

THE VOICE

of Upper Lachlan Shire, the Shire of Villages



2012 - 2016 COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR COUNCIL STAFF

Seated front L-R: Newly re-elected Deputy Mayor James Wheelwright and Mayor John Shaw.

Back row L-R: Director of Works Phil Newham; Cl. Darren O'Brien; Director of Finance and Administration Andrew Croke; Cl. Malcolm Barlow; Cl John Searl; Cl. Jo Marshall; Cl. Paul Culhane; Cl. Scott Craig; Director of Environment and Planning Tina Dodson; Cl Brian McCormack and General Manager John Bell.



COMMITTEES AND COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP

The third Upper Lachlan Shire Council took their seat on September 20, 2012 at the Upper Lachlan Shire Chambers. The following Councillors were appointed to the numerous committees that help facilitate the governing of the Shire.

- Environment and Planning Standing Committee** - Council Membership: All Councillors (Mayor as Chair)
- Works and Operations Standing Committee** - Council Membership: All Councillors (Mayor as Chair)
- Finance and Administration Standing Committee** - Council Membership: All

- Councillors (Mayor as Chair).
- Archives Committee** - Council Delegate: - Clr Barlow.
- Audit and Investment Committee** - Council Delegates Clr Culhane (as chair), Clr Barlow and Clr O'Brien.
- Cultural and Community Services Committee** - Council Delegates: All Councillors (Clr Marshall as Chair)
- Traffic Committee** - Council Delegates: Clr McCormack and Clr O'Brien (as alternate representatives).

SECTION 355 COMMITTEES

- Bigga Memorial Hall Committee**
- Binda Cemetery Committee** - Council Delegate: Clr Wheelwright.
- Binda Hall Committee** - Council Delegate: Clr Wheelwright.

- Breadalbane Community Hall Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Searl.
- Collector Pumpkin Festival** - Council Delegate: Clr Searl and Clr Shaw (as alternate representatives).
- Collector Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program Advisory Group** - Council Delegate: Clr Shaw.
- Community Technology Centre Committee** - Council Delegate: Clr Marshall.
- Crookwell and District Arts Council** - Council Delegate: Clr Barlow.
- Crookwell and District Historical Society** Council Delegate: Clr Culhane.
- Crookwell II and III Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program Advisory Group** - Clr Barlow and Clr Culhane (as alternate representatives).
- Crookwell Potato Festival Committee** -

- Council Delegates: Clr Barlow and Clr Culhane.
- Crookwell Memorial Hall Committee** - Council Delegate: Clr Barlow.
- Dalton Power Station Community Enhancement Program Advisory Group** - Council Delegates: Clr Searl and Clr Wheelwright (as alternate representatives).
- Golspie Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program Advisory Group** Council Delegates: Clr McCormack and Clr Craig (as alternate representatives).
- Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program Advisory Group** Council Delegates: Clr McCormack and Clr Culhane (as alternate representative).
- Gunning and District Historical Society** Council Delegate: Clr Searl.

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PLAN TO PROTECT POWER

Spring is in the air and Essential Energy is asking people across the Upper Lachlan Shire to plan before putting plants in the ground anywhere near electricity infrastructure.

Trees, shrubs and climbing vegetation planted under or near powerlines and other electricity infrastructure can interfere with the reliability of the energy supply when fully grown, causing unnecessary power interruptions and serious safety hazards.

To help prevent power supply interruptions and safety incidents, Essential Energy is offering customers a free guide to help select appropriate species to plant under or near lines.

Some of the tips include:

Plan before you plant your garden – design your garden planting to suit the existing infrastructure, taking into account minimum safe distances to powerlines and the potential full-grown height of your plants.

Plant taller varieties furthest away from powerlines and obtain Council approval before planting anything on the street.

Plant so that access to powerlines and poles is available for maintenance and repairs in the future, without the need to remove the plants.

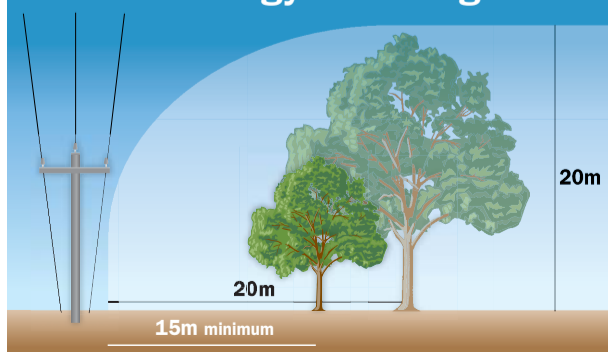
Dial before you dig and plant away from underground easements so the roots of your plants don't interfere with the infrastructure

Do not plant trees or vegetation that can grow over three (3) metres high near powerlines. Your local nursery can provide advice on the height of plants when fully grown. Essential Energy's regional general manager, south eastern, Phillip Green, said, "We'd encourage everyone to take a look at our free planting guide so the trees that are established now don't impact the power network in the future."

"We all know vegetation helps to make our towns and cities more beautiful and appealing to live in, but we also want and need a safe and secure power supply – we just ask that people stop and think before buying their plants," Phillip said. "If you're planning to plant anywhere near powerlines or ground power infrastructure

around poles and padmount substations then consider what it is you're planting and how big it will end up." To download Essential Energy's Tree Planting Guide or to find out which trees are unsuitable for planting near powerlines visit <http://www.essentialenergy.com.au/trees> or contact 13 23 91.

Essential Energy's Planting Guide





Library Biz by Kerri-ann Pratley

It's all at your fingertips!

Antique Valuations

The Southern Tablelands Library Co-operative has recently renewed its subscription to Carter's Price Guide Online, and the exciting news is that this service is now available to users from home. Library members can now value antiques and collectables online with Carter's Price Guides to Antiques and Collectables which can be found at: <http://www.stlc.nsw.gov.au/Online-Resources/Carter-s-Price-Guide-to-Antiques.aspx>



CARTER'S Price Guides have been published for 29 years, and includes prices on antiquities, antiques, collectables, retro, vintage and 20th century design, from 1500 BC to the present day, with a price range of \$5 to \$460,000.

This online valuation service includes over 95,000 items sold at auction in Australia and New Zealand over the last four years. Library members can use the database from home, or from one of the library's free Public Internet PCs.

Law Online



Got a problem with a neighbour or like to know a bit more about making a will? Local residents now have free online access to a wealth of legal information dedicated to everyday legal issues in NSW, with the launch of the website *Find Legal Answers* by the State Library of NSW. The

website www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au connects users with everything they need to know about the law in plain English, from neighbourhood conflicts and fence disputes to divorce and wills and estates.

"We're all affected by the law at different stages of our lives and while the website isn't designed as a substitute for legal advice, it can help you save legal costs just by being better informed," says Sue Walden, Manager of Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) at the State Library of NSW.

"We're encouraging as many people as possible to bookmark the website so they have fast access to their own virtual law library whenever the need arises," says Ms Walden.

Find Legal Answers also boasts fantastic HSC resources for Year 11 and 12 legal studies students and their teachers. The site includes all syllabus topic areas with links to key legislation, court cases, media reports and key websites, plus there's a current News Watch blog.

