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Innovation Key to Sustainable Rural Health Workforce

NORTHERN Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has used a speech on the floor of State Parliament to call for an overhaul of NSW Health's existing hiring and remuneration practices for the rural medical workforce, requesting the State Government consider funding new initiatives, such as the University of New England's New England Virtual Health Network (NEViHN).

Mr Marshall said it was important that NSW Health developed and implemented a new hiring model for medical staff in rural and regional hospitals.

"Pouring more money into old, failed systems will not deliver different outcomes for us," Mr Marshall said.

"Thankfully, a workable solution to the doctor shortage crisis is being developed by UNE, which is exploring ways that basic telehealth can evolve to the stage where hospital-level care is not dependent on a physical location.

"The fruit of this work is NEViHN, a system that will support the delivery of in-place health care patients in their homes and in-place learning for all future UNE medicine and health students.

"Utilising one of two Joint Virtual Care Clinics (JVCC), UNE medical school students will maintain their required learning via video-link, while undertaking placements in local GP clinics, community health centres and hospitals in one of seven participating regional, rural and remote towns.

"This means students won't have to leave the region to complete their full medical qualifications.

"Meantime, the JVCC will be staffed by a permanent doctor, senior nurse and will utilise students in the later stages of their training to provide telehealth services to medical practitioners in the participating communities.

"This ticks a huge box for me, as it leverages telehealth technology to support GPs while also continuing to educate of students in medicine, while keeping them in the regions for the full extent of their degree."

Mr Marshall said he would be working with the State Government to make NEViHN part of the solution to bolstering the region's future health workforce.

"Last month, I facilitated a positive meeting between UNE and the Minister for Regional Health Bronnie Taylor, who was extremely interested in hearing about NEViHN's trial phase," he said.

"This system requires significant financial support for new infrastructure, technology capabilities and the employment of additional staff, with \$9 million alone required in years one and two of what is expected to be a 10-year roll-out.

"I commend UNE's Professor Jennifer Williams, Professor Rod McClure and senior lecturer in rural medicine Dr Rod Martin and I look forward to working with UNE and the Minister, to turn the project into a reality."

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands



UNE Meeting with Minister Taylor, Mr Marshall MP

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Robert Bell was elected Mayor of Uralla Shire Council in December 2021, after serving five years as a Councillor. He was previously Director of Engineering for Uralla Shire Council, lives in town, and has a grazing block at Kentucky. Cllr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.

Wonderful news with the sale of the Bottom Pub to a well-known local family. I am confident it will be successful as Uralla continues to see many major developments occurring in the region. The Renewable Energy market still needs 8,000 MW of power generated. New England Solar aims to produce 720 MW and the Thunderbolt Energy Hub (Stage 1) to produce 192 MW. Council raised a number of concerns that they sought a response from NEOEN in relation to the Thunderbolt Energy Hub. Friends of Kentucky Action Group have made a detailed submission on the Environmental Impact Statement.

The region's Mayors continue to meet and promote the very real concerns on behalf of all the residents in relation to the Renewable Energy Zone. We had a recent zoom meeting with Energy Co. who are hoping to be able to assist Councils with engineering and planning staff to assess the number of Development Applications that will cross Council's desk. In most cases we will not be the Consent Authority; however it is essential we can ensure the Councillors and the community are fully informed. Over 400 kilometres of new 330/500 KV transmission lines need to be constructed due to the current, very limited, line capacity. I am confident Energy Co. will have information forums in Uralla in late July. Topics will include road infrastructure, accommodation, waste, telecommunications, staff training and Biodiversity Offset funding. I am heartened by the level of cooperation of the Mayors of Glen Innes, Armidale and Walcha Councils.

