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Region's Councils in 'Hot Seat' with Public Spaces Legacy Program

Five local councils in the Northern Tablelands are in the running to unlock millions of dollars in State Government funds to improve parks and public spaces, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today welcoming the announcement of the \$250 million NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program.

As part of the State Government's COVID-19 Recovery Plan, local councils which focus on speeding up development assessments for projects that deliver jobs and housing will be eligible for funding for parklands, town squares and main streets.

Mr Marshall said this was an opportunity for Armidale Regional, Uralla, Glen Innes Severn, Moree Plains and Tenterfield Shire Councils to make something good out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Public Spaces Legacy Program is like a game show which no one can lose," Mr Marshall said.

"All these councils have to do is show the Department of Planning how they will accelerate important local projects, improve assessment timeframes and then deliver, and its pay day for their communities.

"By prioritising development applications that will create jobs and encourage development, Armidale Regional Council could find itself with the top prize of \$3 million, while for each of the other smaller local government areas there is \$2 million up for grabs.

"This is the time for councils to instigate positive change for their communities, by not only cutting red tape but

delivering parks and public places which make their towns and villages more liveable for residents.

"Every job created by speeding up the development process is a win in a rural town during this difficult period, and so really there is no losing with this scheme."

Councils which adopt a Local Acceleration Program have between 1 September 2020 and 30 June 2021 to improve their activity.

This new program is only available to the 68 councils currently participating in the e-planning system.

For more information about the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program and to see if your council is eligible visit www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/publicspaceslegacy.

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

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Robert Bell was elected to Uralla Shire Council in September 2016 and has served one term as Deputy Mayor. He was previously Director of Engineering for Uralla Shire, lives in town, and has a grazing block at Kentucky. In his regular column, Cr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.

Planning has already commenced for the next "Seasons of New England" which is set down for Saturday March 27, 2021. At this stage, it is difficult to imagine what form it will take, given that this year's planned event did not go ahead due to Covid-19. With over 100 stalls and over 5,000 people attending the event in 2019, the community can only hope the dreaded virus has disappeared by then. Good news with the National Australian Bank Uralla Branch reopening on August 17. No doubt the Regional Australia Bank would have gained additional accounts during the closure. Great to see Adam Marshall, MP, continuing to take on the major corporations. Uralla's fuel prices remain one of the lowest in the region following his previous political representations.

Council's 2020/2021 Delivery Plan has now been adopted. Special interest for Uralla residents is the section 3.4 Provide Water Supply that now includes "Develop the Integrated Water Cycle Management consultancy brief and progress the investigation of the augmentation of the Bundarra and Uralla Water Supplies to increase yields via alternative water sources."

Adam Marshall recently flagged one of the benefits of increasing the capacity of Malpas Dam may be that Uralla would have a backup supply if required. We are all acutely aware that if there is no rain in the catchment, then it doesn't matter how big the dam is. The other point of interest is that Councillor Toomey ensured that Council "Conduct investigations to identify origins of arsenic in the Uralla Water Supply and progress other initiatives identified in the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan to mitigate the risk." Councillors made it very clear that the community would not appreciate being on bottled water again in the next couple of years. The Bundarra Sewer is programmed to be completed in the next 12 months; however Council has not yet received a report on the recommended tenderer.

All rural property owners please be advised that the Bushfire Season commenced on August 1, and you will again need a permit to burn. It is a timely reminder as the district has already had a couple of fires run in the long dry grass. Wonderful news is that the additional two bay shed at "Harnham" near "WhyWorry Wines" will be officially opened on August 22. Who will carry out the role will heavily depend on whether travel is permitted out of Sydney. With the addition of another four wheel drive two tonner to the Kentucky Brigade, we are once again

preparing for a challenging bushfire season. Let's hope that is not the case!

Recent discussions have reinforced that it is entirely appropriate for developers and objectors to lobby Councillors. The ICAC guide states that *'the role of a Councillor is, as an elected person*

- to represent the interests of the residents and ratepayers
- to provide leadership and guidance to the community
- to facilitate communication between the community and the Council."

The advice is that the Land and Environment Court has made it clear that where Council determines a development application, Councillors should not rely exclusively on Council Officers to consider all matters relevant to the determination, but must also consider the relevant matters themselves.

