shire wide Domestic Waste Management Service Charge of \$703.00 per service for the year 2026/2027.
32. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections, 535, 543 (1), and 496, Council make a shire wide Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge of \$278.00 per Rateable Assessment. This annual charge is for each vacant property that is categorised as Residential and is in the pickup service area, for the year 2026/2027.
33. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections, 535, 543 (1), and 501, Council make a Commercial Waste Service Charge of \$833.00 per service for each rateable Assessment categorised as Business – Gunning, Business – Taralga, Business – Crookwell, and Business – General, for the year 2026/2027.
34. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1) and 501, Council make a Commercial Waste Availability Charge of \$278.00 per Assessment for Rateable Assessments categorised as Business – Gunning, Business – Taralga, Business – Crookwell, and Business – General, for the year 2026/2027.

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35. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 535, 543 (1) and 501, Council make a Rural Waste Annual Charge of \$305.80 per Rateable Assessment categorised as Farmland, Residential – Non Urban, and Residential, for properties that do not have a Domestic Waste Management Charge and do not have a Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge for the year 2026/2027.
36. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections, 535, 543 (1), and 496A, Council make a Stormwater Management Annual Charge for the towns of Taralga, Crookwell, Gunning and Collector of \$25.00 per Rateable Assessment categorised as Residential, for the year 2026/2027.
37. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections, 535, 543 (1), and 496A, Council make a Stormwater Management Annual Charge for the towns of Taralga, Crookwell, Gunning, and Collector of \$50.00 per Rateable Assessment categorised as Business – Gunning, Business – Taralga, Business – Crookwell, and Business – General, for the year 2026/2027.
38. Under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Section 502, Council make a Water Supply User Pay Consumption Charge for the towns of Taralga, Crookwell, Gunning and Dalton. The charge Tariff 1 - \$4.89 per kilolitre consumed up to a maximum of 200 kilolitres and charge for Tariff 2 - \$6.47 per kilolitre consumed above 200 kilolitres, for the year 2026/2027.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Cr G Harris

**ITEM 13.2                    MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' FEES - DETERMINATION BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

**MOVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

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1. Council notes the determination of annual fees by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Councillors and Mayors and resolves to set a Rural Category fee structure for the period 2026/2027 as a Councillor Fee of \$14,450 and a Mayor Fee of \$31,510.

- LOST

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

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

Councillors fee and Mayor fee will remain at the 2025/2026 adopted remuneration as per resolution 93/25 - \$13,930 as a Councillor Fee and \$30,390 a Mayor Fee.

**ITEM 13.3 RESCIND 2025 COUNCIL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE RESOLUTION**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting.

**ITEM 13.4 REVIEW OF PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES POLICY**

**100/26** **RESOLVED** by Cr Flanagan and Cr Searl

1. Council under Section 252, of the Local Government Act 1993, review the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.
2. Council under Section 253, of the Local Government Act 1993, gives public notice of its intention to adopt and amend the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy allowing 28 days public exhibition period for members of the community to make public submissions.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

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**101/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Mayor Culhane and Cr Flanagan that -

1. Council extend the meeting in line with Council's Code of meeting practice in accordance with time limits.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

**SECTION 14:            CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**ITEM 14.1            COUNCIL FUEL SUPPLY UPDATE**

**101/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

1. Council receive and note the report as information.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Crs R Cameron and T Yallouris

**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 APRIL AND MAY**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting.

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**SECTION 17: NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEM 17.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ESTABLISHMENT OF S355 COMMITTEE**  
**102/26 RESOLVED by Cr Harris and Cr Cameron**

1. Establish a Section 355 Operating Committee under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 to be known as the Taralga War Memorial Hall Management Committee, to exercise the function of the care, control and management of the Taralga War Memorial Hall.
2. Delegate to the Committee all powers and functions provided for Operating Committees managing community halls under Council's Section 355 Committee Policy (Res 183/23) and Code of Practice (Res 182/23), including but not limited to the management of bookings, hiring, fee recommendations, minor maintenance, financial records, and day-to-day operations.
3. Request the CEO to prepare a draft Terms of Reference / Constitution for the Committee that maximises local community autonomy within the framework of the Policy and Code and report it back to Council at/or before September 2026 Council's Ordinary Meeting.
4. Call for Expressions of Interest from the Taralga community for membership of the Committee, with applications closing four weeks after public advertisement.
5. Appoint a primary and alternate Councillor representative to the Committee, consistent with arrangements for other community hall committees.
6. Note that Council will continue to provide Property Protection (building insurance) and \$20 million Public Liability Insurance. Further, Council will consider funding for annual maintenance and electricity on a basis consistent with support provided to other community hall committees, subject to annual budget allocations.

- CARRIED

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

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

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**SECTION 18: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**ITEM 18.1 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - INFRASOUND ACOUSTIC (DB) REPORT - WIND FARMS**

Refer to the business paper for 18 June 2026 Council Meeting for the CEO's comments.

**ITEM 18.2 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - ROAD CLOSED - LOT 1 DP 1091238**

Refer to the business paper for 18 June 2026 Council Meeting for the CEO's comments.

Cr Simon Peirce left the meeting, the time being 13:57pm.

**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:*

**103/26 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 (2) - 10A(2d(i)) and (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.

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- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

Council closed its meeting at 13:57pm and the public, staff and press left the chambers and live streaming ceased.

**104/26**            **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Harris

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, J Searl and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

Open Council resumed at 14:09pm 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.

Cr Simon Peirce returned to the meeting, the time being 13:59pm.

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**SECTION 19: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**ITEM 19.1**                    **PROCUREMENT OF ONE NEW GARBAGE TRUCK**  
**105/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Flanagan and Cr Yallouris

1. Council purchase one Iveco fitted with Superior Pak side loading body for the sum of \$541,910 EX GST from Superior Pak.
2. Dispose of existing truck (Council plant number 693) through public auction.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**            Nil

**ITEM 19.2**                    **TENDER - PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES**  
**106/26**                    **RESOLVED** by Cr Flanagan and Cr Cameron

1. Council accept the tendered submission from Specialist Site Services to undertake the MR54 Segment 640 Abercrombie Slope 95421 Slope Stabilisation works with a total price of \$687,213.70 excl GST.
2. Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer authority to execute the contract for engagement of Specialist Site Services.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**            Nil

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**ITEM 19.3            GUNNING SOLAR FARM (SSD-46668486) REVISED PLANNING  
AGREEMENT OFFER**

**107/26            RESOLVED by Cr Flanagan and Cr Searl**

1. Council note the report as listed for information only.

- CARRIED

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

**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

**ITEM 19.4            TENDER FOR THE POWER SUPPLY AND UPGRADE TO  
ELECTRICITY AT CROOKWELL CARAVAN PARK**

**108/26            RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Cameron that -**

1. In accordance with clause 9.3 (a) and (b) of the Council Code of Meeting Practice that Confidential item 19.4 Tender for the power supply and upgrade to electricity at Crookwell Caravan Park be considered at this June 2026 Council Ordinary Meeting, as the information is time sensitive.

- CARRIED

**Councillors who voted for:-**            Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, V  
Flanagan, G Harris, S Peirce, J  
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**Councillors who voted against:-**    Nil

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**RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan

1. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the intention to enter into a contract with JRC Electrical for the supply, and installation of electricity at the Crookwell Caravan Park for a lump sum amount not exceeding \$336,397.63 (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, S Peirce, J Searl and T Yallouris

**Councillors who voted against:-** Nil

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 14:12pm**

Minutes confirmed 16 JULY 2026

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Mayor