

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL | OCTOBER 2020



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Councillor Isabel Strutt was elected as Deputy Mayor at September's Ordinary Meeting of Council. Cr Strutt said she was honoured to be elected and was looking forward to the year ahead.

"I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for the opportunity to serve my community as Deputy Mayor".

"We have had a challenging time so far in 2020 with drought, bushfires, water contamination and an unprecedented global pandemic". Cr Strutt said.

"I look forward to continuing to support the Uralla Shire Community over the next year."

Mayor's Message

As the weather warms up and we welcome visitors back to the Uralla Shire it has been encouraging to see residents following COVIDSafe practices and NSW Health guidelines.

During the school holidays our Visitor Information Centre saw over 650 visitors pass through the doors. It was great to see our fantastic businesses who have had a very challenging year benefit from these visitors to this beautiful part of the world.

Our library also saw many little fairies and wizards visit during the

school holidays for a variety of fun workshops including wand and fairy wing workshops.

The launch of ZNET Plus' Lets Talk About Water project was a great opportunity to promote the continuing conversation of water conservation within our Shire.

October is also NSW Small Business Month with hundreds of free and low cost events available online to support small businesses. To find out more visit the website www.businessmonth.nsw.gov.au

**Until next time,
Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce**

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Council Adopts Local Strategic Planning Statement

Council has adopted the **Uralla Shire Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)** at an **Extraordinary Meeting in September**. **Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce** said he was grateful to the community for their involvement in the process so far.

“We look forward to the continuing process of community consultation and feedback to enhance this document.”

The Uralla Shire LSPS is an evolving document which will be continually updated to meet

the Shire’s evolving needs in the future. As this is a new plan within Council’s strategic planning framework further consultation and development of the plan will occur over the next year. The LSPS will then be reviewed and re-adopted by Council at least every four years to coincide with review of the Uralla Shire Community Strategic Plan.

More information on the Uralla Shire Local Strategic Planning Statement is available **uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information**

Join Us At The Uralla Library



The Uralla Library is continuing to provide a safe environment for our community to visit and enjoy the many resources available to our community.

Library opening hours are currently:

Monday	2:00-6:00pm
Tuesday	10:00-4:00pm
Wednesday	2:00-6:00pm
Thursday	2:00-6:00pm
Friday	10:00-12:00pm 2:00-6:00pm
Saturday	9:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm Vulnerable Clients
Sunday	Closed

Vulnerable customers are encouraged to book a private time slot on Saturdays between 1.30pm and 4.30pm when they can visit the library without interaction with other customers.

The Uralla Library is also starting to welcome back regulars and newcomers to some of the programs available to the community including Uralla Library Storytime and Colouring Group.

Bookings for these activities are essential so please email **library@uralla.nsw.gov.au** or phone **6778 6470** for further information.

Friends of McMaugh Gardens

Friends of McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre Inc are holding their Annual General Meeting this month.

Monday 12 October 2020
Uralla Bowling Club
Commencing at 2:00pm

For further information please contact Rosemary Reading 0412 163 444 or Sue Wilkinson 6778 4747.

Your Council Meeting Dates

At its Ordinary Meeting held 22 September 2020, Uralla Shire Council resolved to adopt the Ordinary meeting cycle for 2020-2021 as follows:

- Tuesday 27 October 2020
- Tuesday 24 November 2020
- Tuesday 15 December 2020
- Tuesday 23 February 2021
- Tuesday 23 March 2021
- Tuesday 27 April 2021
- Tuesday 25 May 2021
- Tuesday 22 June 2021
- Tuesday 27 July 2021
- Tuesday 24 August 2021
- Tuesday 28 September 2021

All meetings are to be held in the Uralla Shire Council Chambers, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla commencing at 12:30pm and are open to the public

For more information visit **www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Business-Papers-Agendas-Minutes**

Community Grants Program Round One

Community groups in Uralla Shire have received a boost for their events, projects or initiatives thanks to our community grants programs.

More than \$6,000 of funding was approved as part of Round One of the 2020-2021 Community Grants Program. The recipients for Round One of the group program are:

- Uralla Neighbourhood Centre for the Uralla Garden Project.
\$1,600
- Kentucky Progress Association for the Kentucky Park Reserve fencing project.
\$3,000
- St Joseph's Catholic School Uralla for the upgrades to the school car park.
\$2,200

Mayor Cr Michael Pearce, said Council was proud of the Community Grants program which supports local groups to strengthen the community.

