

AUGUST 2019

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS - URALLA

Uralla's NAIDOC Week celebrations in July were a great success with close to 100 people attending. The theme this year was "VOICE. TREATY. TRUTH. Let's work together for a shared future." There was definitely a sense of having all worked together to enjoy and experience a brilliant morning of celebrations.

After the march, the community walked to the Library where they were treated to morning tea, Kristian Sternbeck on didgeridoo, "Storytime" with Kathy Kelly, and musical entertainment by Anthony Green, Kathy Kelly and Bridget Knox.



Mayor Cr Pearce, Uncle Les Townsend, Kristian Sternbeck, Cr Natasha Ledger, Acting GM David Aber.



MCMAUGH GARDENS NEWS

McMaugh Gardens has welcomed a furry new staff member to the team! Residents and staff at McMaugh Gardens are very excited to welcome Suzanne. The black Labrador will be a major part of the Pet Therapy Program at the facility.

Suzanne is pictured with her primary carer on staff, Jake Barraclough (left), and is also seen meeting residents on her first tour of the facility. She is already having a positive effect on the residents and staff.



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MEETING DATES 2019

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

Budget Review & Finance Committee: Tuesday 10 September at 12:30pm.

Uralla Township & Environs Committee (UTEK): 13 August 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 AUGUST 2019

Sat 17 Aug Bundarra community markets
 Sat 24 Aug Uralla indoor markets
 Tue 27 Aug Ordinary Council Meeting
 Sun 1 Sep Opening of Alma Park's new playground
 (see more information below)

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 Aug-Sept 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

OPENING OF ALMA PARK'S NEW PLAYGROUND

You are invited to attend an opening event to celebrate the new playground and picnic equipment at Alma Park on **Sunday 1 September!** There will be a sausage sizzle (free), face painting, lolly bags, coffee cart and much more.

Where: Alma Park, cnr Queen and Hill Streets, Uralla

Time: 10am to 2pm

FRIENDS OF MCMAUGH GARDENS THANK THE URALLA RODEO COMMITTEE



L to R: David Mailler, Sue Wilkinson, Erica Barwell, Margaret Hogan & Adam Hone

Friends of McMaugh Gardens sincerely thank Adam Hone and David Mailler from the Uralla Rodeo Committee for their very generous cheque of \$2,500.

This money will go towards buying equipment to enhance the lives of the residents and staff at McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre in Uralla.

Friends of McMaugh Gardens is a group that actively raises funds for the Centre and has been the recipient of such donations from the proceeds of the Rodeo for many years for which they are extremely grateful. **Sue Wilkinson**, President.

TABLELANDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

The following people for the use of their golf buggies for Uralla NAIDOC Celebrations:

Colleen Taggart, Bron Wilson, Bob Brown, Bruce McMullen, Mike Petrov, David Ayre

The following people for driving the golf buggies for Uralla NAIDOC Celebrations:

Bron Wilson, Colleen Taggart, Mike Petrov, Alan Lang, Grant Clark, Donita Bayliss



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Council invites community groups and organisations to apply for a grant from the **Community Grants Program - Rnd 1** for local projects meeting the guidelines. **Applications close at 5pm 31 August 2019.**

Uralla Shire Council Community Grants Program offers two types of grant category:

- Groups and Organisations** - can apply for non-recurrent grants of up to \$3,000 (which may include in-kind support) to undertake projects/activities/events, or purchase items, which benefit the wider Uralla community. Two rounds of funding are available each financial year – Round 1 in August and Round 2 in February.
- Individuals** - non-recurrent grants of up to \$300 are available to residents of Uralla Shire Council to pursue achievements in their chosen area of expertise; this may include, but is not limited to significant sports and recreation, arts and culture and academic endeavours. Applications for this grant can be submitted any time of year, at least four (4) weeks prior to the planned activity.

For further information, please refer to the Community Grants Program page on Council's website www.uralla.nsw.gov.au.

BUNDARRA - FALLS PREVENTION PROGRAM

Stay on Your Feet

Stay on your feet – a 15-week Falls Prevention and Education Program is commencing in Bundarra Thursday 29 August 2019 at the School of Arts Hall 2:30pm to 4:00pm.

Funding from HealthWISE New England North West has been made available to assist Bundarra community members, who have had falls or those who are at risk of falling, to participate in a “Falls Prevention Program”.

The program will provide participants, at no cost, with information about falls prevention and a series of fun, enjoyable exercises to help strengthen their legs and trunk, along with improving balance and coordination skills.

Please call Gillian Traise, Physiotherapist for further details and to book in for sessions on 0414 674 519.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to all involved in the Uralla Shire Business Chamber’s *Annual Awards for Excellence 2019*. Special mentions go to Council staff Luise Scherer, Simone Ryan and Diana Hayes who were nominated for awards.

Excellence in Customer Service – Employee

Winner: Rachel Calliess – Uralla Pharmacy

Excellence in Customer Service – Business

Winner: TG’s Child Care and Pre-School

Excellence in Customer Service – Trainee/Apprentice/Youth

Winner: Landy Harvey – Uralla Pharmacy

Excellence in Customer Service – Volunteer

Winner: Ann Edwards

URALLA POLICE VISIT STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY



Children attending Storytime at the Uralla Library had a special treat in July – Sargent Fiona McCormack brought the big police van along and let them check out the interior. They were given police vests to try on, sat in the big chairs and had a fabulous explore inside. The day ended with a short and very loud blast of the van’s siren! 



