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## A Night to Celebrate Excellence In Uralla Shire

The Uralla Shire Business Chamber, formed in June 2017, held its first awards night in 2018 and has continued to celebrate every year since, apart from 2020 when COVID forced USBC to skip a year.

The buzz caused by the first awards night was very exciting to feel around town. Many conversations were had and overheard, of people excitedly talking about looking forward to the night, what they would wear and who the award winners could be! It was great fun organising tables with friends and preparing to break winter's hibernation with a gala event.

We have evolved from that first night, and now have a wonderful evening planned for our nominees, special guests, fellow employees, friends and family members, who will be coming together to recognise and celebrate the dedication to service exemplified by members of our business community.

Come along, make a night of it, support your favourite nominee and celebrate their dedication to serving the community with pride! Share in the passion and camaraderie of our wonderful community, committed to making Uralla the best place in Australia, to live and work. How many times have you heard first time visitors to our town say that Uralla is such a wonderful place, lovely scenery, lovely shops, lovely people and a lovely area to visit? How many have chosen to move here because of their first impression of our gorgeous Shire? We have all been a part of making that happen, be proud, Uralla!

We are looking forward to welcoming our Platinum Partner, Green Light Contractors, our Gold Partners Robert Bowie from Kings Cottage Uralla, Regional

Australia Bank, Meralli Solar, our friends at Uralla Wordsworth, our Silver Partners Corinne and Richard from Sunhill Dairy Goats, Russ and Teresa from Thunder Graphics/New England Models and Hobbies, Ural Australia, and Uralla Shire Council.

We are looking forward to hearing from our guest speaker, Robert Valler, who has a gorgeous home on the main street of Uralla, and we are eagerly waiting to see what he does with the old Salvation Army Hall on Bridge Street!

This year we have six categories, and we had a record number of nominations! Tickets are available online from our website [urallabusinesschamber.org.au](http://urallabusinesschamber.org.au) or in person from Thunder Graphics, 84 Bridge St., Uralla. Ticket price is \$60 p.p. for a three course meal (canapés, main, dessert) and a complimentary drink of bubbles or orange juice on arrival at Uralla Showground. Purchase drinks from the bar and stay for the music after the awards.

### Teresa French, USBC



2021 Chamber Award, partners and winners

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

A wonderful celebration for Uralla NAIDOC Day last Tuesday. Despite the weather, Uralla lived up to its name as the meeting place, with the Elders Group from Walcha, Tamworth, Armidale and Uralla. A special mention to Kristian Sternbeck who performed the smoking ceremony in the freezing conditions. We then had a flag raising ceremony at the front of the Council Chambers, with the Hon Adam Marshall MP, Uncle Les Townsend and the General Manager, Kate Jessep. We all then headed to the RSL Memorial Hall (would have been a march if the weather had been kinder). Adam, Aunty Pam Meehan and I cut the special "Get up! Stand up! Show Up!" cake with an excellent mural as a backdrop. The entertainment by Lynelda and Lillian Gela (down from Townsville and no doubt feeling the warmth of Uralla!), Uncle Cyril Green, Anthony Green and Kathy Kelly, was excellent. Lunch catered by Warren Green and the enthusiastic Uralla Central School hospitality students rounded off a great day. Congratulations to the organisers.

The 2021 Census results are now in. While the reduction of population between 2016 (6,048) and 2021 (5,971) is lower than the Department of Planning's estimate of 5,902, it still reflects that we need to encourage more residential development in the shire. It was interesting that Bundarra's population has remained the same. The data covers the area of Bundarra and surrounds. With an aging population in the shire, we need to continue to focus on aged care and aged accommodation.

