

Healthy Funding Boost for the Upper Lachlan

The Upper Lachlan Shire has received a healthy \$6.6 million funding injection from the NSW Government.

Five community projects will share in \$1,188,772 under Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF 2). They include:

- \$300,000 for the Active Villages Project, which will see the construction of outdoor gyms at Gunning, Dalton, Collector and Taralga;
- \$67,000 for the construction of a pergola at Breadalbane Hall;
- \$356,772 for Council's Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan first priorities. The project includes shared pathways in Taralga (Orchard Street to Taralga Showground) and priority shared pathway projects in Bigga and Binda villages;
- \$315,000 for the fit out of the Crookwell Memorial Oval Community Sports Centre; and
- \$150,000 for the Lights Football Action Project, which will install flood lights at Crookwell's Lin Cooper Sporting Fields.

Council's funding application was informed by expressions of interest received from the community during March.

Council has also received a combined \$5,428,118 for the upgrade of Grabine Road and Wombeyan Caves Road under the NSW Government's Growing Local Economies Fund.

Of that funding \$3,300,000 will be used for the reconstruction and sealing of three sections of Grabine Road, with Council to contribute a further \$200,000 towards the project.

\$2,428,118 will be allocated to seal 2.5km of



Main Picture: Member for Goulburn Pru Goward at the Crookwell Outdoor Community Gym. Similar outdoor gyms will be constructed at Gunning, Dalton, Collector and Taralga as part of the Active Villages Project.



Inset: Member for Goulburn Pru Goward, Upper Lachlan Shire Mayor John Stafford and Council's General Manager John Bell look over plans for the upgrade of Grabine Road and Wombeyan Caves Road, which will be partly funded with a combined \$5,428,118 under the NSW Government's Growing Local Economies Fund.

Wombeyan Caves Road, with a further \$100,000 contributed by Council.

The road upgrades will help boost tourism in the region by providing safer, more accessible roads to the Grabine Lakeside Reflections Tourist Park and Wombeyan Caves. Freight and resident use of these roads will also be significantly improved.

Upper Lachlan Shire Mayor John Stafford welcomed the funding boost.

"On behalf of Council and the community I would like to thank the NSW Government and Pru Goward for this significant investment in our Shire's towns and villages," Cr Stafford said.

"The projects funded under the SCCF 2 will help to improve livability and accessibility and encourage healthy lifestyles, and the upgrade to Grabine and Wombeyan Caves Roads will help boost tourism and increase driver safety.



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FROM THE

Welcome to the November 2018 edition of *The Voice* – my first edition as Mayor of the Upper Lachlan Shire.

It is an enormous privilege to represent our community and an honour I do not take lightly.

While I am an elected representative for the community there are many other groups and individuals working to make our Shire the wonderful place that it is.

Our Shire is truly diverse. While we are strongly steeped in agriculture, we are also experiencing an increase in urban development, along with other, more diverse business and tourism opportunities.

Plus our location makes the Upper Lachlan the ideal place to live, work, invest and visit. This positions us with the opportunity to advance the Upper Lachlan so it remains vibrant and viable now and into the future, while retaining our distinct charm and character.

As Mayor, I look forward to working with Deputy Mayor John Searl JP, my fellow Councillors, and Council staff, to listen to the needs of all ratepayers across the Shire's towns and villages.

FROM THE



This is the last edition of *The Voice* for 2018, and what a year it's been.

Among our major projects has been the completion of the \$7 million Crookwell water supply upgrade, the introduction of a garden waste service for the Shire, and the full sealing of State Road MR54 (Goulburn to Crookwell to Bathurst to Illalong Road).

This year the Shire has also continued to benefit from significant grant funding that will enhance our Shire's towns and villages, including but not limited to funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund and the Growing Local Economies Fund.

While Council has made great strides, we will continue to work hard to meet the needs of our community.

