

JULY 2019

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



DROUGHT COMMUNITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Council has been racing against the clock to complete Uralla Shire Council wide projects by 30 June, funded through the Drought Communities Assistance Program. Council was able to offer work to local tradespeople and suppliers on most of the projects. The following are just some of the works this funding has made possible:



Bundarra School of Arts Hall:

- ❖ Repaint ceiling throughout
- ❖ Re-sand and seal floorboards
- ❖ Repaint walls, skirting and arches
- ❖ Paint exterior
 - Weatherboards
 - Gutters and downpipes
 - Doors and arcs
 - Awning of main door
- ❖ Sensor lights for public toilets
- ❖ Fix movable stairs in position
- ❖ Re-stumping of the floor
- ❖ Upgrade electrical switchboard



Uralla Showgrounds:

- ❖ New Stable Block 4
- ❖ New water storage tank
- ❖ New skillion shed
- ❖ Fit out stables
- ❖ Add guttering to pavilion A, C and D
- ❖ 100 new chairs for pavilion A
- ❖ Install firefighting equipment and new water lines
- ❖ Repairs to showground speakers for broadcast box
- ❖ Road grading
- ❖ Repair and build grandstand seating



MCMAUGH GARDENS OUTING TO MOONBI MUSEUM

A bus full of residents, staff and a volunteer have enjoyed a trip to Moonbi Museum. They said they were totally spoilt by the museum staff and the lovely staff at the shop next door who made their lunch and brought it across to the museum.



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MEETING DATES 2019

Council meeting: The fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm.

Budget Review & Finance Committee:

Tuesday 9 July at 12:30pm.

Uralla Township & Environs Committee

(UTEC): 9 July at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

These meetings are open to the public. Council meeting agendas and reports can be viewed and downloaded from the website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

WHAT'S ON IN URALLA SHIRE JULY 2019

Sun 7	Monthly Poultry Auction – Uralla Showgrounds
Tue 9	Uralla NAIDOC Week parade and flag raising ceremony. Starts 10am at the Community Centre.
Sat 20	Bundarra community markets
Sat 27	Uralla indoor markets

Check www.uralla.com for more information on the local calendar of events and call us to add your event on **02 6778 6420**.

Uralla Library Activities July-Aug 2019

Storytime – 10.30am Tuesdays

Knattering Knitters – 10am Tuesdays & 2pm Sundays

Colouring Group – 2pm Wednesdays

Book Discussion Group – 4pm 3rd Tuesday of the month

Lego Club – 4pm to 5pm 3rd Thursday of the month

Chess & Checkers Club – 4pm Mondays during school term

NDIS-LAC PUBLIC ADVICE DROP IN SESSIONS



There will be public advice drop in sessions from 11am to 3pm at the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre on the following dates: Mondays - 22 and 29 July, 5 and 12 August 2019.

All welcome. For more information, please call Jo at the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre 6778 3277.

FUNDING APPROVED – BUNDARRA SEWER SCHEME

Uralla Shire Council has received confirmation from Hon. Melissa Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, that a request for additional funds to complete the Bundarra Sewer Scheme has been approved under the *Safe and Secure Water Program*.

Council will now work with Infrastructure NSW and the Department of Industry, Lands and Water to execute a new funding deed. No timeframe is currently available to indicate when the funding deed will be issued. Work on final approvals, land acquisition and technical specifications for tender is continuing.

Council has resolved to not impose sewer charges, in adopting the 2019-20 Budget, for the properties within the catchment of the Bundarra Sewer Scheme area.

URALLA - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST 2019

Ms Kerri Kathleen Wallace of Uralla, has been awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) for her leadership as Deputy Captain of the Uralla Fire Brigade in developing and maintaining the capability of the Uralla Fire Brigade.

Captain Wallace was instrumental in leading the transition of the Uralla Fire Brigade into a modern-day emergency service operation, specifically in the area of medical response in the Community First Responder (CFR) program where she has guided and supported other firefighters in the delivery of CFR to the community.

Ms Wallace is dedicated to the safety of her community and continues to serve the people of New South Wales with distinction.

Robert Anthony Barwell, a pastoralist from Balala, has also been honoured in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list.

He has been made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his significant service to the beef cattle industry, and to bio-security.

WATER RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Bundarra

Bundarra remains on Level 1 Water Restrictions. Some minor flushing may be required over the coming weeks to maintain acceptable water quality.

Uralla

Uralla remains on Level 3 water restrictions. Water levels in Kentucky Creek Dam are recovering slowly. For March – May 2019 demand is 6% lower than the same period last year.

Details of water restrictions for residents can be found at:

<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Services/Water-Supply/Current-Water-Restrictions>

Details regarding Water Carting for supplying rural residents can be found at:

<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Services/Water-Supply/Copy-of-Water-carting-1>

Washing vehicle number plates and windows is allowed during Level 3 restrictions.

UPDATE – BUDGET REVIEW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

At its Ordinary Meeting on 25th June 2019, Council resolved to adopt a bi-monthly meeting schedule for the Budget Review and Finance Committee during 2019/20. All meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers commencing at 12:30pm, with the schedule of meeting dates for the 2019-20 financial year as follows:

- Tuesday, 9 July 2019
- Tuesday, 10 September 2019
- Tuesday, 12 November 2019
- (No meeting scheduled for January 2020)
- Tuesday, 11 February 2020
- Tuesday, 14 April 2020
- Tuesday, 9 June 2020

URALLA LOCAL WINS GOLD AT THE SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW



Uralla Local, Anna Sutherland recently won Gold in the Commercial Exhibitor Awards - Fashion & Style Pavilion at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. A judging panel from the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW judged the exhibitors on their knowledge, customer service, presentation and overall dedication to their stand.

