

THE UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL BULLETIN

AUGUST 2022

Council welcomes new Director of Infrastructure

Upper Lachlan Shire Council's new Director of Infrastructure, Leon Kruger, didn't have to deal with below zero weather, frosts and ice on his windscreen in the Northern Territory.

That was then.

Mr Kruger has taken up his new position with Council this week and is finding the change in temperature a bit of shock to the system, although it's a climate he's had a lot of experience with.

"It's a little cold at the moment, but I've lived in New Zealand and other cool environments which I really enjoyed. This is very similar," he said.

The move has necessitated changes to his wardrobe...there's not a lot of need for jumpers and jackets in the Territory... but after the brief adjustment to the climate, living and working in a rural environment is very familiar territory.

While they've often lived and worked in cities, Mr Kruger and his wife both grew up in farming communities and were attracted to returning to rural living.

"I did my homework and this seemed like a great environment for us," he said.

"We have always had a preference for a rural lifestyle and, for us, the Upper Lachlan Shire ticks all of the boxes."

Mr Kruger, who has relocated to a farm near Laggan, brings with him 30 years of experience in senior management in local government, engineering consultancies and the mines.

He is a vastly experienced engineer and program/project manager, who confesses that total quality management and time management have become second nature to him as a result of many years in engineering.

Most recently, Mr Kruger was employed



Council's new Director of Infrastructure, Leon Kruger.

as the Director/Manager of Infrastructure and Operations at Litchfield Council in the Northern Territory.

Prior to that, he has worked for Wakefield Regional Council, the City of Busselton, Fortescue Metals Group and various other positions in New Zealand and South Africa.

An accomplished leader, Mr Kruger has a track record of establishing and developing departments into healthy, vibrant and high-performing teams.

"I believe that while high performing organisations invariably embrace robust systems and procedures, what really makes them extraordinary is a healthy vibrant culture," he said.

"I'm looking forward to leading not only a

high achieving team but also one with great pride in what they do and a great team spirit."

Mr Kruger holds a Bachelor of Engineering and has extensive experience in road maintenance and design as well as a wide array of Council and management tasks such as budget preparation, planning and implementation of capital works programs and asset management.

General Manager Colleen Worth said Council was very pleased to have secured his services.

"I'm very much looking forward to working with Leon," she said.

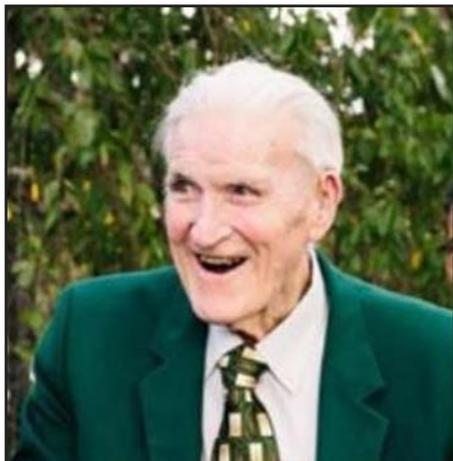
"He will be a valuable asset to our senior management team."

Mayor's memorandum for Robert "Bruce" Belford and Bill Martin

At the August Ordinary Meeting of Council, Mayor Cllr Pam Kensit spoke about two significant figures former Council identities who have both recently passed away. A minute's silence was observed for these and all loved ones from the Shire who have passed away over this winter and during this pandemic.

On behalf of Upper Lachlan Shire Council I'd like to acknowledge the passing of two of our beloved community members; Robert "Bruce" Belford and Bill Martin.

Robert "Bruce" Belford



Bruce, as he was fondly known in the Shire worked on Crookwell Shire Council as the Health and Building Officer from 1963-1991.

He passed away on Wednesday 10 August after an amazing innings at ninety three (93).

In May, Council was fortunate to share an afternoon with Bruce and his family to name the Gym portion of the Crookwell Memorial Oval building after him.

Bruce was a weight lifter of great renown, winning Australian and State

championships along with several state and national power lifting titles.

He had a particular significance locally for his role in establishing the Crookwell Barbell Club in which he remained an active member for more than 50 years.

Bruce coached and mentored many young weight-lifters who in turn have gone on to great success, and his enthusiasm and guidance has been of immeasurable importance to the sport locally.

As a former Council staff member, Bruce always remained an active and highly respected member of the community and played a key role in discussions around the planning of the now Emily Chalker and Bruce Belford Buildings.

Bill Martin



Bill Martin was a valued member of the Upper Lachlan Shire community.

