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Uralla Bowlo Supports Uralla Can Assist

During the end of year Christmas Celebrations and Club Presentation Awards for 2021, the Uralla Women's Bowling Club together with the Uralla Bowling and Recreation Club made a substantial donation to the Uralla Can Assist.

We strongly recognise and support the work that the members of the Uralla branch of Can Assist do for our residents affected by cancer, not only the primary sufferers but also the other family members involved. MaryAnn Munsie leads a powerful group of volunteers, many working behind the scenes, who make sure they do all they can to lighten the load carried by many in our community.

As last year's Uralla Bowlo's Can Assist Fund Raising Day had to be cancelled, we sought some other way to show our appreciation.



From left to right: Judy Bray, Phyllis Dade, Allan Rummery (Uralla Bowlo), Mary Anne Munsie, Vicki McLean (Uralla Can Assist)

Pauline Crouch
UWBC Publicity Officer

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from the Uralla Wordsworth team



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Robert Bell was elected Mayor of Uralla Shire Council in December 2021, after serving five years as a Councillor. He was previously Director of Engineering for Uralla Shire Council, lives in town, and has a grazing block at Kentucky. Clr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.

2022 starts with much promise, despite the continuing dark shadow of Covid. Your new Council had its first meeting on Christmas Eve. This meeting was an abridged version, with the remainder to be held on January 25. The meeting almost didn't occur as the elected Councillors were only officially declared the day before.

All Councillors took the Oath or the Affirmation of Office prior to the meeting. As the minutes of the meeting have not been published, I will refrain from supplying specific dates and resolutions.

I will, however, include some of the highlights, such as Clr Crouch continuing as Deputy Mayor. His election will bring both experience and a wealth of knowledge to this important position. Clr Sarah Burrows and Clr Tom O'Connor have both been appointed to the Australia Day Committee, and Clr Leanne Doran requested to remain as a community member.

While Council's cash and term deposits remain very healthy with over \$16,248,000 in the various financial institutions, the projected unrestricted reserves of zero has made setting up the Finance Advisory Committee a huge priority. Hopefully Clr Tom O'Connor will offer to chair this committee. With the Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Report, Councillors were unanimous in requiring the Auditor to address Council at the earliest possible date. This opportunity to ask questions directly is a key item for the new Council.

There has been an increase in employee benefits and oncosts from \$9.707 million to \$10.498 million, despite the Independent Pricing and Regulating Commission noting they should only have risen by 1.2%, not the 8% shown.

Council has adopted the new Instrument of Delegation for the Mayor. The key roles set out in the Local Government Act are "to be a leader of the Council and a leader in the local community and to advance community cohesion and provide civic awareness." I am totally committed to these delegations.

In regard to the timing of Council meetings, it was resolved to commence the meetings at 9:30am on the fourth Tuesday of each month (where possible). This will be reviewed after 6 months. Councillors are keen to have at least one meeting per year in Bundarra.

The Public Spaces Legacy Program and the Open Spaces Strategies Public Consultation periods have both been extended by a month. I have pencilled in a meeting with the Uralla Arts Council this week, and hopefully other Councillors will also be able to attend.

Following a number of discussions with members of the

Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Council is keen to ensure that this excellent service continues to operate and continues to receive the necessary State Government Funding. I will endeavour to keep everyone updated on the progress.

Prior to Christmas, I was fortunate to meet the new District Manager for the Rural Fire Service, Superintendent Paul Metcalfe. Clr Bob Crouch and I then organised a meeting with Superintendent Metcalfe to discuss District Service Level Agreement with an extension proposal. One important role is the Liaison Committee which includes one Councillor and the General Manager (or her delegate) to monitor and periodically review the performance of the agreement and to review the annual budget and the quarterly financial and performance reports. We also had a chance to discuss funding availability. A minimum of two meetings per annum need to be held. We also discussed the money available for hazard reduction work which could include Wooldridge Fossicking Area and Racecourse lagoon. One of the critical roles of Uralla Shire Council is to work with and support our Emergency Services.

