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Upper Lachlan Shire's new Councillors



Top L-R Cr. Malcolm Barlow, Cr Sandra Bill, Cr. Michael Coley, Cr. Paul Culhane, Cr. Brian McCormack, Bottom L-R Cr. Mick Mayoh, Cr. Brian Moloney, -Mayor John Shaw and Deputy Mayor James Wheelwright,

Election Results

ON SATURDAY September 13, 2008, residents of the Upper Lachlan Shire elected nine Councillors to represent them at Council over the next four years.

Counting was completed on Monday September 15, with John Shaw and Brian McCormack elected without the need of preferences. They were followed by James Wheelwright, Michael Mayoh, Paul Culhane Sandra Bill, Brian Moloney, Michael Coley, and Malcolm Barlow.

The returning and new Councillors took their places at the Crookwell Council chambers on Thursday September 25. At this meeting returning Councillor, John Shaw, was elected as the Mayor for a

second term, while Cr James Wheelwright was returned as Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Shaw thanked the Councillors for choosing him as Mayor, saying he was humbled by the confidence shown by his fellow Councillors. Re-elected Mayor Shaw committed the Council to a continuation of the co-operative working arrangement that was so evident in the previous Council.

"The last Council, in my opinion, achieved the significant results it did because they worked so well together. There will be a number of challenges for this new Council that will demand a similar commitment. As Councillors we were elected to represent the best interest of the entire Shire and it is through co-operation that we, as Councillors,

must balance the needs of the different villages, towns and localities against our own voter base looking for the best results for the entire Shire.

"I wish to congratulate both the returning Councillors and the new faces. I look forward to working with you all during the upcoming years," Mayor Shaw said.

Mayor Shaw also announced that the new Council would set aside 30 minutes before the Council's normal meetings, Crookwell only, for members of the public to come and ask questions of himself or any Councillor available.

Cr Wheelwright, returning as Deputy Mayor, voiced his agreement with Mayor Shaw. "I wish to thank the voters of the Shire for my re-election and to the members of the Council

for returning me as the Council's Deputy Mayor.

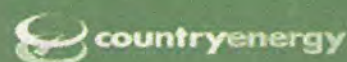
"There are indeed considerable hurdles ahead for this Council but I believe, like the Mayor, if this Council works closely together we can deliver the sound management the ratepayers of this Shire deserve," Deputy Mayor Wheelwright said.

Wind farm poll:

Voters were also asked "Do you support the continuing development and construction of wind farm turbines in the Upper Lachlan Council area?"

The wind farm poll vote was 70.04% in favour and 29.96% against, with every polling booth registering a yes vote majority.

Country Energy
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COUNTRY Energy is reminding energy customers across country and coastal New South Wales that the start of the severe thunderstorm season has arrived. Storms, are more common than any other natural hazard, pose a danger to people and property including powerlines and electrical equipment. With this in mind, Country Energy is

asking people to be prepared for storms, know what to do in a severe storm and to stay informed.

Country Energy's regional general manager south eastern, David Bellew said "Severe thunderstorms generally occur from September to March which is when we experience our highest incidence of unplanned electricity supply interruptions. "Almost a third of all unplanned supply interruptions on Country Energy's network are weather related - this includes lightning strikes and storm damage.

"This is also the time when we ask people to remain vigilant for fallen powerlines, damaged power poles and other electrical hazards."

Country Energy encourages people to prepare for storm season by clearing yards of loose materials and rubbish and to check and secure tiles or roofing sheets that may blow loose and come in to contact with the power supply.

"We also ask that people assess the potential for trees or overhanging branches to come in to contact with powerlines and to contact a professional to have these trimmed," David said.

"Under no circumstances should people try to trim trees that are contacting our infrastructure or that are overhanging our poles and wires."

After a storm has rolled through an area, disrupting power, Country Energy asks

that customers contact them to inform them of any supply interruption.

"While we have sophisticated equipment that can tell us where a problem is, it's always helpful to have customers call in.

"We'll respond as quickly as we can, restoring power as fast as safety allows," David said. "We just ask that people be patient and keep post-storm safety in mind - don't go near downed powerlines and be careful of areas where there's a lot of debris or downed trees because it could conceal an energised powerline."

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Library Biz by Kerri-ann Pratley

HOW Many People Use Your Library?

I had a conversation with a friend recently and I asked him to guess how many people he thought visited the Crookwell or Gunning Library during 2007/2008 and how many items each library had lent out for the year.

Let's just say he was very surprised to discover that Crookwell Library recorded 28,264 visits last year and that the library lend out 44,579 items, while Gunning Library had 10,340 visitors, and lent out 9495 items.

Patrons come to Upper Lachlan Shire Libraries for a number of reasons including to use the Internet, type up a letter or resume, borrow a book/DVD/magazine etc, attend StoryTime, listen to a guest speaker and enjoy lunch, study, read the newspaper or even listen to a CD.

Statistics play an important role in the life of any library. We are required by the State Library of NSW to report on various aspects of our service using a number of statistics collected throughout the year.

The statistics of the Southern Tablelands Regional Library (STRL) for 2007/2008 were very impressive. The following are the collective statistics for Crookwell, Goulburn, Gunning, Murrumbateman and Yass Libraries.

In 2007/2008 our 17,896 members made 333,721 loans, a total of 213,684 people visited the Shire's Libraries and 21,919 hours of Internet usage was undertaken.

CWA Day Branch 'Pres' scoopes pool

Crookwell Day Branch President of the CWA, Mrs Margaret Williams, scooped the pool in the Australian - Beanies for Cancer Victims - Competition.

Mrs Williams took first in the 'Australiana' section, first and second in 'Most Outrageous' category and first in 'Most Entries by One Person' (414).

Margaret combined with other Crookwell ladies to submit a total of 414 beanies, the most by any NSW CWA branch. For her efforts Margaret was awarded 80 rolls of wool.

Over all CWA ladies across the State knitted 800 beanies for cancer victims. These beanies are sent to hospitals that treat cancer patients with Chemotherapy.

Award winners from the Crookwell area, who joined Margaret, were Mrs Brenda Allport, a non-

I decided to have a bit of fun with the Regional Library's annual statistics for 07/08 and came up with the following...

If STRL put the books we lend each year end to end they would reach from Yass to Goulburn (83km).

The number of people visit STRL's branches each year would fill Canberra Stadium nine times.

If we put all the items STRL owns side by side (as they are on the shelf) the distance would equal 4.25 laps of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The combined average weight of STRL borrowers is equal to 232 elephants!

If STRL had \$1 for every reference question asked each year we could buy over 4261 cups of coffee (@ \$3 a cup).

The Internet usage at STRL is equivalent to 913 days (24hours/day).

Thank you

Without the community using the Shire's libraries our statistics wouldn't be so impressive. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who use their Library for their support. As the saying goes - 'Use it or lose it!'

