

# JUNE 2018

## URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



### MIHI CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT COMPLETED

Uralla Shire Council has completed the \$520,000 upgrade of the Mihi Creek Bridge, with the new two-lane bridge officially opened by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall and Deputy Mayor Isabel Strutt on 9 May.

Cr Strutt said the Mihi Creek Bridge Replacement Project, which was jointly-funded by Council and the NSW Government through its Fixing Country Roads Program, will deliver transport efficiencies to the local livestock and forestry industries through reduced travel time and improved accessibility.

"Council is delighted to have finalised the Mihi Creek Bridge Replacement Project, which has enabled the replacement of the old single lane timber deck with a two-lane concrete deck, comprising pre-cast concrete panels designed to higher load standards," Cr Strutt said.

"Council's staff and the local contractors who were engaged to assist in delivering this project have done an outstanding job, and I am pleased that the project has been completed within the allocated budget and set timeframe," she said.



*Adam Marshall MP & Deputy Mayor Cr Strutt, inspect the bridge deck before the official opening*



The Mihi Creek Bridge is situated on Enmore Road, approximately 18 kilometres east of Uralla.

*Adam Marshall MP & Deputy Mayor Cr Strutt, met with Overseer Tony Swilks (left) and Construction Ganger Greg Parkes*

### URALLA TOWNSHIP AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE

At its February meeting, Council resolved to establish the Uralla Township and Environs Committee under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Submissions received for positions on the committee were determined at the April meeting of Council and members were appointed for a one year term.

Members of the Committee are:

Mr Colin Hull, Mr John Kurko, Mr Kent Mayo (Chair), Mr Carl Merten, Mr Shaun Platford, Ms Fay Porter, Mrs Noelene Porter, Mr James Sinclair, Mr Phillip Smith, Mr Louis Van Eckert, Dr Ariella Van Luyn and Miss Andrea Wallace.

### COUNCIL CONTACTS

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**Tourism Website:** [www.uralla.com](http://www.uralla.com)

#### Community Services Website:

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##### After-Hours and Public Holidays

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Report all Fires: 000  
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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next scheduled Council meeting is on **26 June 2018** at 12.30pm.

Council meeting agendas and reports can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website at [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au)

### WHATS ON IN URALLA SHIRE

#### JUNE

- Sun 3     **Uralla Monthly Poultry Auction**  
            - Uralla Showground
- Mon 4, 18     **Ascent Community Care Activities**  
& 25           - Uralla Community Centre
- Sat 9 -     **Gostwyck Winter Endurance Festival**  
Mon 11       - Uralla Showground
- Wed 13     **Biggest Morning Tea Bundarra**  
            - CWA Rooms
- Sat 23     **Uralla Community & Unique Markets**  
            - RSL Memorial Hall
- Tue 26     **Progressive Cinema**  
            - McCrossin's Mill Museum

### PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SMOKING IN PLAYGROUNDS AND AT SPORTING GROUNDS

Council has received complaints regarding smoking at or in the vicinity of children's playground areas. Not only does this practice provide for a harmful environment for children and other people, it is against the law.

#### Smoke-free areas

Smoking is banned in all enclosed public areas and certain outdoor public areas, under the NSW *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* and the *Smoke-free Environment Regulation 2016*. These bans are intended to protect people from harmful second-hand tobacco smoke. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke. Information on these laws can be found on the following link:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smoke-free-laws.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smoke-free-laws.aspx)

#### Outdoor public areas

Some of the places where smoking is banned:

- Within 10 metres of children's play equipment in outdoor public places.
- Public swimming pools.
- Spectator areas at sports grounds or other recreational areas used for organised sporting events.
- Within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building.

#### Why are the laws in place?

These smoking bans in outdoor public areas have been made because:

- They are often visited by children and families and they can be crowded.
- They allow limited opportunity for people to avoid second-hand smoke.
- This approach will achieve an important reduction in many people's exposure to second-hand smoke.
- This approach will create a more supportive environment for those who have quit smoking.

#### Enforcement of smoking bans

NSW Health inspectors can issue cautions or **on the spot fines of \$300** to people who break the smoking bans.

### URALLA LIBRARY

Are you aware of all the wonderful events and activities held at the library? Keep your eyes peeled each month, there is always something new and exciting. Check out some of the things to do in June:

**Book Group** - Tuesday – 19 June, 4pm

Every month a new and evocative book creates lively and inclusive discussion at Uralla Library. If you are a passionate reader and would like to participate in thought provoking conversations about books, join us on the third Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome.

**Lego Club** – Thursday 21 June, 4 – 5pm

Are you 5 – 12 years old and like building, creating and tinkering with Lego? If so, visit Uralla Library for Lego Club, where you can meet other Lego fans, build some great things and have fun. Lego is supplied and there is no cost, although we welcome donations in Lego form.

**Knit One, Purl One!**

Would you like company while you sew, knit or crochet? Visit Uralla Library and meet our lovely Knattering Knitters in a fun, relaxed and social setting. Every Tuesday from 10am and every Sunday from 2pm - bring your own projects and supplies.

**Storytime - it's Free, Educational and Fun!**

Bring your little ones along to the library and let them enjoy a magical time with stories, songs and craft! Meet local parents and children at these free sessions, tailor-made for toddlers and pre-schoolers. Every Tuesday at 10.30am.

**Baby Booktime**

Share the love of reading with your baby. Designed for babies under 2 years of age, this program is a wonderful introduction to books, stories, rhymes, songs and music. Join us at 2.30pm every Tuesday during school term.

