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of Upper Lachlan Shire,  
the Shire of Villages

## ULSC CRUSHES GMC FOR CHARITY



### Cricket for BI-PAP

MARCH 25 saw the first, of what is hoped to be an annual charity Goulburn Mulwaree Upper Lachlan (GMUL), Twenty – Twenty (T20), crick-

et match. Held at Crookwell's Todkill Park the contest pitted the might Upper Lachlan Shire Council staff and Councillors against the pretenders from the Goulburn Mulwaree Council. Led by Mayor John Shaw, the ULC cricketers blasted Goulburn's bowling for 147 runs with

Man of the Match Jason Storrier top scorer with 47 not out.

The match raised over \$1,000 and was in aid of the Crookwell Hospital's appeal to purchase a much needed BI-PAP machine and the Goulburn Children's Ward.

## Draft Plans for Public Exhibition

GENERAL Manager, John Bell reported that the NSW State Government Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements commence for Upper Lachlan Shire Council, as a Group 2 Council, from July 1, 2011. The transitional legislative provisions are now contained in Sections 402 to 406 of the Local Government Act 1993.



The following draft Plans have been prepared for public exhibition and feedback in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation:

1. Community Strategic Plan 2011-2021

(ten year plan incorporating the Resource Strategy) – Section 402 of the Local Government Act 1993.

2. Resource Strategy in accordance with Section 403 of the Local Government Act 1993, contains the following: a long Term Financial Plan; a Workforce Plan (Human Resources); and an Infrastructure Plan (incorporates Asset Management Strategy).

3. Delivery Program 2011/2012–2014/2015 (four year program and budget) – Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993;

4. Operational Plan 2011/2012 (one year plan and budget contains the Fees and Charges and Revenue Policy) – Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993; and

5. Social and Community Plan – Section 406 of the Local Government Act 1993.

### Community meetings held

To assist in the formulation of these plans Council held six Community Strategic Plan workshops throughout the Shire in May 2010.

This community engagement process allowed Council to gain vital feedback from the community to assist in setting Council's aspirations based around each Strategic Objective area addressing Social, Environmental, Economic, Governance (Civic Leadership), Infrastructure, Access and Transport issues.

### Advertisements were placed

In November 2010, advertisements were placed on Council's website, in the Upper Lachlan Shire Voice newsletter, Gunning

Lions Club Shire News publication, and the Crookwell Gazette seeking requests for community projects to be submitted to Council. The intention of this proactive approach was to allow the public every opportunity to have submissions included in each of the above mentioned Plans.

### Council workshop

A workshop was held on March 31, 2011 with the Mayor, Councillors and senior management attending. The workshop provided the opportunity for Councillors to give feedback with respect to the draft Plans and for Councillors to give consideration to all community submissions received at that time.

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'ESSENTIAL ENERGY'  
to provide essential service

CAPTURING the essence of the day-to-day provision of essential services, the new-look Essential Energy was unveiled on March 1, 2011 across regional New South Wales.

The new branding heralds a change in name and business operations – from Country Energy to the electricity network business, Essential Energy.

The new name is part of the NSW Government's energy reform process. It

means that the Country Energy retail business has been transferred to Origin Energy, and Country Energy's network operations continues under the new name of Essential Energy.

Managing Director, Terri Benson, said Essential Energy represented the next chapter in the history of Australia's largest electricity network company.

"Today is about looking toward an exciting future – today Essential Energy replaces Country Energy as a leading essential service provider," Ms Benson said.

"But while our name may be changing, I want to reassure our customers that there will be no change to the network services we provide or our presence as a major regional employer – our core business will continue to be the safe and reliable provision of local electricity services for families and businesses across regional New South Wales."



Essential Energy: L-R Essential Energy employees Peter Jones, Graham Slipper, Sid Bastian and Kathy Reeve with regional general manager South Eastern, Phillip Green.





## Library Biz by Kerri-ann Pratley

### New Services and Events at Your Libraries Something for Everyone!

#### Thrilling Tales: A Story Time for Adults



THINK you're too old to have someone read you a story?  
Think again!

The Crookwell Library invites you to the scene of the crime, the edge of adventure and timeless realms of wonder every first and third Monday of April and May 2011 from 1.30 – 2.30pm for 'Thrilling Tales: A Story Time for Adults'.

The program kicked off on Monday, April 4 with great success when two of our readers

presented the first rehearsed short story readings. The next dates to write in your diary for 'Thrilling Tales' are May 2 and 16. 'Thrilling Tales' will feature suspenseful or adventurous short stories expertly read by enthusiastic volunteers which include Mandy McDonald, Anne Cleary, Lynn Dingwall, Joyce Edwards, Elizabeth Egan, Trevene Mattox and Steven Carroll.

'Thrilling Tales' has nothing to do with the importance of literature in the 21st century and there won't be 20 questions at the end, it is simply an opportunity to sit back, relax and indulge yourself in the magic of short stories.

So take a break from your busy day, grab a friend and pop along to the Crookwell Library for a real treat. Stay a little longer in the library and enjoy a light afternoon tea sponsored by the Crookwell Library Friends.

The programs are free and open to anyone who enjoys a good story. Bookings would be appreciated for seating and catering purposes, but are not essential.

#### Free Online Homework Help

With the new school year now in full swing, Upper Lachlan Shire school students can access free tutoring assistance at home thanks to the Southern Tablelands Regional Library's continued subscription to a fantastic online resource.

Your Tutor is an online classroom where students are connected to qualified, expert tutors for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions.

English, maths and science subjects are included and the service is available from 4pm-8pm, Monday to Friday. Help is immediate, professional and secure and it's free to library members. Students in Years 4-12, simply log on to the library's website and click on the link to access the program. Tutors are certified teachers, professional tutors, post graduates and advanced undergraduates from Australian universities. They can review specific homework and assignment questions with students online using features such as 'controlled chat' which is an interactive whiteboard and shared web browsing.

