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Sod-Turning Signals Expansion of Lockheed Martin's Uralla Facility



Lockheed Martin Tracking Station, Big Ridge Rd, Uralla

There was more than the usual buzz around the Lockheed Martin Tracking Station last Monday when Mayor Robert Bell assisted with the turning of a ceremonial sod to mark the start of construction of the first of two new satellite dishes on the site. The official party also included representatives from Lockheed Martin and the facility's construction company.

The dishes - smaller than the existing ones - are to be part of a new operation for the tracking station. Lockheed Martin has been contracted by the Australian and New Zealand governments to set up and run services for a satellite based augmentation system called SouthPAN (Southern Positioning Augmentation Network) which will substantially improve positioning and navigation services across both

countries. The project, the first of its type in the southern hemisphere, is being managed by Geoscience - an Australian government agency. Uralla Site Manager, Tom Palfreyman explained in Wordsworth's January 23 edition this year, that "the signal in space for SouthPAN is to be provided by the Uralla facility."

Current GPS accuracy is affected by various factors such as atmosphere disturbances and satellite clock issues. SouthPAN will substantially reduce these inaccuracies by using ground based reference stations in locations around the country. Accuracy will improve from 1-10 metres to about 10cm.

The expanded role of the tracking station is good news for Uralla as it will provide additional employment in the area, as well as training opportunities not otherwise available locally.

More generally, Geoscience Australia on its website, says the new improved GPS system will provide a wide range of economic benefits including for agriculture, aviation, shipping, mining operations, construction and community - and will generate economic returns running into billions of dollars. It will be especially significant for regional and isolated parts of the country where GPS will be brought up to the same standard as the rest of Australia. Among other benefits, this will represent a major and much needed improvement for aviation navigation in these areas.

For more information about SouthPAN search online *Geoscience Australia Southpan*.

-Editor

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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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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.

The Draft Operational Plan 2023/24 is now on public display. A special edition newsletter from Council will be sent out soon outlining a number of significant changes. One area that has seen a new charge introduced is green waste. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to sell mulch due to EPA requirements and the commercial user is no longer purchasing material. Council is left with a mountain of material that we cannot use and is taking up valuable space.

The new charges are:

Large trucks \$82.00 / 10 cubic metre load

Small trucks \$24.60 / 3 cubic metre load

Commercial \$8.20 / cubic metre

Car / sedan / wagon / utility or small trailer \$5.50 / load

Wheelie bins of uncontaminated food and garden organic waste are still free.

Council will supply four free vouchers per rate payer for green waste. These vouchers will be issued with the annual rate notices. If there is a storm event, Council will determine additional free vouchers for green waste for a limited period of time. We hope these measures will also stop material from outside the Shire coming to Uralla.

Details of the proposed new transmission lines have been released by EnergyCo. The process will see a one-kilometre preliminary corridor narrowed to 70-80 metres following consultation with the land holders that are impacted by the development. I understand approximately 48 properties will be impacted. EnergyCo has announced payment of \$200,000/km over 20 years for the final leases. They have also flagged \$265 million in Community Enhancement Funds by 2042. How this is divided up is yet to be articulated. EnergyCo are to arrange meetings with all affected landholders and are also arranging community information sessions. Details of these meetings are yet to be announced. EnergyCo has provided a contact telephone number: 1800 061 114, an email address: nerez@energyco.nsw.gov.au and a website for more information: energyco.nsw.gov.au

While Council staff can provide the contact details, this is a State Government project, and as such, Council staff are not the people for concerned citizens to raise their objections.

Senior staff and I met with Telstra representatives to discuss Connectivity Planning. One bonus from this meeting was to highlight that having Uralla offline for a week was unacceptable. We now have details of a direct local area contact. The current ability of any mobile phone to have reception if you call 000 regardless of your normal supplier is also going to be extended to include natural disaster circumstances.

We were also advised 41 mobile phones in Uralla Shire are on 3G and 25 with 4G capable devices that are switched off. Telstra will close down the 3G network in June 2024. No doubt Telstra will be contacting their customers directly.

