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A Big Thank You Uralla



This flight of fairies was caught taking some time out from an exciting day of activities at the Fairy Festival. From foreground to rear: Florence, Ruby, Olive, Edie, Rhea and Iris

Through surveys undertaken, we found out we had visitors from Toowoomba, Mudgee, Newcastle and more who came to Uralla specifically for the festival.

A huge thank you to all the business houses who participated. The Rotary Club of Uralla was invaluable in the smooth running of the whole day. From erecting marquees at 7am, manning positions throughout Fairyville, then dismantling marquees and returning them to the Neighbourhood Centre. Special mention must also go to Rotarian Peter Phillips who enjoyed his duties so much, he is intending to identify as "fairy" in 2023!

And what about all those fabulous volunteer fairies who conducted the workshops - what troopers. But guess what? They got as much enjoyment out of their work as the wee fairy participants. They were all very happily exhausted by days end. Thank you all very much for your incredible efforts.

But, yes there is always a but. The fairies have told me that if their festival continues to grow as it has, they would really appreciate more volunteer fairies (or wizards) to run workshops on the day. If this sounds like you, just send a note to urallafairy2020@gmail.com.

Well done, Uralla, a mighty effort from everyone.

Alex Sherrin, Uralla

(More fairy photos on pages 2,5,7,8, and 10)

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Your paragraph text

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.

Wow! The Uralla Fairy Festival was an outstanding success. What started as a small crowd, with the children attending the various workshops in the Central Business District, grew to a huge crowd for the footpath parade at 12 noon. So many fairies, witches and fairy godmothers.

Auntie Jack looked great. I had my first ride in a sidecar with the Ural owners doing a couple of laps of the main street. It was great to see the businesses doing a roaring trade, and I am confident the decision to extend their hours into the late afternoon paid dividends. A special thank you to Dale's Butchery and his helpful elves for providing a BBQ. My grandchildren loved the sausage sandwiches.

Good luck to "Minnies Tuckshop" which has opened beside the butchery. Another positive for our community.

The combination of funding of \$360,000 under the "Fixing Regional Roads and Potholes" grant, emergency funding under the Natural Disaster program, a couple of dry weeks, and Council's hard working crews, has seen some good progress on making our roads safe. Council is well aware some sections will take major rehabilitation work to once again return to an acceptable standard.

While the Uralla Community BBQ with the Councillors and General Manager only had a small turn out, it did allow for a detailed discussion on the ongoing management of Alma Park. Councillors are already looking to expand the get togethers in 2023.

Our Australia Day Ambassador for 2023 is Gary Dawson OAM. I would describe Gary as a golf tragic, who has been able to combine this with organising corporate golf events. Gary was awarded an Order of Australia for his contribution to sport and community service. Hopefully he gets a chance to try out our wonderful golf course during his visit.

Good news for the New England Solar Farm, with the first electricity from the project being put into the grid. I understand this is in the early testing stage, well before the production from Stage 1 is completed.

Councillors and staff have been very busy preparing submissions for the Winterbourne Wind Project and the Thunderbolt Energy Hub. While the Winterbourne Wind Project is mostly impacting Walcha Council area, the connection to the Transgrid line will be on "Talisker Mountain" off Thunderbolt's Way. The Thunderbolt Energy Hub is mostly in Tamworth Regional Council area for Stage 1; however the impact of internal road construction, concrete, water, waste and the extensive list of environmental impacts will all be felt by our residents.

These two projects total over \$2 billion in capital expenditure. Be assured that Councillors and staff are doing everything possible to minimise the negative impacts in our shire. It is also time that the State Government supported regional communities in demanding an equitable level of support from these developers.

At December's Council meeting, Council will consider a recommendation to commit to the development of a long term waste management strategy, covering all aspects of the Council waste management business, including the potential implications emanating from the NSW Government Strategy on Waste and Sustainable Materials. Councillors were briefed at a workshop last week on the considerable and, possibly very expensive, challenges that the community faces. The comprehensive report by the Manager: Waste, Water and Sewer, has been included in the Council business paper. It highlights the need for detailed community consultation in a number of service areas.

I had the honour of attending the Diggings Rural Fire Service Christmas Party (as Mayor) and the Kentucky Rural Fire Service (as the trainee at the end of the hose, as well as Vice President). My congratulations to all the volunteers and families who offer support. It is worth remembering that this region has provided assistance in the floods, Varroa mite in bee colonies, motor vehicle accidents and fires.