He served as a Councillor on Crookwell Shire Council from 1996 for two terms and Upper Lachlan Shire for one term after the merger of the Councils.

He was heavily involved in Rotary, a strong advocate for aged care in the area being involved with Banfield House and as a board member of the Crookwell-Taralga Aged care. The treasurer of Crookwell Golf club for a number of years and up until recently a member of Council's audit, risk and improvement committee,

Bill was also a founding member of SMR accounting, an active gardener and a man who was very well respected amongst his peers and anyone who met him.

It is a great loss for our Shire, to Bruce and Bill's family. On behalf Council our thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

At the August Council meeting, Council took a minute's silence to commemorate not only the passing of Bruce and Bill, but also the many community members we have lost through our winter.

Many made such an impact to our Shire, they will be greatly missed and to those families we all feel the loss of these wonderful people.

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Upper Lachlan Visitor Information Centre
Website: <https://www.visitupperlachlan.com.au>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/upperlachlantourism
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/upplachtourism>

Briefs from Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 August 2022

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Mayoral Minute

Council received and noted the activities attended by the Mayor in the period since the last Monthly Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Reports received and noted

- Development Statistics Report
- Investments for the month of July 2022
- Bank Balance and Reconciliation – July 2022
- Rates and Charges outstanding for the month of July 2022
- Grants Report
- Action Summary – Council Decisions
- Library Services 4th Quarter Report 2021/2022

Upper Lachlan Shire Heritage Review

The adoption of Upper Lachlan Shire Heritage Review was deferred to a future Council meeting.

Building over Sewer Policy

Council adopted the Building over Sewer Policy.

Upper Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2010 Land Use Tables

The planning proposal was endorsed by Council and forwarded to the Minister for Planning to be Gazetted in accordance with the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Council resolved to the Upper Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2010 by deleting the existing land use tables from Part 2 Permitted and Prohibited development and replacing them with the tables contained within attachment 11 with the exception of RU2.

Council resolved to amend the Upper Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2010 by deleting the existing land use tables from Part 2 Permitted and Prohibited development and replacing the RU2 tables contained within attachment 11.

Council delegated to the General Manager authority to implement the decision.

Update on Slope Stability work on Wombeyan Caves Road

Council resolved to proceed with the reconstruction of Wombeyan Caves Road as a matter of priority. Wombeyan Caves Road will be closed between Langs Road and the Wombeyan Caves Reserve during the Slope Rehabilitation Stability Works.

Code of Meeting Practice

Council in accordance with Section 362(1)(b), of the Local Government Act 1993, adopted the draft Code of Meeting Practice with amendments including all mandatory provisions and non-mandatory best practice provisions.

Council resolved to provide a written response to all public submissions to the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

The Code of Meeting Practice can be found on Council's website and via .

Policies that were reviewed and adopted

- Use of Council Logo and Seal Policy
- Disclosures of Interest Returns Policy

Australia Day Committee – acceptance of members

Council resolved to write to Dianne Layden, Robert Cameron, John Shaw OAM, Noelene Cosgrove, Michael Coley, Elizabeth Newcombe, Carmel Hills, Katherine Johnson, Norman Fountain and Cheryl John accepting their application as new members of the Australia Day Section 355 Committee.

Reports from Committees for the month of August 2022

- Taralga Windfarm Committee Fund Section 355 Committee meeting minutes – 18 July 2022
- Crookwell II Windfarm Committee Fund Section 355 Committee meeting minutes – 27 July 2022

Notice of Motion – Goulburn-Crookwell Rail Trail

A point of order was raised by Cr Searl.

Mayor Kensit made a determination to uphold the motion of a point of order raised by Cr Searl as it is a direct negative motion to the resolution made on 21 June 2021 "Upper Lachlan Shire Council withdraw its support for the Goulburn to Crookwell rail trail to be established in the Upper Lachlan Government area".

Full details of the Mayor's ruling are included in the Meeting Minutes.

CLOSED SESSION CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Lin Cooper – Award of Tenderer

Council awards the Tender for Construction of Lin Cooper Sports amenities and Change rooms, to Marathon Modular at a lump sum price of \$1,140,220.02 (inclusive of GST).

The Meeting closed at 4:27 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15 September, 2022 at Crookwell Council Chambers.

Library Biz with Susan McIlroy - Manager, Library Services

Upper Lachlan Shire Library Service SEPTEMBER 2022

August was Family History Month!

