

JUNE 2019

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



ABORIGINAL ARTEFACTS CULTURAL DISPLAY PROJECT UPDATE



Aboriginal Elder Uncle Les Townsend, who has donated many artefacts, and the Project Officer, Kathy Kelly, show just some of the artefacts donated to the project so far.

Council's Local Aboriginal Artefacts Cultural Display Project, funded by the NSW Regional Cultural Fund, continues to receive artefacts donated by local community members. The project is for the research and formation of a collection of local Aniwaniwan artefacts for display at the Uralla Visitor Information Centre.

If you have local aboriginal artefacts you would be willing to gift or loan to Council's collection, please contact Council's Visitor Information Centre on 02 6778 6420.



Back left: Stone Axe found at old Kingstown Road in mid '90s. **Front left:** Stone Axe – Kentucky Creek, donated by Arthur Sims. **Back right:** Granite Stone Axe – Salisbury Creek. **Front right:** Pocket Knife – the Satellite Station. **Centre:** Spear Head – Tingha, donated by Barbara Henderson.

URALLA VISITOR CENTRE NEEDS YOU!

Do you enjoy meeting people and have a good understanding of the attractions and interests in and around the Uralla Shire?

We are looking for volunteers to assist at the Uralla *Visitor Information Centre*. If you are interested in joining the team, please call 6778 6420 or email visit@uralla.nsw.gov.au for more information.

MCMAUGH GARDENS AIR CONDITIONING UPGRADE

As part of the Drought Communities Program funding, 34 reverse cycle split system air conditioning units are being installed at McMaugh Gardens. This will mean each resident will have an air conditioner in their room.

The residents are very happy with the individual air conditioners. With this upgrade, residents will be able to manage the temperature of their own rooms for heating and cooling. This will be especially welcome after the hotter than usual temperatures we had over the summer.

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Fallen Trees and SES: 132 500

MEETING DATES 2019

Council meeting: The fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm.

Budget Review & Finance Committee:

The second Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm.

Uralla Township & Environs Committee

(UTEC): 11 June at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

These meetings are open to the public. Council meeting agendas and reports can be viewed and downloaded from the website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

WHAT'S ON IN URALLA SHIRE JUNE 2019

- Sat 15 Jun Bundarra Community Markets
- Tue 18 Jun Uralla Library Book Discussion Group
- Sat 22 Jun Uralla indoor markets
- Tue 25 Jun Progressive Cinema

Check www.uralla.com for more information on the local calendar of events and call us to add your event on **02 6778 6420**.

Uralla Library Activities June-July 2019

- Storytime** – 10.30am Tuesdays
- Knattering Knitters** – 10am Tuesdays & 2pm Sundays
- Colouring Group** – 2pm Wednesdays
- Book Discussion Group** – 4pm 3rd Tuesday of the month
- Lego Club** – 4pm to 5pm 3rd Thursday of the month
- Chess & Checkers Club** – 4pm Mondays during school term

BUNDARRA LIBRARY

The Bundarra Library is open on Wednesdays from 10am – 12 noon and Fridays from 1pm – 3pm.

Come in and see the great range of books, DVDs and CDs that we have on the shelves. We also have computers and free Wi-Fi.

TAI CHI CLASSES

Tai Chi classes for over 65s are available Wednesdays at the Community Centre, 10.30am to 11.30am. Cost is \$5 per session.

Please call Tablelands Community Support (TCS) on **6778 6350** to book.

MOBILE BREAST SCREEN UNIT IS IN URALLA

BreastScreen NSW Hunter New England's mobile breast screen unit is scheduled to commence screening in Uralla. The mobile unit will be parked in Salisbury Street next to Pioneer Park from **3 June – 13 June 2019**.

The BreastScreen Australia target age group is women aged 50 to 74 and your support in encouraging women to participate is appreciated.

Call **13 20 50** to book your free screening mammogram and visit the BreastScreen NSW website for more information:

<https://www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au/>



YOUR WORKMATE'S SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

Imagine if you were seriously injured at work. Think about the impact on your family, friends and your career. Let alone the added stress of paying the bills. But what if it was your workmate who had the accident, and what if it was one you could have prevented? Imagine how you would feel knowing you didn't speak up.

