



Securing the Water Supply for Crookwell

Upper Lachlan Shire Council has been successful in their application for funding from the NSW Government to achieve the \$7 million project to secure the water supply of Crookwell and its surrounding villages.

"This funding demonstrates the NSW Government commitment to the prosperity and growth of Crookwell, and the Shire generally. Council would like to thank the Member for Goulburn, Pru Goward for her assistance in securing the funding for this significant water infrastructure project," said Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire, Clr John Shaw.

On a recent site visit where the new water infrastructure will be constructed, Ms Goward said this is one of the single biggest investments to secure Crookwell's water supply in decades. The NSW Government will invest grant funding toward the \$7 million project which includes building a new water treatment plant and a pumping station.

The existing Crookwell Water Treatment Plant is almost 80 years old, utilises outdated technology and is challenged by operating inefficiencies. The costs of operating the existing water plant have significantly impeded Council's ability to set aside funds to replace the water treatment plant. This funding to build a new water treatment plant will provide Council with significant operational and maintenance costs savings and water savings, which in turn will result in improved value for money for our customers.

"The centrepiece of the project is the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The plant will have the capacity to meet current and future demands, providing drinking water of the highest quality. The new WTP will incorporate modern technology to assist Council in providing a quality, reliable and efficient water supply service to the community," explained John Bell, General Manager of Upper Lachlan Shire Council.

The Crookwell town water supply is not only critically important to the town of



Above: Visiting the site where the new Crookwell Water Treatment Plant will be constructed as part of the \$7 million Upper Lachlan Water Security Project thanks to funding from the NSW Government are (L to R): Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC) Deputy Mayor, Clr James Wheelwright; ULSC Mayor John Shaw; Luke Moloney, ULSC Manager of Operations; Hon. Pru Goward MP, Member for Goulburn; Phil Newham, ULSC Director of Works; and John Bell, ULSC General Manager.

Crookwell, but also to the other nine surrounding villages who rely on the Crookwell water supply to supplement essential domestic water and drinking water needs during dry periods.

"This project is so important in ensuring the water security for Crookwell and surrounding villages, but also in ensuring the economic viability of the region to grow and prosper," said Ms Goward.

The project involves integrating bore water supply with the existing surface water supply from Crookwell Dam, resulting in doubling the quantity of water available, and vastly improving the water security for Crookwell in dry periods. This increased capacity will ensure there is sufficient potable water supply for the Shire villages and rural population who rely on it.

The Crookwell Water Supply Upgrade Project will complete Council's major water supply upgrade program, and comes on the back of a successful working partnership between Upper Lachlan Shire Council and the NSW Government, with recent successful water infrastructure projects including the \$10.8M Gunning-Dalton Water Supply Scheme (also part funded by the Australian Government), the \$1.7M Taralga Water Supply and the \$7.5M Taralga Sewerage Scheme.

The project is expected to be completed by late 2017.

Right: The \$10.8 million Gunning-Dalton Water Supply Scheme.



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From the Mayor's Desk - Cllr John Shaw

Another year is coming to an end and in the last 12 months Council has achieved projects that have resulted in significant improvements in the services provided to the community.

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Council for their support and for my re-election in September as Mayor of Upper Lachlan. It is truly an honour to be elected into this position. Over the past 10 years, I have made the most of the challenges and enjoyed the opportunities the Mayor's role has to offer. I also congratulate Cllr James Wheelwright for being re-elected as Deputy Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire, and thank him for his advice and constant support during the past few years.

One of the main challenges for Council in 2015 has been managing the NSW Government's "Fit for the Future" reform package for NSW Local Government. Council's senior management staff, with direction from Council, undertook the enormous task of preparing a submission justifying Council's position that was submitted to the government prior to the 30 June 2015 deadline.

The submission supported the unanimously agreed stance that our Council remains in its current format, with improvements to meet the Fit for the Future criteria. After IPART found our Council to be "unfit", the Upper Lachlan community showed its incredible support for Council by organising a public meeting in Crookwell to voice their opposition to merging with another Council, and would rather Upper Lachlan remain as a stand alone Council. At Council's Extraordinary Meeting held on 6 November, 2015, Council decided to uphold its community sentiment and maintain its stance to remain as a stand alone Council. A decision is expected before Christmas, and Council will keep residents informed as information becomes available. See page 7 for the full story.

2015 has been a successful year for Council with many significant achievements realised. The recent announcement by Member for Goulburn, Pru Goward that the NSW Government is contributing to the \$7 million Crookwell Water Supply Improvement project (refer to story on front page) is a major win for Council, and this funding will allow Council to complete its major water supply upgrade program for the Shire. This project is expected to be completed by late 2017. Other achievements include: the final seal on Main Road 248 East completing the link between Crookwell and Taralga (see page 7), and finally a solution has been achieved thanks to Federal funding (see page 9) to the TV transmission problems that have plagued parts of the Shire.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of Council for the top effort and commitment to delivering a wide range of quality services to the Shire community. You all contribute and make the Shire a great place to live.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, stay safe over the holiday period and best wishes for a prosperous, healthy 2016. Enjoy everything the season has to offer; shop locally and support our business owners and market stalls; and finally make sure you attend at least one of the wonderful Carols events in the Shire. You can find a list of all the events on the back page of The Voice.



Their dedication to making the Shire a better place to live for the community is a testament to their hard work and efforts. I look forward to working with both John and James over the next 12 months.

Annual Report

At the November Council meeting the 2014/2015 Annual Report for Upper Lachlan Shire Council was formally adopted. The Annual Report is an important reporting mechanism whereby Council is able to demonstrate to the local community the results of its positive, prudent governance and financial management. This year was one of considerable achievement for Council and I am so proud to have led a committed team of Council staff over the past year through some busy and demanding times to continue to productively deliver quality services to the community.