Work has now commenced on the Uralla Courthouse. While it was a \$1 sale from the State Government, we were still left with a magnificent building with significant long term maintenance issues. The benefit of Adam Marshall, MP, being able to access \$925,000 for refurbishment has meant we are able to restore the front verandah, add air conditioning and solar panels, refurbish the rooms, repaint the building, replace the roof and guttering, and complete an internal layout. Council has not yet resolved the ongoing use of this exceptional building. There have not been any reports of Thunderbolt's ghost haunting the building. No doubt the contractors have included it in their risk assessment.

Councillors have been working their way through the Long Term Financial Plan. A number of Councillors expressed concern that without finalised Asset Management Plans, 2022/23 Budget (currently on public display) and organisation wide service review, we should not put it out for public comment. Council remains focussed on making significant forward budget improvements. All this at a time when the shire is booming!!

The Uralla Shire Business Chamber has announced the 2022 Business Awards night to be held on July 29, 2022 at the Uralla Showground Pavilion. All indications are that this will once again be an outstanding night to celebrate all that is positive in the business community.

Work has now commenced on the School Zones Safety Upgrades at Uralla and Bundarra Central Schools as well as St Joseph's Primary School. Adam Marshall, MP, announced \$180,000 to fund this work. The School Zone Infrastructure Program is jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments.

The "very fresh" New England Winter weather was quite a shock when Linda and I returned home last week from a wonderful trip through Europe and England. It is worth noting that in England at the moment, petrol has hit £2 per litre (the equivalent of around \$3.50 per litre). Added to this, the energy costs are going up by 40%, and interest rates and the cost of living issues are universal.

On a side note, Linda was shocked to see the price of David Austin potted roses in garden centres is £30, which is the equivalent of around \$52. We can buy the same roses in our garden centres for around \$30. How lucky are we!

I would like to say thank you to Cllr Bob Crouch for writing the last three Wordsworth columns in my absence.



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Uralla a Holiday Destination this July

Wintery weekends in the New England are a unique experience. Cool, crisp days and frosty mornings. Plenty of fireside options both for dining and shopping, and with accommodation built for the cold there is always a warm spot to stay too.

Drawing together a number of talented makers for a creative weekend on 9th and 10th July, in some warm indoor settings provides a great opportunity to take a weekend away and enjoy the winter season. With delicious New England fare in many local dining establishments, there are plenty of choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner and on Friday 8th July you can even book in for a New England Dining Experience with a difference. Held at McCrossin's Mill and limited to just 60 people, the 3 course meal draws exclusively from the New England region, and the venue is decorated using local providers too. And in between creating and dining, there are great shopping opportunities and some great country drives to enjoy as well. Spread the word - we'd love to see you there.

Tara Toomey, Seasons of New England



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If you are aged 14 - 18 and have an interest in pursuing a creative skill then please get in touch with Seasons of New England. There are subsidised places for students of this age group for the following courses during the school holidays :

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- Mindful Doodling with Jan Clark (14 yrs +)
- Resuscitate your Manuscript with Michael Burge (15 yrs +)
- Sewing with Kath Caddy (14 yrs +)
- Lace Making with Vicki Taylor (14 yrs +)

There is a simple form to complete to apply for the subsidy, which covers most of the course fee thanks to the Smart Region Incubator at UNE, in partnership with Seasons of New England. Applications are welcome from visitors as well as residents. We hope this makes it the perfect opportunity to bring your family to Uralla for the weekend to pursue that creative dream. All courses are being delivered by highly regarded teachers with strong credentials in their field, in a concentrated weekend of creative opportunities.

Contact Tara at info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au and browse the full course details at www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au/shop/workshops

Tara Toomey, Seasons of New England

Delivering Better Government

Following the swearing-in of the full ministry today we announce the following departmental and administrative changes that will help deliver better government for all Australians. These changes will take effect on 1 July 2022.

A new Department of Employment and Workplace Relations will be created to implement and administer the Government's workplace relations, jobs, skills and training agenda.

A new Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water will be created to deliver the Government's job-creating climate change and energy agenda and give Australia's environment the protection it deserves.