Photo courtesy of Dave Robinson



Robert "Tinker" Bell (the Manly Fairy) with special guest, Fairy Godmother Gloria at the Fairy Festival.

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor,

Fibonacci Park ... A Fizzer? ... Finito?

Uralla Council, please press "PAUSE". We've all chuckled at the adage, "A camel is a horse designed by a committee", haven't we? Well, it applies to the Fibonacci Park saga so it's NOT a laughing matter at all.

Presented with a draft budget of \$980k for this unique project, Council allocated \$500k for Fibonacci. That's half.

It seems that once again a "Mr YZ" in the shadowy labyrinth of the Council Office has exercised his flair for befuddlement. Bizarrely, up went three big signs at the park, urging the community to vote for one of three options: "Community Park", or "Plaza Park" (huh?!), or "Fibonacci Park". Council had already decided on Fibonacci. Who knows what these signs cost, but the Uralla public responded in the same way Australians did for Clive Palmer, very few votes bought for a big splash of cash!

Then came the exhaustive "re-design" process, involving "YZ", Civile Landscape Architects, public consultations, Guy Crosley, Uralla Arts, Councillors and me.

The original Guy Crosley design had been endorsed by the brigade of fervent Fibonacci supporters, and by Council, the stunningly decorated spiral wall and seat set into the "hillside", taking best advantage of the existing topography. Civile Architects seemed unable to grasp the unique magic of Fibonacci. They were probably otherwise absorbed with The Glen and Rotary Park designs. So the agreed original was hung-drawn-and-quartered as everyone put in their two bobs' worth. The novel, "The Da Vinci Code" pales in comparison to the torturous plot in Uralla.

The upshot? The very essence of the park, the community produced mosaics are currently NOT funded. However Council intends to proceed with the pouring of most (not all) of Civile's concrete spirals and seating, wash their hands of it, and leave it to Uralla Arts Council to source the \$500k and complete the mosaic works. The most crucial art installations will remain in limbo until the twelfth of never?

Council should postpone Fibonacci, and direct funds to the projects at the Glen, Rotary Park, and the Court House. At least those projects might be finished properly.

Fibonacci Park is a truly unique opportunity which only Uralla 2358 can claim. We must wait until sufficient funding is available for the whole job. The "consultative" approach to design may have seen Sydney Opera House built with a corrugated iron flat roof on a concrete block shed, and Shakespeare's brilliant tragedy Macbeth reworked as a comedy-thriller, "Mac Duffer". We don't have the three witches of Macbeth, but do we have an elusive willful wizard in the mix?

Now, everybody, shout it out ...

"Two, three, five, eighter

Fibonacci? Not now, later!" (Repeat, ad nauseam.)

Kent Mayo, Uralla

Dear Sir,

I wish to support Kent Mayo's comments in his letter to the editor in the current edition of Wordsworth, regarding the debacle that had become Fibonacci Park. It is extremely disappointing the way this has been handled by council.

There was a budget that was presented that clearly showed that \$500K would be insufficient to complete this project. So the Plan now appears to be pour \$500K worth of concrete into the park and pass the buck to Uralla Arts Council to obtain the Funding to complete the project.

"FAT CHANCE". I can assure you Uralla Arts Council will not be applying for a grant of \$500k when this is the responsibility of council. In the present economic and political environment there is little chance of obtaining such funding. I agree with Kent that the funds would be better served to complete the The Glen, the Court House and Rotary Park. We do not want an eyesore of a park filled with concrete and nothing else.

