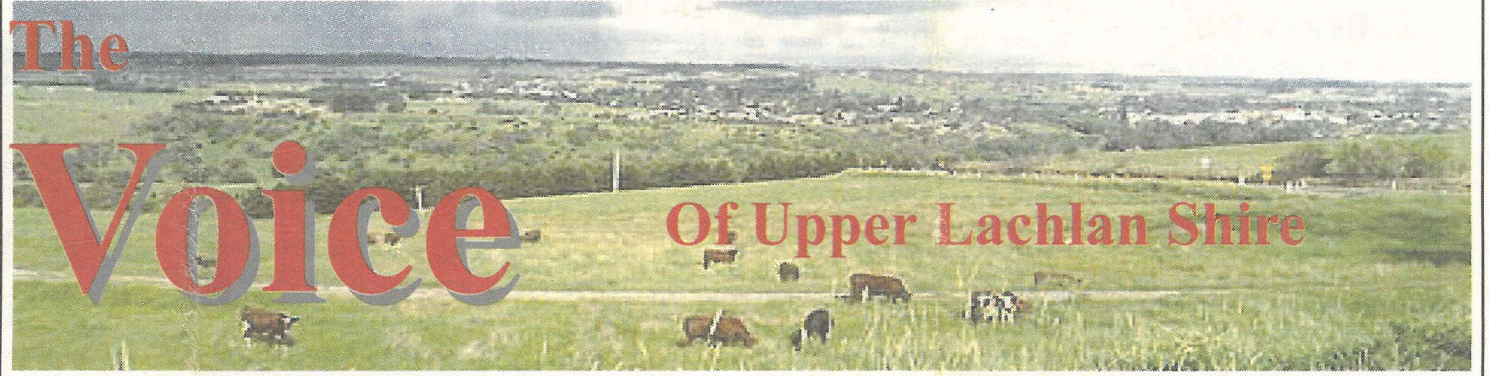


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"With understanding, new hope"



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Turning the tide

The number of volunteers that turned out as well as their enthusiasm impressed Mr Allan Redman, a board member of Lifeline and participant on the day, "the local community's support for today's event speaks volumes about the character of this community. Today's 'will-to-life-walk' will go a long way in helping to raise the community's awareness of suicide and the fact that there are people who are available to listen and be a friend.

Margaret Appleby OAM, the Chief Executive Officer of Lifeline has been spreading the word about the help that is available and is convinced that education is one key to help in the prevention of suicide.

"Today's event, held on the world-wide 'Suicide

prevention Day', is what I hope will be an annual event, demonstrates this community's concern about suicide and shows their willingness to help, but most importantly it opens a dialogue where people have the opportunity to acknowledge suicide's cost and begins an individual's effort to come to grips with the need for supporting those in our community that are most at risk," Margaret Appleby said.

Margaret made special note of the tremendous assistance given by General Manager of the Upper Lachlan Shire, John Bell and his staff. "Without the assistance of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council this event would not have taken place today, we are deeply grateful for Council's help."

The Deputy Mayor John Shaw, a participant on the day, said, "Despite the weather, this spectacu-

lar turnout and the great company made the day an outstanding success for a very worthwhile cause. I truly hope this becomes an annual event and helps in some small way shows the support of the community for those at risk."

The route that was taken on the day was very similar to that which the early European settlers took when they Crookwell area. Overseeing the day and making sure that the walkers were as safe as possible were personnel from, Saint John's Ambulance and the Upper Lachlan Shire. Special thanks are to given to Simon Holt from Council for the traffic management on the day and to Paul Anderson and the AP&H for their efforts in providing refreshments to the walkers.

"The Council was only too happy to assist Lifeline. Council is, when possible, willing to do what it can to help community groups. I saw this

as an opportunity to get the community together and help them realise that 'lifeline' is available as a vital means of support." General Manager John Bell said.

Though the day was not so much about raising money as awareness, Sharon Johnston, Lifeline's Event Officer, said, "Over \$3,000 was raised through both the donation of the walkers and those that sponsored the participants. Those that were unable to do the walk on the day or who just wish to contribute can send their donations to Lifeline, PO Box 174, Narellan, NSW 2567," Sharon said.

For those in need, phone 'Lifeline' on 131114, 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Those wishing to find out more about Lifeline phone Margaret Appleby on 0419692273.

Country Energy
investing in the Upper Lachlan



Regional General Manager
South Eastern, David

Working to make Binda Village a safer community

Country Energy is working with Upper Lachlan Shire Council to address the traffic issue through Binda Village as a sponsor of the Binda Village Safety Campaign.

Country Energy will supply work and materials in kind for the installation of two large street fog lights in Binda, to combat the heavy fog

often experienced in Binda.

The campaign will encourage drivers in Binda to stay within urban speed limits by changing the road environment to provide a warning to drivers that they are entering a low speed environment.

Country Energy's Regional General Manager South Eastern, David Bellew, said "The health, safety and well-being of our employees,

customers, contractors, visitors, labour hire employees and the public is our highest priority.

"Sponsorship of the Binda Village Safety Campaign is a great way for us to reinforce our commitment to regional growth and safety."

"We are delighted to be involved in such a worthwhile community safety initiative," David said.

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Library biz

What's New at your Library?

The latest exciting addition to the shelves of the Crookwell and Gunning Libraries include a collection of DVDs.

This new collection is part of the growing collection of over 700 DVDs recently purchased by the Southern Tablelands Regional Library.

Although, in line with the library's Collection Development Policy, most of the DVDs are not latest release commercial movies, the variety of subjects covered is endless.

There are DVDs on almost any subject that takes your fancy.

Just a few of the areas of interest covered include cooking, gardening, child care, health, many ABC and BBC documentaries, pet care, how to playing musical instruments, sport, dancing, world disasters and wars, handicrafts, painting, true crime, home renovating, titles by classic authors such as Shakespeare, Dickens

and Austen, and many films which have been adapted from books.

To gain the best use of these new resources, the DVDs will be divided into small collections which will rotate between all the branches of the Regional Library.

To see what DVDs are available you can check the library shelves, go to the library's catalogue at www.strl.nsw.gov.au and look at the monthly 'New Titles' list or choose from the library's printed list which has the DVDs grouped in subjects.

For further information on this collection or any of the resources and services available at your library call Crookwell Library on 48321048 or Gunning Library on 48452132 or pop in and have a chat with library staff.

Libraries opening hours

The Crookwell Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11:00am - 5:30pm, Wednesday 2pm - 5:30pm and Saturday mornings from 10:00am - 12:00 noon.

Gunning Library is open 2pm - 5pm Tuesday and Wednesday, 1.30pm - 5pm on Thursday and on Fridays from 10.30am - 5pm.

The library to close for one day only

To ensure that Southern Tablelands Regional Library (STRL) clients receive the best possible service, all library staff will be attending a one day training course on Monday September 25, 2006. Unfortunately, we will need to close the library for that day to enable all staff to attend this training.

As STRL staff work at different locations and do not get the opportunity to train together as one group. We hope that our library users will understand how valuable it will be for all library staff to work together on this one occasion. In accepting this inconvenience patrons can be assured that staff will be working towards improving our services and ensuring that our public libraries are relevant and responsive to the needs of our local communities into the future.

Notice Board

Hello to Doris!



Now living in the Sunshine Bay area, Doris was recently given an edition of 'The Voice' and was thrilled to receive news from the Crookwell area. Here is hoping you are well Doris and continue to enjoy 'The Voice'.