While soccer has recommenced, along with limited spectators being allowed to attend, they have unfortunately had miserable weather for two of the first three weekends. Let's hope the soccer can continue and the weather improves.

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**Robert Bell,
Uralla Shire Resident**



It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood... who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Teddy Roosevelt

**Can Assist Uralla Annual Branch Meeting
Saturday 26th September 2020 2.00 pm
at the Uralla Bowling Club
Further information
Mary Ann Munsie PH: 6778 4651
Vicki McLean PH: 6778 4353**

Congratulations Nigel!

I am a very proud mother in McMaugh Gardens, my oldest son Nigel Henry Parker has been awarded an O.B.E. from the Queen for services rendered in New Guinea.

Mary Fulthorpe, Uralla Resident

Thank you for sharing this wonderful news Mary - Editor.



Mr Nigel Henry Parker, OBE



An initiative of the New England Solar Farm

The New England Solar Farm Grants are Underway!

A Community Reference Group (CRG) has been formed to shape the design of Uralla Grants (an initiative of the New England Solar Farm). We have had two really full-on workshops and now with a lot of behind the scenes work by dedicated Members, the grant program for the first \$50,000 is almost ready to go. Many in the community have contributed to the shape and purpose of the grants program and their inputs are much appreciated, as this has given the seven CRG Members confidence that the opportunity is well designed for our community.

So, come mid-August a broad range of people, organisations and businesses will be able to submit their ideas for funding of up to \$5,000, that will support projects that will benefit our community socially and economically!

The focus will be on projects that will deliver the maximum benefit for the Shire and neighbouring Kellys Plains and Dangarsleigh. More information on the guidelines and how to apply will appear soon on

www.newenglandsolarfarm.com.au/community

You too can spread the word and invite others to take a look and get those creative ideas flowing and captured on an application form!



Part of the CRG team - Sandra Eady (L), Bruce McMullen and Tom O'Conner, working to finalise the Uralla Grant Guidelines on a chilly July morning.

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Uralla Shire Council

Adopts New Plan

Uralla Shire Council is expected to deliver a record amount of capital expenditure in this year's 2020-2021 Operational Plan due to numerous State and Federal Government grant programs. The annual Operational Plan sets out the budget and key focuses of the Council for the year ahead. Key highlights of the plan include investment in community infrastructure and local roads and Uralla Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce says Council is committed to delivering the projected \$31 million budget.

"It has been a challenging year for Uralla Shire with our community facing drought, bushfires, issues with the drinkability of our water supply and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic" Uralla Shire Council Mayor, Cr Pearce said.

"As we look forward to the year ahead, our key focus will be supporting the continued economic improvement of the Uralla Shire community through infrastructure upgrades and ongoing high level service delivery". Major projects for the year include the progression and implementation of the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme, upgrades to Bingara Road, construction of a new bridge over Tolleys Gully as well as upgrades to the Uralla Visitor Information Centre. "Alongside the delivery of these projects we will continue to deliver key services to the community including water and sewer supply, waste collection and facilities, our well-loved library, providing valuable visitor information, community and home support as well as our McMaugh Garden's Aged Care Facility", Mayor Pearce said. Uralla Shire Council General Manager Ms Kate Jessep says she is looking forward to working with Councillors, staff and the community to deliver the plan noting however that the Council faces a challenge in the budget's forecast operating deficit. "While Council will deliver a record amount of works this financial year on the back of numerous State and Federal grants we want to acknowledge that a budget deficit is not sustainable in the long term", she said.

"We will be working with the community and building our engagement activities over the next year so that together we are driving growth within our Shire and working towards a resilient and sustainable future". Council's Operational Plan 2020-2021 comprises the fourth year of Council's now five-year Delivery Program 2017-2022. See : <https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Our-Council-and-Organisational-Structure/Integrated-Planning-and-Reporting>

Kate Jessep, General Manager, Uralla Shire Council



Have you seen this logo?

It belongs to Samaritans Purse, an international Christian relief and development organisation which has been on the news with their field hospitals in Italy and New York. During Australia's bushfires last summer, they helped in the recovery process in communities from Queensland down to Victoria.