Reflecting key priorities of the Government the Department of Health will be renamed the Department of Health and Aged Care and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications will be renamed the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

The Department of Finance will gain responsibility for data policy, including the Digital Transformation Agency, as well as de-regulation.

The Department of Home Affairs will gain responsibility for natural disaster response and mitigation, including the National Recovery and Resilience Agency.

The Attorney-General's portfolio will gain responsibility for criminal law enforcement and policy, including the Australian Federal Police.

Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister

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Budget boost for NSW bushfire inquiry

The NSW Government is making a major investment to better prepare communities and respond to bush fires, by committing \$315.2 million over the next four years to complete the recommendations of the NSW Bushfire Inquiry in the 2022-23 NSW Budget.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said \$191 million has been allocated to the Rural Fire Service (RFS) to help keep NSW communities safe through vital hazard reduction works, maintenance of strategic fire trails and the procurement of new fleet.

“The devastating Black Summer of 2019-20 had a lasting impact on communities right across our State, which is why the NSW Government is committed to finalising the Government’s response to the Bushfire Inquiry,” Mr Perrottet said.

“This investment will go a long way to ensuring the more than 1.3 million properties on bush fire prone land in our State are better prepared for future fire seasons.

“We are committed to investing in frontline services to strengthen communities across NSW.”

Treasurer Matt Kean said the NSW Government is delivering a Budget that has the future of local communities at its heart.

“By beefing up our emergency services, like the RFS, we are ensuring people across our State are better prepared for the challenges we face from natural disasters,” Mr Kean said.

“The NSW Government has previously committed \$516.4 million to addressing recommendations from the Bushfire Inquiry, and this investment takes our spend to over \$830 million in bush fire-proofing our State.”

Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience and Minister for Flood Recovery Steph Cooke said this important funding will also help protect firefighters when they respond to future emergency events.

“We will continue to act on the learnings of the 2019-20 Black Summer fire season. The safety of our firefighters who put themselves on the line to protect families, homes, businesses and the environment is paramount,” Ms Cooke said.

“The funding for the RFS includes \$105.6 million to deliver new trucks and retrofit old trucks, \$75.4 million to significantly boost the number of mitigation crews and \$10 million to enhance strategic fire trails.”

RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers said the funding would provide RFS members with the best firefighting resources, as well as improving the preparedness of bush fire prone communities.

“I applaud the outstanding work of our members. Being prepared and having the right resources is so important and

this investment from the NSW Government will strengthen our crews in the lead up to the next and future fire seasons,” Commissioner Rogers said.

“Previous funding to address the NSW Bushfire Inquiry has enabled the RFS to purchase and refurbish hundreds of trucks, with the 400th truck due to roll off the production line within weeks.”

The NSW Bushfire Inquiry was commissioned by former Premier Gladys Berejiklian to examine the causes, preparation and response to the devastating 2019-20 Black Summer bush fires. The NSW Government accepted the 76 recommendations and all recommendations are now complete or in progress.

Dominic Perrottet, NSW Premier



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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 Bowling Club, dinner optional after meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Uralla Tennis Social tennis 6:30pm Thursdays. Free court hire, Go to www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/ Hot shots Jnr Tennis, Uralla Sporting Complex Saturday 9am – 10am.

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

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

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

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

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

Uralla Men's Shed is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm in the Old Scout Hall, 18 Uralla Street North, (just off Thunderbolts Way, top of Alma Park) Ph 0419 151 253, e urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

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

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 10am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Ph: 6778 3277 or email : office@unc.org.au Donations welcomed.

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

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

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

Events for June - July

Learn Basic Sewing, Bundarra CWA rooms, every Friday throughout June, 10.30am - 3pm. Bring your lunch - tea and coffee supplied. Contact Kerrie 0403 600 446

Budget Review and Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 14 June, 10:30 start

ADFAS High Heel Heaven, Lecturer: Dr Peter McNeil.

