

NOVEMBER 2019



URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE URALLA SWIMMING POOL

The community is invited to celebrate the Official Opening of the Uralla Swimming Pool by the Honourable Adam Marshall MP and Mayor Michael Pearce on Saturday, 16 November from 12pm to 2pm. The pool will offer free entry for the day, a free sausage sizzle, cold drinks and lolly bags.

The pool has a fresh look for the summer season following upgrades made possible by the grant funding secured through the Stronger Country Communities Programme Round 2. New features at the pool include picnic shelters, shade sails, double BBQ, billboard for public art to be provided by students from Uralla Central, and a new water bubbler.

Upgrades also included fibre-glassing and painting of the main pool's floor and walls, removal of the starting blocks, re-grouting of the tiled surfaces in the pool, rendering of the buildings, painting of internal walls in the amenities, and new shower hardware.

Council is also working with local schools to commission a large mural on the main building to face Wood Street which will be unveiled in the coming months.

Please join us on Saturday, 16th November to celebrate the upgrades to the Uralla Pool. Bring your families and friends, and don't forget your swimmers!



OPENING OF THE ANIWAN CULTURAL COLLECTION

The community is invited to join the Honourable Adam Marshall MP, Mayor, councillors, and staff for the official opening of the Aniwani Cultural Collection at the Visitor Information Centre on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 from 10am.

The Local Aboriginal Artefacts Cultural Display Project commenced in February 2019, with council staff and Aniwani Elders working together for the research and formation of a collection of local Aniwani artefacts which could be placed on display at the Uralla Visitor Information Centre.

Artefacts have been generously loaned and donated by Elders and members of the community, researched and catalogued for display.

The project was made possible by funds received by the Regional Cultural Fund provided by the NSW Government.



Kathy Kelly and Uncle Les Townsend with artefacts being catalogued.

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MEETING DATES 2019

Council meeting: Ordinary meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm, Council Chambers. This month: Tuesday, 26 November.

Budget Review & Finance Committee: Tuesday, 12 November at 12:30pm, Council Chambers.

Uralla Township & Environs Committee (UTE): Tuesday, 12 November at 6pm, 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 – NOV/DEC 2019

31 Oct-4 Nov	Art Connections Open Weekend
Sat 2 Nov	Valinor Sound Spa
Sun 3 Nov	Poultry Auction
Sat 9 Nov	Uralla 475 Fire Brigade Charity Golf Day
Sat 16 Nov	Bundarra Community Markets
Sat 16 Nov	Uralla Pool Official Opening
Sat 30 Nov	Uralla Indoor Markets
Tue 3 Dec	Aniwan Cultural Collection Official Opening
Wed 4 Dec	Carols in the Park

Check www.uralla.com for more information on the local calendar of events and call us to add your event on **6778 6420**.

Uralla Library Activities November - December 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-5pm 3rd Thursday of the month
- Chess & Checkers Club** – 4pm Mondays during school term

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Uralla Visitor Information Centre is looking for volunteers to join our team. Are you passionate about Uralla and love meeting new people? Contact us for more information on **6778 6420** or email visit@uralla.com.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

URALLA TOWNSHIP AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE

Council established a Section 355 Committee to provide advice on the future of public spaces in Uralla. Council is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from members of the community to serve on the committee. There is currently one (1) available position.

As set out in the Uralla Township and Environs Committee Constitution, the Committee meets a minimum of twice a year with further meetings conducted as needed. Since commencement the Committee has been meeting monthly on the evening of the second Tuesday of the month.

EOIs should be addressed to the General Manager and include a statement detailing why the applicant is interested in serving on the Committee. Expressions of Interest must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, **6 December 2019** and can be submitted electronically to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au or by post to PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358.

For further information about the Uralla Township and Environs Committee, contact Council on 6778 6300 or via email at council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

SMALL BUSINESS DROUGHT SUPPORT

The drought has impacted small businesses and communities across NSW, with farming and non-farming businesses feeling the strain of unprecedented dry conditions.

