

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL MAYORAL ELECTIONS

Cr Michael Pearce was re-elected unopposed as Mayor of Uralla Shire Council for a fourth term at an Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28th September, with Cr Bob Crouch also being re-elected to serve a fourth term as Deputy Mayor.

General Manager Damien Connor welcomed the re-election of Crs Pearce and Crouch. "With the reforms taking place in local government, Council needs strong and stable leadership, and these two Councillors have a proven record of providing that."

Mayor Pearce said he is proud of Council's achievements over the past 12 months. "The last year has been an extremely successful one.

"Major progress has been made in the development of the organisation and ultimately the improvement in the delivery of services to the community.

"Council delivered the vast majority of the goals outlined in last year's Operational Plan, and is on track to finish a number of other important projects later this year, including the Emu Crossing Bridge approaches, Abington Bridge and a major upgrade of the Uralla Sporting Complex.



"Council's financial position has also improved markedly. The revised end of year result for 2014/15 has seen the estimated operating result improve considerably from the third quarter and the cash result improve as well.

"I am very proud of Uralla Shire, and honoured to represent the residents as Mayor."

Mayor Michael Pearce (far left) and Deputy Mayor Bob Crouch (left) are looking forward to another productive year of delivering services.

GENERAL MANAGER CHOSEN FOR PRESTIGIOUS STUDY TOUR

Council's General Manager, Damien Connor, will represent NSW Local Government as an ambassador to the League City Managers Conference in Indian Wells, USA next February, before undertaking a study tour of a number of Californian Councils.

Mr Connor said he is very honoured to be selected to represent NSW Local Government and is looking forward to the opportunities that the study tour may present. "I am passionate about Local Government and exploring new ways to deliver the best possible services to the community, so I'm really excited to have been given this great opportunity. I'm really looking forward to liaising with the most innovative Californian Councils.



"During the study tour, I'll be looking at shared service delivery models, innovative asset management approaches and systems, joint public/private partnerships and other unique funding models. I'm also interested to see any new technologies that have been implemented to drive efficiency.

"With reforms taking place in all levels of government in Australia, now is certainly the time for Local Government Professionals to be looking at how we can do things more efficiently, so we can deliver high quality, cost effective services to our residents.

"I hope that the study tour can result in real benefits for Uralla Shire, as well other Councils from throughout the region and the state."

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Meeting of Council is scheduled for:

Date: Monday, 26 October 2015

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Uralla Shire Council Chambers,
32 Salisbury Street, Uralla

"Have Your Say" from 1:10pm.

(Contact Council for registration procedure)

Council Meeting Agendas and Reports can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website at: 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 - go to: [Your Council/ Council Documents/ Minutes](#)

TABLELANDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT (TCS)

Are you a younger person with a disability or a carer?

We would like to hear from you. We would like to start some small social groups in the community and we would like to hear what you might like to do. Examples include ten pin bowling, movies, or games afternoons in the centre. Please contact us on 6778 6350.

Are you socially isolated?

Are you over 65? Would you like to go to the movies, out for a coffee, or go to an Art Exhibition, but you have no one to go with? Give us a call 6778 6350 and see what we can do to help.

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is coming to the New England Area in July 2016

It has been announced that the NDIS will be rolled out in the New England Area in July 2016. TCS passed NDS verification and will be able to provide high quality services to meet all the needs of NDIS clients. For more information, contact us on 6778 6350.

Information Session with NSW Trustee and Guardian

In conjunction with the NSW Trustee and Guardian, Council is holding an Information Session at the Community Centre (9 Hill Street) from 10.30am to 12 noon on Wednesday 4th November.

Topics covered will include Planning Ahead, Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA), Advanced Care Planning, and Enduring Guardianships.

These are topics that should be thought about now rather than later.

Morning tea will be provided, and transport can be arranged.

If you are interested please call 6778 6350.



**NSW Trustee
& Guardian**



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Round one of the Uralla Shire Community Grants Program is now open for submissions. Eligible community groups and organisations are encouraged to apply for amounts of up to \$3,000 in funds and/or in kind support to undertake projects and events to benefit the wider Uralla Shire community.

Individual grants of up to \$300 are also available to residents to pursue achievements in their chosen area of expertise. This may include, but is not limited to, significant sports and recreation, arts and culture and academic endeavours.

