

# DECEMBER 2018

## URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



### THE HON BARNABY JOYCE MP OPENS THE MUNSIE BRIDGE



Three generations of the Munsie Family, together with community members and Uralla Shire councillors, attended the opening of the upgraded Munsie Bridge on Friday 16 November 2018.

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP and mayor Michael Pearce, officially opened the bridge, marking the formal completion of an \$800,000 upgrade funded by the Australian Government through the Infrastructure Investment Program.



The works involved the replacement of the bridge's ageing timber deck with a reinforced concrete deck, made from precast concrete panels. The existing reinforced concrete piers were retained.

Replacing the timber bridge deck reduces maintenance costs and the frequency of closures associated with undertaking maintenance.

The old Munsie Bridge was opened on the 5 April 1938 and was named after Councillor T.E.C. Munsie.

### MCMAUGH GARDENS – BUS TRIP TO GUYRA



Residents from McMaugh Gardens travelled to Guyra for a scenic tour of the town. This included the Mother of Ducks Lagoon, tomato farms, the Kolora aged care centre, and the Big Lamb. They finished the day with a delicious lunch in Armidale. A great day was enjoyed by all!

### COUNCIL CONTACTS

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#### Emergency Contacts

**After-Hours and Public Holidays**

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Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next scheduled Council meeting is on **Tuesday, 18 December** at 12.30pm.

The next Uralla Township & Environs Committee meeting is on **11 December 2018** at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

These meetings are open to the public. Council meeting agendas and reports can be viewed and downloaded from the website: [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au)



### WHAT'S ON IN URALLA SHIRE December

- Sat 8 Thunderbolt Cup!  
 Sat 15 Bundarra Community Markets  
 Sat 15 Uralla Indoor Markets  
 Tue 18 Book Discussion Group – Uralla Library  
 Thur 20 Lego Club – Uralla Library

Check <http://www.uralla.com/events> for your local calendar of events and be sure to let us know if you have an event to be added via [visit@uralla.com](mailto:visit@uralla.com) or ph **02 6778 6420**.



### MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Christmas is a very special time and there is no better place to spend it than here in the Uralla Shire. It's wonderful to experience the Christmas spirit in Uralla as the residents spread joy through decorating their homes.

It's a time to be thankful for family and friends and the fantastic community we live in. It's also a time to acknowledge you, the Community, for the important role you play in making the Uralla Shire the special place it is.

There are so many community groups, traders, volunteers, sporting groups and individuals who work tirelessly throughout the year, so on behalf of the Councillors and the community, we thank you.

Christmas is also a time for reflection on what we have accomplished throughout the year. 2018 has been another demanding year for Uralla Shire Council. Some of our major achievements have included:

- Adding a Kiosk and upgrading amenities at the Uralla Sporting Complex
- Bridge upgrades to Mihi and Munsie Bridges – there are no more timber bridges (vehicular) in Uralla Shire
- Substantial reseals to Bingara, Georges Creek, Gwydir River and Torryburn Roads
- Upgrading 4kms of Bingara Rd and upgrades to Saumarez, Jacksons and Tulong Roads
- Managing McMaugh Gardens and Tablelands Community Services
- Applying for and securing over \$4million in additional grants to improve parks and roads
- Progressing the Bundarra Sewerage Project

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and all the staff at Uralla Shire, I'd like to thank the Community for its support of Council during 2018, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

**Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor**

### NEW ENGLAND HIGH COUNTRY NEW MOTORCYCLE MAP

The Hon Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands and NSW Minister for Tourism and Major Events, launched a dedicated motorcycle touring map as part of a 'smart' partnership between the six local Councils of New England High Country, HEMA Maps and BMW Motorrad at NSW Parliament on 14 November.

The launch of this ground-breaking map is at the centre of the 'My Favourite Corner' campaign designed to entice riders to a region that boasts some of the best rides in Australia, across Walcha, **Uralla**, Inverell, Glen Innes, Tenterfield and Armidale council areas.



The Hon Adam Marshall, Member for the Northern Tablelands, with the Mayors of Uralla Shire, Armidale Regional and Walcha Councils, Rob Gallagher, CEO of HEMA Maps, BMW Ambassador Kate Peck, and National Marketing Manager BMW Motorrad Nigel Harvey.



### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Uralla Shire Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from **Local contractors and tradespeople** including builders, floorers, plumbers, roofers, electricians, painters, etc. to assist in delivering the *Drought Communities Assistance Program* projects. To register for Council's list of providers to quote on work, please email [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au) with the following: contractor details, licences, insurances and your hourly rates, and a brief statement about your services by 14 December.

For further information on the Expressions of Interest and to lodge your EOI, please contact Council's Administration Centre on 6778 6300 or via email at [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au).



### KERBSIDE COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE



Council will be unable to collect the contents of your bin/s if the bins are inaccessible or if there is a risk of damage to other property or the potential to make contact with overhead wires.

Bins should not be placed too close together, or too close to cars, fences, trees or large shrubs, letterboxes or located under low hanging overhead wires.

Bins should be placed as close to the road as practical, at least one (1) metre apart and with at least one (1) metre clearance from any other object.

Council's kerbside collection offices will attach a sticker to your bin and place a letter in your letterbox to notify you if there is a problem with the location of your bin.

If you find a sticker on your bin and have any queries, concerning the proper placement of bins for kerbside collection, please contact Council on 6778 6300.