Following a successful meeting with the Project Manager, Council staff, members of the Uralla Arts Council and the Uralla Town and Environs Committee and Councillors, we look forward to the Pioneer (Fibonacci) Park project commencing very soon. This project is funded by the Public Spaces Legacy Funding. Two other projects included in the funding are the upgrade of Rotary Park which is all but completed, and "The Glen" which is well underway. The first stage of the park development will focus on the infrastructure. The artistic component will be managed by the Arts Council with Council support.

Councillors and staff met with Maree McKenzie, CEO, Homes North, in what is seen as the first step in understanding the need for affordable housing. The renewable energy development will put additional pressure on the situation. We look forward to continuing to work with Homes North following this very positive exchange of ideas.

The latest advice from Winterbourne Wind is that the Department of Planning have given them until 15th December 2023 to respond to community submissions. This is to allow an additional seasonal survey requested by the Biodiversity and Conservation Division. The Thunderbolt Wind Farm had been directed to have responses to submissions by 25th July 2022. At this time, I am not sure where this is up to.

Congratulations to the Council staff on completing the rehabilitation and upgrade of Hawthorne Drive from Rocky River Road through to Northey's Road. The project was funded under the Fixing Local Roads and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grants.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have recently relocated to Uralla & am absolutely loving the welcoming & friendly community - Uralla should be extremely proud of their open mindedness & acceptance of new residents. Thank you all!

I am loving the sense of community, the stunning location, the wonderful shopping including on the whole, brilliant customer service, the good amenities (i.e. library & a doctor who will actually see new patients - thank you) and the beautiful friends I have made here.

The only thing I am struggling with is the endless barking dogs - what's that about?!?!?

I work hard doing shift work in Uralla but am finding it difficult to enjoy the serenity of my own time after work and on weekends due to dogs that bark incessantly.

While I currently do not have pets, I previously have, and would never allow them to consistently impede on my neighbours' enjoyment of their peace.

I have lived in the big two capital cities, in the 'burbs & city, regional centres & country areas but have never had to deal with dog barking at this level.

I am seriously considering moving, yet again, as the dog barking is driving me insane! I'd love to hear others' thoughts.

Park Street resident



Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Re-activated

A pleasing number of about twenty people came together at the Uralla Bowling Club last Wednesday with the purpose of re-igniting the AECG in the district after a hiatus of at least ten years.

The group is a state wide, not-for-profit organisation that promotes Aboriginal involvement in education and provides a source of advice for schools on all matters relating to education that reflect the Aboriginal community viewpoint.

An executive was elected. Congratulations to:

President: Anthony Green

V. President: Bianca Walters

Secretary: Dixie Skuthorpe

Treasurer: Louise Upjohn

Uralla North-West AECG Delegates: Anthony Green, Pam Meehan, Bruce Dennison and Peta Weston

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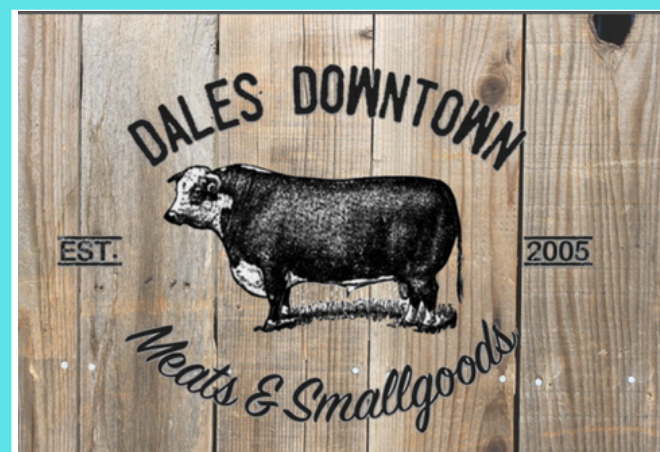
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Truffle Hunting in the New England

You may be surprised to know we have several Truffle Farms in the New England Region. Because of our cool summers and freezing winters this region is excellent for growing truffles.

Truffles are highly aromatic, fruit of a fungi that grows on the roots of specialised host trees, normally oaks or hazelnuts. Not many foods ripen in the depth of winter. One thing is for certain, most people describe the aroma and taste quite differently. I always think it's quite earthy like a mushroom,, however at times they can very sweet - almost chocolate like. I'm pleased to report you can try our local truffles at the Top Pub, the Pie Mechanic, Beca Bakes or the Alternate Root this winter!! These businesses are supporting our local truffle farms, which means the freshest truffles for the consumer with very minimal food miles. I look forward to seeing what's on the menu!!