To assist us this in this aim, we are currently seeking input to help determine project and spending priorities for the 2019-2020 budget financial year.

I would encourage all interested members of our community to lodge written submissions for the Draft 2019-2020 Operational Plan and Delivery Program (see details below), so resources are allocated in-line with community expectations.

Christmas/New Year Closures

Council wishes to advise that our Crookwell and Gunning Administration Offices and Depots will be closed from 12 noon on Friday, 21 December 2018 and will reopen at 9.00am on Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

The Taralga Administration Office will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The Crookwell Visitor Information Centre will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and will reopen from 9.00am on Thursday, 27 December 2018.

Crookwell and Gunning Libraries will be closed from 12 noon on Friday, 21 December 2018 and will reopen at 1.30pm and 2.00pm respectively on Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

Crookwell and Gunning Swimming Pools will be closed on Christmas Day only (subject to staff availability).

Crookwell Tip and the Taralga and Collector Waste Transfer Stations will be open as usual. The Gunning Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, 26 December 2018 and instead open Thursday, 27 December 2018.

Alterations to the kerbside waste and recycling services over the Christmas/New Year period will be as follows*:

- **Monday, 24 December 2018: All Crookwell recycling (yellow bin) collection**
- Tuesday, 25 December 2018 and Wednesday, 26 December 2018: No collections
- **Thursday, 27 December 2018: Crookwell, Taralga, Binda, Laggan and Grabben Gullen waste (red bin) collection**
- **Friday, 28 December 2018: Gunning waste (red bin) and garden waste (green bin) collection; Taralga, Binda, Laggan and Grabben Gullen garden waste (green bin) collection**
- **Monday, 31 December 2018: Crookwell waste (red bin) and garden waste (green bin) collection**
- Tuesday, 1 January 2019: No collections

From Wednesday, 2 January 2019 normal collection times will resume.

*Collection times may vary. Please place bins out the night prior to ensure collection.

Draft 2019-2020 Operational Plan and Delivery Program

Council is calling on community groups and individuals to lodge written submissions for the Draft 2019-2020 Operational Plan and Delivery Program.

We are seeking input from the community to help determine project and spending priorities for the 2019-2020 budget financial year.

Further information and copies of the Submission Form are available to

download from Council's website:
www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be forwarded to: Upper Lachlan Shire Council, PO Box 42, Gunning NSW 2581 or emailed to: council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au by 4.30pm on Monday, 3 December 2018.

For further information, please contact Council's Management Accountant, Joemel Amados on 4830 1000.

Council Mailing Address

The community is reminded that **all correspondence** should be mailed to: **PO Box 42, Gunning NSW 2581.**

Any mail posted to PO Box 10, Crookwell and 44 Spring Street, Crookwell will be

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Emergency after hours contact numbers:

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Roads, bridges and tips, water and sewer: **0429 786 659**

Gunning / Dalton / Breadalbane / Collector / Jerrawa areas:

Roads, bridges and tips, water and sewer: **0427 454 206**

Postal address: PO Box 42, Gunning NSW 2581 (for all offices)

Council Offices:

Crookwell Office: 44 Spring St, Crookwell - Open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm | Ph: 4830 1000, Fax: 4832 2066

Gunning Office: 123 Yass St, Gunning - Open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.00pm | Ph: 4845 4100, Fax: 4845 1426

Taralga Community Service Centre: 29 Orchard St, Taralga - Open

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm | Ph: 4840 2099, Fax: 4840 2296

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LIBRARY BIZ with Michaela Olde Manager, Library Services



What's New

New books at Crookwell Library



New cracking good reads on display at Crookwell Library.

Crookwell Library has a range of new book titles, replacing some of those that were lost in the February 2017 storm. Around 12,000 books valued at approximately \$43,000 were damaged.

The new books can be found in the western, large print, biography, non-fiction war and Australian collections. Most of these titles are brand new titles that the library did not have on the shelves.

