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COVID Check-in Expanded In Northern Tablelands

Use of the Service NSW QR code will be mandatory at all workplaces and retail businesses from **Monday 12 July**, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has announced.

Mr Marshall said expanding the mandate would give NSW Health contact tracers real-time access to QR code data from a greater number of venues including supermarkets, retail stores, gyms and offices.

“From my own personal experience with COVID-19, I know how important checking in and out of venues is in helping contact tracers map the potential spread of this virus,” Mr Marshall said. “We know the Delta variant of COVID-19 moves quickly and we must do everything we can to get it under control. While many retail businesses, including large supermarkets and hardware chains, have voluntarily adopted the Service NSW QR code, this measure will ensure check-in rates are high across the board and contact tracers have access to reliable and comprehensive records.”

From 12 July, these businesses will need to display the Service NSW QR code and take reasonable steps to ensure people entering their premises check-in using the Service NSW QR codes or digital sign-in sheet:

- Retail businesses and supermarkets
- Individual shops within shopping centres (Shopping centres will also be asked to display QR codes at entry points where practical)
- Gyms
- Offices, including call centres
- Manufacturing and warehousing
- Universities and TAFE
- Schools including teachers and visitors (such as parents and contractors) but excluding students.

Businesses such as hospitality and hairdressers that were already using the NSW Government QR code system will also need to ensure staff and visitors such as maintenance workers and delivery drivers check-in, when they resume services after the lockdown period.

Hospitality businesses will now need to extend the use of the Service NSW COVID-Safe check-in to all customers including takeaway orders.

Businesses that fail to comply with the new health order requirements may be subject to fines and in case of flagrant breaches, temporary closure orders.

“There is no excuse not to check-in everywhere you can – local businesses and customers all have a part to play to keep the community safe,” Mr Marshall said. “In the same way customers routinely check into cafes, restaurants and bars, we need them to adopt the same approach when visiting a supermarket, retail store and workplace. Inspectors have been asked to monitor the situation alongside the NSW Police.”

The Service NSW COVID-Safe check-in is easy for customers to use from within the Service NSW app.

There are more than 5.2 million active users of the Service NSW app. The data captured by the Service NSW COVID-Safe check-in is only used for the purposes of contact tracing by NSW Health. It is deleted after 28 days.

Businesses who need to register for the NSW Government QR code can find the application form and more information at www.nsw.gov.au/register-your-business-as-covid-safe

For visitors without a digital device, other check-in forms must be available.

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

Council Elections - 4 September 2021

Candidates Forum - 18 August 2021

Uralla Bowlo

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

Confusion reigns supreme this week with an Extraordinary Meeting to be held to acknowledge that the late report provided to Councillors at the June 29 Council meeting only included last year's fees and charges, instead of the current year's. Unfortunately, I was an apology for the June 29 Council meeting due to the death of my mother. I am hoping that at this Extraordinary Meeting, I will be able to return the Uncontaminated Garden and Wood Waste to zero charge. The current proposed charge is \$5 per car load, \$12 per utility or small trailer load, \$25 per large trailer load and \$25 per cubic metre for a truck. As Council mulches the green waste and uses it for capping of the landfill, I would have thought this material was of great value to the community. Please note the Council does not sell mulch, due to EPA concerns regarding its quality. Please ensure you receive a receipt for any payment at the Waste Depot. I will be encouraging the new Council to carry out a detailed review of all income and expenditure at the Uralla Waste Depot. There is a rumour that the Op Shop at the Waste Depot is set to close. In future, Councillors should be provided with a business case for all fees and charges increases above CPI. The \$700 per week for the small Pop Up space at the Visitors Information Centre may also be reviewed. I am also happy to discuss with business owners the impost caused by the Commercial Waste – sorted and unsorted charge increase.

At the June Council meeting, Council resolved to place the Long Term Financial Plan on public display and undertake Community Consultation. The Executive Staff have recommended a cumulative increase in the general rate of over 51%. Please note that the base rate cannot be greater than 50% of the total rates collected. The sewer increase recommended is 10% and the water charge is at 10% per annum for the next six years. Fortunately Councillors ignored the recommendation for a "suitably qualified consultant" to tell us what the staff want us to be told. None of the proposed increases come with any improvement in services and are seen as an attempt to cover escalating administration and depreciation costs.

The Wixim Consulting Report was undertaken in February and March 2021 on behalf of Uralla Shire Council. This research project was funded by the NSW Bushfire Community Resilience and Economic Recovery Fund. Sixty-five local enterprises contributed to the research. I am unaware of any public release of the document. The document includes a number of basic statistics and some

important recommendations for the Council and the Community. I look forward to the new Council working with the Uralla Business Chamber and all those who contributed to this research to identify opportunities and existing roadblocks. The report has looked at the cumulative effects of the drought, bushfires, arsenic and Covid. Hopefully the Business Chamber will also engage Wixim Consulting to review suggestions on how to build closer working ties with the Council. As the Director of Wixim Consulting advised me, it is difficult to discuss Council related issues when they are signing the cheque. Not all consultants are as forthright.

