### URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## **June 2017**

# DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - Approvals / Refusals April 2017

Approvals

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-21-2010-2	Mr W & Mrs F Lulham	229 Eastern Avenue, Kentucky South	Modification – Farmstay Accommodation
DA-8-2017	New England North West Planning Service Pty Ltd	26 John Street, Uralla	Staged – Dual Occupancy, Two Sheds & Strata Subdivision
DA-16-2017	Mr J Griffiths	9964 New England Highway, Saumarez	Farm Shed
DA-17-2017	Mr M Batt	32 Bridge Street, Uralla	Covered Deck
DA-18-2017	Mr S & Mrs T Brennan	737 Bundarra Road, Saumarez Ponds	Shed
DA-19-2017	Mr R Thackway	11 John Street, Uralla	Awning to Existing Shed
DA-22-2017	Mr T & Mrs K Swilks	50 Marble Hill Road, Saumarez Ponds	Detached Garage
CDC-10-2017	Mr R & Mrs C Hargrave	17 Warwick Street, Uralla	Covered Pergola

Refusals: Ni

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.

#### URALLA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Autumn in Uralla has been exceptionally busy for the Visitor Information Centre with the Seasons of New England Expo attracting close to 6000 visitors to the annual event at Hampden Park.

The Easter holidays and autumn colours attracted numerous people to the Shire. High on the list were All Saints Chapel at Gostwyck and Dangar's Falls. Uralla has become a continued highlight on coach tour operators' itineraries, with a number of them not only looking at sights, but also stopping for meals and refreshments.

Uralla has become a popular stop off location for bikers and the Grey Nomads, particularly those travelling in motorhomes, caravans, and camper trailers. The weekend trade in Uralla is strong and attracts numerous people to town, particularly from Armidale and Tamworth.

Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4.30pm Sat/Sun/Public Holidays 10:00am – 3:00pm

Start planning your next journey @ Uralla Visitor Information Centre. If you require assistance planning either a local day trip, or a great Aussie adventure (and everything else in between) visit Uralla VIC for friendly assistance and information, or phone on 6778 6420.



# KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING MAY

- Councillors attended a Strategic Planning Workshop on the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan drafts.
- Lodged a funding application to Local Government NSW for assistance with the cost of roadside vegetation management.
- As part of the Landfill Improvement Grant Works, Closed Circuit TV has been installed at Uralla Landfill & CRC Site.
- Completed 2 kms of sealed road construction on Bingara Road, Bundarra.
- The Bushcare team attended to 400m area of Coolatai grass on Bundarra Rd at Two Mile Creek.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The upgrading of local roads from gravel to 'bitumen seal' costs between \$280,000-\$400,000 per km depending on location & conditions.

# TABLELANDS CCMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Tablelands Community Transport are looking for Volunteer Car Drivers, Bus Drivers & Bus Assistants. If you can spare some time to assist our elderly with appointments and outings please contact Karina Wight, Tablelands Community Transport Manager on 6778 6450. Further information and application forms on becoming a volunteer can be found at <a href="https://www.tablelandscommunitytransport.com.au">www.tablelandscommunitytransport.com.au</a>

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#### **URALLA ON SHOW TO THE NATION**

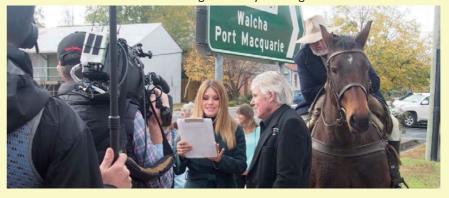
On the cool autumn morning of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May The Today Show Weather Team was busily preparing for the first live weather cross from the main street in Uralla. Throughout the morning there were 5 live crosses showcasing everything from Thunderbolt to local produce.



PHOTO ABOVE: Natalia from the Today Show preparing for live cross #2.

A big thank you to everyone involved, it was a great success. By the end of the day Council's Facebook Posts had been seen on 39,000 individual news feeds.

PHOTO BELOW: Natalia interviewing Kent Mayo during live cross #4.



PHOTOS BELOW: Natalia & Gerry from the Today Show looking at local produce; Natalia & Uralla locals sampling local beer sausages; Natalia & Lions Club representatives cooking up a storm.