I would also like to extend an invitation to those people who may not have been to their local library to come in and have a look - you will be pleasantly surprised at what you find.

Membership to your library is free; you just need to bring some identification with you that shows that you live in the Upper Lachlan Shire.

Crookwell Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11am - 5:30pm, Wednesday 2pm - 5.30pm and Saturday mornings from 10am - 12noon.

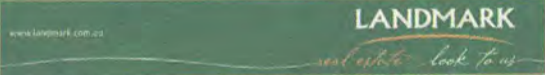
Gunning Library is open Tuesday and Wednesday 2pm - 5pm, Thursday 1.30pm - 5pm, Friday 10am - 5.30pm.



Margaret's 'Echidna', winner in the 'Australiana' Beanies for Cancer Victims section.

member who came in third place she provided 43 beanies and Mrs Lillian Marshall who took out third place in the 'Australiana' Section.

Those who are interested in joining these ladies for next year's competition whether CWA members or not, should contact Mrs Williams on 4848 1284.



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If it's a Palatial Country home or the perfect getaway you're looking for Shine High should appeal to you! Offering this near new Harkaway home, with 10 foot ceilings, 4 double bedrooms, large study, 2 full bathrooms one with deep spa bath the other with an original claw foot bath, large open plan living area, slate floor, free standing wood

'SHINE HIGH' CROOKWELL



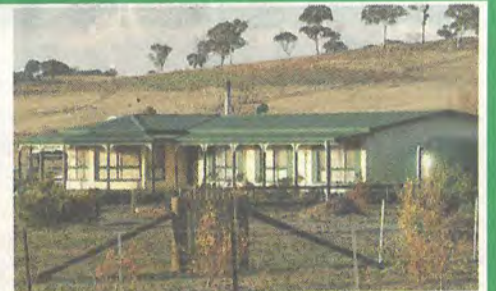
heater, split system, classy timber windows and french doors throughout accommodating the splendid country views, you will never want to leave! Set on 40 acres divided into 2 paddocks, 2 dams, equipped bore, 4 bay enclosed machinery shed attached skillion, 11 meter in ground swimming pool, scatted timber. Great Country property keen vendor call and arrange an inspection. **\$449,000**

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Aahhh....the quiet life.

Situated just 10km from Crookwell is this ideal Horse or Cattle property boasting 87 fertile Laggan Acres, sensibly subdivided into 4 paddocks with permanent creek and spring feed dams, this property wont go dry! Property is very well established with spacious 4 bedroom ensuite house, separate



formal lounge & dining rooms, large living area with cathedral ceiling & cosy wood heater. Other improvements include 3 bay American barn with adjoining carports, 3 horse yards 2 with stables, 4 bay machinery shed 1 bay enclosed, steel stock yards, with loading ramp & 35500 gallon water storage! Please come and see the value in this property for yourself! **\$595,000**



Mayor's Report

David and Rosemary Rees, new citizens of Australia, with Mayor John Shaw.

IT HAS been several weeks since the local government election and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those councillors who were re-elected: Cr. Brian McCormack, Cr. James Wheelwright, Cr. Sandra Bill and Cr. Brian Moloney, as well as welcome the new councillors: Cr. Mick Mayoh, Cr. Paul Culhane, Cr. Mike Coley and Cr. Malcolm Barlow. I am sure this new team will work well together as did the last council for the best interest of the community as a whole. I would also like to thank Bill Martin, Charlie Prell and John Coombs for the contribution they made as inaugural councillors of the Upper Lachlan Shire.

Testing times

The problems facing the world's financial markets will undoubtedly impact on us all. Fortunately, our council's investments have had only minimal exposure to the current crisis, unlike some other councils as reported in the media.

Fortunately this Council is in good financial health as its latest audit

attests. This is due in large part to the hard work of the Council's Director of Finance and Administration, Andrew Croke; Manager of Finance, Bruce Johnson, and their team as well as the hard work of the previous Council.

One of the more pleasing aspects of the audit report regards the percentage of rates in arrears, which is 2.67 percent, down from last year's excellent result of 3.44 percent. The Department of Local Government defines as acceptable for rural communities to have an arrears rate of between 8 to 9 percent. In my opinion, this not only demonstrates that Council's staff

are doing a good job, but more importantly that the rate-payers of this Shire, during what have been difficult times, realise that the timely payment of rates is essential for the Council to deliver quality services. I would like to point readers of the Voice to page 4 for a complete outline of the Council's latest audit completed by the Morse group, which was released on October 3, 2008.

Australian citizenship ceremony

At the September 25 meeting of Council, I had the opportunity to welcome Rosemary and David Rees, two long term residents of Crookwell, as new Australian citizens.

All of us understand and appreciate what an undertaking it is to adopt the citizenship of a new country. On behalf of community, and indeed all Australians, I congratulate you and hope you have a happy and successful future as a citizen of Australia.

Australia Day nominations

Over the past few months the Shire's Australia Day Committee has called for nominations across the Shire. Being nominated for such an award should be viewed as an honour. The task of selecting

just one person or one event from this list will undoubtedly be difficult.

I am pleased to announce that this year's nominees are: Citizen of the Year are Evan Rees, Joyce Fleming, Patrick Smith, Mary Chalker, Garry Kadwell, Esme Clune, Scott Craig, Amy-Lee Menzies, Sandra Keith and Thora Plumb.

Event of the year nominees are 'In the Pink' organised by the Taralga Rugby Union Club, 'Journey of the World Youth Day Cross' organised by the St Mary's Parish Council, 'Seniors Christmas Party' for Gunning organised by Leslie and Brian Johnson, and Jill Granger, 'Gunning Patchwork Weekend' organised by Margaret Jenkins and Peta Luck, 'St Xavier Catholic Church Art Show' organised by the St Xavier Parish Art Committee.

As of the closing date for nominations, September 30, only one Young Citizen of the Year was nominated. I am sure that this Shire has other young people who are doing a great job in their community and deserve recognition so the Australia Day Committee will extend nominations until the end of October.

For more information or to make a nomination please contact Helen Peterson on 02 4830 1000.



General Manager's Report

THE new Councillors of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council met for the first time on September 25 in the Council Chambers in Crookwell.

As General Manager I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both the five returning members of the new Council: Councillors John Shaw, Brian McCormack, James Wheelwright, Sandra Bill and Brian Moloney, as well as, the Council's four new faces: Councillors Malcolm Barlow, Michael Coley, Paul Culhane and Mick Mayoh.

From myself, the staff and I am sure from the public, congratulations on your election. I trust we, as a governing body, will work as a team for the best outcomes for the Shire as a whole.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the elected by Council of Cr. John Shaw as Mayor and Cr. James Wheelwright as Deputy Mayor, both of whom ran un-opposed.

Council Meetings – Times and Frequency

At the Council's September 25 meeting, Councillors voted to combine, for the sake of efficiency, their Committee and Ordinary meetings.

