

MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT VISITS URALLA

Minister for Regional Development, The Hon. John Barilaro, and Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall, met with Uralla Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce, at the Uralla Council Chambers on 30 April to announce the \$25 million contribution from the NSW Government towards the Commonwealth's \$100 million Mobile Black Spot Program.

Mr Marshall said he'd been liaising with Minister Barilaro and his Federal counterparts to ensure Northern Tablelands secured as many new mobile phone towers as possible to address bad black spot areas.



Left: Uralla Shire Mayor Michael Pearce, left, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, and Regional Development Minister John Barilaro discuss the new Mobile Black Spot Program funding agreement in Uralla.

Photo courtesy of Adam Marshall's office.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Uralla Shire Council is encouraging residents to view and comment on its draft Strategic Planning documents, which are on public exhibition until 11 June.

Councillors voted to adopt the draft versions of the 2015-16 Operational Plan, 2015-17 Delivery Program, 2015-2019 Workforce Management Strategy and 2015-25 Long Term Financial Plan at an Extraordinary Meeting on 11 May.

These Plans are interconnected, and allow holistic short and long term planning to ensure Uralla Shire remains sustainable.

Residents can view these documents at the Council administration office in Uralla, the Uralla Library, the Bundarra General Store and on Council's website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

The 2015-25 Community Strategic Plan, which outlines Uralla Shire's goals over the next 10 years, is also on public exhibition at these locations.

Council invites residents to submit written comments on the documents until close of business on Thursday 11 June 2015. Comments can be posted to Uralla Shire Council, PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358, hand delivered at the Uralla Shire administration office, or emailed to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au

POSITIONS VACANT

CORPORATE ACCOUNTANT FULL-TIME

Reference No: U15/7191

This position will coordinate the provision of a range of financial accounting, management accounting, treasury and cash-flow management practices.

CASUAL DIRECT SUPPORT WORKERS

Reference No: U15/7178

We are currently looking for suitably qualified Personal/Domestic Care Staff for work in Armidale, Uralla and Walcha, providing personal and domestic assistance to people in their homes.

For further information on these jobs, including how to apply, visit Council's website:

www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Closing dates:

Corporate Accountant: 5.00pm on Tuesday 9 June

Direct Support Workers: Any Time

Emergency Contacts:

After-Hours and on Public Holidays

Overseer: 0427 784 982

Water / Sewer: 0427 784 304

Report all Fires: 000

Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Meeting of Council is scheduled for:

Date: Monday, 22 June 2015

Time: 1:00pm

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 can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website at: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Link: Your Council/Council Documents

Resolutions of Council

The Minutes of Council Meetings are available at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au - go to: Your Council/ Council Documents/ Minutes

'HAVE YOUR SAY' COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

The majority of Uralla Shire residents would like their Council to stand alone, according to the results of a broad community engagement program carried out over the past two months.

Over 400 people completed the Council's "Have Your Say" survey and/or attended a Community Engagement workshop. Mayor Michael Pearce said that fewer than 8% of respondents actually wanted Council to pursue a voluntary merger.

The survey results are in line with sentiments expressed at Community Engagement Workshops held in Uralla and Bundarra, which were well attended by the community.

Interestingly, the survey also revealed the following:

- the overwhelming majority of respondents said that, under a changed environment where forced amalgamations take place, they would prefer to pursue a merger with Walcha Council only.
- 70% of respondents said they would be willing to accept an increase of 10% or more in rates to address Council's financial sustainability.

Council thanks everyone who took part in this Community Engagement program.

Council will include the survey results and residents' views in its Fit for the Future submission to the State Government. Councils are required to submit Fit for the Future submissions by 30 June. The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) will assess submissions, and make recommendations to the NSW Government by 16 October 2015.

A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURE FOR URALLA

Uralla is taking the first steps to become a zero net energy town (Z-NET) by meeting its energy needs from renewable energy sources. To help us achieve this, a business case and blueprint are in development. They will examine how residents, businesses and Council can use less energy, generate more energy or purchase enough renewable energy. These reports are due by 30 June.

The Uralla ZNET Facebook Page hosts lively discussion and posts from residents, as well as information about alternative and renewable energy. We encourage you to visit the page, 'Like' it and share it with friends and family. <https://www.facebook.com/ZnetURG> You may also be interested in the ZNET Uralla webpage, which can be found at www.z-net.org.au



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Uralla Cancer Support Group is holding its first gathering at 10.00am on 17 July 2015 at the Uralla Community Centre.

If you or a loved one have been affected by cancer, please come along and share your experiences or just have a chat.

