

# SEPTEMBER 2017

## URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



**Uralla's FREE screening, thanks to the support of Uralla Shire Council, is on Tuesday 6 September, 6pm for a 6.30pm start, Uralla Central School Hall, 24 Park Street, Uralla.**

The REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival screening tour is coming to Uralla in September! The night is a unique opportunity to celebrate young, local creative talent. It marks the culmination of the Coffs Harbour-based youth film festival, which since May has been travelling around regional NSW teaching more than 60 short-film-making workshops in schools and youth centres.

For the first time this year, entries have been open to all young people aged 12 to 25 across regional NSW – and up for grabs are prizes from a prize pool worth more than \$30,000.

The night is free and open for the general public to check out regional stories on the big screen and hear the voices of young people. The festival, run by Screenwave Australia and Headspace Coffs Harbour, has a strong youth mental health message at its core.

To register your attendance please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rec-ya-shorts-youth-film-festival-uralla-finalists-screenings-tickets-36174887061>



Meet the wonderful Kate Howat (above), member of this year's judging panel and one of the bosses at REC Ya Shorts.



### COUNCIL CONTACTS

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Report all Fires:      000

Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

## WHAT'S ON AT THE URALLA LIBRARY

### History Week 2- 10 September

A display of information and photographs of local interest will be highlighted at the Library. Volunteers will be available over Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 September during library hours to help people search their family history and local history.

### e-Smart Week 4-8 September.

A display of e-Smart information pinpointing areas of internet awareness will be featured at the library during this time.

### Get Ready 16-17 September

A special story time for children will be held at 10.00am Saturday 16 September at the library to spotlight the "Get Ready"- Bushfire Season weekend 16-17 September.



## THUNDERBOLT'S FESTIVAL 28 OCTOBER



Come along and enjoy the Festival inspired by Captain Thunderbolt himself. To be held on Saturday 28th October with street parade commencing at 10:30am.

The theme for this years festival is Fairies & Goblins.

Further information <http://uralla.com/thunderbolts-festival-175.html>

## CRITICALLY ENDANGERED REGENT HONEYEATER SIGHTING



Photo above Regent Honeyeater

Members from the Armidale Birdwatchers Group have confirmed a sighting of the Regent Honeyeater after a visit to the Gwydir Park Road TSR in early August in Uralla Shire. The bird was heard by well known local ecologist Steve Debus, but not reported at the time; however its presence was confirmed by Sigrid Mitchell one week later.

The Regent Honeyeater is listed under Commonwealth legislation as critically endangered. This is the most extreme vulnerability rating for a population or species before extinction.

Uralla Shire contains some of the most important remnant areas of Ironbark Woodland and Yellow Box Woodland on properties and in public and roadside reserves

Maintaining this habitat is obviously critical to the bird's survival. Landholder's, council and members of the public can and often do assist by preserving habitats including dead standing and fallen timber and reducing the number of both plant and animal pest species.

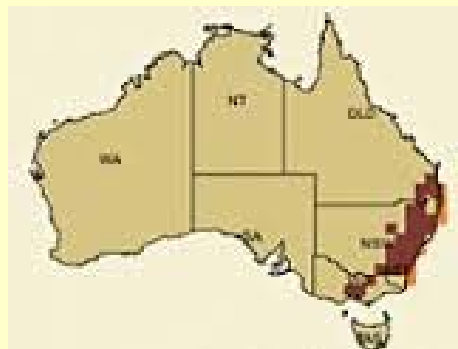


Photo above Regent Honeyeater distribution

## DON'T WASTE YOUR RECYCLING



A recent television program 'Trashed', which aired on Monday 7 August, has raised questions about the value of recycling. Uralla Shire Council would like to reassure our residents and customers in Uralla and Walcha that their hard work sorting and cleaning recycling is not going to waste.

Uralla's recycling has three elements. The kerbside collection is your 'yellow bin' for domestic recycling, landfills, transfer stations, & recycling stations.

Residents can also drop their recycling at the Uralla & Bundarra landfill, or recycling stations in Kentucky & Bundarra.

Large bulky or dangerous goods are collected at the Bundarra landfill and Uralla Recycling Centre & landfill. Metal waste, e-waste, green waste, batteries, paints, oils, fluorescent bulbs, are among the materials collected through the Community Recycling Centre.

### WHAT DOES COUNCIL DO WITH YOUR RECYCLING?

Council sells your recycling. Coloured plastic bottles are made into wheelie bins, cardboard and paper are turned into cardboard, clear PET bottles are recycled back into bottles, HDPE milk bottles are made into pipe, high quality timber substitute and plastic buckets. All of these are made in Australia. Steel and aluminium cans are exported for smelting and production overseas.