SafeWork NSW wants to help you start a conversation about workplace safety. Visit the *Safety Starts With You* website (www.safetystartswithyou.nsw.gov.au) for tools and tips to keep your workplace safe. **SafeWork NSW**



TABLELANDS COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

We offer several transport services to assist aged and transport disadvantaged people to access the community. These include:

- **Individual transport:** Book with a **minimum** of 48 hours' notice for a driver to take you to your next **medical** appointment. (We may not be able to schedule a vehicle and driver at short notice.)
- **Wednesday Shopping Bus:** Our mini-bus picks up clients from Uralla and Armidale each Wednesday, providing access to the Armidale CBD in a friendly group setting. On your return home our driver can assist you to your front door with your shopping. Our van is easy to access. Fold down steps and hand rails or the wheelchair lift assist you to safely enter and exit the vehicle.
- **Social Outings:** If you like to get out and meet new people, join us on one of our regular *social outings*. Trips this year include: the Lamb & Potato Festival, the Trout Hatchery, and shopping in Inverell & Tamworth. 28 June: Historic Uralla.

For more information including costs for these services, to check your eligibility, or to book transport, please call the TCT office on **6778 6450** and speak with Christine or Laura.

TABLELANDS COMMUNITY TRANSPORT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Tablelands Community Transport (TCT) are looking for volunteer bus assistants. These volunteers support the bus driver by assisting aged and transport disadvantaged people on TCS trips and outings.

For more information and/or to register your interest, please contact the TCT office on **6778 6450**.

PROTECTING OUR BUSHLAND AND ROADSIDE ENVIRONMENTS

Uralla's bushland and roadside reserves provide habitat for endangered plants and animals.

To help preserve our bushland and roadside environments, Council's road construction projects are managed in accordance with an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EMP helps to reduce adverse impacts on the roadside environments from the road construction works. Our road crews protect natural areas by:

- Minimising impacts, including lopping branches where possible rather than clearing vegetation.
- Establishing nest boxes for birds and arboreal (tree living) animals when habitat must be removed.
- Leaving timber and rocks on the roadside to provide sanctuary for ground dwelling animals.



The removal of timber from public lands for firewood or other purposes is against the law. Additionally, the removal of the organic matter reduces the quality of the natural environment and ability of the roadside reserves to support the natural ecosystems.

RECYCLING BINS - NOT THE PLACE FOR CAR BATTERIES

Staff at the Uralla Landfill have recently found car batteries disposed of in household kerbside recycling bins. Car batteries contain acid and therefore present work, health and safety concerns for staff and have potential to contaminate other recyclable materials.

Car batteries are accepted for recycling at **no charge** at the gate of the Bundarra and Uralla landfill facilities.

Please do not put them in your kerbside recycling bin.

The following recyclable material can be put into your kerbside recycling bin:

- Cardboard & paper
- clean food tins (aluminium and steel)
- clean food jars
- plastic milk cartons (HDPE plastic)
- PET bottles (e.g. water and soft drink bottles)

Please recycle your car batteries at the gate!

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO HOST A URALLA RETURN & EARN

Council invites Expressions of Interest from the Uralla community to become a Uralla Return Point Partner.

Return and Earn is a major litter reduction initiative from the NSW Government and provides a 10 cent refund on all eligible drink containers which will positively encourage consumer behaviour, resulting in a substantial reduction in litter.

As a Return Point Partner you will assist your local community and help NSW to meet its goal of reducing litter volume by 40% by 2020.

You can find out more about the benefits of becoming a Return Point Partner at returnandearn.org.au

Written Expressions of Interest can be made to Council until 5:00 pm 20 June 2019. Submissions or enquiries can be made by email to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au or by letter to The General Manager, PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358.

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the 28 May 2019 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to place the following on public exhibition for 28 days:

1. Draft Complaints Management Policy 2019
2. Proposal to make an application to the Minister for Department of Industry - Crown Lands to request resignation as Crown Land Manager of the following Crown Land Reserves:
 - Lot 322 DP 755811 Saumarez Ponds - (Barry Munday) Recreation Reserve
 - Lot 153 DP 755838 Kentucky South Reserve
 - Lot 153 DP 755838 Kentucky South Reserve
 - Lot 7010 DP 93183 Bundarra CBD Reserve
 - Lot 7002 DP 1072010 Rocky River Recreation Reserve
 - Lot 7302 DP 1155531 Saumarez Reserve

These documents are available for inspection at Council's Administration Building, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla, or accessed from council's website: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions can be made to Council until 5:00pm, Friday 28 June 2019. Submissions or enquiries can be made by email to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au or by letter to The General Manager, PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358.

