BUSINESS PAPER

ORDINARY MEETING

Thursday 21 June 2012
9.00am
Council Chambers, Crookwell

COUNCIL'S VISION

To be a diverse local government area that provides various lifestyle, business enterprise, leisure and recreation alternatives, whilst ensuring environmental sustainability, preservation of our history and a sense of belonging in our community.

COUNCIL'S MISSION

To provide services and facilities to enhance the quality of life and economic viability within the Council area.

COUNCIL'S AIMS

To perform services in a cost efficient, effective and friendly manner in order to achieve Council's Mission in meeting the annual objectives and performance targets.
NOTICE OF MEETING

13 June 2012

Councillors

Dear Members

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council will take place on Thursday 21 June 2012 in the Council Chambers, Crookwell commencing at 9.00am.

Your presence is requested.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

JK Bell
General Manager
Upper Lachlan Shire Council
AGENDA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation, and extend that respect to other Aboriginals present.

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UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

General Manager
Upper Lachlan Shire Council
Spring Street
CROOKWELL NSW 2583

Dear Sir

I wish to apply for leave of absence from the Council Meeting to be held on
Date: ...........................................

I will be absent for the following reason/s:
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Yours faithfully

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(Councillor Signature)
ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A GUIDING CHECKLIST FOR COUNCILLORS, OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Could your possible conflict of interest lead to private gain or loss at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict:
  1. Pecuniary – regulated by the Local Government Act and Department of Local Government and,
  2. Non-pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct and policy, ICAC, Ombudsman, Department of Local Government (advice only).

THE TEST FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest.

IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS

1st Do I have private interest affected by a matter I am officially involved in?
2nd Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
3rd Do my private interest conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.
AGENCY ADVICE

Officers of the following agencies are available during office hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, Officers and Community Committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and Codes.

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To the General Manager

I, ____________________________________________________________

Declare a Conflict of Interest, being a PECUNIARY Interest.

COUNCIL MEETING

Name of Meeting ________________________________________________

Date of Meeting

Page Number ____________________ Item Number ____________________

Subject

Reason for Interest

OTHER THAN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Reason for Interest

______________________________
Signature ____________________ Date ____________________

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To the General Manager

I, ____________________________

Declare a Conflict of Interest, being a NON-PECUNIARY Interest.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Name of Meeting ____________________________________________

Date of Meeting ____________________________________________

Page Number ____________________ Item Number ______________

Subject ___________________________________________________

Reason for Interest _________________________________________

As a result of my non-pecuniary interest, my involvement in the meeting will be as follows:

[ ] Option A – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber, participate in the debate, and vote.

[ ] Option B – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber, participate in the debate, but not vote.

[ ] Option C – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber, participate in the debate, but leave the Chamber for the vote.

[ ] Option D – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber, not participate in the debate, but vote.

[ ] Option E – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber, not participate in the debate and not vote.

[ ] Option F – Make a declaration, do not participate in the debate, leave the Chamber upon making the declaration, and not return until the matter is resolved.

Signature ___________________________ Date ____________________

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The following minutes are submitted for confirmation -

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UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 17 MAY 2012

PRESENT: Mayor, Councillor Shaw, Councillors McCormack, Moloney, Wheelwright, Barlow, Coley, Culhane and Bill and Messrs J Bell (General Manager), A Croke (Director of Finance and Administration), P Newham (Director of Works and Operations), Mrs T Dodson (Director of Environment and Planning), Messrs P Brown (Manager Noxious Weeds), L Moloney (Manager Operations), G Anable (Manager Works), H Spirek (Media Officer) and Mrs H Peterson (Executive Assistant).

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 9.00AM

The Mayor advised of his attendance at the funeral of Mr Graham Stone, a former Gunning Shire President and Councillor, and requested a minutes silence in his honour.

SECTION 1: APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An apology was received for the absence of Clr M Mayoh.

129/12 RESOLVED by Clr McCormack and Clr Barlow that the apology be received and the leave of absence granted.

SECTION 2: CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Nil

SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Clr B Moloney declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in Item 6.1 Presentations to Council by Australian Bauxite Limited as the company has done some test drilling on his property and will stay in the Chamber, participate in the debate but not vote.

SECTION 4: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

130/12 RESOLVED by Clr Barlow and Clr McCormack

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 April
SECTION 5: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 5.1 GUNNING/DALTON WATER UPGRADE

131/12 RESOLVED by Clr Shaw and Clr Coley

That Council would like to thank the Federal Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Hon Tony Burke MP, our local State Member and Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, our local Federal Member, Mr Alby Schultz MP, MLC's Mr Mick Veitch and Mr Steve Whan, the Councillors of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council, the General Manager, Mr John Bell, the Director of Works and Operations, Mr Phil Newham, the Manager of Operations, Mr Luke Moloney and staff as well as the Gunning community for their help, understanding and patience over the past 18 months and for their assistance in securing the necessary funding for the upgrade of the Gunning/Dalton Water Supplies.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL/PUBLIC

Australian Bauxite Limited CEO Ian Levy addressed the meeting regarding their current status with test drilling and the next steps in becoming operational.

SECTION 7: CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 7.1 ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR MAY 2012 MEETING

132/12 RESOLVED by Clr Bill and Clr Moloney

That Item 7.1 - [Correspondence/Information]listed below be received:

2. Origin Energy – Proposed Kerrawary Power Station,
3. Ms Katrina Hodgkinson MP – Goulburn and District Community Transport.
4. Division of Local Government – Circular – Ban on Political donations by corporations and other entities.
5. Hon Andrew Stoner, MP – Deputy Premier – Media Release - $4.3 million for Gunning and Dalton water supply upgrades.

- CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea the time being 10.16am

The meeting resumed the time being 10.36am

SECTION 8: LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

REPORTS FROM STAFF AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 9: ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

ITEM 9.1 MONTHLY WEED ACTIVITIES REPORT

133/12 RESOLVED by Clr Barlow and Clr Culhane

1. That Council receive and note the report as information.

Councillors who voted for:- Councillors Shaw, Wheelwright, Barlow, Bill, McCormack, Moloney, Coley and Culhane.

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

- CARRIED
ITEM 9.2 DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2012
134/12 RESOLVED by Clr Bill and Clr Coley

1. That Council receive and note the report as information.

Councillors who voted for:- Councillors Shaw, Wheelwright, Barlow, Bill, McCormack, Moloney, Coley and Culhane.

