

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



September 2022

## Mayor's Message

The NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 opened on 5 August 2022 and Council has resolved to submit an application to apply for funding for the McMaugh Gardens staged masterplan and stage 1 detailed design and construction.

Under SCCF Round 5, grant funding of \$1,302,680 has been allocated for projects within the Uralla Shire area with \$407,087 allocated to community groups and organisations. Council will provide letters of support for community groups wishing to apply for project funding under Round 5 and partner with groups as the lead applicant where proposals are for Council-owned infrastructure.

The Stronger Country Communities Fund program supports projects which boost the wellbeing of communities in regional areas by providing new or upgraded social and sporting infrastructure or community programs that have strong local support. If you're interested, please visit [nsw.gov.au/SCCFr5](https://nsw.gov.au/SCCFr5) for more information, eligibility and program guidelines. Applications will close 23 September 2022.

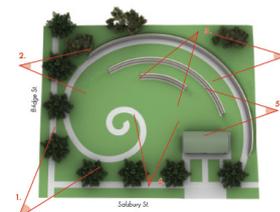
As we move from winter into spring, COVID-19, cold and flu viruses continue to circulate so it's important we continue follow the latest NSW Health guidance. It's up to all of us to help keep



View 2. Facing north looking into the park



View 3. Facing east towards town centre from top of seating walls



Site plan



View 4. Facing east looking into the park



View 5. Facing east looking into the park from the top of bank



View 6. Facing south looking into the park

*Public Spaces Legacy Program Projects Update: Council adopted the detailed designs for the refurbishment of Pioneer Park and The Glen at the 26 July Council meeting and tendering for the projects has now begun.*

*These works are being wholly funded under a \$2 million grant under the NSW Government Public Spaces Legacy Program.*

*3D renderings of the Fibonacci design at Pioneer Park are shown above. Visit the Council website to view the complete detailed designs for Pioneer Park, The Glen, and Rotary Park: [uralla.nsw.gov.au/PSLP](https://uralla.nsw.gov.au/PSLP)*

our community safe and healthy, and we have an additional responsibility to vulnerable members of our community. Wearing a mask in crowded places provides an extra layer of protection for ourselves and importantly those around us who may be at higher risk of serious illness. Masks are mandatory in certain high-risk settings such as health and residential care facilities and public transport, including taxis and rideshares. Masks are strongly recommended in indoor spaces outside of your home, particularly in situations where physical distancing isn't possible.

It's been another great month of activities and programs at the library. The Uralla Library provides access to more than just books: other forms of media, online services, and host to a number of

social groups for adults, children and young families. To find out more, visit us online any time: [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Library](https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Library) or phone the Uralla Library during opening hours on 6778 6470. The Uralla Library also hosts events and school holiday activities. Notices are also published to the Council facebook page at [facebook.com/UrallaShireCouncil](https://facebook.com/UrallaShireCouncil) where you can keep an eye out for the next event.

The next Councillor Community Session will be held in Invergowrie/Saumarez at the Barry Munday Reserve on Saturday, 17 September from 11am-2pm. Come along for a free sausage sizzle and discuss issues that are important to you with Councillors and senior staff. I look forward to seeing you there.

Until next time,  
**Mayor, Robert Bell**

## Responsible Cat Ownership

Cats make wonderful family pets, but when they live wild or are left to roam unattended outdoors, they are exposed to many dangers: including contagious diseases, speeding cars, poisons, and attacks by other animals – and can themselves be very dangerous to native animals. Feral and roaming domestic cats kill an estimated 2 billion native animals every year across Australia, including birds, frogs, small mammals, and reptiles.

Being a responsible cat owner means:

- Keeping control of your cat to minimise its impact on neighbours and wildlife
- Identify your cat with a collar and tag, have it Microchipped and Lifetime Registered
- Have your cat desexed

Indoor cats live longer, healthier and happier lives than cats which

are allowed to roam outdoors. If your cat is currently an outdoor cat, you can introduce it to being contained gradually. There are many easy ways to give your cat an enriched and active lifestyle whilst being contained safely indoors. Visit the Council website for more information: [uralla.nsw.gov.au/Pets](http://uralla.nsw.gov.au/Pets)

Unless you are a register breeder, all cats should be desexed and registered by the age of four months. The cost of registration is currently \$59.00. Non-desexed cats and other animals require an annual permit. This cost is \$85.00 for each year the animal remains non-desexed. Penalty infringements apply to cats which remain unregistered and/or without a permit. Desexing your cat helps to manage feral cat colonies, lowers demand on pounds and shelters, and reduces euthanasia rates.

If you have a problem in relation to feral cats or have a litter or cat you need to surrender, please call Council's Ranger on (02) 6778 6300.



## Development Application Support

Council free pre-Development Application meetings can be made by appointment with planning staff. Customers attending pre-DA meetings will be provided with notes from the meeting and are encouraged to make their own audio recordings of these meetings to listen to again as needed. The pre-DA meeting will assist customers with navigating the system, including the types of professional advice they might need to prepare their DA. Staff are not able to offer professional planning consultancy services.

Staff are available to provide guidance through the lodgement of online Development Applications by developers and residents undertaking development activities in the Uralla Shire local government area using the computer at Council's service centre, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla.



Please contact Council on (02) 6778 6300 to make an appointment.