The majority of Council's programs have achieved their key performance indicators and Council has met all State and Federal Government statutory requirements within required deadlines. I encourage the community to have look at Council's Annual Report, which this year has a new, modern look and features some outstanding photographs that tell the story of what Council has achieved. The Annual Report can be found on Council's website: www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au A copy is also found at the libraries and Council's Administration offices.

Financial Position Report

The Annual Report confirms that Council is in a sound financial position and has the capacity to meet all provisions and liabilities. The independent external audit of the Council's Financial Statements, by Intentus Chartered Accountants, confirms a net operating result for 2014/2015 from all Council activities, totalling a net operating surplus of \$858,000 for the year (before capital grants and contributions).

Council will continue to pay due attention to all financial and infrastructure performance measures and the specific Council service delivery key performance indicators. As in previous years, the long-term future financial sustainability of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council remains our number one priority.

Fit for the Future

Council had a busy first half of the year preparing its submission for the NSW Government's "Fit for the Future" reform package for NSW Local Government. The very comprehensive documentation required senior management staff to carefully reviewing Council's current situation and considering the future needs of its community and the recommendations of the Independent Panel. Council is in a financially sustainable position and we will work hard to maintain our local identity and provide a local voice for our towns and villages. Our priority is ensuring the best interests of the Upper Lachlan community are preserved.

On behalf of everyone at Council, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and we look forward to another great year in 2015. Please ensure you take note of Council's closures and changes to services over the holiday period which can be found on page 8 in The Voice.



From the General Manager – John Bell

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Cllr John Shaw and Cllr James Wheelwright on their re-election as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively, of Upper Lachlan Shire.

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LIBRARY BIZ with Michaela Olde



What's New...

Cuttlebug Embosser and Die Cutter Machine

The Crookwell and Gunning Libraries have purchased two Cuttlebug embosser and die cutter machines from the funding received from the State Library of NSW Revitalising Regional Libraries Grant. The Cuttlebug is used to cut out shapes and emboss different types of paper, for scrapbooking, card making and general paper crafts.



Family History Research

The new Family History Research brochure provides information on the library's online resources and local historical societies. The online resources Find My Past and Ancestry.com are free to use in the library.

150 Years of NSW Policing

The Crookwell Library is showcasing objects from the 150 Years of NSW Policing celebrated in March 2012. The display holds a collection of photographs and objects, such as a spot light and speedometer from the 1970s, and a Digidar Radar Operations Manual. The items displayed will change every few months, so keep checking to see what's new.



Did You Know?

Promoting Healthy Activities

Residents in the Upper Lachlan Shire can borrow a step-counting pedometer from Crookwell and Gunning Libraries for free. The pedometer counts your steps and the accompanying kit includes healthy lifestyle tips and other health

information to motivate and sustain an exercise habit. Find out how many steps you do in a day by borrowing a pedometer.

Coming Soon

Christmas Card Making

Crookwell and Gunning Libraries will be holding Christmas card making sessions in the lead up to Christmas. The sessions will be using the new Cuttlebug machines.

Tom Roberts Information Sessions

Shearing the Rams, 1890



The National Gallery of Australia will be holding information sessions at Crookwell and Gunning Libraries on the upcoming Tom Roberts exhibition to be held at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra.

The information session will cover Tom Roberts' life, his work and a Q and A session. Stay tuned for further details.

Opening Hours Crookwell Library

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
10:30am to 5.00pm,
Wednesday: 1.30 pm to 5:00 pm.
Saturday: 10:00am to 12:00noon.

Gunning Library

Open Tuesday and Wednesday: 2:00pm to 5:00pm,
Thursday: 1.00pm to 5:00pm and Friday: 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Crookwell's Clock Back On Time

The Crookwell town clock is back in place – and showing the right time on both faces for the first time in well over a year. Upper Lachlan Shire Council Staff (right) have recently installed the renovated timepiece.

The clock was taken down in July, and taken to Melbourne by Council's Director of Works Phil Newham (who also brought it back) while on holidays to avoid the problems and cost involved in commercial freighting.

In Melbourne, Ingrams Time Systems replaced entirely the internal operations of the clock, which had proved to be such a problem during the clock's early years of existence.

In fact, there are now three clocks involved – one for each dial face and a third in a switchbox which controls the other two. Mr. Newham is confident the problems have been solved – the clock was trialed by Council for a few weeks prior to installation to ensure its accuracy at keeping the correct time.

With the completely new operating system, the clock will automatically change at the end of daylight saving, and new LED lighting will automatically switch on

for the night hours and off for the daytime.

Mr. Newham has one request to Crookwell organisations – please resist the urge to place posters on the clock supports. The frame has been powder coated in a new glossy off white colour and the old paint removed. The new surface should retain its glossy colour for an extended period – but the fear is that the removal of posters held on by glue or sticky tape might cause damage, particularly over time.

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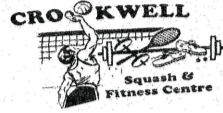
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Halloween in Crookwell

Near 200 Ghosts, goblins, zombies, and witches young and old came out to trick or treat on the main street of Crookwell for Halloween festivities on Saturday, 31 October 2015. Many shop fronts along the main street were decorated in Halloween themed decorations and 25 generous shop owners provided treats to all the children, who should be commended on their manners and making the day such fun.



Our thanks are also extended to: Crookwell Footwear; Meats-a-Treat; Andersons Real Estate; Crookwell Country Bunches; Arcadia; Top Paddock; Davies Newsagency; St Vincent De Paul; Landmark; Ducks Country Cottage; Coffee Buzz; JD's Hardware; Lost River Produce; Snip Snip; Professionals Crookwell; Harts Pharmacy; Crossroads Cafe; Wacky Wombats; Crookwell Sports and Toys; Pauls Cafe; Crown Theatre Cafe; CRT McGeechans Rural Supplies; Bushranges; and Top Pub.