Bob Anderson, President - Uralla Arts Council

Dear Editor,

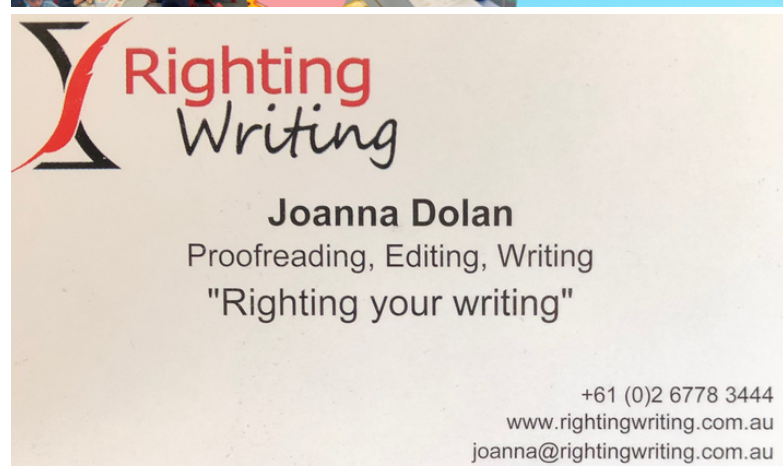
Winterbourne Wind Farm Submission Draft

Many would be aware that the Winterbourne Wind Farm (Application No SSD - 10471) is on public display and open for submissions until 22 January, 2023. This time provides residents of Uralla LGA the opportunity to lodge a personal submission and in doing so take a step back from the snowstorm of opinion circulating to objectively consider some wider issues.

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Letters to the Editor(cont'd)

Uralla LGA needs to be left with a fully upgraded road system to present day standards after construction is completed. Uralla is a hub for major road connections to neighbouring LGAs and regions.

The Gwydir River from Uralla to Bundarra contains a huge sand slug (the result of earlier gold mining at Rocky River last century) which could be utilised in making concrete during the construction, resulting in a restored riverine environment. Others, no doubt would be able to submit their own conditions.

We could do well to support our Uralla, Walcha, Mid Coast and Inverell Councils in their submission for the upgrade of Thunderbolts Way to the status of a State Road to enable construction of Winterbourne Wind Farm and other proposed projects.

By supporting our neighbouring LGAs (Walcha in this case) we strengthen the case for continuing autonomy of smaller councils into the future which could be one of the reasons many have chosen to come to live in Uralla in recent years

James Croft, Uralla Shire Resident

To the editor,

Give Generously (This Christmas)

Were you aware the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, through their Food Bank Programme helps 342 people in Uralla? That is 13% of the population! I certainly wasn't till speaking to Catherine Gallaher, President of U.N.C. and this number is always increasing. Although no-one is left hungry it is still a continual battle to provide for all those in need. This is where the wonderful folk of Uralla can help our fellow townsfolk as Christmas approaches.

If every household went through their pantry and selected a few items (and we all have excess in there) which were then donated to the Neighbourhood Centre, there would be an abundance of food for those less well off this festive time of year. You may also grow your own veggies and have more than you can handle. The Food Bank would love to receive any fresh fruit or veg you can spare. The Food Bank is open from 12pm till 2pm every Monday but, as Catherine said, items can be dropped off to the Neighbourhood Centre in Salisbury St, any time between 9am and 2pm daily. Catherine and her team will welcome you with open arms. So come on Uralla, have a heart, give generously to those less well off this Christmas.

Alex Sherrin, Uralla

Australia Day Awards

Nominations - Uralla

Nominations are invited for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Sports Awards, to be presented on Australia Day, 2023. Nominees must be Australian citizens and live in Uralla Shire. Young Citizen of the Year nominees must be under twenty seven years of age on 26th. January, 2023, and Senior Citizen nominees must be aged seventy years or over.

Nomination forms are available from the Uralla Shire office, Uralla Library, Uralla Post Office, Regional Australia Bank or the Secretary, Uralla Australia Day Committee, 14 Dumaresq Street, Uralla, phone 67784328. Please note, **Nominations have been extended and will close on Friday, 23 December, 2022.** Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

Bev Niland, Australia Day Committee



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To Our Fairy Generous Supporters, Thank You Fairy Much

The fairies of Uralla wish to thank the following businesses and organisations for their amazing support of the Fairy Festival 2022

- NSW Government in conjunction with the Uralla Shire Council
- New England Solar Renewable Energy from ACEN
- Dales Downtown Meats
- Bolt Inn
- Burnet's Books
- Bushranger Motel
- Chaucer on Bridge St
- Little Birdy
- McCrossin's Mill Museum
- Michael's Café
- Moon's Bakery
- Niknee Designs
- Redco
- Rotary Club of Uralla
- Seasons of New England
- Shimmy in the Glen
- Swan Fine Foods
- Thunder Graphics
- Uralla Community Co-Op
- Uralla Neighbourhood Centre
- Ural Australia
- Yoshi & Jill Kimono Silk



Photos courtesy of
Dave Robinson

Uralla Secures \$50,000 Pathway Funding

Walking and cycling in Uralla are about to get just that little bit easier after Uralla Shire Council secured a \$50,000 grant from the State Government to extend a shared pathway on Plane Avenue to the sports complex.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall announced the funding and said the pathway extension would be welcomed by local residents. "Uralla residents are very enthusiastic cyclists and walkers and I'm pleased that Council is providing the infrastructure that will make getting around town easier and safer", Mr Marshall said.

