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In a mimic battle,
Pride gathers with each shock,
Every break and rally -
That’s where the Pejar runs,
Runs like a slip of silver through the valley,
Softly as a thrush sings
In the morning hushes,
Softly sing the waters
Round the reedy rushes,
Softly at the sand-bar,
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That’s where the Pejar runs,
Runs like a slip of silver through the valley.

Where awakes the morning
To dapple all the hills,
Where dewdrop, shaken,
Pendant slides and spills,
Where the golden bugles
Sunset calls reveille -
That’s where the Pejar runs,
Runs like a slip of silver through the valley.
Where the springtime blossoms
Like a mellow laughter,
Over all the grasses,
Over ridge and rafter,
Over all the tree-tops,
Down each ferry valley -
That’s where the Pejar runs,
Runs like a slip of silver through the valley.
Where the Pejar rises
Springs the Wollondilly,
Twined upon the mountains
Babbling brook and ghyllie;
Where the bridge-heads rumble
Side by side they daily -
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Library Biz
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NEW ERA FOR SOUTHERN TABLELANDS LIBRARIES

For over 30 years, Southern Tableland's Councils have been working co-operatively to provide residents with the best possible public libraries.

Through the formation, many years ago, of the Southern Tablelands Regional Library, Councils have been able to use their combined resources to offer a higher level of library service and access to larger collections than would have been able to offer individually.

The current Southern Tablelands Regional Library Agreement will come to an end on June, 30 2012. Over the life of the Regional Library, Local Government Areas have been adjusted, merged and had changes of name. Originally formed by Goulburn City, Crookwell Shire, Gunning Shire, Mulwaree Shire, Tallaganda Shire and Yass Shire Councils, the Southern Tablelands Regional Library has seen changes to its membership and changes to the member Councils. The Councils currently participating in the Regional Library Agreement are Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan Shire and Yass Valley Councils.

Over the long life of the Regional Library, public libraries have changed significantly. Once public libraries only lent books and access to collections was via a card catalogue, public libraries now offer a diverse range of items for loan and many additional services. Members can borrow DVDs, music CDs, books on CD and even e-books and e-audio. Members have access to books and information via the Internet 24 hours a day and 7 days a week via the shared libraries website. Members can reserve and renew items online and search for and borrow items from the collections of other libraries.

One thing that hasn’t changed in public libraries over the years is that membership and services are all still FREE! The Participating Councils have agreed that the time is now right for each Council to set the future directions for and manage the operations of their own public library services.

This will enable each of the Councils to better meet the particular needs of their own community. The Councils, however, see that there are still advantages for their communities in working together within the Southern Tablelands Region. The great advantage of all Southern Tablelands Libraries sharing their collections is that it continues to give access for all residents to a much larger number of items for loan.

There are also advantages to using a shared online catalogue and website and in pooling their resources to ensure the best purchasing advantage when buying collection material.

With this intention, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Yass Valley Council have agreed to form the Southern Tablelands Library Co-operative. Whilst each Council will operate their own public libraries independently, Goulburn Mulwaree Council will undertake some services on behalf of the other Councils on a ‘fee for service’ basis.

Members of Southern Tableland Libraries will hardly notice the difference. They will still be able to borrow and return books at any of the libraries; still access collections at all the libraries; still use services via the shared website.

The new Co-operative Agreement commenced on July 1, 2012 and will run, initially, for three years. Although it is sad to see the end of the Southern Tablelands Regional Library which has been so successful in providing the Region with excellent public library services over such a long period, the Upper Lachlan Shire Library Service will continue to develop and will go on to remain one of our Shire’s great assets.

From July 1, 2012 members can access the Southern Tablelands Library Co-operative’s website from its new home at www.stlc.nsw.gov.au.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Upper Lachlan Shire Council
Local Government Elections
September, 8 2012
Non-Residential Rolls of Electors

If you are an owner, rate paying lessee or occupier of rateable land which is not your primary residence, you or a nominee may be entitled to be enrolled on the roll of non-residential owners of rateable land or the roll of occupiers and rate paying lessees for this election.