"Council voted unanimously to support these community projects at the last Ordinary Meeting of Council."

Round Two of Council's Community Grants program will open for applications during February 2021. Individuals can also apply for a Community Grant of up to \$300 at any time of year, provided that the application is submitted at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the project or activity and meets the funding criteria.

Guidelines and application forms are available here uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Community-Grants

Diving Into Ideas Around Water Security with ZNET Plus

ZNET Plus has secured a \$30,000 grant and partnered with the UNSW Global Water Institute to provide an opportunity for the Uralla Shire community to have a voice on water issues in our Shire.

The ZNET Plus project team is working hard on producing information resources and planning our focus groups for rural and town residents, business owners, community groups, sporting clubs and more.

The outcomes of the project will assist Council in the development of an Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan which is being worked on concurrently.

Thank you to the urban and rural Uralla residents who joined



conversations about water over the past year, to the NSW Government for funding and to Council for supporting the delivery of the project.

View the project details and sign up to ZNET's newsletter at www.zneturalla.org.au/water

Development Application & Complying Development Certificate Decisions August 2020

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-85-2019	Murall Pty Ltd	100 Bridge Street, Uralla	Additions & Alterations to Supermarket, New Carpark, Demolition of Existing Structures
DA-12-2020	RuralCert Pty Ltd	56 Kalinowski Lane, Rocky River	Decommissioning Existing Dwelling & New Dwelling
DA-23-2020	Mr W Sellings	16 King Street, Uralla	Demolition of Garage & Shed
DA-24-2020	AC & LM McFarlane	28 East Street, Uralla	Garage with Toilet
DA-28-2020	Miss J Bird	49 Bridge Street, Uralla	Change of Use - Barber Shop
DA-29-2020	Mr L Frazier & Ms C Baldwin	4 Munsies Road, Uralla	Dual Occupancy
CDC-17-2020	AC & LM McFarlane	19 Dangar Street, Uralla	Garage
CDC-18-2020	AC & LM McFarlane	19 Dangar Street, Uralla	Internal Alterations – Garage Converted to Bedroom & Ensuite
CDC-19-2020	Mr J & Mrs E Dunne	37 Wattle Drive, Saumarez	Dwelling Additions – Bedrooms & Ensuite
CDC-22-2020	Mr M Baker	8 Roman Street, Uralla	Dwelling Additions

Withdrawals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-13-2020	Mr R O'Halloran	17 Kliendienst Road, 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 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No. 203.

CIVIL WORKS

Completed in September

- Completed base course construction on Bingara Road upgrade

Underway

- Bingara Road Upgrade
- Park Street Footpath Repairs outside the school

Upcoming in October

- Retreat Road Upgrade Construction
- Thunderbolts Way chainage 22000-22650 Rehabilitation
- Sealing Bingara Road Upgrade



Catch Up On Your Council Meetings

During September two meetings of Council were held. Catch up on the key actions and decisions from these meetings here:

Ordinary Meeting of Council Tuesday, 22nd September

- Development Application DA-20-2020 was approved.
- Elected Cr Isabel Strutt as Deputy Mayor until the September 2021 Local Government Election.
- Appointed Council's representatives to committees and external bodies for the 2020-21 year.
- Received and noted the Code of Conduct Annual Statistical Report with adjustments.
- Adopted the revised Code of Conduct to reflect the Office of Local Government's amendments.

Extraordinary Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd September

- Adopted the draft Uralla Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020 as a first step in the continuing process of community consultation.
- Received and noted the 2019-2020 Operational Plan Annual Progress Report as at 30 June 2020.
- Laid the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme - Award of Tender on the table and resolved that Council engage a suitably qualified consultant to review the tender process.

To read the full minutes of these meetings and for further information please visit our website here uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Business-Papers-Agendas

Meeting Dates

Consistent with current directions related to physical distancing and COVID Safe guidelines, there are measures in place at our monthly Council meetings to ensure the health and safety of our community. For more information on these changes please visit our website here uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council-Meetings

Budget Review & Finance Committee

Tuesday, 13 October 2020
commencing at 12:30pm

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 27 October 2020
commencing at 12:30pm

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