

## Improvements to Pat Cullen Reserve opened

Upper Lachlan Shire Council Mayor, Cr John Stafford joined with State Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman in opening the improvements to the Pat Cullen Reserve Community Recreation Area Project at Crookwell on Saturday.

In addition to all of the people who played a part in bringing the project to its present state, Cr Stafford praised the Kiamma Landcare Group for all of their work and passion over a long period.

"This is a great moment for many people, including the Kiamma Landcare Group who've put in so much time and effort in creating a wonderful passive recreation area for all of the shire to enjoy."

Mrs Tuckerman echoed Cr Stafford's sentiments at the official opening.

"Congratulations to the volunteers, committee and the Upper Lachlan Shire Council staff for the wonderful improvements at the Pat Cullen Reserve," she said.

"Significant works already undertaken by the Kiamma Creek Landcare Group to improve the reserve, and the injection of funds

for a connecting bridge and pedestrian pathways from the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund has certainly made this reserve a beautiful place to be!"

Kiamma Landcare Group representative Malcolm Barlow also thanked Gullen Range Wind Farm representative Simon Zhao for their grant funding for the entry walls and disability ramp that formed part of the improvements.

The Official Opening of the Pat Cullen Reserve Community Recreation Area Project was compered by Cr Brian McCormack OAM and was accompanied by the Music in the Park event.

Guests and performers included the Liverpool Brass Band, Lester Ives on Didgeridoo, Maggie Somerville, Maria K and Matt Ford, Australian Poetry compered by Laurie McDonald, John Brennan, Caroline Maxfield, Elaine Delaney and the Laggan Bush Poets and an open mic for performers and poets.

Refreshments were provided by the Mary Gilmore Society tea and cakes and by Kiamma Creek Catering.



ABOVE: Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman joined with Upper Lachlan Mayor, John Stafford for the opening of the Pat Cullen Reserve.



LEFT: Some of the crowd on hand for the official opening of the improvements to the Pat Cullen Reserve. Photos: Linus Nesbitt-Hawes.

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council recently commenced water restrictions in the township of Taralga. The decision was not taken lightly, and much consideration was given to it.

As I write this, Taralga's water supply is at approximately 60%, and has reached that level two months earlier than it did last summer.

Initially Level 2 water restrictions have been implemented but these will be reassessed each week based on monitoring usage.

Obviously water restrictions cause disruption and can make life tougher for those affected, but the over-riding priority has to be the conservation of our water resources as we head into a summer in which little rainfall is forecast. Life would be much tougher if there is no water.

Level 2 restrictions mean that you CAN use micro-sprays for 15 minutes and one hand held hose for up to an hour per day between 7:00am to 8:00am or 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Prohibited under Level 2 Restrictions:

- sprinklers and fixed hoses cannot be used
- private swimming pools cannot be filled or topped up
- cars cannot be washed by hose
- stock cannot be watered from the town water supply.

The important thing is that we use water wisely so that we don't run out... and this is true in areas that aren't under water restrictions as well.

With wide spread awareness of the ongoing drought, and indications that rain will be scarce in the immediate future, it is just common sense that we try and find ways to use less water.

- Mayor John Stafford

## Crookwell & Gunning Swimming Pools Details - 2019/2020



### Crookwell Swimming Pool

Phone 02 4832 1652  
Open November 2, 2019 - March 28, 2020  
Open Saturday to Thursday  
11.00am – 6.00pm  
Friday  
11.00am – 5.00pm  
(Subject to change)

### Gunning Swimming Pool

Phone 02 4845 1056  
Open November 4, 2019 - March 28, 2020  
Open 7 days  
11.00am – 6.00pm  
(Subject to change)

### Admission Fees

Adults \$6  
Children \$3  
\*Senior/Pension Concession \$3  
Family \$15 (2xAdults & 3xChildren)  
(any additional children \$2 each)  
Children under 2 years FREE  
Spectators FREE  
School/Sport & Rec Swimming Lesson \$1  
(If children remain at the pool after lesson, additional \$2 charge applies)

### Season Pass Prices

Family \$160 (2xAdults & 3xChildren)  
Adult \$100  
\*Senior/Pension Concession \$60  
Child \$60

\* proof required on application

**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 16 years (unless in a supervised activity).

## Temporary bridge closures in the Upper Lachlan

### Temporary Closure - Reids Flat Rd 2 Bridge

Upper Lachlan Shire Council advises the Reids Flat Road will be temporarily closed until Friday 13 December 2019. For detailed program please visit Council's website.

