

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



December 2022

## Mayor's Message

The summer break and Christmas festivities is a wonderful time to celebrate the holiday spirit. As this year draws to an end, I'm privileged to have been Mayor and see firsthand the efforts of our staff and Shire's community groups in making our Shire the wonderful place it is.

If you are looking for things to do during the holidays, please drop into our Visitors Information Centre and the friendly staff will provide you with helpful suggestions. As the weather warms up you may want to take a dip in the pool. The pool is open every day except Christmas day during the holiday season. So, as 2022 comes to an end, it is an opportunity to reflect on the work we have undertaken and what has been accomplished so far this year. Some of the major achievements this year include:

- Independent review of the 2022-2023 budget completed.

- A new suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents which includes a reviewed Community Strategic Plan and a new Workforce Management Strategy.

- A new procurement system completed and fully implemented.

- Commencement of the expansion of McMaugh Gardens Project.

- New s7.11 (levy on haulage of quarry material) and s7.12 (developer contributions to Council's assets) income streams.

- An organisational structure review – implementation nearing completion.

- Independent planning services review – implementing action plan.

- Commenced work on Public Spaces Legacy Program, including Rotary Park, Pioneer Park and the Glen. Congratulations to Mary Marshall on her 100th birthday; this milestone was celebrated with close family and friends at McMaugh Gardens. Wishing Mary



all the very best!

I know that there are plenty of great citizens in the Shire. Were you aware that Australia Day nominations are a fabulous way of recognising such people? If you would like more information on how to nominate please contact Council's Service Centre on 6778 6300.

From myself and on behalf of the Councillors and staff, I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year!

Until next time,  
**Mayor, Robert Bell**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES at Uralla Shire Council

Information about vacant positions and access to Council's interactive application is available on Council's website at [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Careers)

Council is regularly employing across a wide range of service areas such as: general hand, truck drivers, plant operations, landfill operators, aged care, direct support workers, administrative and professional roles. Ask us about our casual, term and permanent positions. Tel: 6778 6300



## 2023 Australia Day Nominations

Nominations are invited for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Sports Awards, to be presented on Australia Day. Nominees must be Australian citizens and live in Uralla Shire. Young Citizen of the Year nominees must be under 27 years of age on 26th January 2023, and Senior Citizen nominees must be aged 70 years or over. Nomination forms are available from the Uralla Shire Council Administration Building, Uralla Library, Uralla Post Office and the Regional Australia Bank. Nominations will close on Friday, 16th December 2022. Please contact Council for further information.

## Meet Council's new Service Centre Team

Julia, Pamela, Alex and Mel are our helpful staff who work in the Service Centre Team. Our friendly Service Centre Officers are committed to providing exceptional quality service. We are working harder to improve delivering a customer experience that aligns with customer expectations, using technology to be more efficient in delivering services and building the community's trust and confidence in us. We've recently reviewed our Charter which you can find on our website via the homepage: <https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/hptrim/corporate-management-policy-policy-register-council-policies-2012-to/customer-service-charter-2022.pdf>

## NSW Flooding from 14 September 2022

Our shire has been included in the natural disaster zone for flooding. Special assistance measures are available for primary producers, small businesses, community organisations and sporting clubs. Please see the NSW Government webpage for further information. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/disaster-recovery/natural-disaster-declarations>

## Uralla Swimming Pool Hours

Mondays through Fridays 6am to 8am and 12pm to 6pm  
Saturdays and Sundays 12pm to 6pm  
Closed Christmas Day



## Recycling

During this time of year we tend to entertain and consume perhaps more than other times. It's a timely reminder to advise what is recyclable. Things that can go in the yellow lid kerbside recycling bin include: drink, milk and dishwashing bottles, hard plastics such as shampoo, mouth wash and laundry bottles. Steel and aluminium cans, glass bottles, paper and cardboard can also be reprocessed.

Any container with the following symbols can be recycled:



Residents might not be aware there is now a Reverse Vending Machine located in the Bowling Club carpark in Uralla. A 10 cent refund applies to eligible containers.

To help our staff at the recycling centre, please take the lids off and if possible rinse bottles and containers. Please do not place the following in the recycling bins: asbestos, nappies, dead animals, wet wipes, tissues, textiles, crockery, syringes, batteries, plastic bags, soft plastics (such as bubble wrap) or waxed cardboard. These things **cannot** be recycled.

The following should not be placed in the kerbside bin but can be dropped off at the Community Recycling Centre in Uralla: aerosols, batteries (including car batteries), smoke detectors, polystyrene, printer cartridges, oil, paints, fluorescent and compact lights, domestic gas cylinders, fire extinguishers and x-ray films. If you have any questions in relation to recycling please contact our friendly staff on 67783558.