The winners for the costume competition were very hard to choose as everyone went to so much effort. First in the Preschool category was Harper Seaman, and Second Tyler Benn. First in the Primary School category was Billy Hines, and Second Connor Potts. First in the High School category was Alissa Goodsell.

Thank you to the scary monsters, and the generous shop owners another \$360 has been added to the Crookwell Skatepark Fund Raising Appeal. We hope you took advantage of the great specials the shops offered. It was a great time to do some early Christmas shopping.



The Youth Council wishes to extend its sincere thanks to the community for its enthusiasm and support of the Halloween in Crookwell 2015 event.



Upper Lachlan Shire Supporting Small Business



Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire, Clr John Shaw is celebrating the one year anniversary of the Small Business Friendly Councils Program which is making Upper Lachlan Shire a more friendly place to do business.

"We joined the Small Business Friendly Councils Program to show our commitment to the small business community in Upper Lachlan Shire".

Upper Lachlan Shire carried out an Economic Development & Business Survey during December 2014 and January 2015 to enable Council's Economic Development Task Force (355 Committee) to develop a strategy to move Upper Lachlan Shire forward into the future.

"In addition to the survey, Council's Economic Development Task Force (355 Committee) carried out a networking meeting which has resulted in the Crookwell Progress Association being formed.

"We have also implemented a new policy to ensure that small businesses are paid within 30 days of submitting an invoice," said Clr John Shaw.

The Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner and the NSW Business Chamber launched the Small Business Friendly Councils Program in September 2014 to make it easier for small businesses to get on with business. NSW Small Business Commissioner, Robyn Hobbs OAM said, "Small businesses are the heartbeat of our local communities," which is why she is delighted that Upper Lachlan Shire Council joined the Small Business Friendly Councils Program".

"Upper Lachlan Shire are doing great work to support the important small business community in the local area".

"The Small Business Friendly Councils Program is encouraging Councils to collaborate and look at ways to improve how they interact with small businesses; we are seeing improved payment policies, more efficient governance and innovative strategies to strengthen the small business sector," said Ms Hobbs.

If you are running a small business in NSW, visit the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner's website to see how it is supporting small business:

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Gullen Range Community Fund Applications Now Open

Upper Lachlan Shire Council advises that the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund Funding Round will be open for applications from 9.00am Thursday, 3 December 2015 and close at 4.00pm on Friday, 29 January 2016. The Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund aims to support initiatives that strengthen the local community through projects that contribute to neighbouring communities within 10kms of the wind farm.

The guidelines and application form are available in the "Grants" section located on the home page of Council's website: www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au Applications may be submitted by post to: PO Box 42, GUNNING NSW 2581 or emailed to council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au.

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Binda Races Update

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More than 3 kilometres of fencing has been erected and fences realigned where required, at a cost of around \$30,000. Almost 1000 volunteer hours have been spent at the course pulling down fences, putting in fence posts and installing electric tape to stock proof the racing surface.

Crookwell and District Picnic Race Club has now completed the first stage of work required to meet race track standards so that the 2016 race meeting can go ahead as planned.

Club president, David Culley, vice-president, Catherine Culley, secretary Dianne Layden and owner of "Funny Hill", James Carr, met with Racing New South Wales track manager, Dave Hodgson, at "Funny Hill" recently. Mr Hodgson was pleased with the improvement of the track surface since the cancellation of the race meeting in February.

A number of people who attended the public meeting last year have attended working bees at the track and others will be approached to lend a hand in the lead-up to the race meeting set down for Saturday, 12 March 2016.

In order to recoup some of the costs, entry to the race meeting will now be \$30 and tent sites \$150. Membership has been increased to \$40, which includes two tickets and a race book (\$65 value).



The Club is now investigating the possibility of purchasing a mower to keep the track in good condition all year round.

The committee appreciates the support and encouragement shown by local businesses and race enthusiasts and President David Culley is confident that the race meeting will go ahead as planned next year.



Taralga Australia Day Rodeo 2016

The Taralga Rodeo and supporting events is an increasingly popular destination for families from far and wide. Come and experience the best the bush has to offer with a full day of fun at the Taralga Australia Day Rodeo.

Sit with your family on the tree shaded hill or in a grandstand around the rodeo ring. Families are our top priority so prices are kept to a minimum. We offer camping facilities, including hot showers at no charge, and there is hot food and cold drinks available throughout the rodeo. There is also a bar with reasonably priced beverages but patrons are asked not to bring glass bottles to the ground.

Entry is \$25 for adults on Monday and Tuesday or \$20 for entry into the rodeo on Tuesday only. A family pass for the Tuesday rodeo (2 Adults/2 Children U18) can be purchased for \$50. Children aged 12-18 years are \$10 and children aged under 12 years are free. Camping is free or enjoy a powered site for \$10 per night.

The action includes Australian stockmen and women showing their thrilling skills, bucking bulls, steer wrestling and barrel races. The Girls! Girls! Girls! Extreme Trick Riding is a favourite of the crowd and the man vs horse vs bike is a chance to see who really is the fastest in the ring!

The historic Taralga village, known for its warm and welcoming country friendliness, is located just half an hour from Goulburn on the Oberon-Wombeyan Caves road. Taralga is just over two hours south of Sydney and an hour and a half north of Canberra. When entering Taralga from the south follow the sign to the showground, turn right at the garage, then first left, then first right. If you're coming from the north turn left into Macarthur Street then left again at Walsh Street.

