

## MAY 2016

### Proposed Four Council Merger

The local government reform process took a new twist in April with Armidale Dumaresq Council proposing a merger with Uralla, Guyra and Walcha Councils.

Thank you to all the residents who attended the public meeting and or lodged submissions on this proposal. The community support for Uralla Shire continuing as a stand alone Council is heartening. Thank you.

A strong message has been sent to the Minister for Local Government that the proposal should be rejected. Councils submission can be viewed on the website at: [http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?page\\_id=1554](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?page_id=1554)

### A Shark Cage® Support Group for Women

**Do you want to learn to build safe and healthy relationships for you and your children?**

Armidale Women's Support Service will be running a Shark Cage® based support group, for women, at the Uralla Neighbourhood centre.

The group will commence on:

**Wednesday, May 4th 2016, from 10:00am to 12:00noon.**

The group will explore how to identify your rights within a relationship, how to build on the skills you have for protecting yourself from people who may not respect those rights and how to teach these skills to your children.

Childcare and morning tea will be provided and transport can be arranged. Please contact Jo at the Uralla Neighbourhood centre, 67783277 or Chris or Belinda at the Armidale Women's Homelessness Support Service, 67725352.

### COUNCIL CONTACTS

**Mayor:** Cr Michael Pearce:  
0488 752 520

**Deputy Mayor:** Cr Bob Crouch:  
0428 616 885

#### Councillors:

Cr Leanne Cooper                      Cr Fred Geldof  
Cr Karen Dusting                      Cr Isabel Strutt  
Cr Mark Dusting                      Cr Kevin Ward  
Cr Daphne Field

**General Manager:** Mr George Cowan

#### Council Administration:

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Ph: 02 6778 6300 Fax: 02 6778 6349

**Email:** [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au)

#### Council Website:

[www.uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au)

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

#### Bundarra Works Depot:

Ph: 02 6723 7262 or 0428 406 517

#### Emergency Contact:

#### After-Hours and on Public Holidays

Overseer: 0427 784 982

Water / Sewer: 0427 784 304

Report all Fires: 000

Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

### BE WATER WISE



Level 1 Water restrictions are currently in force throughout Uralla & Bundarra.

- Sprinklers can only be used between 5pm to 7pm
- Hand held hoses can only be used between 5pm and 9am

*Mothers Day - High Tea will be served...*

**2.30pm on Sunday 8th May 2016**

Hosted by the Uralla Library, please join us for a social afternoon to show our appreciation of all local mothers, stepmothers, relatives, guardians and close family friends. No bookings required.





## Winter is Approaching - Firewood Collection

Here are some things to think about when collecting firewood during winter on private land.

- Do you have permission from the landholder to collect wood?
- Are there lots of replacement saplings near where you are collecting from?
- Is there abundant dead timber to provide habitat, help with soil erosion and contribute nutrients to the soil?

Consider whether you can leave the bark behind. Remember that collecting wood (fallen or standing wood) from roadsides and other Reserves (including Travelling Stock Routes) is not permitted within the Shire.

If someone is supplying you with wood, you can ask whether they are sourcing wood in the same manner.



## Uralla Home and Community Care (HACC)

**Uralla Home and Community Care (HACC)** is a Social Group for people 65 years and over. The Group of about 20 men and women meet once a week on Monday's, from 9am to 2pm at the Uralla Community Centre, (Hill Street). We provide a freshly cooked morning tea and lunch and raffles included at minimal cost - \$8.00, in addition we provide transport to and from the Community Centre if required.

**Please come and join us – it's all about having fun.**

**We provide one on one assistance for our elderly people living at home – such as:**

- \* **Transport assistance** - a program where a volunteer will pick you up from your own home – take you to your appointment and then bring you home again.
- \* **Exercise classes** - on Wednesday's 2pm-3pm, cost is \$3.00. Light stretching exercises, balancing and coordination is the main focus. Transport can be arranged for pick up and taking you home.
- \* **Gardening and Minor Home Maintenance**
- \* **Shopping service and other individual assistance**

**If you are interested in any of these services please phone the office Mon-Wed.**

**Volunteers** - are needed, we are very much in need of volunteer drivers – use your own car or our Service Car. Petrol money is reimbursed for the use of your car. Again please phone us if you can help.

