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URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



URALLA SHINES AT INNOVATION AWARDS

Uralla Shire Council was the recipient of two prestigious innovation awards at the Regional Development Australia Northern Inland NSW Innovation Awards in Inverell on 18 November 2016.

Uralla, along with fellow Council members of New England High Country, came away with the winning award for the Retail, Tourism and Leisure category. Uralla Shire Council also collected a finalist award for its Mobility Map, a combined council/local business program to maximise accessibility within the Uralla commercial precinct. Uralla Zero Net Energy (ZNet) project was also a finalist in the category for a state government initiated project to reduce dependency upon fossil fuels.

Mayor Michael Pearce said he was thrilled at the recognition Uralla Shire Council had received for its hard work. "These awards are a reflection of the high quality collaboration between Uralla Shire Council, its community and its partners to deliver quality services for our residents and visitors. "



PHOTO: Mayor Michael Pearce and Rechelle Leahy Executive Manager Governance & Information /Community & Culture, accepted the awards on behalf of Uralla Shire Council.

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COMMUNITY CAROLS IN BUNDARRA

DATE: Saturday 3 December 2016

PLACE: Bundarra Sport & Recreation Club

TIME: 6:00pm



- Music will be provided by the band 'Patterson's Curse'.
- Sausage sizzle will be provided by the CWA.
- Gold coin donation will be appreciated.

For further information please phone Pat Kennedy on 0408 206 773.

Z-NET URALLA NEWS

There has been a great local response to the bulk buy program for solar panels with many homes and businesses now looking forward to their panels being installed over the next few months. Next Uralla Shire will be able to join the solar hot water bulk buy.

The Z-NET Blueprint showed that old style electric hot water systems cause the largest spike in power use for Uralla over a 24 hour period. They are expensive to run but also expensive to replace with solar. The bulk buy gives an opportunity to install solar hot water with good discounts, giving many of our residents the chance to change to renewable energy for their hot water.

If you want to know more about the solar hot water bulk buy please contact Z-NET Uralla by emailing coordinator@zneturalla.org.au, or phone 0411 804 627.



PHOTO: Z-NET Uralla and Uralla Central School hosted an information night on solar power and changes to the feed-in tariff in early November. Congratulations to the Year 10 Hospitality Students who catered so well for the hungry crowd!

LIBRARY TRADING HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Uralla Library will be closed from 6:00pm Friday 23 December 2016 and will re-open at 10:00am on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. The after hours returns chute can be used for returning library items and Wi-Fi passes will be available from Uralla Visitor Information Centre.

Calling all Superheroes to join the:



1 December 2016 until 31 January 2017

Uralla Library invites children and families to discover heroes, villains, sidekicks and more by participating in the Summer Reading Club. To join in the fun, children can register at the Library, collect a free starter pack and then be rewarded for every five books read. The more books you read the more chances to win some great prizes!

This program is free and available to young people between the ages of 0 - 16 years. Parents can join their children and read to those who cannot read on their own.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES DURING DECEMBER & JANUARY

- Book Group – 20 Dec. 'Eye of the Sheep'
- Lego Club – 15 Dec. – 'Holidays'
- Storytime – Tuesdays at 10:30am
- Knattering Knitters – Tuesdays at 10:00am & Sundays at 2:00pm
- Christmas Craft Decoration – 10 Dec. at 10:00-11:30am
- Creative Craft for Children – 10 & 17 Jan. at 10:30am

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL STAFF MEMBER APPOINTED TO NATIONAL RURAL WOMENS COALITION

Mayor Michael Pearce has formally congratulated Rechelle Leahy, Council's Acting Executive Manager Governance & Information/Community & Culture on her prestigious appointment to the National Rural Women's Coalition.

The National Rural Women's Coalition provides a collaborative voice for women living in rural, remote and regional Australia. It represents the diverse views of women helping to build a positive profile of their achievements and issues.

NRWC provides policy advice to the Australian Government on matters relevant to the views and circumstances of rural women and also takes a leading role in ensuring that it helps as many rural, regional and remote women as possible to achieve their goals.

