

## Uralla Shire Council

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## AUGUST 2010 Council Resolutions

The Resolutions of Council's Ordinary meeting of 30 August 2010 that are not recorded elsewhere in the newsletter, follow. Full copies of the Minutes are available at Council's Administration Centre and on its Website.

### At the Meeting:

Ms Linda Maynard outlined the recent Youth Week Initiative and Event Activities staged in Uralla, introducing local Award recipients to the Mayor for presentation of Youth Week Certificates.

### Council Resolved:

- To note its detailed submission to the Local Government Boundaries Commission as well as the verbal presentations made to the hearing of 23 and 24 August 2010 by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors I Strutt, K Dusting, M Dusting and S Powley, the General Manager and the many Community members and to note the local member's letter to the Minister for Local Government, dated 18 August 2010, forwarding a full copy of Council's submission and reaffirming his long held support for Councils to collaborate, share resources but maintain their autonomy.
- To note the report on the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the NSW Liberals and Nationals – Local Government Forum held at NSW Parliament House on Thursday 5 August 2010.
- To note the report by the General Manager of his presentation on the first day of the Effective Community Engagement Conference in Sydney on Wednesday, 21 July 2010.
- To note the report on the attendance of the General Manager and Mrs O'Connor at the NSW Country Business Forum in Bathurst on Friday 20 August 2010, and the opportunity to place before the Premier the issue in respect to the disregarding by Mrs Kibble of the strength of public opinion expressed by the Uralla Community at the meeting held on 20 April 2010
- To note the 50% grant subsidy of \$9,224 offered by the Minister for Water, Hon Philip Costa, for the Uralla Shire Council Integrated Water Cycle Management Evaluation Study and accepted by Council.

## Summary of Council Resolutions (Cont.)

- To endorse the nomination of both Cr M Dusting and Cr M Pearce as its appointed Delegates to the Integrated Water Cycle Management Study Project Reference Group.
- To allocate site C, number 3 Wood Street, the block on the western side of the Uralla Swimming Pool Centre, for use by the Uralla Community Garden Group.
- To congratulate Mr Sellings and note the Report regarding the Accreditation of Council's Building Surveyor and Legislative Requirements for Council.
- To support the development of the Alma Park and Uralla Creek HiCUB Project Proposals as they each meet the technical advice given within the Uralla Subcatchment Management Plan and have been approved for progress in line with HiCUB protocols and procedures.
- To agree to the lifting of the 88B covenant restriction of a building envelope for Lot 201 DP 1074880 with it being replaced by a reworded restriction.
- To not give consent to lifting the section 88B restriction on Lot 25 DP 1106460.
- To approve the SEPP 1 application under DA 373/2009 for dwelling entitlement on Lot 622 DP 257216 subject to the appropriate conditions.
- To note the cash position at 31 July 2010 consisting of: cash and overnight funds of \$1,352,047.07 term deposits of \$4,500,000 totalling \$5,852,047.07 of readily convertible funds.
- To endorse the affixing of the Uralla Shire Council seal by the Mayor and General Manager to the "Acceptance of Funding Variation" with Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), Department of Human Services NSW in regard to the auspice of the Narrabri/Wee Waa Aboriginal Elders Day Centre Program.
- To advise Mr S Field that the use of Public Reserve 70690 will not be possible prior to the determination of the Aboriginal Land Claim; and to pursue communications with the relevant parties so as to achieve a positive outcome to this issue.

## THUNDERBOLT'S FESTIVAL AND HARLEYS FOR HELICOPTERS TURKEY RUN 29 & 30 OCTOBER 2010

### Friday 29th October

5pm Harleys for Helicopters (H4H) Turkey Run rides into town.

Uralla Bowling Club—Rough Justice

Miss Woodstock Competition

Final and Crowning

### Saturday 30 October

Bush Poets Breakfast

Street Parade

Battle of the Bands

Jazz Pumps

PLUS Free Activities in Alma Park.

Programs will soon be available from shops and Council.

For further information, enquiries and entry forms contact

Uralla Visitors Information Centre on 6778 4496.

Bush Poetry Competition

Markets

Entertainment in Alma Park

## URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



## SEPTEMBER 2010 VOLUME 18.9

The emergency number after hours or  
on Public Holidays is  
0427 784 982

Ring 000 to report fires

The next Council Meeting  
will be held at 12 noon on  
27 September 2010  
at the Council Chambers,  
Salisbury Street, Uralla.