URALLA STREET STALL

3 – 9 June	Armidale District MS Branch
10 – 16 June	Rocky River P&C
17 – 23 June	St Joseph's PT&F Association
24 – 30 June	UHA Uralla Branch
1 – 7 July	New England Lace Makers

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPROVALS / REFUSALS – APRIL 2019

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-6-2012-2	New England Brewing Company Pty Ltd	19 Bridge Street, Uralla	Boutique Brewery – Modification to Operation Hours
DA-12-2019	Mr A & Mrs D Simmon	188 Kareela Road, Invergowrie	Dwelling & Completion of Existing Studio
DA-15-2019	Mr M Broom & Ms S Randell	31 Harriet Gully Road, Kellys Plains	Dwelling
DA-17-2019	Mr G Emery	9 Lentara Road, Invergowrie	Shed with Carport
DA-19-2019	Mr J & Mrs K Bryant	15B Wilkens Street, Uralla	Dwelling & Shed
DA-20-2019	Ms J Harman	83 Sawpit Gully Road, Rocky River	Bedroom Extension & South Deck Addition
DA-21-2019	McDougall Family Superannuation Fund	8 McCrossin Street, Uralla	Dwelling & Garage
DA-22-2019	Mr S & Mrs A Cooper	36 Kooda Road, Invergowrie	Additions & Alterations to Dwelling & Shed
DA-24-2019	Mrs S Egan, Picton Bros Spanline	35 Rowan Avenue, Uralla	Screen Enclosure
CDC-5-2019	Mr G & Mrs S Swilks	13 McGregor 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 pursuant to Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Z-NET URALLA NEWS

Z-NET Uralla is currently working with St Joseph's school to identify areas to reduce their power bills and educate students in energy saving. UPC Renewables heard of the work Z-NET Uralla is doing in energy education and generously donated some money for energy metering equipment. With this money Z-NET has purchased a LoRaWAN gateway and some energy monitoring meters. This equipment helps identify how much power is used by various items around the school and will help prioritise improvements in areas that make the most impact. To date it looks like heaters and the tuckshop are the "hot spots"!

LoRaWAN is a long range Wi-Fi system that will cover the region around Uralla so all three schools in or near the town can access it. LoRaWAN is public access and anyone in range of the gateway will be able to use the facility. This could be students, businesses and individuals wishing to monitor anything via a small low-cost project computer or off the shelf meter.



Tim Kirk, Project Development Manager, UPC Renewables Australia came to St Joseph's Catholic School with Z-NET to view the equipment in operation and meet with some of the students.

KEY COUNCIL ACTIONS MAY 2019

- **Budget Review and Finance Committee** endorsed two "My Community Project" applications submitted by community members.
 - **Strategic Planning Workshop** to review:
 - Progress of the Drought Communities Fund projects; and
 - Council roads funding and program progress.
 - **Extraordinary Meeting:** Council placed the draft Delivery Program 2017-21 and Operational Plan 2019-20, including draft budget, on public exhibition to 14 June 2019.
 - **Ordinary Meeting:**
 - The NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal handed down a modest increase of 2.5% for fees payable to Councillors and the Mayor for the 2019-20 financial year. Council adopted the increase. Councillors refused to increase fees last year and have, in recent prior years, not accepted the full increase recommended by the Tribunal. The annual fee paid to each councillor in the 2019-2020 financial year will be \$11,400 and the Mayoral fee will be \$20,047.
- In addition, Council resolved to:
- Approve the "Draft Complaints Management Policy 2019" for public exhibition for 28 days.
 - Award community grants to two individuals.
 - Place the proposal to resign as Crown Land Manager of certain Crown Land Reserves on public exhibition for 28 days (*see page 3 for complete list of reserves*).
 - Enter into an agreement with Service NSW to deliver the Easy to do Business program to Uralla Shire.
 - Receive the third quarter budget review statements.
- Council meeting agendas, business papers and meeting minutes are available on council's website www.uralla.nsw.gov.au
 - **New England Joint Organisation of Councils (NEJO).** The Mayor, Chairperson of NEJO, hosted a board meeting of the region's mayors.



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