The road will be closed to enable contractors to carry out the replacement of the bridge to allow load limit restrictions to be removed.

Council's Acting General Manager Andrew Croke said detours will be in place and signposted to provide alternate access while the road remains closed. Maps will be available on Council's website for alternate routes. Council have advised emergency services and have discussed alternate arrangements. A letter drop has been arranged to residents within the immediate vicinity of the bridge.



### Temporary Closure - bridge over Bridgy Creek on Jeffreys Road, Big Hill

Upper Lachlan Shire Council advises the Jeffreys Road near Big Hill locality will be temporarily closed at the Jeffreys Road Bridge over Bridgy Creek until Thursday, 12 December 2019. For detailed program please visit Council's website.

The road will be temporarily closed to enable contractors to carry out the replacement of the bridge to allow load limit restrictions to be removed. Council's Acting General Manager Andrew Croke said traffic control will be in place and signposted to provide information about changed traffic conditions while the road remains closed. Council have advised emergency services. All affected property owners have been advised about the bridge closure and a letter drop has been arranged to residents within the immediate vicinity of the bridge.

"Motorists are asked to observe all signage and drive to conditions while the bridges are closed for construction," Mr Croke said.

"Council apologises to the community for any inconvenience caused and the bridge replacement will be completed as expediently as possible"

## Council Services

### Emergency after hours contact numbers:

**Crookwell / Bigga / Binda / Tuena / Grabben Gullen / Laggan / Taralga and Big Hill areas:**

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

### Council email address:

council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au

### Website

www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au

### Facebook

www.facebook.com and search Upper Lachlan Shire Council

### Justice of the Peace

Justices of the Peace in NSW serve the community primarily by administering oaths or affidavits and taking statutory declarations and affirmations; witnessing signatures; and attesting and certifying documents.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council have people serving the community in this capacity at our Council offices in Gunning and Crookwell.

If you are in need of such services please contact the Council office nearest to you to arrange an appointment.

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## LIBRARY BIZ with Michaela Olde - Manager, Library Services



### What's New

#### New face at Crookwell Library

In September the Crookwell Library bid farewell to staff member Annette Lindsay. Annette was an asset to the library and its community. We welcome Meg Harrison to the Crookwell Library Team. Meg has a passion for libraries and literature. Please drop into the library and meet Meg.

#### Gunning Library extended opening hours trial

The Gunning Library will be trialling extended opening hours starting the week of the 25th November until the Christmas shut-down. The library will be open at the same time, but will remain open until 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

Dates for the extended opening hours are:

- Tuesday 3rd December
- Thursday 5th December
- Tuesday 10th December
- Thursday 12th December
- Tuesday 17th December
- Thursday 19th December

#### Haven't been to the Library for a while due to your overdue fines?

This festive season Upper Lachlan Shire Library service is encouraging everyone to support the needy in our community by donating non-perishable food as part of the Fines Feast.

Our libraries will be holding a Fines Feast from 29th November – 20th December. Library members with overdue fines can trade one non-perishable food item for up to \$5 of late fines per card.

The food items will be donated to local groups who will package up the items into food hampers for people in need in our communities.

Suitable food items are non-perishable pantry items, in good condition, and in date.

#### Home Library Service

The Crookwell Library operates a Home Library Service to those unable to access their local library because of illness, disability or are housebound. The service is available free of charge to people in their own homes, retirement villages, nursing homes and hospital. The Home Library Service is a personalised service which caters for the person's own interests. Items are delivered and collected every fortnight on a Tuesday. Housebound people can enjoy a range of different items from the library's collection including large print books, audiobooks, DVDs, music, non-fiction books, biographies and magazines. Please contact Crookwell Library for more information on 4832 1048.

#### Library Opening Hours

##### Crookwell Library Denison Street, Crookwell

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:  
10.30am-5.00pm  
Wednesday: 1.30pm-5.00pm  
Saturday: 10.00am-12.00 noon

Phone: 4832 1048

##### Gunning Library Yass Street, Gunning

Tuesday and Wednesday:  
2.00pm-5.00pm  
Thursday: 1.00pm-5.00pm  
Friday: 10.00am-5.00pm  
Saturday: 10.00am-12.00 noon

Phone: 4845 1231



### Coming soon

#### Calling all bookworms: Summer Reading Club is back

The Summer Reading Club will be run at Council's libraries from 6 December 2019 to 31 January 2020. It is a great way to discover authors and encourage reading during the holidays and participation is free. This year's theme is Amazing Animals. To register, visit Crookwell or Gunning Libraries in December to fill in the registration form and pick up your free activity pack.