### Uralla Shire Council Aged and Community Care Services

**McMaugh Gardens** - Residential Aged Care - Permanent & Respite  
Call 6778 6380

**Tablelands Community Support (TCS)** - Home Care Packages (HCP), Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) | Call 6778 6350

**Tablelands Community Transport (TCT)** - Provision of community transport services | Call 6778 6451





## Public Toilets

Concerns about the humble latrine are some of the more regular enquiries we receive, and it hasn't gone unnoticed. The toilets take a hammering from vandals, and have for decades. Busy public toilets in the shire are cleaned daily. After cleaning it takes only one person to trash a toilet in a matter of minutes. Toilets are vandalised weekly and it comes in waves, from kicked-off locks and kicked-off doors, smashed sinks, seats and cisterns, fires lit in cubicles to old fashioned graffiti. Vandals don't discriminate – brand new toilets are vandalised as often as the old. Responding to these callouts cost ratepayers tens of thousands of dollars each year. To report damage phone us on 6778 6300 or if you witness vandalism please contact the police. Catching the offenders is one of the best ways to flush them out for good.



### Book a Council Pre-DA Meeting

Council's pre-DA meetings assist customers with navigating the system, including the types of professional advice they might need to prepare their Development Application. There is no fee for this service.

## STREET STORE SCHEDULE

Located at 60 Bridge St, Uralla

5 December - 11 December

Rotary Club - Uralla

12 December - 18 December

Uralla Red Cross



Check out Council's Building and Development web page for further information

## Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals October 2022

### Withdrawals and Refusals: Nil

The Notices of Determination for the above Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates are available for public inspection, free of charge, during office hours at Uralla Shire Council pursuant to Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No. 203*.

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-51-2022	Mrs D Fitzgerald	54 Tobruk Road, Invergowrie	American Style Barn
DA-53-2022	Ambrose Building Development Solutions	66 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Shed with Bathroom
DA-54-2022	Mr N Frazier	56 Rowan Avenue Uralla	Demolish Existing Dwelling & Sheds
DA-55-2022	Mr W Sellings	119 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Retaining Walls
DA-57-2022	Mr N Frazier	56 Rowan Avenue, Uralla	Change of Use – Car Sales Yard
CDC-10-2022	RuralPlan Consultants	645 Bundarra Road, Saumarez Ponds	Dwelling Additions & Alterations – Ensuite & Sunroom
CDC-11-2022	Mr I Taylor	44 Budumba Road, Invergowrie	Shed
CDC-12-2022	New England Sheds	33 Kendall Road, Invergowrie	Shed

### Council Christmas and New Year Operating Hours

Council's Customer Service Centre, the Council Administration Office, and the Uralla Library will be closed from: 1pm Friday, 23 December 2022 and will reopen 8.30am on Tuesday, 3 January 2023.

All Council facilities except McMaugh Gardens will be closed on Christmas Day. This includes Uralla Swimming Pool, and the Uralla Visitor Information Centre. The Bundarra, Kingstown and Uralla landfills will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Kerbside waste and recycling collection will continue over the festive period.

After hours and emergency contact numbers will remain operational.

### After Hours and Emergency Contact Information

- Uralla Shire Council Overseer: 0427 784 982
- Water and Sewer Utility Services: 0427 784 304
- Emergency / Report all fires: 000

# CIVIL WORKS

## Completed in November

Kingstown Road reconstruct flood damaged sections at Merrillba. Commenced and continued drainage maintenance around Bundarra Village. Rectifying flood damaged causeways temporarily. Reactive grading works to ensure trafficable surfaces on rural unsealed network. Inspect flood damages to collect evidence to support natural disaster claim. Thunderbolts Way south of Uralla; gravel patch sections of main road due to pavement failure. Rectify impassable sections of Barraba Road.

## Upcoming in December

Roman Street kerb and guttering continuation after temporary halting due to wet weather. Flood damage repairs in the Kentucky area. Flood damage repairs-reinstate impassable sections of Warrabah Road. Resume at Tolleys Gully Bridge to complete the approaches on the new alignment. Hillview Road flood damage repairs. Engage additional contract support to catch up on maintenance grading backlog. Program Heavy Patch sealed road repairs of Thunderbolts Way.

## Ongoing

Hawthorne Drive completion scheduled to commence. Extra crews allocated to carryout pothole repairs on regional and local roads until defect levels reduced; funded by grant support. Bitumen seal patching on main and local roads. Slashing of rural roads, maintenance of parks and gardens and public amenities

## Catch up on your Council Meetings

At the November Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to:

- Establish a selection panel to proceed to call for expressions of interest to engage a qualified Heritage Advisor.
- Endorse the works on Noalimba Avenue, Terrible Vale Road, Mount Drummond Road, and Baldersleigh Road to be included in future grant funding opportunities.
- Seek a quotation from NSW Public Works Advisory for the development of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy and liaise with the funding partner to bring the ground water drilling investigation to an end.
- Undertake to share the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee independent members jointly with Walcha Council.

Did you know that you can access the Council Agendas, Minutes and audio recordings on Council's website? Check out this page: <https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Agendas-Business-Papers-Minutes>



Uralla Shire Council wishes all its residents a safe and happy festive season.



## Meeting Dates

Meetings are open to the public subject to current COVID guidelines. Agendas, business papers, minutes, and meeting webcasts are published on Council's website at [uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Meetings](https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Meetings)

**Ordinary Meeting of Council**  
Tuesday, 24 January 2022,  
4:00pm, Council Chambers.

Tuesday, 28 February 2022, 4pm  
Bundarra School Arts Hall

**Council Workshops and Public Forums** Refer to Public Notices on the Council website for details.

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### Emergency Contacts

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Report all Fires: 000  
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