Students can communicate with tutors the way they love to learn – via the internet-making the experience enjoyable as well as educational. All you need to do is have your library membership card number, log onto the library's website, [www.strl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strl.nsw.gov.au) and follow the yourtutor prompts.

#### 'Read & Connect' Book Club Kits



Ever wanted to start a Book Club? Belong to an existing club, but don't want to buy 10 copies of the same book? Well, you can now find the solution to these problems at the Southern Tablelands Regional Library.

Designed to support existing Book Clubs

and encourage the development of new clubs, *Read & Connect* is a collection of kits which include 10 copies of a title, a DVD of the movie if available and author and discussion notes just to help get you started. In fact, the *Read & Connect* kits contain everything your group requires for a great discussion all in one convenient box!

To register your Book Club all you need to do is pop into the library and collect a *Read & Connect* registration form or download one from the library's website at [www.strl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strl.nsw.gov.au). A nominated Club Coordinator can then bring the completed form into the library and pay the \$50 annual registration fee. This annual fee will go towards assisting with the purchase of new *Read & Connect* kits to enable a selection of new titles to be continuously available for loan.

STRL also maintains a web page for readers to keep you informed about new titles, book reviews and reading club happenings, as well as helpful tips from reading groups and like-minded people around the world. The links to these resources can be found at [www.strl.nsw.gov.au/Read-Connect.aspx](http://www.strl.nsw.gov.au/Read-Connect.aspx). *Read & Connect* Kits were made possible by a grant from the State Library of NSW.

If you would like to know more about any of the services, resources or programs at Your Library, simply talk to library staff or give us a call on 48321048 or 48451231.

Crookwell Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:30am – 5pm, Wednesday 1.30pm – 5pm and Saturday mornings from 10:00am – 12:00 noon.

Gunning Library is open Tuesday and Wednesday 2pm – 5pm, Thursday 1pm – 5pm and Friday 10am – 5pm.

#### Emergency after hours numbers:

#### Police and Fire all areas anytime dial 000

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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**  
PO BOX 10 Crookwell NSW 2583, Ph: (02)

4830 1000, Fax: (02) 4832 2066, Email: [council@crookwell.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@crookwell.nsw.gov.au)

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Fax: (02) 4840 2296, Email: [taralgacsc@ceinter.net.com.au](mailto:taralgacsc@ceinter.net.com.au)

#### Medical services available in the Upper Lachlan Shire

##### CROOKWELL

Crookwell Hospital: 13 - 15 Kialla Rd

Crookwell, Ph: 02 4832 1300

Crookwell Health Care Centre: 17 Kialla Rd.

Crookwell, Ph: 02 4843 2500. Medical,

Pathology, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Physiotherapist, Audiologist, and massage therapist also available.

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##### GUNNING

Gunning District and Community Health

Services: 101 Yass Street, Gunning, Ph: 02 4845 1166.

Gunning Health Services are open Monday to Friday 9am till 4pm.

##### Services provided include:

\*Community Nursing Service, \*GP Clinic,

\*Seniors Day Program, \*Respite Care,

\*Equipment Loan, \*Pathology Clinic,

\*Early Childhood Clinic, \*Women's Health Clinic,

\*Physiotherapy, \* Podiatry,

\*Short-term 'after hospital' assistance,

\* Social Support, \* Frozen Meal Service, and

Occupational Therapy

## Goulburn & District Community Transport

### UPPER LACHLAN



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community who are without transport and would like to  
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For more information please phone

Sheree 0428195962



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**CRICKET FOR BI-PAP**

AS reported on the front page of this issue of the Voice, the Goulburn Mulwaree and Upper Lachlan Councils met on the cricket pitch in a friendly contest of sporting prowess to raise funds for charity. As well as providing some cash towards the purchase of Crookwell Hospital's BI-PAP machine the contest provided a great opportunity for the two Shires to get better acquainted. To this end I can report that the game was played in good spirits with everyone having a great time. The event was such a success that further contests are being planned.

## CR. JOHN SHAW MAYOR'S REPORT

### MAYORAL MESSAGE

THE Draft Operational Plan 2011/2012 has been prepared and is now on public exhibition. Public submissions to the Operational Plan will close on June 1, 2011 and will be tabled and considered at the Council Meeting on June 16, 2011.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council has projected an operating budget deficit for 2011/2012 of -\$841,980, with a total cash flow deficit from all activities of -\$618,460. The operating budget deficit reflects an increase in depreciation expense of \$681,000 from last year due to the revaluation of roads and bridges assets and new depreciation expense for the recently constructed Taralga Sewerage Scheme. The budget deficit reflects the real cost to Council from cost shifting from other levels of government, which annually equates to five percent of Council's operating expenses. Further, the annual escalation in expenses in real terms is exceeding the increase in income that Council can generate.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council has prepared a comprehensive capital works program for the Shire totalling \$12.6 million in

2011/2012.

Councillors have tried to address the needs and demands from all sections of the community. Council has reviewed all community submissions and incorporated appropriate requests into the budget wherever possible. Council welcomes community participation from the ratepayers and residents in the Shire into the confirmation of the inaugural Operational Plan for Upper Lachlan Shire.

### SHIRES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011

THE Shires Association of New South Wales Annual Conference will be held from Monday, May 30 to Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel, Sydney.

The Shires Association is an association of councils representing regional and rural councils to provide leadership and advocacy for the benefit of the community. Over 450 delegates from member councils as well as representatives of Regional Organisations of Councils will meet to discuss and set policy for the coming year.

### Benefit to shire

A major benefit that these conferences offer to Council is the opportunity they provide

to discuss our local issues with other Mayors and General Managers. The Association then develops and passes motions on the relevant issues to be put before either Federal or State government bodies.

These conferences also offer us the opportunity to hear from senior Ministers as well as the Opposition on matters of policy and issues relevant to Local Government.

In the past these conferences provided a great opportunity to meet individually with Ministers in either their Parliamentary or State offices. I am hoping that this practice will continue under the new Government.