Full details of all reports to Council's next Meeting are contained in **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 and on the website.

### ATTENTION WATERWATCH GROUPS

USC Environmental Project Officer, Stephanie McCaffrey, would like to hear from you if you need support for your activities. Please write to Stephanie outlining the help you need at: [smccaffrey@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:smccaffrey@uralla.nsw.gov.au)

### HABITAT ACTION GRANTS

Habitat Action Grants are available for individuals, fishing clubs/organisations, Community groups or local Councils wishing to rehabilitate fish habitat.

Details and application forms are available at Council reception or the Fisheries website:

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program>

Residents are encouraged to contact Council for advice if they are interested in submitting an application.

### U3CF MEETING

Democracy in Action! The next U3CF meeting will be held on Thursday 30 September at 5.30 pm in Council Chambers. Any residents interested in putting forward ideas and ways in which Uralla Shire can become a more sustainable Community are encouraged to attend.

### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR STATE COMMUNITY WATER AND ENERGY GRANTS

Not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to apply for a share of \$5.4 million funding available through the NSW Government's Climate Change Fund to make the facilities they use more water and energy efficient.

Up to \$40,000 is available for each facility to undertake measures such as installing rainwater tanks, switching from electric to solar hot water and installing water efficient fixtures and fittings.

Applications are open until Monday 25 October 2010.

Full details and the Guide for Applicants is available from Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water website at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ccfpfp.htm> or by calling the Environment Line on 1300 361 967.

### FUNDING FOR RABBIT CONTROL

Limited funding is available for rabbit control on properties east and south east of Kingstown.

If you would like to know more, please contact Bec Balard at SNELCC on (02) 6772 9123.

### CHANGES TO WATER BILLING

#### ASSESSMENT NUMBERS

As part of Council's conversion to a new Financial System in December 2009, new assessment numbers were created for water billing purposes.

It would be appreciated if all ratepayers using Council's BPay or Direct Deposit options to pay their water bills, could ensure that the reference number details are updated to reflect their new assessment number. This will help to avoid any delays or errors in the processing of payments.



### SPORT AND RECREATION'S SWIM AND SURVIVE STARTING SOON

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water. But no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including Uralla, which will be held from 4 to 14 January 2010.

Instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$59 for school-aged children and \$44 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, phone 13 13 02 or visit <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au>

### RELAY FOR LIFE 2010

#### Who will you relay for.....Uralla?

Visit <http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au> to find more information or to register your team or individual entry.

Held at Armidale Showground from 10am Saturday 16 October 2010 to 10am Sunday 17 October 2010, the NSW Cancer Council would appreciate your support and participation. Phone Grant Clark at Council on 6778 6300 for further information.

### STREET STORE APPLICATIONS

Applications from local and non-profit sporting groups, organisations and charities for the Community Street Store Allocations in 2011 are now being called. Application Forms are available from Council and will be accepted until 29 October 2010. Dates will be allocated on a first-in-first-served basis.

Please note that **only** official Application Forms will be accepted. Council will be providing the Community Street Store rent free during the Calendar Year 2011 as its contribution to local Community Groups.

### STREET STORE ALLOCATIONS

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

During the months of September/October 2010 the following organisations will be holding stalls and would appreciate your support :

Legacy Club of Armidale Inc	- week ended 5/9/10
Lodge of Peace	- week ended 12/9/10
Uralla Playgroup	- week ended 19/9/10
Friends of McMaugh's	- week ended 26/9/10
Uralla Rugby League Football	- week ended 3/10/10
Uralla St Vincent de Paul	- week ended 10/10/10
Uralla Events Mgmt Cttee	- week ended 17/10/10
Senior Citz & Pens. Assoc.	- week ended 24/10/10
Uralla Historical Society	- week ended 31/10/10

Council wishes each organisation success in their fund raising efforts which in turn provides assistance and support to members of our Community.

### URALLA ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Uralla Arts presents a truly special event for Uralla:

**Sunwrae Trio performing in St John's Church, Park Street, Uralla on Friday 24 September at 8pm**

This special and memorable event for Uralla, is a stunning musical experience from the Sunwrae Trio on vibraphone, double bass and harp. These internationally recognised, talented young musicians are currently touring from Melbourne through to Brisbane and we are very fortunate to be able to host them in Uralla.

