

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL | December 2020



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Mayor's Message

There's no better place to spend the holidays than right here in the Uralla Shire. Christmas is a wonderful time to express our thankfulness for family and friends and to celebrate the holiday spirit with generosity and gratitude.

It's a great time to celebrate our community which makes the Uralla Shire such a wonderful place to live and visit. Our Shire's community groups, volunteers, sporting clubs, businesses, traders, and individuals contribute endlessly to the community making our Shire the special place it is. I am thankful to be a part of this community and proud to represent you.

As 2020 draws to a close, we take this time to reflect on the hard work we've done and what we've accomplished so far this year. This year has been a challenging year like none other, but together we've accomplished so much. Some of our major achievements this year include:

- Projects completed under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Rounds 2 and 3 and the Drought Communities Extension Programme, including improvements at the Uralla Memorial Hall, Uralla Tigers Rugby League Club, Bundarra Sport & Recreation Club amenities block, Kentucky Memorial Hall, Woodville Reserve, Uralla Men's Shed and walking tracks around the Shire.
- Civil construction works program, including the Bingara Road upgrade and completion and Myall Swamp Bridge extension.



Bingara Road construction, funded by the NSW Government Growing Local Economies program.

- Improvements at McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Facility, including energy efficiency gains and split system reverse cycle air conditioners fitted into all residents rooms.
- Upgraded the Uralla Water Treatment Plant filters through the replacement of the sand media with granular activated carbon to assist in addressing the arsenic present in the raw water and improving taste of the drinking water.
- Adapted to new challenges posed by COVID-19 to remain operational whilst keeping the community and staff safe.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and all the staff at Uralla Shire, I'd like to thank the community for all of your contributions to the Uralla Shire during 2020. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year. I look forward to doing more together in 2021.



**Mayor,
Cr Michael
Pearce**

Australia Day Awards

The Australia Day Committee invites nominations for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Sports Awards, to be presented on Australia Day in 2021. Nominees must be Australian citizens and live in the Uralla Shire. Young Citizen of the Year nominees must be under twenty seven years of age and Senior Citizen nominees must be aged over seventy years on 26 January 2021.

Nomination forms are available from the Council Customer Service desk, Uralla Library, Uralla Post Office, Regional Australia Bank and National Australia Bank. You can also contact the Uralla Australia Day Committee Secretary by telephone on 6778 4328.

Nominations close on Friday, 18th December 2020. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

ZNet Update: Why community consultation is essential for planning for water security

It's increasingly recognised that inclusive decision-making can be key to making good choices on water policy and strategy for the future.

We use water in many different ways according to our lifestyle, our work, or our environments. Capturing a range of experiences and ideas is an important part of the Let's Talk About Water project.

Another important element of the project is providing access to relevant information about

water. ZNET's flyer series is being developed to provide some background for conversations in their mini-workshops for the community, at the Water Cafés and leading up to focus groups and interviews planned for early next year.

ZNET thanks those who have been completing the short online polls and have visited the Water Display in the Uralla Library placing their ideas on a bottle.



Students Bella and Souki contribute their ideas to the Water Display in the Uralla Library

For information on upcoming events and how you can get involved, please visit zneturalla.org.au/water

Developer forum promotes development in Uralla Shire

Council's breakfast forum held Wednesday, 25 November 2020 brought together local businesses and developers to provide information on the development application and assessment process and to encourage commercial, industrial, and residential development in the Shire.

The forum covered a wide range of topics, including the value of pre-development meetings, digital submission of development applications, the quality of documentation, role of consultants, Council's role in the process, project management, and the execution of subdivisions.

Due to the interest generated by the event, Council plans to conduct developer forums on a regular basis as a way to continually engage with developers and businesses.

Following on from the forum Council will circulate a survey which will seek feedback from participants on what information should be covered in future forums. The survey will also request feedback on what information should be available on Council's website to inform Council's ongoing website improvement project.

Mayor Pearce said he was delighted by the number of attendees who



registered for the forum and the amount of questions raised during the forum. "Today's forum is just the first of what will be an ongoing initiative," Mayor Pearce said.

"Council is committed to keeping an open, ongoing dialogue with the local

business and developer community."

This survey will be available on the Council website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au and promoted on our Facebook page, so make sure you're following us [@UrallaShireCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/UrallaShireCouncil) to have your say.

Council Christmas and New Years Operating Hours

Council's Customer Service Centre and the Uralla Library will close at 2:30pm on the afternoon of Thursday, 24th December 2020 and will reopen on Monday, 4th January 2021.

The Uralla Library's after-hours library return chute will be available for returning library items during this period.

All Council facilities will be closed on Christmas Day, including the Uralla Swimming Pool, Uralla Visitor Information Centre, and Bundarra and Uralla Landfills.

Please check Council's website for facility operating hour details, including reopening dates and times.

Kerbside waste and recycling collection dates will be unaffected.

Using Water Wisely

We can all take steps to make our water consumption more efficient. Follow these easy steps to conserve water at home, in the garden, and at school and work:

- Take a 3-minute shower and turn off the water to lather up. You can save up to eight litres for each minute you shave off your daily scrub!
- Turn off the tap to brush your teeth.
- Use a container when washing fruit and veg in the sink and save this water for your garden.
- Fix leaky taps. A slowly dripping tap wastes thousands of litres per year.
- Only run full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine to maximise efficiency.
- Collect water from your shower and use to water your garden, run the washing machine or flush the toilet.



- Replace tap washers and seals annually.
- Use mulch in the garden to retain moisture in the soil.
- Start a conversation! Involve your family, friends, and co-workers and make water conservation a part of your everyday life and practice.

Visit Council's website for more tips for water conservation: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Services/Water-Supply/Water-Conservation

Development Application & Complying Development Certificate Decisions October 2020

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-31-2020	Ms T Farrugia	18 Burnett Street, Bundarra	Change of Use from Shed to Bus Depot
DA-32-2020	Brown & Krippner Pty Ltd	4 Roman Street, Uralla	2 Lot Subdivision
DA-35-2020	Mr J Barracough	60 Maitland Street, Uralla	Extension to Existing Shed
DA-36-2020	Mr W Sellings	3 Uralla Street North, Uralla	Demolition of Dwelling & Sheds
DA-37-2020	Ms N Butterfield	14 Duke Street, Uralla	Change of Use – Home Business (Food Manufacture)
DA-38-2020	Uniplan Group Pty Ltd	133 Bilga Road, Invergowrie	Dual Occupancy & Shed
DA-42-2020	Croft Surveying & Mapping	Lot 126 Baldersleigh Road, Bundarra & Lot 61 915 Bindawalla Road Abington	Boundary Adjustment between Lot 126 DP 726334 and Lot 61 DP 753635
DA-44-2020	Mr T Jacobs	218 Rifle Range Road, Rocky River	Shed
CDC-21-2020	Ms B Banister	73 Macleay Way, Saumarez Ponds	Swimming Pool
CDC-24-2020	Mr S Doodson	253 Eastern Avenue, Kentucky South	Dwelling Alterations & Additions, Attached Alfresco & Deck
CDC-25-2020	Stroud Homes Tamworth	72 Macleay Way, Saumarez Ponds	Dwelling
CDC-29-2020	Mr C Mason	35 Baker Road, Invergowrie	Shed
CDC-30-2020	Mr B Hayward	34 East Street, Uralla	Detached Metal Storage Shed
CDC-31-2020	Mr D & Mrs K Drew	35 Dumaresq Road, Saumarez Ponds	Shed
CDC-32-2020	Mr C Somerton & Ms K Welsh	70 Kendall Road, Invergowrie	Shed
CDC-33-2020	Mr P Maria & Ms S Dixon	55 Barloo Road, Invergowrie	Shed

Withdrawals: Nil

Refusals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-44-2018	Mr K Hartley – Starfish Enterprises Network Ltd	192 Dumaresq Road, Saumarez Ponds	Natural Burial Ground – Private Cemetery & Shed

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.

Youth Week Forum

The annual Youth Week morning tea with the Mayor was a great success with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor providing Council's report to the students on issues addressed over the last year and a round table discussion to seek input from the students. Topics discussed included WiFi access for the Uralla CBD, mobile and internet towers across the Shire, and an on-duty/call police service for Bundarra.

Students then participated in a workshop with senior staff to develop a list of service and business opportunities in the Shire which are currently provided outside the Shire.

Read more about the Mayor's Youth Week forum on Council's website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au



CIVIL WORKS

Completed in November

- Bingara Road upgrade – preparation for installation of bridge safety barrier and heavy patching
- Thunderbolts Way (Between Pomona Road and Rifle Range Road) – rehabilitation construction and sealing
- Heavy patching and stabilising works at various sections of Kingstown Road and Arding Road
- Retreat Road upgrade – sub-base construction and pipe extension

Upcoming in December

- Bingara Road upgrade – installation of bridge safety barriers and erosion control
- Retreat Road – construction of base course and installation of box culvert
- Asphalt overlay at Uralla Streets
- Resealing of urban, rural and regional roads
- Unsealed road maintenance – grading at Mt Drummond, Corrie Road, Old Gostwyck Road, Harriets Gully Road

Catch Up On Your Council Meetings

November Ordinary Meeting

- Presented the Audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports for the year ended 30 June 2020 to the public.
 - Received the 2020/21 first quarter budget review summary, and adopted adjustments to budget allocations, including transfers to and from reserves and expenditure to be revoked from 2019/20.
 - Resolved that a report on the Roads to Recovery and Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Funding Program be provided to the December 2020 Ordinary Meeting.
 - Refused a Development Application for a Change of Use – Shed to Dwelling.
 - Awarded another individual grant under Council's Community Grants Program.
- Received the 2020/21 first quarter Operational Plan Progress Report.

Meeting Dates

Consistent with current directions related to physical distancing and COVID Safe guidelines, there are measures in place at Council and Committee meetings to protect the health and safety of our community.

For more information please visit our website at uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings

- Accepted the funding offer from the NSW State Government of \$1,500,000 to undertake a Groundwater Investigation Project for the investigation of groundwater or other alternative water sources capable of providing water security measures for the Uralla water supply, subject to the finalisation of the funding deed.
- Amended and adopted the Uralla Shire Annual Report 2019-2020.
- Resolved that a report on the status Council's water and wastewater systems for Uralla and Bundarra be prepared and to include the current status of development of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM) and water and wastewater asset management and renewal planning.
- Awarded the design and construction tender for Tolleys Gully Bridge to Waeger Constructions Pty Ltd.

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 15 December 2020, 12:30pm, Council Chambers.

Budget Review & Finance Committee Tuesday, 8 December 2020, 12:30pm Council Chambers.

Agendas and business papers are published on Council's website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au.

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