Truffles vary in size and weight, most ranging between 20

always happy to deliver fresh truffles to locals.

Truffles aren't as expensive as they once were. Currently retail price sits around \$1.80 per gram for 2nd grade truffles and 1st grade is around \$2.20 per gram.

Once you buy your fresh truffles, it stores best in the fridge wrapped in paper towel in a sealed jar. It's a great idea to add some arborio rice or whole eggs in the same jar, as the aroma of the truffle is an excellent infuser - makes for tastier eggs and risotto. Change the paper towel daily. Use within 7 to 10 days. If by chance you have any left over, grate into butter, mix through, freeze in cut portions.

Our local truffle farms are beautiful. The hunts are a hands-on learning experience. Enjoy the dogs and the process of harvesting. For people who love *paddock to plate* this is an ultimate experience, particularly if you love dogs, fresh air, and the finest produce.

Do something different this winter and experience a truffle hunt. Meet our Shepherds and learn more about this elusive black gold. Our local farms are beautiful. To book go to www.scentshepherds.com or follow us on Facebook.



Left: Finn after another successful truffle hunt




An elusive truffle

Finn - Photo courtesy of Brittany McVicar Photographics

- Bridgett Hone, Uralla

and 300 grams. The truffles' complete lifecycle occurs underground making them hard to harvest. Because you can't see first grade truffles, we use dogs to detect their location under the ground.

We have two trained truffle hunters in our area: Finn and Bea. This is Finn's third year detecting truffles and he absolutely loves his job. He is trained to gently paw the dirt then sit at the located truffle site. Finn is the main dog that detects 90% of our local truffles. Only a small percentage of dogs trained make good truffle dogs. They need to be able to work in the freezing weather and for long periods of time. Finn's accuracy and excellent work ethic make him a valuable part of the team. You can view him working on *Taste of Australia* with Hayden Quinn, Season 6, Episode 2. We harvest several farms in the winter every week and are

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Time Is **Fast** Running Out To Recognise Our Volunteers

Time is rapidly running out to say thanks to New England volunteers. We are being encourage to nominate a volunteer for the 2023 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. Nominations close this Friday 16 June. You can nominate a worthy volunteer by going to: www.volunteering.com.au/awards

People from across the New England and North West regions are being urged to shine a light on the tireless efforts of their local volunteers by nominating them for the 2023 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. The awards are an annual program run by The *Centre for Volunteering* to recognise the outstanding work of volunteers in every region across NSW.

They are one of the largest celebrations of volunteering across the country, with more than 100,000 volunteers from 300 community-based organisations recognised at last year's awards.

Nominations can be made across eight separate categories, with recipients recognised at one of 25 regional ceremonies, culminating in the announcement of the NSW Volunteer of the Year in December. Nominations close on Friday 16 June 2023.

The award categories are:

- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Employee Volunteer of the Year
- Adult Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer Leader of the Year
- Senior Volunteer of the Year
- NSW Club Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer Team of the Year
- Not-for-Profit Voluntary Governance Award

The Centre for Volunteering CEO Gemma Rygate urged people from across the New England and North West regions to nominate their neighbours, colleagues, or family members for the volunteering awards.

The 2023 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards are supported by principal partners the NSW Department of Communities and Justice and ClubsNSW, which represents the state's 1,100 not-for-profit clubs.

About The Centre for Volunteering

The Centre for Volunteering (The Centre) is the peak body for volunteering in NSW, promoting and supporting volunteering and community participation. The Centre is a not-for-profit organisation with over 45 years' experience providing leadership on volunteering in NSW. This involves playing a key role in advocacy, support services and sector development.

-Laynie Kelly, Media Office, Centre for Volunteering

Running Wild – Episode 5 – Off Crawney (Fiction)

2. Recap. Will packed supplies and the knife he called 'Buck'. He also took Haworths' prize grey mare Ma Lady, and the black stallion colt The Barb. He felt he was owed it for his abuse', and that The Captain, would look grand mounted on the black stallion.