Council supplies glass to the recycling market via Armidale Recycling Services (ARS). Glass is sorted by colour and sold to Brisbane Cullet/OI Australia for reprocessing into new glass bottles. Paints are reconstituted as a fuel, fluoro tubes and globes are stripped for their reusable content, batteries, motor oils and LPG gas bottles and fire extinguishers are recycled in Victoria.

If residents are not sure what materials can be recycled they can now find a very detailed list on the Uralla Shire Council website, or at their local village store or library. If you are still unsure, please contact Council on Ph: 6778 6300.

### Z-NET URALLA NEWS

This month Z-NET Uralla has been busy with projects with the Middle School students at Uralla Central School.

Year 5 and 6 are doing a project on sustainable firewood with a great trip to Thalgarrah Environmental Centre to look at why wood is important in natural eco-systems.

Year 7 and 8 are looking at the energy consumption of electric hot water systems and why Uralla's peak electricity use is between 1 - 2am in the morning!

All students have done a Home Energy Review to see where energy is being used at home and what actions can be taken to reduce power bills and make homes warmer in the winter.

The next exciting step will be to put high-tech internet-connected sensors in case study homes to see what is happening minute by minute with firewood and electricity use.



Photo: Wood is an important energy resource for the Uralla Shire, we just need to make sure its use is renewable and that enough is left in the environment for wildlife habitat, nutrient cycling and reducing soil erosion.

If you would like to know more please contact Trish Rasmussen, Z-NET Uralla Project Officer, [projects@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:projects@zneturalla.org.au)

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT  
CERTIFICATE - Approvals / Refusals June 2017**

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-8-2016-3	New England Surveying & Engineering	13 Stringybark Ridge Road, Invergowrie	4 Lot Staged Subdivision – Modification
DA-12-2017	New England Surveying & Engineering	253 Eastern Avenue, Kentucky South	Free Range Piggery
DA-22-2017-2	Mr T & Mrs K Swilks	50 Marble Hill Road, Saumarez Ponds	Detached Garage
DA-31-2017	DW & VM Burton Pty Ltd	38 East Street, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-32-2017	New England North West Planning Services Pty Ltd	907 Thunderbolts Way, Yarrowyck	Worker's Accommodation (2x4 Units and Communal Dining Building)
CDC-17-2017	Mr A & Mrs J Biggs	107 Marble Hill Road, Saumarez Ponds	Shed Addition
CDC-18-2017	Mr B Whackett	9 Sandon Close, Uralla	Shed

Refusals: Nil

**Approvals / Refusals July 2017**

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-29-2017	Mrs J Dunn	5A Bridge Street, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-34-2017	Mr T Kalinowski	7 McMahon Street, Uralla	Shed
DA-36-2017	Ms C Cooper	80 Gostwyck Road, Uralla	Dwelling Additions & Alterations
DA-37-2017	Mr J Ketley	3 Wilkens Street, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-38-2017	Mr P Byrne	115 Rifle Range Road, Rocky River	Retrospective Conversion of Shed to Dwelling
CDC-19-2017	Mr C Robertson	1717 Kingstown Road, Balala	Dwelling Additions
CDC-20-2017	Ms L Delacour	9 Salisbury Street, Uralla	Dwelling Additions & Alterations
CDC-21-2017	Mr C & Mrs E Schaeffer	19 King Street, Uralla	Dwelling Alterations
CDC-22-2017	Mr T & Mrs N Parsons	486 Pinegrove Road, Saumarez Ponds	Dwelling Additions & Shed
DA-2-2017	Mr S Lovick	168 Kalinda Road, Invergowrie	Relocated Secondary Dwelling

Refusals: Nil

The Notices of Determination for the 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.

**BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD**

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has declared the start to the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) in the Armidale Regional, Glen Innes/Severn, Inverell, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha local government areas.

NSW RFS Superintendent Steve Mephram said “the BFDP will commence on Tuesday 1st August, meaning residents will need to obtain a fire permit before conducting burning in the open, this includes broad acre and pile burns. Fire permits help land owners to address safety aspects before and during a burn.” “Residents can ask their local Fire Control Centre for assistance in carrying out safe hazard reductions”.

**KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS  
DURING AUGUST**

- Mayor & GM attended a NAMOI Joint Organisation Board meeting & several ministerial meetings in Sydney.
- Council meeting on the 22 August.
- Council has received a State Government grant of \$150,000 under the Innovation Fund to assist with e.g. introduction of new technologies into the administration.
- Council hosted the Board meeting of New England Group of Councils.
- The Mayor & GM met the Board of Destination NSW whilst they were in Tamworth.
- Councillor Strategic Planning Workshops to address: Stronger Country Community Fund projects; the VIC & the Bundarra Sewerage Project.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Councils Representatives for Arts North West are  
Clr Tara Toomey & Clr Natasha Ledger.

