

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



November 2022

Mayor's Message

Severe wet weather has caused potholes and damage to roads across NSW. Wet weather has worsened the damage and makes it hard for our crew to repair the roads. Only temporary repair works can be undertaken in wet weather, which is why potholes can reappear within weeks or even days.

The amount of water on the road means that potholes are often difficult to see. Drivers are advised to drive to the condition of the road and weather.

Council acknowledges the community's frustration and wants to assure the residents that all efforts are being made to provide a safe road network within Council's resources.

More than \$5 million of Council's operating expenditure is spent on transport infrastructure maintenance, and the majority of Council's capital budget is invested in transport infrastructure.

I'm pleased to advise that NSW Government has just announced a further \$50 million for the 95 regional Councils to assist with the repair of potholes. That said if you are aware of a dangerous washout, please call Council staff on 6778 3600 so that inspections and repairs can be undertaken, and warning signs can be erected.

As the weather warms up snakes are on the move again. A good way to deter snakes is to keep your house and property less attractive to snakes by removing debris, woodpiles or leaf litter, cutting back long grass and shrubbery, and blocking holes around the outside of your house that may look like a safe spot to hide. It is also important to keep pests under control. Rodents are a good food source for snakes, so less food means fewer snakes.

Sadly koalas are now officially listed as endangered animals and vehicle strikes are a key threat to their decline. Vehicle accidents tend to be clustered at specific locations where a road intersects with habitat that provide corridors for koala movement.



A hotspot has been identified on the New England Highway south of Uralla where the 50km per hour speed zone changes to 100km per hour. Regrettably eight koalas have been hit there in the past two years. Southern New England Landcare in partnership with Uralla Shire Council and the Uralla Golf Club have installed two variable message signs warning drivers that they are entering a koala zone. In addition to this the roadside vegetation strip will be slashed and maintained to improve driver visibility.

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

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



National Recycling Week

National Recycling Week is held the second week in November to promote the benefits of recycling items that are typically not collected through Council's weekly kerbside collection process. National Recycling Week includes MobileMuster, an initiative from Planet Ark. Council supports Mobile Muster by providing phone recycling drop off points. Council's drop off points are located at the administration building in Salisbury Street and the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) at the Uralla Waste Management Facility.

Council also provides facilities for recycling small batteries at the administration building and larger batteries at the CRC. Government funding allows the CRC to receive a range of recyclable materials to be deposited **FREE OF CHARGE** including:

- Water-based and oil-based paints
- Used motor and cooking oils
- Lead-acid and hand-held batteries
- Gas cylinders and fire extinguishers
- Household chemicals and pesticides

- Conventional tube and compact fluorescent lamps
- Smoke detectors
- X Rays

Please keep these items out of the household garbage collection and dispose of them responsibly. These services provide the community with simple ways of preventing harmful and toxic waste from entering our natural environment. For more information on Council recycling services, you can visit Council's website at

www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Services/Waste-Recycling

Uralla Swimming Pool 2022-23 Season Opening Hours

Mondays through Fridays 6:00 AM–8:00 AM and 12:00 PM–6:00 PM

Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 PM–6:00 PM

Visit the Council website for more information:
www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Uralla-Swimming-Pool



Trees to be removed at Alma Park

Council has identified three trees that are dead or dying and may pose a risk to the public at Alma Park. These trees include: (1) a dying Monterey Cypress with serious structural damage and several broken limbs; (2) an American Redwood that died due to the prolonged droughts of 2018/2019; and (3) a dying multi-stemmed Arizona Cypress to be removed to pave way for the growth of emerging new trees (see photos).

Council considers the removal of the above trees to be of high priority and replacement planting will be undertaken once removed. Monitoring of the health and condition of the remaining trees within the park is ongoing.



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



ZNET: Local food for increased resilience

Over 100 people attended Creating Local Food Abundance on Saturday 15 October. Held in Alma Park, it was a chance for locals to pick up seeds or seedlings for their home gardens, to take part in workshops about soil, compost and bees, to swap surplus produce, and to talk to others about producing and preserving food.

With extreme weather events pushing up the cost of food and affecting availability, it is a timely reminder that the more food we can grow locally, the more resilient our region will be.