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.3 LIVESTOCK HEALTH AND PEST AUTHORITY REVIEW
135/12 RESOLVED by Clr Coley and Clr Moloney

1. That Council receive and note this report.

2. That Council forwards a submission regarding the Ryan Review seeking to retain local control of and continued maintenance of the Noxious Weeds functions that Council is currently responsible for and further, that Council request that it be extensively consulted during the process.

Councillors who voted for:- Councillors Shaw, Wheelwright, Barlow, Bill, McCormack, Moloney, Coley and Culhane.

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

- CARRIED
ITEM 9.4  TARALGA WIND FARM
136/12  RESOLVED by Clr Barlow and Clr McCormack

1. That Council receive and note the report as information.

2. That Council reply to the Director General of the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure's correspondence of 23 April 2012 querying the following issues:
   • What legal entity currently holds the consent for the project?
   • Did the original consent of 23 February 2007 and the deferred consent of 25 June 2009 expire on 23 February 2012?
   • Advise that Council has not received an acceptable traffic management plan.

Councillors who voted for:- Councillors Shaw, Wheelwright, Barlow, Bill, McCormack, Moloney, Coley and Culhane.

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

- CARRIED

SECTION 10: WORKS AND OPERATIONS

ITEM 10.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS - CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE
137/12  RESOLVED by Clr Wheelwright and Clr Barlow

1. That Council receive the report and note the information.

- CARRIED
ITEM 10.2  WORKS IN PROGRESS - TECHNICAL & MANAGERIAL
138/12  
RESOLVED by Clr Coley and Clr Bill

1. That Council receive the report and note the information.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.3  SWIMMING POOL SEASON WRAP UP
139/12  
RESOLVED by Clr McCormack and Clr Barlow

1. That Council receive the report and note as information.
2. That Council resolve to write to Mr Matthew Denne thanking him for his outstanding efforts in assisting with the management of Crookwell and Gunning Swimming Pools.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.4  WATER AND SEWER UPDATE
140/12  
RESOLVED by Clr Coley and Clr Barlow

1. That Council receive the report and note the information.

- CARRIED
ITEM 10.5 GUNNING/DALTON WATER SUPPLY PROJECT FEDERAL FUNDING.

141/12 RESOLVED by Clr Coley and Clr Barlow

1. That Council receive and note the report concerning the offer of funding.

2. That Council accept the offer of $5.4 million from the Australian Government Water for the Future initiative to support the Gunning – Dalton Water Security Improvement Program and delegate the General Manager to sign the offer and affix the seal of Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.6 GUNNING - DALTON WATER SUPPLY PROJECT N.S.W. GOVERNMENT FUNDING

142/12 RESOLVED by Clr Coley and Clr Wheelwright

1. That Council receive and note the report concerning the offer of funding from the NSW Government.

2. That Council accept the offer of $4.3 million from the NSW Government to support the Gunning – Dalton Water Security Improvement Program.

3. That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to accept and sign the NSW Government funding agreement for the sum of $4,300,000 for the Gunning – Dalton Water Security Improvement Program and delegate the General Manager to attach the seal of Council.

- CARRIED
ITEM 10.7  
FUNDING OFFER - CROOKWELL WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

143/12  
**RESOLVED** by Clr Barlow and Clr Bill

1. That Council receive and note the report concerning the offer of funding.

2. That Council thank the Australian Government for its $4.375 million from the Australian Government Water for the Future initiative to support the Crookwell Water Supply and Irrigation Improvements Program.

3. That Council graciously decline to accept the offer.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.8  
COMPULSORY ROAD ACQUISITION - JUNCTION POINT ROAD

144/12  
**RESOLVED** by Clr Wheelwright and Clr McCormack

1. That Council seeks the consent of the Governor of NSW and Minister of Local Government to compulsorily acquire Lots 2-7 (inclusive) DP 1166197 in the Parish of Gillindich for the purposes of road widening under the Roads Act 1993 and to pay compensation under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991.

- CARRIED
ITEM 10.9 BRIDGE IN MCDONALD STREET, CROOKWELL
145/12 RESOLVED by Clr McCormack and Clr Wheelwright

1. That Council receive the report and note the information.
2. That Council replace the bridge with a modern concrete box culvert structure at a similar level and size to the existing structure, to be funded from a combination of Council Section 94 contributions and Roads to Recovery Program funds.

- CARRIED

SECTION 11: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

ITEM 11.1 INVESTMENTS TO 30 APRIL 2012
146/12 RESOLVED by Clr McCormack and Clr Wheelwright

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

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.2 BANK BALANCES AND RECONCILIATION TO 30 APRIL 2012
147/12 RESOLVED by Clr Wheelwright and Clr McCormack

1. That Council receive and note the report as information.

- CARRIED
ITEM 11.3  RATES AND CHARGES OUTSTANDING AS AT 30 APRIL 2012
148/12  RESOLVED by Clr Moloney and Clr Coley

1. That Council receive and note the report as information.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4  QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENTS 2011-2012
149/12  RESOLVED by Clr Culhane and Clr Barlow

1. That Council adopts the 3rd Quarter Budget Review Statements for 2011/2012 including revotes of income and expenditure to the Operational Plan; and


- CARRIED

ITEM 11.5  LIBRARY THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2011-2012
150/12  RESOLVED by Clr Bill and Clr Barlow

1. That Council receive and note the report as information.

- CARRIED
ITEM 11.6

RENegotiation of existing loan no. 163

RESOLVED by Clr McCormack and Clr Culhane

1. That Council authorises the refinancing of Loan No. 163 totalling $845,855.39 for the purpose of Crookwell water supply and Crookwell sewerage infrastructure with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia; and

2. That Council authorises the signing of loan documentation by the General Manager.

- CARRIED

SECTION 12: GENERAL MANAGER

ITEM 12.1

STAFFING MATTERS

RESOLVED by Clr McCormack and Clr Barlow

1. That Council receive and note the report as information.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.2

CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS OF SENIOR STAFF

RESOLVED by Clr Coley and Clr Culhane

1. That Council resolves to note the contractual conditions of the General Manager as a senior staff member of Council.

- CARRIED
ITEM 12.3  LEGAL PROCEEDINGS REPORTING POLICY REVIEW
154/12  RESOLVED by Clr Wheelwright and Clr Bill