Reaching out

While we are writing about the far reach of 'The Voice', I was informed by Barry Jamieson, of Spackman Motors, that a copy of the newsletter made its way down into Victoria and a car buff saw his ad and phoned Barry to talk to him about the 1972 V6 GT Ford Capri that is shown in his ad.

Nomination forms

Don't forget to get in your nomination for Upper Lachlan Shire's Australian Citizen, Junior Citizen and event of the year. There will be one nomination in each category for those living in the Taralga, Gunning and Crookwell areas. Forms are available from the Gunning and Crookwell library and Council offices, also, from the Taralga Post Office. Nomination forms are to be returned to the Upper Lachlan Shire's General Manager, PO Box 10, Crookwell, NSW 2583 by October 6, 2006.

Crookwell Hospital

Centenary celebration will be held on Friday October 6, 2006 with the Crook-

well Visual Artists Exhibition Opening at 6:30pm at the Crookwell Memorial Hall.

On Saturday October 7, 2006 there will be tours of the Crookwell Hospital 10-12pm and 1-3pm, a Time Capsule Ceremony at 1pm at the Crookwell Hospital and a garden dedication to the memory of Sister Alva Fitzell, Centenary Dinner 6:30pm for 7pm at the Crookwell Memorial Hall, \$35 pp., bar available.

For more information contact the Crookwell Information Centre, Email: crookwellvisitor@bigpond.com phone (02) 4832-1988.

Historic Church

Saturday October 21, 2006 the Historic Church of Greendale, Jerrawa Creek, presents "Greendale Country Fete". Stalls will open from 9am, cake stall, morning tea available from 9am until 11am, garden produce, white elephant stall, needlework, a free jumping castle for the children, second hand books, wood for sale with a BBQ lunch also available.

On Sunday October 21 the Greendale Church will hold its 144th anniversary service with a 2:30pm tea to follow. All are welcome, Greendale serving the community for 144 years. Contact Judy Wilson on 6226 2266 for more information.

Social and Community Planning

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council have held meetings with community groups in Taralga, Gunning and Crookwell helping to develop a Social and Community Plan for the Shire.

For those who have missed these community meetings and wish to have their say please contact Upper Lachlan Shire Strategic Planner, Jackie Impy, Email: jimpey@crookwell.nsw.gov.au or by phone on (02) 4830-1000.

Small schools sporting day

Students from a number of local small schools including Bigga, Binda, Laggan, Windellama, Tambelin, Taranna and Taralga have been busy preparing for the Annual Taralga Small Schools Sports Day.

This great community event has been held by the Taralga and District Combined Athletics Association annually for the past 70 years. This years Athletics was held at the Taralga Show Ground on Friday 8th September.

If your Upper Lachlan School has an event that you would like to promote please contact Hank Spirek, Upper Lachlan Shire Media Officer, hspirek@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 4830-1000.



Almost! James Boardman has a go in preparation for the small schools sporting day

Historical Society

Crookwell and District Historical Society

The Society's next publication is now in the final stages of preparation. It will include Obituaries, Deaths, Inquests 1901-1925. This is the last call for photographs to be handed to the Society for scanning and inclusion in this publication. All obituaries during this period contained in the Crookwell Gazette, Argyle Liberal, Goulburn Penny Post and Goulburn Herald have been copied and family trees researched and included. Other obituaries of descendants who have died away from Crookwell have also been included. However, if there was no obituary published and a photograph is available, these photographs could be included with a profile on the deceased person, together with their family.

This is definitely the last appeal for photographs, as once the manuscript has been checked and proof read it will be placed in the hands of the printers, and with luck should be published by Christmas or at the latest for the Country Weekend.

Check with the Society by telephoning 48 320630 or call in, Tuesday or Friday from 2-4 and the photograph will be scanned. Other enquiries can be made contacting the Belfords on 4832-1550.

History Week

From the 11-15 September the Society will hold a display of photographs in the Foyer of the

Memorial Hall and the public is invited to visit from 2-4 pm. On the Friday afternoon tea will be available. We will also have available a booklet for sale covering Crookwell - The Way We Were - prepared by Monica Croke for sale.

Cottage Hospital

During the first weekend in October the Hospital will celebrate 100 years of service to the Committee. Our Treasurer has been researching articles in the local papers concerning the growth, problems and other activities, and it is hoped that this too will be published in book form. Any enquiries concerning this publication should be directed to Dianne Layden

Pioneer Memorial Garden

A suggestion has been received that a garden be prepared at the Memorial Oval to balance the garden the Crookwell CWA arranged some years ago.

The idea is that descendants of the original settlers have growing in their own gardens, shrubs, bulbs, plants, herbs, small trees, etc that were brought from the old country by their ancestors when first settling in this district.

Anyone who has a plant or can provide a cutting from their own garden is asked to contact the Historical Society so we can gauge the interest before placing the proposal before Council. Telephone the Society on 48 320 630.

Red Cross open day

As a result of the interest shown some months ago, Lyn Dingwall of 10 Marsden Street has offered to open her house to the public on the Garden Week end. This house was

originally built by Les Goodhew in the early 1920's, and has lovingly been restored by Lyn. Do bear this date in mind, Saturday the 28 October, - the house will be open between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm. Entrance is by a gold coin which will go to the funds of the Australian Red Cross.

Taralga Historical Society Inc

Open

'Richlands', an historic tablelands homestead, 12Kms from Taralga on Wombeyan Caves/Oberon Road will be open to the public on Sunday November 26, 2006.

Cost \$5 includes the entry to the homestead, 'Richlands Homestead' pamphlet, printed programme, map and morning and afternoon tea.

A home made lunch will cost \$10 and be served in the garden.

Help!

Help is needed at the open house at Richlands Homestead on Sunday November 26, 2006. The official program begins at 10:25am. If you can help, please contact Mary Chalker on (02) 4840-2084.

New publication

Pat Newman is working on a new book on Myrtleville. Would anyone with information please contact Pat on (02) 4821-0226. The research is needed to produce a book, which is a long and arduous task, so if we can assist Pat in any way to make her job easier it would be appreciated.

Swap Meet scope widens

The range of offerings at the popular Swap Meets that operate at many centres throughout Australia has widened considerably in recent years.

As those who have visited the Crookwell Swap meet in the past couple of years have found, the variety of goods offered is quite staggering - and usually at amazingly low prices.

This year, the Swap Meet (organised by the local Rotary Club) will take place at the Showground on Sunday October 15.

The traditional Swap Meet offerings still form the basis - old and new car parts, automobilia, books, tools, farming bits and pieces.

But this has been supplemented by stalls, which provide bargains in books, toys, collectables, DVDs, videotapes - even clothes and furniture.

Swap Meets are now very much a part of life in New South Wales, with the stallholders travelling from one Meet to the next, proffering their wares.

The Crookwell Swap Meet has become an important part of Rotary Club's fund raising, which means that all profits from the day (raised from

site rentals, gate takings and food and refreshments) are returned to the community through support for areas such as health, youth and amenities such as town clock, park furniture etc. As well as the opportunity to browse for bargains or for that otherwise unobtainable spare part for older vehicles and machinery, the Swap Meet will have vintage cars and tractors on display, with hot breakfasts, barbecues and morning teas available.

But be early!

The gates will open to the public at 6am, with plenty of free parking available inside the Showground.

Cost of entry is only \$2.00, with free admission for children under 12. Appropriately, the sponsor for the Swap Meet is Sydney Vintage Car Restorations, of McIntosh Road Crookwell.

Interest?