Thank you to the community for their patience while the stock has been replaced. Stop by Crookwell Library and have a look at all the new titles on offer.

titles on offer for



Maree Roche.

Maree provided a wonderful welcoming environment where members of the community could come to find information or feel more connected with others. Maree was an asset to the library and its community. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

On Saturday mornings you will see a new face at Gunning Library. Lesley Rose has joined the team, working every second Saturday.

budding readers.

Staff movements at Gunning Library

After over 12 years at the Gunning Library, we recently bid farewell to Librarian Maree Roche.

Did you know?

Gunning Library is open on Saturday mornings from 10.00am-12.00pm. You can borrow books, magazines, music and audiobooks, or borrow from the extensive DVD collection for a movie night. Need to check your email, do some internet searching or some homework? The computers and wifi are free to use.

If you're not a member of the library simply pop in and fill-in a membership form. It's free to join!

Summer Reading Club

The Summer Reading Club will be run at Council's libraries from 1 December 2018 to 31 January 2019. It is a great way to discover

Coming soon

Garden Book Sale

Crookwell Friends of the Library will be holding a book sale at the Crookwell Memorial Hall Foyer from 9.00am-3.00pm on Saturday, 10 November 2018 and 10.00am-2.00pm on Sunday, 11 November 2018 to coincide with the Crookwell Garden Festival weekend. Everything is \$2 or fill a bag for \$10.

"What Men Can Do to Stop Violence against Women" - free talk by Daniel Strickland, White Ribbon Ambassador

Where: Gunning Library

When: 11.00am-11.45am on Saturday, 17 November 2018

Bee Talk

Join us for a free and informative talk about bees from the Goulburn District Beekeeper's Club. Learn about the best plants for your garden to encourage both native and honey bee populations, and managing your garden to assist with bee health.

When: Gunning Library: 10.45am-11.45am on Saturday, 24 November 2018

Crookwell Library: 3.00pm-4.00pm on Tuesday, 4 December 2018

Bus trip to the Rome: City and Empire Exhibition, Canberra

Join Crookwell Friends of the Library on a bus trip to visit the Rome: City and Empire Exhibition at the National Museum of Australia, in Canberra.

When: Departing from Crookwell Library at 8.00am on Wednesday, 16 January 2018

Cost: \$15 for the bus trip, plus entry to the exhibition (\$24 for adults, \$20 for concessions, \$60 for families, and \$12 for children). All spots on the bus must be booked and paid for by Tuesday, 18 December 2018.

Library Contact Details

Crookwell Library Phone: 4832 1048



New early readers at Gunning Library

The Friends of Gunning Library recently bought new early readers for Gunning Library valued at \$400.

There are lots of new Some of the new early readers at Gunning Library.

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TOURISM HAPPENINGS from the Upper Lachlan Tourist Association

Collector
Punching
above its Weight

For a small village, Collector has an amazing number of things going on including a brand new dining experience and a cellar door that is going from strength to strength.

In July, Christiane Cocum opened 'Kiki's In The Grove' a new dining experience on the grounds of Fedra Olive Grove on the Federal Highway at Collector. Christiane is showcasing food and beverage from across the Canberra region and giving travellers a gourmet alternative to stopping at the big service centres. High quality, regional food experiences are highly sought after and we expect Kiki's to become a destination dining experience for friends and family to meet up and enjoy not only great food but stunning



Some of the food (and views) on offer at Kiki's In the Grove.

views across the region. In its first year of operation, Collector Wines was awarded as 2017 Best Small Cellar Door in the Canberra District by *Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine* and in September this year their 2016 Tiger Tiger Chardonnay took out the top prize for best chardonnay at the National Show of Australia - Royal National Capital Agricultural Society (RNCAS) Canberra and Region Wine Show. You can purchase the 2016 Tiger Tiger at the Collector Wines Cellar Door at 7 Murray Street, Collector (open Thursday to Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm), online at www.collectorwines.com.au or at the



Collector Wines won Best Cellar Door in 2017 and recently took out the top prize for their Tiger Tiger Chardonnay. Crookwell Visitor Information Centre.

