

OCTOBER 2018

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



MT MUTTON NATURE APPRECIATION STUDY

On Saturday 3 November 2018, from 2pm to 5pm Uralla Shire Council invites you to Mt Mutton to look, listen or draw.

Discover what wildflowers and animals are out and helping each other. Kate Boyd will help you find them, so bring a lens or a microscope and you can look up close at details of leaves, insects or whatever else takes your fancy.

Drawing in habitat with Jan Clark - Have fun visually documenting the details of Mt Mutton's habitat. Being 'artistic' is not essential – Jan loves teaching beginners. This activity focuses on observing the details and drawing them in a simplified way, like a blueprint. Jan will instruct drawing techniques from the minimal to the complex. All supplies are provided. The activities are suitable for adults and children.

Listen to the birds and to short talks - Hear how pollination works in bushland habitats, which plants do butterflies eat, which animals recycle fallen leaves and branches, and which animals need logs. Attendance is free but **registration is essential**: Phone Des Andersen on **6778 6315**.



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MCCAUGH GARDENS NEW BUS

A welcome new asset for our residents is a new bus! McMaugh Gardens Residents enjoyed their first outing on the new bus to Kentucky School concert last month. The new bus provides comfort and is easily accessible with electronic slide out step, hand rails and a rear wheel chair hoist.



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Overseer: 0427 784 982
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Report all Fires: 000
Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next scheduled Council meeting is on **Tuesday, 30 October** at 12.30pm.

The next Uralla Township & Environs Committee meeting is on **Tuesday, 9 October** at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

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

WHAT'S ON IN URALLA SHIRE

October

Sun 7	Uralla Monthly Poultry Auction
Sat 13	Sing for Fun. 10am at United Church Hall
Tue 16	Book Discussion Group- Uralla Library
Thu 18	Lego Club, Uralla Library
Sat 27	Thunderbolt's Festival
Sat 27	Cocker - A Tribute to the Man and the Music
Sat 27	Sing for Fun. 10am at United Church Hall
Tue 30	Progressive Cinema - at McCrossin's Mill Museum

Check <http://uralla.com/events> for your local calendar of events and be sure to let us know if you have an event to be added via visit@uralla.com or ph 6778 6420.

URALLA NEIGHBOURHOOD FOOD PANTRY

Is collecting food donations for drought affected families. Please contact Jo Fletcher on 6778 3277 if you're able to assist.

URALLA DRIVER REVIVER - AGM

The AGM is being held at 2pm on Sunday, 4 November, 2018 at Uralla Driver Reviver 17 Bridge St, Uralla. Contact: Merle Wilkinson 6775 3141. Uralla Driver Reviver welcomes new members & volunteers.

PUBLIC NOTICE - SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL 2018-19

The following schedule details the dates of each Ordinary Meeting scheduled for the 2018-19 period:

MONTH	DATE
September 2018	Tuesday, 25 September 2018
October 2018	Tuesday, 30 October 2018
November 2018	Tuesday, 27 November 2018
December 2018	Tuesday, 18 December 2018
January 2019	<i>No meeting scheduled</i>
February 2019	Tuesday, 26 February 2019
March 2019	Tuesday, 26 March 2019
April 2019	Tuesday, 23 April 2019
May 2019	Tuesday, 28 May 2019
June 2019	Tuesday, 25 June 2019
July 2019	Tuesday, 23 July 2019
August 2019	Tuesday, 27 August 2019
September 2019	Tuesday, 24 September 2019

All meetings commence at 12.30pm in the Uralla Shire Council Chambers at 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla.

URALLA WATER RESTRICTIONS

– LEVEL 1

Due to dry conditions the volume of Kentucky Creek Dam has dropped to below 74%. Uralla commenced **Level 1 water restrictions** on **Tuesday 25 September 2018**. The implications for residents are that:

- Hand held hoses and drip irrigation systems should not be used between 10am – 5pm.
- Sprinklers are permitted for a maximum of 2 hours a day before 10 am or after 5 pm.
- Cleaning hard surfaces with a hand held hose is not permitted at any time.
- Vehicle washing with buckets is permitted at any time.