#### **COUNCIL CONTACTS**

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#### **Councillors:**

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Cr Levi Sampson Cr Isabel Strutt
Cr Mark Dusting Cr Bob Crouch
Cr Kevin Ward

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**After-Hours and on Public Holidays** 

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Report all Fires: 000
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#### **BUNDARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME**



Bundarra Sewerage Scheme Community Meeting

The Uralla Shire Council hosted two community meetings in Bundarra on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to inform residents of the new sewerage scheme planned for the town. 58 people from the community attended. Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce, indicated that overall the scheme has been positively received by Bundarra residents.

Construction of the scheme is expected to begin in 2018 and be completed by September 2019. A sewerage scheme for Bundarra, to replace 'on site' systems such as septic tanks, has been mooted since the 1970s. In 1989 Public Works Advisory recommended that "A reticulated waste water and treatment system will have a significant beneficial impact on sanitation and public health and will eliminate the absorption problems being experienced."

The estimated cost of the project is \$5.397 million. Council was awarded grant funding of \$3.675 million towards the project from the Restart NSW Water Security for Regions Program and will fund the balance \$1.722 million from reserves and annual sewerage charges.

Mayor Pearce advised the meeting attendees that "The scheme is only in its infancy. Council will need to wait for detailed property audits and detailed design plans before we can clarify the total costs of the scheme, including any costs for individual property owners." He noted that Council will keep the community updated with information relating to the project.

The Public Works Advisory has been appointed to manage and administer the project. Anyone with an inquiry about the scheme should contact Uralla Shire Council on 6778 6300.



#### McMAUGH GARDENS

Council would like to warmly welcome Christine Valencius to the team at McMaugh Gardens. Christine is the new Facility Manager & Director of Nursing. Christine brings with her 25 years of experience in the aged care sector.



You might recall Christine's face as she previously worked at McMaugh Gardens in 1992-93 as a Personal Care Assistant. Christine's recent roles have included Deputy Director, Director & General Manager in Residential Aged Care, and Clinical and Regional Manager in Community Aged Care.

#### A FOND FAREWELL

Last month, unfortunately, Council said goodbye to Debbie Rhodes. Debbie has been working with Council for 18 years, many of these as the Revenue Coordinator. We wish to say a big 'Thank You' to Debbie for all her hard work. We will miss you.



### **TABLELANDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT**



### Come and Try Tai Chi.

Barbara Wilson, the instructor, has over 10 years experience. Tablelands Community Support hold Tai Chi Classes every Wednesday 10.30-11.30am at the Community Centre 9 Hill St, Uralla.

Call one of our friendly staff for more information 6778 6350.

#### WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY

### Book Discussion Group – 20<sup>th</sup> June 4.00pm

Every month a new and evocative book creates lively and inclusive discussion at Uralla Library. If you are a passionate reader and would like to participate in thought provoking conversations about books, join us on the third Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome.

#### Lego Club – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 4.00 – 5.00pm

Are you 5 – 12 years old and like building, creating and tinkering with Lego? If so, visit Uralla Library for Lego Club, where you can meet other Lego fans, build some great things and have fun. Lego is supplied and there is no cost, although we welcome donations in Lego form. The building theme for June is: WILD ANIMALS.

#### Storytime - it's Free, Educational and Fun!

Bring your little ones along to the library and let them enjoy a magical time with stories, songs and craft! Meet other local parents and children at these free sessions tailor made for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Every Tuesday at 10.30am.

#### **Z-NET URALLA NEWS**

Now we are in winter mode here are some great tips for renters:

- Has the flue has been cleaned on the wood heater? Have the seals been checked?
- Rug up your home! Rugs and carpet off cuts reduce heat loss.
- At night cover windows with good insulating curtains/material (e.g. bubble wrap, fleece fabric)
- Let the sun in it will add more heat than an electric radiator and does not cost anything!
- Heat the area that needs to be warm, this could be just you with a beanie, socks and rug!
- Invest in a hot water bottle or electric throw if you need more concentrated heat.
- Find a warm sheltered sunny spot around the house to soak up the sun's energy.
- Avoid bill shock beware of how expensive running an electric heater is and how often it is turned on.

If you would like to know more please contact Trish Rasmussen, Z-NET Uralla Project Officer, <a href="mailto:projects@zneturalla.org.au">projects@zneturalla.org.au</a>



Snuggle under an electric throw rug – it will soon pay for itself as they draw only 150 W compared to an electric heater that uses 1500 to 2500 W.