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KEEP THESE TIMES FREE!
MEETING TIMES
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Three evenings, Wednesday, 27 April to Friday, 29 April 2011, will be held at the Uralla Memorial Hall for you to make your contribution on the following:

- Wednesday, 27 April 2011 - People
- Thursday, 28 April 2011 - Place
- Friday, 29 April 2011 - Infrastructure

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

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

SOURCES OF CAPITAL INCOME

RTA	1,125,000
Other Capital Grants	458,000
Sale of Plant	<u>202,000</u>
	1,875,000
Depreciation Charge	<u>3,424,000</u>
	<u>5,299,000</u>

COUNCIL'S PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES
STATISTICS

<u>PEOPLE ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE RECURRENT</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE CAPITAL</u>	<u>STAFF FTE</u>
Governance	415,000	-	2.2
Administration	1,286,000	7,000	9.2
Public Order	220,000	5,000	-
Health	108,000	-	0.2
Community Services	4,468,000	171,000	37.8
Economic Affairs	<u>427,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1.0</u>
	<u>\$6,924,000</u>	<u>\$189,000</u>	<u>50.4</u>

PLACE ACTIVITIES

Community Amenities	1,350,000	154,000	12.3
Recreation / Culture	<u>541,000</u>	<u>86,000</u>	<u>1.6</u>
	<u>\$1,891,000</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>	<u>13.9</u>

INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES

Water Supply	433,000	136,000	2.0
Sewer Service	248,000	120,000	1.5
Gravel Pits	6,000	-	-
Roads etc.	4,050,000	3,446,000	31.4
Plant Operation	1,670,000	920,000	3.4
Internal Plant Charge	(1,751,000)		
Works Support	<u>730,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5.9</u>
	<u>\$5,386,000</u>	<u>\$4,627,000</u>	<u>44.2</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$14,201,000</u>	<u>\$5,056,000</u>	<u>108.5</u>
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MAJOR SOURCES OF RECURRENT INCOME

Rates and Annual Charges (Rate Payers)	4,081,000
User Charges (Ratepayers, Residents and Customers)	2,012,000
Financial Assistance Grants (Taxpayers)	1,955,000
Community Services Grants	4,270,000
RTA Contributions	839,000
Other Operating Grants	208,000
Other Income (including Interest, Contributions)	<u>836,000</u>
	<u>\$14,201,000</u>

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY
STRATEGIC PLAN
NEWSLETTER No . 2



PEOPLE

This Newsletter, the second of the series on the Community Strategic Plan, is about the People aspect of local government.

In this newsletter is information about the Council's activities that affect you as individuals. The People aspects of how the Uralla Shire Council will look in ten years will be the main focus of the Public Consultation Meeting at the Uralla Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 27 April 2011.

COMMUNITY

a social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and have a cultural and historical heritage.

PEOPLE

The whole body of persons constituting a community, tribe, race or nation.

Macquarie Dictionary 1990

GOVERNANCE

Your Mayor and Councillors together with the General Manager comprise the governance of the Uralla Shire Council. Council meets on the fourth Monday of each month, except for public holidays. The Mayor and Councillors are available to all ratepayers and residents and will assist wherever possible. The General Manager can be contacted during working hours on 6778 6302 or by appointment.

The Mayor and Councillors in meeting, make decisions and provide direction to the organisation, which then becomes the responsibility of the General Manager to ensure those directions are completed.

Being a local authority, the level of government closest to its constituents, the Uralla Shire Council is ready to listen and respond.

The current strategic objective of Governance function is to provide appropriate opportunity for residents to attend Council Meetings, to advertise its proposals openly, to ensure convenient access to its management plans and associated reports and to encourage the democratic process.

ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the Shire is under the direction of Council's Director Administrative Services, Mrs Jane Michie. Administration provides the "back office" services to the organisation. The seven full time and three part time employees provide the connection between the public and the service providers of Council and maintain the finances, records and human resource management functions. Grant and Desley are your first point of contact in Council's Customer Service area.

The current strategic objective of the Administration function is to provide the optimum level of staff and equipment to enable Council to operate as a corporate body in an efficient and cost effective manner so that Council is properly funded and professionally managed in accordance with appropriate Acts and Regulations for the good of all residents of the Shire.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Uralla Shire Council has a proud history of involvement in Community Services. The Community Services function of the Uralla Shire Council has grown to be one third of the Council's core activity employing 37.8 full time equivalents. The services are provided not only to the residents of the Uralla Shire Area, but also, funded by the State and Federal Governments, provided to the region as a whole—from Walhallow in the Liverpool Plains Council area to Boggabilla in the Moree Plains Council area.

The flagship of this involvement is the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre. This is a recognised community asset "owned" and supported by the Uralla Community. Similarly there is the Grace Munro Centre in Bundarra, owned by Council and operated by the community company Grace Munro Aged Care Limited.

Council provides Community Services through the following sections of Council:

- McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre (McMaughs)
- Bundarra Neighbour Aid Services (BNAS)
- Uralla Aged Units, Hill Street.
- Tablelands Community Support Options Program (TCSOP)
- Kamilaroi Aged and Disabled Service (KADS)
- Tablelands Community transport (TCT)
- Uralla Community Centre, Hill Street.

It is services to the Youth in which Council lacking.

The current strategic objective of the Community Services function are to:

- support the providers of services aimed at enhancing the quality of life of the Shire's aged and disabled people particularly where these services result in those people continuing to live in the Shire or the region.
- support the providers of services aimed at enhancing the quality of life for the Shire's youth, particularly where these services result in people continuing to live in the Shire or moving to the Shire.

The Uralla Shire Council is the largest employer in the Uralla Shire Area. Council employs some 151 persons for 108.5 FTEs (Full Time Equivalents).

PUBLIC ORDER

The Public Order and Safety functions are, Fire Protection, Animal and Abandoned Articles Control and Emergency Services

The Uralla Shire Council pays 11.7% of the cost of providing the Rural Fire Service to the Shire area, Fire Brigade Service to Uralla and the State Emergency Service Unit. Council contracts with Armidale Dumaresq Council for Ranger Services and contributes towards the running of the Regional Animal Shelter.

The current strategic objectives of the Public Order functions are to:

- provide effective, cost-efficient fire protection for the residents of Uralla Shire.
- ensure the residents of Uralla Council are protected from animal nuisance and that safety and amenity is enhanced by removal of stock and abandoned articles from public areas.
- provide a management structure for the efficient operation and coordination of Emergency Services, welfare support and rehabilitation in the event of an emergency occurring.

HEALTH

The Uralla Shire Council provides environmental health services in the form of inspections of food premises, waste water facilities, civic and private buildings; with the *current strategic objective* of assisting in the maintenance and improvement of the general overall health of all residents of, and visitors to, the Shire of Uralla

Council as a member of the New England Weed Authority contributes to the overall control of noxious weeds in the Council area to protect the natural environment.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

These are the ancillary business operations of Council, utilising plant and equipment to provide private works for cost, leasing the caravan park and providing a television relay to Uralla, which will be upgraded to digital, by the broadcasters, before the end of 2012.