

DRAFT CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

The new 2025 Model Meeting Code has been published in the Government Gazette and is expected to be prescribed under the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation) shortly.

Councils must livestream meetings of the council and committees comprising wholly of councillors from 1 January 2026 using an audio-visual recording. Recordings of meetings must be published on the council's website for the balance of the council term or for 12 months, whichever is the later date.

The provisions governing attendance by councillors at meetings by audio-visual link have been made mandatory and the option to attend meetings by audio-visual link has been restricted to where councillors are prevented

from attending a meeting in person because of ill-health or other medical reasons or because of unforeseen caring responsibilities. Councils may determine standards of dress for councillors when attending meetings. The draft presented includes the standard of dress is to be business attire including councillor jackets and ties.

Under section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), before adopting a new code of meeting practice, councils must first exhibit a draft of the code of meeting practice for at least 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft code, with submissions able to be received up until Friday 12th December 2025.

Know Your Council



Mayor

Cr Carol Oataway

Deputy Mayor

Cr Martyn Quinn

Councillors

Geoff Chapman

Lionel Garner

Will Miller

John Perry

Paul Porter

Darren Tapper

UPDATED PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Council has updated its POM to include a parcel of crown land adjacent to Shear Outback for the purpose of constructing a Heavy Vehicle Rest Area (HVRA). Council is the crown land manager for this land, and it is gazetted for "Public Purposes".



The draft updated POM is currently on public exhibition, with comments able to be received up until Friday 26th November 2025.

SWIMMING POOL MANAGEMENT

Preparations for the management of the upgrade John Houston Memorial Swimming Pool for the upcoming season are progressing well. The unsupervised pool entry system continues to be developed with the security system being installed. It is anticipated that further details will be provided next month. Staff have onboarded four Pool Attendants and with applicable lifeguarding training being completed.

"Mara on Food" has been awarded the lease of the pool canteen, and we look forward to working with them in having a canteen on site at the complex.

Staff are continuing to work on establishing its pool management systems and processes in readiness for the opening of the refurbished complex on the 19th December 2025.

EVENTS

November

8 Active Farmers Fun Run

13/16 Rainbow on the Plains

15 Hay Clothes Market

22 Hay Races

29 Rally Tally Night

December

8 St Mary's Christmas Fete

17 Love Hay This Christmas

AUSTRALIA DAY

Arrangements have commenced for Australia Day 2026, with nominations due to be called for the following awards with nominations accepted up to Friday 12th December 2025.

- Hay Citizen of the year
- Hay Junior Citizen of the year
- Gavin Johnston Vocational Award
- Hay Special Achievement award

Council has also been successful in its application for funding under the Australia Day Community events grant program. This is for a "Dive into Australia Day" activity at the new John Houston Memorial Swimming Pool. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase and celebrate our new pool facility.



SAVE THE DATE

LOVEHAY

this Christmas

WEDNESDAY | 17 DEC | 5-7.30PM

WITCOMBE PLACE

🌱 Lets Reduce our FOGO Contamination! 🚫

We are currently experiencing higher than normal levels of contamination. Your green FOGO bin is for food scraps & garden waste ONLY.

Putting the wrong stuff in means it all goes to landfill. Let's all do better!

❌ Don't put in:

- Plastic bags (even the "biodegradable" ones)
- Glass, metal and hard plastics
- Nappies, pet manure and kitty litter
- Tea bags and pizza boxes
- Clothing, fabric and shoes
- Bamboo utensils and timber

✅ DO put in:

- Meat raw or cooked, seafood including shells
- Fruit and veggie scraps
- Coffee grounds and tea leaves
- Grass clippings, leaves and tree branches
- Cereals, grains and fruits
- Certified compostable liners

Remember – use certified compostable liners, look out for the AS 4736 signature on the bag.

Let's all do our part! Let's work together to reduce contamination and turn waste into clean, safe compost! 🌱

For more info, visit www.hay.nsw.gov.au or contact the Council Office (02) 6990 1100.



Contamination hand-picked at the Waste Transfer Station.

Cr Tapper Resignation

Cr Darren Tapper has formally advised of his resignation from Council effective from 30 November 2025. Cr Tapper raised three children in Hay and has been very involved in the community over the years.

The NSW Electoral Commission has provided a Countback Election Calendar and it is anticipated the process to fill the vacancy will be completed prior to Christmas 2025.

We wish Cr Tapper and his family all the best for the future.