Council also agreed that such meetings would be held on the third Thursday of every month alternately at Crookwell and

Gunning, with the exception of the April meeting which is to be held at Taralga. All meeting will begin at 9.00am, as per the following schedule of meeting times and dates:

Ordinary Council Meetings to be held at Gunning will be October 16, December 18, in 2009 on February 19, June 18 and August 20, please note there will be a 'meet the Councillors' 30 minute period (8:30 until 9:00am) before Crookwell meetings only.

Ordinary Council Meetings to be held at Crookwell will be on November 20 2008 and on January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16 and September 17, 2009.

The Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Taralga will be held on 16 April 2009.

Councillors will also hold community engagement forums at Big Hill, Collector, Bigga and Tuena, times and dates to be advised.

Medical assistance for Gunning

It is a real pleasure to announce that starting October 27, the Gunning District Community Health Service, located on 101 Yass Street, will have doctors associated with the Goulburn Street Surgery visiting one to two days per week at the Gunning Health Services Offices. Also available will be pathology services provided by Capital Pathology. For more information or to book an appointment please phone Trish Hallan on 02 4845 1166.

The Community Health Service is also organising a Men's Health information evening. This will be held on November 25.

As I am sure readers will appreciate such services being provided for small communities is a real plus and I wish to congratulate all those involved in making this come to pass.

Councillors contact details

BELOW are the contact details of the 2008

Upper Lachlan Shire Councillors. While Councillors welcome and require feedback from the residents, please be considerate regarding the time of day that phone contact is made.

Cr. Malcolm Barlow; 'Lachlands', 619 Redground Road Crookwell, phone: 4837-3030

Cr. Sandra Bill; 'Kulai', Harley Road Crookwell, phone: 4845-1566 rsbill@wirefree.net.au

Cr. Michael Coley; Caxton House, 85 Yass Street, Gunning 2581, phone: 0417-663-045 michael.coley@bigpond.com

Cr. Paul Culhane; 6912 Boorowa Rd, Lost River 2583, phone: 4836-2190, stoush@hotmail.com

Cr. Brian McCormack; 'Apsley' Taralga Road, Laggan 2583, phone: 4837 3258

Cr. Mick Mayoh; 'Birrellan', Greenmantle Rd, Bigga 2583, phone: 4835-2247, cbigga@activ8.net.au

Cr. Brian Moloney; 'Kiriwin', Richlands Road, Taralga 2580, phone: 4840 2235, snow-moloney@hotmail.com

Mayor John Shaw; 'Rutherford', Shaws Road, PO Box 32, Gunning 2581, phone: 4845-1304, jssshaw@bigpond.com

Deputy Mayor James Wheelwright; 'Phils River', Crookwell 2583, phone: 4834-2149, jmwheelwright@hotmail.com

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Audit shows Shire financially



Andrew Croke Director of Finance and Administration

THE audit of Upper Lachlan Shire Council's 2007/2008 Financial Reports was completed by Morse Group Chartered Accountants in late August 2008 with the independent auditor's report presented to

Council at its meeting held October 16, in accordance with all Local Government Acts, codes, guidelines and Australian Accounting Standards.

The result of Upper Lachlan Shire Council's operations for the year ended 30 June 2008 is summarised as follows:

Net Operating Result for 2007/2008 from all Council Activities totals a \$6.447 million surplus while the Net Operating Result for the year before capital grants and contributions totals a \$38,000 deficit. Council had originally budgeted for a balanced operational budget.

The Financial Reports stated that Council's Cash and Investments held at June 30, 2008 totalled \$8.957 million. A breakdown of these amounts shows total external cash restrictions, i.e. restrictions for water

supply, sewerage, Section 94 developer contributions, unspent grants and domestic waste, of \$5.013 million. While internal cash restrictions total \$3.702 million, i.e. employee leave entitlements, plant replacement, uncompleted works, gravel pit and rubbish tip remediation, building and infrastructure reserves etc. There remains \$243,000 unrestricted cash, which is an increase of \$112,000 from 2007.

Financial measures

Financial Reports include performance measures. In the present financial climate one of the more important financial measures is the Council's ability to service debt. The audit demonstrates Council's 'Debt Service Ratio' is at 3.00 percent (three percent) and 'Rates and Charges Outstanding' percentage is now only 2.67 percent, both are excellent results.

Another important measurement is a healthy unrestricted current ratio of assets

to liabilities and positive working funds balance. These indicators indicate the financial health of the Council. Auditors found Upper Lachlan Shire Council is in a sound financial position to meet all provisions and liabilities into the future. This is demonstrated by Council's Unrestricted Current Ratio of assets to liabilities is 3.46:1. This compares favourably with other well performed NSW Council's and shows the adequacy of Council's working funds to meet all liabilities and other restrictions. Upper Lachlan Shire Council's working funds result (net current asset surplus) totals \$834,000.

It is pleasing to note that Council's operating result was very close to the original budget set in Councils Management Plan. It is imperative that Council continue to adhere to the budget and responsibility administer public funds to the benefit of the entire Shire community.

COMMUNITY WELCOMED TO INFO DAY - MODIFICATION TO CROOKWELL II WIND FARM

THE management of Union Fenosa Wind Australia Pty Ltd invites members of the public, landowners, anyone with an interest, to an information day on a proposed modification to the existing development consent at the proposed Crookwell II Wind Farm. Due to the high demand for turbines globally and shortage of supply to the Australian market, Crookwell Development is looking to newer more efficient turbines.

There will be no change in the number of turbines approved.

Crookwell Development, now part of the growing Australian wind farm assets of international renewable energy group, Union Fenosa, is preparing to lodge a modification application with the Department of Planning. Crookwell II is one of seven wind farms that the Union Fenosa Wind Australia Pty Ltd is planning in NSW and Victoria.

This is the chance to observe the Crookwell II plans first hand and ask questions of a range of experts.

WHAT: INFORMATION DAY FOR MODIFICATION OF CONSENT FOR CROOKWELL II WIND FARM

WHEN: 4PM TO 8PM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

WHERE: COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ROOMS, SPRING STREET, CROOKWELL.

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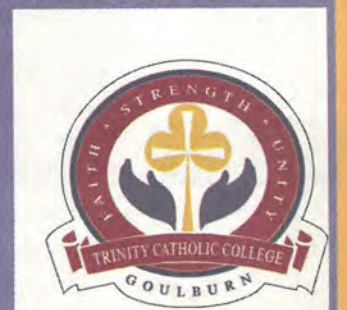
Upper Lachlan students attending Trinity are both Boarding and Day students. Weekly boarders are helped by the daily Crookwell bus service which takes them home on Fridays and brings them to school Monday morning. Sitting on 50 acres, the Boarding Residence gives country boys and girls the space they are used to. Caring and supportive staff offer Boarders the opportunity to gain a healthy independence while making many new friends and gaining a solid education with a wide choice of subjects. The Boarders' study structure helps boys and girls learn important organisational skills. We welcome your enquiry regarding the Boarding or Day School fee structure.

