

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Mayor's Message

It's going to be another busy year ahead in the Uralla Shire! Council made great progress last year and we have just as many plans for 2021.

Major projects this year include the implementation of the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme funded by the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program, and the construction of a new bridge at Tolleys Gully and realignment of approaches, all funded through the NSW Growing Local Economies Fund.

We're also gearing up for the Uralla Visitor Information Centre improvement project which is scheduled to commence this month. It's fantastic to see this project progress and we thank the Hon Adam Marshall MP for helping Council secure the grant funding through the NSW Government's Drought Stimulus Package.

One of Council's priorities for 2021 is to conduct more community engagement and improve this space to best serve the Uralla Shire

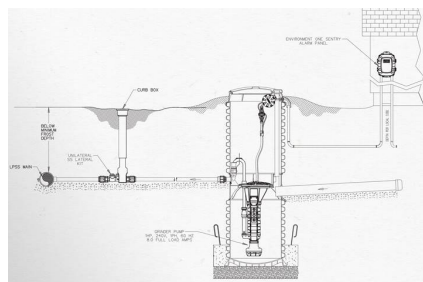


Diagram of the house connections in the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme.

community. I'm looking forward to the outcomes of the community engagement and economic development projects funded by the NSW Bushfire Community Resilience & Economic Recovery Fund Phase 1 grant funding.

I'm also looking forward to celebrating Australia Day 2021 in Uralla and welcoming four new Australian citizens in our Shire. While Australia Day celebrations this year will look a little different to maintain COVID Safe guidelines, the importance of this day to reflect, respect and celebrate what it means to be an Australian hasn't changed.



The completion of the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme will provide environmental health benefits for the Gwydir River.

I'd also like to remind everyone to be safe for the long weekend and especially to take care on the roads when travelling, whether short or long distances.

I look forward to the year ahead and our continuing collaboration with Councillors, staff, and the community who make the Uralla Shire the wonderful place it is to live, work and visit.

Until next time,

**Mayor,
Cr Michael Pearce**

Community Grants Program 2020-21 Round 2 - Opens 1 February 2021

Round 2 of Uralla Shire Council's Community Grants Program will open on 1 February 2021. Community groups and organisations are invited to apply for grants of up to \$3000 for eligible projects, activities, or events.

Council encourages groups or organisations in the community to apply for a grant to build community capacity or provide supplementary funding to assist with social, cultural, recreational, educational, and environmental outcomes.

The Community Grants Program provides financial support to community groups and organisations to deliver projects and activities which benefit the Uralla Shire community under the following categories:

- Community development
- Arts and cultural development
- Social services
- Environmental initiatives
- Sport and recreational activities
- Educational support

Round 2 will close on 28 February 2021. Applications will be assessed and determined at Council's March 2021 Ordinary Meeting.

Individuals can apply for a Community Grant for up to \$300 any time of year, provided that the application is submitted at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the project or activity.

For Guidelines and application forms, visit Council's website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Australia Day 2021 Celebrations

This year, due to COVID Safe restrictions, celebrations will not be held in Alma Park nor will there be a procession. This is because numbers cannot be controlled in an area with no fencing or gate. Instead celebrations will be held in the Memorial Hall, with numbers restricted to regulations at the time.

The Australia Day ceremony will commence at 11.30am and will consist of flag raising and National Anthem, address by the Australia Day Ambassador, and presentation of awards. Any persons who wish to attend should advise the Australia Day Committee Secretary on 6778 4328 beforehand so that attendance can be secured.

The Australia Day Ambassador is the NSW Young Australian of the Year 2013, former NRL player and founder of the Future Director Network, Mr Corey Payne.

At this year's Citizenship Ceremony, four residents of the Uralla Shire will receive Australian Citizenship.

The usual foods stalls will be available at this year's celebrations, however due to COVID Safe requirements there will be no jumping castle, merry-go-round, face painting or thong/gumboot throwing competitions. COVID Safe requirements at the time, such as registering attendance, sanitising and social distancing will be in place.



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

As a lead-up to the day, local shops and businesses are invited to decorate their windows with displays depicting the National Australia Day Council 2020 theme "The Story of Australia." A trophy and prize-money will be awarded for those judged first, second and third.

Uralla Community Street Store gears up for fundraising through 2021

The Uralla Community Street Store is set to deliver another year of fundraising opportunities for community groups and non-profit organisations in the Uralla CBD.

The Community Street Store is an important avenue for Council to facilitate community capacity building and provides fundraising opportunities for local non-profit and community groups throughout the year.

On behalf of the Uralla Shire community, Council invests over \$12,000 annually to make the Community Street Store available to non-profit and community groups to raise funds and awareness of the group's activities.

Council established the Uralla Community Street Store in 2007 as a way for local non-profit groups to raise funds for their activities during the year. Council maintains the Street Store and facilitates community groups' use of the store free of charge.

The Community Street Store is a fantastic opportunity for non-profit community groups to fundraise for their activities and has become a vital point of social connection in the community.

The complete 2021 Schedule has been published on the Community Street Store page on the Council website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au.