These are just two of many projects of Samaritan's Purse. We would like to introduce you to their special project, Operation Christmas Child, which aims to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need across the world. It simply involves packing a small shoebox full of various gifts which will bring joy and hope to a child's heart. Local representatives, Mariea Stannard and Bec Blake would like to encourage you to consider taking part in this project, which wraps up in October. Watch this space for more information, and please consider looking at the website: www.samaritanspurse.org.au. Please also feel free to contact Mariea on 6778 2169 or Bec on 6778 5035 for more information.

Bec Blake

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Thank you.

Some Alternative Thoughts



Mr Parker suggests that Uralla should use and develop its uniqueness to try and capture COVID19 escapees from the city. At this time with increasing cases in NSW, Qld and Victoria such a suggestion is very dangerous. We cannot have them coming to Uralla even for a "look see". The risk of the virus being brought to this community is too high. Just look how it has spread from Victoria to NSW and now to Qld by someone just visiting a pub or restaurant.

If and when it is safe for these people to come to Uralla, the community needs to be aware that the centre of thinking on the town's development may shift in a direction that may not be entirely acceptable to existing residents. In relation to Uralla's "unique village atmosphere", Uralla will never have a village atmosphere while ever there is a National Highway down its main street. Traffic noise, squealing brakes, odorous trucks carrying cattle, sheep and pigs are all antithetical to a village atmosphere. For a real village atmosphere experience I suggest visiting Wollongong which has numerous well developed suburban "villages" with a suitable collection of shops and businesses and any through traffic is restricted to 40 kph eg Keiraville.

Roland Bennett, Uralla Shire Resident

The Editor is unclear which of Mr Parker's contributions this refers to.

McCrossin Mill Museum's International Women's Day Official Opening and Celebration Dinner was held on 14 March 2020, just in time before Covid 19 changed all our plans.

Approximately 70 guests gathered at the Mill to celebrate the Opening of our new Exhibition and to enjoy a Celebration Dinner. The theme was "An Absolutely Fabulous Four" and honoured four local women, Sue Barnden, Mary Ann Munsie, Cheryl Nolan and Bev Stubberfield. These four ladies, well-known in the community, have volunteered selflessly for many years. A week later McCrossin's Mill Museum was forced to close its doors.

Because of the months when the Museum had to be closed, it has been decided that the "Absolutely Fabulous Four" Exhibition will remain on show during 2021. Don't miss it!

Ann Hacker, Publicity Officer for McCrossin's Mill Museum

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Barking Dog Gallery

I purchased the shop, old bakery and house on half an acre of land at 36 Bridge Street from Mr and Mrs Humphreys in 1981. The Humphreys were bakers here from 1954 until they retired and moved to the coast in the 1970s. The shop and house remained vacant for some years until I took over in 1981.

I moved my kilns, wheels and equipment into the old bakery and displayed my pots and work from various craftspeople in the shop at the front. I named it Myoora Pottery Craft Shop. In 1993 I changed the name to Barking Dog Gallery because it was easier for people to pronounce and spell.

Mr Humphreys told me the bakery was established in the early 1890s. The old part of the bakery is built with Uralla red bricks and the original shop was very similar to Stoker's Store in construction. It was known as the Central Bakery. At some point the Humphreys changed the name to the New England Bakery. In c1935 the original shop was demolished.

NEW BUILDING

The wave of improvements in the main street of Uralla continues. Two modern shops have just been completed for Mr H E Cooper, taking the place of a recently demolished brick building that had been standing for many years. The new building is of brick with a smart frontage of green and black tiles, while the interior is lined with fibro. The whole covers a space of 28ft by 28ft. Mr Cooper assures us that it is one of the most up-to-date baker's shops in the north and will enable him to maintain his good service to the public. The job was done by Mr W Butterworth who has now commenced a big job of repairs and alterations at the Commercial Hotel.

