

THE VOICE

of Upper Lachlan Shire, the Shire of Villages



TRIBUTE TO DAME MARY GILMORE



Dame Mary Gilmore DBE (August 16, 1865 - 3 December 1962) prominent Australian socialist poet and journalist, born near Cotta Walla. Painting by Lyall Trindall, c1938. Currently on display at the National Gallery.

LOCAL COMPOSER ADAPTS GILMORE POEM

Mary Gilmore Weekend organisers are very fortunate to have local brilliant composer, Stephen Lindsay who has written a beautiful song adapted from Mary Gilmore's poem "Pejar Creek".

This song will be recorded on CD and will be available for sale.

Pejar Creek
Deep in the meadow grass
Easy stand the cattle,
Lightly lock the young bulls
In a mimic battle,
Pride gathers with each shock,
Every break and rally -
That's where the Pejar runs,

Runs like a slip of silver through the valley.
Softly as a thrush sings
In the morning hushes,
Softly sing the waters
Round the reedy rushes,
Softly at the sand-bar,
Softly at the sally -
That's where the Pejar runs,
Runs like a slip of silver through the valley.

Where awakes the morning
To dapple all the hills,
Where dewdrop, shaken,
Pendant slides and spills,
Where the golden bugles
Sunset calls reveille -
That's where the Pejar runs,
Runs like a slip of silver through the valley.

Where the springtime blossoms
Like a mellow laughter,
Over all the grasses,
Over ridge and rafter,
Over all the tree-tops,
Down each ferny valley -
That's where the Pejar runs,

Runs like a slip of silver through the valley.
Where the Pejar rises
Springs the Wollondilly,
Twinned upon the mountains
Babbling brook and ghyllie;

Where the bridge-heads rumble
Side by side they dally -
Out where the Pejar runs,
Runs like a slip of silver through the valley.
Dame Mary Gilmore

- Mary Gilmore weekend details on page 9



Be informed and save on energy use this winter.

As wintery chills hit the Upper Lachlan Shire, Essential Energy is reminding customers how to stay warm this winter while still keeping an eye on their power consumption.

Essential Energy's regional general

manager South Eastern, Phillip Green, said by making a few small changes around the house, customers can have a big impact on their winter electricity consumption.

"By setting heaters and air conditioners to a comfortable 18 to 22 degrees, you can still ensure your families' comfort without overheating your house," Phillip said. "Each degree warmer can add to the amount of energy you use."

Make sure your heater's thermostat is not near an open door or draughty area as you may be overheating your room based on a cold thermostat.

Fixing draughts, resealing around windows and doors if there are gaps, and using door snakes to keep the cold out and the warmth in can all make a difference to how a home retains heat.

Phillip also suggests making use of the sun and moving work areas or frequently used chairs into direct sunlight, away from cold draughty spots.

"Heating large areas can be both expensive and impractical and so Essential Energy recommends customers make sure the areas being heated are well used or consider zoned heating if possible," Phillip said.

Other tips to make the most of energy consumption this winter include installing insulation in walls and ceilings if possible and covering windows to stop heat escaping through glass.

"The use of heavy curtains, blinds and shutters can make a noticeable difference to a room's temperature and your energy consumption," Phillip said.

For more information on energy saving tips, customers can contact Essential Energy's dedicated *energyanswers* team on 1800 363 749.



"The optimum winter temperature inside a home is between 18 and 20 degrees. Every degree higher can increase your energy use."

For energy saving tips you'll warm to this winter, pick up our helpful *energyanswers* guides at your local Essential Service Centre. Ask about our free over-the-phone energy audits when you call **1800 ENERGY (1800 363 749)** or visit essentialenergy.com.au/energyanswers

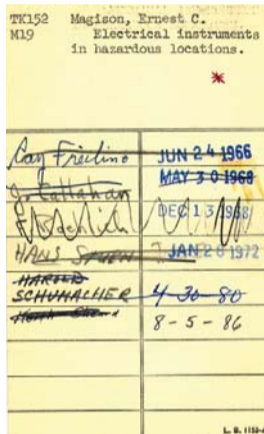




Library Biz by Kerri-ann Pratley

NEW ERA FOR SOUTHERN TABLELANDS LIBRARIES

Library has seen changes to its membership and changes to the member Councils. The Councils currently participating in the Regional Library Agreement are Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan Shire and Yass Valley Councils.



Over the long life of the Regional Library, public libraries have changed significantly. Where once public libraries only lent books and access to collections was via a card catalogue, public libraries now offer a diverse range of items for loan and many

additional services. Members can borrow DVDs, music CDs, books on CD and even e-books and e-audio. Members have access to books and information via the Internet 24 hours a day and 7 days a week via the shared libraries website. Members can reserve and renew items online and search for and borrow items from the collections of other libraries.

One thing that hasn't changed in public libraries over the years is that membership and services are all still FREE!

The Participating Councils have agreed that the time is now right for each Council to set the future directions for and manage the operations of their own public library services. This will enable each of the Councils to better meet the particular needs of their own community.