This State Library service also provides all NSW public libraries with the *Find Legal Answers* tool kit which contains a number of useful plain language law books to answer a range of everyday legal questions.

OneClickDigital E-audiobooks

To complement our 'Overdrive' e-book and e-audio service, the Southern Tablelands Library Co-operative has recently subscribed to an exciting new e-audio facility.

OneClickDigital - the brand new e-audio-book service from Wavesound Pty Ltd - allows users to download audio books onto a home computer or mobile device such as an MP3 Player, iPod or Tablet.

Popular titles and bestsellers from the library's OneClickdigital audiobook collection are now available for download free of charge, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All that is required is a PC with broadband internet access and your library membership details.

To access these audiobooks, simply click the link on the front page of the library's website at <http://www.stlc.nsw.gov.au/> which will take you to the OneClickdigital website where you can browse and search all the titles in the collection.

As each title has unlimited availability, library borrowers can all download the latest bestsellers at the same time; meaning waiting lists are a thing of the past. This is also excellent news for reading groups, whose members can all listen to the same book at the same time.

There are over 600 titles in the OneClickDigital Collection with something for all tastes, plus new titles will be added each month.

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

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

DALTON AND GUNNING CHILDREN VISIT COUNCIL



Children from the local Dalton and Gunning Primary Schools paid a visit to Upper Lachlan Council's monthly meeting held in the Gunning Council chambers on October 18, 2012.

General Manager John Bell and Mayor John Shaw welcomed the children to the meeting and were impressed by their attention and good behavior.

SHIRE POOL HOURS

CROOKWELL SWIMMING POOL

Opening Saturday, November 3, 2012
11AM - 6 PM Saturday to Thursday
and 11 AM - 5 PM Friday

GUNNING SWIMMING POOL

Opening Saturday 3 November 2012
11 AM - 6 PM 7 days a week



Entry Fees: Children \$3, Adults \$4, Spectators - Children under 2years Free

Season Tickets: School Children \$52, Adults \$93, Family \$155

When visiting Council's Swimming Pools, children under the age of 10 years MUST be supervised by a parent or a responsible guardian over the age of 18 years (unless in a supervised activity).

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

COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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.

Postal address for all offices is PO BOX 42 Gunning NSW 2581

Crookwell office

Ph: (02) 4830 1000, Fax: (02) 4832 2066,

Gunning office

Ph: (02) 4845 4100, Fax: (02) 4845 1426, 29

Taralga office

Ph: (02) 4840 2099, Fax: (02) 4840 2296.

Council's Email

council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au

Medical services 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.

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
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- General Nursing
- Child & Family Clinic
- Women's Health/Breast Care Nurse
- Diabetes Education
- Podiatry

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MAYOR'S REPORT



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support not only of myself but the other Councilors in the last Council elections. I believe that this Council will endeavor to do its best to provide the level of services that community expects.

I would also like to congratulate Cr. Wheelwright in his re-election as Deputy Mayor and look forward to working closely with James over the next year.

Challenges

Council realizes that the next four years will be challenging. Residents should be aware that the Shire faces ongoing financial

pressures as well as those of possible amalgamation and/or boundary changes.

The Upper Lachlan Shire was formed only eight years ago and needs time to consolidate the changes imposed upon its residents.

This Council has, as the recent auditor's report demonstrates, strong financial position and has provided considerable infrastructure development over its past eight years of existence. You, the residents of the Shire, deserve the opportunity to see the community grow as a cohesive entity.

Other challenges that face us include the construction of the Taralga to Crookwell road, MR 248E as well as MR54 and those into our National Parks.

Council demands immediate action to improve Crookwell TV reception

Council resolved at their October 18, 2012 Council Meeting, to support the claims of Crookwell and surrounding areas for a tower to provide digital television reception for the many "dead spots" in the area.

At the Meeting of Council I presented a Mayoral Minute to enable Council to deal with the situation immediately.

Within the resolution that was adopted the Council will ask the Federal Government to provide reliable, cost-free access to com-

mercial free-to-air TV for the Shire, and particularly for the 2500 – 3500 citizens of Crookwell and its rural surrounds. Council will also require commercial channels to boost the power of their signal.

Council's demands will be forwarded to Local Member Mr. Alby Schultz so that a formal submission can be made to the appropriate Federal Government Department to ensure this basic service.

The Council firmly believes it has a social responsibility for all the people of the Shire. Crookwell is the worst affected and the situation demands quick attention.

The digital signals into the Crookwell area are weaker than the analogue signal it replaced and this is just not acceptable.

Council adopted the resolution unanimously.

SEROC

SEROC or the South East Region Organisation of Councils was formed just over three years ago.

I am pleased to announce that I have been elected as Chairperson of this group at its last meeting held in Young on October 12.

SEROC and its member Councils are reaping the benefits of working together with cash savings and additional services being delivered to the community through joint

projects.

A number of projects listed in the Group's last Annual Report have shown approximately \$460,000 in total savings to the participating Councils.

One successful project has been the Fuel Tax Credit Review which has already saved participating Councils more than \$125,000 with more expected as other Councils are assessed. In addition to cash savings, this type of project generates an income stream for SEROC which allows the organisation to develop further cost saving and service delivery projects and represent their Councils interests at a State Government level.

Facebook

Council has joined the 21 Century social media Facebook network.

The goal is to create another link of communication between our residents and Council. The page contains information and notification of important Council functions as well as an avenue for community input.

Access to the page can be found at the bottom right hand side of the Council's web site www.council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

New Council

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the 2012 – 2016 Upper Lachlan Shire Council. The new Council consists of five returning and four new Councillors.

The new Council will find that the previous Council has left the Shire in a sound financial position, well able to meet its obligations and liabilities.

The new Councillors will face many challenges over their term but I feel confident that the Council staff and Councillors will continue to build on the efforts of the two previous Upper Lachlan Shire Councils.

Mayor Shaw

I am pleased to announce that the Mayor, Cr. John Shaw, has recently been elected

as the Chair of the SEROC Board.

SEROC (South East Regional Organisation of Councils comprising 12 local government authorities and the ACT Government) and its member Councils are reaping the benefits of working together with cash savings and additional services being delivered to the community through joint projects.

Mayor Shaw with his experience and dedication to good governance will be a positive force within this organisation.

Annual Report

It is with immense satisfaction that Upper Lachlan Shire Council presents the 2011/2012 Annual Report. I am proud to have led the committed team of Council staff over the past year through some demanding times to continue to deliver services to the community.

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council Annual Report is presented under the Local Government Act 1993, in accordance with the provisions of Section 428, which sets out the Council's statutory reporting requirements. Such reporting mechanisms are an important means by which Council

is able to demonstrate to the local community the results of Council's positive and prudent governance and financial management.

Once again, this year's report illustrates that Council continues to deliver a wide range of quality services to the community within a challenging global financial environment. With the support of our Councillors, some difficult decisions were made to match the budget with the available revenues. The vast majority of Council's programs have achieved their key performance indicators and Council has met all State and Federal Government statutory requirements within required deadlines.

Financial Position Report

This year's Annual Report confirms that the Upper Lachlan Shire Council is in a solid financial position and has the capacity to meet all provisions and liabilities. The independent external audit of the Council's Financial Statements, by Morse Group Accountants, confirms a net operating result for 2011/2012 from all Council activities surplus of \$2.44 million

for the year (before capital grants and contributions).

