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NOW IS THE TIME TO TURN UP!

MEETING TIMES COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The first evening on People activities of Council will have been completed by the time you receive this newsletter. The two remaining evenings, Thursday, 28th April 2011 (Place) and Friday 29th April 2011 (Infrastructure), from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm, are your opportunity to make your contribution towards the future direction of your Place.

A "Meet the Councillors" morning tea will be held at the Kentucky Memorial Hall on Saturday, 7 May 2011 commencing at 9:00am, with "Meet the Councillors" functions to be also arranged for Bundarra, Invergowrie and Kingstown.

STREET CLEANING

The current strategic objective for the Street Cleaning is to sweep and rinse gutters and empty street garbage bins to provide a clean and pleasant streetscape in Uralla and Bundarra towns.

In addition, Council has the public areas around the fire Shed in Invergowrie slashed at least twice a year.

ENVIRONMENT

Uralla Shire Council is committed to improving the health and condition of natural resources in the Shire. Principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development, continuing environmental degradation, and community expectations are driving an evolution in traditional Council service roles. As a result, Uralla Shire Council is taking a more active role in community Natural Resource Management and sustainability projects.

Environmental issues in the Shire can be broadly categorised as: biodiversity (including protection of native species and habitat); water quality; invasive species; the balance between development and environmental protection, air quality; the threat posed by climate change; soil health and waste management.

A variety of projects currently underway are delivering improved biodiversity values, establishing community gardens, investing in education resources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The success of these projects relies heavily on partnership with community, business and other Councils, and it is with the community of Uralla Shire that Council wishes to identify future environmental priorities and projects.

The current strategic objective for the Environmental Management is To implement programs aimed at protecting and enhancing the environment of the Shire to ensure the health and well being of its residents.

YOUTH SERVICES

It is with services to the youth of Uralla Shire in which this Council is lacking. Council will be meeting with students of the local schools to ascertain what services they want from the Uralla Shire Council.

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN NEWSLETTER No. 3



PLACE

Every day there are people in our lives, places we visit and experience's we have that help us to feel like where we live really is Our Place.

Jonathon Wright ABC Adelaide
29 November 2010

A THOUGHT

What is it about the Uralla Shire Council area that makes you believe that this is your Place?

On Thursday 28 April 2011 from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm in the Uralla Memorial Hall you have an opportunity to guide the Uralla Shire Council's direction over the next ten years.

DOMESTIC AND OTHER WASTE MANAGEMENT

From 1 July 2011, there will be a new waste collection method. The 240 litre bins will be used for recycling products and 140 litre bins will be issued to properties for general waste. Council is purchasing a second truck for waste collections and installing a mechanised recycling facility at the Uralla Landfill site. The aim is to move away from the idea of waste/rubbish to resource recovery. Information and education leaflets will be circulated during the lead up to the new system.

No change in the disposal of green waste is planned, therefore residents are asked for their opinions on a collection service for green waste.

The current strategic objective for the Domestic and Other Waste is to provide an efficient, cost-effective and environmentally responsible waste collection, recycling and/or disposal service, for all ratepayers of the Uralla Shire.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The new Uralla Library was officially opened on 3 September 2005 and serves a growing number of library members. The library is open seven days a week and there is an increasing use of the public access computers by residents and travellers alike. The Bundarra branch library is staffed by the CWA members.

The Uralla Library is a member of the Central Northern Libraries, which provides book acquisition, stock and back office service at an economy of scale that enabled Council to construct a larger public area for the cost and ongoing service at a cost that Council could not do as a stand alone unit.

The current strategic objective for the Public Library is to provide a service to assist and support the community's cultural, educational and recreational needs .

URALLA SWIMMING POOL

The Uralla Swimming Pool is provided by Council as a community service. The net annual operating cost of the 22 week season is over \$100,000. Council, with the assistance of infrastructure and sport and recreation grants, invested \$121,000 in improvements to the pool and water heating system.

There has been requests over the years to have an indoor heated swimming pool, however the costs have prevented this from being realistically considered.

The current strategic objective for the Uralla Swimming Pool is to provide economical recreational and sporting water facilities for present and future residents of the Shire

SPORTING GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

The current strategic objective for Sporting Grounds and Facilities is to provide suitable sporting facilities for the present and future residents of Uralla and the Shire.

PUBLIC HALLS

Council owns two public halls; the Uralla Memorial Hall and the Bundarra School of Arts Hall. The Uralla hall is managed by the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre and the Bundarra hall by a management committee of Council. There are a number of halls throughout the shire that are owned and operated by community groups.

The current strategic objective for Public Halls is to maintain the School of Arts Hall at Bundarra and the Uralla Memorial Hall as the centres of focus for the local community so that provision is made for recreational, educational, cultural and sporting activities.

OTHER RECREATION AND CULTURE

Entry Statements

Several local sculptors will be presenting their ideas for artistic entry statements to Uralla, Bundarra, Invergowrie, Kentucky and Kingstown to the Thursday evening Community Consultation meeting.

The current strategic objective for the Other Recreation and Culture is to continue to develop cultural and historical activities to the benefit of the Shire's residents.

PARKS, GARDENS AND RESERVES

The current strategic objective for Parks, Gardens and Reserves is to maintain and improve parks, gardens and reserves and, over time, upgrade facilities for the benefit of all

Other Place activities are Urban and Regional Planning, Urban Storm-water Drainage and Cemeteries.