

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



1 October 2021

Mayor's Message

After taking a break last year due to COVID restrictions, Thunderbolt's Festival is back for its 22nd year, with planning underway to hold the event on Saturday 30 October 2021.

Uralla Shire Council is proud to be the major sponsor of the event, which is being organised by the Rotary Club of Uralla.

COVIDSafe considerations have prompted a change to a larger location, with the parade and event being held at the Uralla Showground, where there will be markets, live music, BBQ food stalls, tea and coffee.

There will be a range of activities that children can enjoy after purchasing a \$2 wristband; rock climb wall, inflatable rides and mini golf.

The event will conclude with fireworks in the carpark of the Uralla Bowling Club at 8:30pm.

NSW Health COVID guidelines will be closely followed, and it is important to note that the event could be cancelled at short notice. For more details visit: thunderboltsfestival.com.au

I'd like to congratulate Uralla Shire Council staff for their recent recognition in the Statewide Mutual Risk Management Excellence Awards.

Uralla Shire Council has been awarded overall winner of the Regional, Rural and County Councils as well as winner of the Enterprise Risk Category for 'Improving Risk Culture'.

It's been a real team effort to get the systems in place and the processes



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embraced across the organisation.

I am proud to be part of this Council where opportunities can be pursued with risk identification and management as an integral part of our business practice and decision making.

Safety doesn't always have the glamour of other areas of operations, but it's hands-down one of the most important things to get right.

Wishing you good health,

Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce



L-R: Mathew de Witt (Statewide Mutual), Katie Bryant (Uralla Shire Risk Management & Safety Officer) Mayor Michael Pearce, Paul Bennett (Statewide Mutual Board Member & General Manager Tamworth Regional Council) and Kate Jessep (General Manager Uralla Shire Council)

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR COMMUNITY STREET STORE

Applications are now open for bookings for Council's Community Street Store for the 2022 calendar year.

The Uralla Community Street Store, located at 60 Bridge Street, is available to local non-profit groups for a week during each calendar year to raise funds and awareness

of the non-profit group's activities.

Applications should be submitted to Council by 15 November 2021. Community groups seeking more information or who wish to apply should visit the Uralla Street Store page on the Council website at:

uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Street-Store

UPDATE ON BUNDARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME

Works on the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme are around 70% complete, with completion expected in March next year. The wet weather caused some delay to bulk earthworks at the Sewer Treatment Plant (STP), but these have now been

completed. Also at the STP, the irrigation pump shed is complete, the solar panels have charged the batteries and the irrigation and pipework has been run and pressure tested successfully. The sewer rising main from the corner

Street Store Schedule

4-10 October
Uralla Show Pavilion Committee

11- 17 October
Thunderbolts Festival

18-24 October
Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers Inc.

25-31 October
Uralla Men's Shed

of Oliver and Bombelli Streets to the STP is in place.

Vents and valves have been installed (odour filtered air valve pit, pictured).

Around half of the 174 Pressure Sewerage Units have been installed at each property.



Save the date

2021 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday
4 December

Voting is compulsory

elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21
1300 135 736



REMINDER: RESIDENTS ASKED TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR METER READERS

Water meter reading is conducted in November and May each year in Bundarra and Uralla, with water bills due to be sent out at the end of the reading month.

Council relies on accurate and timely water meter readings to make sure you are billed correctly.

You can help by allowing clear access to your water meter so meter readers can record your water use and repair or replace your water meter when required.

Council staff may not be able to read your meter if it is behind a locked gate or if it is unsafe to enter the property.

Other hazards that may prevent

meter readers accessing the meter include:

- the presence of a dog
- it is buried in concrete or dirt
- it is surrounded by overgrown grass, garden or vegetation.

Please ensure there is at least one (1) metre clearance either side of your water meter and two (2) metres above it for Council staff to safely access your meter.

If Council cannot safely gain access to your water meter to obtain a reading, we may have to estimate your usage.

An estimate is based on the property's previous usage pattern.

When an actual meter read can be taken following one or more estimates, the account will be adjusted so that customers are invoiced according to actual water used to date.



SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

Changes to state laws on short-term rental accommodation (STRA) start on 1 November.

The changes mean that from 1 November properties must be registered before they can be rented.

Council encourages all hosts (or letting-agents) to register STRA properties on the Government register. Please note, this register is not managed by Council. Visit

planningportal.nsw.gov.au/STRA

SURVEY: COURT HOUSE ADAPTIVE REUSE

Council has prepared a survey for stage 1 of its community consultation seeking feedback on adaptive reuse of the Court House.