Council staff will continue to monitor the situation and will update the community should conditions change. Please contact Council on 6778 6300 should you have any questions or concerns.

30TH ANNIVERSARY – THUNDERBOLT STATUE

The 30th Anniversary of the installation of the Thunderbolt Statue was celebrated with many from the original planning group. The 1988 celebration formed part of our NSW Bicentennial project and was marked by one of the largest crowds ever recorded in Uralla.



PIONEER PARK OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Following further community consultation, Council has resolved to relocate the playground equipment and park infrastructure previously planned for Pioneer Park to Alma Park, subject to approval from the State Government. In addition to the renewal of the existing equipment in Alma Park, the new works will include a flying fox, and a climbing tower with tube slides and other ancillary playground and park equipment.

The works are funded by the State Government through the Stronger Country Communities program.

Redevelopment options for Pioneer Park will be considered at a later date.

RANGER SERVICES: COMPLAINTS ABOUT DOG ATTACKS

In recent months several complaints have been received about dogs not under control, both in public and off-leash areas. It is important to remember that not all dogs are suitable for off-leash areas and if you are unable to control your dog without a lead it should never be in an off-leash area. Any attack in an off-leash area, including where a dog rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal (other than vermin) whether or not any injury is caused to the person or animal, may attract a fine of \$550 under the Companion Animals Act 1998 (the Act).

Council reminds the public of the following rules for off-leash areas:

- All dogs are to be accompanied and must be able to be controlled without a lead, otherwise a leash must be used.
- You must have control of your dog at all times. Even though it is an off-leash area, you must prevent your dog from harassing, attacking and chasing other people or animals.
- Attacks of any kind may result in a Dangerous Dog Declaration being placed on your dog and you may be liable for any damages.
- Dogs that are declared dangerous dogs by Council are not allowed to use any designated off-leash areas.
- Your dog must wear a collar with identification tags and be lifetime registered.

Dog owners/controllers must remove all dog faeces that are deposited by dogs under their control. The fine for failing to do this is \$275.

All dogs are required to be on a lead and under effective control by a competent person when walking in public areas. Just because your dog responds to commands does not mean your dog can be walked off-leash. All dogs are required under the Act to be under the effective control of a competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash that is attached to the dog and that is being held by (or secured to) the person.

It is important to note that a child walking a large dog or a dog with excessive leash length is not deemed effective control. Large breeds should only be walked by an adult capable of restraining the dog. All dogs should be on a lead of a suitable length to allow quick control and prevent dogs confronting other walkers or animals.

There are **two designated off-leash areas in Uralla Shire:**

- **The Glen off-leash area is available to use at all times**, adjacent to the New England Highway just coming into Uralla from Armidale on the left hand side. Access is from Barleyfields Road.
- **Hampden Park** is a designated **off-leash area within the hours of 6am – 9am only**.

These are the only areas where dogs are allowed off-leash in public. In any other public places outside your property boundaries your dog must be under control and on a leash at all times. Penalties for non-compliance of \$220 may apply under the Act.

Please enquire at Council Chambers or ring **6778 6300** for any questions relating to companion animals.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Uralla Shire Council is currently seeking community feedback on the below items which have been placed on public exhibition by resolution of Council:

- **Amendment to 2018-2019 Fees and Charges:** Amendments to Uralla Shire Council's Caravan Park Fees and Charges and Waste Management Facility Fees and Charges, which can be accessed from Council's website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au or inspected at Council's Administration Centre at 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla (**Submissions close 5pm Wednesday 31 October 2018**).
- **Financial Assistance to Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Inc.:** Council is proposing to provide in \$3,000 in financial assistance to the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Inc. to support the organisation's drought relief measures. (**Submissions close 5pm Friday, 2 November 2018**).

