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THE VOICE

of Upper Lachlan Shire,
the Shire of Villages

MAYOR AND DEPUTY RE-ELECTED

THE Upper Lachlan Shire Council has, at its September 18 meeting of Council held at Crookwell Council Chambers re-elected Cr. John Shaw to the position of Mayor and Cr. James Wheelwright to that of Deputy Mayor. Cr Shaw was first elected to Gunning Shire Council in 1987 and served as both Mayor and Deputy Mayor until the amalgamation in 2004. He was elected Deputy Mayor for three years and has been Mayor of the Upper Lachlan Shire since 2007.

With 17 years of service in the former Gunning Shire Council and a further six years in the Upper Lachlan Shire, Cr. Shaw is one of the Council's longest serving members. And as such understands the need for Councillors

and Council staff to work closely together.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Councillors and Council staff for their ongoing support, while looking forward to the challenges of the upcoming year," Mayor Shaw said.

Deputy Mayor

Cr Wheelwright was first elected to Council in September 1999 as a Crookwell Councillor. Further to this he ran for and was elect in the newly amalgamated Council in June 2004 and for re-election in 2008. Cr Wheelwright was first elected as Deputy Mayor in 2007.

Deputy Mayor Wheelwright is looking forward to the challenges of this com-

ing year working.

"I very much appreciate of the support shown by the Mayor and my fellow Councillors. I believe the Council is heading in the right direction and has a bright future." Cr. Wheelwright said.

Both Councillors believe that the upcoming State elections will be providing the Upper Lachlan Shire with both a major challenge and an opportunity.

"Both myself, Cr. Wheelwright and the Council understand that it is important for this Council to lay before both our local State member and the current State government a clear lists of priorities. This is an opportunity for the Council to negotiate for the future of our Shire's ratepayers."



RECYCLING - DO'S AND DON'TS

Waste minimisation

IN 2007 the Upper Lachlan Shire Council introduced kerbside recycling to compliment the domestic waste collection already being undertaken in most towns and villages in the Shire. Since its inception, ULSC has encountered problems with the recycling service, mainly contaminated or non-recyclable articles being placed in the recycle bin for collection.

Recycling bins that contain contaminated or non-recyclable articles increase the cost of disposing of the waste, which in turn may lead to an increase in annual waste collection charges. The extra charges occur when the facility in Canberra who receives the recycling discover contamination in the recycling and rejects the load. When this happens the recycling company needs to reload and dispose of the entire load in Canberra's local waste management centre,

this incurs further charges for the council.

Recycling

Council would like to remind residents of the items that cannot be placed in the recycling bin. Items that are not for disposal in the recycling bin include most plastic bags, paint tins, scrap metal and wire, disposable nap-

pies, garden organics, food scraps and items that contain food scraps e.g. pizza boxes, bottles with lids still on, plastic



Only items with this symbol can be recycled. If it doubt please place the article in question in the red lid bin

straws and wrap.

There have also been occasions when residents have incorrectly placed plate glass, windows, mirrors, Pyrex, light globes, crockery and ceramics, and cigarette butts into Council bins meant for recycling. All of the above items should be placed in the Council's garbage bin.

Oils, syringes and sharps have been incorrectly placed into recycling bins. These items should be brought, in person, to the

resident's nearest waste management centre for disposal.

There are facilities at all ULSC waste management centres for recycling bigger items or larger quantities of recyclable material. There is no cost to dispose of sorted recyclables at any ULSC waste management centre. Materials accepted at no cost include white, brown and green bottles and jars (remember no plate glass), ferrous and non-ferrous metals, paper, cardboard, plastic and motor oils.

By ensuring that the domestic recycling collection service is used correctly, residents will help to reduce the volume of waste that is sent to landfill, which will maximise the landfill life span and help to minimise increases in the fees and charges Council has to charge to provide this valuable service.

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Black Soil Country wins art prize by the sea

IN an extraordinary finalists' field, Wendy Teakel of Murrumbateman, near Yass, has won Countryscapes 2010 – the \$35,000 Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting.

Wendy's submission, Black Soil Country, was selected from 41 finalists' works by leading Sydney installation artist, Janet Laurence, at the seaside town of Port Macquarie on, September 30, 2010.

Ms Laurence said, "from the minute she walked into the Glasshouse Arts, Conference and Entertainment Centre she was drawn to Black Soil Country – a competent, rich work of acrylic and pokerwork on plywood.

"It's spatially engaging – the black vertical band is like a void that pulls you in," Ms Laurence said. "Physically and visually the work has a very strong presence that dominates the exhibition."



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Library Biz by Kerri-ann Pratley

What's New at Your Library?

DO you have some old pieces of furniture or works of art about the house? Maybe you have grandma's jewellery left to you in her will. Have you ever wondered what they may be worth?

On line resource

The Southern Tablelands Regional Library is proud to announce an exciting new addition to our online resources; Carter's Price Guide to Antiques in Australia. Until recently we have purchased editions of this popular resource in print format. However in what has been described as the ultimate irony, hard copies have themselves

become collectables with early editions fetching as much as AUD\$2,025.00 at auction!

CARTER'S Price Guides have been published for 27 years, and include prices on antiques, collectables, retro, vintage and 20th century design, from 1500 BC to the present day, with a price range of \$5 to \$460,000.

The new online valuation service includes over 75,000 items from the 2005 to 2011 editions of CARTER'S Price Guide to Antiques in Australasia, plus many unpublished items. Simply go to our website at www.strl.nsw.gov.au and follow the 'online resources' link.

All antiques and collectables in this database include a professionally photographed image, and have been sourced from dealers

and auctioneers in Australia and New Zealand.

Easy to search

Best of all, is the ease of searching. You can search by category/subcategory, keyword or dealer, or further refine your search by manufacturer, date of manufacture, material, shape etc. This facility makes it so easy to drill down to the item you're looking for. From the comfort of your own home you will be able to use the database freely and view the images. However, if you wish to view the prices and dealer details then you must use the free public Internet PCs at your Local Library.

For those of you who are interested in finding out the price of those items in the shed, but are not computer literate you have not been forgotten. You are still able to borrow a copy of Carter's Price Guide to Antiques

in Australasia 2009 from the Library.