Please contact Pam Turner – 4822 2544

pturner@trinity.cg.catholic.edu.au

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TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE GOULBURN





Mr Robert Allport driving Carrington Wool's wagon to the launch of the 2008 'WoolWagon Awards' on September 13, held at Spud Murphy's Inn, Crookwell

Bush Rhymers to compete

AUSTRALIA'S best known poets will be competing in the Upper Lachlan 'Bush Poets Wool Wagon Awards' at the Crookwell Services Club on November 14 and 15.

Current and past champions will compete with local poets for substantial prize monies and a unique wool

wagon carving by Ron Evans, of Crookwell.

The Federal Member for Hume, Alby Shultz MP, will open the event on Friday 14, reciting a poem of his own. Entry for the concert is free.

The Rhymer from Ryde, Graeme Johnson, will be the compere and judge of the adult written competition. The school student competition will be judged by Philip Leighton - Daly, a local relieving school teacher.

Local schools have been visited by well known bush poets; Gary Cullen, Graeme Johnson, Brent Hall and John Brennan to encourage students to submit poems for the 'Bangtail Muster' and 'Brian Doyle' Awards. Gary Cullen has also sponsored a \$100 award for small schools of under 40 students.

Barry Murphy, of Spud Murphy's Inn said, "Local businesses and individuals have contributed a wonderful array of prizes for raffles and an auction which will be held after the award ceremony on Saturday November 15.

"I'd also like to thank the Upper Lachlan Tourist Committee. They have been very supportive of our efforts. It is hope that this will prove to be another successful occasion which will bring visitors to Crookwell," Barry said.

Quality who has offered support in many ways, including providing Public Liability Insurance.

Our aim

On Saturday December 6 Crookwell businesses will bring the street alive with a Monster Christmas Pyjama Party, where all staff will be dressed in PJ's. Businesses will offer Christmas discounts or give away to any shopper who shops at your store in night attire of any sort (e.g. slippers, PJ's, night gown or dressin gown -to name a few).

Our aim is to bring the Christmas spirit to the town, showcase our local businesses and local talent. We also plan to attract shoppers from far and wide.

What happens?

We are asking that business houses stay open for shopping until around 3pm. To entertain the shoppers, Goulburn St will be closed and there will be entertainment and fund-raising activities for Camp Quality.

Each store may come up with their own ideas for Sensational In-store Specials or Crazy Christmas Footpath Prices. You may even want to hold front of store mini fashion parades. The only limitations will be you and your staff's imaginations.

Organisers

Crookwell Furnishings - Visitors Centre - Lion - and Rotary Clubs as well as Camp Quality. Community members include: Sandra Bill, Rhonda Cummins, Debbie O'Brien

Swimsafe classes are generally held every weekday for eight or nine days. You can see great results from the extra practice of a daily program.

Swimsafe classes cater for children from 18 months and provide instruction in water familiarisation through to stroke correction in a supportive and caring environment.

Programs run between October and February each year and are taught by experienced, AUSTSWIM-qualified instructors. Everyone employed by Swimsafe is also screened for their suitability to work in child-related employment.

Swimsafe classes cater for children and adults of all abilities where suitably-qualified instructors are available.

Prices for nine lesson are \$55.95 for school-aged children and \$41.95 for preschool (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, phone 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au



Fleeces for Trust

The Crookwell District Community Trust (CDCT) and the Crookwell A.P.&H. Society have joined together to help both the Trust and the Show society.

Local wool producers have the opportunity to donate a fleece to the Trust and in the process have the ability to win over \$200 in prize money.

The CDCT is a registered charity that helps people living in, or having a connection with, the Crookwell District that have experienced extreme difficulties due to personal trauma or natural disasters. The Trust has been in existence for 10 years helping those in need.

How will it work?

The wool producer will after shearing, select the fleece(s) they wish to donate to the Trust.

These fleeces will then be exhibited at the Crookwell Show in February, 2009, cost \$1.00 per entry.

The fleeces will be identified as being donated to the Trust by the producer. Besides being eligible for the normal Show society trophies and prize money, the donated fleeces will be eligible for three prizes.

The highest scoring donated Merino fleece will be eligible for a \$100 prize while the highest scoring donated non-Merino fleece could win a \$50 prize with \$50 also being awarded for the most stylish donated fleece.

The donated fleeces will be visually valued for tax deductibility and a receipt given to the owner.

All enquiries should be made to Ken Hewitt (Show) or Paul Seaman (Trust).

Council offers SunSmart Marquee to community groups

THE Upper Lachlan Shire Council is working with Cancer Council in NSW to foster a SunSmart community and has just received a large marquee for use at community events.

The 4.5 x 3 metre SunSmart Marquee is a generous gift from Cancer Council in recognition of this Council's efforts to raise community awareness about the importance of sun protection.

"We're delighted to receive such a practical piece of equipment from Cancer Council and are proud to be one of only 61 councils across the state to be awarded one," Cr John Shaw, Mayor said.

"We think the SunSmart Marquee will meet a strong need in the community for shade shelters and in the long run could help to prevent skin cancer. The marquee will be available all year round for local sport and community groups to borrow for free from the Council," Mayor Shaw said.

Cancer Council recommends the following five SunSmart tips: Slip on a shirt, Slop on some sunscreen Slap on a hat, Seek out some shade and Slide on the sunnies

For further information about borrowing the SunSmart Marquee, please contact SunSmart on www.cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart or call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.

Crookwell to come alive

LET'S Celebrate a Crookwell Christmas

Wake up it's Christmas

Crookwell in conjunction with Camp Quality is hosting a Monster Christmas 'Jama' Party

When

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Gunning markets

Last Sunday of month, from 8.30am, the Old Court House, Gunning, tel: 4845 1332

Gunning Monster Car Boot Sale 9am-1pm 2nd Saturday of Month, Tel: 4845 1288

Laggan Village Market

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Crookwell Rotary Swap Meet

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Other events

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"My Passion", paintings by Sally Wilson at the Laggan Hotel, Peelwood Road, Laggan. Official opening Friday October 31, 2008 6pm for 6:30pm start. Open Saturday November 1 through Sunday November 2 10am-3pm daily.

"Road to the Range" Art Exhibition

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Director of Works update

ONE of the most important functions of any Council concerns the maintenance and construction of the Shire's road network.

With this in mind the Voice will endeavour to keep its readers informed on the road works that have recently been completed, those in progress as well as those planned in the near future.

The following information was presented by the Director of Works, Mr Alan Lawrance to Councillors at the Council meeting held on October 16 in Gunning.