Details of the eligibility criteria for a claim and enrolment claim forms are available from the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Offices at 44 Spring Street, Crookwell and 123 Yass Street, Gunning. For more information, please follow these links: www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au or email council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au

EMERGENCY after hours numbers:
Police and Fire all areas anytime dial 000

Crookwell / Bigga / Binda / Tuena / Grabben Gullen / Laggan / Taralga and Big Hill areas: Roads, bridges and tips 0429 786 659, water and sewer 0407 496 358
Gunning / Dalton / Breadalbane / Collector / Jerrawa areas: Roads, bridges and tips, water and sewer 0427 454 206

Contact details for Council’s Crookwell, Gunning and Taralga offices
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 2012

Upper Lachlan Shire Council advises that information on the upcoming Local Government Elections can be obtained from the NSW Electoral Commission website at www.elections.nsw.gov.au.

August 30, 2012: Close of Nominations (12.00 noon) and Registration of Material (how-to-vote) opens.
August 27, 2012: Pre-poll voting starts.
August 31, 2012: Registration of how-to-vote closes (5.00pm).
September 3, 2012: Postal Vote Applications close (5.00pm).
September 7, 2012: Pre-poll voting closes (6.00pm).

September 8, 2012: Election Day
September 9, 2012: Return of Postal Votes closes (6.00pm).

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UPDATE OF 2012/2013 OPERATIONAL PLAN

The final draft of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council’s 2012/2013 Operational Plan was approved at the June 21, 2012 meeting of Council.

The costings of three major Shire projects updated include:
1. The cost for Gunning and Dalton water supply upgrade. The total project cost of this project will be $10.8 million and will be divided equally in the forward budgets for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 financial years.
2. The updated total project cost for Taralga water supply upgrade will be $1.72 million.
3. The inclusion of McDonald Street Crookwell bridge replacement in the Roads to Recovery program for $90,000, with Section 94 funding to cover the balance.

Operational Plan Summary

The 2012/2013 Operational Plan outlines the key performance indicators, principal activities and major capital works projects. An outline of the 2012/2013 Revenue Policy is as follows:

1. General (Ordinary) Rates will increase by 3.60 percent, however the dollar value increases will vary within each individual rating category.
2. Domestic Waste Management Annual Charge will increase by 6 per cent or $20 per service.
3. Commercial Waste Annual Charge will increase by 6 percent, or $24 per service.
4. Domestic and Commercial Waste Availability Charge will increase by 3.75 per cent, or $5 per service.
5. Rural Waste Annual Charge will increase by 3.75 per cent, or $5 per Assessment;
6. Water Supply Access Charge and Availability Charge will increase by 9 per cent or $31 per assessment.
7. Water usage (consumption) charge will increase by 10 percent, dollar value increases will vary for each individual service dependent upon water consumption.
8. Stormwater Annual Charges will have a zero increase.
9. Sewerage Best Practice Pricing Access Charges will increase by 4.75 percent or $30 per service.

COST SHIFTING

The NSW Local Government and Shires Associations (LGSA) conduct an annual survey of all Councils in relation to the impact of cost shifting on Local Government.

The survey aims to establish the total amount in dollar terms of cost shifting based on the estimates of net ongoing cost (excluding capital expenditure) for each of the 25 functional service activities provided by Councils.

The final report on the 2010/2011 survey outcomes will be released in late 2012.

The key findings of the previous year’s reports were:

NSW Local Councils are being forced to provide and significantly fund State Government services to local communities; Rural Fire Service, SES, pensioner rates concessions, public libraries, animal control, and noxious weeds control.

The cost shifting ratio equated to around 6 per cent of total income before capital amounts for NSW Councils in previous financial years. In absolute terms, cost shifting to local government totalled $471 million in 2009/2010.

The total net annual ongoing operating cost impact on Upper Lachlan Shire Council and cost shift ratio to total income is as follows:

2007/2008: $840,420 or 4.77 per cent of total income.
2008/2009: $845,123 or 4.15 per cent of total income.
2009/2010: $860,317 or 4.53 per cent of total income.
2010/2011: $868,562 or 4.06 per cent of total income.

ANDREW CROKE
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

THE VOICE

ORAL CANCER

Each and every day at least three Australians are being diagnosed with oral cancer.

Despite advances in the treatment of oral cancers, the survival rate remains low because these cancers are often detected when they are quite advanced.

