

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



1 April 2021

## Mayor's Message

**T**here's been a lot to celebrate this month around the Uralla Shire. Many of you will know Judy Cozens, who has worked at our library for over 30 years, having joined Council back in January 1991. We farewelled Judy on her well-deserved retirement last month and wish her all the best.

Our community celebrated the official opening of the upgrade of the Uralla Tennis Courts and Sporting Complex. The refurbishments have been extensive and include painting and security upgrades for the clubhouse, roof repairs, play and exercise equipment, BBQs, lighting, car park sealing, grandstands, refurbishment of cricket nets and pitch, goal posts, shelters and seating. We know it will be well used by our community. There's never been a better time to join your local team!

CWA Uralla celebrated 95 years of service to our community, and we're proud to have such an active Chapter here in Uralla as well as in Bundarra. Bundarra CWA will be 95 in August.

The rain held off for Friends of McMaugh Gardens Annual Charity Bowls day, which raised \$9000 and had a cheerful Hawaiian theme.

Local artists displayed their works at the Uralla Rotary Club's 43rd Annual Art Exhibition – so wonderful to have this event back



*Mayor Cr Pearce and General Manager Kate Jessep congratulate Mrs Judy Cozens on her 30 year service with Uralla Shire Council.*

after a year off due to COVID. I'd like to thank our community and sporting groups for hosting COVID-safe events that allow people to get together.

I'd also like to thank those who have taken some time to give their feedback to Council recently, whether this was at one of our Listening Posts, through a survey or interview, or who attended one of the public consultation meetings on the Uralla Shire Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS).

The LSPS remains open for comment until 5pm on 19 April. Drop into the reception of Council's Administration Building to take a look at the LSPS and submit your feedback, or you can do it all online on Council's website.

The Dine & Discover voucher program has been rolled out in our Shire, and it would be great to see as many businesses participating as possible so that locals and tourists alike can take advantage of the NSW Government program

designed to support dining, arts and tourism businesses, encouraging the community to get out and about. Businesses can register via Service NSW, and NSW residents aged 18 and over can apply for 4 x \$25 vouchers, worth \$100 in total. If all eligible residents took up the opportunity and spent it in the Uralla Shire it could bring almost half-a-million extra dollars into our hospitality and tourism businesses.

Youth Week is almost upon us. I look forward to meeting some of our local future leaders at the upcoming Mayor's Morning Tea, and please visit the website for the program of activities.

Finally, as ANZAC day approaches, I'd like to recognise those from our community who serve or have served and encourage the community to join the Dawn Service and March this ANZAC Day.

Until next time,

**Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce**

# ZNET News: Community focus groups to take place in May

Community focus groups on 13-15 May will be run by University of NSW Professor Matthew Kearnes and Professor Stuart Khan as part of ZNET Uralla's Let's Talk About Water initiative.

"Everyone brings a unique perspective on how they were impacted by the shortages and how Uralla Shire could achieve greater water security," Prof. Kearnes said.

"It's important the discussion

includes the opinions of people from a wide spectrum and we want to hear from as many town dwellers and rural landholders as possible, including those in the Kentucky Creek Dam catchment.

"The focus groups are a great opportunity to meet other landholders to discuss concerns and ideas on future planning across the town water supply."

People interested in participating can

email [events@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:events@zneturalla.org.au) or phone 0413 565 253.



Kentucky Creek Dam is at 100%

## ANZAC Day 25 April 2021

### DAWN SERVICE

- 5.45am: Dawn Service at Alma Park Soldiers Memorial Gates

### MARCH

- 10.00am: March commences at Thunderbolt's Statue, Bridge St

### WREATH LAYING

- 10.15am: Alma Park Memorial Gates

### Rolling road closures between 9.00am and 11.00 am

- Queen Street (between Hill Street and King Street)

- King Street (between Bridge Street and Queen Street)
- Hill Street (between Maitland Street and Queen Street)
- Salisbury Street (between Maitland Street and Bridge Street)
- Park Street (between Maitland Street and Church Avenue)

Over dimension vehicles to be parked in the closed section of Bridge Street and not directed on to detour. B-Doubles travelling from the North on Thunderbolts Way will be stopped at Rocky River Road for the duration of the parade.

## Dine & Discover in Uralla Shire

NSW residents aged 18 and over can apply for 4 x \$25 vouchers.

- 2 x \$25 Dine NSW Vouchers
- 2 x \$25 Discover NSW Vouchers

How to apply for your vouchers:

- online with Service NSW
- via the Service NSW app, or
- at the mobile Service NSW unit (in Uralla 4 May 2021)

Businesses need to be registered as COVID Safe to be eligible and operate in one of these industries:

- cafe, restaurant, pub, club, bar, wineries
- travel and sightseeing tours
- cinema, performing arts
- museum, gallery, historic sites
- zoos, botanic gardens, wildlife parks, nature reserves
- amusement, theme parks, recreational activities

See [service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/dine-discover-nsw](https://service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/dine-discover-nsw) for full details.