Works in Progress

Director Lawrance informed Councillors that he is presently in the process of seeking a 'Road Maintenance Council Control' (RMCC) for routine maintenance works for State Road 54 (Crookwell to Goulburn). Work to be contracted out includes edge break repairs, vegetation removal, drain clearing and the preparation of a heavy patching program

Other work

Also in process is work on Main Road 248 West (Crookwell to Boorowa). Crews have recently completed the gravel pavement of 3.8 kilometres between "Woodford" and "Windermere". This section of road is now under traffic. Subject to favourable weather conditions this section is scheduled for bitumen sealing in late October. The remaining section of 2.2 kilometres, ending at Old Man Gonyah Creek on the shire boundary, is scheduled for commencement in late October.

The culvert sections for the extension of the large reinforced concrete box culvert near the Rugby-Bevendale Road are due for delivery on October 9, with installation scheduled to commence on October 20, 2008.

Other road works include: patching repairs scheduled for October 7 on Main Road 241 East (Gundaroo Road), with grading maintenance carried out in September on Main Road 241 West (Dalton to Rugby). Also receiving attention is Main

Road 256 (Goulburn – Taralga – Oberon). This section of road will see restoration works at 'Pinches Pit' near the Abercrombie River, shoulder grading from Snake Gully Road to Abercrombie River, edge break repairs, line marking near Parsons Lane and vegetation/line of sight clearing.

Crews will be completing line marking of various sections of Main Road 52 (Crookwell – Gunning) as well as vegetation clearing south of Grabben Gullen.

Work on Bannaby Road is approximately one month behind schedule due to the demands of two large roads construction projects being undertaken at the same time, several vacancies in the Works Division and wet weather.

However, road reconstruction works is taking place between Ada Vale Road and the eastern end of the project. Two construction crews are onsite carrying out earthworks, drainage works, topsoiling, spreading of mulch, gravelling and pavement compaction.

To offset the delay two crews onsite will be working one extra hour per day for the next eight weeks and it is anticipated that the works will be completed in December 2008 as originally programmed.

Repairs to Taralga Memorial Hall

As well as road works Council crews are presently repairing sections of the roof over the two stairwells. Ceiling repairs will be deferred until significant rainfall has occurred and tested the repairs already completed.

Upcoming works

Maintenance schedules include the grading of the gravel sections of MR 54, Reids Flat Road, Greenmantle Road, Bigga Road area, the Peelwood Road as well as its side roads. Grading is also being planned for Golspie Road, Levels Road, Bolong Road areas and Plews Lane driveway crossing. The grading on Collector Road is in preparation for bitumen sealing in the week commencing October 20.

Road safety for learner drivers

Free Road Safety Workshop for Parents, Students and Supervising Drivers

A FREE two hour workshop for parents and supervising drivers is being presented by the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Road Safety Officer, Mark Foran at the Crookwell Rural Fire Service Training Facility on Tuesday October 28, 2008. Current young drivers and students who intend to apply for the learners permits are also welcome to attend. The course, 'Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers', has been

developed by the RTA and offers hands on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

"The Graduated licensing scheme means that there is a requirement of one complete year on L plates with 120 hours minimum supervised driving, including 20 mandatory hours of night time driving. A more rigorous driving test is also in place, focusing on hazard perception and driver reaction," Mr Foran said.

Helping learner drivers

The course covers topics such as: how to use the learner driver log book, how to plan supervised on road driving instruction sessions, how to deal with difficult situations as they

Tree removal work is being planned in Biala St. Gunning (due to sewer penetration). With the coming of spring time growth, grass slashing will take place around various villages.

Works Completed

Recent works completed include the upgrading of the pedestrian refuge at Lin Cooper Fields, Crookwell, as well as the removal of deadwood from trees in Barbour Park, Gunning. Line marking has taken place on various regional roads, while grading maintenance has taken place on Golspie, Grabine, Wombeyan Caves, Cooks Hill, Elms, Berrabanglo, Hillgrove, Rock Lodge and Ironmine Roads.

Crews have completed routine grass slashing, parks maintenance and waste collections as well as Gunning showground hall repairs.

Reconstruction of Robertson St driveway into council offices at Crookwell has also been completed.

Change

Those using the Collector Tip should be aware that there has been a change to the opening hours for that tip. Opening times are now Sundays only from 9am to 4pm.

Private Works

Under certain circumstances Council crews are requested to quote for private works. The benefit to Council in doing such work is the extra revenue for the Council that such works provide, the public good-will and the importance of full utilisation of Council equipment and work crews.

At present private works reconstruction is taking place on Bannaby Road for Transgrid. These works are worth \$2.90M + GST and are 60 percent completed.

Council road marking equipment was hired to CATCON for Lerida Road North for two weeks and Council has supplied recycled road pavement material to CATCON for Lerida Road North.

arise during driving practice, the importance of giving learner drivers constructive feedback.

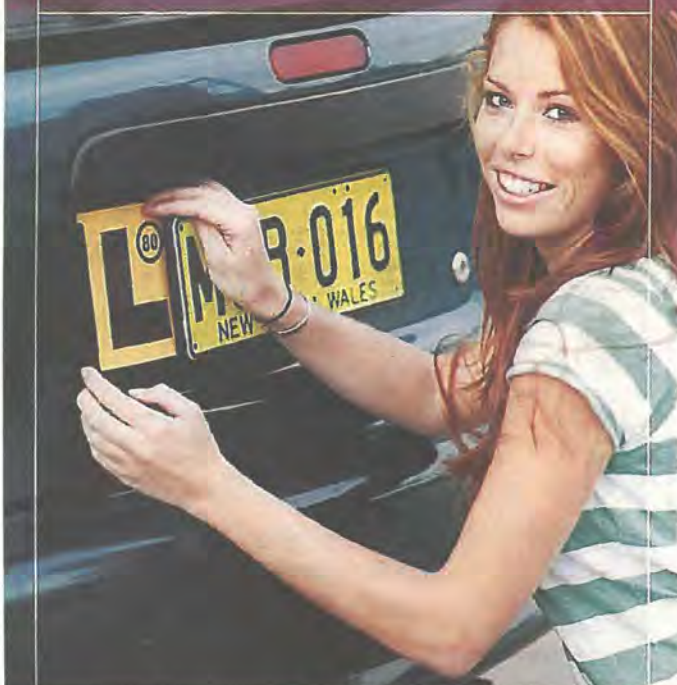
Mr Foran continued, "Course participants will have the opportunity to win a free driving session from professional driving instructor Dan Wray. Each participant will also be issued with course material folders and a light supper will be served, all free of charge."

The graduated licensing scheme for learner drivers is all about reducing the crash rate for young drivers. Bookings for the 'Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers' course are essential and can be made by phoning Di Taylor at the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Office on 4830 1000 or Mark Foran on mobile phone 0429 043 642.



Are you supervising a learner driver?

Did you know there are **NEW** licence conditions for learner drivers from 1 July 2007?



Road safety course for learner drivers to be held on October 28.

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COUNTRY WEEK EXPO 2008

THE Country Week Expo is the catalyst for providing Sydney residents with information about the diversity and wealth of opportunity available throughout New South Wales.