Many more resources available

So next time you have a few minutes to spare, pop into your Library or onto our website and find out what Grandma's jewellery or that original Hornby toy railway signal is really worth before you put them on Ebay!

Carter's Price Guide to Antiques is just one of the many online resources that we have available from our website.

Why not get online and have a look today!

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

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

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Cr. John Shaw Mayor's Report

Caption: Back row, L-R, Joe Vescio (Snowy Mountains General Manager), Chris Berry (Goulburn-Mulwaree General Manager), Simon Cassidy (Acting Yass General Manager), John Bell (Upper Lachlan General Manager), Paul Anderson (Eurobodalla General Manager), Peter Vlatko (Young General Manager), Stuart Freudenstein (Young Mayor), Martin Hughes (Cooma-Monaro Deputy Mayor) Don Cottee (Bombala General Manager), Neil Reid (Harden Council) and Peter Bascomb (Palering General Manager); **Front row, L - R,** Chris Manchester (Harden Mayor), Walt Raynolds (Palering Mayor), Fergus Thomson (Eurobodalla Mayor), Bob Stewart (Bombala Mayor), John Shaw (Upper Lachlan Mayor), Tim Overall (Mayor Queanbeyan City Council), John Vucic (Cooma-Monaro General Manager) and Robin Guthrie (Bombala Corporate Services Manager) at the second SEROC meeting held in Bombala.

SEROC Board meets in Bombala

ON FRIDAY 24 September, the South East Regional Organisation of Councils (SEROC) Board, which represents 12 councils in south east NSW together with Regional Development Australia Southern

Inland, Regional Development Australia South Coast and the Department of Premier and Cabinet, held its second meeting in the Bombala Shire.

The meeting considered the process of resource sharing among the councils including purchasing, training, skills audits and records storage and retrieval



John Bell General Manager's Report

As noted on the front page of this issue of the Voice you will be aware that the Council re-elected Cr John Shaw to the position of Mayor and Cr James Wheelwright to

Mayor and Deputy Mayor elections



that of Deputy Mayor. Both Councillors have worked hard for the benefit of the Shire and the fact that they were re-elected unopposed indicates the respect that the rest of the Councillors have for them both.

Holiday period

Most readers will receive this issue of the voice in late October and while the Christmas holidays might be far from your minds this will be the last Voice before that holiday period and so I wish to use this opportunity to outline the Council's upcoming holiday periods of closure.

With respect to arrangements for the Christmas/New Year period, it is advised

and heard a presentation from ICON Software on a new IT platform available to councils.

The platform has been designed to assist councils to simply and seamlessly share knowledge and information with their communities.

The Board was also shown an extra added value of the software which was its ability to provide a regional solution to assist each council in resource sharing and disaster recovery.

It is an important step forward in helping to facilitate greater co-operation among councils in our region. I believe that by working together, we can achieve so much and save our communities many thousands of dollars.

Crookwell Potato Festival

AT THE September Ordinary meeting of council it was agreed to change the name of the Crookwell Country Festival to the Crookwell Potato Festival.

The Crookwell Potato Festival aims to take the best parts of the old festival such as the parade and transform them into a flagship festival that is unique to the region.

The name change comes from the belief of both the Country Festival Committee and from the Council that to fulfill the events purposes, provide an economic stimulus and fundraising for the community, a

change in approach was required.

With only a handful of other regions able to lay claim to a potato industry as a major force within their community and with no other festivals connected with potatoes happening in NSW the Country Festival Committee suggested to Council, and Council agreed, to the name change.

The day is scheduled to offer events, activities and attractions will include something for everyone with a host of games in the Kidsfest zone, lots of potato themed competitions, live music including Alice Plumb, Brittle Jack and the pipe and drum bands. Bush poets, paddock tours, car displays, market stalls, lots of food and the kids Spud-takular.

So mark the fifth of March in your diary now; invite your friends and family, and have a great day out in Crookwell next autumn.



New Potato Festival Festival logo

that as per Council policy, the Works Depots and Administration Offices will be closed from midday on Thursday December 23, 2010 and will reopen on Tuesday January 4, 2010.

Arrangements have been put in place to ensure that in the event of emergency situations arising over the Christmas/New Year period, nominated staff will be available to work as required to rectify any emergency.

Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facility Policy

Under s252 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must adopt a Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy. As per s253 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council gave public notice of the draft policy for 28 days which closed on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 of its intention to adopt the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.

In accordance with s253 (2) Council requested that persons wishing to make a formal submission to Council regarding its intention to adopt the draft Upper Lachlan

Shire Council Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy, do so within the statutory 28 days from the publication of the notice on Monday, August, 23 2010, that is, by 4.00pm on Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

As Council received nil submissions, this Policy has been adopted at the Council meeting held on October 21, 2010.

Code of Meeting Practice

Under s361 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, before adopting a code of meeting practice, a council must prepare a draft code.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council advertised its objective to adopt the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice and as per s361 (5) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council publicly exhibited the draft code in accordance with the required notice.

As Council received nil submissions, the Code of Meeting Practice it has been adopted at the Council meeting held on October 21, 2010.

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Andrew Croke
Director of Finance and
Administration

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2009/2010

THE audit of Council's annual Financial Statements was completed by Morse Group from September 13 to 15, 2010.

The external Auditors Report prepared by Morse Group is now available for presentation to the public by Council for the 2009/2010 Financial Statements. The Auditors Report is available on the Council's web site www.upperlachlan.local-e-nsw.gov.au.

The result of Upper Lachlan Shire Council's operations for the year ended June 30, 2010 is summarised as follows:

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is at present in a sound financial position to meet all provisions and liabilities as indicated in Note 13 to the Financial Statements which states that Council's Unrestricted Current Ratio of assets to liabilities is 3.28:1. The Net Operating Result for 2009/2010 from all Council Activities totalled \$7.285 million surplus. However, Council liquidity, including working capital and unrestricted cash will require close monitoring into the future.

The Net Operating Result for the year before capital grants and contributions totals a \$10,000 operating deficit. Council had originally budgeted for an operational

budget deficit of \$287,000. However, it is important to note that the operating result includes a gain on revaluation of investments totalling \$517,000.

The Financial Statements note that Council's Cash and Investments held at June 30, 2010 total \$10.659 million. A breakdown of these amounts is shown in Note 6 (c) which states total external cash restrictions, i.e. restrictions for water supply, sewerage, Section 94 contributions, unspent grants and domestic waste, totals \$5.591 million.

