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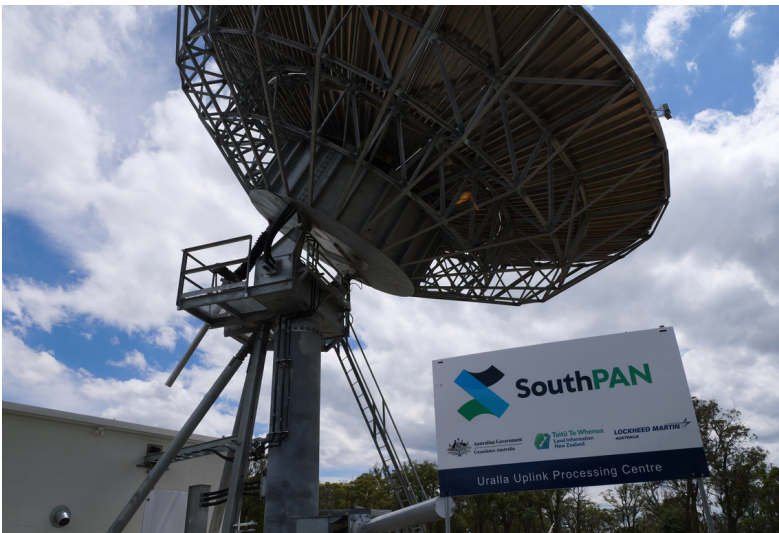
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## SouthPAN Satellite Dish at Uralla Completed



South Wales company Av-Comm to establish a network of ground station uplink facilities for SouthPAN. The completion of the first 11-metre satellite dish, with a control centre and dual radio frequency uplinks, now promises to refine positioning accuracy to as little as ten centimetres – in doing so, revolutionising positioning across Australia with benefits across agriculture, aviation, construction, consumer, resource, road, rail, maritime, mining, utilities, and more.

Warren McDonald, Chief Executive Lockheed Martin Australia and New Zealand, stated, "The successful deployment of SouthPAN's first satellite dish represents a leap forward in positioning technology and a testament to the ingenuity and commitment of our Australian team. By enabling accuracy down to as little as ten centimetres, we're not just enhancing positioning services, we're revolutionising how industries operate and how emergency services respond across the region".

Lockheed Martin Australia's Regional Director for Space, David Ball, said, "The SouthPAN project is a key example

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**Lockheed Martin Australia and Av-Comm complete installation of SouthPAN's first satellite dish URALLA, 1 December 2023** – Lockheed Martin Australia, together with industry partner Av-Comm, has successfully completed the installation of the inaugural satellite dish for the Southern Positioning Augmentation Network (SouthPAN) in Uralla. This marks a significant achievement for the SouthPAN project, a collaborative initiative between Geoscience Australia and Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand designed to deliver Satellite-Based Augmentation System services to Australia, New Zealand and maritime regions.

In September 2022, Lockheed Martin Australia was awarded a \$1.18 billion contract to enhance precise positioning within the SouthPAN service areas. In December 2022, Lockheed Martin Australia selected New

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**New Year**



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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. Cr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.**

Congratulations to SouthPan and Lockheed Martin on the opening of the first of four satellite dishes. One more will be built on the Big Ridge Road site and two will be constructed in New Zealand. The dishes arrive in 40 foot containers and go together like large Meccano sets. We were honoured to have Dr Martine Woolf, Head of Positioning for Geoscience Australia, Mr Warren McDonald, CEO Lockheed Martin Aust and NZ, and Mr Michael Cratt, CEO of AV-Comm on site for the ribbon cutting. Six months ago I attended a sod turning at the site. The system when up and running will have enormous benefits for aviation and agriculture. On a beautiful Uralla afternoon I was able to highlight the CSIRO research station and New England Solar Farm as Uralla leading the nation in technology. The Construction Project Manager paid special tribute to the quality of the local concrete and electrical tradesmen. Hats off to Dillon's concrete and Neal Howard's Electrical. One other exciting bit of news is that Lockheed Martin are looking to employ a new staff member on a traineeship. If anyone wants to work with cutting edge technology, this opportunity should not be missed.