Conclusion

The Council's overall financial position remains sound and our long term financial strategy allows for the ongoing development of a realistic infrastructure renewal program whilst identifying opportunities for service delivery review.

Council continues to communicate in a number of responsive ways including the award winning quarterly "Voice Newsletter", community surveys, media releases, face to face discussions, from our website, community outreach meetings and engagement forums.

Our residents and customers will ultimately be the judge of Council's success. Comments, complaints and compliments are welcomed - I encourage you to provide Council with feedback regularly.

As General Manager of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council, I look forward to the challenges ahead and commend the Annual Report as positive confirmation that the Upper Lachlan Shire Council is proceeding into the future with a solid foundation.



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QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED OF COUNCIL

COMMERCIAL WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

Who pays the commercial waste charge?

The Commercial Waste Charge is applicable to all businesses and non-residential properties within the serviced towns and villages (Binda, Laggan, Grabben Gullen, Crookwell, Taralga, Gunning, Collector, Dalton & Breadalbane).

How much will I pay for the commercial waste charge?

The Commercial Waste Charge for 2012/2013 is \$422.00 per annum and will appear on the rate notice for each individual property.

What services does the commercial waste charge include?

The charge entitles ratepayers to one weekly collection of a 240 litre red bin of waste and one fortnightly collection of a 240 litre yellow bin of co-mingled recycling.

Can I have additional commercial bins?

Council can offer additional bins in pairs, in any combination eg. one garbage and one recycle or two garbage or two recycle.

The charge for additional bins is \$422.00 per annum for two bins.

What happens if my bin gets lost or stolen?

Replacement bins can be issued at the Council adopted, scheduled fee. The fee for 2012-2013 for a 240 litre bin \$64.00. Second hand bins are also available at \$47.00 each. It is recommended that you return your bins to your property, without delay, to avoid being lost or stolen.

If you would like to request additional bins or discuss any waste and recycling matters please contact the Operations Department on 02 4830 1062.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Noxious Weeds Section regularly receives questions on a range of issues relating to the management of weeds. A summary of some of these enquiries may be of assistance to our local community, Council's Noxious Weeds Manager; Mr. Paul Brown is available to discuss weed control issues and can be contacted at Council's Taralga Office on 4840 2099.

What is the difference between a weed and a noxious weed?

The most widely accepted definition of a

weed is 'a plant growing where it is not wanted.

In NSW, noxious weeds are plants that have been declared under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 by the Minister for Primary Industries. Weeds with the potential to impact on agriculture, animal or human health or damage the environment are potential candidates for declaration as noxious weeds.

The Act requires that all owners or occupiers of land have a responsibility to control noxious weeds on their property. Information on the list of noxious weeds and the control requirements can be obtained from Council's Weed Officers. The main intent of the Act is to restrict the spread of serious weeds and protect other landholders from weed invasion.

Does Council have responsibility to control noxious weeds?

Under the Act Council has the same responsibility to control noxious weeds as private landholders. Landowners can forward any concerns they have with any noxious weed growth on Council land to the Noxious Weeds Manager and arrangements will be made for control works.

Why does Upper Lachlan Shire Council need a noxious weed control program?

Weeds are everyone's problem. When one landowner fails to control weeds, they can spread to other properties where they can cause great harm and reduce property values. The successful control of noxious

weeds enables us all to live in a healthier environment and also protects agricultural production within our community.

What can people do to prevent and control invasive weed infestations?

Know your weeds, learn to recognize and identify invasive plants on your land, and share this information and control efforts with your neighbors.

Early detection is the key, record weed locations and have any unusual vegetation identified by Council's Weed Officers.

Prevent weeds from establishing; Dig out isolated or new patches of weeds; Don't let invasive plants go to seed.

Implement an integrated weed management program for existing infestations.

What is integrated weed management?

Integrated weed management (IWM) is a term used to describe the long term management of a weed using a combination of different management and control techniques. An IWM approach will be tailored for a given weed based on its ecology, density and the land-use situation in which it occurs.

Weed management techniques include physical/ mechanical, chemical, biological and cultural control practices. All of these techniques may be part of an IWM system, it's unlikely that a single control measure on its own will be effective over the long-term however a combination of techniques are more likely to be successful.



Invitation



NSW RENEWABLE ENERGY DAY Free Bus Trip to the Gunning Wind Farm

ACCIONA Energy invites members of the Gunning and surrounding communities to join a free bus trip to the Gunning Wind Farm, as part of Renewable Energy Day. Renewable Energy Day 2012 is being held on 21 November 2012 to provide information and education about renewable energy to the broader community who live and work in the south-east region of NSW.

DATE: Wednesday 21 November 2012

TIME: MORNING BUS – Departs 10.00am (Returns 12.30pm)
AFTERNOON BUS – Departs 1.00pm (Returns 3.30pm)

WHERE: Bus pick up/drop off at Gunning Shire Hall, Copeland Street Gunning

WHAT: The tour will provide information about the Gunning Wind Farm as well as getting to see a wind turbine up close (weather permitting).
Please wear warm clothes and covered shoes.

NUMBERS STRICTLY LIMITED. Please RSVP by 19 November 2012 to reserve your place.

To reserve your spot on the bus please call **1800 283 550** or email gunning@acciona.com.au.

WORKS AND OPERATIONS

FUTURE WORKS PROGRAM

The following is an outline of the Council's Work Program over the period of November 2012 through January 2013. Scheduled work priorities may well be impacted by unfavourable weather conditions and other unplanned occurrences.

Reconstruction, sealing and rehabilitation

Taralga Road reconstruction and sealing; will commence in October and continue through to December. Work is expected to take approximately 12 weeks to complete, (commencing in September and continuing through November and early December).

Rural Local Sealed Roads pavement

rehabilitation Program will include Peelwood Road and Gurrundah Road. Work on each project is expected to take 12 days to complete with work commencing in early December and February respectively.

MR State Road R54 rehabilitation program.

This year's State Road Rehabilitation Program will include a 600m section on the eastern side of Wades Hill. Works are planned to commence in mid-January with the work expected to take 40 days to complete.

S94 Gravel Re-sheeting Program started in mid-October and is scheduled to be completed, (over 35 days) in early December.

Work for the RTA Gravel Re-sheeting Program is due to begin in early December and last until early mid- January for a period of 10 days.

Black Spot funding for MR 52 and McDonald St. intersection improvements will take place over five days in January.

Black Spot funding for the MR 256 Old Showground Road area is scheduled to run over five days starting in late January. Storm damage repair will be starting in late January and run for approximately 60 days.

Urban Unsealed Roads – Reconstruction and Sealing of Gundaroo St. East is planned for five days late January.

Rural Local Sealed Roads- Pavement Rehabilitation Gurrundah Road for ten days starting in late January through to early February.

Kerb and gutter of Laggan Road will be extended to Oram Street. The work is scheduled to take 15 days from mid-January until early February.

Storm Damage repairs on selected road will be continuing. Generally works involve replacement of gravel and drainage repairs. In addition Council will complete its gravel resheeting program on selected roads when in the area.

