

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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NEWS

Australia Day - 26 January 2014

Celebrations will commence with the street procession at 11:00am then proceed to Alma Park for the remainder of the activities which include flag raising and National Anthem, address by Ambassador Byron Watson sponsored by Woolworths; presentation of best overall school poster competition awards and citizen and sporting awards.

The Thong Throwing competition in both adult and children sections will once again be a feature as will the jumping castle and lolly scramble.

Entertainment will be provided by Howie Bros Band.

Barbecue food, drinks, tea, coffee, damper, sandwiches and slice will be on sale.

The Australia Day Committee would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors, Uralla Shire Council, Uralla Bowling Club and Uralla Rotary Club.







Uralla's Australia Day Ambassador Byron Watson

is one of Australia's leading young baritones, and has performed on the operatic and musical theatre stages around the world.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Building Inspections

Please be advised that no Council building inspections will be carried out over the holiday period from 25 December 2013 until 14 January 2014.

Bookings and enquiries can still be made from Thursday, 2 January 2014 to Monday, 13 January 2014 through the Technical Services Department on 02 6778 6314.

LOCAL LAND SERVICE NOTICE

LLS begins 1 January

The State Government has combined the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA), Catchment Management Authorities (CMA) and transferred 50 members of the Department of Primary Industries to form a new authority, the Local Land Services (LLS). This authority comes into effect from 1 January 2014.

It will be the biggest change to agricultural services in 60 years. NSW Farmers agree that changes needed to be made to the delivery of agricultural services, but it is important that the right changes are made.

Whilst the new agency is about agricultural services; the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has recommended that the funding of the LLS will be by persons identified as actual impactors or beneficiaries. The additional landholders affected will be those with properties of greater than 2 ha, regardless whether the property is rural or urban.

The former bodies and agencies operated at a cost of \$156.8 million and income of \$157.3. These costs were borne by the State and Federal Government \$108.9 million (69.3%), landowners with stock with more than 10 ha \$35.6 million (22.6%) and other income \$12.8 million (8.1%).

The Minister for Primary Industries, Hon Katrina Hodgkinson, states that the formation of the LLS is not a Cost Cutting exercise by government. However IPART clearly states that there will be "Cost Shifting". This cost shifting will be from the Government to the Landowners and a whole new range of landowners, with properties from 2 ha to 9.99 ha, will now be subject to state rates and levies through the LLS.

The Government has set up 11 LLS areas and Boards to run the areas. The Uralla Shire is within the Northern Tablelands LLS. The Minister has appointed the Chair, Hans Hietbrink of Guyra and three Government appointments, Leanne Savage of Guyra, Grahame Marriott of Inverell and Maria Woods of Walcha of the seven members of the Northern Tablelands LLS Board. The other three members will be elected by ratepayers.

The election timetable for the three elected members of the Northern Tablelands LLS is Nominations close on Friday, 31 January. Enrolments close on Monday, 17 February and Voting closes on Wednesday, 12 March 2014. Information on enrolment and voting can be obtained from:

http://northerntablelands.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/our-board/elections

The Uralla Shire Council is concerned about the additional impact on our ratepayers to fund this new body. Information and Council's submission to IPART are in Uralla News on Council's website:

http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/

CONTACTS

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Report all Fires: 000

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next Meeting of Council scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday, 28 January 2013

Time: 12 noon

Location: Uralla Shire Council Chambers,

32 Salisbury Street , Uralla

"Have Your Say" from 1:30pm. (Contact Council for registration procedure)

Council Meeting Agendas and Reports are available for public viewing at:

- Bundarra General Store
- Invergowrie General Store
- Kentucky General Store
- Kingstown General Store
- Uralla Shire Council Chambers
- Uralla Visitor Information Centre
- Uralla Public Library

Or view and download from the Council website at: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

MARKETS

Seasons of New England Market

This market and Fair Day will be held at the Uralla Showground on Saturday, 8 March 2014 from 8:00am - 3:00pm.

Showcasing New England producers, makers and artisans, we would love to hear from home gardeners who might like to run a community stall of fruit, vegetables and flowers for this market.

Contact Tara on 0434 408 163 or on info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au

For more information about the event please visit our website :

www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au

The day will also include a teddy bear's picnic and a twilight dinner from 5:30pm by a New England chef using New England produce - tickets available online and at a number of outlets across New England in January.

Uralla Unique Markets

Saturday, 25 January 2014 at Pioneer Park Uralla. 9:00am-1:00pm

Contact Deni on 02 6778 7065.