So that northbound travellers are reminded of the great experiences available in Collector the billboard on the Federal Highway that encourages people to turn off, has been redone in line with the new Gunning billboard on the Hume Highway. The new billboard features the welcoming face of Pumpkin Joe, the mascot of the famous Collector Village



The new billboard promoting Collector. Pumpkin Festival held each May.

Promoting Canberra's
Backyard to Canberrans

Every October tourism staff exhibit at the Canberra Home and Leisure Show where over 20,000 people, mostly Canberrans, go to buy a new caravan, research their next trip or learn some cooking tips. Each year we are amazed by the number of long term Canberra residents who have never explored the region surrounding the ACT. Last month Upper Lachlan exhibited once again as part of the Taste the Tablelands stand. We used regional food and wine to start the conversation about taking a short break and enjoying the many and varied experiences on offer north of the city. The timing of the show is also perfect for promoting the Crookwell Garden Festival – to be held on 10 and 11 November 2018 – which is attracting over 1,500 visitors and growing.

New Destination Guide

Tourism staff have been busy working with industry to produce the biennial Destination Guide that is distributed to Visitor Information Centres and other key outlets around the state. The guide outlines the breadth of things to see and do, where to eat and drink, great walks, rides and drives and the many places to stay. With so many great new attractions opening up

Tim the Yowie Man Shines
Spotlight on Gunning



Tim the Yowie Man and his crew filming in Gunning. Tim the Yowie Man will shine the spotlight on Gunning with a short film on the tragedy of Henry Dunkley.

Tim and his film crew visited Gunning recently to shoot the short film about Dunkley who was killed in 1842 and buried at what is now the Gunning Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Producer/Director Justin Bush said the short film follows Tim's *Canberra Times* article about Dunkley, which was published late last year.

"It will look at what happened to poor old Henry who has the only grave in Australia in a sewerage works, looking at how he ended up there and the court case involving [his wife] Lucretia and [her lover] Martin Beech," Mr Bush said.

The short film is expected to be available on YouTube and the Tim the Yowie Man

2019 Australia Day Events

All Upper Lachlan Shire residents are encouraged to join in Australia Day festivities on Saturday, 26 January 2019.

Mayor John Stafford said Australia Day is a time to celebrate our great nation and recognise individuals and events for their outstanding contributions to the local community.

"I encourage all residents to take part in their nearest Australia Day event as we celebrate what is great about Australia and our wonderful community," Cr Stafford said.

The following events will be held in the Shire:

- **Gunning:** 8.00am-9.45am at Barbour Park, Yass Street, Gunning. BBQ breakfast and Australia Day Awards presentation.
- **Crookwell:** 8.00am-12.00pm at Crookwell Memorial Park, Robertson Street, Crookwell. BBQ breakfast, listen to live music, play games and see the Australia Day Awards presentation.
- **Taralga:** 12.00pm-1.00pm at Taralga Showgrounds, Bannaby Road, Taralga. The Australia Day Celebrations are part of the Taralga Rodeo event and include the Australia Day Awards presentation.

For more information about Australia Day events, please contact the Crookwell Visitor Information Centre on 4832 1988 or visit:

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the shire of villages

Upper Lachlan Tourist Association

What's On in the Shire of Villages

Art on the Range
Crookwell District Art Gallery
Opening night Fri 9th November,
Doors open 5.30 p.m.
Sat 10th & Sun 11th November,
10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Ph. 0411 740 275

Crookwell Garden Festival
Crookwell and surrounds
Sat 10th Nov - Sun 11th November
Markets at Crookwell Public School
Sat 10th November,
8.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
www.crookwellgardenfestival.com