Other major projects scheduled in the second half of the year are : partial sealing Iron Mine Road, reconstruction of Mc

Donald Street Bridge, bitumen resealing selected roads and village stormwater drainage improvements.



NEW GRADER

Council has recently purchased a new Caterpillar, Model 12M grader from Westrac in Canberra. The machine will mainly be used on Council's construction work.

One of several special features of this machine is a GPS control system. This device will enable Council to produce high quality, exact work with less reliance on old fashion reference pegs.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Flood Study Crookwell, Taralga, Gunning and Collector

To assist the Community and State Emergency Services (SES) prepare for future floods, Council is preparing Flood Studies for Crookwell, Taralga, Gunning and Collector.

The Flood Studies will define flooding patterns and flood levels in the creeks and overland flow paths in and around the relevant villages.

To assist in the preparation of the Flood Studies, Council is seeking assistance from the Community in providing any information on historic floods and their impact on property and surrounding areas – this could include flood levels, rainfall records, photographs and videos of historic flood events.

Community Information fliers and Community Questionnaires for each village can be downloaded from Council's website: http://upperlachlan.local-e.nsw.gov.au/index.php?option=com_jentlacontent&view=enhanced&id=488643

BICYCLEINFO WEBSITE

The Bicycleinfo website which was launched in early 2011 is a comprehensive source of all NSW Government cycling information. The site features information on cycling in New South Wales providing news, events, bike paths, safety information, cycleway maps, how to prepare a bicycle plan, plus much more.

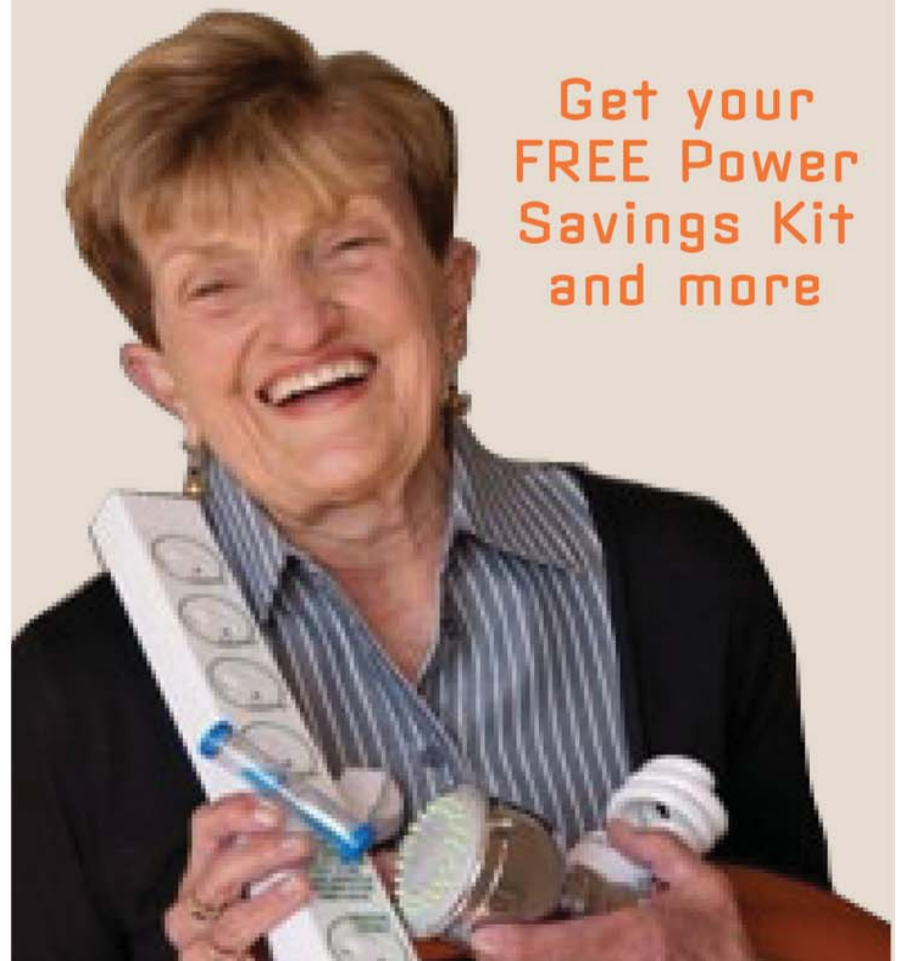
The Bicycleinfo website has a great section for NSW cyclists to "Report a cycle safety hazard". This function has been created to service all of NSW to ensure hazards are reported and directed to the appropriate authority.

The homepage also features various NSW localities that hold cycling events and are bicycle-friendly places to visit.



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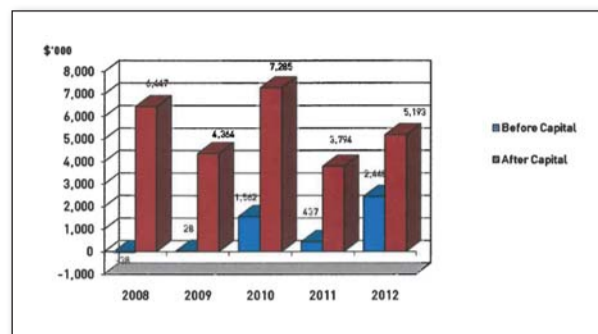
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Council's Financial Position

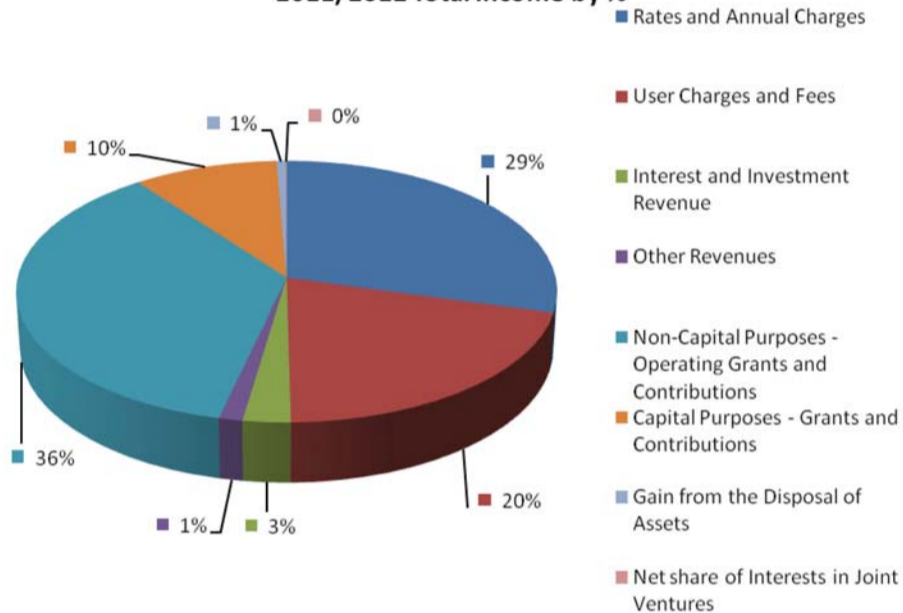
Financial Performance Measures	Indicator	2012	2011	2010	2009
Unrestricted Current Ratio	Ratio	4.25	3.44	3.28	3.34
Debt Service Ratio	Percentage	4.70%	3.56%	3.30%	2.60%
Total Cash and Investments (millions)	Dollars	\$15.1	\$12.1	\$10.7	\$9.8
Rate Coverage Ratio	Ratio	0.29	0.33	0.29	0.30
Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding	Percentage	3.08%	2.86%	2.65%	2.64%
Building and Infrastructure Renewals	Ratio Ratio	0.77	1.00	1.07	1.84
Operating Result (before capital grants and contributions)	(\$000)	2,448	437	1,562	28