Learn about footwear, mobility and history. Michael Hoskins Centre, Wed 15th June, 5.30pm. Trybooking.

Valinor Sound Sanctuary - Mid Winter Solstice evening retreat. Saturday 18 June, 5 - 9pm, bookings 0457 673 536

Mending Made Easy, Saturday 25 June, 12 - 4pm at Community Centre, 9 Hill St. Uralla. Free workshop - ph 0420 514 653

Uralla Shire Council, Ordinary Council Meeting, 9:30 am, Tuesday 28 June - Council Chambers

Sip and Paint Sing-Along, Saturday 2nd July at Uralla Golf Club

Poultry Auction, Sunday 3rd July at Uralla Showground.

Auction starts at 9.30am, if selling stock book in from 7.30am

New England Dining Experience, 6.30pm Friday 8th July, at McCrossin's Mill Museum. Bookings www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au/dining-experience

Wintery Weekend Wondrous Workshops - Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July. Bookings

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Barry Morgan's World of Organs - Thursday 21st July from 8.00pm at Uralla Bowling Club. Bookings

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

Annual Wage Review Submission

Today [3rd June] the Albanese Labor Government has recommended to the Fair Work Commission's Expert Panel conducting the Annual Wage Review that they ensure that the real wages of Australia's low paid workers do not go backwards.

One of our election commitments was to put forward our own submission to the Fair Work Commission advocating for an immediate wage increase for Australia's low-paid workers, and today we are delivering on that promise.

For nearly a decade, low wages were a deliberate design feature of the Liberal National Government.

That era is now over.

Economic conditions are highly unusual and challenging given inflation is at a 21-year high of 5.1 per cent and is expected to increase further in the near-term due to persistent and compounding supply shocks.

High and rising inflation and weak wages growth are reducing real wages across the economy and creating cost-of-living pressures for Australia's low-paid workers.

The Government does not want to see Australian workers go backwards; in particular, those workers on low rates of pay who are experiencing the worst impacts of inflation and have the least capacity to draw on savings.

Many low-paid workers are young, female, in casual employment, and are far more likely to find themselves experiencing financial hardship.

These low-paid workers were also on the front line delivering essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic, including in the retail, hospitality, aged care, cleaning, and childcare sectors.

Over the past decade, in 9 out of 10 years, the Panel has increased the minimum wage rate in line with, or above, inflation. The largest increase in recent years was in 2018–19 where a 3.5 per cent increase was ordered, when inflation was only 1.9 per cent.

Our submission does not suggest that across-the-board, wages should automatically increase in line with inflation, and our broader economic plan has been calibrated to boost productivity, which is the key driver of real wages growth over the longer term.

Ensuring that real wages for low-paid workers do not go backwards will protect the relative living standards for these workers and give them the best chance possible to earn a decent living, keep up with skyrocketing costs of living, secure more opportunities and actually get ahead.

An increase in wages for Australia's low-paid workers will also complement our efforts to help close the national gender pay gap.

