

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



April 2022

## Mayor's Message

It's been a long time coming, but the residents of Bundarra now have a world-class sewerage system. The Bundarra Sewerage Scheme was officially opened on 17 March 2022.

Thank you to Adam Marshall for his ongoing support of this project, which would not have been possible without a significant injection of funds from the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program.

Thank you also to the residents who were able to attend the opening event. It was a great opportunity to meet, or to reconnect, with community members, who have been supporters of this project, and also those who have given us honest feedback to help achieve great outcomes all around.

Over 80 people attended the renewables forum held on 15 March. It's really by getting together and sharing the various perspectives that Council can advocate for the community's long term-benefit.

Collaboration with other mayors in the region through the New England Joint Organisation of Councils (NEJO) is one of the ways we work to prioritise community feedback in the planning of renewable energy developments.

Exploratory work is also being done through NEJO on the transition to renewable energy vehicles, such as electric vehicles, and the necessary infrastructure, along with considering the issues of funding



*Adam Marshall MP and Mayor Robert Bell 'flick the switch' on the new \$8.8 million Bundarra Sewerage Scheme Project (photo c/ Adam Marshall's office)*

and planning for technology that will still be relevant in 10 years' time.

At the recent NEJO meeting, mayors voted to support investigating a smaller health district as a strategy to enable communities to have a greater say in the service provision model. As raised by ratepayers with their council representatives, mayors feel that the size of the current Hunter New England Health District can impact access and provision of services and it's questionable whether the structure meets the needs of various communities. If there are developments in this space, I'll let you know.

Council has resolved to create a new Finance Advisory Committee, Development Working Group and Capital Works Working Group, and the drafted Terms of Reference are available to view along with updated Terms of Reference for the Bundarra School of Arts Committee and a range of other policies to help with efficient running of Council Services. These are listed on page 3.

As I write this, Youth Week is

almost upon us, and I look forward to meeting with representatives from our local schools at the Youth Week forum to be held in Council Chambers.

**Until next time,  
Mayor Robert Bell**

## LAW WEEK LIBRARY TALK

Law Week NSW is an annual festival that is all about creating greater access to justice for Australians.

Uralla Shire Library is hosting a talk by a Legal Aid NSW Lawyer titled *Navigating the system* which is designed to assist residents understand, make complaints or dispute decisions made by services like Centrelink, along with information on who can help if you can't resolve the situation yourself.

**Event:** Navigating the System

**When:** 10am Friday 20 May 2022

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings essential:** 6778 6470

## BUNDARRA'S FISH RE-STOCKING PROJECT

On Friday 25 February, a group of fishing club and community members of all ages successfully released over 6000 golden perch fingerlings into several different sites in and around Bundarra.

The project aims to restock some of the many fish lost during the drought, and was co-funded by Uralla Shire Council's Community Grants Program and the Department of Primary Industry's 'Dollar-for-Dollar' Native Fish Stocking Program.



On the morning of the release, members gathered to take delivery of the fingerlings and learn how to safely transport and release. The fish were boxed in lots of roughly 400 to be transported and released into pre-organised locations.

Bundarra Sport and Rec Fishing Club is a family friendly club always welcoming new members.



Above: Fishing club member Jayden Groth releases young golden perch fingerlings (left)

## SENIORS FESTIVAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Congratulations to Tablelands Community Support volunteers Iain Hamilton, Robyn Wheeler and Sara Bates (pictured) who were all deserving recipients of Awards, as were Tablelands Community Transport volunteers Gai Brennan, Evan Thompson, Matthew Pennycuick and Michael Petrov, who were unable to be present.