From the Uralla Times Thursday 16th April 1936



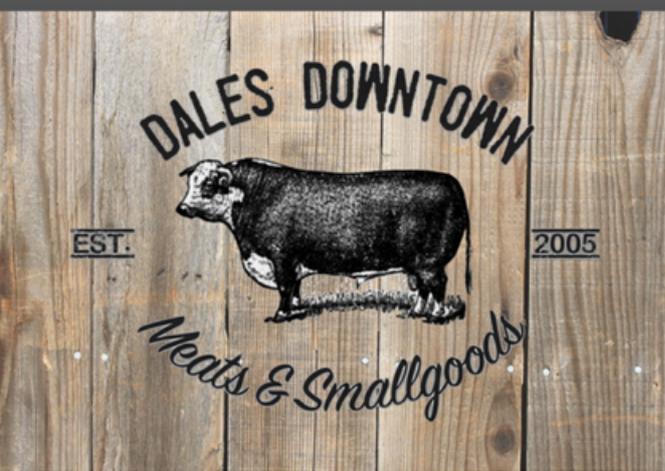
The original shop in c1919. Photo supplied by R Schofield.



The shop and house at 36 Bridge Street in 1981 and 2020. Photos: Christine Ball

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VP Day Commemorative Services in Uralla

Saturday the 15th of August marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2, now known as "VP" Day (Victory in the Pacific Day) or "VJ" Day (Victory over Japan Day).

It was on this day, 75 years ago, that the Japanese Emperor Hirohito announced to his people that he had overruled his advisors and Generals of the Japanese Imperial Forces and ordered the unconditional surrender of all Japanese Forces in the Pacific and Asia. At last the war was over. After 6 long years of war in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, hostilities were at an end.

The war in Europe started with the declaration of war made to Germany on the 3rd of September 1939 and had ended on the 8th of May 1945, known as "VE" Day, with the unconditional surrender of Germany and the Axis Forces. However, the war raged on in the Pacific and Asia. As the US, Australian and other Allied Forces shifted their focus to defeating the Japanese, the United States prepared to do anything if could to end the war. On the 6th of August 1945 the first of two atomic weapons were dropped on the city of Hiroshima with a second dropped on the city of Nagasaki on the 9th of August. The announcement from the Japanese Emperor came 9 days later.

To mark this day, we will be holding a small service at the Memorial Gates, Alma Park at 11am on Saturday 15 August. It will be a short service of around 15 minutes with the laying of floral tributes to all those lost but particularly those men and women from the Uralla Shire. All are welcome to attend, however we are restricted in numbers to 100 people and we must follow very strict COVID-19 regulations and practice social distancing of 1.5m. Hand sanitiser will be available and people should avoid physical contact. Facemasks are recommended if you have them available. We will play the Australian National anthem at the conclusion of the service however we ask that you not sing along.

The RSL will also be laying a floral tribute at the Vietnam Memorial on Tuesday the 18th at 10am in recognition of Vietnam Day, also known as "Long Tan Day", to remember those lost in that conflict but particularly our two local soldiers Private Trevor Attwood and Lance Corporal Ross McMillan.

As always, if anyone knows of any veterans doing it a little tough in these unprecedented times, please contact us at the Uralla Sub-Branch so that we can find the appropriate help for them. We now have a fully qualified RSL Well Being Officer amongst our ranks who is more than happy to help wherever he can. We are there for all Veterans and their families and have a list of services available from RSL NSW, DVA and other Veteran Service Organisations should they be needed.

Visit from Department of Veterans Affairs Open Arms

On Wednesday the 19th of August at 1pm there will be a presentation from The Department of Veterans Affairs Open Arms organisation held at the Uralla Bowlo. Open Arms is a specialised organisation started by Vietnam veterans which has now spread to the wider veteran community. Their main role is the mental health and wellbeing support for current and ex-serving Australian Defence Force personnel and their families.

The presentation is open to all veterans and family members or carers and will cater it to our local veterans and their families needs as well as covering the needs of the wider veteran and service community. They will have lots of information available to take home, so, if you have any particular subject that you wish them to include, please let us know in advance.

Lest we forget,

Russ French, President Uralla RSL Sub-branch

Thought for the Week

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Private Perciful Melnotte Hill 2322

Percy Hill was born at Emmaville, enlisted in June 1916, and sailed for England the following October. He was in England for about a month, and then went to France. He was wounded in March 1917, and again in October 1917 when he lost the sight in his left eye. He was invalided home to Australia, and discharged.