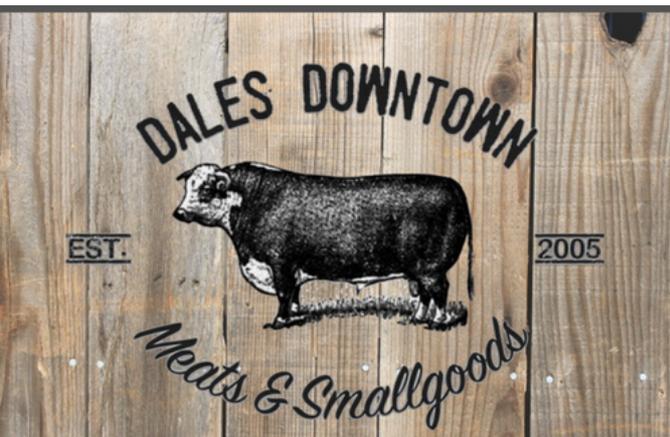
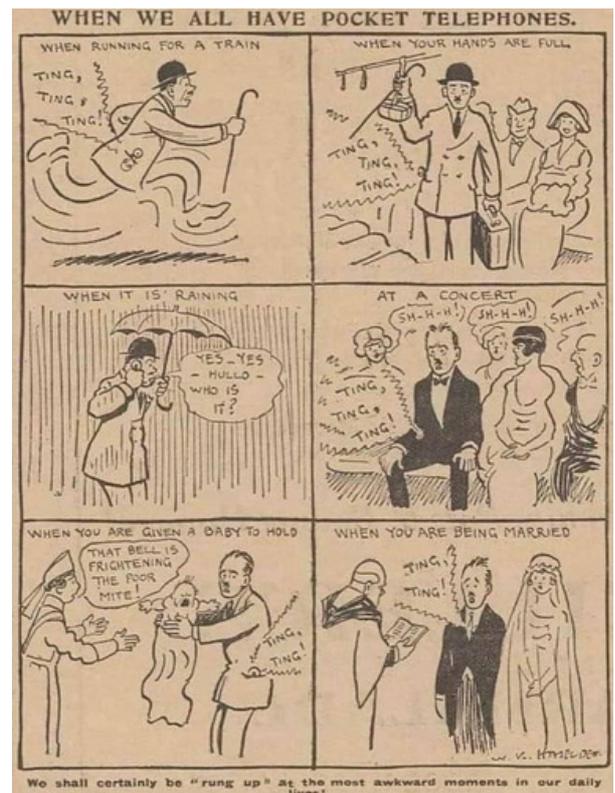
The economy we inherited from the previous government is weaker than was expected before the election and there are significant challenges ahead.

The Albanese Labor Government has immediately started work on building a better future for all Australians, including through this Annual Wage Review submission.

We thank the Fair Work Commission's Expert Panel conducting the review for the opportunity to make a submission and look forward to their decision later this month.

Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister

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Uralla CWA

Handbag Project

The wonderful and generous community of Uralla has done it again!

Uralla CWA held a working bee on Saturday 4th June and as a result 26 handbags, containing a variety of personal care items, have been safely delivered to the Women's Shelter in Armidale.

This project is a wonderful example of a collaborative venture between community members, Uralla Co-op and Uralla CWA.

- Lots of community members have been dropping off personal care items and handbags over the last 6 months
- Uralla Co-op excelled themselves by collecting suitable bags and items to hand on to Uralla CWA
- Uralla CWA members donated bags and personal care items. Members held a working bee and filled the repurposed handbags with personal care products and delivered the bags to the Women's Shelter

The Women's Shelter provides support for women who have had to flee domestic violence, and the donated handbags are valued essentials for women in need.

The Handbag Project is ongoing and donations such as handbags, wallets, soap, shampoo, deodorant, skincare, combs, brushes, make up, hand cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc. will be gratefully received.

For further information please call 6778 3881

Trish Rasmussen and Luise Scherer

Uralla CWA members



Uralla CWA Members with the donated bags



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My Bout With COVID

I was down at the Club the other day.
On our special day when we went to play,
To honour Pam with a game of bowls.
But the rain soaked the green as well as our soles!

So, there we were, back inside the Club,
All bunched together, shoulders a-rub.
Our clothing a little damp and steaming,
While outside the icy winds kept on screaming!

We sat around the tables, gossiped and talked.
Played a game of carpet bowls, a bit of sport.
Had our lunch and gave out the raffle prizes.
We had lots of brightly coloured surprises!

But something else visited the Club that day.
Something elusive, that caused some dismay.
Bob was one of those who caught the scourge.
As hosts and visitors all together did merge.

It was that nasty little virus that's going all around.
It spread to Armidale, to another's home ground.
They coughed and spluttered; took to their beds.
They all did a test; the results all lined up in reds.