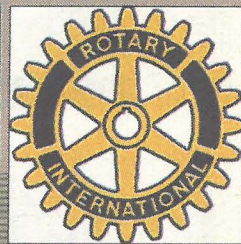
Any inquiries regarding site bookings or other information should be directed to Bill Rogerson (Crookwell Rotary) on (02) 4832-1707, or Scott Pollock (Upper Lachlan Shire Tourism Manager) on (02) 4832-1988.

Crookwell Swap Meet

Sunday October 15, 2006

Crookwell Showground-gates open 6am

Adults \$2, children under 12 free



Indoor sites with power (bookings required) \$25 per site (incl. entry for 2).

Outdoor sites, a few with power (no bookings) \$10 per site (incl. entry for one).

Information Contact

Bill Rogerson, (Crookwell Rotary) (02) 4832-1707 or

Scot Pollock (Upper Lachlan Tourism Manager) (02) 4832-1988.

Email: crookwellvisitor@bigpond.com



Gil Skidmore, of Sydney Vintage Car Restorations, McIntosh Road, Crookwell, Ph: (02) 4832-0888, is the proud sponsor of this year's Swap Meet.

Mayor's Column



Mayor Brian McCormack

As promised

As Council promised the residents of the Taralga, at the community meeting held on Thursday August 10, attempts are being made to gain additional funding for the sewerage project in Taralga.

General Manager John Bell, the Director of Environment and Planning Richard Davies and Manager of Water Luke Moloney and Sewer and myself, met on September 17 with representatives of the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA) and the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) to discuss the options available in relation gaining additional funding towards the Taralga Sewerage Scheme.

HNCMA does not offer funding programs for Sewerage Schemes, however the meeting was

productive in terms of forming a relationship in respect to the funding programs HNCMA do offer, in particular Catchment improvement grants.

SCA had an appreciation for the basis of Councils request for further funding and reported that Wingecarribee Council had made similar requests for additional funding contributions. Whilst no additional funding is currently available under the existing Accelerated Sewerage Program, SCA felt that additional funding towards the Taralga Scheme may be a possibility given that the Scheme was a pre-Regional Environmental Plan (REP) development, and SCA conditions may be in fact be decelerating the Scheme, when the aim of SCA funding was in fact to accelerate the Scheme. Council has subsequently formally applied for additional funding contributions from the Sydney Catchment Authority and the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability.

"H" Division Meeting

The General Manager John Bell and myself, attended a meeting of "H" Division Shires Association of NSW, held at the Queanbeyan Bicentennial Centre on Friday August 8, 2006.

Presentations were given by Mr Allan Bradbury of Minter Ellison Lawyers spoke on the recently introduced Work Choices legislation. Another was given by

Mr James Allardice of Habitat for Humanity Australia, which builds simple decent affordable houses in partnership with low income families.

Of most interest to this council's present focus was a presentation by Harden Shire Council raising the issue of the draft standard State Department of Planning's LEP template.

The question most asked was "where did the State get their advise from for this template and how does the State justify its findings."

It was recognised that it is a matter of convincing the Department of Planning and the Department of Primary Industries that there is a need for dwellings on smaller parcels of land than that which the State Government would normally permit.

Centenary celebrations

2006 is the centenary for a number of public bodies in the Upper Lachlan Shire. 100 years ago the Shire Council's of Crookwell, as well as the old Gunning and Mulwaree Councils were formed. In recognition of this a Centenary Dinner will be held on December 9, 2006 at the Crookwell Memorial Hall.

More information will be published in the next issue of the Voice and through the other local media outlets.

The Crookwell District Hospital will be holding its Centenary on the

weekend of September 6 and 7, 2006.

The Crookwell area has been well served by the staff and patrons of this hospital and it is hoped the Crookwell District Hospital will continue to grow and be able to serve the needs of the community.

For those interested in more detail phone (02) 4832-1988, Email: crookwellvisitor@bigpond.com or visit the Upper Lachlan Shire Visitor Centre in Crookwell.

Mayoral round Table to sit in Crookwell

Three to four times a year the Mayors and General Managers in the Southern Region of NSW meet to discuss issues and their possible solutions common to all Councils. During these meetings it is common for State Ministers to address the gathering to inform them of actions of the State Government that may impact on their areas.

The last meeting was held in Boorowa with the guest of honour the Honourable Ian McDonald, the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation addressing the gathering.

Clr Martin represented the Council at this meeting and when the question of where the next meeting might be held volunteered the Upper Lachlan Shire. Clr Martin saw this as an opportunity for this Council to show off the progress of the Upper Lachlan Shire, dates and time have yet to be confirmed.

Upper Lachlan Shire Councillor details

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Councillor Sandra Bill: 'Kulai', Harley Road, Crookwell 2583, ph: 4832-1685, fax as phone, Email rsbill@wirefree.net.au, mob: 040-9719-876.

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Councillor Garry Cosgrove: 'Kousbra', Bulleys Crossing Road, Biala 2581, ph: 4845-5153, Email cosgrove@nswfarmers.com.au, mob: 041-0439-006.

Councillor William Martin: 'Loghren', East Street, PO Box 102, Crookwell 2583, ph: 4832-1450, no fax, email or mob.

Councillor Brian Moloney: 'Kiriwin', Richlands Road, Taralga 2580, ph: 4840-2235, fax as phone, Email snowmoloney@hotmail.com.

Councillor Charles Prell: 'Savannah', Crookwell Road, Crookwell 2583, ph: 4848-1244, no fax, email cprell@wirefree.net.au, mob: 042-7224-839.

Councillor James Wheelwright: 'Phils River', Crookwell 2583, ph: 4834-2149, fax: 4834-2142, email jmwheelwright@hotmail.com.au.

General Manager reports

As the readers of The Voice will recognise the newsletter has



General Manager John Bell

been enlarged to eight pages. This extra space will allow the opportunity to update the Shire's residents on issues directly relating to Council management.

Mayoral and Deputy Mayor elections

Councillors have considerable responsibilities beyond attending Council meetings. There are numerous committee meetings some held with Section 355 Committees, public interest groups, public functions,

as well as mandatory training sessions. It is in truth a demanding position.

Part of their responsibilities is the election, every 12 months, of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1998, provides details with respect to these election by Councillors. Nominations are to be made to the General Manager and an election conducted, if necessary.

A Councillor may be nominated without notice for election as Mayor or Deputy Mayor. A nomination form has been provided to all Councillors and should be delivered or sent to the General Manager up until the time of the election to be held on Thursday September 28, 2006 at approximately 9.30 am at the Crookwell Council

chambers. The public is welcomed to attend the meeting.

Council meeting times

In accordance with Section 365 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Council is required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.

Section 366 provides details with respect to the calling of an extraordinary meeting on request by Councillors and Section 367 provides details with respect to the requirements to provide notice of meetings. The Local Government (Meetings) Regulation 1999 provides details with respect to the convening and conduct of Council Meetings and Committees of Council.

Further to the above, the Council also has an adopted Code of Meeting Practice, which complements the Act and the Regulation.

Ordinary meetings of Council

shall normally be held on the fourth Thursday of each month commencing at 9.30am, adjourning for a meal break at 1.00pm and reconvening at 2.00pm if required.

Staffing matters

The vacant Parks and Gardens Supervisor's position was advertised internally on 19 May 2006 and John Hanley, Council's Plant Operator for Parks and Gardens was successful and begins his duties as the Parks and Gardens Supervisor on 24 July 2006.

As previously reported to Council, a recent external advertisement seeking a Roller Operator based at the Gunning Depot resulted in the position being offered to Russell Chapman of Crookwell. Russell commenced duties on September 1, 2006.