#### Reptiles

Live reptiles will be visiting our libraries in January. Learn about the unique behaviour of these fascinating cold blooded creatures and find out how to treat a snake bite.

- Crookwell Library, Thursday 9th January, 11am – 12.30pm
  - Gunning Library, Thursday 9th January, 2.30pm – 4.00pm
- Cost: Free. Sponsored by Upper Lachlan Landcare and Gunning District Landcare.

#### Q-Fever Awareness, hosted by Upper Lachlan Landcare

Living in a rural community, it is important we are all aware of the bacterial infection called Q fever. Come and learn about the disease, what symptoms to watch out for, precautions to take, and how to get vaccinated.

When: Thursday 20th February, 5-6pm.  
Where: Crookwell Library  
Cost: Free  
RSVP: Crookwell Library: 4832 1048

## Council offices and facilities Christmas closures

**Council's Crookwell and Gunning Administration Offices and Depots** will be closed from 12 noon on Friday, 20 December 2019 and will reopen at 9.00am on Thursday, 2 January 2020.

**The Taralga Community Service Centre** 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 Friday, 27 December 2019.

**Crookwell and Gunning Libraries** will be closed from 12 noon on Friday, 20 December 2019. Crookwell Library will reopen at 10.30am on Thursday 2 January 2020 and Gunning Library will reopen at 1pm on Thursday, 2

January 2020.

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

**The Crookwell Waste Facility** will be open as normal through the Christmas/New Year period.

**The Taralga Transfer Station** will be closed on Thursday December 26 2019 but will be open on Tuesday 24 December 2019.

**The Gunning Transfer Station** will be closed on Wednesday, 25 December 2019 but will be open on Tuesday, 24 December 2019. It will also be closed on Wednesday January 1 2020 but will be open on Tuesday 31 December 2019.

**Collector Transfer Station** will be open as usual.

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

**Crookwell:**  
- Monday 23 December, 2019 (Yellow bin)  
- Tuesday 24 December, 2019 (Red bin)  
- Tuesday 31 December, 2019 (Red bin and Green bin)

**Gunning, Dalton, Breadalbane & Collector:**  
- Monday 23 December, 2019 (Green bin)  
- Friday 27 December, 2019 (Red bin)  
- Monday 30 December 2019 (Yellow bin)  
- Thursday 2 January, 2020 (Red bin)

#### Redground, Grabben Gullen, Taralga, Binda, Laggan and Lost River

- Friday 27 December, 2019 (Red bin)
- Monday 30 December, 2019 (Green bin)
- Thursday 2 January, 2019 (Red bin)
- Friday 3 January, 2019 (Yellow bin)

All other collections will be unchanged. Collections will revert back to normal after this time. Collection times may vary so please place bins out the night prior to collection.

#### For emergency assistance out of hours, please phone:

- Gunning/Collector area:  
0427 454 206
- Crookwell/Taralga area:  
0429 786 659

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# TOURISM HAPPENINGS from the Upper Lachlan Tourist Association

## Efforts to attract more visitors to the Upper Lachlan

It's been another busy year for tourism staff, working to draw more visitors to our beautiful region, to increase the length of their stay and to encourage them to spend more of their money in our local businesses.

Most recently, we joined forces with colleagues from the Yass and Hilltops regions to showcase the fantastic Southern Tablelands at the Canberra Caravan Camping and Lifestyle Expo. From 25-27 October, close to 20,000 people, mostly Canberrans, attended the Show to buy a new caravan and research their next trip.

We were amazed by the number of Canberrans who had never explored the region surrounding the ACT!

Under the 'Taste the Tablelands' banner, we unashamedly lured visitors to our stand using the irresistible smell of freshly cooked Gunning Butcher Shop Old English sausages, steak marinated in Crookwell-crafted 'The Good Rub' and local wine tastings to start the conversation about taking a short break and enjoying the many and varied things to do and see in our region.



Fast Ed from Better Homes and Gardens cooked up a storm using a range of local produce, including the award-winning Alto Vividus Olive Oil and Collector Wines' Tiger Tiger Chardonnay and Shoreline Rose.

The show was an excellent way to raise the profile of the region among the affluent Canberra market who are a key target market for day trips and short stays.