### Major issues

The major issue for this conference will include the One Association proposal. This is a plan in which the Shires and Local Government Associations of NSW are to be amalgamated into one organisation.

I would also imagine there will be some discussion on the referendum proposal of Constitutional recognition of Local Government in Australia. There will be the usual topics: the Rural Fire Service, water issues, rate pegging, and cost shifting by Governments.

While I do not expect any major developments I will outline those that might impact on the Shire in my July column.



## JOHN BELL GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA FUND

THE Minister for Regional Development, the Hon Simon Crean MP, recently announced a \$1.4 billion Regional Development Australia Fund designed to boost economic development in Australia's regions.

Applications are open and the first round of funding will commence on 1 July, 2011. Minister Crean stated that the allocation of funding will be competitive, merit-based and only applications that have the backing of local Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees will be considered.

Key criteria for the application funding guidelines are:

\* Delivery of concrete economic and social benefits;

\* Commitment to innovation and building capacity in local communities;

\* Linking regional communities across traditional boundaries; and

\* Ability to leverage additional funding across government and the private sector.

The \$1.4 billion allocated to the Fund includes \$350 million that the Government set aside for disaster relief in regional areas. This disaster funding allocation will be assessed on the same criteria as the rest of the Fund. Resources from the Fund will be allocated over five years and the Fund has been established as part of the agreement struck with the Independents in September 2010.

Questions about the Regional Development Australia Fund should be emailed to [RDAF@regional.gov.au](mailto:RDAF@regional.gov.au) or contact the Department's Infoline on 1800 00 5494.

### SOUTHERN PHONE COMPANY LIMITED DIVIDEND

UPPER Lachlan Shire Council is a shareholder in the Southern Phone Company Limited, a local government-owned telecommunications provider.

There are 41 councils that hold two shares each in Southern Phone, purchased for \$1.00 each.

Southern Phone is an unlisted Public Company and is believed to be the most successful commercial enterprise yet developed by a group of councils in Australia. Only councils can hold shares in the company, with the shareholding being a means of returning profits to the community.

The company's Board has declared an annual dividend of \$150,000 that is triple the \$50,000 paid for each of the last three years.

The dividend is paid to a formula where 20% is split equally among all 41 shareholders and 80% is paid according to the amount of business generated in the Council's area.

### KOREA WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION - NSW

COUNCIL received correspondence on March 11, 2011 from the Korea War Veterans Association - NSW noting that in 2010 they commemorated the sixtieth anniversary of the start of the Korean War. With the sixtieth anniversary in mind, the Korea War Veterans Association - NSW applied to the Department of Veteran Affairs for a grant under the "Saluting their Service" program to purchase commemorative plaques for the Korea War 1950-1956 to be erected on memorials throughout NSW.

To enable the Korean Recognition Committee to accomplish the commemorative plaques undertaking, the Korea War Veterans Association - NSW are seeking to erect a plaque on war memorials within the Upper Lachlan Shire local government area to honour all the Korea War Veterans.

The Council at its April 21, 2011 meeting congratulated the Veterans Association and agreed to support the "Saluting their Service" program.

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## Andrew Croke Director of Finance and Administration

### SUMMARY OPERATIONAL PLAN 2011/2012

COUNCIL has prepared a \$21.1 million operating budget for 2011/2012 with the projected operating Budget deficit being -\$841,980.

#### General Rates

The Ordinary (General) Rate pegging maximum increase is 2.80% as set by the Division of Local Government. Council has adopted the increase to the Ordinary Rates by this percentage, which amounts to \$156,000 increase in total rates income. There has been a land revaluation for the shire and the dollar value increases will vary within each individual rating category.

The average Residential property general rates will increase by around \$17 per annum. The average Business property general rates will increase by around \$20 per annum. Note: These charges do not include water access, domestic waste, commercial waste and sewerage charges

price increases.

The average Farmland property general rates will increase by \$26 per annum and an average Residential – Non Urban property's general rates will increase by \$32 per annum. Note: These charges do not include the rural waste charge increase.

#### Storm Water Charges

The Stormwater Annual Charge will continue to be levied for the towns of Crookwell, Gunning, Collector and Taralga. This levy will remain at \$25 for Residential properties and \$50 for Businesses.

#### Waste (Garbage) Charges

The Domestic Waste Management Charges for the Shire will increase by 4 percent or \$13; the charge will be \$336 per annum per service. The Domestic Waste service will continue to be a weekly 120 litre bin pick up and a recycling fortnightly pick up of a 240 litre bin. The Commercial Waste Charge for Businesses will increase by 4 percent or \$15 to now be \$398 per annum per service.

The Rural Waste Charge will increase by 2% or \$3 and will be \$133 per Assessment for properties that do not have a Domestic Waste Service. The Rural Waste Charge entitles these ratepayers to dispose of one standard garbage bin (120 litre bin) of waste per week at no cost at any rubbish tip in the Shire. Disposal of sorted recyclable materials will be accepted free of charge at all rubbish tips.



#### Sewerage Charges

Council utilises the Sewerage Best Practice Pricing Structure. For Non-Residential properties the charge will be not less than the Annual Residential Sewerage Access Charge. The Sewerage Access Annual Charge will increase in Gunning and Crookwell by 3% or \$17 to \$635 per Residential property. The Unoccupied Sewerage Access Charge in Gunning and Crookwell will increase by 3 percent or \$11 to \$413 per Residential property.

Construction of the Taralga Sewerage Scheme is complete. The Taralga Sewerage Access Charge will increase from \$402 to \$635 per Residential property. The Sewerage Access charges are now uniform across the Shire.

#### Water Supply Charges

The Water Supply Access Charges for Dalton, Crookwell, Gunning and Taralga are uniform. The Water Supply Access Charge will increase by 3 percent or \$9 and will be \$339 per annum per connection.