Staff delegated

The Roads and Traffic Authority, RTA, has recently delegated designated Council staff the authority to carry out certain functions regarding heavy vehicle enforcement on local Upper Lachlan Shire Roads.

Councillors expressed some concern that the RTA was shifting their responsibilities onto Council staff and that the onus of such delegated authority might compromise Council.

The Director of Works, Mr Ken Reedy said, at the Upper Lachlan Shire Council July Ordinary meeting that this authority will be used only as the need arises and than only on local roads.

"I do not anticipate any Council staff using this authority other than in exceptional circumstances. The act, The Road Trans-

port (General) Act 2005, gives the authorised officer the right to perform the following functions:

1. Give direction to stop and move heavy vehicles.
2. Permit the manner in which the directions may be given.

3. Require the driver to produce a driver's licence and name and address.

4. Require the person responsible for the position and others to disclose the identity of the driver who commits the offence.

The Director of Works recommended five senior staff members as authorised officers to implement the provisions of the RTA Act. Mr Reedy recommended himself as the Director of Works, the Manager of Works Mr Garry Anable, Senior Supervisor Mr Robert Allport, Senior Supervisor Mr Bruce Hillier and Council Ranger Mr Jason Impey.

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Upper Lachlan Shire Development Application Issues

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council wishes to encourage orderly growth that benefits the developer as well as the community as a whole. This requires clear developmental guidelines that are respected by all parties concerned.

Some of the requirements for development in the Upper Lachlan Shire are as follows:

BASIX

In 2004 the NSW Government introduced the Building Sustainable Index (BASIX). The BASIX certificate is a web-based planning tool designed to access the potential performance of residential buildings against a range of sustainability indices.

The certificate identifies the sustainability features required to be incorporated into a building's design, including such elements as recycled water, rainwater tanks, AAA-rated

showerheads and taps, native landscaping, heat pump or solar water heaters, gas space heaters, roof eaves/awnings and wall/ceiling insulations. A BASIX Certificate in the Upper Lachlan Shire is required for most residential development that requires approval, including all new dwellings and from 1/10/2006 all alterations.

Applicants can generate the BASIX Certificate only on the NSW Department of Planning BASIX website: www.basix.nsw.gov.au for more information, phone the BASIX help line on 1 300 650 908.

Geotechnical survey

Due to the complex nature of some soils it is recommended that prior to building on vacant land that a Geotechnical survey be completed which will provide information regarding soil types and assist in the classification of the land.

This report is recommended before deciding on the type of waste management system you will use.

Council may also require this information as part of its assessment process depending upon the development type and location. Soil Scientists can be found in the Yellow pages.

Plan

Plans are required to accompany nearly all development applications. Plans must include the site plan (a birds-eye view of the existing and proposed development on the site and its position in relation to boundaries and neighbouring developments), floor plan (a birds-eye view of your existing and/or proposed layout of rooms within the development), elevations of all four sides of your development and sections (a diagram showing a cut through the development at the most typical point illustrating distance above existing ground level). Plans must be drawn to scale in ink, preferably on A3

size paper. Free hand, single line or illegible drawings will not be accepted. Specifications and details of the construction methods and process will also be required where building work is involved.

Owner builders

An owner-builder permit is required if the owner intends to undertake or supervise their own residential building work, which requires a Council approval and the cost exceeds \$12,000, an owner-builder fee is currently \$132. Also required is evidence that the owner-builder has completed an approved owner-builder course or have the approved equivalent experience. For enquiries, contact the Department of Fair Trading.

For more information regarding development application requirements please phone the Upper Lachlan Shire Council on (02) 4830-1000 and ask for the Department of Environment and Planning.

Capital Works, \$5.16 plus

Largest investment ever

During this 2006/2007 financial year Upper Lachlan Shire Council will invest \$5.16 million in major and minor capital works projects across the Shire. This will be the largest capital works program ever undertaken by this Council.

The Director of Works, Mr Ken Reedy, says these capital works projects with the preconstruction activity will present the Works Department with substantial challenges in the area of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), environmental, property acquisition

and human resource management.

To carry out this work the Council employs 86 'Works' staff; 23 located in Gunning and 63 at the Crookwell depot, as well as Contractors who are engaged for the specialised tasks such as bitumen sealing and gravel quarry work.

The largest projects on local roads during this financial year will be the reconstruction and bitumen sealing of 4km of Range Road, near Bannister and the 3km of reconstruction and bitumen sealing of the Peelwood/Fullerton Road north.

Other local road projects include the bitumen resealing of 31kms across various areas, the reconstruction and bitumen sealing of approximately 3km of Towrang Road and the upgrading of the old South Road rail

crossing.

Major projects on State and Regional roads will focus on the reconstruction and bitumen sealing of MR54, the first stage of Junction Point Road and MR52, Crookwell/Gunning; also due for attention is MR248E Taralga Road, (approximately 400m, subject to final design).

Urban Street projects include the sealing of the car park at Todkill Park, sealing of George Street in Collector, improvements to the Colyer to Spring Street section of Goulburn Street in Crookwell, Taralga drainage, Binda traffic calming as well as other projects.

Other major projects include work on the Taralga Sewerage scheme and the relocation of stock reloading facilities in Crookwell.

As well as the \$5.16 million another \$6.42 million has been budgeted towards routine road maintenance including state, regional and local roads. Routine maintenance includes such activities such as grading, gravel and pothole patching, tree and drainage maintenance, guide and signpost maintenance, bridge maintenance, street cleaning, line marking and other activities.

The maintenance as well as reconstruction and sealing of roads, and the building of important infrastructure such as the Taralga Sewerage scheme are important to local communities across the Shire. The management of these projects presents the Works Department with a busy but rewarding year ahead.



We are the contact for Regional Partnerships funding in your area. Projects can be small to large and depending on what your community needs. Examples of projects include community

halls, recreation facilities, community infrastructure for youth and other groups, business and industry expansion. More information? Ring Ian or Marion on 02 6162 4400 to discuss

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your project idea or go to our website at, www.cr-acc.asn.au

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More than furniture

Crookwell Furnishings open its doors in Crookwell in October 2005 as business focused on carpet and blinds.

The opportunity to move into the present facilities at 36-38 Goulburn Street, Crookwell, gave the new owners Darren and Karen Swift the opportunity to branch out into a wide range of furniture goods.

The furniture side of their business has caught on to the point where customers are

forgetting that Crookwell Furnishings still offer a wide range of quality carpets and blinds.

So Darren and Karen would like to take this opportunity to invite people to come

in and have a look at what their store can offer you.

Darren and Karen believe that Crookwell is a great place to live and do business and are

looking forward to a future where their business will be seen as a one stop shop able to

decorate Upper Lachlan Shire homes from blinds, to flooring, to their customer's chairs and beds.

Crookwell Furnishings is opened seven days a week; Monday through Friday from 9:30am until 5:30pm, Saturday from 9am until 2 pm and Sunday from 10am until 2pm.

Crookwell Furnishings

"We've got your carpet"



Opened from
8:30am - 5:30pm
Monday thru Friday
9am - 2pm
Saturday
10am - 2pm
Sunday

36 - 38 Goulburn
Street Crookwell
Phone: (02) 4832-2055



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Ram sales that Landmark are holding exclusively or with another agent for this season, for Crookwell and the surrounding areas.

