

## Ordinary Meeting

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, 27 January, 2026

**Location:** Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra

The following information was provided to Councillors in response to questions submitted to the CEO prior to the Council Meeting. The information is published in accordance with Section 3.32 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

### **CL26.1: Notice of Motion - Low-Cost Rental Initiative Working Group**

**Questions: Councillor Casmiri**

1. the number of caravan parks and camping grounds operating in the Shoalhaven
2. the total number of sites within those parks
3. the breakdown of the sites into Permanents / Short term sites / camping sites.
4. the number or privately owned cabins and caravans
5. Same as above for SCC owned Holiday Haven parks

**Answer: Director – City Development, Emma Struys**

1. the number of caravan parks and camping grounds operating in the Shoalhaven = 88 Parks
2. the total number of sites in all those parks (Total) = 11074 Total Sites for all parks
3. the breakdown of the sites into Permanents / Short term sites / camping sites across all parks = Permanents 1672 Sites/ Short term 7472 Sites/ Camping Site 1930.

Council does not hold information regarding the arrangements or agreements directly between caravan park owners and their tenants.

Details relating to Council's Holiday Haven operations are outlined below for all 12 locations. Please note that Holiday Haven forms part of the City Services portfolio.

## Holiday Haven Site Stats - as at January 2026

| Park Name        | Total Cabins | Safari Tents | Powered Sites | Premium Powered | Ens. Powered Sites | Unpowered Sites | Total Sites | Holiday Van Sites (Privately Owned) | Total Permanents | Total Cabins/Sites/Perm |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Kangaroo Valley  | 19           | 0            | 8             | 0               | 0                  | 13              | 21          | 0                                   | 0                | 40                      |
| Shoalhaven Heads | 28           | 0            | 115           | 0               | 20                 | 0               | 135         | 191                                 | 0                | 354                     |
| Culburra Beach   | 14           | 0            | 136           | 9               | 11                 | 0               | 156         | 193                                 | 0                | 363                     |
| Curarong         | 18           | 0            | 107           | 0               | 12                 | 12              | 131         | 177                                 | 0                | 326                     |
| White Sands      | 27           | 5            | 33            | 42              | 8                  | 4               | 87          | 8                                   | 1                | 128                     |
| Huskisson Beach  | 57           | 0            | 93            | 0               | 36                 | 0               | 129         | 0                                   | 0                | 186                     |
| Swan Lake        | 12           | 0            | 23            | 0               | 4                  | 0               | 27          | 97                                  | 0                | 136                     |
| Bendalong        | 30           | 1            | 45            | 18              | 6                  | 74              | 143         | 102                                 | 0                | 276                     |
| Lake Conjola     | 24           | 2            | 159           | 0               | 16                 | 0               | 175         | 130                                 | 0                | 331                     |
| Ulladulla        | 29           | 0            | 84            | 0               | 12                 | 8               | 104         | 62                                  | 0                | 195                     |
| Burrill Lake     | 12           | 0            | 17            | 10              | 8                  | 0               | 35          | 49                                  | 0                | 96                      |
| Lake Tabourie    | 33           | 0            | 190           | 0               | 8                  | 67              | 265         | 178                                 | 0                | 476                     |
| <b>Totals</b>    | <b>303</b>   | <b>8</b>     | <b>1010</b>   | <b>79</b>       | <b>141</b>         | <b>178</b>      | <b>1408</b> | <b>1187</b>                         | <b>1</b>         | <b>2907</b>             |

### Lowest Fee

| Park Name        | Site Category                                   | Price per night         | Rate Period             |
|------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kangaroo Valley  | Unpowered Site                                  | \$40 - 2 Adults         | Low - 1 July to 25 Sept |
| Shoalhaven Heads | Powered Site                                    | \$65 - 2 Adults         | Low - 1 July to 31 Aug  |
| Culburra Beach   | Powered Site                                    | \$52 - 2 Adults         | Low - 1 July to 1 Oct   |
| Curarong         | Unpowered Site                                  | \$45 - 2 Adults         | Low - 1 July to 1 Oct   |
| White Sands      | Powered Site                                    | \$60 - 2 Adults         | Low - 1 July to 25 Sept |
| Huskisson Beach  | Powered Site (on park boundary at back of park) | \$45 - 2 Adults 2 Kids  | Low - 1 July to 18 Sept |
| Swan Lake        | Powered   | \$45 - 2 Adults 2 Kids  | Low - 1 July to 25 Sept |
| Bendalong        | Unpowered Site                                  | \$40 - 2 Adults         | Low - 1 July to 24 Sept |
| Lake Conjola     | Powered Site                                    | \$59 - 2 Adults         | Low - 1 July to 1 Oct   |
| Ulladulla        | Unpowered Site                                  | \$40 - 2 Adults         | Low - 1 July to 25 Sept |
| Burrill Lake     | Unpowered tent site                             | \$25 - 2 Adults         | Low - 1 July to 25 Sept |
| Lake Tabourie    | Unpowered                                       | \$30 - 2 Adults, 2 Kids | Low - 1 July to 25 Sept |

**Note:** Site Prices are based on location in park, size and amenity. E.g - smaller site, adjacent to busy roads the less desirable the site is to customers.

