

## Major Road Improvement Projects Throughout the Shire

Upper Lachlan Shire Council's Works staff have been busy completing a number of major road improvement projects throughout the Shire. Recently, Council has completed three major projects, a substantial milestone in Council's 2014/2015 construction program. These projects include: Main Road 54 Junction Point Road Segment 475; Main Road 256 Tarlo Hill and Range Road rehabilitation. The total cost of these road works is around \$3.431 million, with funding provided by Council's roads budget and Government funding programs. Another major work in progress is the Taralga Road reconstruction and sealing project which has been ongoing for a number of years. Council is currently working on a 3 kilometre unsealed section between Wowagin and Commissioners Creek, work involves reconstructing the road to make the pavement safer for drivers and more efficient for heavy vehicles to use. Up to 40,000 cubic metres of dirt has been shifted from the crest and used to reconstruct the road surface. The segment was cleared and prepared earlier in the year, and work recommenced in May and will continue into September.

Council staff and equipment have been used to complete the work on Taralga Road, and completion of the road will provide an important link between Crookwell and Taralga, as well links to Tablelands Way and Oberon Road giving tourism and economic development benefits to the region.

Looking toward 2015/2016, Council's proposed roads asset renewal program is the largest program Council has embarked upon since it received the Disaster Funding government assistance as a result of the floods in 2010 and 2012.

"The roads expenditure program for 2015/2016 has increased by 8% totalling \$11.3 million, which includes State Road MR54 contract work and the Council operating and capital road works program," said Mr John Bell, Upper Lachlan Shire Council's General Manager.

The roads capital budget for 2015/2016 includes the following expenditure on the Shire road network:

- \$1.029 million on gravel resheeting on Local Roads (throughout the Shire all programs);
- \$356,000 on Grabine Road, Bigga Reconstruction (annual allocation of 8 year program);
- \$463,000 on Main Road 52 Gundaroo Road rehabilitation and resealing;
- \$80,000 for Urban Local Roads – road reconstruction and sealing in Gunning;
- \$35,000 for Cullerin Road capital improvements;
- \$120,000 for Pejar Road replacement of corrugated steel pipe;
- \$250,000 on Crookwell Main Street rehabilitation;
- \$443,500 for Bitumen Resealing on Regional Roads, funded by RMS (throughout the Shire);
- \$92,700 for Bitumen Resealing of Urban Local Roads (throughout the Shire);
- \$433,000 for Bitumen Resealing of Rural Local Roads (throughout the Shire);
- \$544,060 for rehabilitation and resealing of Jerrawa Road; Bigga Road; Woodhouselee Road; Peelwood Road; Collector Road; and Roslyn Road.

As well as these projects, Council will be using grant funding to replacing the Abercrombie River Bridge, Tablelands Way – Oberon Road at a cost of \$1.525 million, as well as Green Creek Bridge on Kangaloolah Road at a cost of \$150,000.



Council Work's Crew on Main Road 256 Tarlo Hill:  
(L to R) Owen Davis, Tony Trounce, Dennis Waters, Eric Croker.



Council Work's Crew on Main Road 248E Crookwell to Taralga Road:  
(L to R) Aaron Toole, Jason Storrier, Ron Gay and Manager of Works, Gary Anable.



Up to 40,000 cubic metres of dirt has been shifted from the crest and used to reconstruct the road surface on MR 248E Crookwell to Taralga Road.



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**From the Mayor's Desk – Cllr John Shaw**

During the past few months, it has been reassuring to see the Upper Lachlan Shire Community show its support for Council's Improvement Proposal for the "Fit for the Future" Local Government Reform process, due 30 June 2015. Council has been preparing its Improvement Proposal (Existing Structure) to remain as a standalone Council rather than merging with another Council. Community support has been demonstrated through the overwhelming number of residents who attended the four Community Outreach Meetings held during May in Bigga, Crookwell, Gunning and Taralga. 129 people attended the meetings, with 99% supporting Upper Lachlan Shire Council to remain as a standalone Council based on its performance and concern about loss of local identity and representation of the Upper Lachlan if merged with a larger, more city-focussed council.

On behalf of Council, I thank the Upper Lachlan Shire community for showing your support of Council and retaining our local voice during this reform process. All NSW Council's "Fit for the Future" proposals will be reviewed by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) who have been appointed as the Expert Advisory Panel. They will provide the Minister for Local Government and Premier with a final report by 16 October 2015, indicating whether or not each council is "Fit for the Future" and the reasons for the assessment, which is to be publicly released following Cabinet approval.

In May, I was pleased to be part of the launch of the Canberra Region Brand. The Canberra Region brand will be strengthened by the partnership between the ACT Government and 12 member Councils in the Canberra Joint Regional Organisation (CBJRO), which is a regional arrangement that allows shared services and resource sharing through strategic alliances and advocacy. As Chair of the CBJRO, I was joined by the ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr, Minister for Regional Development, Skills; Minister for Small Business and Member for Monaro John Barilaro to launch this new single brand for the region that will provide a strong platform upon which we can promote our competitive strengths to potential visitors, investors, students, residents and businesses.

The highlight of the launch was the displays by the regional champions - local producers from each region displaying their wares. Andrew Lindner from Lindner Socks in Crookwell proudly represented the Upper Lachlan Shire as the regional champion, and presented the two ministers and myself with socks made from locally grown wool especially for the launch event. It was a great day and will be a significant boost to the local economy, tourism and regional development.

Recently Council's Environment and Planning department assessed and referred to Council for determination two development applications for moto cross developments in the Shire. Both applications created considerable public interest and feedback, with a total of 156 submissions being received by Council for both developments.