There are many examples of former court houses being adaptively reused. Some new uses for these buildings include professional office space, commercial uses, and community museums. What are your ideas?

To complete the survey or to find out more about the project, visit: uralla.nsw.au/major-projects/court-house

Written submissions are also welcome and can be sent to PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358 or by email to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au. Stage 1 of the community consultation closes 5pm Friday 29 October 2021.

ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Long Term Financial Plan

The key objective of the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) remains the achievement of financial sustainability across the short, medium and longer term whilst still achieving Council's broader vision and community goals.

Community input is sought to help Council to make decisions that work towards a balanced budget for long-term sustainability and to secure the continuing independence of the Shire.

A LTFP Explained Summary document and survey have been provided to assist with the consultation process.

Submissions can be made up until 5:00pm, 25 October 2021.

Submissions can be made:

- **via online survey**
- **in writing**, addressed to: Office of the General Manager, PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358
- **by email** to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

For more information visit uralla.nsw.gov.au/community/consultation.

Residents and ratepayers with limited internet access may wish to call customer service on (02) 6778 6300 to request that a copy of the consultation materials and a reply-paid envelope to be mailed to them. This measure was introduced to assist with COVID restrictions.

OPENING OF MULTIPURPOSE COURTS



L-R: Mel Lowell, Adam Marshall MP, Jayden, Kadie and Mayor Pearce enjoying the sunshine and the terrific new equipment at the Bundarra Multipurpose Courts, which was completed in September.

Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals August 2021

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-40-2021	Mr W Sellings	8A King Street, Uralla	Free Standing Shade/Weather Awning
DA-41-2021	Mr D Hosking	1 Bombelli Street, Bundarra	Horse Stable Complex
DA-47-2021	Mr A South	50 Haynes Lane, Kentucky	Dwelling Alterations & Additions
DA-50-2021	Uniplan Group	5B Plane Avenue, Uralla	Installation of Manufactured Home with Attached Carport
CDC-19-2021	Mr P & Mrs C Hall	2633 Gwydir River Road, Torryburn	Machinery Shed

Withdrawals: Nil

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 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No. 203*.

CIVIL WORKS

Completed in September

- Bundarra Multipurpose Courts to 98% - court lighting and some landscaping to be finalised
- Subsoil drainage and pavement repairs on Invergowrie Road
- Sealing and upgrade works Hawthorne Drive construction stage 1
- Sealed Old Gostwyck, Corey and Harriet Gully Roads

Upcoming in October

- Commenced grading Gostwtck, Lindon & Athol Roads
- Footpath construction in Bundarra - Oliver St from Bendemeer St to White St (1.2m wide, approx 115m long)

Ongoing

- Approaches to Tolleys Gully Bridge
- Works on Big Ridge and Barleyfields Roads by Green Light Contractors



Stage 1 of Hawthorne Drive has been completed

Catch up on your Council Meetings

September Ordinary Meeting of Council

- Appointed Cr Robert Crouch as deputy mayor for the period from 28 September until the next local government election
- Adopted Media Policy 2021
- For Round 1 of the 2021-22 Community Grants Program, awarded \$3000 each to:
 1. Uralla Campdrafting and Sporting Club
 2. St Joseph's Public School
- Resolved to apply for grant funding under Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Program for revegetation and rehabilitation works on selected Crown Lands and public reserves managed by Uralla Shire Council
- Adopted Ordinary Meeting cycle for 2021-2022 as follows:
 - Tuesday 26 October 2021
 - Tuesday 23 November 2021
 - Friday 24 December 2021 at 9am (first meeting of new Council - may be subject to change)
 - Tuesday 22 February 2022
 - Tuesday 22 March 2022
 - Tuesday 26 April 2022
 - Tuesday 24 May 2022
 - Tuesday 28 June 2022
 - Tuesday 26 July 2022
 - Tuesday 23 August 2022
 - Tuesday 27 September 2022

Meeting Dates

Meetings are open to the public but numbers are limited due to COVID-safe social distancing guidelines which are designed to protect the health and safety of our community. Face masks are currently required to be worn.

Agendas, business papers, minutes, and meeting webcasts are published on Council's website at uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings



General Managers sessions for Councillors (refer to Public Notices on website for details)

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Tuesday, 26 October 2021,
12:30pm Council Chambers.

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