

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL | November 2020



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## Mayor's Message

Summer is nearly upon us with the Uralla Swimming Pool now open for the season. Please follow the extra precautions in place to keep the community safe. Exercising and relaxing at the pool is a great way for anyone to maintain their health and wellbeing while beating the summer heat, but remember to 'Keep a beach towel between you' and stay home if you're feeling unwell.

*'Always was, always will be.'* We celebrate NAIDOC this year on Tuesday, 10 November. This year's theme recognises that First Nations people have been the caretakers of Australia for over 65,000 years. We will hold the flag raising ceremony at the Council Administration Offices at 10am. I look forward to joining our Elders in celebration and welcoming the community for morning tea at the Uralla Memorial Hall.

I am pleased to announce the construction tender was awarded for the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme at our last Ordinary Meeting of Council. There have been some unforeseen delays in the project,

however this has been necessary to obtain best value for the community. Construction works are anticipated to commence in late 2020 and the project will be completed in 2021.

Council also reviewed the Code of Meeting Practice and made amendments to better facilitate individual representation at Council's Public Forums. The document is on public exhibition and I encourage the community to have a read on our website and submit any comments or feedback. We want to hear from you so that we can better serve our community's needs.

Applications are now open for community groups to book in the Uralla Community Street Store for the 2021 calendar year. The application form is available to download on the Council website or please feel free to call our Customer Service Team for assistance.

Another much-anticipated event during November will be this year's Youth Month activities. Deputy Mayor Cr Strutt and I look forward to answering questions from students representing all the Uralla Shire schools during our annual 'Q and A'

### Uralla Visitor Information Centre Temporary Relocation

The Uralla Visitor Information Centre has temporarily relocated from its premises at 104 Bridge Street and is now offering services next door in the Uralla Library at 106 Bridge Street.

Our operating hours remain the same and staff are still available to offer visitor information. We look forward to welcoming you from our new location at the Uralla Library, accessible from the parking area behind the Visitor Information Centre.

Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm  
Saturday and Sunday 10am to 3pm  
Public Holidays 10am to 3pm  
Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday

with the Mayor. These question and answer sessions with the students are always a highlight and we are looking forward to listening to the next generation who will carry us into the future.

Until next time,  
**Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce**

## Youth Month Activities

There are a number of activities on for November Youth Month, including scavenger hunts, chocolate bingo, movie nights at the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre and Uralla Library, and questions with the Mayor. The Youth Month finale will be held on 27 November 2020 with a sausage sizzle and prizes given out for winners and runners up.

For more information, contact the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre on 6778 3277 or via email at [urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com](mailto:urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com)

# McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre 30 Year Celebration

McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre is celebrating 30 years of continual service to the Uralla Shire community in November 2020. The Friends of McMaugh Gardens and McMaugh Gardens facility staff will be celebrating this milestone following COVID Safe guidelines and measures.

During the week commencing Monday, 9 November to Saturday, 14 November 2020 we will be displaying a banner outside McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre. In the Uralla CBD, a shop window donated by Rod Eichorn will display a slide show and various items to celebrate this occasion.

Friends of McMaugh Gardens is working on a video to showcase the facility's history and will be made public during the week. The video casts back to the facility planning and construction stages, including snippets of activities, residents, staff and major functions over the years.



During the week of activities, a time capsule will be placed at the bottom of the flagpole at McMaugh Gardens to be opened in November 2050. Please contact Rosemary Reading to attend – all are welcome, however, social distancing rules will apply.

Friends of McMaugh Gardens will place floral arrangements throughout the facility where all residents can have their photographs taken to mark the occasion.

We congratulate McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre on the continual wonderful service they have provided to the Uralla Community over the past 30 years.

Rosemary Reading  
Secretary, Friends of McMaugh Gardens Inc.

*The Friends of McMaugh Gardens meet on the second Monday of each month at 2pm at Uralla Bowling Club.*

## Documents on Public Exhibition

At its Ordinary Meeting held 27 October 2020, Council resolved to place the following documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days:

- ◆ Draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy
- ◆ Draft Code of Meeting Practice

These documents are available to view on Council's website or at Council's Administration Building, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla.

Written submissions or enquiries can be made to Council until 5:00pm, Monday 30 November 2020.

Submissions or enquiries must be made in writing and can be submitted by email to [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au) or by letter to the General Manager at PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358.



## ZNET Latest: Let's Talk About Water

We've published the first of our Water Information Flyers! These are designed to be a conversation starter as well as to answer some of the questions Uralla residents have asked over the past year about Water Security, Water Treatment, Water Efficiency and more. Each flyer has a short poll where you can give feedback, and we're really interested in what you have to say. Download the flyers at [zneturalla.org.au/water](http://zneturalla.org.au/water).

We held a Water Workshop for Uralla Shire Council in October. It was a great opportunity for us to collaborate with Council on the Let's Talk About Water project and to hear first-hand some of the councillor's experience during the drought in regards to their households, farms and gardens.

Any local community groups who would like to have a mini-workshop at their next meeting or gathering can get in touch [water@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:water@zneturalla.org.au).

## Applications Open for the Uralla Community Street Store

Applications are now open for booking Council's Community Street Store for the 2021 calendar year.

The Uralla Community Street Store, located at 60 Bridge Street, is available to local non-profit groups for a week during each calendar year to raise funds and awareness of the non-profit group's activities.