I commend the thorough work and professional execution by the Director and Staff of the Environment and Planning department with regard to these development applications. Many hours were required to go through each of the submissions, and also to ensure the necessary information was contained within the applications and the proper legislative requirements were met.



The public interest created by these developments ensured that Council chambers were filled to capacity and overflowing on Council meeting days. It was wonderful to see the community come together and exercise their right to voice their opinion on proposed developments in the Shire.



Above: (L to R) Mayor John Shaw, Andrew Lindner holding daughter Dorothy, Gisela Lindner, Lucy Lindner, and John Bell at the launch of the Canberra Region Brand.

**From the General Manager – John Bell**

**Integrated Planning and Reporting - Adoption of 2015/2016 Council Plans**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 June 2015, Council adopted the proposed 2015/2016 suite of plans that determine the direction of Council revenue and expenditure for the upcoming year. The plans specify Council's Revenue Policy, including Fees and Charges, and operational and capital budget as outlined in the 2015/2016 Operational Plan. The net consolidated operating result is a budget surplus, before capital grants and contributions, totalling \$1.45 million. Refer to page xx for a summary of the changes to fees and charges for 2015/2016 and also, to read about the exciting projects Council has planned for the coming year.

**Council Achieving Extensive Road Improvements for Shire Community**

Council's Works staff have recently completed three major projects in Council's 2014/2015 construction program. These include: Main Road (MR) 54 Segment 475 Junction Point Road; MR 256 Tarlo Hill; and Range Road rehabilitation. Completion of these projects will improve road safety for Shire residents and visitors, as well as linking communities and encouraging tourism and development to the Shire. I commend the Director of Works and Staff for successfully completing this volume of road works to such a high standard. For a "rural" Council our expertise in road construction and rehabilitation is second to none. Completion of these works makes way for the projects scheduled for 2015/2016 which you can find on page xx.

**Local Government Reform – "Fit for the Future" Council Improvement Proposal**

Council has been working on its submission to the Office of Local Government as to how Upper Lachlan Shire Council will become "Fit for the Future". Council's submission assesses and presents Councils track record of strategic capacity against the elements proposed by the Independent Local Government Review Panel. As well as having scale and capacity as recommended by the Independent Local Government Review Panel, Upper Lachlan Shire Council meets the "Fit for the Future" criteria that have been set by the NSW Government for its financial sustainability, infrastructure and service management and efficiency. For a full copy of Council's "Fit for the Future" submission please visit Council's website: [www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au)

The submission has been a work in progress since October 2014. I commend Council's Senior Management Staff for the extra hours and effort they put into preparing the submission and ensuring that Upper Lachlan Shire Council is indeed "Fit for the Future".

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## LIBRARY BIZ with Michaela Olde



### What's New...

Five new computers have been installed at both Crookwell and Gunning libraries.

The Gunning Library Knitting Circle is held on 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. All welcome.

After feedback from the community the Crookwell Library is now receiving The Land newspaper. Published once a week on a Thursday, the paper provides the latest news and information for people living and working on the land.

### Did You Know?

The Crookwell Library's new Reader's Review board provides a space where you can fill in a short review of a recently read book. Readers Review forms are located at the front desk.

The Library accepts donations all year round. The Library accepts books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. Some items may be added to the library's collection; others will be added to the sale table or the annual book sale.

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#### Minion Mania School Holiday Workshop

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Tuesday, 30 June 2015

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1:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday, 2 July 2015.

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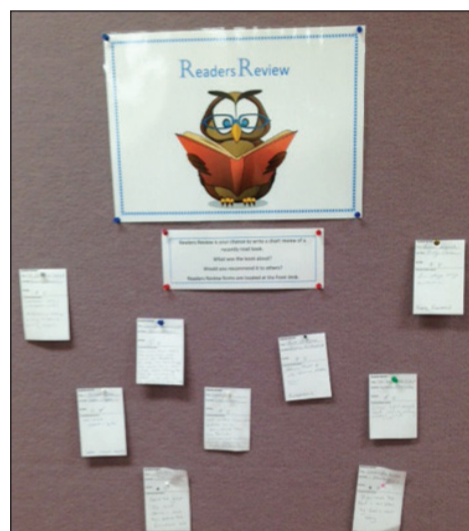
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Examples of knitting from the  
Knitting Circle



Book reviews on the  
Readers Review board



### "Feathers And All" - Hank Spirek's Latest Art Exhibition

On May 30, 2015 Hank Spirek, well known local artist who lived in Crookwell for many years and is now based in the Southern Highlands, opened his latest exhibition at Bowral's Milk Factory Gallery titled "Feathers and All". The new exhibition is inspired by birdlife and was opened by Archibald-winning Goulburn artist, Cherry Hood. Hank paints on sealed plywood and canvas, using ultra high gloss enamel paint, spray enamel oils, and a variety of varnishes.

Cherry said, "I've know Hank for many years since I moved to the Goulburn area. His dedication to art and painting is well known in our district. His eye for birds and animals is extraordinary. His joyful use of paint and colour can be seen in these gorgeous rich paintings of birds. He is able to capture the true nature of these animals appearing through beautiful robust layers of paint."

For more information visit: [www.hankspirek.com](http://www.hankspirek.com) or email: [hspirek@gmail.com](mailto:hspirek@gmail.com)

(L to R): At the opening of the "Feathers and All" exhibition at is Madeleine Spirek, Helen Peterson, Executive Assistant to the General Manager, Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Hank Spirek.

