

JULY 2018

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



CHAIRMAN OF NEW ENGLAND JOINT ORGANISATION CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYOR PEARCE



Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce was elected Chair of the newly-formed **New England Joint Organisation** (NEJO) at the group's inaugural meeting in Moree on Monday 25 June 2018.

The NEJO, which includes the mayors and general managers from Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Inverell Shire, Moree Plains Shire, Narrabri Shire, Uralla Shire and Tenterfield Shire Councils, was proclaimed by the state government on May 11, 2018.

A major advantage of the NEJO is that member councils are in a better position to engage with and lobby the state government as a group, rather than as individual councils.

Working with all the members of the NEJO, Mayor Pearce, as the inaugural Chair, will provide important leadership and play a pivotal role in establishing the functions of the group and setting the priority strategies for the benefit of the region.

YOUTH WEEK 2018 WRAP UP

This year's National Youth Week was a week-long celebration of youth, held from 13-22 April. The NSW government initiative is jointly funded by Uralla Shire Council and coordinated by the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, who, together with the library, offered a diverse range of activities throughout the week, including:

- Bubble Soccer at the RSL Memorial Hall and straw building at the Library;
- Cooking workshops and a movie night;
- Family fun day in Alma Park;
- Visit to Armidale's Aboriginal Cultural Centre & Keeping Place;
- Craft activities and a visit from the local fire brigade;
- Story time, where older siblings assisted younger ones with craft activities.

This year the Youth Week Program included a new and innovative activity called "Escape the Library", which proved so popular that two sessions were held. A big thank you goes out to Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, community members, volunteers and the community businesses who supported Youth Week 2018.

"An even bigger thank you goes to the Youth of Uralla! You are a credit to your families and to your community." **Jo Fletcher, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre**

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After-Hours and Public Holidays

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Report all Fires: 000
Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next scheduled Council meeting is on **24 July 2018** at 12.30pm.

The next Uralla Township & Environs Committee meetings are on **10 July & 14 August 2018** at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

These meetings are open to the public. Council meeting agendas and reports can be viewed and downloaded from our website: uralla.nsw.gov.au

WHAT'S ON IN URALLA SHIRE JULY

- Mon 2 **Ascent Community Care Activities**
- Uralla Community Centre
- Mon 9 **Ascent Christmas in July - Crafts**
- at Uralla Community Centre
- Tue 10 **NAIDOC Week event**
- From 10am
- Wed 11 **Grace Munro Aged Care Centre AGM**
- Bundarra – at Donna’s Shop
- Sat 14 **Bundarra Men’s Shed formation meeting**
- Bundarra Sport Centre
- Mon 16 **Ascent Community Care Activities**
- Uralla Community Centre
- Tue 19 **Uralla Cancer Support Group**
- Uralla Community Centre
- Mon 23 **Ascent Christmas in July – Outing**
- From Uralla Community Centre
- Fri 27 **Inaugural Uralla Business Chamber Awards**
- Nominations close Wed 4 July
- Mon 30 **Ascent Community Care Activities & Speaker**
- at Uralla Community Centre

Check <http://uralla.com/events> for your local calendar of events

URALLA TOWNSHIP AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE

The inaugural meeting of the Uralla Township and Environs Committee was held at 6pm, Tuesday 22 May. Deputy Mayor Cr Isabel Strutt opened the meeting and welcomed the committee members and the chairperson, Mr Kent Mayo. The objective of the committee is to advise Council on the future development and redevelopment of the public spaces in and near the township of Uralla and any other matter which Council believes to be relevant.

The committee plans to meet on Tuesdays at 6pm, two weeks prior to the monthly Council meetings. The committee meetings are open to the public and will be held in the Council Chambers.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN WHEN PASSING A DWELLING ON A GRAVEL ROAD

Until the welcome rains it had been very dry and homes that are on dirt roads were being inundated with dust. When you are out and about, please be courteous and slow down near dwellings to help ease the dust nuisance.

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION DATES 2018 / 2019

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NSW Public Holidays

Green Waste Collection Dates

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

The Red Cross works with politicians, policy-makers, organisations and the public to improve the situation of the most vulnerable people in Australia and around the world, advocating based on direct experience and evidence, and empowers people to speak out and take action to improve their lives.

The local branch volunteers have listed the work done by the Australian Red Cross including:

- saving lives and supporting people before and after disasters strike;
- working to alleviate suffering during wars and conflict, and promoting the laws of war; and
- working to assist our most vulnerable community members – no matter their circumstances.

The Red Cross always focuses on the needs and perspectives of vulnerable people and is bound by Fundamental Principles of Humanity: Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality.

All are welcome to attend meetings on the first Friday of every month, at 2 pm in the RSL Institute building meeting room. We always have a lovely cuppa after the meetings. Our July meeting is our **Annual General Meeting** - on **Friday 6 July at 2pm**, with guest speaker Catherine Mead from The Ascent Group.

Find out more at redcross.org.au

Z-NET HAS A NEW HOME

Our shire is now generating 19% of our predicted energy usage from solar. This is a 7% increase since the beginning of 2016 and is a fantastic achievement!

Thanks to the generosity and community-mindedness of the CSIRO, Z-NET Uralla now has an office at Chiswick from which to run our projects. The office has heating, telephone and storage space for our displays – a real luxury! Also, with thanks to the continued support of Uralla Shire Council, we are able to maintain a presence in Uralla township for access by the community to drop in and talk energy. This is a good time of the year to organise your home energy audit.