Gunning Library hosted a workshop on how to use online research tools like Ancestry, FindMyPast, and Trove, all of which are available for free in the Library. For those who prefer to listen to someone else's research, we hosted talks with historians Catherine Bishop and Richard White at Crookwell Library.

Looking towards September we're excited to have bestselling domestic noir thriller author Petronella McGovern joining us in-conversation at Gunning Library. Bookings are essential for all of these sessions, call the Library or go online.



Hello Hellosaurus

Hoopla now gives you access to Hellosaurus! Aimed at kids aged 2 to 8 years, and with content from The Wiggles and many more, Hellosaurus makes screen time interactive and educational

Check out how it works: <https://vimeo.com/719867250>

Make a Bottle Opener Key Ring - Father's Day Activity

Join us in the Library before Father's Day to create a personalised bottle opener key ring for the special bloke in your life!

Where:

- Crookwell Library Tuesday 30 August, 3:30pm to 5:00pm
- Gunning Library Thursday 1 September, 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Who: Kids aged 6 to 15 years

Cost: Free. No bookings required, just drop in

Petronella McGovern Author Talk

Join us for an author talk with bestselling thriller author Petronella McGovern in conversation on her latest novel *The Liars*. *The Liars* is a heart-stopping cocktail of family secrets, sinister unsolved disappearances and a community at war with itself. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing from The Yass Bookstore.

"One of my favourite Australian writers!" Liane Moriarty

Where:

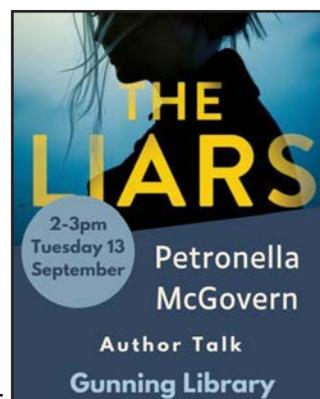
- Gunning Library Thursday 13 September, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Who: Adults

Cost: Free.

Bookings:

Essential. Call the Library on (02) 4845 1231 or book online at <https://tinyurl.com/ULSLPetr>



This month's charts

Adult Fiction

Fear the worst by Linwood Barclay

Adult Non-Fiction

The organic no-till farming revolution: high-production methods for small-scale farmers by Andrew Mefferd

DVD

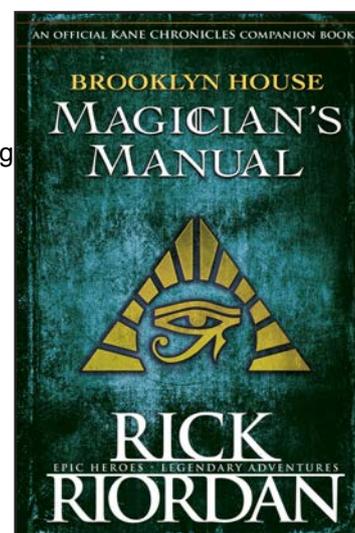
The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society

Magazine

Better Homes and Gardens

Kid's book

Brooklyn House magician's manual by Rick Riordan



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Tourism Happenings with the Upper Lachlan Tourism Unit

Meet & Greets are back

The Tourism Department and Crookwell Visitor Information Centre has been working busily behind the scenes despite having to deal with illness of some of our staff due to Covid.

Unfortunately, this has resulted in us having to postpone our last three Meet & Greets but we are very excited to announce that we will be going ahead on Tuesday 13 September between 5.30pm & 6.30pm at The Visitor Information Centre.

We encourage everyone within the Visitor Economy to attend.

It's a great opportunity to find out about happenings within the Tourism Unit and we will be letting everyone know about some exciting events we have planned for our Shire Community.

Jacque Tewes from Enterprise Plus will be talking about the services they offer and how they can assist your business and a couple of other local businesses will also be talking.

Free Canva Workshops as part of the Digital Business Solutions Program

Tanya Creer from Enterprise Plus is offering free workshops as part of the Digital Business Solutions Program. Business owners that have not previously been serviced by the program are also eligible for up to three hours of individual advice and training with Tanya.

If you are you a small business owner who wants an easy-to-use branding and graphics tool? This free webinar will provide you with a step-by-step guide on how to get started In Canva!

This is a demonstration-based webinar that teaches you how to navigate the dashboard, create designs from templates, use your

own elements and get started in animation.

This webinar is a three-part series for beginners, intermediates and advanced presented by Enterprise Plus For the Digital Business Solutions Program.