It was dark and cool in the early morn, Will only took a few moments to catch up both horses then head out into the crisp night. He rode the grey mare and led the jet-black colt. He was thankful for dawn's twilight and the silver rings of the halter, otherwise the colt would have been virtually invisible. It wasn't long before they'd cleared the sight of the homestead, nestled on the cleared flat beside the Peel River. After leaving Nundle Town, they turned towards Crawney Pass, tracing the Peel upstream. They would then follow the miners' track, up to the head of Wombramurra Creek where Mount Crawney lay, behind the township Wallabadah. This track had formed quickly from the first cry of gold in the Nundle hills. It was the most direct path, joining the inland track north from Sydney via Murrurundi, then Wallabadah and over Crawney Pass to Nundle. Miners came through the Pass in their droves, like ants on spilt sugar. They came by horse, donkey and bullock, pulling carts or pushing wheelbarrows of belongings, supplies and mining equipment. For a bandit, the inland track to Murrurundi would be good pickings, and it was told that The Captain had relieved a number of travellers of their valuables over these recent times.

From low along the spur line, like a marauding party of thieves they came. Flashes of white on black as they flew fast and low through the forest, scattering all in their wake. Calling currawong – currawong - currawong, the Mountain Magpie herald the first rays of dawn as they hit the mountainside. Wrens, Songbirds and Thrushes all scattered as they approached, flushed from their slumber in the undergrowth. Their dawn chorus could be heard, echoing against the steep mountain sides, as Will crept closer to the top of Mount Crawney where he was to meet The Captain.

Nearing the top, Will heard another lyrical sound, as if in reply to the magpies' dawn chorus. He didn't think much of it until he came nearer its source. The sound grew stronger, now sounding more like a human voice, akin now to the Traveller's Yodel. He'd heard similar amongst the mining camps, a herald from a passer-by, a show of no ill intent.

As he followed the narrow track to its top, a grassy flat came into view and for a moment he could see no sign, but the yodel continued. A snuffle and shake from a horse, tied behind a tree took Will's attention. The yodel ceased and he saw a man figure standing against the tree. As he made the flat, the figure moved out from the morning shadows of the tree line. He could now see a dark hole at waist level, it was a large pistol barrel pointed in his direction.

-Daryl Albertson, Kelly's Plains

One Hundred Words

Life In West End

According to the book titled "Everywhere I Go", written by Myles LALOR and Jeremy BECKETT (2000), Myles claims that his gt. gt. grandfather was named King Billy (Aniwan Aboriginal Elder of the Uralla District). Miles is on my family tree, so both of us would have the same relationship to King Billy.

The tokenistic Kingship entailed the leading Elder of a clan being presented with a brass plaque mounted on a belt. This particular practice was implemented throughout most parts of Australia.

During the 1800s the whole idea of this exercise was to keep law and order within the ranks of the Aboriginal people, by the Europeans. As a result, the King (Aboriginal elder) was the keeper of the peace within his own clan plus the colonists: in other words, he was a bridge-builder between the two nations. There were several groups of Aniwan custodians within the Uralla District.

One particular clan was allocated 100 acres on the banks of the Kentucky Creek, on 12th December 1886, 2km west of Uralla. The said land was revoked in 1936. The residents were moved onto an Aboriginal reserve which comprised 14 acres on the west end of Uralla, hence the village was named West End. There were approximately 12 shacks utilised by 15 families. The dwellings were constructed of corrugated iron, plus second grade waste timber. There was no running water or electricity. Gully springs were the main supply of water, candles were utilised for lights.

There was a tragic house fire on the reserve on 23rd October 1965 where seven people were incinerated. After this happening the occupants of West End gradually relocated within the town of Uralla.

The 1970s were the last years of macro discrimination (meaning open and blatant segregations, such as Aboriginals not allowed service in hotels, theatres, swimming pools and higher education.)

We now live in the micro model, where discrimination is almost hidden. However, the Aniwan people of Uralla

(including myself) were fortunate to attend the Central School plus live in the town, as there was very little, if any, discrimination from the mainstream townspeople and teachers.

This particular harmony was achieved by our clan marrying into the mainstream of Uralla, therefore we are related to most of the residents within our establishment.

"Uralla" comes from the Aboriginal word "oorala" meaning meeting place or camp.

-Uncle Les Townsend, Uralla

Your Help is Needed

For over 15 years, local charity **Helping Children and Families Association (HCFA)** has supported families with children under 6 years of age.