The internal cash restrictions total \$4.75 million, i.e. employee leave entitlements, plant replacement, uncompleted works, gravel pit and rubbish tip remediation, and infrastructure reserves. Therefore there remains only \$318,000 unrestricted cash, which decreased from \$443,000 and included a \$351,000 building reserve write-off.

Council's Works Department completed the revaluation of infrastructure asset classes of roads, bridges, footpaths and stormwater drainage assets at "fair value". The increase in valuation of these asset classes resulted in additional \$183.2 million in asset value being brought to account in the Balance Sheet in 2009/2010.

The impact of the asset fair valuation in future years will be a significant increase in the depreciation expense for Council. There

will be an additional \$700,000 depreciation expense annually in relation to these classes of assets. This additional operating expense will ensure that Council will not in the foreseeable future be able to manage a surplus operating result.

The consolidated net operating result for the year before capital grants and contributions can be further divided into net operating result by each individual fund as follows:

- 1). the actual General Fund Deficit was minus \$630,000; while the budgeted deficit was minus \$564,000.
- 2). the actual Water Supply Fund

Surplus was \$173,000; while the budgeted surplus was \$116,000. 3). the actual Sewerage Fund Surplus was \$293,000; while the budgeted surplus was \$161,000.

4). the actual Domestic Waste Fund Surplus was \$154,000; while the budgeted surplus was \$0.

Total Consolidated Net Result actual deficit of \$10,000; budgeted deficit of \$287,000.

It is important to note that the General Fund is the only fund where the annual general rates income increase is restricted by the NSW State Government.

	2010 Current (\$'000)	2009 Previous (\$'000)
INCOME STATEMENT:		
Total - Income from Continuing Operations	18,992	20,455
Total - Expenses from Continuing Operations	19,002	20,427
Net Operating Result before Grants and Contributions provided for capital purposes	(10)	28
Total - Income from Capital Grants and Contributions	7,295	4,336
NET OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR	7,285	4,364
BALANCE SHEET:		
Total - Current Assets	12,858	10,919
Total - Current Liabilities	(4,680)	(4,244)
Net - Current Assets	8,178	6,675
Total - Non-Current Assets	390,998	201,033
Total - Non-Current Liabilities	(3,984)	(3,059)
Net - Non-Current Assets	387,014	197,974
TOTAL EQUITY	395,193	204,649
OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:		
Unrestricted Current Ratio	Ratio 3.28	3.34
Debt Service Ratio	Ratio 0.03	0.03
Rate Coverage Ratio	Ratio 0.29	0.29
Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage	Percentage 2.65%	2.64%
Building and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio	Ratio 1.07	1.84

CROOKWELL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CROOKWELL and District Historical Society, PO Box 161 Crookwell NSW 2583
 Telephone: 02 48 320630 Email: cwl-famhist@goulburn.net.au

(The office is situated in the Memorial Hall Denison Street)

Opening hours: Tuesday: 11.00am - 4.00pm

Thursday, Friday 11.00am - 4.00pm

Meetings of the society are held at the Archives, second Thursday of each month at 2pm

Note: To be a financial member all fees are payable by July 1st to the: Crookwell and District Historical Society, PO Box 161 Crookwell NSW 2583.

Membership Fees: \$12.00 Single, \$15.00 Family, \$50.00 Schools/Groups

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Upper Lachlan Shire's New Resident Incentives

Just by deciding to move to Upper Lachlan Shire, new residents are automatically entitled to receive a goods-and-services voucher package valued at over \$750.00

The package, a joint initiative of Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Business Houses, provides practical assistance to new residents, as well as introducing them to many of the local businesses in our community.

It's a win-win incentive scheme: new resi-

dents receive an attractive range of discounted goods and services, while Upper Lachlan Business Houses obtain the opportunity to secure ongoing consumer loyalty and trust.

"Local businesses can take the opportunity to turn new customers into loyal customers."

Offering incentives is a great way to welcome newcomers to Upper Lachlan Shire, a great way to contribute to the growth of the Upper Lachlan Shire's business sector, and a great way to strengthen Upper Lachlan's position as an excellent centre in which to live, work and invest.

'Tips for dealing with Lenders/Banks'

TREAT your farm like a business – keep your paper/computer records up to date. It is important to present professional records to your lenders, especially at review time. If you need help with budgeting either on the computer or on paper, contact whose office for assistance.

Communication – If you know you are going to reach your overdraft limit or exceed it, let the lenders know before it happens. Communicating with your lender will help build good rapport for the future. Talk to them about any future plans that you have for your enterprise, use their experience and knowledge as a sounding board.

Annual Reviews – this valuable time with the lender is a good opportunity to discuss and negotiate terms, interest rates, etc. on your loans/overdrafts. If they haven't been

on your farm this is also an appropriate time to have them visit.

Shop around – You may wish to look at what other lenders can offer your business/farm enterprise, there is a large number of lenders and facilities that are available. Always contact at least 2 others to compare, then you may be able to negotiate better terms with your current lender, or refinance with someone else.

Payment plans – If you are unable to meet your loan payments, contact the lender immediately and let them know. Most lenders will accept a payment plan, you would have to work out how much is a reasonable amount to pay per month until you are able to resume full interest payments.

The Rural Financial Counselling service is free and confidential, please phone: 02 4832 0070 for further information.

What's the first step?

To claim your voucher package, visit the Upper Lachlan Shire's Council offices located at 44 Spring St, Crookwell, 123 Yass St, Gunning or 29 Orchard St, Taralga with proof of your permanent Upper Lachlan Shire residency. To qualify, you must be moving into a property that contributes council rates to Upper Lachlan Shire Council. The package must be claimed within three months of you moving to Upper Lachlan Shire.

You'll need to produce one of the following documents:

A signed Contract of Sale for a property in

the Upper Lachlan Shire

A rental agreement of at least six months duration

A letter of employment indicating permanent employment or an employment contract of at least six months duration from your new employer and one of the following documents:

A driver's licence; or
 Car registration papers; or
 Passport

How long will it take?

The whole process will take about 10 minutes, and you'll walk out with a discount voucher pack worth more than \$750.00.



