

THE UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL

BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2022

Crookwell Twilight Christmas Fair an unqualified success

Near perfect weather, festive residents, a massive influx of visitors, and meticulous event-planning combined for one of Crookwell's most successful events for many years, according to Council General Manager Colleen Worthy.

"From any measure, the Crookwell Twilight Christmas Fair was an overwhelming success," she said.

"All of the different aspects of the Fair blended together nicely, offering a wide range of activities.

"Shop owners have reported exceptional retail trading, shop owners said they recorded their best ever sales. The markets, pop up bar and food stalls were a great hit with a live band keeping people entertained and a constant flow of people passing through, and families and children loved all of the activities in the Memorial Park.

"You couldn't have ordered better weather throughout the day, and then the park and the main street were gorgeous when the lights were turned on at night.

"There were so many elements that worked so well together... Santa and the elves, market stalls, carollers, face painting... there were smiles everywhere you looked. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day."

Estimates on the number of people taking part in the Christmas Fair differ but the consensus suggests the population swelled by many thousands of visitors.

"Business owners, shop assistants and stall holders have all agreed they saw many faces they'd never seen before," she said.

"And many of the visitors, when they purchased items, shared that they had come from well beyond the Shire."

A highlight of the Christmas Fair was the lighting of the tree in Memorial Park by



Mayor Pam Kensit and Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman. At the same time, further lighting with a graphic presentation was turned on in the Main Street and will continue to be switched on each night until Christmas.

Ms Worthy said she was pleased not only by how the event was received, but also the efforts put into making it a reality.

"In addition to all of the planning and preparation put in by the Council Tourism team over many months, staff members from across all of the workgroups in Council contributed to ensuring everything came together and

worked so well and I am very thankful for all of their efforts," she said.

"But all the effort would have amounted to nothing if the community and the many visitors to Crookwell did not participate and make it such a feel good occasion.

"It was a day that will be long remembered, and a very positive lead in to the Christmas period."

The Crookwell Twilight Christmas Fair was funded by the NSW Government's Reconnecting Regional NSW Program and was an initiative of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council.

Briefs from Ordinary Meeting of Council 15 December 2022

Apologies

Apologies were received by Ms Colleen Worthy (General Manager) and Cr Jo Marshall.

Mayoral Minute

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

Mayoral Minute – Council's support for Humelink Alliance Inc

A motion was moved from Clr Kensit to table a statement relating to Humelink Alliance:

That Council receive and note the statement of support for concerns related to Humelink Alliance Inc – Transgrid powerlines project transmission expansion from Mayor Kensit.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was carried.

Ten year's service recognised for two Councillors

Mayor Kensit made a special mention of Councillors Darren O'Brien and John Searl for their 10 year service as elected Councillors to Upper Lachlan Shire Council. Each was presented with a certificate of service on behalf of Local Government NSW and Council.

Reports received and noted

- Development Statistics Report
- Code of Conduct Complaints Report to the Office of Local Government
- Action Summary – Council Decisions
- Grants Report
- Investments for the month of November 2022
- Bank Balance and Reconciliation – November 2022
- Rates and Charges outstanding for the month of November 2022
- Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Funding Procurement

Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Funding Procurement

Council resolved that the additional funding of \$655,883.79 granted via the works for the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round will be allocated to the following procurement arrangements, depending on value for money considerations and procurement compliance requirements: –

- The scope of negotiations with the preferred tenderers for the Full Service Heavy Patching at four locations within the Shire works.
- Suppliers under new or existing panel arrangements, such as the New South Wales State vendor panel arrangement, and/ or
- Council's internal resources, if available and/or more suitable.

Review of Outdoor Dining Policy

Council adopted the reviewed Outdoor Dining Policy.

