

MARCH 2018

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



HOGS FOR THE HOMELESS



Mayor Michael Pearce, Brad Fittler & Adam Marshall MP

Hogs For The Homeless are a charity that raise money and awareness of the program Youth off the Streets, which is run by its founder Father Chris Reilly.

The Hogs visit to Uralla culminated with a 9 a side Rugby League competition and a visit from Brad Fittler, Steve Menzies, Josh Perry and Ian Schubert, who are all former first grade national rugby league players. The Uralla community and visiting players had a great afternoon with the Hogs guys.

NBN TO ROLLOUT IN URALLA FROM MARCH 2018

Construction of the nbn™ broadband access network has started in Uralla. Planned availability to the nbn will progressively commence from March 2018. Some premises may require more work before they are ready to connect from the planned fibre to the node technology. Areas surrounding town and parts of the outlying areas are fixed wireless, and these areas can already order a service. Outside of the fixed wireless areas, premises are serviced by nbn™ sky muster.



Fibre to the node (fixed line) area for Uralla

The switch on of nbn™ in March completes the nbn™ build for Uralla. All residents and businesses within the fibre to the node fixed lined area can access the nbn™ by contacting an internet service provider. For more information you can contact the NBN Co Ltd on 1800 687 626 or complaints@nbnco.com.au.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council meeting is scheduled for **27 March at 12.30pm** at the Council Chambers.

Council meeting agendas and reports can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY
WHICH CAME FIRST THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

Uralla Library is providing an eggciting educational experience for all. Visit the library to learn about the fascinating process of incubating eggs and the lifecycle of a chicken. The eggs will arrive on Tuesday 6 March and the chicks are expected to hatch on Monday 26 March – don't miss this opportunity to view chicks emerging from their shells. A variety of library resources and information regarding poultry care will be on display and available to borrow.



@ uralla.library



Meet friendly locals in a relaxed and casual environment. Help each other learn, design and produce a variety of wonderful creations. An entertaining and eclectic morning of craft, conversation and coffee.

Tuesdays 10am
 & Sundays 2pm

All experience levels welcome

 Uralla Library, 106 Bridge Street, Uralla, NSW 2358 Phone 02 6778 6470 Visit www.cnl.nsw.gov.au

TCT VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED



Would you like to give back to your community? Do you enjoy driving? We are looking for volunteer drivers to assist our elderly clients to appointments. Please call Christine on 6778 6450.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Council is proposing to provide financial assistance of \$18,630 to BlazeAid to cover the cost of Council fees for the use of the Bundarra School of Arts Hall and the Bundarra Caravan Park; and \$2,000 to the New England Wine Industry Association to support their efforts to reinvigorate the region's wine industry. Written submissions can be made to Council up to 5.00pm, 30 March 2018, please refer to the Public Notice section of Council's website for more information.

TCS REMINDER: TAI CHI



When: Wednesday morning at 10.30am
 Where: Uralla Community Centre

DISASTER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR BUSHFIRE VICTIMS

Disaster assistance has been made available in response to the January bushfires. The assistance available for impacted landowners will be delivered through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

For more information refer to www.disasterassist.gov.au, or contact Disaster Assist at recovery@homeaffairs.gov.au.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVES

AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Uralla Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for two (2) independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Representatives. The positions involve the provision of independent assurance and advice on governance, risk management, internal controls and external accountability responsibilities. For further information, including how to apply, visit the 'Tenders/Quotes Expressions of Interest' page on Council's website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au.

WHAT'S ON IN URALLA SHIRE

MARCH

Tuesday 13 – Friends of McMaugh Gardens Charity Fun Bowls Day

Friday 16 – Official Opening - Uralla Rotary Art Exhibition

Saturday 17 – Uralla Rotary Art Exhibition

Sunday 18 – Uralla Red Cross Picnic at the Pavilion

Saturday 24 – Seasons of New England

Saturday 24 – Uralla Lantern Parade

For more events, please visit www.uralla.com

GRANT FUNDING APPROVED

Uralla Shire council has welcomed \$780,992.00 in funding through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund to deliver improved facilities at Pioneer Park and other open spaces in the shire.



Deputy Mayor Isabel Strutt, Cr Natasha Ledger, Mayor Michael Pearce, Cr Bob Crouch, and Cr Kevin Ward joined the Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall MP, at Pioneer Park on Monday, 5 March for the announcement.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

URALLA SHOW SOCIETY

Can you see yourself as a vital member of the show society's management team? We have vacancies for key volunteer positions - Show Secretary, Association Secretary, Promotion/Publicity Officer and Assistant Secretary. Are you interested?

You will be joining a dynamic and progressive community group with a solid 145-year history. You will be welcomed into the 'show family' and training and support will be provided.