Uralla Indoor Markets

Saturday, 22 February 2014 at RSL Memorial Hall, Salisbury St, Uralla. 8:00am to 1:00pm

Contact Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Inc. on 02 6778 3277.

NOTICES

Retail food businesses: change to Food Safety Supervisor notification requirements

What is a food safety supervisor

Legislation introduced in NSW in 2011 means certain businesses in the hospitality and retail food service sector must have a certified Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) working in their business.

From 3 January 2014; changes to legislation mean it is no longer a requirement for a business owner to notify Council or the NSW Food Authority of their FSS details.

The FSS details will be checked as part of annual inspections by Council and impacted businesses that do not have an FSS in place risk a fine.

There are no further changes to the legislation at this time.

For more information read the *Guideline to Food Safety Supervisor Requirements* on the Authority's website, or contact Council officers. For more information about FSS requirements, visit the NSW Food Authority's website at:

www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/industry/fss-food-safety-supervisors/ or email the helpline on contact@foodauthority.nsw.gov.au

If you require further assistance contact Mr Scott Strijland at Council on 02 6778 6311.

NOTICES

Volunteers Required

McCrossin's Mill Museum is regarded as one of the most fascinating and progressive regional museums in NSW. It is owned and operated entirely by a great team of volunteers, whose motto is "Why Not?" We welcome visitors from all over the world and cater for touring groups, weddings, musical events, theatre etc. We have a lot of fun most of the time and really put Uralla on the map! Happy new faces are always welcome to join our friendly team. To find out more about us, phone the Mill on 02 6778 3022 or Ineke 0429 784 168 or call in to see what we're all about. Why not?

Fire Permits

With dangerously dry conditions the New England Rural Fire Service has advised of Total Fire Bans being declared for the Armidale, Guyra, Uralla and Walcha Local Government Areas. Any person wanting to light a fire in the open in the New England area of Armidale Dumaresq, Guyra, Uralla, Walcha and the Northern Tablelands local government areas MUST obtain a fire permit.

For more information regarding permits or fire bans currently in place, please contact the New England Fire Control Centre on 02 6771 2400 or Northern Tablelands Fire Control Centre on 02 6732 7046, or visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Street Stall Allocations and Applications 2014

Council provides a Community Street Store in Bridge Street, Uralla, rent free as its contribution to local Community Groups.

Submissions are still open for applications from local non-profit sporting groups, organisations and charities for Community Street Stores in 2014, and will remain open until all spaces are filled.

Application Forms are available from Council's office. Please note that **only** official Application Forms will be accepted.

During the months of January and February the following organisations will be holding local Community Stalls:

- Uralla Show Society week ending 5/1/14
- Australia Day Committee week ending 19/1/14
- Uralla Junior Rugby League week ending 2/2/14
- WIRES week ending 16/2/14.

Resolutions of Council

The Minutes of Council Meetings are available to be read at the Council Administration Centre, Uralla Public Library and General Stores at Bundarra, Invergowrie, Kentucky and Kingstown.

Minutes are also available online at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au - go to: Your Council / Council Documents / Minutes.

APPLICATIONS

Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals / Refusals November 2013
Approvals:

| Application No. | Applicant | Property | Development |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| DA-46-2013/A | New England Brewing Co. | 19 Bridge Street, Uralla | Small Bar |
| DA-62-2013 | Uniplan Group Pty Ltd | 25 Baker Road, Invergowrie | Manufactured Home Extension |
| DA-64-2013 | Mr D McDonald & Mrs K Munday | 373 Yarrowyck Crossing, Yarrowyck | Dwelling Entitlement |
| DA-68-2013 | Mr & Mrs Hazelwood | 68A Hill Street, Uralla | Shed |
| DA-72-2013 | Waters Homes Pty Ltd | 54 John Street, Uralla | Dwelling & Shed |
| DA-73-2013 | Mr J & Mrs R Simmons | 11 Wilkens Street, Uralla | Enclosed Front Verandah |
| CDC-38-2013 | Ms S Repin | 1A McGregor Street, Uralla | Shed |
| CDC-39-2013 | Ms L Andrews | 1829 Bundarra Road, Invergowrie | Bed & Breakfast |
| CDC-42-2013 | Mr H & Mrs A Rodriguez | 37A Duke Street, Uralla | Garden Shed |
| CDC-43-2013 | Mr A Bennett & Ms D Carlso | 4 Church Avenue, Uralla | Carport |
| CDC-44-2013 | Mr S & Mrs A Swain | 90 Gostwyck Street, Uralla | Shed |

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, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla.