

# THE VOICE OF UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE, THE SHIRE OF VILLAGES



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## Honouring our Local Legends

The Upper Lachlan Shire's outstanding citizens, young citizens and events have been honoured in the 2019 Upper Lachlan Shire Australia Day Awards.

The Awards were presented at the Shire's Australia Day celebrations held in Gunning, Crookwell and Taralga by Upper Lachlan Shire Mayor John Stafford and the Upper Lachlan's 2019 Australia Day Ambassador, food and wine personality, Lyndey Milan OAM.

Cr Stafford said the annual Awards recognise outstanding individuals and events that have had a positive impact on the local community.

"On behalf of Council I would like to congratulate all of the Award winners and thank them for their exceptional contributions to the Upper Lachlan Shire," Cr Stafford said.

"I would also like to acknowledge all of the very worthy nominees for their wonderful efforts."

Awards were presented for the Upper Lachlan Citizen of the Year Award, the Upper Lachlan Young Citizen of the Year Award and the Upper Lachlan Event of the Year Award, with a Shire-wide winner announced, along with recipients from the townships of Gunning, Crookwell and Taralga. They included:

### Upper Lachlan Citizen of the Year

- **Upper Lachlan Citizen of the Year (Shire Award):** Gary Poile
- **Citizen of the Year Award (Gunning):** Sally McLean
- **Citizen of the Year Award (Crookwell):** Nerida Croker and Andrew Shepherd
- **Citizen of the Year Award (Taralga):** Graham Lambert

### Upper Lachlan Young Citizen of the Year

- **Young Citizen of the Year (Shire Award):** Alexandra Branson



L-R: Mayor John Stafford with Breadalbane Community Hall Representative Tony Morrison, Sally McLean, Upper Lachlan Australia Day Ambassador Lyndey Milan OAM, Will Luck, Gary Poile and Collector Village Pumpkin Festival Vice President Tracy Byron.

- **Young Citizen of the Year (Gunning):** William (Will) Luck
- **Young Citizen of the Year (Crookwell):** Anthony Watt
- **Young Citizen of the Year (Taralga):** Jem Green

### Upper Lachlan Event of the Year

- **Event of the Year (Shire Award):** The Breadalbane Memorial Wall Opening and Inaugural Anzac Day Commemoration 2018

- **Event of the Year (Gunning):** The Collector Village Pumpkin Festival
- **Event of the Year (Crookwell):** The Crookwell Rugby Club's Premiership Reunion and MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Round
- **Event of the Year (Taralga):** The Taralga Rodeo 2018

For further information about the Shire's 2019 Local Australia Day Award Winners, please see page 5.

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Welcome to the first edition of *The Voice* for 2019.

This edition celebrates the Upper Lachlan's local Australia Day Award recipients. Those outstanding individuals, young people and events that have made a positive contribution to our community.

The Awards are a small way to recognise the enormous contribution of our community members who give so much of their time and energy to make our Shire the wonderful place that it is.

Of course, the Awards can only acknowledge a select few – there are numerous others in our community who contribute so much to our Shire.

This community spirit and high rate of volunteering saw the Shire acknowledged as one of the Kindest Places in Australia in the recent Happiness Project conducted by Bond University (see page 8 for more details).

The findings came as no surprise to those of us lucky enough to call the Upper Lachlan Shire home.

I would like to congratulate our 2019 local Australia Day Award winners, all the nominees and the countless other volunteers who make our Shire such an amazing place.

*John Stafford*  
Mayor  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council

## FROM THE GM'S DESK



2019 is set to be another busy year for Council with a number of major projects underway.

Among them is the \$210,000 revitalisation of Taralga's Goodhew Park. The project will include drainage works, the installation and repair of playground equipment, and the installation of a new toilet block, barbecue and picnic shelters.

Construction on the new and improved Abercrombie River Bridge is also underway. The \$1.5 million project will see the existing old timber bridge replaced with a new two-lane concrete culvert bridge, improving safety and significantly increasing the lifespan of the aging bridge.

Work has also started on the \$1.5 million Crookwell Memorial Oval Sports and Community Centre Project (for further details, please see page 8).

To stay up to date with these, and the Shire's other major projects, please visit Council's website:

[www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/works-operations/major-projects](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/works-operations/major-projects)

These projects are in addition to Council's routine maintenance. To report an issue, please contact Council's Infrastructure Division on 4830 1000 so the issue can be logged and managed accordingly.

*John Bell*  
General Manager  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council

## Free Household Waste Disposal this Clean Up Australia Day

If you have household waste to dispose of – mark Sunday, 3 March 2019 in your calendar.



To coincide with Clean Up Australia Day, Council is offering free disposal of household goods at its waste management centres from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

The Shire's waste management centres **will accept domestic waste, recyclables, automotive oil, garden organics and batteries free of charge.** However, items of interest will not be stockpiled for people to scavenge.

Please be aware that the following items will **not be accepted**:

- **Chemicals, paints, pesticides, poisons, cooking oil, liquids, smoke detectors, gas bottles and fire extinguishers;**
- **Tyres;**
- **Asbestos.** If you have any asbestos to dispose of, you will need to contact Council beforehand to make a booking. Please note, asbestos can only be accepted at the Crookwell waste management centre and there are costs associated with disposal.

Due to the recycling costs associated with recycling mattresses, Council will still charge \$35 per mattress on the day.

The Taralga and Collector centres are only able to accept small household waste. Large items, such as furniture, can be taken to Crookwell and Gunning.

There are also a number of items that can be taken to any of the Shire's waste management centres free of charge during normal opening hours. These include:

- Scrap metal – fridges, freezers, washing machines, iron, wire, wrecked cars
- Engine and hydraulic oil
- Car and truck batteries
- Plastic, glass, cardboard, paper
- Grass clippings, leaves and small prunings (less than 5mm in diameter).

Printer cartridges and mobile phones can be taken to any Council office or participating Australia Post outlets to be recycled free of charge.

For more information about the free household waste drop off or to make a booking for asbestos disposal, please contact Council's Operations Division on 4830 1000.

### Council Mailing Address



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

Any mail posted to PO Box 10, Crookwell and 44 Spring Street, Crookwell will be redirected to the Gunning PO Box address.

Correspondence via email should be forwarded to: [council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au)

### Council Services

#### Emergency after hours contact numbers:

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

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

**Gunning / Dalton / Breadalbane / Collector / Jerrawa areas:**

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

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

#### Council Offices:

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

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

**Taralga Community Service Centre: 29 Orchard St, Taralga** - Open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm | Ph: 4840 2099, Fax: 4840 2296

#### Council email address:

[council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au)

#### Website

[www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au)

#### Facebook

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#### Justice of the Peace

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

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

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

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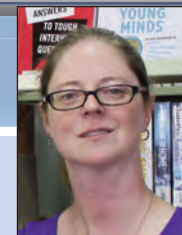
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# LIBRARY BIZ with Michaela Olde Manager, Library Services



## What's New

### Vote for new titles for purchase

You can vote for new adult fiction, junior, and young adult books you would like the library to buy! The votes will be used to inform the purchase of new books.

All you need to do is to enter your library card details and choose your library service as 'Upper Lachlan Libraries' to register your vote.

The voting tool can be found on the Upper Lachlan Shire Library service website: [www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/community/library/vote-new-fiction-books](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/community/library/vote-new-fiction-books)

### New staff member at Gunning Library



On Tuesday afternoons, Friday mornings and every fourth Saturday of the month you will see a new face at the Library. Bianca Camilleri (pictured) has joined the Gunning Library Team. Please drop into the library and meet Bianca.

## What's On

### Storytime

The themed sessions run for approximately 45 minutes and consist of stories and an age relevant craft activity or creative play. Children from ages 0-5 years are welcome to attend Storytime. Storytime is free and no bookings are required.

Storytime is held at Crookwell Library every Thursday at 11.30am during the school term and at Gunning Library at 10.45am every first and third Friday during the school term. Storytime is not held during school holidays.

### Giggle and Wiggle at Gunning Library

Giggle and Wiggle is for babies and toddlers from 1-3 years of age, and their parents or carers. At Giggle & Wiggle, we sing songs, share rhymes and play games.

Giggle and Wiggle is held at Gunning Library at 11.00am every second and fourth Friday of the month during the school term.

Giggle and Wiggle is not held during school holidays.

### Design, build, create and play at Crookwell Library's Lego Club



One of the impressive creations from Crookwell Library's Lego Club.

Join in the fun at Crookwell Library's Lego Club play sessions which encourage design, creativity, sharing and collaboration. Lego Club is a free program for ages 5 years and up.

Sessions run on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm-4.30pm during the school term.

The creations made at Lego Club are displayed within the library.

The Lego Club has been made possible through the Crookwell Friends of the Library who granted Crookwell Library the finances to obtain the resources.

## Coming soon

### Tech Savvy Seniors – Free Computer Classes

Are smart devices a puzzle to you? Do you have difficulties using apps, taking photos, or shopping online? If so, then come along to the free *Tech Savvy Seniors* workshops at Crookwell and Gunning Libraries.