Applications close on Friday 30th October 2015. Grant guidelines and application forms are available from www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

For more information, please contact Council's Community Development Coordinator, Patrick Dogan, on 6778 6471 or pdogan@uralla.nsw.gov.au

PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES ALTERATIONS ON DISPLAY

A referendum question concerning the number of wards was put to the Uralla Shire community at the Local Government Election in September 2012. Resultantly the vote was carried to change the number of wards in Uralla Shire Council from three to two.

A review of the Council area has been undertaken utilising the ABS Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) data, in order to allocate electors to one of two ward areas for Uralla Shire Council and to keep the number of electors in each ward within a 10% variation of each other in accordance with section 211 of the Local Government Act, 1993

Residents are invited to view the report on Proposed Ward Boundaries Alteration and the Proposed Ward Boundary Maps until Wednesday 28th October at the following locations:

- Council's Administration Office at 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla
- Uralla Shire Public Library
- Council's Website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Written comments on these documents can be submitted to The General Manager, PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358, before 4.30pm on Monday 9th November 2015.

SUMMER'S ALMOST HERE!

Summer is almost here again and we are all being beckoned to leave our indoor warmth for the glorious sunshine in the great outdoors. Spring and summer sprout new life into lawns and gardens.

Long grass and rubbish create potential fire hazards and provide places for snakes and vermin (e.g. mice and rats) to live and hide.

Residents are urged to minimise any potential habitats on their land over the warmer months to help reduce the unwanted snakes and vermin. Council's Officers will also be reviewing properties in our Shire for long grass and waste compliance during these warmer months.

Residents are reminded they can take green waste and pruning to Uralla and Bundarra Landfills free of charge. Uralla residents also have the option of having a kerbside green waste collection service. For further information on any of the above please contact Council on 6778 6300.

Please help us to make our Shire an enjoyable place for everyone.



URALLA LIBRARY NEWS

Lego Club: The monthly meetings of the Lego Club will be held from 4.00pm to 5.00pm on Thursday 15th October; 19th November and 17th December.

Story Time: Story time and craft for young children is held at the library every Tuesday morning from 10.30am.

For more information, please contact Judith at the Library on 6778 6470.

URALLA CANCER SUPPORT INFORMATION MEETING

A small group of Uralla community members with the assistance of Paul Hobson, New England Community Programs Coordinator for Cancer Council NSW, would like to find others interested in forming and joining a local cancer support group.

Date: Thursday 15th October 2015

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Uralla Community Centre

Speakers: Paul Hobson – Cancer Council NSW on services available to the community, and local community members talking about their own cancer experiences.

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 12th October 2015 to Donita on 6778 6380 or Trevor on 0458 497 770.

URALLA JOINS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST GARAGE SALE

Uralla Shire households, schools and community groups are for the first time set to join hundreds of thousands of people across the country on Saturday 24 October as a part of the Garage Sale Trail. An award-winning community and sustainability event, Garage Sale Trail is powered by over 150 local councils and is expecting over 10,000 garage sales to be held across the country.

Mayor Michael Pearce has welcomed the involvement of the Uralla Shire and the unique opportunity to promote reuse and community building in a fun and creative way. "The council is proud to be actively involved in bringing this national initiative to our residents. Garage Sale Trail helps people to think creatively about how we can reuse items that might otherwise be put out for waste collection and possibly end up in landfill," Cr Pearce said.

"Council will be holding a Garage Sale at McMaugh Gardens in King Street, and the King Size Sale is also registered for 19 King Street. Other garage sales registered for Uralla include 'Got to Go' at 20 Park Street, 'Something for Everyone' at 130 Bridge Street and 'Come Bye' at 128 Bridge Street. In Bundarra, the CWA is holding a garage sale in Court Street. Garage Sale Trail is a great way to connect with the broader community whilst raising money for yourself or others. In previous years, the average seller made over \$300 and made 13 new community connections on the day. It's a grass-roots event that has swept across the country, so we're pleased to be a part of something bigger that's making some positive change."

Garage Sale Trail takes place on Saturday 24 October and all households, local organisations, schools, community groups and charities can register via garagesaletrail.com.au. Registration is free and includes a seller webpage that can be personalised by naming the garage sale and listing items that will be for sale on the day. There's also a whole swag of tips and tools available to help sellers promote their sales locally.

Now is the time to pencil Saturday 24 October into your diary and prepare for a fun day of buying and selling. Who knows what treasures you might come across?!