Robert Mowle Director of Environment

ARE YOU DEVELOPING YOUR LAND?

If so, have you considered if your proposal will attract S94 Contributions and S64 Contributions?

The current documents are:

Upper Lachlan Development Contributions Plan 2007 (Contributions Plan).

Upper Lachlan Shire Council Development Servicing Plans for Water and Sewer Schemes (DSP).

The Contributions Plan has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000*.

The Development Servicing Plans have been prepared in accordance with the *Developer Charges Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewerage, and Stormwater (2002)* as issued by the Minister, pursuant to Section 306(3) of the *Water Management Act, 2000*.

The primary purpose of these plans is to enable Council to levy developer contributions towards the provision, extension or augmentation of public amenities and public services that will, or are likely to be, required as a consequence of development in the Shire.

The plans apply to development applica-

tions which will or are likely to, require the provision of additional or upgraded public facilities or works in order to satisfy the additional demand. The demand is caused by the additional population from new housing and from new employment generation from industrial and commercial development.

Developer contributions help to ensure access to facilities and services which support a quality of life for all sections of the community are not eroded by new development which results in additional social and economic costs on the community. By ensuring that new development contributes to the real cost of development in the wider context, the plans seek to ensure that economic, environmental and social sustainability is achieved.

The contribution(s) payment is a one off payment due at a certain stage of your development and will be clearly identified in your development consent.

So if you are proposing to develop your land and if you are uncertain if these developer contributions have not been previously paid, then you can contact Council's Environment and Planning Department in writing by downloading a "Request for Property Information" form <http://upperlachlan.local-e.nsw.gov.au/planning/1544/12661.html> and submitting it to Council for a formal response.

Control Noxious Weeds and Protect Your Property Value

BUYING and owning a rural property in Upper Lachlan Shire Council requires a major investment and with this investment comes the responsibility for the appropriate management of noxious weeds to protect both yours and neighbours' assets. This requirement to control noxious weeds is governed by the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 which requires these controls on all properties whether your property is used for agricultural operations or for recreational purposes.

At recent field days and meetings Council's Noxious Weeds Manager, Paul Brown, has had to respond to questions surrounding the issue of land sales where noxious weed infestations have not been acceptably managed.

The Noxious Weeds Act makes the owner/occupier of land responsible for the control of noxious weeds which can spread and cause problems for other landholders.

When a landholder fails to comply with their obligations under the Act Council may issue a weed control notice requiring the landowner to carry out specified control work. If this work is not conducted to an acceptable standard legal proceedings can be instigated.

Prospective purchasers of land need to

be aware that they are also bound by the requirements of any previous notices issued in respect of the land and also liable for any outstanding cost incurred under the Act. It is always strongly advised that prospective land buyers apply to Council for a certificate to identify whether there are any outstanding notices in force or expenses payable before purchasing land.

Over recent years the number of certificates being processed prior to land purchases has been increasing and it is understood that a review of the Act will be considering ways to make prospective purchases of land more aware of weed control issues prior to land sales.

It is therefore stressed that to protect your investments in property it is becoming more important than ever to maintain an effective weed management program. Landowners that require assistance with weed management programs or would like to discuss any weed control issue can contact Council's Noxious Weeds Manager, Paul Brown on 4840 2099.



Field infested with surretted tussock

CWA Awareness Day,



Crookwell's CWA Evening Branch members gather to celebrate CWA Awareness Day. L-R: Olwyn Cady, Dawn Smith, Carolyn McIntosh, Dawn McDonald and Frances Cromack.

WOMEN of the evening branch of the Crookwell CWA gathered their forces to celebrate, on Wednesday September 8, CWA Awareness Day.

With over 11,000 members across NSW and the ACT, CWA ladies have, since 1922, been supporters of agriculture, the environment, communications, health, education, and sustainability and transport needs of rural communities.

CWA provides educational grants, supports medical research, and assists families within Australia and around the world who have been affected by disaster.

The CWA is a non-sectarian, non-political association that over the years has successfully lobbied the government of the day to improve the conditions for women and families.

If you are interested in becoming a member or starting a new branch of CWA please contact either Francis Cromack 48321245 or visit the CWA website at www.cwaofnsw.org.au or by phoning 9358 2923.

NEW LAW - "Food Safety Supervisor"

ON November 11, 2009 The Food Amendment Bill was passed and amends the Food Act 2003 to introduce mandatory food handler training requirements for hospitality and retail businesses. The new food laws are in place to help protect NSW consumers from foodborne illness. This legislation commenced on the October 1, 2010.

Certain hospitality and retail service businesses need to appoint at least one (1) trained Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) in their business. This will apply to business like restaurants, cafes, takeaways, clubs,

pubs, bakeries, supermarkets & greengrocer. Businesses will have until 1 October 2011 to appoint a trained FSS and notify their local Council of who their Food Safety Supervisor is.

Training must be completed at a NSW Food Authority approved Registered Training Organisation.

This is a significant change for the food industry and council encourages all businesses to stay informed. Not having a trained food safety supervisor will constitute an offence under the Food Act 2003 after the 12 month lead-in period expires.

For further information please go to the NSW Food Authority Website:

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TARALGA SEWERAGE CONNECTION GUIDE



THE Taralga Sewerage Treatment Plant is nearing completion and will soon be ready to accept sewage flows. Upper Lachlan Shire Council is now calling on residents to make arrangements to connect to the system.

Benefits of Connecting

By connecting to the new sewerage system you will be helping to reduce the number of septic systems in Taralga. This will help improve local waterways and reduce risks to public health.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council will be encouraging residents to connect to the sewerage system as soon as it is ready. This will ensure that the important environmental and social benefits of the scheme are achieved as quickly as possible.

Benefits of connecting include: a cleaner waterway and local environment, a reduced risk to public health from leaking septic systems, improved protection of drinking water catchments, potential cost savings particularly from properties with ongoing pump-out and maintenance costs, the elimination of dampness and seepage into back yards, reduced septic odours, the opportunity to remove existing septic systems, allowing deferred development to proceed, a potential increase in property values and fewer disease carrying mosquitoes.

The Connection Process

Council will notify you when your property can be connected to the new sewerage system. The connection to sewer and decommissioning of your existing septic tank can only be undertaken by a licensed and accredited plumber.