The magic of the fairies, witches and wizards has been stored away, after another wonderful festival. Uralla was alive with the sound of music, dancing and young children (and the not so young) enjoying the day. Special mention to the organising committee, Uralla Rotary and the Ural bike club on not being deterred by the intermittent rain. Thank you to Uralla Shire Council staff who closed off a section of Hill Street for the event. I apologise to any children who I may have scared!

Positive news with the "Return and Earn" at the Uralla Bowling Club being upgraded due to its outstanding success. In the six months to the end of June 2023, nearly four tonnes of aluminium, one tonne of glass and 2.2 tonnes of PET were deposited. While I don't have the financial information, it shows this to be a wonderful benefit to the community.

Uralla Shire Council's 2022-23 Audited Financial Statements have been placed on public display. The auditors will present their report at our last meeting on Tuesday December 19. With income of \$31,413,000 and expenses of \$27,329,000 the operating result from continuing operations was \$4,084,000. The net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes is minus \$1,129,000, (proving we continue to do well in obtaining grants). I would like to congratulate Council staff on receiving an unqualified audit.

One of the challenges for the Shire with the proposed renewable energy development is housing. A recent study

showed that available rental accommodation in Uralla fell to zero over the last eighteen months. 3% is considered a good balance for different types of housing options. I understand this is now over 4%, however the next round of solar farm construction is planned to commence in the next six months. A number of Councillors and staff recently attended a workshop in Armidale, organised by Community Power Agency and Orange Compass, to better understand the challenges and the opportunities. We were reminded that social and affordable housing are usually the first to suffer. The first step for Council is to develop a housing strategy. While we have applied for a grant for this work we may need to explore other funding options. A question for the community is whether the preference is for separate worker accommodation, short term modular housing or long term higher standard modular housing, which will provide legacy benefits into the future. We are all aware that unless we can encourage industry to locate to the region, the enormous peak of workers will be followed by a rapid decline. You know the country is weird when a renewable energy project in North West Tasmania is being opposed by the Bob Brown Foundation.

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Cutting of the ribbon. Left to right: Warren McDonald, CEO, Lockheed Martin Aust and NZ, Martine Woolf, Geoscience Aust, Michael Cratt, CEO, Av-Comm, Robert Bell, Uralla Mayor (Photos provided)

of the collaboration necessary to advance Australia's industrial positioning capability. By working together with Av-Comm on this critical infrastructure, we're enhancing our nation's technological capabilities while ensuring that Australia plays a pivotal role in the global economy. We look forward to furthering our joint efforts with industry partners to pioneer new frontiers in space and satellite technology".

Michael Cratt, Av-Comm's Managing Director, said, "Partnering with Lockheed Martin Australia to establish SouthPAN's first dedicated infrastructure has been a privilege. As a family-run Australian company, we're not only contributing to the nation's space sector but hopefully sparking innovation across industries dependent on precise positioning. It's a step forward for Australian technology on the global stage".

Press Release, Av-Comm Space & Defence

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## A Stunning Evening of Carols in the Park



Nature turned on a magnificent show at *Carols in the Park* last Wednesday evening with the setting sun bathing the festive scene in brilliant colours.

Aunty Pam Meehan delivered the Welcome to Country before various local schools performed their musical items. Uralla Central School students and teachers started proceedings, which was followed by an especially courageous performance by Grace Dunn and Arlie Bragg of the difficult song "How to Make Gravy". Rocky River School, in large numbers, then sang "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Aussie Jingle Bells".

Marlene Jacobs ably led community singing expertly supported by Brendan Jacobs (musical director and bass guitar), Selina Ryan (piano), and Terry Daly (drums).