The Councils, however, see that there are still advantages for their communities in working together within the Southern Tablelands Region. The great advantage of all Southern Tablelands libraries sharing their collections is that it continues to give access for all residents to a much larger number of items for loan.

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

With this intention, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Yass Valley Council have agreed to form the Southern Tablelands Library Co-operative. Whilst each Council will operate their own public libraries independently,

Goulburn Mulwaree Council will undertake some services on behalf of the other Councils on a 'fee for service' basis.

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

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

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

OPENING HOURS

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

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

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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

Lachlan Shire Council Offices at 44 Spring Street, Crookwell and 123 Yass Street, Gunning, by phoning (02) 48301000 or from Council's website www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au.

The claim must be completed and lodged with Council on or before **6 pm Monday, July 30, 2012.**

If a claim for non-residential enrolment was made for a previous Council election and you wish to claim enrolment for this election you must re-apply.



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

Details of the eligibility criteria for a claim and enrolment claim forms are available from the Upper

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS SEPTEMBER 2012

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

July 30, 2012: Close of Authorised Roll (6.00pm) and Open Nominations.

August 8, 2012: Close of Nominations (12.00 noon) and Registration of Electoral Material (how-to-vote) opens.

August 27, 2012: Pre-poll voting starts.

August 31, 2012: Registration of how-to-vote closes (5.00pm).

September 3, 2012: Postal Vote Applications close (5.00pm).

September 7, 2012: Pre-poll voting closes (6.00pm).

September 8, 2012: Election Day

September 10, 2012: Return of Postal Votes closes (6.00pm).

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

Crookwell / Bigga / Binda / Tuena / Grabben Gullen / Laggan / Taralga and Big Hill areas: Roads, bridges and tips 0429 786 659, water and sewer 0407 496 358.

Gunning / Dalton / Breadalbane / Collector / Jerrawa areas: Roads, bridges and tips, water and sewer 0427 454 206.

Contact details for Council's Crookwell, Gunning and Taralga offices
PO BOX 10 Crookwell NSW 2583, Ph: (02)

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

PO BOX 42 Gunning NSW 2581 Ph: (02) 4845 4100,

Fax: (02) 4845 1426, Email: council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au

29 Orchard Street, Taralga NSW 2580 Ph: (02) 4840 2099,

Fax: (02) 4840 2296, Email: 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. Open Monday to Friday 9am till 5pm and Saturday 9am till 12 noon

DR. R THANGAVELU M.B.B.S, M.S.

110 Goulburn St. Crookwell, Phone - 4832 1006

Open Monday - Friday 9am till 6pm

Saturday 9am till 12pm

* Practice Nurse

* Audiologist

*Mental Health Nurse

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

TARALGA

Taralga Community Medical Centre

* Bunnaby Street, Taralga

* Clinic Hours – Thursday 9.30 am – 11.00 am

* Phone(Goulburn) 4823 0200 (Taralga) 4840-2011

Goulburn Outreach Services to Taralga

* Taralga Community Centre, Bannaby Street

* Services available by appointment Phone: 4827 391

- General Nursing

- Child & Family Clinic

- Women's Health/Breast Care Nurse

- Diabetes Education

The Voice

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MAYOR'S REPORT

successfully received over \$40million of special purpose grants to improve and upgrade many services and facilities.

These include road works, water, sewer and community facility upgrades.

In addition we have also been successful in obtaining over \$12 million to upgrade the water supplies to Gunning, Dalton and Taralga as well as almost \$3 million in the recent State budget for road upgrades and improvements over the next two years.

\$1.5million will be spent to replace the timber bridge over the Crookwell River on the Bathurst Road (SR54), while \$652,000 is allocated for pavement resurfacing on SR 54, \$500,000 to commence sealing Grabine Road and \$361,000 to continue sealing MR248E – Crookwell to Taralga.

Also thanks to

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our State and Federal politicians Katrina Hodgkinson, Pru Goward, Duncan Gay and Alby Schultz for their continued

support. Without whom I am sure we would not have been as successful as we were in receiving these grants.

TV reception

As expected, with the changeover to digital TV, many residents have been left without television reception.

The changeover has not been as smooth as predicted, as there are more black spot areas in the Shire than originally anticipated. This means that for many of Upper Lachlan's residents, there is no or very little coverage.

Councillors and staff have been working on this issue for a considerable time with varied success.

While the powers that be acknowledge that there is a problem, there has been a great deal of buck-passing.

If you are having problems with your television reception, please contact the Digital Ready hotline on 1800 20 10 13 as well as contacting your Federal Member,

Alby Schultz MP, and Liberal candidate for the next election, Angus Taylor.

Honoured

We were honoured to host a board meeting of Centroc (Central NSW Region of Councils), which is made up of 17 Councils, in Crookwell on May 24, 2012. We will also be hosting the next Seroc (South East Region of Councils), 12 Councils as well as the ACT Government, in Gunning on the July 27, 2012.