Council will provide you with a list of licensed plumbers who have been accredited by Council to undertake the work. These plumbers will have been provided with information to enable them to complete the connection and septic tank decommissioning process on your behalf.

Your choice of plumber will depend on who you believe will do the job professionally, on time and for a reasonable price. Council recommends you obtain three quotes.

Obtaining more than one quote will allow you to compare costs and make the best decision for your plumbing needs. Consider grouping together with your neighbours to have the work on several properties completed by one licensed plumber. The time and cost saving for the plumber may be passed onto you and your neighbours.

Connecting Prior to June 30, 2011

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is working

hard to ensure that the social, public health and environmental benefits of connecting to the sewerage system are achieved as quickly as possible. Residents are strongly encouraged to connect as soon as the system is available, and prior to June 30, 2011.

In order to assist in timely connection to the system, for all residents undertaking connection prior to June 30, 2011, Council will cover the cost of the septic tank pump-out contractor, together with application and inspection fees that are required as part of the connection process. This subsidy has a value in excess of \$350 per property.

Residents connecting after this time will be responsible for the full cost of connection.

Know Your Costs

Drainage inspection fee pre-June 30, 2011 \$0*, after that date \$75;

Septic pumpout contractor fee pre - June 30, 2011 \$0*, after that date \$280.

Connection cost to the new sewerage system will vary depending on the extent of the work to be done. Cost will vary depending on the length of the line to be installed and soil conditions. Council suggests obtaining three quotes from different licensed and accredited plumbers.

Decommissioning of existing septic tank cost will vary, depending on site conditions.

*** Costs met by Council for connections made prior to June 30, 2011**

Do I Have to Connect?

Council expects all properties within the village area to connect to the system. While Council has ability under the Local Government Act (1993) to order connection to sewer, Council would prefer to encourage and work with residents to enable them to connect to sewer in a timely manner.

Council is conscious of the potential financial impact of the project and has worked hard to keep costs for residents as low as possible. Off-setting connection cost for those residents who connect prior to June 30, 2011 is an additional contribution to help with affordability, of what is now an essential service for the village.

Council, in partnership with community welfare agencies, may be able to provide assistance to customers assessed as being in severe financial hardship. This assistance only applies for the first 12 months of the sewer being available.

What Will the Sewer Service Cost?

In accordance with Council's policy, from July 1, 2011 an annual sewerage charge of \$620 will be apply to every property in the village regardless of whether it is connected to sewer.

The exception will be properties that do not have an existing residence. These properties will be levied a charge of \$410. These sewerage rates are consistent with those currently levied in Crookwell and Gunning, and lower than those applied in Goulburn

General enquiries to Council's Works and Operations Department (02) 48301053
 Applications for connections please contact Council's Environment and Planning Department (02) 48301018

CHANGES TO OPENING HOURS AT COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRES

COUNCIL has reviewed the patronage patterns of the Waste Management Centres, and has changed the Council's Centres opening hours. The new opening hours more closely reflect actual usage. The changed hours allow for significant improvement of operations and will provide cost savings which will in turn allow for further improvements to the waste management centres. The new hours are typical of similar regional waste facilities, and maintain a high level of service for the Community.

Location	Current Hours	Proposed Hours
Crookwell	Monday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm	Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday 10am - 4pm each day
Gunning	Wednesday 10am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-2pm	Saturday 10am-4pm Sunday 10am-4pm
Taralga	Thursday 9am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm	Saturday 10am -4pm Sunday 10am-4pm
Collector	Sunday 10am-4pm	No change

Council held a public meeting to discuss the new proposed opening hours of Council waste management centres on Tuesday October 5, 2010. Six Councillors and relevant Council staff members attended the meeting. No other members of the community attended.

Council will consider the formal adoption of the amended waste management centre opening hours at its meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2010. Written submissions regarding the changes to opening hours will be accepted and considered up to 4pm Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

LIQUID TRADE WASTE DRAFT POLICY OPEN FOR COMMENT

Under S.160 of the Local Government Act, 1993, notice is hereby given regarding the Council's intention to adopt a Liquid Tradewaste Policy. The Policy will be on exhibition until Wednesday, October 20, 2010. Copies of the Policy can be viewed on Council's website or at Council's offices.

Any person wishing to make a formal submission to Council regarding the Liquid Tradewaste Policy should do so by 4.00 pm on Wednesday, November 3, 2010.

Liquid trade waste

Liquid trade waste means all liquid waste other than sewage of a domestic nature that is discharged to Council's sewerage system. Sound regulation of sewerage and liquid trade waste is a key component of the NSW Government's Best-Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines, 2007.

A local trade waste approvals policy is a doc-

ument that sets out Council's policy for the approval, monitoring and pricing of liquid trade waste discharged to its sewerage system.

The policy framework is aimed at providing improved sewerage system performance- i.e. reduced frequency of sewage odour complaints, reduced frequency of sewer chokes; and protection of sewerage infrastructure, worker health and safety, and the environment. The framework provides for commercial charges which are expected to result in a reduction in typical residential sewerage bills. Trade waste dischargers will face increased regulation of discharges and also charges which more closely reflect the cost of managing the discharges they make. As this policy has implications for all existing non-residential properties connected to the sewer system, entities in this category are particularly encouraged to review and comment on the draft policy.

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SERAS OVERVIEW 2010

THE South East Regional Academy of Sport (SERAS) commenced operations in November 2001 with the objective of providing opportunities for talented young athletes from the south east region of NSW to develop their skills in their chosen sport. SERAS takes a holistic approach to the development of its athletes and provides a step in the pathway for young athletes to reach the elite level. SERAS also provides opportunities for coaches, administrators and officials within the region to develop their skills while working with one of its sports programs. The academy will offer over 100 scholarships in 2011 through its squad sport programs of Basketball, Golf, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Snowsports, and Tennis. Individual

scholarships are also available to able-bodied and disabled athletes from other sports in the Country Energy Program. The academy also offers scholarships in coaching and umpiring.

SERAS program partners in 2011 included the Basketball NSW, Bowls NSW, Jack Newton Junior Golf, Netball NSW, NSW Snowsports and Tennis NSW. Club Sapphire Merimbula and the Malua Bay Bowling and Recreation Club are associate sponsors of the Lawn Bowls Program.