Beginners: <https://bit.ly/3e68hIS>

Intermediates: <https://bit.ly/3psB5Ht>

Advanced: <https://bit.ly/3c6z1C6>

Tourism Database

The Tourism Unit has been busily conducting a database review of all businesses, micro businesses and tourist attractions within our Shire to ensure we have everyone's current information.

This is almost completed. If you have moved location, changed numbers or are a new business please email your correct contact details to info@visitupperlachlan.com.au.

This is extremely important as it enables you to participate in our free membership program and affiliate membership programs that are soon to be released, enabling us to help promote your business to Visitors and Groups.

Crookwell Caravan Park

The Crookwell Caravan Park is about to undergo the last of its upgrades thanks to a Building Better Regions Grant which will see the last of the security upgrades completed including the installation of CCTV cameras, boom gates and new signage.

ULSBA Spotlight on The Upper Lachlan Expo

On Saturday 29 October, the ULSBA Spotlight on The Upper Lachlan Expo is on at the Crookwell Memorial Hall between 10am & 4pm.

This is a fabulous opportunity to not only familiarise yourself with the vast and diverse array of small and micro businesses across our Shire, but to also network with and support our local businesses. To enquire contact ulsexpo2022@gmail.com.



Local artisan products & produce

The Visitor Information Centre offers a large range of local producers, artisan product and local wines. If you would like to talk to us about stocking your product, please get in touch as we would love to hear from you on 02 4832 1988

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 13 September at 5.30pm for our Tourism Meet & Greet.

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BEGINNERS
A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

FREE WEBINAR

Thursday 15th September
10.00 am - 11.30am

enterprise plus

Crookwell II Wind Farm Grants announced for 2022/2023

Community groups in the Upper Lachlan Shire will benefit from a combined \$27,204 in funding under the Crookwell II Wind Farm Community Fund in 2022/23.

The grants were assessed by the Crookwell II Wind Farm Community Fund S355 Committee and were approved at the August 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Crookwell II Wind Farm owner and operator Global Power Group supports the Fund with an annual financial contribution, as part of its ongoing commitment to local communities.

The grants will help to fund the projects listed in this table.

The Committee also agreed to award an amount to the Crookwell District Tennis Association for maintenance

and improvements at the Crookwell Tennis Courts with the amounts yet to be determined.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council General Manager Colleen Worthy said the Fund provides grants to projects or initiatives that benefit the community within 20km of the wind farm.

“The Wind Farm Grants make a significant contribution to their local communities in the Shire,” she said.

“It is very pleasing to see such a diverse group of projects being assisted by the Crookwell II Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program in the 2022/2023 Grants.”

| Organisations | Project | Amount |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Crookwell Community Garden | Growing our Patch | \$5,000 |
| Oolong Rural Fire Brigade | Communications and personal lighting | \$2,204 |
| Crookwell Golf Club Maintenance Association | Two new golf carts for seniors / members with disabilities | \$20,000 |
| | TOTAL | \$27,204 |

Taralga Wind Farm Grants delivers \$74,444 to community groups



| Organisations | Project | Amount |
|--|---|--------------------|
| Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Club | Purchase of seating tables and gazebos | \$8,135.55 |
| Taralga Historical Society | Museum air-conditioning | \$8,808.20 |
| Taralga Golf Club | Upgrade to entrance and driveway | \$11,060.00 |
| Taralga & District Showground and Recreational Cooperative Ltd | Taralga Showground Safety Works | \$15,785.46 |
| Taralga & District Showground and Recreational Cooperative Ltd | Refurbishment of the Taralga Community Courts | \$16,000.00 |
| Taralga Playground | Signage upgrade | \$3,398.00 |
| Taralga Landcare Group Incorporated | Works at the Taralga Landcare Windfarm Park | \$13,640.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$74,444.01 |

Seven community groups in the Upper Lachlan Shire will benefit from a combined \$74,444 in funding under the Taralga Wind Farm Community Fund in 2022/23.

The grants were assessed by the Taralga Wind Farm Community Fund S355 Committee and were approved at the August 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Taralga Wind Farm owner and operator Pacific Hydro supports the Fund with an annual financial contribution, as part of its ongoing commitment to local communities.

The grants will help the projects listed in the adjacent table.

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What's happening across the Shire

• CROOKWELL COMMUNITY MARKETS

Saturday 3 September – 9am to 1pm

Crookwell Showground (via East Street entrance)

Come and browse the variety of stalls and support our local sporting clubs, School P&Cs or community groups through the market BBQ. Casual stall holders welcome. Email crookwellmarkets@outlook.com or find us on Facebook. Please get in contact if you are interested in being a stall holder or share the information with anyone you think may be interested, also any community club/groups who would like to host the barbeque on market day.