How can you reduce your risk of oral cancer?
• Don’t smoke. If you are a smoker, consider quitting.
• Drink alcohol in moderation. Don’t underestimate your consumption – a 150ml glass of wine is 1.6 standard drinks, a 425ml bottle of full-strength beer equals 1.6 standard serves. Have regular alcohol free days.
• Protect your skin. Avoid getting sunburnt, apply broad spectrum sunscreen to any exposed skin including your lips.
• Eat plenty of fruit and vegetables, particularly those high in antioxidants.
• Talk to your health professional about the HPV vaccination.
• If you notice a spot or sore on your lip or in your mouth that looks unusual or doesn’t heal, or if you have any numbness, pain or tenderness in your mouth, visit your dentist or doctor as soon as possible.
• Look after your teeth and mouth. Brush your teeth twice a day and floss daily.
• Have regular dental checkups. Your dentist should check not only your teeth, but also the rest of your mouth.

Together we can give oral cancer awareness a voice.

THE VOICE

UNION FENOSA
WIND AUSTRALIA

PROPOSED CROOKWELL 3 WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Crookwell Development Pty Ltd (CDPL) is seeking nominations from local community members and/or affected stakeholders to represent the community for the proposed Crookwell 3 Wind Farm’s Community Consultative Committee (CCC).

The purpose of the CCC is to provide a forum for regular, open discussion between representatives of CDPL, the community, the council and other stakeholders about issues relating to the development of the wind farm. If approved, to be a forum for ongoing communication with the community during the construction and operation phases.

If you would like to be part of the committee to represent your community, then please send a written submission to info@unionfenosa.com.au detailing how you meet the selection criteria specified in the draft NSW Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms. Those criteria include:

• willingness to contribute constructively to the CCC
• experience and ability to provide feedback and information to the community and stakeholders
• being a current resident of the local area (or having a high awareness of the Crookwell district) and
• other relevant issues that support your nomination to the CCC

The community representatives will be selected in accordance with the draft NSW Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms.

Nomination submissions close on 17 August 2012. If you would like to make an enquiry in relation to the CCC, or you would like more information about nominating, please contact Crookwell Development Pty Ltd on:
Free call 1800 457 181 or by email to info@unionfenosa.com.au

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REDUCE CARBON POLLUTION

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complaints can be made anonymously or to the Australian Government. People may raise their concerns about the quality of care and services that are subsidised by the Commonwealth. The Scheme provides a free service for people to raise their concerns with the service provider in the first instance, unless you are unable to resolve your concern with the service provider you can contact the Scheme. We can examine concerns about safety or about the care and services being provided. We can use a range of different approaches to resolve a concern. Our focus is on reaching the best outcome as quickly as possible.

What is the Aged Care Complaints Scheme?
The Scheme provides a free service for people to raise their concerns about the quality of care and services being delivered to people receiving residential or community aged care services that are subsidised by the Australian Government. Anyone can complain to the Scheme and complaints can be made anonymously or confidentially. We encourage people to lodge complaints openly as this gives us the most flexibility in resolving their concerns. To learn more about the Scheme, visit our website: agedcarecomplaints.gov.au. We will be updating this site with further information about HACC complaints.

What are HACC services?
The Commonwealth HACC Program supports older Australians and their carers to be more independent at home and in the community. Services may include: 1. Nursing care, personal care, respite care and allied health care. 2. Meals, other food services, domestic assistance and transport. 3. Home modification and maintenance counselling, support, information and advocacy. Your service provider will be able to tell you if they are funded under the Commonwealth HACC Program.

What if I receive HACC Services?
If you have concerns about the HACC services you or someone else is receiving we encourage you to raise your concerns directly with the service provider in the first instance. Many concerns can be resolved quickly with the service provider without needing further action by the Scheme. If you are unable to resolve your concern with the service provider you can contact the Scheme. We can examine concerns about safety or about the care and services being provided. We can use a range of different approaches to resolve a concern. Our focus is on reaching the best outcome as quickly as possible.

Contact the Aged Care Complaints Scheme on 1800 550 552.

This service applies to all development applications submitted since January 1, 2012. For other information, contact Customer Service on 02 4830 1018 or Email council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au. If the application is currently being assessed, the Officer named in the tracking may be contacted via Customer Service.

