

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



October 2022

## Mayor's Message

**T**his year's Thunderbolts Festival will be held on 29 October. Council is a proud sponsor of the festival and would like to thank the festival committee for the work and effort to put together such an event for the Uralla community and surrounds. This year's theme is Super Heroes and Princesses. Festivities will include the Fleet Warbirds Street Parade, Pheonix Foundary Stage, activities sponsored by the Uralla Bowlo, and lantern parade by Uralla Arts. An event not to be missed!

Congratulations to Councillor Bob Crouch who has been re-elected as Council's Deputy Mayor. I look forward to working closely with Cr Crouch for the remainder of this term of Council.

With summer just around the corner, the Uralla Swimming Pool will open for the season on Saturday, 22 October 2022.

Applications for the Uralla Community Street Store are now open. The Street Store is available to local community groups for a week during each calendar year to raise funds and awareness of the group's activities. Applications can be downloaded on the Council website or collected from the Visitor Information Centre. The closing date is 15 November 2022.

While it has been a wet spring and there's more rain on the forecast, it's important to be ready now for the summer bushfire period. The Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) for the New England region commenced 1 September. During the BFDP, landowners and land



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managers are required to obtain permits before lighting fires for land clearance or fire breaks. It's also a good time to make sure you have a Bushfire Ready Plan or update one you're previously prepared. Know your risk, plan for what you will do, get your home ready, be aware, and share information with friends and family. If you don't have a plan, visit [www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au) to get started.

The next Councillor Community Session will be held at the Rocky River Tennis Courts on Sunday, 16 October from 2pm to 4pm. Come along to meet Councillors and senior staff and discuss issues that are important to you. I look forward to seeing you there.

Until next time,

**Mayor, Robert Bell**

## Residents reminded to clear the way for meter readers

Water meter reading is conducted in November and May each year in Bundarra and Uralla, with water bills due to be sent out at the end of the reading month.

Council relies on accurate and timely water meter readings to make sure you are billed correctly. You can help by allowing clear access to your water meter so meter readers can record your water use and repair or replace your water meter when required.

Council staff may not be able to read your meter if it is behind a locked gate or if it is unsafe to enter the property.

Other hazards that may prevent meter readers accessing the meter include:

- the presence of a dog
- it is buried in concrete or dirt
- it is surrounded by overgrown grass, garden or vegetation.

Please ensure there is at least one (1) metre clearance either side of your water meter and two (2) metres above it for Council staff to safely access your meter. If Council cannot safely gain access to your water meter to obtain a reading, we may have to estimate your usage.

An estimate is based on the property's previous usage pattern.

When an actual meter read can be taken following one or more estimates, the account will be adjusted so that customers are invoiced according to actual water used to date.

## Asset Management Plans on Public Exhibition

At the September Ordinary Meeting, Council reviewed the draft Asset Management Plans for its Buildings, Stormwater Drainage, and Open Spaces and Recreational Facilities assets and decided to place the documents on public exhibition to invite feedback from the community and assist Council's further development of the draft plans.

Copies of the documents are on the Council website or can be viewed upon request at the

Council Customer Service Centre. Asset Management Plans are an essential strategic document of Council to help plan for sustainable maintenance of assets on behalf of the community.

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

Submissions must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, 28 October 2022.

### Uralla Shire Council Aged and Community Care Services

**McMaugh Gardens** - Residential Aged Care - Permanent & Respite  
Call 6778 6380

**Tablelands Community Support (TCS)** - Home Care Packages (HCP), Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) | Call 6778 6350

