

UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 16 JULY 2026

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 A Croke (Director Finance and Administration), Mrs M Selmes Executive Assistant to Director of Finance and Administration) and Mrs K McCarthy (Executive Assistant)

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 10:02am

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

110/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Searl

1. That the apology of Mr K Mahmud (Director Infrastructure) be received and a leave of absence granted.
2. The late apology for attendance of Cr A Meggitt be received and accepted.

- 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 3: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Rob Cameron declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Confidential Item 19.1 Crookwell & District Art Gallery Complaint Outcome as his wife is the secretary of the Crookwell District Art Gallery Section 355 committee, and will make a declaration, leave the chamber, not participate in the debate and not vote on this item.

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SECTION 4: CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Nil

A minutes silence was observed for Mr Peter Smith, who recently passed. Peter was a former Upper Lachlan Shire Council employee serving from 2008 - 2024.

SECTION 5: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM 5.1 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan
111/26

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 June 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

A Presentation on Gunning Solar Farm from Development Manager Matilda Wachsmann of Zero E Australia.

SECTION 7: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 7.1 **MAYORAL MINUTE**
112/26 **RESOLVED** by Mayor Culhane and Cr Flanagan

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

- 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

ITEM 8.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY
113/26 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Reynolds

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

1. Office of Local Government – Circular 26-08 Consultation on Councillor Conduct reforms.
2. Office of Local Government – Circular GC155 - 2026-2027 Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) – Advance Payment.
3. Office of Local Government – Circular 26-09 - The Local Government (General) Amendment (Meetings) Regulation 2026.
4. The Hon. Kristy McBain MP – New Disaster Recovery Funding Framework.
5. Rural Fire Service - Transition of the Red Fleet firefighting fleet from local councils to the RFS

- 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

Cr Gregory Harris left the meeting, the time being 10:51am

Cr Gregory Harris returned to the meeting, the time being 10:55am

SECTION 9: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

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Mayor Culhane moved a motion that Council move Item 17.1 Notice of Motion Green Waste Collection Service and Waste Review be moved up in Council order of business.

On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

114/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Culhane and Cr Peirce that –

1. That Council move Item 17.1 Notice of Motion Green Waste Collection Service and Waste Review be moved forward in Council order of business.

- 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 17.1 **NOTICE OF MOTION - GREEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE AND WASTE REVIEW**

115/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Culhane and Cr Peirce that

1. That ULSC reinstate the Green waste collection service from 1 September 2026 with an annual pause from 1 June to 31 August;
2. All waste services be examined once the waste review has been finalised, including but not limited elements like whether green waste should be limited to urban areas and whether accessibility to transfer stations in some rural localities such as Bigga can be extended.

- CARRIED

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

Councillors who voted against:- Cr T Yallouris

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An amendment was moved by Cr Yallouris and Cr Cameron that -

1. That ULSC reinstate the Green waste collection service as soon as practicable, but no later than 1 September 2026 and
2. All waste services be examined once the waste review has been finalised, including but not limited elements like whether green waste should be limited to urban areas and whether accessibility to transfer stations in some rural localities such as Bigga can be extended.

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- LOST

Councillors who voted for:-

Crs R Cameron, S Reynolds and
T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:-

Crs P Culhane, V Flanagan, G
Harris, S Peirce and J Searl

Cr Peirce left the meeting, the time being 11:20am

Cr Peirce returned to the meeting, the time being 11:22am

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SECTION 10: INFORMATION ONLY

ITEM 10.1 DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS REPORT

116/26 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Reynolds

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 10.2-10.6 INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS 10.2-10.6

117/26 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

1. Council receive and notes Items 10.2–10.6 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 KERBSIDE GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

118/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. Council note Green waste collection service will be reinstated from 1 September 2026 with an annual pause from 1 June to 31 August;
2. Council notify the public of the recommencement of the kerbside green waste collection service; and
3. Council reinstate the gate charge for green waste disposal at all transfer stations.

- 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 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT (STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS) ORDER 2026

119/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Reynolds and Cr Flanagan

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

- 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 12: INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

Nil

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Council took a short break at 11:59am and paused live streaming to the public.

