

MAY 2019

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



MINISTER INSPECTS SHOWGROUND UPGRADES



Barnaby Joyce MP, Senator Bridget McKenzie, the Deputy Leader of the Nationals, Mayor Michael Pearce and Cr Bob Crouch inspect the Uralla Showground upgrades being funded through the Drought Communities Assistance Program. Council has drawn on local suppliers and local workers to progress the works.

YOUTH WEEK EVENTS



GIANT JENGA AT THE LIBRARY! Much fun was had by all ages of young people, and parents and grandparents, who took part in many Youth Week events at the Uralla Library in April. The event pictured above is Giant Jenga combined with Straw Bridge Building and Giant Pick-up Sticks!

MORNING TEA WITH THE MAYOR

Uralla's Youth Week 2019 activities commenced with a "Morning Tea with the Mayor" in the Uralla Shire Council's Chambers 10 April 2019.

Mayor Michael Pearce opened the proceedings with a welcome and introduced Cr Isabel Strutt, Cr Tom O'Connor and the General Manager, Andrew Hopkins. Mayor Pearce noted the ideas students had put forward at the same event in 2018 and noted Council's completed and upcoming projects for young people.

A rapid fire Q & A session with students from Uralla and Bundarra Central Schools, St Joseph's Primary School and O'Connor Catholic College followed.



Some of the ideas and requests from the students this year included:

- Upgrade to the BMX Track - This upgrade will commence shortly with work expected to be completed mid-year
- Ideas to have community events to strengthen youth relationships within the Shire

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MEETING DATES 2019

Council meeting: The fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm.

Budget Review & Finance Committee:
The second Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm.

Uralla Township & Environs Committee (UTEC): 14 May at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

These meetings are open to the public. Council meeting agendas and reports can be viewed and downloaded from the website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

WHAT'S ON IN URALLA SHIRE

Mid-May to Mid-June 2019

- Sat 18 May Bundarra Community Markets
- Tue 21 May Uralla Library Book Discussion Group
- Sat 25 May Uralla indoor markets
- Tue 28 May Progressive Cinema

Check <https://www.uralla.com/> for more information on the local calendar of events and call us to add your event
02 6778 6420.

Uralla Library Activities – May-June 2019

- Storytime** - 10.30am Tuesdays
- Knattering Knitters** - 10am Tuesdays & 2pm Sundays
- Colouring Group** - 2pm Wednesdays
- Book Discussion Group** – 4pm 3rd Tuesday of the month
- Lego Club** – 4pm to 5pm 3rd Thursday of the month
- Chess & Checkers Club** - 4pm Mondays during school term

BUNDARRA LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

The Bundarra Library is open on Wednesdays from 10am till 12 noon and Fridays from 1pm to 3pm.

Come in and see the great range of books, DVDs and CDs that we have on the shelves. We also have computers and free Wi-Fi for your use.

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the 23 April 2019 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to place the following documents on public exhibition for 28 days:

- Draft Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy 2019
- Draft Work Health and Safety Policy 2019
- Draft Investment Policy 2019

These documents are available for inspection at Council's Administration Building, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla, or accessed from council's website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions can be made to Council until 5:00pm, 24 May 2019. Submissions or enquiries can be made by email to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au or by letter to The General Manager, PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358.

DROUGHT COMMUNITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Uralla Showgrounds Land Management Committee meets weekly with Council staff to progress the works at the Uralla Showgrounds, funded by the Drought Communities Assistance Program. Some of the project elements include:

- Upgrades to the internal roads
- Repairs to the roof of the skillion structure and construction of another
- Demolition and rebuild of stable 4
- Installation of guttering to the existing stables and a 104kL rainwater collection tank



ANNUAL ABORIGINAL ELDERS OLYMPICS

The Annual Aboriginal Elders Olympics were held 11 April in Port Macquarie. Three of our local Aniwani Elders combined with Armidale Elders travelled over together to form a team. From all accounts, they had a great time competing in the many events against the other 42 teams and catching up with old friends.



URALLA STREET STALL

- 6 – 12 May Z-Net
- 13 – 19 May Lodge of Peace
- 20 – 26 May Uralla Historical Society
- 27 May – 2 Jun Uralla Driver Reviver
- 3 – 9 June Armidale District MS Branch

**BUNDARRA ROAD WORKS (INVERGOWRIE)
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Users of Bundarra Road would be aware Council have commenced road works on Bundarra Road, 12.3km to 13.6km from Armidale. The upgrade contains an **Environmental Management Plan (EMP)** to reduce impact resulting from work activity in this bushland environment.

The EMP includes retaining vegetation from clearing activity on or near the site to ensure decomposing timber will provide habitat for native animals. Residents are asked to assist with Council’s Environmental Management Plan by ensuring that this timber remains undisturbed on site.

YOUTH WEEK - MINUTE TO WIN IT!