**If you are interested in being part of this great organisation please phone Catherine Mead (Coordinator) or Anna Schofield (Office Assistant) on Phone 6778 3503 or mobile 0437 900 044. We look forward to seeing you at the Community Centre soon.**



## Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges - Local Government Act 1993 Section 713

NOTICE is hereby given to the persons named hereunder, that the Uralla Shire Council has resolved, in pursuance of Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993, to sell the land described hereunder of which the persons named are known to the Council to be the owners or to have an interest in the land on which the amount of rates stated in each case, as at 29 January 2016, is due:

| Owners or person having interest in land<br><br>(a)  | Description of land<br><br>(b)   | Amount of rates (including extra charges) overdue for more than five (5) years<br><br>(c)<br>\$ | Amount of all other rates (including extra charges) payable and unpaid<br><br>(d)<br>\$ | Total<br><br>(e)<br>\$ |
|--|--|---|---|------------------------|
| WILVIEW Pty Ltd                                      | Lot 108 DP753646<br>112 Barraba Road<br>BUNDARRA NSW 2359<br>Parish of Bundarra in the County of Hardinge      | 6,803.56  | 9,519.26  | 16,322.82              |
| Earlham Grove Pty Ltd                                | Lot 8 Section 21 DP 759022<br>136 Bridge Street<br>URALLA NSW 2358<br>Parish of Uralla in the County of Sandon | 9,775.53  | 10,307.33   | 20,082.86              |
| CLERK Edward George                                  | Lot 17 DP 1140765<br>Goldfinch Street<br>BUNDARRA NSW 2359<br>Parish of Darbysleigh in the County of Hardinge  | 4,305.03  | 1,338.98  | 5,644.01               |
| CHAPMAN Willie Leslie                                | Lot 1 DP 127908<br>Kingstown Road<br>KINGSTOWN NSW 2358<br>Parish of Nuandle in the County of Hardinge         | 2,613.23  | 1,526.42  | 4,139.65               |
| MIDDLETON Templeton Thibon                           | Lot 155 DP755846<br>Flat Rock Road ROCKY RIVER NSW 2358<br>Parish of Uralla in the County of Sandon            | 2,881.96  | 1,645.01  | 4,526.97               |
| EVERETT William Salis                                | Lots 57 & 58 DP 755846<br>Flat Rock Road ROCKY RIVER NSW 2358<br>Parish of Uralla in the County of Sandon      | 3,023.14  | 1,707.73  | 4,730.87               |
| MURRAY Thomas  | Lot 15 DP 1139424<br>Bridge Street<br>URALLA NSW 2358<br>Parish Uralla in the County of Sandon                 | 7,365.17  | 3,744.75  | 11,109.92              |
| CLERK Edward George                                  | Lot 2 Sec 31 DP758181<br>Muirhead Street<br>BUNDARRA NSW 2359<br>Parish of Bundarra in the County of Hardinge  | 4,589.37  | 1,261.98  | 5,851.35               |
| Charles Austin GREENLAND and Thomas Richard BUCHANAN | Lot 1 DP 127897<br>Torryburn Road YARROWYCK NSW 2358<br>Parish of Nuandle in the County of Hardinge            | 2,591.79  | 1,535.36  | 4,127.15               |

In default of payment to the Council of the amount stated in column (e) above and any other rates (including extra charges) becoming due and payable after this notice or any arrangements satisfactory to the Council for payment of all such rates being entered into by the rateable person before the time fixed for the sale, the said land will be offered for sale by public auction, at the Uralla Shire Council Chambers, 32 Salisbury Street, URALLA NSW 2358, on **Saturday 18 June 2016 at 10.00 am.**

Auctioneer IMACKA Property 56 Bridge Street URALLA.

**Mr George Cowan, Interim General Manager, Uralla Shire Council, PO Box 106, URALLA NSW 2358.**



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## MAPS WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED.....

Visitors to Uralla's Visitor Information Centre (VIC) are keen to know where they may see various points of interest. How to get there is best shown on a range of maps and guides which are available either free or for sale.

Maps range from individual sheet maps of state regional areas through to local information contained in free booklets, brochures and leaflets.

If you require assistance planning either a small day trip, or a large Aussie adventure (and everything else in between) visit Uralla VIC for friendly assistance and information, or phone on 6778 6420.

