

OCTOBER 2019



URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

URALLA POOL SET TO OPEN FOLLOWING UPGRADES

Over the winter Council has been busy conducting a number of upgrades to the Uralla Pool in anticipation of warmer months and the upcoming summer season. These upgrades have been made possible with grant funding sourced under Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Programme.

Upgrades completed include:

- Fibreglassing and painting of the main pool's floor and walls;
- New shade sails;
- New water bubbler;
- Removal of the starting blocks;
- Re-grouting of the tiled surfaces;
- New picnic shelters; and
- New shower hardware.



Resurfacing of the pool completed during the month of September 2019.

Further works scheduled include:

- Rendering and painting of the pool buildings;
- Repainting of the change rooms; and
- Commissioning of a large mural on the main building to face Wood Street.

The pool is set to open on Saturday, 19 October 2019 and will be open through the summer to Friday, 27 March 2020. Keep an eye on council's website and facebook page for an announcement of the official opening.

The Uralla Pool will be open during the summer season for seven days a week 12noon to 6pm, and Monday through Friday 6am to 8am.

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MCMAUGH GARDENS NEWS



As part of *Seniors September*, residents of McMaugh Gardens enjoyed a bus trip to Peterson's Winery for a Devonshire Tea, A Morning of Melodies musical entertainment by local HSC Students at Armidale Bowling Club, and last but not least, Morning Tea at Saumarez.

MEETING DATES 2019

Council meeting: Ordinary meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm, Council Chambers. This month: Tuesday, 22 October.

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

Uralla Township & Environs Committee (UTE): Tuesday, 8 October 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 OCT-NOV 2019

Sat 12 Oct	Kentucky Old Time Dance
12-13 Oct	Uralla Antiques & Collectibles Fair
Mon 14 Oct	Friends of McMaugh Gardens AGM
Sat 19 Oct	Bundarra Community Markets
Sat 19 Oct	Uralla Indoor Markets
Sat 19 Oct	Ural Sidecars Test Ride
19-20 Oct	Garage Sale Trail 2019
Sat 26 Oct	Thunderbolts Festival
26-27 Oct	Thunderbolt Cup
Sat 9 Nov	Uralla 475 Fire Brigade Charity Golf Day

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 – October 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

FRIENDS OF MCMAUGHS AGM

The Friends of McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre Annual General Meeting will be held Monday, 14th October 2019 at 2:00pm, McMaugh Gardens, 39 King Street, Uralla.

OFF LEASH EXERCISE AREAS

There are two designated off-leash areas in Uralla Shire, The Glen (all times) and Hampden Park (6am-9am daily). These are the only areas dogs are allowed off leash in public. Any other public place outside your property, your dog must be under control and on a leash at all times - penalties apply if you don't.

Any breach of these requirements could result in infringements being issued to the owner and/or the dog being impounded.

Off Leash Areas Rules and Guidelines

All dogs are to be accompanied and supervised and must be in the control of a capable person at all times. If the dog cannot be controlled, it must be on a leash.

The dog must not harass, attack and chase other people or animals. Any attacks may result in a Dangerous Dog Declaration being placed on your dog and you may be liable for any damages.

Dogs declared dangerous dogs by Council are not allowed to use any designated off leash areas.

Your dog must be wearing a collar with identification tags and be lifetime registered.

Dog owners and controllers must remove all dog faeces that may be deposited by the dog under their control.

KEEPING YOUR CAT SAFE AND HAPPY AT HOME

Owners can provide a safe and happy environment for their cat at home all day, every day. Benefits of keeping cats indoors include:

- Reduce the risk of getting sick or being in an accident
- Reduce the risk of a cat being lost and impounded
- Minimise the risk they will harm other animals
- Give them a longer, happier life.