Readings were delivered by Bobbi Schultz (St Josephs) and Grace Dunn (TAS). Rev. Matt Borg (St John's) gave a brief Christmas message.

Concluding the evening's events, was the arrival of a certain person in red chauffeured to the park by members of Uralla Fire and Rescue.

The organisers wish to sincerely thank all the people who contributed to make the evening possible, and to everyone who turned up to make Carols the special evening it was.

-Editor



Colourfully clad children of Uralla Central entertain an appreciative audience at Alma Park.



# Letters to the Editors

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Dear Editor,

Fellow Australians, it's time to wake up and reflect on a pivotal issue shaping our generation's legacy. We risk being remembered as "GenLems," mindlessly following leaders on a hazardous path. Regardless of one's stance on climate change, our energy policy mirrors Lemming behavior, leading us towards an abyss that threatens national security and exacerbates living costs.

The push for an unrealistic "Net Zero" vision by Anthony A. Lemming and the hasty actions of Chris B. Lemming without proper planning pose significant risks. Their approach neglects realistic assessments and overlooks the experiences of developed nations diversifying their energy mix. As we approach the precipice, questions about the plan, consultation, and international approaches remain unanswered.

This blind rush carries severe consequences: wind and solar farms are not as environmentally friendly as claimed, batteries are inadequate for long-term storage, job sustainability is uncertain, and "green" hydrogen remains economically unproven. The transition lacks practical planning, with no clear strategy for transport, housing, or resources.

It's time to hold our leaders accountable. We must demand comprehensive independent assessments, scrutinise decisions, and advocate for a diversified energy mix, including natural gas and nuclear options. Let's engage in informed debates, listen to skeptics, participate in community meetings, and express concerns. Resist the pull of "Group Think."

Our journey toward energy insecurity and environmental destruction requires collective awareness and action. We refuse to be silent followers; let's ensure our legacy is not that of the "GenLems."

**Suella Tritton, Dumaresq**

Dear Editor,

I wonder about the wisdom of Council spending ratepayers' money on EV charging assets, which might be underutilised in the first instance and ultimately stranded.

Those living in ivory towers are still extolling the virtues of electric vehicles, but real people who spend their own money to buy a car, are influenced by reports from others who bought electric cars and are choosing not to buy another. Stock market watchers have reported that Australian lithium miners are going down down like Coles because no one wants their product.

Until fleet owners place repeat orders for electric vehicles, they will be a flash in the pan, like LPG fuel for cars and Carbon Capture and Storage for coal fired power stations. Uralla ratepayers' money is too scarce to splash out on vanity projects. There are more appropriate grants that Council could apply for.

In any case, Council should ask the local Fire Brigade to advise on the location of charge points.

**John Sutherland, Uralla**

## Helping Children and Families

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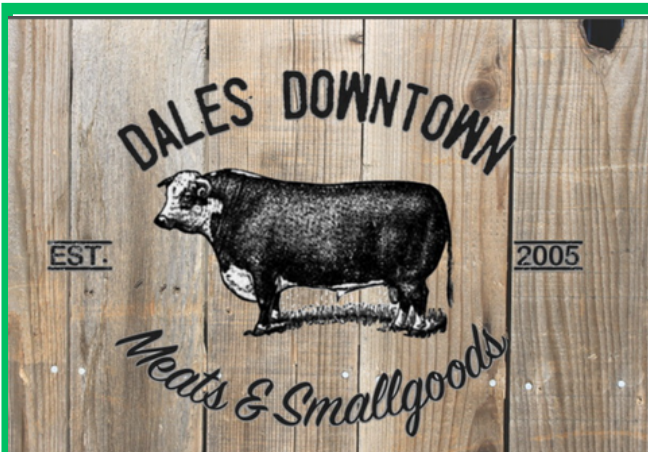
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# Uralla Rotary Club's Antiques and Collectables Fair



David Mann (right), appraiser, provided great service at the event which was well utilised and greatly appreciated.

