

JANUARY 2019

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



BINGARA TO BUNDARRA ROAD - THIRD STAGE COMPLETED



Council recently completed the third stage of the Bingara to Bundarra Road bitumen sealing work. These works are part of a five stage work program to upgrade the existing Bundarra to Bingara Road. When completed, the work will provide a continuous, bitumen sealed road connecting the Thunderbolts Way and Bingara, including a connection to the Copeton Dam Road.

Council has already received positive feedback from visitors and the local community who are happy to see the progress of a sealed "all-weather" road connecting Uralla to Bingara and Copeton Dam.

The final two stages of the project are scheduled for completion in 2019 and 2020. The project is jointly funded by Uralla Shire Council and the NSW Government "Fixing Country Roads" program.

MCMAUGH GARDENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

McMaugh Gardens hosted a Christmas party on the 5th December 2018 with residents and their relatives. Guests were treated to a lovely traditional Christmas lunch followed by delicious pavlova and Christmas pudding for desert. Pete Stanley provided entertainment after lunch.



PUBLIC NOTICE – COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - ROUND 2

Council is pleased to announce the opening of **Round 2 Community Grants Program** for local projects meeting the guidelines. Applications will be received from 1 to 28 February 2019. For further information, please refer to the Community Grants Program page on Council's website www.uralla.nsw.gov.au.

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Report all Fires: 000

Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next scheduled Council meeting is on **Tuesday, 26 February 2019** at 12.30pm.

The next Uralla Township & Environs Committee (UTEC) meeting is on **12 February 2019** 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

WHAT'S ON IN URALLA SHIRE January/February 2019

- Sat 19 Jan Bundarra Community Markets
- Sat 19 Jan Uralla Indoor Markets
- Sat 26 Jan Bundarra Lions Club Australia Day Breakfast
- Sat 26 Jan Balala Fire Shed Australia Day Breakfast
- Sat 26 Jan Uralla Australia Day Celebrations
- Fri 15 Feb Peace Run – Reception and Welcome
- Sat 16 Feb Bundarra Community Markets
- Sat 16 Feb Uralla Indoor Markets
- Sat 16 Feb By-election for Ward A

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

Uralla Library Activities January and February 2019

- Building and Gaming Workshop** – Thursday 17 January
- Storytime** - 10.30am every Tuesday
- Knattering Knitters** - 10am every Tuesday
- Knattering Knitters** - 2pm every Sunday
- Colouring Group** - 2pm every Wednesday
- Book Discussion Group** – 4pm Tuesday 19 February
- Lego Club** – Thursday 21 February
- Chess & Checkers Club** - 4pm every Monday during school term, commencing 4 February 2019

Tech Savvy Seniors - Technology training

This free program will assist local seniors with limited or no experience, to learn how to use technology such as computers, tablets and smart phones. Please contact Uralla Library – 6778 6470 for dates and times. Training commences in March 2019.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2019

URALLA CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY



Please join us in Alma Park to welcome new Australian citizens in Uralla at our Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, held at 12:00pm on 26 January 2019 as part of the Uralla Australia Day celebrations.

BUSH REGENERATION TEAM'S WORK ON MT MUTTON

Volunteers and Council staff worked on Mt Mutton before Christmas, to remove St John's Wort and poison hawthorn among the native groundcover. The volunteers were thanked for their efforts in 2018 with a picnic lunch.

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



THOMAS LAGOON – DEPTH GAUGE MONITOR ESTABLISHED

Council staff have been working with the Arding Landcare volunteers to establish a depth gauge monitor for Thomas Lagoon. Thomas Lagoon, located in Arding, is considered to be an endangered Upland Wetland ecosystem. This project is contracted under an agreement with the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services.



BY-ELECTION IN WARD A UPDATE

The by-election for **Ward A** has been confirmed for 16 February 2019. The NSW Electoral Commission will be managing the by-election and details of how to nominate and vote are available on their website: www.elections.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date for Nominations & Registration of Candidates:
12 pm - 16 January 2019



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

URALLA TOWNSHIP AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE

Uralla Shire Council has established a Section 355 Committee to provide advice on the future of public spaces in Uralla. Council is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from members of the community to serve on the committee to fill **two (2)** vacancies.

The Uralla Township and Environs Committee (UTE) has 12 members and meets at a minimum of twice a year, with further meetings to be facilitated as needed. Since commencement the committee has been meeting monthly on the evening of the second Tuesday of the month. The committee will operate for an interim period of 12 months, with its continued operation to be reviewed by Council in 2019.

EOIs should be addressed to the General Manager and include a statement detailing why the applicant is interested in serving on the committee. Expressions of Interest must be received by **5.00pm on Friday, 8 February 2019** and can be submitted electronically to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au or by post to PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358.

For further information about the Uralla Township and Environs Committee, contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 02 6778 6300 or via email at council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

URALLA AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS



Australia Day, Saturday 26 January 2019 celebration activities will be as follows from 11am:

STREET PROCESSION - Commencing 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 the Armidale Pipe Band, fire brigades, vintage machinery and cars, and the Australia Day Ambassador.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT by Armidale Pipe Band.

OFFICIAL CEREMONY - In **Alma Park** - Including flag raising, National Anthem, Australian Citizenship Ceremony, award presentations, and address by the Ambassador. The Ambassador is selected and sponsored by the Australia Day Council of NSW and the National Australia Day Council.

