

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



November 2021

## General Manager's Message

As Council prepares to enter caretaker mode on 5 November, I'd like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank the Uralla Shire elected Councillors for the extensive work they have undertaken during their term of office.

Due to COVID delays, this has been an extended term of Council with Councillors having served 5 ¼ years of what is usually a 4 year term.

During this time, Councillors have worked hard as your representatives, bringing different ideas to the table for robust discussion, and working together for the benefit of the Uralla Shire.

The Council team has successfully secured significant additional grant funding during its term that has resulted in reductions in maintenance backlog, upgrades to capital infrastructure, provision of new infrastructure and enhanced services in aged care, library and visitor information.

Concurrently, Council has monitored its long term financial position and set strategic objectives to operate in a financially sustainable manner. Continuing from the fit-for-the future process in 2015, this term of Council has reviewed a range of options that could improve Council's financial position and has commenced a conversation with the community



*Thunderbolts Festival: (clockwise from top) Uralla Shire Council stall, markets, Thunderbolt Muster and a very spooky Tablelands Community Transport van.*

about these options for the next term of Council to consider. A report on the community feedback will be presented to the new Council.

With the election to be held on 4 December, the new Councillors are scheduled to take their oath or affirmation of office at the Council meeting in late December 2021.

### Community Strategic Plan Review

Thank you to those who provided input at Council's Thunderbolts Festival Stall. Through sharing your thoughts and ideas about our Shire, Council can begin the process of reviewing the new Community Strategic Plan to guide the next term of Council. The delayed Local Government election has created a particularly tight timeframe to review and adopt the next version of the Community Strategic Plan.

Council will keep you updated with further opportunities to contribute to the development of the Plan over the next few months.

### COVID update

The community can be proud of its residents and hard-working health care workers, with Uralla Shire leading the way in the region for its excellent vaccination rates.

As at 29 October, there have been seven consecutive 'detected' results from Uralla sewer samples. Everyone is urged to take a COVID-19 test should you experience even the mildest symptoms and even if you are vaccinated.

It is understood that the transition from pandemic to endemic – living with the virus – over the coming months may be particularly challenging for the community and Council.

Thank you for everything each of you are doing to help keep the community safe during this challenging time.

Yours in service,

**Kate Jessep, General Manager**

## EOI FOR ARTIST OF THE MONTH 2022

Uralla Shire Council Library is seeking expressions of interest from emerging or established artists who live or work in the Uralla Shire Local Government Area to feature as Artist of the Month in 2022 in the Library Exhibition and Gallery Space.

Visit [uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Artist-of-the-Month](https://uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Artist-of-the-Month) to submit an EOI application, or call the library on (02) 6778 6470.



## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations are now invited for:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (under 27 years of age)
- Senior Citizen of the Year (over 70 years of age)
- Sports Awards

The Australia Day Awards are a way for the community to recognise and thank individuals who do amazing

work in the Uralla Shire.

Nomination forms are available at Council's Administration Offices, the Uralla Library, Post Office, Regional Australia Bank, and General Stores across the Shire.

Nominations close Friday, 17 December 2021. For more information contact the Uralla Australia Day Committee Secretary on (02) 6778 4328.

## NEREZ DRAFT DECLARATION ON PUBLIC DISPLAY

The NSW Government has finalised the draft declaration of the New England REZ for public exhibition.

The REZ declaration is the first step in formalising the REZ under the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 (NSW)*. It sets out the intended network size, location and infrastructure.

The draft declaration is on exhibition until Friday 12 November

and can be viewed at: <https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/renewables/renewable-energy-zones/new-england-renewable-energy-zone-draft-declaration>

Uralla Shire Council has also resolved to make a submission, which will acknowledge both the opportunities (eg jobs and economic growth) and challenges (eg increased pressure on roads during

construction, waste disposal) that renewable energy projects within the NEREZ will present for Uralla Shire, which sits entirely within the proposed N E R E Z boundary.

## HOW IS URALLA'S SEWER TESTED?

As requested by NSW Health, raw (untreated) sewage is collected from the inlet of the Uralla Sewage Treatment Plant (off Flat Rock Road).

During a testing period, samples are collected twice weekly by the Water/Sewer crew around 9:00am-9:30am which is peak flow into the plant and reflects peak urban water usage earlier that morning.

Samples are put on ice and transported overnight to Sydney Water Corporation lab in West Ryde. Typically results are advised within 24-48 hours after the sample arrives at the lab.

Testing is for virus fragments, not live virus.

Results are advised by NSW Health as Detected or Not Detected and put on the NSW Health website. To view the latest results, select the layer 'Sewage Surveillance' on the map at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/stats-nsw.aspx#today>

## KEY DATES | 2021 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

**Tuesday, 26 October**

Postal vote applications open

**Wednesday, 3 November**

**Monday, 22 November**

Pre-poll voting period opens  
iVote applications and voting opens

**Monday, 29 November**

Close of postal vote applications 5pm

**Friday, 3 December**

Close of pre-poll voting

**Saturday, 4 December**

**Election day**

Polling places open 8am - 6pm  
iVote applications close 1pm

**Tuesday, 21 December**

Progressive declaration of results

## Water meter reading

Please make sure your water meter is easy to access





## Street Store Schedule

1-7 November  
Uralla RSL Sub Branch

8-14 November  
Uralla Senior Citizens &  
Pensioners Association

15-21 November  
Uralla Garden Club

22-28 November  
United Hospital Auxiliaries of  
NSW - Uralla Branch

29 November - 5 December  
Lions Club of Uralla

## CAREERS WITH COUNCIL

Uralla Shire Council employs approximately 160 permanent, part time and casual staff to deliver an extensive range of services throughout the Shire.

