URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

November 2017

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - Approvals / Refusals September 2017

Approvals

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Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-33-2017	Mr M Hillard & Ms J Van Der Lee	35 John Street, Uralla	2 Lot Subdivision
DA-43-2017	Mr H & Mrs S Brown	41 Panhandle Road, Uralla	Dwelling & Garage including Variation to Building Envelope and Side Setback
DA-46-2017	Cr R & Mrs P Crouch	3 McDonalds Lane, Rocky River	4 Bay Shed
DA-49-2017	Dr M Stimpson	417 Thunderbolts Way, Rocky River	Transfer of Dwelling Entitlement
CDC-11-2017	Ms G Chavez	25 Tobruk Road, Invergowrie	Dwelling & Shed
CDC-20-2017-2	Ms L Delacour	9 Salisbury Street, Uralla	Modification – Dwelling Additions & Alterations
CDC-25-2017	Mr M & Mrs F Welbourn	36 McCrossin Street, Uralla	Shed

Refusals: Nil

The Notices of Determination for the 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.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR LANDFILL OPERATING HOURS.

The Bundarra and Uralla landfills will be closed on Monday 25 December and Monday 1 January 2018. Normal operational hours will apply outside these times

Invergowrie residents please note there is a change to your kerbside service for Christmas and New Year.

Kerbside pick-up for Invergowrie will be on Tuesday 26 December, and Tuesday 2 January 2018. This is a change from a Monday service for Invergowrie residents only for these two days only. Please leave your bin out until it has been collected on these Tuesdays. Normal weekly service will return on Monday 8 January.

MUNSIE BRIDGE CLOSURE.

Council wishes to advise that Gostwyck Road at Munsie Bridge will be closed to all vehicular traffic from 23 November 2017 to 03 January 2018 for the purpose of renewing the deck on Munsie Bridge.

The timber deck will be removed and replaced with precast concrete decking. The width of the newly constructed concrete bridge deck will remain as a single lane. During the closure, a detour via a temporary (gravelled) by-pass track located at the south of Gostwyck Road at Munsie Bridge will be available. The temporary by-pass track will be removed once the concrete bridge is commissioned. Detour signage will be erected during this time.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING OCTOBER

- Council meeting on the 24
 October including a presentation from Arts North
 West.
- Councillors held a strategic planning workshop focusing on (a) the financial statements, and (b) Tourism
- Councillors undertook a field trip to inspect Council owned infrastructure and the Mihi & Munsie bridge improvement projects.
- The Visitor Information
 Project Reference Group held
 two meetings in October to
 discuss recommendations for
 how the centre should
 operate into the future.
- A fox control program commenced at Racecourse Lagoon, Uralla.

DID YOU KNOW?

Last year Council collected 1,055 tonnes of general waste and 385 tonnes of recycling, which suggests our community is conscious of the benefits of recycling. However, 26 tonnes of the recycling collected was contaminated and had to be disposed into landfill. Please recycle correctly and help extend the life of our landfills.

THE CONTINUANCE OF ALCOHOL-FREE ZONES IN URALLA.

Council resolved at its September 2017 meeting to extend the Alcohol-Free Zones for a further four years. Enforceable Alcohol-Free Zones include Apex Park; Attwood/McMillan Park; Fuller Park; Library and Visitor Information Centre Precinct; Porter Park; Hampden Park, and the Central Business District. The Central Business District Alcohol-Free Zones is bounded by Bridge Street from Wood Street to Park Street, including the Library and Visitor Information Centre precinct, and Hill Street from Alma Park Bridge to the Uralla Railway Station, including Hampden Park and the skate park.

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COUNCILLORS HIT THE ROAD FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTIONS.





PHOTO: Uralla Shire Council representatives inspecting local infrastructure projects.

On Tuesday 10th October, after a morning reviewing council financial statements and discussing tourism opportunities, councillors undertook a half-day field trip to inspect key council infrastructure installations and current and emerging civil projects within the southern part of the shire. The northern part of the shire was visited by councillors earlier in the year.

The sites visited included the Uralla water treatment plant, sewerage treatment plant and the waste management and recycling centre, whereat councillors were debriefed about the history, operations and challenges of those facilities.

The Computer Bank New England team provided councillors with an overview of their e-waste recovery operations as part of the Uralla waste and recycling centre inspection.

The soon to be upgraded Munsie and Mihi bridges were inspected as was an important roadside vegetation community which contains the threatened "blue gum".

Mayor Pearce said that whilst it was difficult for all councillors to find sufficient time in their busy lives to participate, together, in a full day of workshops and field trips the effort was well worth it.