Council resumed at 12:25pm live streaming returned to the public

SECTION 13: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

ITEM 13.1 DELIVERY PROGRAM BI-ANNUAL REVIEW 2025/2026

120/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Reynolds and Cr Flanagan

1. Council adopt the Delivery Program Actions Report review for the six month period ended 30 June 2026.

- 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 13.2 REVIEW OF USE OF COUNCIL LOGO AND SEAL POLICY

121/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce

1. Council adopts the reviewed Use of Council Logo and Seal Policy.

- CARRIED

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

Councillors who voted against:- Cr V Flanagan

Abstained:- Crs S Peirce and S Reynolds

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An amendment was moved by Cr Flanagan and Cr Harris that –

1. Council undertake a review of 'Use of Council Logo and Seal Policy' which includes the removal of portions of the policy relating to use of the Council seal.

On being put to the meeting the motion was lost.

MOVED by Cr Flanagan and Cr Harris that -

1. Council undertake a review of 'Use of Council Logo and Seal Policy' which includes the removal of portions of the policy relating to use of the Council seal.

- LOST

Councillors who voted for:- Crs V Flanagan, G Harris and S Peirce

Councillors who voted against:- Crs P Culhane, R Cameron, J Searl and T Yallouris

Abstained:- Cr S Reynolds

ITEM 13.3
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Review of Code of Practice for Section 355 Committees

RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Peirce –

1. Council adopts the reviewed Code of Practice for Section 355 Committees.

-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 Meggitt arrived to the meeting, the time being 12:53pm.

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

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ITEM 13.4 **REVIEW OF SECTION 355 COMMITTEE POLICY**
123/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. Council adopts the reviewed Section 355 Committee 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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ITEM 13.5 **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - LIMERICK WINDFARM AND OTHER SSD - PRELIMINARY RISK ASSESSMENT**
MOVED by Cr Reynolds and Cr Flanagan

1. Council receive and note the report and consider the reports preliminary review and adopt option 2 in the report.

- LOST

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

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

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SECTION 14: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM 14.1 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR LEASE OF CAFE AT THE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE CROOKWELL

124/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan

1. Endorse the commencement of an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the commercial lease of the café located within the Crookwell Visitor Information Centre, 208 Goulburn Street, Crookwell, with the EOI to be publicly advertised for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. Receive a further report following the EOI process for Council's consideration of the preferred respondent and proposed lease arrangements.

- 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 14.2 COUNCIL FUEL SUPPLY UPDATE

125/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

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 T Yallouris

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

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

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

SECTION 15: LATE REPORTS

Nil

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

ITEM 16.1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND
JULY

127/26 RESOLVED by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan

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

1. Collector Wind Farm Community Fund Committee – Minutes from meeting held 15 June 2026.
2. Taralga Wind Farm Community Fund Committee – Minutes from meeting held 15 June 2026.
3. Rye Park Wind Farm Community Fund Committee – Minutes from meeting held 15 June 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

128/26 RESOLVED by Cr Flanagan and Cr Searl that -

1. Council write to successful applicants for the 2026/2027 Collector Wind Farm Community Fund 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

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129/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan that -

1. Council write to successful applicants for the 2026/2027 Taralga Wind Farm Community Fund 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

130/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Peirce and Cr Flanagan that -

1. Council write to successful applicants for the 2026/2027 Rye Park Wind Farm Community Fund Committee

- 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 17: NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM 17.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - GREEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE AND WASTE REVIEW

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting.

SECTION 18: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

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 (2a), 10 (2c), (2d) and 10 A (2d(ii)) 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:

131/26 **RESOLVED** by Mayor Culhane and Cr Searl

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) 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 13:24pm and the public, staff and press left the chambers and live streaming ceased.

Council took a short break, the time being 13:25 – 13:35pm.

132/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

That Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

- CARRIED

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Open Council resumed at 13:57pm 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 Cameron left the meeting, the time being 13:35pm in line with his declaration.

Cr Reynolds left the meeting, the time being 13:36pm
Cr Reynolds returned to the meeting, the time being 13:37pm

SECTION 19: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

ITEM 19.1 CROOKWELL & DISTRICT ART GALLERY COMPLAINT OUTCOME

133/26 **RESOLVED** by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. Council receive and note the report as information

- CARRIED

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

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

Cr Cameron returned to the meeting, the time being 13:46pm.

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ITEM 19.2 CROOKWELL VIC POWER SUPPLY

134/26 RESOLVED by Cr Searl and Cr Flanagan

1. Council allocate up to \$150,000.00 from Section 7.11 reserves – Community Facilities to enable the completion of connecting the VIC power supply.

- 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 13:58pm

Minutes confirmed 20 AUGUST 2026

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Mayor