

## URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

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### May 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/>

### Uralla Garden Club

The Uralla Garden Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each Month. For further details, contact Jenny on 6775 3124 or Chris on 6778 4990.

### From Patrick at the Visitor Information Centre

Recently I had the pleasure of being appointed the Community Development Officer for Uralla Shire Council. This is a new position within Council that has been created to assist residents, business operators and community groups with the implementation of projects that will contribute towards the improvement of our Shire. In my new role, I will also continue to be responsible for the operation of the Visitor Information Centre and the development and maintenance of the Shire's Web presence.

I am keen to hear from members of the Community who have fresh ideas for the future development of Uralla Shire. If you have a suggestion you would like to discuss, please call into the Visitor Information Centre, or feel free to contact me on 6778 4496.

Regards,  
Patrick Dogan

### Uralla Library News ~ Up-Coming Events

Australian Author Christine Stinson will be at the Library on Sunday 19 June 2011 at 2:00pm. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with Christine and find out how and why she decided to write her book – "*it takes a village*". Light Refreshments will be served.

The 2011 "Waste to Art" Competition entries will be displayed at the Library between 27 June and 25 July. Come along and see the creative work of your Community.

The July School Holidays are coming soon and the Library will have the following activities available for children:

**Tuesday, 5 July 2011**

- 10:30am - Dragon themed activities, stories and craft for young children up to 6 years old.
- 2:00pm - Making Paddle Pop Stick Boxes for 7 to 12 year olds.

**Tuesday, 12 July 2011**

- 10:30am - Teddy Bear themed activities, stories and craft with a picnic morning tea (bring your bear along to join in).
- 2:00pm - Decorating Carnival Masks for 7 to 12 year olds.

The "Wrap with Love" knitted square making will be at the Library on Tuesday, 17 July 2011 from 10:00am. Morning tea will be provided. This is a really great way to make a difference to those that need our help. Completed squares will be sent to Tamworth for collection.

### Thunderbolt Festival and Turkey Run

The 2011 Thunderbolt Festival and Harleys for Humanity Turkey Run will be held on the weekend of 28 and 29 October. Planning is well under way for a weekend of entertainment and activities that promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

The organisers of both events would like to extend an invitation to members of the Uralla Community to become part of the festivities.

The Festival Committee is seeking volunteers and helpers to assist with the smooth running of the Festival. If you would like to be involved with one of Uralla Shire's premier events, please contact Leanne Cooper on 0488 559 928, or at [coops.4@bigpond.com](mailto:coops.4@bigpond.com).

The team at Harleys for Humanity will be celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and as a result, are anticipating a record number of riders for this year's Turkey Run. All regular accommodation has been booked out and they are now seeking alternative means of housing riders. If you have a spare bed or two, a caravan, or sleep-out and would like to host riders from the Run, please contact the Uralla Visitor Information Centre on 6778 4496. Providers of home style accommodation receive a fee of \$45 per guest per night.

Harleys for Humanity support Muscular Dystrophy and Cerebral Palsy Alliance, depression initiative Beyond Blue, Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and a local charity/cause in Uralla.



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### Emergency Telephone Numbers

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To Report all Fires: 000

### UP-COMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for

**Monday, 27 June 2011**

This meeting will be held at

**Council Chambers, 32 Salisbury Street Uralla**

The meeting will commence at

**12 noon**

### - NOTICE -

### Grants Commission Meeting

The Local Government Grants Commission will be in Uralla at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 28 June 2011 commencing at 9:00am. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the operations of the Commission and how it determines General Purpose Grants (FAGs) paid to local Authorities. The meeting will provide Council with the opportunity to present its particular circumstances to the Commission.

Members of the Public are encouraged to attend.

## **Draft Uralla Local Environmental Plan**

In Council's March Newsletter, there was information about a new Local Environmental Plan (LEP) that is presently being prepared. A local environmental plan (LEP) is the principal legal document for controlling development and guiding planning decisions made by Council. Its intent is to facilitate new development that is appropriate and compatible with the character of an area.

LEPs commonly control and guide proposed development using land use zones and development standards. Land use zones establish, for each zone, the types of land uses that are permitted (with or without consent) or prohibited. For example, a hotel may be permitted in a business zone but prohibited in an area zoned for residential purposes. Development standards generally control certain aspects of development.

In addition to land use zones and development standards, LEPs can include other planning provisions which set out additional planning controls or matters to consider to further guide development. For example, heritage provisions are included in LEPs to ensure heritage values are specifically considered and addressed in development assessment.

The LEP is made by council in consultation with the community, and approved by the Minister for Planning, according to the

*Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the associated regulations.*

The draft LEP contains the transition of the current Uralla LEP into a state standard LEP format. It builds on and reflects Uralla Shire's existing planning strategies and objectives. As a consequence the preparation of the new LEP does not include significant policy changes, but it does include some rezoning of land.

The final draft LEP has now been completed and it is currently with the Department of Planning for consideration. They need to give formal approval before it is able to be released to the public for comment. At this stage, it is expected the Draft LEP will go on public exhibition in late June early July. The exhibition period will be 30 days.

Prior to the exhibition commencing, Council will be releasing a newsletter highlighting changes from the old LEP, detailing where the new LEP can be viewed and how submissions can be made.

Prior to the LEP being finalised, Council will need to respond to all issues raised in any submission received, before the Department of Planning will recommend the LEP be formally made by the Minister for Planning. Council expects the Uralla LEP to be completed by 30 September 2011.

Council would like to acknowledge the assistance received, by the way of grant funding, from the NSW Government's Local Environmental Plan Acceleration Fund

which has greatly assisted in the preparation of the Draft LEP and associated supporting materials. This has allowed Council to engage an independent planning consultant to assist Council planning staff.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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### **Why the Ram's Head?**

For nearly 30 years Council's letterheads and official documents have contained a crest with the words "Uralla Shire Council" and four elements – Ram's Head, Cow's Head, Apple and McCrossin's Mill. This crest was unveiled by the Hon N K Wran QC, Premier of NSW on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1982 to celebrate 100 years of local government in Uralla.

The official Council Seal since the formation of the Uralla Shire Council on 1 January 1948 is the crest that is shown on the front of this Newsletter which has now been re-introduced for use on official documents. Council letterheads will continue to use the Uralla brand.