

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL | AUGUST 2020



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## Mayor's Message



towards fulfilling the vision and goals of the Uralla Shire Council Community Strategic Plan.

On behalf of all of the Councillors, I'd like to reaffirm our commitment to the Uralla Shire community and reiterate that interests of the Shire are our first priority.

I would like to thank and recognise the Councillors for their contributions over this term to date and the dedication of Council staff over what has been a challenging financial year for the Uralla Shire.

Our Community Grants Round 1 Program for 2020-2021 is now open for applications until 31 August 2020. The Community Grants Program provides financial support to deliver projects and activities which benefit the Uralla Shire community.

I would encourage individuals, community groups and organisations to turn to page 3 of this newsletter or visit our website to find out more on how to apply.

I'm proud of the way the community continues to look out for each other during these challenging times. Stay safe and continue to do the right thing in regards to keeping COVID safe.

**Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce**

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## Be COVIDSafe

We encourage you to keep up to date with the latest health advice from the NSW & Federal Government and remember to:

- Wash your hands
- Maintain physical distancing
- Download the COVIDsafe App

## Get in Touch

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**C**ouncil has adopted our Operational Plan 2020-2021, which comprises the fourth year of Council's now five-year Delivery Program 2017-2022.

I look forward to working with the Councillors, our new General Manager Kate Jessep and her team of dedicated staff over the next year to drive growth and improve liveability within Uralla Shire.

We are committed to creating a unique environment which offers an excellent quality of life and economic opportunities for the community.

Our Operational Plan outlines the delivery of key services and Council's projected budget for the financial year. Together, the actions of the Operational Plan and budget illustrate our commitment

# Small Business Support During COVID-19

If you own a small business, Service NSW has many resources to support recovery from and manage the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

## Service NSW Business Concierge

Request a call from the Business Concierge who can guide you through changes to regulations and assistance available.

## COVID Safe Check for Businesses

Assistance to help you develop your COVID-19 Safety Plan for your business.

## Grants and financial assistance

Business support services, and government and commercial grants and loans.

## Fee waivers and tax assistance

Fee waivers, lodgement and payment deferrals, and financial counselling.

## Online training and education

Free online learning resources, webinars and training for businesses to adapt to COVID-19 and to upskill their workers during the pandemic.

## Mental health and wellbeing

Information on what employers can do to minimise workplace mental health strain during COVID-19.

Visit Service NSW's website for more information on how to access these resources [www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/covid-19-help-small-businesses](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/covid-19-help-small-businesses)

Service NSW are also offering a range of resources for individuals during COVID-19 accessible on their website [www.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

## A Safe Environment at the Uralla Shire Library



### Library Opening Hours

#### Monday, Wednesday and Friday

2:00 – 6:00pm

#### Tuesday and Thursday

Vulnerable clients and computer users, by appointment only

#### Saturday and Sunday

Closed

Public computer use is available by appointment only, time slots are 60 minutes.

Please contact library staff for assistance with printing and photocopying.

Vulnerable customers can book a private time slot to visit the library without interaction with other customers.

Please be aware that opening hours and services have changed to facilitate application of NSW Health COVID guidelines.

Your wellbeing is important and we're providing a safe environment for you to visit. Precautions such as physical distancing, sanitisation of surfaces with hospital grade bacterial wipes, quarantine of resources and access to hand sanitiser are in place.

If you have any questions call us on 6778 6470 or visit [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Services/Library-Services](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Services/Library-Services)

## Are you Aged 15-19?

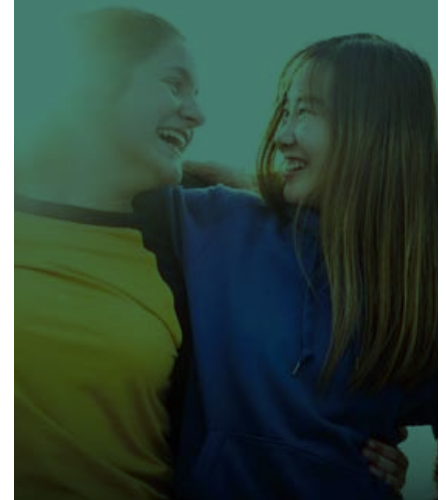
Mission Australia's Youth Survey 2020 is open.

This is an opportunity for all the young people aged 15 to 19 to share their thoughts, concerns and aspirations about the issues affecting them.

