

JANUARY 2018

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR

FASHION DESIGNER

CHARLIE BROWN



One of Australia's leading fashion designers, Charlie Brown, will be Uralla's Australia Day Ambassador this year. Charlie began her career in 1982 in San Francisco, working in retail sales for Esprit where she developed her love for fashion and design. After gaining valuable experience in the fashion industry, in 1985 Charlie Brown realised it was time for a change and relocated to Australia, where she spent seven years at the design helm of Howard Showers.

Now celebrating over fifteen years, the enduring legacy of the Charlie Brown label continues. A major force in the Australian fashion marketplace, Charlie opened her first flagship store on Oxford Street, Paddington in 2000. Charlie now has six self-titled stores in Australia and sells her designs through major department stores, luxury boutiques nationwide and internationally.

The categories for Australia Day nominations this year were Sports Awards, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Citizen of the Year. All nominations have been received and the awards will be presented at the Australia Day Ceremony.

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

The Uralla Shire Council Open Space Strategy is scheduled to go on public exhibition in mid-2018. The document will aim to properly categorise our different forms of open space and identify initiatives and projects to enhance open spaces in the shire. This will involve community consultations to determine the type and extent of open space required.

Community meetings will be held at 6.30pm as follows:

- Kingstown on 16 January – Preschool/Hall
- Bundarra on 25 January – School of Arts Hall
- Kentucky on 30 January – Kentucky Hall
- Invergowrie on 6 February – RFS Hall
- Uralla on 13 February, and – Uralla Community Centre
- Rocky River on 20 February – Uralla Community Centre



Keep updated via Council's website, Facebook page and at general stores.

The survey is available from Council's website, Council Chambers and general stores in villages until 2 March 2018.

COUNCIL CONTACTS

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council meeting is scheduled for **27 February 12:30 pm** at the Council Chambers.

Council meeting agendas and reports can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website at: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au



AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS IN URALLA

Uralla Shire Council and Uralla Rotary Club will sponsor the 2018 Australia Day Celebrations on Friday 26 January commencing at 11am. Celebrations will start with a street procession at the corner of Bridge and Salisbury Streets and proceeding along Bridge Street to Alma Park via Hill Street. Included in the parade will be Armidale Pipe Band, Fire Brigades, vintage machinery and cars and the Australia Day ambassador, Charlie Brown.

There will be a decorated bike competition for children, with cash prizes for best bike decorated by a boy and best bike decorated by a girl. Bikes will take part in the procession for judging.

The official ceremony will be held in Alma Park including flag raising, national anthem, Australian Citizenship Ceremony, award presentations and address by ambassador, fashion designer, Charlie Brown, sponsored by Australia Day Council of N.S.W. and National Australia Day Council.

Other activities include a thong throwing competition with cash prizes and trophies, gumboot throwing competition and lolly scramble.

There will be a barbeque, tea, coffee, damper, sandwiches, cakes, slices & drinks will be available to purchase. Also a jumping castle, merry-go-round and face painting for children, with entertainment by Armidale Pipe Band.

CELEBRATE WORLD WETLANDS DAY



Where: Racecourse Lagoon
When: Saturday 3 February 2018, 7am - 11:00am

Join lagoon stewards, distinguished ecologists Dr John T Hunter and Dr Steve Debus, herpetologist Sophie Collins, Local Land Services and Landcare groups for a morning of activities and a free BBQ breakfast. Try your hand at identifying wetland plants, naming wetland birds and using the new Frog ID app.

Discover some of the fascinating features of these unique wetlands and how we can conserve them for future generations. The mornings' activities will include:

- 7 - 8.30am Bird survey with Dr Steve Debus
- 8.30 - 9am Breakfast (provided by Uralla Lions)
- 9am Wetland ecology surveys and discussions with Dr John Hunter, Arding Landcare, Uralla Shire Council and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services
- 10.45am Frogs of Upland Wetlands and the Frog ID app with Sophie Collins
- 11.00am Finish

RSVP Thursday 25 January 2018. Please call Southern New England Landcare on 6772 9123.

This event is supported by Arding Landcare group, Southern New England Landcare, Uralla Shire Council and Northern Tablelands Local Land

UPDATE ON SPORTING COMPLEX CANTEEN & DISABLED FACILITIES UPGRADE

Uralla Shire Council's sporting complex upgrades have been completed. Council received a Sport and Recreation Disability grant to the value of \$75,000 and a Community Building Partnership grant to the value of \$57,400. Uralla Shire Council provided additional funds to the value of \$147,600. Community consultation was undertaken with representatives from the cricket, squash, junior rugby league and soccer clubs to deliver the project within the budget constraints and best meet the stakeholders' needs for the shared facilities. Works undertaken include construction of two new canteen areas with storage and disabled facilities including a toilet, parking, pathways and a ramp.

**GARDEN ORGANICS (GREEN WASTE)
2018 COLLECTION DATES**

Green Waste collection is an optional, user-pays service for residents of Uralla township.