**History Hub**

**One to One Training – Ancestry.com**

Volunteers at Uralla History Hub are available to assist with your local and family history research enquiries. Why not book a One-to-One training session and discover what makes you uniquely you? Access to Ancestry.com is available free of charge at Uralla Library, **bookings essential**.

For further details regarding the above activities, please contact Uralla Library: Ph: 6778 6470 or E: [library@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@uralla.nsw.gov.au)

### ZNET URALLA NEWS

#### How is Uralla Shire tracking towards 100% renewable?

Our Shire is now generating 18% of our predicted electricity usage from solar PV. This is a great achievement with over two thirds being achieved since we got our Z-NET Blueprint in 2015. At this rate we will reach 100% renewable electricity by 2030 just by people power!

All the work is done by our businesses and homes to reduce the actual amount of power they use, by updating thermal building fabric, LED light bulbs, efficient appliances etc, and purchasing Greenpower are also making a contribution.

Achieving sustainable wood use for heating is the next big step as burning wood is nearly half our energy use. With our new project Elephant in the Woodlands, Z-NET Uralla will be working with the community to help reach this goal.

### TIPS FOR MINIMISING WOOD SMOKE POLLUTION

During the New England winter months, many people in Uralla Shire rely on wood to heat their homes. It is estimated that wood heaters in the Uralla township heat around 70% of the dwellings.

With wood heating comes the generation of smoke. Wood smoke provides for harmful pollution which affects lung health in the same way tobacco smoking causes respiratory disease.

Burning wood efficiently is the key to minimising smoke generation while heating your home. By taking a few simple steps you will assist in minimising smoke generation. This can be done by:

- Only burning dry, seasoned wood.
- Storing wood in dry places on a solid platform such as concrete.
- Burning wood at hot temperatures to limit fine particle pollution.
- Making sure vents are open to draw in air and increase combustion temperature.
- Avoiding slow combustion of wood over night.
- Maintaining a clean chimney and well sealed fire in closed wood heaters and wood stoves.



### GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICE

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres travel to rural and regional communities to provide community members with information and access to government services. They provide personalised face-to-face servicing to those who may not have easy access to a Department of Human Services office. Staff from the Department of Human Services travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help the community with Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support & Australian Hearing payments and services.

The van will be in **Uralla** on 19 June from 9am to 4pm in the VIC Carpark and **Bundarra** on 22 June 2018 from 9am to 3pm.





### Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals / Refusals April 2018

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-6-2018	Mr D & Mrs S Barnden	32 Devoncourt Road, Uralla	Subdivision of 2 Rural Lots to create 6 Rural Lots
DA-12-2018	Mr S Humphries & Ms A Small	83 Devoncourt Road, Uralla	Manufactured Home, Two Sheds & Studio
DA-17-2018	Ms K Balderston	2 Rowan Avenue, Uralla	2 Lot Subdivision
DA-18-2018	Mr J Richey	66 John Street, Uralla	Dwelling Extension – Laundry & Covered Deck
DA-19-2018	PONZ Armidale	30 Bridge Street, Uralla	Storage Shed
DA-21-2018	Mr D Ward	44 Noalimba Avenue, Kentucky South	Repairing Timber Bracing Trusses, Windows & Entry Slab
DA-22-2018	Mr P Hunt & Ms M Paton	17 Dangar Street, Uralla	Garage
CDC-9-2018	Mr P Hunt & Ms M Paton	17 Dangar Street, Uralla	Dwelling Additions & Alterations
CDC-11-2018	Mr M & Mrs J Crosby	11 Church Avenue, Uralla	Swimming Pool

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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Boasting a rich history, Uralla has more than 50 buildings and sites of heritage significance which can be easily explored on foot or by vehicle. The community collectively bought and restored McCrossins Mill in the 1980s and 1990s, and this is now a multi award-winning museum, gallery and function centre still run by volunteers. This is also the starting point for the Heritage Walk.

You can access a brochure about the heritage walk from the VIC, which will give you information about the buildings as you go & download the Soundtrail from [sountrails.com.au](http://sountrails.com.au)

### McMAUGH GARDENS

McMaugh Gardens residents and staff were very pleased to support the wonderful work of Uralla CanAssist by hosting their annual Morning Tea fundraiser.



### KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING MAY

- Council held its Strategic Planning Workshop on 8 May.
- The Official opening of the refurbished Mihi Bridge with Adam Marshall MP on 9 May.
- An Extra Strategic Planning Workshop was held on 15 May for review and consideration of the 2018/19 Budget.
- Council held its regular Ordinary Meeting on 22 May. Minutes of the meeting are available on the Council's website.

### PUBLIC EXHIBITION

#### Uralla Shire Council Draft Operational Plan 2018-19

At its Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 May 2018, Uralla Shire Council resolved to place the draft Operational Plan 2018-19 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The draft Operational Plan 2018-19 lists the actions, programs and activities Council will undertake during the financial year July 2018 to June 2019 inclusive. This plan is one of the documents required by the NSW Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework.

The draft Operational Plan 2018-19 and associated Statement of Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges are on public exhibition from Wednesday, 23 May to Tuesday, 19 June 2018. The documents can be viewed at Council's Administration Centre at 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla or on Council's website at [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au).

Written submissions can be made to Council until 5pm on Tuesday, 19 June 2018.

Submissions may be made by email to [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au) or by letter to:

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