Council continues to work with the renewable energy sector. In the last two weeks, Cllr Crouch, Cllr Burrows and the General Manager met with representatives from NEOEN to clearly articulate the Council and the community's concerns in relation to the Thunderbolt Energy Hub in the Kentucky area. We appreciate that most of the wind turbines will be in Tamworth Regional Council area. The General Manager and I also had a meeting with EDF Renewable to discuss their plans in the shire. The General Manager met via Zoom with Community Power Agency. They are proposing a joint one day seminar with the other Renewable Energy Zone member Council's to discuss the maximising of benefits across the whole community. Many will remember this organisation as they were engaged by UPC Renewables to design their Community Benefit Sharing Scheme. It will be interesting to hear their thoughts when they are on the other side of the fence. We also met with Lou Conway, Director of the UNE Smart Region Incubator/Clean Tech

to discuss the opportunities that new technology and possible access to cheaper power may bring to our region with the Renewable Energy development. Lou has always been a strong supporter of the Uralla business community. At its June meeting, Council adopted the Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2022-2023. Councillors remain committed to repairing the budget position without reducing our key services. One positive point has been the improvement in the projected unrestricted cash position at the end of June 2022 from \$0 in January to \$599,000 in June. It was with Council's current financial position in mind that the Councillors voted unanimously not to increase the Mayor's and Councillors' remuneration from the last financial year.

Cllr Crouch and I met with representatives of the Uralla Men's Shed and the Uralla Showground Trust to better understand their concerns on the non-residential sewer charges. While I hope the Showground Trust now has a better understanding of what they need to do to ensure their bill is appropriate, I acknowledge we have some work to do for the very small water users such as the Men's Shed.


Wallace Constructions have been awarded the tender for the refurbishment of Rotary Park for \$589,792.30 (excl GST). This project is part of the Public Spaces Legacy Program. The project will include a new amenities building and upgraded roadway and parking area. Council also included an investigation for the inclusion of a dump ezy point within the budget.



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# Rotary Changeover

The Rotary Club of Uralla 66th annual Changeover Dinner was held Monday 27 June at McCrossins Mill Museum.

Clare Mailler was inducted as President by PDG Rob Anderson. It was a wonderful night with catering by Historical Society, cake by Michael's Cafe and music by Arrawatta.

Clare said in her speech on the night: "It's both a privilege and honour to take on the role of President of Rotary Club of Uralla. Our club under the guidance and leadership of Immediate Past President, Michael Batt, has seen us run and be involved in some very successful events which has enabled us to give back to our community through our volunteering, our annual donations and our major achievement for the year being the installation of 3 shelters at the Uralla cemetery.

I look forward to seeing our regular and annual events continue to take place for the benefit of our community which in turn supports and benefits our local businesses. I also look forward to seeing the progress of upgrades to Rotary Park and what our club may be able to do to add to that. I also look forward to supporting our youth through the various youth programs Rotary has to offer.

Thanks to all our members for being a part of our club. I'm keen to see where the next 12 months takes us, seeing our events running successfully and what we can again give back."

**Leanne Doran, Publicity Officer**



Michael Batt, PDG Rob Anderson, and Clare Mailler

## Councillor Community Sessions

Uralla Shire Councillors will be having a series of community engagement sessions throughout the Shire. Initially we will hold them at the following venues:

**Kentucky** at the Hall, Thursday 21 July, 6-8pm

**Kingstown**, Thursday 18 August 5.30-7pm

**Invergowrie/Saumarez** at Barry Munday Reserve, Saturday 17 September 11am-2pm.

Free sausage-sizzle compliments of Councillors.

**Rocky River** Tennis Courts, Sunday 16 October 2-4pm

**Bundarra** at the Pub, Thursday 17 November, 6-8pm

Come along meet your Councillors, talk to us about what concerns you.

**Mayor Robert Bell, Councillors; Tim Bower, Sarah Burrows, Bob Crouch, Leanne Doran, Bruce McMullen, Lone Petrov, Tom O'Connor, Tara Toomey.**

# Beanies For Shelter

At the last CWA meeting one of our members delivered a bag of the most beautiful hand knitted beanies. She had been telling one of her work colleagues from Sydney about the handbag project Uralla CWA organised for the Women's shelter in Armidale and they said they would love to contribute. It is wonderful how this project extends beyond our local community.

Another of our members had a very special helper, her granddaughter, who helped to put a label on each beanie to let the recipients know that the CWA is thinking of them.