The NSW Small Business Commission has developed a factsheet outlining support for non-farm based businesses, available at www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au.

Farm-based businesses can find information on support specific to their needs on the NSW Drought Hub at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/drougthub. Any business can contact the NSW Small Business Commission for more information on 1300 795 534 or email we.assist@smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au.

URALLA CAROLS IN THE PARK

Carols in the Park will be held on
Wednesday, 4 December 2019

Alma Park, Uralla

Sausage Sizzle at 6pm

Carols at 7pm

Please bring a chair or picnic rug.

A collection will be taken up and will be
donated for drought relief.

LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Bundarra and Uralla are at Level 3 water restrictions. The implications of Level 3 water restrictions are:

- General watering of lawns and gardens using a hand held hose with a trigger nozzle is permitted for a maximum of one hour between the hours of 5pm and 9am.
- The use of sprinklers and fixed hoses, and watering new turf, is prohibited.
- Vehicle washing is restricted to cleaning windows.
- Cartage of town water for the purposes of watering stock is prohibited.

Contact council with questions or concerns on 6778 6300.

URALLA STREET STORE NOVEMBER–DECEMBER

4-10 November – Uralla Memorial Literary Institute Inc

11-17 November – Uralla Garden Club

18-24 November – Uralla Hospital Auxiliary

25 Nov - 1 Dec – Uralla Lions Club

2-8 December – Uralla Rotary Club

9-15 December – Uralla Arts

16-22 December – Uralla Red Cross

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED FROM THE URALLA SUSTAINABILITY EXPO

On 3 August 2019, Council participated in the ZNET Sustainability Expo and hosted a display to showcase the recent initiatives in energy efficiency, solar energy, council's bush regeneration program and Uralla's urban water supply.

Along with face-to-face discussion, Council sought written feedback from the public. Council staff have reviewed the questions received and can now provide the following answers:

1. Can council focus on providing the community with water savings/strategies and goals, including a roadside display with dam and water restriction levels?

Yes. Council has access to materials through the New England Joint Organisation to provide strategies to conserve water use. The sustainability of our water supply depends on the sale of water to provide the income to cover the costs.

Water saving advice is available on Council's website together with storage levels and restriction details. Should Level 4 restrictions be implemented, roadside signage will be installed.

2. Can council provide recycling bins in the main street?

No. Too much contamination with general waste occurs. The contamination means waste from public recycling bins must be disposed of in landfill. When possible, it is more effective for people to take recyclables home and use their home recycling bin.

Council appreciates the recycling efforts by our community and encourages residents to check which materials can be recycled via the Council website.

3. Can Council encourage residents to invest in wind turbines to generate renewable energy by easing planning restrictions including the DA process?

Provisions around development that do not require planning approval are regulated by state planning policies, and Council cannot provide any relaxations in relation to the statutory requirements.

Development Applications are assessed on merit, meaning benefits of a proposed development are weighed against the environmental and physical constraints of the site.

4. Can Council control the distribution of Coolatai and African lovegrass within road reserves and on Travelling Stock Routes?

Travelling Stock Routes are under the care and control of Local Land Services. Council helps control roadside weeds by cleaning and removing seeds from maintenance and construction equipment when moving from site to site.

Council also makes an annual contribution to the New England Weeds Authority to control weeds along roads and on public lands throughout the Uralla Shire.

CALL FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited for **Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Sports Awards** which will be presented on Australia Day 2020. Nominees must be Australian citizens and live in the Uralla Shire. Young Citizen of the Year nominees must be under twenty seven years of age on 26th January 2020. Senior Citizen nominees must be aged seventy years or over.

Nomination forms are available from the Uralla Shire Council Administration Building office, Uralla Library, Uralla Post Office, Regional Australia Bank and National Bank, or contact the Secretary of the Uralla Australia Day Committee by phone on 6778 4328. Nominations will close on Friday, 13th December 2019. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.