**Uralla VIC is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4.30pm  
Sat/Sun/public holidays 10:00am – 3:00pm**

### Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals / Refusals February 2016

Approvals:

| Application No. | Applicant                         | Property                          | Development                      |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| DA-55-2015-2    | Ms L McGarry                      | 148 Noalimba Avenue, Kentucky     | Modification to New Dwelling     |
| DA-66-2015      | Mr M & Mrs A Harrison             | 68 Quartz Gully Road, Uralla      | Dwelling and Garage              |
| DA-72-2015-2    | Mr R Anderson                     | 6 Thunderbolts Way, Uralla        | Modification – Dwelling & Garage |
| DA-4-2016       | Mr M & Mrs A Harrison             | 29 Uralla Street, Uralla          | Detached Carport                 |
| DA-5-2016       | Mr M Wallace                      | 259 Thunderbolts Way, Rocky River | Bathroom Extension               |
| DA-6-2016       | Mr L Jacques                      | 43 Panhandle Road, Uralla         | Shed                             |
| DA-7-2016       | Defence Models & Graphics Pty Ltd | 51 Bridge Street, Uralla          | Signage                          |
| DA-9-2016       | Mr V Froome                       | 17 Fitzroy Street, Uralla         | Garage                           |
| DA-10-2016      | Picton Bros Spanline              | 39 King Street, Uralla            | Free Standing Gable Pergola      |
| CDC-2-2016      | Mr M Williams                     | 8 Gostwyck Street, Uralla         | Dwelling Additions               |

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 23 May 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 Council website at: [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://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](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au) using the link:

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## COMPLIANCE & ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS

Many different legislative and regulatory requirements need to be checked prior to commencing or changing any structure on your property. The Electronic Housing Code, to which a link can be found on our website, is designed to assist property owners navigate through the myriad of complex development rules.

With a few simple clicks, the Electronic Housing Code can identify if your proposed development is Exempt Development, Complying Development (CDC) or requiring a Development Application (DA). Council's regulatory staff members are more than willing to answer your questions in relation to all your future projects, particularly the projects outside the scope of the Electronic Housing Code.

**Don't risk the crime of illegal building works**, as the fine may cost you more than what the entire project has cost and you could be made to remove the structure!

If you ask Council first, the answer might not be what you want to hear but it's definitely better than the alternative, being a possible Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN) which carries a fine of up to \$5,500.



Z-NET Uralla will be facilitating a series of activities for households over the next 12 months to improve home energy performance.

To gauge the type of activities that will be most useful to our Community and to identify households who would like to be involved in these activities we are seeking Expressions of Interest.

Would you like to be made aware of the following opportunities as they are rolled out in the Community? If so, please fill below and return to:

coordinator@zneturalla.org.au or drop off at the Z-Net Uralla Office, 94 Bridge Street, Uralla.

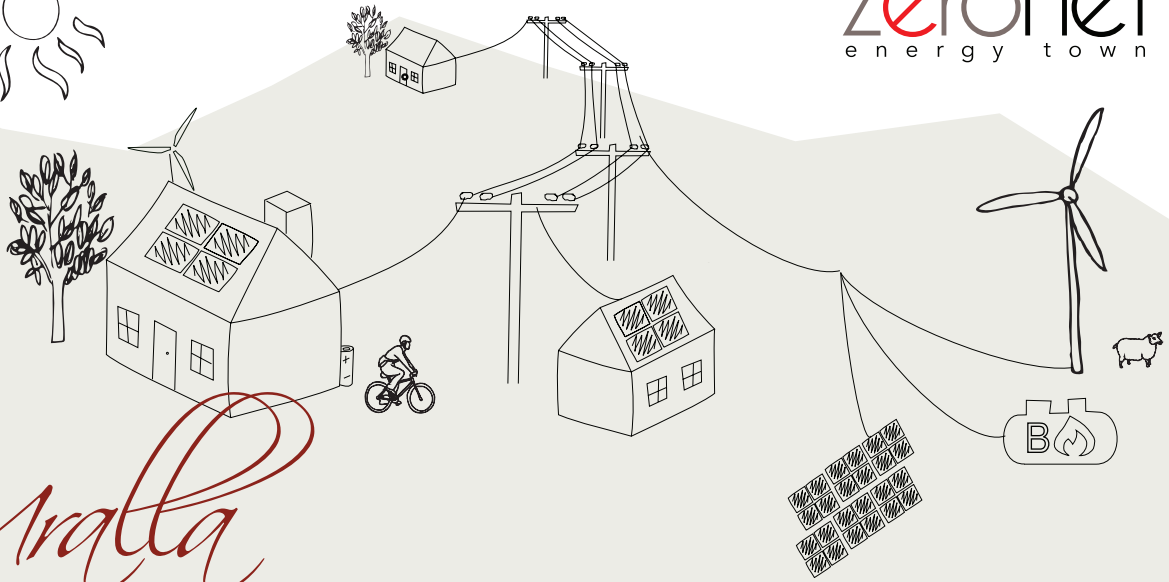
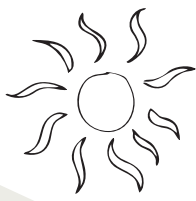
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| Name                |  |
| Street Address      |  |
| Best contact number |  |
| Email address       |  |