The water consumption user-pays charges for the towns of Crookwell, Gunning, Dalton and Taralga are uniform for all towns. Note that NSW Office of Water regulations now require 50 percent income from user pay charges. The water usage charges will increase by 5 percent. The water usage charges will be \$2.05 per kilolitre for consumption less than 200 kilolitres and \$2.73 for every kilolitre above 200.

#### New Loans and Borrowing Repayments

There is a new projected loan borrowing of \$500,000 for the Taralga Water Supply Augmentation.

Council will repay principal debt of \$350,000 in refinancing the Crookwell Sewerage Scheme loan.

There are no Council owned land sales projected in 2011/2012.

There is a land purchase by Council projected at Collector in 2011/2012.

## Continued from page 1 - ON EXHIBITION

EACH of the five draft Plans mentioned on page one, are now to be placed on public exhibition for a five week period to allow for an extended period of community consultation. The community is invited to make public submissions to the Plans, and all submissions will be considered by Council at the June Council Meeting. The submission form is available on Council's website or at the Council offices.

During the community consultation period Council will hold a further six Community Outreach Meetings in the towns and villages within the Shire.

In relation to the draft Operational Plan 2011/2012, a summary document has been prepared by Council to allow the community a snapshot of Council's Revenue Policy and major projects in the coming twelve month period. This document is available on Council's web site [www.upperlachlan.local-e.nsw.gov.au](http://www.upperlachlan.local-e.nsw.gov.au)

### Upper Lachlan Shire Council 2011/12 Community Strategic Plan – Community Consultations

Locality	Day	Date	Time	Venue
Big Hill	Tuesday	May 3, 2011	6.00pm	Big Hill Fire Shed
Gunning	Thursday	May 5, 2011	6.00pm	Council Chambers
Collector	Tuesday	May 10, 2011	6.00pm	Collector Hall
Taralga	Thursday	May 12, 2011	6.00pm	Taralga Sports Club
Bigga	Tuesday	May 24, 2011	6.00pm	Bigga Golf Club
Crookwell	Thursday	May 26, 2011	6.00pm	Council Chambers

## SPONSORS FOR THE INITIAL GMUL 20 - 20 MATCH



#### Sponsors

THE organisers of the initial GMUL charity sports day would like to thank the numerous sponsors which helped make the day such a success. They included:

McDonald Jewellery, Me 'n' Ewe Café, Meats a Treat, Hills Quality Meats, Crookwell Services Club, TJC Products, Crookwell Tyre Service, CRT Crookwell, Miracle Massage, B Active Personal and Lifestyle training, Brook Wilding and the Crookwell Rotary Club.

A special thanks also to the umpires Cr. Mike Coley and ULS employee, Chris Francis.



**Top:** Man of the Match Jason Storrier takes aim to smash one of his four sixes that helped him reach the top score of 47 not out. Watching on is the captain of the Goulburn Malwaree side, Cr. A. Banfield.

**Bottom left:** Dejected opening batsman Cr. Paul Culhane walks off after scoring three runs.

**Bottom right:** Scott Roberts (who had a mixed day being winner of the "Ducks" and "Classic Catch award) with daughter Brianna.

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## Director of Environment and Planning, Tina Dodson



### Food Safety Supervisor

ON November 11, 2009 The Food Amendment Bill was passed and amends the Food Act 2003 to introduce mandatory food handler training requirements for hospitality and retail businesses. The new food laws are in place to help protect NSW consumers from foodborne illness & this legislation commenced on the 1 October 2010. Certain hospitality and retail service businesses need to appoint at least one (1) trained Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) in their business.

The Food Safety Supervisor requirement applies to businesses processing and selling food at retail level that is:

1. Ready-to-eat.
2. Potentially hazardous (i.e. requires temperature control).

3. NOT sold and served in the supplier's original package.

Businesses will have until October 1, 2011 to appoint a trained FSS and notify their local Council of who their food Safety Supervisor is.

Training must be completed at a NSW Food Authority approved Register Training Organisation.

This is a significant change for the food industry and council encourages all businesses to stay informed. Not having a trained food safety supervisor will constitute an offence under the Food Act 2003 after the 12 month lead in period expires.

For further information please go to the NSW Food Authority Website: <http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au>

### PROPOSED SKATE PARK

UPPER Lachlan Shire Council has been approached by residents of the Gunning Community requesting the establishment of a skate park within the Gunning village.

Following on from this initial approach, Council is now seeking comments regarding the proposed location.

The location proposed is on the north-eastern side of Barbour Park, opposite Gundaroo Street. Owners of adjoining or adjacent land in proximity to the location proposed, are invited to make a written submission addressing any



concerns or comments they believe is required for consideration by Council. Submissions will be received up until 4.00pm on Friday 6 May 2011.

Those wishing to discuss this matter please contact Council's Environment and Planning Department on 02 4832 1000 during office hours.

## KOKODA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

THE Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge (KYLC) is open only to those people who reside in NSW.

The applicant must be aged between 16 and 22 (as at 27/09/2011).

The applicant must be of a sufficient fitness level to be able to walk the Kokoda Track.

The applicant must be willing to complete a medical test if successful in their application.

The applicant may be required to participate in a face to face interview with ClubsNSW

The applicant must be able to demonstrate if questioned a knowledge and appreciation of the Australian club movement and its social contribution to the community

Preference may be given to those applicants who have a connection with Kokoda, i.e. a relative who fought there

The applicant must be available for a face to face interview

The applicant must be available (where reasonable notice is given) to participate in

media promoting the KYLC before and after the trek

The applicant may be required to make a presentation to ClubsNSW's Board of Directors within 3 months of the conclusion of their trip

The applicant agrees to the use of photographs or material relative to their KYLC experience for use in various publications, without cost

All parts of the application form must be completed

The application form should be received by 11.59pm May 8 2011.

For more information please search [www.clubsnsw.com.au/](http://www.clubsnsw.com.au/)



## Danger Time for Weeds

THE recent marvellous falls of rain have highlighted the need to be vigilant with weed control programs throughout Upper Lachlan Shire Council. As weeds generally respond more quickly to favorable growing conditions, a high level of weed germination can be expected until pastures become more competitive. Landholders should be assessing their properties weed situation during winter and early spring, and plan for the appropriate control actions.

