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## Region to Light Up With State's Largest Renewable Energy Zone

THE New England will become the renewable energy powerhouse of NSW, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and Energy and Environment Minister Matt Kean today announcing an \$80 million State Government investment to establish the State's largest, Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) in the region. Mr Marshall said the 8,000 MW REZ will deliver the jolt needed to recharge economies and communities right across northern NSW.

"Today, with the backdrop of the State's largest wind farm the Sapphire Wind Farm, the State Government has flicked the switch on a new era of investment, development and job creation for our region," Mr Marshall said.

"The New England REZ is expected to attract \$12.7 billion in investment for new energy infrastructure that will lower household electricity bills and capitalise on established wind and solar projects on the Northern Tablelands. "Importantly, at a time when towns like Glen Innes, Inverell, Uralla and Armidale are looking for new ways to encourage employment opportunities, the REZ will generate 2,000 construction jobs and 1,300 ongoing jobs. "Already, large scale wind and solar projects in the Northern Tablelands electorate are generating enough electricity to power 254,318 NSW homes.

"With approved projects like the New England Solar Farm at Uralla and Metz Solar Farm at Armidale expected to start construction in the next two years that output is set to explode to well over half a million regular homes. "Further to that, an area stretching just from Walcha to Tenterfield, there is at least another 10 state-significant projects going through assessment with the NSW Department of Planning. "It's eye watering to think the New England REZ could power a further 3.5 million homes and, when coupled with the recently announced Central-West Orana REZ, sets the State up to become the number one destination across Australia for renewable energy investment.

"I have long spoken about renewable energy being the 'wind-of-change' for this region and today we can proudly say the hard work put in by the sector's pioneers has lit the way for a new bright future for our region and beyond." Mr

Marshall said the REZ represented a golden opportunity to diversify economies and provide better infrastructure.

"For the first time in our region's history, we are on the cusp of being a net exporter of energy building wealth in our communities," he said. "Through progressive new policy frameworks and the National Energy Guarantee (NEG), we are balancing the needs of community while government action is driving new investment in new power generation to deliver least cost energy to customers. "The benefits of the New England REZ blow way beyond the renewable energy sector, offering the opportunity for mass investment in things like public roads, telecommunications infrastructure and health services. "Quality infrastructure is not only vital for the efficient delivery of electricity to the network but will also play a role in encouraging people to relocate to our area to work on these ground-breaking projects. "Today's official declaration of New England as an 8,000 MW REZ is a long-awaited milestone for the future of the region and I am determined to see community-wide benefits flow from this announcement." REZs involve making strategic transmission upgrades to bring multiple new generators online in areas with strong renewables resources and community support. For more information - [www.energy.nsw.gov.au/renewables/renewable-energy-zones](http://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/renewables/renewable-energy-zones)

**Adam Marshall MP, Member for Northern Tablelands**



**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.**

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me to raise their concerns in relation to the expansion of Foodworks. A deferral of the Development Application will now allow a number of critical questions to be addressed. I have raised concerns regarding traffic movement on the site, and the likelihood that anyone parking in the current rear carpark would look to access Salisbury Street through the new supermarket carpark. I have also raised concerns that no pedestrian access protection is provided. The Traffic Study prepared by Kelley Covey highlighted this concern. This report also recommended the current traffic blister and island be moved further up Salisbury Street to avoid conflict with the intersection with Bridge Street. The plans provided to Council show it moved closer to the intersection. The letter from Transport for NSW states "The impact of through and turning traffic has not been adequately addressed."

As near as I can determine from the plans provided, heavy vehicles travel paths will be within a metre of the old stables building, and western access will be restricted to 400mm. I know it is the developer's land; however some negotiations would be positive. Any damage to the old stables during construction or with future transport movements will be devastating for this fragile building.

A further issue to consider is that the roots from the trees between Michael's Café and the rear of Foodworks come into the Foodworks' property. The developer is entitled to remove the roots, but again I would like to see this done under the watchful eye of an expert, to ensure if any steps can be taken not to affect the long term health and stability of the trees. This may include root guard to limit any further damage on the northern wall. As a resident of Uralla for 35 years, and a regular shopper at Foodworks, I am committed to this development going ahead, but with hopefully some compromises.

Great news with Adam Marshall MP announcing \$516,000 for upgrading two kilometres of Hawthorne Drive under the "Fixing Local Roads" program. Retreat Road and Kingstown residents will also benefit from the replacement of the bridge over the MacDonald River and the sealing of seven kilometres between Bendemeer and Kingstown, with \$3,600,000 provided to Tamworth Regional Council under the same program.