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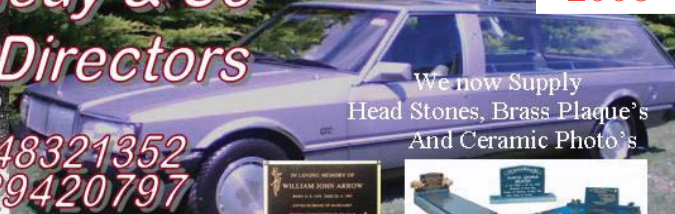


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# Youth Week Book Launch - "Why It's Great to be Alive"

On Friday, 1 May 2015, Youth Week 2015 was celebrated with the launch of the book written by the school children of the Upper Lachlan Shire, "Why it's Great to be Alive".

The children's story, poem or cover design entries were also judged by Hank Spirek - Local artist; Caroline Webster - Children's book Author; Libby Webster - Sally Milner Publishing; and Libby-Jane Charleston, Children's Book author. Monique Thomson was extremely excited to see the book, and her design on the front cover, as was Molly Carr, runner up, so her design was on the back cover. The children created an amazing book of heart felt stories and poems on why they think it is great to be alive. There were 215 submissions for the book including book cover designs, and 38 prizes were awarded.

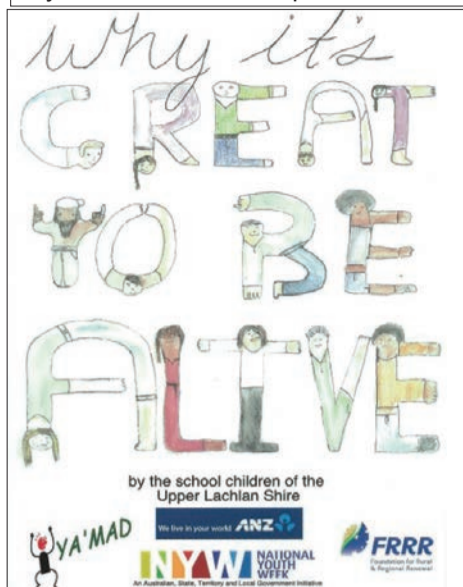
The book is available for sale at: Crookwell Tourist Information Centre, Crookwell Hospital, Upper Lachlan Shire Council Administration Office, Crookwell Public School, St Marys Primary School, Laggan Public School, and Gunning Public School. The book sells for \$20 per copy and is a very enlightening read.

As part of the event, Black Dog Institute presented their INSIGHT program to 180 students at Crookwell High School on Friday afternoon, and then presented at the Book Launch "Breaking Down Depression and Building Resilience" to a crowd of 80 people. It was an amazing presentation by a young lady who was only 23 and had previously tried to take her life after an abusive upbringing. Black Dog Institute has helped her get to where she is today, also with the help of some wonderful friends. One of the most interesting pieces of information from the evening is that we lose more young people from suicide than car accidents each year.

Youth Week 2015 focussed on Youth Mental Health. As part of the program the proceeds from the sale of the book "Why it is great to be alive" will go to providing a Youth Mental Health program at the Wellness Centre at Crookwell Hospital. We are lucky to have Teagan Berridge a support worker who provides assistance and respite for carers of people with mental health issues on Thursdays at the Wellness Centre. Teagan is also there to talk to if you are not sure how to help someone who may be depressed, or bullied, or just not themselves. Teagan may be contacted at the Wellness Centre on Thursdays or call her in Goulburn on (02) 4822 1872.

With thanks to FRRR/ANZ Seeds of Renewal funding to enable the Youth Council to publish the book.

Front page of the book was designed by local student Monique Thomson.



Back page of the book was designed by local student Molly Carr.



Left: At the book launch, 38 students from local schools received awards.

## Southern Phone Grant Makes Pergola Possible



Upper Lachlan Shire Council's Building Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Jones, recently completed the assembly of a pergola at the Crookwell Senior Citizens Building.

The \$10,000 pergola project was made possible by the Southern Phone Community Grants Scheme. Managing Director, Mark Warren said: "This Grant Program builds on our existing commitment to supporting rural and regional Australia."

The new, covered pergola now shields the three large sliding doors on the North/East side of the Senior Citizens Hall from the summer sun and provides a covered outdoor area in times of rain. The pergola area will allow members to take advantage of the courtyard and act as a "spill over" area during events.

The Crookwell Senior Citizens Committee is thankful to Southern Phone for making the building of the pergola possible through their grant.

The Crookwell Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11.00am at the Senior Citizens Building. They have lunch in the hall and then have afternoon activities that start at 1.00pm. It is a great place to meet fellow senior citizens.



## Binda Hall Beautified

Binda Memorial Hall has undergone an "ugly duckling" moment with the stained and peeling ceiling being repaired and painted in a swan like evolution.

The white/grey semi gloss ceiling renovation has been made possible by funding received through the Southern Phone Community Grants Scheme.

The \$15,000 grant to the Binda Hall Committee to repair the ceiling complements the floorboard repair work the Council undertook in January in the interest of community safety.

The Southern Phone's Grant also provided the money to batt the ceiling which will reduce the effect of condensation during Binda's harsh frosts and reduce the possibility of the ceiling being damaged again.

The Binda Memorial Hall is an integral part of the Binda Community, providing a meeting place and hosting numerous events and the Southern Phone Grants Program recognised Binda Hall Committee as being in real need of extra support for its local activities.