"This grant will see a further extension of the 1.7 kilometre 2.1 metre wide shared pathway from King Street via Maitland Street and Plane Avenue to the Uralla Sports Complex." - **From Adam Marshall Media Release**

Gemkhana Success For Eric Steadman

The New England Lapidary and Fossicking club would like to share some wonderful news about one of our club members.

Eric Steadman has been a member of our club for several years and enjoys cutting stones.

This year he entered the Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW's Gemkhana 2022 at Clarendon NSW. His cutting skills have paid off this year coming away with the following:

*Special Award – for the Mod.Std. Cut – Simple Round Brilliant – Novice section

*Third Place – for the Mod.Std - Cut Trottola – Novice Section

*First Place – for the Mod.Std - Cut Trottola – Novice Section

Our club is based in Uralla, with our club room at the Uralla Showground. Anyone interested in coming along and having a look at what our club does should contact our president Mick on 6778 5122 or send an email with any enquiries to: nelfc@hotmail.com

Chrissie Clark, Armidale

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Phillips' Uralla Retailing

In 1939 my parents, Ray and Edna, moved to Uralla from Barraba to run the newsagency bought by my uncle. The shop exists today as the sushi shop opposite the Top Pub. Two years later the business was moved down the street to where Thunder Graphics is now located. It operated there for 25 years.

While at school - and for a time after I left - I was the paper boy for my father, riding around town on a pushbike in rain, hail and the worst of Uralla's winters. The early 6:30am starts didn't generally help with the working conditions. At fifteen years of age, I left school to take on full-time work with my parents in the newsagents.

By 1958, as an 18-year-old, I decided I wanted to start my own business and so made Col Low an offer for his jewellery and gift business located two doors back up Bridge Street - now the Uralla Gallery. The offer was accepted, and I turned this into a sports/gift/toy shop.

When Dad semi-retired in 1967 I took the opportunity to buy the shop from my uncle - minus the newspaper business. The Peter Phillips' Sports Store as it became, was the most rewarding life for me for the next 38 years. I loved the social contact it gave me with the Uralla community. The business would not have been the success it was without the wonderful support of my wife Helen, my parents, my three boys, Marj Chappell who worked for me for 29 years and all the staff I had during those great years.

Peter Phillips, Uralla.



A young Peter Phillips with his father Ray and Robyn Reading, later to be Robyn Barraclough, in what was to become Peter Phillips' Sports Store. The reflection in the window reveals Munro's Holden dealership across the road. Also note the guns in the window and the then current news displayed on the poster boards at the front of the shop.

A Country Lad

Born 19 November 1944 at Matron McMaugh's Hospital in Uralla I grew up on a mixed farm 2kms north east of Uralla. On the farm we had sheep, cattle, pigs, chooks, turkeys, and also grew wheat, oats, corn, lucerne hay for stock food and to sell. The main income was the orchard starting November on cherries, apricots, plums, nectarines, peaches, pears and apples.

Growing up I had my two foxy dogs, Bindi and Pluto. When not handling fruit we would be rabbiting, swimming in the dams or roaming around. I attended Uralla Central School from 1949 till 1957. I used to ride a push bike to and from school in all seasons. At the age of thirteen I left school to work on the farm. If we had late frosts when the blossom was out it made it difficult to have a good crop or if you had a good crop you hoped for no hail to ruin it. When I got my licence I was able to work off farm to supplement the income. In my late teens I met a young lady from the Riverina (Gloria Castles) who later became my wife. We had five daughters who were involved in the Brownies and Guides. I became a badge tester so the Brownies could pass their tests and earn badges.

