

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



February 2022

Mayor's Message

Thank you to the people of Uralla Shire -- it is an honour to serve as your Mayor. The new term of Council is off to a flying start, with the first Council meeting held on Christmas Eve, the day after the elections were officially declared.

I look forward to working with the other councillors in this term of council. We won't always agree on everything - indeed, it's important that we do have a range of perspectives and healthy debate - but it's a high calibre team, and I think we can get a lot done.

Five new Australian Citizenships were conferred at the Australia Day ceremony held in Alma Park.

A big welcome to Alison Small, originally from Scotland, who now calls Uralla home, and to the Knox family from Invergowrie. Son Dylan was awarded his citizenship in 2021, with parents Oliver and Christine and siblings Abigail and Nathan taking the plunge this year.

Congratulations also to the Australia Day award winners:

Citizen of the Year: Allan Rummery, for his longstanding contribution to the Uralla Shire Community, in particular to the success and sustainability of the Uralla Bowling Club.

Senior Sporting Medal: Judith Bray, for her achievements in, and service to Lawn Bowls.

Junior Sporting Medal: Brienna Naden,



From left to right: Australia Day Ambassador Keith Potger AO, Christine, Abigail, Nathan and Oliver Knox, Alison Small and Mayor Robert Bell

for excellence in tennis and swimming, including children's coaching.

Poster Competition: Best Overall – Katie McLean, Bundarra Central School, Winning School – Kentucky

Talent Quest: Judges' Winning Award - Bill Upjohn

It was an honour to have the company of Australia Day Ambassador Keith Potger AO and partner Elizabeth Hawkes throughout the day's activities. As well as delivering the Ambassador's Address, Mr Potger graciously performed three Seekers hits for the audience. He and Ms Hawkes also judged the talent quest, giving valuable feedback to each of the performers, and participated in the street parade.

Commencing with Welcome to Country by Aunty Pam Meehan and supported by Uncle Les Townsend and Russ French (RSL) who officiated

the flag raising, the day was a wonderful celebration of our nation, our community and the Australia Day theme of reflect, respect and celebrate.

I would like to congratulate the Australia Day committee for their hard work in co-ordinating the event, as well as all those who assisted or participated.

We are fortunate to live in such a great community, and in such a beautiful part of the world.

I'd encourage you to get in touch with myself, or any of the other councillors, should you have any matters you'd like to discuss.

Our contact details are on the back of this newsletter, as well as on the Council website.

Until next time,

Mayor, Cr Robert Bell

NEW ACCESSIBLE TOILETS: WOOLDRIDGE FOSSICKING & RECREATION RESERVE

Two new accessible composting toilets will be installed at Wooldridge Reserve, after Council was awarded a grant for \$116,00 under the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund.

Wooldridge Reserve is one of three free camping spots across the Shire. The reserve sits on a bend in the river, half way between the village of Rocky River and the Uralla township.

The reserve is a popular place for recreation, including bushwalking, birdwatching, sketching and fossicking. Dogs are permitted if on a leash.

Feedback from users of the reserve indicated that improvements to the amenities would be appreciated. Two gas BBQs and picnic tables were also installed last year.



Wooldridge Reserve: Visitors come to fossick for gold, sapphires, garnets and diamonds in the Rocky River. Pans and sieves can be hired from Council's customer service centre.

UPGRADES: FULLER PARK & MCMAUGH GARDENS

Accessibility improvements for McMaugh Gardens and a refresh of Fuller Park are getting underway thanks to grant funding from Stronger Country Communities Fund, Round 4.

McMaugh Gardens will soon have new flooring throughout to assist the mobility of residents moving around the facility, as well as a more accessible entryway.

Fuller Park, on the southern entrance to Uralla, will also receive a freshen up, undergoing improvements identified in a

recent workshop of interested community members including the Uralla Town & Environs Committee, Uralla Garden Club, Council and a representative of the Fuller family.

The park is named in honour of Arthur Fuller, who was a keen gardener and valued Council employee.

APPLICATIONS OPEN: COMMUNITY GRANTS

Uralla Shire Council's Community Grants program is now open.

Community groups and organisations can apply for grants of up to \$3000 for eligible projects, activities, or events which benefit the Uralla Shire community under the following categories:

- Community development
- Arts and cultural development
- Social services
- Environmental initiatives
- Sport and recreational activities
- Educational support

Individuals can also apply for a Community Grant for up to \$300 any time of year.

