

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ITEM 1	APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE	1
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	1
ITEM 3	DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION.....	2
ITEM 4	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE	2
ITEM 5	INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY UPDATE	5

ITEM 1 - APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow tendering of apologies for councillors not present.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 1838663

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any apologies tendered be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for apologies is to be made.

ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow an opportunity for councillors to declare an interest in any items to be determined at this meeting.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCILLORS - 2024-2028\COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR DECLARATION OF INTEREST - 2025 - 1838665

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 3 - DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow for an opportunity for Councillors to declare any Political Donation received.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF POLITICAL DONATIONS - 1838667

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any political donations be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for declarations of any political donations.

ITEM 4 - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For the information of the committee.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COMMITTEES - REPORTS OF 2025 - 1839924

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be noted.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE'S REPORT

The following report provides an overview of the services provided by the Environmental Services department of council:

Domestic Waste Contract

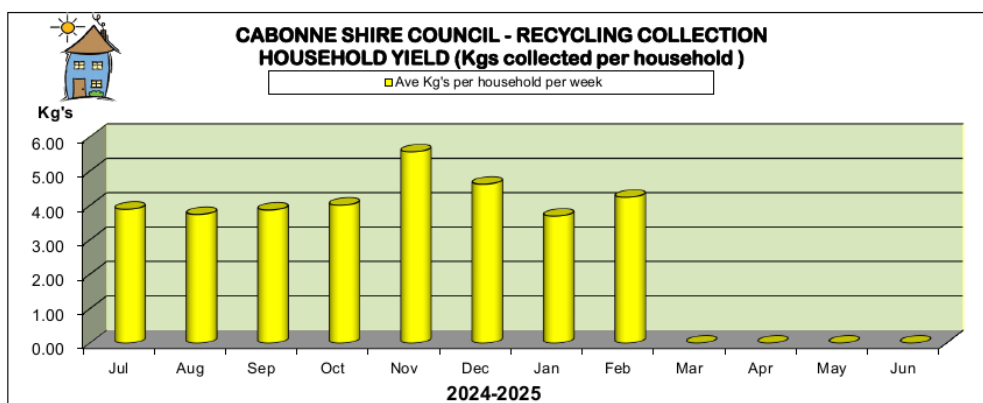
The following figures have been provided by council's contractor JR Richards relating to the domestic waste service this current financial year.



CABONNE COUNCIL - RECYCLING COLLECTION HOUSEHOLD YIELD (Kgs collected per household)



Recycling						
2024-2025	Weeks	Ave Kg's per household per week	Service Base	Total Kg's	No. of Bins Collected	% of bins collected
Jul	4	3.89	3,900	30305	5,427	69.58%
Aug	5	3.74	3,897	36439	4,262	43.75%
Sep	4	3.87	3,902	30221	5,251	67.29%
Oct	4	4.01	3,901	31251	5,477	70.20%
Nov	5	5.56	3,903	54256	8,586	87.99%
Dec	4	4.62	3,910	36140	6,128	78.36%
Jan	5	3.69	3,913	36128	5,574	56.98%
Feb	4	4.24	3,915	33197	5,792	73.97%
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
TOTAL	35			287937		