To take the survey, visit [www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey](http://www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey) and enter the unique Uralla Shire code:

**26636**

The survey closes 14th August 2020.





# ZNET Uralla News

One of the most important things to get the most out of your firewood is to make sure your wood heater is working efficiently.

Having your flue cleaned every year, checking and replacing door seals and using a smart burner all increase the efficiency of your heater. This also reduces the risk of a fire starting in the flue.



Wood stored in dry shed ready for burning.

Making sure your wood is stored properly and kept dry means you are only burning the wood and not wasting energy burning off water. It also reduces the amount of build-up in your flue.

Cutting your wood into smaller pieces will make it burn hotter. If your wood is smoking too much it may be too green. Store it away for next year and get some dryer wood.

When collecting or buying wood make sure it is sustainably collected. Information about how to collect sustainable firewood and list of sustainable wood suppliers can be found on our webpage.

For more information visit <https://zneturalla.org.au/> or email [projects@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:projects@zneturalla.org.au).



## Apply for one of Council's Community Grants

Round One of Uralla Shire Council's Community Grants 2020-21 Program is open with Community groups and organisations invited to apply for grants up to \$3000 for eligible projects, activities, or events.

These grants provides financial support to groups and organisations to deliver projects and activities which benefit the Uralla Shire community under the following categories:

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

Applications under Round 1 will close at 5:00pm, 31 August 2020 with applications assessed at Council's September 2020 Ordinary Meeting.

Individuals can apply for a Community Grant for up to \$300 any time of year, provided that the application is submitted at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the project or activity.

Guidelines and application forms are available on Council's Community Grants webpage. <https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Community-Grants>

## Development Application & Complying Development Certificate Decisions June 2020

### Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-17-2020	New England Sheds	364 Kentucky Road, Kentucky	Shed
DA-11-2020	Mr D & Mrs Y Maxwell	62 Marble Hill Road, Saumarez Ponds	Dwelling Alterations & Additions
CDC-13-2020	Mr B Wells	96 Marble Hill Road, Saumarez Pond	Dwelling Additions & Deck
CDC-14-2020	Mr A Jones-Harris	39 Lentara Road, Invergowrie	Shed

### 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.

# WORKS UPDATE

## Completed in July

- Construction of Rowan Avenue stormwater pits
- Installation of garbage bins at Woodville Oval (BMX Track)
- Bundarra Street Furniture
- Solar power system at Uralla Water Treatment Plant & Uralla Depot
- Upgrade of Mt Mutton Walking Track

## Underway

- Solar power system at Uralla Sewage Treatment Plant
- Solar power system at Uralla Sporting Complex
- Uralla Shire Caravan Park Camp Kitchen
- Uralla Community Centre, Uralla Library and Uralla Depot energy efficient lighting
- Refurbishment of Uralla Memorial Hall

## Upcoming in August

- Bingara Road upgrade - sub-grade construction and base course
- Solar power system at McMaugh Gardens

# Catch Up On Your July Council Meeting

At our July Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 28th of July 2020 your Council made various key determinations outlined as below.

- Adopted the the combined 2017-2022 Delivery Program and 2020-21 Operational Plan, including the 2020-21 Statement of Revenue Policy incorporating the annual budget and fees and charges.

- Council noted a report from the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and adopted the recommendation determined that there would be no increase in the fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for the 2020-21 financial year.

- Noted a summary of the New England Weeds Authority Ordinary Meetings in April 2020.

Council observed a minute's silence at its Ordinary Meeting of Council in July for former Uralla Shire employee Mr Trevor (Jim) Wagner who will be sadly missed. Council acknowledged the work and dedication of Trevor (Jim) Wagner during his time with the Council.

This meeting was held at Uralla Shire's Council Chambers with COVID-19 precautions in place.

If you would like to listen to the audio recording or to read the minutes please visit our website here [uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Business-Papers-Agendas-Minutes](http://uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Business-Papers-Agendas-Minutes)

# August Meeting Dates

Until further notice and consistent with current directions related to physical distancing and COVID Safe guidelines, there are measures in place at our monthly Council meetings to ensure the health and safety of our community.

These include capacity limitations and physical distancing measures for all attendees.

For more information on these changes please visit our website here [uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Meetings/Business-Papers-Agendas-Minutes](http://uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Meetings/Business-Papers-Agendas-Minutes)

## August Council Meeting

Tuesday, 25 August 2020  
commencing at 12:30pm

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