

APRIL 2020

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANIWAN CULTURAL COLLECTION

The Official Opening of the Aniwan Cultural Collection was held Tuesday, 10 March at the Uralla Visitor Information Centre. Council was pleased to welcome more than 100 attendees to this much anticipated event, with guests travelling from as far afield as Tingha, Werris Creek, and Kempsey.

The Collection was officially opened by Leanne Townsend, CEO of the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy. The Opening also included a performance by traditional dancers, singing, and a smoking ceremony in which all were invited to participate.

The Official Opening was a great success and Council thanks all those who attended and who have contributed to the *Local Aboriginal Artefacts Cultural Display Project* since its commencement in February 2019.

Council extends their gratitude to Uncle Les Townsend and Aunty Kathy Kelly who have been working on the project for the past year, as well as highly skilled local operators: Sue Singleton of Eureka Heritage, Kate Durack of Alternation, Michael Taylor's photography, and Teresa and Russ French of Thunder Graphics. The combined efforts of all who have contributed to the project have translated the vision into this significant collection, to be permanently housed at the Visitor Information Centre.

The *Local Aboriginal Artefacts Cultural Display Project* was funded by the NSW State Government and enabled Council staff and Aniwan Elders to work together to research and form the collection of local Aniwan artefacts. Artefacts have been generously loaned and donated by Elders and members of the community, researched and catalogued for display. Further donations of important artefacts continue to be received and Council is confident the collection will continue to grow.



COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The health and wellbeing of the Uralla Shire community is Council's first priority. Council is closely monitoring the advice and adhering to the directives from the State and Federal Governments and health authorities on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Alert. For more information, please see page 3.

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Overseer: 0427 784 982
Water / Sewer: 0427 784 304
Report all Fires: 000
Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

MEETING DATES 2020

Council meeting: Ordinary meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm. This month: Tuesday, 28 April 2020. All meetings will take place via teleconference until further notice.

Budget Review & Finance Committee: Committee meetings have been postponed until further notice.


Uralla Township & Environs Committee: Committee meetings have been postponed until further notice.

Given the current circumstances we encourage you to listen to the Council meetings webcast rather than in person. Council meeting agendas, reports, and the meeting webcast can be obtained from the website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Uralla Library Update


Due to current advice and concern for the health and safety of our visitors and community, the Uralla Library is temporarily closed.

We are still here to help:

 Get in touch with us on (02) 6778 6470

 Email us at library@uralla.nsw.gov.au

 Visit our website www.cnl.nsw.gov.au

 Free eBooks, eAudioBooks, eMagazines and online movies are available. Please give us a call so we can help you access them.

ZNET URALLA NEWS

It is that time of the year when we start to think about heating. Before we start having our wood heaters in full-time use one of the most important things you can do is to ensure the safety of your heater. An annual check to get the flue cleaned, make sure the seals around the doors are working, and that everything is connected properly can give you peace of mind. This also ensures that you burn your wood more efficiently and don't end up using more than you need.

With the rapid spread of COVID-19, Z-NET has gone virtual! Trish is setting up to do remote Home Energy Reviews, and much more as we get our heads around the technology. For any energy, firewood or solar questions email Trish at projects@zneturalla.org.au and she will get back to you. You can also leave a message on 0411 804 627.

NOTICE – 2020 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS POSTPONED

The NSW Government announced on 25 March 2020 that the local government elections to be held in September 2020 have been postponed.

The elections have been postponed for 12 months to September 2021.

FRIENDS OF MCMAUGHS CHARITY FUN BOWLS DAY 2020 – THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

The Friends of McMaugh Gardens would like to extend their thanks to everyone involved in making the 2020 Bowls Charity Day at the Uralla Bowling and Recreation Club such a success. A great day was had by all participants.



The Friends of McMaugh Gardens thanks the sponsors of the event: Helen and the Uralla Bowling and Recreation Club, staff and their suppliers, UPC/AC Renewables, Nick Kelly from Uni Plan, Merilba Winery, Peter Dade and Daniel Westbury, Coachwood and Cedar Hotel, Thunderbolt's Inn, Uralla Pharmacy, The New England Brewery, Alternate Root Café, local branches of the Regional Australia Bank and National Australia Bank, all community members who made financial donations, donations of food and other goods, as well as to all the people who assisted in advertising, Uralla Bowlers assisting on the day, and all other aspects of the event.