DATE	SALE	LOCATION
SEPTEMBER		
Wed 6	Winyar Merino Ram Sale	Canowindra
Fri 15	Merryville Merino Ram Sale	Boorowa
Tue 19	Demondrille Merino Ram Sale	Harden
Mon 25	Tara Park Merino Ram Sale	Boorowa
Wed 27	Woolaroo Merino Ram Sale	Yass
Thur 28	Merrignee Merino Ram Sale	Boorowa
OCTOBER		
Fri 6	Avonsworth Merino Ram Sale	Biala
Sat 7	Arneville Merino Ram Sale	Yass
Fri 13	Koonwarra Merino Ram Sale	Boorowa
Sat 14	Billa Burra Burra Merino Ram Sale	Yass
Sat 14	Wantana Merino Ram Sale (Helmsmen)	Boorowa
Sat 21	Carrabungla Merino Ram Sale Niela Merino Ram Sale	Laggan
Fri 27	Thalaba Merino Ram Sale	Laggan
NOVEMBER		
Thur 2	Bogo Merino Ram Sale	Bookham
Fri 3	Lochness Merino Ram Sale	Fullerton
Fri 10	Hillcreston, Hillcreston Heights and Hillcreston Park Merino Ram Sale	Bigga
Fri 17	Stillbrook Merino Ram Sale	Crookwell
Fri 24	Hillden Poll Dorset Sale	Bannister
DECEMBER		
Fri 1	Hillcreston, Hillcreston Heights and Hillcreston Park Merino Flock Sale	Bigga
Date to be advised	Crown Hill poll Dorset Sale	Bigga

Pejar Park and Rogara will have rams available for private sale throughout the season.

An open day will be held on October 10th 10am – 2pm, for the following studs, Carrabungla, Niela, Lochness, Thalabah and Stillbrook. For further information contact Landmark Crookwell, 4832 1122.

Shoalhaven present options.



Shoalhaven Economic Manager, Mr Greg Pullen and Mayor Brian McCormack, looking towards the future.

'Beyond Nerriga'

Mr Greg Pullen, the Economic Manager of the Shoalhaven Shire Council, presented the Upper Lachlan Shire Council, at their Thursday August 24, 2006 Ordinary Meeting, with an update of the Shoalhaven Council's construction of MR92, as well as that Council's 'beyond Nerriga' vision.

The journey to accomplish the upgrading of MR92 has taken over 30 years of Shoalhaven Shire Council effort, Mr Pullen informed the Upper Lachlan Shire Council.

The project, he pointed out, has truly regional economic implications with the goal of bringing three regional corridors together, the Hume, Monaro and Princes Highways.

These highways at present do not converge for B-Doubles transport anywhere further south than Wollongong-Wilton (Picton Road). Mr Pullen continued, that population growth in the south coast and

ACT regions requires an effective link to bring these two economies together for their mutual economic benefit.

The Prime Minister identified the importance of this project in 1997 with the declaration that MR92 was a Road of National Importance.

"The EIS process the project identified a 'catalytic need'. The often-touted benefit to tourism was not sufficient, Mr Pullen said.

"For the project to gain the approval of the State and Federal Governments the project had to demonstrate the likelihood of the economic benefits."

He outlined the present options available to those wishing to move goods through the South Coast; the impacting factors being fuel consumption, the upgrading cost, and safety, the benefits to tourism was an ancillary benefit, he said.

In 1996 the Shoalhaven Council projected a total cost of \$80 million. In 1997 the Shoalhaven Council voted to allocate \$12 million, in March 1998 the Federal Government committed \$34 million and in June 2001 the NSW Government announced its commitment to match the Federal Government's \$34 million.

First 4.6km for \$2.9 million

The Shoalhaven Shire Council completed the first 4.6km for \$2.9 million. In 2002/03 the EIS for the RTA was prepared and stage 2's 24km was started in 2006 and is scheduled for completion in 2008 at a cost of \$15.3 million. Stage 3, 25km, is scheduled to begin in 2007 and is to be completed by 2009.

The issue of most interest to the Upper Lachlan Shire Council is the final Auslink section, or that section 'beyond Nerriga' which will connect MR92 with the Hume Highway. Mr Pullen identified a number of possible alternatives including one through Collector and Gunning.

He informed the Council that at present he was here to update the Upper Lachlan Shire Council on the progress of the project and to outline the options they were considering, this might assist the Council with its own planning, no action was required by the Council.

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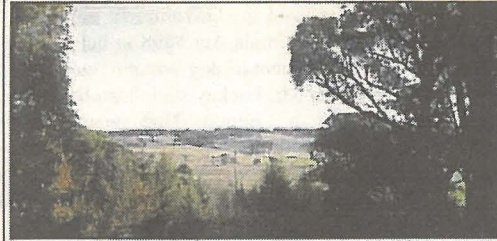


WATCH THE CHILDREN PLAY

This well located home in north Crookwell is ideal for the first home buyers, investors or developers (situated on approx. 1265m² block on two titles). With tiled entry, large living area, kitchen/dining, sunny family room, kitchen with dishwasher, modern tiled bathroom including spa, 2 x single garages & established gardens. A Must to consider.

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Price: \$230,000 NEG

CROOKWELL



YOU CAN APPRECIATE THE VIEW

One of the best views in town from this residence set on approx. 1132m² block. Modern home, 3 bedrooms, all have built-ins, main with ensuite, tiled bathroom & separate toilet. Entry, lounge room, dining room & modern galley kitchen. Double garage & workshop - fully established grounds. Must to inspect to appreciate.

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Waste Strategy

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council has begun preparing a detailed waste management strategy to plan its waste and resource management policy direction through to the year 2026. This strategy is being prepared in the context of the rural nature of the Upper Lachlan Shire, the existing legislation, current practices and constraints, and opportunities for the Shire. Investigations will include visits to landfills and transfer stations, current waste collection methods, recycling procedures and processing service providers. The aim of the NSW Government Waste Management Policy encourages the sustainable use of scarce resources in an economically responsible manner. The waste management policy now being formulated will ensure the Council's Waste Management Policy is consistent with the State Government's policy. Without improvement in current waste avoidance

and resource recovery practices the Shire will continue to have a growing environmental footprint, consuming and wasting more resources than it produces or recovers.

The objectives of the Council's waste management strategy focus on the minimisation of waste, the maximising of resource recovery (recycling), the prevention of illegal dumping and/or littering and the use of non-toxic products.

When this strategy is successfully implemented the Shire will be an area of clean public places and low-waste public events. There will be an increasing need for collection of recyclables and a diminishing need for garbage collection for its residents, visitors and businesses.

Components of the strategy include services and facilities, as well as the support mechanisms of education, communication, strategic partnerships, continuous improvement practices and financial considerations. Another essential support mechanism is the 'continuous improvement principle and practice

system'. This will ensure the sustainable management of waste and the recovery of resources is shown to be working and will encourage the support of the residents of the Shire.

The strategy will be used by Council to guide it in its decision-making and implementation process. It will include the development of waste and recycling tender processes and 'best practice' in the manner in which these contracts are awarded. A waste pricing policy that takes into consideration this contract price and the management of waste facilities will be the result for Council and residents. The Upper Lachlan Shire Council has joined with other Councils in the area to form the South East Resource Recovery Regional Organisation of Councils (SERRROC). This forum will assist in exchange of ideas and strategies to educate the public on new initiatives such as home composting and the separation of recyclable materials taken to waste facilities. Once new collection procedures are implemented, performance indicators and

supporting long-term policies and guidelines will be developed to ensure the project's goals are met.

Such a considerable undertaking requires support from numerous levels of Council. The issues involved with waste management have been of long-term interest to Councillor Charlie Prell, who is Council's representative on the SERRROC.