### STREET STORE SCHEDULE

Located at 60 Bridge St, Uralla

29 August - 4 September

**Legacy Club Services - Uralla Sub Branch**

5 - 11 September

**Diggings Brigade, Rural Fire Service**

12- 18 September

**Helping Children and Families Association**

19 - 25 September

**St Mark's Anglican Church Kentucky**

26 September - 2 October

**RSL Uralla Sub Branch**

### 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



## Council Asset Management Planning and Documents on Public Exhibition

The Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Policy were adopted by Council in April 2022. Council is now updating its Asset Management Plans (AMPs). It is critical to regularly review these plans so that Council can track assets throughout their life-cycle. The plans include Plant and Equipment, Transport, Water, Sewer, Stormwater Drainage, Buildings, and Open Spaces and Recreation.

AMPs provide an accurate understanding of the standard of our assets and assists in planning, maintaining, developing and operating our assets in a cost effective way. A key aspect of asset management planning is to match the level of service that assets provide to customer expectations. It provides the balance between

the cost to deliver and the level required. Levels of service include cost, efficiency, quality, quantity, reliability, safety and responsiveness. AMPs identify possible gaps and plan for future demand. AMPs also help in reporting more accurately and assist in mitigating risks.

Community feedback is an important part of the preparation of the AMPs as it helps inform and improve the plans to meet the community's current needs. Council reviewed the Plant and Equipment and Transport Asset Management Plans at the August Council meeting and has placed the plans on public exhibition to invite feedback from the community.

Copies of the documents are on the Council website or can

be viewed upon request at the Council Customer Service Centre. 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 22 September 2022.

A workshop will be held by Council in September 2022 on the draft Transport Asset Management Plan. At the workshop Council will consider current and past expenditure versus funds needed to maintain current service standards, priorities of unsealed roads to be upgraded, and include levels of service. Details of the workshop will be placed on the Council website and facebook page.

## ZNET: Working together on solutions

We can prolong the useful life of many things that we own through maintenance and repair, thereby preventing things from going to landfill. Recently the back of the Little Birdy shop was transformed into a workshop where ZNET held sessions on timber repairs, tool safety, and bicycle maintenance as part of ZNET's Working on Waste project.

At a special session at Uralla Library, ZNET and the Storytime group talked about reuse through a story, songs, and craft.

### Upcoming activities:

18 September: Keeping Uralla Cool workshop - a collaboration with the Landscape Foundation of Australia

*Summer temperatures are increasing. What can we do about it?*

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

15 October: Creating Local Food Abundance

*If growing food is part of your business or hobby, please get in touch regarding a free stall for this event.*



ZNET repair workshop.

For info and bookings for all events please contact by email: [coordinator@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:coordinator@zneturalla.org.au) or call 0420 514 653.

## Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals July 2022

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-30-2022	Ms C Smith	17 Stringybark Ridge Road, Invergowrie	Shed
DA-31-2022	Mrs L Telfer	357 Rocky River Road, Rocky River	Dwelling Alterations & Additions including Demolition of Existing Kitchen
CDC-7-2022	Mr M Scott & Ms A Kelly	2 Gostwyck Street, Uralla	Demolition of Dwelling

### Withdrawals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-29-2022	Ambrose Building Development Services	132 Bridge Street, Uralla	Commercial Extension & Carport

### 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 August

- Hawthorne Drive Construction: Batters and drainage works
- Gravel Resheeting: Northeys Road, Holloways Lane
- Maintenance Grading: Lindfield Road, Bakers Creek Road, Gostwyck Road

## Upcoming in September

- Maintenance Grading in the Kingstown/Balala area, Invergowrie, and at Bundarra, Baldersleigh Road
- Asphalt works at Uralla Central School, Uralla Street, King Street, St Josephs School and Bundarra Central School

## Ongoing

- Hawthorne Drive Construction sub-base pavement construction
- Kerb and gutter works in Roman Street, Uralla
- Sealed Road Rehabilitation: Northeys Road



Gravel overlay on Northeys Road

## Catch up on your Council Meetings

### At the August Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved:

- To approve Development Application 35/2022 for a portal framed roof structure at 125 Bridge Street subject to conditions of consent.
- To reject the Uralla Courthouse refurbishment project progress, re-sheet the Courthouse roof with corrugated zincalume unfinished (not painted), relocate the solar panels from the Courthouse roof to an alternative roof on the same site, and place details on public display when applying the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 to Council developments and advise neighbours.
- To not proceed with the proposed name change of Pioneer Park at this time.
- To place the draft Transport and Plant and Equipment Asset Management Plans on public display for 28 days, and to conduct a workshop on the Transport Asset Management Plan.
- To receive a report on potential funding options for works on the Tolleys Gully Bridge project completion.
- To note the 2021-22 Operational Plan Progress Report as at 30 June 2022.
- To determine the general order of business of Council meetings.
- To submit an application to apply for the Stronger Country Communities Fund round five for the allocated \$895,592.67 for the McMaugh Gardens staged masterplan and stage 1 detailed design and construction, provide letters of support for community groups wishing to apply, and to partner with community groups as the lead applicant where the proposal is for Council owned infrastructure.
- To approve expenditure to obtain an independent valuation of the Council owned industrial land at Rowan Avenue, Uralla in order to provide a range of flexible sale options (as a whole, by stage, for different size blocks) un-serviced.



## Meeting Dates

Meetings are open to the public subject to current COVID guidelines. 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)

**Ordinary Meeting of Council**  
Tuesday, 27 September 2022,  
4:00pm, Council Chambers.

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

## Your Councillors



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