The Uralla Caravan Park will see an update of its electrical distribution and switchboard, following a burnout last year. Quotations have been invited for this work which will also require an audit of all the existing electrical work. Quotes close January 24, 2022.

Council has received an application for the UNE Tullimba Feedlot at Torryburn to increase from 999 head of cattle to 2,000 head. This number requires State Government approval. It is essential that Councillors have an

opportunity to review the Development Application and have specific items addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. An application has been made to Council to extend the consultation period.

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Public Spaces Legacy Program Analysis Report and Concept Designs

At its December 24 2021 Council meeting, Council resolved to extend the period of public exhibition to the 26 January 2022.

The analysis report and concept designs for the Public Spaces Legacy Program project upgrades to Pioneer Park, Rotary Park and The Glen have been prepared and will be open for public comment from 17 December 2021 until 26 January 2022.

Click on the link below to view the analysis report and concept designs:



Uralla Parks: Pioneer Park, The Glen and Rotary Park Upgrades - Draft Concept Design Report December 2021

Written submissions can be made to Council until 5:00pm, 26 January 2022.

Submissions or enquiries must be made in writing and can be submitted to the General Manager, PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358 or by email to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

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Uralla Invention

Eric Arnold Neil was the managing partner of the Pomona orchard at Uralla; later to be Tet Fong Brothers orchard and sawmill. In 1925 he invented a unique Nail Stripper which was no doubt a great hit in the packing shed. Eric Neil married nurse Bardsley from 'Nightingale;' I wonder how many hours she spent searching for her knitting needles!

Mr Neil, of Uralla, N.S.W., has devised a neat contrivance for saving labour in nailing fruit cases. This is a nailholder in which the nails are held by the head between pairs of knitting needles, so that the man nailing has several rows, of from a dozen to 20 nails in each, suspended in a handy position near him, with all the heads in the same direction. This contrivance, which is illustrated in the "Agricultural Gazette of N.S.W.", consists of a piece of galvanised iron, bent so as to fit over a half-inch board; with several pairs of fine knitting needles soldered on to it.

