

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



1 June 2021

## Mayor's Message

**T**hank you to our volunteers who do so much to make the Uralla Shire a great place to live.

During National Volunteer Week in May we were fortunate to be able to host some of the volunteers who support Council's services for morning tea.

Volunteers assist at Council in many areas: in the libraries, with Tablelands Community Transport, at McMaugh Gardens, in the bushcare group and at the Visitor Information Centre.

Please contact council if you are interested in finding out more about a volunteering role.

Speaking of the Visitor Information Centre (VIC), it will reopen on Friday 4 June. The Improvement Project is completed and the space is looking great - both inside and out. Community members are invited to come at midday on Friday for the official opening and to view the upgrades.

Round 2 Community Grants have been awarded and there are many valuable projects underway. Congratulations to:

- Uralla and District Pony Club, who will use the money toward a showjumping course at the Uralla showground
- Bundarra Fishing Club – to purchase fingerlings to restock Gwydir River and tributaries (native golden perch)



*Final touches are added to the Visitor Information Centre ahead of its opening at 12pm on Friday 4 June.*

- Friends of Barry Munday Reserve – bringing an old tennis court back to life for community use
- Arding Landcare Group for treeworks
- Young equestrian Ethan Wooldridge for his participation at State Championships

Uralla Shire Council is also pleased to be supporting Thunderbolts Festival, which will be held on Saturday October 30.

The 2021-22 Draft Budget and Operational Plan is now on public exhibition and the community is encouraged to provide feedback via submission.

Until next time,

**Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce**

## What's On at Council in June

**Opening of the upgraded Uralla Visitor Information Centre**

*4 June, 12pm - 1pm*

**Community consultation session, Draft Budget & Operational Plan**

*7 June, 4pm - 6pm, Uralla Council Chambers*

*9 June, 4pm - 6pm, Bundarra School of Arts*

**Become a Councillor with Uralla Shire Council Information Session**

*16 June, 5pm - 6pm, Uralla Council Chambers*

## ZNET News: Greening Uralla

Uralla Shire residents snapped up 1200 free native tree seedlings on the weekend of 24-25 April, as part of the ZNET Plus Greening Uralla project.

The two-day seedling giveaway, held at the Uralla Co-Op yard and funded by UPC's New England Solar Farm, was an initial step in the Greening Uralla project to increase the number of trees and shrubs throughout the shire.

The project aims to raise awareness about the value of trees in our landscape, to make neighbourhoods

more inviting and liveable and to keep homes cooler in summer.



Uralla Shire residents collecting their trees

## Stronger Country Communities Round 4

Funding available for projects in the Uralla Shire Local Government Area (LGA) is \$787,769.

Round 4 is open to regional councils and Joint Organisations, eligible community organisations and Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

Applications close at 12pm on 25 June 2021.

Program details can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-growth-fund/stronger-country-communities-fund> or contact [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au)

## Become a Councillor with Uralla Shire Council: Candidate Information Session

Thinking of standing for Local Government? You're invited to a Candidates Information Session.

**WHEN:** 5pm – 6pm, Wednesday 16 June 2021

**WHERE:** Council Chambers, 32 Salisbury St Uralla

Come along and find out:

- What does a Councillor do?
- Who can become a Councillor?
- What time commitment is required?
- Steps to being a candidate

## Save the Date: Thunderbolts Festival

Postponed last year due to COVID19, Thunderbolts Festival returns on Saturday 30th October 2021 in Alma Park with a slightly different format to accommodate COVID19 safety measures.

The street parade will kick off at 10:30am, there will be markets, live music and food stalls, rock climbing wall, inflatable rides, merry-go-round and fireworks at 8:15pm near the Bowling Club.

The event is co-ordinated by Rotary Club of Uralla. Uralla Shire Council is the major sponsor.

## Street Store Schedule

31 May - 6 June  
Masonic Lodge of Peace No 120

7-13 June  
Uralla Red Cross

14-20 June  
Uralla District Show Society

21-27 June  
Thunderbolt Fishing Club

28 June - 4 July  
Anglican Parish of Uralla

## On Public Exhibition

### Draft Budget 2021/2022 and Operational Plan

The second stage of community consultation for the Draft Budget and Operational Plan includes the Fees and Charges list. This document is on public exhibition from 26 May until 23 June.

Residents are invited to view the document:

- online: <https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Budget>
- on request at the Customer Service Centre
- at Bundarra and Uralla libraries
- at General Stores in Kentucky, Invergowrie, Bundarra and Kingstown
- at community consultation drop-in sessions

### Community consultation drop-in sessions

**Uralla 4 – 6pm Monday 7 June** (Council Chambers)

**Bundarra 4 – 6pm Wednesday 9 June** ( School of Arts Hall)

Written submissions can be:

- emailed to [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au)
- handed into the customer service centre 32 Salisbury Street Uralla NSW 2358
- mailed to PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358
- recorded at drop-in sessions

Submissions close 5pm on 23 June 2021.

