

SEPTEMBER 2019

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



ALMA PARK PLAYGROUND OPENING GALA



It was a beautiful day in Uralla for the official opening of the new Alma Park play equipment on Sunday, 1st September.

The community came out for a fun day to celebrate the completion of the new park facilities, made possible by a \$780,992 grant under the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) Round 1. The playground has a variety of equipment including the "Great Keep" tower (pictured above), slides, nest swing and double flying fox which will be enjoyed by children of all ages. The new play equipment is also fully inclusive with a previously constructed wheelchair swing and paved access. New picnic shelters, bbqs, soft fall and benches were also installed. Eight additional parks across the Shire also received upgrades as part of the funding for SCCF Round 1 program.

Mayor Michael Pearce and Adam Marshall MP spoke to open the park and even had a go on the flying fox zip line. "The new playground will contribute to the usability of this wonderful historic park for residents and visitors for many years to come," Mr Marshall said.

Mayor Pearce expressed his thanks to Council staff for managing the delivery of this fantastic facility, and thanked all the contractors who worked on it.

At the opening, the public enjoyed a free BBQ lunch organised by the Lions Club of Uralla, pony rides from Harlow Park Ponies, children's face painting, and walking animal balloons with lolly bags for the kids.

A huge thank you to all who came out on Father's Day to celebrate and be a part of this amazing community event.



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MEETING DATES 2019

Council meeting: Ordinary meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm, Council Chambers. This month: Tuesday, 24 September.

Budget Review & Finance Committee: Tuesday, 10 September at 12:30pm, Council Chambers.

Uralla Township & Environs Committee (UTE): Tuesday, 10 September 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 Sept/Oct 2019

Sun 8 Sept	Kentucky Spring Fair & Car Boot Sale
Sat 21 Sept	Bundarra Community Markets
Tue 24 Sep	Ordinary Council Meeting
Tue 24 Sept	Progressive Cinema
Sat 28 Sept	Uralla Indoor Markets
Sat 28 Sept	Z-Net Uralla AGM
Sun 6 Oct	Poultry Auction
12-13 Oct	Uralla Antiques & Collectibles Fair
Mon 14 Oct	Friends of McMaugh Gardens AGM

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 Sept - Oct 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.

MCMAUGH GARDEN NEWS



McMaugh Gardens residents enjoyed a visit from their favourite pony Paragon. Residents celebrated the horse's birthday with a party, enjoying delicious homemade pizzas made by the residents cooking group and a horse themed cake made by our wonderful catering staff. Many thanks to Cathy for bringing our favourite pony for a visit!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – DRIVER REVIVER

Uralla Driver Reviver is looking for volunteers to help out and join the team. Driver Reviver is 100% community driven to keep our roads safe and reduce fatigue-related traffic incidents.

Contact Merle Wilkinson on **6775 3141** to find out more.

BUNDARRA WATER RESTRICTIONS: PROGRESS TO LEVEL 2

Due to continued dry conditions, the volume of Taylors Pond has dropped past the trigger level for Level 2 restrictions. Bundarra commenced **Level 2 water restrictions** on **Monday, 26 August 2019**.

Implications of Level 2 water restrictions for residents are:-

- General watering of lawns and gardens is permitted for a maximum of 2 hours and not during the heat of the day. Hand held hoses with trigger nozzles, water efficient drip irrigation, or sprinklers can be used before 10am and after 3pm.
- Buckets and hand held hoses with trigger nozzles can be used for car washing.
- Council will reduce watering at Council managed facilities, parks and gardens.

A full list of water restrictions and the level at which they apply can be obtained from the Bundarra Store or on Council's website.

Please contact Council on 6778 6300 should you have any questions or concerns.

ARMIDALE FAMILY SUPPORT HIPPY PROGRAM

Armidale Family Support has an opportunity for families with little people getting ready to start school.

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a home-based early learning and parenting program for families with young children. HIPPY provides your child with a structured, education-focused program that lays the foundations for success at school. You teach your child literacy, numeracy, and language skills as well as physical skills so they are school-ready and develop a love of learning that lasts throughout their lives.

The HIPPY approach is based on evidence that children's earliest and most powerful learning comes from their family. HIPPY provides packs of play-based, educational activities for children with their parents and family. Children are encouraged to ask questions and try new things, developing their confidence and passion for learning for school-readiness.

For further information please contact Amidale Family Support on 6772 7243 and ask to speak to Carolina or Jen.

STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES ROUND 3 PROJECTS

At the August Ordinary Meeting Council resolved to place the following proposed projects on public exhibition to determine community support for its consideration in determining the application for funding under the Stronger Country Communities Round Three.

Youth Focussed Projects at \$655,000:

- ▶ Bundarra multipurpose courts at \$265,000
- ▶ Upgrade to toilet block and canteen at the Uralla swimming pool including disabled and family change rooms and toilets at \$190,000
- ▶ Library improvements – Uralla and Bundarra – including building works and equipment (High Technology Hub) and study spaces at \$200,000

Community Focussed Projects at \$975,000:

- ▶ McMaugh Gardens improvements at \$100,000 including generator, insulation improvements and provision for shortfall (if required) for ensuites upgrade project
- ▶ Toilet at Gilmore Park at \$50,000
- ▶ Memorial Hall additional works including painting and windows at \$125,000
- ▶ Digital Community including visual electronic displays and Free WiFi in the Uralla CBD – at \$50,000
- ▶ VIC refurbishment at \$100,000 with co contribution from Council at \$170,000
- ▶ Entry statements (3 of) at \$50,000 in total
- ▶ Pioneer Park refurbishment at \$50,000
- ▶ Outdoor gym either in The Glen or Pioneer Park at \$85,000
- ▶ Walking track as per UTEC recommendation connecting Porter Park to Alma Park and The Glen along the creek at \$250,000
- ▶ Mt Mutton Reservoir Murals at \$50,000
- ▶ Woolridge Fossicking Reserve upgrades to internal roads, camp grounds, BBQs, picnic tables, etc, at \$65,000

More information is available about each proposed project on council's website: uralla.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions can be made to Council until 5:00pm, 16th September 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.