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

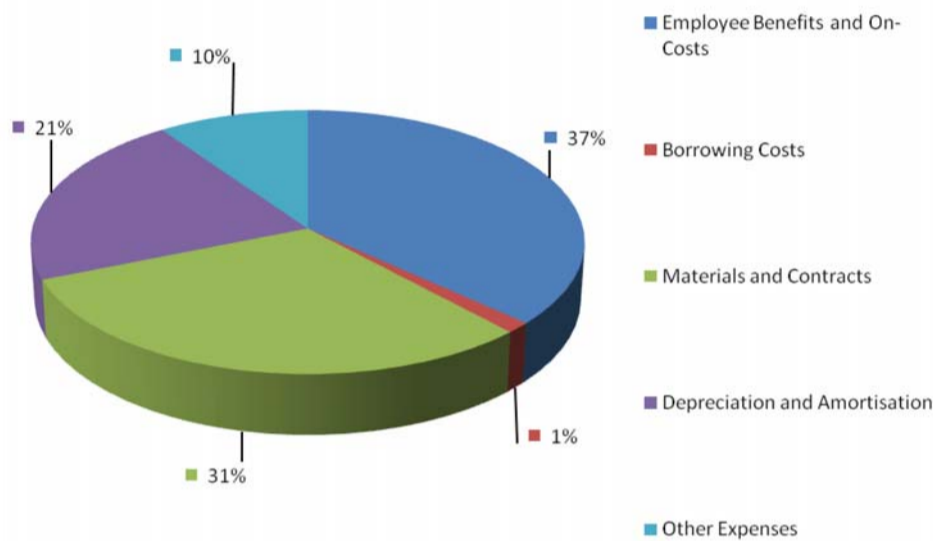
The Council's Operating Result for the past five financial years from 2008 to 2012 is seen in this graph:



2011/2012 Total Income by %



2011/2012 Total Operating Expenditure by %



Gullen Range Wind Farm – Construction Start Notification



Gullen Range Wind Farm (the Project) early construction works are scheduled to start on **Monday 17 September 2012**, weather permitting. Catcon and Consolidated Power Projects have been engaged by Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd to construct the Project.

What to expect

Early construction works will run from **17 September 2012** until **1 October 2012**, weather permitting. Activities undertaken during this time may include:

- implementation of environmental management controls
- establishment of temporary site offices and facilities
- upgrading on site roads
- preparation of the concrete footings
- transportation of people and equipment to site.

Work on site will generally take place during standard construction hours:

- Monday to Friday: 7am – 6pm
- Saturday: 8am – 1pm

Full construction activities are scheduled to start on **1 October 2012** and will continue through to late 2013. For further information, please contact us on:

Freecall: 1800 509 711

Email: info@gullenrangewindfarm.com

Mail: Level 23, 201 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000

www.gullenrangewindfarm.com

HIDDEN TREASURE UNCOVERED IN GUNNING



Pam Lees is pictured above receiving the NSW Hidden Treasures Award from Mayor John Shaw at the October 18 meeting of Council held in Gunning. Pam was one of 126 women nominated for the 2012 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll, an initiative of the Rural Women's Network, NSW Department of Primary Industries, to recognise rural women volunteers. The 2012 Honour Roll was launched on Saturday 13 October by The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Small Business, at the NSW Rural Women's Gathering held in Parkes. Hidden Treasures acknowledges the important volunteer roles women play within NSW rural communities. It is not an award as such but a platform to pay tribute to rural women volunteers who

donate their time and energy to help others. Pam, aged 80 this year, was recognized for her volunteering work with P&C, Mother's Club, Gunning Lions Club and Gunning & District Garden Club.

Nomination process

Nominating a rural woman for the *Hidden Treasures Honour Roll* is a great way to celebrate rural women from across New South Wales who give so much of their time to improving our communities and neighbourhoods.

You can nominate a friend, family member, colleague, community worker - any rural woman who you believe makes your community a better place to live. To nominate a Hidden Treasures volunteer simply complete the Nomination Form and tell us a short 'story' about why your nominee is worthy. All rural women nominated are included in the annual Honour Roll. NB: Nominations will only be accepted for NSW rural women. 'Rural' is defined as anyone living outside the large metropolitan centres of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong. Nominations for the 2013 Honour roll will open 1 May and close 16 August 2013. For more information call 02 6391 3620 or email: rural.women@dpi.nsw.gov.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ACROSS THE UPPER LACHLAN

What's On in the Shire of Villages

Event	Location	Date	Contact
Richlands Homestead Open Day	Richlands via Taralga	November 3	Pat & Bob Blay – 4840 6162
Dalton Spring Fair	Dalton	November 3	Dalton School – 4845 6210
Footrot Flats – CADS Production	Crookwell Memorial Hall	November 2,3,4 and 8,9, 10	Sandra Bill – 4832 1685
Gunning Uniting Church Flower Show &Fete	Warrataw St Gunning	November 10	Beth Baines – 4845 6271
Open Gardens Scheme	Gunning – 2 locations	November 10 and 11	www.opengardens.org.au
Bite Sized Circus	Gunning Showground	November 13	Eve Everard – 0414 823 417
Bite Sized Circus	Crookwell Memorial Park	November 16	Eve Everard – 0414 823 417
Heritage Rally	Taralga Showground	November 17 and 18	Dana McLean – 0425 270 763
AP&H Team Penning	Crookwell Showground	November 17 and 18	Gillian Cummins – 0429 321 380
Binda's Xmas Bonanza	Binda	November 18	Kayleen Burt – 0448 410 728
Art on the Range Exhibition	Crookwell Art Gallery	November 23, 24, and 25	Jeremy Goodman – 4848 1295
Crookwell Lions Christmas Market	Santa's Hideaway Crookwell	November 24	Norm Fountain – 4832 0047
Crookwell Community Singers Christmas Carols	Crookwell	November 25	Margaret Wheelwright - 4843 2251
Carols by Glowstick	Laggan	December 1	Sally Hutchings – 4832 2587
Squash Xmas Doubles	Crookwell	December 1 and 2	Crookwell Squash & Fitness Centre - 4832 1355
Carols by Glowstick	Laggan	December 1	Sally Hutchings – 4832 2587
Crookwell Off Road Club Race Meet	Crookwell	December 2	Paul Allport – 4832 1521
Crookwell Xmas in the Park	Crookwell Memorial Park	December 8	Andrew Warren - 4832 1988
Laggan Christmas Markets	Laggan	December 8	Sue Townsend - 4837 3244
Taralga Christmas Carols	Taralga	December 23	Joyce Fleming – 4843 8122



For more information call Upper Lachlan Tourism on 4832 1988

OR

Find us on facebook – “Visit Upper Lachlan – The Shire of Villages”

WORK ACKNOWLEDGED_A



L-R: Margaret Shepherd, Karen Harwood, Mary Prell

The Crookwell District Art Gallery AGM on Thursday, 27 September, 2012, three

Life Memberships were awarded to Margaret Shepherd, Mary Prell and Karen Harwood. The awards were given for long dedicated service to the Gallery.