Classes offered at Crookwell Library will include:

- Wednesday, 6 February 2019: Introduction to Smartphones
- Wednesday, 13 February 2019: Introduction to iPad tablets
- Wednesday, 20 February 2019: Introduction to Android tablets

Classes offered at Gunning Library will include:

- Tuesday, 5 March 2019: Introduction to Smartphones
- Tuesday, 12 March 2019: Introduction to iPads
- Tuesday, 19 March 2019: Introduction to Android Tablets

Further classes will be scheduled from April to June.

To view all session times, please visit the Upper Lachlan Shire Library Service website: [www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/community/library/whats-library](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/community/library/whats-library) or contact Crookwell Library on 4832 1048 or Gunning Library on 4845 1231.

These workshops are available for Library members. If you are not a member, you can join for free at the library.

Participants enrolled in the iPad, Android tablets or smartphone workshops will need to bring along their own fully-charged iPad, Android tablet or smartphone.

Bookings are essential by contacting Crookwell or Gunning Libraries.

*Tech Savvy Seniors* is an initiative of the NSW Ageing Strategy and is funded through a partnership between the NSW Government and Telstra, with the assistance and participation of the Upper Lachlan Shire Library Service.

### Library Contact Details

Crookwell Library Phone: 4832 1048  
Gunning Library Phone: 4845 1231



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



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Upper Lachlan Community Care  
Ph: 4832 2399 or Email: [ctac@ctac.org.au](mailto:ctac@ctac.org.au)

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**CROOKWELL  
GUNNING - TARALGA**



**TOURISM HAPPENINGS** from the Upper Lachlan Tourist Association

**Crookwell  
Town Walk**

Crookwell has a new self-guided heritage town walk which is a great way to see and discover the rich history of Crookwell through its natural features and historic buildings. The walk takes approximately one and a half hours and starts in Roberts Street alongside the Visitor Information Centre. Visitors to our region have already taken to walking the tree lined streets as the route takes the traveller around the historic structures, churches and picturesque parks giving a brief history on all points of interest. The walk is popular among both our day trippers and overnight guests. Many locals have also dropped in to the Information Centre to get their copy so they can learn more about their home town. Tourism staff and members of the historical society are currently in the process of working on a Gunning and Taralga town walk which will be completed shortly.



St Andrew's Presbyterian Church is one of the many stops on the Crookwell self-guided heritage walk.

68% increase in the last five years alone. The caravanning and camping sector is booming. It's not just the grey nomads who are out and about, many visitors are young families who want to escape the hustle and bustle of the cities and enjoy some peace and quiet whilst on their holidays. The popularity of our park comes down to several factors including our clean facilities and fully equipped camp kitchen, which is well known in the caravanning circles via word of mouth and internet sites such as Wiki Camps. Campers love the close proximity to Crookwell township. Being able to walk into town to shop, grab a bite to eat or purchase necessities for their trip makes their trip all the more enjoyable.



The fully equipped camp kitchen at Crookwell Caravan Park is a hit with visitors.

experience with the broader visitor experience to the benefit of a wide range of businesses and the community as a whole.

In November, Council, on recommendation from the Upper Lachlan Tourist Association Committee, accepted the proposal by Cycle Life HQ to work with tourism staff and local groups and businesses to develop a similar cycling specific campaign for the Upper Lachlan. In fact, Cycle Life HQ are one of the contractors working with the ACT government to implement their plan.

We look forward to working with Cycle Life HQ to not only develop a cycling tourism marketing campaign but also to identify new itineraries and curated rides. Part of the project will involve workshops for local businesses to better understand what bicycle tourists are looking for and to learn from best practice destinations. We will be encouraging as many local operators as possible to get involved and help position the Shire as a "must do" cycling experience.



The Upper Lachlan Tourist Association will work with Cycle Life HQ to encourage cycle tourism to the Shire.

**Crookwell Caravan Park  
the new Hot Spot**

Crookwell Caravan Park has been growing rapidly during the past several years. The park is often filled to capacity with friendly travellers wanting to visit our authentic country town and the wider region. In the past seven years the park saw a 138% increase in visitation with a

**Cycling Strategy**

In June 2018, the ACT Government released a new Cycle Tourism Strategy in acknowledgement of the huge potential that cyclists represent if there is a deliberate plan to make the region a cycling destination. The aim of the plan is to integrate the cycling

**Flushed with Excitement! Toilet Block for Clifton Park**

Crookwell recently received a boost for tourists and locals with a new public toilet block in Clifton Park.

The unisex toilet block includes an ambulant toilet for both able bodied and limited mobility visitors and a combined disabled toilet and parent room with an infant change table, along with storage for the Crookwell Junior Cricket Club.