Council's Noxious Weeds Manager, Paul Brown is pleased to see that Jerrawa Creek Landcare Group and the Upper Lachlan Landcare Network are joining forces to offer new weed management courses throughout the shire.

These two day courses are part of the Tussock Tamer project of which Council is involved in as a partner. All the courses offered in this project will be absolutely free and will be a big help to all land managers wanting to improve their weed control programs, I would recommend that

### Walk Safely to School Day

ON Friday May 20, 2011, the Pedestrian Council of Australia (PCA) is encouraging all primary school children to walk and commute safely to school.

Walk Safely to School Day is being promoted as a community event that combines road safety, health, public transport and environmental objectives, including:

- encouraging parents and carers to walk to school with young children and reinforcing safe pedestrian behaviour;
- promoting the health benefits of walking and helping create regular walking habits at an early age;
- ensuring that children up to 10 years of age hold an adult's hand when crossing the road, helping them to develop vital road-crossing skills as they mature;
- reducing car dependency habits at an early age and promoting the use of public transport;



### UPPER LACHLAN TOURIST ASSOCIATION VACANCY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



THE Upper Lachlan Tourist Association is a Section 355 Committee of Council that is focussed on increasing visitation to the Shire for the benefit of local businesses and the community as a whole. The Tourist Association Committee meets six times a year to share ideas, discuss strategies and network with likeminded people from across the Shire. Membership of the Tourist Association provides an opportunity for interested parties to have a voice in

people seriously consider joining a local course when it is offered in your area.

#### Things to do during Winter

##### Serrated Tussock

Landholders should control all areas of scattered plants of serrated tussock by digging out or spot spray infestations and prepare and plan for treating heavier infestations in September.

##### Fireweed

Be aware and able to identify fireweed plants particularly if your property is located in the eastern areas of the shire, contact Council's weeds department if you need assistance with identification. Control plants by hand removal and bagging.

##### Unusual Vegetation

Be aware of any unusual vegetation growth. After years of hand feeding it is likely that weeds from other areas have been imported into our region. Should landholders locate any unusual weeds, seek identification information from Councils weeds department.

Serrated Tussock Management and Identification Guides are available from Councils Officers or can be obtained by contacting Councils Noxious Weeds Manager, Paul Brown, on 0248 402099.

• reducing the level of air pollution from motor vehicles and the level of traffic congestion.

By continuously promoting 'active transport' and regular walking the community will benefit greatly by helping tackle worrying trends of childhood obesity and diabetes.

But walking not only improves our health, it also clears our air as it doesn't generate any emissions!

Between 1981 and 2003, the proportion of children driven to school has doubled to more than 50 percent, while the share of children walking (and cycling) has almost halved to about 20 percent. Car trips

to school tend to be short and contribute significantly to the demand by families for a second car.

Walking to school saves money and lets you experience your local neighbourhood on a whole new level. So next time you are going to school, why not walk?

the Upper Lachlan Tourism Strategic Plan which is a primary driver of tourism activity and promotions.

A vacancy has arisen on the Tourist Association Committee for the remainder of the current term which ends in September 2011 when a new committee will be appointed for the following twelve month period. Interested parties are asked to apply in writing outlining their skills and experience and why they would be an asset to the Tourist Association in its efforts to build tourism product and visitation across the Shire. Expressions of interest are to be addressed to:

Andrew Warren, Tourism Manger  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council  
106 Goulburn Street  
Crookwell NSW 2583

All expressions of interest received by April 29, 2011 will be considered. For more information regarding the Tourist Association Committee and expectations of members please contact Andrew Warren on (02) 4832 1988 during business hours.





## Phil Newham Director of Works and Operations

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

#### OVERVIEW

Service requests for grading maintenance, pothole repairs and drainage and are being frequently received. These requests are being attended to in a priority order and grouped where possible.

#### Current projects

**Peelwood Road:** Council has commenced bitumen seal preparation of the 3.1km section on Peelwood Road, commencing just north of the Fullerton Road intersection. Weather permitting sealing is expected to be completed mid April.

**Collector Bridge replacement:** Demolition of the timber structure has been substantially completed. Timber piles are still to be removed once access across the water course is established. Discussions with dewatering consultants are underway to determine an effective dewatering system.

**Woolshed Creek Bridge Oberon Road – MR 256:** This project has been awarded and culvert construction is expected to commence on April 27, 2011 and be completed, weather permitting, by the end of June.



The new bitumen seal on Peelwood road

#### Routine grading maintenance

Works in Progress include: The Bigga Area (Grabine, Greenmantle and by-roads off the Bigga Road; the Woodville and Lost River area; by-roads off MR 256 (Goulburn to Oberon Road); and the Collector Road. Scheduled Works include: the Wombeyan Caves area; the Fullerton area; Bannaby and Swallowtail area; as

well as Sapphire, Biala, Wheeo, Ladevale Roads.

#### Other Construction and Maintenance Works

Works in Progress include: the construction of new kerb and gutter in McDonald Street Crookwell; construction/ replacement and new kerb and gutter in Carrington Street Crookwell; storm restoration works on MR 54; the sealing patches on Cullerin Road and sealing of Breadalbane Car Park.

**Works Completed include:** reconstruction and sealing MR 248 East Tylr Tylr/ Carrabungla section; the pavement rehabilitation in Orchard Street Taralga (between Cooper Street and the RFS shed) as well as Bunnaby Street (between Orchard Street and Chisholm Street); Woolshed Creek Bridge sidetrack; Gravel Re-sheeting – Bulley's Crossing Road, Rugby Road, Collector Road, Lerida Road, Kangaloolah Road, Brayton/Big Hill/ Towrang Area; other complete work includes the State Main Road 54 Reseal Program; the construct temporary access onto remaining section of the Brooklands footbridge; storm restoration works on Cuddyong, Kangoolah, Big Hill area; the roadside vegetation control on MR54 and Regional Roads; timber bridge maintenance on Wilcox and Woodville Road bridge(s); and the removal of a hazardous tree in front of RSL club in Crookwell.