An update on the Bundarra Sewer Scheme; where the funding body has confirmed that the contingency funds can be allocated to cover internal electricity and plumbing upgrades. The only remaining issue is how Council is able to refund those who have already paid for the upgrade work. I am confident this will be able to be done. I will continue to provide updates as the planned completion date is now early 2022. Let's hope the Project Manager can provide Council and the Community with the reasons for this occurring.

Nominations for Council open on Monday July 26 and close on Wednesday August 4 at 12 noon. The community deserves strong local leadership.

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Uralla RSL Sub-Branch

News

As we all come to grips with all the restrictions on our lives at the moment, we are doing our best to keep in contact with our Veteran Community and keep them engaged with family and the general community. With this in mind we had to cancel, at short notice, our last Sub-Branch meeting as we can't risk the health of our older veterans who are especially susceptible to this virus. With numbers increasing in the Sydney area we have to be extra vigilant.

We are continuing to keep our drop in centre open each Thursday morning. Scott will be there available for welfare help or just a chat if needed. Just remember to follow the rules and wear a mask and please check in using the QR code available or sign in manually.

We continue to increase our numbers which is great to see. Word is getting around of what we are doing and with changes within RSL NSW things will continue to improve to make RSL the dominant Veteran Service organisation to help our veteran community.

Our next Sub-Branch meeting will be held on Sunday the 25th of July commencing at 10.30am at our meeting room, 55 Bridge Street, Uralla. This will of course be subject to current COVID-19 restrictions. All Veterans, Members and Auxiliary Members are welcome.

We are also continuing with our Friday get togethers for lunch at the Bottom Pub. If you are a veteran and would like to come along, please just turn up from 12PM each Friday. You will be made most welcome.

Once again, if you know of a veteran or a veteran's family member who need some help, please get in contact with us. We have had some great success in getting help for them in recent months, so remember, we are just a phone call away. With the announcement of the Terms of Reference and the timetable for the Royal Commission in Veteran Suicides it is particularly important to seek help if it brings up issues for you. You can talk to us at the RSL, your Doctor or Open Arms on 1800 011 046. They are available 24 hours a day. Don't feel there is no one there for you. There are people out there wanting to help. I wish all our veterans good health and keep safe.

Lest we forget.

Russ French, President Uralla Sub-Branch, RSL NSW

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Edward Gilbert Snow One of The Rocky's Early Pioneers.



Edward Gilbert Snow was born in 1830 in Penang. His parents were Captain Edward Winterton Snow, a staff officer in the Madras Native Infantry and Charlotte Amelia Waugh.

Edward Gilbert Snow was educated at Harrow and later passed through the Military College at Sandhurst. He obtained a commission in the 10th Hussars and went to India in 1848 with his regiment where he was severely wounded in battle and invalided. Edward spent a short time in England before coming out to Australia where he joined a cousin in squatting pursuits.

Edward Snow finally settled down on the Rocky River where he opened the Miners' Arms Hotel in 1876. The hotel was situated near Sam Bow's general store on the main road at the Rocky River. Mr Snow was known to sell the best brand ales, wines and spirits and offered an excellent bagatelle table, good stabling and secure paddocks at his hotel. Many a meeting was held in the spacious hotel premises as were social gatherings with dancing with music, and Edward often had the publican's stand at the local race meetings and cricket matches.

After a long and painful illness, Edward Gilbert Snow died in 1892 at the age of 62. He was buried in Uralla's Old General Cemetery with his father. Edward's wife Annie managed the hotel until she remarried to William Connelly in 1895. Not long after in 1896 the hotel was sold to a Newcastle firm and Alfred J Francis took over the lease.

In 1916 the hotel premises were completely destroyed by fire; it was the last hotel left at the Rocky River. The hotel business was carried on after the fire in premises close by.

Kay Adams (Uralla History Hub).

Bowls COVID Style

We all go down to our little club
Where we know we'll be warm and snug.
Before we enter through the doors,
We give ourselves time to pause,
To put on our facial masks,
And do the other entry tasks.
We sanitise and use the code.
That's the new Covid Delta tracing mode.

Once we've reached the inside stretch
We've one more obstacle to best.
Tony's eagle eye looks us up and down.
Will he greet us with a frown?
Will we face outright rejection?
Or having passed his strict inspection,
Will we get a sunny smile,
As he welcomes us to stay a while.

Now we've gained the hallowed halls,
We answer as the coffee calls.
Those irksome masks are fast removed,
As, all around us sly glances move.
They look to see if we are sitting,
While we drink on unwitting.
Tony's caught us out again.
"You must be seated", he says, just like a gentleman!