The \$115,082 project was funded with \$20,000 under Round 3 of the Australian Government's *Stronger Communities Programme* (SCP), \$45,082 from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust, \$20,000 from Upper Lachlan Shire Council, \$15,000 from the Australian Lions Foundation, \$5,000 from the Lions Club of Crookwell and \$10,000 from the Crookwell Lions' funding application to the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund.

Member for Hume Angus Taylor said the Australian Government was pleased to support the project under SCP Round 3.

"This is such a great program, providing grants of up to \$20,000 to fund small capital projects. We have lots of interest from councils and community groups whenever new rounds open up," Mr Taylor said.

"With around 125,000 people visiting Crookwell in the past year, this new amenities block is going to support increasing

tourist numbers, as well as support all the kids and families who use nearby sporting and recreational facilities."

Upper Lachlan Shire Council Mayor John Stafford said the project was a team effort.

"On behalf of Council and the community I would like to thank the Australian Government and Angus Taylor, the Veolia Mulwaree Trust, the Australian Lions Foundation, the Lions Club of Crookwell and the Gullen Range Wind Farm for bringing the project to fruition," Cr Stafford said.

"The inclusion of a toilet park at Clifton Park will encourage people of all ages and abilities to get outdoors, engage in healthy activities and enjoy all this wonderful park has to offer."



Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor and Upper Lachlan Shire Mayor John Stafford officially open the new toilet block at Crookwell's Clifton Park.

Upper Lachlan  
the shire of villages

Upper Lachlan Tourist Association

What's On in the Shire of Villages

**Crookwell A P & H Show**  
Crookwell Showground  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> February  
www.crookwellshow.com.au

**Gunning Pony Club Rally**  
Gunning Showground  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup> February  
gunning.ponyc@gmail.com

**Irish Heritage Weekend**  
Crookwell Showground  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> to Sun 17<sup>th</sup> February  
(02) 4832 1988

**Laggan Pig Races**  
Laggan Hotel, Laggan  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> February  
(02) 4837 3208

**Gunning P A & I Show**  
Gunning Showground  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup> February  
www.gunningshow.com.au

**Qigong Workshop - Simon Blow**  
Crookwell Tea House & Gallery  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
0403 981 055

**Crookwell Squash Open**  
Crookwell Squash & Fitness Centre  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 24<sup>th</sup> February  
(02) 4832 1355

**Photography & Sculpture Show**  
Crookwell District Art Gallery  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> to Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
0411 740 275

**Crookwell Rotary Car Boot Sale**  
Coleman Park, Crookwell  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March  
secretary@crookwellrotary.com.au

**Big A - 4 Golf Ambrose**  
Crookwell Golf Club  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March  
(02) 4832 1285

**Crookwell Open Golf Tournament**  
Crookwell Golf Club  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup> March  
(02) 4832 1285

**Taralga A P & H Show**  
Taralga Showground  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> March  
www.taralgashow.com

**Southern NSW Team Sorting**  
Taralga Showground  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> March  
0428 442 199

**Binda Picnic Races**  
Funny Hill Racecourse  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March  
0466 996 426



## 2019 Local Australia Day Award Winners

The 2019 Local Australia Day Awards recognised the Shire's exceptional citizens, young citizens and events. They included:

### Upper Lachlan Citizen of the Year

#### **Upper Lachlan Citizen of the Year (Shire Award)**



Upper Lachlan Citizen of the Year Gary Poile with Mayor John Stafford.

Gary Poile is the Upper Lachlan Citizen of the Year. Gary is an active member of many local groups and community organisations, including being the current President of the Collector Village Pumpkin Festival and the Unit Controller of the Collector SES. Gary has grown the Pumpkin Festival from a small event to attracting over 16,000 visitors in 2018 and has been the SES Unit Controller for over 20 years. Gary was instrumental in securing funding grants to fund projects to enhance the Collector community, including the construction of a community outdoor gym, an extension of the Collector Hall, and the installation of pedestrian pathways to improve access for school children and visitors to the Pumpkin Festival.

#### **Citizen of the Year Award (Gunning)**

Sally McLean was named the Gunning Citizen of the Year. Sally is a Member and Chair of the Breadalbane Hall Committee. Sally was instrumental in the erection of an Anzac Memorial Wall at the Breadalbane Hall including coordinating all associated historical research, grant applications and construction work. She also organised the inaugural Breadalbane Anzac Day ceremony and Memorial Wall unveiling in 2018 and the Kangaroo March in 2015. Sally has spearheaded Hall fundraisers such as the Breadalbane Bush Bash. She is also President of the Breadalbane Hall Committee and Chief Instructor of the Breadalbane Pony Club.