SERAS also provides support to the Susan Pratley Netball Clinics which Susan runs throughout the year when she has time away from her NSW Swifts and Australian Diamond duties. The academy also sponsors the Bermagui Junior Golf Classic in June and holds an Academy Challenge in Merimbula during October for lawn bowls.

The State Government Department of Sport and Recreation, a division of the Communities NSW, is the academy's major source of funding. As a community based not-for-profit organisation the academy also relies on annual funding from its 10 Local Government Authorities which include: Bega Valley Shire Council; Bombala Council; Cooma-Monaro Shire Council; Eurobodalla Shire Council; Goulburn Mulwaree Council; Palerang Council; Queanbeyan City Council; Snowy River Shire Council; Upper Lachlan Shire Council; and Yass Valley Council.

The SERAS office has been located at the University of Canberra (UC) since July 2008 and the academy continues to develop its relationship with the university. UC sponsors the SERAS Education Program for the entire academy at the end of January each year. The

university is also supporting SERAS in its bid to host the NSW Regional Academy Games from 2012-2014.



Mayor John Shaw, acknowledges the achievements of local athlete Taleah Scott who has been a scholarship holder with the South East Regional Academy of Sport (SERAS) for her third year in 2010.

Another Year of Music Hall Mayhem

IT'S HAPPENING again! Crookwell Amateur Dramatic Society is staging its latest offering, *Music Hall Mayhem 2010*, at the Crookwell Memorial Hall during the first two weekends in November.

CADS' Music Halls, which take the form of variety and revue style shows, have been hugely popular with local audiences since they debuted in 1990. The return in 2009 to the Music Hall format, after a hiatus of several years, certainly proved that premise to be true with packed houses and sell-out performances.

Riding on the success of last year's production, *Music Hall Mayhem 2010* has now entered production mode with rehearsals well underway. It promises the usual ingredients of comedy, pathos, musical energy and more, as many of our well-known local identities again take to the stage. There will also be a line up of new faces, which is always a welcome outcome for a wonderfully supportive community such as Crookwell's.

Rigorous direction and tutelage in song, dance and acting, is from an experienced team of five, who are at ease with musical comedy and are again on hand for *Music Hall Mayhem 2010*. No mention needs to be made of the fact that these five have a combined age of 340 years! Luckily, they have the support of a much younger production crew.

There is little doubt that *Music Hall Mayhem 2010* will be another crowd-pleaser taking its usual place in November's social calendar. This means that it makes a great activity for all those workplaces looking for a way to celebrate the end of the year. It's also a great way to celebrate friendships and good times in an atmosphere of laughter and mayhem!

In the spirit of CADS giving back to the community, the door takings from the opening night will go to a local charity or organisation.

Last year's Music Hall saw \$7000 going to two local schools. This trend of giving back is one that CADS would like to see continued and it's certainly possible through the support and attendance of members of the local community. You won't be disappointed by what's on offer in the CADS' 2010 program.

This year there will be three theatre-seating performances and three supper-show performances. Tickets are on sale at Crookwell Footwear so get in early to procure good seats and tables.

Music Hall Mayhem 2010

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1). Provide an alternative home for the possum by constructing a sturdy weatherproof possum-box. Or you can purchase a possum-box from **WIRES** in Goulburn.

2). Where possible, get inside your roof and locate the possum's nest. The nest, which has the scent of the possum, should be placed in the new possum-house to encourage the possum to its new home.
3). Securely fix the possum-box to a tree in or near your yard. Place it at least four metres from the ground so the possum will be out of reach of domestic cats and dogs.
4). Trim any branches that overhang the roof to remove access to your roof.
5). Do not feed local possums in your yard. This will lead to them becoming dependant on your food source and encourage them to make their home in your roof.
6). If you do not hear the possum for a few nights, it has probably found a new home. To prevent the possum from returning, block off the access points into your roof with timber, chicken wire or both.

Night-time is the best time to block off the access points as the possum will have left to forage for food. Do not block off the access points unless you are certain the possum or possums have left your roof. Possums are protected in NSW and catching possums in this state without a license is illegal.

If you have a problem with possums in your roof please phone **WIRES** on **4822 3888** and we will assess the situation and provide you with further information. For more information please contact: Rosey Stronach, Publicity Officer, Southern Tablelands **WIRES** 0412 081 754



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL Manager, Mr. John Bell believes residents should investigate grant opportunities available through the Veolia Mulwaree Trust.

Mr Bell said, "The Trust has been, over the years, of significant assistance to many charity not-for-profit organisations, community groups and charities in the Upper Lachlan Shire Council area. If your organisation is in need of a helping hand, I would encourage you to contact them for more information.

The Veolia Mulwaree Trust was established

in 2003 to manage and has distributed funds for charitable purposes and worthwhile community projects to benefit communities within or surrounding the former Mulwaree Shire Council area.

These include the seven local government areas of Goulburn Mulwaree, Palerang, Shoalhaven City, Oberon, Wingecarribee Shire, Upper Lachlan Shire and Wollondilly Shire Council.

The Trust's funding is provided by Veolia Environmental Services which operates the Woodlawn Bioreactor near Tarago in Southern NSW.

The Trust supports organisations such as schools, preschools, community health services, sporting groups, rural firebrigades,

churches, historical societies, Landcare groups, charities etc with grants and donations.

To date, the Trust has assisted 25 organisations within Upper Lachlan with funds totally more than \$460,000 including Crookwell High School, Crookwell Public School, Gunning and District Tennis Association, Taralga Public School, Taralga Historical Society, Gunning Preschool, Taralga Christ the King Parish, Roslyn Progress and Memorial Hall Association, Crookwell CWA, Gunning PA and I Society, Taralga Medical Association, Taralga Tennis Club, Tarlo Bushfire Brigade, Taralga and District Showground Co-op, the Crookwell Activity Centre at the

Crookwell District Hospital, Tuena Hall and Recreation Area Committee, All Saints Anglican Church Collector, Taralga Pony Club, Anglican Parish of Crookwell, Anglican Church – Taralga Parish, Taralga Golf Club, Taralga Rugby Club and Crookwell and District Historical Society.

The Trust also funded the construction of the Taralga Skatepark and is currently working with the Collector Community Association on an exciting project at the Collector Oval.

The Veolia Mulwaree Trust's guidelines and application forms are available from www.mulwareetrust.org.au or by calling 48222786.