LOCAL MAN ACHIEVES PB AT INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS MEET IN TOWNSVILLE



Local Arding man, Finn O’Keefe competed in the Oceania Area Championships, an international athletics meet held in Townsville in June. Council supported Mr O’Keefe to attend through its *Community Grants Program – Individuals* by providing \$300 to assist in meeting travel costs. “I had a great time competing in Townsville. I placed 9th overall with a PB in the open men’s 800m, 2nd in the open mixed 4x400m relay and 5th in the open men’s 4x400m relay. I really appreciate the support from the Uralla council,” Mr O’Keefe said.

INTRODUCING COUNCIL’S ACTING GENERAL MANAGER



David Aber, the former General Manager at Moree Plains Shire Council, will act as Council’s General Manager until a permanent GM is appointed. Mr Aber expects to be in the role for four months, depending on the successful recruitment of a new GM.

With more than 40 years’ experience working in local government, Mr Aber will work closely with the executive team to continue the current programs and strategic plans already put in place by Council.

Mr Aber looks forward to serving the Uralla community as “At the heart of it all, that’s what we are here for,” he said

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

Approvals:

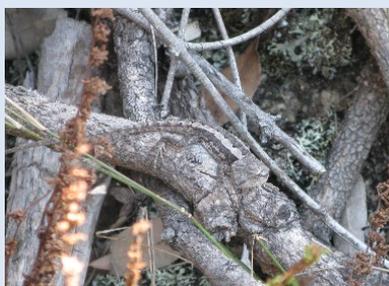
Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-18-2019	Mr J Goode	13 Salisbury Street, Uralla	3 Lot Subdivision
DA-25-2019	Mr P & Mrs K Power	5 Depot Road, Uralla	Dwelling Additions & Alterations: Font Entrance, Verandah Enclosure, Carport Enclosure & Covered Entertainment Area
DA-28-2019	Mr P & Mrs R Davis	10 Gostwyck Street, Uralla	Carport
DA-30-2019	Mr A & Mrs J Kaberry	10 Fitzroy Street, Uralla	Shed
DA-33-2019	Mr S Caldwell & Ms T Lucas	315 Kentucky Road, Kentucky	Dwelling Additions
DA-35-2019	Mr T & Mrs J Bower	Lot 5 Somerset Close, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-36-2019	PONZ Armidale Pty Ltd	18 McGregor Street, Uralla	Carport
DA-38-2019	Mr P Low	10 East Street, Uralla	Dwelling Additions
DA-40-2019	Mr R Bennett	50 Salisbury Street, Uralla	Dwelling Internal Alterations & New Front Verandah Roof
DA-44-2019	Mr M & Mrs B Baker	13 Marsh Street, Uralla	Dwelling & Shed

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*.

Z-NET URALLA NEWS

We live in a beautiful part of the world (even if it is a bit dry at the moment). A big contributor to this is our woodlands and wildlife. Uralla has a number of public reserves that have a high conservation value providing really important habitat for birds, plants, lizards and insects.



Can you spot the lizard making its home in the dead wood?

An essential message about sustainable firewood is that it is really IMPORTANT not to take dead wood from the roadside - what might look like "spare firewood" is NOT! This wood forms homes, provides nutrients as it rots and helps hold water in the soil. Stand up for our environment this winter by using sustainable firewood. Ask Trish for more details at projects@zneturalla.org.au or call 0411 804 627.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS - JULY 2019

Budget Review and Finance Committee Meeting This week a Budget Review and Finance Committee and Councillor workshop were held. At the Councillor workshop, staff provided an update on the progress that has been made with the Drought Community projects over the past three months and the benefits the community has received from these projects as a result of government grants. Stronger Country Communities Round 3 is now on offer, closing in September.

Mayor Michael Pearce attended the "Future Focused" 25th National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra and provided a comprehensive report from the conference. Issues covered included:

- That Local Government continues to be one of the most efficient levels of government in the Nation.
- Social-media and communication technologies can bring benefits but ability to obtain and use data well, requires insight into local potentials and benefits.

Points from Council Resolutions:

- Council is now responding to comments gathered by Councillors and requests for further information, in response to the exhibition of the *Draft Complaints Management Policy 2019*.
- Council resolved to exhibit the *Draft Gifts and Benefits Policy* for 28 Days and in the event there are no comments within that period, that the Policy be adopted.
- Council resolved to de-scope the Waste Management Consultancy Brief project to only fund Uralla Landfill, Bundarra Landfill, the Kerbside waste collection services and the green waste sections of the brief within the original budget of \$40,000.

Bundarra Sewerage Scheme Update

Council has received advice from the Honourable Melinda Pavey MP advising of the Minister's approval of additional funding providing for up to \$6,557,000 of the estimated \$8,329,000 cost of the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme. This additional funding should enable the scheme to proceed to construction. The design has been finalised and is awaiting State Government approval for the sewage treatment plant and reuse designs.