#### **Citizen of the Year Award (Crookwell)**

Nerida Croker and Andrew Shepherd are the joint recipients of the Crookwell Citizen of the Year Award. Nerida is a founding member and Chairperson of the Fullerton Hadley Landcare Group and recently secured funding for Superb Parrot habitat enhancement. Nerida is an active Board Member of LachLandcare Inc and is also the current Vice Chairperson and former Chairperson of the Upper Lachlan Catchment Coordinating Committee. In the role she represented the Committee and Landcare district on several boards and committees including South East Landcare and the South East Weeds Steering Committees. Nerida is also involved in various other community groups, including, but not limited to, the Fullerton Hadley Bush Fire Brigade and Crookwell Patchwork Group.

Andrew Sheperd has given many years of dedicated service to local community clubs and events. Andrew is a member of the Crookwell Lions Club and in 2014/15 was awarded 'Lion of the Year'. His involvement with Crookwell Rugby Club also earned him life membership.

#### **Citizen of the Year Award (Taralga)**

Graham Lambert was named the Taralga Citizen of the Year. Graham initiated the Taralga Bicentennial Committee to organise the 2019 Bicentennial celebrations. He is also involved in numerous community groups, including, but not limited to, the Taralga Golf Club, Taralga RFS and Taralga Historical Society.

#### Upper Lachlan Young Citizen of the Year

#### **Young Citizen of the Year (Shire Award)**



Australia Day Ambassador Lyndey Milan OAM with Upper Lachlan Young Citizen of the Year Alexandra Branson and Mayor John Stafford.

Alexandra Branson is the Upper Lachlan Young Citizen of the Year. Alexandra is a proud representative of the Crookwell community and an accomplished public speaker. Alexandra is a former Vice Captain of Trinity Catholic College, was a Student Voice representative at the Students Yearn to Learn Conference, and was an invited guest to the Member for Goulburn Pru Goward's initiative, 'Pizza with Pru'. Alexandra has also received several academic, public speaking and sporting awards. She is also a former winner of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest Public Speaking Award and Lions Youth of the Year Program and has been a Student Member of the Timor-Leste Immersion Trip.

#### **Young Citizen of the Year (Gunning)**

William (Will) Luck was awarded the Gunning Young Citizen of the Year Award. Will is a Youth Representative of the Gunning District Association and is the current School Captain of Goulburn High School. He has also assisted with numerous Gunning events, including but not limited to, the Gunning Fireworks Night and Carols by Candlelight, and has performed in, and supported fellow musicians, in the Gunning Focus Group 'Emerging Talents' youth concert. In 2017 Will attended the NSW Youth Council Conference, representing young people from across the district, and in 2018 was one of 100 students from across NSW selected to attend the NSW Schools State Constitutional Convention. Will is a talented musician, studying guitar since he was seven, has been recognised for his academic achievement, and has raised money for charitable causes such as Relay for Life.

#### **Young Citizen of the Year (Crookwell)**

Anthony Watt was named the Crookwell Young Citizen of the Year. Anthony is a former member of the Upper Lachlan Youth Council who was instrumental in the fundraising for the Crookwell Skate Park and assisted in many Youth Council events and activities. Anthony has competed at both local and regional levels in the Lions Club Youth of the Year competition and is a former School Captain, Student Representative Council Member and Peer Support Leader of Crookwell High School, during which time he represented the School at significant events, including, but not limited to, Member for Goulburn Pru Goward's initiative, 'Pizza with Pru'. In 2017 Anthony also won the

Crookwell Rotary Club Community Service Award for his service to both Crookwell High School and the local community.

#### **Young Citizen of the Year (Taralga)**

Jem Green is Taralga's Young Citizen of the Year. Jem is the 2019 School Captain at Mulwaree High School and has been praised by the School's Principal for his outstanding academic record and high standard of work. Jem has a keen interest in politics and in 2018 travelled to Sydney to participate in Politics in the Pub.

#### Upper Lachlan Event of the Year

#### **Event of the Year (Shire Award)**



Mayor John Stafford with Breadalbane Community Hall representatives Tony Morrison and Sally McLean.

The Breadalbane Memorial Wall Opening and Inaugural Anzac Day Commemoration 2018 is the Upper Lachlan Event of the Year. The event was the culmination of many years of hard work and research and involved the official unveiling of a memorial wall and plaques dedicated to local servicemen and women who served in World War I and World War II. At least 100 family and community members attended the service where touching tributes were read, school children sang and wreaths were laid. The event culminated in a community breakfast. It was a great example of the community working together with almost every person in Breadalbane having some sort of job in the lead up to the event.