Agritourism Amendment

Council resolved that 'Farm stay accommodation' be removed from the 'permitted with consent' section of the Upper Lachlan Local Environmental Plan land use tables applicable to the RU5 Village and R5 Large Lot Residential zones; and that 'Agritourism' be removed from the 'permitted with consent' section of the Upper Lachlan Local Environmental Plan land use tables applicable to RU5 Village and R5 Large Lot Residential zones.

Cost estimates for future purchase of Traffic Speed / Display Monitors for other villages

Council resolved to purchase a further 17 traffic speed/display monitors (in addition to five previously ordered) at approximately \$7,000 per unit for installation in villages across Upper Lachlan Shire (including Tuena and Binda) utilising residual funds allocated for Council's streetscape.

Proposed road closure and sale of allotments near Memory Avenue, Crookwell

Council resolved to initiate the road closing process over

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Gunning Office: 123 Yass St, Gunning
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Ph: 4830 1000 (including after hours). Fax: 4845 1426

**Taralga Community Service Centre:
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www.facebook.com/UpperLachlanShireCouncil/

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



the 'paper road' between Woodward Avenue and Memory Lane, Crookwell with the intent of creating two residential allotments detailed on a plan submitted to Council.

Council further resolved to create the required easements in the two lots and dispose, and sell the two allotments on the open market, and to fund further stormwater infrastructure near the site from the sale of the two lots.

Road reserve acquisition – corner of Biala and Grovenor Streets, Gunning

Council agreed in principle to the road closing and transfer of the closed road subject to a Deed of Agreement for sale of land being undertaken with the adjoining landowner at Lots 1 & 2 Section 12 DP 758493 at the intersection of Biala and Grovenor Street, Gunning.

Council determined that all costs associated with the road closure, legal fees and land transfer are to be borne by the landowner, including the creation of a drainage easement over the existing sewerage line.

Access Committee Charter

Council adopted the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Access Section 355 Committee Charter.

Council resolved to advertise an 'Expression of Interest' to invite members of the community to join the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Access Committee.

Three Councillor representatives are members of Access committee.

Local Government Elections 2024

Council resolved that, pursuant to Sections 296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) ("the Act") that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner (NSW Electoral Commission) to administer all elections of Council.

Council resolved that, pursuant to Sections 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by Section 18, that a

council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.

Council resolved that, pursuant to Sections 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by Section 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

Organisation Structure adoption

Council resolved to adopt the existing Organisation Structure.

Review of Community Outreach Meetings Policy

Council adopted the reviewed Community Outreach Meetings Policy.

Reports from Committees for the month of November 2022

- Tuena Hall and Recreation Area Committee – Minutes – 12 October 2022.
- Council Traffic Committee – Minutes from meeting held 1 December 2022.
- Gunning Arts Festival – Annual Report 2021/2022.
- Gunning Arts Festival – Minutes from meeting held 25 September 2022.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Procurement of one new prime mover and trailer

Council resolved to purchase one Fuso Shogun Prime Mover with Johnston tipping trailer for the total sum of \$335,277.13 (EX: GST) from Hartwigs Trucks Pty Ltd.

Council resolved to dispose of existing Prime Mover truck and trailer (plant numbers – 574 and 687) through public auction.

The Meeting closed at 3:03 PM. Next meeting to be held on 16 February, 2023.

Library Biz with Susan McIlroy - Manager, Library Services**Upper Lachlan Shire Library Service
JANUARY 2023****COMING EVENTS**

So much to see and do at Upper Lachlan Libraries this January... let's get straight into it.

**Kids Summer Reading Club**

Kids Summer Reading Club will run throughout December and January. Pick up a pack from 1 December and get reading to win some great prizes! Prizes include mini building blocks, milkshake vouchers at local cafes, and a grand prize family pass to the Taralga Wildlife Park.

Where: Crookwell and Gunning Libraries
When: From 1 December 2022 to 27 January 2023

School Holiday Activity – Make a Spoon Friend

Take one wooden spoon and turn it into a new friend! This activity uses yarn, cloth, buttons, glitter, pipe-cleaners, and more to transform an ordinary spoon into an extraordinary puppet to play with or display in your garden.