We are a member of both organisations having joined Centroc five years ago and Seroc as a foundation member in the last two years.

Both of these organisations have produced substantial savings for this Shire in many areas. Some being Staff training costs, telephone and electricity expenses, fuel costs and rebates, waste and water management and tendering for services as well as advocacy and policy management and updates.

Thank you

This is the last issue of the Voice before the September 8, 2012 Council elections.

So I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate my fellow Councillors and all staff for the successful and productive last four years. I believe that Council has made many improvements throughout the Shire during this term.

\$40 million

Since our proclamation as a Council in 2004 The Upper Lachlan Shire Council has



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Achievements

Some of the projects of considerable note include the construction of the \$7 million Taralga Sewerage Scheme and Treatment Plant project.

Other projects that have been completed during the Councillors term in office include;

1. The 18 kms. of reconstruction and new bitumen sealing of the MR248W Boorowa to Crookwell, costing \$4.8 million.
2. The 12 km of new bitumen sealing of MR248E Taralga to Crookwell, costing \$3.1 million.
3. The Towrang road construction and new bitumen sealing of Towrang Road, costing \$1.1 million.

Bridge replacement

As with most rural Council's there are infrastructure relics of the past that are in need of replacement. Falling into this category are timber bridges.

Over the past four years there has been extensive work in this area.

Work has been completed on five bridges including; the Woolshed Creek,

Commissioner Creek, Wowagin Creek, Burwood and Collector bridges. The total cost for these works was \$3.1 million.

Other work of note

It should also be noted that as well as the works mentioned the Council has continued the annual roads maintenance program, asset renewal programs and Roads to Recovery reference amount each year.

The projects noted have been achieved while continuing to upgrade, improve and construct new capital infrastructure assets for the benefit of our communities.

In addition to all these works, Council has completed \$4.5 million of \$7 million Natural Disaster flood damage road repair works from two separate incidents in 2010 and 2012.

Council has also gazetted a new LEP in 2010 and has been audited by Division of Local Government in their Better Practice Review in 2011 and the findings were quite positive.

Future Projects Confirmed and funding Committed

1. The Construction of Treatment Plants for Gunning and Dalton. Water Augmentation project cost, \$10.8 million.
2. Taralga Water Supply Augmentation

project costing \$1.7 million.

3. And the Taralga to Crookwell MR248E Regional Road Reconstruction, costing \$2.2 million.

Financial Position

The Upper Lachlan Council has, over the past four years, delivered considerable infrastructure projects. Some projects forced on the Shire due to extreme weather conditions and others while striving to meet the needs and aspirations of the rate payers. The Council has achieved these results while also building on its strong financial position.

Financial performance indicators from 2008 until 2011 show a steady economic wellbeing with no adverse financial impacts. This has been achieved while at the same time improving the Council's 'Operating Result' from a deficit of \$38,000 in the financial year 2008 to a \$437,000 surplus at the conclusion of the 2011 financial year. This result compares very well against other like sized Shires in our 'Group' and the NSW State average of all Councils.

All in all the past four years has seen the strengthening of the Council's position in terms of financial service and the condition of the community's infrastructure.

Elections

Council elections across NSW will be taking place on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

As the General Manager of the Upper Lachlan Shire I would like to take this opportunity to thank the present Council for their hard work over the past four years.

The Councillors have had to deal with numerous challenges and I believe they worked well with the Council staff in making significant improvements during their period of community service.

So to those Councillors that are retiring, thank you for your efforts and to those that are seeking election to the Council either as returning Councillors or as new Councillors the Council wishes you the best of luck.



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ANDREW CROKE
DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE AND
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UPDATE OF 2012/2013 OPERATIONAL PLAN

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

The costings of three major Shire projects updated include:

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

Operational Plan Summary

The 2012/2013 Operational Plan outlines the key performance indicators, princi-

pal activities and major capital works projects. An outline of the 2012/2013 Revenue Policy is as follows:

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

COST SHIFTING

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

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

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

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

NSW Local Councils are being forced to provide and significantly fund State Government services to local communities; Rural Fire Service, SES, pensioner rates concessions, public libraries, animal control, and noxious weeds control. The cost shifting ratio equated to around 6 per cent of total income before capital amounts for NSW Councils in previous financial years. In absolute terms, cost shifting to local government totalled \$471 million in 2009/2010.

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

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

ORAL CANCER

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

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

How can you reduce your risk of oral cancer?

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

UNION FENOSA

WIND AUSTRALIA

PROPOSED CROOKWELL 3 WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

Nomination submissions close on 17 August 2012. If you would like to make an enquiry in relation to the CCC, or you would like more information about nominating, please contact Crookwell Development Pty Ltd on:

Free call 1800 457 181 or by email to info@unionfenosa.com.au



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Director of Environment and Planning, Tina Dodson

The Aged Care Complaints Scheme and the Commonwealth HACC Program

From July 1, 2012, the Commonwealth will fund basic community care services in all states and territories, except Western Australia and Victoria. This covers people ages 65 and over and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 and over. HACC service providers should continue to work directly with people who raise concerns because this can achieve a fast and sustainable solution.