As part of our cycling tourism strategy, we partnered with the Hilltops region to create a feature article in Cyclist Australia Magazine, showcasing the amazing gravel routes across the northern part of the Southern Tablelands. Cyclist Australia is a premium publication targeted at cycling enthusiasts, detailing ultimate rides both at home and abroad.

The article is yet to be released, but you can sneak a peak of their ride from Taralga to Harden by searching #MyBigRideTablelands. We know they are already raving about it within the cycling community. Many thanks to the local businesses that helped to host the team on their visit.

We were very excited to see a number of external promoters visit our region to showcase different angles of what's on offer.

Sydney Weekender visited the Tablelands in mid-October, filming for a November episode focused on Laggan and Taralga, spending some time at the Laggan Pantry, Laggan Brewery and the Taralga Wildlife Park.

We've also been working with local business to increase their competitiveness. Our monthly newsletter has included all sorts of useful material, such as tips and tricks on making the most of social media to reach their customers and links to workshops and technical assistance to grow their businesses.

To stay in touch for all upcoming events or for more information:

- Follow us on Facebook (@upperlachlan-tourism) or Instagram (@upplachtourism)
- subscribe to the "What's On" publication through [www.visitupperlachlan.com.au](http://www.visitupperlachlan.com.au)
- call the Visitor Information Centre on 4832 1988, or
- sign up to the Industry Portal on [www.visitupperlachlan.com.au](http://www.visitupperlachlan.com.au).

## Crookwell renewable energy tours prove to be a hit

The Southern Tablelands is fast becoming famous for being the source of clean, green energy. Among several, it is home to the Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm and the Crookwell I and II Wind Farms.

The wind turbines and solar panels as you approach Crookwell are unmissable, and naturally a point of interest for visitors and residents alike. And happily there are opportunities to get up close and personal with the projects and ask all the questions you ever wanted to ask someone in the know.



In 2019, the Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm and Crookwell II Wind Farm combined offered seven public tours – and each tour was booked out!

The tours were free, took approximately two hours, and were followed by complimentary light lunch in the bistro at the Crookwell Hotel Motel.

While tours have finished for 2019, dates are already confirmed for the first half of 2020 with Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm and Crookwell II Wind Farm tours planned for March through to June. Be sure to check out [www.trybooking.com/eventlist/crookwell](http://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/crookwell) for available dates.

## Taralga punching above its weight

For a small village, Taralga has really carved out a solid reputation as a worthwhile tourism destination. 2019 was a particularly busy year with an amazing number of things going on!

The Argyle Inn continues to set an incredibly high bar for regional fare – being recognised as one of NSW's top eateries in the 2019 Daily Telegraph's NSW Delicious 100 list and for again earning a hat in the 2019 Sydney Morning Herald's Good Food Guide Awards.

We were excited to see a brand new dining experience – Grand Ettie – opening in November, taking over the former Ploughman's Café site. Alongside existing establishments of The Tangled Vine, Taralga Hotel and Taralga Sports Club, residents and visitors to Taralga really are spoilt for excellent regional food and drink!

Organisers for the Taste of Taralga held over the October long weekend this year did an outstanding job putting on a highly successful celebration of 200 years.

The festivities drew an enormous crowd from near and far and gave them a taste of good, fun, old-fashioned, country living.

We are confident visitors went home with an excellent impression of the Upper Lachlan and enthused to return with friends and family in tow. We look forward to seeing what the next year brings.

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**Upper Lachlan Tourist Association**

**What's On in the Shire of Villages**

**St Stephen's Church Carols & Picnic**  
St Stephen's Church, Pejar  
Friday 6th December, 6.30 p.m. start  
Ph. 0411 740 275

**CVH Santa Pet Photos**  
Crookwell Veterinary Hospital  
Saturday 7th December, 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.  
Ph. (02) 4832 1977

**Crookwell Christmas Squash Doubles**  
Crookwell Squash & Fitness Centre  
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December  
Ph. (02) 4832 1355

**Brian Lorenz Legends Show Concert**  
Crookwell Services & Bowling Club  
Saturday 7th December, 7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.  
Ph. (02) 4832 1265

**Gunning Lions Club Christmas Markets**  
Old Court House, Gunning  
Sunday 8th December, 8.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.  
Ph. (02) 4845 1049

[www.visitupperlachlan.com.au](http://www.visitupperlachlan.com.au)

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36 Goulburn St Crookwell - 4832 1988  
[info@visitupperlachlan.com.au](mailto:info@visitupperlachlan.com.au)

## Remembrance Day commemorations in Crookwell well attended

The Remembrance Day commemorations at Memorial Oval on November 11 were well attended as the district remembered those who have served and those who fell in the protection of their country.