"To have a member of our staff sitting on an advisory board to the Prime Minister says a great deal about the competence of Mrs Leahy and what a wonderful resource she is to our council," said Mayor Pearce.



PHOTO: Council's Rechelle Leahy (right), met with with Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins – in November whilst attending a board meeting as a member of the National Rural Women's Coalition.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

See us for:

- Local information
- Local products to purchase
- A large selection of visitor information and maps for other areas in NSW

Contact Uralla Visitor Information Centre on 6778 6420 or visit www.uralla.com

The Visitor Information Centre will be closed on Christmas Day. Usual opening hours will apply on all other days so bring your relatives and friends in to say 'hi ' to our friendly staff and discover what treasures our beautiful shire has to offer.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE & LIBRARY SURVEY

Uralla Shire Council has listened to the concerns expressed by the community in relation to the proposed changes to the Uralla Visitor Information Centre (the VIC), and the Library.

Repairs to the toilets at the VIC have been identified as necessary and will proceed. However, to assist Council with its services offered at the VIC and the Library we would appreciate as many people as possible completing this survey and, in particular, the open comment fields.

Please tell us what you are thinking, share your ideas and help determine the way forward in relation to these important community assets.

Surveys will be delivered to households throughout the Uralla Shire Council. Please return your completed survey by 21 December 2016 to:

Uralla Shire Council Administration Building, 32 Salisbury Street URALLA. (Leave under the main entrance door after hours.)

Alternatively, you may complete the survey online by visiting our website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT

CERTIFICATE - Approvals / Refusals October 2016

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-49-2016	Mr P & Mrs Iskov	41 Dawkins Street, Bundarra	Conversion of Studio to Tourist Accommodation & Enclosed Entertainment Area
DA-50-2016	Boresch Project Services	Lot 1 DP 109536 Arding Road, Arding	Stockpiling, Processing & Direct Application of Waste Material to Land
DA-60-2016	Dr A Warr	62 Hill Street, Uralla	Additions to Existing Dwelling
CDC-20-2016	Mr G & Mrs R Mackaway	4 Dumaresq Street, Uralla	Kitchen Extension
CDC-23-2016	Mr S & Mr J Voigt	43 Macleay Way, Saumarez Ponds	4 Bay Shed

Refusals: Nil

The Notices of Determination for the 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.

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is a wonderful time to share with family and friends. It also provides us with an opportunity to share what we have with those who may be less fortunate than ourselves, whether it be a Christmas gift to a charity collection or simply a kind word and a smile – at a time when many people are feeling vulnerable, these gestures go a long way.

For those of you who are travelling over the holiday season, please take care on the roads. Increased traffic and distractions, fatigue, drugs and alcohol are some of the factors which add to our road toll during the Festive Season. Please abide by the law, and be patient and considerate of fellow travellers. This will help to ensure we all arrive safely and keep the season happy.

Christmas is also a time for reflection on what we have accomplished throughout the year. 2016 has been another busy year for Uralla Shire Council. Some of our major achievements have included:

- Completion of Abington Bridge through funding partnerships with the State and Federal Government.
- Council has maintained its independence to service the Uralla Shire Community.
- Despite a disruptive year, Council completed 89% of its Operational Plan
- The new Council and Senior Staff are working collectively to build an even stronger and more modern Local Government entity for Uralla Shire.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and all the staff at Uralla Shire, I want to thank the community for its unwavering support of Council during 2016, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING NOVEMBER

- Council endorsed the establishment of a 355 Committee for the purpose of managing the Bundarra School of Arts Hall.
- Council congratulated the Thunderbolt Festival Coordinators on presenting an excellent festival in October 2016.
- Council adopted the Auditor's Report and Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016.
- Council welcomed its new Director of Infrastructure and Regulation, Mr Terry Seymour who commenced his role with council on the 15 November.
- Councillors held a Strategic Planning Workshop on:
 1. Water Supply & Sewerage Structure Plans
 2. Debrief of financial statements.
- Annual Report 2015/16 financial year was completed.
- Operational Plan Progress Report for 1st Quarter 2016/17.