**Trish Rasmussen**

**Uralla CWA Publicity Officer**



Some of the donated beanies! Photo taken by S. Wright.

**New England Solar**  
Renewable Energy from ACEN

## Stage 2

Learn more about our modified plans for the second stage of the solar and battery project

**WHEN** 2pm to 6pm on July 21

**WHERE** 96 Bridge Street, Uralla

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

 [newenglandsolarfarm.com.au](http://newenglandsolarfarm.com.au)

# "The Whole Truth..."

The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" is the traditional oath taken in a court of law ... the oath itself rather strange. Surely "truth" being finite, doesn't that render the rest redundant?

Now, the truth about Thunderbolt and the Uralla Court House, built in 1885. That's 1885, I stress. There have been some recent local statements asserting that this was where the body of Thunderbolt was laid out.

Sorry, but that's impossible, because Fred Ward met his fate on May 25th, 1870, some fifteen years before the court house was built.

The truth? He was laid out in the original timber court house, in Park Street approximately opposite where St John's Church is today. (See image below, courtesy of Ian Handley's book "Land of the McCrossins".)



Why is the 1885 Uralla Court House of such monumental proportions? Maybe, after the adverse publicity generated by Thunderbolt's seven year criminal spree, the Government wanted to make a statement? "Break the law, and this is where you'll end up!" (Anyway, the ploy worked because as we all know, Uralla citizens have been religiously law-abiding ever since, give or take a few traffic infringements, parking fines, etc.)

Another truth – it was in fact Frederick Wordsworth Ward, escapee from Cockatoo Island Prison in 1863, then elusive bushranger "Thunderbolt" until May 25th 1870, when Constable Alexander Binning Walker shot him. Truth ... Fred Ward, nobody else.

Let's clean up a few more untruths, shall we? Mary Ann did not "swim through shark-infested Sydney Harbour" ... "with a file between her teeth" to enable Fred's escape. She was in Dungog at the time. Fred wasn't in chains, so he wouldn't have needed a file, just audacity and he was never short of that!

And another truth, Mary Ann and Fred Ward were NEVER married. Imagine the troopers turning up at the church to give "the happy couple" a rowdy reception, and ruining the honeymoon by whisking the escapee bridegroom back to Cockatoo.

Another truth: the image of "Thunderbolt on his wedding day" that's been circulated fairly recently isn't Fred Ward at all. There is no photo of the living bushranger, for

obvious reasons. Fred may not have been too bright, but he was way too smart to have his face plastered all over the newspapers. The only photographs were taken after his death ... one of the body, after the post mortem, and the other, of dead Fred propped up on another bloke's back, that pic sold by the photographer to eager souvenir hunters. The bloke in that "wedding portrait" is square-headed and thick-set, unlike the scrawny Fred Ward. One boring Saturday in the 1930's, in Bingara, some blokes "on the drink" plonked a cravat on the one of them with the best beard, added a flower to his lapel, took the pic, and started the fable that it was ... well, you know. And now you know it wasn't Fred at all! You know the truth.

Now, a couple of unsolved mysteries.

*One:* Whatever happened to the Tranter revolver Thunderbolt had in his hand when he was killed?

I'm the only one - oops, no not true – I and the legal owner and the villain who stole it are the only ones who know that story, a convoluted tale that's not finished yet! And I can't disclose that truth or I might end up in court, and have to take the oath, as aforesaid!

*Two:* "Thunderbolt's treasure". There are so many people who've said "I reckon I know where that is", yet "the treasure" has never been found.

Ain't that the truth?!

Kent Mayo, Uralla resident

## Support for Uralla Families

**Could you give just two hours a week visiting a family with young children?**



**Local not-for-profit Helping Children and Families Association (HCFA) is experiencing a shortage of volunteers.**

**HCFA has for 20 years helped local families through difficult and stressful times. HCFA wants to help more Uralla families. BUT needs your help!**

**Family visits are enjoyable, rewarding and greatly appreciated. Training and insurance are provided; a Working with Children Check is required.**

**To learn more find Susan McPhee on Tues. July 19 10-12 noon at Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre Cuppa and Yarn, 66B Bridge St. or Phone 0467 580 016 or email [coordinator@hcfa.org.au](mailto:coordinator@hcfa.org.au)**





Uralla Shire  
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# Uralla Shire Business Chamber Annual Awards for Excellence 2022

Friday 29 July 6 for 6.30pm

## The nominees are...

### Outstanding Employee/Trainee/Apprentice:

Alicia Carlyon, Coley Daines, Zeb Downes, Melanie French, Ashton Jones, Susan McPhee, Lucy Neary, Elana Power, Abby Taylor, Kelly Williams, Lachie Williams, Steph Wooldridge, Nicholas Young

### Outstanding Business Leader:

Rod Moon (Moon's Bakery), Nick Glock, Selina Ryan (Pulse Fitness/Piccadilly Café), Tara Toomey (Seasons of New England), Amica Riley (Subway), Adam Hayes (Pie Mechanic)

### Employer of Choice:

Nick Glock Constructions, Piccadilly Café/Pulse Fitness, Subway Uralla, Uralla Pharmacy

### Excellence in Sustainability/Innovation:

Buckingham's Timepiece Repairs, Defence Models and Graphics, Monthly Poultry Auction, Seasons of New England, Uralla Clinic

### Outstanding Community Organisation

High Country Markets, McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre, Uralla Community Co-operative, Uralla Historical Society, Uralla Rotary Club, Uralla RSL Sub-branch

### Excellence in Business

53 on Bridge, Alternate Root, Buckingham's Timepiece Repairs, Commercial Hotel Bundarra, Dale's Downtown Meats, Fung Wah Asian Restaurant, Nick Glock Constructions, Piccadilly Café/Pulse Gym, Thunder Graphics, Top Pub, Uralla Clinic, Green Light Contractors, Kings Cottage Uralla, Regional Australia Bank, Meralli Solar, Uralla Wordsworth, Sunhill Dairy Goats, New England Models and Hobbies, Uralla Shire Council, Ural Australia, Uralla Wool Room, Melrose Uralla, Little Birdy, Angelique Beauty, Highland Living, Michael's Café, the Sweet Place, Seasons of New England, Rust & Vine, Eve Flowers, White Ivy, Smoke & Mirrors Barber, Bling n Things, Barking Dog Gallery

Get your tickets from our website  
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# Uralla Pony Club

## High In The Saddle

Uralla and District Pony Club is 'in a canter' after Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today announced a \$23,000 State Government grant to assist with hosting one of the biggest events on the Zone 13 Pony Club calendar – the 2023 New England Jamboree.

Mr Marshall said more than 100 riders would gallop into Uralla next January for the event, which showcases the region's best junior equestrians.

"Jamboree offers an opportunity for Uralla Pony Club to promote the incredible new equine facilities at the showground, which have been added to develop the skills of riders," Mr Marshall said.

Over the week young people between the ages of 4 and 25 years will be tested across multiple disciplines including sporting, dressage, show jumping and camp drafting.

Cost of equipment hire and assistance for the guest instructors will be covered using this funding, easing the financial burden on the small volunteer-run organisation.

Uralla Pony Club is putting a power of work into planning next year's Jamboree, making sure it is a fun, safe and enjoyable experience for all participants."

Mr Marshall said some of the funds would also support a two-day winter school holiday campdrafting clinic.

"One of the latest pieces of infrastructure soon to be added at Uralla Showground is a new campdraft arena," he said.

"To prepare junior riders for this exciting new experience they will be given the opportunity to improve their campdrafting skills at a winter school holiday camp at Kentucky Station.

Riders will learn from the best, utilising a campdraft beast which trains the young people and horses on how to move with the head of the cattle.

Once riders are confident in the saddle, they'll then move onto live cattle, in what will no doubt be an exhilarating school holiday experience."

**Adam Marshall**  
Northern Tablelands MP



Georgia White, left, Ethan Wooldridge, Ellen Adams, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, Bradley Byrnes and Leader in Charge Stephanie Woodbridge.

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# Community Calendar

Please email [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto: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 Uralla Bowling Club, 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 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 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 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 first Monday of each quarter from 6-7pm in the Uralla Shire Council Chambers

**Uralla Tennis** Social tennis 6:30pm Thursdays. Free court hire, Go to [www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/](http://www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/) Hot shots Jnr Tennis, Uralla Sporting Complex Saturday 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** is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm in the Old Scout Hall, 18 Uralla Street North, (just off Thunderbolts Way, top of Alma Park) Ph 0419 151 253, e [urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com)

**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

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

**Uralla Food Pantry**, Mondays 10am - 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](mailto:office@unc.org.au) Donations welcomed.

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

**Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla)** meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons, contact Dennis 0448 576 465 or John 0411 374 3341

**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 and third Tuesdays of the month, 10am. New members are warmly welcomed to join us. Phone 0438433735

## Events for July - August

**Craft Workshops**, Bundarra CWA rooms, every Friday through July, 10.30am - 3pm. Contact Kerrie 0403 600 446

**Service NSW Mobile Service Centre** 10am - 3pm Apex Park, 55 Bridge Street. Tuesday 12 July

**ACEN (UPCIAC Renewables) New England Solar Stage 2 Modification Application.** Enquiries Thursday 21st July 2.00-6.00pm, 96 Bridge St

**Barry Morgan's World of Organs** - Thursday 21st July from 8.00pm at Uralla Bowling Club. Bookings [www.stickytickets.com.au](http://www.stickytickets.com.au)

**Christmas In July** at Bundarra Sport & Rec Club. Sunday 24th at 12pm. 2 course meal..\$22.00 p/p Bookings essential

**USBC Business Awards**, Friday 29th July, 6pm at Uralla Showground.

**Jackie Daniels Trivia, Raffles & Song @ Uralla Golf Club** 30th July, bookings essential. Ph Brett 67784059 for details.

**Poultry Auction**, Sunday 6th August at Uralla Showground. Auction starts at 9.30am, stock book in from 7.30am

**High Country Markets**, monthly fresh produce and product markets. Sunday 6th August at Uralla Showground, 8 King Street Uralla - 8.30am - 12.30pm

**USC Finance Advisory Committee Meeting** Tuesday 9 August, 4 - 6pm Council Chambers

**Basic Tool Safety and Simple Timber Repairs** Free Workshop 13th August Little Birdy 36 Hill St, Uralla. For bookings Ph - 0420 514 653

**Bicycle Care and Repair** Free Workshop 20th August Little Birdy 36 Hill St, Uralla. For bookings Ph - 0420 514 653

**Garden Tools - Care and Repair** Free Workshop 20th August Little Birdy 36 Hill St, Uralla. For bookings Ph - 0420 514 653

**Uralla Shire Council**, Ordinary Council Meeting, Tuesday 23rd August, 4pm Council Chambers



# Lighting Upgrade At Uralla Bowlo

A project to generate greater opportunity for Uralla locals to play lawn bowls is officially underway, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today joining members of the 'Bowlo' to mark the start of work of a \$272,928 State Government-funded lighting upgrade. Uralla Bowling Club received the significant funding windfall through Round Four of the NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Mr Marshall said the additional lighting would secure a bright future for the club. "Despite delays caused by a shortage of building supplies, today Uralla Bowlo is getting on with the job of making the sport its members love more accessible," Mr Marshall said. "This is a significant project which will see eight light poles with LED lights installed around the clubs two greens. Due to electricity requirements required to power the lights, earthworks around the greens is needed to lay underground cable.

"Uralla based electrician Jason Faulkner has been hired to undertake the work, which is expected to take several months to complete. Having lighting which will allow the running of evening competitions, will encourage people to 'have a roll up' outside normal working hours and on weekends."

Uralla Bowling and Recreation Club President Allan Rummery said he was excited for work to start. "This infrastructure will set Uralla Bowlo apart from many clubs across our region," Mr Rummery said.