Under the new funding arrangement people may also contact the Aged Care Complaints Scheme (the Scheme) if they have a concern about a Commonwealth HACC Service. The Scheme will encourage people to raise their concerns with the service provider in the first instance, unless a service recipient's health or safety is at risk.

What is the Aged Care Complaints Scheme?

The Scheme provides a free service for people to raise their concerns about the quality of care or services being delivered to people receiving residential or community aged care services that are subsidised by the Australian Government.

Anyone can complain to the Scheme and complaints can be made anonymously or

confidentially. We encourage people to lodge complaints openly as this gives us the most flexibility in resolving their concerns. To learn more about the Scheme, visit our website: agedcarecomplaints.gov-space.gov.au. We will be updating this site with further information about HACC complaints.

What are HACC services?

The Commonwealth HACC Program supports older Australians and their carers to be more independent at home and in the community. Services may include:

1. Nursing care, personal care, respite care and allied health care.
2. Meals, other food services, domestic assistance and transport.
3. Home modification and maintenance Counselling, support, information and advocacy.

Your service provider will be able to tell you if they are funded under the Commonwealth HACC Program.

What if I receive HACC Services?

If you have concerns about the HACC services you or someone else is receiving we encourage you to raise your concerns directly with the service provider in the first instance. Many concerns can be resolved quickly with the service provider without needing further action by the Scheme.

If you are unable to resolve your concern with the service provider you can contact the Scheme. We can examine concerns about safety or about the care and services being provided. We can use a range of different approaches to resolve a concern. Our focus is on reaching the best outcome as quickly as possible.

Contact the Aged Care Complaints Scheme on 1800 550 552.

NOW THE BEST TIME TO LOCATE SERRATED TUSSOCK



Seeds of serrated tussock are small and hard with rough seed coats. Photo: Julia Scher, Bugwood.org

Recently inspected properties throughout Upper Lachlan Shire have indicated that serrated tussock spread remains to be a major environmental issue and efforts are continuing to ensure land owners are meeting their responsibilities to control infestations.

Serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) is listed as a noxious weed under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 and is also a Weed of National Significance and is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread and economic and environmental impacts.

The foliage of serrated tussock plants can be distinguished from most native tussocks because the serrated tussock leaves can be rolled between the index finger and thumb, are thin, tightly rolled like a needle and during the winter months the mature tus-

sock plants will be showing signs of bleaching due to frost.

Councils Noxious Weeds Manager, Paul Brown, said now is the best time to locate and control scattered serrated tussock plants before the seeding period in early November. Land owners need to be vigilant for new plant growth throughout the whole year, not just during winter.

An integrated approach with control programs may be required, including herbicide treatment, physical removal of the plants, and cultivation of the soil to promote competition need to be considered with control programs.

If you need assistance with the identification of serrated tussock, or need further information with regards to appropriate control programs, contact the Noxious Weeds Manager on 4840 2099.

DA TRACKING

You can now check the status of your Development Application on-line at a time that suits you and without the need to ring Council.

The tab "Track My DA" is located in the

'Quicklinks' on the right hand side of the Council's home page, <http://upperlachlan.local-e.nsw.gov.au>.

The DA Tracking tool contains a tracking system representing key milestones in the Development Application process. It is not intended to provide a detailed history, but a summary of the stages that the application has gone through.

The tool contains other information such as:

1. The name of the applicant
2. Other related applications
3. The Assessing Officer
4. Notification addresses
5. Letters and reports
6. Decisions made.

This service applies to all development applications submitted since January 1, 2012.

For other information, contact Customer Service on 02 4830 1018 or Email council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au

If the application is currently being assessed, the Officer named in the tracking may be contacted via Customer Service.

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THANK YOU

Upper Lachlan Shire Council wish to thank participants of the Sydney Catchment Authority Annual Household Chemical Collection Program held in Crookwell and Taralga on Saturday April 21, 2012.


Sixty-eight participants discarded 5.9 tonne of chemical including paints, pesticides, acids, gas bottles and various other household chemicals.

This program helps to raise public awareness of the potential impacts of household chemicals in landfills and water catchments. Save your accumulated chemicals throughout the year and take advantage of this free program. Your participation is vital, to ensure this program continues in our Shire.

Council wish to remind residents that gas bottles, paint and fire extinguishers are not accepted at any Council facility.

This annual collection is an excellent opportunity for you to discard these items and any other household chemicals safely, responsibly and in an environmentally friendly manner.

Promotion of next year's chemical collection will commence approximately February 2013. Please contact Council on 4830 1062 for any enquiries.



Phil Newham
Director of
Works And
Operations

WORKS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

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



Flood damage repair on
Iron Mine Road

Storm Restoration Works and Gravel Resheeting

Restoration works on various storm damaged roads that are underway are Gurrundah Road, Redground Road, Slaters Road, Bolong Road, Ladevale Road, MR 52 Grabben Gullen Road and Golspie Road.

