



**Uralla Shire Council  
talks local roads  
and bridges with  
Federal Opposition**

(Left) Federal Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Roads and Regional Transport, Darren Chester MP and the Hon Richard Torbay MP meets with Councillors and senior management in November.

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

**Seasons Greetings**

2012 has been a productive year at the Uralla Shire Council.

Councillors and staff have worked hard to service the community and make Uralla a better place to live, work, educate and recreate.

I would like to wish the people of the Uralla Shire a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year period.

I look forward to a prosperous 2013 for the Uralla Shire.

Merry Christmas!

Cr Michael Pearce  
Mayor, Uralla Shire Council



**NEWS**

**Christmas Office Closures**

The Offices of the Uralla Shire Council will be closed from 4:30pm Friday, 21 December 2012 until 8:30am Wednesday, 2 January 2013. For emergencies call 0427 784 982.

**Free WiFi in Library**

Visitors to the Uralla Shire Council Library can now access free wireless internet; available upon request, and delivered in one hour intervals. See Library staff for more information.

**NEWS**

**Uralla Story Project**

A collection of audio stories which feature aspects of Uralla's local heritage has been launched by the Federal Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Hon Tony Burke MP, and local member Tony Windsor MP.

There are currently more than forty 40-minute stories, with more to be added over time.

Council congratulates the community members and organisations involved in the project. The audio stories will be available on CD at the Uralla Library, online at: [www.urallastories.org](http://www.urallastories.org), and through a QR code (using a smartphone) on posters around town.

**Christmas Waste and Recycling**

Uralla's landfill and recycling facility will be closed on Christmas Day, 25 December 2012.

Bundarra's waste and recycling collection will not be collected on 25 December 2012 and 1 January 2013, but **will** be collected 28 December 2012 and 4 January 2013. All other waste services will remain unchanged. For more information call 6778 6315.

**Water Restrictors**

From January 2013, water restrictors will be installed at properties which are in arrears of their water billing. Exemptions will be given if the owner/occupier demonstrates health reasons for non-payment or if payment arrangements have been made.

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**Emergency Contacts:**

After-Hours and on Public Holidays

Overseer: 0427 784 982

Water / Sewer: 0427 784 304

Report all Fires: 000

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for:

Date: Monday, 17 December 2012

Time: 12noon

Location: Council Chambers,  
32 Salisbury Street Uralla

"Have Your Say" from 1:30pm.

Council's Meeting Agendas and Reports are available for public viewing at:

Bundarra General Store

Invergowrie General Store

Kentucky General Store

Kingstown General Store

Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Uralla Visitor Information Centre

Council's Library

Council's website: [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au)

## NEWS

### Australia Day Awards

Nominations are open for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Sports Awards, to be presented on Australia Day 2013. Nominations close on Friday, 14 December 2012. Contact Bev Niland on 6778 4328 for more information.

### Resolutions of Council

The Minutes of Council Meetings are available upon request from Council's Administration Centre, the Uralla Public Library, General Stores at Bundarra, Invergowrie, Kentucky and Kingstown, and also online at [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au) - click on: Your Council / Council Documents / Minutes.

### Fire Permits

The NSW Rural Fire Service reminds residents that fire permits are required during the current Bush Fire Danger Period. Permits can be obtained from local fire brigades or Fire Control Centres free of charge.

### Neighbourhood Centre

Residents are encouraged to become members of the Uralla Neighborhood Centre Inc for just \$3 and support this important community resource. For more information, contact the Centre on 6778 3277.

### Library Opening Hours

The Library will be closed Christmas Day, 25 December 2012, and will re-open 2 January 2013. Please stock-up on resources before the holiday period begins.

### Children's Christmas Story-time and Craft Sessions

The Library will be holding children's Christmas story-time and craft sessions and a picnic morning tea on 18 December 2012, 15 January 2013 and 22 January 2013 at 10:30am. For more information call Library staff on 02 6778 6470.

### Children's Summer Reading Club

The popular Children's Summer Reading Club is back this year commencing Saturday, 8 December 2012 and concluding 26 December 2012. Children can sign-up at the Library, and every member will go into a prize draw.

## COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

### Tablelands Community Transport - New Wheelchair Access Bus



**TEST DRIVE:** New driver, Ronaldo de Souza, puts the new Tablelands Community Transport bus through its paces.

Uralla has a new wheelchair friendly community bus which will make a weekly trip to Armidale on Thursdays. The 10 seater Commuter HI-ACE is a welcome addition to Tablelands Community Transport (TCT), which also provides a regular Wednesday service to Armidale and will provide a 'one off' return trip to Tamworth on 21 December. Clients are required to book their seat in advance.

TCT is also pleased to introduce new bus driver Mr Ronaldo de Souza, who recently joined the friendly TCT team. For further information about the weekly services, please call 6778 6450.

## COMMUNITY

### Uralla Shire Christmas Lights Competition

The Uralla Development Association invites Shire residents to get into the spirit of Christmas and light up their homes, businesses, windows and gardens for the 2012 Uralla Christmas Lights competition.

This year's categories include Best Residential Display, Best Business/Commercial Display and Most Creative Display. Prizes will be in the form of a cheque made payable to one Uralla business of each winner's choice.

Lights need to be shining their brightest for judging during the week starting Monday, 17 December. Residents are encouraged to set aside a little time, take a drive and enjoy the magic of Christmas as judges of the competition, with one lucky voter to receive a prize hamper from The Sweet Place.

Full details are available from [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au), and voting forms can be collected from the Uralla Visitor Information Centre and The Sweet Place.



**EARLY START:** Carl McMillan with his wife Gloria installing this year's Christmas lights in readiness for the competition. Photo: Barry Blair

## APPLICATIONS

### Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals / Refusals October 2012

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-17-2010	Mr R Jones	Balala Road, Balala	Composting Facility
DA-28-2011/A	Mr S Low	53 Amaroo Road, Invergowrie	2 Lot Subdivision - Modification
DA-27-2012	R F Wright & Associates	114 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	42 Lot Residential Subdivision
DA-41-2012	Mr M & Mrs J Jones	9 Rocklea Road, Invergowrie	Conversion of Shed to Dwelling
DA-42-2012	Mr R Yates	Lot 1 Reids Road, Yarrowyck	Dwelling Entitlement
CDC-36-2012	Mr L Hunt	91A Bridge Street, Uralla	Dwelling Alterations and Rear Shed
CDC-37-2012	Mr E & Mrs K Steadman	14 Torryburn Road, Yarrowyck	Additions to existing dwelling
CDC-39-2012	Mr S & Mrs B Northam	22 Uralla Street, Uralla	Garage
CDC-40-2012	Mr G Valencius	16 Sawpit Gully Road, Rocky River	Additions to existing dwelling
CDC-41-2012	Mr J Allen	55 Dumaresq Road, Saumarez Ponds	Rural farm shed and carport

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, 32 Salisbury Street Uralla.