You can find Trish at the Uralla Library on a Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4:30pm. So come in and talk power bills or ask questions about energy savings. The Uralla Library has excellent resource books and magazines to assist. You can also leave a message on our phone at 0411 804 627 or email Trish at projects@zneturalla.org.au

2018-19 OPERATIONAL PLAN

INCLUDING BUDGET FEES AND CHARGES

The combined 2017-2021 Delivery Program and 2018-19 Operational Plan details the activities and actions that Council will undertake to meet the community goals set out in the Community Strategic Plan. At the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 June 2018, Council adopted its annual program of actions, accompanying budget, and fees and charges applicable for the coming financial year.

The 2018-19 Operational Plan includes the continuation of service delivery across the full range of operations currently enjoyed by residents, as well as the following major projects:

- Delivering two projects funded through the NSW government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, including an upgrade of Pioneer Park and renewal of existing park facilities throughout the shire;
- Progressing the implementation of the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme;
- Progressing the development of the light industrial land project in Rowan Street;
- Progressing the Uralla Visitor Information Centre Improvement Project; and
- Exploring options for a special rate variation to address the maintenance and renewal backlog for our community assets and facilities.

Council will also deliver the regular capital renewal programs, including:

- Roads renewal, resealing and re-sheeting programs;
- Footpath and cycleway program;
- Water supply infrastructure and renewal program; and
- Sewerage service infrastructure renewal program.

The full document and other related information can be found on Council's website by following the link 'Your Council/Community Strategic Plan' at <http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au>.

SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

At its Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 26 June 2019, Uralla Shire Council resolved to re-form the Visitor Information Centre Improvement Project Reference Group. This group currently has a vacancy. If you are involved in the tourism industry and are interested in providing support to the Council for this project, please visit Council's website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au and follow the quick link to 'Tenders, Quotes & EOIs'.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS JUNE 2018

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-69-2015-2	Croft Surveying & Mapping	41 Rock Abbey Road, Uralla	Modification – 2 Lot Subdivision
DA-8-2016-4	New England Surveying & Engineering	13 Stringybark Ridge Road, Invergowrie	Modification – 4 Lot Staged Subdivision
DA-60-2017-2	Mrs J Gray	55 King Street, Uralla	Modification - Dwelling Additions & Alterations
DA-20-2018	Mr R & Mrs D Nies	14 Souter Street, Bundarra	Extension to Shed & Conversion of Shed to Dwelling
DA-25-2018	Mrs S Egan (Picton Bros)	4 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Gable Patio & Deck Dwelling Addition
DA-26-2018	Croft Surveying & Mapping	56 Salisbury Street & 26 Uralla Street, Uralla	Two Lots into Three Lots Subdivision
DA-29-2018	Uralla Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd	52 Hill Street, Uralla	Installation of 50Kw Solar Panels
DA-30-2018	Green Homes Australia Tamworth	73 Rock Abbey Road, Uralla	Dwelling (including Carport)
CDC-14-2018	Ms G Ellis	83 Dumaresq Road, Saumarez Ponds	Dwelling & Stables
CDC-16-2018	Mrs K Wallace	18 Elizabeth Avenue, Uralla	Dwelling Alterations & Additions

Refusals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-14-2018	Mr C Hull	51 John Street, Uralla	2 Lot Subdivision

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.

McMAUGH GARDENS CELEBRATED THE ROYAL WEDDING IN STYLE



AT URALLA LIBRARY

Book Discussion Group – 3rd Tuesday of each month, next one is Tue 17 July at 4pm
Lego Club – Thu 19 July 4pm-5pm, for children 5 to 12 years of age.
Knit One, Purl One! – with the Knattering Knitters: Tuesdays 10am and Sundays 2pm.
Storytime: Educational and Fun – for toddlers and pre-schoolers, Tuesdays at 10.30am.
Baby Booktime – for babies under 2 years of age, 2.30pm Tuesdays during school term.
History Hub: 1-to-1 Training – Photo Scanning – our volunteers can assist with your local and family history research enquiries. Book a 1-to-1 session to learn how to digitise your precious family photos. Free of charge at Uralla Library, bookings essential phone **6778-6470**.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING JUNE

Council held its **Strategic Planning Workshop** on 12 June.

Council held its regular **Ordinary Meeting** on 26 June. Highlights are:

- Updated Drought Management Plan
- Future management options for Uralla Shire Council Caravan Park
- Timeframe Management for implementation of the Bundarra Sewer Scheme
- Bundarra School of Arts Hall Committee activities and minutes
- Commencement of the new Crown Lands Management Act
- The Mayor attended the Australian Local Government Congress Meeting in Canberra

DID YOU KNOW

Council provides an extensive range of services, such as:

- Open spaces, parks and gardens
- Sporting facilities
- Community centres and halls
- Public swimming pool
- Aged and disability services
- Aged care centre
- Community development
- Libraries
- Disability services
- Road network of 507kms sealed and 426kms unsealed roads with 76 bridges and culverts
- Footpaths and cycle ways
- Car parking
- Kerb and guttering
- Public amenities
- Visitor Information Centre
- Street lighting and signage
- Street furniture
- Water supplies
- Sewerage services
- Storm water management
- Natural resource management
- Environmental management
- Development control planning
- Community Transport

For more information, visit Council's website and following the links to Your Council/Community Strategic Plan, at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au