"It is important councillors take the time to get out and see what's going on in the Shire. Doing the site visits together means we all hear the same information and see the same things providing a shared and higher level of understanding of the issues and challenges for each of these facilities and projects."

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council meeting is scheduled for 28 November 12:30 pm at the Council Chambers.

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

JOIN US FOR A WILDFLOWER WANDER THROUGH THE WOOLDRIDGE RECREATION & FOSSICKING RESERVE.



Date: 25 November 1:30-3:30pm

Meet at the main picnic & camping area at the Wooldridge Fossicking reserve. You can access this from Devoncourt Road, 3 km west of Uralla via Kingstown Road.

For bookings or enquiries please phone Des on 67786315.



Discover the splendour of our Australian woodlands in spring with a guided walk by Council's Bushland Regenerator, Kate Boyd. See how many wildflowers come out of hiding in the grass while you walk around the Reserve. Watch and discover woodland birds in their natural habitat and get to know some of the history and interesting landscapes of Uralla's Wooldridge Fossicking Area.

Watch and learn from other participants who will showcase their favourite plants and animals. Perhaps you can find our special Grevillea.

You will need sturdy walking shoes, long pants sun/rain protection, a water bottle, keen eyes and a sense of adventure. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY CELEBRATIONS

25 years of Tablelands Community Support operations was a great excuse for Uralla Shire Council to reflect upon the success and growth during the recent celebration. TCS commenced as a provider of short-term services to Aboriginal and disability clients 25 years ago. As TCS evolved, the services on offer expanded to include Community Homecare Packages and services for people with dementia and their carers. Today the organisation continues to grow under the latest national aged care reforms and the National Disability Insurance Scheme. TCS remains a trusted and highly valued service with a focus on assisting clients and their carers to achieve their goals both at home and in the community.



PHOTO: Lexie Miller (ex staff), Robyn Tribe (previous Manager), Jan Roads (previous Manager), Wendy Kurko (current Manager), Cr Michael Pearce (Mayor), Cr Isabel Strutt (Deputy Mayor).

Are you a Primary Producer in Uralla shire? Council will be hosting an informal drinks & nibbles afternoon at Whyworry Wines on Wednesday 29 November from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Council sees this as an opportunity for primary producers to provide feedback or advice about emerging issues and matters of importance in which Council may have a role. RSVP Friday 24 November, phone 67786471.

How Friends of McMaughs started.

Friends of McMaugh Gardens held its inaugural meeting on Monday 23 October 2000. The group had one goal - to purchase items that will enhance the lives of residents who call McMaugh Gardens home. In the following few years, the Friends of McMaughs met informally as a group of volunteers.

Over time as more fundraising events filled the calendar, it became evident a more formal structure was needed. The volunteer group has raised almost \$200,000 over the past seventeen years.

The group's current fundraising activities include a street stall in March and September, a Bowls Day at Uralla Bowling Club, a stall at the local Thunderbolts Festival and provide food and drinks for Australia Day celebrations. They are also open to catering for other local events on request.

If you would like to join this volunteer group, the Friends meet at 2 pm on the 2nd Monday in February, March, April, September, October, and November at McMaugh Gardens. For more details contact the President, Sue Wilkinson Phone: 67784747 or Secretary, Maureen Watson Phone: 67787262.



Z-NET URALLA NEWS

Large-scale renewables come to Uralla Shire!

September saw an information night where locals packed the Kentucky Hall to hear about how landholders can manage the finances and legalities of renewable energy developments on their land.

A number of Uralla Shire landholders are now in discussions with both wind and solar energy developers about hosting facilities to feed renewable energy into the grid. The reason our Shire is of so much interest is because we have lots of sunlight and reasonably level land in close proximity to the 330 KV power lines, running through the Kentucky and Arding localities.

Any landholders wanting to explore the option for passive income from leasing land for an energy facility should do their homework well. NSW Office of Environment and Heritage has good information. Don't hesitate to call or email Lauren Zell (lauren.zell@environment.nsw.gov.au) as the Regional Clean Energy Program is available to assist NSW communities with early and effective engagement around large scale renewable energy.



Photo: Options for mixing energy and agriculture.

If you would like to know more please contact Trish Rasmussen, Z-NET Uralla Project Officer, projects@zneturalla.org.au

UNION PICNIC DAY: Council has received confirmation that the staff Union Picnic Day holiday will be Friday 17 November. The staff Union Picnic Day will not affect any council services and it will be business as usual. For further information, please phone 67786300.