Taralga Australia Day 2016 Programme

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 January

- Camp Draft
- Yard Dog Trials

Monday, 25 January

- Gymkhana
- Live Band

Tuesday, 26 January

- MAIN RODEO 7am start
- Australia Day Ambassador address and Presentation of Australia Day Awards



Breadalbane High Teas

Another successful High Tea was held on Sunday, 15 November at the Breadalbane hall, hosted by Chrissie McLean and Vanessa Edwards. From all accounts the event was a roaring success with beautifully set up round & oblong tables, displays of vintage crockery, and the food was visually beautiful and tasty. Treats included chocolate mousse, French Fruit Tarts, and mini Cheesecakes.

The ladies have been hosting High Tea once per month since August 2015, and the next high tea is scheduled for Sunday, 20 December 2015 with limited seats available. Breadalbane High Tea will start back next year on Sunday, 13 March 2016.

In addition to the High Tea there is an exhibition of art from local artists for viewing and for sale. The art styles are varied and excellent, just waiting for new homes, and the commissions are donated to the Hall.



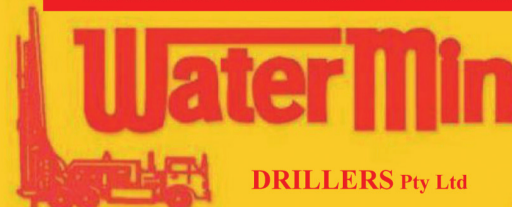
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Upper Lachlan Seal the Link between Crookwell and Taralga

"Council is pleased to announce that the link road between Crookwell and Taralga is now finally, fully sealed," announced Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Clr. John Shaw. "After 11 years of lobbying the State Government for funding, as well as Council budgeting almost half the cost from its own resources, the 37 kilometres between the two towns is now sealed - a smooth, safe and quality link road for residents and traveller's to enjoy," said Mayor Shaw. Only nine years ago (2006), the main town in Upper Lachlan Shire, Crookwell had only one completely sealed road linking it to the other villages and towns within the Shire. The other five regional/local roads were not sealed, and Council has worked tirelessly during this time to obtain government funding as well as budgeting Council resources, to rehabilitate and improve these important link roads for rural, commercial and tourist traffic.

Designated Main Road 248, runs from Boorowa to Taralga. The Boorowa connection, Main Road 248 West was fully sealed and officially opened in 2009, with the assistance of state government funding as well Council's own resources. The 37 kilometres of link road between Crookwell and Taralga, Main Road 248 East, has been an ongoing infrastructure project for Upper Lachlan Shire Council for the last 11 years.

The majority of the rehabilitation and reconstruction work on the unsealed road has been achieved by the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Works Staff - contractor services have only been utilised to complete the final bitumen sealing on the prepared road surface.



"Since 2006, Council has committed to and successfully sealed 51 kilometres of unsealed link roads in the Upper Lachlan Shire area, that are of good quality, free flowing, smooth and safe fit for purposed roads," explained Upper Lachlan Shire Council's Manager of Works, Garry Anable. "This amount of construction work has meant that our staff has gained knowledge and skills that many organisations have lost by using contractors. There is definitely a sense of pride in Council staff on the achievements over a short period of time," said Mr. Anable.

Council has two, and at times three fully equipped skilled construction teams in-house, as well as survey and design teams in-house working on various road and infrastructure projects concurrently. "The more modern aspect is the introduction over the past three years of 3D GPS technology, a modern fleet of plant, and up-to-date design capabilities which are all owned by Council and operated by skilled Council staff," said Mr. Anable.

The last 3.1 kilometre unsealed section of Main Road 248 East between Wowagin and Commissioners Creek, has involved reconstruction of the road to make the pavement safer and smoother for drivers, as well as more efficient of heavy vehicles to use. Up to 40,000 cubic metres of dirt has been shifted from the crest and used to

reconstruct the road surface.

"Sealing of this final section of the Main Road 248 East, has completed this vital link between Crookwell and Taralga, as well as links to Tablelands Way and Oberon Road giving tourism and economic development benefits to the region," said Mayor Shaw.

Council Decision Guided by Community Sentiment

Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire, Clr John Shaw was thrilled to see the overwhelming support by Upper Lachlan Shire residents at the community organised Public Meeting held in Crookwell on Thursday, 4 November 2015 regarding the impacts of possible Council mergers.

"There were 250 people from all parts of the Upper Lachlan Shire – which spans a huge area of almost 7,500 sq kms, requiring people to travel long distances to attend the meeting - who came together to voice their support for Upper Lachlan Shire Council to stand alone and not merge with another Council," said Mayor Shaw.

The public meeting was organised by Sandra Bill, former Upper Lachlan Shire Councillor who was deeply concerned by the current IPART report of Local Council's findings that Upper Lachlan Shire Council was found to be "unfit" for the future. Regardless of the fact that Council had met all 7 (seven) benchmarks relating to Financial Sustainability criteria in the IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal) Assessment Report of NSW Councils "fit for the future" proposals, Council was assessed as unfit due to not meeting "Scale and Capacity" criteria.

The meeting included speakers from the NSW Legislative Council: David Shoebridge MLC, from the NSW Greens Party and Paul Green MLC from the NSW Christian Democrats party.

At Council's Extraordinary Meeting held on Friday, 6 November 2015 it was resolved that:

1. Council receive and note the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) Assessment of Council Fit for the Future Proposals Local Government Final Report dated October 2015.
2. Council notes the IPART endorsement of Upper Lachlan Shire Council as satisfying the financial criteria including; sustainability, infrastructure and service management, and efficiency criteria.

3. Council provide a response in IPART Feedback template refuting the finding that Upper Lachlan Shire Council is NOT FIT due to not meeting the scale and capacity criteria in the IPART Assessment Report.
4. Council provides a response in IPART Feedback template to clarify inaccuracies related to projected population statistics and local government area as contained within IPART Assessment Report.
5. Council again endorses the Stand Alone position of Upper Lachlan Shire Council and responds accordingly in the IPART Feedback template.
6. Council does not endorse a merger with a neighbouring Council.
7. Council does not support forced mergers of any Council

"Council extends a heartfelt thanks to Upper Lachlan Shire residents for voicing their concerns about possible Council mergers. Council is listening to the Upper Lachlan community and working to maintain our representation as a standalone Council," said Mayor Shaw.