Growing up, I used to go with Grandad and Dad to working bees at the showground to prepare for the show. Sixty-five years later I am still on the committee, still going strong after 25 years on the farm. It was sold because Dad had major health issues.

I had a variety of jobs in my time: truck driving, plant and machinery operating, shed work, rousabouting, wool rolling, wool pressing, mustering stock, fencing, carting stock and groundsman. In 1996, looking for work, I was told of a job at the Post Office as part-time postie. I was successful and later became the postie for Uralla for over 17 years delivering mail, catalogues, parcels and whatever else there was. While delivering I was nominated for the Mature Aged Worker Competition run by the Telegraph newspaper for people over 65 years. I was 68 at the time and went on to win the competition. Prizes were \$1000 Meyer's gift card and \$1000 dollar cheque.

I was very happy retiring in 2013. I now potter in the garden and do Meals On Wheels once a month or when needed to fill in for someone.

Carl McMillan, Uralla

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One Hundred Words

Ancestral home

Uralla, above high tide, plenty of fresh air, and good enough for me. Until someone said that it could take up to twenty years to be accepted in the community.

But then, I met Gloria McMillan, as she delivered mail around town.

"Who are you?" she asked. "You're always smiling. What's your problem?" Fourteen years later, I'm at home.

Family history exercised my brain, for as research revealed, my great great grandmother, Mary Blair along with two of her sons, John and Peter, arrived from Scotland in 1839, to live in Bendemeer. John eventually became my great grandfather.

Back in Scotland, Mary's daughter, Jean had married Robert Murray, and in 1832 they settled in Bendemeer. Col Murray, a one-time Tamworth mayor, descends from that family.

Barry Blair, Uralla

Uralla's Town Crier

Ol' Mate has come up from Can-Berra,
To our tourists he's a bit of a terror,
He interrupts what they're doin',
Gives their ears a good chewin',
As town crier he'd be our flag bearer.

Alex Sherrin, Uralla

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Christmas is Coming...with gifts, friends, families and Magpies

So beware. Magpies are one of Australia's most loved and feared birds. They are friendly, their song is synonymous with Aussies and most of us have a pair nearby where we live.

For some reason known only to them, the majority of fledglings leave or are kicked out of the nest before they can fly. The parents usually secrete them under a bush and continue to feed them.

Magpie parents are extremely protective of their young and in late spring and summer will defend their family in the only way they can - by swooping any perceived threat. According to Professor Darryl Jones who has spent his life observing birds (and is now a Professor of Ecology at Griffith University), magpies know and recognise the faces of those people who live in their area. If at some time when you were young you threw marbles, sticks or stones at them, they remember so will always see you as a threat. Speed also disturbs them, hence they attack if you're on a bike of some sort.

Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers receive lots of calls re magpie young on the ground. What to do? Keep your animals and children in the house. Watch and see if the parents are feeding the chick. If not ring us. If the chick is being fed and you are able bring the bird in at night a cardboard box with paper or a towel in the bottom is fine and return the chick outside in the morning.

If it's not perching, then an ice cream container with holes punched in the bottom and a couple in the top sides can be used then hung in a tree and yes the parents will continue to feed it. You still need to bring it in at night.

You can always call us for advice. We are happy to help.

Submitted by Jacquie, one of our wildlife carers.

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Fairy fun in the fairy garden at the Fairy Festival
(Photo courtesy of Dav Robinson)



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Community Calendar

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

Please check with Event Organisers about the Status of Listed Events

Uralla Rotary Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6.15pm at 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 RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury St, Uralla

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 & 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 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 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 & Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm, 18 Uralla St North, (old Scout Hall site) Ph 0419151253, Hours usually extended in Daylight saving. E urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre Monday by appointment, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm 67711457 0419149244 E: 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 - 12noon at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00. This includes morning tea.

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

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 Donations welcomed.

Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla) meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons, contact Dennis 0448 576 465 or John 0411 374 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 & third Tuesdays of the month, 10am. New members welcomed, Ph. 0438433735

Uralla and District Uniting Church meets Sundays at 9.30am for worship. Our Church is undergoing renovations and we meet in the adjoining Church Hall 29 Maitland St, Uralla. The 1st Sunday of each month is a communion service. For enquiries, contact Bronwyn Wilson 0403699464

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 or Jenny 0435 593 850

Events for December - January

***Free event. Uralla Shire Library, Watercolour Xmas Card Workshop.** At the library on Saturday 17 December 2 to 4pm plus a second session on Wednesday 21 December from 3:30 to 5pm to complete your cards. Call 0267786470 to reserve your spot.



