

December 2019



URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and all the staff at Uralla Shire Council, I'd like to thank the Uralla Shire Community for its support of Council in 2019.

Christmas is a wonderful time to be grateful for friends and family and celebrate the fantastic Uralla Shire community we live in. The community plays a vital role in making Uralla Shire council a special place to visit and reside.

As we face the challenges arising from the impact of the continuing drought it is important to thank you, the Community, for your resilience and tireless work throughout the year. We are relying on you to do your best to conserve water and would like to thank all the local businesses, community groups, volunteers and individuals for showing great initiative and offering important support throughout this time.

Around this time of year we like to reflect on hard work and accomplishments achieved in the past twelve months. Some notable achievements have included:

- Our new corporate website going live with easier access to information and services
- Delivering the Virtuous Circle Project with funding through the NSW Government's Innovation Fund.
- Road upgrades to Eastern Avenue, Bingara Road, Thunderbolts Way, and Bundarra Road (at Invergowrie Road).
- The upgrade of Alma Park with the Great Keep Tower, flying fox, other playground equipment, BBQs, seating and relocation of the Korean War Memorial.
- Finalisation of the detailed design for Bundarra Sewerage and securing of an additional \$2.882 million of State Government funding for the project.
- Renewal of the Uralla Pool and buildings.



I wish you all on behalf of my fellow Councillors and Uralla Shire Council staff a very happy Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Please take extra care on the roads over the holiday season.

Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor

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Report all Fires: 000

Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

MEETING DATES 2019

Council meeting: Ordinary meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm, Council Chambers. This month due to Christmas the Ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th December at 12:30pm

Uralla Township & Environs Committee

(UTEK): Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, 10th December at 6pm

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

WHAT'S ON IN URALLA SHIRE December 2019

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| Wed 4 Dec | Carols in the Park |
| Wed 6 Dec | Uralla Shire Community Support Gathering |
| Sat 14 Dec | Uralla Indoor Markets |
| Sat 21 Dec | Pixie Jenkins & Norma O'Hara Murphy @ Bundarra Sport & Rec |
| Wed 25 Dec | Christmas Day |
| Thurs 26 Dec | Boxing Day |
| Tues 31 Dec | New Year's Eve |

Check www.uralla.com for more information on the local calendar of events and call us to add your event on **6778 6420**.

Uralla Library Activities Month - December 2019

- Storytime** – 10.30am Tuesdays
- Knattering Knitters** – 10am Tuesdays & 2pm Sundays
- Colouring Group** – 2pm Wednesdays
- Book Discussion Group** – 4pm 3rd Tuesday of the month
- Lego Club** – 4pm-5pm 3rd Thursday of the month
- Chess & Checkers Club** – 4pm Mondays during school term

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PERIOD OPERATING HOURS

The Uralla Shire Council's Office

Closed from 4:30pm on Tuesday, 24th of December 2019
Reopens on Thursday, 2nd of January 2020 at 8:30am.

Visitor Information Centre

Closed on Christmas Day.

Uralla Library

Closed from 4pm on Tuesday, 24th of December 2019
Reopens on Thursday, 2nd of January 2020 at 2pm. The after-hours return chute will be available for returning library items during this period.

Uralla & Bundarra Landfills

Closed on Wednesday, 25th of December 2019.

URALLA STREET STORE

- 25 Nov – 1 Dec – The Lions Club of Uralla
- 2-8 December – Uralla Rotary Club
- 9-15 December – Uralla Arts
- 16-22 December – Uralla Red Cross

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE COMMUNITY GATHERING

On Wednesday 27th of November 2019 Council held a community gathering to share the plans for the future of the Visitor Information Centre and tourism in Uralla Shire.

Acting General Manager David Aber gave a presentation on the Council's objectives and potential strategies for tourism within the Shire and along with Council staff answered a variety of community questions. These included questions surrounding the plans for rejuvenating the Information Centre and broader questioning of the future direction of tourism in Uralla Shire.



Matters discussed included:

- Creating an attractive environment for our businesses, tourism operations and industry.
- The Council's tourism plans from the Community Strategic Plan.
- Update on the approved Visitor Information Centre Project.
- The New England Joint Organisation tourism project.
- Working with local tourism operators and businesses to produce a more attractive product for our visitors.

Thank you to all who came to add their voices and share their questions regarding tourism in Uralla and its surrounds and to Uralla Bowling Club for hosting us.

If you would like to add your voice to the discussion please send your thoughts and ideas to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au attention to the General Manager.

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

National Recycling Week in November provided a great opportunity to promote the benefits of recycling items that are typically not collected through Council's weekly kerbside collection process.

National Recycling Week includes MobileMuster, an initiative from Planet Ark. Council supports Mobile Muster by providing phone recycling drop off points. Council's drop off points are located at the administration building in Salisbury Street and the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) at the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Depot.



Council also provides facilities for recycling small batteries at the administration building and larger batteries at the CRC. The CRC allows a range of recyclable materials to be deposited free of charge including:

- Water-based and oil-based paints;
- Used motor and cooking oils;
- Lead-acid and hand-held batteries;
- Gas cylinders and fire extinguishers;
- Household chemicals and pesticides;
- Conventional tube and compact fluorescent lamps;
- Smoke detectors;
- Polystyrene, paper and cardboard; and
- Plastic and glass bottles

Please keep these items out of the household garbage collection and dispose of them responsibly.

These services provide the community with simple ways of preventing harmful and toxic waste from entering our natural environment.

For more information on Council recycling services, you can visit council's website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Services/Waste-Recycling.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

DROUGHT COMMUNITIES EXTENSION PROGRAMME 2020

Uralla Shire Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from local contractors and tradespeople to assist in the delivery of the Drought Communities Extension Programme - 2020.

To register to be added to Council's list of providers to quote on the work please email your EOI to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au by close of business on Friday, 13 December 2019.

Please include the following information with your submission: contractor details, licences, insurances, your hourly rates, and a brief statement about your services.

For further information, please contact Council's Administration Centre on 6778 6300 or email council@uralla.nsw.gov.au

LEVEL 4 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Uralla commenced Level 4 Water Restrictions on Monday, 25th of November 2019. The implications of Level 4 water restrictions for residents are:

- Watering of lawns and gardens using a hand held hose with buckets, cans or trigger nozzles is prohibited.
- The use of sprinklers and fixed hoses, and watering new turf, is prohibited.
- Vehicle washing is prohibited. Cleaning of windows is permitted.
- Water carting for domestic, hospital, aged care and school use only – no stock watering
- Irrigation of sports fields is prohibited.

A full list of water restrictions and the level at which they apply can be obtained from the Uralla Shire Council web site online here <https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Services/Water-Supply/Current-Water-Restrictions>

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS

Approvals:

| Application No. | Applicant | Property | Development |
|-----------------|---|--|---|
| DA-49-2019 | Mr R & Mrs J Kaehler | 41 Saumarez War Service Road, Saumarez | Change of Use – Dual Occupancy – Conversion of Shed to Dwelling |
| DA-55-2019 | PONZ Armidale Pty Ltd | 31 Hill Street, Uralla | Extension to Existing Building |
| DA-60-2019 | Mr C & Mrs K Cooper | 36 Uralla Street North, Uralla | Dwelling |
| DA-61-2019 | Mr C & Mrs T Dawson | 200 Burtons Lane, Kentucky South | Dwelling Relocation & Extension |
| DA-62-2019 | Dr E Baker, Dr A Knirsch & Seritron Pty Ltd | 2007 Bundarra Road, Yarrowyck | Dwelling |
| DA-65-2019 | Mr A & Mrs D Archer | 1292 Enmore Road, Mihi | Dwelling Alterations & Additions |
| CDC-14-2019 | Mr D & Mrs S French | 42 Amaroo Road, Invergowrie | Shed |
| CDC-3-2019 | Mr T & Mrs N Meredith | 143 Panseyfield Road, Saumarez Ponds | Dwelling Alterations & Additions including Carport |
| CDC-13-2019 | Mr T & Mrs E Polson | 799 Bundarra Road, Saumarez Ponds | Dwelling Additions – Verandah |

Withdrawals:

| Application No. | Applicant | Property | Development |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| DA-58-2019 | Mr A & Mrs J Thurlow | 2 Barleyfields Road, Uralla | Shed including Workshop |
| DA-70-2019 | Mr J & Mrs M Piddington | 40 Kalinda Road, Invergowrie | Dual Occupancy |

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*.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS – November 2019

Extraordinary Meeting of Council

- Council have resolved to readvertise for the position of General Manager.

Ordinary Meeting of Council

- Council resolved to develop a Council position on a new risk management and internal audit framework for local councils in NSW, September 2019 and develop a submission for consideration at Councils December meeting for submission to the Office of Local Government.
- Council resolved to investigate the provision of water for rural residents and our future Bundarra and Uralla town water security.
- Council resolved to explore avenues to reuse water from the treated sewage effluent.
- Council noted The first quarter budget review summary for the 2019/20 financial year.
- Council resolved to accept the transfer of ownership to Uralla Shire Council of the 1.28km section of Mount Butler Lane that is currently a Crown road.

Z-NETPlus URALLA

ZNET Plus would like to say a “A Big Thank You” to all those who took the time to fill in the community survey on sustainability. A great joint effort between ZNET Plus volunteers and our local businesses, Library and Visitors Centre who distributed and collected the paper versions.

No surprises that Water and Waste were the top two issues to be addressed. We presented a summary of the results to Uralla Shire Council at the end of November.

People varied in responses to the questions on different issues however there was strong support for action on these items and for a more sustainable future.

And equally encouraging, over 50% of respondents want to be more involved. There is much that individuals can do in their own households to address these issues. If you would like to be involved please contact Carol at plusprojects@zneturalla.org.au