The Antiques Fair was held 18-19 November in the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre / RSL Memorial Hall. Visitor numbers seemed to be down a little - however purchases were up! which made for a very successful event. There was wonderful camaraderie between the exhibitors, and the quality and variety of the stalls was terrific.

Thanks to David Mann for being our appraiser this year; this is a great service at the event and was well utilized. Local musician Pete Stanley provided live entertainment over both days. The 'guess the mystery item' was a mechanic's tool for old cars – a 'valve spring compressor' I believe was the correct term. Of the correct guesses, Gary Dunn's name was drawn out as the winner.

Raffle draw winners:

1st Prize: Hamper by *Seasons of New England* and *Uralla Pharmacy* won by Katherine

2nd Prize: *Wild Kimono* - haori - pure silk Japanese woman's jacket won by C. Page

3rd Prize: *Olde Memories and Treasures* – Pearl Necklace won by M. England.



Sustenance at the Antique Fair was expertly provided by the ladies of the Neighbourhood Centre.

\$50 voucher at Burnet's Books won by L. Harris.

Vouchers: Dales Downtown Meats – A. Harrison, Cobwebs Antiques – Kath, Subway Uralla x 2 – K. Jackson and S. Ward, The Sweet Place – A. Wood, Alternate Root Cafe – Margaret, Minnie's Tuckshop – Bobby, Bling n Things – won by Will.

The Neighbourhood Centre 'Tea Stall' was a great addition to the Fair and we look forward to continuing this arrangement. The Devonshire teas were the most popular! Our major sponsors are the Phoenix Foundry, Wild Kimono and Old Memories and Treasures, Stephen Dobson (posters), Seasons of New England, and Burnet's Books.

Looking forward to doing it all again next year, perhaps in September 2024 to avoid all the busy-ness of other events held later in the year.

Huge thanks to the visitors who supported the Fair, to the exhibitors, all the sponsors, the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre and friends of Rotary.

**Leanne Doran**

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# Fairy Dinkum

# Fairyville Festival- Fairies Take Over

I've never believed in fairies  
Y'know, "at the bottom of the garden",  
And elves and cranky little gnomes  
Really?! I beg your bloomin' pardon!

Tall canny wizards, and witches in black,  
Riding on flying brooms of straw,  
And fairy-tales, such as Cinderella,  
Sleeping Beauty, and about a hundred more!

Oh yes, people "cross-my-heart" they've seen 'em,  
Sweet little fairies with gossamer wings,  
And wizards casting wicked spells,  
Y'know, all sorts of weirdo things.

But now? Well, I really must confess  
I've clearly had to change my mind.  
For in Uralla's streets today I saw  
Real, true fairies of every kind.

Mostly they were quite little,  
With delicate gossamer wings,  
And dainty little sequined shoes,  
And tiny sparkly jewelled rings.

But a few were somewhat larger,  
Seems they'd fairly consumed a pie  
Or two, plus some sprinkled fairy bread,  
No way could they take off and fly!

Those mums and dads, grandparents too,  
Suddenly realised what they had missed  
Seeing all those happily magical little folk  
Proved that fairies really do exist.

Now even grumpy old folks like me  
Who spend half the day just sitting down,  
We stood up to wildly applaud,  
And cheer, and chuck away our frown!

Join all those cheery make-believers  
And celebrate, but take a moment's pause  
To ponder "I'll not spoil their fun",  
And agree "Yes, soon there'll be Santa Claus!"

Apparently there was a magicians' committee  
Who conjured up these celebrations.  
To them we say "We're fairy, fairy grateful.  
"Sprinkle yourself with pixie dust, and our  
congratulations!"

**Kent Mayo**  
**Grumpless**



Heidi, Pip and Vivian, the littlest fairies on their first fairy outing at the festival.



Mika the fairy dog



Josie, Tinka Bell and Taylor were very proud of themselves after locating an impressive 26 fairy doors during the Fairy Festival.