We go out onto the bowling greens,
Spread wide apart to protect our genes.
We sanitise the bowling mat
As well as the kitty and the jack.
We check our masks are all in place
Attached firmly to each earnest face.
We enjoy our game and at its end
To each other an elbow we extend.

Now we ladies gather at the dining table,
Spread out as much as we are able.
We discuss the merits of the game,
How we enjoyed it all the same
Despite the increased restrictions.

We decide then and there on a new prescription,
We ladies of the Uralla Bowling Brigade.
Next week before the game, we'll have a Covid Mask
Parade!

**Pauline Crouch,
Publicity Officer
Uralla Women's
Bowling Club**



Left to right:
June Gregory,
Pauline Crouch
and Jayne Bourke.



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Black Summer Bushfire Grants Opening Soon

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery (BSBR) grants are funded by the Australian Government, from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund. The guidelines have just been released, and applications will be open from 22 July to 2 September 2021.

This program will help communities address remaining priorities for recovery and resilience after the 2019-20 bushfires.

Make sure you check out the guidelines to see the eligibility criteria, including what kind of projects can be supported through this program. The information here but it doesn't cover everything.

The grants can fund a broad range of community led projects – from social and community wellbeing projects right through to projects that support the recovery of local economies and built environments.

We want communities to know that applications are sought from all communities in eligible Local Government Areas. These grants are not only for Councils and large businesses, but are seeking ideas from different community groups, small business and Indigenous Australians about support for your community.

This grants program is not available for individuals, partnerships or trusts. To be eligible, you must have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be one of the following:

- an entity incorporated in Australia
- a company limited by guarantee
- an incorporated association
- an incorporated not-for-profit organisation
- an Aboriginal Land Council or indigenous corporation
- a local governing agency or body (such as a Council) or ACT governing agency.

The criteria we're using are broad, so as many groups can access support as possible. So please look at the guidelines, as you might be eligible even if you can't see yourself in the list above.

Project proposals can be anywhere from \$20,000 to \$10 million.

There will be applicant support workshops (in person and online) available for people who would like some help with the application process.

The workshops will cover how to write a good application, making sure it is answering what is asked in the criteria. The workshops will not provide someone to write your application. The workshops won't give applicants an advantage in the grants process, but aim to help people understand the guidelines and criteria to make sure you are putting forward the best version of your proposal.

The locations of the workshops are listed at recovery.gov.au/black-summer-grants which include Armidale, Glen Innes and Tenterfield. If you are unable to attend one of these workshops, you can register for an online webinar. Please note that dates may change due to COVID-19 restrictions, so please register early so that you are kept informed of changes.

Applications will open on 22 July, which gives people some time to think about what kind of project would work in our area. Applications will close on 2 September.

For more information on the BSBR grants and the applicant support workshops, head to the National Recovery and Resilience Agency's website www.recovery.gov.au

To read the guidelines and a preview application form visit the Business Grants Hub website at Business Grants Hub

If you have a question, you can call the Business Grants Hub hotline on 13 28 46.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter to report to the community the outcome of the response we received to our previous letter to the Editor in the June 14 Edition of Wordsworth.

As we stated in that letter, we sent correspondence to the GM of the Uralla Shire Council laying out our concerns of the Management Structure and Budget for McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Facility.

We received an email quite quickly after the Woodsworth article including quite a detailed budget, which we had never seen before. This budget still had areas of concern.

However, no mention of a Full Time Manager. Another email arrived inviting some of this group and myself to a meeting. This meeting was held over the phone. In attendance was the GM, Mayor, and the Manager. I was alone as I am presently away.

This phone call did not eventuate to any straight answers. I received another email, describing some of the areas of concern in the budget and stating that there will be a Full Time Manager at McMaugh Gardens and clarified this Director of the Executive Position. This position was still to be advertised.

Why did it take 5 months, after the 3months was extended, of asking Council, the Mayor and the Manger, a letter to Wordsworth, a letter, and a phone discussion to get some sort of answers?

We still do not know how long before this restructuring will be completed, so how much longer is this part time position is in place as this position is still to be advertised. Why is there so much secrecy and non-transparency?

The GM, Senior Staff and some of the Councillors must remember they are paid by this community. We deserve transparency, honesty and appropriate consultation and answers when asked.

I would like to mention that through this entire process this group have no issues with the Manager of McMaugh Gardens or any staff. They all do a fantastic job and certainly under exceedingly difficult situations including COVID. For this we, and all the community, thank you.

This entire issue is directed to the Uralla Shire Councils GM and Senior Staff. The community expect transparency and consultation.

Rosemary Reading

Representative of this Concerned Community Group.



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St Joseph's Primary School*

Arts North West

Workshops

Arts North West is excited to be rolling out the next instalment of their successful CreativiTEA workshops in the New England North West this coming August, bringing women from the local rural communities together, to have a cuppa and a chat and get creative.