1. That Council adopt the reviewed Legal Proceedings Reporting Policy.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.4  PETITIONS - ADMINISTRATION POLICY REVIEW
155/12  RESOLVED by Clr Bill and Clr Coley

1. That Council adopts the reviewed Petitions – Administration Policy.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.5  YOUTH POLICY REVIEW
156/12  RESOLVED by Clr Wheelwright and Clr McCormack

1. That Council adopts the reviewed Youth Policy.

- CARRIED
ITEM 12.6
MAYORAL AND COUNCILLORS' REMUNERATION
157/12
RESOLVED by Clr McCormack and Clr Wheelwright

1. That Council notes the determination of annual fees for Councillors and Mayors and resolves to set a fee structure for the period 2012/2013 being, Councillors Annual Fee of $10,220.00 and a Mayoral Fee of $22,310.00.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.7
ACTION SUMMARY - COUNCIL DECISIONS
158/12
RESOLVED by Clr Coley and Clr McCormack

1. Council receive and note the report as information.

- CARRIED

SECTION 13:
LATE REPORTS

SECTION 14:
REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES, SECTION 355 COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES

ITEM 14.1
REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES
159/12
RESOLVED by Clr Bill and Clr Barlow

That Item 14.1 - [Minutes of Committee/Information] listed below be received and the recommendation contained therein adopted:
1. Access Committee – Minutes from meeting held Monday 30 April 2012 and that Council allocates an amount of $5,000.00 per annum in the Operational Plan to improve access arrangement (e.g. crossings) on Council streets. - CARRIED

SECTION 15: BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

SECTION 16: NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM 16.1 TARALGA MASONIC HALL - OPTION TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Cllr Moloney and Cllr Barlow

“That Council seeks approval from the Taralga Historical Society to pass the responsibility and ownership of the Masonic Hall, Taralga and the land on which it is located, being 83 Orchard Street, Taralga, Lot A DP153803, County Argyle, Parish Guineacor, to the Taralga Historical Society.”

RESOLVED Cllr Bill and Cllr Coley that Council move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the matter

RESOLVED Cllr Coley and Cllr Bill that Council move out of Committee of the Whole.

An Amendment was moved by Cllr Coley and Cllr Shaw that Council notes Cllr Moloney’s Notice of Motion and defers consideration of the motion until the full Infrastructure Report from the Department of Planning and Environment is completed and placed before Council.

On being put to the meeting the amendment became the motion.

The Motion was put to the meeting and was carried.

RESOLVED Cllr Coley and Cllr Shaw that Council notes Cllr Moloney’s
162/12

Notice of Motion and defers consideration of the motion until the full Infrastructure Report from the Department of Planning and Environment is completed and placed before Council.

- CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for lunch the time being 1.17pm

Meeting resumed the time being 2.00pm

SECTION 17: QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

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 (2) 2c and 2d(i) 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:

163/12

RESOLVED by Clr Bill and Clr Culhane

1. That Council move into closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.

2. That pursuant to sections 10A (2) 2c and 2d(i) 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

Council closed its meeting at 2.05pm and the public, staff and press left the chambers.
RESOLVED by Clr McCormack and Clr Coley

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

- CARRIED

Open Council resumed at 2.45pm.

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.

SECTION 18: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

ITEM 18.1 PROPOSED VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT WITH AGL ENERGY LTD

165/12 RESOLVED by Clr McCormack and Clr Wheelwright

1. Council endorse the Voluntary Planning Agreement and delegate the General Manager authority to sign the Voluntary Planning Agreement with AGL Energy Ltd in respect to the proposed Dalton Gas Fired Power Station project.

Councillors who voted for:- Councillors Shaw, Wheelwright, Barlow, Bill, McCormack, Moloney, Coley and Culhane.

Councillors who voted against:- Nil

- CARRIED
SECTION 19: TENDER PANEL

ITEM 19.1 LEGAL SERVICES TENDER 166/12

RESOLVED by Clr Moloney and Clr Culhane

1. Council, in accordance with the SEROC Regional Legal Services Panel recommendation, adopt the following law firms as the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Legal Services Panel for a period of two (2) years, with the option to extend for a further two (2) years, at Council's discretion:
   - Marsdens Law Group, Campbelltown;
   - RMB Lawyers, Nowra;
   - HWL Ebsworth, Sydney/Canberra;
   - Kells The Lawyers, Wollongong;
   - Spark Helmore, Sydney;
   - Williams Love & Nicol, Canberra;
   - Maddocks, Sydney;
   - Elringtons, Canberra/Queanbeyan; and
   - Robert J McCarthy, Crookwell.

2. Further, in acknowledgement of the excellent service provided over the past six years, Council continue to utilise Pikes Lawyers to supply suitable legal services where and when appropriate and include Pikes Lawyers on the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Legal Services Panel.

3. Council advise the successful tenderers of the appointment to the Panel.

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.45pm

Minutes confirmed 21 JUNE 2012

Mayor
5 MAYORAL MINUTES

There were no items submitted for this section at the time the Agenda was compiled.
The following item is submitted for consideration -

7.1 Items of Correspondence for June 2012 meeting.
Correspondence - 21 June 2012

ITEM

Items of Correspondence for June 2012 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Item 7.1 - [Correspondence/Information] listed below be received:

1. AGL Energy Ltd – Dalton Power Station Community Consultation Committee – DPSCCC.
2. AGL Energy Ltd – DPSCCC Terms of Reference and Nomination Form.
4. Division of Local Government – Circular M12-04 - Councils for Gender Equity Program.
5. Division of Local Government – Circular M12-06 – Temporary Policy to Apply to Proposals to Change Local Government Boundaries in NSW.
7. Gunning & District Chamber of Commerce – Thanking Council and staff for efforts in the upgrade of the Gunning and Dalton water supplies.
8. CENTROC – Support for Operation Never Again.
9. Hon Tony Abbott MP – Carbon Tax will add to operating costs of all Australian Councils.
11. Gunning & District Community Health Services Inc – Expressing relief and appreciation for securing funding for the Gunning and Dalton water upgrades.
12. Ms Hilary Taylor – Crookwell Potato Festival – Petition to have event moved back into main street and response to Ms Taylor.
14. Sydney Catchment Authority – Applications for appointment onto Board.
15. National Party Australia – Motion passed at Yass meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

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Mr John Bell
General Manager
Upper Lachlan Shire Council
PO Box 42
Gunning NSW 2581
31 May 2012

Dear Mr Bell,

I refer to our conversations regarding the establishment of the Dalton Power Station Community Consultative Committee (DPSCCC). We would like to take this opportunity to invite Council to nominate a representative to become a member.