#### **Event of the Year (Gunning)**

The Collector Village Pumpkin Festival was named the Gunning Event of the Year. From humble beginnings in 2003, the Collector Village Pumpkin Festival has grown to become one of the most anticipated and popular events in the Canberra region. The Festival, which celebrates rural life and the harvest season, attracts tens of thousands of visitors to the Shire each year and has become a major fundraising activity for many community groups and charitable organisations in the district.

#### **Event of the Year (Crookwell)**

Crookwell Rugby Club's Premiership Reunion and MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Round received the Crookwell Event of the Year Award. In June 2018, the Crookwell Rugby Club held its first Premiership Teams Reunion and MND Round. The weekend brought together teams from 1993 and 1998 and raised \$20,000 for the Crookwell Community Trust to assist families affected by MND.

#### **Event of the Year (Taralga)**

The Taralga Rodeo 2018 was named the Taralga Event of the Year. The annual event attracts competitors and spectators from far and wide who enjoy the heart pumping rodeo action. The Rodeo also includes a variety of stalls and rides, which add to the exciting carnival atmosphere.

**For more photos from Australia Day, please visit Council's Facebook page.**



## Innocent Victims of Barbed Wire

By Kay Muddiman, WIRES Southern Tablelands Branch

Each year thousands of native animals face a cruel death or permanent injury from entanglement on barbed wire fences. It has been estimated that tens of millions of kilometres of fences now subdivide the Australian landscape, with 65% of these having barbed wire as the top strand.

More than 75 wildlife species have been identified in Australia as occasional or regular victims of barbed wire fences. Most are nocturnal animals, both mammals (25 species) and birds (50 species). Gliding mammals such as the threatened Squirrel Glider and the Sugar Glider are particularly vulnerable. Flying foxes and insectivorous microbats are also common victims, as are macropods – the wallabies and kangaroos. Nocturnal birds such as the insectivorous Tawny Frogmouth, as well as owls (some of which are listed as Threatened Species) are particularly vulnerable.

Many animals fail to see the fence or cannot clear the height

under windy conditions. Most of those rescued are too severely damaged to return to the wild. Some of the lucky ones are able to be returned to the wild after being in care, while others are not so fortunate and have to be euthanased.

### The Solution?

Obviously, the ideal solution would be to remove all barbed wire, everywhere, now. However, we all know that this is an impossible pipe dream and we have to work at informing people of the unintentional hazards of barbed wire and encourage them to gradually remove any barbed wire they have on their properties. It always has been, and always will be, a difficult and slow process. The use of barbed wire has been entrenched on our farms for generations and has always been part of our rural landscape - this won't be changed overnight. We must all, in our own small way, work towards having existing barbed wire removed, and discourage its use in new fencing. We must inform on the stock proof



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alternatives, so that there is an acceptable choice. A good source of information on alternative fencing is available at: [www.wildlifefriendlyfencing.com](http://www.wildlifefriendlyfencing.com)

### Proof That Barbed Wire Removal Works

Back in 2009, my husband Dallas and I were dismayed by having three Greater Gliders come to grief in the same section of fencing a couple of kilometres up the road from our place. With the farmer's consent we removed 200m of barb from what was obviously a regular 'glider path' for these amazing creatures. We still travel past the spot at least once a week, and since then there have been no further entanglements.

Should you need advice or help with injured or distressed wildlife, please ring the WIRES Rescue Number 1300 094 737. Your call will be logged and directed to our branch electronically, so that we can respond accordingly.

As always, our volunteers will be only too happy to assist.

## Emergency+ app



Do you own a smartphone? Help yourself and the emergency services by downloading the free *Emergency+* app.

If you're ever in need of emergency medical care and aren't sure of your exact location, the *Emergency+* app can access your phone's GPS to calculate latitude

and longitude, so when you call Triple Zero (000) you can provide the critical location details required to mobilise emergency services.

Research also shows that few people know the State Emergency Services (SES) 132 500 or the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444 numbers, which means their default action is to call Triple Zero (000), needlessly tying up emergency call takers. *Emergency+* provides users with the contact numbers and a short explanation of when to call these non-emergency numbers.

The *Emergency+* app is an initiative of the Australian Government.

For further information, or to download the app, please visit: [emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au](http://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au)

## Tuena Toilet Block Open for Business



Veolia Mulwaree Trust's Vanessa Toparis and Mayor John Stafford at the official opening of the Tuena Toilet Block.

A new toilet block at Tuena Campground is open for business.