ART AND FOOD ON THE RANGE

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November 26 through December 5

ART on the Range is the Crookwell and District Art Council's biennial art exhibition. The years event will feature the art work of Archibald winner and many time finalist, Cherry Hood, as well as Archibald finalists and local Gunning artists Margarita Georgiadis and Max Cullen. Joining this trio will include approximately 200 works from recognised regional artists including paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography and all forms of fine art.

While perusing the wonderful art visitor's will be able to sample both local food and wines.

The exhibition will be held in the

Crookwell Art Gallery and Community Centre in Denison Street Crookwell.

Interested Artists should visit the Upper Lachlan's tourism web site on www.upperlachlantourism.com for entry forms. Sales commission on all works will be 20 percent. There will be guaranteed sales of \$3,500. Closing date for entries is October 31, 2010.

The exhibition opens Friday November 26 at 6 until 8pm and continues on Saturday from 10 until 5pm and Sunday from 10 until 3pm. The exhibition will reopen on Saturday December 4 and Sunday December 5.



Archibald winner, Cheery Hood's "Longing, half way back home" 2010, watercolour and gouache on paper

AUTUMN AND WINTER 2010 – WET DRY

THE WEATHER REPORT Brought to you by Centroc

EVERY quarter Centroc publishes a "Weather Report" which deals with environmental issues that face Councils within the Centroc region. Their latest issue published this past September dealt with temperature and rain falls over this past winter. According to Centroc's information the NSW and the Murray Darling Basin record above average autumn rainfall for the first time in 10 years, above average maximum and minimum temperatures and for the tenth consecutive autumn above average maximum temperatures.

The report goes on to state that Murray-Darling had a great break in the amount of rainfall that wasn't experienced to the east

of the divide. The rains were reported as having been caused a slow moving high pressure system in the Tasman.

Autumn temperatures were close to average, but varied significantly during individual months. Despite record warmth in April, close to average temperatures were recorded in March and May. Minimum temperatures also varied significantly during autumn, with close to average minimums in March, very much above average minimums in April and below average minimums in May.

While June ended with record cold nights and below average rainfall; July was the wettest since 1998 with slightly above average temperatures. This was the twelfth consecutive July with above average maximum temperatures.

The Murray Darling Basin (MDB) recorded a basin-wide average of 22.1 mm of precipitation which is below the historical average of 33.6 mm, the lowest June rainfall for the MDB since 1992 (19.2 mm).

In July however, the Murray Darling Basin recorded a basin-wide average of 54.5 mm which is above the historical average of 39.7 mm. This was the first month since March with above average rainfall for NSW and the MDB, and the wettest July since 1998 for NSW (96.5 mm) and the MDB (90.8 mm).

NSW experienced close to average temperatures during June, with a statewide average mean temperature of 10.6°C which is 0.3°C above the historical average.

Despite the cold conditions at the end of the month, above average minimums were recorded throughout much of NSW, particularly west of the Divide, where minimum temperatures were 1 – 2°C above average.

The statewide average minimum temperature for June was 4.8°C which is 0.2°C above the historical average.

During July, NSW experienced above average temperatures, with a statewide average mean temperature of 9.9°C which is 0.5°C above the historical average.

This is the twelfth consecutive July with above average maximum temperatures in NSW.

The northeastern half of NSW experienced above to very much above average minimum temperatures during July. In contrast, the far southwest experienced average to below average minimum temperatures during July.

This resulted in an overall statewide average minimum temperature of 4.2°C which is 0.7°C above the historical average. Source: <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/current/season/nsw/summary.shtm>

Out and about in the community

Origin to promote community

THE Cullerin Range Wind Farm has been in operation for over 12 months. We'd like to celebrate this milestone by introducing a new section in The Voice, which recognises and promotes the good work that is undertaken in the community by the many volunteers who tirelessly contribute to your community. So if you belong to a not for profit community or sporting group and have a story to tell, send me your good quality photos and news. Speak to you soon.

Kathy Howard, Community Relations Advisor, Origin Energy
 *All contributions must be of a non-political nature

Come on and give it a go

GUNNING Golf Course began as a few holes on the Commons behind Gunning in the mid 1930s, built and maintained by local volunteers. Seventy five years on it is now 1/2 Km from Gunning out on the Gundaroo Road and boasts a 5,291 metre par 70 layout with 18 tees and 10 sand greens and is still looked after by volunteer members.

While a lack of hired ground staff and permanent water supply mean that we cannot provide pristine greens or manicured fairways, there are friendly local rules so most golfers will find the traditional links-style

country course provides its own challenges and makes for an enjoyable round.

Our volunteer efforts mean that we can keep costs to a minimum, and green fees for casual players are only \$5 and the yearly adult membership fee is only \$50. Family memberships are also available and there are discounts for pensioners and juniors.

There is a member's competition every Saturday, teeing off at 9:00AM. Visitors are always welcome, so why not come along, meet some of the members, let us show you the course and have a game. As a special offer during our membership drive, if you



Top: Margaret Baines with her grandchildren Max (white shirt) and Alexander (red top) with John Wanschers showing the direction.

haven't played at Gunning before then you can meet us on any Saturday at 9:00AM and play your first round for free! For membership enquiries, please contact Club President: John Wanschers 0427 775 702 or (02) 4845 1195 Club Secretary: Bob Mettam (02) 4845 6330



Right: Bob Mettam driving on the fifth tee with Margaret Baines looking on.

Tussock Tamers

THE Upper Lachlan Shire Council, together with the Jerrawa Creek Landcare Group and Lachlan CMA, launched the Tussock Tamers Project last April. Already nearly 100 land managers have registered to take part and a Tussock Tamers field day near Gunning recently attracted over 60 people.

Paul Brown, Council's Senior Weeds Manager, was a keynote speaker at the field day. He outlined the extent of the serrated tussock problem and the latest on control measures. Responding to questions about Council's weeds policies, Paul explained that while it is "tough on tussock" its strong preference is to work co-operatively with land managers wherever possible.

How to Make a Difference to the Serrated Tussock Problem

Firstly, you need a well thought out plan for your particular area and circumstances. It is more than whacking a weed with a mattock or squirting some herbicide. Secondly, we can only succeed if everybody works

together. Thirdly, it requires sustained effort by everybody. It can't be done in just one season.