The Friends of McMaugh Gardens thanks all the players and the community who attended and made the day a success. Approx. \$6,380 gross and \$5,740 nett was raised for the day. The money raised will be spent on enhancing the lives of residents at McMaugh Gardens.

Rosemary Reading
Secretary Friends of McMaugh Gardens
Convenor of the Event

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS)

We're all in this together.

The health and well being of our community is our first priority and we are closely monitoring the advice and adhering to the directives from the Government and public health authorities on this continually evolving situation. Council encourages all residents to practice strict hygiene, practice social distancing and postpone/cancel discretionary activities until further notice to protect themselves and the community.

We appreciate our community's patience and kindness as we work through these unprecedented circumstances and of course, we are still here to help so please do get in touch:

Visit our website www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Email us at council@uralla.nsw.gov.au

Follow us on facebook @UrallaShireCouncil

Or call our Customer Service Centre: (02) 6778 6300

Council Services and Facilities Updates

The safety and health of our community and staff is of utmost importance to us during this evolving situation, due to this the difficult decision has been made to make changes and closures regarding some of our Council run services and facilities.

To check on the statuses of these services please visit our website at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au or telephone us on (02) 6778 6300.

Public Health Information

Health Direct: 1800 022 222

National Coronavirus Health Information Line :
Phone 1800 020 080

Download the 'Coronavirus Australia' Government App from Apple Store or Google Play app stores.

We encourage the community to keep up-to-date with the latest information, resources and advice on COVID-19 from the lead public health agencies:

Australian Government Department of Health:
www.health.gov.au

HealthNSW: www.health.nsw.gov.au

Support Services

During this challenging time there are many services here to offer assistance to you or someone you know that may need help getting through. Please do give us a call if you're unsure who to ask and we will try our best to direct you the correct service.

Beyond Blue: www.beyondblue.org.au

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Headspace: 1800 650 890



HELP US KEEP YOU SAFE – CHANGES AT THE COUNCIL BOTTLED WATER COLLECTION POINT

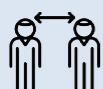
The health and safety of our community and staff is our number one priority. You can assist us by adhering to the following precautions at the bottled water collection point:



Follow all Council staff directions.



Please open your car door or boot and staff will load your water into the car.



Keep a respectable distance of 1.5m from staff & other customers.



Do not shake hands.

Need further assistance? Please don't hesitate to ask one of our staff members, phone us on (02) 6778 6300 or email us at council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS FEBRUARY 2020

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-42-2019	Mr W Howard	82 Bridge Street, Uralla	Staged Interior Alterations, First Floor Accommodation, Kitchen, Bar & Toilet
DA-71-2019	Ms R England	22 Fitzroy Street, Uralla	Studio, Carport & Laundry/Store Area
DA-80-2019	Mr C Hull	51 John Street, Uralla	Enclose Verandah, Ensuite Addition & Garage
DA-2-2020	Mr A Ball	28 East Street, Uralla	Dwelling
DA-3-2020	Dak-Wal Constructions Pty Ltd	57 Williams Road, Rocky River	Demolition of Dwelling & Shed
CDC-1-2020-2	Mr L Lasker	25 Wattle Drive, Saumarez	Dwelling Additions
CDC-3-2020	Ms A Armstrong	207 Mount Mitchell Road, Invergowrie	Dwelling Alterations & Additions including Pergola
CDC-4-2020	Mr M Rees	84 Tobruk Road, Invergowrie	Music Studio
CDC-5-2020	Mrs F Welbourn	36 McCrossin Street, Uralla	Verandah Roof

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*.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS MARCH 2020 ORDINARY MEETING

At its March Ordinary Meeting, Council:

- Adopted an Instrument of Delegation to the Mayor to provide Emergency Administrative Provisions during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Awarded community grants to the Bundarra Golf Club (\$3,000) and the Bundarra and District Campdraft Association Inc (\$3,000).
- Approved the funding for the sprayed seal and safety barriers at Mt Mitchell Road from the Roads to Recovery program.
- Placed the following documents on public exhibiton:
 - Internal Audit Charter 2020
 - Draft Debt Recovery Policy 2020
 - Draft Hardship Policy 2020
 - Draft Procurement Policy 2020

These documents are available to view on the Council website at : www.uralla.nsw.gov.au.

Written submissions can be made to Council until 5:00pm, 23 April 2020.

Submissions must be made in writing to the General Manager at PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358, or via email to:

council@uralla.nsw.gov.au