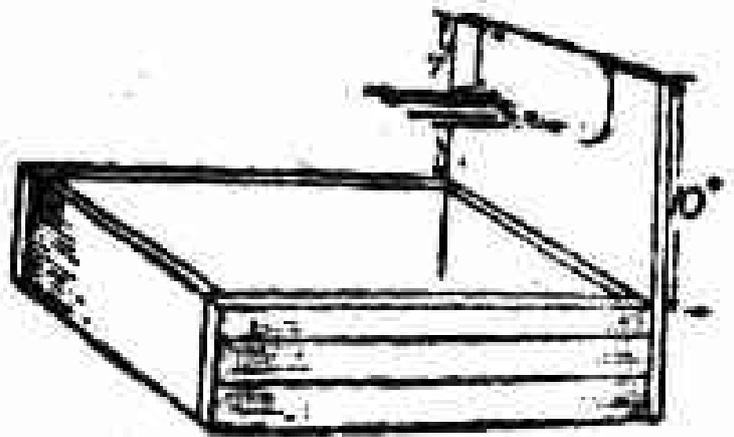


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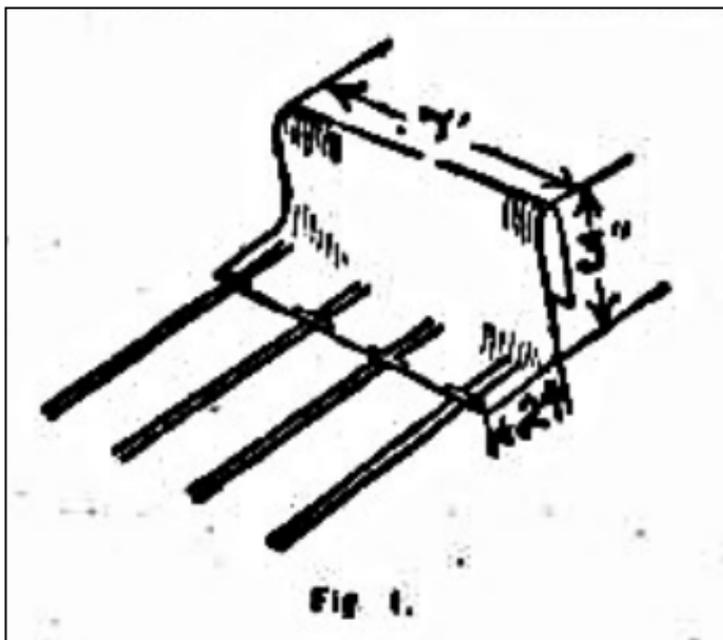


Fig. 1.

A piece of half-inch wood about 10 inches high is mounted on the end of a hundredweight box of nails to act as a holder for the stripper. This piece of wood is not level, but slopes downwards away from the operator, otherwise he will find that he knocks nails out of the front pair of needles when reaching for the back ones. The stripper is filled by pushing the needle points lightly through the nails as they lie in the box, and with practice a large number can be picked up quickly. The box of nails should not be short, as a certain amount of room is required in which to operate the device.

Kay Adams, Uralla History Hub

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Uralla Women's Bowling Club Results

URALLA WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB 2021 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

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SINGLES	PHYLLIS DADE	JUDY BRAY
PAIRS	ROZ RHODES	ELSIE CLARKE
	PAULINE CROUCH	LYNNE DWYER
FOURS	JUDY BRAY	PHYLLIS DADE
	LYNNETTE DWYER	LYNNE WATTS
	APRIL FULTON	ROZ RHODES
	JUNE GREGORY	DEB VANDEN HOOGAN
MIXED		
PAIRS	PAUL HINE	BRAD DADE
	JUDY BRAY	PHYLLIS DADE
TRIPLES	PAUL HINE	DAMIAN KLEINDIENST
	JUDY BRAY	PAULINE CROUCH
	LYNNETTE DWYER	DEB VANDEN HOOGAN

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26th January, 2022
Alma Park

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 or Cheryl Nolan 0411 771 026

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UWBC Championship Results, Ladies Pairs: Roz Rhodes, Pauline Crouch

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Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor and articles to
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AUSTRALIA DAY 2022 – URALLA

WEDNESDAY, 26TH, JANUARY, 2022

Australia Day celebration activities will be held as follows:

11.00 a.m. **STREET PROCESSION** - Along Bridge Street from Park Street corner to Alma Park, via Hill Street. Those walking may join in at Salisbury Street corner. Included in the parade will be Armidale Pipe Band, fire brigades, vintage machinery and cars, Tribute to Tradies, and the Australia Day Ambassador, foundation member of "The Seekers", Keith Potger.

DECORATED BIKE COMPETITION for children, with cash prizes for best bike decorated by a boy and best bike decorated by a girl. Bikes will take part in the procession for judging.

ENTERTAINMENT by Armidale Pipe Band.

OFFICIAL CEREMONY - In Alma Park - Including flag raising, National Anthem, Australian Citizenship Ceremony, award presentations, and address by Ambassador, Keith Potger, sponsored by Australia Day Council of N.S.W. and National Australia Day Council.

LOLLY SCRAMBLE - Children only!

TALENT QUEST - Entries open to all Uralla Shire residents.

Categories –

Juniors (15 years or less) – 1. Vocal, 2. Instrumental, 3. Variety
 Open (16 plus years) - 1. Vocal, 2. Instrumental, 3. Variety

Variety covers any form of entertainment. Groups – to include at least one Uralla Shire resident. Cash prizes. Come and join in the fun – enter the talent quest, and maybe win a cash prize!