Even experienced land managers might not be up with all the latest techniques to control serrated tussock and prevent its return. That's why Tussock Tamers is giving you the opportunity to join others in locally based short courses on natural resource management, weed control and property planning.



Left: L-R "Three tussocketeers at the Ladevale field day - Allen Lees and Tony Cooke, both of Jerrawa Creek Landcare and Chris Fowler of Bywong".

Top: Noxious Weeds Manager Paul Brown with Tussock Tamers at their field day at Ladevale on July 17, is a joint Landcare/ULSC project.

The Lachlan CMA's Christian Wythes says weed control done with the benefit of planning and knowledge will make your work much more effective. It can also save you money. He is confident the Tussock Tamer courses can suggest some new techniques and practices to help you reduce weed burdens, improve your profitability and even

increase the enjoyment you get from your property.

What Next?

For more information on how you can benefit from Tussock Tamers, just send your contact details PO Box 23, Gunning, 2581 or e mail bobandrosemary@optusnet.com.au.



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THE VOICE

Things to do in November...



Music Hall Mayhem

The Crookwell Amateur Dramatic Society presents "Music Hall Mayhem" on November 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13 at the Crookwell Memorial Hall in Denison St.

Tickets available from Crookwell Footwear (4832 1636) - \$20 Adult, \$15 Concession, \$17 for groups of 30 or more.

Blooming Binda, November 6

The fourth Annual Blooming Binda Spring Garden Festival will feature something for the whole family. The festival is based around the gardens of the Old Mill at Binda however there will be a range of gardens open across Crookwell as well as the Edna Walling designed Markdale and Kiloren. Come and enjoy music, local produce, garden stalls, the quilt and craft show, and much more. For more information contact 4832 1046 or 4834 2133.

Richlands Homestead Open Day

Every two years, Richlands is opened to visitors, with several displays outlaying its history since early 1900s. Sunday November 7, will be the next open house which will mark the 100th anniversary of continuous occupation of Richlands by the Twynam family.

Gunning Uniting Church Flower Show and Fete,

Head to Gunning on Saturday November 13 for the annual Uniting Church flower show and

fete. Lots of interesting stalls to browse and of course a marvelous floral show.

Crookwell Team Penning Event

November 20 will see the next in a fantastic series of events held at the new facilities at Crookwell Showground. Team penning is a sport for all ages and holds appeal for anyone who enjoys precision along with an adrenaline kick at the same time.

National Tractor Trek

In November this year, the country lanes and rolling hills surrounding the historic village of Taralga will come alive with the sounds of yesteryear as the third NHMA National Tractor Trek gets underway. Between November 17 to 21. More than 200 dedicated vintage tractor enthusiasts from all over Australia will come together to take part in an extraordinary spectacle. For more information go to www.tractortrek2010.com

Taralga Heritage Rally November 20 and 21

Held in the Taralga Showground, the Heritage

Rally not only attracts an impressive line-up of tractors, stationary engines and early farm machinery, but a wide variety of vintage and classic motorbikes, cars and trucks as well. Whether you have a passion for all things mechanical or simply enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of days gone by set in a remarkable historical village.

For more information contact 4844 7016.

Santa's Hideaway Market, November 27.

Don't miss the last ever Santa's Hideaway Christmas Market this November. Running from 9am til 3pm the day features a host of exciting gift stalls, Lion's Club chocolate wheel, Santa's Hideaway Sale, facepainting and Santa makes a special appearance at 12 noon.

Don't forget that for information on events and attractions across the shire go to www.upperlachlantourism.com or visit us on Facebook at VisitUpperLachlan-The Shire of Villages.

OUTREACH AND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS WHEN, WHERE AND WHAT TIME

At Council's Ordinary Meeting on September 16, Council resolved the following issues:

Outreach meetings

Council holds Community Outreach Meetings (on an as needs basis) in October/November and/or March/April each year, at community based locations, for residents of the villages of Crookwell, Gunning, Taralga, Collector, Bigga and the locality of Big Hill, with an aim to obtaining information on items recommended for inclusion in the Draft Management Plan, as part of the public consultation process. Council meets with the local community for afternoon tea from 5.00pm till 7.00pm and discusses projects and issues pertinent to the local community.

Ordinary meetings

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on November 18, 2010 commencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on December 16, 2010 com-

mencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on January 20, 2011 commencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on February 17, 2011 commencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on March 17, 2011 commencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Gunning on April 21, 2011 commencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on May 19, 2011 commencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on June 16, 2011 commencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on July 21, 2011 commencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on August 18, 2011 commencing at 9.00am.

Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at Crookwell on September 15, 2011 commencing at 9.00am.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

2011 AUSTRALIA DAY nominations have been received and are presently being reviewed by the Australia Day Committee. The Committee's recommendations, once completed, will be referred to Council for its final consideration.

The Committee wishes to thank the members of the public who took the time to put forward nominations for the Citizen of the

Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year.

Australia Day in the Shire will once again start with Breakfast in Gunning, Breakfast and Morning Tea in Crookwell and lunch at Taralga. Further details will be provided closer to Australia Day, January 26, 2011.

Anyone requiring further information regarding the 2011 Celebrations can contact Helen Peterson at Upper Lachlan Shire Council on (02) 48301000.

Councillors help open pharmacy with soul



Left-right - CR. James Wheelwright, Pharmacist, Bruce Dugan, Owner/Pharmacist, James Douglas, John Shaw, Retail Manager Janet Haynes and retail assistant Kylie Chudleigh

MAYOR John Shaw and Deputy Mayor James Wheelwright joined Owner/Manager Bruce Dugan and his team to open a Soul Pattinson's in Crookwell. The official opening, with cake and balloons, was held on August. 19, 2010

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If you're thinking of building, subdividing or any form of property improvement that requires the consent of Council or the State Government then we can help. Our team consists of qualified and highly experienced Town Planners, Engineers and Environmental Consultants.

If you're thinking of undertaking erosion control works, septic system installations or improvements, or land and vegetation restoration works then our qualified Flora & Fauna and Soil specialists are available with a wealth of local knowledge and experience.

Please feel free to call us for an obligation free assessment of your situation and advice on how we might be able to help you achieve your objectives.