The expo provided a wide array of exhibitors from communities to government departments and real estate agents. Country Week provides access to information on relocation, business investment or simply for people looking to buy a property in regional NSW.

Upper Lachlan Shire was represented at the Country Week Expo by Cllr Sandra and Robert Bill, Brenda and Sean Proudman and Justin Gay (Landmark).

Sandra, Robert, Brenda and Sean were on the information stand for the duration of the Expo and Justin was on deck for the Saturday & Sunday. The expo opened on Friday August 8 to Sunday August 10, 2008. Mayor John Shaw and John Bell (General Manager) represented the Upper Lachlan Shire at the official opening, which was held at 10am on the Friday.

The Upper Lachlan Shire stand had a busy three days and we now have a database of names and addresses of approx. 50 people interested in the Upper Lachlan Shire. We handed out 268 information packs and 500

Crookwell Gazettes. Upper Lachlan Shire Council is extremely pleased with the response to their exhibition and agree that the exercise has been a success.

The Upper Lachlan Shire's exhibition was admired by many of the visitors for its great country feel and interesting photographs. Council would like to thank the Crookwell Visitors' Centre for providing produce and display items and Glen Thearle for his Barbed Art. Council would also like to congratulate Kristen Williams & Bronwyn Haynes for producing the most wonderful edition of the Crookwell Gazette and Fairfax Media Group for providing the 500 newspapers to give away.

It will be very hard to gauge the cost-effective success of the Country Week Expo until we have a response from the database to be then followed by the re-location of new residents, property sales etc. Council will now follow up with an invitation to all the people on the database to visit the Upper Lachlan Shire's Tourism events over the next 6 to 8 months.

Council intends to provide our visitors and potential residents with a relaxing introduction to the Upper Lachlan Shire and what it has to offer.

Waste Management an important issue for us all

Recycling and Waste

Residents may have noticed the new recycling information stickers that have been placed on recycling bin lids across the collection routes. These stickers explain what items can and cannot be recycled in Council's current collection system.

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Crockery, drinking glasses	✓			
Disposable nappies	✓			
Fire ash		✓		Charges apply
Food scraps	✓			Or better yet - compost or worm farm it!
Garden organics	✓			Or better yet - compost or worm farm it!
Gas cylinders			✓	Cylinder exchange facilities such as 'swap-n-go'
Mobile phones & batteries			✓	Collection points in council offices and Crookwell library - recyclable
Pharmaceuticals and expired medicines			✓	Return to participating chemists
Plastic bags	✓			
Scrap metals		✓		Free - recyclable
Sharps and syringes			✓	Crookwell or Gunning landfills
Smoke detectors			✓	Return to manufacturer - recyclable
Vehicle batteries		✓		Free - recyclable

For more on what can and can't be put into your garbage or recycling bin or information on what to do with certain materials contact council on 1800 137 181 or visit council's website www.upperlachlan.local.nsw.gov.au

Control Serrated Tussock before seeding

SERRATED Tussock remains the number one noxious weed affecting properties within Upper Lachlan Shire according to Council's Noxious Weeds Manager, Paul Brown. All landholders have a legal responsibility to control serrated tussock infestations on land that they are responsible for. It is stressed that to be successful with control programs all landowners need to survey their properties for the presence of serrated tussock plants and take appropriate control action before the plants produce seed during late November.

Paul stressed that on a high percentage of properties within Upper Lachlan controlling serrated tussock can be

achieved by simply patrolling their paddocks on a regular basis and digging out or spot spraying invading scattered plants. One of the major restraints in controlling serrated tussock remains the accurate identification of plants. It is particularly important that all landholders in our area have the ability and skills to identify plants and carry out effective control programs. Landholders requiring assistance in identification or implementing control programs can obtain information by contacting Council's Weed Officers.

Paul also stressed that there is a significant risk that new weeds have been introduced into the region with the large amounts of fodder that have been acquired over recent years. It is extremely important that any new weed incursions are controlled before establishment. Again all landholders within Upper Lachlan Shire should patrol

their properties now and if any unusual vegetation is located they should contact Council's Noxious Weed Section for assistance in the accurate identification of weeds.

Council's Noxious Weeds Manager, Paul Brown, is available to discuss any weed related issue that residents have and can be contacted on 4840 2099 or 0428 644 160 for weed control information.

Serrated tussock, (right) *Nassella trichotoma*, has infested more than 1.1 million Ha of temperate Australia and more than 30 million Ha are threatened.



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IT IS the responsibility of every council to have developmental control measures in place as points of reference for those wishing to initiate projects of significance within its boundary.

With this in mind, on September 22, 2005 the Upper Lachlan Shire Council, enacted a Development Control Plan (DCP) in regard to the contentious development of wind farms.

The essential points of this Council's control measures for this type of development includes: the distance such towers should be from non-participating landowners houses, (two kilometres from such structures) as well as addressing such issues as the protection of biodiversity, aboriginal archaeology, communication towers, impacts land values, the cumulative impact of such developments, aviation hazards, as well as other concerns. While the Council recognizes that the NSW Department of Planning is the regulator of such developments it is this Council's opinion that the State should take into consideration this Council's DCP, which the Council believes best reflect the issues of importance to its residents.

With this in mind the Upper Lachlan Shire Council opposed, at its meeting held on September 25, the 84 tower Gullen Range Wind Farm Development, located 23 km to the west of Goulburn and wholly inside the Upper Lachlan Shire.

Mayor of the Upper Lachlan Shire, Cr John Shaw notes that it is a Council's legal responsibility to attempt the enforcement of its developmental control measures.

"I am very concerned that this development falls short of this Council's DCP, especially in regard to the number of towers that are closer to non-participating residents houses (two kilometres) than is clearly stated in our control measures.

Also of concern is the potential impact this project might have in regard to the use of two landing fields located near the project," Mayor Shaw said.

In regard to this last issue the Council demands that the proponent offers the same considerations that were given to the recently approved Cullerin Wind Farm, that being, that the proponent demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director General that local aircraft movement and use of the airstrip and aerodromes in question will not be adversely affected by the project.

Continuing, Mayor Shaw said, "There are 32 homes of non-participating parties located within 1.5 kilometres of the towers of this wind farm. This is clearly in breach of the Council's requirement that towers be at least two kilometers away from the houses of those not hosting such developments.

"This is not a matter of being opposed to wind farm developments but an objection to the manner in which this is being decided. We don't believe the proponents of this development are taking Council's DCP into consideration," the Mayor said.

Safer Seniors On Our Roads

THE Upper Lachlan Shire Council invites all senior members of our community to a Road Safety Workshop to be held at the Crookwell Services Club on Wednesday 5 November, commencing at 10.30 am.

The workshop will provide information to seniors about staying safe on the roads and retaining their licence longer. Safety issues to be addressed during the workshop include: guidance on safe driving practices; information sessions on mobility aids and discussion of a wide range of health issues,

road rules and road safety.