"I have always been interested in promoting recycling and resource management strategies that reduce the amount of waste deposited in landfills," said Councillor Prell. "In the Upper Lachlan Shire Council area we are pretty good at minimising rubbish, but I believe we can do it even better, particularly in urban centres of the shire and at public events. We need to educate and encourage individuals and businesses in the Shire about the advantages to us all of practical implementation of simple and inexpensive recycling initiatives." This is what the SERRROC and developing a comprehensive Waste Management Strategy is all about.

Where on earth are you?

The Crookwell Ambulance Station would like to congratulate the Upper Lachlan Shire Council on the rollout of the local rural numbering initiative. The numbering system has increased the accuracy and ability of emergency services to locate out of town properties.

Another important way to minimise the time it takes to get to you is to make sure that all residents of the house, particularly children, know how to call the emergency number - '000' - as well as address details and if necessary, details of special instructions to get to your house or property. You may be surprised at what people cannot tell us when they make a '000' call.

People living on properties outside of town know how to get to their own home but have difficulty putting that knowledge into words in times of distress. It is very important that people can give accurate verbal directions to their property starting from the nearest town. For this reason, Crookwell Ambulance Officers urge residents to have clear instructions and address details written down and beside their phone, so that anyone can confidently call for the emergency services.

When an accident or serious illness strikes, you will be asked the following questions by the '000' call takers:

- What is the exact

address of the emergency?

- What is the phone number you are calling from?
- What is the problem, tell me exactly what happened?
- How old is he/she?
- Is he/she conscious?
- Is he/she breathing?

You may then be asked to provide further details of the exact location of your property, including landmarks and directions. Please be aware that these questions WILL NOT delay the dispatch of an ambulance to your location.

Can you and your children describe where you live in words using street or road names, some distances and identifiable landmarks? You may have to rely on these directions to save your life.

Contributed by the Ambulance Service of NSW.



Help them find you: L-R, Ambulance Officer (temporary relief) Craig Smith and Advanced Life Support Officer Tania Hurst.

New dog laws give Council more bite

The State Government has made it easier for local councils to get on with the job of enforcing the toughest dog laws in Australia. Minister for Local Government Kerry Hickey, in response to the latest attack by dogs, this time resulting in the death of a young child, said the Government has altered the Companion Animals Act 1998 to help councils improve enforcement of dog laws.

"Any dog," the Minister Mr. Hickey said, "can be declared dangerous by a Council. That means they can be dealt with under the tough penalties in place for restricted breeds."

The new penalties include, maximum fines of \$55,000 and/or two year's imprisonment.

Mr Hickey said it was the responsibility of local councils - that have been given unprecedented powers - to enforce the tough new laws.

But he said the Government was determined to ensure the laws were enforced properly.

"We want to make it easier for councils to enforce these laws. That's why the Government will go through the Act to see if there are any barriers in the enforcement process, and if so remove them," Mr Hickey said.

"The Upper Lachlan Shire has been fortunate not to have many dog biting incidences," The Director of Environment and Planning Mr Richard Davies said.

"It is important that dog owners become familiar

with the changes to the Companion Animals Act and understand that dog ownership comes with responsibilities to the community as a whole," Mr Davies said.

Under the changes it will now be an offence in New South Wales to sell, acquire or breed dogs on the restricted dog list. Restricted dogs in NSW are the same as those currently on the prohibited list of importations into Australia.

However, changes to the legislation now include offspring of restricted dogs on that list, as follows:

- American Pitbull terrier or Pitbull terrier
- Japanese tosa
- Dogo Argentino (Argentinean fighting dog)
- Fila Brasileiro (Brazilian fighting dog)
- Any dog declared by a council under Division 6 of the Act to be a registered dog (1)

This means any dog that is in the opinion of the council of a breed or kind of dog on the restricted dog list or a cross-breed of any such breed of dog can be declared dangerous by a Council and dealt with under the tough penalties in place for restricted breeds.

For more information contact the office of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council on (02) 4830-1000

Building and sewer policy

The majority of sewer pipelines within serviced areas of Crookwell, Gunning and Taralga (proposed) are located on Council owned land within existing designated roads easements. However, the requirement to cross private properties is typical of all sewerage systems. Although easements over the sewer are required for new subdivisions, sewer routes on existing lots rarely have easements placed over them. It is not proposed to place easements over the new sewer pipelines within Taralga, nor is the Council obligated to do so. Council has powers under the Local Government Act to enter properties for the purposes of water and sewer services regardless of whether an easement is located on the property.

Although not formalised as policy, Upper Lachlan Shire Council has traditionally prohibited the building of structures over or within the zone of influence of existing sewer

pipelines. The basis of this prohibition relates to maintaining the structural integrity of the pipeline, and also maintaining appropriate access for operational and maintenance activities. In light of the variability in site conditions and the modern methods to access and improve structural pipe integrity it is accepted that a rigid approach to prohibiting building within the proximity of a sewer is inadequate.

The proposed Building Over Sewer policy would provide, in Mr Moloney's opinion, guidance to both Council staff and building applicants when building adjacent to a sewer pipeline may be permissible, and what engineering measures are appropriate if building adjacent to the sewer pipeline is proposed. This policy is particularly appropriate given increased development in Crookwell and Gunning and the proposed construction of the Taralga Sewerage Scheme.

For details of the Building Over Sewer policy adopted please contact Mr Luke Moloney at (02) 4830-1000, or visit web site www.upperlachlan.local-ensw.gov.au

The Voice four pages louder

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council approved, at its July 27 Ordinary Meeting, to increase the size of the Council's newsletter from four pages to eight.

"The Council newsletter, 'The Voice' seems to have struck a chord with the residents and the business community," Mr Henry Spirek, the Council's Media Officer, said.

"When I was appointed to this position I made a commitment to try and make the newsletter revenue-neutral.

The extra four pages provides more space for advertisers, at very little extra production

cost, therefore putting me one step closer to fulfilling my commitment."

"This newsletter goes out to every ratepayer in the Shire, that including those that own property here but live outside the Shire. It is the perfect platform for the Council to inform all its ratepayers of its latest actions and for Shire businesses interested in attracting customers from across the Upper Lachlan."

With new folding procedures 'The Voice' will now be published in a tabloid format. It is published every second month with the next edition due in mid September. For more information contact Henry Spirek at 4830-1000.

For Sale \$470,000

HOMESTEAD & ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN BINDA

15 minutes Crookwell township. Comfortable 4 bedroom home with study, family room, big country kitchen with dishwasher. Lounge, dining room and rumpus, shady verandah looking over lovely garden of mature tree, shrubs and rose garden highlighted by a stone feature wall & circular driveway. With 3 paddocks, 2 dams & equipped bore. This is a productive small farm, amenities include 2 bay machinery shed, silo, storage shed/ workshop, tack room & old stable. A tennis court and beautiful views complete the picture.

