

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Mayor's Message

Welcome to 2023. At the end of last year I caught up with the staff and it was great to reflect on the first year as your Mayor. We have a team of hard working councillors and staff who are genuinely motivated in their service to the community. We are pleased to share our 2022 Year in Review summary:

<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-News-and-Media/Year-in-Review>.

In the first year in office Council has undertaken a significant reset of its strategic priorities the most important of which remains delivering services in a financially sustainable manner. During the year Council commissioned an independent review of the budget and adopted a suite of new plans with implementation well under way. We are now receiving a modest income stream from section 7.11 and section 7.12 developer contribution charges. There has been a steady increase in development over the last year; however, there have been a few cases of development applications providing unnecessary additional documentation which create costs the applicant could avoid. I can't stress enough how important it is for developers to take up Council's free pre-development application (DA) service. At a pre-DA meeting clarity will be provided on what documentation is & is not needed for the particular development.



Four of our newest citizens who took the pledge on Australia Day

One of the great honours of being Mayor is to preside over the swearing in of new citizens which I again had the privilege to do on Australia Day. On behalf of the Shire a very big welcome and congratulations to new citizens: Mr & Mrs (Mark & Joie) Fernandez, Mrs Mona Poulsen and Mrs Crystal Seeto.

Council was delighted to host the Federal Member, the Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP, for Australia Day and his passion for Australia was clear in his speech. My congratulations to the organising committee for again hosting Australia Day festivities which commenced with Welcome to Country by Auntie Pam Meehan and supported by Uncle Les Townsend in the Aboriginal Flag raising ceremony. It was my pleasure to host our Australia Day ambassador Gary Dawson, OAM and his wife Michelle. Gary shared with attendees a wonderful poem about the incurable affliction known as the *Green & Gold - Australian Pride* reflective of the wonderful Australia Day Citizenship recipients and the people who live in Uralla Shire

February 2023



Citizen of the Year Cheryl Nolan with Federal Member Hon Barnaby Joyce MP

Congratulations to this year's recipients of their Australia Day Awards:

Citizen of the Year: Cheryl Nolan (pictured) for contributions during 2022, including: Children's story telling at the Fairy Festival, Uralla Show, Australia Day Committee and Anzac Day commemoration.

Cheryl is also a regular volunteer at McCrossin's Mill museum, performing the story of the Thunderbolt's paintings exhibition.

Senior Citizen's Award: Marjorie Chappell

Senior Sporting Achievement: Les Forde

Senior Sporting Award: Stephanie Wooldridge

Junior Sporting Achievement Certificate: Mackenzi Naden

Junior Sporting Award: Georgia White

Achievement Certificates: to Jeff and Marj Lutton

Poster Competition: Winning School – St Joseph's Uralla

Until next time

Mayor, Robert Bell

Uralla Shire Council Sustainability

Uralla Shire are practicing sustainability in its every day practices:-

- Recently setting new benchmarks in value stacking socially sustainable procurement by the bulk buying of cold-mix tar patching mixture. Benefits of this are:
 - ✓ Cost Effective
 - ✓ Zero Packaging (used to come in 15kg bags)
 - ✓ Support sustainable focused suppliers
 - ✓ Supporting a neighbouring LGA delivery company
 - ✓ Easier to handle and use

By placing 30 tonnes of this cold-mix with 2 crews in 4 rostered weekends we saved 2000 plastic bags from going to landfill!

- Investigating and implementing paperless systems
 - ✓ Aiming for zero paper invoices
 - ✓ Electronic timesheets and pay slips
 - ✓ Electronic pre-starts, toolboxes, service and repair logs
 - ✓ Digitising all records and creating no new paper files

- Fixing solar to major buildings. Solar has been installed at:
 - ✓ Sporting Complex
 - ✓ McMaugh Gardens Aged Care
 - ✓ Water Treatment Plant
 - ✓ Sewage Treatment Plants
 - ✓ Uralla Depot
 - ✓ Library
- Upgraded lighting to LED in late 2019.
 - ✓ Public Lighting (i.e. street lights)
 - ✓ The Council Chambers

STREET STORE SCHEDULE

Located at 60 Bridge St, Uralla

13-19 February 2023
Wires New England

6-12 March 2023
Aboriginal Elders

13-19 March
Rocky River Public School

20-26 March
Friends of McMaugh Gardens



Street Store Vacancies + Info

The Uralla Community Street Store, located at 60 Bridge Street, is available for local non-profit groups to raise funds for their activities during the year. If you would like your non-profit group to use the store please see our website [Uralla Community Street Store Uralla Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://Uralla Community Street Store Uralla Shire Council (nsw.gov.au)) or call the Visitor Information Centre on 6778 6420. Vacancies do still exist for February and March with more later in the year.