#### Forthcoming works

Construction and Maintenance include: the gravel re-sheeting of Cuddyong, Woodville, Wheeo, Fish River, Golspie, Cooks Hill, Coolalie Roads; the storm restoration repairs including guardrail replacement on Peelwood Bridge and Biala Road Box Culvert, Mulgowrie Road, as well as other selected roads whilst resources are in the area.

Other forthcoming work will also include scoping and estimation of 'large' storm restoration works on Ladevale Road, Boobalaga Road, Wombeyan Caves Road, Hanworth Road and Jerrara Road. As well as the disabled ramps in Goulburn Street Crookwell; the construction of pedestrian crossing in Gunning in front of Hume Cafe; the investigation of repair options for Tuena Creek "swinging bridge" at Tuena; a call for quotations on the Laggan Road pedestrian bridge across Kiamma Creek and tree trimming Roslyn Road.

## STORM WATER DAMAGE AND RESTORATION

THE impact of the December floods across the Upper Lachlan Shire will be felt for some time. As of the end of March 2011 the Council has spent, under the Natural Disaster Assistance Funding Program, \$276,191 on its emergency response and \$411,678 on restoration.

The council has made application for a total of \$7.01 million. The RTA and Council are working together to secure the required funding.

Restoration works completed or commenced include: Golspie area, Peelwood Road and by-roads, Reids Flat and Fogs crossing, MR248 East (Taralga Road), MR 241(Rye Park Road), Cooks Hill. As well as on Mulgowrie drainage, the Wheeo Creek and Old man Gunya Bridges, Rhyanna, Back Arm and Middle Arm Roads as well as other selected roads such as Bulley's Crossing, Diamond, Kangalooah, Pudman Creek and Woodville Roads.

### BEFORE AND AFTER



Crookwell river during the storm.



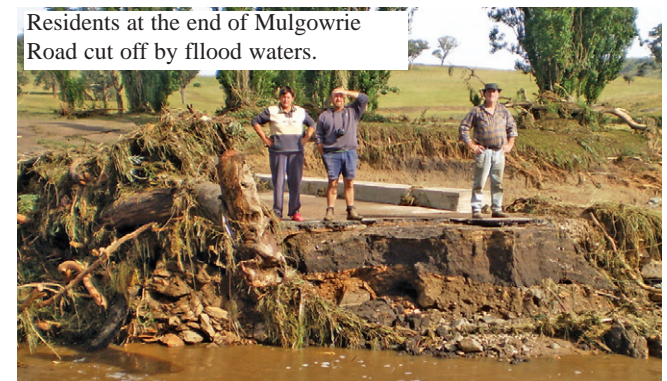
New walk way and sewer line over the Crookwell River



Brooklands footbridge after the storm



Brookland footbridge's temporary path under construction



Residents at the end of Mulgowrie Road cut off by flood waters.



New bridge over the Mulgowrie River.



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## COUNCIL WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE GUNNING WATER

THE Gunning water supply is not now nor has it ever been treated. The water supply is pumped directly from the Lachlan River to the north west of town. While the water is chlorinated, the system, since installation in the 1970's, has always relied on good water quality within the river to provide a reasonable water supply to the town of Gunning. While the water continues to comply with Australian drinking water quality guidelines, and is safe to drink, the water quality in the river is highly variable and has deteriorated in recent years. Elevated levels of colour provide an aesthetic impact upon the water and an unacceptable impact on the residents of Gunning. Council is sympathetic to the Gunning residents concerns, however, without a treatment system, Council lacks the necessary tools to address the problem. Council recognises that Gunning is in

urgent need of a water treatment plant. As with all small town water supplies the income received from water rates levied on the Gunning community are insufficient to fund a water treatment plant. Rates sufficiently high to fund the plant are unlikely to be affordable to the community. It has long been recognized that small communities do not have sufficient financial capacity to allow the construction of critical infrastructure such as water treatment plants, and it is for this reason that the State Government has subsidized the funding of such facilities throughout the history of country NSW. This subsidy is currently provided through the State Governments Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program (CTWSSP). The CTWSSP is however, currently fully committed and the Gunning water supply is not included in that Program. Council is currently lobbying the State Government to commit further funding, and for the Gunning water supply to be included within an extended Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program. Council is currently working with NSW Office of Water specialist staff to design a suitable water treatment for Gunning, so that should funding become available Council will be in a position to immediately proceed with the project.



Gunning's water source the Lachlan River

## SMOKE ALARMS COMPULSORY

SMOKE alarms are life-saving devices, capable of detecting smoke well before it would be detected by a sleeping occupant. This is why the NSW Government has taken steps to make smoke alarms compulsory where people sleep - in houses, other accommodation buildings, and moveable dwelling such as caravans. Since 2006, smoke alarms have been mandatory in NSW in all homes and other shared accommodation buildings. The legislation has since been expanded to

also make smoke alarms compulsory in caravans, campervans and other moveable dwellings where people sleep. These changes took effect on February 25, 2011. Owners of moveable dwellings have six months to install smoke alarms to comply with the regulation. From August 25, 2011, on-the-spot fines of up to \$200 (or up to \$550 if the matter proceeds to court) will apply to the owner of any moveable dwelling that does not have a working smoke alarm installed. Penalties apply immediately for people who remove or interfere with a smoke alarm already installed in a caravan or mobile home.