### BY-ELECTION IN WARD A UPDATE

The NSW Electoral Commission and Council have requested the Minister for Local Government to extend the 3 month time period within which the by-election should be held. This extension would avoid the Christmas and New Year period. As soon as Council is advised of the Minister's decision the by-election date will be published to our website and to our Facebook page. The date will also be available on the NSW Electoral Commission's website as they will be managing the by-election. It is likely the date will be known by 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### COUNCIL CHRISTMAS OPERATING HOURS.

**The Uralla Shire Council's office will close** at 5pm, Monday 24 December 2018 and reopen 8.30am Wednesday 2 January 2019.

**The Uralla Library will close** at 6pm Monday 24 December 2018 and reopen at 10am Tuesday 2 January 2019. The After Hours Returns chute will be available for returning library items during this period.

**The Uralla Visitor Information** will close Tuesday 25 December only.

**LANDFILL OPERATING HOURS.** The Bundarra and Uralla landfills will be closed on Tuesday 25 December 2018 and Tuesday 1 January 2019. Normal operational hours will apply outside these times.

### \$2 MILLION TO WIDEN & SEAL LAST GRAVEL SECTION OF BINGARA ROAD!

Council applied for and was successful in receiving a grant to widen and seal one of our busy sub-regional roads. Bingara Road will soon be fully upgraded after Northern Tablelands MP, Adam Marshall announced almost \$2 million in State Government funding for Bingara Road.

Mr Marshall said the **\$1.976 million** grant from the *NSW Fixing Country Roads* program would be matched by \$880,000 from Council to widen and bitumen seal the remaining 8.4 kilometre stretch of Bingara Road, between Bundarra and Copeton Dam and Bingara.



### MT MUTTON BUSH CARE VOLUNTEERS

The last Mt Mutton bushland regeneration, working bee for 2018 will be on 17 December. This year, 10 volunteers have helped to increase native wildflower abundance on Mt Mutton.



Bush care volunteers enjoyed weeding among the Chocolate Lilies on Mt Mutton in November.

The volunteers have assisted by removing weeds that compete against native wildflowers and grasses for space, light and water.



The group typically meets once a month on Monday mornings. If you would like to join in please phone Council's Environment Management Coordinator on 6778 6315 to register your interest.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS October 2018

### Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-46-2018	Mr G Fuller	30 Bridge Street, Uralla	Replace Covered Rear Deck
DA-49-2018	Ural Australia Pty Ltd	119 Bridge Street, Uralla	Signage
DA-53-2018	Shed Boss (PONZ Armidale)	89 Bullens Road, Rocky River	Shed
DA-52-2018	Mr B Eveleigh	110 Gostwyck Road, Uralla	Attached Dual Occupancy
DA-54-2018	Mr C & Mrs T Virgona	253 Reeves Road, Kentucky South	Relocate Dwelling
CDC-25-2018	Mrs H Andreoni	40 Mount Mitchell Road, Invergowrie	En suite Extension
CDC-22-2018	Owen & Fiveash & Partners	71 Dumaresq Road, Saumarez Ponds	Dwelling
CDC-26-2018	Origin Energy	296 Noalimba Avenue, Kentucky South	Solar Energy Installation
CDC-27-2018	Mr D & Mrs K Walters	10 Everett Street, Uralla	Verandah

### 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 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

## PUBLIC HEARING - URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL LAND RECLASSIFICATION

Council is proposing to reclassify two parcels of land from 'community' to 'operational' as part of a Planning Proposal to amend the Uralla Local Environmental Plan 2012.

A public hearing in respect of these proposed reclassifications is to be held at Uralla Shire Council Chambers on Wednesday 12 December 2018 commencing at 5:30pm.

For more information please visit the Public Notices page on the Council's website or contact Council on 6778 6300.

## Z-NET NEWS

### Summer and Power bills!

Power bills will be arriving soon. Does your current contract need renegotiating to get the best price? The best comparison site to get started is <https://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au/> It is a government site and has all the different retailers included. If you are not sure what to do, don't have internet access or just need a helping hand come and see Trish at the Library on a Thursday between 2:00 – 4:30 pm. Bring along your latest bill. (Back from holiday break the week 15 Jan 2019).



With another hot summer predicted it is important to remember that for every 1 degree colder you set the thermostat on your AC power usage goes up by as much as 10%. Fans are the most cost effective way of keeping you cool. Opening up your house in the cool of the morning, then closing curtains and blinds to keep the daytime heat out gives you a head start for a comfortable evening when you get home.



## KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING NOVEMBER

- Hosted a visit and inspection from the State Librarian.
- Hosted the quarterly Board meeting of Arts North West.
- Councillors undertook a full day 'continuing professional development' session.
- Opened the upgraded Munsie Bridge. Representatives from three generations of the Munsie family were in attendance.
- Attended the Board meeting of the New England Joint Organisation (NEJO) – Mayor Pearce is Chairperson of the NEJO.
- Hosted the Northern Inland Regional Waste (NIRW) meeting. 12 councils comprise NIRW and Mayor Pearce is the Chairperson.
- Extraordinary Meeting on 13 November to set the meeting dates and times for the Budget Review and Finance Committee and to attend to logistics around the upcoming by-election in Ward A.
- Ordinary Meeting on 27 November. Select business attended to included: referring the Long Term Financial Plan to the Budget Review and Finance Committee; adopting the Annual Report 2017-18; approving a 14 lot residential subdivision at Lece Road, Uralla; receiving the minutes of the s355 committees at Bundarra and Uralla; approving a community grant for an individual; formally support the Local Government NSW call for cost shifting from state and federal governments to local government to cease; publish works updates to council media.

## BUNDARRA SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL (355) COMMITTEE

The next Committee meeting will be 6 February 2019 @ 6:30pm