Further information on both items on public exhibition can be accessed from Council's website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au or inspected at Council's Administration Centre at 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla. Submissions may be made by email to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au or by letter to:

The General Manager, Uralla Shire Council
PO Box 106, URALLA NSW 2358

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

Uralla Shire Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for:

- **Administration of Bundarra Facilities:** The administration of hall rentals for the Bundarra School of the Arts Hall and site rentals for the Bundarra Caravan Park (**EOI close 2 November 2018**).
- **Uralla Township and Environs Committee:** One (1) vacancy on Council's Uralla Township and Environs Committee (UTEC), which meets on the evening of the second Tuesday of each month. Further information on the UTEC, including an application form, can be accessed from the Public Notices tab of Council's website. (**EOI close Friday, 19 October 2018**).

For further information on either of the Expressions of Interest or for the Uralla Township and Environs Committee, please contact Council's Administration Centre on 6778 6300 or via email at council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

APPROVALS / REFUSALS August 2018

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-47-2017-2	Mr A & Mrs D Vanden Hoogen	24 McDonalds Lane, Rocky River	Shed – 5 Bay including Workshop
DA-42-2018	Mr C Petrov	94 Jenkyn Lane, Rocky River	Dwelling
DA-43-2018	Mr R & Mrs G Gallagher	33 McCrossin Street, Uralla	Shed
CDC-19-2018	Mr W Lulham	23 Eastern Avenue, Kentucky South	Dwelling & Shed
CDC-21-2018	Mr C & Mrs G Burgess	3 Elizabeth Avenue, Uralla	Verandah & Conversion of Garage to Bedroom

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.

CESSATION OF SALES OF MULCH (BUNDARRA & URALLA LANDFILL FACILITIES)

Council has undertaken a review of the guidelines and environmental regulations relating to the supply of mulch. On the basis of this review Council has found that the quality of the mulch produced at the Bundarra and Uralla landfill facilities is unlikely to be compliant with the required standards.

A study to identify the necessary processes and equipment to improve the quality of mulch to a standard suitable for sale to the general public will be considered for funding during the 2019– 2020 Financial Year. Until such time as these matters can be addressed Council is unable to offer the mulch for sale to the general public.

Council will utilise the mulch within the landfill or incorporate into suitable external commercial operations in the interim.

Z-NET NEWS

With all the large scale solar activity going on, now is a good time to revisit what Z-NET Uralla does. The proposed solar farms are not Z-NET initiatives, they are the result of renewable energy companies looking at the resources in our region and making a decision to invest here. Z-NET's role is to encourage people to get involved with community consultation so that we can all give feedback on both the pros and cons of such developments.

What Z-NET does in our community can be well summarised by a visit Questacon made recently to film our activities for their education program.

Z-NET helps people save money on power bills and improve the comfort of their homes; we help people install solar; we run STEM action learning projects in our schools; and we assist our community to move to sustainable firewood use.

Trish is available at the Uralla Library, from 2pm-4pm each Thursday.



Meg (L) and Helen (R) from Questacon (national science education unit) during filming in the Uralla Library, where Trish (Z-NET) helps one Uralla resident make sense of her power bill.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER

- Council hosted a morning tea for the 30th Anniversary of the unveiling of the Thunderbolt Statue in Uralla. Deb O'Brien and Thelma McCarthy, AM were part of the original planning group.



- At the Council meeting on 25 September Cr Robert (Bob) Crouch was elected Deputy Mayor. Cr Crouch was previously the Deputy Mayor from 2012 to 2016.
- Council resolved to request the State Government to transfer the funding for the redevelopment of Pioneer Park to Alma Park – see notice in this newsletter.
- Council granted \$3,000, subject to no submissions being received, to the Neighbourhood Centre for drought relief such as food pantry and counselling support.
- A Strategic Planning Workshop was held to review: mulch sales at the waste facilities, Plan of Management for Uralla Sporting Complex, UTEC recommendations and the potential Special Rate Variation.

DID YOU KNOW

During Thunderbolt's Festival on Saturday 27 October, the following roads will be closed:

- **Bridge Street** will be closed between John and King Streets from **10.30am to 11.30am.**
- **Queen Street** (between Hill Street and King Street) will be closed to traffic from **6am to 5pm**
- **King Street** (between Bridge Street and Queen Street) will be closed to through traffic from **6am to 5pm**
- **Hill Street** (between Bridge Street and Queen Street) will be closed to traffic from **10:30am to 11:30am**