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November 2011 Resolutions of Council

Full copies of the Minutes of Council Meetings are available upon request from Council's Administration Centre, the Uralla Public Library and General Stores at Bundarra, Invergowrie, Kentucky and Kingstown. Minutes may also be viewed and downloaded via the Internet at: <http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/>

Mayor's Christmas Message

The season of Christmas is rapidly approaching - a time of happiness and hope, of anticipation of good times with family and friends, holidays, fun. For some, a time of sadness or loneliness. Caring for and about one another is part of the glue that holds and builds a community. As the happiness of Christmas engages us, let us also be aware of those for whom Christmas is not a season of joy.

With the New Year approaching "Looking forward, looking back" is probably a good description of our attitude. As does each year, 2011 has held both challenge and opportunity; joy and sorrow; success and failure. The anticipation of change, new beginnings, new opportunities start to build up. Uralla Shire Council is looking forward to taking up new opportunities, continuing to build on what we already have, and journeying into 2012 in company with its community.

I sincerely wish each and everyone happiness at Christmas, peace and hope for the future, and a New Year in which you find satisfaction in your achievements.

Isabel Strutt.

Mayor

Australia Day Awards Nominations - Uralla



Nominations are invited for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Sports Awards, to be presented on Australia Day 2012. Nominees must be Australian citizens and live in Uralla Shire. Young Citizen of the Year nominees must be under 27 years of age on 26 January 2012.

Nomination forms are available from the Uralla Shire office, Uralla Library, Uralla Post Office, Uralla Branches of the Credit Union and National Bank, or the Secretary of Uralla Australia Day Committee, 14 Dumaresq Street, Uralla, phone 6778 4328.

Nominations will close on Friday, 9 December 2011.

Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

Uralla Library News

A Christmas children's story-time and craft activity will be held 10:00am Saturday, 17 December 2011. Children of all ages are welcome.

The Summer Reading Club will be running again this year commencing Saturday, 10 December 2011 ending Friday, 27 January 2012. Lots of fun!

Small incentive prizes will be given as the children progress along their reading journey. Each book they read will give them a ticket in the end of club prize draw. Children of all ages, who can read are welcome. Read as much or as little as you like - join anywhere throughout the programme.

Trial Meeting Times

The Council meeting of 19 December 2011 is the last of the three trial meeting dates commencing at 4.00pm. The first section of the meeting will consist of housekeeping issues with the "Have Your Say" session commencing at 6.30pm followed by matters requiring discussion which could be of interest to residents.

The trial has given residents the opportunity to come along to the evening section of a Council meeting to learn how Council operates and comes to decisions that affect residents.

A decision will be made following this meeting to determine if the later time of meetings will continue.

U3CF (Uralla Climate Change Consensus Forum)

The next U3CF meeting will be on Thursday, 2 February at 5.30 pm in Council Chambers. New members are always welcome. If you would like to come along, or wish to know more about the group, please phone Council for full details: 6778 6300.



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UP-COMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for

Monday, 19 December 2011

This meeting will be held at

Council Chambers, 32 Salisbury Street Uralla

The meeting will commence at

4:00pm

with "Have Your Say" from

6:30pm

and items of public interest to follow

Full details of all Reports to Council's next Meeting are contained within 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, Council's Library and on the Website at <http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/>

Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates Approvals and Refusals for October 2011

Approvals:

Application Number	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-33-2011	Mr J T Herman	30 Duke Street, Uralla	Boundary realignment
DA-60-2011	Mr F & Mrs NY Falcomata	74 Macleay Way, Saumarez Ponds	Additions to Shed
CDC-42-2011	Uralla Shire Council	Bendemeer Street, Bundarra	Bus Shed
CDC-43-2011	Mr K H Ball	25 Plane Avenue, Uralla	New Garage
CDC-44-2011	Mr ID & MA Moore	12 Marsh Street, Uralla	Awning
CDC-45-2011	Mr R Downs & Ms C Annetts	645 The Gap Road, Salisbury Plains	New Shed

Refusals: Nil

Council Meeting Dates for 2012

Council resolved at the 26 September 2011 Council Meeting to approve the following dates for ordinary meetings for 2012:

Mondays:

23 January	27 February	26 March
23 April	28 May	25 June
23 July	27 August	24 September
22 October	26 November	17 December.