The government's decision on council mergers is expected to be received before Christmas 2015, and Council will keep residents informed on all outcomes as they come to light.



Support from Gullen Range Wind Farm to Improve TV Reception



Left: Visiting the Wades Hill transmission tower at Crookwell: (L to R) John Aquilina, Gold Wind Site Supervisor, Mortons Lane VIC wind farm; (back) ULSC Director Works and Operations Phil Newham, RBAH Chair, Shirley Brown, RBAH technician David Searle, ULSC Mayor John Shaw, ULSC General Manager John Bell, Julian King, Gold Wind Site Supervisor, Gullen Range wind farm.

Sourcing a solution for Crookwell's TV reception problems has also received support from Gullen Range Wind Farm (GRWF), who have contributed \$80,000 to finding a solution. In recent months, GRWF have also provided a large number of VAST television systems to assist the community with the problem TV reception as well as supporting Council in seeking funding to install a new transmitter.

"GRWF is pleased that the Federal Government is supporting Upper Lachlan Shire Council to find a solution to the problem TV reception in Crookwell and surrounding areas. The community have been patiently awaiting improved TV reception and will welcome the upgrade," said Julian King, Gold Wind Site Supervisor, Gullen Range wind farm.

For the full story and more information regarding access to the new free to air TV transmission services, please refer to page 9 of this publication.

For all enquiries, contact Council: (02) 4830 1000.

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Please be reminded that Upper Lachlan Shire Council will accept lawn clippings, leaves and prunings at Council Waste Facilities "FREE OF CHARGE".

These items are to be placed in the designated location, as directed by the attendant, and are not to be discarded in plastic bags, boxes or any other container. They are not to be placed with the other bulky green waste or in the general waste areas. This service has been provided to the residents of Upper Lachlan Shire to reduce the volume going to landfill via the garbage collection and also to eliminate decomposing green waste building up amongst the bulky green waste and causing mulching equipment malfunctions.

Council discourage residents from placing this green waste in their waste bins and recommend to take advantage of this free offer. Taking this green waste to a Waste Facility, free of charge, will provide extra space in your waste bin. Please contact the Operations Department on 02 4830 1062 for any enquiries.



UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL WASTE & RECYCLE COLLECTION SERVICES 2016



WEEKLY GARBAGE COLLECTION

TUESDAY - CROOKWELL

WEDNESDAY - GUNNING, BREADALBANE, COLLECTOR & DALTON
THURSDAY - BINDA, LAGGAN, GRABEN GULLEN, TARALGA & GOLSPIE

FORTNIGHTLY RECYCLING COLLECTION

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CROOKWELL

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Council Closures 2015/2016 Christmas/New Year

Facility	Close	Re-Open
Crookwell:		
Administration Office and Depot	12:00 noon Tuesday, 22 December 2015	9:00am Monday, 4 January 2016
Gunning:		
Administration Office and Depot	12:00 noon Tuesday, 22 December 2015	8:30am Monday, 4 January 2016
Taralga:		
Community Service Centre	CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ONLY Thursday, 31 December 2015	9.00am Monday, 4 January 2016
Libraries:		
Crookwell	12.30pm Tuesday, 22 December 2015	10:30 am Monday, 4 January 2016
Gunning	12.30pm Tuesday, 22 December 2015	2:00pm Tuesday, 5 January 2016
Crookwell Visitor Information Centre	CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ONLY	Normal operating days and hours

Facility	Close	Re-Open
Waste Facilities:		
Crookwell Tip	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day	Normal Operating days & hours
Gunning Tip	Christmas Day	Normal Operating days & hours
Collector Tip		Normal Operating days & hours
Taralga Transfer Station	Boxing Day	Normal Operating days & hours
EMERGENCY SERVICES		
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EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Gunning/Collector Area: 0427 454206		
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Improved TV Reception - Finally a Reality

Upper Lachlan Shire Council and RBAH (Regional Broadcasters Australia Holdings Pty Ltd) have signed a funding agreement with the Federal Government to deliver SBS, Southern Cross, Prime 7 and WIN free to air services early in 2016. The new retransmission equipment funded by the Federal Government will be installed at Wades Hill in Crookwell, and these services will be received from Canberra via the broadcasters Mt Gray, Goulburn transmission site.

Since the government's digital switchover program in 2012, Council has been actively lobbying government departments to provide an improved free-to-air television service for the community. Many parts of Crookwell receive no signal at all and have had no recourse but to install satellite transmission - most at their own cost.

Mr Taylor joined Council and RBAH representatives recently at Wades Hill in Crookwell where retransmission equipment, funded by the Federal Government, will be installed in the new year.

"There was recognition from the Federal Government a problem had to be solved and a lot of people have worked together to get this across the line. I am delighted for Crookwell. I understand equipment has been ordered and will be installed on Wades Hill tower in the new year - then it will be all systems go," Mr Taylor said.

RBAH Chair Shirley Brown thanked Angus for his hard work. "We want to acknowledge what Angus has done for Crookwell. This is a very good result for the community."

Upon installation of the improved TV reception project, Upper Lachlan Shire Council will provide all future financial contributions as part of its budget to cover ongoing costs and maintenance of the TV transmitter system. Upper Lachlan Mayor John Shaw said Council would keep the community closely informed about how to access the new TV services.

"Council is very grateful to the Federal Government, for funding the re-transmission service. Council and RBAH will be communicating regularly with residents to ensure they are kept informed with the progress of the TV reception upgrade process, and how they can access the improved service when it becomes available," said Mayor Shaw.