Uralla Shire residents make a large proportion of the workforce.

All job vacancies are advertised at: [uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Uralla-Shire-Council](http://uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Uralla-Shire-Council)

Please let your friends and family know if you notice a role they may be interested in.

## ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

### DRAFT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

A Community Participation Plan (CPP) is intended to make it easier for the community to understand how to participate in planning matters in NSW. The requirement to prepare a CPP applies to all relevant planning authorities under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)*.

A CPP sets out how and when a planning authority will engage with its community on the planning functions it performs.

At the October Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council resolved to place the Draft CPP on public exhibition for 28 days.

Submissions can be made up until 5:00pm, Monday 29 November 2021. The Plan can be viewed online at the link below.

Submissions can be made:

- **in writing**, addressed to:  
Office of the General Manager, PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358
- **by email** to [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au).

For more information visit [uralla.nsw.gov.au/community/consultation](http://uralla.nsw.gov.au/community/consultation).

### PROPOSED FEES FOR GREENWASTE FROM OUTSIDE SHIRE

At the October Meeting of Council, Council resolved to place on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days the following proposed fees to apply to loads of uncontaminated garden and wood waste (greenwaste) **from outside the Uralla Shire**.

- Car-sedan, wagon \$ 5.00 per load
- Small truck or trailer \$12.00 per load
- Large trailer \$25.00 per load
- Truck \$25.00 per cubic metre

Fees for uncontaminated greenwaste from within Uralla Shire will remain at NIL.

Submissions close 5:00pm, Monday 29 November 2021.

## Development Application & Complying Development Certificate Approvals September 2021

Approvals:

| Application No. | Applicant                 | Property                      | Development  |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| DA-42-2021      | Mr C Stace                | 39 Macleay Way Saumarez Ponds | Shed   |
| DA-44-2021      | Croft Surveying & Mapping | 140 Bridge Street, Uralla     | 2 Lot Subdivision  |
| DA-45-2021      | Mr L Frazier              | 33 Bridge Street, Uralla      | Signage & Change of Use – Hairdressing Salon                 |
| DA-46-2021      | Mr M Ayre                 | 26 Hill Street, Uralla        | Dwelling Alterations & Additions                             |
| DA-49-2021      | Ms S Watson               | 91 Bendemeer Road, Kingstown  | New Dwelling & Existing Dwelling Converted to Storage        |
| DA-51-2021      | Ms L McLane               | 10 Depot Road Uralla          | Dwelling   |
| DA-52-2021      | Ms J Hicks                | 164 Bridge St Uralla          | Change of Use – Take-Away Food & Drink Premises & Signage    |
| DA-53-2021      | Mr W Sellings             | 61 Rowan Avenue, Uralla       | Shed & Change of Use - Used Car Sales Yard including Signage |

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 October

- Hawthorne Drive Construction (stage 2 clearing)
- Footpath in Bundarra - Oliver Street (north side)
- Maintenance grading to Gap, Salisbury Plains, Traceys and Traceys Loop Roads

## Upcoming in November

- Maintenance grading Barraba Road and other rural roads
- Heavy patching, Thunderbolts Way

## Ongoing

- Tar patching pot holes and heavy patching of pavement failures
- Drainage in Uralla and rural roads

## Status update: Bundarra Sewerage Scheme

- Treatment plant 96% complete
- Pump station (pictured below) and rising main 80% complete
- On-property works 59% complete
- Low pressure mains 95% complete
- Anticipated completion date 7/2/2022



## Catch up on your Council Meetings

### October Ordinary Meeting of Council

- Endorsed the draft Uralla Community Participation Plan 2021 to place on public exhibition
  - Received minutes of UTEC (Uralla Town and Environs Committee) meeting and resolved to repaint replica kerosene lamp posts at Bridge St pedestrian crossing as a matter of urgency
  - Received minutes of Bundarra School of Arts Hall Committee and resolved to remove concrete pots on main street
  - Approved improvements to Fuller Park and will seek grant funding to undertake the upgrade
  - Resolved that Council should submit an Expression of Interest for the Streets as Shared Spaces Program for CBD areas of Uralla and Bundarra for up to \$500,000 and place the EOI on public display once submitted and invite community feedback
  - Resolved to participate in the joint application with neighbouring councils for reclassification of Thunderbolts Way from Regional to State Road subject to maintenance being undertaken by Council under a single invitation procurement process
  - Resolved to sign up for The Festival of Place Summer
- Night Fund Program for up to \$15,000
- Resolved to apply for the Australia Day 2022 Community Grant for up to \$20,000, subject to agreement by the Uralla Shire Australia Day Committee
  - Resolved to place on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days the following charges to apply to loads of uncontaminated garden and wood waste **from outside the Uralla Shire**
    - Car-sedan, wagon \$ 5.00 per load
    - Small truck or trailer \$12.00 per load
    - Large trailer \$25.00 per load
    - Truck \$25.00 per cubic metre

## Meeting Dates

**Ordinary Meeting of Council**  
Tuesday, 23 November 2021,  
12:30pm Council Chambers.

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)

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

### Emergency Contacts

After-Hours and Public Holidays

Council Overseer: 0427 784 982  
Water / Sewer: 0427 784 304  
Report all Fires: 000  
SES (Flood/Storm): 132 500

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