Works are scheduled to be carried out in the following areas - Laggan, Taralga, Grabben Gullen Areas, Binda Streets and Jerrara Road.

As some of the abovementioned roads/areas are also listed on the Gravel

Re-sheeting program for 2011/12 and 12/13, these roads will be completed whilst in the area.

Pavement Rehabilitation MR54 Segment 100 – “Lake Edward”

Unfortunately weather conditions are not favourable and delays have been experienced with completion of the seal. Council, in consultation with the Roads and Maritime Services, will be undertaking required remedial works in mid July with a late July completion date, weather permitting.

Routine Grading Maintenance

Council's routine maintenance grading program target program for the upcoming month:

Works in Progress

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

Scheduled Works

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

Other Construction and Maintenance Works

Drainage maintenance

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

Areas included are selected side roads off Bigga Road, Collector Road including its side roads, Mt Rae Road, Butcher Road, Hillcrest Road, Kildare Lane, Golspie Road and Junction Point Road.

Other Works scheduled

Tree Trimming on Wheeo Road near Grabben Gullen. Girder replacement on

Crookwell River Bridge on Julong Road, MR54 Wire Rope Crash Barrier installation and improvements to crash barrier on Marsden Bridge and Continuation of timber bridge inspections.



Flood damage work on
Gurrundah Road

Recent Works Completed

Includes Storm Restoration works in Fullerton area, Pejar Area, MR241, Sapphire Road, Rhyanna Road (Parsons Lane end), Harley Road and Boongarra Road, as well as drainage maintenance on Reids Flat Road, Gorham's, Leary's, Bannister, Walkoms.

Other works completed includes the footpath alterations on Laggan Road, Crookwell, repairs on Diamond Creek Bridge on Kangaloolah Road. tree trimming on Redground Heights Road and a tidy up of the Crookwell Town stockpile.

Report to Council's July 18 meeting regarding water and waste issues

The Manager of Operations, Luke Moloney, reported that water usage in Crookwell continued to remain low relative to previous drier years. Similar low usage patterns are also evident at Gunning, Taralga and Dalton.

The Manager also reported that routine bacteriological water tests undertaken at Crookwell, Gunning, Taralga and Dalton continues to meet the requirements of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011.

Wastewater Treatment and Production

A total of 64.2ML (2.1ML/day) of wastewater was treated at the Crookwell Wastewater Treatment Plant in June 2012. This compares with 29.4ML (948kL/day) treated in May 2012. Flows have increased as a result on continuing saturated soils and high rainfall in June.

Both the Gunning and Taralga STP's are operating effectively, with flows also increasing in line with the rainfall.

The Manager also reported that effluent quality produced at the respective plants complying with EPA requirements.

Maintenance Activities

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

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Gunning/Dalton Water Upgrade

Council has received its first payment of \$1.9M under the Federal Government's Strengthening Basin Communities Grant. A progress payment claim will be made to the NSW State Government as the project progresses.

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

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

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

Taralga Water Supply Upgrade

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

Gunning Sewer Extensions

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

OPENING HOURS AND CHARGES FOR 2012-2013

DOMESTIC WASTE

Car, Station Wagon, Panel Van and Dual Cab Ute – Resident \$10

Car, Station Wagon, Panel Van and Dual Cab Ute – Non-Resident \$15

Utility Trailer (single axle) – Resident \$12

Utility Trailer (single axle) – Non-Resident \$18

Large Trailer \$25

Large Trailer \$38

Single Axle Truck (over 2 tonne) \$30

Multi Axle Truck \$60

BUILDERS WASTE

- Bulk Demolition Unsorted \$50/m³

- Bricks and Concrete \$10/m³

- Timber \$10/m³

- Asbestos (Crookwell Only) \$220/m³ plus burial costs

- Metal (sorted) FREE

RECYCLABLES

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

GREEN WASTE

Utility/Trailer (Single Axle) \$10

Truck \$15/m³

MOTOR VEHICLES

Large or Small FREE

TYRES

Car \$9 each

Truck \$20 each

Tractor \$50 each

DEAD ANIMALS

Cats and Dogs \$15 each

Sheep and Goats \$28 each

Cow and Horses \$75 each

OTHER WASTE

Mattresses \$30 a piece

Other Waste \$55 per m³

CROOKWELL:

Friday – Monday 10 am – 4 pm

TARALGA:

Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

GUNNING:

Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

COLLECTOR:

Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

BIGGA – Key at Central store

Outside opening hours

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

WOOD FIRE ASH

Please do not place ash in your recycle or waste bins.