Arts North West will be delivering CreativiTEA to four villages - Drake, Ashford, Tingha and Torrington, visiting each location four times over a two-year period. These communities have faced a series of hardships over the last couple of years including severe drought and bushfires.

Participants can use the day to connect with old friends and make new ones, learn new artistic skills and be creative but more importantly they will be have the opportunity to openly chat in a safe and supported environment about the hardships for themselves and their families living in drought and/or bushfire affected isolated areas.

“Engaging in the creative practices, participants can communicate ideas and feelings that may be hard to put into words, such as anger, stress, and other personal experiences such as hardships on the land” said Arts North West Executive Director, Caroline Downer.

“Working collaboratively on a creative project is an effective way to ignite conversation.” She continued.

Arts North West have partnered with Rural Adversity Mental Health Program professionals who will be in attendance at all workshops to provide informal support as well as a point of contact for information and resources on health and wellbeing.

This series of creative workshops are facilitated by local printmaker Lizzie Horne, and will focus on print making techniques, inspired by the passing of the Seasons. The work of the participants will be compiled into a book, documenting the project over 2 years.

The workshops are free and lunch will be provided. Book online <https://bit.ly/3dyxB0z> or contact Arts North West via office@artsnw.com.au or 6732 4988

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- 23 August Tingha BEST Access Centre 10am - 3:30pm
- 24 August Torrington Community Hall 10am - 3:30pm
- 25 August Drake Community Hall 10am - 3:30pm
- 26 August Ashford Memorial Hall 10am - 3:30pm

These workshops were made possible through funding from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal.



Uralla Community Street Store

12-18 July

Masonic Lodge of Peace No 120 Uralla

19-25 July

Lions Club of Uralla

Candidates Forum

Come and listen to the candidates ahead of the Uralla Shire Council elections. The forum is scheduled for 18th August 2021 at the Uralla Bowlo, more details to come

Fuel Watch

10 July

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Mobil

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What About Becoming A Volunteer At The Mill?

McCrossin's Mill Museum and Function Centre is owned and operated by the Uralla Historical Society, a team composed entirely of volunteers.

Our team is very inclusive, welcoming people of diverse backgrounds, interests and talents. We believe everybody has something to offer, because our operation involves such a wide range of roles and responsibilities.

Some of the roles you may be interested in:

- Historical research
- Archives and accessioning
- Catering functions
- Bar management
- Museum attendant
- Gardening
- Building maintenance
- Exhibition design and construction
- Grant applications & financial management
- Retail operations

There is more info on our website: <https://uhs.org.au/>

Please call into the Museum and introduce yourself, or phone or email.

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Annie Mayo, Uralla Historical Society

Tim Godwin At The Uralla Bowlo

Local rock artist Tim Godwin just dropped '*Digital Noise (featuring Lee Knight)*' which he self-produced at The New England Conservatorium of Music and his Uralla home studio (a converted caravan, donated by Steve Dobson). The video, featuring his band 'Nascent', was shot in Uralla and can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvTqTrrtwLU>

"I wrote the song during lock down last year, glued to my phone in frustration, watching the circus of the US election and misinformation about COVID" Tim Godwin said.

You can catch Tim and his band 'Nascent' opening for Sydney band 'Simple Stone' at The Uralla Bowlo on 31st July. Tickets available online and at the venue. You can stream 'Digital Noise' on Spotify/YouTube/Apple Music etc.



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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 the Uralla Bowling Club, dinner optional after the meeting

Uralla Lions Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5/5.30 in the CWA Rooms

Uralla Fire & Rescue meet on Tuesday nights at the Uralla Fire Station from 6-7.30pm

Uralla CWA meets on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am at CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

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

Uralla Anglican Church meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship and Johnno's (kid's programme) in Park Street

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

Uralla Show Society meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla Showgrounds

Uralla Shire Business Chamber meets 1st Thursday of each month at 5.30pm at the Top Pub

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

Uralla Tennis No organised tennis planned during winter. Uralla courts can be booked at play.tennis.com.au/court-hire

Uralla Men's Shed is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm in the Old Scout Hall, Uralla North Rd (just off the Bundarra Road).

Uralla Auto Club Inc. meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at The Bowling Club.

Uralla Red Cross meets on the first Friday of each month at 2pm in the CWA rooms in the Literary Institute opposite Foodworks

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

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

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

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch Veterans and Families Drop in Centre. Open to all Veterans and their families, each Thursday 10am until 12pm at the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street.