PUBLIC NOTICE

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In accordance with Section 418 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, Uralla Shire Council advises that the ordinary Council meeting to be held on 26 November 2019 will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ending 30 June 2019.

Copies of the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports may be inspected at Council's Administration Building, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla as well as on council's website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au. Written submissions can be made to Council until 5:00pm, Tuesday, 3 December 2019.

Any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's Audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports.

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.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-69-2010-4	Mr P & Mrs F Forrest	33-37 Queen Street, Uralla	Modification – Subdivision of 5 Urban Lots into 5 Urban Lots
DA-53-2019	Mr D Coote	11 Baker Street, Bundarra	Shed & Carport
DA-54-2019	Mr G Noone	13 Park Street, Uralla	Change of Use – Tourist & Visitor Accommodation
DA-57-2019	Mr C & Mrs C Barnden	23 Park Street, Uralla	Ensuite Addition & Rear Spa Room
CDC-11-2019	Ms C West	53 Gostwyck Street, Uralla	Bathroom Alteration
CDC-12-2019	Mr P & Mrs S Guy	15 Moffatt Road, Invergowrie	Dwelling Alterations to Laundry

Withdrawals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-7-2018-2	Mr D Carson	33 Plane Avenue, Uralla	Primitive Camping
DA-26-2018-2	Mr G & Mrs A Ward	56 Salisbury Street & 26 Uralla Street, Uralla	Subdivision of Two Urban Lots to Create Three Urban Lots

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*.

Z-NETPlus URALLA

The September AGM with its expanded Mission to support the community towards a resilient, regenerative and sustainable future has seen the consolidation of a sub-group now called ZNETPlus, alongside the energy group which continues its excellent work.

ZNETPlus wants to focus on what the community sees as their priorities and so we are running a short survey which will continue until Nov 10th. There will be forms available in 3 ways: at local shops, these forms can be returned to the Visitors Centre; there is a post and link on the Uralla Facebook site; or you can follow the link bit.ly/znetplus2019.



Carol Shantal handing out the new ZNET Plus survey

We look forward to hearing from as many shire residents as possible so tell your neighbour or pass them a form and lets all help strengthen Uralla's future together!

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS - OCTOBER 2019

Councillor Strategic Planning Workshop

- Councillors reviewed the decision making process and business goals for the Visitor Information Centre Improvement project. Councillors and staff will meet with key stakeholders to discuss recommendations from the meeting and how the VIC can improve its promotion of Uralla.

Extraordinary Meeting of Council

- Council appointed a selection committee of Mayor Pearce, Deputy Mayor Crouch, and Councillors Toomey and Strutt for the recruitment of council's permanent General Manager.
- The first interviews during the selection period were held on 21st October.
- The final interviews will be held on 12th November 2019.

October Ordinary Meeting of Council

- Council resolved to remove the current design for the tower in the Visitor Information Centre Upgrade and to consider alternatives as part of the project review which are consistent with the Uralla Shire Council Development Control Plan.
- Council adopted the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019, incorporating the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules. The Financial Statements and Auditor's Report have been placed on exhibition with the date for submissions from the public closing on 3 December 2019.
- Council received the First Quarter Progress Report on the Combined Delivery Program 2017-21 and 2019-20 Operational Plan.
- Council determined to make a submission to the Minister for Local Government on Gifts and Benefits as part of the Model Code of Conduct Consultation, that:
 - \$50 is an appropriate cap for gifts; and
 - That councillors and staff should be treated equally under the Code.
- Noted the tabling of annual Interests Disclosure Returns by councillors and designated persons.
- Resolved the Notice of Motion be received as a submission to the Draft Amendment No 5 of the Development Control Plan for review and report back to Council.
- Provided hire of grandstands to the Australian Medieval Combat Federation at no cost.