Would you like to be considered for a free Home Energy Assessment?

- Yes
- No

What would you be most interested in for your home?

- Ceiling insulation
- Wall and under floor insulation
- Solar hot water
- Solar panels on roof
- Curtains and blinds
- Energy efficient lights & appliances
- Other .....
- Draught proofing
- Double glazing
- More efficient heating
- Maintenance of wood heaters
- How to source sustainable firewood
- Advice for new buildings
- Home batteries for storing power



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# HAS TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS A RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE!

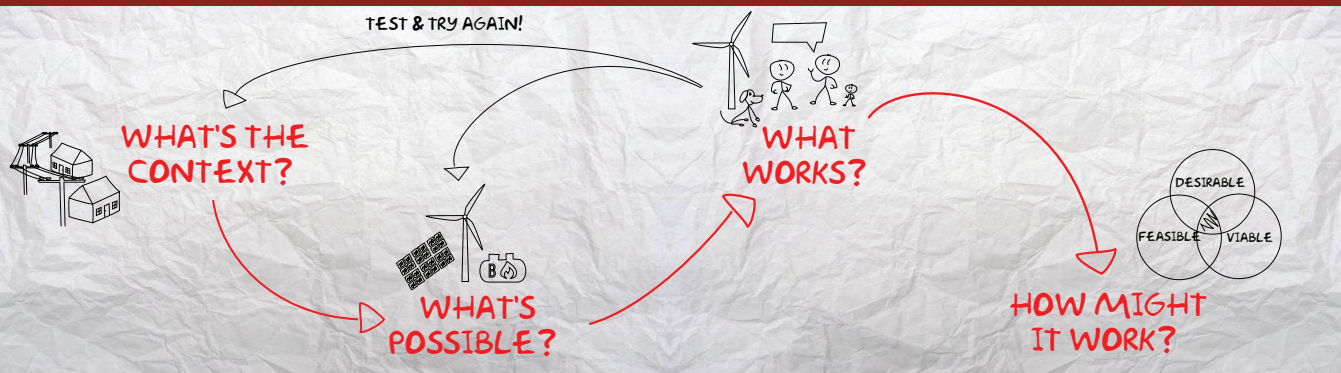
Uralla has commenced the exciting journey to become a Zero Net Energy Town (Z-NET) by meeting its energy needs from renewable energy sources.

The mission of Z-NET Uralla is to assist the people of the Uralla Shire to make this transition and to allow our community to confidently participate in the unfolding revolution in energy technologies.

Getting to 100% renewable energy is a big goal and will require several stages of work and some 5-10 years.

We can do this by:

- \* using less energy
- \* generating our own energy (eg through rooftop solar)
- \* generating energy nearby or
- \* purchasing renewable energy through the electricity network.



The first step is to work towards the goal of 100% renewable energy for in-home and business use (excluding transport).

Z-NET activities will be designed in consultation with the Uralla community to give equal access across socio-economic groups.

Z-NET Uralla will provide leadership and education, and will assess innovations to make sure they are suitable for our community.

Z-NET will give Uralla the opportunity, not only of being part of the solution to renewable energy supply, but also the opportunity to build futurist, vibrant local businesses based on renewable energy!

Z-NET Uralla has adopted the Zeronet Energy Town Uralla Case Study (also known as the Z-NET Blueprint) as its foundation document for direction and scope of projects to be undertaken. Projects will apply to the whole Shire, not just the town of Uralla! The Blueprint gives a great platform and framework for the Uralla Shire, as well as other regions, to assess their own viability of becoming a Z-NET.

To find out more, have your say and get involved, visit the website [zneturalla.org.au](http://zneturalla.org.au).  
You can also like Z-Net Uralla's facebook page at [facebook.com/ZNetUralla](https://facebook.com/ZNetUralla)