Located near the children's playground and Tuena Hall, the toilet block includes two combined disabled toilets and family rooms, which can be used by both able bodied visitors and visitors with

disability.

The \$90,051 project was jointly funded with \$45,000 from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust and \$45,051 from Upper Lachlan Shire Council.

Mayor John Stafford said the toilet block is a much needed piece of local infrastructure.

"With Main Road 54 now fully sealed, we anticipate an increase in traffic through Tuena. The new toilet block will encourage travellers to stop, and spend some time in this beautiful village," Cr Stafford said.

"The toilet block will also assist with disabled toilet facilities for Tuena Hall, and provide families visiting the children's playground with a change table and toileting facilities.

"On behalf of Council and the community I would like to thank the Veolia Mulwaree Trust for their investment in the Tuena community."

## Economic Growth and Development Plan

A preliminary Economic Growth and Development Plan has been created for the Upper Lachlan Shire.

The preliminary Plan was informed by a workshop held on 15 October 2018, which brought together Councillors, staff and key community stakeholders, to identify economic growth opportunities for the Shire.

The workshop resulted in 28 ideas for economic development, with Innovation Working Groups established to drive the top five priorities. These included:

1. **Clean Green Business Park:** Project to determine the feasibility of establishing a Clean Green Business Park in the Shire.
2. **5G Network:** Joint Venture Project to build 5G infrastructure to provide fast broadband and mobile telephone coverage across the whole Shire.
3. **Active Independent Living:** Joint Venture Project to determine the design and development of a 'living well' precinct for retirees.
4. **Review of Local Environmental Plan (LEP):** Project to work with Council and influence a review of the LEP boundary conditions and advocate for change.
5. **Hill Climb and Vintage Car Museum:** Event management and

tourism project to work with Council to facilitate a regular event and the establishment of a car museum in the Shire.

Council's General Manager John Bell said the preliminary Plan provides a road map for economic development opportunities to enhance and grow the Upper Lachlan.

"The preliminary Economic Growth and Development Plan brings together the collaborative ideas raised at the workshop and provides a way forward for implementation," Mr Bell said.

"On behalf of Council I would like to thank those community leaders, entrepreneurs, business owners, educators, State Government stakeholders and other organisational representatives who took part in the workshop for their valuable input and enthusiasm."

The full preliminary Plan is available to view on Council's website: [www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/economic-development](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/economic-development)

A second workshop will be held next month to enable young people to provide their input into the Economic Growth and Development Plan.

For further information, or to register your interest, please contact Council's Economic Development Officer, Brenda Proudman, on 4830 1000 or [bproudman@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bproudman@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au)



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## Upper Lachlan Residents Get Behind 2018 Garage Sale Trail



Hundreds of Upper Lachlan Shire residents got behind the 2018 Garage Sale Trail initiative. An impact report prepared by Taverner Research found 644 people in the Shire participated in the Garage Sale Trail as a shopper or seller.

The report also found 750 items were sold or reused during the Garage Sale Trail event, which was held on the weekend of Saturday, 20 October and Sunday, 21 October 2018. Of those surveyed, 35% of sellers admitted that items would have gone to landfill had they not participated in the Garage Sale Trail.

Council's General Manager John Bell said Council was proud to get behind the Garage Sale Trail for the third year running.

"The Garage Sale Trail is a national initiative that sees hundreds of thousands of people from across Australia participating in one big weekend of garage sales," Mr Bell said.

"It's an opportunity for residents to clean out their sheds, garages and cupboards and make a few dollars from items they no longer have use for.

"The Garage Sale Trail also has environmental benefits by promoting the reuse or repurpose of items, which may otherwise end up as landfill or be illegally dumped."

For further information about the Garage Sale Trail please visit: [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au)

To report illegal dumping go to [ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au) or call EPA's Environment Line on 131 555.

## Gunning 4G Expansion

The 4G Telstra small cell for the village of Gunning was recently expanded following lobbying from Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor.

Council's General Manager John Bell welcomed the news.

"It is wonderful that the township of Gunning now has access to more reliable mobile coverage and improved internet connectivity via mobile devices," Mr Bell said.

"Improved technology is a game-changer for existing residents and businesses and will help make Gunning an even more attractive place to live, work, visit and invest into the future."

Mr Taylor is pushing for more funding for the Upper Lachlan under Round 4 of the Australian Government's Mobile Black Spot Program.

## Upper Lachlan Shire Council Waste, Recycling and Garden Waste Services\*



**Changes to collection times are published on Council's website: [www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/news](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/news) and Facebook page.**

For further information about Council's waste, garden waste and recycling services, including tip locations and opening hours, please visit: [www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/works-operations/waste-management](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/works-operations/waste-management) or contact Council's Operations Division on 4830 1000.