**Tablelands Community Transport (TCT)** - Provision of community transport services | Call 6778 6451



## STREET STORE SCHEDULE

Located at 60 Bridge St, Uralla

26 September - 2 October

**RSL Uralla Sub Branch**

3 - 9 October

**Uralla Show Pavilion Committee**

10 - 16 October

**Thunderbolts Festival**

17- 23 October

**Uralla Arts Council**

24 - 30 October

**Southern New England Landcare**

31 October - 6 November

**Uralla Senior Citizens & Pensioners Association**

## Trees in Town

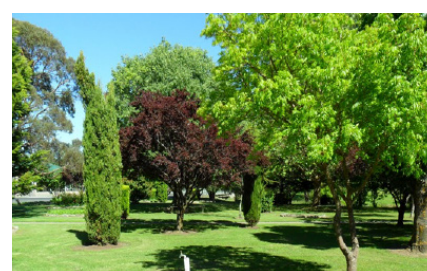
Street trees and woodlands in and around our towns and residential areas are a major component of the green infrastructure. Trees play a vital role in providing numerous environmental, economic and social benefits, contributing enormously to the health and welfare of the community.

People are attracted to live, work and invest in green surroundings. Therefore, protecting and expanding the coverage of street trees and our urban forests is key towards the sustainability of our natural environment.

Council is responsible for planting, protection, management and maintenance of vegetation located on streets, roads, reserves and public open spaces in the Shire.

Individual residents and community groups who wish to plant trees on Council owned or managed land are encouraged to seek advice and approval from Council.

*"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." - Warren Buffett*



## Weeds: A Threat to Native Biodiversity

Under the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015, biosecurity is everyone's responsibility. Biosecurity protects our economy, environment and community from pests, diseases, weeds and contaminants. The legislation requires landholders to control biosecurity risks on their property such as vertebrate pest animals (such as rabbits, foxes, pigs, wild dogs and cats), insects, pests and weeds.

Weeds pose a major biosecurity risk, being a threat and a barrier to the recovery of native biodiversity. Owners and occupiers of rural and urban land are reminded that it is everyone's General Biosecurity Duty to control weeds on their land.

Weed control on public land is an important function of Council to support our native plant species growing in public parks, Crown reserves and roadsides. Control of weeds on public land includes mechanical removal and herbicide application. When herbicides are used, the public will be notified.



New England Weeds Authority (NEWA) provides a service for Uralla Shire Council to manage the following noxious weeds:

- Chilean Needle Grass
- Serrated Tussock
- Privet
- St Johns Wort
- Paterson's Curse
- African Lovegrass
- Blackberry

The community is encouraged to report any of the above noxious weed species growing on the roadsides, parks and other Council-managed lands.

## Uralla Community Street Store Applications Open

Applications are now open to book Council's Community Street Store for the 2023 calendar year.

The Community Street Store at 60 Bridge Street, Uralla 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.

## ZNET: Spring into action

ZNET Uralla had an active September. Nooks & Crannies continue to be planted out around Uralla with the latest session at Uralla Central School. Members discussed ideas for new working groups at the AGM. Their first Keeping Uralla Cool workshop offered ideas for mitigating heat on hot summer days, and the Sew & Mend afternoons continue to be a good place to meet to upskill and upcycle!

ZNET has planned an exciting event to support the community grow more food locally. 'Creating Local Food Abundance' will be held in Alma Park on 15 October.

### Upcoming activities:

**8 October: Sew & mend afternoon**  
Bring along your own project or try your hand at the project of the month.

Applications should be submitted to Council by 15 November 2022.

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



**15 October: Creating Local Food Abundance** Grow more of your own food this season and access fresh food. Book your free ticket at: [localfoodabundance.eventbrite.com.au](http://localfoodabundance.eventbrite.com.au)

**6 November: Keeping Uralla Cool workshop #2** A collaboration with the Landscape Foundation of Australia. Register your attendance at: [keepingurallacoolworkshop2.eventbrite.com.au](http://keepingurallacoolworkshop2.eventbrite.com.au)

For more information please contact 0420 514 653 or email [coordinator@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:coordinator@zneturalla.org.au).

## Single Use Plastic Ban From 1 November

From 1 November, phase 2 of the NSW Government's ban on single use plastic ban will come into effect. These single use plastic items will be banned:

- Plastic straws and stirrers
- Cutlery, plates, and bowls
- Cotton buds
- Expanded polystyrene food ware and cups
- Rinse-off personal care products which contain microbeads

Single use plastic items and packaging make up over 60% of all litter in NSW.