The aim of the Dalton Power Station CCC is help to strengthen the community engagement process so that community issues can be addressed appropriately.

Why a CCC?

AGL acknowledges there are community concerns regarding development of the Dalton Power Station and of our past consultation activities. We hope that by establishing a local consultative committee we will provide the community with opportunities:

- To regularly engage with other key community representatives and stakeholders about the proposed Dalton Power Station
- For AGL to listen to and respond to community issues or concerns
- For the community to hear technical presentations by subject experts, requested by the community.
- For the community to contribute to and monitor the planning and construction process
- To build greater awareness and understanding about the project
- For AGL to acknowledge and address other matters with regard to the proposed power station as these issues emerge.

Membership

The Dalton Power Station CCC is a voluntary process and membership will likely comprise of representatives from key stakeholder and community groups who have previously demonstrated an interest or connection to the project. We hope to include representatives from the immediate neighbours, the local community, conservation and business groups and state and local government officials.

We would like to establish a CCC with ideally 8 – 12 regular members. Appointment of members will be dependent on the acceptances received by those nominated, however all members of the community are welcome to observe the meetings and additional arrangements can be made should they wish to be further involved.
Approach to meetings

Initially we propose that the Dalton Power Station CCC meets monthly during the planning and structural phase of the project. However, we are keen to hear from the new CCC what would suit them in terms of expectations and regularity of meetings. We are appointing a facilitator to assist us in chairing the meetings.

Further details regarding the timings, agenda, venue and other logistics for the inaugural meeting will be available once we have formalised membership.

Please find attached a draft Terms of Reference and membership criteria for you to consider. If you would like to participate in this process, then please fill in the attached nomination form and send it to the following address so your interest can be considered.

Attention: Neil Cooke
AGL Energy Ltd
Locked Bag 1837
St Leonards NSW 2065

Please feel free to contact me with any further enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Cooke
Manager Power Development
Ph: (02) 9921 2155
Email: ncooke@agl.com.au
AGL Energy Limited
Dalton Power Station Community Consultative Committee

1. Membership Criteria

The following criteria will be used to assess nominations received:

- A member of the local community or have a demonstrated interest or connection to the project;
- Be willing to commit to attending each of the monthly meetings held and any additional meetings held to address key issues;
- Be willing to gather input from the community / interest group and bring forward any queries or concerns raised in relation to the project;
- Disseminate information received during the CCC meetings back to the community / interest group; and
- Be able to demonstrate why you have an interest in this project and the key areas of interest.

2. Draft Terms of Reference

The Community Consultative Committee will comprise representatives of key stakeholder groups who have a demonstrable interest in or connection to, the Dalton Power Project. It is anticipated that the stakeholders will include but not be limited to community members, conservation and business groups, as well as state and local government representatives.

The Dalton Power Station Community Consultative Committee (DPSCCC) could be guided by the following terms of reference (as an example):

Aims and objectives

The specific objectives of the DPSCCC are:

- To establish an effective and efficient communication process with the community and key stakeholders providing clear, consistent and timely information with regard to the planning process and future construction aspects of the project;
- To develop community trust and confidence in the project;
- To ensure that community stakeholders are kept informed of planning and construction aspects of the project until project completion;
- To develop and strengthen long term partnerships with key community stakeholders;
- Ensure issues are managed collaboratively and that there are 'no surprises';
» Function as a conduit transmitting information between the Dalton Power Project Team and stakeholders;
» Function as a sounding board for the Dalton Power Project Team and stakeholders; and
» Provide feedback to the Dalton Power Project Team

Role of the DPSCCC

Discuss and assist the Dalton Power Project Team to resolve matters of environmental and social concern.

Provide a forum through which:
» Information on planning progress and development works associated with the site is made available to stakeholders;
» The local community knowledge and skills can be considered in a constructive way;
» A greater community knowledge base about the elements of the Dalton Power Project can be developed;
» Provide an opportunity for discussion regarding the planning phase, construction works and ongoing site management.
» Provide a process to raise concerns, and for AGL to demonstrate how those concerns have been considered in helping shape decisions being made about the planning phase, construction works and ongoing site management.
» Assist in establishing relationships between the Dalton Power Project Team and key stakeholders and the wider community during the approvals, planning, construction and commissioning phases of the project;
» Provide a conduit for the dissemination of information to, and input from community members and other key stakeholders;
» Consider the suggested communications and engagement activities around the overarching project announcements to ensure they are meeting the expectations of the community; and
» To review and evaluate the effectiveness of the CCC every 12 months to ensure it is meeting the expectations of the community.

DPSCCC and the Dalton Power Project Team principles

The principles underpinning the relationship between the DPSCCC members and the Dalton Power Project Team are those values and behaviours adopted in the DPSCCC Charter.

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**Membership Information**

Members of the DPSCCC will comprise of representatives of the different stakeholder groups being impacted by the Dalton Power Project and relevant AGL project team members. Attempts will be made to ensure that the DPSCCC contains a representative sample of stakeholders however it will be largely dependent on nominees accepting the voluntary role which will be driven by their interest in participating.

Members will not be provided with an honorarium, but refreshments will be provided at CCC meetings. Any out of pocket expenses such as additional fuel or phone calls will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Representatives from the following key stakeholder groups will be invited to join the Community Consultative Committee:

- Neighbouring landowners directly impacted by the development (2 representatives)
- Gunning Chamber of Commerce (President or nominated member)
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council (Director of Economic Development or Planning)
- Dalton Public School
- Representative of local Dalton businesses
- Representative for local environmental interest groups
- Rural Fire Service
- AGL Dalton Power Project Manager
- AGL Community Liaison Representative (and minute taker)

The CCC is a voluntary committee and the sessions will be open to the community to observe. Observers should contact the Chair prior to each meeting, if they would like to ask a question or raise a concern about a particular topic. There may be an opportunity to raise questions during the meeting through the Chair.