Crookwell has an ageing population with the number of senior drivers increasing with each population census. As road users, senior drivers face a number of age related problems that can effect their ability to drive and safety as a pedestrian.

"It's all about helping older drivers drive safely and by helping them minimise the risk of being involved in a road accident." All seniors in the district are urged to attend this very informative seminar.

For more information please contact Mark Foran, Road Safety Officer, at the Upper Lachlan Shire Council on 48301000

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WHETHER we live, we share our environment with native animals which have had to adapt to our cities, towns, roads and farms. Unfortunately, some animals are injured or orphaned when they come into contact with our way of life. The pressures of land clearance, domestic and feral animals, pesticides and motor vehicles all take their toll.

WIRES (NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue & Education Service) was the first fulltime network established to assist native animals. It is an independent, non-profit organisation operating under licence from NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, with 30 branches throughout NSW and approximately 2,200 volunteers rescuing sick and injured wildlife.

Southern Tablelands Branch covers most of Upper Lachlan and Goulburn Mulwaree LGA's, and is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers. If you find a native animal in distress, telephone 02 4822



Tawny recovering from a torn wing. Inset photo shows how narrow & small a tawny's tongue is in relation to the size of the beak and gape.

Shire Loonies walk for Cancer Council

UPPER Lachlan Shire Loonies have volunteered to walk in support of the 2008 Goulburn Relay for Life.

This fundraising event for 'The Cancer Council' is a great chance to team up to help fight cancer, as well as honouring all those people who have been touched by cancer.

Funds raised will be spent on cancer research, education, support services and

advocacy.

Teams of 10-15 people take turns to walk or run around the oval.

This is a fun event that will include entertainment and activities for all ages. Each person on the team pays a registration fee which includes a polo shirt and breakfast. There is an early bird registration fee so get in early!

The event will be held on October 25 at the Goulburn Oval. Donations can be made following the link

http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/?2008/goulburn_2008/upper_lachlan

Crookwell Gazette reaches out

THE Crookwell Gazette, in an effort to reach out to the business community of the entire greater Upper Lachlan Shire, is gathering information, from interested businesses, to compile a 'Business Directory' for the shire's villages and the rural community.

This directory will be along the same lines as the Crookwell Directory, which was published and distributed at the end of September, 2008 but expanded to cover all businesses within the Shire

Bronwyn Haynes, Sales and Administration Manager for the Gazette, said, "The Crookwell Gazette is keen to do

its part to help the entire business community of the Upper Lachlan Shire. The Gazette believes that the best way it can help is by the production and promotion of a professional Business Directory.

"These Directories are a great way of getting your business noticed as well as a cheap and effective way for new businesses to promote themselves across the Shire. The closing deadline for ad copy for this new publication is November 30, 2008. It is expected that the Directory will go to print by early 2009. Please contact the Gazette office for any information on this directory."

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Don't be a tosser

UPPER Lachlan Shire Council in association with the South East Resource Recovery Regional Organisation of Councils (SERRROC) launches local litter campaign.

"Litter is one of the most visible and persistent environmental issues our council faces. It can pollute our streets, parks and public spaces and damages our environment. It also affects our area's image and tourism income," the Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Cr John Shaw said.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is launching its Don't be a Tossers - Bin Your Butts local education campaign, with a focus on cigarette butt littering in public places.

Cr Shaw says the campaign will be targeting cigarette butt littering - which

accounts for almost half of all litter items. There are seven billion cigarette butts thrown away each year in Australia. This is a huge threat to our waterways, aquatic life and the cleanliness of our local streets.

The campaign will include: posters, street banners, and stickers and drink coasters placed in local hotels and clubs; personal ashtrays handed out to residents and visitors; newspaper and radio advertisements.

The campaign aims to reduce cigarette butt litter by informing people about the harmful effects of littering, the social unacceptability of littering, and the fines that apply by law.

An average of six out of ten Australian smokers in outdoor settings litter their butts, and this is a particular problem outside hotels and office buildings.

The environmental impacts of cigarette butts include the release of toxic emissions

into water and soil as they decompose. As well, butts are not 100% biodegradable - the paper and tobacco are, but the filters can take up to 12 years to decompose.

"Cigarette tossers can be fined \$60 on the spot for littering stubbed out cigarette butts, and \$200 for lit cigarette butts," Cr Shaw said.

"People care about litter but often don't realise that they are part of the problem.

"Throughout the campaign, the council's enforcement officers will be out talking to the community about litter laws and spreading the litter prevention message. Enforcement officers can issue on the spot fines for littering ranging from \$60 to \$750," Cr Shaw said.

So the message is "Don't be a tosser - Bin your butts" - use bins, personal ashtrays or take your rubbish home and dispose of it thoughtfully.

Cr Shaw continued, "We want people to

think about what they are throwing away, and we welcome support for the campaign to help reduce littering in our community."

BIN YOUR BUTTS

The cigarette butt you throw outside your office could end up in our waterways. That's why there are \$60-\$200 fines.

An initiative of the South East Resource Recovery Regional Organisation of Councils (SERRROC) supported by the NSW State Government through The Department of Environment and Climate Change.

SERRROC

Taralga Rugby 'IN THE PINK'

TARALGA Rugby Union Club's initiative 'In the Pink' held recently to raise funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation has proven to be an outstanding success. Event Coordinator Evan Rees said, "a total of \$13,073.55 was raised for the NBCF charity and all volunteers and sponsors are to be commended on their efforts. It is a tremendous result for such a small, but willing community". National Breast Cancer Foundation spokesperson Terri Jones added, "That's an amazing effort, everyone involved is to be congratulated". Terri also stated that, "I will ask Sue Cameron, Manager Speakers Bureau, to contact you regarding a NBCF representative attending the TRUC

Hammer falls - auction declared a success

ON SEPTEMBER 20, Crookwell district artists joined some of the nation's and the world's best artists to raise funds for the Crookwell District Community Trust.

When Mick Laing (of Landmark) auctioneer's hammer fell (he was assisted by Margaret Carr and Justin Gay), \$22,830 worth of art work, donations as well as bids from a silent auction changed hands. Both artists and organisers declared the event a great success.

President of the Trust, Tim McCarthy, was overjoyed with the results. "The final figures of this effort have seen the Trust secure over \$11,000, which will go a long way towards help the Trust help those most in need across this district. By anyone's calculations this is a significant sum and will mean an awful lot for this district's battlers.

"Many people need to be thanked for their efforts, including the 42 artists listed below, the sponsors including the Upper Lachlan Shire Council (especially Sandy Arnall and Kerri-ann Pratley), the Day branch of the CWA (especially President Margaret Williams),

Presentation Night 20th September. Congratulations all round - what a year for football in 2008. Thank you for your support of breast cancer research".

