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**URALLA'S AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR
 - MS IRIS WALLIS**

Iris Wallis began the "Grandfriends" program over ten years ago. She noticed that many children at the local school were without grandparents because their families had recently migrated to Australia or moved around due to armed service postings or were separated from the grandparents because of divorce. She started "Grandfriends", a program where retired people adopt a class in local primary schools and spend half a day there each week, co-teaching, giving one-to-one tutoring or playing games at lunchtime.

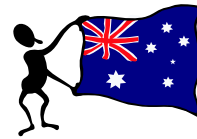
For some children, especially those who have little contact with older people, "Grandfriends" provide an opportunity to get to know members of a different generation and to do so in a controlled environment.

Volunteer "Grandfriends" are not intended as replacement grandparents nor are they only interested in children without grandparents or those with grandparents who live far away. They are friends who help to bridge the generation gap for all young children in the community.

Iris is a much loved "Grandfriend" to so many.



**URALLA'S
 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS
 TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2010**



Australia Day celebration activities will be held as follows:

11am - Street Procession commencing at Park and Bridge Streets corner and proceeding up Bridge Street to Alma Park, via Hill Street. Included in the parade will be Armidale Pipe Band, Walking Billboards, Emergency Services, including SES, Uralla Fire Brigade, Rural Fire Brigades, 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers and floats including one carrying the Australia Day Ambassador. The Australia Day Committee float will feature posters made by children from primary schools in the Shire.

- **Decorated Bike Competition** for children, with cash prizes for best bikes decorated by a boy and girl. Bikes will take part in the procession for judging.

- **Entertainment** by Armidale Pipe Band will be provided at the Park on arrival of the procession.

- **Uralla Volunteer Fire Brigade** demonstration.

12.00 noon - Official Ceremony in Alma Park which will include the flag raising, Australian Citizenship Ceremony, presentation of Awards and an address by the Ambassador, Ms Iris Wallis sponsored by Woolworths. Harleys for Helicopters will also make a presentation to the Uralla Community for supporting their ride.

- **Throng Throwing Competition** - Junior Girls and Boys, Open Ladies and Men.

- **Lolly Scramble**

- **Entertainment** will be provided by "Shake, Rattle and Roll" band.

- **Static Displays**—Fire Brigade, Rural Fire Services, State Emergency Services and Hunter River Lancers.

Barbecue, tea, coffee, damper, sandwiches, slices, hot dogs and drinks will be on sale while a jumping castle and market stall will be there. A marquee will be provided for shade.

All Uralla and district residents and visitors are invited to come along and help celebrate our Australia Day.

**URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL
 NEWSLETTER**



**Ms IRIS WALLIS
 AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR
 FOR URALLA**

JANUARY 2010 VOLUME 17.1

The emergency number after hours or on Public Holidays is
 0427 784 982

The first Council Meeting for 2010
 will be held at **12 noon on
 18 January 2010**
 at the Council Chambers,
 Salisbury Street, Uralla.

Full details of all reports to Council's next Meeting are contained in **Council's Meeting Agendas** which are available for public viewing at Bundarra General Store, Invergowrie General Store, Kentucky General Store, Kingstown General Store, Uralla Shire Council Chambers, Uralla Visitor Information Centre and on the website.

SES VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR URALLA

SES, Uralla has commenced operations and require volunteers to assist with servicing the Uralla Shire and surrounding region.

Volunteers are required in all areas including field operations, administration, publicity and catering.

If you are interested in volunteering in any one of these tasks please contact Ms Therese Press, Controller, on 0428789006 or attend the inaugural meeting to be held at Uralla Community Centre, Hill Street (behind the Old Courthouse) on Wednesday 20 January 2010 at 6pm.

Registrations will be conducted at this meeting requiring 100 point identification.

Further meetings will be held each Wednesday until further notice.

Your services in volunteering will be greatly appreciated.

If any resident requires assistance from the State Emergency Services, Uralla Branch please phone 0428789006 or 000 if you require emergency assistance.

RATE NOTICES

Council has transferred rate balances to a new computer system. Residents may find omissions regarding arrears brought forward or payments which have been made may not yet be recorded on the instalment notice. For these and other enquiries please contact Ms Debbie Rhodes, Council's Revenue Officer on 6778 6321.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Celebrations will be held on Friday 19 March 2010 at a venue to be advised in the February Newsletter.

All women are encouraged to join the celebration.

For enquiries please contact Cr Isabel Strutt on 0424299614.

For **RSL Memorial Hall Bookings** contact the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre on 6778 3277.

URALLA SUBCATCHMENT PLAN

Work in Uralla Creek will be happening in mid February, watch for machines in Duke Street, Park Street, Porter Park and nearby areas. Council acknowledges the professional expertise of the Soil Conservation Services.

Weed and exotic tree removals have been occurring, with more to be done in coming weeks. The removals are necessary to improve water quality and creek stability with replanting to be undertaken.

There will be a creek walk, (notice below) for immediately effected properties next Thursday.

A comprehensive information evening session plus an open invitation to all residents to undertake a creek walk will be held in the coming months. Watch this space for more information. Please direct enquiries to Council's Project Officer, Nanette Lamrock on 6778 6316.

CREEK WALK

Uralla Creek and Rocky Creek and adjoining residents are invited to join Soil Conservation Services, New England Weeds Authority, Council, HiCub Staff and Landcare in a creek walk between Porter Park and Queen Street on Thursday 21 January 2010 at 5pm commencing at the Footbridge, Porter Park (or the Library if it is raining).

The Creek walk will give residents an opportunity to:

- Learn more about the Uralla Subcatchment Plan
- Get advice and provide suggestions on creekland management
- Discuss the works and meet other residents.

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SWIMMING POOL HOURS

The Swimming Pool season has been extended from Sunday 7 March 2010 until Easter Monday 5 April 2010.

The opening hours during January 2010 have been increased by 1 hour with the closing extended from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Swimming Pool hours for January 2010 are: 7 Monday to Friday:

6.00am to 8.00am

12.00noon to 7.00pm

Weekend and Public Holidays

12.00noon to 7.00pm



STREET STORE EXTRA ALLOCATIONS

A rent free store is made available as Council's contribution towards community organizations.

To date there has been 49 weeks allocated for 2010 with just the week prior to Xmas 2010 remaining available.

Organisations who have requested use of the Street Store in 2010 will be notified of their allocated time by mail within the next two weeks.

If you have any enquiries please contact Council on 67786300.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DECORATION COMPETITION

The Uralla Events Management Committee would like to thank everyone in Uralla who chose to light up the town with Christmas Decorations.

Thanks also to the following sponsors for their generous support:

Country Energy
Uralla Foodworks
Thunderbolt Inn.

Without such sponsorship the event would not have been possible.

We would also like to thank the public for voting on the various displays. I know it was a difficult decision to make from the vast variety of displays.

However, when all the votes were counted the following were found to be the most popular:

ADVANCED HOUSEHOLD:

1st: 5 Cluan Ave - \$250 Country Energy Voucher
Runner-up: 7 Bridge Street - \$20 Foodworks Voucher

NOVICE HOUSEHOLD:

1st: Wagon Wheels - \$100 Country Energy Voucher
Runner-up: 43 Hill Street - \$20 Foodworks Voucher

BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL PREMISE:

1st: Country Road Caravan Park - \$50 Country Energy Voucher
Runner-up: Uralla Pharmacy - \$20 Foodworks Voucher

RESIDENTIAL STREET:

McCROSSINS Street - \$100 Thunderbolt Inn Meal Voucher.

Well done everyone!