This was a fantastic outcome and a huge surprise for Anna as it was the first time she had been involved with the 12-day show. As a textile designer, the Easter Show was a great opportunity to display Anna's designs and products to a wider community.

Anna designs her own fabric range, using screen-printing or digitally printing her range of products. Anna & Co. Artisan Homewares and Gifts is located in the main street of Uralla.

SELLING OR GIVING AWAY A CAT OR DOG? THE RULES HAVE CHANGED



From 1 July 2019 in NSW, anyone advertising kittens, cats, puppies or dogs for sale, or to give away, will need to include an identification number in advertisements. The identification number can be either:

- a microchip number
- a breeder identification number, OR
- a rehoming organisation number

The rules will apply to all advertisements, including those in newspapers, local posters, community notice boards and all forms of online advertising, including public advertisements on websites such as the Trading Post, Gumtree and social media sites. To find out more about the changes, visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals.

NEW CAR PARK – URALLA COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new car park has gone in at the Uralla Community Centre, which has made a huge difference for staff and visitors to the centre. The additional 14 car spaces will be line marked in the near future.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Bundarra School of Arts Hall s355 Committee

Uralla Shire Council established the Bundarra School of Arts Hall Section 355 Committee in 2017 to:

- 1) Manage the Bundarra School of Arts Hall; and
- 2) Provide advice to and work with Council for the benefit of Bundarra and its surrounding community.

Council is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from members of the community to serve on the committee.

As set out in the Bundarra School of Arts Hall Committee Constitution, the Committee meets at a minimum of twice a year, with further meetings to be facilitated as needed.

EOIs should be addressed to the General Manager and include a statement detailing why the applicant is interested in serving on the committee.

EOIs must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, 2 August 2019 and are able to be submitted electronically to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au or by post to PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358.

For further information about the Bundarra School of Arts Hall Committee, contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 02 6778 6300 or via email at council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

URALLA STREET STALL

8 - 14 July	Thunderbolt Fishing Club
15 - 21 July	Lions Club of Uralla
22 - 28 July	Uralla Showground Land Manager
29 Jul - 4 Aug	New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club
5 - 11 Aug	Can Assist Uralla

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS – MAY 2019

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-2-2018	Mrs L Yates	53 Park Street, Uralla	Subdivision of 1 Urban Lot into 3 Urban Lots
DA-70-2018	Mr V Scollen	18 Uralla Street North, Uralla	Shed
DA-27-2019	Pursehouse Rural Pty Ltd	176 Bridge Street, Uralla	Free Standing Sign
DA-29-2019	Uniplan Group Armidale	21 Budumba Road, Invergowrie	Installation of Manufactured Dwelling
DA-31-2019	Mr P Jacobs	54 Hill Street, Uralla	Rear Verandah
DA-32-2019	Uralla Showground Land Manager	8A King Street, Uralla	Stables, Carport for Storage with Water Tank, and Two Grandstand Slabs
DA-34-2019	Mr C Post	158 Gostwyck Road, Uralla	Dwelling
CDC-4-2019	Mr G & Mrs L Dowdell	12 Roman Street, Uralla	Dwelling & Shed
CDC-6-2019	Mr G Hinds	70 Invergowrie Road, Invergowrie	Studio

Refusals: Nil

The Notices of Determination for the above Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates are available for public inspection, free of charge, during office hours at Uralla Shire Council pursuant to Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

UPDATE – STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM



As the Stronger Country Communities Program's funded projects are being progressively finalised, one project in particular, the new playground equipment at Alma Park, is eagerly anticipated by Uralla's young citizens. This project is due to be completed in August. Council is planning to have an event to officially open the Alma Park play area and will be announcing a date in the near future.

Completed Alma Park works include:

- Triple Combo Nest Swing (all abilities)
- Senior Climbing Unit (rope sphere)
- Junior Combination play station
- 2 x 2.5m x 2.5m curved roofed shelters with picnic setting
- 6m x 4m curved roofed shelter with wheelchair accessible picnic setting and normal picnic setting
- 2 new BBQs with shelters
- Great Keep Tower with 3 slides, and a Giant Swing (all abilities)

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS JUNE 2019

- Uralla councillors, senior staff and three councillors from Walcha attended a training session in Council's chambers about the mandatory Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice. The training session was conducted by staff from Local Government NSW.
- **Budget Review and Finance Committee Meeting** endorsed two State Government "My Community Project" grant applications submitted by a) The Uralla Shire Business Chamber to construct a public amenity in the public carpark of Hill Street and b) Marcella O'Connor for a children's play tower (similar to that recently installed in Alma Park, Uralla) for the playground in Court Street, Bundarra.
- **Ordinary Meeting:**
Council resolved to:
 - Award one Community Grant under the "Individuals" category.
 - Set the rates for the 2019-20 financial year and adopt the combined 2017-2021 Delivery Program and 2019-20 Operational Plan, including the 2019-20 Statement of Revenue Policy, incorporating the annual budget and fees and charges.
 - Revoke a number of outdated or superseded policies.
 - Conditionally commit to sharing an internal auditor with Armidale and Glen Innes Severn Councils.
 - Reset the meeting schedule for the Budget Review and Finance Committee to bi-monthly.
 - Extended the term of the Uralla Township and Environs Committee for another 12 months to June 2020.
 - Place on public exhibition a draft of the Uralla Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan.
 - Accept the recommendations of the Pollution Studies Reduction Program for the Uralla sewerage scheme.
 - Adopt the Probity Plan and Probity Protocols Template for future sales of Council's Light Industry Subdivision in Rowan Avenue.
 - Approve the appointment of Mr David Aber as Acting General Manager following the resignation of Council's General Manager, Mr Andrew Hopkins.