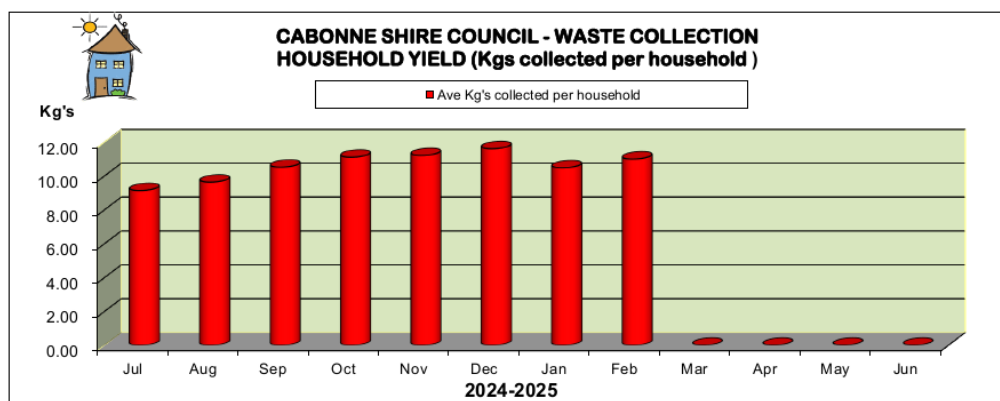




**CABONNE COUNCIL - WASTE COLLECTION
HOUSEHOLD YIELD
(Kgs collected per household)**



		Waste				
2024-2025	Weeks	Ave Kg's collected per household	Service Base	Total Kg's	No. of Bins Collected	% of bins collected
Jul	4	9.14	3,904	142,710	10,649	68.19%
Aug	5	9.64	3,904	188,220	13,986	71.65%
Sep	4	10.52	3,905	164,280	11,072	70.88%
Oct	4	11.11	3,908	173,670	12,202	78.06%
Nov	5	11.21	3,910	219,180	15,721	80.41%
Dec	4	11.61	3,917	181,980	12,159	77.60%
Jan	5	10.48	3,920	205,450	14,794	75.48%
Feb	4	11.00	3,923	172,540	12,258	78.12%
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
TOTAL	35			1,448,030		

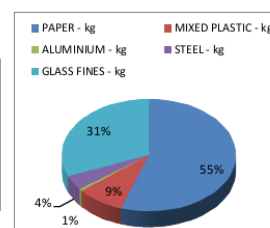


**CABONNE COUNCIL RECYCLING FIGURES
JULY TO JUNE 2025**



MONTHLY													
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	TOTAL
PAPER - kg	16,651	19,858	16,263	16,941	29,677	20,915	20,241	18,393					158,937
MIXED PLASTIC - kg	2,641	3,306	2,853	2,906	5,212	2,824	2,679	2,911					25,331
ALUMINIUM - kg	154	192	177	211	345	234	233	210					1,755
STEEL - kg	1,320	1,651	1,318	1,388	2,379	1,285	1,434	1,373					12,147
GLASS FINES - kg	9,540	11,433	9,611	9,805	16,642	10,882	11,542	10,311					89,767
TOTAL - kg	30,305	36,439	30,221	31,251	54,256	36,140	36,128	33,197	0	0	0	0	287,937
WASTE %	11.18%	10.82%	11.01%	11.27%	10.38%	10.30%	10.04%	9.79%					
WASTE - kg	3,815	4,421	3,739	3,969	6,284	4,150	4,032	3,603					

QUARTERLY				
	Jul to Sep 24	Oct to Dec 24	Jan to Mar 25	Apr to Jun 25
PAPER - kg	52,772	67,532	38,633	
MIXED PLASTIC - kg	8,799	10,942	5,590	
ALUMINIUM - kg	522	790	443	
STEEL - kg	4,289	5,052	2,806	
GLASS FINES - kg	30,583	37,330	21,853	
TOTAL - kg	96,965	121,647	69,325	0



Landfill and transfer station sites

As part of council's cooperation with EPA after recent audits a risk matrix of all issues raised and actions that will be undertaken have been developed and submitted to EPA. This has been discussed with the Environmental Services team with monthly updates to be sent through to EPA tracking progress.

Netwaste

Both the Joint Procurement Project and Waste Oil Collection contracts have been endorsed by council and confirmation of this has been passed onto Netwaste. Bulky waste clean up will be in full effect across the LGA at the time of this meeting, and our waste facilities are prepared for the influx of extra waste during this period.

Cemeteries

Cemetery maintenance has been undertaken on the usual fortnightly schedule with not much vegetation growth seen at many of the cemeteries. The pedestrian gate has been installed at Meranburn Cemetery for easy access for patrons parking outside the grounds for funerals.

Ranger services

Updated site plans have been developed internally, and preliminary meetings have been undertaken with an external town planner making sure there are no gaps in information needed before the Development Modification application is lodged.