Upcoming Activities

12 November: Black Gully Festival
Visit the ZNET stall and share what areas of sustainability you are interested in for 2023.

For more information please contact coordinator@zneturalla.org.au or 0420 514 653.



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.

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



STREET STORE SCHEDULE

Located at 60 Bridge St, Uralla

7 - 13 November

Uralla Men's Shed Inc

14 - 20 November

Uralla Garden Club Inc

21 - 27 November

United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW Inc Uralla Branch

30 November - 4 December

Lions Club of Uralla

5 December - 11 December

Rotary Club - Uralla



Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals September 2022

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-69-2010-5	Croft Surveying & Mapping	33-37 Queen Street, Uralla	5 Lot into 5 Lot Subdivision - Modification
DA-24-2022-2	Austam Homes	828 Bundarra Road, Saumarez Ponds	Install Manufactured Home as Dual Occupancy - Modification
DA-32-2022	Studio Two Architecture	13 Bridge Street, Uralla	Roofed Deck, Demolition of Existing Carport & Driveway, New Carport & Driveway including Vehicle Turntable
DA-42-2022	Mr N Belle	53 Amaroo Road, Invergowrie	Dual Occupancy
DA-43-2022	Mr D Wright	9 Eastern Avenue, Kentucky	Shed
DA-44-2022	Natural Matters Design	71 Bilga Road, Invergowrie	Studio
DA-45-2022	Mr W Sellings	11 Pomona Road, Uralla	Demolish Dilapidated Dwelling & Construct Shed
DA-46-2022	Mr C Ritchie	55 Rock Abbey Road, Uralla	Shed
DA-47-2022	Rural Plan Consultants	190 Retreat Road, Balala	Semi-Above Ground Pool
DA-48-2022	Envirotexture Pty Ltd	2112 Kingstown Road (421 Lindon Road), Balala	Dwelling with attached Carport
DA-49-2022	Mrs A Simmons	915 Bindawalla Road, Abington	Farm Shed
DA-50-2022	New England Sheds	47 Rowan Avenue, Uralla	Shed
CDC-9-2022	RuralPlan Consultants	5 Munro Avenue, Uralla	Demolish Existing Garden Sheds & Construct New Shed
CDC-8-2022	Ms B Kennedy	115 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Dwelling

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*.

CIVIL WORKS

Completed in October

Maintenance Grading in the Invergowrie area. Continuing pothole repairs on all sealed roads local and regional. Reactive grading flood damaged roads, Balala, Kingstown, Warrabah and Rocky River areas, Bundarra areas of Baldersleigh and Bakers Creek.

Upcoming in November

Extended extra road patrols repairing potholes aligned to the extra funding. This is on regional, rural and local township roads and streets. Drainage repairs in the Uralla and Bundarra Townships. Weather permitting 2.5km of the new Northeys Road to be sealed. Recommence on Tolleys Gully Bridge approaches, Thunderbolts Way.

Ongoing

Slashing on roadsides, mowing in the urban areas, parks reserves and cemeteries. Culvert clearing and replacements in rural areas following flooding reports and inspections. Roman Street, Uralla Kerb and Guttering.

Catch up on your Council Meetings

At the October Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved to appoint the following new members to the Uralla Township and Environs Committee;

- Mr Robert Bowie
- Mrs Malene Jacobs
- Ms Carol Shantal and
- Mr Robert Valler

Council congratulates the new members on their appointment.

Safety Alert

Please take care whilst driving on Council's roads. The Road Crew are busy fixing potholes but unfortunately the weather has aggravated the problem. The NRMA provides the following information for driving through potholes:

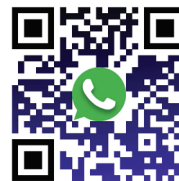
- Reduce speed as much as possible but do not slam on the brakes
- Keep both hands on the steering wheel
- Don't swerve at the last second
- Maintain tyre pressure at the higher end of the manufacturer's specifications

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)

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>

To report a pothole or damaged road within our Shire, please contact Council's Service Centre on 6778 6300 or use the QR Code below:



Ordinary Meeting of Council
Tuesday, 22 November 2022,
4:00pm, Council Chambers.

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

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