• LAGGAN VILLAGE MARKETS

Saturday 17 September – 9am to 2pm

Laggan Memorial Hall

Monthly markets every 3rd Saturday except

December. Up to 50 quality stalls including fresh local produce, gifts galore, garage sale, morning tea & sausage sizzle, wood & variety raffles – something for everyone! For more information and stall bookings call Amanda on 0428 667 667.

• LIONS GUNNING MARKETS

Sunday 25 September - 9am to 2pm

The Court House, Gunning

Enjoy a bacon & egg roll, steak & onion or a sausage sandwich. Browse and shop at the stalls, find that item you didn't know you were looking for, listen to some music, wander the village. Bookings and Info on Facebook – Gunning Lions Markets.



Trevor Picker Bridge bathed in sunlight for naming day

The sun came out, the wind died down, and conditions were perfect for the unveiling of the Trevor Picker bridge signs over the bridge that crosses Kangaroo Creek 2km south of Bigga.

Dozens of family members and friends of Trevor Picker, including his sons Brett, Danny, Grant and Murray, were on hand to celebrate the occasion on Wednesday 24 August.

In his speech, Trevor's son Brett proudly dedicated the bridge, which was completed just before Christmas 2021, to a man whose reputation and impact on the Bigga community and beyond has been widely recorded and regarded.

Mr Picker was born in Crookwell on July 20, 1928 and lived his entire life at the family property, Hillcrest" at Bigga.

He was prominent in a wide range of local activities, including the following:

- President of Bigga Fishing Club and one of the instigators of netting Murray cod and silver perch at Burrinjuck and Burrendong dams.
- Captain of the local bush fire brigade.
- Undertaker for the Bigga district and caretaker at the local cemetery.
- Heavily involved in running the Bigga Bears in the 70s and 80s.

But it was his involvement in the superfine wool industry for which he was best known.

Mr Picker was appointed to the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1988, the year of Australia's Bicentenary, for his distinguished service to the superfine wool industry.

He was widely regarded as being instrumental in putting the local area on the national and global stage for

wool production.

Mr Picker held four world records and was passionate about promoting the wool industry.

He regularly earned record prices from classing superfine clips around Bigga and in 1964 set one of his world records by achieving top price of 1800 pence a pound.

The bridge will provide safer travel for the Bigga community and for all of those passing through to Grabine and beyond.

On hand for Upper Lachlan Shire Council were Mayor Pam Kensit, Deputy Mayor Mandy McDonald, Cllr Jo Marshall and Councillor John Searl along with Director of Infrastructure Leon Kruger and Director of Environment and Planning Alex Waldron.

Development Applications approved by Council - 1 July 2022 to 31 July 2022

In accordance with Section 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and clause 124 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, notice is given that Upper Lachlan Shire Council has consented to the following development applications:

| DA No. | Proposal | Property |
|------------|--|--|
| 159 / 2021 | 2 Lot Residential Subdivision | 78 Macarthur Street, TARALGA Lot 59 Sec 8 DP 976169 |
| 26/2022 | Farm Building | 3365 Goulburn Road, PEJAR Lot 403 DP 1012308 |
| 59/2022 | Alterations and Additions to Dwelling | 69 Cooper Street, TARALGA Lot 1 DP 806391 |
| 60/2022 | Swimming Pool | 196 St Stephens Road, WAYO Lot 23 DP 450054 |
| 61/2022 | Dwelling | 18 Green Avnue, GUNNING Lot 304 DP 1280311 |
| 65/2022 | Shed | 6 Corcoran Place, CROOKWELL Lot 11 DP 1083842 |
| 67/2022 | Dwelling and detached shed | 24 Green Avenue GUNNING Lot 307 DP 1280311 |
| 84/2022 | Demolition of existing building and construction of a dwelling | 69 Denison Street, CROOKWELL Lot 2 DP 512657 |
| 87/2022 | Dwelling | 8 Memory Avenue, CROOKWELL Lot 6 DP 2058 |
| 97/2022 | Alterations and additions to dwelling | 202 Yalbraith Rd, TARALGA Lot 161 DP 753063 |
| 99/2022 | Shed | 60 Wade Street, CROOKWELL Lot B DP 356013 |



Mayor Pam Kensit joined members of Council staff for a Jeans for Genes fundraiser on 23 August. The group raised \$212.85, ate well (or at least a lot) and of course, wore jeans.