How Residents can Access the New Free to Air Television Services - When Available

Ms Brown said Crookwell residents would receive the new services from Canberra, via the broadcaster's Mt Gray, Goulburn transmission tower to the Wades Hill, Crookwell re-transmission site. "Having recently signed the funding deed, RBAH has completed ordering the hardware for Wades Hill. The site already broadcasts the ABC service."

For viewers who are watching the ABC service from Wades Hill, there will be no need to make any change to their receiving equipment, the new services will be available in addition to the ABC service as soon as they are started up, all that is required is to rescan their receiver to receive the new services. For those viewers who receive their services from either Canberra (Black Mountain) or Orange (Mt Canobolas) it will be necessary for them to point their UHF receive antenna to Wades Hill and to change their antenna polarity to Vertical because the signals will be coming from Wades Hill, a local site, it may also be necessary for viewers to remove their mast head amplifiers.



Above: Federally funded retransmission equipment will restore TV coverage for Crookwell residents early in the new year. Visiting the Wades Hill transmission tower at Crookwell (from left) RBAH technician David Searle, Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor, RBAH Chair Shirley Brown, ULSC Mayor John Shaw, ULSC General Manager John Bell and ULSC Director of Works and Operations Phil Newham.

About RBAH:

RBAH is a privately owned company by regional commercial broadcasters which manages the installation of commercial free to air television services within the regional broadcasters' licence areas which are known as gap filler services. Whilst the Crookwell services are unique, the government sought RBAH's assistance and RBAH accepted the request to manage the start up of the new services.

As soon as RBAH receives delivery advice of the hardware, Crookwell residents will be informed. In the meantime preparation works at the site are underway so that as soon as the hardware arrives there will be no delay in installation.

Local Antenna Installers

Following are the details of the Crookwell Antenna installers that are available to assist residents with all enquiries and installation of the equipment required to receive the new transmission services:

Hudson Pratley,
12 Carrington Street, Crookwell
Mobile: 0429 446 653

Phil Delaney
Binda Road, Crookwell
Mobile: 0409 221 962

For all enquiries, contact Council: (02) 4830 1000

Gunning Skate Park Gets the Go

After five years of raising funds, petitions, grant applications and lobbying Council for funding the Gunning Skate Park gets the go ahead thanks to the Veolia Mulwaree Trust's grant of \$90,004.

It all started on the 29 May 2010 when Gunning youths Leigh Hickey, Guy Southwell, Harry Morris and Marty Smith attended the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Meeting to put forward their bid for a Skate Park to be built at Gunning. In April 2010, these enthusiastic youths organised a petition which showed the eagerness and support of the Gunning community for the Skate Park.

Due to the efforts of the youth of Gunning, the Southwell family, the Gunning Lion's Club, and the Gunning Showground Committee the community have raised over \$5,800 towards the project.

"Council could see from the support and fundraising efforts demonstrated by the Gunning community that they would certainly benefit from having a skate park facility available in the village. Council agreed to contribute \$80,000 to the project in the 2015/2016 budget," said John Bell, General Manager of Upper Lachlan Shire Council.

Council was presented with a cheque for \$90,004 at the Veolia Mulwaree Trust grant presentation held September 2015 at Goulburn Workers Club. Upper Lachlan Shire Mayor, Cllr John Shaw was presented with the cheque by Mr. John Reynolds, Trustee of the Veolia Mulwaree Trust to go towards the design and installation of a skate park in the Gunning Show Ground area.

"Council's contribution as well as the money fundraised by the Gunning community, allowed Council to apply for matching grant funding for the project from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust grant funding program. I am pleased that Council were successful in obtaining \$90,004 of grant funding to realise this dream for the Gunning community. Council would also like to thank Veolia Mulwaree Trust for their generosity and providing the community with the opportunity to apply for grant funding to achieve community facilities to improve the quality of life in the Shire," said Mr. Bell.

Work on the skate park project which will be located within the Gunning Showground, is expected to begin early in 2016, with community consultation currently underway. The initial concept design includes a professionally designed and constructed 300m square skate park, ramp access from Copeland Street, seating, renewed fencing and safety signage. This facility will cover activities such as skateboarding, BMX biking, scootering and rollerblading and will provide an appropriate hub for youth to meet, socially interact, physically enjoy and relax.

Right:

John Reynolds, Trustee of the Veolia Mulwaree Trust presenting Upper Lachlan Shire Council Mayor, Cllr John Shaw with a cheque for \$90,004 for the design and installation of a new Skate Park facility in the Gunning Show Ground area.



Focus On Careers In Local Council

The diverse career opportunities within Local Government were the highlight of discussions recently when Upper Lachlan Shire Council hosted Year 9 students from Crookwell High School. Council's young Cadets and Trainees shared their personal life experiences with the thirteen students about their chosen career path, and how they came to work at Council.

The presentation began with Council's Human Resources Coordinator, Kevin Kara talking to the students about the purpose and role of Local Council. Mr. Kara spoke about Council's mission statement, as well as the various services Council provides to the local community to improve the local lifestyle including safe roads, efficient waste services, sufficient water supply, parks and recreation facilities.

The highlight of the presentation for students was meeting Council's young adult Trainees and Cadets who have embarked on diverse career paths within Local Council. Karinne Granger, who has worked at Council since 2012 as a Trainee Development Control Planner spoke about her chosen career path and how she came to work for Council. Karinne works in the Environment and Planning Department and is studying a Bachelor of Urban & Regional Planning at University of New England (Armidale), which she hopes to continue studying whilst also starting a family. "I am expecting my first child early next year but hope to continue with my studies whilst on maternity leave so I can continue on with my chosen career path at Council in the future," said Ms Granger.