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For Sale \$360,000

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Just 12kms from Crookwell township, edge of Grabhen Gullen village. Beautiful private location with magnificent views. 3 bedroom home with ensuite, built in robes, large kitchen and bathroom, lounge with wood heating & fan, family/dining room with atrium style roof, verandah 3 sides in lovely garden. Double garage workshop with hobby room. Double garage with machinery skillion. Chook coop and double run, scattered trees, sloping to water hole. Easy maintenance and the good life. All this \$360,000

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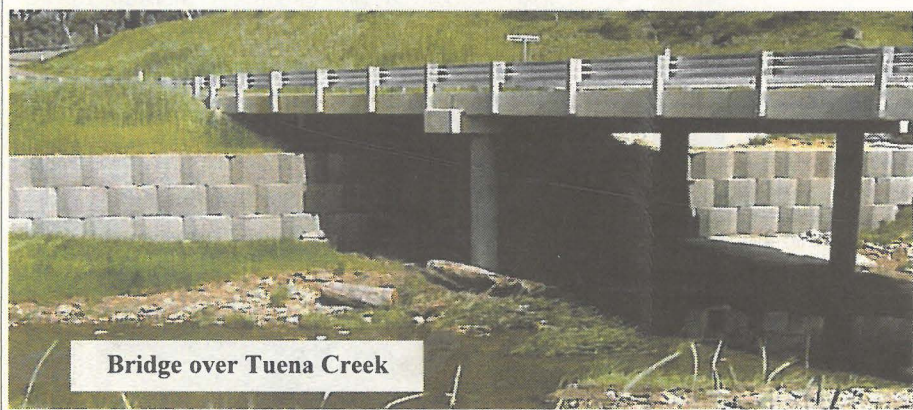
'Works' acknowledge

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council's Works Department was noted for its innovation in the August, 2006 edition of 'Rocla Piper', published by Rocla Pipeline Products, for the construction of the bridge over causeway over Tuena Creek, on Junction Point Road.

The new three-span bridge raises the road four metres above the old causeway and spans more than 30 metres (two 9.6m spans and one 12m

span). The Works Department took full advantage of the speed and economy of precast concrete construction when building the project, which replaces an old concrete causeway that was subject to flooding several times a year.

With funding from the RTA, the Council undertook construction of the bridge using its own bridge gang. Earthworks and piling were sub-contracted but Council's workers placed the bridge headstocks and planks and built the retaining walls to RTA design.



Bridge over Tuena Creek

Get caught in our web

When was the last time you checked out the Upper Lachlan Shire web site?

Found at

www.upperlachlan.local.nsw.gov.au you will discover a wealth of important information about your Shire.

Included on the site is an up to date Community Directory, Shire news (including the latest edition of the Shire Newsletter), a calendar of coming events and a link for online rates payments. Discover the services our Libraries have to offer and the

Tourism information for the Shire.

Under the "Your Council" section are the contact details of all Councillors, the current Annual Report, minutes of Council meetings and a copy of Council's Financial Statements

Development Application forms and updates on Upper Lachlan's Strategy Plan 2020 are in the "Planning and Development" pages.

For more information either visit the site or contact Miss Marianne Laws, Information Systems Coordinator on ph. 4830 1000.

COUNTRY WEEK EXPO

Held over Friday August 11 through Sunday August 13, the Country Week Expo provided Sydney residents with information about the diversity and wealth of opportunity available throughout the Upper Lachlan Shire as well as 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 Economic Development Officer, Brenda Proudman and Manager for Tourism Scott Pollock, the Director of Environment and Planning Richard Davies, as well as Dion Hall and Sean

Proudman represented Upper Lachlan Shire at the Country Week Expo.

"We had an extremely busy 3 days and we now have a database of names and addresses of over 170 people interested in the Upper Lachlan Shire," Brenda said.

"We handed out 380 information packs and 500 local newspapers. Scott and I were both extremely pleased with the response to our exhibition and both feel the exercise to be a huge success."

I would like to thank the Crookwell Potato Association, Aunt Lou's, Barbed Art, Lynwood Café, Killaiden House, Celtic Gardens and Richard Cooper for providing produce and display items. I would also like to congratulate Krisi Williams and Emma Rome for providing the most wonderful edition of the Crookwell Gazette and Rural

Press for providing 500 newspapers to give away.

"Of course 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.," Brenda said.

Brenda will now follow up with an extensive advertising campaign and invitations to all the people on the database to a BBQ and the Upper Lachlan Shire's "Country Houses Expo" which will be held on Saturday 28th October 2006

Council intend to provide our visitors and potential residents with a one stop informational display about the Upper Lachlan Shire and what it has to offer in the way of ideas, services, tradesman, land and housing etc.

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at

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Saturday 28th October 2006

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UPPER LACHLAN TOURIST ASSOCIATION

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Shire-wide Tourism Plan

The Upper Lachlan Tourist Association (ULTA) has commenced working on a Shire-wide Tourism Plan. For the past six months, we have held meetings across the shire gathering relevant information. At each meeting, there has been a good cross-section of the community, including tourism operators, progress associations and interested parties. From these meetings we have managed to identify the following:

- Relevant issues
- New projects
- What is the role of the Tourist Association

It is estimated that the plan will be completed by October 2006 and will be reviewed on a yearly basis. Once the plan is near completion it will be made available for comment.

Already it has been identified that our current tourism promotion tends to be focused on events. By that means, we hope to get larger numbers of people to discover the shire and to return because they enjoyed their time here. We need to recognize, however, that these events generally only attract each visitor for a day or a few days. It is important that we improve on the things we can offer which make any place attractive to the visitor at all times.

If you are interested in the plan, feel free to contact me. We are more than happy to share it with you, Scott Pollock

Upper Lachlan Tourist Association
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 106 Goulburn Street, Crookwell, NSW 2583
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nura retirement village

Nura Retirement Village is situated on 3.5 acres of land, 800m from Crookwell's CBD. The development is positioned opposite the Crookwell District Hospital.

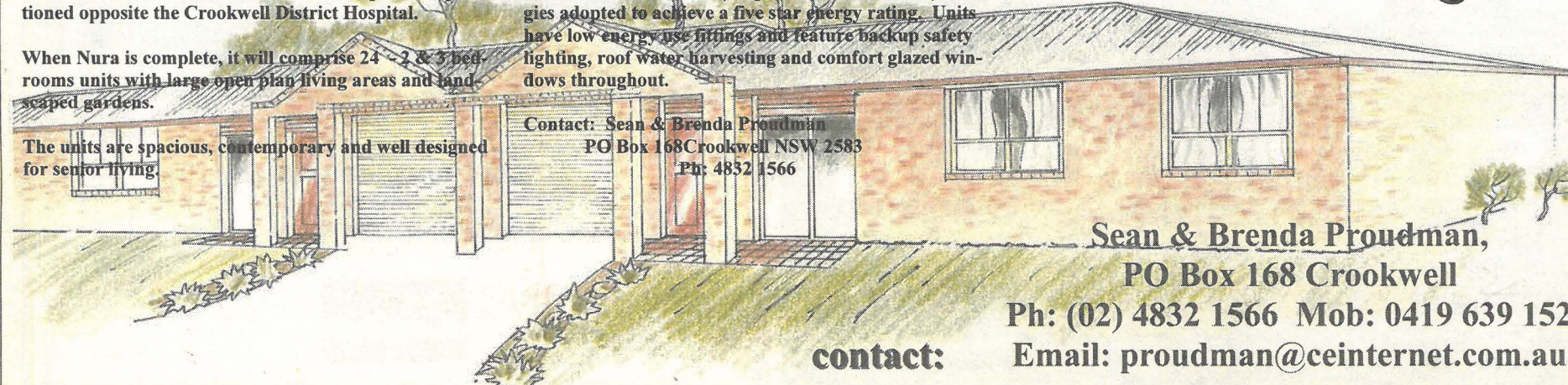
When Nura is complete, it will comprise 24 - 2 & 3 bedroom units with large open plan living areas and landscaped gardens.

The units are spacious, contemporary and well designed for senior living.

The orientation of the units has a particular focus. The units all have a northerly aspect - one of the many strategies adopted to achieve a five star energy rating. Units have low energy use fittings and feature backup safety lighting, roof water harvesting and comfort glazed windows throughout.