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



Uralla Recycling Centre Operating Hours

Monday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Tuesday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 9:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Closed on Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day Public Holidays.

ZNET Partners on Kentucky Dam Catchment Program

ZNET has partnered with Stringybark Ecological and landholders in Uralla's Kentucky Creek Dam catchment to design options for slowing overland water flow that carries silt into the dam.

Over the 80-year life of the dam silt build-up has reduced dam capacity. Council will get a bathymetric survey of Kentucky Creek undertaken as part of the preparation of the Integrated Water Catchment Management Strategy (90% funded by the NSW Government) which will determine how the dam capacity has been reduced by silt.

Keeping the topsoil on the land improves pasture production, so both landholders and the town's water supply will benefit.

Funded by a New England Solar Farm grant, the 12-month project will focus on practical solutions that work under local conditions and integrate with farm operations. Other landholders can join the group and findings will be shared through a workshop open to all. Call Sandra 0428 199 044 for more information.



Ted and Sonia Williams (L) hosting other catchment landholders and Uralla Shire Councillors to view Kentucky Creek Dam, Wilhelmshohe.

New Produce Swap at High Country Market

Starting on 5 February, ZNET will be coordinating a monthly stall for locals to swap or sell any excess produce or plants. Perfect for the home gardener with a summer surplus. Please bring your goods along from 8am. Everyone is welcome to come along and pick up something fresh. Call Carol for more information **0408 080 455**



Friends of McMaugh Gardens Inc. Annual Charity Fun Day.

The Annual Friends of McMaugh Gardens Charity Bowls Day will be held on Tuesday 14 March 2023.

The theme for the day will once again be Hawaiian by popular request - prize for best dressed team. The game is open triples (subject to change depending on numbers). Come and have fun, experience is unnecessary, bowls are available. The Friends put out a big welcome to any new residents of Uralla to come and join us. This is a good way to meet our local community and have fun at the same time. The day includes sausage sizzle for lunch commencing 12 noon for lunch and registration, afternoon tea made from all homemade cooking from the fantastic members. A cold meat salad for dinner, followed by raffles, auction, trading table and prizes. Price for the day is \$20.

There will be invitation forms and registration board available at the Uralla Bowling Club or you can contact Rosemary on **0412163444** or rosemary.reading@bigpond.com.

Council and the committee thanks the community and sponsors once again for their continual support of the fund-raising events during the year which supports McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre. These funds go toward equipment and services to enhance the lives of the residents.

Civil Works

Completed Last Month

- Grading and gravelling Waterworks Road, Devoncourt Road, Athol Road, Baldersleigh Road and Barraba Road
- Install pipes on Gwydir Park Road
- Tar Patching on rural and urban sealed roads
- Complete Stabilised patching with contractors on Thunderbolts Way, at Basin Creek Thunderbolts Way North (Pictured), Noalimba Drive, Terrible Vale and Traceys Road, Kentucky
- Complete Stabilised patches on Thunderbolts Way South at Dangars Lagoon, Queen Lee, Mirramoona and Petali
- Continue mowing and weeding gardens ready for Australia Day
- Before Christmas seal the approaches to Tolleys Gully Bridge on Thunderbolts Way North. (Pictured)

Upcoming in February

- Hawthorne Drive reconstruction recommenced
- Grading: Bakers Creek Road, Gostwyck War Service Road
- Continue flood damage repairs, adding Gabion Rock to Torryburn Low Level Bridge
- Continue Weed spraying and mowing in Uralla and Bundarra
- Continue tar patching on regional and local sealed roads



Approaches to Tolleys Gully Bridge on Thunderbolts Way North



Basins Creek Thunderbolts Way North

Uralla Pool Operating Hours	
Sunday	12:00 PM–06:00 PM
Monday	06:00 AM–08:00 AM 12:00 PM–06:00 PM
Tuesday	06:00 AM–08:00 AM 12:00 PM–06:00 PM
Wednesday	06:00 AM–08:00 AM 12:00 PM–06:00 PM
Thursday	06:00 AM–08:00 AM 12:00 PM–06:00 PM
Friday	06:00 AM–08:00 AM 12:00 PM–06:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 PM–06:00 PM

Uralla Pool Season Winding Down

After a successful summer of swimming, the Uralla Pool will be closing its gates to the public on **10 March 2023**. This means there is only a short amount of time left for you to make a splash at this wonderful venue.