**WEEKLY GARBAGE COLLECTION**

TUESDAY - CROOKWELL  
WEDNESDAY - GUNNING, BREADALBANE, COLLECTOR & DALTON  
THURSDAY - BINDA, LAGGAN, GRABBen GULLEN, TARALGA & GOLSPIE

**FORTNIGHTLY RECYCLING & GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS**

FEBRUARY 2019							MARCH 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
APRIL 2019							MAY 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	

**CROOKWELL RECYCLE**  
**GUNNING, BREADALBANE, COLLECTOR & DALTON RECYCLE**  
**LAGGAN, GRABBen GULLEN, TARALGA & GOLSPIE RECYCLE**  
**BINDA & LOST RIVER RECYCLE**  
**CROOKWELL GARDEN WASTE**  
**GUNNING, BREADALBANE, COLLECTOR & DALTON GARDEN WASTE**  
**BINDA, LAGGAN, GRABBen GULLEN, TARALGA & GOLSPIE GARDEN WASTE**

\*Subject to change



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

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

For the full 2019 collection calendar, as well as calendars specific to the towns and villages, please visit Council's website: [www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/works-operations/waste-management](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/works-operations/waste-management)



## Upper Lachlan among the Kindest and Safest Places in Australia



The Upper Lachlan Shire is among the kindest places in Australia thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Pictured: Gunning Lions Club volunteers Shirley Luck and Col Ogilvie.

A recent study by Queensland's Bond University has confirmed what locals already know, the Upper Lachlan is among the kindest and safest places in the country.

The Happiness Project, which provides a snapshot of quality of life across Australia based on the Census and other available data, ranked the Upper Lachlan Shire as the 10th kindest Local Government Area (LGA) in Australia. This was based on the Shire's high number of adult volunteers, which stood at 29.7%.

The Upper Lachlan also scored high in the safety stakes with 9.7 out of 10, with the score based on the latest available crime rates.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council's General

Manager John Bell said the findings from the Happiness Project confirm what a wonderful place the Upper Lachlan Shire is to live.

"The Upper Lachlan also scored well in relation to employment and community, recording 7.3 and 7 out of 10 respectively. Employment scores measured personal income, long-term and current unemployment rates and labour force participation and the community category analysed rates of volunteering and cultural tolerance," Mr Bell said.

"These findings are testament to our magnificent Shire and the caring and community-minded people who live here."

For more information about the Happiness Project, visit: [bond.edu.au/intl/happiness-project](http://bond.edu.au/intl/happiness-project)

## MoU with Gunning and District Historical Society



Gunning's Pye Cottage.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gunning and District Historical Society, reaffirming Council's commitment to the ongoing operation of the Historical Society and support of local history.

Council's General Manager John Bell said the purpose of the MoU is to establish a formalised working relationship between Council and the Historical Society for the responsibilities and use of Pye Cottage Museum and associated buildings for storage and use as a local history research facility.

"The MoU provides the Historical Society with an assurance that the buildings will be used for historical purposes, while clearly defining Council and the Historical Society's roles with regard to management of the buildings," Mr Bell said.

By signing the MoU, both parties agreed to the following undertakings:

- Maintenance is to be undertaken by Council, in accordance with Council's Maintenance Schedule, budget allocations and priorities;
- If needed, the Historical Society will submit a written submission for any required works to Council's annual Draft Operational Plan;
- Visitor management, promotion and openings will be managed by the Historical Society;
- Use and operation of the local history research facility will be managed by the Historical Society;
- All proceeds from donations to the Historical Society will be used to promote local history;
- The Historical Society will provide an annual report to Council on visitations, use of the local history research facility, and associated donations;
- Public liability insurance will be maintained by the Historical Society;
- A Councillor will be selected to attend meetings of the Historical Society; and
- Council will continue to ensure the Historical Society's access to Pye Cottage and the local history research facility.

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## Crookwell Memorial Oval Upgrade Underway

Work on the \$1.5 million Crookwell Memorial Oval Sports and Community Centre Project has commenced.

The new community sports centre will include a club room, gym, change rooms, referee room, storage facilities, canteen and toilets with disabled facilities.

While the fit out is expected to be completed by June 2019, the Oval will be accessible to all sporting codes in time for the commencement of the 2019 sporting season, with portable toilets and change rooms also made available.

To stay up to date with this, and the Shire's other major projects, please visit: [www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/works-operations/major-projects](http://www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/works-operations/major-projects)