A May 26 article in *The New England Times* states: 'HCFA desperately requires \$7000 by the end of the financial year to avoid closure'.

Could you please help HCFA?

One easy way to help prevent the loss of HCFA from the local community is to vote at <https://www.greater.com.au/greaternewengland>

From the top of the page, scroll down to the voting section, and click on the HCFA tile. You can vote hourly, but every single vote will make a difference – and even once or twice a week . . . It all adds up! Voting continues till Wednesday 28 June.

-Ruth Nicholls, (Hon. Sec., HCFA)

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Neil Murray Impresses at McCrossin's Mill



One of Australia's greatest song writers visited Uralla on May 28th for an intimate performance at McCrossin's Mill, with an eager and appreciative audience staving off the chills to enjoy an excellent show. One couple I spoke to drove from out the back of Stanthorpe, just for the concert!

Neil Murray flies a little under the radar of the popular music scene in Australia. His career spans over 40 years starting out with the Warumpi Band back in the 80s. Now, these guys were probably the first predominantly indigenous act to break through the popular music scene with the song *Blackfella Whitefella* in 1985. They were also responsible for one of our most iconic anthems – *My Island Home* – made famous by Christine Anu in 1995 when it was awarded APRA *Song of the Year*. The Australian music industry already celebrated Neil Murray, touring with the likes of *Midnight Oil* and in a 2-man show with Shane Howard (Goanna), but this award raised his profile with the general public.

Murray is a gifted poet, a story-teller who is often classified in the country music genre although his songs can tend towards a combination of folk, bluegrass, country or pop-rock with a hint of the blues at times. He has an expansive catalogue of albums filled with infectious tracks about his life, love and loss, his many travels across Australia and perhaps most notably he talks of the history of our first nations people. Not just in general though – he speaks from the heart with a depth of understanding and empathy. He evokes such vivid imagery in his songs, you can tell that he has been in a certain place, spoken with the local people, learned their stories and immersed himself into the sense of the land around him. He has a rich, deep love for this land and its people and has not only spent many years in the territory but travelled far and wide to every corner of Australia.

His music will take you on a personal tour from Menindee to

Broome, eastern Victoria to Arnhem Land, from the Gulf to the Murrumbidgee. And if you have been to any of the places he refers to, you will know exactly what he is describing.

During his 2 hour performance Neil played a handful of songs off his new album *The Telling* and his set was peppered with tracks from across his many albums including the very popular *Good Light In Broome*. Neil made himself available to chat to everyone in the break and after the show. Perhaps an autumnal Uralla has provided some inspiration for a new tune..!

-Kerryn Williams, Armidale

New Community Refugee Support Initiative

Have you ever thought about supporting the settlement of vulnerable refugees in our local communities? Now it is possible through the Federal Government's Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (or CRISP).

This allows Australia to accept more refugees than the government-imposed refugee quota allows. It's a big deal as these people would otherwise not be allowed here and likely not have any (good) options. We are hoping Uralla people would be willing to get together in groups to sponsor refugees.

To sponsor a refugee family in this program, a Community Supporter Group (CSG) of 5 or more people needs to be established. This group commits to provide 12 months of support to the family from the time they arrive in Australia. In the first 1–4 weeks the support is both financial (providing housing and living expenses) and practical (for example, helping to set up Centrelink and bank accounts and enrolling the children in school). Continuing support is also given to help the family adjust to life in Australia in general.

The CSG will receive training and guidance from the Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia organisation, and also from Armidale Sanctuary members who have local experience in refugee settlement.

If you are interested in helping to form a Community Supporter Group, or want further information, please contact me jsiegel@une.edu.au.

Can't decide yet? Come to the information session and free film showing on World Refugee Day (20 June, 5:30 at Nova Centre, 122 Faulkner Street, Armidale.)

The film describes how "in 2022, members of the Wonthaggi community came together to welcome a refugee family from Syria under the new community sponsorship program. From director Sal Balharrie, this heart-warming short film takes you on a journey alongside the group as they prepare for the arrival of the Ali family." **-Katherine van Ekert, Armidale**

ANZAC Day Wrap Up

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to our veterans, friends of the RSL and the wonderful community of Uralla for their outstanding support of our little RSL Sub-branch.