**Term of appointment**

The term of appointment for the DPSCCC, including its membership, will be for the duration of the planning and construction phases of the Project (approximately 3 years). If the community feels it would like the DPSCCC to continue throughout the power station’s operation, then this would be considered favourably, and membership would be reviewed to ensure representative stakeholders are included in the next phase.
Protocol for the operation of the DPSCCC

The DPSCCC and the Dalton Power Project Team will acknowledge and adhere to the following operating protocols:

- The Dalton Power Project Team will issue an agenda one week prior to the meetings which will be held monthly at an agreed, regular time. A meeting venue will be nominated shortly and meetings will run up to two hours.
- Members should commit to attend all DPSCCC meetings and if unable to attend provide appropriate notice where possible.
- Members will be encouraged to provide briefings back to their local community and bring information with them to the meetings about the feedback they have received.
- Extraordinary meetings of the DPSCCC may be required throughout the duration of the project to discuss specific issues. Appropriate notice will be given for these meetings.
- Technical advisers or specialists will attend meetings as required.
- All information provided should be accurate, complete and timely and written in a manner that is easy to understand.
- Community Consultative Committee members shall receive meeting notes within 10-12 working days of the meeting taking place.
- Where a response cannot be given at the meeting, questions shall be taken on notice and a reply given via the meeting notes.
- No single member shall make public statements purporting to represent the views of the Community Consultative Committee.
- Any conflict of interest should be declared by members.
- The Project Team will make every effort to advise DPSCCC members of information prior to speaking to the media.
- The media will not be invited to attend meetings without the consent of both the DPSCCC and Dalton Power Project Team.
- The Dalton Power Project Team will consider all advice and feedback provided by the DPSCCC.
- Meeting notes will be published on the AGL website within two weeks of the meeting and will report a summary of the outcomes and actions captured during the discussion. Members will be provided with an electronic copy and the meeting notes will be publicly available on the Dalton Power Project website.
- AGL will appoint an appropriate Chair to facilitate the meeting.
3. DPSCCC Nomination Form

1) CONTACT DETAILS:

Title: (Mr/ Mrs/ Ms / other please specify):

First Name:

Surname:

Mailing Address:

Residential Address
(If different):

Phone:

Mobile:

Fax:

E-mail:

2) NATURE OF REPRESENTATION

Please indicate either below or attach why you wish to be a CCC member. Please include:

- The local area, community group or local issue/s you wish to represent
- Details of any relevant personal qualities or experience in community affairs
- Details on how you would gather input from the local area/community group you represent
- Details on how you would disseminate information back to your local area/community group
AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

Purpose
The purpose of this circular is to advise councils and other stakeholders of recent changes to the *Local Government Act 1993*. The amendments were made by three separate amending Acts being:

- the Local Government Amendment Act 2012, the majority of which commenced on 4 April 2012. Clause 9 of Schedule 1 which will commence separately by proclamation and the making of a Regulation;
- the Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2012, which commenced on 11 April 2012; and
- the Local Government Amendment (Members of Parliament) Act 2012), which commenced on 11 April 2012.

The changes
The changes include the following:

- allowing a council to grant a lease or licence over community land for a period of up to 30 years subject to the consent of the Minister;
- providing that the voting system in a contested election is to be optional preferential if only one councillor is to be elected, or proportional if 2 or more councillors are to be elected;
- providing an exemption from compliance with requirements of the pecuniary interest provisions at meetings in relation to the adoption of principal local environmental plans (yet to commence);
- allowing eligible persons to enrol as residential electors for local government elections and cast a provisional vote at an election on polling day, provided the person can produce a NSW drivers licence or Photo Card;
- making other miscellaneous amendments to improve the conduct of local government elections;
- precluding members of the NSW Parliament from also holding office as a councillor or Mayor;
- Providing a regulation making power limiting the exercise of functions by councils in the 4 weeks preceding ordinary elections. Councils will be separately advised of the arrangements to apply during the upcoming 'caretaker' period once the Regulation is made.

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T 02 4428 4100 F 02 4428 4199 TTY 02 4428 4209
Where to get further information

Alternatively, you may contact the Division's Council Governance Team at the above number.

Ross Woodward
Chief Executive, Local Government
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet
50:50 VISION – COUNCILS FOR GENDER EQUITY PROGRAM

The purpose of this circular is to encourage all NSW councils to participate in the '50:50 Vision' – Councils for Gender Equity Program.

The '50:50 Vision' - Councils for Gender Equity Program is a national initiative and encourages councils across Australia to address gender equity issues within the organisation and among their elected representatives.

The Program is an accreditation and awards program which will make it easier for councils to attract and keep quality women candidates and officers.

Achieving greater diversity in the candidates and councillors elected to local government is an ongoing priority for our sector, and the under-representation of women in elected positions in local government is well known.

In addition, women are under-represented in leadership roles within the ranks of council employees. This Gender Equity Program seeks to address this issue by having councils ‘sign up’ to take steps to improve women’s access to these important local government roles.

In 2010 only 21% of mayors and 27% of councillors were women, and women made up only about 20% of senior staff in NSW councils, and only 5% of general managers. Ideally the proportion of women in such positions would reflect the proportion of women in our community, i.e. at least 50%.

As we prepare for the next local government elections in September 2012, it is timely to give some focus to gender equity both across the sector and within individual councils. The '50:50 Vision' – Councils for Gender Equity Program is a tool to support councils to achieve this, so I encourage councils to register for the Program and work towards the achievement of its goals.

More information about the Gender Equity Program and how to register to get involved can be found at: [http://5050vision.com.au](http://5050vision.com.au)

ALGWA representatives will be participating in the Election Funding Authority Candidate Information Seminars to be held across NSW from May to July this year.
This is a fantastic level of commitment from ALGWA and I thank all of the women involved in this important work.

The Hon Don Page MP
Minister for Local Government
Minister for the North Coast
TEMPORARY POLICY TO APPLY TO PROPOSALS TO CHANGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES IN NSW

Following the recent formation of the Independent Local Government Review Panel, I have determined it is appropriate to implement a temporary policy that will apply to proposals to change local council boundaries. This is because one of the Terms of Reference for the Independent Local Government Review Panel will be to "investigate and identify options for governance models, structural arrangements and boundary changes for local government in NSW."

The Panel is expected to report back to Government by July 2013.

Pending the Government’s consideration of the Panel's report, the following policy will now apply in relation to proposals for council boundary changes.

- Valid proposals of a minor nature, which are not contentious and which have the support of all of the affected councils will continue to be assessed and processed by the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, and if appropriate, recommended by me for approval by the Governor.

