

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



August 2023

Mayor's Message

The last month has been an excellent example of how diverse and dynamic Local Government has become with activity in recycling and re-use, refurbishment projects and advocacy on underground transmission lines.

We had the great pleasure of hosting a Microfactories Workshop at the beginning of the month. As a community we have gradually developed the discipline to recycle and re-use waste, and we are getting better at this every year. You need only visit the land fill site to see how we are improving. The focus of the workshop was to consider what we could do with the collected recyclables and the possible transformation of waste into the production of new generation "green materials". Founding Director Prof Veena Sahajwalla outlined successful environmental and nationally sustainable community projects. A major part of the workshop was a discussion on taking the next steps from collecting recyclables to producing something of higher value. Our leaders in the community received this concept with great enthusiasm. Watch this space!

The Uralla Courthouse refurbishment project is progressing well. Councillors recently had a walkthrough of the site and received updates on progress.



The work completed is of an excellent quality and sensitive to the Heritage value of the building. Councillors discussed the range of possible future uses that could be made available to our community from this remarkable facility with the possibility of accessing further grant funding to optimise activities that could occur in this community space.

Our General Manager and Executive Director Infrastructure & Development were recently invited to attend the NSW Parliamentary Hearing into the feasibility of Underground Transmission lines in the Renewable Energy Zone (REZ). The General Manager made a statement on behalf of Council regarding the issues and considerations the Committee should take into account as part of their deliberations.

Our community would appreciate that there has been considerable interest in this matter. Community members can keep up to date on the enquiry through the Parliament of New South Wales website.



Sadly, I bring the news that our General Manager leaves us at the end of August. Kate has worked tirelessly and with steadfast commitment and loyalty to doing the best for the Uralla Shire community. The staff have had nothing but praise for Kate for her leadership and inspiration empowering them to step up and be ready for future challenges along with addressing the needs of the community. It was timely then that we opened the refurbished customer service area at our main office with a newly created customer meeting room. Improving customer service is one of the key pillars of the Organisational Transformation Plan that Kate developed with councillors and we have made great progress on this important work. I wish Kate well in her next journey and thank her for her leadership and professionalism.

Mayor, Robert Bell



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The July "Slip into Sustainability" afternoon brought joy and learning together as participants learnt to make possum boxes, checked out Carol Robins EV, solar system and home battery, and lined curtains to keep out the winter chills! Thanks went to everyone for making it such a fun afternoon! Special thanks went to New England Wildlife Carers for putting together all the materials and showing how to assemble the possum boxes and to the Uralla Men's Shed for cutting out the pieces of recycled timber to make them.

PRESENTING OUR NEW LIBRARY LOCKERS

It is now even easier to collect your books from Uralla Library – our new lockers give you 24/7 access to collect your items. Reserve your items online or over the phone and call us to organise collection from the lockers. We will issue you with a locker number and set your unique 3 digit code. You will then have 48 hours to collect your items – pick them up during your early morning walk, after you drop the kids at school, on the way home from work - whenever it is convenient for you.

Please call the library 6648 6470 to learn more.



STEM KITS NOW AVAILABLE TO BORROW FROM THE LIBRARY

This National Science Week the library has launched a collection of STEM Kits for preschoolers, teens and adults to explore the worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at home.

The kits can be borrowed from the library much the same as books and DVDs - with a variety of electronics kits, pocket microscopes, augmented reality cubes, robots, music synthesizers, remote control paper planes and an array of scientific experiments available.

"Each branch has at least six kits and most of them will have a lot more, and just like a book you can reserve any of the kits held at other branches to be brought to your local library" the library's coordinator of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and childhood literacy Jonathan Stilts said.

The Library Innovation Studio created the collection of STEM kits for a wide range of ages, abilities and educational outcomes, covering subjects including Coding, Electronics, Physics, Avionics, Music and Augmented Reality. Almost half the proposed items do not require a smart device or computer.

The kits include instructions and links to pages on the CNRL website that have workshops curated by the library to help you get the most out of each kit - and additional content will be added over time. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/CNRLstemkits>



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

28 Aug - 3 Sep
Legacy Club Service

4 - 10 Sep
Diggings Brigade

11-17 Sep
Uralla Branch CWA

18-24 Sep
Helping Children &
Families Association

URALLA LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTRE OPENING HOURS

URALLA LANDFILL SCHEDULE

OPEN & CLOSE HOURS



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SUNDAY	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
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RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK

28 September marks International Access to Information Day, which recognises citizen rights around the world to access government information. This right is encapsulated under Article 19 of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights.

In recognition of this day, NSW celebrates Right to Know (RTK) Week, educating public sector agencies and citizens on the Government Information (Public Access) Act or GIPA Act and raising awareness about citizens' rights to access government held information. RTK Week will take place from 25 September – 1 October 2023 and will celebrate the theme of The importance of the online space for access to information.

Don't flush that!

Residents and business operators in Bundarra and Uralla are requested to not flush strong chemicals into the sewer. Normal domestic chemicals such as detergents and cleaning agents are OK when used as directed. Industrial chemicals such as solvents, fuels, paints, pharmaceuticals and gardening or agricultural chemicals such as pesticides should never be disposed of into the sewer. Council's sewage treatment plants rely on biological processes to break down and treat the sewage. These living organisms cannot handle strong chemicals and these substances could kill off the microscopic 'bugs' that treat the sewage. You can dispose of chemicals free-of-charge at the Community Recycling Centre at the Waste Management Facility in Uralla. Council encourages residents to only flush the 3Ps – pee, poo and (toilet) paper. Wet wipes of any kind should not be flushed as they can cause blockages in both household pipes and Council sewers. Makeup pads, cotton buds, sanitary pads, dish cloths and dental floss should all go in the bin too, never the toilet. Council thanks you for your assistance.



Do not tip chemicals down the drain

CIVIL WORKS

Upcoming & Ongoing over next quarter

- Grading and gravelling scheduled; Spring Gully Road, Ross Road, Ingledale Road, Barraba Road, Old Wollun Road, Traceys Loop Road, Warrembah Road, Dorley Lane and Haynes Lane.
- Prepare for 1km rehabilitation of Bergen Road.
- Thunderbolts Way shoulder maintenance at Bindawalla Road intersection.
- Complete pavement stabilisation of Two Mile Creek Section of Thunderbolts Way and 2 coat bitumen seal.
- Replace culverts on rural roads; Retreat, Balala, Hillview and Bendemeer Roads.
- Tar patching of sealed roads, regional and local rural and urban
- Tree and verge maintenance in streets and on verges.
- Sports fields, Reserves, Cemeteries and Parks maintenance



Roman Street, Uralla – new seal completed to kerb and gutter.

CATCH UP ON YOUR COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the June Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to:

- Await testing of water security options before determining a position on groundwater drilling options;
- Undertake Councillor Leadership training ;
- Approve a full time Corporate Accountant position due to increasing legislative and stringent audit requirements in Aged Care and Disability;
- Award a contract to Superior Pak for one waste collection truck for up to \$500,000

In August (Extraordinary meeting) council resolved to:

- Appoint Toni Averay as the Interim General Manager from 25 August 2023, until commencement of a contracted General Manager;
- Retain the existing budget and total remuneration package for recruitment of the General Manager;
- Call an Extraordinary Meeting to further progress the proposals when received and appoint a General Manager selection panel.

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/Council-Meetings

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 26 September 2023, 4:00pm Council Chambers

Council Workshops and Public Forums

Refer to Public Notices on the Council website for details

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