

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL | JUNE 2020



Mayor's Message



History was in focus last month with Monday, 25th of May 2020 marking 150 years since the death of notorious Australian Bushranger Captain Thunderbolt.

The Honorable Adam Marshall MP and Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce marked the milestone at Uralla's Captain Thunderbolt statue.

As restrictions begin to ease and our community starts getting out and about I would like to sincerely thank Uralla Shire for your patience in adhering to restrictions and following the advice of the NSW Government over the last months.

Many of our services have begun to reopen their doors with the Uralla Library and Visitor Information Centre excited to welcome back our community and visitors. I know that many of you have already enjoyed being able to borrow a good book again.

It's important to note that modifications are in place to keep everyone as safe as possible so please do expect a visit that may look a little different to usual as we work to keep you safe.

It has been great to see the many faces visiting our customer service centre since it reopened and I am proud to see everyone following the capacity limits and physical distancing precautions put in place.

As we all start to begin making plans again it is still important to follow the latest public health advice including to continue vigilantly washing your hands, keeping physical distance of 1.5m and downloading the COVIDSafe app.

Our Council website has more information on the latest updates

to Council services and changes relating to COVID-19.

Reconciliation Week was commemorated in May a little differently than usual with the theme In This Together resonating with the current times. I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of Uralla Shire, and pay respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

Don't forget to get in touch with myself and all the Councillors if we can be of any assistance as we love to hear your feedback. Our contact details are on the back page.

Until next time,
Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce

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Uralla Water Restrictions Lifted

Water restrictions have been lifted for Uralla. This decision resulted from the combination of rainfall in the Kentucky Creek Dam catchment and progress made to the ongoing repairs and upgrades to the water treatment plant filters.

We remain committed to improving water security for the Shire, including increasing the water efficiency of Council facilities, working with the community to reduce water consumption, and reviewing alternative water supply options.



Book Worms Rejoice!

Uralla Library reopened at the beginning of June and we are excited to have taken this first step to welcoming our book lovers back. It is important to note that precautions are in place to help keep our visitors and staff as safe as possible and your visit may look a little different than usual.

We ask visitors to:

- Please keep your visit short.
- Physical distancing and building capacity limits apply.
- Please practice good hygiene and use hand sanitiser when entering.
- Please provide your contact details to staff members upon entry.

Returns can still be made through the external chute and library members can continue to access eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines, Story Box Library, Ancestry.com and other Digital Resources on our website using their membership number and password.

Library Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday
and Friday
2:00pm-6:00pm

Vulnerable members of our community, including those aged over 60 years are able to phone us on 6778 6470 and book a 30 minute visit on a Tuesday or Thursday. Carers are welcome to attend.

The Bundarra Sub Branch Library will remain closed until further notice.

We are continually monitoring the Public Health Orders and adapting our services to these changes. For further information about your next visit to the library please visit www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/COVID-19-Information-and-Updates/COVID-19-Facilities-Update.

Z-NET Uralla

With the recent colder weather and people staying at home due to COVID-19 a lot of you may be finding an increase in your most recent power/gas/wood bills.

Some may have also noticed some draughts and cold spots in your homes. All Uralla Shire residents, homeowners or renters, are eligible to have a free Home Energy Review with the ZNET Uralla team.

ZNET Uralla will visit your home or conduct a session online to go through a questionnaire and have a discussion around various aspects of energy saving.

Email Trish at projects@zneturalla.org.au or phone at 0411 804 627 to find out more.



Are you a local supplier?

To give local suppliers a full, fair and reasonable opportunity to supply for and work with Council, we maintain a register of local tradespeople, contractors and suppliers who are notified regarding upcoming work, requests for quotes, or expressions of interest as these instances arise.



Council are committed to supporting local suppliers in its procurement dealings as much as possible, where this does not conflict with probity principles and the procurement activities achieve a best value for money outcome for the Uralla Shire community.

Any local tradesperson, builder or contractor who wishes to register to work with Council, please email council@uralla.nsw.gov.au the following information to be included on the register.

- Contractor details;
- Licences;
- Insurances;
- Hourly rates; and
- A brief statement of services provided, including your location and serviced areas.

For more information visit the Public Notice page on our website.

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Development Application & Complying Development Certificate Decisions April 2020

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-6-2020	Mrs D Truslove	3 Andersons Road, Rocky River	Dwelling
CDC-6-2020	Mr A Parker	9 King Street, Uralla	Studio

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 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No. 203.

CIVIL WORKS

Completed in June

- Invergowrie - Footpath construction (Invergowrie Store to Bilga Road playground)
- King Street - Kerb & gutter construction
- Hill Street (Bride St to Duke St) - Asphalt overlay
- Linemarking in urban streets and regional roads
- Leece Road upgrade

Underway

- MR73 Central Thunderbolts Way (chainage 22.65km to 23.65km) - Rehabilitation
- Barraba Road - Resheeting

Upcoming in June

- Rowan Avenue - Stormwater drainage improvement
- Mount Mitchell Road - Install safety barriers
- Uralla BMX Park - Construct concrete dish drain and seal parking area

Catch Up On Your Council Meetings

Rescheduling due to COVID-19 meant that Uralla Shire Council held two Ordinary Council Meetings in May.

Maybe you were one of the many people who viewed the meetings streamed live online however if you missed them catch up on the key activities and decisions that were made below:

- Council invited public comment and submissions regarding the Uralla Township & Environs Committee's function and performance.
- Both Development Applications DA-44-2018 & DA-85-2019 were deferred to future meetings so that members of the public may be able to attend.

- Council congratulated the management and staff of McMaugh Gardens Aged Care in maintaining our incredible record of full accreditation.
- Council received the third quarter budget review summary for the 2019/2020 financial year and chose to discuss the statements at the next Budget, Review & Finance Committee.

These meetings were held online and streamed live to our community. If you would like to watch the recording or read through the minutes please visit our website here uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Business-Papers-Agendas-Minutes

Meeting Dates

We're continually monitoring Public Health Orders and adjusting our Council meeting requirements to suit the changing restrictions. More information, Council meeting agendas, reports, and the meeting recording can be found on our website here uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Business-Papers-Agendas-Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 23 June 2020.

Uralla Township & Environs Committee

Postponed until further notice.

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