With kind permission from St John's Uralla, the performance is to be held in the Church which will enhance the experience. Uralla's Community Choir will be performing as well. Supper will be available in the adjoining Church Hall at interval.

Come along for an enjoyable evening of exceptional music and support Uralla Arts - bringing quality artists to Uralla for the benefit of the Community. Tickets are \$20 or \$18 for members/concession at the door from 7.30pm.

Enquiries phone 0427 141 482

See you there!



# ALMA PARK TREE PLANTING

*A High Country Urban Biodiversity Activity*

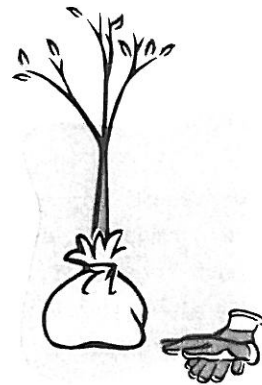
**BRING THE FAMILY**

**on**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**OCTOBER 2010**

**12-4PM**



**Don't forget:**

**HAT, WATER, SUNSCREEN**

**AND CLOSED-IN SHOES**

Free Sausage Sizzle  
for participants



**High Country**

Urban  
Biodiversity  
Project

This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust

The **HiCUB** Project, short for **High Country Urban Biodiversity**, is an Urban Sustainability Project funded by the New South Wales Government through the Environmental Trust.

The project is being managed by Southern New England Landcare on behalf of the Guyra, Armidale Dumaresq, Uralla and Walcha Councils running from May 2009 until February 2012. **The focus for HiCUB activities will be**

- The urban creek lands in Armidale, Uralla, Walcha and Tingha
- The urban and some peri-urban bushlands of Armidale, Guyra, Uralla and Walcha
- Urandangie Creek and Gara River

**HiCUB** has been developed with input from an enthusiastic group from the broader community.

The **Objectives** are to:

- **Improve the ecological health of urban wetlands and bushlands**, including Ecologically Endangered Communities by reducing weeds; increasing the area and quality of native vegetation; erosion remediation; and improve linkages at landscape scale.
- **Improve the effectiveness of councils and community effort toward environmental rehabilitation** through improved integration, collaboration and greater knowledge transfer between councils and stakeholders
- **Monitor, evaluate, report and implement improvement** in approaches to rehabilitation of urban areas
- **Increase long-term participation** in urban ecosystem rehabilitation targeting community volunteerism and investment from private and government sources
- **Improve resource use efficiency** by increasing the utilisation of council mulch; uptake of rebates for rainwater tanks, and alternative energy technology; and decrease the nutrient load in the town water supply.

#### **Biodiversity Month Display**

This September, the Uralla Library is hosting a display for Biodiversity Month 2010. This display has useful information about what biodiversity is; the local New England biodiversity; threats to biodiversity; and information about what individuals can do to protect it.



#### **Uralla Sub-Catchment Management Plan Map**

A map of the areas recommended for works under the Uralla Sub-Catchment Management Plan will be on display for the community in Uralla from late September. This map shows where work is planned; what work will be carried out in the creek; how it will happen; and how often it needs to be maintained.

#### **Alma Park Community Planting**

An area of approximately 3000m<sup>2</sup> will be planted on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October by volunteers invited from the community. These volunteers will be supported by HiCUB staff, council staff and a crew from Field's native nursery. As this activity coincides with the start of water week, a festival atmosphere will be created with displays and a barbecue for participants.

#### **Uralla Call for EOI**

HiCUB will run the process for Expression of Interest for earthworks in Uralla and Rocky Creeks according to recommendations in Uralla sub-catchment management plan stage 2.

#### **Frog Dreaming 2010**

This award winning conference is about children having the opportunity to connect with each other and the land in a creative, supportive & learning environment. The 2-day conference will be made up of schools students from Uralla, Rocky River, Kentucky, Kingstown, Guyra, Ben Lomond, Black Mountain & Bald Blair. It will include school performances based on local/regional natural resource theme; tribal groups; lantern parade & frog dreaming story as well as activities including planting for a frog pond in the Glen with SNEL, National Parks & Wildlife Services, BRG CMA and local groups.

#### **Proposed:**

- Bush regeneration activities on Mt Mutton to preserve the endangered ecological community

#### **Community Garden**

The HiCub team is also supporting the development of the Uralla Community Garden.

#### **REMINDER**

#### **COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY AT ALMA PARK**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