# Upper Lachlan Joins the Small Business Friendly Councils Program

Upper Lachlan Shire Council has joined the Small Business Friendly Councils program, an initiative that is transforming how local councils work with their small business communities. Minister for Small Business John Barilaro, Minister for Local Government Paul Toole and Member for Goulburn Pru Goward MP welcomed Goulburn Mulwaree, Boorowa, Upper Lachlan Shire and Wingecarribee Shire Councils to the Small Business Friendly Councils program.

The program is an Australian first, giving council's in NSW the opportunity to be formally recognised as "Small Business Friendly" and demonstrate their commitment to their local small business community.

"Just six months after launching in September 2014, the program has attracted over 60 participating councils, which represents around 315,000 small businesses and almost 50 per cent of all NSW small businesses," Mr Barilaro said.

The program also provides opportunities for neighbouring Small Business Friendly Councils to share information, initiatives and strategies that strengthen the small business sector. In May, a Small Business Friendly Council conference was held in Goulburn. Upper Lachlan Shire Council's Economic Development Officer, Brenda Proudman attended the conference, along with Clr Jo Marshall, who is part of Council's Section 355 Economic Development Task Force Committee. "The Small Business Friendly Council conference was a great opportunity to get together with other councils and share ideas, programs, and success stories with each other," said Ms Proudman.

Key note speakers at the conference included: Dispute Resolution by the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner; Public Domain Activation by Clr Katherine O'Regan from the United States Study Centre from the University of Sydney; and Procurement by Local Government Procurement and NSW Procurement.

These speakers presented information on working together for the benefit of small business, procurement and public domain activation, three topics identified by the Small Business Friendly Councils as key to improving their engagement with small businesses.

Some of the initiatives being implemented locally include:

- Organising Business Networking meetings every quarter with the hopes of encouraging local business to form a Business Association/Chamber
- An Economic Development and Business survey was conducted earlier in the year to gather information to enable Council's Economic Development Task Force (s355 Committee) to develop an Economic Development Strategy to move Upper Lachlan Shire into the future.
- Advertise pre-DA meetings on Council's website;
- Develop a welcome letter to be handed out to all Commercial DA Applications introducing the Economic Development Officer, outlining the Economic Development Officers role in Council and offering assistance to new business where possible.

Ms Goward said all four councils, Boorowa, Upper Lachlan Shire, Goulburn Mulwaree and Wingecarribee Shire, have taken that extra step to support small businesses.

"This program demonstrates how working together can make a real difference to the NSW community. Each of these local councils is looking into ways to make the day-to-day operation of a small business easier and I commend them for joining such a valuable program," Ms Goward said.



## Annual Taralga Art Show

The 2015 Annual Taralga Art Show held over the June long weekend from 6 June to 8 June, 2015, was a huge success with over 200 people attending the opening night function. With 125 artists exhibiting over 400 works, it was the largest show ever. 72 artworks were sold over the course of the weekend which is a brilliant result for everyone involved. Visitors saw works including paintings, woodwork, sculpture, photography, papier mache, ceramics, quilting and much more. The creative workshops were again very well supported and a big part of the show. The winner of the 'People's Choice Award' was Sonja Bowden with her work titled 'Touch'. The committee would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Taralga Art Show. We look forward to hosting the event in 2016.



Enjoying the Taralga Art Show are:

**Left:**  
Jan Green  
Jennifer Lamb

**Right:**  
Brian and Vicki  
Moloney  
Steve Green



**Left:**  
Some of the artworks that were on exhibit at the Taralga Art Show.

**Right:**  
Glenn and Courtney Langford enjoying the art works at the Taralga Art Show.





**KANGAROO MARCH**  
A CENTURY ON

## Kangaroo March - A Century On

During World War I, recruitment marches or "snowball marches" to Sydney were a feature of volunteer

recruiting drives for the Australian Imperial Force in rural New South Wales. The Kangaroo March was one such march that snaked from Wagga Wagga to Campbelltown, recruiting as it passed through towns, villages and rural properties. On 1 December 1915, 88 men left Wagga Wagga and on 5 January, 1916, 222 men marched into Campbelltown.

This year will be 100 years since these men of rural Australia signed up for what was then known as King, Country and Empire, to fight in a war that threatened to end the way of life Aussies and others in the British Empire held so very dear. They were away for 3 more years; some never came home, some came home permanently scarred, maimed or poisoned with mustard gas, or damaged mentally having witnessed the horrors of mates being killed before their eyes. We want to pay due tribute to the Kangaroos.

To commemorate those events of 100 years ago, there will be a re-enactment of the Kangaroo March in September that will travel through Jerrawa, Gunning and the Cullerin to Breadalbane. Marchers will camp overnight at Jerrawa on 21 September 2015, march to Dalton for lunch, and then march to Gunning where on 22 September 2015, just as they did 100 years ago, they will camp overnight



Kangaroos arrive at the Yass Mechanics Hall. 15.12.15.

at the Gunning showground. There will be a ceremony at the Cenotaph, and dinner will be provided for the marchers followed by an evening of entertainment, everyone is welcome. The following morning the march will proceed over the Cullerin and camp at Breadalbane on 23 September 2015.

If you would like to join the Kangaroo March for any of the local segments or indeed for most or all of the march, you must register on the website:

[www.kangaroomarch.org.au](http://www.kangaroomarch.org.au) Should you wish to join the march on horseback, there are special requirements that you must meet, particularly relating to insurance.