HOW CAN I DISPOSE OF MY OLD X-RAYS?

X-rays can now be recycled free of charge at the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre with its new community drop-off service.

- X-ray films are processed in a refinery to extract the silver.
- The x-ray films are heated using temperatures of over 1,000 degrees Celsius.
- The silver is extracted and converted into a more pure silver form.
- The silver can then be reused for things such as silver solder, jewellery, the silver plating of utensils, electrical components and film manufacture.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the Waste Management team on 6778 3558, we are only too happy to assist.

ROTARY CLUB ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES FAIR

The Rotary Club of Uralla's Antiques & Collectibles Fair will be held Saturday 12th October (9am-5pm) and Sunday 13th October (9am-2:30pm) at the Memorial Hall on Salisbury Street, Uralla.

This is a community themed weekend of stallholders showcasing and offering treasures including furniture, books, vintage clothing, bric a brac, glassware, crockery and more.

Entry is by way of a gold coin donation. There will be a 'Guess the Mystery Item' Competition as well as a raffle.

For further information contact Leanne on 0488 559 928.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

DRAFT COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT POLICY

At the 27 August 2019 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to place the amended Draft Complaints Management Policy 2019 on public exhibition for 28 days.

The policy is available for inspection at Council's Administration Building, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla, or accessed from council's website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions can be made to Council until 5:00pm, Friday 27 September 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.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS – July 2019

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-37-2018	Mr G & Mrs S Selby	116 Marble Hill Road, Saumarez Ponds	Dual Occupancy – Conversion of Shed to Dwelling
DA-48-2018-2	Croft Surveying & Mapping	216 Invergowrie Road, Invergowrie	Modification – Subdivision of 3 Rural Lots into 10 Rural Lots
DA-67-2018	Mr T & Mrs R Butcher	113 Ferris Lane, Saumarez Ponds	Conversion of Shed to Secondary Dwelling
DA-37-2019	PONZ Armidale Pty Ltd	25 McCrossin Street, Uralla	Storage Shed
DA-39-2019	Rossbuilt Contractors	62 Lentara Road, Invergowrie	Shed
DA-45-2019	Mr C Clarey & Ms R Latimer	25 Hill Street, Uralla	Additional Street Sign
DA-46-2019	Mr M Hunt & Ms C Dawson	16 Leece Road, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-47-2019	Mr D R Handebo	24 Court Street, Bundarra	Dwelling
DA-48-2019	Ms C Ball	36 Bridge Street, Uralla	Secondary Dwelling and Tourist & Visitor Accommodation
DA-52-2019	Mr D R Handebo	24 Court Street, Bundarra	Shed
CDC-20-2017-3	Ms L Delacour	9 Salisbury Street, Uralla	Dwelling Additions & Alterations
CDC-16-2018-2	Mrs K Wallace	18 Elizabeth Avenue, Uralla	Dwelling Alterations & Additions
CDC-7-2019	Mr N Cordery	2 Prince Avenue, Uralla	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

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Uralla Sustainability Expo last month! It was a great event with our Shire Council for Local Government Week. About 130-140 people passed through the old Salvation Hall which was packed with excellent displays – including our fantastic Library staff and the ladies making Z-NET door snakes. People also commented on how well the Expo made the link between nature, regen agriculture and our own gardening efforts. We handed out over 200 shower timers to help people reduce water consumption in this dry time. The Expo highlighted to Z-NET how much interest there is in the broader area of sustainability (water, waste, natural resources). Z-NET is holding our AGM on 28 September (Community Centre at 11:30am) and one agenda item is whether we should extend the scope of our endeavours beyond just energy. Please come along to have your say.



Our door snake creators in action: Photo courtesy of Dave Robinson

Ask Trish for more details at projects@zneturalla.org.au or call 0411 804 627.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS – August 2019

Extraordinary Meeting of Council

- Council resolved to submit motions to the annual Local Government NSW conference in October 2019 to address:
 - Dissatisfaction with the Emergency Services Levy increase and for future increases be capped;
 - Drought assistance funding from State and Federal Governments;
 - Funding from the State Government to implement the Biosecurity Act 2015;
 - Research to facilitate domestic recycling and to reduce sending materials overseas; and
 - Provision of regional plans which effectively integrate agricultural production and rural lifestyle with renewable power generation.

August Ordinary Meeting of Council

- The proposed list of council projects for inclusion in the Stronger Country Communities Round 3 were selected to be advertised for public comment. (*see page 3*)
- The Draft Complaints Management policy was approved for public exhibition. The decision includes funding for the implementation of a complaints handling system.
- Council adopted recommendations to improve communications with the community which will be progressively rolled out in the near future.
- The Uralla Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) was adopted following exhibition.
- Council determined to request its resignation as Crown Lands manager of the Kentucky South reserves, the Bundarra CBD reserve and the Rocky River Recreation Reserve.
- Approval for the Uralla Arts Council to prepare a submission to continue its 'Constellations of the South' project at The Glen under Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund.
- Council determined not to hold a constitutional referendum at the 2024 local government election. Council will retain nine councillors in two wards. The Mayor will continue to be elected by the popular vote.
- Council resolved that the recruitment process for Uralla Shire Council's permanent General Manager will now commence.