An estimated 100 students joined with a similar number of adults to pay their respects to local men and women who risked, and in some cases gave their lives in armed conflicts.

The Commemorations were emceed by Crookwell RSL Sub-Branch Secretary, Bev Hatch. Other members of the official party were Reverend Wayne Landford, who led those present in prayer; Upper Lachlan Shire Councillor Pam Kensit, who read the poem "In Flanders Field"; and Crookwell RSL Sub-Branch President, Kevin King, who recited the Ode which was accompanied by the Last Post, a minute's silence, and the Rouse.

The school captains and vice captains from Crookwell High School read out the names of dis-

trict service men and women who gave their lives in various conflicts.

Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by the following groups and individuals:

- Crookwell RSL Sub-Branch (represented by President, Kevin King)
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council (represented by Mayor, Councillor John Stafford)
- Crookwell Services Club (represented by President Damon Allport)
- Legacy (represented by Ellen Seaman)
- Red Cross (represented by Dot Merryfull)
- CWA Day Branch (represented by Lillian Marshall and Shirley Evans)
- CWA Evening Branch (represented by Dawn Smith & Frances Cromack)
- Lions Club (represented by Colin Simpson)
- Crookwell High School (represented by School Captains and Vice Captains)



ABOVE: Some of the district's returned service men and women attended the Remembrance commemorative service at Memorial Oval.  
BELOW: Mayor John Stafford laid a wreath on behalf of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council.

- Crookwell Public School (represented by School Prefects)
- St Mary's Primary School (represented by Year 6 students)
- Binda Public School
- Laggan Public School
- Crookwell Historical Society (represented by Jenny Painter & Muriel Redfern)
- Dame Mary Gilmore Society (represented by Travine Mattox & Marion Jordon)



## Understanding Q Fever - information sessions in February

Living in a rural community, it is important we are all aware of the bacterial infection called Q fever. For an unlucky few this infection can lead to a chronic-fatigue-like illness lasting for years.

Many people infected with Q fever have few or no symptoms, but those who do become sick often have a severe flu-like illness. Symptoms include;

- high fevers and chills
- severe 'drenching' sweats
- severe headaches, often behind the eyes
- muscle and joint pains
- extreme fatigue

Without treatment, symptoms can last from 2-6 weeks and patients will often require time off work, varying from a few days to several weeks.

Most people make a full recovery and become immune to repeat infections. However, about 10% of patients who are sick with acute Q fever go on to suffer from this debilitating illness for years.

People usually get infected by breathing in the Q fever bacteria that is in the air or dust. Cattle, sheep and goats are the main sources of infection, however a wide range of animals, domestic, feral and native can also spread the bacteria to humans.

You can also get infected with Q fever by direct contact with infected animal tissue or fluids on broken skin.

If diagnosed early, treatment with antibiotics can get you better sooner and reduce your risk of long-term complications. However, vaccination is the best way to prevent Q fever infection. Vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 15 years and over who have the potential to be exposed to cattle, sheep, and goats.

Another precaution to help guard against Q fever and a variety of other potential infections that can be passed between animals and humans is to wash hands and arms thoroughly in soapy water after any contact with animals. And wear a properly fitted P2 mask (available from pharmacies and hardware stores) and gloves when handling or disposing of animal products.

Upper Lachlan Landcare will be hosting two Q fever information sessions in 2020; from 5 to 6pm on Wednesday 19th February in Gunning, and 5 to 6pm Thursday 20th February in Crookwell. For more information contact; Ruth Aveyard 0447 242 474 [coordinator@upperlachlanlandcare.org.au](mailto:coordinator@upperlachlanlandcare.org.au).



Local Land Services District Vet Henry Clutterbuck, pictured speaking recently at a Landcare meeting, will speak at the information sessions.

## Upper Lachlan included in Drought Communities Programme

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council has been included in the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme.

Along with 127 other Councils, the Upper Lachlan Shire Council is eligible to apply for up to \$1 Million in funding for eligible projects.

Council understands that shovel-ready projects will require completion by 31 December 2020. Finalisation of the application process and guidelines are expected to be advised shortly.

The funding will target infrastructure and other projects that:

- Provide employment for people whose work opportunities

have been impacted by drought

- Stimulate local government spending
- Use local resources, businesses and suppliers; and
- Provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend.

Acting General Manager of Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Andrew Croke, welcomed the announcement that Upper Lachlan Shire Council had been added to the Drought Communities Programme.

