

JUNE 2016



URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



MCMAUGH GARDENS

THE SECRET OF CHANGE IS IN BUILDING THE NEW!

When you enter McMaugh Gardens you are instantly embraced with positive change. Facility Manager Dianne Russell and Leadership Staff have been working diligently to build our new approach of delivering person – centred care. This exceptional level of care is now how ALL staff at McMaugh Gardens work every day.

‘Our residents do not live in our workplace, staff work in our resident’s home’.

One of the major changes that you will notice, is our increase to 24/7 coverage of Registered Nurses. This will not only provide greater support for our residents but also support for care staff. At McMaugh Gardens we have recently celebrated International Nurses Day! Residents were engaged in a morning discussion about famous nurses such as Florence Nightingale and many recalled ‘Hot Lips’ Houlihan from the TV show M*A*S*H! Staff were also acknowledged for their efforts with lunch or dinner.

Social and recreational activities are evident in our resident’s home and are programmed 7 days a week. These activities are meaningful and engaging for our residents. At the end of April, residents visited Sunhill Dairy Goat Farm (Uralla) where they enjoyed a delicious morning tea and interacted 1:1 with the goats and other farm animals. Residents were also able to indulge in a hand massage using the farms locally made hand cream. This outing enabled residents to engage their five senses (sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch).

All staff at McMaugh Gardens would like to thank all those involved in the Can Assist morning tea. The residents enjoyed coming together in the dining room and socializing with other residents and visitors. The smiles on the resident’s faces said it all! *Leisure & Lifestyle Coordinator, Susan Lightfoot*





OPENING OF BERGEN ROAD

On 12th May residents of Uralla and Walcha Shires celebrated the completion of sealing of the Bergen Road with a roadside get together on the border of the two Shires. The celebration was attended by some 50 locals who enjoyed a BBQ together. The official side of the celebration was presided over by James Street, President of the Wollun Progress Association and some long time residents gave the gathering some history of the road including when there were 22 gates between Kentucky and Walcha.

The special opening cake was cut by the youngest residents, Aggie Street and Reva Liddle. The ribbon to officially open the road was cut by senior residents Yvonne Lisle and Leo Blanch.



Those at the gathering were very complimentary of the Council and the construction crew for their efforts.



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NATIVE TREE DIEBACK ON THE TABLELANDS

The [Community Dieback Monitoring Project](#) has been created to investigate the causes and solutions to the devastating problem of native tree dieback on the Tablelands.

"We want people to tell us where trees are dying back, but also to let us know where native vegetation is looking healthy and thriving," said David Carr from the Armidale Tree Group.

Landholders can either fill in an online survey at www.armidaletreegroup.org.au/educational-resources or request a paper copy of the survey from Danielle Anderson on 0472 743 919 or by emailing diebacksurvey@armidaletreegroup.org.au



From the GM's desk:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Minister for Local Government has announced Uralla residents will go to the polls on Saturday 10 September to elect the Uralla Shire Councillors and Mayor for the next four years.

Now that the merger proposal has been rejected elections for the Shire will be brought into line with the majority of NSW with nominations for the election of Mayor and Councillors closing on the 10 August 2016.

For the coming election voters will elect four Councillors from each of the two wards and will for the first time vote for a popularly elected Mayor. Traditionally the Mayor at Uralla has been elected by the Councillors but following the referendum at the 2012 poll, the popularly elected Mayor will be introduced. Also voters should make sure they vote in the correct ward as the wards have been reduced from three to two with substantial changes in boundaries. In the coming months the following website will have the new ward boundary information for voters: www.votensw.info

2016/2017 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN

Uralla Shire Councils draft Operational Plan and Budget was adopted by Council on Monday 23 May and has been released for public exhibition. The plan outlines Councils response to the opportunity provided by the Minister for Local Government to lead the community into the future.

This is a positive plan, has good levels of funding for the organisation, meets the Fit for the Future sustainability criteria and has a number of great projects for the community and the resources to meet some of the challenges ahead.

Mayor Michael Pearce said that now that the threat of amalgamation is behind us the Council is looking forward to working hard for the people of Uralla Shire.

