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#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Uralla Shire Council has described its activities in terms of 11 Principal Activities, each of which has a number of functions and services:

- Administration
  - \* Governance
  - \* Corporate Support Services
- Public Order and Safety
- Health
- Community Services and Education
- Housing and Community Amenities
- Water Supplies
- Sewerage Services
- Recreation and Culture
- Mining, Manufacturing and Construction
- Transport and Communications
- Economic Affairs

This is the first of a series of important Newsletters providing background for Community consultation that will be sent out over the next three weeks.

## COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

All Councils in New South Wales are to prepare, in consultation with their communities, a Strategic Community Plan for a period of ten or more years. This is part of a process called Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R).

The programme for the development of the Community Strategic Plan has four steps:

1. Scoping (gathering information)
2. Engagement (Community consultation)
3. Resourcing
4. Final Plan.

The Uralla Shire Council, during this scoping period, developed the Strategic Review of Council Activities 2008 - 2017 together with Financial Plan Projection for ten years to 2019 / 2020. This document can be viewed at the Council office or Library or from the Council website [www.uralla.local-e.nsw.gov.au/council/2381/2814.html](http://www.uralla.local-e.nsw.gov.au/council/2381/2814.html)

The ten page Summary can be downloaded from the website or copies can be requested and will be posted to interested persons.

At this time, three evenings, Wednesday 27 April to Friday 29 April 2011, have been booked at the Uralla Memorial Hall to discuss the following:

- Wednesday, 27 April - People
- Thursday, 28 April - Place
- Friday, 29 April - Infrastructure

A "Meet the Councillors" morning tea will be held at the Kentucky Memorial Hall on Saturday, 7 May 2011 commencing at 9:00am.

Keep these times free!

"Meet the Councillors" functions will also be arranged for Bundarra, Invergowrie and Kingstown.

## URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN NEWSLETTER No.1



Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their Country (Shire).....

Charles E Weller

### THE VISION STATEMENT

The Uralla Shire Council is committed to creating a unique environment which offers an excellent quality of life and economic opportunities for its people.

### YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED

Does the above Vision Statement still reflect your vision of living in the Uralla Shire and what you would like the Uralla Shire Council to be committed towards obtaining?

## THE MISSION STATEMENT

In support of the Vision Statement the Council has a Mission Statement that states:

The aim of Uralla Shire Council is to offer an excellent quality of life and economic opportunities for its people by means of imaginative leadership, effective teamwork, efficient management and the provision of quality services.

It will strive to:

1. preserve a high quality environment for the community and become a carbon neutral community through balanced control of development and practical, sustainable environmental management.
2. provide appropriate resources for welfare, leisure, housing, recreational, community and cultural activities.
3. provide a high level of public health, safety and community services.
4. provide an efficient and effective transport and community infrastructure.
5. encourage, promote and facilitate the social and economic development of the area by becoming a lighthouse model for local mitigation and adaptability to Climate Change.
6. provide services in an efficient and economic manner which maximize resources.
7. be accountable and open to the community for its performance.
8. provide responsible, resourceful and economic representative government for its residents.
9. encourage commercial, industrial and retail development.

The Vision 2020 Statement, which was adopted by Council in December 2007 says:

In 2020, Uralla Shire Community should be one which:

- enjoys a high quality of life,
- has thriving business centres,
- has educational and job opportunities available for people with a wide range of skills and aptitudes,
- has an innovative, adaptive and diverse economy,
- has access to good public services and relevant infrastructure,
- has a continuing improvement in its socio economic status,
- treasures its natural and built heritage and continues to be progressive,
- ensures sustainability,
- provides security and safety for its residents,
- has a growing population and a sound demographic structure; and
- retains its own independent community-based local government authority.

The full four page Vision 2020 Statement can be read or downloaded from Council's website:

[http://uralla.local-e.nsw.gov.au/files/2207/File/Vision\\_2020.pdf](http://uralla.local-e.nsw.gov.au/files/2207/File/Vision_2020.pdf)

The Uralla Shire Council's Management Plans have been developed for the past four years on the above Vision.

Now is the time to look forward again and determine what our Shire looks like ten years from now.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE PRINCIPLES

The NSW Government's Social Justice Principles of equity, access, participation and rights are required to underpin the development of a Community Strategic Plan.

These principles can be summarised as follows:

- **Equity** - There should be fairness in decision making, prioritising and allocation of resources, particularly for those in need. Everyone should have a fair opportunity to participate in the future of the community. The planning process should take particular care to involve and protect the interests of people in vulnerable circumstances.
- **Access** - All people should have fair access to services, resources and opportunities to improve their quality of life.
- **Participation** - Everyone should have the maximum opportunity to genuinely participate in decisions which affect their lives.
- **Rights** - Everyone's rights should be established and promoted, with opportunities provided for people from diverse linguistic, cultural and religious backgrounds to participate in community life.

## KEY ELEMENTS OF THE URALLA SHIRE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The elements of the Uralla Shire Council will cover Council's 11 Principle Activities and provide the guiding principles for everyday decision making actions.

The key elements to be identified within the Community Strategic Plan will be:

**People, Place, Infrastructure.**