Percy was the son of Robert Brown Hill and Mrs Jane Hill of "Rosewood", West End, Uralla. His attestation paper shows that he enlisted at the Narrabri Depot Camp on 13 June 1916, aged 22 years 3 months, describing himself as a miner. His mother's address was given as Post Office, Uralla.

He served in the 33rd Battalion AIF, unofficially known as "New England's Own", and later "the Northern Battalion". The 33rd, 34th, 35th and 36th battalions, all raised in New South Wales, formed the 9th Brigade of the Australian 3rd Division. B Company of 33 Battalion comprised men from Uralla, Walcha, Barraba and Bingara. The Battalion, under the command of Major (later Lieutenant General) Morshead, fought at Messines (June 1917) and Passchendaele (July to November 1917),

What happened to Perciful Hill after discharge? It looks like he came back to Uralla, as the Municipality gave him a fine testimonial which was spotted by Alex Sherrin at Blackbird Old Wares in Armidale. They bought it at a clearing sale in Lismore, apparently from the estate of a dealer. Does Percy have descendants here or elsewhere? Is there any record of Percy working? Any clues gratefully received.

Ross Burnet, amateur detective

Researched by Alex Sherrin

As a volunteer of the Uralla District Show Society it has been suggested that I, Colin Armstrong, inform the town of Uralla for the need to drum up support for a push bike family fun ride to Gostwyck Church and Bridge and back. That would take place on the day before our show. Please get in touch if you are interested on E-mail tomuralla77@gmail.com



Testimonial for Percy Hill



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Andrew Murray's Diary

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Saturday May 5, 1860:

Continued our journey up along the bank of the creek, crossing and re-crossing to avoid the densest parts of scrub. In this country it frequently happens that the course of these creeks are densely scrubbed up to the bank on one side, whilst on the other there is open forest land. Good travelling ground on the south bank and we camped early. Mr. McCrossin, Robison and Duke entered the scrub in a south-westerly direction and after going two or three miles got on the tracks of some other party which led on to the river at a place where the river was low, a passable crossing place was found. The water was too deep to allow our crossing over without swimming the horses. The scrub grew thickly up to the precipitous bank of the river. The country on the opposite side was open box forest.

Sunday May 6, 1860:

Camped over Sunday in a scrub where the blacks were numerous. Thinking this unwise, we packed up and went on. We found and felled a leaning ti-tree; its top limbs caught in another ti-tree on the opposite bank, making it useless for the purpose of carrying our packs over. Duke went up and cut the branch that held it. When green, ti-tree wood is tough, and instead of the limb breaking off, it bent, pulling the whole top back through the fork it was in, and nearly brushed Duke down. However, he clung to the standing tree and thus avoided being killed or badly hurt. The channels of these streams are not wide in many places but are deep. We set to, carrying our dunnage over the makeshift bridge and swam our horses over. Packing up, we went to a small lagoon in the open forest and pitched camp. Duke, during his (the middle) watch, discovered an opossum in the limbs of a tree close to the camp and fired at it without a word of warning. We, naturally, thought the blacks were going to attack; however, on finding our fears groundless, we turned in again. The opossum here is much smaller than the New England kind and darker in colour.

Monday May 7, 1860:

Had a fair start and travelled along the river all day, crossing some deep gullies or anabranches. The country for some distance back from the river is openly timbered with poplar, box and red gum and some iron bark. Camped near the bank of the river.

Tuesday May 8, 1860:

Still following the river flats, westerly, we came to and camped on the bank of a sandy creek. The country is good sheep and splendid cattle country; much salt bush in places in the scrub.