Recently inspected properties throughout Upper Lachlan Shire have indicated that serrated tussock spread remains to be a major environmental issue and efforts are continuing to ensure land owners are meeting their responsibilities to control infestations. Serrated tussock (Nassella trichotoma) is listed as a noxious weed under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 and is also a Weed of National Significance and is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread and economic and environmental impacts. The foliage of serrated tussock plants can be distinguished from most native tussocks because the serrated tussock leaves can be rolled between the index finger and thumb, are thin, tightly rolled like a needle and during the winter months the mature tussock plants will be showing signs of bleaching due to frost.

Council’s Noxious Weeds Manager, Paul Brown, said now is the best time to locate and control scattered serrated tussock plants before the seeding period in early November. Land owners need to be vigilant for new plant growth throughout the whole year, not just during winter. An integrated approach with control programs may be required, including herbicide treatment, physical removal of the plants, and cultivation of the soil to promote competition. Petition need to be considered with control programs. If you need assistance with the identification of serrated tussock, or need further information with regards to appropriate control programs, contact the Noxious Weeds Manager on 4840 2099.

The tool contains other information such as:
1. The name of the applicant
2. Other related applications
3. The Assessing Officer
4. Notification addresses
5. Letters and reports

Why pay more when the best will cost you less.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council wish to thank participants of the Sydney Catchment Authority Annual Household Chemical Collection Program held in Crookwell and Taralga on Saturday April 21, 2012. Sixty-eight participants discarded 5.9 tonne of chemical including paints, pesticides, acids, gas bottles and various other household chemicals.

This program helps to raise public awareness of the potential impacts of household chemicals in landfills and water catchments. Save your accumulated chemicals throughout the year and take advantage of this free program. Your participation is vital, to ensure this program continues in our Shire. Council wish to remind residents that gas bottles, paint and fire extinguishers are not accepted at any Council facility. This annual collection is an excellent opportunity for you to discard these items and any other household chemicals safely, responsibly and in an environmentally friendly manner.

Promotion of next year’s chemical collection will commence approximately February 2013. Please contact Council on 4830 1062 for any enquiries.
Works and Operations Report

Service requests for grading maintenance, pothole repairs and drainage maintenance are frequently received. Due to the large amount of pothole repairs on sealed roads and maintenance grading requests, works are being attended to in a priority order and grouped where possible. Details of the major current projects are set out below:

Roads/areas are also listed on the Gravel Grabben Gullen Areas, Binda Streets and the following areas: Laggan, Taralga, Road, MR 52 Grabben Gullen Road and Slaters Road, Bolong Road, Ladevale Gurrundah Road, Redground Road.

Routine Grading Maintenance
Council’s routine maintenance grading program target for the upcoming month:

Projects in Progress
Include: Newfoundland Road, the Bigga Area (Foggs Crossing), the Kangaloolah and Cuddyong Roads, as well as Third Creek, Gorham’s, Wheeo Roads.

Scheduled Works
Will take place at Jerrong Road (too wet during original visit), Felled Timber Road (Broadway Area), the Bevendale Area, Peelwood Area, the Bannaby Area, as well as on side roads off Bigga Road including the Greenmantle/Decca Road.

Other Construction and Maintenance Works

Drainage maintenance
The following areas have drainage maintenance gangs scheduled in the next month. These gangs will be undertaking drainage repairs (within budgetary constraints) as a result of storm damage as well as Council’s routine drainage maintenance programs.

Areas included are selected side roads off Bigga Road, Collector Road including its side roads, Mt Rae Road, Butcher Road, Hillcrest Road, Kildare Lane, Golspie Area, the Greenmantle/Decca Road.

Other Works scheduled
Tree Trimming on Wheeo Road near Grappen Gullen. Girders replacement on Crookwell River Bridge on Julong Road, MR54 Wire Rope Crash Barrier installation and improvements to crash barrier on Marsden Bridge and Continuation of timber bridge inspections.