Below: Luke Frazier, Kath Little, Mick Pearce and Bridget Doran from Uralla Shire Council embrace the fun spirit of the Garage Sale Trail.



RECYCLING BIN INSPECTIONS

Over the coming months, Council Officers will be conducting inspections of kerbside recycling bins. Bins containing material other than recyclables as indicated on the lid will be rejected and will not be collected.

Please remember that staff have to sort recycling on belts at the recycling centre and it is no fun when there is waste through the recycling. If you see Council staff out early in the morning, please say hello.

Thank you for recycling right. You're helping to reduce landfill, and protecting the environment.

WORKING BEES AT MOUNT MUTTON

Council is calling for volunteers to take part in working bees at Mount Mutton on Monday 26 October and Monday 23 November from 9.30am.

Please wear appropriate clothing (closed shoes, a hat, long sleeved shirts and trousers not shorts). Please bring snacks and water. Meet Kate at the bottom of the walking track on Fitzroy Street.

Council thanks all volunteers for the valuable contributions that they make to the local community.





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AND WALCHA COUNCIL

**DESIGN
COMPETITION**

IT'S ON AGAIN!
WASTE ▶ ART & DESIGN COMPETITION
*Celebrate the reuse and recycling of waste
in our region through art and design*

COMPETITION HELD 9-15 NOVEMBER 2015
NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

Entry is FREE.
Start planning your artwork now!!
\$\$\$ Prize money up for grabs!

\$25,000 FUNDING BOOST FOR JOINT URALLA & WALCHA PET PROGRAM

Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council have received a \$25,000 grant from the NSW Government to promote responsible pet ownership in the local community.

Uralla and Walcha Councils have a joint Ranger Services for the local community and will be delivering the 'Animals are our Companions' program in coming months. This initiative will see the Councils' Ranger provide awareness and further education on responsible pet ownership. The focus will be on control of dogs, cats and livestock to prevent dog attacks, and to reduce the number of roaming dogs, livestock and stray cats causing nuisances.

In conjunction with veterinarian services, the program will provide residents with discounted vouchers for de-sexing and microchipping pet dogs and cats.

If you would like our Ranger to come to your local school or run a seminar in your area, please contact Council on 6778 6300 to put your name or school down on our Community Pet and Livestock Control Education Program Register. You can also contact Council on 6778 6300 to have your name added to the Veterinary Care Discount Register, so that you are eligible for a desexing/microchipping voucher.

Whether you own a pet or not, you can become a part of this great opportunity and strengthen safety in our local neighbourhoods by encouraging responsible pet ownership locally.



URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETING DATES—2015/16

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28th September, the Council and Committee Meetings schedule for the coming year was determined. Council meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month commencing at 1.00pm, with the exception of the December meeting, which will be held on the third Monday of the month. Standing Committee meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month as detailed below, with the exception of the December committee meetings, which will be held on the second Monday of the month. Please note that no Council or Committee Meetings will be held during January. If any Council or Committee Meeting date falls on a public holiday then the meeting will be scheduled for the following day.

Council Meetings—1.00pm	Corporate and Community Committee Meetings—4.00pm	Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Meetings—6.00pm
Monday 26th October 2015	Monday 19th October 2015	Monday 19th October 2015
Monday 23rd November 2015	Monday 16th November 2015	Monday 16th November 2015
Monday 21st December 2015	Monday 14th December 2015	Monday 14th December 2015
Monday 22nd February 2016	Monday 15th February 2016	Monday 15th February 2016
Monday 22nd March 2016	Monday 15th March 2016	Monday 15th March 2016
Tuesday 26th April 2016	Monday 18th April 2016	Monday 18th April 2016
Monday 23rd May 2016	Monday 16th May 2016	Monday 16th May 2016
Monday 27th June 2016	Monday 20th June 2016	Monday 20th June 2016
Monday 25th July 2016	Monday 18th July 2016	Monday 18th July 2016
Monday 22nd August 2016	Monday 15th August 2016	Monday 15th August 2016
Monday 26th September 2016	Monday 19th September 2016	Monday 19th September 2016

URALLA POOL OPENING DATE

Uralla Swimming Pool will re-open for the season on Saturday 17th October. The Pool is open 7 days per week. For more information, please phone 6778 4413 or visit http://uralla.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?page_id=1024. The Amateur Swimming Club meets on Wednesdays from 5.00-6.00pm.