More fairies in the fairy garden. Uralla Fairy Festival (Photo courtesy of Dave Robinson)

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Winner: Exhibition Projects – Small Museums Category McCrossin's Mill Museum

Spaces Make Lace – The Janice Jones Collection Spaces Make Lace features 180 laces to illustrate centuries of lace history, beginning from 1580 and spanning 400 years. The exhibition showcases the collection of the late Janice Jones who began collecting lace in the early 1980s. Images, text and equipment on display explore how lace was made, who wore it, and who made it. This helps demonstrate the social, political and economic importance of the European lace industry across history.

As curator of this exhibition I was proud to accept the above award for the Mill at the recent Museums and Galleries NSW annual IMAGine Awards in Sydney. A happy conjunction of events led to this point, beginning with my move to Uralla in 2015. I had known Vicki Taylor for many years so quickly joined her and the New England Lace Group. Then in 2018 my dear friend Janice Jones entrusted me and the Group with her precious collection until a home could be found for it which happily turned out to be the Mill, thanks to Director Kent Mayo.

These events gave me the opportunity and freedom to make the kind of exhibition I had always wanted for the Powerhouse in 1988, and one that reflects how Janice herself always presented her lace whenever she gave talks about it. When she attended the opening in February she told the gathering how happy she was that her collection is now a permanent resource in this rural area which is a long way from city museums.

The Powerhouse lace display is still there but it is a pale reflection of what we now have at the Mill which I am pleased to say is the most rewarding project of my 44 years as a museum person and I'm grateful to my wonderful Lace group friends for their support throughout the three-year process.

Rosemary Shepherd OAM, Uralla

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Successful Year for Jaguars' Netball Team

This year, the Uralla Jaguars' netball team have received many accolades including:

- ADNA Minor Premiers Division 4
- ADNA Division 4 Grand Final Winners
- ADNA Best and Fairest Player Division 4 Brydie Williams
- ADNA Junior Coach of the Year Laura Shanahan

To top it all off, on Thursday 17 November, they were named the Local Junior Team of the Year at the 2AD/FM 100.3 Sport Star of the Year Awards in Armidale. The award was presented by former Olympian Andrew Landenberger and Armidale Regional Council Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood.

Uralla Netball Club is so proud of the girls' achievements.



Uralla Jaguars' netball team, winners of the Local Junior Team of the Year at the 2AD/FM 100.3 Sport Star of the Year Awards

Michelle Williams, Uralla

Congratulations Jeanette Dunn

Local Uralla girl, Jeanette Dunn (better known as Gracie's mum) was recently appointed Head Teacher of Nursing at Armidale TAFE.

Jeanette completed her enrolled nursing at Armidale Hospital then commenced her nursing career at McMaugh Gardens. She has continued to improve her qualifications over the years, completing her bachelor at the University of Technology Sydney, then with a Post Graduate in nursing education, and an MBA in health services management.

Jeanette told the Wordsworth there are approximately sixty students enrolled in the various health courses covered by TAFE in Armidale. They come from various locations including Tamworth, Inverell, Glen Innes and Moree. Jeanette is looking forward to the challenges this new position entails.

Alex Sherrin, Uralla

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Community Messages

Play Patch is a ministry of Uralla Anglican on Wednesdays 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.uallaanglican.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

Events/Courses @ "Taylors Run" Kentucky

RCS Australia Field Day with Matt Barton. Pasture management, soil health, budgeting, regen practices etc. Jan 21st, 2023. Free event.

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Left: One very talented fairy cellists drew lots of attention at the Fairy Festival including this newly found friend.

Below: Fairies as far as the eye can see during the Fairy Festival Parade.
(Photos courtesy of Dave Robinson)



It's Been A Long Time Coming!

For Colin Dade and Garth Clarke, it surely has been a long time coming. For the last 20 years these two men, Colin (Uralla Bowling Club) and Garth (Walcha Bowling Club) have joined together with various partners to contest the Walcha Wonderland Pastoral Fours.