Council's Cadet Civil Engineers Kevin Lawler and Robert Johnson, explained how they came to work for Council and shared their very different paths that brought them to their role of Civil Engineer Cadets. The overwhelming message to students was to stay at school and work hard toward attaining a qualification as this will give them the best opportunities in obtaining a job in their chosen career.

"The best thing about working at Council is the diversity in what we do. As a cadet Engineer, we get to work both in the office and outside on survey conformance, designing and building fit for purpose roads that conform to Roads and Maritime specifications, as well as supervising the construction of other infrastructure. We are also involved in project management, where we assist with a project from the beginning at the design and planning stages, and follow it through to its completion," explained Mr. Lawler.



Students also heard from Council's Trainees including: Ellie McGeechan who started at Council as a trainee in Civil Construction and who now works full time as a roller driver; Jake Hunter who also started at Council as a trainee in Civil Construction and is now working fulltime as a Labourer; Brad Mitchell is a third year horticulturist trainee; and Caylon Jackson-Wilkie who started at Council in early 2015 as an apprentice Plant Mechanic.

Each trainee spoke about their education and experience that led them to work for Council, and the skills and training they are gaining from working in their current employ. When asked what they liked most about working for Council, the



general consensus was "the people".

"The people we work with here at Council are really a great bunch and the variety of work we do keeps the work interesting and ensures we learn a lot of skills," said Ms McGeechan, who is an outstanding role model for young women looking for a non-traditional career path. Ellie has recently finished her civil construction traineeship and has successfully attained full time employment at Council as a roller driver working with outdoor staff on road works and other construction projects.

The Year 9 students from Crookwell High School were visiting Council as part of the Business Enterprise Centre (BEC) industry tour program. As well as visiting Council, the students also visited Crookwell Veterinary Hospital and VIRBAC. "The Industry tours are valuable for assisting students with their career decisions. These visits help them to gain a more realistic understanding of the working conditions, career pathways and opportunities that exist within different industry areas within their local region. Students really benefit from being able to connect with people in real work environments, and we very much appreciate Council's contribution to this program," said Anja Livingston, BEC Program Manager.

Council also assisted in an Industry Skills Day for Year 9 students from Crookwell High School, which was held at the Crookwell Services Club. The day involved activities including mock Interview sessions and Careers Conversations with local employers.

Mr. Brian Hudson, Principal at Crookwell High School is very supportive of the program: "Experiences such as this are invaluable for our students. Talking to recent graduates from school about their experiences with Council both opens their eyes to the opportunities available to them, as well as allowing them to better plan their own transition from school to work. I appreciate the role played by the Business Enterprise Centre (BEC) and Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Crookwell Veterinary Hospital, VIRBAC and other local employers in providing this opportunity to our students."



Service NSW Delivers More Services for Locals

Upper Lachlan Shire Council General Manager, John Bell today welcomed better service delivery to the region, with the expansion of services through the new Crookwell Service NSW agency, located within the Upper Lachlan Shire Council administration office in Crookwell.

"From July 2014, Service NSW took over the management of the Roads and Maritime' Government Access Program which provided predominantly motor registry services to the communities of regional and remote areas," Mr Bell said.

"Over the past year, Service NSW has been working with the Upper Lachlan Shire Council to enhance the service offering so customers can access other services not previously provided, such as Fair Trading licences, competency cards, birth certificate applications, and so much more.

"As part of the new initiative, residents and businesses in Crookwell can now access these services and transactions through the Service NSW agency at the Council office in Crookwell: drivers licences; vehicle registrations; driver testing; boating licences and registrations; contactor licences; birth certificates and seniors cards. The services are available in Crookwell Monday to Friday, from 9am to 4pm. I want to acknowledge the support of Council and Council staff trained in the new services and transactions now being offered by Service NSW,

and in achieving this great outcome for their community," said Mr Bell. Council wishes to ask the public to be patient with Council staff who are still becoming familiar with the new Service NSW transactions.

Service NSW is continuing to deliver a host of digital improvements allowing greater access to services and transactions 24/7 through the service.nsw.gov.au website, Service NSW app, or by phoning 13 77 88.

Right: Upper Lachlan Shire Council Customer Service Officer's, Christine Marks and Kim Anderson servicing the Shire community at the Crookwell Service NSW Agency, located in the Upper Lachlan Shire Council administration office in Crookwell.



Taralga Wind Farm Community Fund Applications Now Open

Upper Lachlan Shire Council advises that the Taralga Wind Farm Community Fund Funding Round will be open for applications from 9.00am Thursday, 3 December 2015 and close at 4.00pm on Friday, 12 February 2016.

The Taralga Wind Farm Community Fund aims to support initiatives that strengthen the local community through projects within 20kms of the wind farm within Upper Lachlan Local Government Area.

The funding amount available under the Taralga Wind Farm Community Fund for 2016/2017 is \$94,980.00.

The guidelines and application form are available in the "Grants" section located on the home page of Council's website: www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au

Applications may be submitted by post to: PO Box 42, Gunning NSW 2581 or emailed to:

council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au.

For more information, please call Council on:

(02) 4830 1000.

New Banner Poles for Crookwell

The Christmas in the Park committee is a 355 committee of Upper Lachlan Shire Council formed five years ago to provide a Christmas celebration for the people of Crookwell. Simon Bill, the president of the committee, has been a long-term community supporter and has driven the installation of banner poles for events in Crookwell to be advertised and celebrated.

Joining Simon was the generous Lions Club of Crookwell who supported with funds and were joined later by the Gullen Range Wind Farm, donating the final balance to erect five banner poles for the three blocks of the main street.

The single pole near the amenities block is for charities to display banners for fundraising and the suite of five poles are offered to Crookwell organisations to advertise community events for a modest fee. The Christmas in the Park committee have an information pack available by ringing Simon on 0458270101. The banners are 900mm by 2.6 metres providing visual impact and animating the main street.