**CL26.13: Proposed Public Exhibition – Draft Shoalhaven Contributions Plan****Question: Councillor Boyd**

On page 16, under 3.3 Calculating the Contribution, the para under the blocked text is repeated. I suggest the repeated para beneath Table 5 be deleted. It is confusing.

**Answer: Director – City Development, Emma Struys**

Thank you for your comment regarding the draft contributions plan. The team will review your comment against the draft and make any required administrative changes prior to finalising the exhibition material for public engagement.

**CL26.5: Notice of Motion – Peacocks in St Georges Basin****Question 1: Councillor Tribe**

Can you please advise if peacocks are covered under 'poultry' under council's policy and as such whether breaches can be followed up by staff. Can I also find out why a notice was previously drafted in this case but not submitted? Thank you.

**Answer 1 Regulation of Peafowl (Peacocks and Peahens): Director – City Development, Emma Struys**

Peafowl are not defined as fowl or poultry under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and therefore cannot be regulated under Division 2 keeping of poultry. However, if the noise of the peafowl is assessed as offensive noise it can be regulated under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and *Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2017*. Noise assessments were undertaken by Authorised Council Officers over three days on 27, 28 and 29 September 2022 resulting in the noise not assessed as offensive.

This legislation is described below:

**Keeping of Poultry - Local Government (General) Regulation 2021**

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| <b>Division 2 Keeping of poultry</b>   |
| <b>19 Poultry not to be nuisance or health risk</b>  |
| (1) Poultry must not be kept under such conditions as to create a nuisance or to be dangerous or injurious to health.  |
| (2) Poultry yards must at all times be kept clean and free from offensive odours.  |
| <b>20 Poultry not to be kept near certain premises</b>   |
| (1) Fowls (that is, birds of the species <i>Gallus gallus</i> ) or guinea fowls must not be kept within 4.5 metres (or such greater distance as the council may determine in a particular case) of a dwelling, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food. |
| (2) Poultry (other than fowls referred to in subsection (1)) must not be kept within 30 metres of any building referred to in subsection (1).  |
| (3) The floors of poultry houses must be paved with concrete or mineral asphalt underneath the roosts or perches. However, this subsection does not apply to poultry houses—   |
| (a) that are not within 15.2 metres of a dwelling, public hall or school, or   |
| (b) that are situated on clean sand.   |
| (4) Poultry yards must be so enclosed as to prevent the escape of poultry.   |
| (5) The standards in this section apply to a person only if the council has served an order under section 124 of the Act to that effect on the person.   |

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (legislation) references two things as part of Division 2: poultry and fowl.

- Fowl is defined in the legislation as being birds of the species *Gallus gallus* - which is not peafowl.
- Poultry is not defined in the legislation and as such the Macquarie Dictionary is used for this definition. The Macquarie Dictionary definition for poultry is: domestic fowls collectively, as chickens, turkeys, guineafowls, ducks and geese. This definition does not include peafowl.

As such, peafowl (peacocks and peahens) are not regulated under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* – Part 5 Standards for keeping birds or animals - Division 2 Keeping of Poultry. Therefore Order 18 of the *Local Government Act 1993* is not appropriate.

Offensive Noise – *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and *Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2017*

The definitions within the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* define offensive noise as:

*offensive noise* means noise—

(a) that, by reason of its level, nature, character or quality, or the time at which it is made, or any other circumstances—

(i) is harmful to (or is likely to be harmful to) a person who is outside the premises from which it is emitted, or

(ii) interferes unreasonably with (or is likely to interfere unreasonably with) the comfort or repose of a person who is outside the premises from which it is emitted, or

(b) that is of a level, nature, character or quality prescribed by the regulations or that is made at a time, or in other circumstances, prescribed by the regulations.

Noise assessments were undertaken by Councils authorised officers in September 2022 resulting in the noise assessed as not offensive.

## Question 2: Councillor Tribe

Why was a Notice Order 18 issued in error?

## Answer 2: Director – City Development, Emma Struys

Notice Order 18 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (reference ON2021/8884) was issued on 23 December 2021 in error. Reasons why this was an error include:

- Peacocks are not species *Gallus gallus* and therefore are not defined as fowl in *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.
- Peacocks are not defined as poultry in the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.
- Offensive noise was referenced in the Notice Order 18 incorrectly. Offensive noise provisions are regulated under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) and the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2017* (Noise Control Regulation).
- Once the assessment had occurred, no further action was proposed by Council as the noise assessments considered the noise was not offensive.