"This will be of great assistance to our communities which are experiencing hardship in this prolonged drought," he said.

"The intent of the funding is to not only provide an immediate economic stimulus, but to also assist in safeguarding against future periods of drought by constructing and repairing community infrastructure, facilities and spaces."

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is one of six Councils that were added to the initial programme on November 7.

Other previously-announced elements of the Government's \$709 Million drought relief package include loans of up to \$2 million for farmers, and interest free loans of up to \$500,000 for businesses that depend on agriculture can access.

# Work starts on shower and toilet block at Crookwell Showground

Ground has been broken on the installation of a shower/toilet block in the Crookwell Showground.

The shower/toilet block, funded by Round 1 of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, is the final stage of the Crookwell Showground Upgrade which has included the installation of fencing around the rose garden and wood chop area and the completion of a new administration block. Serviced camp sites with water and electricity have also been undertaken with this funding.

Paul Anderson, president of the Crookwell Showground

Committee, has been front and centre, project managing the improvements.

"There is limited funding for projects like this in the Shire and we have been grateful to obtain state funding to upgrade the facilities at the Crookwell Showground," he said.

"The Showground has become an extremely popular camping facility during the annual show and also at other major event times."

Mayor John Stafford said the facility will be a great benefit to the community.



Crookwell Showground Committee President, Paul Anderson alongside the Toilet Block under construction at the Crookwell Showground. PHOTO: Linus Nesbitt-Hawes.

"Visitors will experience a safer and more comfortable camping experience which will increase entries to the show and visitors to events," Cr Stafford said.

The Showground Upgrade is expected to be finished by Christmas and will be opened by Wendy Tuckerman during the 2020 Crookwell Annual Agricultural Show in February

## Stay up to Date with the Fires Near Me App

With winter almost over, Shire residents are encouraged to prepare for the bushfire season by downloading the free *Fires Near Me* app to their mobile devices.

*Fires Near Me* is the official application of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) and provides information about bush and grass fires across NSW.

The app shows incidents from all

agencies including the RFS, Fire and Rescue NSW, National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Forestry Corporation, and provides the user with warnings and incident information.

For download details, please visit the RFS website: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/stay-up-to-date](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/stay-up-to-date)

It is important to note that the

RFS recommends users of the app do not rely solely on the information provided in the app, and also utilise other communications channels such as the RFS website ([www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)), the Bush Fire Information Line (1800 679 737) and local radio.

The *Fire Near Me* app can be downloaded from the RFS website and is available on Apple and android devices.



Crookwell Taralga  
Aged Care

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Crookwell/Taralga Aged Care's service **Upper Lachlan Community Care** is dedicated to providing quality aged and disability services across the region.

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Please call us if you would like to discuss your care needs. We can arrange a talk for your local group or club.

**Upper Lachlan Community Care**

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## Draft 2020-2021 Operational Plan and Delivery Program

Council is calling on community groups and individuals to lodge written submissions for the Draft 2020-2021 Operational Plan and Delivery Program. Council is seeking input from the

community to help determine project and spending priorities for the budget in 2020-2021 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 PO Box 42, Gunning NSW 2581 or emailed to council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au by 4.30pm on Friday, 17 January 2020.

Enquiries: Council's Management Accountant, Paul Millett on 4830 1000.

## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2019-2020

### UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE WASTE FACILITIES

CROOKWELL LANDFILL	TARALGA TRANSFER STATION	GUNNING TRANSFER STATION	COLLECTOR TRANSFER STATION
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 10am to 4pm
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 10am to 4pm	*Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	*Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 10am to 4pm	*Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 10am to 4pm	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm			
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 4pm	*Amended opening day	*Amended opening day	

## WASTE, RECYCLE & GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

BIN	ALL CROOKWELL	GUNNING, DALTON, BREADALBANE & COLLECTOR	REDGROUND, GRABEN GULLEN, TARALGA, BINDA, LAGGAN & LOST RIVER
WASTE (RED)	TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2019	FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 2019	FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 2019
	TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2019	THURSDAY 2 JANUARY 2020	THURSDAY 2 JANUARY 2020
RECYCLE (YELLOW)	MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2019	MONDAY 30 DECEMBER 2019	FRIDAY 3 JANUARY 2020
GARDEN (GREEN)	TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2019	MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2019	MONDAY 30 DECEMBER 2019

PLEASE ENSURE BINS ARE PLACED ON THE KERK/ROADSIDE THE NIGHT PRIOR TO COLLECTION