Barbeque, hot dogs, tea, coffee, damper, sandwiches, cakes, slices, drinks will be on sale, and a jumping castle, bungee tramp, and face painting for children.

COME ALONG AND HELP CELEBRATE OUR AUSTRALIA DAY

Friday's Flood

Lynn McLenahan kindly made available some photos she took of last Friday's sudden flood. The photos were taken at the Queen St causeway and footbridge across Uralla Creek. Access to the footbridge is blocked at the moment due to the extensive damage it sustained during the flood, as can be seen in the photo below.



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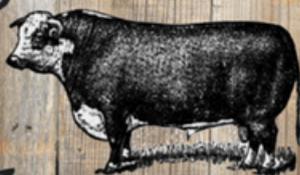
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Community Calendar

Please email urallawordsworth@gmail.com if you have an event or meeting for the Uralla Shire

Please check with Event Organisers about the Status of Listed Events

Uralla Rotary Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6.15pm at the Uralla Bowling Club, dinner optional after the meeting

Uralla Lions Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5/5.30 in the CWA Rooms

Uralla Fire & Rescue meet on Tuesday nights at the Uralla Fire Station from 6-7.30pm

Uralla CWA meets on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am at CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

Uralla Computer Bank is open Mon, Tues & Thurs from 9.30am – 3.30pm at Uralla Shire Waste Depot

Uralla Anglican Church meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship and Johnno's (kid's programme) in Park Street

Uralla Hospital Auxillary meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2pm, CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

Uralla Show Society meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla Showgrounds

Uralla Shire Business Chamber meets 1st Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Uralla Bowling Club

Uralla Town & Environs Committee meets on the second Monday of each quarter from 6-7pm in the Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Uralla Tennis Term 4 Social tennis 6:30pm Tuesdays. Free court hire. Go to www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/ to book a court.

Uralla Men's Shed is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm in the Old Scout Hall, Uralla North Rd (just off the Bundarra Road).

Uralla Auto Club Inc. meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at The Bowling Club.

Uralla Red Cross meets on the first Friday of each month at 2pm in the CWA rooms in the Literary Institute opposite Foodworks

Uralla Historical Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5pm at McCrossin's Mill

Uralla Brewery Book Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5pm at the Brewery

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch meets the last Sunday of the month at 10.30am at the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street, all veterans welcome.

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch Veterans and Families Drop in Centre. Open to all Veterans and their families, each Thursday 10am until 12pm at the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street.

Uralla Women's Bowling Club 10am Wednesday for Club bowls. Mixed Social Bowls on Sunday mornings, all welcome, Bistro lunch available.

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 11am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Ph: 6778 3277 or email :

office@unc.org.au
Donations welcomed.

Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla) meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons, contact Dennis 0448 576 465 or John 0411 374 334

Computer Bank New England Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 12noon at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00 this includes morning tea

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

Events for January - February

Uralla Arts Chopper Morton performs at McCrossin's Mill Saturday 22 January 2022 7.30pm

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting Friday 22 February 2022 9:30am Council Chambers



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Friends of McMaugh Gardens were fortunate enough to be one of the recipients of a very generous \$5,000 UPC Solar grant in their second grant round. We wish to thank UPC Solar for this great opportunity which enables us to purchase much needed overlays/underlays for resident's beds at McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre. A great community initiative UPC Solar.

Thank you on behalf of all members of Friends of McMaugh Gardens, Residents and Staff of McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre.

Sue Wilkinson President of Friends of McMaugh Gardens Inc.

