

COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



February 2024

Mayor's Message

It has been a busy start to the new year. Uralla was featured on the ABC's Back Roads program on January 23. We gained good coverage of how, as a community, we value our heritage and recycling opportunities within the Shire.

Many of you braved the hot weather to attend our Australia Day celebrations, with a wonderful parade and ceremony in Alma Park. I would like to thank our Australia Day Committee, and Ambassador Suzie Elelman AM. Susie assisted our local state member, Adam Marshall, to welcome our newest citizens Ambrose McDermott, Malissa Allen and Veronica Taube Zakrzewski, as they took their citizenship pledge. The event was enhanced by our hard working community groups whose stalls provided an array of refreshments and delicacies.

I would like to extend my congratulations to recipients of this year's Australia Day Awards:

- Citizen of the Year - Erica Barwell
- Senior Citizen of the Year - Greg McClenahan



- Senior Sports Person of the Year - Colin Dade
- Sportsperson of the Year - Paul Hine
- Achievement Award - Alex Sherin
- Achievement Award - Uralla Ladies 4s Lawn Bowls Team
- Achievement Award - Uralla Mens 4s Lawn Bowls Team

The best way to beat the heat was at our pool party. Across the week, more than 550 people took advantage of free pool access, made possible with funding from the NSW Government. Somehow I had the great honour of blowing up the inflatable pool toys.

I'm pleased to advise Council has appointed two new Directors to complete our executive team. Mick Raby has been appointed as Director Infrastructure and Development.

Mick has significant experience in local government, including Coffs Harbour, Fairfield and Bankstown, across infrastructure, capital works, emergency management and disaster recovery. Prior to that, he served 20 years in the Australian Army.

Andrew Brown is our new Director Corporate and Community. Andrew joins us on 11th of March from UNE. He is a qualified solicitor with a background in local government. He was previously Director Corporate and Commercial Services at Narrabri Shire Council, and Manager Governance, People & Systems at Armidale Regional Council.

I look forward to working with our new leadership team in delivering services for the community.

Mayor, Robert Bell

Events In Uralla

Date: Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

Time: 9am - 5pm, evening festivities until 10pm

Location: Hampden Park, Uralla



- Local produce, wine, food, art, and handmade products from New England
- Free kids tent with activities
- Live music
- Wine and beer tasting
- Food stalls with diverse options (sausages, pies, burgers, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, sweets, coffee, tea)
- Evening festivities at the Seasons Bar

Public Spaces Legacy Program – Rick Tait – Phoenix Sculpture Artist

If you haven't already done so, Council encourages you to take a visit to The Glen to see the growing number of artworks which will form "The Constellations of the South".

This exciting project has been completely funded by the NSW Department of Planning, along with the Rotary Park Upgrade and Stage One (1) of the Fibonacci themed Pioneer Park upgrade.

Inspired by the immortal status of the Phoenix, Rick Tait drew on his skills to design and create the sculpture "Phoenix". It represents a little-known constellation in the first quadrant of the circumpolar region of the southern hemisphere.

When asked about his sculpture, Rick said *"I hope you find this sculpture engaging and it provides a memorable experience to take away."* We hope you agree.

The last three sculptures will be erected in the coming weeks.



"Phoenix", Artist/Fabricator – Rick Tait

Uralla Shire Council wishes Rick all the best in his future endeavours and is grateful for his contribution to The Glen's "Constellations of the South."

Save the Date for Clean Up Australia Sunday 3rd March 2024

Clean Up Australia Day is a great way to help clean up rubbish at different sites across the country, with over a million people participating each year!



Clean up Australia volunteers with Pip Kiernan – Chair

Removing litter from our public spaces helps conserve our environment, protects habitats and biodiversity and keeps our waterways healthy. By getting involved, you are not only ensuring clean attractive shared spaces for Uralla Shire but also making a positive impact alongside our community.