Council collects garden organics on the following dates (Tuesdays)

2 January	19 June
16 January	17 July
30 January	14 August
13 February	11 September
27 February	9 October
13 March	23 October
27 March	6 November
10 April	20 November
24 April	4 December
8 May	18 December
22 May	

Residents who wish to participate in a garden organics collection will need to register and purchase an organics bin. Payment in advance will be required and charged at a pro-rata rate until the end of the financial year for the collection service.

- 240 litre (vented) organics bin can be purchased from Council for \$87.00.
- Cost of the service is \$80.00 for the 2017/2018 financial year.

Please contact a Customer Service representative at Uralla Shire Council on 6778 6300 for further assistance.

Z-NET URALLA NEWS

Let's Talk Firewood

Z-NET Uralla has just been awarded a grant from NSW Environmental Trust Education Program to undertake a three year project on sustainable firewood. Our Z-NET Blueprint showed that over 45% of the Shire's energy use is from firewood.

Firewood is really important in our community - it keeps over 70% of our homes warm in winter and is a cost effective way of heating.

Firewood is an important part of the "sharing economy" with many family members helping relatives and friends by collecting wood. And a firewood raffle is one of the best fundraisers for our clubs and charities!

Z-NET's new project will look at the importance of dead wood for ecosystems, how to collect wood to reduce the impact on the environment and how to improve the thermal performance of homes so less heating is needed in the first place. We will keep in touch as the first activities commence in March 2018.



Caption: The specially designed firewood boxes that automatically weigh wood and transmit the data to the web (designed by Peter Low and Alan Cowie) will come into operation this winter in the new Z-NET Sustainable Firewood Project. Contact projects@zneturalla.org.au if you would like to be involved.

If you would like to know more please contact Trish Rasmussen, Z-NET Uralla Project Officer, projects@zneturalla.org.au

PUBLIC NOTICE Uralla Shire Council will hold an extraordinary meeting on the 13 February 2018 at 12 noon to decide which regional Joint Organisation it will join. The NSW State Government has recently passed the Local Government Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Bill 2017. The legislation allows Councils voluntarily to join Joint Organisations. The Minister for Local Government has advised that any council wishing to be a part of a Joint Organisation must submit their intention, by way of council resolution, to the NSW State Government no later than 28 February 2018.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - Approvals / Refusals November 2017

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-25-2017	Mr M Smith & Ms L Ducat	4 Rocklea Road, Invergowrie	Staged 4 Lot Subdivision & Dwelling Under Clause 4.6
DA-48-2017	Mr S Lovick	168 Kalinda Road, Invergowrie	Relocated Secondary Dwelling
DA-50-2017	Mr R & Mrs S Andersen	1301 Bundarra Road, Invergowrie	2 Lot Subdivision
DA-52-2017	Mr R & Mrs J Blair	166 Kingstown Road, Uralla	5 Bay Shed
DA-56-2017	Ms M Turner	154 Bridge Street, Uralla	2 Lot Subdivision
DA-59-2017	Mr M & Mrs B Baker	40 Plane Avenue, Uralla	Dwelling & Shed
DA-63-2017	Ms K Jackson	63 Rowan Avenue, Uralla	Shipping Container
CDC-30-2017	All Sheds	11 Sandon Close, Uralla	Carport

Refusals: Nil

The Notices of Determination for the 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.

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Uralla Shire Council's neighbour, Armidale Regional Council, voted on 13 December, to reach out to Uralla Shire Council with the intent to work collaboratively. Council voted unanimously, at December's council meeting, to reciprocate the sentiment, and Mayor Pearce acknowledged that this gesture will help mend the legacy issues left by "Fit for the Future" merger considerations, and to set a positive and collaborative path forward for both councils.

DEMENTIA DAY RESPITE GROUP

Do you care for someone who has Dementia?

Tablelands Community Support runs a Dementia Day Respite Group every Thursday fortnight commencing late January 2018. If you would like more information please call Joy on 6778 6350.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Would you like to give back to your community? Do you enjoy driving?

Tableland Community Transport are looking for volunteer drivers to assist driving our elderly clients to appointments. Please call Christine on 6778 6450.

MCMAUGH GARDENS

On 13 December at 11:30am, McMaugh Gardens held their annual Christmas Party. The residents shared the celebrations with loved ones and staff and received a special visit from Santa himself! The staff at McMaugh Gardens would like to express their sincere thanks to the local community for all the wonderful support they provide and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING DECEMBER

- Council meeting on 19 December.
- Councillor Isabel Strutt (Deputy Mayor) has been nominated for 2018 Ministers' Awards for Women In Local Government.
- Two community meetings held at Bundarra on 14 December. An update on the Bundarra Sewer Scheme was provided.
- Councillors held a strategic planning workshop about the water and sewage strategic business plan, Computer Bank New England, park consultation strategy and joint organisations.

DID YOU KNOW?

NSW Councils employ over 45,000 staff and spend about \$10 billion annually.

Uralla Shire Council employs over 190 staff and is the biggest employer in the Shire.