THONG THROWING COMPETITION - Male and female, junior and senior events with cash prizes and trophies.

GUMBOOT THROWING COMPETITION - Male and female events.

LOLLY SCRAMBLE

REFRESHMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

There will be a barbeque, tea, coffee, damper, sandwiches, cakes, slices, a jumping castle, merry-go-round and face painting for children. Non-alcoholic drinks will also be on sale.

Sponsors - Uralla Shire Council and Uralla Rotary Club

COME ALONG AND HELP CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY!

BUNDARRA SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL (355) COMMITTEE

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 6:30pm

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS November 2018

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-38-2018	Mr T & Mrs J Schofield	17 Leece Road, Uralla	Staged 14 Lot Residential Subdivision
DA-50-2018	St John's Parish Council	12 Park Street, Uralla	Landing, Ramp & Path
DA-55-2018	Uniplan Group Pty Ltd	7A Phillip Avenue, Uralla	Installation of Manufactured Home
DA-56-2018	Mr B Taylor	502 Terrible Vale Road, Kentucky South	Subdivision of One Rural Lot to Create Two Rural Lots – Agricultural Purposes Only
DA-57-2018	Mrs R Doran	19 Hill Street, Uralla	Subdivision of 1 Urban Lot into 2 Urban Lots
DA-58-2018	Mrs J Jurd	28 Souter Street, Bundarra	Subdivision of 3 Urban Lots into 2 Urban Lots
DA-59-2018	Mr J Kurko	48 Hill Street, Uralla	Dwelling Additions & Alterations – Bathroom, Laundry, En suite & Carport
DA-60-2018	Uralla District Show Society	8A King Street, Uralla	Storage Shed
DA-61-2018	Mr M & Mrs F Welbourn	7 Leece Road, Uralla	Living & Dining Room Alterations
DA-62-2018	Mr W Lawrence	8 Warwick Street, Uralla	Shed (including Washroom) and Carport
DA-63-2018	Mr G & Mrs G Downes	10 Leece Road, Uralla	Playroom in Existing Shed
DA-64-2018	Mr P Byrne	115 Rifle Range Road, Rocky River	Change of Use – Transport Depot
DA-65-2018	Ms C Shantal	83 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Conversion of Shed to Dwelling
CDC-28-2018	Mr M & Mrs T Orchard	58 Muirhead Street, Bundarra	Above Ground Swimming Pool – Partially Submerged
CDC-29-2018	Mr C Witcher	4 Rowan Avenue, Uralla	Shed
CDC-30-2018	Mr M Burney	190 Retreat Road, Balala	Alterations & Additions to Dwelling
CDC-31-2018	Rosbuild Constructions	50 Budumba Road, Invergowrie	Dwelling & Shed

Withdrawals:

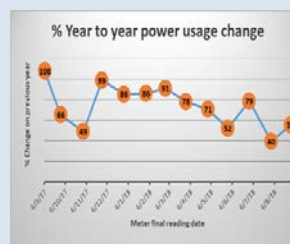
Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-17-2012-2	Balala Composting Pty Ltd	185 Balala Road, Balala	Modification – Composting Facility

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.

Z-NET NEWS

Z-NET's business support team, Peter and Trish, have been helping more local businesses, including two of our new businesses – The Pie Mechanic and the Fung Wah Restaurant - to understand power use and develop plans to reduce energy consumption. Some of the great outcomes of having a Business Energy Review (BER) were highlighted recently when Z-NET presented the results for Thunder Graphics at the last Business Chamber meeting. Since their BER, Thunder Graphics have reduced overall power use by 40%, a big financial saving! Z-NET has also been helping businesses to review power contracts and power hungry equipment. If you are a local business and would like your own free BER, contact Trish at projects@zneturalla.org.au or call in to visit Trish at the library on Thursdays between 2-4:30 pm.



Thunder Graphics monthly breakdown of their power use reduction.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING DECEMBER 2018

- Uralla Shire Council recently received advice of a successful grant application to upgrade ensuites at McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre. Council will receive up to \$500,000 from the Department of Health's *Aged Care Regional, Rural and Remote Infrastructure Grant (ACRRRIG) Program* for the much needed "fit for purpose" upgrades.

This funding supports Council's preferred strategic direction for McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre, as resolved at the 18 December 2018 meeting to *refurbish the current site as contained in the Strategic Options Report, including renewal and upgrade of the existing facility.*

- Queen Street Uralla Caravan Park is now being operated under a management contract with extended hour of staff attendance. All enquiries in relation to bookings and arrangements should be made by calling Jason on 0438 567 728.
- Ordinary Meeting on 18 December 2018.** Select business attended to included Council's resolutions to;
 - Advertise the two positions vacant on the Uralla Township and Environs Committee (UTE);
 - Receive and note the *Uralla Bridges Assessment* report, endorse the opening of these routes (that use the 13 bridges assessed) to Higher Mass Limits (HML) B-Double vehicles and continue to liaise with RMS with a view to opening the Lone Pine Bridge in Bundarra to B-Double HML vehicles;
 - Engage the necessary consultancy services to undertake an assessment of the long term waste management options available to Council.



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