A free community event hosted by Uralla Shire Council

**Bundarra TWILIGHT FUN FEST**  
@ Bundarra Multipurpose Courts

**LIVE • MULTISPORT • MARKET PRIZE  
MUSIC • CHALLENGE • STALLS • DRAWS**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL | SATURDAY**  
3PM-7PM • FREE • BYO SEATING



This event is supported by the New South Wales Government.  
Event enquiries: Christy Galbraith 0421 361 263  
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### STREET STORE SCHEDULE

Located at 60 Bridge St, Uralla

28 March - 3 April

Anglican Parish of Uralla

4-10 April

CWA Uralla

11-17 April

Lodge of Peace No 120 Uralla

18-24 April

Torch Bearers for Legacy  
(Armidale)

25 April - 1 May

New England Lapidary &  
Fossicking Club Inc

## Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals February 2022

| Application No. | Applicant                                | Property                        | Development  |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| DA-54-2021      | RuralPlan Consultants                    | 38 Bridge Street, Uralla        | Alterations and Additions to Existing Retail Premises (Uralla Wool Room) |
| DA-72-2021      | Mr W Sellings                            | 175 Ferris Lane, Saumarez Ponds | Dwelling Alterations & Additions   |
| DA-76-2021      | Mr W Sellings                            | 37 Wallinga Road, Invergowrie   | Shed   |
| DA-77-2021      | Mr W Sellings                            | 33 Plane Avenue, Uralla         | Greenkeeper Shed Addition  |
| DA-2-2022       | PPR Constructions Pty Ltd (Austam Homes) | 8A White Street, Bundarra       | Dwelling with Verandahs  |
| CDC-2-2022      | Ms G Wertheim                            | 31A Queen Street, Uralla        | Dwelling   |

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*.



## ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

### 1. DRAFT BUNDARRA SCHOOL OF ARTS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The objectives of the Committee are to:

- manage the Bundarra School of Arts Hall
- provide advice to and work with Council for the benefit of Bundarra and surrounding community

**Submissions close 5pm 25 April 2022.**

### 2. DRAFT FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The objectives of Draft Finance Advisory Committee Terms of Reference are to oversee the financial aspirations of Council in an equitable, community supported manner focussing on the delivery of core services as effectively as possible.

Once the Terms of Reference are finalised and adopted, the Finance Advisory Committee will replace the current Budget Review and Finance Committee.

**Submissions close 5pm 25 April 2022.**

### 3. DRAFT CAPITAL WORKS WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

The objectives of the Capital Works Working Group are to:

- provide advice on the development of strategies for the effective maintenance and enhancement of Council's infrastructure
- provide information for the Asset Management Plans so that the Plans align with the community's needs

- provide advice on Council's Plant Replacement Program to align with the Operational Plan, Delivery Program and Long Term Financial Plan

**Submissions close 5pm 25 April 2022.**

### 4. DRAFT DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

The objectives of the Development Working Group are to:

- support the promotion of Uralla Shire based businesses and industries to broader markets
- cooperatively engage with relevant bodies including but not limited to the Business Chamber, Regional Development Australia and the private sector to gain maximum benefit for the local community
- contribute to Council's strategic and business planning process.

**Submissions close 5pm 25 April 2022.**

### 5. DRAFT CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY 2022

The objectives of Council's Corporate Credit Cards Policy are to:

- provide a clear framework to enable the use of Corporate Credit Cards
- provide staff issued with a Card clear and concise guidelines outlining its use
- reduce the risk of fraud and misuse

**Submissions close 5pm Monday 25 April.**

### 6. DRAFT INTERNAL REPORTING POLICY 2022

The objective of Council's draft Internal

Reporting Policy is to establish an internal reporting system for staff and Councillors to report wrongdoing without fear of reprisal.

The policy sets out who you can report wrongdoing to in Uralla Shire Council, what can be reported and how reports of wrongdoing will be dealt with by Uralla Shire Council.

**Submissions close 5pm 25 April 2022.**

### 7. DRAFT STRATEGY ASSET MANAGEMENT 2022 - 2032

This strategy:

- sets out an assessment of asset management processes within Council and provides guidance to Council on improving its asset management systems and practices
- forms a part of Council's resourcing strategy
- supplements Council's Asset Management Policy

### 8. DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY 2022

The draft Asset Management Policy 2022 is an update of Council's current Infrastructure Asset Management Policy 2015. It sets the direction and foundation of Council's asset management practices in alignment with the Community Strategic Plan.