- Valid proposals which, if they were to proceed, would result in a major change to local council boundaries or which are of a contentious nature, including any proposal not supported by all of the affected councils, will be referred to the Boundaries Commission or the Director General of the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet for a report as required by the Local Government Act 1993. However, after receipt of any report on the proposal, the implementation of that proposal will not be recommended by me for approval to the Governor during this period unless there are compelling and extraordinary reasons to do so.

In adopting this policy I have also had regard to the undesirability of changes to local council boundaries because of the impact they may have upon the preparation of electoral rolls for the upcoming ordinary local government elections in September of this year.

NSW Government
Governor Macquarie TOWER
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000
After the Government has received the Panel's report I will review this position and councils will be advised accordingly.

The Hon Don Page MP
Minister for Local Government
Minister for the North Coast
2 May 2012

Mr John Shaw
Mayor
Upper Lachlan Shire Council
PO Box 42
GUNNING NSW 2581

Dear Mr Shaw,

I have received a response from the Minister for Trade & Industry, the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, in reply to representations made on your behalf.

I attach a copy of the correspondence for your information, which I trust is of interest to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me again should be of assistance in the future.

Yours sincerely,

THE HON. PRU GOWARD MP
Member for Goulburn
PG:RR

Katharine did a wonderful job for Gunning. These are extremely tough times.
Dear Ms Goward

I refer to your letter of 27 March 2012 to the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, Deputy Premier, on behalf of Mr John Shaw, Mayor, Upper Lachlan Shire Council, regarding his concerns about changes to the provision of support to regional businesses in NSW. The Deputy Premier has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

The Government established NSW Trade & Investment to lead its efforts to improve the performance of the NSW economy, by driving economic growth in regional NSW and making the State a more competitive and attractive place to do business. We also need to undertake all our activities within budget constraints.

To achieve the Government’s goals as outlined in NSW 2021 – A Plan to Make NSW Number One, while still meeting budget requirements, the decision was made to close five of the Department’s smaller regional offices. This action will help maintain critical mass at larger regional centres. Clients at locations where offices are closing can expect to receive the same level of service through their nearest larger regional office.

The refocusing of these resources aims to improve business performance and growth by delivering support where it is needed most, and underscores the Government’s commitment to backing businesses in regional NSW to help them start, grow and prosper.

Yours sincerely

Mark I Paterson AO
Director General

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GUNNING & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Inc
 c/- 5 Warrataw Street Gunning NSW 2581 ph 02 4845 1809

Mayor John Shaw and Councilors
Upper Lachlan Shire Council
PO Box 42
GUNNING NSW 2581

Dear Mayor Shaw

Members of the Gunning & District Chamber of Commerce are relieved that
the on-going issue of sub-standard water in Gunning is set to be resolved
and look forward to high quality drinking water being available in both
Gunning and our sister village of Dalton.

The proposed project should ensure that residents and businesses can put
behind them the health concerns and negative effects on patronage when
our water was at minimum an embarrassment and at worst a danger.

We are aware of the ongoing efforts that Councillors and staff alike put in to
ensuring that the proposed measures to allow for the upgrade of the water
supply for Gunning and Dalton received funding. In particular we note the
strenuous efforts against critical deadlines, to continue lobbying to get
matching funds from the NSW Government. We very much appreciate that
Councillors were convinced of the urgency of the situation in Gunning and
agreed to divert funding from other urgent projects in the shire so that our
water supply could be upgraded.

While the patience of residents, businesses and Council was tested during
the process, by pulling together a positive outcome has been achieved.

Thank you again for your part in ensuring the upgrade of our water supply
and please pass on this thanks to council staff for their efforts. We look
forward to being kept informed of the progress of this crucial project.

Yours sincerely

Douglas Darbyshire
Secretary/Treasurer
10 May 2012.
Mr John Bell  
General Manager  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council  
PO Box 42  
Gunning NSW 2581  

Dear Mr Bell,

re: Support for Operation Never Again

At the recent meeting of the April GMAC it was resolved to commend to members they consult with their Local Police Commands regarding engagement with Operation Never Again Programme.

Canobolas Local Area Command have had great success in this operation and are suggesting a region-wide advertising program with an annual fee of $5000.00 from each member council.

Operation Never Again aims at reducing household thefts and repeat victimisation of residential dwellings by encouraging residents to secure their premises to reduce likelihood of break and enter crime. ONA provides options for Local Police to do a free safety audit of their home. Local Business in the Canobolas Area have provided ONA registered clients with reduced costs for purchases of alarms and locks. An expansion of ONA has developed a focus on theft from motor vehicles.

Feedback on ONA from Orange City Council is positive and they believe it has improved a sense of security within the community.

Please provide advice regarding your involvement to the next Centroc Board meeting.

For more information regarding the above please contact the Centroc Executive Officer Jenny Bennett on 0428 690 935.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM  
Chair  
Central NSW Councils (Centroc)
The carbon tax, which begins on 1 July, will add to the operating costs of councils across Australia.

The Australian Local Government Association estimates the cost of the carbon tax (excluding landfill operations) on local government will be $200 million nationwide. After taking into account increases in Local Government Financial Assistance Grants, the first order impact will be a minimum $185 million.

In addition, councils across Australia will pay, directly or indirectly, carbon tax on the landfill operations they run or use.

Collecting and disposing of household rubbish is a core responsibility of local government — and, under the carbon tax, councils will be slugged for undertaking this responsibility.

The carbon tax will make it more expensive to take rubbish to the tip, more expensive to run council trucks, more expensive to run local swimming pools and community centres. This increase in costs will result in local councils increasing rates or cutting services to local communities.

These impacts are just the start as the carbon tax is legislated to go up and up. The longer this tax is in place, the worse the consequences for the economy, jobs and families. It will drive up the cost of living, threaten jobs and do nothing for the environment.

Your council will pay the price for Julia Gillard’s broken promise. It was Julia Gillard who promised days before the last election “there will be no carbon tax under the government I lead”.

Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600
Tel (02) 6277 4022 Fax (02) 6277 8562
www.abbott.com.au
Julia Gillard has no mandate from the people for this new tax. At the next election, I will seek a mandate from the Australian people to repeal this tax.

Repealing the carbon tax will be the first order of business for the next Coalition government.

I encourage council to publicly detail the impact of the carbon tax on its operations so that the community is fully informed about the damage inflicted by this toxic tax.