Dear Editors,

It's great to see a change with new and experienced Councillors appointed to our Shire. As Mayor Bell says "The new group brings an incredible range of skills to the Shire"

Whilst the Mayor has indicated there is an opportunity for existing approved Development Applications to have (I presume contentious) conditions reviewed, I hope that the new Councillors will also have the opportunity to review proposed DA conditions, particularly regarding difficult and at times impossible wheelchair and pram access at the front boundary to many of our premises in the CBD area. Whilst I agree that Councillors cannot direct Staff or influence Developments in which they may have a pecuniary interest, it is hoped that consideration can be given where projects are locally Heritage listed or are in a Heritage Conservation Zone. I hope that some lee-way in the interpretation of standard conditions might be forthcoming due to the varying slopes and access problems at the front Entry which in some cases can present undue hardship for building owners in trying to comply!

In particular it would be great to have clear signage from Bridge Street indicating the existing rear parking and disability bays to the East behind the shops at both Hill St. and Salisbury Road. This would relieve parking delay problems and improve safety in Bridge Street and enable the possibility of rear and side access to many of the existing shops. The public covered Arcade through to Bridge St. would certainly get more use. These are not new ideas but should be re-considered from a "common-sense" point of view.

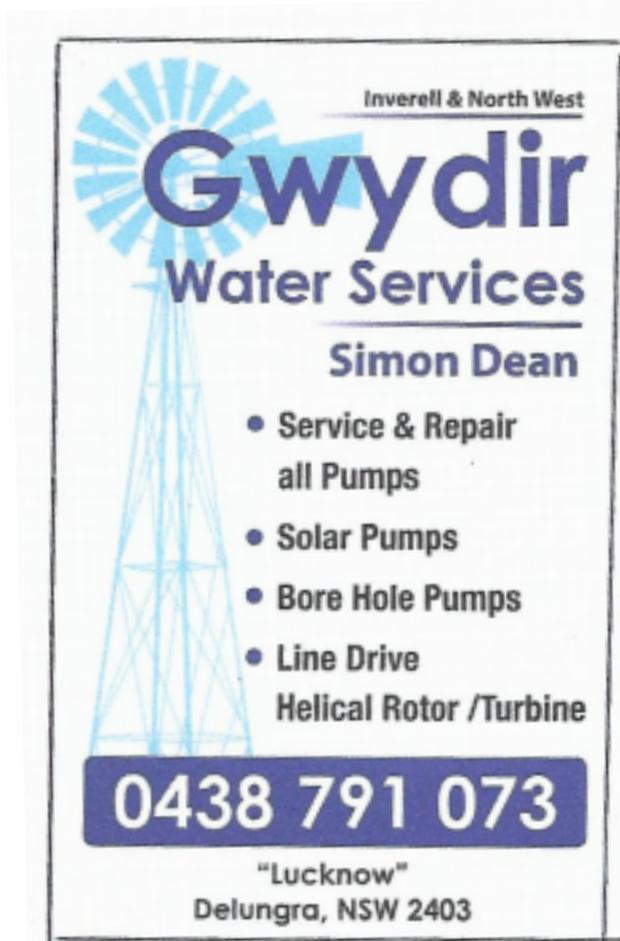
Gordon Fuller, Resident and Heritage Consultant

Dear Editors,

Delighted you liked my piece. I'd be very pleased to have a mention in your publication!

Thanks again

Richard Glover, Sydney



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Puma	161.7	163.7
Invergowrie	164.0	160.0
BP	168.9	169.9
Kingstown	169.9	165.9

Uralla Community Street Store

Details for 2022 were not available at the time of publication

The Media in Regional Australia

The Armidale Express reported on 24 December that newspapers in regional Australia will be the focus of a new parliamentary inquiry into how local mastheads are faring in the digital age.

Many regional newsrooms suspended publication in 2020 due to advertising losses. The House of Representatives Communications and Arts Committee will examine the impact of this decision on communities.

Nationals MP Anne Webster said it was vital for the Federal Government to understand the needs of regional communities and their reliance on local newspapers to stay connected.

Uralla Wordsworth is very aware that local newspapers are vital for a healthy and functioning community; the role local newspapers played in disseminating information during the most recent local elections is a good example of their importance, as state and national media, both print and broadcast, showed little or no interest.