The Fairy Parade



Kate and Lance, came all the way from Kew near Laurieton to be part of Uralla's Fairy Festival.



Fairy Lucy takes a break



The Fairy Parade



# Armidale and Uralla to Benefit from Better Bus Network

A revamped bus network, which includes the introduction of seven-day-a-week connections between the University of New England (UNE) and Armidale station, is set to roll out from Monday 11 December.

The new network will introduce 23 extra bus services each week for North Hill and South Hill in Armidale – as well as new Sunday and public holiday services for Armidale and Uralla.

Other benefits include:

- improved access to the Armidale Hospital precinct
- better connections to the UNE from North Hill and South Hill
- daily connections between UNE and Armidale Station for the first time
- better access between TAFE and Armidale Central shops with North Hill, South Hill and Uralla
- improved services to Armidale Airport, and
- improved access to bus services for residents of Autumn Lodge aged care centre.

Additional bus services to Uralla that were introduced in 2020 will be retained following positive community feedback and usage.

Transport for NSW has developed the new bus network based on consultation with local communities and by working closely with Armidale Regional Council, Uralla Shire Council and Edwards' Coaches.

For more information about the new bus network you can visit <https://transportnsw.info/news/2023/better-bus-services-for-armidale>

**Jenny Aitchison, NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads**



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# Running Wild – Episode 7 Fred's Done! (Fiction)

*This episode is the 7th in the 'Running Wild' series. The sixth, 'Bullet Cave', was printed in Uralla Wordsworth August – October 2023*

**4. Recap:** Bill read Fred's note for Nellie, when they were next down at the farm. The gals were to go to Thomas Betts of Moonbi who would then take them to Nundle. There they would meet up with the Frenchman Bernard Josse, a cattle duffer from Nowendoc. It would then be onto Gloucester and southern journey to Gweagal lands, their country and home.

It had been months since anyone had heard anything of Fred, many thought he had left the area, that was until Bill told the most recent story. This morning, the gals had worked hard at the Thompson Farm, weeding the creek flat. Bill's cut hand was now on the mend from the regular application of Nellie's salve, and they were spelling in the sunshine, taking oat cakes and sweet tea, behind the laundry room.

As they sat, Nellie tended Bill's hand while he told a story he had heard in Armidale during his last trip. He had met the couple, John, and Emma Yeoman. The Yeomans had come out from Derbyshire England a few years earlier and had bought a nearby farm, naming it 'Kiltshin'. Their intention was to plant an orchard to supply seasonal fruit to the local market. They had planted a cherry tree of the 'Florence' variety as the start. John worked on Saumarez Station for the White family and had heard this recent tale through the station workman.

It seems that Mary Baker and daughter Nin, from Laura Station near Bundarra, travelling by buggy into Armidale, were taking a rest from their travels at the Dairy Creek crossing. A gentleman mounted on a jet-black horse, rode into their picnic. On seeing the two ladies he tipped his hat and rode off again without nary a word. Later that day, Mary's husband George Baker wasn't so lucky riding to town. He had stopped to water his horse at the same creek crossing when a fellow rode up upon him brandishing a pistol. The chap declared himself to be The Captain. He then demanded Baker get down from his flea-bitten grey gelding. 'I'll take your saddle, boots and horse, but you'll get your horse back someday'. Baker was a little dubious, for the fellow requested his details. Not wanting to tempt fate, knowing that it was a Tranter revolver pointed in his direction, he gave up his goods and the details demanded. The fellow then rode off with the goods in toe, leaving Baker to walk home. Nell and Molly listened intently to Bill's story as they finished their mugs of sweet tea. They both knew it to be Fred but said nothing to Bill, although they expected that he too knew the same. All knew not to talk about it so as to avoid the traps using it against them if they came asking. The talk then went to the potato planting. It would yield a good harvest, borne of good soil moisture and fertility brought down in the sediments of the previous flood. The autumn sunshine was warm and well appreciated, but mornings were cooling on the mountain, the herald of a cold winter ahead.