The Gallery was originally formed in 1990 with only three members, Jess Prell (deceased), Margaret Shepherd and Mary Prell. The first meeting was held in a vacant Crookwell shopfront whilst sitting on fruit boxes.

The CDAG is a group of volunteers who give their time and effort to run the Crookwell Gallery and ensure the safety of the Crookwell Art Collection.

CDAG Membership is \$15. The group meets at 4 PM the last Thursday in the month at the Gallery in Denison Street.

ART ON THE RANGE

The first 'Art On The Range' Exhibition was held in 2004 and has been held as a Bi-Annual event since.

Active since 1990, The Art Gallery Group's first show was held in the A.P &H Pavilion. Subsequent shows have been held in The Gallery at the Memorial Hall.

The works displayed range from Oils, Acrylics, and Watercolours, to Ceramics, Woodworks and Sculptures.

The ART ON THE RANGE Exhibition is representative of Artists from Local Areas, NSW, and the ACT.

The Crookwell Gallery Group are committed to supporting local artists and hold various shows during the year culminating in this Major Exhibition.

Each year paintings are chosen and purchased to add to the Gallery; which currently has 38 art works ranging from Landscapes and Still Lifes to Portraits.

The Exhibition will open on Friday, November 23, 2012 at 6:00 PM, At the Memorial Hall, Denison Street, Crookwell. The exhibition will continue on Saturday, November 24 (10:00 – 5:00) and Sunday November 25 (10:00 – 4:00).

Entry forms are available from the Crookwell Visitor Centre www.crookwellvisitorcentre.com

BLACK SHEEP PROVIDE 'SIXTH SENSE'

By unanimous decision, the Black Sheep Exhibition held at the Crookwell District Gallery Friday, October 19 through 21 was a huge success. The opening alone attracted approximately 70 visitors.

The 'Black Sheep Incorporated' is comprised of seven local like minded artists who cover a wide range of artistic styles and genres. The Group's philosophy is to use their art to encourage the community to take a wider view of what they consider art to entail. Members of the Group will be holding their own exhibition as well as other joint showings.



L - R; Hank Spirek, Leanne Kelly, Stephen Carroll, Lesley Gartell, Mandy McDonald, Catherine Ward and Walter Brecely.

TREES AND ROCKS EXHIBITION



Well known and respected Crookwell Region artists Sally Wilson and Mary Butt joined together to produce wonderful example of their recent paintings and photographs.

Both artists have enjoyed regional and statewide successes. Sally as a finalists twice in the Mortimore Prize as well as the Essential Energy and Central West art competitions.

While Mary was a top 50 finalist in the Heritage Acquisitive photography awards in Toowoomba and the BHP Cannington Waltzing Matilda Photography competition in Winton.

SPORT AND RECREATION'S SWIM AND SURVIVE



Lessons are scheduled in the Upper Lachlan on the following dates and times. Please phone 13 13 02 for more information. Do not phone the ULSC.

Crookwell Swimming Pool

Monday, January 7, 2013 to Thursday - January 17, 2013 9.30 AM – 1.00 PM

Gunning Swimming Pool

Monday, January 14, 2013 to Thursday, January 24, 2013 9.00AM – 11.00 AM



LOOK AFTER YOUR MATES

NSW DPI facilitated a process that ensures the ‘Look after your Mates’ network continues to provide an important social network into the future. This has created a platform for on-going facilitation of community building projects to further develop social and human capital in the Upper Lachlan Shire Council area.

Moving out of drought and looking toward future sustainability of the Upper Lachlan Community, an off shoot group from the original group of the ‘‘Look After Your Mates’’ volunteer leaders, wanted to support activities within the local community that would see the community survive future ups and downs. This group of volunteers was referred to as the 2020 Group. Youth leadership programs and climate variability/change workshops were 2 areas of focus, however every idea that the 2020 Group wanted to pursue locally, required significant funding to achieve. Therefore the 2020 Group came up with the concept of creating a community trust as a way of creating a community based process to capture funding and allocate the funding throughout the Upper Lachlan Community to benefit local community groups.

The 2020 Group then evolved into the Upper Lachlan Foundation Steering Committee (11 volunteers). The Upper Lachlan Foundation Inc. (ULF) was presented to the community via a network of community meetings in February 2011. ULF now has 130 members, over \$50 000 in capital funds invested with the ACT Public Trustee for perpetuity – working hand in hand with The GreaterGood, Capital Region Community Foundation. Following model rules, the Board was elected in February 2012, within 12 months of the launch of the foundation to drive the future direction of the ULF, with the aim of having \$2 millions of capital invested with ULF by 2013.

Additional volunteer community support for ULF has been shown through the services of a local person to create a website for the ULF. Other kind volunteer gestures include the creation of the ULF logo and marketing banner.

Community Foundations are based on small steps to assist our local community build future sustainability. These activities have all come about through volunteer energy from people who want small rural communities, undergoing significant change, to be sustainable well into the future. Where would we be without volunteers!

Contributed by Glenda McCue, Dick Kearins and Cath Carter

NOTICE TO PURCHASERS OF RURAL LAND

Some people who have little tolerance, have been complaining lately about their neighbours and what they ‘‘think’’ they are doing. One of the documents that is readily available to those who wish to live a rural life is reproduced here for your enlightenment.

Don’t purchase a property next to a park and expect all the kiddies to be quiet for you. Life doesn’t work that way. The same principal exists for rural living too.

Please note

1. The Council supports the rights of persons to carry out legitimate rural and agricultural uses and practices on rural land.
2. The Council will not support any action to interfere with the legitimate rural and agricultural use of rural land, where such activities or uses carried out in accordance with industry standards, relevant regulations or approvals. Council wishes to point out that some of the activities listed in point three will require formal consent of Council and or Government agencies.
3. Intending purchasers are advised that legitimate rural and agricultural uses of land may include: Aerial spraying; Animal husbandry and animal husbandry practices

(castration, dehorning etc.); Bush fire hazard reduction burning; Clearing and cultivation of land; Construction of access roads and tracks; Construction of dams, drains, landfill and contour banks; Construction of fire breaks; Dairies; Livestock yards; Intensive livestock waste disposal systems and ponds; Livestock feed lots; Logging and milling of timber; Machinery shed’s and rural ancillary works; Rural industries (eg. olive and rabbit processing plants); Tourism facilities; Silage production; Slashing and mowing vegetation; Traffic on unsealed roads; Use and repair of agricultural tractors, chainsaws, motor bikes etc., Weedicide spraying.

4. Intending purchasers of rural land who consider **they may have difficulty in living with the above practices being carried out on adjacent land should seriously consider their position with respect to purchasing in a rural area.**

Many rural agricultural practices, by necessity, are carried out very early in the morning or late into the evening.