It can potentially:

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



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Location	Date	Contact
Dame Mary Gilmore Weekend	Crookwell	August 10, 11 and 12	Barry Murphy – 4832 1004
Grabine Freshwater Fishing Competition	Grabine	August 24, 25 and 26	Grabine Lakeside – 4835 6024
Some Sunday afternoon High Tea	Crystal Brook Laggan	August 26	Judith Basile – 4843 3333
Gunning Fireworks Festival	Gunning	September 1	Gill Young - 4845 1051
Crookwell Community Trust Winter Ball	Crookwell	September 8	Tim McCarthy – 4832 1055
Face to Face Art Exhibition	Crookwell	September 14, 15 and 16	Jeremy Goodman – 4848 1295
Daffodil Tea & Spring Fair	Taralga	September 15	Joyce Fleming – 4843 8122
Afternoon Tea Dance	Crystal Brook Laggan	September 22	Judith Basile – 4843 3333
Irish Day at Taralga Museum	Taralga	September 30	Ken Fleming – 4832 8122
WACyWalk 2012	Crookwell	October 14	Jo Marshall – 0408 976 070
Greendale Uniting Church Fete	Dalton	October 20	Judy Wilson - 6226 2266
Upper Lachlan Foundation Annual Event	TBA	October 27 and 28	Charlie Prell – 0427 224 839
Crookwell Rotary Swap Meet	Crookwell	October 28	Bill Rogerson – 0428 480 632



Far left: WACy Walk 2011
 Left: Crookwell Swap Meet 2011
 Top: Crookwell Art Gallery
 Above: Collector Fire Works

TRIBUTE TO MARY GILMORE



Mary Gilmore by Adelaide Perry.
 National Library of Australia

We are pleased to inform you that Crookwell is hosting a variety of entertainment at venues in Crookwell, as a tribute to Dame Mary Gilmore, on the weekend of August 10, 11 and 12, 2012.

The organising Committee would like to see as many local businesses as possible involved in promoting this event, which it is hoped will become a popular annual item on the Upper Lachlan Shire calendar. This event provides a great opportunity to promote our beautiful region which is steeped in history and of which Dame Mary Gilmore is a proud part.

This event is not planned as a fund raiser for the Committee, but as an incentive to promote the town and region, encouraging tourists and locals alike to inject a cash flow into the tourism and commercial businesses at this quieter time of the year. There will be an official opening of 'Images of Yesteryear' on the Friday

evening at the Art Gallery at 6 pm.

On Saturday, August 11. A full day of events is planned, with local and visiting poets and musicians performing live at the Lions Markets at the Scout Hall from 9 am – 12 noon with music and poetry from mid-morning and at both Lynam's Cafe 10 - 12 noon, and Chat-A-Way Cafe 1 pm - 4 pm.

At the Crookwell Heritage Railway there will be a flag raising and unveiling of a plaque at Mary Gilmore Garden at the historic railway – 12 noon until 1 pm.

At 7 pm on Saturday there will be a Mary Gilmore Bush Dance at Laggan Hall. The music will be provided by our very own Crooked Corner Band and guest bush dance caller, Leigh Brown. PLEASE NOTE: Tickets for the dance will be available from July 1, 2012 at the Crookwell Visitor Information Centre Ph: 4832 1988. Bookings essential as

ticket sales are limited to 180 patrons.

On Sunday, August 12, 2012 from 10 am there will be Australian poetry and music at Crossroads Cafe and 3 pm at the Crookwell District Gallery: 'Images of Yesteryear' prize giving and raffle draws including a heritage patchwork quilt, carefully constructed and sewn by our local ladies and a Ron Evans woodcarving.

Businesses are encouraged to display Dame Mary Gilmore specials for the weekend, to add to the flavour of the event, or any other incentives they feel would be appropriate for the occasion. For more information contact Barry on 4832 1004 or Trevene 4832 2527.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for local events, and we trust that each and every business will benefit from the influx of visitors to the town over the weekend of August 10, 11 and 12.

GALLERY GOSSIP

The Crookwell and District Gallery has just completed a successful series of workshops titled 'Face to Face'. The four workshops were made possible by the generous support of the Regional Arts NSW Community Art Support Program, Crookwell Probus, Crookwell Lions International and Crookwell Library



Friends. In all, more than 30 adults and seven Crookwell High School students attended workshops by Val Gordon on clay head sculpture, Cherry Hood on portraiture in watercolour and two workshops on metal mask making with Walter Brecely.

All participants and tutors will be invited to exhibit their works at the upcoming 'Face to Face' exhibition to be held at the Gallery on September 14-16.

Left: Walter Brecely with the results of his metal mask making effort.
 Top: Cherry Hood during her watercolour portraiture class.



THE GIRL FROM ROSLYN

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

Mary's grandfather Beattie planted a white poplar in the garden at Roslyn to mark her birth. She was very young when her family moved to Wagga Wagga. Mary started writing at a young age. This led to her stories, poems and journalism which reflected her love of the land, its aboriginal heritage

and her conservation concerns. She encompassed the battlers, "the real makers of our foundation history". She wrote of poverty in the city and in the country. She backed the trade unions to procure better working conditions and joined in the strikes. She was an activist for women's equality and the vote.