The holes were dug by Divalls Earthmoving using a high pressure water blasting method to preserve services while pumping out the fill. Installing the poles were Aussie Flags and Flagpoles who expertly erected the poles and supply custom printed banners to suit.

Upper Lachlan Council employees assisted the operations with traffic control and partnered the committee for the installation. The committee hopes that the banner poles will be a welcome addition to the skyline and provide a colourful invitation for locals and visitors to join in on Crookwell events and celebrations. The Christmas in the Park event will be held in the Memorial Park from 2.00pm to 7.00pm, on Saturday, 12 December 2015.

Common Questions and Answers on Noxious Weeds

The Noxious Weeds Section regularly receives questions on a range of issues relating to the management of weeds. A summary of some of these enquiries may be of assistance to local landholders, Council's Noxious Weeds Manager; Mr. Paul Brown is available to discuss weed control issues and can be contacted at Council's Taralga Office on (02) 4840 2099.

What is the difference between a weed and a noxious weed?

The most widely accepted definition of a weed is a plant growing where it is not wanted.

In NSW, noxious weeds are plants that have been declared under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 by the Minister for Primary Industries. Weeds with the potential to impact on agriculture, animal or human health or damage the environment are potential candidates for declaration as noxious weeds.

The Act requires that all owners or occupiers of land have a responsibility to control noxious weeds on their property. Information on the list of noxious weeds and the control requirements can be obtained from Council's Weed Officers. The main intent of the Act is to prevent the establishment of new weeds and restrict the spread of serious weeds for the protection of other landholders from weed invasion.

Does Council have responsibility to control noxious weeds?

Under the Act Council has the same responsibility to control noxious weeds as private landholders. Landowners can forward any concerns they have with any noxious weed growth on Council land to the Noxious Weeds Manager and arrangements will be made for control works.

Why does Upper Lachlan Shire Council need a noxious weed control program?

Weeds are everyone's problem. When one landowner fails to control weeds they can spread to other properties where they can cause great harm and reduce

productivity and property values. The successful control of noxious weeds enables us all to live in a healthier environment and also protects agricultural production within our community.

What can people do to prevent and control invasive weed infestations?

- Know your weeds, learn to recognize and identify invasive plants on your land, and share this information and control efforts with your neighbors.
- Early detection is key, record weed locations and have any unusual vegetation identified by Council's Weed Officers.
- Prevent weeds from establishing; Dig out isolated or new patches of weeds; Don't let invasive plants go to seed.
- Implement an integrated weed management program for existing infestations.

What is integrated weed management?

Integrated weed management (IWM) is a term used to describe the long term management of a weed using a combination of different management and control techniques. An IWM approach will be tailored for a given weed based on its ecology, density and the land-use situation in which it occurs.

Weed management techniques include physical/ mechanical, chemical, biological and cultural control practices. All of these techniques may be part of an IWM system, it's unlikely that a single control measure on its own will be effective over the long-term however a combination of techniques are more likely to be successful.

Where can I get help and advice on weed control?

All landowners within Upper Lachlan Shire Council can arrange a free farm visit from a Weeds Officer which can assist in identification and planning weed control programs on your property.

Farm visits can be arranged by contacting Council's Noxious Weeds Manager on (02) 4840 2099.



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Myopathy "An Invisible Death Sentence for Our Wildlife"

By Kay Muddiman - Publicity Officer

Domestic cats and dogs pose a serious threat to wildlife because of their natural hunting instincts.

Many pet owners don't think about what their pets get up to outside, but even the most docile of cats or dogs can chase, prey on or kill native wildlife because they are natural hunters and carnivores. We are all aware of the obvious physical injuries that can be inflicted by a cat or dog attack, but many are unaware of the (mainly) dog inflicted invisible killer – myopathy.

What is myopathy? It is the collective term for many and various muscular conditions which can affect not only humans, but all other animal species.

Myopathy in macropods. (Wallabies, wallaroos and kangaroos)

How does it happen? When a muscle is exerted (used) its metabolism changes from aerobic (uses oxygen) to anaerobic (uses stored energy in the muscles). This leads to the build up of lactic acid causing acidosis. Lactic acid in the blood-stream drops the pH in the body, affecting heart output. If the heart does not pump oxygen to the muscle it starts to die. When the muscle dies over the next 7 days, it releases a product called myoglobin (breakdown product of muscle). Myoglobin damages the excretion part of the kidney (the renal tubule). Other organs are affected: the lungs become congested and bleed. The liver becomes swollen and pale. Death will occur within 2 - 14 days after the stressful incident.

Myopathy in macropods happens when an animal is under extreme stress, for example when it is being attacked or chased by a dog (either domestic or feral). It is natural for us to think that if the dog did not catch the animal then no harm has been done; the dog had a good run, and the animal got away. However



nothing is further from the truth, the animal does not have to be injured directly to develop myopathy. In reality the animal may have got away, but will not escape a painful and slow death. Usually we will not see an animal in this state, as it will go somewhere quiet and out of sight to die.

It is very unfortunate that this situation takes place on a regular basis in the country, as it is avoidable (when it comes to domestic dogs),

just by keeping them contained in a yard at night when most Australian native animals are more active. During daylight hours when your dog may be 'out and about' with you, do not allow it to chase native animals.

Every cat and dog deserves a safe home where it is loved, cared for and kept free from hazards. It is also possible to help your pets and wildlife co-exist safely. So, please be alert to what is taking place around you, and help our native animals survive in an ever diminishing natural environment.

Should you need advice or help with injured or distressed wildlife, please ring our Branch Rescue Number - (02) 4822 3888. Our volunteers will be only too happy to assist.

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