Where: Gunning Library
When: Tuesday 10 January, 3:00 to 4:00pm
Who: Children aged 5 to 12 years Cost: \$2.00
Bookings essential. Call the Library on (02) 4845 1231 or book online.

School Holiday Activity – Learn to Draw Manga Characters

Learn to draw manga and anime characters in this workshop with Meg. Get the basics of your character's face right, then add different hair styles and special features to make your character unique.

Where: Crookwell Library
When: Wednesday 11 January, 2:00 to 3:00pm
Who: Children aged 8 to 15 years
Cost: \$2.00

Bookings essential. Call the Library on (02) 4832 1048 or book online

School Holiday Activity – Make your own Slime

Join us for some messy fun making your own slime! Add the ingredients, mix it up, then sprinkle in some decorations. Take your slime home to play with!

Where: Gunning Library
When: Wednesday 18 January, 2:30 to 3:30pm
Who: Children aged 5 to 12 years
Cost: \$2.00

Bookings essential. Call the Library on (02) 4845 1231 or book online



School Holiday Activity – Dinosaur Dig

Calling all budding palaeontologists! Join us at our Library fossil dig site. Every child will receive a tub containing a dinosaur skeleton to excavate. What will you find? A stegosaurus, brontosaurus, maybe even a tyrannosaurus rex!

Where: Crookwell Library
When: Thursday 19 January, 11:00am to 12:00 noon
Who: Children aged 5 to 12 years
Cost: \$2.00

Bookings essential. Call the Library on (02) 4832 1048 or book online

School Holiday Activity –Butterfly Mosaic

Find your happy place with this calm activity decorating a butterfly. Using foam tiles create a beautiful mosaic on your butterfly's wings, and then finish it off with some cellophane. Hang your butterfly on a window to enjoy the colours shining through!

Where: Crookwell Library
When: Monday 23 January, 1:00pm to 2:00pm
Who: Children aged 5 to 12 years
Cost: \$2.00

Bookings essential. Call the Library on (02) 4832 1048 or book online

School Holiday Activity – Children's Knitting Class

Creative Gunning will visit the Library to take us through the basics of French knitting. Loop and hook your yarn around the pegs and see your knitting take shape! Then turn your knitting into a bracelet or necklace.

Where: Gunning Library
When: Friday 27 January, 10:30 to 11:30am
Who: Children aged 8 to 15 years
Cost: \$2.00

Bookings essential. Call the Library on (02) 4845 1231 or book online

Seniors Rights Pop-Up

Seniors Rights Service is a part of a nation-wide advocacy service that helps older people who are receiving aged care services to understand, promote and stand up for their rights. Drop in to learn more about how the Service can assist with aged care rights, quality standards, elder abuse, and more.

Where: Crookwell Library
When: Tuesday 17 January, during Library opening hours

Who: All ages
Cost: Free

No bookings required, just drop in. Call the Library on (02) 4832 1048 for more information.

Where: Gunning Library
When: Thursday 19 January, during Library opening hours
Who: All ages
Cost: Free

No bookings required, just drop in. Call the Library on (02) 4845 1231 for more information.

Digital Mentoring

Book in for a 30 minute one-on-one chat with a technology expert from NBN Co! Get all your technology-related questions answered, and bring along your own device or use a Library computer to learn new skills like using the Internet, setting up email, installing apps, and more!

Where: Crookwell Library
When: Tuesday 24 January, 11:00am to 1:00pm
Who: All ages
Cost: Free

Bookings essential. Call the Library on (02) 4832 1048 or book online

Where: Gunning Library
When: Tuesday 24 January, 2:00pm to 5:00pm
Who: All ages
Cost: Free

Bookings essential. Call the Library on (02) 4845 1231 or book online.