The Kangaroo March Association would also like to hear from anyone with knowledge or information about the march when it came through this area, including descendants of original marchers or WW1 diggers. Families with a link or information from Jerrawa to Breadalbane are urged to make contact with one of the groups locally assisting with this event or contact Rhonda Vanzella (02) 4883 4650 or email: [vp@kangaroomarch.org.au](mailto:vp@kangaroomarch.org.au)

Local contacts:

Breadalbane area: Sally McLean: 0408 993 966

Jerrawa, Dalton and Gunning: Lucy Knight 0407 284 590

More information can be found at: [www.kangaroomarch.org.au](http://www.kangaroomarch.org.au)



## 2015/2016 Rates and Charges What changes to expect in your Rates

At the June Council Meeting held on 18 June 2015, Council determined to accept the 2015/2016 Operational Plan which outlines the

key performance indicators, principal activities and major capital works projects for the upcoming financial year. An outline of the Revenue Policy is as follows:-

- General (Ordinary) Rates will increase by 2.40%, however the dollar value increases will vary within each individual rating category;
- Domestic Waste Management Annual Charge will increase by 3% or \$12 per service;
- Commercial Waste Annual Charge will increase by 3%, or \$15 per service;
- Rural Waste Annual Charge will increase by 3%, or \$5 per Assessment;
- Water Supply Access Charge and Water Availability Charge will increase by 4% or \$17 per Assessment;
- Water usage (consumption) charge will increase by 5%, dollar value increases will vary for each individual service dependent upon water consumption;
- Stormwater Annual Charges will have a zero increase; and
- Sewerage Best Practice Pricing Access Charges will increase by 2% or \$15 per service.

## Council has Big Plans for 2015/2016

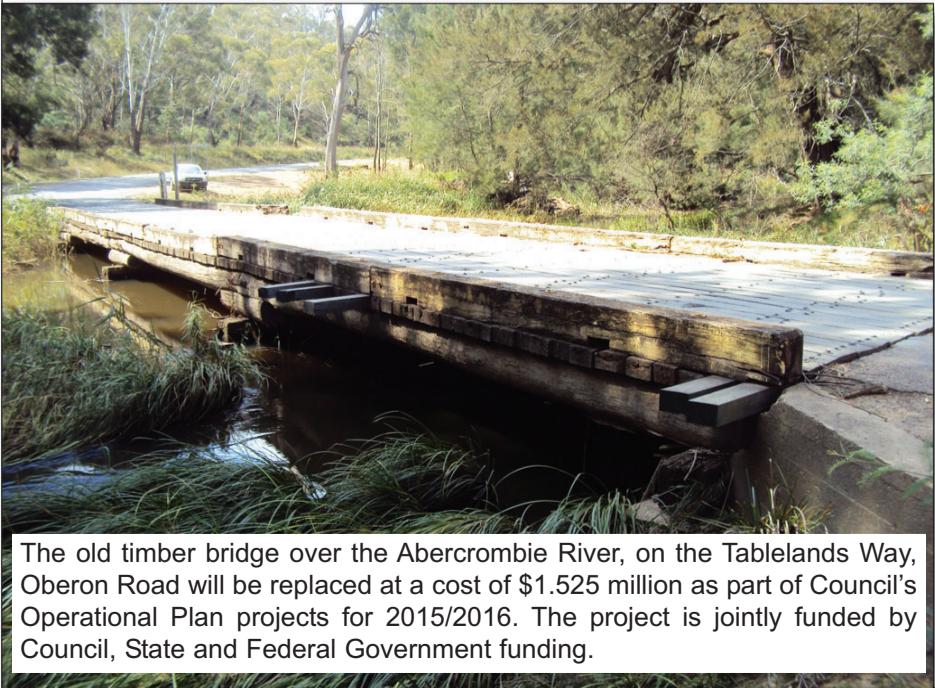
Upper Lachlan Shire Council has prepared a \$25.7 million operating budget. The 2015/2016 Operational Plan projects an operating budget surplus of \$1.45 million. In addition to the operating expenditure there is a comprehensive capital expenditure works program for the Shire totalling \$12.46 million.

A large project of note is the Crookwell Water Supply Treatment Plant project. The \$7 million project is to be completed over two years, and Council has been consistently lobbying Federal and State government to secure external grants to ensure this project can come to fruition.

The 2015/2016 roads asset renewal program is the largest program Council has embarked upon since it received the Disaster Funding government assistance as a result of the floods in 2010 and 2012. "The roads expenditure program for 2015/2016 has increased by 8% totalling \$11.3 million, which includes State Road MR54 contract work and the Council operating and capital road works program," said Mr John Bell, Upper Lachlan Shire Council's General Manager. Some of the projects in the 2015/2016 capital roads program include: \$1.525 million replacement of the Abercrombie River Bridge, on the Tablelands Way, Oberon Road; \$463,000 rehabilitation and resealing of Gundaroo Road on Main Road 52, which is part of a three year capital investment program; \$356,000 on the continuation of the Grabine Road reconstruction, which is part of an eight year project; \$167,000 on pavement rehabilitation and bitumen resealing on Jerrawa Road; \$200,000 investment in the Crookwell waste centre/rubbish tip remediation upgrade; and over \$300,000 will be spent on Sewerage Fund capital improvements in the towns.

"Council is consciously investing in its asset base in this Operational Plan, and also looking into the future. We have a four year program that sees a \$39 million expenditure investment in a capital works renewal program," explained Mr Bell. "Council's careful financial planning and management will ensure that Council has the necessary financial ability to meet these goals in the next four years. Upper Lachlan Shire Council is in a financially sound position – we can sufficiently meet these expenditure goals without having to rely solely on government grants," assured Mr Bell.