Of course, that wasn't the end of it, I have to say.
That nasty little virus just had to have its way.
Three days after Bob, I woke up much the same,
Moaning and groaning; my body aching with pain.

I had the dreaded COVID; I had a hacking cough.
A soaring temperature that kept on taking off.
I had a blinding headache; I couldn't lift my head.
My results all came back positive, showing vivid red.

I fought my bout with COVID; it was pretty hard.
It tried to take my breath away. I felt a little scarred.
The COVID just kept hanging on; it wouldn't let me go.
Seven days came and went; time seemed to slow.

On day fourteen I did another test.
Would it be the same as all the rest?
I watched it closely; would it grow another line?
I didn't really feel any better, didn't feel fine.

A COVID negative result came through.
I suppose that must mean I've now got the flu.
Cos, I know I'm not any better; I still feel such a wreck.
But I've got over COVID; an event I'll not soon forget!

Pauline Crouch
UWBC Publicity Officer

Fuel Watch	11 June 2022	
	ULP	Diesel
Invergowrie	185.0	208.0
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Puma	197.9	217.9
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SCHOOL ZONE

SAFETY UPGRADES

A school road safety blitz in the Uralla Shire will see \$180,000 spent improving pedestrian access at Uralla and Bundarra Central Schools and St Joseph's Primary School, in Uralla.

The School Zone Infrastructure Program has been jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall said the works would help to keep some of our most vulnerable road users and students safe during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

"We all know how chaotic school zones can be at the start of the school day and when that final bell rings at 3pm," Mr Marshall said.

"The State Government has worked with Uralla Shire Council and school principals to identify a list of suitable projects to deliver the greatest safety benefits to road users. In order to give pedestrians more time to cross busy roads and to improve motorist visibility, new raised refuges with mid-block cut throughs are being installed at the three education facilities."

"On either side of these crossing areas the kerb will be extended and pedestrian fences added to give extra protection while pedestrians wait for a break in traffic." Council has almost finished these upgrades on Bowline Street in Bundarra. By the middle of June road crews will be hard at work making the adjustments to Wood Street and Park Street in Uralla."

"The last thing any of us wants is a motor vehicle accident at one of our schools, and these cost effective measures will go a long way towards reducing that risk." Across the Northern Tablelands electorate 15 school zone projects have been funded, totalling \$303,800. All projects are expected to be finished by June next year.

Adam Marshall
Northern Tablelands MP



Uralla Central School Principal Michael Rathborne, left, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall and kindergartener students Hannah Cain, Archie Sharpe, Toby Broadbent and Makaylah Everson.

Community Messages

Uralla Co-op can now be contacted by phone at the shop **0423 917 577**

Craft Call Out - do you have knitting needles, crochet hooks, craft books, scissors and sewing needles gathering dust in a cupboard? Why not donate these items to the families affected by floods in the Northern Rivers?

Items can be dropped into the Knattering Knitters at Uralla Library on a Saturday morning.

Bundarra CWA is offering free sewing classes. Learn basic sewing with a sewing machine and overlocker, all supplies are available free of charge, just bring your lunch. Tea and coffee supplied.

Every Friday throughout June, 10.30am - 3pm in the CWA Rooms Bundarra - call Kerrie 0403 600 446

Jason's Small Engines (mower shop) is under new management and will soon have a new premises located at Graham Betts Caravans, Bridge Street, Uralla.

Uralla Excellence Awards - time to nominate and celebrate! Uralla Shire Business Chamber is providing community members with an opportunity to thank and recognise outstanding employees, employers, businesses and organisations. Nominations close 9th July

The Archibald Prize 2021 exhibition is on tour at New England Regional Art Museum (Armidale) until Sunday 26th June. The gallery is open Tuesday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm, NSW Discover vouchers (that expire at the end of June) can be used to purchase tickets.

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Running Wild – Dam Him All To Hell!