Applications should be submitted to Council by 13 November 2020.

Community groups seeking more information or who wish to apply should visit the Uralla Street Store page on the Council website at:

[www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Uralla-Community-Street-Store](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Uralla-Community-Street-Store)

## Bundarra Sewerage Scheme Construction Tender Awarded

The Bundarra Sewerage Scheme construction tender has been awarded to Ledonne Construction Pty Ltd, following a decision made at Council's Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday, 27 October 2020.

Following a decision made at Council's Extraordinary Meeting held 29 September 2020, a qualified consultant was engaged to review the tender process. While this added a slight delay to the project, the additional review has given Council the confidence it has obtained best value for the Bundarra community.

Council reviewed the report provided by Local Government Procurement and Charles Kendall Australia and resolved that subject to the finalisation of the Safe and Secure Water Program grant funding deed, the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme construction contract be awarded to Ledonne Construction Pty Ltd.

The Safe and Secure Water funding deed should be finalised in a matter of weeks and it is expected this will be completed by mid-November 2020. The project construction is expected to commence by December 2020 and to be commissioned in late 2021.

The Bundarra Sewerage Scheme is an \$8.81 million project with a majority of funding provided by the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program.

The project will provide economic, environmental, and public health benefits to the residents of Bundarra in the construction of a sewage treatment plant, sewer reticulation network, and other associated infrastructure.

More information on the project is available on the Council website at [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Services/Waste-Water-and-Sewer-Services/Bundarra-Sewer-Scheme](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Services/Waste-Water-and-Sewer-Services/Bundarra-Sewer-Scheme)

## Development Application & Complying Development Certificate Decisions September 2020

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-20-2020	New England Sheds	178 Thunderbolts Way, Rocky River	Shed
DA-25-2020	Mr R Thackway	132 Bridge Street	Shipping Container
DA-26-2020	Mr T Coggan & Mr J Flemming	44 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Installation of Relocated Manufactured Home
DA-27-2020	Mr E Calliess & Ms A Walsh	47 Queen Street, Uralla	Four Bay Shed with Bathroom
DA-30-2020	Mr P & Mrs P Cooper	16 King Street, Uralla	Replacement Garage & Water Tank
DA-33-2020	Toby Smith Building Pty Ltd	3 Somerset Close, Uralla	Dwelling & Detached Shed
DA-34-2020	Ms T Gallop	51 Duke Street, Uralla	Dwelling
CDC-16-2020	Mr S Schultz & Ms M Wallace	14 Rowan Avenue, Uralla	Shed
CDC-20-2020	Mr W Sellings	33 Plane Avenue, Uralla	Conversion of Existing Ladies Room to Male Toilets
CDC-23-2020	Mr Q & Mrs V Dillon	3713 Thunderbolts Way, Uralla	Farm Shed
CDC-27-2020	Mr B Weston & Ms J Khan	26 Wallinga Road, Invergowrie	Swimspa
CDC-28-2020	Ms T Toomey	130 Gostwyck Road, Uralla	Greenhouse

Withdrawals: Nil 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 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No. 203.



# CIVIL WORKS

## Completed in October

- Bingara Road – sealing
- Thunderbolts Way (Gwydir River) rehabilitation construction and sealing

## Upcoming in November

- Bingara Road – erosion control, preparation for installation of bridge safety barrier and heavy patching
- Thunderbolts Way (Between Pomona Road and Rifle Range Road) – rehabilitation construction and sealing
- Contractors to undertake heavy patching and stabilisation works at various sections of Kingstown Road and Arding Road
- Retreat Road upgrade – construction, sealing, install box culvert and pipe extension



# Catch Up On Your Council Meetings

## October Ordinary Meeting

- Endorsed recommendations from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on the draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy and draft General Manager Performance Review Charter.
  - Resolved to contact the Retreat Road Action Group and residents of Harriet Gully Road to understand the community's concerns.
  - Refused the Development Application for a natural burial ground.
  - Refused the Planning Proposal Amendment to Schedule of the Uralla Local Environment Plan 2012.
  - Noted the Register of Disclosures by Councillors and designated persons for the period July 2019 – June 2020 and resolved to publish the returns to Council's website.
  - Awarded two individual grants under Council's Community Grants Program.
- Placed the draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy and the draft amended Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition.
  - Received and noted the reports provided by Local Government Procurement and Charles Kendall Australia on the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme Award of Tender. Council resolved that subject to finalisation of the funding deed, the construction contract be awarded to Ledonne Construction Pty Ltd.

## Budget Review & Finance Committee

At its meeting held 13 October 2020, the Committee considered the introduction of tiered pricing for water usage as part of a strategy to operate at a balanced operating position in the Water Fund over the next 10 years. After reviewing the report the Committee determined to lay the matter on the table until the December 2020 Committee meeting.

## Meeting Dates

Consistent with current directions related to physical distancing and COVID Safe guidelines, there are measures in place at Council and Committee meetings to protect the health and safety of our community.

For more information please visit our website at [uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings](http://uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings)

**Ordinary Meeting of Council**  
Tuesday, 24 November 2020,  
12:30pm, Council Chambers.

**Uralla Township and Environs Committee** Tuesday, 10 November 2020, 6:00pm, Council Chambers.

**Budget Review & Finance Committee** Tuesday, 8 December 2020, 12:30pm Council Chambers.

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