In addition, the 2015/2016 Operational Plan includes projects to enhance and provide community facilities. The Gunning community has been actively fund raising and lobbying Council for some years to provide a skate park for the youth of the village. "Council is responding to the efforts of the Gunning Community by allocating \$80,000 in this upcoming budget toward building a new skate park, as well as applying for grant funding to assist Council to build this facility," said Mr Bell.



The old timber bridge over the Abercrombie River, on the Tablelands Way, Oberon Road will be replaced at a cost of \$1.525 million as part of Council's Operational Plan projects for 2015/2016. The project is jointly funded by Council, State and Federal Government funding.



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- \* Acids and Alkalis
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- \* Poisons



### Further Information

<http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/managewaste/house-chemicals.htm>  
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## UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL WASTE & RECYCLE COLLECTION SERVICES 2015



### WEEKLY GARBAGE COLLECTION

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## Milestone Achieved On Junction Point Road

Sealing of the first two kilometre section of Main Road 54 Junction Point Road finally went ahead on 23 April 2015, although wet weather delayed the work by three days. Sealing of this section was an important milestone achieved by Upper Lachlan Shire Council in the \$10 million project, with the section reconstructed and completed on time and on budget.

In August 2014, the State Minister for Roads and Freight, Duncan Gay MP, announced that \$10 million had been allocated in the State Roads budget to fully seal Main Road 54 between Crookwell and Bathurst, which involves detailed survey and design on three unsealed sections totalling 10 kilometres, minor road realignment, drainage improvements and vegetation clearing on this important transport link.

Council has been working on this segment since October last year; however the planning and preparation stage commenced as soon as the funding was announced in August 2014.

"Projects of this significance and scale require careful planning and preparation to make sure we get it right. Council's Works and Engineering staff has worked consistently on preparing detailed survey and design reports for the reconstruction work, as well as estimates for the work required on this section, and the next section of road. In addition, we have engaged a consultant to prepare a Review of Environmental Factors for the road sections that are being reconstructed," said Mr John Bell, General Manager.

Council Works staff and traffic controllers have had many motorists stop to comment on the works progressing along this important transport route. "We have had drivers stop and tell us that they are really pleased to see that the road is finally being sealed. With some drivers saying they never thought they would see it sealed in their lifetime," said Garry Anable, Council's Manager of Works and Project Manager for the project.

The segment of Main Road 54 that Council is preparing to work on next is a three kilometre stretch located near "The Wattles" and, once this is underway preparations will begin for the final five kilometre section north of Tuena village. "This project will improve safety for motorists, improve freight efficiency and provide a sealed road from Crookwell to Bathurst, which has been a long time coming," concluded Mayor John Shaw.



**Above:** Some of Council's Works Staff working on the first segment on Main Road 54 Junction Point Road: (L to R) Aaron Toole; Mick Hattam; Jason Storrier; Tim Beard; Ron Gay; Garry Anable, Project Manager ULSC; Phil Newham, Director of Works ULSC. **Below:** Sealing in progress.



## Landcare Recognises Local Champions

The Upper Lachlan Catchment Coordinating Committee held its inaugural Landcare champions awards ceremony in April. The event which ran over 2 days with an awards ceremony at the beautiful Willovale Mill Restaurant in Laggan followed by a champions tour to visit the work of the Landcare champions at Roslyn and the property of Margie Fitzpatrick at Currawang.

Nerida Croker, chairperson of the Upper Lachlan Catchment Coordinating Committee, presented 5 champions awards at the ceremony officiated by MC James Bell with guest speaker Pru Goward MP. Guests included deputy Mayor, James Wheelwright, chair of South East Landcare, John Carter and Chair of LachLandcare Inc, Charlie Arnott, Aaron Smith from South East Local Land Services, South East Regional Landcare Facilitator, Peter Pigott, and chairs and members from many of the Landcare groups in the Upper Lachlan catchment.

The first award was to John and Mary Walsh, of Mt Pleasant Dalton, for outstanding and long term contributions to natural resource management in the South East Region. John and Mary are founding and continuing members of the Jerrawa Creek Landcare group for the past 22 years and founding and continuing members of the Upper Lachlan Catchment Coordinating Committee Inc. for the past 24 years.

Also winning awards were Roslyn Landcare group and South East LLS for their ongoing schools education program that they have been running for the past 6 years and Fullerton Hadley Landcare for its innovative approach to engaging with new and absentee landholders in the region.

The energetic and dynamic Margie Fitzpatrick of Australind, Currawang, was recognized as a champion in sustainable agriculture and 15 year old Luke Granger, of Blakeney Creek, received a champion's trophy for his passion and commitment to soil health.

The event was supported by South East Local Land Services and supported by South East Landcare.

To find out more about Landcare in the Upper Lachlan Shire please contact local Mary Bonet Upper Lachlan Landcare coordinator on ph 0459352892 [mary@upperlachlanlandcare.org.au](mailto:mary@upperlachlanlandcare.org.au)



Attending the Upper Lachlan Landcare Champion Awards Ceremony were: (L to R) Pru Goward MP, James Bell and Nerida Croker. The Awards Ceremony was held at the Willow Vale Restaurant, Laggan.



## Save the Date! Inaugural Crookwell Garden Festival - October 2015

Crookwell will host the inaugural Crookwell Garden Festival over the weekend of 10 and 11 October 2015, showcasing some lovely gardens in the district.

Eleven gardens will open to the public, including the well-loved 'Kiloren' and 'Markdale', designed by the eminent garden designer, Edna Walling. Six gardens are situated in Crookwell township, with four located at rural locations out of the main centre of town. As an added attraction, a garden-lover's market will be held on Saturday, 10 October 2015, at St. Bartholomew's church hall in Denison Street, Crookwell.