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

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 11am - 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, donations welcome. Ph : 6778 3277 or email : urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com

Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla) meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons, contact Dennis 0448 576 465 or John 0411 374 334

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

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Tuesday, 10am - 12pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

Events for July/August -

Uralla Shire Council Extraordinary Council Meeting 2pm Tuesday 13th July, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Annual Can Assist Branch Meeting Saturday 21st August 2021 2.00pm at Uralla Bowling Club

Dine & Discover Vouchers Extended to 31 August

The following Uralla Shire venues are listed as accepting the Dine Vouchers :

The Alternate Root Cafe, 48 Bridge St, Uralla

Michael's Cafe, 98 Bridge St, Uralla

Subway, Shop 1, 50 Bridget St, Uralla

The Top Pub, 23-27 Bridge St, Uralla

Kentucky General Store, Noalimba Ave, Kentucky

Source : <https://mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/dine-and-discover/business-finder#dine>

Deadline for the next edition is
**5pm on Thursday
26th July 2021.**

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



NEW ENGLAND SOLAR FARM

JULY 2021

Road closures on section of Barleyfields Rd

The northern section of Barleyfields Rd will be closed to traffic for the next four weeks to allow the road to be widened as part of upgrades required for the construction of the New England Solar Farm.

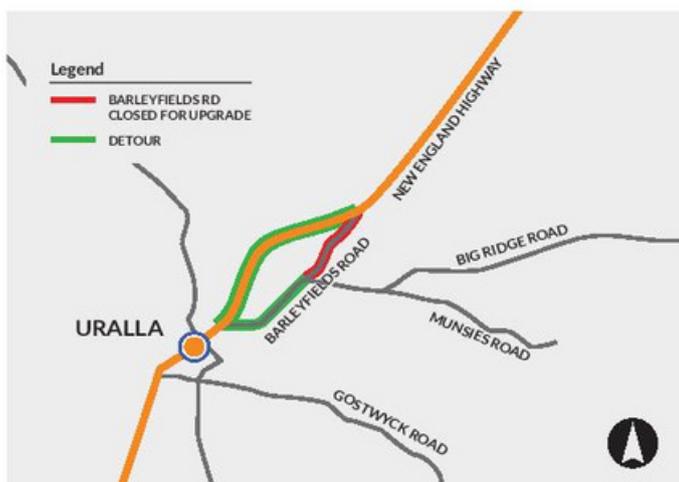
The northern section of the road between Big Ridge Rd and the New England Highway will be closed until early to mid-August. Please use New England Highway as an alternate route.

Motorists wanting to access Barleyfields Rd or Big Ridge Rd from the New England Highway can do so via the southern intersection of Barleyfields Rd.

The closures will add about five minutes to travel time for motorists traveling north along the New England Highway. Please factor this extra travel time into your plans over the next four weeks.

We thank local residents and local motorists for their patience and understanding during this work.

Our road crews will be working as quickly and safely as possible to complete the work so the road can be re-opened on time.



Your chance to apply for Uralla Grants

Grants of up to \$5,000 are now available for local community projects or initiatives as part of the New England Solar Farm Uralla Grants program.

Fourteen local projects were funded as part of the first round of projects, including the free bicycle repair workshops held by bike mechanic Kade Smith.

Upgrades to sporting facilities and equipment, support for school programs and cultural and sporting events were also supported along with tree planting.

The grant program was designed with the help of the local community to help share some of the benefits of the New England Solar Farm. It is funded by UPC\AC Renewables Australia – the developers of the New England Solar Farm.

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Yer Wrong Yer Know!

That's what this bloke bailed me up with as I came out of Moon's with my hot pie in a bag. He continued with ...

"You reckon Uralla's 2358 is the only one that fits the Fibonacci numbers."

"You're close mate" I replied. "What I REALLY said was that 2358 fits into the Fibonacci SEQUENCE, the PATTERN, y'know, in order.

"Ahah" he grinned smugly, reading from the numbers written on his wrist "Then what about 1123 and 1235? Gotcha!"

"My friend", I explained knowingly "those are private PO boxes in Sydney South – for companies and government departments. They're not towns or suburbs."

He paused, crestfallen, took another sly peek at his wrist, then came back with: "So what about 5 8 13 eh?! That fits the SEQUENCE, in order, don't it, eh?!"

"Yes mate" I sighed, "except 13 isn't a single digit ... and there's no such place with that postcode anyway. So 2358 is the ONLY one, my friend, Uralla!"

There was a long pause.

"2358" he echoed thoughtfully, "Uralla... YER RIGHT YER KNOW! Crikey, your pie's probably gone cold."

"No matter", I chuckled. "Speaking of Pi, that's 3.1416, calculated by the Greek, Archimedes. The Romans killed him in his bath, did you know that?!"

"Yeah", he grinned. "I'd heard about that. My sister Cherylene nearly died in the bath too, mate."

"Not the Romans?!" I asked, teasing him.

"Nah, but kind of" he confided. "She came roamin' home from a St Patrick's Day at the Bowlo years ago. Pretty well shickered she was, and decides to have a good hot soak in the bath. In there for ages she was.

"I goes in the bathroom to check up, like, and there she is, fully clothed in her green outfit, sound asleep in the bath, her face slowly sinking underwater. Woulda drowned if I didn't wake her up. Real stupid that was."

