

THE UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL BULLETIN

JANUARY 2022



Councillors Pam Kensit and Mandy McDonald to lead new Council

Cr Pam Kensit is the new Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire Council, and Cr Mandy McDonald the new Deputy Mayor following their election at the January Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2022.

Following an oath and affirmation by all incoming Councillors, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were elected into their positions.

The Deputy Mayoral position will come up for re-election in September 2022 and the Mayoral position in September 2023.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were elected by their fellow councillors via ordinary ballot at what was the first meeting of the incoming Council.

In the course of the meeting, Council also resolved to implement the new Countback method to replace any casual vacancy of a Councillor within the first 18 months of the term.

This new method, referring back to the next in eligibility of election nominees, has been offered by the NSW Office of Local Government to provide Councils with an alternative to by-elections should positions become vacant.

Prior to the election, Councillors were informed of advice from Cr John Stafford that he had resigned effective immediately.

The current Councillors are:

- Mayor Cr Pam Kensit (returning councillor)
- Deputy Mayor Cr Mandy McDonald (new councillor)
- Cr John Searl (returning councillor)
- Cr Darren O'Brien (returning councillor)
- Cr Paul Culhane (returning councillor)
- Cr Susan Reynolds (new councillor)
- Cr Jo Marshall (new councillor)
- Cr Lauren Woodbridge (new councillor)



Disaster assistance extended following severe flooding

Disaster assistance is now available in four additional local government areas affected by severe storms and flooding in November last year.

Included are Balranald, Federation, Lismore and Upper Lachlan.

Assistance will be provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor said the inclusion of Upper Lachlan would ensure the local community can access the same support available to the Goulburn-Mulwaree Local Government Area.

“The \$50,000 Primary Producer Recovery Grants announced on 29 December 2021 will also be extended

to both Goulburn Mulwaree and Upper Lachlan residents,” said Mr Taylor.

There are now 57 Local Government Areas impacted by the severe weather and flooding of late last year.

Assistance available under the DRFA may include:

- 1 Help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged (eligibility criteria apply)
- 2 Recovery grants for primary producers
- 3 Support for affected local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets
- 4 Concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit

organisations, and
5 Freight subsidies for primary producers.

For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact Service NSW on 13 77 88.

To apply for a concessional loan or primary producer grant, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au.

Information on disaster assistance can be found on the Australian Government’s Disaster Assist website at www.disasterassist.gov.au.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/upperlachlantourism
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/upplachtourism/>

Upper Lachlan Shire Council
Presents
AUSTRALIA DAY
2022

JANUARY 26, 2022
12:00 - 4:00PM
CROOKWELL MEMORIAL OVAL

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON FILLED WITH FUN AND CELEBRATIONS INCLUDING

- AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR MICHAEL TOMALARIS, SBS SPORTS COMMENTATOR
- AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS
- AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY
- PERFORMANCES FROM 'THE RICH PITCHER' BAND
- JUMPING CASTLE FOR THE KIDS
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- EGG AND SPOON RACES
- THONG THROWING
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE, SWEETS AND GOODIES FOR THE AFTERNOON

FREE EVENT

**WITH SPECIAL GUEST | THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL THE HONOURABLE DAVID HURLEY AC DSC (RETD) & HER EXCELLENCY
MRS LINDA HURLEY.**

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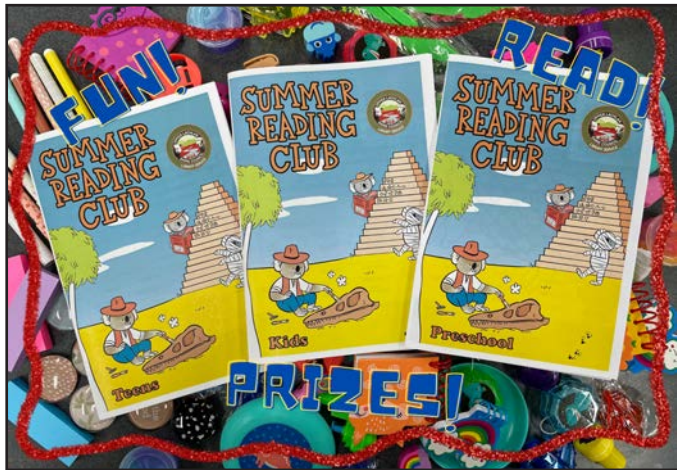
Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Library Biz with Susan McIlroy - Manager, Library Services

We're glad to welcome you to a new year with your Libraries! We're looking forward to a great year supporting our community with recreation, education, and relaxation.

