

COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2024

Mayor's Message

Water quality and sustainability is a major topic of discussion in our community. I can assure you it is a top priority for us at Council as well.

We're aware there have been concerns about the quality of our town water supply. Regular testing of our water (a continual process by an independent laboratory) continues to show that it remains well within the National Safe Water Guidelines and is safe to drink.

Despite that, customers may still experience issues with taste, smell or colour. It would be of great assistance if anybody who is experiencing such issues could contact Council's customer service team so that we can log the exact location, timing, and nature of those issues. That will assist us to better target our maintenance and pipe flushing programs.

Behind the scenes we have been negotiating with the State government, and I'm pleased to advise we have secured a major grant to conduct studies on all aspects of Uralla and Bundarra's water supply such as performance, capacity, yield modelling and water cycle analysis.



Kentucky Creek Dam

To fast-track this, we have partnered with NSW Public Works to deliver a comprehensive integrated water cycle management strategy, establish an asset renewal plan and help us prepare for the next 30 years. Our timeline is to complete this work by the end of the year.

Our groundwater project has also been moving at pace, with a team of drillers arriving last week observing viability of bores as options for long-term water security. We are also planning a survey of Kentucky Creek Dam to evaluate options for increasing its capacity.

In partnership with Armidale Regional Council and ZNET, we are developing a regional drought resilience plan. A series of community workshops will be held, to both gather knowledge from our community and identify ways to help us all prepare for future drought.

We've begun planning our contribution to Youth Week 2024, a national event held each year in early April. This year I'm pleased to be visiting each school across the Shire, an opportunity for young people to have their voices heard on issues of concern.

Each school will also nominate students to represent their community at our Mayor's Youth Forum. The participants will assemble in our Uralla Shire Chambers for a full day workshop where we will discuss community, careers and creating more opportunities for youth events in our region. It is important we hear their perspectives. Keeping them engaged and connected has many long term benefits for us all.

Mayor, Robert Bell

NEW ADDITIONS TO CONSTELLATIONS OF THE SOUTH

Together with a number of other park upgrades, Council recently added two new sculptures to our Constellations of the South installation at The Glen. The final works are expected to arrive late March.



Spin – Andrew Parker

Spin is inspired by the Southern Pinwheel Galaxy known for its bright and distinct spiral arms.

The sculpture's shape and swirling texture alludes to the high rate of star-forming activity in the constellation, approximately 15 million light-years away.



Lupus – Kerry Gulliver

Lupus (Latin for wolf) is a constellation found in southern skies containing thousands of stars, creating a 3-D effect, each one signifying a different cultural perspective over time.

Artist Kerry Gulliver has interpreted the constellation as a wolf baying to the night sky.

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



BIG DAY OUT

Wednesday 24 April, 8.30am – 4.30pm | Ages 15+

Jump on the bus for a jam-packed day in Tamworth. Laser tag, robot racing and a visit to ArtExpress at Tamworth Regional Gallery. Lunch is included!



MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT @ URALLA LIBRARY
Monday 15 April, 10am - 12pm | Ages 8 - 12

The art of making paper flowers has been handed down through generations. Come and make a bunch of flowers for someone special.



TIE DYEING WORKSHOP @ URALLA LIBRARY
Wednesday 17 April, 10am – 12pm | Ages 12+

Create your own cool designs on pillows and tote bags you can take home. Warning – wear old clothes and shoes it's going to get messy!



BARISTA SKILLS @ ALTERNATE ROOT
Thursday 18 April, 3.15 – 5.15pm | Ages 15+

Thinking about working in a café or just want to learn to make the perfect coffee? This session with local coffee legend Marco is for you. (There's also free coffee and cake!)



JAPANESE BAG MAKING @ URALLA LIBRARY | Ages 12+
Monday 22 April, 10 – 3pm

Looking to develop your sewing skills? Come and make your own traditional Japanese rice bag using the most beautiful recycled kimono silks. Lunch Included.

Spaces are limited
Book via Uralla Library on 6778 6470

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CIVIL WORKS

Upcoming & Ongoing over next quarter

- Continue rehabilitation Tolleys - Scrubby Batters and drainage
- Continue grading Mt Butler Road
- Commence grading Rosehill Road
- Continue grading Bendemeer Road
- Continue grading Warrabah Road
- Continue tar patching regional and rural roads
- Continue slashing regional and rural roads
- Continue maintenance footpaths parks and cemeteries



Rehabilitation of Tolleys - Batters Scrubby

CATCH UP ON YOUR COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the February Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to:

- Approve DA-57-2023 with an amendment to provide emergency access and pedestrian land to Council for future needs.
- Approve a license for the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Inc for the use of the RSL Memorial Hall for a period of 2 years.
- Resolve a Notice of Motion to hold a Constitutional Referendum as part of the Council Election September 2024 to seek the community's preference for how the Mayor is elected and whether the ward system should remain.
- Endorse Uralla Rural Property Address Signs as an opt-in service for rural property owners.
- Adopt Guidelines for Tree Management.
- Appoint a consultant to complete a business review on McMaugh Gardens Residential Aged Care Facility.
- Continue support of the Grace Munro Aged Care facility in Bundarra through formal support of a grant application to extend the facility and commencement of negotiations to enter into a long term lease.

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public, except when confidential items are being considered.

Agendas, business papers, minutes, and meeting webcasts are published on Council's website at uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/CouncilMeetings

The next Council Ordinary Meeting will be held on 26 March 2024.

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