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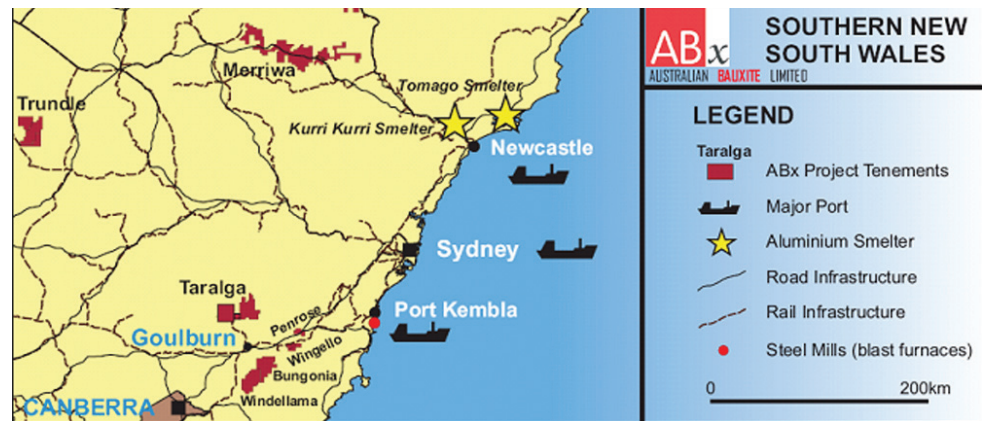
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# EXPLORATION DISCOVERS BAUXITE IN TARALGA

JUNIOR exploration company, Australian Bauxite Limited (ASX Code ABZ) has discovered bauxite deposits in the Taralga-Crookwell district that could one day generate a new Australian industry. However, ABZ CEO, Ian Levy says; "We must avoid unrealistic expectations or concerns. We have moderate sized bauxite deposits on our Taralga tenements but there is still a lot of work needed to find out if it is a potential project worth bringing to the local community for consideration." Considerations include transport systems: is it possible to transport three million tonnes of bauxite per year to Port Kembla at a viable cost and with no adverse local

impacts? If this is possible, the most important step will involve socio-environmental issues - can a project be undertaken in a manner that benefits the community and does not harm the environment? "Bauxite, which is the ore for aluminium, is a low value bulk-commodity and any inland project like this is very hard to get started. But once in operation, such projects can be of considerable benefit, without negative environmental legacies." Mr Levy said. "Our policy is to only operate where we are welcomed and to leave the land at least as good as we found it, and in many cases, better than we found it."



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ABZ Chief Operating Officer, Leon Hawker with with the Jacro 500 water boring rig used to drill the bauxite. Bauxite infested areas tend to be drier and less fertile - with bauxite boulders at surface.



Left: ABZ Chief Operating Officer, Leon Hawker with Taralga landowners, Les and Ian Baxter at a rehabilitated bauxite drill site where the bauxite is 11 metres thick from surface.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEEKS INPUT

MAYOR John Shaw believes that Local Government's access to financial resources has not kept pace with its current and increasing responsibilities. "Meeting local community needs are central to local government's autonomy, and stability." The Mayor said, "It is the position of councils across country that the restrictive and regressive nature of its revenue base as well as the fiscal imbalances in the Australian system of government makes that task very difficult. "State and Federal governments need to put into place an appropriate range of revenue



sources in order to help Local government establish an equitable balance between self-raised revenue and funds transferred from other levels of government," Mayor Shaw said. The Mayor continued, "Local government calls on the federal government to seek local government input into the terms of reference for the proposed Productivity Commission hearings into local government revenue raising powers and to ensure that the terms of reference allow the Productivity Commission to address the need for local governments to have access to a share of a growth tax. "Councils must have autonomy and flexibility in determining sources of local revenue, including attracting private sector investment, subject to constitutional constraints. State and Commonwealth governments should not impose artificial limits on councils' ability to impose appropriate local taxes and charge," Mayor Shaw concluded.

## CROOKWELL TRUCKWASH RE-OPENED

THE Crookwell stock truck wash has recently been upgraded and is now available for use. The facility is currently limited to use by approved live-stock carriers only. The water supply at the site is controlled by an avdata electronic control system. The control system is consistent with those in the National Truck wash system. Those carriers with existing keys will be able to access the water supply on site. Those wishing to obtain access are required to purchase a key. The keys are available from Council for \$30 plus GST. The key provides access to the Crookwell facility as well as similar facilities throughout Australia. Users should note they are required to supply their own hose and appropriate fittings. The facility is pay for use with wash down charged at the rate of \$1.00 per minute. Revenue raised

from the facility is needed to meet the costs of water use, wastewater management and site maintenance. The facility is currently open on a three month trial basis. The trial will allow monitoring of usage and the effectiveness of the wastewater system. Council will consider the facilities ongoing operations at the end of May 2011. Inappropriate usage of the facility may lead to permanent closure.



## Farm Debt Mediation – What is it all about?



UNDER the Farm Debt Mediation Act 1994, mediation is required before a creditor can take possession of property, or carry out any other enforcement actions under a farm mortgage. The mediation session consists of a structured meeting between the farmer and the creditor, in which an independent, professional mediator assists both parties to reach a mutual agreement of how present and future financial relations will be conducted. The process begins when the creditor issues the farmer with a Form 1 Section 8 notice. The farmer must then respond to the creditor within 21 days with a Form 2 Section 9 notice, showing their intention to attend and participate in the mediation process. (The mediation must then take place within 3 months of the date on the Section 8 notice.) If this does not occur, the creditor can then assume the farmer does not wish to mediate and all the farmer's rights are lost (according to the Act). The creditor is then able to take action to recover debts. Farmers are able to ask for support for this

mediation process from their rural financial counsellor, solicitor, accountant and other family members. **It is important to seek out information and options available, if you receive any notices from a creditor as soon as possible.** The NSW Rural Assistance Authority has a farm debt mediation information kit, which can be obtained by phoning: 1800 678 593. **Flood Assistance - Natural Disaster Grants and Loans** Grants of \$15000 are available to primary producers and small business who have suffered from flood damage in December 2010. Low interest loans are also available. Eligibility criteria apply to both grants and loans. Application forms and information are available from the Rural Financial Counselling office, 108 Goulburn Street Crookwell. Applications must be in by 30th June 2011. Cath Carter, Rural Financial Counsellor, Crookwell Ph: 4832 0070 or 0400 452 434.