Recent Works Completed
Includes Storm Restoration works in Fullerton area, Pejar Area, MR241, Sapphire Road, Ryhanna Road (Parsons Lane end), Harley Road and Boongarra Road, as well as drainage maintenance on Reids Flat Road, Gorham’s, Leary’s, Bannister, Walkoms. All other works completed includes the footpath alterations on Laggan Road, Crookwell, repairs on Diamond Creek Bridge on Kangaloolah Road. tree trimming on Redground Heights Road and a tidy up of the Crookwell Town stockpile.

Opening Hours and Charges for 2012-2013

DOMESTIC WASTE
Car, Station Wagon, Panel Van and Dual Cab Ute – Resident $10
Car, Station Wagon, Panel Van and Dual Cab Ute – Non-Resident $15
Utility Trailer (single axle) – Resident $12
Utility Trailer (single axle) – Non-Resident $18
Large Trailer $25
Large Trailer $38
Single Axle Truck (over 2 tonne) $30
Multi Axle Truck $60

BUILDER'S WASTE
- Bulk Demolition Unsorted $50/m3
- Bricks and Concrete $10/m3
- Timber $10/m3
- Asbestos (Crookwell Only) $220/m3 plus burial costs
- Metal (sorted) FREE

RECYCLABLES
Fully Sorted (Metal, Steel, Paper, Plastic and Glass) FREE

GREEN WASTE
Utility/Trailer (Single Axle) $10
Truck $15/m3

MOTOR VEHICLES
Large or Small FREE

TYRES
Car $9 each
Truck $20 each
Tractor $50 each

DEAD ANIMALS
- Cows and Horses $25 each
- Sheep and Goats $28 each
- Sheep and Goats $28 each
- Cattle and Dogs $15 each
- Sheep and Goats $28 each

OTHER WASTE
- Mattresses $30 a piece
- Other Waste $55 per m3

CROOKWELL:
- Friday – Monday 10 am – 4 pm
- TARALGA:
  - Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 4 pm
- GUNNING:
  - Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 4 pm
- COLLECTOR:
  - Sunday 10 am – 4 pm
  - BIGGA – Key at Central store

Outside opening hours
Access to Waste Facilities, outside opening hours (business hours only) $50

Wastewater Treatment and Production
A total of 64.2ML (2.1ML/day) of wastewater was treated at the Crookwell Wastewater Treatment Plant in June 2012. This compares with 29.4ML (948KL/day) treated in May 2012. Flows have increased as a result of continuing saturated soils and high rainfall in June. Both the Gunning and Taralga STP’s are operating effectively, with flows also increasing in line with the rainfall. The Manager also reported that effluent quality produced at the respective plants complying with EPA requirements.

Maintenance Activities
Maintenance tasks undertaken include water meter reading, mains flushing, the repair of leaking water services, and maintaining and servicing pumping equipment.

Capital Projects
Gunning/Dalton Water Upgrade
Council has received its first payment of $1.9M under the Federal Government’s Strengthening Basin Communities Grant. A progress payment claim will be made to the NSW State Government as the project progresses.

Tenders for the Design and Construct of the Gunning Water Treatment Plant and Dalton Water Treatment Plant will be called during July.

Land purchase negotiations to accommodate the new infrastructure are progressing satisfactorily. As are survey and Geotechnical Investigations.

Investigation and Design has commenced on the upgrade of the Gunning Raw Water pumping station, replacement of the 3.5km rising main, and construction of the 100ML off-stream storage reservoir.

Taralga Water Supply Upgrade
Council has written to the Minister for Water seeking approval to award tender for the Taralga Water Treatment Plant.

Gunning Sewer Extensions
Letters have been sent to affected property owners outlining the proposed sewer alignment, together with required property owner contributions.

Wood Fire Ash

Please do not place ash in your recycle or waste bins. It can potentially:

1. Melt your bin - replacement bins are at residents cost.
2. Start a fire in the compactor of the garbage truck - putting our drivers at risk.
3. Cause a serious fire in our community.

Drivers will not collect your bin if ash is detected in your bin. Ash is excellent for the garden or in composting.
TRIBUTE TO MARY GILMORE

Left: Crookwell Swap Meet 2011

Mary Gilmore by Adelaide Perry
National Library of Australia

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just completed a successful series of work-
shops titled ‘Face to Face’. The four
workshops were made possible by the
NSW Community Art Support Program,
generous support of the Regional Arts
Committee of NSW, Crookwell and District
Gallery Patronage and the Crookwell Lions
Club.