Yours sincerely

TONY ABBOTT
Councillor John Shaw  
Mayor  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council  
P O Box 42  
GUNNING NSW 2583

Dear Councillor

I refer to your correspondence to the Hon Greg Pearce MLC Minister for Finance and Services regarding Upper Lachlan Shire Council's request for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance following the floods in December 2010. I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

I appreciate the financial impact of natural disasters on local communities. Under the State and Commonwealth Governments Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), financial assistance is available to councils to assist in the restoration of eligible council owned assets to their pre-disaster condition. However, this program only provides partial financial reimbursement of the additional costs associated with natural disaster recovery. It is not a replacement or an alternative to having effective disaster mitigation strategies in place.

To be eligible, any application must comply with the eligibility criteria. I understand that Council was informed of the eligibility criteria in early December 2010.

I am advised that in April 2011, Upper Lachlan Shire Council prepared a claim of $396,081 for the clean-up and restoration costs of the Carrington Street Sewer Main Suspension Bridge. I am further advised that this claim was deemed ineligible under the NDRRA guidelines due to the fact that Council's water/sewerage services are commercial undertakings. I am satisfied that the NDRAA eligibility guidelines have been correctly interpreted and applied by NSW Public Works.

In relation to the emergency work undertaken by Council, the Disaster Assistance Guidelines limit any financial assistance to "emergency works that are beyond the capability of the Council to undertake".

I understand that Council has been advised that damaged footbridges at Crookwell and Tuena are eligible for financial assistance under the NDRRA but a claim has not yet been made.
If you decide to restore these bridges, I urge you to submit an application for NDRRA funding as soon as possible, as any grant made for the restoration of these footbridges will expire in June 2013.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Mr Dave Cullen, Manager People and Capability, NSW Public Works on telephone (02) 9372 8880.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Mason-Cox MLC
Parliamentary Secretary for Treasury and Finance
29 May 2012

Mayor John Shaw and ULSC Councilors
Upper Lachlan Shire council
PO Box 42
GUNNING NSW 2581

Dear Mayor Shaw

At its recent meeting, members of the GDCHS management committee agreed to write to Council to express their relief and appreciation at the successful agreement to fund the upgrade of the Gunning and Dalton water supplies.

This upgrade will mean that the Service’s most vulnerable clients, particularly children and the elderly, will no longer be subject to illnesses that may be caused by their inability to properly observe warnings such as the Boil Water Alerts.

Members are aware of the continuing efforts made by Councilors and staff alike to ensure that the critical contribution from the NSW Government was made. Also appreciated was the agreement to divert funds from other important projects to enable the Shire’s contribution to reach $1.1 million.

Again please accept our thanks and appreciation on achieving the funding needed to upgrade the water in Gunning and Dalton. The project, when completed will be of direct benefit to all residents, especially our most vulnerable community members and will enable the Gunning District Community and Health Service to continue to deliver a high level of client care. We would appreciate being kept informed on the progress of this vital project.

Yours faithfully

Jo Boyce
Executive Officer

Gunning Court House, Yass Street, Gunning NSW
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Phone: (02) 4845 1166  Fax: (02) 4845 1542
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There is no business to be transacted.

Thank you for your reply dated 20th April 2012.

General Manager

28th May 2012

20th May 2012

Upper Lachlan Shire Council

Coomerag NSW 2583

P O Box 70

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For one day only, would you agree to close off the main business section of the main road to accommodate market stalls held on the first Saturday in March.

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CROOKWELL POTATO FESTIVAL

Potato/Kids/fest to continue at Memorial Park and Oval
and the street parties?
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GROOKWELL POTATO FESTIVAL

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**Held FIRST SATURDAY IN MARCH**
Upper Lachlan Shire Council

Our Ref: F10563
JKB: HSP

20 April 2012

Ms Hilary Taylor
PO Box 109
Crookwell NSW 2583

Dear Hilary,

Re: Crookwell Potato Festival

Thank you for your interest in the future of the Crookwell Potato Festival, it was indeed disappointing that the outdoor events of the 2012 festival had to be cancelled however we look forward to a successful 2013 event based around the park and oval. The safety of the public is the primary concern of both Council and the Festival Committee and unfortunately the weather was not conducive to holding outdoor events in any location this year. The Crookwell Potato Festival along with a large number of festivals and events across the state had to be cancelled in March for numerous reasons not the least of which was the number of closed major regional roads.

Council’s tourism staff advises that interest from both residents and potential visitors pointed towards record crowds had the weather been fine across Sydney and southern NSW. The indoor events reported excellent attendance due in part that for the first time a festival in Crookwell was programmed as a bus tour out of Sydney and Canberra. A number of these buses still came to the town despite the weather and have reported an excellent experience in our region with future tours now in planning. This is particularly pleasing for the Committee since one of their primary objectives is to attract a much larger number of visitors from outside the region and thereby inject new money into the local economy.

After the 2010 Crookwell Country Festival, the organising committee, who are a volunteer committee of Council, proposed to extensively stop running the festival. In fact the 2010 festival itself would not have run at all were it not for the hard work of this small band of volunteers. The Committee cited a number of reasons including a lack of manpower, escalating costs, inability to deliver on the ‘country’ theme, the difficulty in marketing the event outside of the region and the lack of engagement by residents. For example, there were only three entries for the 2010 parade and hence no parade could be held. The level of interest that was displayed through the 1990s and early part of this decade started to wane and this was further reflected in dropping attendance numbers and significantly reduced private financial support.

The Crookwell Potato Festival is not designed to be a replica of the Crookwell Country Festival and this should become increasingly evident over time. The primary objective of the Potato Festival is to drive both short and long term visitor expenditure and provide a significant flagship festival for the region. The Memorial Park and Oval precinct has been
selected by the Festival Committee as the primary venue for many reasons including the following—

- Enable the development of a wide range of potato related activities many of which require soft surfaces. Previous attempts had been made to utilise the park for individual activities however reports are that these were poorly attended and failed to draw people away from the main street.

- Provide a comfortable environment under the shade of the trees and in the beautiful surroundings of the park in particular. Many visitors to the 2011 event and other community events now held in the park have commented on the wonderful environment and have wondered why it wasn't being used in the past. In addition, the use of the oval for the 'Kidsfest' activities enabling easy supervision on a soft fall surface has been particularly well received.

- Utilisation of the footpaths along Goulburn St as additional space was not well received by a number of businesses who wanted no footpath impendence. By contrast, the park/oval precinct allows for easy expansion.