On 1 January 2022, Cody Tsaousis, a journalist at both the Armidale Express and the Northern Daily Leader, published an article "[Barnaby Joyce joins local outlets in emphasising importance of regional newspapers](#)", dealing with the above.

The Uralla Wordsworth was approached by him for our view on this. Below is an excerpt from the article.

Uralla Wordsworth editor Louis van Ekert said he would appreciate government grants, but only if they are 'strings-free' which he said can be a rare thing from the government. When asked about the focus by many news organisations on the digital market, he said it was important to have small community papers still printing, with some locations still struggling to even receive internet connection.

"We are both in physical print distribution but also online, and there are quite a few elderly people who don't have access to the internet or are not sufficiently tech-savvy to read online," he said.

"My personal opinion is despite the fact younger people read online and spend quite a bit of time online, there's still the need for a printed piece of paper, because it's not always possible to read online."

"Unless the Federal Government is going to fix the NBN once and for all, there are many areas in the Uralla shire, such as Bundarra and Gostwyck, where the internet connection is woeful so there are places where it's physically impossible to go online to read a newspaper."

Submissions to the inquiry can be made until January 28, 2022.

Louis van Ekert, Uralla Wordsworth

Council Does It Again

I refer to the Open Spaces Legacy Program Projects, Draft Concept Report for Uralla as developed by consultants Civile from Sydney and published on the Council website prior to Christmas. While the Civile report presents two of the three project parks (The Glen and Rotary Park) objectively, it fails to faithfully represent the Fibonacci concept as presented to Council by members of our community.

The Civile report presents three options for Pioneer Park, none of which represent the Fibonacci design concept presented to Council by the community. This is a prime example of Council's use of consultants to override the wishes of the community. What we've got instead is a feeble and tokenistic misrepresentation that will satisfy no one and give little opportunity for community engagement.

Whether you are in favour of the Fibonacci concept or not, it is the principle that matters here. Community members have spent many unpaid hours working in good faith to develop a well thought-through concept that will actively engage the community over the construction phase to create an exciting, outstanding park. For Council not to have had the consultants develop the Fibonacci concept as presented by the community shows a complete lack of faith in the community and an unwillingness to take on well-considered community concepts. It highlights a culture of arrogance within Council that needs to be eradicated.

The community delivered a clear mandate at the recent election to end this kind of culture of overriding the community.

As Adam Marshall said at a public meeting in Uralla last year ...'the elected representatives set the direction of the boat and the staff row'. It's time the staff got back to the oars.

Andrew Parker, Uralla Arts Council

Spaces Make Lace

Uralla will be treated to a week of lace art from 7-13 February with an official opening of the Janice Jones Lace Collection at McCrossins Mill Museum on the Saturday, 12th February.

The New England Lace Group is showcasing works by contemporary lace artists from around Australia, and which will be displayed in shop windows, the main street and at the Mill.

The antique lace collection is permanently housed in specially built archival drawers and display cases upstairs at the Mill. The lace is a fine example of handmade laces from the 16th Century through to the mid 19th Century and has been beautifully collated by Rosemary Shepherd from Uralla.

Plenty of time is needed to browse through the collection while learning about the fascinating history of lace making that influenced European society, politics and the economy for 400 years.

Below and to the right are some images of the lace being show during the week of the opening. The first is "Dancers" by Vicki Taylor, second is antique net lace and third is a large installation of handmade bobbin lace by Lindy de Wijn.

Vicki Taylor, New England Lace Group

Photos by Vicki Taylor and Rosemary Shepherd.



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Large installation of handmade bobbin lace by Lindy de Wijn.

Uralla CWA

A Very Fishy Tale

Every year the CWA focuses on a subject that affects woman and children. Over the last 2 years it has been around domestic violence and the need for more social and affordable housing.