**Daryl Albertson, Kellys Plains**

## Old friends flock back to New England Solar

New England Solar has welcomed a large mob of Merinos back to the fields around its solar arrays, with the new grass a welcome and tasty treat for our grazing tenants.

Around 2,000 sheep and lambs have been grazing the grass underneath and around the solar panels, helping to reduce vegetation on site and manage bushfire risks.

The practice of sheep and solar farms coexisting is known as solar grazing, and a number of trials both in Australia and overseas have shown that solar panels help to keep grass green and maintain good growth, providing a much sought after feed stock.

The panels also provide shade and protection from the hot sun for the sheep, as well as protection for new born lambs from aerial predators.

Plans are now underway for our host landholders to release another 3,000 sheep across the Stage 1 solar farm site over the coming months.



## New England Solar bursting with clean renewable energy

Generation from New England Solar Stage 1 has ramped up to full capacity this month, with the solar generation peaking at around 400 megawatts over the past week.

The Stage 1 project has a name plate rating of 400 MW, with work on the 320 MW Stage 2 project expected to kick start next year.

## 2023: What a year!



*We'd like to thank all our workers and contractors for working hard and staying safe across the project this year.*

*With their help, we have finished the year on a huge high with the Stage 1 project reaching full generation capacity.*

*We would also like to thank our project landholders, First Nation partners, neighbours, and the local community for all their support throughout 2023.*

*We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year and moving forward on our Stage 2 and Battery Storage work plans.*

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# Matsuri in Uralla



A group of local artist/craftspeople friends have taken over the old NAB bank right in the centre of town to put on a "Matsuri", or Festival. They're showcasing their diverse skills in pottery, print making, paper and wearables making plus delectable locally produced artisan goat cheeses and flavoured creamed honeys – all of which are perfect for gift-giving!

Set up in the Wild Kimono shop (which occupies the bank building) and open every day in December from 10am to 4pm, browsers can chat with makers and know they're supporting genuinely local enterprises and practitioners. Then they can explore more of the quirky and creative little village of Uralla which offers excellent coffee and a variety of lunch options, all within easy walking distance!

**When:** Every day (except Christmas Day) in December, 10am to 4pm.

**Where:** 35 Bridge Street Uralla (at Wild Kimono in the ex-NAB Bank building).

It's beginning to look a lot like

## Christmas

so come along and singalong.



Thursday 21 December  
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Phone Laura on 0428 382 749  
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E-candles and reindeer welcome

# Seniors and Pensioners Get Into the Christmas Spirit

Tuesday saw the Uralla Seniors and Pensioners celebrate the end of 2023 with a Christmas themed gathering at the Uralla Golf Club. We filled ourselves with the Spirit of Christmas as we partook of traditional Aussie Christmas fare, which culminated in a choice of delicious desserts. Keeping up with the Christmas theme, Anne Press won the prize for best epitomising the spirit of Christmas. Good on you Anne! I'm sure Santa won't have any trouble finding you out there in Balala.

I look forward to seeing everyone again in 2024. Have a merry Christmas and a great New Year!

**Your Secretary and Publicity Officer**

**Pauline Crouch**



Anne Press and Margaret Paton celebrating Christmas 2023

## Events For Your Diary

**Wild Kimono Craft Matsuri** - Open every day in December (except Xmas Day) 10am to 4pm, locally made goods and gifts, The Old Bank, 35 Bridge Street

**Armidale District MS Branch Meeting**, 13 Dec 11am (Joint meeting - Xmas Luncheon) Armidale City Bowling Club

**Next Council Meeting** - Tuesday 19 December 2023, Council Chambers.

**Uralla Show** - 3 February, 2024, Uralla Showground

### Uralla Community Street Store

**11 - 17 December** – Uralla Red Cross

Call Uralla Shire Council to book - 6778 6300  
To download the 2023 street stall schedule go to:  
<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Uralla-Community-Street-Store>

# Community Calendar

Please email [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto:urallawordsworth@gmail.com) if you have an event or regular meeting date for your organisation.