This year they teamed up with Uralla's Brad Dade and Laurie Williams and these four men joined 27 other teams to take part in an exciting weekend of bowls held at the Walcha Bowling Club on 26 and 27 November. To their great delight they won the overall prize for the weekend.

Uralla also entered a second team in the competition: Peter Leggatt, Steve Hamilton, Chris Shanahan and Lindsay Ward.

This year was the 49th year this tournament has been played. I'm sure they'll be back next year for the 50th anniversary of these Pastoral Fours.

From Colin Dade, Uralla Men's Bowling Club



Successful Uralla Men's Team L to R: Col Dade, Brad Dade, Laurie Williams and Garth Clarke.



Taking a rest during Uralla's Can Assist Bowls Day

Around The Greens

The Uralla lady bowlers have been busy of late with finalising their club commitments, as well as playing in the Uralla Bowling Club's mixed pairs and triples competitions. We also hosted the New England District's Association Day this year. Although there were some absences on the day due to illness, I'm told those who did attend had a great time. Congratulations to those who received medals and/or certificates.

Our next big event was hosting the Can Assist Bowls Day last Tuesday. This is always a great fund-raising day and we thank those of you who managed to attend. I'm sure you enjoyed your game of bowls, as well as the delicious lunch which followed.

We were saddened when we heard of the passing of Norma Faint last week. Norma was a paid-up member of our club right to the very end, as well as being a Life Member. Although not a playing member in her last years, she was usually to be found at most other bowling events, even taking part with the rest of us in our town's Australia Day parades these last two years.

We also attended the Uralla Bowling Club's Men's Presentation Awards, which followed a very well attended afternoon game of bowls last Saturday. Part of the ceremony highlighted Judy Bray and Lynnette Dwyer and their partners as they received awards in the mixed events.

We are now looking forward to our own ladies Christmas Party and Award Presentation on Wednesday 14 December, after which our club will take a break until mid-January 2023. Merry Christmas to everyone, and make sure you have a relaxing bowl wherever you happen to be over this festive break.

Pauline Crouch, Publicity Officer, UWBC

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at Uralla Shire Council.

Information about vacant positions and access to Council's interactive application is available on Council's website: <https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Uralla-Shire-Council>

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Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is
5pm Thursday 22 December 2022.

Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor, 100 Words and articles to urallawordsworth@gmail.com

Smiles all round for Uralla Grants projects

Local schools, sport and recreation groups, environmental improvements and health and fitness programs have all been given an important boost with support from the Uralla Grants program.

New England Solar Farm Construction Project Director Tim Greenaway said the Uralla Grants program was designed to share the benefits of the New England Solar project with the wider community.

"It's pleasing that we've been able to support so many projects and events – seventeen in total – in this third round of Uralla Grants," Mr Greenaway said.

Thanks for your support

We'd like to thank all our workers and contractors for their amazing efforts across the New England Solar site this year. They have continued to work hard in the face of extreme wet weather, COVID impacts and supply change challenges.

We would also like to thank our project landholders, neighbours, and the local community for all your support throughout 2022.

Work on the project will continue into 2023.



Organisation	Project
New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club	Upgrades to clubroom at Uralla Showground
Pulse Fitness Uralla	Kick starter fitness program
Kentucky Public School P&C Association	Drainage works to prevent flooding
Uralla & District Pony Club	Upgrades to club facilities at Uralla Showground
Uralla Arts Council Inc	Website to promote local Uralla Stories Project
Uralla Bowling & Recreation Club	Promoting bowls to young people in Uralla
Uralla District Show Society	Working Dog Show at the Agricultural Show
Uralla Historical Society	Assistance for volunteers to attend NSW Volunteer Awards
Uralla Neighbourhood Centre	Upgrades to Neighbourhood Centre rooms
Uralla Netball Club	Equipment and uniforms for players
Uralla Physiotherapy	Post-natal Pilates classes in Uralla
Uralla Preschool	Paediatric defibrillator for the pre-school
Uralla Rugby League Football Club INC	To buy a line marking machine
Uralla Golf Club	Funding for the Veterans Week of Golf
Can Assist (Uralla Branch)	Assistance for patients with cancer and their families
Kentucky Creek Dam Catchment Landholders Auspice by ZNET Uralla	Funding to reduce silt running into the Kentucky Creek Dam
Teresa Duggan	Training in youth mental health

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