Community groups wishing to apply for one of the remaining unallocated weeks or to be placed on the waiting list should send applications or enquiries to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

Uralla Community Street Store Schedule January – March 2021

18 - 24 January	Uralla Australia Day Committee
1 - 7 February	Uralla Shire Council
8 - 14 February	Uralla Junior Rugby League Inc
15 - 21 February	WIRES
22 - 28 February	ZNet Uralla
1 - 7 March	St Joseph's Parish Uralla
8 - 14 March	Rocky River P&C
15 - 21 March	Aboriginal Elders
22 - 28 March	Friends of McMaugh Gardens
29 March - 4 April	Anglican Parish of Uralla

Community Grants Awarded

At its October and November Ordinary meetings, Council awarded individual community grants to Aniwan Elders Pamela Meehan, Trevor Watkins, and Robyn Wheeler to attend the 2021 Elders Olympics.

The successful applicants have received a contribution from Council of \$300 each to help cover the costs to attend the annual event, which brings together teams of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders for a day of friendly competition and celebration of healthy living.

Council is proud to continue to support opportunities for athletic achievements and cultural and creative expression through its Community Grants Program, and to help fund our Elders' attendance at the annual Elders Olympics.

Council congratulates the Elders on their successful award of the grants and wishes them great success.

The annual Elders Olympics event promotes healthy lifestyles and wellbeing, and provides an opportunity for social engagement and developing ongoing networks.



The 2019 Elders Olympics held in Port Macquarie.

Organisations awarded community grants at Council's September Ordinary meeting include St Joseph's School to assist with the school carpark upgrade, the Kentucky Progress Association to erect safety fencing around the Kentucky Park Reserve, and to the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre to assist with the Uralla Garden Project.

Council's Community Grants Program runs two funding rounds for groups and organisations each year, and is open to individuals year round provided that applications meet the program guidelines.

For more information, visit the Council website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au.

2020 Year in Review

Council closed out 2020 by reflecting on the progress and achievements we've made over the past 12 months.

The slideshow presented to Council's December Ordinary meeting showcased the accomplishments of Council across all departments and the organisation's achievements for the Uralla Shire community.

Despite the challenges of 2020, Council delivered a near-record capital works program and completed a significant number of community facility upgrades and projects across the Shire. With the help of our State and Federal members, we also secured a near-record amount of grant funding to help Council deliver a wide range of services to the community.

Council also adapted swiftly to challenges brought on by the pandemic to remain operational while keeping staff and the community safe.

Please check out the slideshow on display in Council's Customer Service foyer and on Council's facebook page. You can follow us [@UrallaShireCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/UrallaShireCouncil).

Development Application & Complying Development Certificate Decisions November 2020

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-39-2020	Mr M Grills	2 Cluan Avenue, Uralla	Shed
DA-40-2020	Mr A Parker	9 King Street, Uralla	Studio Extension
DA-41-2020	Mrs T Toomey	130 Gostwyck Street, Uralla	Change of Use – Home Business (Food Manufacture)
DA-46-2020	Mr D & Mrs S Garrahy	216 Green Gully Road, Uralla	Farm Shed
DA-47-2020	Mr R Munsie	668 Big Ridge Road, Uralla	Machinery & Fodder Shed
DA-48-2020	Mr J Clark & Ms S Doran	29 Fitzroy Street, Uralla	Dwelling
CDC-34-2020	Mr R Faithfull	62 Macleay Way, Saumarez Ponds	Demolition of Existing Shed & Construction of New Detached Metal Shed
CDC-36-2020	Rosbuild Constructions	50 Budumba Road, Invergowrie	Deck
CDC-37-2020	Mr J & Mrs J McDougall & Ms C McDougall	120 Gostwyck Road, Uralla	Shed
CDC-38-2020	Mr M & Mrs K Wallace	3 Prince Avenue, Uralla	Garage

Withdrawals: Nil

Refusals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-43-2020	Mr K & Mrs S Wotton	11 Court Street, Bundarra	Change of Use – Conversion of Shed to Dwelling

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.

CIVIL WORKS

Completed 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 town streets
- Resealing of urban, rural and regional roads. Kingstown Road reseal to continue Feb/March 2021 due to weather conditions.
- Unsealed road maintenance – grading at Mt Drummond, Corrie Road, Old Gostwyck Road, Hariets Gully Road

Upcoming in January

- Retreat Road upgrade – continue base course construction and sealing
- Commence Torryburn Road rehabilitation construction
- Resheeting Program – Unsealed Rural Roads



Catch Up On Your Council Meetings

December Ordinary Meeting

- Acknowledged the dedication of staff recognised by long service awards in 2020 and thanked them for their contributions to the community through their service with Uralla Shire Council.
- Resolved to progress recommendations of the Uralla Township and Environs Committee.
- Received a report and noted the information provided for the works to be undertaken through funding from the Roads to Recovery and Local Roads and Infrastructure Programs.
- Approved a Development Application for a dwelling, garage and strata subdivision at 51 John Street, Uralla.
- Amended Council's Procurement Policy to include weighting for local suppliers/local content providers for businesses whose registered business address is in the Uralla Shire and placed the amended policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
- Placed the draft Gifts and Benefits Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
- Resolved that councillor workshops would be made open to the public, except for confidential agenda items (Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*), when workshops will be closed. Agenda items will be published via public notice 3 business days before the workshop.
- Resolved that councillors table a statement of all claims made under the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy at each ordinary meeting as part of their delegate report. Councillors who have incurred travel or other costs that are borne by Council directly will provide a statement of these at each Council meeting.
- Accepted the tender from JT Fossey Trucks for the supply and delivery of a horizontal discharge bitumen truck.

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

Budget Review & Finance Committee Tuesday, 9 February 2021, 12:30pm Council Chambers.

Ordinary Meeting of Council Tuesday, 23 February 2021, 12:30pm, Council Chambers.

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

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