Guidelines and application forms are available on Council's [Community Grants](#) page. Applications close 28 February 2022.

STREET STORE SCHEDULE

Located at 60 Bridge St, Uralla

7 - 13 February
Pathfinders

14-20 February
WIRES

21-27 February
ZNet Uralla

28 February - 6 March
Rocky River P&C

We're coming to Bundarra

Find out about info & support available to help you recover & prepare for natural disasters.

 National Recovery and Resilience Agency
Australian Government

 Bundarra School of the Arts Hall, Bendemeer St
Thursday 24 February 2022
10:00am-2:00pm

Development Application & Complying Development Certificate Approvals November 2021

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-61-2021	ADOBE Building Design	1039 Barraba Road, Bundarra	Dual Occupancy – Dwelling in Shed with attached Carport
DA-62-2021	Mr T Yeomans	670 Hawthorne Drive, Arding	Orchard Hail Protection Structure
DA-63-2021	Pioneer Homes	36 Dumaresq Street, Uralla	Dwelling & Detached Shed
DA-64-2021	Mr W Sellings	167 Mount Mitchell Road, Invergowrie	Shed
DA-68-2021	Croft Surveying & Mapping	Elliotts Road, Dangarsleigh	Boundary Adjustment – 2 Lots into 2 Lots Subdivision
DA-69-2021	Mr W Sellings	201 Thunderbolts Way, Uralla	Shed on Existing Slab
CDC-21-2021	Mr W Bruce	299 Arding Road, Arding	Alterations & Additions to Dwelling
CDC-24-2021	Mr J Cooper	1301A Bundarra Road, Invergowrie	Dwelling
CDC-25-2021	Mr J Warne	263 Arding Road, Arding	Alterations & Additions to Dwelling
CDC-26-2021	Mr W Sellings	7 Prince Avenue, Uralla	Shed

Withdrawals: Nil

Refusals: Nil

Development Application & Complying Development Certificate Approvals December 2021

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-64-2021-2	Mr W Sellings	167 Mount Mitchell Road, Invergowrie	Shed with Bathroom
DA-65-2021	Picton Bros Spanline	1 Dumaresq Street, Uralla	Double Carport
DA-66-2021	SAE Design	99 Thunderbolts Way, Uralla	Sunroom Addition, New Garage, Workshop & Carport with attached Guest Suite
DA-67-2021	Croft Surveying & Mapping	31 & 39 Maitland Street, Uralla	Boundary Adjustment – 2 Lots into 2 Lots Subdivision
DA-73-2021	Mr W Sellings	384 Big Ridge Road, Uralla	Shed
CDC-23-2021	Mr J & Mrs K Gray	109 Tobruk Road, Invergowrie	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*.

CIVIL WORKS

Completed in December/January

- Heavy Patching on Thunderbolts Way
- Grading & gravelling Westvale Rd
- Gravel patching Spring Gully & Mt Drummond roads after storms
- Grading of Plug Ln, Brechts Rd, Kentucky, Balala & Retreat areas
- Grading of Water Works Rd, Green Gully Rd, Barraba Rd
- New Horizontal Discharge tar truck arrived (pictured)

Upcoming in February

- Maintenance grading of Munsies Rd, Baldersleigh Rd, Kingstown & Bundarra West areas
- Recommence resealing program
- Shoulder maintenance MR73

Ongoing

- Tolleys Gully Bridge approaches



Catch up on your Council Meetings

At the December/January Ordinary Meeting of Council:

- The nine elected Councillors took an Oath or Affirmation of office
- Cr Crouch was elected Deputy Mayor
- Councillors were appointed to Committees (full list at uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Committees-and-Groups/)
- Adopted the Mayor and Councillor Induction Training and Professional Development Program
- Awarded the tender for exploratory groundwater drilling to The Impax Group Pty Ltd



From left to right: General Manager Kate Jessep, Director of Infrastructure & Development Terry Seymour, Cr Lone Petrov, Cr Tom O'Connor, Cr Bruce McMullen, Cr Leanne Doran, Mayor Robert Bell, Director of Corporate Services Simon Paul, Deputy Mayor Bob Crouch, Cr Tim Bower, Cr Sarah Burrows, Cr Tara Toomey, Director of Community Services Christine Valencius.

Meeting Dates

Council 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, 22 February 2022,
9:30am Council Chambers

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