- To enable the physical set-up of the festival to occur over a longer timeframe and hence be able to use less manpower. Goulburn St can only be closed for the minimum amount of time necessary thereby demanding a larger volunteer workforce to set up the festival in a shorter timeframe. This manpower has not been available to the festival in latter years.

- Insurance costs for street events increased significantly after 2002 and moving the location off the road reduces the strain on the festival budget.

- Event Management on the day is much easier in the park/oval precinct due to the more compact nature and this is very important given the reduced committee size.

The original move of the Country Weekend from October to March was due to weather and overall it proved a good move with March generally producing a more stable climate. The Crookwell Potato Festival originally considered using a different date however resolved that March was the most suitable time. Unfortunately significant rain, as we experienced in March, will always impact upon crowd attendance unless it is totally indoors and this is not an option for the festival.

Ultimately, decisions with regard the Crookwell Potato Festival including where it is held, the content etc are decisions made by the Festival Committee with whom Council partner in staging the event. The Committee is always looking for additional volunteers who can provide manpower to run sections of the festival and help it grow into a true regional flagship event. If you would like to contact the Committee you can address correspondence to the Secretary, Crookwell Potato Festival Committee, 166 Goulburn St Crookwell NSW 2583. The Committee will also call for new volunteers and begin planning the 2013 event in the next couple of months and this will be advertised through the Crookwell Gazette.

Once again, thank for your enquiry and interest in the Crookwell Potato Festival.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

K Bell

General Manager
Susie Pearman

From: John Bell
Sent: Friday, 8 June 2012 9:15 AM
To: Susie Pearman
Subject: FW: Regional Development Australia Fund - Round Two [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Susie,

Please place into Incoming Correspondence for 21 June 2012 Council Meeting.

John Bell
General Manager
Upper Lachlan Shire Council

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From: RDAF [mailto:RDAF@regional.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 June 2012 4:02 PM
To: John Bell
Subject: Regional Development Australia Fund - Round Two [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Re: Upper Lachlan Community & Renewable Energy Excellence Centre – (Upper Lachlan Shire Council)

Dear Mr Bell

I am writing about your application for funding under Round Two of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) program.

The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government and Minister for the Arts, the Hon Simon Crean MP, will today be making announcements about projects which will be funded from Round Two. Details of all successful projects will be listed on the Department of Regional Australia's website at www.regional.gov.au.

I regret that, on this occasion, your application was not successful.

Demand for the program was high. More than 160 projects were selected by RDA committees to submit full applications to the Department. The quality of applications was very high, with all projects seeking to deliver economic, community and/or social benefits to their communities.

The Department will provide further advice and feedback on your application via letter over coming days. An opportunity for detailed feedback, via telephone, is also available. Details of how you can access this feedback will be included in your letter of advice.
Your application may be revised and resubmitted in future rounds, where applicable. I encourage you to stay in close contact with your local RDA committee about your project and its relationship to community priorities.

Thank you for submitting an application to the RDAF program.

Yours sincerely

Robyn Fleming
First Assistant Secretary
North West and Local Government Division
Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport

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Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 June 2012
Dear Mr Bell,

The Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson MP, seeks applications from suitably qualified people for appointment to the Board of the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA). I would appreciate if you would pass this information on to Councillors and staff.

The SCA manages Sydney's drinking water catchments, as well as the dams and other water supply infrastructure to supply reliable, high quality water used by 4.5 million residents and businesses in Sydney, Blue Mountains, Illawarra, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands regions.

The drinking water catchments incorporate world heritage environmental assets, significant agricultural industries and vibrant communities that are home to more than 120,000 people. Meeting the needs of these communities and the expectations of regulators and customers in relation to the provision of an uninterrupted supply of high quality water, and managing any impacts on people, industries and the environment both upstream and downstream of the dams, are key challenges facing the Authority.

The Board’s functions are set out in section 8 of the Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998 and include: determining the policies and long term strategic plans; ensuring that the SCA meets the public health and environmental requirements set out in its operating licence and other relevant instruments; overseeing the effective, efficient and economical management of the SCA; preparing the SCA’s statement of financial framework, annual reports and other reports.

The Board of the SCA also plays an important role in providing a voice for the local community in the management and protection of the catchments and water supply, as well as ensuring a broad range of interests are represented.

The Act requires the Minister to appoint between four and eight Board members, for a period of up to three years. The persons appointed to the Board must either individually, or collectively:
- Have qualifications and experience relevant to: catchment management and protection; or water quality and public health; or running a commercial entity; or water supply planning and asset management;

- Have practical knowledge of, and experience in: agriculture and industry in the catchment area; or local government and planning in the catchment area.

- Have other expertise the Minister considers necessary to achieve the SCA objectives.

General information
The New South Wales Government encourages people from non-English speaking backgrounds, men and women of all ages, Aboriginal people and people with disabilities, to serve on public sector boards.

An information package can be obtained from the SCA by emailing your contact details to boardrecruitment@sca.nsw.gov.au, or by telephoning Marie Beech on (02) 4724 2225. General Inquiries in relation to the role of the Board can be made by telephoning Paul O'Connor on (02) 4724 2286.

New Members will be appointed for terms of up to three years with the first Board meeting scheduled for late August 2012.

Written applications:
1. should provide details of the applicant's qualifications, skills and experience; provide an outline of how the applicant would be able to contribute to the work of the Board; and attach a Curriculum Vitae; and

2. should be sent by post, marked 'Confidential', to "Board Recruitment", Sydney Catchment Authority, PO Box 323 Penrith NSW 2750 or by email to boardrecruitment@sca.nsw.gov.au; and

3. must be received by 29 June 2012.

Yours sincerely

IAN TANNER
Acting Chief Executive
Attention : Mayor John Shaw and Mr. John Bell, General Manager, Upper Lachlan Council

Good morning gentlemen,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Secretary of the Yass (incorporating Gunning) Branch of the National Party of Australia. Last night, the Yass Branch at its general meeting passed the following motion which will be of interest to you:

Motion:

"The Yass Branch of the National Party of Australia expresses its concern at current proposals for wind turbine farms in the district and the proposed development of the ASL Dalton Power Station and requests that the Yass Valley and Upper Lachlan Councils oppose these developments."

I have written separately to Yass Valley Council in regard to this motion.

I have also forwarded a copy of this email to the 'Crookwell Gazette'.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

James Marker-Mortlock

In my capacity as Secretary, Yass Branch of the National Party of Australia (and Chairman, Burra National). Mobile: 04 111 82649