Summer Holiday Activities



Keep the kids having fun and reading with our summer holiday activities!

Summer Reading Club: Preschoolers, Kids, and Teens can collect a FREE activity pack and win prizes for reading throughout January. Collect your pack from your local Library branch.

Story Walk: A Story Walk is a picture book separated out into its individual pages and then spread across an easy walk in a beautiful natural location.

This year's Story Walk is *A Walk in the Bush* by Gwyn Perkins, at Barbour Park in Gunning and Pat Cullen Reserve in Crookwell, and is self-guided so you can enjoy the walk at a time that suits you!

Crookwell Library

- Drop In Craft Sessions: For children of all ages, throughout January
- What's the Joke? Show: Primary School aged children, Thursday 27 January, 2:00-3:00pm. Call the Library on (02) 4832 1048 to book, with a \$2 entry fee.

Gunning Library

- Drop In Craft Sessions: For children of all ages, throughout January

Automatic Renewals

Your Library is giving you one less thing to stress about! From now on we'll automatically renew your loans before they're due.

If any items can't be renewed, we'll send you a reminder to return them. So, sit back and relax - it's that easy!

For all the details visit our web page: [or call the Library on \(02\) 4830 1077.](#)



THIS MONTH'S CHARTS

Happy New Year!

Adult Fiction
The garden of hopes and dreams by Barbara Hannay

Adult Non-Fiction
The book of shed: designing, building and loving your shed by Joel Bird

DVD
Old directed by M. Night Shyamalan

Magazine
Better Homes and Gardens

Kid's book
The 143-Storey Tree House by Andy Griffiths

Tourism Happenings with the Upper Lachlan Tourism Unit

Tourism staff Jean O'Neill (left) and Vivienne Flanagan (right), either side of new Manager Christiane Cocum (centre).



Introducing Council's new Tourism and Economic Development Manager, **CHRISTIANE COCUM.**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. I knew Andrew and his family through the Tourism Space, so my appointment as I'm sure you can imagine is bittersweet.

Andrew had been of great assistance to me in my own Tourism & Hospitality business that I operated within our Shire over the past few years as I'm sure he was for many of you.

He did an incredible job and I'm aware I have some very big shoes to fill.

I am incredibly excited for the opportunity to take on The Economic Development & Tourism Manager position for Council and look forward to building on the legacy Andrew helped create and achieving some wonderful things for our Shire both in The Tourism & Economic Development Space.

I have spent most of my life involved in Agriculture and have 25 years' experience in Business Development, Tourism, Marketing, all

facets of the Events industry, Hospitality & Retail.

I spent 5 years as Exhibitions Executive for The Sydney Royal Easter Show, managing all aspects of the indoor and outdoor commercial exhibitions, have worked on numerous large projects, have sat on various Committees & Associations for the past 16 years.

I have also been a small business owner/operator in the major events hospitality and online and bricks & mortar retail sector, as well as agriculture and am no stranger to the everyday challenges small businesses face particularly in today's economy.

While the last two years of the pandemic have certainly not been easy, our Shire is perfectly positioned to continue to benefit from the significant growth Regional Australia is experiencing with people & businesses relocating to the regions and visitors flocking to their own back yard with the inability to travel overseas.

I am extremely passionate about ensuring our Shire is front & centre of people minds and giving them an opportunity to visit, appreciate & engage in all the fabulous things our Shire has to offer.

Anyone who knows me knows how passionate I am about events, tourism, the AAS and our regions.

Promoting regional tourism and regional business is core to who I am and I am so excited to work with a wonderful team, and all of you, to be able to promote our beautiful Shire to NSW, Australia and the world as an amazing place to visit, work, do business and live!!!

In the coming year we have some incredible things happening including the moving of the Visitor Information Centre to Council's new Multi Purpose Aquatic & Activity Centre (MAAC).

This exciting new facility will house the Aquatic Centre, Visitor Centre, Multi purpose exhibition/foyer space, café, all-inclusive playground and outdoor grounds.