Planning for the 2019 Uralla District Show is already under way. The next meeting is at the showground on 13 March at 7.30 pm. Please contact us at urallashow@gmail.com.

URALLA MEALS ON WHEELS



Meals on Wheels are looking for volunteers to deliver meals on wheels to Uralla residents. Meals are delivered every Monday to Friday. Drivers needed to help every fourth or fifth week. Fuel vouchers are available.

If you can help, please phone Mary Ann Munsie on 6778 4651 or Kerr Williams on 6772 8970

FRIENDS OF MCMAUGH GARDENS

INVITE YOU TO THEIR



CHARITY FUN BOWLS DAY TUESDAY 13 MARCH

COST: \$20.00 includes lunch and afternoon tea

TIME: 12 noon for a 1 pm start

Contact Rosemary Reading for more information on 6778 4827

or email rosemary.reading@bigpond.com

PICNIC AT THE PAVILION

URALLA RED CROSS

Sunday 18 March 2018 arrive at 12 for a 12.30pm start.

\$25 per person, includes basket of picnic tastings and treats, a complimentary glass of wine, tea, coffee and refreshments

Drinks may be purchased at the bar.

RSVP by 14 March 2018 to Bev Stubberfield at bevelystubberfield@gmail.com.

HERITAGE GRANTS PROGRAM

Council is committed to ensuring that our heritage is valued, protected and enjoyed.

The Heritage Grants Program is designed to help our community value and care for our heritage. If you have a heritage property that needs maintenance or repairs and is listed in the Uralla Local Environmental Plan, Council invites you to apply for grant funding.

Note that the maximum contribution by Council will be 50% of the works proposed up to value of \$1,000.

For more information please contact Matt Clarkson, Manager Planning and Regulation, on 6778 6310 or at mclarkson@uralla.nsw.gov.au

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENTS APPROVALS / REFUSALS JANUARY 2018

Approvals:

| Application No. | Applicant | Property | Development |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| DA-66-2017 | Cr R Crouch | 35 Maitland Street, Uralla | Change of Use – Tourist and Visitor Accommodation with Signage |
| CDC-2-2018 | North West Pools | 108 Kendall Road, Invergowrie | In ground Fibreglass Swimming Pool |
| CDC-4-2018 | Mr C Robertson | 1717 Kingstown Road, Balala | Garage and Carport |

Refusals: Nil **Withdrawals:** CDC-1-2018

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.

HIGH PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY AREA CONCEPT PLAN BRIDGE STREET, URALLA

The Draft Concept Plan was presented on Tuesday evening, 27 February, at the Uralla Community Centre.

The consultant, Mr Milne Home, advised that 'closed in' intersections (to reduce the length of travel across roads for pedestrians) together with a street planting design would introduce a higher level of traffic calming & therefore pedestrian safety.

Further advice included the retention of the existing pedestrian crossing in Bridge Street with approach improvements; the relocation or removal of the Hill Street pedestrian crossing; and, the incorporation of a median refuge arrangement.

Copies of the concept plan are available for viewing at Council's reception and on Council's web site.

Written submissions can be made until 5pm Friday 30 March to Uralla Shire Council, PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358, or emailed to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 'STREET ART' URALLA SWIMMING POOL

Uralla Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for street art proposals. The proposals involve the development and application of street art on the interior and exterior walls of the buildings at the Uralla Swimming Pool. Proposals should include a brief description of the theme, sketch samples, artists involved (and previous works), timeframe and materials required.



For further information please contact council on 02 6778 6300. Proposals can be lodged by email at council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING FEBRUARY

- Council held its regular Ordinary Meeting on 27 February. Minutes of the meeting are on Council's website.
- At the February meeting Council resolved to:
 - establish an S355 committee for the purposes of receiving advice about public spaces
 - host a gathering of owners and operators of businesses with and adjacent to the Bridge Street Central Business District on Tuesday, 3 April 2018 at 5pm.
- More information will be issued in the near future
- Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on 14 February and resolved to join the New England Joint Organisation.
- Councillors and staff attended public meetings for Council's Open Space Strategy at Kentucky, Invergowrie and Uralla. The meeting for Rocky River was also held at Uralla. Community members provided valuable input into the future look and development of our open spaces.
- Councillors and community members attended the Bridge St High Pedestrian Activity Area Concept Plan presentation.
- The Mayor addressed the Uralla Business Chamber regarding Council's current and planned initiatives and projects for the Uralla business district.

DID YOU KNOW?

Council owns and manages three Uralla based community service operations that provide local and regional services.

They are:

- McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre
- Tablelands Community Support
- Tablelands Community Transport