All participants and tutors will be invited
to exhibit their works at the upcoming ‘Face to Face’
event which will be held at the
Crookwell and District Gallery on Saturday, October 13.

Dame Mary Gilmore Weekend (August 10-12)
will be celebrated at the Gallery with a
graphic depiction of Upper Lachlan Shire
historical landmarks and townships. There will be
a flag raising and unveiling of a plaque at Mary Gilmore Garden at the
historic railway – 12 noon until 1 pm.

At 7 pm on Saturday there will be a Mary
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Crookwell Corner Band and guest busk
dance caller, Leigh Brown.

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12) will be celebrated at the Gallery with a
display of paintings by local artists and
visiting artists, poems and journalism which reflected
Mary’s life and work.

The Crookwell and District Gallery has
recently acquired a portrait of Dame Mary Gilmore
by Adelaide Perry, National Library of Australia.

The portrait was presented to the
Gallery by Marie Killen, Director of
the National Library of Australia.

THE GIRL FROM ROSLYN

Dame Mary Gilmore said “I have seen the
beginnings. I began myself with a rush
lamp, went on to the tallow candle, then the
imported stearine candle, to kerosene lamps,
kerosene to gas, gas to electric light and now
we have ahead of us atomic power to cover
every mortal thing we can think of”.

Mary’s grandfather Beattie planted a white
poplar in the garden at Roslyn to mark her
birth. She was very young when her family
moved to Wagga Wagga. Mary started
writing at a young age. This led to her
poetry, novels and journalism which reflected
her love of the land, its aboriginal heritage
and her conservation concerns. She encom-
passed the battlers, “the real makers of our
foundation history”.

She wrote of poverty in the city and in the country. She backed the
trade unions to procure better working
conditions and joined in the strikes. She was an
activist for women’s equality and the
vote.

Throughout her life Mary returned to the
Goulburn area, “her roots”. She arranged for
a cutting from her white poplar at Roslyn
to be sent to Poets Corner in the Sydney
Botanic Gardens. Westbourne Woods in
Canberra hosts a tree from another cutting.

Dame Mary Gilmore, 1865-1962.

Far left: WACY Walk 2011

Left: Crookwell Swap Meet 2011

Top: Crookwell Art Gallery
Above: Collector Fine Works

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GALLERY GOSSIP

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International and Crookwell Library.

We are pleased to inform you that
Crookwell is hosting a variety of entertain-
ment at venues in Crookwell, as a tribute to
Dame Mary Gilmore, on the weekend of
August 10, 11 and 12. The
organising Committee would like to see
as many local businesses as possible
involved in promoting this event, which it
hopes will become a popular annual
item on the Upper Lachlan Shire calendar.
This event provides a great opportunity to
promote our beautiful region which is
steeped in history and of which Dame
Mary Gilmore is a proud part.

This event is not planned as a fund raiser
for the Committee, but as an incentive to
promote the town and region, encouraging
visitors and locals alike to inject a cash
flow into the tourism and commercial
businesses at this quieter time of the year.
There will be an official opening of
‘Images of Yesteryear’ on the Friday
evening at the Art Gallery at 6 pm.
On Saturday, August 11. A full day of
events is planned, with local and visiting
poets and musicians performing live at the
Lions Markets at the Scout Hall from 9 am
– 12 noon with music and poetry from
mid-morning and at both Lynam’s Cafe 10
- 12 noon, and Chat-A-Way Cafe 1 pm - 4
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At the Crookwell Heritage Railway there
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All prizes will be voted by ‘People’s
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able at The Crookwell Visitors Centre.