The game *Minute to Win It* attracted 39 young people to this fantastic Youth Week event at the Uralla Library. *Minute to Win It* is a set of challenges in which participants race the clock to win. Mayor Michael Pearce enjoyed the Marshmallow Challenge “Scoop it Up” (see photo).

Games also included Needle in a Rice Stack, Match Maker, Defy Gravity, Movin’ on Up, and Candelier.

MCCAUGH GARDENS VISIT GREEN VALLEY FARM

On Thursday 18 April, the residents of McMaugh Gardens travelled to Green Valley Farm and had a brilliant day enjoying a scenic tour of the animals and museum, followed by a picnic lunch in the garden.



URALLA LANTERN PARADE

It was another spectacular night at the Uralla Lantern Parade on 31 March. These beautiful pictures by David Robinson Photography capture the stunning lanterns and the creativity of their makers. Thank you Uralla Arts and all the volunteers who work together to make these special, vibrant and magical lanterns.



TAI CHI CLASSES

Tai Chi classes are held every Wednesday at the Community Centre at 10.30am.

Please call Tablelands Community Support (TCS) to book on 6778 6350.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS March 2019

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-48-2018	Croft Surveying & Mapping	216 Invergowrie Road, Invergowrie	Subdivision of 3 Rural Lots into 10 Rural Lots
DA-5-2019	Mr P & Mrs J Hine	16 John Street, Uralla	Dwelling Additions & Alterations – Kitchen, Bathroom & Laundry
DA-6-2019	Mr N Dagg & Ms R Tubb	34 Macleay Way, Saumarez Ponds	Additions to Existing Guest Suite
DA-7-2019	G J Gardner Homes Armidale	266 Traceys Road, Kentucky	Dwelling
DA-10-2019	Mr A Finlayson & Ms R Passey	79 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Workshop, Carport & Verandahs
DA-13-2019	Mr N & Mrs T Whitton	31 Hill Street, Uralla	Change of Use – Include Food & Drink Service
DA-14-2019	Brown & Krippner Pty Ltd	22 East Street, Uralla	Subdivision of 2 Urban Lots into 3 Urban Lots
DA-16-2019	Uralla Shire Council	Corner Maitland & King Streets, Uralla	Change of Use – Kiosk; Market; Recreation facility (major); Recreation facility (outdoor)
DA-23-2019	St Joseph's School	Wood Street, Uralla	Change of Use – Centre-based Childcare Facility

Refusals: Nil Cancellation (below):

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-9-2019	Mr P Simmons	38 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Dual Occupancy & Shed

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.

Z-NET URALLA NEWS

Uralla has Z-Net's first "accredited" sustainable firewood business! One of our progressive firewood collectors has now completed the Z-NET training on how to assess the amount of wood that can sustainably be collected from a particular type of woodland. The inaugural training event was held at Lana in an area of box woodland. As well as a commercial firewood supplier in Uralla, a number of people who collect their own wood joined in to learn how to do a rapid assessment of how much dead wood is on the ground. This is compared to a benchmark for the woodland type, to estimate what proportion of wood can be harvested with minimal environmental impact.

If you would like to order sustainable wood, or find out more about becoming accredited yourself, check out our website at www.zneturall.org.au under the firewood tab. Z-NET is constantly getting enquires on where sustainable firewood can be bought – the free accreditation training is a great opportunity for wood suppliers to meet this strong demand.

For more information on the next training day contact Trish projects@zneturalla.org.au or call in to the Library 2-4pm on a Thursday.



KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS April 2019

- Councillors attended the various Youth Week events for the young people of Uralla, including a morning tea hosted by the Mayor. Youth week events are organised by the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre and the Uralla Library (see photos on pages one and three).
- Councillors Strategic Planning Workshop to discuss: draft Strategic Business Plans for McMaugh Gardens and Tablelands Community Support/Transport; projects being funded under the Drought Community Program (which includes upgrades to community halls and other facilities within the Shire) and the Stronger Country Communities Fund (which includes multiple park improvements throughout the Shire); planning for Council managed Crown Reserves.
- Budget Review and Finance Committee to receive and discuss the first draft of the 2019-20 budget.
- Additional workshops to discuss the budget and to identify cost savings.
- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.
- Meeting with Barnaby Joyce MP and Senator Bridget McKenzie, the Deputy Leader of the Nationals, to view the upgrades at the Showgrounds and to discuss other related projects.
- **Ordinary Council Meeting:** Council resolved to: enter into a partnership with the Northern Inland Academy of Sport to support connections to coaches and sports people for the youth of Uralla; review the 2018-19 Operational Plan progress update; exhibit three policies associated with *Councillor Induction and Professional Development, Work Health and Safety, Investment*; note minutes of the Friends of McMaugh Gardens and Uralla Township and Environs Committee meetings; progress discussions with the Uralla community about opportunities for a Return and Earn to be located in Uralla; purchase a new water tanker.



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