Remembrance Day Services
Shire Wide - Sun 11th November
Gullen Wind & Solar Farm Tour
Tues 13th November,
Depart Crookwell 11.30 a.m.
Bookings essential
Ph. 1800 509 711

Taralga Vintage Farm Field Days
Tractor Trek
Fri 16th November
Main Events
Sat 17th & Sun 18th November
Rally queries Ph. 0427 400 608
General queries Ph. (02) 4840 2139

Clawfield Cup Yabby Racing
Laggan Hotel
Sat 17th November,
12.00 noon start
Ph. 0409 245 220

Jammin 4 The Homeless
Crookwell Memorial Hall
Sat 17th November,
5.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
www.onefaithband.com

Music in The Park
Sun 18th November,
11.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
Pat Cullen Reserve, Crookwell
Ph. (02) 4832 1004

Crookwell Lions Xmas Market
Sat 24th November,
9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
Crookwell Pool Park
Ph. (02) 4832 0047

Collector Spring Market
Sun 25th November,
9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Collector Village
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Crookwell Xmas in the Park
Sat 1st December
facebook.com/Crookwell-Christmas-in-the-Park

www.visitupperlachlan.com.au

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Cullerin Range Wind Farm Grants Enrich Local Community

Cullerin Range Wind Farm is owned and operated by Energy Developments Pty Limited.

The Cullerin Range Wind Farm Community Fund provides funding grants to improve and enrich community initiatives within 20 kilometres of the Wind Farm.

Each year, the Community Fund delivers financial contributions to community projects and initiatives that will enhance the community's quality of life and wellbeing.

In the 2018/19 funding round four community groups benefited from a combined \$22,431.58. This included \$2,281 to Gunning Shire Hall and Showground Advisory Committee for the purchase of a refrigerator; \$15,484.98 in part-funding to the Dalton Public Hall Reserve Trust to assist in the construction of a toilet block; \$2,185 to the Tony Foley Centre for the purchase of 30 chairs; and \$2,480.60 to the Gunning District Community Centre for the installation of a security system.

All grant applications are assessed by the Cullerin Range Wind Farm Community Fund Section 355 Committee, which is made up of members of the community, Council representatives as well as representatives of

the Cullerin Range Wind Farm.

In the 2017/18 funding round five projects shared in \$28,451.07 and have now been completed. They included:



Breadalbane Cemetery.

Breadalbane Cemetery Committee

received \$4,818 for the purchase of a lawn mower and shed for maintenance of the

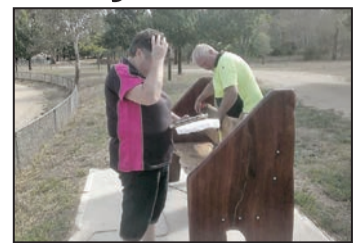
Dalton Public Hall Reserve Trust received \$1,699.97 for repairs to the doors and windows



of the Dalton Public Hall.

Upper Lachlan Wood Guild

received \$7,600 to upgrade and repair machinery and purchase new tools and supplies.



Gunning District Community Health Service received \$8,602.10 for the purchase of an



electricity generator and autoclave sterilisation machine.

Gunning Golf Club

received \$5,731 towards the repair of toilets and termite damage and the

Shire's Swimming Pools Get a Facelift



Recent painting of the façade at Crookwell Swimming Pool.

Crookwell and Gunning Swimming Pools got a facelift ahead of the start of the swimming season on Saturday, 3 November 2018.

At Crookwell Swimming Pool the façade has been painted, the toddler pool retiled, and timers have been

installed in the showers to conserve hot water.

New stairs will be installed at Gunning Swimming Pool to improve access in and out of the water.

Crookwell and Gunning Swimming Pools will be open every day

throughout the Christmas/New Year period, with the exception of Christmas Day.

Subject to staff availability, throughout the swimming season, Crookwell Swimming Pool will be open from 11.00am-6.00pm Saturday to Thursday and 11.00am-5.00pm on Fridays. Gunning Swimming Pool will be open 11.00am-6.00pm, 7 days a week.