## Update: Uralla Library Opening Hours

<b>MONDAY</b>	1pm - 5pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10am - 4pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1pm - 5pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1pm - 5pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.30am - 12pm 1pm - 4.30pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9.30am - 12pm 1pm - 4.30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Closed

Uralla Library hours have been amended after a month long survey with customers, peak visitation, use of technology, use of library online services, library spaces and extensive staff consultation.

This has not impacted on total opening hours and has enabled enhancement of programs offered to library members.

## Congratulations Ethan Wooldridge

Ethan Wooldridge was supported with \$280 from Uralla Shire Council's Community Grants program to attend the Pony Club Association NSW State Sporting Championships on Saturday 3 April at Walcha Showground.

Ethan rode extremely well and came third out of 24 riders in his age group, and was awarded a ribbon in six of the seven events he competed in.

Congratulations also to the other two riders who attended from

Uralla and District Pony Club who also excelled, getting multiple ribbons.



*Ethan Wooldridge at the State Championships*

## What's on at Uralla Library

**BYO Craft** Every Monday 2pm - 4pm

**Book Club** 3rd Monday of each month 1pm - 4pm (books provided)

**BYO Art Project & Diamond Dotz Creations** Every Wednesday 2pm - 4pm

**Lego Club** Every Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm for children and a parent

**Movie Night (Over 18s)** 1st Thursday of each month 5.30pm

**Knattering Knitters & Craft Catchup** Every Saturday 10am - 12pm

**Chess Club** Every Saturday 1pm - 4pm

## Bundarra Library

Bundarra Library, located in the CWA rooms, is now open every Friday afternoon.

A delivery of 500 books arrived last week - exchanged with Uralla Library - so there are plenty of new books to borrow.

## Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals April 2021

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-8-2021	Medam Holdings Pty Ltd (Meralli Projects)	152 Staces Road, Uralla	Construction & Operation of a 4.95 MW AC Solar Farm & Associated Works
DA-10-2021	Mr J & Mrs L Schalk	2 Depot Road, Uralla	Carport & Addition to Existing Shed
DA-18-2021	Uralla Bowling & Recreation Club	52 Hill Street, Uralla	Installation of Flood Lights
DA-23-2021	Mrs T Macpherson	103 Rowan Avenue, Uralla	Change of Use – Storage Facility to Transport Depot
DA-25-2021	Ms C Ball	36 Bridge Street, Uralla	Ensuite Addition to Existing Dwelling
DA-26-2021	Mr B Westaway	10 Lighthorse Parade, Invergowrie	Shed
DA-29-2021	Ms A Wolfenden	87 Devoncourt Road, Uralla	Carport
CDC-11-2021	Mr M & Mrs S McPhee	124 Munday Lane, Saumarez Ponds	Detached Studio

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 May

- Hawthorne Drive Improvement – Rework on soft patches
- Thunderbolts Way South (Tarana Curve) – Sprayed sealing
- Uralla Caravan Park – Resurfacing and sprayed seal driveway

## Upcoming in June

- Bundarra Town – Footpath construction
- Kingstown Road – Heavy Patching
- Torryburn Road – Heavy Patching
- John Street – Stormwater drainage improvement
- Plane Ave – Cycleway construction

## Ongoing

- Hawthorne Drive Improvement – Carting of base course material and sprayed sealing
- Thunderbolts Way South (Tarana Curve) – Installation of safety barriers and linemarking
- Thunderbolts Way South - Heavy Patching



Installing safety rail on the Tarana Curve

## Catch up on your Council Meetings

### May Ordinary Meeting of Council

- Resolved to put draft v0.3 of the Budget and Operational Plan with minor amendments on public exhibition
- Resolved to seek approval from NSW government and support of member for Bundarra Sewerage Scheme project contingency funds towards customers' private upgrade costs
- Resolved to upgrade several roads from unsealed to sealed in 2021 – 2022 and identified four further roads for upgrade subject to funding
- Resolved to place the unsealed road candidate list on public exhibition for future consideration and invite suggestions for additional unsealed roads to be assessed for potential upgrade
- Resolved to seek community feedback on a prospective list of projects that Council could further develop in readiness for future funding opportunities that may arise
- Resolved (May and Feb 2021 meetings) its position on renewable energy projects that Council expects developers' Development Applications and Environmental Impact Statements be prepared in the context of the Community Strategic Plan, including:
  - preserving amenity*
  - attractive environment for business, tourism and industry*
  - local employment*
  - protecting Council infrastructure*
  - 'cradle to grave' environmentally sustainable approach*

## 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.

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



**Budget Review and Finance Committee** Tuesday, 8 June 2021

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

**Ordinary Meeting of Council** Tuesday, 29 June 2021, 12:30pm Council Chambers.

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