Barking dog complaints are becoming the focus of the ranger in this current period. Numerous reports in Canowindra, Molong and Cudal are currently being investigated.

Environmental services have recently rehomed 3 long stay animals internally to staff. This has been a big win for the team with rehoming agencies currently being over capacity.

Biosecurity

Council was successful with the Weeds Action Program grant application and received \$110,626 for inspection and extension activities for the 2024/25 financial year.

However there does seem to be a lot of angst between NSW councils and the current future of this program as guidelines and requirements are rapidly changing each year. The cost/benefit is becoming ever increasingly one-sided with the funding being predominantly supplied by council.

Current weeds/Actions

The biosecurity team is focusing on controlling blackberry, african boxthorn, coolatai grass, and sticky nightshade across the shire. Council's Biosecurity Officers have also been focussing on private property inspections and taking a more proactive approach when faced with lack of initial contact.

ITEM 5 - INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To update committee on Innovation & Technology matters
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.3.1.1d - Provide responsive and effective IT support services.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\GOVERNANCE\\COUNCIL MEETINGS\\COMMITTEES - REPORTS OF 2025 - 1840321

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the committee note the information in this report.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY'S REPORT

CYBER SECURITY STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

The Department Leader – Innovation & Technology is working with the Central NSW Joint Organisation's Chief Information Security Officer to develop a Cyber Security Strategy for council to determine appropriate actions in a changing Cyber Security landscape. It's expected the strategy will align with the NSW Cyber Security Strategy and the Office of Local Government's Cyber Security Guidelines for Local Government.

IT ASSET REPLACEMENTS

Council has a rolling replacement cycle of IT assets, generally with an asset class being replaced each year. Generally, device lifetimes are determined by the length of support offered by the vendor. With some devices, such as laptops, on fixed replacement schedules as regardless of support they experience wear and tear and increasing failure rates. The laptop fleet was due in 24/25 and has been procured. 117 laptops were purchased and are being rolled out by Innovation & Technology staff. It's expected that the roll out will take 3 months to complete, with an end of July target. Servers were also due for replacement in 24/25 however as they are still meeting requirements, and a warranty extension was able to be purchased the existing equipment was retained. 25/26 will see the printer fleet be replaced. Bulk replacements are generally preferred (rather than the alternative of ¼ every year for example) as they are simpler to support due to less variety in devices in use.

MID-SCALE SOLAR PROJECT

Council staff are working on several key items to progress council's Mid-Scale Solar Plant project, including:

- Detailed Design – The detailed design is 95% complete, the final 5% will not be completed until the construction contractor has had a chance to review and provide their feedback.
- Procurement of solar panels – Council awarded a tender at it's February 2025 meeting for the supply of approx. 4,350 solar panels. The solar panels have arrived in Australia earlier than

expected, and prior to appropriate site works being completed in order to receive them. Supplier can warehouse them until a suitable delivery date.

- Battery and Inverter Procurement – The final configuration of these items has been completed and the final order placed. The delay in order will mean these items will not arrive on site until early November; however, this should give the construction contractor plenty of time to build the footings and avoid having to double handle the equipment off the truck and then later onto the footings.
- Level 3 Design and non-contestable works – Design works are well underway and nearing completion. Once complete they can be used in a procurement process for the actual construction work to commence, it's estimated this tender will be released in late June. The Level 3 works involved upgrading the poles and wires in the Essential Energy distribution network and are 'gifted' to Essential Energy upon completion. A potential issue has been identified where an easement needed to be obtained over a parcel of crown land, advice from both Essential Energy and Crown Lands was that this process could take upwards of 24 months, so the design has been re-worked in order to avoid this delay.
- Financing – Loan has been secured with a payment schedule determined to finance the project.
- Procurement of the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor – This item has been released to tender, which closes on the 12th of May. A recommendation will be presented to council's May meeting.
- Timelines – no significant changes to the timelines previously reported, project is still working towards a March 2026 energisation date.