The budget contains “after depreciation” operating profits in all funds and is based on a projected rate rise of just 1.8%. New land valuations will be used in the rate levy this year and standardisation of waste management charges are features of the budget.

Projects include upgrades for the Bingara Road, Jacksons Road and Saumarez War Service Road and new concrete decks for Munsies and Mihi Bridges. These are the last two timber bridges in the shire. The Council has also set aside funds for the installation of a new fire sprinkler system at Grace Munro aged care facility in Bundarra and a new IT system at McMaugh Gardens in Uralla.

Council has commenced planning for a reticulated sewerage scheme for Bundarra to overcome issues with effluent disposal in the town and has recently lodged application for funding for the project.

Also featured in this plan is funding to continue the Councils efforts in environmental projects with funds for solar panels on the Council chambers and for energy efficiency programs for businesses in Uralla.

The plan is on display at the Uralla Shire Council web site, Council Chambers, Uralla Library, Bundarra, Invergowrie, Kingstown and Kentucky for a period of 28 Days and submissions can be made to the Council up until the 22 June.





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BreastScreen NSW

NSW Hunter New England's mobile breast cancer screening unit will be visiting Uralla and provides the opportunity for women aged 50 to 74 years to take advantage of this **FREE**, potentially life saving service.

Where: Pioneer Park, Salisbury Street

When: From Monday 6 June 2016

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE PHONE: 13 20 50 or www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au

Development Application and Complying Development Certificate
Approvals / Refusals March 2016

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-58-2015-2	Rossbuild Constructions	7B Salisbury Street, Uralla	Modification – Staged Development – Stage 1: 2 Units Dual Occupancy Stage 2: Strata Subdivision
DA-1-2016	Uralla Shire Council	106 Bridge Street, Uralla	Relocation of Visitor Information Centre
DA-13-2016	Mr K & Mrs E Leader	80 Marble Hill Road, Saumarez Ponds	4 Bay Shed
DA-14-2016	Mr P & Mrs H Young	362 Gowings Road, Camerons Creek	Dwelling Additions
DA-16-2016	Mr D Jones	1184 Barraba Road, Bundarra	Creation of Private Cemetery
CDC-3-2016	Mr G & Mrs C Clark	59A Maitland Street, Uralla	Internal Alterations
CDC-4-2016	Mr B Watts	35 Rowan Avenue, Uralla	Shed
CDC-5-2016	Mr A Rowley & Ms P Eggins	53 Gostwyck Street, Uralla	Garage

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 MEETINGS

The next Meeting of Council is scheduled for:

DATE: Monday 27 June 2016
TIME: 1:00pm
LOCATION: Council Chambers,
32 Salisbury Street, URALLA.

'**HAVE YOUR SAY**' provides the opportunity for residents to make a presentation to the Council Meeting. Please contact Council for registration procedures.

Council Meeting Agendas and Reports can be viewed and downloaded from the 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 using the link: Your Council/Council Documents/Minutes

HISTORY HUB - One to One training - Ancestry.com

If researching your family history feels like an overwhelming process, Uralla History Hub can help. **One to one, Ancestry.com training is now offered free of charge!** Bookings are essential, for further information call Uralla Library – 6778 6470.



Lego Club – 16th June

Come along on the **third Thursday of each month from 4.00 – 5.00pm. The building theme for June is: ANIMALS.** Lego Club is free – no bookings required, latecomers welcome.

Book Group – 21st June

Join us at Uralla Library from **4:00pm on the third Tuesday of every month** for a lively and inclusive discussion. New members are always welcome. **The June book of the month is a biography: Ammonites and Leaping Fish** by Penelope Lively - copies available in the library.

Standard Drink Promotion Challenge

Do you know how much alcohol is in a standard drink? Visit Uralla Library in June, take the Know Your Standards Challenge and find out!

On loan from the State Library of NSW, Know Your Standards is an alcohol awareness program displayed in libraries throughout NSW.

Storytime

Storytime offers singing, reading, and age related craft experiences for preschool aged children. **Join us every Tuesday at 10.30am.**

Knattering Knitters

Every Tuesday from 10:00am morning of craft, conversation and coffee. All welcome.