## **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 Uralla Bowlo, dinner optional after 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, 10am at the Uniting Church Hall, Maitland St, Uralla

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

**Uralla Anglican Church** meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship & Johnno's Kid Club in Park St

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

**Uralla Show Society** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla Showground

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

**Uralla Town & Environs Committee** meets on the first Monday of each quarter from 6-7pm in the USC Chambers

**Uralla Tennis** Social tennis 6:30pm Thursdays. Hot shots Jnr Tennis, Uralla Sporting Complex Sat. 9am – 10am.

**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

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

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

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

**Uralla Men's Shed** open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm, 18 Uralla St North, (old Scout Hall site) Phone 0419151253, Hours usually extended in Daylight saving. Email: [urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com)

**Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre.** Monday by appointment, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm, 67711457 0419149244, [Urallacnc@familysupport.org.au](mailto:Urallacnc@familysupport.org.au)

**Uralla Tigers' Supported Playgroup** FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Nenneh on 0450437068 or Momena on 0481983442

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

**Uralla Book Club** meets on the first Saturday of each month, 8:30am at the Alternate Root

**Uralla Food Pantry**, Mondays 10am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, & fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Ph: 6778 3277 or email : [office@unc.org.au](mailto:office@unc.org.au) Donations welcomed.

**Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla)** meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons contact Dennis 0435 727 162 or John 0411 374 334

**High Country Markets** are held on the 1st Sunday of the month from 8am until 12.30pm at the Uralla Showground

**Uralla Combined Pensioners and Seniors Association** meets at Uralla Bowlo on the first & third Tuesdays of the month, 10am. New members welcomed, Ph. 0438433735

**Uralla and District Uniting Church** meets Sundays at 9.30am for worship. We are now able to meet in our beautiful church conveniently located at the corner of Hill and Maitland streets. First Sunday of each month is a communion service. All are welcome to attend. The first Sunday of each month is a communion service.

**Uralla Garden Club** meets every third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm. We have no set permanent venue, but meet at a different member's garden or we visit other open gardens. New members are very welcome. Contact: [urallagardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:urallagardenclub@gmail.com) or Jenny 0435 593 850

**The Armidale District MS Branch** meetings (including AGM) will be held at Armidale City Bowling Club on the first Monday of the month at 10:30am except for the December when it will be on the second Wednesday at 11am.

**Armidale District MS Branch Support Group Meetings** are held second Wednesday of the month, at Armidale City Bowling Club at 10:30am

## Community Messages

**Play Patch** is a ministry of Uralla Anglican on Fridays from 10-12am for children from 0 - school age and their carers. We explore the bible through sensory play weekly during the school term. It costs \$20 a term, per family. Please bring morning tea for your child, a hat and a change of clothes (sensory play can get messy).”  
[www.urallaanglican.com](http://www.urallaanglican.com)

The **Farmgate Support** program provides peer support, counselling, information and advocacy for rural people living in farming communities or on farm. Our team includes Peer support workers and social workers. We travel to farms or meet people in their local area across the Hunter New England Local Health District. People can self refer or be referred, with their consent, by calling 0477 322 851 or email: [HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au)



# The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunt Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Aunt Bob...

I'm looking for answers please. I recently saw a request on local Facebook.. 'does anyone do lash extensions in Uralla?'.... I'm confused about what that means.. a 'lash' in my world has been a whipping / correction implement... why would they need extending?? Hope you can help..

**Madam Lash**

Dear Madam Lash,

Perhaps you should be advertising in the Wordsworth. I know a number of locals who need a good flogging.

I note from my days at June Dally-Watkins finishing school that lash extensions refer to eye lashes. You can see from my recent photo that I am very big on lash extensions.