With the demise of the Australian Open Gardens Scheme, a group of enthusiastic garden-lovers in Crookwell was determined to put the gardens of Crookwell and the Upper Lachlan Shire on the map. To this end, the Crookwell Garden Festival was born. The intention is to run the Festival on an annual basis, bringing visitors from near and far to experience the beauty of the gardens of the Shire.

This event is proudly supported by the Upper Lachlan Tourist Association and thanks go to the other local businesses sponsoring the Festival.

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## Working Together to Improve Local Roads

Gullen Range Wind Farm (GRWF) and Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC) have been working on a combined project to repair and improve local roads used to access the wind farm during its construction.

Having invested a total of \$6 million in local road improvements, this final instalment of funding from GRWF comes as construction of the wind farm draws to a close and the number of traffic movements is reduced.

The agreement reflects GRWF's commitment to repairing dilapidation of local roads caused by heavy vehicles and increased traffic during construction.

The reconstruction works on Range Road have been completed by ULSC Works staff and have included reconstruction and heavy patching of sections of Range Road, Bannister Lane and Storriers Lane.

Tom Froom, Asset Manager at GRWF, said: "Gullen Range are pleased to see the Range Road work nearing completion. This is the last of a number of road upgrades and remediation in the area with a total of \$6 million spent by Gullen Range Wind Farm on the local road network. We expect that these works will provide improved road conditions for the community."

Over 9 kilometres of Range Road has been repaired, using a combination of complete reconstruction, patching, full-width patching, shoulder repairs and resealing. The existing sealed section on Bannister Lane has been repaired and resealed. The site access from Range Road into Bannister South section of the Wind Farm has benefited from drainage improvement and sealing work. The Kialla Road and Range Road intersection has also been realigned to ULSC and GRWF requirements.

The repair work was also completed in conjunction with the removal and replacement of a number of low-level causeways, which have been an ongoing concern for road users and have been replaced with culverts. The result of this work is a better experience for road users on Kialla Road, Range Road and Bannister Lane.

John Bell, General Manager at ULSC, said: "The work achieved on Range Road and the improvements to road safety have been fast tracked by 10 years with the

investment from GRWF. Council's Works staff have worked closely with GRWF to secure a broad scope of repair work and provide adequate financial contribution. This project has achieved substantial benefits for the community with regard to road safety and improvements to the local road network."

Photo Below: (L to R) Phil Newham, Council's Director of Works; Tom Froom, Asset Manager at GRWF; John Bell, Council's General Manager on Range Road. A total of \$6 million have been invested on local road improvements.



## Community Projects Receive Funding Boost from Wind Farm

Six local community projects have received a funding boost from the first round of The Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund. The Community Fund aims to support initiatives that strengthen the local community through projects that contribute to neighbouring communities within 10 kilometres of the Gullen Range wind farm.

The successful recipients from the first round of funding include:

1. Grabben Gullen Hall and Recreation Reserve Trust - \$22,028.12  
- for the internal beautification of Grabben Gullen Hall
2. Bannister District Hall Association Inc - \$22,028.12  
- for the maintenance and renovations to Bannister Community Hall
3. Crookwell/Taralga Aged Care - \$9,740.00  
- for the purchase and installation of an electric ceiling hoist at Viewhaven Lodge Aged Care Facility
4. Crookwell Hall of Fame - \$389.86  
- for the update and continue display in Crookwell Memorial Hall and reprint booklet
5. Grabben Gullen Hall and Recreation Reserve Trust - \$3,595.30  
- for the purchase of materials only for installation of new front fence.
6. Crookwell Christmas in the Park Committee - \$10,000.00  
- purchase and installation of banner poles in the main street of Crookwell.

The Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund provides financial contributions on an annual basis to community projects and initiatives. This year was the first time the funding from the program had been made available for applications. The program is administered by Upper Lachlan Shire Council in conjunction with the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund S355 Committee who met on 26 March 2015 to decide on which community initiatives would receive the funding.

"Gullen Range Wind Farm is pleased that our support for this first round of funding through the Community Fund is now coming to fruition. A total of \$67,511 in grants is being announced today, this is a great opportunity for Gullen Range Wind Farm to assist local projects that benefit the local community. We look forward to seeing the positive outcomes of the funding within each project. Applications for next year's funding can be lodged when the fund re-opens in November 2015," said Tom Froom, Asset Manager of Gullen Range Wind Farm and representative on the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund S355 Committee.

Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire, John Shaw who is a Council representative on the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund S355 Committee which consists of representatives from Gullen Range Wind Farm, Council and the Community, was pleased with the applications for funding.

"The Committee was impressed by the level of applications submitted by the community to receive funding from the Gullen Range Community Fund. After careful deliberations, we are confident we have allocated the funds to the projects that will deliver the most community benefit," said Mayor Shaw.



The Lions Club of Crookwell are proud to help the Crookwell Men's Shed with a donation towards a new wood heater for their shed. Lions President Tracey Anderson along with Norman Fountain and Judith Fountain were pleased to present Mr Don Southwell with a cheque towards their new fire place. "Keep warm Men"



The Crookwell Lions Club were proud to present a cheque of \$2000.00 to the Crookwell Neighbourhood Centre to help with their renovations. To present the cheque was Lions President Tracey Anderson, Judith Fountain and Norman Fountain. The team at the Centre were ever so grateful. Community money going back into our Community. Photos by Brent Hall

For more information on joining The Lions Clubs of Crookwell, Gunning or Taralga and Districts, please call:  
Crookwell: 4832 0047; Gunning: 4845 1049; Taralga and Districts: 4843 2323

## Fireweed Warning

Council is asking landholders to be on alert for any Fireweed plants that may be encountered on their properties over the winter months. Fireweed is a hazardous noxious weed that is poisonous to stock particularly horses and cattle and the numbers of plants located by weed officers has been increasing over recent years.