RSPCA Australia has developed the *Guide to Keeping Your Cat Safe and Happy at Home*. This free resource sets out practical advice on how to provide for a cat's welfare and how to protect native wildlife by keeping cats contained to the home, and can be accessed on council's website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Pets/Cats



SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

At its September Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted its schedule of Ordinary Meetings for the 2019-20 period as follows:

- Tuesday, 22 October 2019
- Tuesday, 26 November 2019
- Tuesday, 17 December 2019
- *No meeting scheduled for January 2020*
- Tuesday, 25 February 2020
- Tuesday, 24 March 2020
- Tuesday, 28 April 2020
- Tuesday, 26 May 2020
- Tuesday, 23 June 2020
- Tuesday, 28 July 2020
- Tuesday, 25 August 2020
- Tuesday, 22 September 2020

All meetings are to be held at the Uralla Shire Council Chambers at 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla and are scheduled to commence at 12:30pm. All meetings are open to the public.

SLOW DOWN ON GRAVEL ROADS

With continued dry and windy conditions across the Shire, homes on unsealed roads are being inundated with dust. When you are out and about, please be courteous and slow down near dwellings to help minimise the dust nuisance.

STEPPING OUT IN URALLA

On Sunday, 1st September, in collaboration with Uralla Arts, a walking tour of Uralla's signature "soundtrail" was hosted by Andrew Parker and staff from the Visitor Information Centre. The Uralla Soundtrail was the first developed in Australia, following The Story Project by Uralla Arts in 2012. The Soundtrail website and app now host 13 soundtrails across New South Wales and Queensland. Our walk was part of the global event 'Sound Walk Sunday' coordinated by London's Museum of Walking.

Experience the Uralla Soundtrail at soundtrails.com.au. Download to your phone, headset or other device. Don't forget to visit urallastories.org to listen to more fascinating characters and stories from around Uralla!



LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS URALLA AND BUNDARRA

Due to continued dry conditions, the volume of Taylors Pond has dropped past the trigger level for Level 3 water restrictions. **Bundarra commenced Level 3 water restrictions on Monday, 23 September 2019.**

The volume of Kentucky Dam fell below the trigger level for Level 3 restrictions, meaning **Uralla is on Level 3 water restrictions** as at 12 May 2019.

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 3pm and 10am (5pm and 9am daylight savings time.)
- 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.

Biketober BUSINESS CHALLENGE

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1-31 October 2019

A fun workplace challenge open to everyone!

- 1 Log your ride or connect your Strava
- 2 Encourage your friends
- 3 Win great prizes

Join today at lovetoride.net/nsw



URALLA 475 FIRE BRIGADE CHARITY GOLF DAY

The Uralla 475 is hosting a Charity Golf Day on Saturday, 9th November to raise money for Autism Awareness Australia, Guide Dogs Australia and Children's Tumour Foundation Australia.

Tee off will be at 10:30am, 4-person ambrose. Cost is \$35 per person including a sausage sandwich. A raffle and charity auction will end the day with all proceeds being donated.

Bring your friends, your game face, and don't forget some cash!

WATER CONSERVATION

We can all take steps to make our water consumption more efficient to conserve this precious resource. Here are some easy steps to conserve water at home, in the garden and at your school or business:

- Take a shorter shower. You can save up to eight litres for each minute you shave off your daily scrub.
- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth.
- Use a container when washing fruit and veg in the sink.
- Fix leaky taps. A slowly dripping tap can waste thousands of litres of water per year.
- Only run full loads in the dishwasher and the washing machine to maximise efficiency.
- Replace tap washers and seals annually.
- Use mulch in the garden to retain moisture in the soil.
- Install rainwater tanks and collect roof run-off.
- Collect water from your shower and use to water your garden, run the washing machine or flush the toilet.
- Start a conversation! Involve your family, friends, co-workers and peers and make water conservation a part of your everyday life and practice.