"This project is about ensuring our club is financially viable for the future, and we hope by offering play outside of the normal 9 to 5 we will attract a new cohort of members who have obligations during the day. There are about 50 active bowlers in the Uralla community. With lighting which allows play beyond daylight hours, I don't think it is inconceivable that we could double or even triple this number of participants."

**Adam Marshall**  
Northern Tablelands MP



Helen Avery, far left, Anna Schofield, Greenkeeper Bob, behind, Pauline Crouch, Allan Rummery, Adam Marshall, Jason Faulkner, behind, Lynette Dwyer, Jayne Bourke, Debbie Vanden Hoogan, April Fulton, Judy Bray and Bob Crouch.

## July School Holiday activities at Uralla Neighbourhood Centre

**COST: \$30 per day**

**AGES: 5 to 14 years old**

**TIME: 9am - 3pm**

**LOCATION: RSL Memorial Hall**

**ADDITIONAL INFO:**

**Please pack morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea**



<b>MONDAY 11TH JULY</b>	<b>Handball Dot Art</b>
<b>TUESDAY 12TH JULY</b>	<b>Cupcake Making Art &amp; Craft</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY</b>	<b>Volleyball Craft</b>
<b>THURSDAY 14TH JULY</b>	<b>Cooking Craft</b>
<b>FRIDAY 15TH JULY</b>	<b>Mini Olympics Games</b>

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**20 AUG:** Bicycle Care & Repair\*

**20 AUG:** Garden Tools - Recover  
& Repair\*\*

**No cost**

**All workshops run from midday - 4pm**

\*Bring your bike, and tools such as tyre puncture kit & allen keys if you have them - suitable for ages 12 & up

\*\*Bring along a tool you want to repair and get advice for that project

**Bookings essential**

**Contact coordinator@zneturalla.org.au**  
**or 0420 514 653**





# A Little Eagle

In late spring, in 2018, two eggs were laid a month before by a female Little Eagle (*Hieraaetus morphnoides*) hatched in a nest, thirty metres off the highway just north of Armidale.

The Little Eagle is an often overlooked raptor, mistaken for "some sort of hawk". They are, however, a true eagle, one of the 3 eagle species found in Australia. A medium sized eagle of 500mm in length with a metre or so wingspan, they are a bold and dynamic predator. Though they feed on a range of birds like rosellas, kookaburras and noisy miners, their main prey is rabbits. The buff underparts and darker wing feathers grace our skies as they range their territory on the lookout for food. Their mating display in mid-winter, as they emit a whistle call and dive from great heights in a stoop, only to rise again in the blue winter skies, is a sight to behold.

Over the following weeks, a rare event took place, these two eagle chicks grew and both survived!

Many raptors have the habit of the youngsters competing for food that the parents bring and should one be stronger than the other, it is the more active eaglet that is fed more than its sibling. It is not long before the weaker one grows ever more feeble, soon it is no longer begging for food and so is overlooked more often. Often the older bird will eat the weak one. Nature's way of avoiding overpopulation of that species.

These two eaglets, a male and a female, fledged and by February, had left the nest. Disaster however, struck one morning when the female chanced across the highway and was hit by a car. Luckily a local saw her and she was handed to a carer with Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers. An X-ray examination by vets showed no broken bones but a severe brain concussion was evident.

She came into my care unable to balance, eyes mostly closed and in need of a meal. As she was unable to feed herself I decided to feed her down her throat for a week and see how she developed. 4 times a day I held her in a towel and pushed meat and supplements down her throat and slowly her strength returned. She stood on her legs, balanced better and looked more alert by the day. I began to offer her larger food like the leg of a rabbit but to no avail until, one day, as I approached her hospital cage and was about to open the hatch, a foot struck out, grabbing the food (and my thumb!). I was elated!