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# Out and about in the community

## THE LIONS CLUB BIGGEST BBQ

THE Lions Biggest BBQ was held at the Crookwell Showground for The Childhood Cancer Research Foundation on April 9, 2011. The movie 'Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs' was a great success drawing a crowd of over 200 people. The night's effort helped raise \$2500 for the Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

The Crookwell Lions Club wishes to send a special thank you to the sponsors and to all who donated their time and effort. Without your help events like these would not be possible. The Crookwell Lions Club is looking forward to holding another Biggest BBQ movie night next year.

Sponsors for the evening's event were Lost River Produce, the RFS, SES, Crookwell AP&H, Me 'n' Ewe Café, and members of the Crookwell and Goulburn Lions Clubs.

### Who Are Lions?

LIONS meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.35 million members of our volunteer organization in 206 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief – community is what we make it.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Crookwell Lions Club please contact Norm Fountain on 4832 0047

**Top left:** Louise Gibbs, Adriana Svecova and Kelly Plumb enjoying the sunset before the movie.

**Middle left:** Goulburn Lion member Gordon Ryan and Goulburn Lion's President Allan Milne cooking up a storm.

**Bottom left:** Janice Luff selling tickets to eager movie goers.

**Top right:** is a local family enjoying the day.

**Bottom right (from left to right):** Lions members Merv Pratten and Doug Cady being joined by Lion members of the future Gemma Lees and Corey Lees preparing to satisfy the movie goers hunger.



## LIONS MARKET DAY



CROOKWELL Lions Trash and Treasure Markets are held the second Saturday of every month. Doors open at 9am and close at 2pm. The market is held at the Scout Hall, Colyer Street in Crookwell.

Please phone Norm Fountain at 02 4832 0047 for more information.

**Top left to right:** Lions members Andrew Shepherd and Jennifer Fountain helping to make the Lions Market Day a success.

**Bottom left to right:** Jennifer Brodie of Le Reve (for breast cancer) charity perfumes, Dave Logg of Queanbeyan and local merchant Alma Corkhill selling their wares.

**Bottom far right:** Brent Hall and Norm Fountain organising the day.



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### Tawny Frogmouth



Two week old Tawny Frogmouth

WE recently received a Tawny Frogmouth into the care of Southern Tablelands WIRES. When he arrived he was a fluffy white tennis ball with some flecks of grey and a very large mouth.

He weighed 124grams which is about 1 week old. This is a lot smaller than most that come into care and we put it down to

the heavy rain we had recently experienced. Tawny Frogmouths build rough nests of sticks or even use nests that other birds have abandoned for their chicks. He was in good condition and spirits and wanted to eat which is very fortunate as they often do not. Some young birds are happy to feed and others need to be force fed. It is very important to get the diet correct for any bird that comes into care and to make sure the diet suits the age of the bird. You should never feed a bird bread or milk.

To begin with the diet was meat with supplements, and then progressed onto pinkie mice and crickets. It is important that birds like this get whole food so they can "pellet", which is regurgitating bone, fur and feathers which ensures they get all the required vitamins and minerals they need to develop into a healthy adult bird.

The next step was to make sure that the Tawny could recognise food that it would come across in the wild. He was introduced to crickets and straight away he focused and pounced on the wriggling insect. He was moved to another WIRES carer with a larger aviary where he could learn to fly and hunt and was released back into the wild in February.

If you have a question about our native birds please phone WIRES on 4822 3888 and we will assess the situation and provide you with further information.

## REGULAR MARKETS

**CROOKWELL Community Markets:** First Saturday of the month. 9am-12noon Goulburn St, Crookwell phone: 4832 1026  
**Crookwell Lions Trash and Treasure Market:** Second Saturday of the month, 9am-2pm Scout Hall, Colyer Street phone: 4832 0047.

**Taralga Markets:** Second Sunday of month, from 9am-2pm, Memorial Hall, Orchard Street Taralga phone 4843 2323

**Gunning Markets:** Last Sunday of month, from 8am-2pm, the Old Court House, Gunning phone: 4845 1288

**Gunning Mid Month Markets:** second Sunday of Month, 8am-2pm, phone: 4845 1288

**Laggan Village Market:** Third Saturday of every month, 9am to 1pm, Laggan Memorial Hall, phone: 4843 2323.

**Grabby Fresh Produce and Market:** Fourth Saturday of every month, 8am - 2pm, Grabben Gullen Hall, phone: 4836 7320.

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## SPECIAL SHIRE EVENTS

### Bag-A-Bargain

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Whether you are looking for a great day out or you are a true bargain hunter then make sure you keep the third weekend in May free. Invite your friends and family and explore the shire, you never know what you might find.

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### 2010 Taralga Progress Association Art Show Saturday to Monday June 11 through 13 2011

THE Taralga Progress Association Annual Art Show has been growing year upon year and 2011 will be a spectacle to behold. The show is an exhibition and sale of works by regional artists held at Taralga Memorial Hall in Orchard Street.

An integral part of this annual event is the free creative workshops. The workshop for adults is "paint yourself a master". Participants will learn oil painting with Dianna Bisset on Saturday from 10am to 1pm. Dianna has been teaching painting

and drawing in Sydney for several years and she has also exhibited at the Taralga Art Show for many years. The workshop will incorporate different techniques that will appeal to beginners as well as more advanced students. There will be a number of creative activities for children over the weekend including the painting of a mural. Numbers are limited and you will need to book ahead. Please phone Jan Green on (02) 4840 6101.

The exhibition will be officially opened on Saturday night from 6 to 8 and all are welcome.

The hours of the Focus on Taralga Art Show are 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday, and 10am to 3pm on Monday.

More Information please call Jan Green on 4840 6101.



Trish Cummins' work, "Stepping into Spring"

## WASTE SERVICES CALENDAR

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