The Uralla Swimming Pool is a great, fun venue for family get-togethers, picnics and parties, so make sure you enjoy it while you can!

Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals

Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals / Refusals November 2022

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-58-2022	John Wolfenden - Wakefield Planning	2344 Bundarra Road, Yarrowyck	Subdivision of 5 Lots into 2 Lots
DA-60-2022	SAE Design	50 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Dwelling Alterations & Additions and Detached Garage
DA-62-2022	Uniplan Group Pty Ltd	15 Eastern Avenue, Kentucky	Manufactured Home
DA-64-2022	Mr C Madden	15 Plane Avenue, Uralla	Garage & Carport
DA-67-2022	Mr R Westley, Integrity New Homes	8 Wilkens Street, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-68-2022	Mr J Ho, Natural Matters Design	20 Faulkner Street, Uralla	Dwelling Alterations & Additions
CDC-14-2022	More Than Garages	115 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Shed

Withdrawals: Nil

Refusals: Nil

Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals / Refusals December 2022

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-17-2022-2	RuralPlan Consultants	365 Mount Butler Road, Arding	Dwelling
DA-63-2022	Ms J Hadler	87 Dumaresq Road, Saumarez Ponds	Dual Occupancy
DA-65-2022	Fernleigh Drafting	24 Stringybark Ridge Road, Invergowrie	Dual Occupancy
DA-69-2022	Mr P Strelitz	31 Bridge Street, Uralla	39.5kW Solar Panel Installation
CDC-14-2022	More Than Garages	115 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Shed
CDC-15-2022	Pioneer Homes	2A Rowan Avenue, Uralla	Dwelling
CDC-16-2022	Mr M & Mrs E Green	60 Tobruk Road, Invergowrie	Dwelling
CDC-17-2022	Picton Bros Spanline	15 McGregor Street, Uralla	Attached Patio, Deck & Glass Room
CDC-18-2022	Ms G Noone	13 Park Street, Uralla	Dwelling Alterations & Additions – Bathroom & Deck Kitchen

Withdrawals: Nil

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.

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/Council-Meetings

Ordinary Meeting of Council

- Tuesday, 28 February 2023, 4:00pm at Bundarra School of Arts Hall
- Tuesday, 28 March 2023, 4:00pm at Council Chambers

Council Workshops and Public Forums

Refer to Public Notices on the Council website for details.

On behalf of Uralla Shire Council, we would like to wish all residents a safe and prosperous 2023!

Catch up on your Council Meetings

At the December Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to:

- Support New England Weeds Authority in projects within Uralla Shire on roadside and private property invasive weed removal and riparian areas surrounding Bundarra.
- Prepare a budget bid for consideration in 23/24 operational plan and budget for stormwater management planning for Uralla and Bundarra.
- Lodge an objection to the development of Winterbourne Wind Farm on a number of issues – see the minutes on page 16 resolution 29.12/22.
- Resolve to nominate to be included in amending State Environmental Planning Policy to enable changes to the Uralla Local Environmental Plan to facilitate agritourism.
- Proceed with a number of changes to the refurbishment of the Uralla Courthouse – see minutes page 19 resolution 35.12/22.
- Consult Bundarra community regarding the repair or removal of the playground equipment in Dawkins Street.
- Approve the addition of a Grants Officer to the organisation structure within existing budget.

- Authorise the General Manager to engage a suitable commercial property agent to list the Council owned Industrial Land at Rowan Avenue.
- Commit to the development of a long term waste management strategy, enter discussions with Walcha Council for joint arrangement potential and approve an extension of the waste collection services contract.

At the January Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to:

- Note that Uralla LGA was declared as a natural disaster area under Australian Government reference number 1034 (GRN).
- Receive and note the report on Asset Management Maturity Assessment November 2022.
- Adopt the draft Plant & Equipment Asset Management Plan.
- Adopt the draft Transport Asset Management Plan.



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