She progressed to larger premises and finally to my pre-release flight cage where she could get sufficient exercise. One point however was evident, she had never learned to hunt. So, by use of lures, fashioned to look like a rabbit and bird (using an old sheepskin slipper and a thong with chook wings attached), she was trained to take a moving object. Each time she took it directly, she got the meat I had attached, if not, the lure was withdrawn. It was not long before she was hammering the lure directly.

Due to the fires, the worsening drought and the shortage

of rabbits due to Calici virus in late winter, her release was delayed longer than is ideal.

However, on a sunny crisp Sunday morning in September, her day came. With an audience of enthusiasts who had helped in her rehabilitation and taken interest in her care, I released her. Anticlimax ensued when she sat in a tree for an hour, getting her bearings. Finally she was ready and off she flew, to the west across the Fossicking area. Later that day I watched her toying with the wind and I have seen her a few times since, evidence that she is hunting for herself. My hope is that she will find a partner and go to nest nearby.

She was banded and should the worst occur and she is found, the return of that leg band will give us valuable insights into Little Eagle ecology.

## CITIZEN SCIENTISTS NEEDED!!

It is now June 2022 and two months before Little Eagles will lay their eggs. The Little Eagle is a threatened Species in NSW and they need your help.

UNE researcher, Dr. Stephen Debus has been monitoring Little Eagle nests since the 1980's and he is now working for the Local Land Services Raptor project. His team are looking to map as many Little Eagle nests as possible in the Northern Tablelands.

We would like anyone who sees a Little Eagle frequenting the same woodland area or calling from a particular tree area, to email the LLS with the details on..... [NTRaptors@lls.nsw.org.au](mailto:NTRaptors@lls.nsw.org.au)

If you find an animal in distress or injured please ring 1800 008 290.

Please feel free to click on the QR code to visit our website.

**Megan Robinson**  
**NTWC**



# Uralla Rifle Club

## Members Remembered

The Liverpool Anzac Rifle Range Memorial Avenue, known as McAlister Avenue, was dedicated to the memory of Dave McAlister who was killed in action in France and to the 599 Fallen Riflemen of the 1914-18 War who were members of the NSW Rifle Clubs.

In 1922 a Memorial Avenue of about 225 red flowering gum trees was planted at the Anzac Rifle Range at Liverpool to commemorate the members of the NSW rifle clubs who had fallen in the Great War.

The Memorial Avenue ran several hundred yards in length commencing from the main entrance to the Anzac Range and 125 memorial plaques bearing the names of the 599 fallen were placed along each side of the Avenue.

One tree within the avenue stood for the Uralla Rifle Club, and on a tablet near the tree were the names of #2004 Harold Keith (Keith) Buchanan, #394 Arthur Harding Carter and #19147 Lionel Herbert Taggart. The brass nameplates measured 1' 3" by 10" and were inscribed with the names of the riflemen, their details and club details.

In 1923 during the first anniversary ceremonies, a monument was unveiled at the top of the Avenue which was a scroll of the names that appeared on the individual tablets at the base of each tree in the Avenue.

The Anzac Rifle Range at Liverpool was used as an internment camp for Germans in 1939-1940 and was closed down in 1967. With this closure came the transfer of all rifle clubs from Liverpool to Long Bay. In 1970 the Long Bay Rifle Range changed its name to the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar.

*I have made several enquiries as to the current whereabouts of the Uralla plaque, however most of these enquiries have remained unanswered.*

**Kay Adams, Uralla History Hub.**



The SMH 16.10.1922: Members of the Henty Rifle Club and Major-General Brand, inspecting the Henty memorial tree in the avenue at Anzac Range, Liverpool, dedicated yesterday to the memory of the rifle club members who fell in the War.



The Sun 16.10.1924: A snapshot showing part of the Avenue of trees in the background.



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# CPSA Visit Golf Club

On a rainy Tuesday earlier in the week our local branch of CPSA decided to grace the Uralla Golf Club with our presence. We went all out; dressed in our finest, some with matching umbrellas to get from vehicle to the entrance door. Greeted by host Brett and his lovely wife Peta, we set about having a most enjoyable time. Although not usually open for lunch on a Tuesday, Brett had assured me that of course he could accede to our request for lunch that day.