The week prior to ANZAC Day we held the first of our two street stalls. Our Auxiliary Co-Ordinator Kris, did an outstanding job in doing this and we had lots of beautiful things to sell and eat. Baking came in every day even from people who don't belong to the Sub-branch. They just wanted to do their bit. How wonderful is that! We raised some serious funds for the veteran community. Thank you to all concerned and those that purchased poppies, badges and everything else we had.

Our ANZAC Day was a wonderful day to commemorate our veterans and service personnel. We had a minor technical hiccup at the Dawn Service with the new PA, but that was finger troubles with a system we had only just purchased. A huge number of locals and visitors assembled in the dark for the service - more than I have ever seen, I've got to admit.

The morning was crisp with a very small amount of drizzle however it held off for the service and breakfast provided by the Uralla Rotary Club. People were very generous with their donations and Rotary very kindly donated all that was collected to the RSL. Everyone enjoyed the bacon and egg rolls and hot coffee, some with a little added "Spice".

The march was once again a huge affair, even with it still being school holidays. We stretched from the RSL Rooms all the way up to the top of the hill at Park Street. Not many towns get a national highway closed for their ANZAC Day march. A great roll up of veterans marched, rode in golf carts from the Uralla Golf Club or rode in a restored Jeep. We also had a large contingent of Army Cadets from the 251 Unit based at UNE in Armidale. The cadets carried our service flags this year and we even had a representative from the USA, Ex-USAF serviceman, Tom Bail able to carry his national flag.

One special Australian National Flag was carried by one of our veterans for a special family visiting their old stomping grounds. Ken and Madeline Fussell accepted our invitation to be our special guests at our ANZAC Day Commemorations.

Many of you would remember Ken and Madeline and their family when they lived in Arding and their connection to the Uralla Pony Club. Their two sons Michael and Dan both joined the regular Australian Army when they completed school. Michael served in East Timor and both served in Afghanistan with Michael as a Commando. However he was unfortunately killed in action in November 2008. Dan, I believe, still serves. They got the opportunity to see the tribute we have produced in the Memorial Institute building and got to meet many old friends here in Uralla and definitely made some new ones. They left knowing that Michael's memory lives strong here in Uralla.

Right on 10am, our Parade Sargent, SGT Darryl Broadley marched us off to the pipes and drums from "Gens Altera" led by Ex-Major Jamie Bryant up past our Mayor and Councillors,

taking the salute along Bridge Street. A huge crowd greeted us as we marched down to the Memorial Gates. Amazing to see all those faces, both young and old in the crowd paying their respects to our veterans on their special day.

Following on from the main Commemorative Service, our veterans gathered for lunch along with invited guests, service organisations and our cadets. We finally called it a day at around 8pm after a long and very successful day. Several visiting veterans told us that it was the best ANZAC Day they had ever been to, and would love to come back again. You could feel the friendship and bonding in the air that day, and that is what it's about, remembering those that have served or paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country and making sure that those of us left behind, do that with the utmost respect. Thank you too Uralla for helping us do just that.

Lest we forget.

Russ French

President, Uralla RSL Sub-branch

Photos of the Week



We all see some funny things at times. Three cars parked nose-in on the wrong side of Bridge Street raises a few questions, like: Who was the ring leader? What were the others thinking? How did they extract themselves from the situation when it was time to go? Are they still friends? Are they from Queensland?



Winners over Armidale (1964)

Back row L to R: Reg Johnson, Don Edmonds, Jim Johnson, Peter Phillips, Nev Murray, Harry Holloway

Middle: Betty Johnson, Betty Attwood, Betty Wood, Maurice Murray

Front: Wendy Townsend, Yvonne Johnson

-Photo courtesy of Peter Phillips

Community Calendar

Please email 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 RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury 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

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre. Monday by appointment, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm, 67711457 0419149244, 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, 10am 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 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.