NOTICE – GRAVEL ROAD MAINTENANCE IMPACTED BY DROUGHT

Council staff wish to advise the lack of water has impacted the maintenance grading to gravel roads, and thank residents who are affected for their understanding.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS AUGUST 2019

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-26-2019	Ponz Armidale Pty Ltd	29A Queen Street, Uralla	Shed
DA-41-2019	Mrs J Gray	55 King Street, Uralla	Dual Occupancy – Tourist & Visitor Accommodation
DA-50-2019	Mr P Simmons	38 Barleyfields Road, Uralla	Dual Occupancy, Shed & Culvert
DA-51-2019	G J Gardner Homes	52 John Street, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-56-2019	Ms T Ingleby	40 Thunderbolts Way, Bundarra	Amenities Building
CDC-10-2019	Uniplan Group	21 Budumba Road, Invergowrie	Shed
CDC-33-2018-2	Mr R Jones	1401 Bundarra Road, Invergowrie	Dwelling Additions & Alterations
CDC-8-2019	Mr A Whackett	10 Hill Street, Uralla	Dwelling Addition – Verandah
CDC-9-2019	Mr P Parnell	37 Invergowrie Road, Invergowrie	Shed

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-NET URALLA NEWS

Z-NET has been busy in our local schools with visits to Uralla Central and St Joseph's over the last 5 months, bringing experiments for students to try.

Students experimented with the best angle and direction to mount solar panels, handy skills when local solar farms start building. Another investigation was how home insulation keeps winter heat in, while a third group of students banged drain pipes into the soil, filled them with water and measured how long it took for the water to disappear. The answer was VERY SLOW on the hard drought-affected ground but better under the trees where there was lots of wood mulch. This is a reminder to leave some dead wood on the ground when collecting for firewood.

Contact Z-NET by email at projects@zneturalla.org.au, telephone 0411 804 627, or pop in to the Library on a Thursday from 2-4pm.



Measuring the amount of heat loss with different insulation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

At its Ordinary Meeting held 24 September 2019, Council resolved to endorse the draft amendment No. 5 of the Uralla Development Control Plan 2011 for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.

The Draft amendment No. 5 of the Uralla Development Control Plan 2011 is available for inspection at Council's Administration Building, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla. This document is also available for download on the council website.

Written submissions can be made to Council until 5:00pm, Wednesday 23 October 2019. 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.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS – SEPT 2019

Councillor Workshop

- Councillors reviewed the Development Control Plan (DCP) and discussed proposed changes in relation to Renewable Energy.
- Councillors received an update on the progression of key council projects including:
 - McMaugh Gardens Ensuite upgrades;
 - Industrial Subdivision;
 - Bundarra Sewerage Scheme; and
 - Visitor Information Centre Upgrade.

Budget Review & Finance Committee

- The Committee reviewed the Draft Financial Statements. Council's Financial Statements will become available to the public following the completion of the annual audit by the Audit Office of NSW and review by council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

At the September Ordinary Meeting, Council:

- Re-elected Councillor Bob Crouch as Deputy Mayor for the 2019-20 term.
- Decided Councillor representation on Council Committees, Advisory Bodies and External Organisations.
- Determined the NSW Electoral Commission will administer the 2020 local election.
- Discussed the potential for a Uralla Return and Earn facility.
- Appointed Mr Angus Cooke to fill a vacancy on the Bundarra School of Arts Hall Committee.
- Adopted amendments to the Development Control Plan for public exhibition.
- Resolved to make application to the Department of Industry to request reclassification of Council Managed Crown Lands from Community to Operational Land.
- Resolved to apply for grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 3 for the following projects:

Youth Focussed Projects

1. Disabled and family facilities for the Uralla Swimming Pool
2. Bundarra Multipurpose Courts
3. Library Improvements

Community Focussed Projects

1. McMaugh Gardens improvements
2. Digital Community (free Wi-Fi in CBD)
3. Additional works to Memorial Hall
4. Upgrades to Woodridge Fossicking Reserve