Over 500 people were on hand at Taralga Sports Field on Saturday July 5, for the Rugby Clubs 'Gala Day'. The under 8's and under 12's took on the Goulburn 'Fizzy Reds' while the Taralga U18 Invitational XV took on the Southern Tablelands Reds in the inaugural Rick Buckley Shield. In the feature match, the Taralga Tigers defeated the Crookwell Dogs for the fourth straight match 23-18, retaining the 'Upper Lachlan Shire Cup'.

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Crookwell Rotary (with considerable assistance from David Johnston), ArtHead of Goulburn, Country Energy, Trinity High School in Goulburn, The Memorial Hall Committee and CADS, Catherine Duff of CBD Cafe, the Crookwell Gazette and Goulburn Post, ABC radio both out of Canberra and Orange, the Canberra Times, the Crookwell Golf Club, Crookwell IGA, the Hotel Motel, the Middle and Top pubs, and 'Signs are Us' with special mention to Wayne Croker.

"I am sure I must have missed someone because so many people willingly gave so much of their time to make this project the success it obviously became.

"Though local art lovers were well represented one of the more gratifying aspects of this auction is the considerable support that came from outside Crookwell, with numerous buyers from both the Goulburn and Canberra areas as well as a sprinkle of buyers from the Southern Tablelands and as far away as Wagga Wagga. To all those who put their hand in their pockets, thank you.

Featured artists in the auction included locally recognised Marg Shepherd, Betty Osborne, Megan Cleland, (recently relocated to her

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home in Canada), Humphrey Price-Jones, Paul Anderson, Holly Barton, Don Taylor, from Taralga Jan Green, also from Taralga, Hank Spirek, Stewart Lawrence, Rowena Dean, Mary Butt, and Chris O'Brien

The greater Goulburn area was represented by Lynne Flemons, Katie Milson Walter Breceley Martin Sanders, Mez, (Marianne) Breeze, Pete Sykes, Jane Cush (Director of the Goulburn Regional Gallery), Bill Gorman, Bob and Sonja Millis of Arthead/Goulburn. Sally Mumford and Judy Paradise came from Wagga Wagga while Ann Gilbert and Therese Crowe represented Borrowa and Ben Townsend from Sydney.

Canberra artists were Kerry McInnes, Cathy Laudensch, Naomi Crowther, and Gil McPadden, also contributing work were Cecile Galiazzo and Robyn Kinsela from the Southern Highlands and Allan Baptist once of the Crookwell area and now living in the Shoalhaven district lent a hand

Internationally/nationally recognised artists included, Adam Cullen, Cherry Hood, Graeme Townsend, Max Cullen, Margarita Georgiadis, Kim Nelson and USA artist John Dawson. To everyone involved you did a great job, and thank you.

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Cullerin Range Wind Farm project update from Origin

Project Status

SINCE receiving development approval from the NSW Government in February 2007, the Cullerin Range Wind Farm project has progressed through to construction design and the preliminary construction phases.

Following approval of the Construction Environmental Management Plan by the NSW Planning Department on June 19, 2008, extensive geotechnical work was undertaken to design the road from Lerida Road North to the top of the ridge, as well as the roadworks between the 15 turbines.

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council was contracted to upgrade the Lerida Road North so that some bends were straightened and the road was levelled so that long low loaders could deliver the equipment to site. Currently Origin's contractors, Catcon, have 60 workers on site – including local labour. Where possible, equipment and supplies have been sourced locally for the supply of hardware, fencing, concrete works, signage and landscaping activities. The site offices and compound are situated on Lerida Road North near the intersection with the Hume Highway.

Hardstand areas - where equipment is placed ready to build the towers, nacelles and blades – have been established next to each tower position.

The 15 tower foundations have been dug to a depth of approximately 2m, reinforced steel has been placed at the bottom of each hole, some embeds (the tower bases that are eventually covered in reinforced concrete) have been placed in position, and are awaiting the concrete pour in the next few weeks.

A permanent Origin Site Manager has joined the team and from early September has been based on site full time.

Time Line

October 2008, Construction continues on turbine foundations

February 2009, Turbines Arrive

July 2009, Project Commissioning

Origin in the Community

Origin cares about the communities in which it operates and is pleased to be collaborating with the people of the Upper Lachlan Shire Community to build this important project. As part of the construction design phase, Origin engaged in local consultations during May and June to assist in identifying key issues and opportunities to work together.



Above - The first of the tower embeds" being inserted into the foundation with Catcon employees and Origin's site manager in foreground.

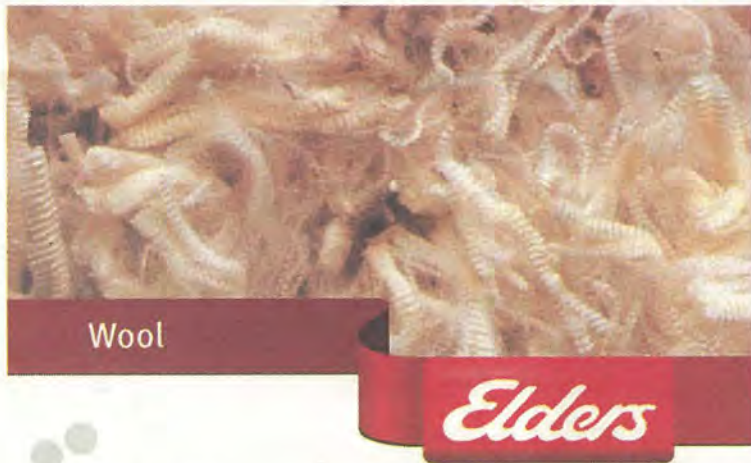
As a result, Origin is working with the Breadalbane community towards a new community facility and we are establishing an education program for schools throughout the local district.

Would you like to find out more information and provide comments or feedback?

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'The Voice' heard

A water education program, a bike recycling project and an informative community newsletter were some of the projects recognised at the annual Local Government Week Awards evening held on Wednesday night July 30, at Parramatta Park.

Minister for Local Government, Paul Lynch MP was impressed with the calibre of this year's entries.

"Local Government makes a significant contribution to community wellbeing, and this was reflected in the outstanding award entries on display tonight," said Minister Lynch.

"Councils do a fantastic job creating and implementing unique programs that cater to all cross-sections of the community, and the Local Government Week awards provide an opportunity to showcase councils' sustained commitment to providing these services," added Minister Lynch.

The Dougherty Awards

Among the various awards presented at the 'Over the Fence' Evening was the Dougherty Award.

This Award covers communication strategies put in place by councils to meet a specific community related issue, where different media and methodologies are used.

Under this category the Upper Lachlan Shire Council's newspaper, 'The Voice', received a "Highly Commended" award, the only Council in the 'Reporting to your Community' category (under 30,000 population) to be so honored.

The development of local and corporate partnerships in support of council's newspaper 'The Voice', demonstrates how rural Councils like the Upper Lachlan, with limited financial resources, can deal with communications challenges.

For more information or to view 'the Voice' on line go to www.upperlachlan.local-e.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 4830 1000.



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