"What?" I interrupted "her falling asleep in the bath?"

"Nah", he said, "Me waking her up! Green all over from the chin down, she was. For a week! Boyfriend said she looked like a Freddo Frog. Wouldn't go near her!"

"Anyway, we were talking about Pi, 3.1416, weren't we?"

The bloke really warmed to the subject, despite the cold.

"Tell you something else, mate, I found about Fibonacci. When you get up to the big numbers and you divide one into the next one, you get 1.618, and they called that PHI, it's 1.618, from another Greek, Euclid his name, never got into bathing, thank heavens. So the Greeks called this the "Golden Ratio", 1 to 1.618. Their architects used it. Then them famous Italian artists like Leonardo da Fishy and Tricky Angelo, them real clever blokes. Amazing how that "Golden Rectangle" thing turns up in Nature and Art and ... everywhere!"

I stood there, amazed.

"YER RIGHT, YER KNOW", I told him.

"I can't wait to take me kids to our new Uralla 2358 Fibonacci Park" he chortled.

He grinned proudly and put his finger on the pie bag in my hand.

"And your pie's gone cold. You'll have to zap it, eh?"

"YER RIGHT YER KNOW", I told him.

And he was quite right, too. TWICE in the one day!

Great PI, too, oops, PHI, oops, ... PIE!

Kent Mayo, Uralla resident

Breakfast Club

St Johns Anglican Church will be running a breakfast club in their hall, Park Street, starting on Wednesdays, from 8am to 8:45am. Any school age kids are welcome. Please direct any enquiries to the Anglican vicarage on 6778 4906.

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More To Benefit From Regional Seniors Travel Card Extension

The hugely successful \$250 prepaid VISA Regional Seniors Travel Card will be accessible to more residents than ever from next year, with increased funding in the 2021-22 NSW Budget allowing those of Age Pension age who receive either a Disability Pension or a Carers Payment from Services Australia to apply for the card.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said more than 8,500 local seniors had benefited from so far this year, the second year travel card, saving more than \$2.12 million.

“This program has changed lives by giving local seniors the freedom to travel to medical appointments, catch-ups with friends and visits family who live away – I’m ecstatic it is set to continue for two more years,” Mr Marshall said.

“When you are an aged pensioner, \$250 in the back pocket goes a long way to covering expenses like groceries, medications and entertainment.

“The State Government has reviewed the schemes that support people with disability and their carers, to ensure they meet the needs of those in the regions.

“I’m so pleased that they will now be included in the next phase of this program.

“The card can be used for pre-booked NSW Trainlink Regional trains and coaches, fuel and taxis, making travelling more accessible and convenient for our seniors who often have less transport options than those living in the city.”

From 2022, eligible applicants will include seniors of age pension age with:

- A valid Pensioner Concession Card;
- A Commonwealth Seniors Health Card;
- A Disability Pension or a Carers Payment from Services Australia;
- A Service Pension issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- A Disability Pension through the Department of Veteran’s Affairs under the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986; and
- A War Widow Pension issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The regional boundaries for applicants will remain the same in 2022. More information about which regional areas are included in this initiative can be found at www.service.nsw.gov.au

Applications for 2022 cards will open in the New Year for the expanded list of eligible applicants.

Applications for the card can be made online at www.service.nsw.gov.au by calling 13 77 88 or by visiting a Service NSW Service Centre.

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

Armidale Family Support Services/Supported Playgroups



Uralla Tigers Playgroup



- St Joseph’s Primary School, Wood Street, Uralla
- Wednesdays 10am to 12pm (Held during school terms)
- Morning tea is provided
- Cost is free

- Please Contact : Geneva on 0430 440 171 or Sue on 0419149244

- All families with children; pre-birth to school age are welcome. Come along and meet new friends, have a cuppa, do some craft and play with your little ones.

Tigers

Armidale Family Support Inc/Funded by the Department of Communities and Justice and the NSW Government Jan 2020

Do you want your road sealed?

Being on the list doesn't mean it will be done, but not being on the list means it probably won't.

If you want more information contact Council at 02 67786300

Or give one of us a call:

- Cr Bob Crouch 0428616885
- Cr Robert Bell 0434244774
- Cr Tara Toomey 0434408163

Editor's note:

Candidate projects assessed by Council now on public exhibition are as follows:

Road	Section	Estimated Cost
Retreat Road	10.1 to 12.1 km	\$490,000
Retreat Road	12.1 to 14.1 km	\$490,000
Retreat Road	14.1 to 16.1 km	\$490,000
Retreat Road	16.1 to 17.46 km	\$333,200
Mihi Road	0.6 to 1.8 km	\$294,000
Mihi Road	2.2 to 4.8 km (remainder)	\$637,000
Barloo Road	Full length	\$140,000
Malapatinti Road	Full length	\$120,000

Council is currently calling for "nominations from the community for gravel road candidate projects for investigation and prioritisation". To nominate a road, click on:

Public Exhibition: Gravel road upgrades prioritisation Uralla Shire Council (nsw.gov.au)

Or Submit your priorities to: [council @uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au).