LIBRARY NEWS

Tim Leha will be running a Photographic Workshop at the Library on Thursday 11 June from 10.00am-1.00pm. He will be exploring portraits and their application in everyday life. Participants will need their own cameras, smart phones or tablets. Please contact the library for further information and to book a spot.

If you have been attending the recent Tech Savvy Seniors program you might want to book a one-on-one session with Jane on 4 or 18 June. Please contact the library to arrange a time.

The July school holidays aren't that far away. The Library will be running a special "Magical Dragon" day on 6 July featuring stories, craft, games and a movie. The day will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Children can attend for part or all of the day.

For more information or bookings for any of the activities listed above, please call the Library on 6778 6470.



SAVE THE DATE

Uralla Shire Council NAIDOC Week Celebration lunch will be held in the 2nd week in July at the Community Health Centre.

More details to follow in next month's update!

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION & COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS- APRIL 2015

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-69-2010-2	New England Surveying & Engineering	33-37 Queen Street, Uralla	Modification – Stage 1: Boundary Adjustment Subdivision – Stage 2: 5 Lot Residential Subdivision
DA-15-2015	Mr M Evans	42 Bridge Street, Uralla	Mobile Coffee Station within Commercial Premises
DA-16-2015	Mr J Piddington	40 Kalinda Road, Invergowrie	2 Lot Subdivision
DA-18-2015	Mr G & Mrs M Gleeson	24 Bowline Street, Bundarra	Shed
DA-20-2015	Mr D & Mrs M Lowell	30-32 Bendemeer Street, Bundarra	Shopfront Signage at the Bundarra General Store
DA-21-2015	Ms J E Pickard	192 Dumaresq Road, Saumarez Ponds	Conversion of Shed to Dwelling
DA-22-2015	Dr R & Mrs K Hughes	3 Fitzroy Street, Uralla	Existing Shed Replacement & New Garden Shed
CDC-11-2015	Mr W Mitchell	20 Holloways Lane, Arding	Shed
CDC-8-2015	Mr A & Mrs E Gray	18 Barloo Road, Invergowrie	Dwelling & Shed

Refusals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-19-2015	Mr P Mabbott	Lot 155, 506 Noalimba Avenue, Kentucky South	Dwelling Entitlement

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's Administration Building in Salisbury Street.

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL SAYS NO TO LITTERING

Residents of Uralla Shire are being urged to join the state's largest anti-littering campaign, *Hey Tosser!* to help prevent littering and catch litterbugs in the act.

Mayor Michael Pearce said compliance officers from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) recently joined forces with Uralla Shire Council officers on an anti-littering blitz.

"Research undertaken by the EPA show people are less likely to litter when others are watching.

"The activities were aimed at educating people about the impact of litter, and encouraging locals to keep an eye out for one of the most common forms of littering, littering from vehicles, and report it using the *Report to the EPA* app.

"The new *Report to the EPA* app makes it easy for everyone with a smart phone to play their part in keeping our shire clean if they see littering from vehicles.

"Council is committed to preserving and protecting our beautiful natural environment. Reducing Uralla Shire's litter will make it a better, brighter and healthier place to live," Cr Pearce said.

The *Report to the EPA* app is easy to use. For more information and to download the smartphone app or report a littering incident online, go to:

www.epa.nsw.gov.au/litter/from-vehicle



Communications Coordinator Cathy McBride, Manager of Waste Services Kath Little, Mayor Michael Pearce and Ranger Carmody Glass from Uralla Shire Council promoting a clean and tidy environment

Photo Courtesy of NSW EPA Senior Project Officer Layla McNeil

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The Small Biz Bus is a mobile information and advisory service for small business. It's part of the Small Biz Connect business advisory program, funded by the NSW Government. The Bus travels across NSW, connecting small business owners with advisors and services in their local community at no cost to them.

The Bus will facilitate 45 minute business advisory sessions on-board its meeting area, at no cost to local small businesses.



Community Recycling Centres

Waste matters

Drop off your household problem waste for recycling

**FREE
SERVICE**

You can drop off:



Gas bottles



Fire
extinguishers



Paint



Fluoro globes
and tubes



Car batteries



Household
batteries



Motor oils



Other oils



Smoke
detectors

Only household quantities accepted 20kg or 20L maximum container size. Please transport your materials carefully. Dangerous goods and items other than those listed will not be accepted.

Your local Community Recycling Centre is located at:

Uralla Landfill & Community Recycling Centre
Tip Road off Rowan Avenue, Uralla

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8am to 4pm

Saturday and Sunday: 9am–2pm

CLOSED Christmas Day, Good Friday and ANZAC Day

**For more information call the Environment Line
on 131 555, contact your local council or
visit www.epa.nsw.gov.au/recyclingcentres**