

# COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

#### **FEBRUARY 2015**

#### **NOTICES**

# EMU CROSSING BRIDGE - Ministerial Visit

Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay and Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall inspected construction progress on the new \$4.2 million Emu Crossing Bridge at Bundarra on 23 January with the Mayor, Councillors and staff from Uralla Shire Council. They were delighted with the progress, with the project being within budget and on schedule to be completed in June 2015.





#### IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS A RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE

Uralla is taking the first step in an exciting journey to become a zero net energy town (Z-NET) by meeting its needs from renewable energy sources. This future can be realised through a combination of:

- using less energy;
- generating energy on site (e.g. through rooftop solar);
- generating energy nearby or;
- purchasing renewable energy through the electricity network.

A Blueprint and Business Case asking: What is possible?" "What works?" "What is feasible, desirable and viable?" are currently being prepared.

# The Uralla Z-NET Blueprint and Business Case are due for completion by June 2015. Z-NET Website Now Live

Information on the project and how you can get involved is all on the website which is now live and can be found at: <a href="www.z-net.org.au">www.z-net.org.au</a> You can sign up to receive newsletters by visiting the Z-NET website and heading for the Get Involved page.

### **Householder Energy Survey**

By completing the Householder Energy Survey you will be providing valuable input into the Z-NET project and help guide Uralla's energy future. It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. You can undertake the survey online on the Get Involved page of the Z-NET website.

**20-24 February** the Z-NET Project Team will be visiting Uralla to engage with the local community about Uralla's energy future. There will be some great activities to get involved with so stay tuned for further details on the website or sign up for the newsletter and be kept in the loop.

**Z-NET** is a collaboration coordinated by Starfish Initiatives and with funding from the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage's Regional Clean Energy Program. The wide range of collaborating organisations involved are detailed on the website: <a href="https://www.z-net.org.au">www.z-net.org.au</a>

#### **CONTACTS**

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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

Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

#### **Next Meeting of Council scheduled for:**

Date: Monday, 23 February 2015

**Time:** 5:00pm

Location: Uralla Shire Council Chambers,

32 Salisbury Street, Uralla

"Have Your Say" from 6:30pm.

(Contact Council for registration procedure)

Council 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

Or view and download from the Council website at: <a href="www.uralla.nsw.gov.au">www.uralla.nsw.gov.au</a>

Link: Your Council/Council Documents

#### **Resolutions of Council**

The Minutes of Council Meetings are available at <a href="https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au">www.uralla.nsw.gov.au</a> - go to: Your Council/ Council Documents/ Minutes

### **Uralla Library News**

#### Writing Your Life in 2015

Caroline Gaden will be conducting these workshops at the Library 10.00am-12noon on Thursdays from 5 February until 26 March. The cost is a gold coin donation to attend. This will be a donated to the Library.

#### **New Book Group**

We are looking at forming a new Book Group at the library on the first Wednesday of the month.

The group will meet at the library 10.00am-11.30am.

These dates are not absolute and could change to meet future book group members needs.

#### **Tech-Savvy Seniors**

A course in technology use for seniors is being offered again this year. We have restricted spaces and you will need to book. If you asked about it last time and didn't get in, please call us as we will give you first choice. It will run fortnightly beginning 12 February 10.00am- 12noon.

For further information contact Judith Cozens on 6778 6470.



# **Kentucky Recycling Station**

The Kentucky recycling station accepts paper, plastics and glass materials only. Please do not dump green waste near the recycling station. Kentucky School does not use this material and the dumping of this green waste is illegal.



#### Walk on Wetlands:

### Saturday 14 February 2015, 9.30am-12.30pm

Take advantage of the drought to explore the land in Uralla's wetlands. See how the ecosystem of Racecourse Lagoon changes as we walk in from the ring of rushes to the rocks in the middle. Then compare Dangars Lagoon – see what's happened to the mud. Learn how a drying phase can boost wetland productivity.

Please wear closed shoes or boots, long pants and sun protection. Children under 16 must be supervised. To RSVP please phone the Environmental Projects Officer on 6778 6300.

#### **MARKETS**

#### **Uralla Indoor Markets**

Will recommence on Saturday 21 February 2015 at RSL Memorial Hall, Salisbury St, Uralla. 8:00am to 1:00pm

Contact Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Inc. on 6778 3277.

#### **Bundarra Community Markets**

Markets are held on the third Saturday of each month. Visit Bundarra and be tempted by the eclectic mixture of stalls containing local produce, handmade crafts, plants, pets, small livestock and secondhand goods.

New stallholders are welcome, (\$5.00 per stall), please contact: Donna McLean on 6723 7178.

### **Community Consultative Panels**

Community Consultative Panel (CCP) meetings scheduled for February are as follows:

#### Children, Youth & Families

-Tuesday, 10th

#### Parks, Gardens & Open Spaces/Sport & Recreation

-Tuesday, 17th

#### Arts, Culture & Creativity

-Wednesday, 18th

The meeting of the Tourism & Promotion CCP has been postponed until March (date to be confirmed.)

The CCP's aims are to engage with interested community members to ensure services provided by Council are targeted and well planned.

All groups/individuals interested in participating, please email Community Development Officer, Patrick Dogan at pdogan@uralla.nsw.gov.au, or phone 6778 6471.

#### **Environmental Management**

Expression of Interest to join the Environmental Management Consultative Panel are now open for Uralla residents and community groups. If you have an interest in this area, please contact Robert Bell, Director of Infrastructure and Regulation on 6778 6300.

#### **ZNET Reference Panel**

Residents, business owners and community representatives are welcome to nominate for membership of the Zero Net Energy Town Local Reference Panel. Inquiries and nominations can be directed to the Uralla Shire Environmental Management Coordinator on 6778 6300.

#### **REMINDER:**

# Payment of Council Rates will be due on the 28 February

Ways you may make payment now include:

- In person at the Council Administration Building
- In person at the Post Office
- Using BPay, or;
- Over the phone with a credit card
- \*\* If you are making your payment using BPay, please ensure that you use the correct reference number, located on your rates notice as the reference numbers are different for rates and water.

#### **Problem Possums**

Possums are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. This act requires that anyone wishing to trap a possum obtain a license from the National Parks and Wildlife Service in order to do so. These licences are free and available from any NPWS office. Council cannot issue a license to residents to trap a possum.

If any resident requires help trapping a possum, please contact The Walcha NPWS on 6777 4700 to obtain advice and request a licence. Alternatively you may contact the Uralla WIRES group on 6778 4994. WIRES can give advice and support to residents, but are not able to help trap possums.