Throughout her life Mary returned to the Goulburn area, 'her roots'. She arranged for a cutting from her white poplar at Roslyn to be sent to Poets Corner in the Sydney Botanic Gardens. Westbourne Woods in Canberra hosts a tree from another cutting. Dame Mary Gilmore, 1865-1962. Undoubtedly she is one of Australia's most important women.

MORE GOSSIP

The Mary Gilmore Weekend (August 10-12) will be celebrated at the Gallery with a photographic exhibition and competition, named "Images of Yesteryear", a photographic depiction of Upper Lachlan Shire in days gone by. There will be prizes for Professional, Amateur, High School Student and Primary School Student.

There will be ancillary prizes for Best Landscape/Rural scene, Best Old Building and Best Animal photograph.

All prizes will be voted by 'People's Choice' popular vote. Entry forms available at The Crookwell Visitors Centre.

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CROOKWELL SPORTING WALL OF FAMERS HONOURED



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

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

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

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

FLOODING ASSISTANCE



Due to recent flooding in the region, assistance in the form of low interest loans for primary producers is available.

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

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

Centrelink (Department of Human Services) has available a Transitional Farm Family Payment for primary producers who are experiencing financial hardship. This payment is available for a full twelve months at the same rate as Newstart allowance. Farming families who have been receiving Climate Change Adjustment Payment for the last year are **not eligible** to apply. For information on this current assistance package please phone Centrelink on 132 316 or go to the website: www.centrelink.gov.au; to look at criteria guidelines and obtain application forms.

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Our Commitment to Community

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

Working together.



A bauxite ridge – usually poor soil

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ESSENTIAL ENERGY SAYS 'THANKS' TO COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We have deliberately scheduled the next stage of the work to commence after the cold winter months to ease the impact of any planned supply interruptions on the community."

Essential Energy is taking further steps to minimise the impact of the work by bringing in additional crews from across the South Eastern region to assist the local Crookwell team to complete the work as quickly as possible.

"We would like to again express our thanks to the local community for their patience and understanding while we work to secure a more reliable power for the region."

For more information about this and other Essential Energy network project visit:

essentialenergy.com.au or call 13 23 91.



DALTON WELL WORTH A VISIT



Old Tom Brown's great grandson Colin Brown (91yo) with Douglas Darbyshire and Evelyn and Keith Brown (no relation), under the tree where Old Tom Brown conducted Dalton's earliest Wesleyan services.

Wesley Vale due to Wesleyan influence but renamed Dalton in 1865. As it grew, various significant buildings were established, including the Wesleyan Chapel (1858) and St Matthews Church (1878).

Dalton has many recent residents, drawn to its tranquil rural setting and pure fresh air. The Dalton Public School dates back to 1860 and as the school roll is called, the surnames of new settlers blend with those that date

back to the earliest days of settlement. Other buildings include the Royal Hotel dating from 1860, well worth a visit to quench a thirst and view the Historic Record of the township. Lawrence Pye, of the long established Pye family, has created historical signs for the Dalton Smallgoods and Grocery shop and the Dalton Butcher Shop. Don't miss the 40 million year old fossilised rock near Oolong Creek BBQ site. Among many local characters, Old Tom Brown is well remembered. Born in 1806, he immigrated to Australia with his wife and

three children, arriving in 1838 where another ten children were born. By 1938, a century later, there were over 1000 of his descendents and many still live in the district. A booklet published for the centenary of his arrival, records the following "With the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown ...the forces of rectitude and righteousness in this country received powerful reinforcement." A man both muscular of physique and in expression of his Christian faith, he was a great evangelist in the Methodist lay preacher tradition. Regardless of weather and arduous travelling conditions, he preached practically every Sunday, travelling up to 40 miles on foot, horseback or in his old gig. Earliest district services were held under a tree on his property, now an ancient gnarled survivor, still standing despite the drought and known as Old Tom Brown's tree.

There is also information about Les Martin's famous trotter Walla Walla, a champion whose winning uplifted local spirits during the depression. Due to his handicaps, a well known phrase of the era, still heard today was "Further back than Walla Walla". He is buried near the winning post at the Goulburn Racecourse.

Something special about Dalton

There is something very special about small communities and their schools that needs to be experienced to be understood. Dominic



Dominic Jones, principal of Dalton Public School with daughter Scarlet.

Jones, the principal of Dalton Public School has always been attracted to small schools. He has worked in several around Australia, including Indigenous communities.

"I chose Dalton School because, like most small schools, there is a heightened sense of community care within the school and a strong focus on student well-being. The community are also actively involved in the education of the students which increases student engagement in the learning process," Dominic said.

"Community involvement at Dalton builds trust and respect among students, staff and parents and these are key factors in developing positive, productive relationships. As Principal of Dalton, I see quality relationships as a very important part of engaging with students and the community and take their time to develop."