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COUNCIL COMMITTEES



- Gunning Courthouse Management Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Searl
- Gunning Golf Club Management Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Shaw and Clr Searl (as alternate representative).
- Gunning Shire Hall and Showground Precinct Advisory Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Shaw and Clr Searl (as alternate representative).
- Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program Advisory Group**
Council Delegate: Clr Wheelwright and Clr Culhane (as alternate representative).
- Sporting Fields Committee**
Council Delegates: Clr Culhane (Chair), Clr O’Brien, Clr Barlow and Clr Craig.
- Stonequarry Cemetery Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Craig.
- Taralga War Memorial Hall Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Craig.
- Taralga Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program Advisory Group**
Council Delegate: Clr Craig and Clr

- McCormack** (as alternate representative).
- Tuena Hall and Recreation Area Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Wheelwright.
- Upper Lachlan Access Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Searl and Clr Wheelwright (as alternate representative).
- Upper Lachlan Australia Day Committee**
Council Delegates: Clr Craig and Clr O’Brien and Clr Culhane (as alternate representative).
- Upper Lachlan Tourist Association**
Council Delegates: Clr Searl and Clr Marshall.
- Youth Council (YA’MAD)**
Council Delegate: Clr Marshall.
- Collector Community Association**
Council Delegate: Clr Searl.
- Crookwell Community Consultation Committee (Health)**
Council Delegate: Clr Marshall and Clr Culhane (as alternate representative).
- Cullerin Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program Advisory Group**
Council Delegate: Clr Shaw
- Goulburn Mulwaree / Upper Lachlan Cancer Leadership Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Marshall.
- Grabine State Recreation Area Trust**
Council Delegate: Clr Wheelwright.
- Gunning District Community and Health Service Inc Management Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Shaw.
- Gunning Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program Advisory Group**
Council Delegate: Clr Shaw.
- ‘‘H’’ Division of Shires Association**
Council Delegate: Mayor.
- Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Authority - Local Government Advisory Group**
Council Delegate: Clr Craig.

- Kiamma Creek Landcare Group**
Council Delegate: Clr Barlow.
- Lachlan Catchment Management Authority - Local Government Advisory Group**
Council Delegate: Clr Barlow and Clr Wheelwright (as alternate representative).
- South East Australian Transport Strategy Inc (SEATS)**
Council Delegate: Clr Wheelwright and Clr Craig (as alternate representative).
- SEROC**
Council Delegate: Mayor
- Southern Tablelands Community Transport Committee**
Council Delegates: Clr Shaw, Clr O’Brien and Clr McCormack and Clr Craig (as alternate representative).
- Southern Tablelands Regional Arts Board**
Council Delegate: Tourism Manager.
- Southern Tablelands Library Cooperative**
Council Delegates: Clr Searl and Clr Culhane.
- Southern Tablelands (Rural Fire Services) Zone Liaison Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Wheelwright and Clr Culhane (as alternate representative).
- Southern Tablelands and South Coast Regional Noxious Plant Committee**
Council Delegate: Clr Craig
- Sydney Catchment Authority - Local Government Reference Panel**
Council Delegate: Clr Craig
- Taralga & District Historical Society**
Council Delegate: Clr Craig.
- Upper Lachlan Joint Regional Planning Panel**
Council Delegate: Clr Barlow.
- Upper Lachlan Local Emergency Management Committee Function:**
Council Delegate: Clr O’Brien.
- Upper Lachlan Regional Catchment Management Committee**
Council Delegates: Clr Wheelwright.

FREE MULCH

TO ULSC RESIDENTS
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WASTE FACILITY -
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ON 02 4830 1062

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Mulch is a natural product made from collected garden waste. Accordingly, Council does not provide any guarantees that it does not contain seeds, organisms, metal or other contaminants.

As a natural processed material, mulch may contain allergens and other micro-organisms which could contribute to skin irritations and respiratory conditions in some users.

The recipient of the supply accepts the terms of the disclaimer printed on this form. The recipient is responsible for the safe loading of the mulch and its transportation. Council strongly recommend the use of Personal Protective Equipment when handling mulch including heavy duty gloves, long sleeve shirt and pants, safety glasses and dust mask or other respiratory aids. Please securely fasten a tarpaulin over your load of mulch prior to exiting the Waste Facility.

Bulk quantities are by arrangement only. Contact Council on 02 4830 1062

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GUNNING *the laid back* COMMUNITY

COME TO LIVE OR COME TO VISIT.

You will find Gunning has a laid back country ambience in a charming historical setting. Located about half an hour's drive from Goulburn, Yass and Crookwell with Canberra and Queanbeyan a little further afield, Gunning offers a very attractive life style with easy commuting opportunities .

History

Settled in 1838, Gunning has seen land taken up for pastoral pursuits and witnessed the passage of explorers such as Hume and Hovell in 1824 as they blazed the trail from Sydney to Melbourne.

The early days of settlement were marked with some notorious events such as the murder of Henry Duncley by his wife and her lover and the Siege of Gunning when

John Kennedy Hume was murdered by a member of the infamous Whitton gang.

On offer now

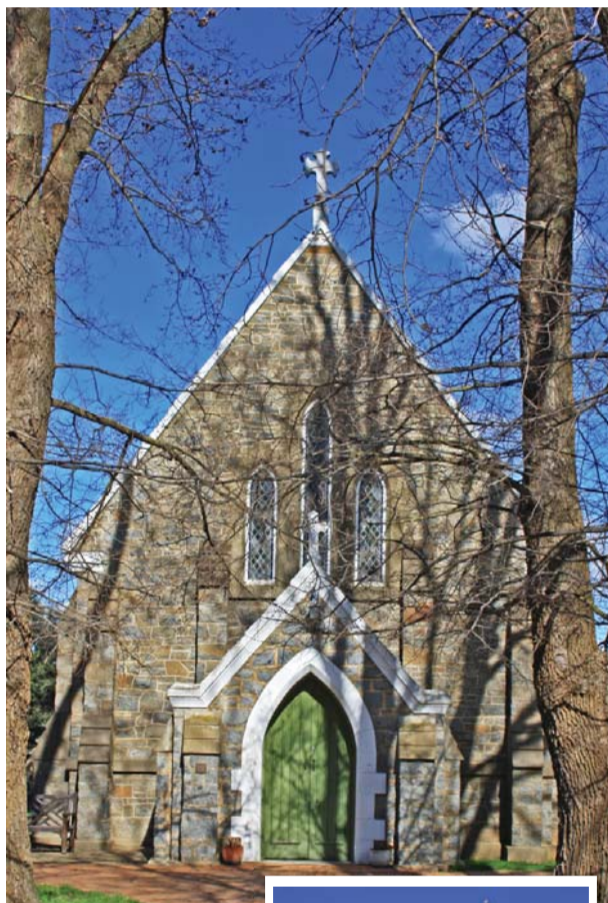
The village of Gunning can guarantee you a cuppa, a cold one, a meal or a bed at virtually any time with five eateries, a pub, motel and B & B.

The village may have been bypassed in 1993 with the re-alignment of the Hume Highway but the business of looking after the travelling public as well as the locals is alive and well, seven days a week from about seven in the morning.