The commencement time for the regular Council Meetings, held on the Mondays listed, will be advised following the December 2011 Council Meeting, being the last of the trial meeting times to commence at 4:00pm.

Swimming Pool Hours

At the 26 September 2011 Council Meeting, Council resolved to provide a twenty week swimming pool season from Saturday, 29 October 2011 to Friday, 16 March 2012.

The pools hours of operation during the 2011-2012 season are:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 6am to 8am and 12 noon to 6pm.
- Wednesday – 6am to 8am and 12 noon to 5pm.
- Saturday and Sunday – 12 noon to 6pm.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive is starting soon.



Dual Roles for Councillors

There are 29 councillors from 24 councils in New South Wales who are members of parliament. The Premier has asked the Minister for Local Government to investigate the issue. The Division of Local Government has produced a discussion paper which can be read:

www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg_index.asp and click on 28/11/2011 Other Publications Ref: Dual Roles – Council.

The Minister is seeking a response by Tuesday, 31 January 2012 and Council has organised an on-line survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VXBDD29>

or through the links on Council's website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Excellence in the Environment Awards

On Tuesday, 29 November 2011, the Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards were announced in 11 Categories.

The Uralla Shire Council with its member councils in HiCUB; Armidale Dumaresq, Guyra and Walcha Councils, and the project manager Southern New England Landcare; was the winner of Division B (medium size councils) in the Natural Environment Protection and Enhancement: On-Ground Works Category.

The Uralla Shire Council was also a joint winner with 7 other councils and the LGSA Water Directorate for the Water Loss Management project in Division C (large size councils) in the Water Conservation Category.

Congratulations go also to Inverell Shire Council for being winners in Division A (small size councils) of the Natural Environment Protection and Enhancement: On-Ground Works Category and Weed Management Category. The New England Weeds Authority was a Division B Winner in the Weeds Management Category.

How Much Power Are You Using?

Would you like to know how much power your home appliances are using? Residents can borrow Councils 'Power Mate' to measure energy use from appliance to appliance. A resident reports "I used it and was surprised to discover that my fridge accounts for a quarter of my electricity bill a year. Now we are much more careful with the temperature settings and it is saving us energy."

A \$50 deposit is required (fully refundable). Ask at Council for details: 6778 6300.

Street Store Applications for 2012

Applications from local and not-for-profit sporting groups, organisations and charities for the Community Street Store Allocations in 2012 have been allocated. There remains several vacant times slots being the weeks ending:

27/5/2012	3/6/2012	2/7/2012	23/7/2012
12/8/2012	19/8/2012	2/9/2012	14/10/2012
16/12/2012	23/12/2012	and	30/12/2012.

If organisations would like to book the Street Store which is rent free, even organizations with 2012 allocations, please contact Council urgently.

Street Store Allocations for 2011 and 2012

A rent free store is made available as Council's contribution to local Community organisations.

During the months of December 2011, January 2012 and February 2012 the following organisations will be holding local Community Stalls and would appreciate your support:

- Uralla Masonic Lodge - week ended 11/12/11
- Girl Guide Association - weeks ended 18/12/11 & 25/12/11
- Uralla Swimming Club – week ended 8/1/12
- Uralla Show Society – week ended 15/1/12
- Uralla Australia Day Committee – week ended 22/1/2012
- Uralla Community Garden – week ended 29/1/2012
- World Youth International – week ended 5/2/12
- Uralla Arts – week ended 12/2/2012
- WIRES NE – week ended 19/2/2012
- Uralla Netball – week ended 26/2/2012.

Free Wind and Solar Energy Mapping Tool

If you are a Uralla Shire resident, farmer or community group thinking about installing a small scale (less than 10 MW) energy generation system for non commercial purposes, you can now get access to an online mapping tool. The tool can generate estimates of solar and wind resources for individual sites.

To obtain accurate data you need a map reading in latitude and longitude format for the location you propose to place the generation system. These readings can be taken from Ordinance Survey maps, from some mobile phones and from the website SixLite: <http://lite.maps.nsw.gov.au> Council will then arrange a data report for that site. For full details, please call an Environmental Projects Officer on 6778 6300. Access to the tool is only available until March 2012.

For Sale

Boots \$35.00/ pair and Shorts \$10.00/ pair. Various sizes available. Contact the Visitor Information Centre.