It's a chance to connect with neighbours, help build community spirit and take pride in the place we all call home. For more information please visit <https://www.cleanup.org.au/contact>

Friends of McMaugh Gardens Inc

Charity Fun Bowls

Date: Tuesday, March 12th 2024

Time: 12:00 noon lunch for 1:00pm start

\$20 per person

Location: Uralla Bowling Club



- Open Triples – (subject to change depending on numbers) Nominate your team.
- Theme of the day is Hawaiian Dress up, prize for the best dressed team.
- This includes Sausage Sizzle for Lunch, Afternoon tea & Cold Meat Salad for Dinner, Raffles, Auction, and Prizes
- RSVP Friday 8 March 2024
- Fundraiser for McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre in Uralla

Uralla Pool Makes a Splash with Free Entry and Community Pool Party

Between Monday 22 January and Saturday 27 January more than 550 people enjoyed free entry to the Uralla Pool thanks to the NSW Government's grant funding. In total, 718 people visited the pool during that week making the most of the perfect summer weather.

To celebrate the free entry week a community pool party was held on Saturday 27 January, complete with a DJ, free ice creams, drinks and a sausage sizzle. It was a fantastic day out for young and old alike and we were thrilled to see so many members of our community come together to enjoy the pool.

We hope you had a chance to cool off and enjoy the fun at the Uralla Pool during the free entry week. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

We are committed to providing exciting and accessible events for our community and the positive response to the free entry week and pool party has been overwhelming.

We are always looking for new ideas so please let us know if you have any suggestions for future events. Contact council at

council@uralla.nsw.gov.au



Mayor, Robert Bell with his Ice cream pool floaty

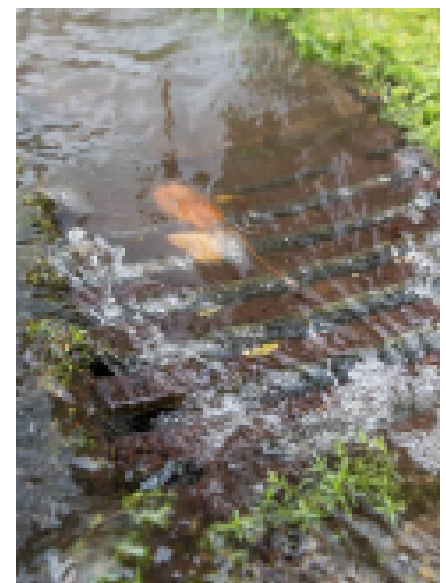
Protect Our Waterways: Understanding Stormwater Runoff

Every raindrop has a journey! When rain falls on natural areas it seeps into the ground replenishing vital water resources. However in towns, paved surfaces like roads and roofs prevent this, creating stormwater runoff.

This untreated water flows rapidly over land and picks up pollutants such as litter, chemicals and fertilisers.

This polluted flow ends up in our creeks and rivers harming aquatic life and threatening our drinking water. To safeguard our environment we all have a role! Simple actions such as planting native gardens or using permeable paving can slow down and filter stormwater keeping our waterways healthy.

Together, we can manage stormwater and protect our precious water resources! For more information check the link below <https://shorturl.at/uFQRV>



Storm water drain with runoff

CIVIL WORKS

Upcoming & ongoing over the next quarter

- Commence granite overlay Tolleys –Scrubby Gully.
- Complete grading Primrose Hill Road.
- Commence grading Panseyfield Road.
- Commence grading Georges Creek Road.
- Continue tar patching regional and rural roads.
- Continue slashing regional and rural roads.
- Continue maintenance and repairs with pipes and drains in various areas.
- Continue maintenance of footpaths, parks and cemeteries.



Kingstown Road Works

CATCH UP ON YOUR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Here is the Schedule for this year up to the Election Date:

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| • 27 February 2024 | Ordinary Meeting of Council |
| • 26 March 2024 | |
| • 23 April 2024 | Tuesday, 27 February 2024, 4:00pm Council Chambers |
| • 21 May 2024 | |
| • 25 June 2024 | Council Workshops and Public Forums |
| • 23 July 2024 | |
| • 27 August 2024 (caretaker mode) | Refer to Public Notices on the Council website for details |
| • 24 September 2024 (subject to declaration of Local Government Elections) | |

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

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



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