Wednesday May 9, 1860:

Continued along the open flats on the south side of the river to where the scrub narrowed our tracks close on

to the river bank. From some unaccountable cause, some of our pack-horses bolted, kicking and bucking their swags off, and went into the scrub. Mr. McCrossin's chestnut, the one that bucked with Duke at Tenterfield, led. I went on his track and came to where he had suddenly propped and turned toward the river. On looking at a tree just ahead of where the dead stop was, I saw that a black had been cutting a grub out and the horse had nearly raced on to him. The black ran one way and the horse the other, when a pack-throwing freak happened. A good deal of time is lost tracking and picking up odds and ends from straps to flour and meat bags, and we thought we had everything fixed up again and went on. Crossing a creek with high, steep banks, we camped near a lagoon. In taking stock, we found that we had lost a bag of bullets – about 60. A short distance from where the pack-throwing freak took place we saw some blacks' fires still burning near the bank of the creek and supposed that the horses must have smelled the smoke, causing the bolt. I led my three pack-horses from here. The river flats are extensive, the grass abundant; fine, sound cattle country. Open forest of red gum of large size and great height. During the night one of our horses got bogged but was soon rescued. The water was low and the approaches slippery.

Thursday May 10, 1860:

Went on, crossing the river. The grass was long and having been laid by the overflow from the river, it all lay against us. We re-crossed and I went on, ploughing a track. My horse's knees, the points of his shoulders and fetlocks were nearly raw, poor brute. Camped on the barest place we could find, near water.

Friday May 11, 1860:

Finding the eastern side of the river no improvement for travelling, we re-crossed to the west side and, tired of ploughing through long grass which formed like a collar (my horse having to jump over it every few score yards), I struck into an open scrub to westward. The grass was short with much pig-weed and salt bush. In pursuing my course, I struck a large lagoon and had to travel south of west to get round the end of it. We camped on a small gully. Some dissatisfaction being taken at the course I was travelling (done to save our horse's legs). I determined to give up the lead after taking the party back to the river.

To be continued

Noel Marshall, Uralla Historical Society

And Another Thought for the Week

**An error does not become a
mistake until you refuse to
correct it.**

Pre COVID Dawn

I spent many years walking to work in the Sydney CBD in the early morning. The picture in my mind's eye is the intersection of Bridge and Pitt Streets, and just up the hill, the pretty precinct around the little square at Loftus St.

This poem forms the first of four poems about CoVid. It was written with no knowledge of the impending pandemic. It is about the awakening of the city between dawn and start of work. As it turns out, it paints a picture of the "normal" life to which we are aspiring to return.

Dun people arouse
From crannies that house
Them against the terrors
Of night
Hobos move on
As dawn peeks upon
A new day

Shadows now falling
Old detail reforming
Light breaching
The chasms of night.
Girls come a-strutting
Primping, provoking
Their way.

Now cleft is the night
First greens, then bright
colours flashing
Movement, dashing
Young men
Stride a beat
Hurry by.

The sounds take their cue
From day's brightening hue
Traffic arriving
Baristas grinding
The start of a queue
Suddenly parking
Is gone.

The timpani beat
Of life on the street
Sounds throbbing
Heads bobbing
The clapping of feet
The swishing of cars
Jostling by.

Uralla Women's Bowling Club President's Report

I writing as President again after the resignation of Lenora Fuller in January. The start of our year was overshadowed by the passing of long-standing member Sandra Hillard. We greatly miss her.

Our bowling activities began when we marched in the Australia Day Parade to promote lawn bowls and hopefully, encourage more ladies to join our club.

Many thanks to April Fulton, Lenora Fuller and Lynnette Dwyer for running the raffles when the Thunderbolt Pairs were being played in September and to Judy Bray, Pam Westbury, April Fulton and Pauline Crouch for attending the Jean McKinnon Games in Gunnedah in October. Thank you for representing our Club. The Can Assist Day was held in November when a cheque for \$1,500.00 was presented to Mary Anne Munsie, President of Can Assist Uralla. We finished 2019 with a wonderful Christmas Party in December, where we exchanged gifts and presented awards.

We decided we would contest the grade 4 pennant competition this year, but as things turned out there were only two clubs to play in this division, Uralla and Walcha.

Unfortunately, in the first round of our competition, due to illness on the day and continued illness of their members, Walcha was forced to retire and thus awarded us a forfeit. Guyra invited our members to attend their President Laurel's Day and nine of our ladies attended, it was a great day, enjoyed by everyone!

District games kicked off in March and on the 10th Pam Westbury and Judy Bray won the Senior Pairs at Guyra. On the same day, back at our Uralla Club, McMaugh Garden's held their annual fund-raising day, with almost 90 players in attendance and over \$5,000 being raised.