It will be an amazing space for our community & visitors to enjoy and a real showcase of the many wonderful things our Shire has to offer. In the coming months Council will be putting the operation of the café out to tender.

It is an absolute privilege to be able to travel this exciting journey with you and I look forward to meeting and working with you all very soon.

Replacement Councillor to be determined by Countback

Following a resolution at the January Meeting, Upper Lachlan Shire Council will replace the casual vacancy created by the resignation of John Stafford by way of the Countback method.

Council adopted Resolution Number 11/22 which states:-

RECOMMENDATION That –

- 1 Pursuant to Section 291A (1)(b), of the Local Government Act 1993, Upper Lachlan Shire Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of councillors for Upper Lachlan Shire on 4 December 2021 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with Section 291A (1).
- 2 Council directs the General Manager to notify the Office of Local Government and NSW Electoral Commission within 7 days of the decision.

As a result, Council confirmed agreement for the NSW Electoral Commission head office in Sydney to undertake the role of Returning Officer for the election candidate count back voting.

The NSW Electoral Commission head office in Sydney will make contact with the three unsuccessful candidates at the 4 December 2021 election for Upper Lachlan Shire councillors to gauge their interest in being a candidate for election as part of the count back method.

Until such time as this process has been completed, none of the unsuccessful candidates is an automatic incumbent.

NSW Electoral Commission advises that this will be the first time that the Countback method will be utilised in NSW Government. A detailed description of the Countback process can be found on the NSW Electoral Commission website.



Upper Lachlan Shire Australia Day closures 2022

Upper Lachlan Shire Council wishes to remind the community that the Crookwell and Gunning Administration Offices and the Taralga Community Service Centre will be closed for the Australia Day public holiday on Wednesday, 26 January 2022 and will reopen on Thursday, 27 January 2022.

The Crookwell Visitor Information Centre will remain open, however Crookwell and Gunning Libraries will be closed on Australia Day and will reopen at their usual times on Thursday 27 January 2022.

Gunning Swimming Pool will remain open on Australia Day but Gunning

Waste Transfer Centre will be closed on Australia Day. Waste and Recycle Collections will be as normal.

For emergency calls or out of hours services, please call 4830 1000.

What's happening across the Shire

- **BINDA BUSH BASH**
Saturday 22 January - 10am to 2pm
On the Flat
 - Jamie Agius Music
 - Market Stalls
 - Small Dog Races
 - BBQ & Cake Stall
 - Coffee Van
 - Tug of War
 - Bushranger/Colonial costume competition
 - Raffles heaps of prizes
- **AUSTRALIA DAY AT CROOKWELL**
Wednesday 26 January - Midday to 4pm
Crookwell Memorial Oval
 - Australia Day Awards
 - Citizenship Ceremony
 - Jumping Castle
 - Egg & spoon racing
 - Thong Throwing
 - Sausage sizzle and other snacks and goodies
 - Rich Pitcher performing throughout the day