Last year we have had a representative from the Armidale Women's Shelter do a presentation and as a result we organised a number of bags of essential items to be donated. As part of this years awareness week some of our members volunteered to organise another drive to collect bags and items to put in them so if a woman has to leave their home in a hurry she has some essential items and a bag.

We have been blown away by the generosity of our members, their families, friends and work colleagues. 25 bags were packed up and delivered.

Thank you to all who helped us. It is so good to be part of such a wonderful community.

Uralla CWA will gratefully receive donations of handbags in good condition, and unused toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, hand cream, deodorant, soap, etc.

Please contact 0425793000 for further information.

Luise Scherer and Trish Rasmussen, Uralla CWA



From left to right: Uralla CWA members Penny Paliadelis, Suzanne Wright and Ann Denyer

Their trawler tossed on the stormy ocean,
Wayne and Jess boldly fought the violent motion,

So courageously, despite the thunder and lightning,
"We owe it to Kent to catch his Whiting!"

"Indeed" cried Jess, "but more than that,
"We must catch the fish whose heads are flat!"

"Yes, flathead" yelled Wayne "sweetest taste of all".
Their trawler ploughed on, to rise and fall.

"To sate his good manners and his hunger",
"Daddy", said Jess "you'll be the best fishmonger!"

"Don't call me a fish-mongrel, you cheeky daughter,
"Or I'll toss you overboard, yep, in the seething water!"

"Oh, daddy dear, please do not your anger vent
"On me. We both have a duty to our poet, Kent."

"Oh sorry, Jess, now who's taking the bets
"We'll have flathead and whiting in our nets?!"

In the raging storm they each wound a winch,
Up came the nets slowly, inch by inch ...

They gnashed their teeth, cursed and fretted ...
"Bloody hell", wept Wayne "not one bloody fish netted!"

Against the howling gale, Jess spoke, said she:
"Mind your language, Daddy, we'll try my Plan B."

Jess went below, returned with two rods and bait,
"Let's go old-fashioned fishing, Daddy, though it's late,

"The storm is easing, all will turn out fine,
"And Kent will have got his favourites, yep, on-line."

Their van struggled, laden, up the hills,
Flogging off seafood to the polite and ill-mannered dills.

Most said "thank you", others ranted and raved,
"But" beamed Wayne "Kent's Christmas Dinner is saved!"

"Yes, daddy" smiled Jess "Well, there'd be nothing worse..."

"Not to repay poet Kent for his fishy verse!"

Kent Mayo, Uralla poet
Dec 22, 2021

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Uralla in the Media

Readers of the Saturday Morning Herald may have noticed that Uralla was a topic of discussion in Richard Glover's column in the Spectrum section last Saturday, 8 January 2022. Richard discussed the student officials for fifth class at the Uralla Rural School in 1935: Doris Swilks and Zoe Bullock were the flower monitors, Wilga Crapp and Merle Hopley the book monitors, while Douglas Duncombe and Douglas Cooper were the ink monitors, with Gordon Trickett and Reg Cooper the paper monitors. By 1943, Doreen Munsie was the book monitor, Clare Hayne the inkwell "boy", and Don Whackett the blackboard boy. The inspiration for Richard's research was his reading of *"My Mess is a Bit of a Life"*, a memoir by Georgia Pritchett, the British

screenwriter. Of course, the sour topic of school milk was discussed, ad nauseam (literally). To quote Richard: *"There are still adults of my generation who start feeling sick if they so much as drive past a cow"*.

It was very interesting to see familiar Uralla names being mentioned: *"People had better names in the 1930s."* Richard's research was based on the National Library's Trove website, where he found our predecessor, of sorts, *The Uralla Times* of 1935 and 1943.

Richard has generously given Uralla Wordsworth permission to mention his article.

Louis van Ekert, Uralla Wordsworth



After the diluvial deluge of last Friday 7 January, this magnificent rainbow appeared, as observed from Walcha Road
Photo courtesy Michelle Wade

Bill Andrews

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