Or to: Uralla Shire Council, PO Box 106, URALLA NSW 2358

Submissions must be in by 20th August.

Your submission could be as simple as, "I wish to nominate ___MY___ Road as a priority for upgrading". Signed and dated. Giving a reason would be good.

We believe roads that are transport routes for livestock, for school buses and for tourism along with the impact of dust on residents and road safety issues (accident history) are the key criteria that should be considered. However, don't let our thoughts constrain what you would like to see.

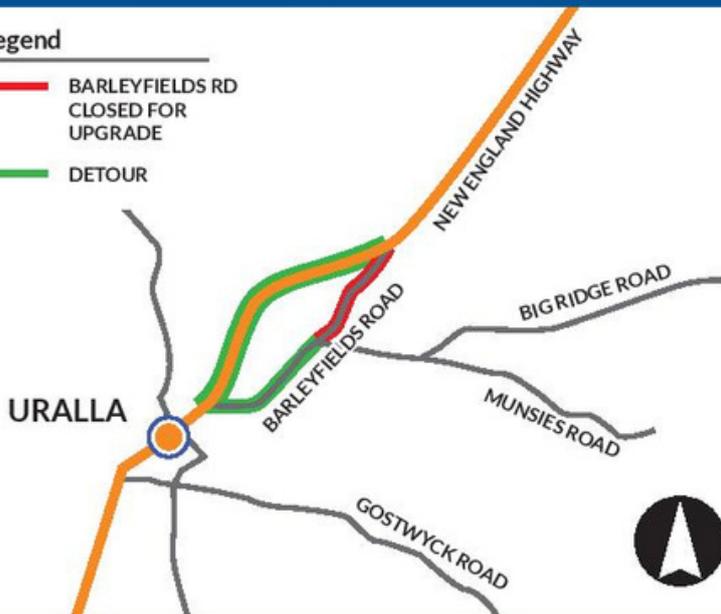


NEW ENGLAND
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BARLEYFIELDS RD CLOSED FOR ROAD UPGRADE: DETOURS IN PLACE

Legend

- BARLEYFIELDS RD CLOSED FOR UPGRADE
- DETOUR



The northern section of Barleyfields Rd will be closed until mid-August so the road can be widened as part of works for the New England Solar Farm. Detours in place.

Thank you for your patience.

Go to www.newenglandsolarfarm.com.au for more information or call Green Light Contractor's Community Liaison Officer, Laura, on 0417 261 453.



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Uralla Shire Council's Proposed Project List

Those of you who are avid followers of the public notices that are regularly published on our Council's web pages may have noticed the invitation extended by Council to everyone in the community to comment on the projects contained in the above list (also referred to as the "Proposed Project List for Capital Grant Funding"), and to nominate additional projects for future consideration.

But for the few of you who are not avid followers, details can be found here, on the Uralla Shire Council's website: <https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Consultation/Proposed-Project-List>

Submissions close 20 August 2021 at 5:00pm, and can be made either through the online submission form survey or in writing.

Space does unfortunately not permit us to replicate full details here, and we can only summarise - and surmise. There are at present no less than 57 capital grant funding projects that are listed. For your information, a capital grant is for capital projects including the construction of new facilities, extension to or upgrading of existing facilities and the purchasing of equipment, but it does not include general repairs and maintenance on existing assets.

There is no clear information in the list explaining the reason for and origin of any of the projects, even though it is important for the community to know this because it is proposed that the projects be funded by grants, a number of which will be community grants, meaning they must be determined by the community - not Council.

One concern is that Council, by having asked the community for comment, may argue that projects have already had community input or approval and that therefore community grants, when available, may be applied for and spent on a particular project at will, without explicit reference to the community.

Another concern is that projects that have relatively recently been rejected by the community are surreptitiously reintroduced, for example no. 3 on the list, the old chestnut "*Bridge Street Upgrade – Development of detailed design through community consultation and construction in accordance with consultation outcomes*". \$1.5M is the estimate for this project.

A third concern is that the list is not prioritised. The only groupings are by cost, by category (broadly, that is general impact on Uralla), and by ongoing impact on Council finances. Absence of prioritisation means that Council could determine relative priorities without reference to the community. With a list this long, that may also mean that some projects may never come to fruition.

Some projects, for example no. 45 "*Barry Munday Reserve removal of unsafe trees – Removal of 7 Pine trees deemed unsafe (Pinus Pinaster, Pinus Radiata)*" can hardly be argued to be capital grants projects, because they are to do with maintenance. While we are on the Barry Munday Reserve, there are two other proposals for that reserve in the list, one for an upgrade, and one for improvements. Maybe they could be combined?