The NSW Government's ban on single use plastic will prevent almost 2.7 billion items of plastic litter entering the NSW environment over the next 20 years.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES at Uralla Shire Council

Information about vacant positions and access to Council's interactive application is available on Council's website at [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Careers)



## Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals August 2022

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-8-2021-2	Medham Holdings Pty Ltd	152 Staces Road, Uralla	Construction & Operation of a 4.95 MW AC Solar Farm & Associated Works
DA-35-2022	Alcorn Planning & Property	125 Bridge Street, Uralla	Portal Framed Roof Structure
DA-36-2022	Uralla Showground Land Manager	8A King Street, Uralla	Replace Amenities Building
DA-37-2022	Uniplan Group Ltd	44 Pomona Road, Uralla	Manufactured Home as Dual Occupancy
DA-38-2022	Mrs S Clark	31 Fitzroy Street, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-39-2022	Mr C Ritchie	55 Rock Abbey Road, Uralla	Dwelling with attached Garage
DA-40-2022	Ambrose Building Development Services Pty Ltd	1009 Bundarra Road, Invergowrie	Shed & Coffee Roasting Business

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 September

- Rural Sealed Road Maintenance: Kingstown Road and Warrabah Road
- Unsealed Roads Maintenance: Pansyfield Road, Primrose Road, Lawson Road, Yellowbox Drive, Ferris Lane, Devoncourt Road, Athol Road, Clerks Creek Road, Baldersleigh Road

## Upcoming in October

- Thunderbolts Way, Bundarra end: Sealed Road Maintenance

## Ongoing

- Kerb and gutter works at Roman Street, Uralla
- Hawthorne Drive Stage 2 Construction: Pavement stabilisation.



Kerb and gutter works underway at Roman Street, Uralla

## Catch up on your Council Meetings

*At the September Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to:*

- Write to the Premier and Leader of the Opposition in an ongoing effort to overturn the advice on the management of RFS assets.
- Publish all future tender documents on Council's website and give notice on social media and in local print media.
- Refund the Rotary Club charges made to parking the MHERV clinic in Uralla, and that registered motor vehicles not selling any article in a public place and that are legally parked on Council roads do not require approval under s68 of the Act.
- Seek advice for developing a set of criteria for a Heritage Advisor and report back to Council.
- Endorse an application for grant funding under the NSW Government's Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund.
- Reallocate funding from the Block Grant Rehabilitation Program to allow the completion of Tolleys Gully Bridge project if funding is not secured from the NSW State Government.
- Apply for funding under the Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Program for ecological restoration activities at Racecourse Lagoon.
- Adopt the amended Code of Meeting Practice.
- Appoint delegates to Council committees and steering groups.
- Submit an application for Supporting Medication Management in Residential Aged Care Initiative Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Adoption Grant.
- Award the tender for the refurbishment of Pioneer Park to Wallace Constructions.

## Council Meetings

Agendas, business papers, minutes, and meeting webcasts are published on Council's website at [uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Meetings](http://uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Meetings)

## Council Meeting Schedule 2022-23

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, excepting December in which the meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday.

In April 2023 the 4th Tuesday is a Public Holiday and therefore the Council Meeting will be held the following Wednesday.

Tuesday 25 October 2022  
Tuesday 22 November 2022  
Tuesday 13 December 2022  
Tuesday 24 January 2023  
Tuesday 28 February 2023  
Tuesday 28 March 2023  
Wednesday 26 April 2023  
Tuesday 23 May 2023  
Tuesday 27 June 2023  
Tuesday 25 July 2023  
Tuesday 22 August 2023  
Tuesday 26 September 2023

Meetings commence at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla unless notice is provided otherwise. Meetings are open to the public subject to any Public Health Orders current on the day.



**Ordinary Meeting of Council**  
Tuesday, 25 October 2022,  
4:00pm, Council Chambers.

**Council Workshops and Public Forums** Refer to Public Notices on the Council website for details.

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