THE VOICE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event
Dame Mary Gilmore Weekend
Grabine Freshwater Fishing Competition
Some Sunday afternoon High Tea
Gunning Fireworks Festival
Crookwell Community Trust Winter Ball
Face to Face Art Exhibition
Daffodil Tea & Spring Fair
Afternoon Tea Dance
Irish Day at Taralga Museum
WACyWalk 2012
Greendale Uniting Church Fete
Upper Lachlan Foundation Annual Event
Crookwell Rotary Swap Meet

Location
Crookwell
Gramine
Crystal Brook Laggan
Gunning
Crookwell
Crookwell
Taralga
Taralga
Crookwell
Crookwell
Dalton
TBA
Crookwell

Date
August 10, 11 and 12
August 24, 25 and 26
August 26
September 1
September 4
September 14, 15 and 16
September 15
September 22
September 30
October 14
October 20
October 27 and 28
October 28

Contact
Barry Murphy – 4832 1004
Gramine – 4835 6024
Judith Bazele – 4843 3333
Gill Young - 4845 1051
Tim McCarthy – 4832 1055
Jeremy Goodman – 4848 1295
Joyce Fleming – 4843 8122
Judith Bazele – 4843 3333
Ken Fleming – 4832 8122
Jo Marshall – 0408 976 070
Judy Wilson - 6226 2266
Charlie Prell – 0427 224 839
Bill Rogerson – 0428 480 632

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CROOKWELL SPORTING WALL OF FAMERS HONOURED

Mayor John Shaw Congratulates the latest recipients of the Crookwell Wall of Fame Honour

L-R front row; Mark Watson, Gae Watson for their daughter Shelly Watson in the sport of indoor hockey; Renee Mifsud for Lester Tibbles in the area of Workskills (brick laying); Mayor John Shaw, Venetta Smith and Elaine Plumb for Emily Smith in the sport of hockey.

L-R back row; Ashley Picker and Leanne Picker (with grandson Ollie) for Tara Picker in the sport of Australia Country Hockey and Des White for Kelly White in the sport of hockey.

Crookwell Hall of Fame recipients are selected by the Wall of Fame Committee (Chairman Don Southwell) for their sporting achievements by having been picked to represent Australia at an international level.

AUSTRIAN BAUXITE LIMITED
Australian Stock Exchange Code “ABZ”

Our Commitment to Community

- ABx acknowledges the generous support from landowners, rural communities and government in this region. It is reciprocated
- We supported the lobbying of the NSW Government to distribute part of mineral royalties back to the Shire, to benefit the community directly in addition to creating jobs, purchasing locally and training
- Mines usually generate TAFE-approved training programs which allowing on-job training to earn recognised qualifications without having to leave the shire
- Our bauxite zones affect only 0.5% of the land area cleared for farming in the district. We have a policy of rehabilitating land after bauxite extraction to a pre-agreed plan so that food and soil security is maintained or enhanced. Important eco-habitats will be left untouched and will form part of the agreed final design
- Bauxite extraction pits will typically be 3 to 5 metres deep – shallower than existing quarries. After extraction, the thin soil is immediately replaced and the land restored to farmland or forest, depending on agreed final design
- In one location, a 30 metre deep pit may be left as a recreational lake or filled with overburden, depending on agreed final design
- With good planning and goodwill, the land in many places can be left better than before

Working together.

A bauxite ridge – usually poor soil

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ESSENTIAL ENERGY SAYS ‘THANKS’ TO COMMUNITY

With more than three quarters of the electricity network upgrade between Bigga and Binda complete, Essential Energy is thanking local residents for their patience and continued support.

In 2009, the network distributor commenced a project to upgrade the main powerline that stretches 43 kilometres from outside Crookwell towards Bigga.

To date, more than 34 kilometres of powerline has been upgraded, with 219 poles replaced and 10 new transformers installed.

Essential Energy’s regional general manager, Phillip Green, said the upgrades will allow the electricity network to meet current energy demand as well as cater for future growth in the area.

“Strengthening the electricity infrastructure towards Bigga has always been a priority for Essential Energy and the work done to date will go a long way towards ensuring a more reliable essential service for the rural community,” Phillip said.

“As crews have worked through the area, we have relied heavily on the goodwill of the local community and we are enormously grateful for their ongoing support.”

Phillip said work on the next section of the project is scheduled to kick off later this year. “In the next stage of the project crews will upgrade a 9 kilometre stretch of powerline in the Blanket Flat area,” he said.

“Around 40 power poles and supporting infrastructure will also be replaced.”