Good luck with your flogging business. Yours in advice,

**Aunt Bob**

Hello Aunt Bob,

Having been part of your team that claimed the wooden spoon in last week's Alternate Root trivia night, I want to point out to the gloating, teasing teams that beat us, that we lost only because we are not trivial people. My dictionary says trivia means *frivolous, meaningless, irrelevant, inconsequential* and more. Where's the glory in winning anything trivial? I have a plan to change *trivia nights* into *brainbuster nights*, where truly brain-straining questions will demand extraordinary insights and mental agility. Could you suggest some possible subjects and questions that could get the ball rolling? Yours,

**Inza Frubbel**

Dear Inza,

Thank you for the one contribution you made on the night.

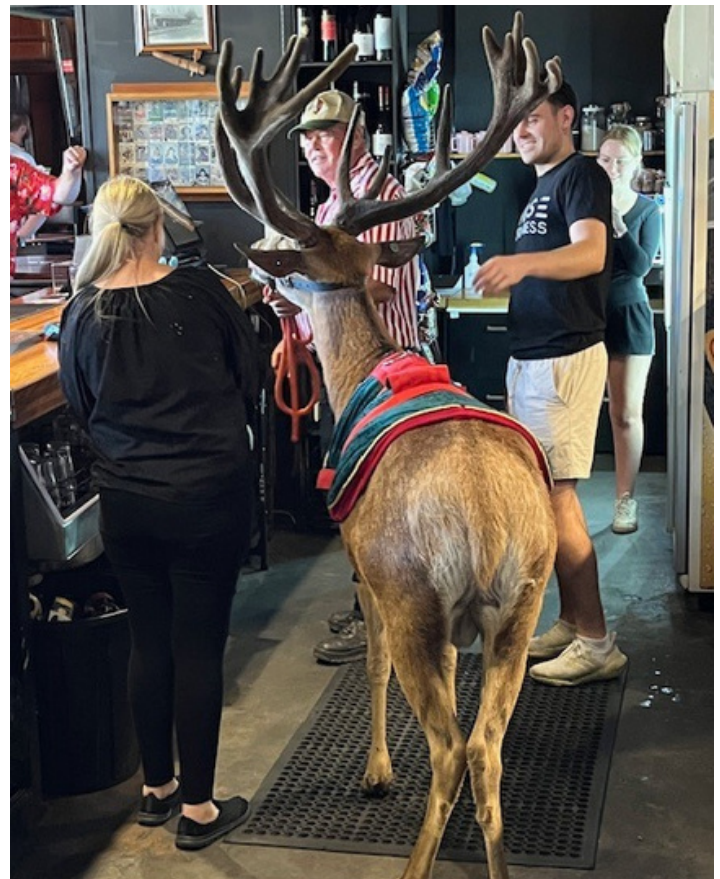
Ok, the answer was wrong, but credit for trying. Personally, I found the night very stressful. First we were let down by two team members who somehow FORGOT about the night, which left us 25% down on brain power. Then we were constantly harassed by a long haired hippie type from a neighbouring table who kept interrupting our train of thought with his loud obnoxious comments, this despite my frequent requests for him to go forth and multiply,

Your request for more truly brain straining questions is quite bizarre considering the amount of brain straining we endured to win the wooden spoon.

However, we will be back, and we will rise from the ashes of defeat, to rub the nose of that other rude, follically challenged gentleman – who gloated at our distressed state – into the dirt. Yours in defeat,

**Aunt Bob**

## Photos of the Week



A reindeer named Rocky and a man of mystery walk into a pub..... Sounds like a joke and maybe it was, but this joke was real-life. Reports tell of open mouthed patrons, unusually silent, and a temporary halt to bar service. Looks like Christmas is on its way. (Photo: Ross Burnet)



Meanwhile, strange things were happening at the brewery. Time to refuel? Fair enough. After all, it was a most demanding and tiring day.....err, well..... morning.

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