**Submissions close 5pm 28 April 2022.**

All documents can be viewed online at: [uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Consultation](http://uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Consultation) or in hard copy at Uralla Shire Customer Service Centre at 32 Salisbury St Uralla 2358

Hard copies for consultations 1, 6 & 7 can also be viewed at General Stores across the Shire.

Written submissions to all consultations can be made to the Office of the General Manager: PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358 or by email to [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au).

## ZNET NEWS: TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT KENTUCKY CREEK DAM



On 10 March Ted and Sonia Williams hosted a visit for ZNET, professors Matt Kearns and Stuart Khan, the Mayor and councillors of Uralla Shire Council to visit the Uralla Shire dam which is sited within the boundary of their property, Willhelmshe.

All expressed the importance of seeing the dam and how it sat within

the catchment. Adam Marshall MP was also able to join the conversation with Ted, Sonia and adjacent landholders with many views shared.

ZNET has also been fortunate to receive funding from the Foundation

for Rural and Regional Renewal to run a series of workshops on Waste, Recycling, Upcycling, Repairing, so if there is any particular topic you are keen to learn more about email: [projects@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:projects@zneturalla.org.au).

## LANTERNS LIGHT UP URALLA



*It was wonderful to see the lanterns out on 28 March to mark the end of a successful Seasons of New England! Uralla Shire Council is a proud sponsor of the Uralla Arts Uralla Lantern Parade. Photo: Dave Robinson*

# CIVIL WORKS

## Completed in March

- Bergen Road at Warembah Road intersection completed with new bitumen seal & guardrail installation
- Weedspraying and mowing on the main rural and regional roads
- Sanctuary Drive re-sheeting
- Maintenance grading Glenburnie, Pomona & Lookout Roads, Yarrowyck Crossing Road & The Gap Road to the Gostwyck boundary

## Upcoming in April

- Maintenance grading; Gwydir Park Road, Danehurst Lane way at Bell Swamp
- Verge mowing in Uralla, Bundarra & along regional & rural roads
- Bitumen patching maintenance on Thunderbolts Way
- Tar patching on rural roads
- Re-sheeting gravel roads; Rock Abbey, Munsies, Hillview, Gills & Harden
- Heavy patching/rehabilitation of Bundarra Road west of Barbados Corner

## Ongoing

- Hawthorne Drive Stage 2 has commenced however there has been a temporary halt at Tolleys Gully Bridge approaches



Bergen Road, Wollun

## Catch up on your Council Meetings

### At the March Ordinary Meeting, Council

- Resolved to place these draft documents on Public Exhibition:
  - Internal Reporting Policy 2022
  - Corporate Credit Card Policy 2022
  - Bundarra School of Arts Committee draft Terms of Reference
  - Terms of Reference for a new Finance Advisory Committee
  - Terms of Reference for a new Development Working Group
  - Terms of Reference for a new Capital Works Working Group
  - Draft Asset Management Policy and Strategy
- Proposed changes to Revenue Policy for trade waste and non-residential sewer to be placed on Public Exhibition
- Awarded funding for Round 2 of the Community Grants Program 2021/ 2022:
  1. \$750 for Uralla Showground Land Manager to fund equipment to help maintain the grounds for community events.
  2. \$1000 for Kingstown Public Hall Manager to go towards tennis court resurfacing project.
  3. \$1250 for Uralla Neighbourhood Centre for a Browser's Food Forest at the Uralla Garden Project.
  4. \$1000 of in-kind resources for the Uralla History Hub
- Resolved to hold a public consultation on a change of name from Pioneer Park to Fibonacci Park
- Resolved to Develop a Trade Waste Policy

## 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)



### Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 26 April 2022, 9:30am, Council Chambers.

**Council Workshops and Public Forums** Refer to Public Notices on website for details.

## Your Councillors



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