

OFFICIAL OPENING OF URALLA COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE

An official ceremony to mark the opening of the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) took place on Monday 22 June at 9.30am. Those in attendance included Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall, Uralla Council Mayor and Chair of the Northern Inland Regional Waste (NIRW) group Cr Michael Pearce, members of the Uralla Shire Environmental Consultative Committee, and councillors and staff from local councils.

Uralla Shire received a grant from the NSW Government's *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative to help build the CRC, which accepts paints, oils, batteries, gas bottles & other household problem wastes.



Left: Uralla Shire Mayor Cr Michael Pearce, Member for Northern Tablelands Mr Adam Marshall, and Uralla Shire Manager of Waste & Resource Recovery Mrs Kath Little at the official opening of the CRC last month.

Photo courtesy of Adam Marshall's office.

COUNCIL ENDORSES FIT FOR THE FUTURE SUBMISSION

Uralla Shire resolved at its Council Meeting on Monday 22 June to adopt its final submission to the New South Wales Government's Fit for the Future program.

The submission is based on analysis of Uralla Shire's financial situation, as well as the results of the community engagement program undertaken in March and April. Mayor Michael Pearce said that the submission also involves strategies to improve Council's sustainability and efficiency.

It is a very strong submission, and I commend our staff for the excellent work they have done. I also thank the community for its interest in the future of Uralla Shire Council. More than 400 people took part in our community engagement program, showing their passion for Uralla Shire.

All NSW Councils are required to lodge their submissions to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) by 30 June 2015. All NSW Councils' submissions will be available for viewing at www.ipart.nsw.gov.au after 30 June. IPART will be accepting comments on the submissions throughout July, and will take them into account when determining the final outcomes.

IPART will assess each submission and make recommendations to the Minister for Local Government on 15 October 2015, with the State Government expected to make announcements on the future direction of all Councils in November.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FULLER PARK?

Fuller Park, dedicated to the memory of Arthur G Fuller (1908-1962), is located on the New England Highway across from the Kingstown Road. In the park are two plaques: one is dedicated to Arthur Fuller, and the other records the park winning the Sydney Morning Herald Garden competition for the New England Zone in 1971.

We are asking if anyone has any photographs of the park where the brightly painted tractor used to be back in its award winning heyday, or any information on Arthur Fuller or the Uralla Horticultural Society. **If you have any photographs or records of this park please contact Melody Styles in Council's Infrastructure & Regulation section on 6778 6300.**

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Meeting of Council is scheduled for:

Date: Monday, 27 July 2015

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Uralla Shire Council Chambers,
32 Salisbury Street, Uralla

"Have Your Say" from 1:15pm.
(Contact Council for registration procedure)

Council Meeting Agendas and Reports can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website at: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Link: [Your Council/Council Documents](#)

Resolutions of Council

The Minutes of Council Meetings are available at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au - go to: [Your Council/ Council Documents/ Minutes](#)

NAIDOC WEEK LUNCH

NAIDOC week is a celebration of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past and present, not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians in all walks of life.

Uralla Shire Council will take the opportunity to host a NAIDOC Week lunch at the Uralla Community Centre from 12 noon on Wednesday 8 July.

The Lunch will include Welcome to Country, presentations and an opportunity to meet staff, Elders and community members. We will celebrate and showcase some of the great work we are involved in with the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities in the New England Region.

We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP by Friday 3rd July to info@kads.net.au or call 6778 6350.



We all Stand on Sacred Ground:
Learn, Respect & Celebrate

5 – 12 JULY 2015

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR SOUNDTRAILS

Soundtrails, the innovative digital story telling phone app first developed and trialled in Uralla in 2014, is once again in the national media spotlight. Soundtrails has just been announced as the national winner of the ABC Radio National REMIX Competition for clever, game-changing ideas that transform how arts and culture are experienced. Audio producers Hamish Sewell and Helen Wilkinson recently travelled to Sydney to receive the award at a gala presentation night at the Sydney Town Hall.

Visit the following websites to hear more about Soundtrails and to download the app.

www.facebook.com/nenw.soundtrails
www.abc.net.au/radio/#programitem/pg8A635W57?play=true
www.soundtrails.com.au

OVER 50s SOCIAL GROUP

Uralla Shire Council is running a Social Group for people aged 50 and over. The first meeting will be held at the Uralla Community Centre on Wednesday 8 July from 10.30am- 1.30pm.

A light morning tea and lunch will be provided. The activity will be jewellery making. All arts and crafts made will help to raise funds for the Elders Olympics in 2016. Participants will be asked to make a gold coin donation.

For more information please contact Kostane at Tablelands Community Support Options on 6778 6350.

POSITIONS VACANT

PART-TIME DAY CENTRE COORDINATOR—INVERELL

Reference No: U15/7199

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position.

This position is responsible for the coordination and facilitation of Day Centre programs for Aboriginal elders in the Inverell/Tingha area.

Closing date: Friday 3 July 2015

SUPPORT FACILITATOR

Reference No: U15/7200

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position.

Working as part of an experienced team, this position is responsible for facilitating person centred goals that support aged people or people with a disability to stay in their own homes.

Closing date: Friday 3 July 2015

CASUAL DIRECT SUPPORT WORKERS

Reference No: U15/7178

We are currently looking for suitably qualified Personal/Domestic Care Staff for work in Armidale, Uralla and Walcha, providing personal and domestic assistance to people in their homes.