Holiday closures

Upper Lachlan Shire Libraries will be closed over the holiday break. Gunning Library will close at 5pm on Wednesday 21 December, and Crookwell Library will close at 12pm on Thursday 22 December.

Both Libraries will reopen for the usual hours on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

The Christmas New Year's period is a great time to pick up a book, or to make a resolution to read more.

Visit the Library online at
<https://upperlachlan.spydus.com>

like us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/ULSLibraries>

and like us on Instagram
<https://www.instagram.com/ulslibraries>

Council closures and changed services for Christmas / New Years

The following is a list of changed services and operations for the Christmas / New Year's period.

Council Offices And Depots

The Crookwell and Gunning Offices and Depots of Upper Lachlan Shire Council will be closed from midday 22 December 2022, and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

The Taralga Office will be closed on Monday 26 December, Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January 2023. The Taralga Office will be open from Wednesday 28 December to 30 December 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

On-duty staff may be contacted for emergencies using Council's phone number 4830 1000.

Crookwell Visitor Information Centre

The Crookwell Visitor Information Centre will be closed on Christmas Day only, and open all other days.

Libraries

Upper Lachlan Shire Libraries will be closed over the holiday break. Gunning Library will close at 5pm on Wednesday 21 December, and Crookwell Library will close at 12pm on Thursday 22 December 2022.

Both Libraries will reopen for their usual business hours on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Waste Collection Alterations

LOCATION	WASTE TYPE	USUAL COLLECTION DAY	ALTERED COLLECTION DAY
Crookwell	Waste & Garden	Tuesday 27 December 2022	Wednesday 28 December 2022
Breadalbane, Dalton Gunning & Collector	Waste & Recycle	Wednesday 28 December 2022	Thursday 29 December 2022
Bind, Grabben Gullen, Laggan & Taralga	Waste & Recycle	Thursday 29 December 2022	Friday 30 December 2022
Crookwell	Recycle	Monday 2 January 2022	Tuesday 3 January 2022
Binda	Recycle	Friday 30 December 2022	Unchanged

Residents are reminded that collection times may vary and placing bins out the night prior ensures bins will be emptied.

Waste Transfer Stations

Crookwell Waste Transfer Station

Friday, 23 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Saturday, 24 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 25 December 2022 **CLOSED**
 Monday, 26 December 2022 **CLOSED**
 Friday, 30 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Saturday, 31 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 1 January 2023 **CLOSED**
 Monday, 2 January 2023 **CLOSED**

Gunning Waste Transfer Station

Wed, 21 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Saturday, 24 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 25 December 2022 **CLOSED**
 Wed, 28 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Saturday, 31 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 1 January 2023 **CLOSED**

Taralga Waste Transfer Station

Thursday, 22 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Saturday, 24 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 25 December 2022 **CLOSED**
 Thursday 29 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Saturday, 31 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 1 January 2023 **CLOSED**

Collector Waste Transfer Station

Saturday, 24 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 25 December 2022 **CLOSED**
 Saturday, 31 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 1 January 2023 **CLOSED**

Bigga Waste Transfer Station

Saturday, 24 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 25 December 2022 **CLOSED**
 Saturday, 31 December 2022 OPEN 10am - 4pm
 Sunday, 1 January 2023 **CLOSED**

Golf carts to assist with accessibility and inclusion

The Crookwell Golf Club has recently taken delivery of three new golf carts made available by funding from the Crookwell II Wind Farm Community Fund.

The Crookwell Golf Club Maintenance Association was successful in applying for a grant for two carts which would be of particular use to seniors and members with disabilities.

After the approval of their application, the Association sought a variance that would allow them to purchase three cheaper carts.

The availability of these carts will increase inclusion and accessibility for the sport locally, prioritising older golfers and those with genuine requirements ahead of other users.

“Our club is comprised of a substantial number of older members who are happy to continue to play,” Club Director Tim McCarthy said.