In the event of consistent hot weather pool opening hours may be extended. Updates to the opening hours will be published on Council's website (www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/news) and Facebook page. Entry costs at both pools is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Entry for spectators and children under 2 years old is free.

Season passes are available at a cost of \$165 for families, \$100 for adults and \$56 for children (which can be used at either Swimming Pool), and can be purchased from Council's Offices at Crookwell or Gunning or at Crookwell or Gunning Swimming Pools.

Please note, 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.



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To Feed or Not to Feed

By Kay Muddiman, WIRES Southern Tablelands Branch

Out of all our native creatures, our feathered friends are the most accessible for the majority of people. It's understandable then that many who wish to encourage birds into their gardens do so by feeding them, however this inadvertently causes the birds harm. Whilst understanding that it is done with the best of intentions, WIRES does not recommend the feeding of any native birds for the following reasons:

- Artificial feeding is not necessary. Native birds do not need extra food as they are well adapted to their environment and will be much healthier and happier overall if left to eat only their normal diet.
- Most birds eat a balanced diet; 90% eat insects and nectar, seed or fruit. People feeding birds the wrong food changes the balance of their diet and can negatively impact their health.
- Artificial feeding can change the balance of species in the wild as it can increase some species, which in turn, decreases others. The Rainbow Lorikeet for example has taken great advantage of the artificial feeding and has all but eliminated the shy Scaly Breasted Lorikeet from our urban areas.

- Feeding encourages birds to become dependent on humans for their survival. They can lose the ability to find food for themselves, this is particularly so if they are juveniles who should be learning to find their natural food.

- Feeding can make them overweight and high quantities of fat are present in processed food and meat. Raw meat is lacking in calcium and has high levels of phosphorous which contribute to dietary imbalance and severe deficiencies.

- Feeding can spread disease through a concentration of food and birds in large numbers in one place. This is particularly so with Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease (Pbfd), which is an infectious disease affecting many of the parrot family, and is fatal.

So, the best way to help and encourage birds to your garden is by providing plenty of native shrubs and other vegetation where they can not only find their own food, but also shelter and hopefully nest.

A birdbath will also encourage birds to visit you, as it's not only us humans and our domestic animals that suffer during summer and other



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periods of extreme heat - our wildlife do too, as their natural



water sources dry up. Birdbaths should preferably be shallow, but if deeper they should have either a rock or a stick placed in them allowing smaller animals to escape if they fall in. They should preferably be scrubbed clean and refilled daily to avoid the spread of disease such as the Pbfd. In addition, during periods of extreme heat it may be necessary to 'top up' the water through the day. Likewise, if you get a lot of birds (especially the bigger ones) bathing, as their vigorous flapping and splashing very quickly lowers the water level. Birdbaths are important not only in summer though. Birds need to groom their feathers daily, so don't assume they're only visiting bird baths on hot summer days, they need baths in winter too.

Should you need advice or help with injured or distressed wildlife, please ring the WIRES on

Historical Search

The Breadalbane Hall Committee is seeking information pertaining to anyone who lived in the Breadalbane area and served in the First or Second World War, to be included on an additional plaque for their Memorial Wall. It was noted that some names were missed in the Committee's original search and they are in the process of rectifying this. All information is required by March 2019.

Any enquiries or information should be directed to Marion Schumacher on 0404 690 385 or mschu1@ipstarmail.com.au or Sally McLean on 0408 993



The Breadalbane Memorial Wall.

Residents Encouraged to Reach Out to their Neighbours



Graham Chegwidden, with his two dogs Holly and Kenya, made the move from the Southern Highlands to Crookwell last year.

As the theme song goes, everyone needs good neighbours, and it's no exception here in the Upper Lachlan Shire.

Positive relationships between neighbours create a harmonious and inclusive living environment and encourage a sense of community.