Closing date: Any Time

For further information on these jobs, including how to apply, visit Council's website:

www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

SAVE THE DATE—2015 CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

Uralla Shire Council's Annual Chemical Cleanout will take place at the Uralla Landfill and Community Recycling Centre on Tip Road (off Rowan Avenue) on Thursday 20 August from 9.00 a.m. to 400 p.m. **For more information, please contact Council on 6778 6300.**

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS— MAY 2015

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-23-2015	Ms S Gousteris	38 Gostwyck Street, Uralla	Dwelling and Garage
DA-25-2015	Ms M Lawrence	1/14 Hill Street, Uralla	Patio Cover
DA-26-2015	New England Surveying & Mapping	21 Dumaresq Street, Uralla	2 Lot Strata Subdivision of Duplex
DA-27-2015	Mr L Herbert & Ms T Burnham	43 Andersons Road, Rocky River	Shed
DA-28-2015	Mr T Smith	25 Hill Street, Uralla	Internal Alterations & Repitch Part of Roof
DA-32-2015	Uralla Shire Council	Lot 22 & Lot 613 Karava Place, Uralla	7 Lot Subdivision

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*.

COUNCIL INVESTS IN THE FUTURE OF TOURISM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

At its May meeting, Uralla Council resolved to modernise Tourism and Library services through investment in the development of an Information Hub incorporating greater technology. The new Information Hub is an exciting innovation, which will provide many benefits for visitors and locals alike.

Tourism is changing, with a greater focus on digital tools. Continuing Tourism as it is currently provided, with the traditional focus on the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and limited technology, is not a viable strategy. However, a local presence with local knowledge and personalised service is required alongside greater regional collaboration and better technology. Our region has a large number of visiting friends and relatives, so we need to ensure local residents and visitors have access to the information they need about destinations and experiences, and can take advantage of all the great services and products Uralla has to offer.

Development of an Information Hub will provide a wide variety of up-to-date facts for residents and visitors, including information on local history, local associations and activities, local businesses and experiences in the region. It will provide an extra opportunity for local organisations to market themselves.

The Uralla Information Hub will make the short trip next door to be co-located with the Library facility, which is an underutilised building with excellent functionality and excess space. Uralla Shire has the rare distinction in this region of having both its Library and Visitor Information Centre open seven days a week. This move will allow the current combined Library and Visitor Information Centre opening hours to not only be maintained, but potentially increased as a result.

The current VIC building is to be refurbished, and an open Expression of Interest process will be undertaken to determine commercial leasing options for the building. The benefits of this include income for Council that can be used for local services, as well residents and visitors having access to food, drink, information, history and cultural services within close proximity.

COUNCIL SPONSORS ENVIRONMENTORS PROGRAM

Pupils at Uralla Central and Kentucky Public Schools planted the seeds of sustainability in a 'Schoolyard Harvest' Workshop, run by Keep NSW Beautiful's EnviroMentors to educate children about environmental issues, starting at home and in the garden.



Pupils at Kingstown Public School learned about recycling through the EnviroMentors' 'Close The Loop' Workshop.

Uralla Shire Council sponsored the workshops to raise environmental awareness and allow children to create habits that promote environmental sustainability.

Left: Students enjoyed learning about plants and gardening in the 'Schoolyard Harvest' workshop, presented by Anita Rodger from Keep NSW Beautiful and sponsored by Uralla Shire Council.

Photo courtesy of Anita Rodger.

BRIDGE NAMING SUGGESTIONS

Council is seeking suggestions for the names of two (2) new bridges to be completed in 2015:

- the bridge at Emu Crossing; and
- the bridge over Abington Creek.

Please post your written comments to Uralla Shire Council, PO Box 106, URALLA NSW 2358, or email to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au or hand deliver to the Uralla Council Administration Office at 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla.

Kindly note that submissions close at 5.00p.m. on Friday 31 July 2015.

Previous suggestions regarding names for these bridges will be taken into consideration.

RANGER SERVICES

Microchipping and registration of dogs and cats is vital for all companion animal owners. It assists Council's Ranger in resolving animal control matters, such as returning lost animals to their owners. All dogs and cats must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age, and registered by 6 months of age before being sold or given away under the Companion Animals Act. NSW is the only state that offers 'lifetime registration'. This means no matter how many owners an animal has, it will only have 1 registration. The registration fees are set by the State government every financial year. The fees as at 1 July 2015 are:

Non desexed animal: \$192

Desexed animal (proof required): \$52

Desexed animal belonging to pensioner (proof required): \$21

Recognised breeder (proof required): \$52

Working dog (proof required): \$0



VOLUNTEERING AT THE VIC

Do you have a love of the Uralla district and enjoy speaking to others about it? Then why not join the team of like-minded volunteers at the Uralla Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and help spread the word about our area's many wonderful attractions.

If you are able to spare 1-4 hours a week and are interested in lending a helping hand, please contact Patrick or Luise on 6778 6420, or call into the Visitor Information Centre to register your interest.



URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL OPEN DAY FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2015

TIME: 10:00am-2:00pm

LOCATION: Library / Porter Park Precinct

- Mayor for a Day Competition (Open to students 13 to 17 years old)
- Art Competition—Show us what Uralla means to you (5-12 years old)
- Photography Competition (2 sections: 10-17 years old & 18 years & over)
- Display of Heavy Machinery
- Council Chambers On Show
- Biscuit Decorating for Children
- Heritage Walks of Uralla
- Information Marquee
- Story time for Children (3-5 years old)
- Morning Tea will be provided
- FREE Sausage Sizzle for lunch

Everyone is welcome.

Come along and learn more about what your local Council does.

All this and more—watch this space for further details to come!

**If you have a group (school or other) that would like to attend, please contact
Desley Williams on 6778 6303 or go to Council's website:
www.uralla.nsw.gov.au**