Contact: Sean & Brenda Proudman
 PO Box 168 Crookwell NSW 2583
 Ph: 4832 1566

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The Voice

Noxious weeds "obligations and attitudes"

Council required

Under The Noxious Weeds Act 1993 Upper Lachlan Shire Council is required to implement programs to ensure that declared noxious weeds are controlled within our area. The success of these programs is dependent on a committed partnership between Council and all landholders and land managers.

It is important that all landholders understand that they have both a legal and moral obligation to control noxious weeds on their properties and obviously, any action by an individual landowner needs similar actions from their neighbour. Council's Noxious Weeds Manager stresses that to be successful with weed control communities need to develop a positive attitude with regards to working together to involve all landowners with control programs. Serrated tussock is a typical example of this where an infestation on one property can affect hundreds of surround-

ing properties. All landowners should have consideration of the impact that any weed infestation on their property is having on neighbours.

The continuing dryer than normal conditions are favouring weed growth and in particular serrated tussock. All landholders should be checking their properties for serrated tussock now and control any infestations before seeding occurs in November/December. Due to the large amount of imported fodder and grain that has been introduced to the area over recent years landowners also need to be vigilant against any new weed appearing on their land and have any unusual vegetation identified.

Council's Weeds Officers are available to assist landholders and landholder groups with identification and the latest control techniques and can be contacted at your local Council office. Council's Noxious Weeds Manager, Paul Brown can be contacted with regard to any weed issue at the Taralga office on 4840 2099 or 0428 644 160.



Serrated tussock

Slow down in Binda

A road safety project addressing the issue of speeding through the village of Binda will be undertaken by the Upper Lachlan Shire Council in partnership with the RTA, Country Energy, Police and the Binda Progress Association.

Continuing complaints to Council from residents about vehicle speeds in Binda have highlighted the need for traffic calming solutions. Traffic surveys conducted by the Council's Engineering officers show 87% of vehicles speed through the village of Binda with the highest speed recorded at 160km/h. The objective of the project is to combine engineering solutions with a high profile education and awareness campaign that allows for community input and assistance in all aspects, providing a sense of ownership and at the same time building a safer community.

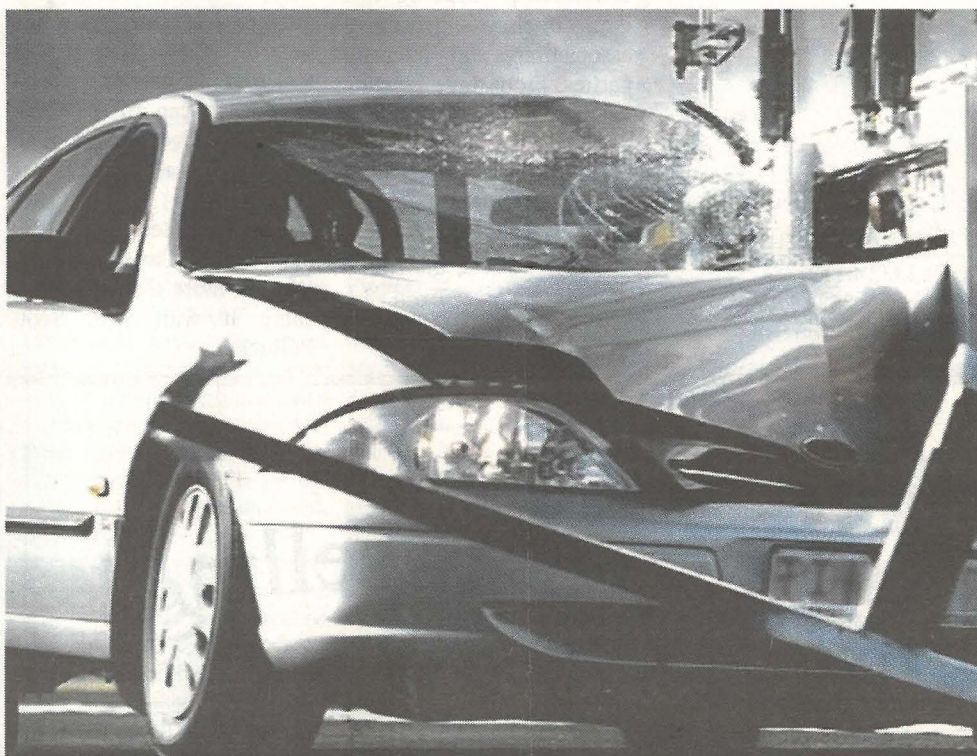
The campaign will highlight messages about the consequences of speeding, raising drivers' awareness that speeding in rural urban areas increases the risk of crashes involving pedestrians, particularly children. The project will also highlight that police enforcement will be conducted and the subsequent consequences of being caught.

"The idea is a simple one - combining all strategies including enforcement, noticeable signage, linemarking, safer parking, improved street lighting plus creating a significant change of road environment with exotic trees will provide a warning to drivers that they are entering a low speed rural environment", said Road Safety Officer Mark Foran.

Speeding is a factor in up to 60% of all crashes in the Upper Lachlan Shire. This figure currently stands at approximately three times higher than the state average. Each year motor vehicle crashes cost our community dearly at every level - financially, economically and emotionally. It is only through a co-ordinated commitment, that real outcomes can be achieved to reduce the occurrence, risk and cost of motor vehicle crashes.

"Improvements can be achieved through a whole of community approach and Country Energy's participation in this project demonstrates our commitment for a safer community," said Julian Besestri, Country Energy acting Regional Manager, South Eastern.

"No other single factor is a greater contribution to road trauma in this area than speed and Council is determined to dispel the myth that it is safe to speed through Binda," Mr Foran concluded.



SLOW DOWN

Speeding kills around 200 people each year in NSW.



An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program.

Collector SES volunteers celebrate



Unit Controller: Neil Ross

Collector State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers celebrated the official opening today of their new Headquarters. The Collector volunteers are members of the Gunning SES Unit.

"It's been a great day for us," said Gunning SES Unit Controller Neill Ross. "Today we've had the official opening of our new facilities in Collector as well as the handover of keys for a new Ford Transit Van for use at our driver reviver location on Lake George."

A number of local dignitaries took part in the occasion, including the Mayor of Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Brian McCormack, Deputy Mayor John Shaw and Councillor Gary

Cosgrove, the Upper Lachlan Shire General Manager, John Bell and the Director-General of the State Emergency Service, Brigadier Philip McNamara CSC.

A plaque to commemorate the opening of the new building was jointly unveiled by Brigadier McNamara and Mayor McCormack.

"The Shire and community are very proud of its SES volunteers and the sometimes difficult and dangerous work they do. I am very pleased to be able to recognise their contribution here tonight", said Mayor McCormack.

"It was a great privilege to have so many distinguished guests and volunteers share this important occasion," said Unit Controller Neill Ross. "The Upper Lachlan Shire Council and the NSW Government have been very supportive of this Unit, including meeting the costs of

our new headquarters. Also, members of this Unit have put in a lot of work to get the new headquarters up and running. I'd like to congratulate them on their efforts."

Brigadier McNamara commented on the Collector volunteers' support of community safety through conducting driver reviver. "They do a tremendous job, particularly during the SnowSafe campaign, to refresh drivers and assist in keeping the road toll down." Brigadier McNamara presented a cheque for \$3,500 to the Collector volunteers for the fit-out of the Ford Transit Van, acquired through a generous donation by the Fuji Xerox company.

The Gunning SES Unit, and its Collector volunteers, has served the local community in various emergency situations over the last decade, including searching for missing persons, responses to floods and storm damage, and provision of support services to the RFS during bushfires. "This new headquarters will allow us to assist the community even better in the future", said Neill Ross.

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