6. Recap. *Big, heavy rain wet everything. Farming down in the valley had come to a halt. Molly and her Ma could do little but wait it out in their leaking hut on Mountain Black. Their wait was punctuated by a visit by Fred and his men one dark, wet and stormy night.*

Nell just nodded and Molly slunk away to the shadows in the corner of the hut as they brought in grog and a small hessian bag of dry biscuits. They quickly dropped their coats and water-soaked hats, huddled around the hearth, loaded the fire until it was roaring bright.

On haunches they rolled their smokes and passed around the earthen jug, sharing dry biscuits, offering to Nell in the process. They tried to coax Molly to join them at the fireside. Eventually Molly moved closer, kneeling between her Ma and Fred, but still able to keep good sight on the other men. They chatted for a while, mostly complaining about the rain and making wagers on when it would clear.

Soon their smokes were smoked, the grog and biscuits were gone. Fred stood up, 'let's leave before the traps find us here, I know they're close and it's only this rain that's slowed them up till now. I'll feel better if we're among the devil's marbles, up Hanging Rock way by dawn, then we might have half a chance'.

No sooner than they had arrived, they donned their sodden hats and oilskins, and were out the door. Fred paused at the doorway, tilted his head and pinching his brim towards Nellie saying 'if I'm ended Nell, you and I've been good'.

The storm had now passed but the rain had only eased slightly. Soon there was the sound of hooves on loose slate, fading into the dark night, and they were gone. Molly asked 'do you think Fred will escape the traps Ma?' Nell was a little woozy from the grog but was able to manage, 'he's a wily one and they've not got him yet.' 'So don't you worry yourself about him dear, best we keep to ourselves and say nothin about tonight to anyone', she warned.

Molly nodded at her Ma's stern advice. Nellie then cursed out loud, 'Dam Him all to Hell', then paused and said more quietly, 'But I does love him'.

The end, until the next episode of the 'Running Wild' a short fiction story.

By Daryl Albertson

Deadline for the next edition is
5pm Thursday 23rd June 2022.

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

Uralla Township And Environs Committee

This Council 355 committee currently has four vacancies for residents who are keen to contribute their creative ideas and/or concerns about Uralla's appearance and amenities. UTEC was formed by Council three years ago to advise about parks and other "open spaces". It provides a conduit for community ideas to be considered then fast-tracked directly to the next Council meeting for formal consideration.

Meetings are held only four times a year on the first Monday of that month at 6pm sharp at Uralla Council Chambers, the next meeting on August 1st. But they can be called more frequently if urgent issues arise "out of the blue".

Members compose a tight agenda, so meetings are always inclusive, productive and slick, all matters addressed within an hour. Nobody, anywhere, enjoys meetings that go round and round in circles with little result, plenty of revolutions but few resolutions!

UTEC members are well-informed on issues, and focused, so there's always lively discussion producing succinct definitive recommendations sent off for the Council Meeting's agenda.

People keen to join the UTEC team need only to express their interest in writing to Kate Jessep, General Manager, Uralla Shire Council.

Great ideas or an axe to grind, here's your opportunity!

Annie Mayo, Secretary UTEC

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Friday 29th July, 6pm for 6.30pm
at Uralla Showgrounds

- ✦ Outstanding Employee/Trainee/Apprentice
- ✦ Excellence in Sustainability/Innovation
- ✦ Outstanding Business Leader
- ✦ Outstanding Community Organisation
- ✦ Employer of choice
- ✦ Excellence in Business

Make your nomination below and send by email to awards@urallabusinesschamber.org.au or drop in to Thunder Graphics at 84 Bridge St or our street stall by COB Saturday 9 July x
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Come along and bring your friends to the Gala celebration on Friday the 29th of July at Uralla Showgrounds at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our achievers!

Dress: Glam!

Details on ticket purchasing to be advised.



Nomination for (person/business): _____

Their phone number: _____ Their email: _____

Important - please include so we can sent them their form to complete!

Tick which category you are nominating them for:

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