GPG Community Engagement Officer Cr Jo Marshall, ULSC Director of Environment & Planning Alex Waldron, Club Director Brett Turner, ULSC Mayor Pam Kensit and Club Director Tim McCarthy.

“Acquiring new golf carts for the club will provide assistance to mobility-restricted players including those who are elderly, or young kids starting out who struggle to carry their golf bag while playing.”

On behalf of the Crookwell Golf Club, directors Brett Turner and Tim McCarthy thanked GPG and Crookwell II for their generous funding.

St John’s Wort weed alert for Upper Lachlan Shire

Upper Lachlan Shire Council Biosecurity Officers are currently focusing their inspections and spraying throughout the shire on the highly invasive local priority plant, St John’s Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*).

St John’s Wort has a small growing season and due to the wet weather experienced through summer, Biosecurity Officers have noted an

increase in the number of plants among infestations but have also stated that the spread has been minimal.

Director of Environment and Planning, Alex Waldron said that Council’s Biosecurity Officers have a huge area to monitor and have done a fantastic job in identifying St John’s Wort infestations and where possible, spraying to eliminate.

“Council Biosecurity Officers are also working with landholders to notify and assist with recommendations on controlling and eradicating the plant,” she said.

St John’s Wort is an upright woody growing to up to 60cm and be identified by the bright yellow flowers that can be seen November to January.

The flowers have five petals and have three bundles of long stamens growing from the centre.

The leaves are a paler green on the underside as well as being opposite to each other on the stem.

When the fruit is produced, it is a sticky three-celled capsule that is approximately 8mm long. The seeds are a light brown to black, up to 1mm in size and cylindrical.

“We are lucky as a community that many landholders are cooperative and progressive in regards to their attitude to weed eradication,” Ms Waldron said.

“We are now receiving regular phone calls notifying us of St John’s Wort incursions. This allows staff to prioritise areas to spray. It is a reminder to everyone that Under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, all landholders have a General Biosecurity Duty to ensure all biosecurity risks, including weeds, are minimised, prevented or eliminated.

“I encourage anyone wanting to know more to contact council and discuss options with our fantastic Biosecurity Officers.”

If you or anyone you know have concerns regarding St John’s Wort or other priority weeds, please contact Council Administration Staff on (02) 4830 1000.



Development Applications approved by Council - 1 November 2022 to 30 November 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
73 / 2011.2	Modification	18 Gordon Street, CROOKWELL Lot 16 Sec 4 DP 1809
117 / 2021	Decommissioning of UPSS and installation of new UPSS	56 Yass Street, GUNNING Lot 1 DP 214923
12 / 1201 Refused	Animal boarding and training establishment	2522 Taralga-Laggan Road LAGGAN Lot 1 DP 874867
48 / 2022	Dwelling	Guineacor Road, WOMBEYAN CAVES Lot 1 DP 1210128
81 / 2022	2 Lot Subdivision	34 Collector Road, GUNNING Lot 1 DP 1242982
89 / 2022	Dwelling	197 Cullerin Road, BREADALBANE Lot 2 DP 733515
91/2022	6 Lot Subdivision	30 Goldsmith Street, BINDA Lot 2 DP 1274243
117 / 2022	Dwelling	38 North Street
119 / 2022	Alterations and additions to dwelling	101 Cowper Street, CROOKWELL Lot 14 DP 1797
134 / 2022	Dwelling	Peelwood Road, PEELWOOD Lot 2 DP 1044371
137 / 2022	Dwelling	39 Yass Street, GUNNING Lot 32 DP 1284432



Every year around Christmas, Kip and Wendy Skelly keep travellers to and from Crookwell entertained with their decorated hay bales on the corner of the Crookwell-Goulburn Road and Roslyn Road. And if you're celebrating an Aussie Christmas, who better to invite than Bluey! Well done to all involved in this great display. And on behalf of The Upper Lachlan Shire Council... may all residents and ratepayers, and their visitors have a safe, peaceful and joyful holiday and be back on deck for a fantastic 2023.