And he did just that. As we arrived, in dribs and drabs, he met each one of us at the door to let us in. He was even able to understand our dilemma that as older people we could no longer face the thought of the usual fare of largish meals, and we were all served small helpings of some very delicious dishes, finishing, of course, with dessert, a decadent sticky date pudding.

So, as we swallowed and imbibed, stories flew round the table as we kept each other up to date with what had been happening in our lives. Laughter was to be heard quite often breaking out among the throng.

After lunch, we really didn't want to leave. So, as it was still raining, we decided to forego having a whirl at golf, and instead some of us found some other entertainment down at the other end of the club to which we could give a twirl.

**Pauline Crouch**  
Secretary, CPSA



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## Uralla Community Street Store

Uralla Showground Land Manager  
11 - 17th July  
Lions Club of Uralla  
18 - 24th July  
Call Uralla Shire Council  
to book - 6778 6300

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors,

What a lovely letter, and photos, of "Diggers Elks Bridge". Thank you Gordon for alerting us to its condition.

So how about it Uralla Shire Council?

Maybe apply to the State Government for a grant?

It is a very special part of the town. The history is extremely important to all of us.

**Ruth Jackson**

**Uralla resident**

## Community Messages

**Free workshop - How to Win Grants and Influence People!** Suited to community group members and landholders. Tuesday 2nd August at Gunnedah or Tamworth. To book your place register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/how-to-win-grants-and-influence-people-tickets-366202580777>

**Uralla Men's Shed 2022-2023** Member application forms are now available via email from [urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com) Or drop into the Shed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30 to 12.30 and pick one up

**Service NSW's Mobile Service Centre** will visit Uralla on Tuesday 12 July, 10am - 3pm. Located at Apex Memorial Park, 55 Bridge Street. Staff can assist with:

- Seniors card, birth, death and marriage certificates
- Driver licences, photo card renewals and applications
- Driver knowledge tests
- Saving Finder service - rebates and savings

**RSL Auxiliary** is having a get together cuppa on the first Saturday of the month. Anyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a cuppa and some fellowship - 0401 932 107

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# I Rather Fancy Clancy

I rather fancy Clancy

He's not one bit antsy.

And his friend, that man from Snowy River,

When I see him in the saddle, I give a little shiver.

But Clancy's the one, out there on Overflow Station!

I think about our pioneers dealing with their daily strife,

And the men who brought them to such exciting life.

Men like Paterson, Lawson, O'Brien, and Dennis,

They portrayed them with wit, humour and reverence,

As they dealt with life's dilemmas as well as its hilarities.

But for me, the best are the ballads by Banjo Paterson.

He wrote about everyday happenings, some serious,  
some full of fun.

I continue to read him down the years.

Sometimes with laughter, sometimes with tears.

I always find something worth reading just one more time!

Stuart Town not long ago held their Man from Ironbark  
Festival.

I once taught in Stuart Town, I knew it rather well.

Once called Ironbarks, it was the background setting

For "The Man from Ironbark", and his Sydney Town  
bloodletting.

Flowing beards were still all the go when I was there forty  
years ago!

When publishers in their wisdom saw the light

And produced ballads illustrated with colours bright

I took the chance of introducing these wonderful rhymes

To younger minds, letting them learn of our earlier times.

Kids still love "Mulga Bill's Bicycle" where Bill rides for his  
very life.

But for me, In the words of "The Banjo",

"In my wild erratic fancy, visions come to me of Clancy

Gone a-droving down the Cooper, where the Western  
drovers go;

As the stock are slowly stringing, Clancy rides behind  
them singing,

For the drover's life has pleasures that the townsfolk never  
know."

I still fancy Clancy and the roads that he once travelled.

The sights he must have seen as the hours all unravelled.

hope to emulate him one day soon, on those dusty droving

tracks.

Taking along our caravan, and our lightly-packed hiking  
sacks,

There's lots of Australia out there still, just waiting to be  
seen!

**Pauline Crouch**

**Rocky River**

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