## Save the date

### 2021 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday  
4 September

Voting is compulsory

[elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21](https://elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21)  
1300 135 736



## Public Exhibition: Uralla Shire Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)

The LSPS sets a 20-year vision for land use, describes the unique characteristics which contribute to the local identity and shared community values, and is an important guide for future growth and change in the Uralla Shire. The LSPS will be used by Council and other stakeholders to inform policy development, infrastructure planning, and community service delivery.

Residents are invited to view the LSPS and submit feedback at Council's website at [uralla.nsw.gov.au](https://uralla.nsw.gov.au) or on request at Council's Administration Offices, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla.

Submissions close 5:00pm,  
Monday 19 April 2021.

## DA Timeframes

For the 3 years up to 30 June 2019, the average determination time in NSW was 67 days. Uralla Shire Council's average determination time for the same period was 28 days.

For the 3 years prior (to the end of June 2016) the average determination time in NSW was 59 days. Uralla Shire Council's average determination time for the same period was 34 days.

While the state-wide trend has seen an increase in the average determination time from 59 to 67 days, the performance of Uralla Shire Council has seen a reduction in the average determination time from 34 to 28 days.

The median DA processing time for Uralla Shire Council from September 2020 to January 2021 was 8 days.

*Details of DA timeframe performance for NSW local government is available at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/local-development-performance-monitoring-ldpm>*

## Bundarra sewerage scheme update

- Winter storage pond excavation completed
- Pipe laying via directional drilling has commenced on Mount Drummond Road. This is for the placement of the sewer rising main to be connected from the sewer treatment plant to Bundarra – approx. 2.5 km
- Irrigation pump station shed slab completed
- Review of Environmental Factors and FAQs for this project are available on Council's website (under Major Projects)

## Name change for Hampden Park?

Council seeks feedback on the proposal to rename Hampden Park to "Sunny Jim Mackay Park" to commemorate the local cricketer. The community is invited to complete the online survey [surveymonkey.com/r/USCHampdenPark](https://surveymonkey.com/r/USCHampdenPark) or pick up a paper copy from the Customer Service Centre or the Uralla Library. Survey closes 5:00pm 26 April.

## Uralla Shire Council Listening Posts

Outside General Stores at:

**Kingstown**

Thursday 8 April - 4 - 5pm

**Kentucky**

Friday 9 April 9 - 10am

**Invergowrie**

Monday 12 April 11am - 12 noon



**16 - 24 April 2021**

*Together more than ever*

In partnership with Uralla Neighborhood Centre

Family Fun Day Alma Park

18 April 2021

Mayor's Morning Tea

21 April 2021

Visit [uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://uralla.nsw.gov.au) or Facebook for the full program of activities

## Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals / Refusals February 2021

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-45-2020	Mr D Adams	313 Gostwyck Road, Uralla	Quarry
DA-1-2021	Armidale New England Building Design	8 Hunter Place, Uralla	4 Unit Residential Development
DA-4-2021	Mr D & Mrs J Ayre	26 Duke Street, Uralla	Dwelling Additions including attached Garage
DA-5-2021	Mr B Faulkner	8 Depot Road, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-6-2021	Mr T Jacobs	1A Plane Avenue, Uralla	Shed
DA-7-2021	Alcorn Planning & Property	Lot 36 Warrane Road, Boorolong	Replace Rural Workers Dwelling & New Shed
CDC-2-2021	Mr R & Mrs D Nies	14 Souter Street, Bundarra	Above Ground Swimming Pool
CDC-7-2021	Mrs J Reynolds	54 Budumba Road, Invergowrie	Inground Swimming Pool

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 March

- Hawthorne Drive Improvement - vegetation removal and drainage

## Upcoming in April

- Widening of Thunderbolts Way South (Tarana Curve)
- Construction of Tolleys Gully Bridge

## Ongoing

- Hawthorne Drive Improvement Widening and base course construction



Drainage works completed on Hawthorne Drive, Arding.

## Catch up on your Council Meetings

### March Ordinary Meeting of Council

- Endorsed the draft amendment No. 5 of the Uralla Development Control Plan 2011 which will go on public exhibition for 28 days
- Using the draft 2021-22 budget as a guide, undertake preliminary community engagement on service levels and associated expenditure and increased/new revenue opportunities
- That Council endorses the application for funding of \$925,000 for the refurbishment of the Uralla Courthouse under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund
- Council has endorsed the \$2 million funding opportunity provided by the State Government under the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program to undertake open spaces upgrades within the Shire, subject to community consultation on each of the proposed projects
- That Council increase the availability of a qualified building certifier to undertake inspections on behalf of Council to at least two days per week
- Approved a change to the date of the June Ordinary Meeting of Council to 29 June

## 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 & Finance Committee** Tuesday, 13 April 2021, 10:30am Council Chambers.

**Ordinary Meeting of Council** Tuesday, 27 April 2021, 12:30pm, Council Chambers.

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