“Due to recent flooding in the region, assistance in the form of low interest loans for primary producers is available. Funding by way of a loan of up to $130 000 for essential working capital, or the replacement and repair of damage caused to the property, not covered by insurance can be applied for through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority. The loan will require a registered mortgage over land and the repayment term is preceded by a two-year interest free period. For further information and application forms please either go to the website: www.raa.nsw.gov.au, or phone 1800 678 593. (Note that there are NO GRANTS for flood assistance available for this region)

The Salvation Army has assistance available to help farming families suffering from flood damage. To find out if you are eligible, please phone the Goulburn office on: 4822 2115.

Centrelink (Department of Human Services) has available a Transitional Farm Family Payment for primary producers who are experiencing financial hardship. This payment is available for a full twelve months at the same rate as Newstart allowance.

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For information on this current assistance package please phone Centrelink on 132 316 or go to the website: www.centrelink.gov.au to look at criteria guidelines and obtain application forms.

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Gunning to Dalton, striking rural vistas open
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NEWLY REFORMED ACCESS COMMITTEE SAYS THANKS

Access Committee

The Upper Lachlan Access Committee is a special committee of Council whose role is to provide advice to Council on matters relating to disability access to Shire facilities as well as improving access to and within business premises. At least one in six Australians has some form of disability and the Access Committee is concerned that these people are not restricted from accessing community facilities and businesses by physical barriers in the environment.

Current building legislation for new buildings has specific requirements regarding access. However, when existing premises are modified access is often overlooked. If you would like to check how “access friendly” your business is you can download an “Access Checklist” from the Upper Lachlan Shire’s website.

AP&H Society’s new amenities facility Graham Croker, Chairman of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council’s Access Committee is pleased at the efforts of the Crookwell AP&H Society’s new amenities facility. “The newly reformed Access Committee is pleased to recognise the efforts of Crookwell AP&H Society and their efforts to construct a new amenity block at their show grounds”, Graham said.

Mr. Croker continued, “The Access Committee would like to encourage other local businesses and groups to consider the possibility of disabled access to their premises and facilities. It is everyone’s wish to be treated equally and those who have a disability are no different.”

For more information please either contact Graham Croker, the Chairman of the Access Committee or the members of the committee: Karen Schaeffer, Carol Bensley, Hank Sprink, Grant Kitchen and Stevie Hunt.

History of project

The idea of the Amenities Block for the disabled and women’s toilets was first raised in early 2009 by members of the AP&H Society. On December 1, 2009 the AP&H Society drafted and the sent letters of expression of interest to the Upper Lachlan Shire Council, State and Federal members of government and to Graham Croker, Chairman for the Access Committee.

On December 9, 2010 Ms. Katrina Hodgkinson announced that the AP&H Society would receive a grant valued at $33,500 for the construction of the amenities facility.

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On May 1, 2011 Roger McIntosh, the President of the AP&H Society Inc. announced a grant of $11,100 to conclude the funding needed for the project. This resulted in the awarding of the contract to build the amenity block to Bachta Building Services Pty. Ltd.

BEING MINDFUL OF WATER LEAKS

With our utility bills rising all the time, we need to make an effort to reduce our usage as much as possible, including our water. A great amount of water is wasted due to leaks within our property, that we are not always aware of.

Some ways we can check for water leaks are:

* Put some food colouring in the cistern of your toilet, if any colour comes through to the bowl without flushing, there may be a leak.
* If you notice wet areas in your yard, this may be an indication of a leaking pipe under the ground.
* There are also visible signs of water leaking such as dripping taps. This is usually due to worn washers from taps being turned off too hard.

When checking for leaks, write down all the numbers you see on the meter. The red numbers show the litres(924L). The black numbers from the left, show the reading in kilolitres (99999kls). The red numbers show the litres(924L).

To check your water meter you need to:

1. Read your water meter before you go to bed at night.
2. Ensure that you don’t use any water though the night, including flushing the toilet.
3. In the morning read the water meter before using any water.
4. If the numbers on the dial have moved, there is a great possiblity of a water leak and further investigation will be necessary.

The black numbers from the left, show the reading in kilolitres (99999kls). The red numbers show the litres(924L).

Town Planning
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Flora and Fauna
On-site Waste Water
Bushfire Risk Assessments

If you’re thinking of building, subdividing or any form of property improvement or development that requires the consent of Council or other government departments then we can help.

Please feel free to call us for an obligation free assessment of your situation and advice on how we might be able to help you achieve your objectives.