Australia Day Ambassador, SBS sports commentator Michael Tomalaris
Special guest, the Governor General of Australia, his Excellency General David Hurley.
- **AUSTRALIA DAY AT GUNNING**
Wednesday 26 January - 8am
Barbour Park
Breakfast from 8am
Awards Ceremony to start at 8.45am.
Australia Day Ambassador, SBS sports commentator Michael Tomalaris will present local awards for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.
Lions Club will be catering with bacon, eggs, sausages, juice, coffee, tea and water (\$5 per person or \$10 per family).
- **AUSTRALIA DAY FUND RAISING EVENT AT TARALGA**
Wednesday 26 January - from 7.00am
Taralga Sports Club and Gray Park
Breakfast at the Sports Club at 7am, followed by Market Stalls and the Car, Truck and Bike Show at Gray Park.
Fundraising on the day has been organised to support Taralga's Beau Cosgrove to buy a BiPap machine.
- **CROOKWELL COMMUNITY MARKETS**
Saturday 5 February - 9am to 1pm
Crookwell Showground - Entry via East Street
- **ROWAN PHEMISTER & FRIENDS**
Presented by Gunning Focus Group
Sunday 6 February - 2pm
Gunning Shire Hall
Join talented musicians Rowan Phemister (Harp), Zoe Loxley Slump (Oboe) and Lucy Macourt (Violin) as they perform works by Bach, Salzedo, Saint-Saens, Shostakovich, Gist and others.
Tickets: \$35. Concession \$30, Members \$20. U18 Free.
Bookings: Pre-pay at <https://www.trybooking.com/BWNNM> or contact 0429 906834 or gunningfocusgroupatgmail.com.
- **FLOCK EWE COMPETITION - GUNNING**
February 11
Telegraph Hotel (presentations)
Judging will be held on 11 February with the top five flocks announced at a presentation at the Telegraph Hotel afterwards. Please contact matt Hewitt 0439 467 282 ASAP if you are interested in entering.
- **CROOKWELL SHOW**
Presented by Crookwell Show and AP&H Society:
February 12 & 13
Crookwell Showground
 - The Land Royal Sydney Showgirl Competition
 - Woodchop Competition
 - Animal judging sections
 - Quick Shear Competition
 - Pavilion Sections
 - Car and Bike Show
 - Yard Dog Fly Ball
 - Performances by FK Freestyle Kings Motocross Team
 - Performances by singer/songwriter Shara Rose
- **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**
Presented by Crookwell Amateur Dramatic Society:
February 18 to March 5 - Various times
Crookwell Memorial Hall
Bookings through the Crookwell Information Centre on 48321988 or online at www.trybooking.com.
COVID REGULATIONS: All tickets must be purchased prior to performances - no tickets sold at the door.
- **LAGGAN VILLAGE MARKETS**
Saturday 19 February - 9am to 1pm
Laggan Memorial Hall
Contact (02) 4836 5234 for further information.

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:

Development Applications approved by Council - 1 October 2021 to 31 October 2021		
DA No.	Proposal	Property
18/2020	Dwelling	43 Povey Place, BREADALBANE Lot 6 DP 1205245
74/2021	Subdivision	66 Biala Street, GUNNING Lot 20 Sec 8 DP 758493
85/2021	Transportable Dwelling	1598 Jerrawa Road, DALTON Lots 11, 47, 48, 50 & 173 DP 754111, Lot 1 DP 1143904 and Lot 1 DP 1191348
87/2021	Dwelling	385 Lost River Road, LOST RIVER Lot 6 DP 1145749
89/2021	Subdivision	11 Wolseley Road, CROOKWELL Lots 11 & 12 Sec 5 DP 1809
98/2021	Dwelling	10 Prell Street, CROOKWELL Lot 56 DP 1270792
99/2021	Dwelling	702 Mullins Creek Road, GURRUNDAH Lot 1 DP 1144397
105/2021	Garage/Shed	15 Graham Crescent, CROOKWELL Lot 33 DP 1253454
111/2021	Garage	48 Grovenor Street, GUNNING Lot 2 DP 828157
123/2021	Balconies / Decks	1528 Breadalbane Road, BREADALBANE Lot 1 DP 1197318
125/2021	Dwelling	18 Tait Street, CROOKWELL Lot 103 DP 1111842

Development Applications approved by Council - 1 November 2021 to 30 November 2021		
DA No.	Proposal	Property
86/2021	Alterations and Additions	21 Murray Street, COLLECTOR Lot 15 DP 1265699
90/2021	Dwelling	8 Graham Crescent, CROOKWELL Lot 20 DP 1253454
132/2021	Dwelling	8 McIntosh Road, CROOKWELL Lot 52 DP 1270792
136/2021	Public Swimming Pool	Warne Street, CROOKWELL Lots 1, 2, 9 & 10 Sec 13 DP 758308 & Lot 7300 DP 1141689
139/2021	Garage/Shed	38 Ryan Place, GUNNING Lot 7 DP 1219071

Development Applications approved by Council - 1 December 2021 to 31 December 2021		
DA No.	Proposal	Property
97/2021	Dwelling	Towrang Road, GREENWICH PARK Lot 157 DP 750009 and Lot 3 DP 1197379
102/2021	Subdivision	73 Orchard Street, TARALGA Lot 1 DP 737957
126/2021	Dwelling	135 Bigga Road, BINDA Lot 1 DP 1076913
128/2021	Dwelling & Shed	3 Barry Place, CROOKWELL Lot 14 DP 1012637
130/2021	Dwelling	5 Amber Lane, GUNNING Lot 112 DP 1250004