We wonder what purpose is served by this type of bulk-billing approach to community input on community projects, other than to make life easier for Council. It certainly does not serve the community better.

We strongly urge everyone in our community to provide comments to Council on the general approach and on the specific projects, by the advertised deadline and via the advertised channels.

Louis van Ekert, Uralla Wordsworth



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Bob's Quiz

Some light-hearted relief to test your general and local knowledge..

Question 1. Who was responsible for the following quote – *I came, I saw, I conquered.*

- a. Julius Caesar
- b. Freddy Fittler
- c. Kent Mayo (after a UTEC meeting)
- d. All of the above.

Question 2. Who was responsible for the following quote - *Et Tu Brute*

- a. Julius Caesar
- b. Barnaby Joyce
- c. Michael McCormack
- d. Kent Mayo (after replaced by Bob Anderson as UTEC chairman)
- e. All of the above

Question 3. Who was responsible for the following quote – *What the F**K was that.*

- a. Mayor of Hiroshima 6/8/45
- b. Bob Anderson after recent heart attack.
- c. Louis van Ekert after recent heart attack.
- d. All of the above

Question 4. Who was responsible for the following quote – *I cook with wine. Sometimes I even add it to the food*

- a. W.C. Fields
- b. Wendy Anderson
- c. Wendy van Ekert
- d. All of the above

Question 5. Who was responsible for the following quote – *We must work together to stop the spread of country music.*

- a. Henry Gibson (laugh In 1967)
- b. Bob Anderson (always)
- c. Anthony Albanese
- d. All of the above

Question 6. Who was responsible for the following quote – *An old friend will help you move. A good friend will help you move a dead body.*

- a. Jim Hayes
- b. Angus Mclean
- c. Dale The Fat Butcher
- d. All of the above.

Bob, Uralla resident

Letter to the Editor

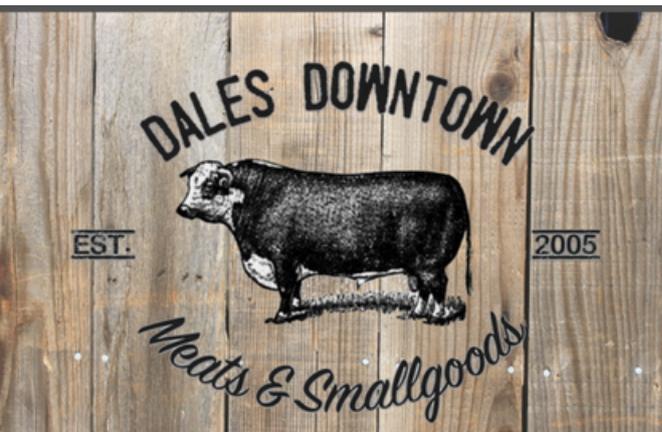
Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Barnaby Joyce's press release in issue 65 of the Uralla Wordsworth of 28th June 2021.

Mr Joyce says that farmers and agricultural workers in his electorate would be among the winners in the Australia-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

In French, the expression "La perfide Albion" (treacherous England) is well understood, and perhaps some study of recent and not-so-recent history would serve the farmers and agricultural workers of the New England (and Mr. Joyce himself) well before embracing the promised gains of the FTA. All around us in the New England, we see what happened when England (ok, UK) joined the EU in 1973. I am referring to the remnants of fruit orchards and fruit sheds everywhere in our region. I quote the Australian Bureau of Statistics to explain why: "*The destination of agricultural products had changed considerably since 1947, when the United Kingdom imported one-third of all Australian exports, including 80% of all beef and 90% of all butter. By the mid 1980s, the United Kingdom was taking less than 2% of Australian rural exports, the major importers being Japan 21%, the Middle East 15%, North America 12%, the European Economic Community (EEC) 11%, Eastern Europe 9%, South East Asia 9% and China 5%.*" and "*The Australian fruit industry was similarly affected by Britain's entry into the EEC. Between 1975 and 1990, Australia's annual apple exports fell from about 86,000 to 27,000 tonnes. Extensive 'tree pull' schemes were instigated to rapidly reduce the level of fruit production, in an attempt to prevent a glut of product on the market.*" This is exactly what happened in the New England, and the results are still visible. As Karl Marx said, history repeats itself, first as a tragedy, then as a farce. We would be well advised to take the government's claims of farmers being winners with more than just a grain of salt. The benefits of the FTA are by no means assured for the farmers and agricultural workers in Joyce's electorate - 15 years is a very long time in politics.

Louis van Ekert, Uralla resident



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- ✦ Employer of choice
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Come along and bring your friends to the Gala celebration on Friday the 13th of August at Uralla Showgrounds at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our achievers!

Dress: Glam!

Entry: \$40* for sit down meal and a glass of bubbles or juice on arrival, and drinks purchased at the bar. Details on ticket purchasing to be advised.



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