The Gunning district, predominantly rural with sheep and cattle the primary industries, is serviced by thriving businesses including rural supplies, garages, wool merchants, carriers, building trades and more. There is a news agency, Post Office, butchery and small goods store. Some of the district's larger businesses source their revenue from work performed outside the shire.



BLESSED



Gunning is blessed with three churches serving the Catholic, Uniting and Anglican faithful.

Outreach to the wider community includes marriages regularly sanctified and funerals solemnly performed.

Couples preferring civil ceremonies can take advantage of the picturesque Meadow Creek setting of Barbour Park.

Top: Saint Edmunds Church.
Insert: Uniting Church

STRONG SOCIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES



Children are well catered for in Gunning from babies through to Year 6 primary school. The Gunning Early Learning Centre (4845 1396) celebrates 30 years of early childhood education this November, a tribute to the foresight of earlier residents.

The Gunning Public School (02 4845 1129) recently celebrated 150 years of public education. Holiday programs together with before and after school care is available through OOSH (02 4845 1710).

Visits to the Gunning Library (02 4845 1231) are a regular part of the primary school curriculum with fortnightly story telling for pre-schoolers by volunteers. The Library has a wide range of books, CD's and audio books available for all ages and tastes.

The social, sporting and cultural needs of the community

are well catered for through a variety of organizations. These include the Pye Cottage Museum, a reminder of yesteryear (02 4845 1797).

Gunning has the Lions Club with its fortnightly Noticeboard (02 4845 1049), a valued local information resource; the Focus Group (02 4845 1566) that brings well renowned musicians and drama to the village; the tennis and golf clubs and the snooker club with two beautiful old tables. The Gunning PA&I (Show) Society will host its 111 show in February, 2013 in the Gunning showground, a venue keenly valued for other significant events such as Fireworks Festival, National Cycling, Pony Club, Campdraft and Mounted Games competitions. "Haulin' the Hume", a vintage truck convoy is set down to visit in April 2013.

COMMUNITY CARE

The health and wellbeing of the district is very well catered for through Gunning Community Care, located in the newly refurbished historic Gunning Court House.

This Gunning Community Centre is a not-for-profit charitable organization (02 4845 1166) built on years of dedicated work by earlier community nurses.

Services include baby health clinic, physiotherapy, podiatry, psychological counseling, frozen food service, home visits, blood tests and a regular GP clinic.

There are regular outings and group activities for older residents, including the socially and geographically isolated with an ambitious project for senior's housing currently underway.

by Anne Darbyshire



Historic Gunning Court House

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THE VOICE



Above left: A male Gang-gang cockatoo.
Above right: The rescued female Gang-gang in her hospital cage. Inset: Until Gang-gang was strong enough to self-feed, she was crop fed, to ensure she received adequate nutrition to aid her recovery.
(Photos by Peggy MacDonald - Wingecarribee WIRES)

A VERY SPECIAL RESCUE

It's not often that Southern Tablelands WIRES has the opportunity to rescue a threatened species, but recently a female Gang-gang cockatoo was found near Crookwell standing stunned in the middle of the road amongst a lot of feathers, obviously having suffered a vehicle collision. She was still 'with it' enough to not want to be caught, and latched onto and opened up one of our volunteer member's fingers – a good sign (although the member wasn't impressed!) The bewildered Gang-

gang was taken straight to Crookwell Vet Hospital where an examination revealed nothing broken (fortunately), and a diagnosis of head and/or spinal trauma was made. She was taken into temporary care with our branch, and subsequently transferred to a specialist carer at Fitzroy Falls. She received intensive TLC in a heated hospital cage for 8 days, with a further 8 days in a hospital aviary, eventually making a full recovery. As she lost a lot of feathers from one wing, and also all of her tail feathers, she remained in further care for quite some time until the feathers regrew enabling her

to fly, after which she was successfully released.

The Gang-gang cockatoo (*Callocephalon fimbriatum*) is listed as a 'Vulnerable Species' under the 'New South Wales Threatened Species Conservation Act' – so every one we can save is a bonus.

SOME QUICK GANG-GANG FACTS:

- Males are slate-grey with a scarlet head and crest.
- Females have a grey head and crest, and the feathers on the under-parts are edged with salmon pink.
- Gang-gangs require hollows in the trunks or large limbs of old growth trees in which to breed.
- They do not breed until the relatively late age of four years, so this combined with feral predation, habitat loss and degradation, has contributed to the species decline.

For help with injured wildlife please ring our Rescue number – 4822 3888, our volunteers will be only too happy to assist.



MAYOR GREETES SPORTING ACHIEVERS

The Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire Council, John Shaw, held a reception on Thursday, September 20 to acknowledge the achievements of local athlete Nicholas Skelly and Grace Hoskins who have been scholarship holders with the South East Regional Academy of Sport (SERAS) in 2012.

SERAS executive director, Garry Lane, provided a brief update on the academy and outlined the activities undertaken by the academy this year. He then introduced the athletes to the Mayor who presented them with a certificate to acknowledge their year on scholarship.

Grace, from Collector, was a member of the Netball Program and Nicholas, from Laggan, is an up and coming middle order batsman and spin bowler who plays



L-R: Essential Energy Regional General Manager Phil Green; Nicholas Skelly; Mayor John Shaw; Grace Hosking; SERAS Chairman Mick Mayhew.

cricket for Western District/University of Canberra in the ACT. Nicholas held an individual scholarship in the Essential Energy Program and their regional general manager Phil Green was on hand to congratulate him.

Mayor Shaw responded by acknowledging the good work done by the academy and confirming Council's ongoing support.

Garry Lane – SERAS Executive Director

SNAKE BITES MRS JAMES HAMMOND OF GRABBen GULLEN

SNAKE-BITE

The correspondent of the Goulburn Argus at Grabben Gullen writes as follows; Under date of November 25, 1865: On Wednesday, the 22nd instant, about seven o'clock in the evening, as Mrs James Hammond, of Grabben Gullen, was looking after some pigs that were in the sty close to the house, she felt something bite her toe, and looking down she discovered a large snake. She made all possible speed to the house, and got a young man that happened to be there at the time to chop off one of the small toes together with a portion of the outside of the left foot. Mrs Hammond displayed the greatest courage on the occasion, as she held her foot tightly grasped round the ankle on a block for the operation. The young man in the meantime, provided with a tomahawk and axe, laid the tomahawk along the outside of her foot from the small toe and then struck it down with the axe. He had to repeat the blow four times before he took the piece clean off.

It seems the man was only recovering from the kick of a young horse received some ten minutes previously, so that after he gave the first stroke he became faint, and Mrs Hammond had to tell him to go on and take the toe right off which he did after four blows.

Mrs Hammond is without a doubt one of the stoutest-hearted women I ever beheld, as she endured all without a murmur. It is most wonderful to see the boot she had on at the time, as there is the mark of six of the snake's teeth right through the upper part, and the same six marks were in the toe, which was bleeding freely. She felt rather unwell all night and part of next day, but she is now, I am glad to say, doing as well as can be expected, and she is considered out of danger.

News article: Goulburn Argus November 25, 1865.

Article provided by the Crookwell and District Historical Society, PO Box 161, Crookwell NSW 2583 Telephone: 02 48 320630 Email: cwlfamhist@goulburn.net.au



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