Good neighbours also act as a support network and provide comfort, particularly for the elderly, young families and new residents to our Shire.

Solicitor and Barrister Graham Chegwidden moved to Crookwell from the Southern Highlands in May last year looking for a

quieter lifestyle, affordable housing, a safe community, access to health

services and somewhere to eventually retire to.

"I was able to find a house that suited my needs and continue my Practice because I didn't want to retire completely," Mr Chegwidden said.

"Since moving to Crookwell I have been welcomed everywhere I go. I have joined Rotary and been welcomed there, I have been welcomed by my neighbours, and even feel welcome at the local shops – it's been wonderful.

"I would encourage anyone considering a move to the Upper Lachlan Shire to do it. The local community are very amiable and like to meet new people."

Upper Lachlan Shire Council's General Manager John Bell said Mr Chegwidden's experience is a wonderful example of the Shire's sense of community spirit, comradery and inclusiveness.

"Our long-time residents have a wealth of local knowledge they can share with new residents to help them settle in and make them feel welcome," Mr Bell said.

"I encourage all residents, particularly long-time residents, to reach out

Council Donates \$10,000 to Drought Relief

Upper Lachlan Shire Council recently donated \$10,000 to the Buy a Bale campaign to assist farmers impacted by drought.

It followed a unanimous vote at the September 2018 Council Meeting to adopt a Notice of Motion from Cr Paul Culhane and seconded by Cr Darren O'Brien, which moved the donation be made.

The Notice of Motion read: "Our Council is a rural Council who has been the recipient of assistance from other areas in the past. I know our ratepayers would support their local government demonstrating our willingness to help communities whose current needs are desperate due to severe and ongoing drought conditions."

For local landowners struggling to pay their rates, Council has a Rates Hardship Policy with criteria for Council Officers to follow that allows

longer term payment agreements for ratepayers experiencing financial hardship to pay rates in arrears over an extended period of time. The Policy is intended to help ease the financial burden while landholders get back on their feet.

A list of helpful contacts for drought assistance and information, including mental health and financial services, is also available on Council's website: www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/drought-assistance-information-and-helpful-contacts.



Council has donated \$10,000 to the Buy a Bale campaign to assist farmers in need.

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Waste Transfer Station Changes

To ensure compliance with environmental objectives set by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), the Gunning, Taralga and Collector Waste Transfer Stations have been secured to reduce windblown litter and the illegal dumping of waste, including hazardous waste.

The Waste Transfer Stations are now open from 10.00am to 4.00pm only on the following days*:

- **Gunning:** Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays
- **Taralga:** Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays
- **Collector:** Sundays

Please note, any disposal at the facility outside of these hours will be considered as illegal dumping. Council will be undertaking

surveillance to ensure compliance and fines will apply to anyone found to be dumping waste illegally.

Building and bulky waste will not be accepted at the facilities but can be taken to the Crookwell Waste Facility on Grabben Gullen Road between 10.00am and 4.00pm on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

*Please note, opening hours may be subject to change due to public holiday closures. Changes to opening hours are published on Council's website (www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/news) and Facebook page.

For further information about the changes, please contact Council's Works and

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Changes to collection times are published on Council's website:
www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/news and Facebook page.

For further information about Council's waste and recycling services, including the full 2018 recycling collection calendar, as well as tip locations and opening hours, please visit our website:

www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/engineering/waste-management or contact Council's Operations Division on 4830 1000.