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

Uralla Community Street Store

12 -18 June - Uralla District Show Society

19 - 25 June - United Hospital Auxiliaries NSW Uralla Branch

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>

Events For June and July

* **Bundarra Community Markets**, 17 June, 9am - midday, Contact: Donna McLean. Ph 6723 7178

***H&H Co-op Community Day**, 17 June, 10am till 2pm, market stalls, buskers, BBQ etc, 119 Bridge Street, Uralla

* **Sanctuary refugee information session and free film showing**, 20 June, 5pm, Nova Centre, 122 Faulkner St, Armidale

***Uralla Seniors & Pensioners Assoc.** Annual General Meeting – 20 June, 10.30am. at the Uralla Bowling Club. Pauline Crouch 0438 433 735

***Uralla Shire Council Meeting** - Tues 27 June 4pm

***High Country Markets**, 2 July, at the Uralla Showground 8am - 12:30pm

***Monthly Poultry Auction**, 2 July, from 9:30am at the Uralla Showground.

The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunt Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Aunt Bob

Your advice please...your opinion on how long family visitors should stay before we find a reason not to get out of bed, let the milk go sour or short-sheet their beds. I am troubled..

Thank you

Worried Wanda

Dear worried Wanda,

Ten to fifteen minutes is long enough for a family visit, any longer and they get clingy. I need to clarify, did you invite your family or did they "just drop in". If you invited them the problem is with you, and you are probably beyond help. However if they just dropped in, here are a couple of tips that may work. I always find if I walk around in my underwear most people will leave. Find out what singer they don't like and put it on continuous play really loud. Suggest they help with the housework and start with cleaning the toilets, move to washing the windows and if that fails, painting the house. You will find they will be gone in a flash.

Yours in advice,

Aunt Bob

Hello Aunt Bob. I truly believe you know almost everything so wondering if you could explain this. Each morning I look at my rather old face in the mirror and think, "You know, you've still got it - or some of it at least." But when I see a photo of myself I can't believe the ancient, ugly thing I'm looking at. What on earth is going on? Please help. Yours,

Hans Zummaulwaiss

Dear Hans, your letter reminds me of the story of the ugly duckling, but in reverse. You remember how the the duckling looked at her reflection in the water and though she was ugly but grew into a beautiful swan. Let's just use a metaphor and say you're not going to grow into a beautiful swan. Your growing days are over and what you see is what you get in your photos. However remember, "beauty is only skin deep, ugly goes right to the bone."

Hope this helps. Yours in advice.

Aunt Bob

Dear Aunt Bob,

Why can't we beat Queensland in the footy? Do you think God is a Queenslander? And is that fair? Regards,

Anne Noyde

Dear Anne Noyde, (if that is your real name)

We can't beat Qld at rugby league, because they have very little in their lives except State of Origin football. Queenslanders are convinced that God is a Queenlander

and his name is Wally Lewis. Not sure the Pope agrees with this concept. After going to confession last week I was assured by my priest that God is not a Queenslander, and ordered me to do three Hail Marys and a couple of Our Fathers, for taking the Lord's name in vain and kicking my dog when NSW lost.

Yours in advice

-Aunt Bob

Dear Aunt Bob,

I am wondering if you feel threatened by artificial intelligence. I note that a number of journalists are worried due to the fact that their jobs could fall by the wayside as AI can write stories at no cost. Yours faithfully,

Elon Musk

Dear Mr Musk,

No, I do not feel threatened by AI. Most people in Uralla are still coming to terms with electricity. We don't want your high fluting city ideas here in the country. I don't think Wordsworth will be using artificial intelligence any time soon. I try to keep intelligence to a minimum in my column - I don't want to confuse people with logic. If by some chance Wordsworth did use artificial intelligence it would not reduce my income (because there isn't any). Yours in advice,

-Aunt Bob

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

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

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is
5pm Thursday 22 June 2023.

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

New England Solar battery storage increase approved

The NSW Government has now approved our application to modify the development consent for our solar and battery project, including an increase in the battery capacity to 2,800 megawatt hours – or enough energy to power 175,000 homes.

The battery system would be able to be charged directly from the solar farm or the grid. It can store this energy and discharge it back into the electricity grid when required, providing on demand energy to homes and businesses and helping to maintain grid stability.

The modification also includes some changes to Stage 2 of the solar project area, helping to optimise the project, and move it another step towards construction.

It also increases the development footprint for the project by about 130 hectares of adjoining land from existing project landowners, and extra vehicle movements.

For more information go to:

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/majorprojects

Construction work update



More than 200 crane lifts have been completed to position Power Conversion Units into the correct location on the solar farm site.

Over 750,000 solar panels have been installed and the project is now commissioned at over 50 per cent generation.

Work is continuing to install the remaining panels and complete commissioning.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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