Bendemeer's President's Day was held on the 17th March. We put two teams in for this day. On our way home from this event we learned that our State was in lockdown due to Covid-19.

The rescheduled District Senior Four's was played on 15 July, and our team of Roz Rhodes, Phyllis Dade, Judy Bray and Pam Westbury won for the third year in a row. Our 70th Birthday, due to be held in April, was postponed until later in the year.

I would like to thank my committee: Secretary, Judy Bray; Treasurer, Lynnette Dwyer; Assistant Treasurer, Roz Rhodes; Vice-President, Pauline Crouch;

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Community Calendar

Please email urallawordsworth@gmail.com if you have an event or meeting for Uralla, Kentucky or Invergowrie.

Please check with Event Organisers about 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

Computer Bank New England Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 12noon at the Uralla Community Centre

Uralla Hospital Auxillary meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2pm at the 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 5.30pm at the Uralla Bowling Club

Uralla Progressive Cinema meets on the last Tuesday of each month, 6pm at McCrossin's Mill, all welcome, entry is free and donations welcome

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

Tennis is on Wednesday from 6.30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex

Knattering Knitters meet at Uralla Library on Tuesdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm

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 Driver Reviver meets on the first Sunday of each month at 2pm at 117 Bridge Street, Uralla.

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

Ascent Community Care

Senior Social Group 9.30am – 2.00pm, Mondays at Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

Seniors Exercise Class – 2.00pm -3.00pm, Wednesdays at the Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 12 noon-2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veges. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, donations welcome. Ph : 6778 3277 or email : urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Meeting 12.30pm Tuesday 27th July 2020 at the Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Apply for one of Council's Community Grants

Round One of Uralla Shire Council's Community Grants 2020-21 Program is open with Community groups and organisations invited to apply for grants up to \$3000 for eligible projects, activities, or events.

These grants provide financial support to groups and organisations to deliver projects and activities which benefit the Uralla Shire community under the following categories:

- Community development
- Arts and cultural development
- Social services
- Environmental initiatives
- Sport & recreational activities
- Educational support

Applications under Round 1 will close at 5:00pm, 31 August 2020 with applications assessed at Council's September 2020 Ordinary Meeting.

Individuals can apply for a Community Grant for up to \$300 any time of year, provided that the application is submitted at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the project or activity.

Guidelines and application forms are available on Council's Community Grants webpage:

www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Community-Grants

Contact us for more information on 02 6778 6300 or email council@uralla.nsw.gov.au

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and Match Selectors, April Fulton, Pam Westbury and June Gregory. We welcome our new member, Jayne Bourke. After playing a game of singles against Jayne, all I can say is, look out ladies! To Pauline Crouch, our Vice-President, we thank you for your hard work in putting together the history of our Club's amazing 70 years.

My thanks to all for your help through the year, especially to Club President, Allan Rummery, and Secretary /Manager Helen Avery and her staff.

To those who have lost loved ones and others who have not been well, our thoughts are with you. For those who can, enjoy good health, good bowling and good friendships in the year ahead!

Phyllis Dade,
President, Uralla Women's Bowling Club

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No Tome Unturned

Recently, at a local antiquarian book shop, I picked up an almost uncirculated copy of Sir Ernest Gowers' *The Complete Plain Words*, 1973 revised edition by Sir Bruce Fraser, formerly owned by the N.S.W. DEPT. TECH. & FURTHER EDUCATION (rubber stamp!).

That event reminded me of years ago, when a Canberra resident, I too a bootful of recyclable goodies to a dumpsite near Canberra racecourse.

There, I found a range of books hoiked by both the then Department of Civil Aviation, and the John Curtin School of Medical Research at the ANU.

Books scrounged from the site included, *The Complete Plain Words*, *Encyclopedia of Papua New Guinea*, numerous medical tomes, and a library of railway related books and magazines.

For myself I kept a copy of *NSW Railways: Curve and Gradient Diagrams*, covering every railway line in NSW. The others went to a Lifeline book sale at Albert Hall and the ACT Railway Historical Society, which auctioned the railway tomes for over \$600.

Barry Blair, Uralla Resident

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