NORMAL WEEKLY GARBAGE COLLECTION
TUESDAY - CROOKWELL
WEDNESDAY - GUNNING, BREADALBANE, COLLECTOR & DALTON

FORTNIGHTLY RECYCLING & GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

NOVEMBER 2018							DECEMBER 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
JANUARY 2019							FEBRUARY 2019						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28		
CROOKWELL RECYCLE							CROOKWELL GARDEN WASTE						
GUNNING, BREADALBANE, COLLECTOR & DALTON RECYCLE							GUNNING, BREADALBANE, COLLECTOR & DALTON GARDEN WASTE						
LAGGAN, GRABGEN GULLEN, TARALGA & GOLSPIE RECYCLE							LAGGAN, GRABGEN GULLEN, TARALGA & GOLSPIE GARDEN WASTE						
BINDA & LOST RIVER RECYCLE							BINDA, LAGGAN, GRABGEN GULLEN, TARALGA & GOLSPIE GARDEN WASTE						



**PLEASE PLACE BINS AT THE KERB/ROAD SIDE THE NIGHT BEFORE TO ENSURE COLLECTION.

ALSO, TO AVOID GETTING YOUR BINS STOLEN, PLEASE RETURN BINS TO YOUR PROPERTY PROMPTLY**

*Subject to change
PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS

New Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elected



Upper Lachlan Shire Council's new Mayor John Stafford and Deputy Mayor John Searl JP.

Cr John Stafford is the new Mayor of the Upper Lachlan Shire and Cr John Searl JP is the Shire's new Deputy Mayor.

They were elected to their respective positions by their fellow Councillors at the September 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Stafford was elected to Council in September 2016. He was elected as Deputy Mayor by Councillors upon his commencement with Council and re-elected to the position in September 2017. Cr Stafford has also been Council's delegate on various Section 355 Committees, as well as Council's representative or delegate on numerous non-Council Committees.

Cr Searl has been a Councillor for two consecutive terms, having first been elected to Council in 2012. During his time on Council Cr Searl has been Council's delegate on numerous Section 355 Committees and

Council's representative or delegate on various non-Council Committees which span the Shire's towns and villages.

Council's General Manager John Bell congratulated the duo on their election.

"Cr Stafford and Cr Searl will no doubt be a strong leadership team who will bring fresh ideas and perspectives to their respective roles," Mr Bell said.

"On behalf of Council staff I would like to congratulate them on their election and look forward to working with them to meet the needs and expectations of the local community.

"I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of outgoing Mayor Brian McCormack OAM, who held the position since September 2016."

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Mayoral term for Mayors elected by Councillors

Attention Commercial Building Owners: Fire Safety is Your Business

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is reminding all building owners whose premises house new or existing businesses (Class 1b, 2-9 buildings) of their responsibilities in relation to fire safety.

Under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* all business premises (Class 1b, 2-9 buildings) must submit an Annual Fire Safety Statement to Council and the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.

All business premises must also have a Fire Safety Schedule which specifies each of the essential fire safety measures that apply to their specific building premises – such as portable fire extinguishers, fire sprinklers and smoke alarms – and the minimum standard by which these measures must be designed, installed and be capable of operating.

The Annual Fire Safety Statements must be submitted by the building owner or their agent and must document the assessment and inspection of each existing essential fire safety measure and the exit systems serving the building. Under changes to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* in October last year Annual Fire Safety Statements must now be prepared by an accredited fire safety practitioner.

Penalties apply for commercial building owners who fail to submit Annual Fire Safety Statements, which vary from fines, to prosecution, and imprisonment for more serious offences.

Fines associated with failure to meet Annual Fire Safety Statement requirements are as follows:

- \$1,000 – 1 week overdue
- \$2,000 – 2 weeks overdue
- \$3,000 – 3 weeks overdue
- \$4,000 – 4+ weeks overdue
- \$580 – Annual Fire Safety Statement not prominently displayed in the building
- \$3,000 – Owner fails to maintain essential fire safety measures (individual)
- \$6,000 – Owner fails to maintain essential fire safety measures (corporation)
- \$1,500 – Occupier fails to display fire safety notices prominently

Council is writing to all known commercial building owners in the Shire reminding them of their obligations. Copies of the relevant information is also available on Council's website (www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au).

Further information is also available on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment website (www.planning.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting



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