Dalton

Dalton is a great little gem that is well worth a visit. A plaque claims that it is renowned for its fine wool and earth tremors! Along the winding 10 km drive from Gunning to Dalton, striking rural vistas open up of lightly treed paddocks, rocky outcrops and distant brooding ranges. At the half way mark of Easterby Hill is a sign describing how horse and bullock teamsters rested there. Dalton, settled in 1847, was first known as Jorraway, then a hideout of escaped convicts and cattle thieves. It was later known as

GULLEN RANGE WIND FARM- LATEST NEWS!!



Gullen Rang Wind Farm Project Manager Ben Bateman

Ben provides a wealth of experience to the GRWF team, with over five years in the wind farm industry. Ben is committed to working with the community throughout the Project's development.

Please feel free to contact Ben if you have any queries or feedback regarding the Project.

Ring: 1800 509 711
Write: Level 23, 201 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Email: info@gullenrangewindfarm.com

The Project

The Gullen Range Wind Farm (the Project) is sited in two locations referred to as 'Bannister' and 'Gurrundah' and involves the construction and operation of a wind farm.

On 4 August 2010, Project approval for 73 wind turbines was granted by the NSW Land and Environment Court, following assessment under Part 3A of the *NSW Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

Tenders for the construction of the Project have been received, with a successful tender expected to be announced in August.

Pre-construction activities are scheduled to commence in September 2012 with full construction works starting in March 2013.

What to expect

Activities that will be undertaken during pre-construction include:

- * Implementation of environmental management controls.
- * Establishment of temporary site offices and facilities.
- * Upgrade to roads.
- * Preparation of hardstand areas.
- * Laying cables.
- * Preparation of the concrete footings.
- * Transportation of people and equipment to site.

Community Enhancement Program

A Community Enhance Program (CEP) is currently being developed in consultation

with the Upper Lachlan Shire Council. The aim of the CEP is to enhance the community's quality of life and well being. The CEP will provide benefits through a Clean Energy Program and Community Fund. Landowners, residents and workers at premises within 10 kilometres of the wind farm are considered eligible recipients.

In accordance with the Project conditions of approval, landowners who have granted a lease or easement to the wind farm are excluded from the CEP.

We look forward to working with you to maximising the benefits to your community and will provide more information about the CEP as it becomes available.

Contact us

The Gullen Range Wind Farm is committed to minimising the impacts of construction on the community and we welcome your feedback at any time.

www.gullenrangewindfarm.com



Project update

Gullen Range Wind Farm PTY Ltd. (GRWF) is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Ben Bateman as Project Manager for the Gullen Range Wind Farm.

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NEWLY REFORMED ACCESS COMMITTEE SAYS THANKS



L-R; Graham Croker, Grant Kitchen, Paul Anderson.

Access Committee

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

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

AP&H Society's new amenities facility
Graham Croker, Chairman of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council's Access Committee is pleased at the efforts of the Crookwell AP&H Society's new ameni-

ties facility. "The newly reformed Access Committee is pleased to recognise the efforts of Crookwell AP&H Society and their efforts to construct a new amenity block at their show grounds", Graham said.

Mr. Croker continued, "The Access Committee would like to encourage other local businesses and groups to consider the possibility of disabled access to their premises and facilities. It is everyone's wish to be treated equally and those who have a disability are no different." For more information please either contact Graham Croker, the Chairman of the Access Committee or the members of the committee: Karen Schaeffer, Carol Bensley, Hank Spirek, Grant Kitchen and Stevie Hunt.

History of project

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

In response on December 9, 2010 Ms. Katrina Hodgkinson announced that the AP&H Society would receive a grant valued at \$35,000 for the construction of the amenities facility.

Following this, on March 30, 2011, Mr. Paul Stephenson, Chairman of the Veolia Mulwaree Trust announced a further funding agreement of \$45,000 for the project under the title of Disabled Persons and Women's Toilet Amenities Block.

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

On February 11, 2012 the facility was officially opened by The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson, MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Mr Paul Stephenson, Chairman, Veolia Mulwaree Trust.

"Our then President, Roger McIntosh, Treasurer Paul Culhane along with Vice President Ken Ikin were very keen with their support of the Project - it was their drive that has seen the resulting successful construction of the facility Secretary, Paul Anderson said.

BEING MINDFUL OF WATER LEAKS

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

Some ways we can check for water leaks are:

* Put some food colouring in the cistern of your toilet, if any colour comes through to the bowl without flushing, there may be a leak.

* If you notice wet areas in your yard, this may be an indication of a leaking pipe

under the ground.

* There are also visible signs of water leaking such as dripping taps. This is usually due to worn washers from taps being turned off too hard.



Council read your water meter every six months. If a leak was to occur without being detected by the resident, you could be surprised with a very expensive water bill months later. As a precaution, you should check your water meter at least once a

month and record your reading for future reference.

To check your water meter you need to:

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

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

The red numbers show the litres (924L).

When checking for leaks, write down all the numbers you see on the meter.

It is also extremely important on these cold and frosty mornings, to ensure your water meter is protected from the elements. Extreme cold conditions can cause your pipes or meter to crack causing water wastage.



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