Council's Weeds Manager, Paul Brown, said that this dangerous weed generally grows and flowers in the winter months and is a low upright herb about 40 cm high with small, yellow, daisy-like flowers approximately the size of a 5 cent coin, each flower having 13 petals, a single fireweed plant can produce up to 30,000 seeds.

Fireweed plants can be controlled by pulling the plants out by hand as soon as the plants become visible by beginning to flower. Care should be taken to prevent seed dispersal and the plants should be placed in a secure bag and disposed of in a safe manner on your property.

Fireweed seeds are very fine and can be wind-blown long distances and can also be moved around in soil and on vehicles so practicing good farm hygiene is critical to preventing establishment and spread of infestations.

Apart from fireweed all landowners are encouraged to be aware of any unusual vegetation growth on their land or within the Shire and report any area of

unknown weed growth to Council's Weeds Officers for identification.

All landholders in Upper Lachlan Shire Council are asked to check their properties over the winter months and report any unknown weed growth to allow for positive identification. Weed Officers are available at each of Council's Crookwell, Gunning and Taralga offices, to provide assistance with weed identification and control.

Council's Weeds Manager, Paul Brown, can be contacted by phone on (02) 4840 2099.



The small flower of fireweed usually has 13 petals.



## Taralga Wind Farm Open Day Draws a Crowd



The Taralga Wind Farm Community Open Day was a tremendous success on Sunday, 15 June 2015 with over 250 visitors attending the War Memorial Hall to meet construction staff, look through a photo gallery and take a bus to the wind farm to step inside a wind turbine.

The Taralga Lions Club and Taralga Primary School P&C catered on the day, with a BBQ, cakes, sandwiches and refreshments, making it a great day out for everyone.

The Taralga Wind Farm received an overwhelmingly positive response from visitors, who came from near – Taralga and Goulburn and afar, Sydney, Murrumbateman and even Port Fairy!

Taralga Wind Farm wishes to thank everyone who helped make the event happen, including Pitt's Bus Service, the caterers and the Hall committee, and to all those who joined us on the day.

At site this month, the last of the turbines have now been installed, and works at site will begin to wind down over the coming months. Contact details are below if you would like to request a copy of the June Newsletter, or for any other queries about the wind farm.

**Contact details for Taralga Windfarm are:**  
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## When Is a Snake Not A Snake?

By Kay Muddiman -  
Publicity Officer

Q When is a snake not a snake? A. When it's a legless lizard!  
We were digging in the garden recently when this handsome fellow (gal?) came up along with a spadeful of earth. It was around 30cm long from snout to tip of tail, and at first we thought it was a Myall Snake as we have found one here before. However, closer examination showed no black head, so that was out. We then thought 'very young brown snake', as we had a brown snake in the veggie garden about three weeks beforehand. I sent a pic to a knowledgeable snake handler friend, and discovered it was a legless lizard! A *Delma inornata* to be precise.

How do you tell the difference between a snake and a legless lizard?

The two main differences are that legless lizards have ears (whereas snakes don't), and they don't have the long, flickering thin tongue of a snake, but a much shorter and fleshy one. Our lizard obligingly put its tongue out once, however I couldn't catch it on camera - much too quick for me! After taking the photos we relocated it safely in nearby bushland.

Although all Australian legless lizards are non-venomous - unless you are an expert, please treat them as a possible venomous snake, observe them from a distance and leave them alone to go on their way! That way you both stay safe!



Our Legless Lizard '*Delma inornata*' - note the ear, a slit type opening well back from the eyes.

**If you have a snake, or a legless lizard that you cannot positively identify as a lizard rather than a snake, which has entered your home or poses a significant threat, please call our rescue number for advice or assistance - (02) 4822 3888.**

**Ring that number also for help with any other stressed or injured wildlife, our volunteers will be only too happy to assist.**

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##### Some Sunday Afternoon

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Sat 29 Aug - Sun 30 Aug

##### Gunning Fireworks Festival

Gunning Showground  
Sat Sept 12  
[www.gunningfireworksfestival.com.au](http://www.gunningfireworksfestival.com.au)

##### Some Sunday Afternoon

Crystal Brook Lavender Farm  
Sun Sept 20  
[www.lavenderatlaggan.weebly.com](http://www.lavenderatlaggan.weebly.com)

##### Kangaroo March Re-Enactment

Jerrawa, Gunning, Cullerin  
Mon Sept 21 - Wed Sept 23  
[www.kangaroomarch.org.au](http://www.kangaroomarch.org.au)

##### CYC NSW & Gunning Cycle Classic

Gunning & Breadalbane  
Sat 26 Sept - Sun 27 Sept

##### Crookwell Garden Festival

Crookwell & surrounds  
Sat Oct 10 - Sun Oct 11  
[www.pumpkinfestival.com.au](http://www.pumpkinfestival.com.au)

##### Octubafest

Gunning Shire Hall  
Sat Oct 17  
[www.facebook.com/octubafest](http://www.facebook.com/octubafest)

##### Taralga Pony Club Gymkhana

Taralga Showground  
Sun Oct 18  
[www.facebook.com/Taralga-Pony-Club](http://www.facebook.com/Taralga-Pony-Club)

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