With the Queensland border to open soon, let's hope the Victorian situation does not spread north. Many local businesses have benefited from regional travellers keen to at least travel somewhere.

Welcome to our new General Manager, Kate Jessep. It is now over 12 months since we had a permanent person in the role. We all look forward to Kate getting involved in the local community. Given what is occurring in Armidale, we should encourage stability in the organisation. One suggestion is for Kate to meet with local business leaders in a low key social setting, rather than in a formal setting.

The Uralla Men's Shed took a huge leap forward with the pouring of the concrete slab for the new shed beside the Scout Hall. Brett Wallace and Kirin Walters went above and beyond, with the footings needing to go down up to 1.8 metres in order to strike solid ground. Fourteen piers should ensure it doesn't move. The Men's Shed organisation has had to work for more than two years to gain approval to construct on the site.

It is a wonderful sight to drive along Gostwyck Road and see the myriad of young children enjoying the new bike facilities and recreation area beside the BMX track. Equally delightful to see are the hoards of families making use of the playground facilities at Alma Park.

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# UPC Community

## Reference Group

We are very pleased to announce the selection of eight Community Reference Group (CRG) members to help us establish and implement governance arrangements for the Community Benefit Sharing Initiative (CBSI) to be funded as part of the New England Solar Farm.

The CRG members hold an excellent range of skills and experience that will greatly assist us in setting up the program and overseeing the funding selection process.

The New England Solar Farm CRG members are:

Bruce McMullen

Deb Douglas

Lone Petrov

Lisa Heagney

Richard Daugherty

Sandra Eady

Steve Ahoy

Thomas O'Connor

We would like to thank all members of the community who took the time to apply for membership on the CRG.

**UPC/AC Renewables Australia**

# Grid Connection

## Agreement Signed

The grid connection agreement for the New England Solar Farm has been completed with Transgrid, the operator of the electricity transmission network in NSW.

The agreement is an important step that will allow the 720 MW solar farm to connect and supply power into the NSW electricity grid and traded in the National Electricity Market.

Design work on the transmission substation to be constructed as part of the approved development will begin soon, allowing the project to connect to the existing 330kV powerlines that cross the solar farm site.

**UPC/AC Renewables Australia**



A promotional banner for Catholic Schools Week. It features a green and yellow color scheme. On the left is a logo with a cross and the text "NURTURE GROW CELEBRATE Our Catholic Schools". In the center is the crest of St Joseph's Primary School Uralla, which includes a dollar sign and the motto "TEACH BY EXAMPLE". On the right, it says "Proudly supported by AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SUPERANNUATION RETIREMENT FUND". A green banner across the middle reads "St Joseph's Uralla Enrolling Now! (02) 6778 4063". Below this, a large purple banner says "Catholic Schools Week 26 July - 1 August 2020". At the bottom, there are three photographs of children in school uniforms: one girl at a desk, two boys with a craft project, and two boys in green hats holding a plant. A small logo for the Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Armidale is in the bottom right corner.

# COVID-19 Update

This week it has been a case of one border opens and another one closes with the deteriorating COVID-19 situation in Victoria placing NSW authorities on high-alert. I want to reassure our communities both states are united in their effort to stop the illness spreading beyond the identified Melbourne hot-spots which is why, for the first time in 100 years, NSW has closed its border with Victoria. Under this arrangement anyone who has been in Victoria in the past 14 days must not enter NSW unless they hold a valid entry permit, they are authorised to enter under the order or they are accompanying someone allowed to enter as a dependent, or to provide care or support to them. NSW residents are allowed to return home but they must self-isolate for 14 days immediately after re-entry. The daily rate of infection down south is both astounding and frightening, which is why we must all do our bit ensure not one single case occurs up here. In good news the great caravan-migration north is currently underway after the Queensland border re-opened today. I know towns like Moree, Bingara and Warialda have been full to the brim with visitors eagerly waiting to jump the border and escape winter. This has provided a welcome economic boost to many of our small businesses who have been starved of a decent tourist season since the start of the drought three years ago. Travellers are reminded it is not as easy as just hopping in your car and crossing the border, with residents needing to apply for a Queensland Border Declaration Pass. The declaration gives an undertaking that the person will present for a COVID-19 test if the person develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of entering Queensland. A separate declaration pass is required for each individual, including children, and all travellers in the party must be eligible to enter Queensland. The passes do have a shelf-life and must be used within seven days of being approved. Closer to home, our region is still COVID-19 free, with no new cases in the last two months. Despite this, we must remain vigilant. Finally, to avoid our own coronavirus flare-up it falls on all of us to follow the below advice from our medical experts: follow the rules about gatherings, self-isolation and quarantine maintain a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres from others practise good hand hygiene stay active and healthy take extra care if you're around vulnerable people get tested if you have any symptoms, even if they are only mild follow NSW Health advice about staying home while you are waiting for test results. The risk is real and only by remaining alert can we ensure this illness does not return to our region. It looks like there is some wet stuff on the way this weekend so stay dry and warm.

**Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands**

## Letter from Mrs Dorothy McRae (née Curtis)

Dear Mr van Ekert

President of Historical Society Uralla

I recently heard on the local television of the possible enlargement and change to the large building on the corner of the main street.

I did feel very disappointed at the time that the facade of this old building would be completely changed but since then have read in our local "Express" that Council has voted against it for the moment. I have an enormous feeling of relief.

My grandfather W. Curtis originally owned this old business and the old building. William had 2 sons, Bernie (Alfred Bernard) and Harry. My Dad Bernie worked in the Armidale store and my Uncle Harry managed the Uralla store. It was all part of our family life.

My maiden name was Dorothy Curtis and I later married James McRae, a local Armidale boy. He was a distant relative of the McRae owner.

After my husband died I returned to Armidale 23 years ago from Sydney to live, after living in Sydney during my marriage. I have 4 married children still living in Sydney. They all come to Armidale regularly to visit me and one outing they all love is a drive down to Uralla. We go down the Highway and home either via Arding or Gostwyck after a cup of coffee and a browse along the shopping centre. My son David adores the Pie shop and says nowhere in Sydney can he buy pies equal to them!! His 10-year old daughter loves the "lolly shop".

They all love the buildings and the character of the town and all agree they would hate to see this old building changed and of course our family history.

Thank you for reading what I have to say. I live out of Uralla but thought I would like to comment. I am now 90 years old and love my visits to your lovely little town.

Sincerely,

Dorothy McRae (née Curtis)

**The Uralla Wordsworth acknowledges receipt of a lengthy letter to the editor from Mr Alex Sherrin, which we regret that we didn't have the space to publish in this edition. However we will publish this in the next edition of the newspaper.**

## Dear Uralla Residents,

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had numerous phone calls and emails both for approving the Foodworks development as it is, and for modifying it to meet safety and heritage concerns. Thank you for your interest and your obvious passion for Uralla; a passion we identify with and share.

Due to the information and misinformation currently out there we believe there is a need to explain to you why we voted to defer the Foodworks Development Application.

We very strongly support the expansion of Foodworks. However, this expansion should be not be at the expense of the safety of our residents or our main street appearance. There are better options available. We have been told "All the experts involved have ticked this DA off". Do these responses show DA85-1920 has been approved by the "Experts" ("ticked off")?

### Safety

Letter from Transport NSW dated 7th January 2020

*1. The impact of through and turning traffic has not been adequately addressed. Through traffic on Salisbury Street should be able to negotiate a vehicle turning right into the development*

*2. Council should be satisfied that adequate off-street parking will be provided for customers and staff. Consideration should be given to how pedestrians will safely traverse the car park, service area and driveway to access the supermarket.*

These concerns are not addressed on the plans or information that has been provided to Councillors

### Heritage

Uralla Council Heritage Advisory Memo 4th February 2020

The proposal as submitted:

- *Changes the character of the Uralla Commercial Precinct by introducing a bulky building at the heart of the precinct,*
- *Significantly alters the roof form of the existing Foodworks store by reducing its prominence and interest when viewed from the street and changing its appearance and historical connection to the original sections of the building,*
- *Alters the Bridge Street appearance by removing several recessed windows and door openings,*
- *Alters the Bridge and Salisbury Street appearances by introducing accessible ramps along the external façade*



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*rather than locating them within the building...*

Again, these concerns are not addressed on the plans or information that has been provided to Councillors

In addition to safety and heritage we are concerned about:

- *Intrusion of the ramp into the Salisbury Street footpath. The ramp will take up about half of the existing footpath which is in direct conflict with our own Development Control Plan. Other businesses have not been allowed ramps on council property.*
- *The removal of the garden outside The Stables and the impact of the excavation on the trees in The Old Bank garden (Michaels Café).*
- *The potential impact of increased traffic on the adjacent heritage buildings.*

The Applicant has had this information available for some months but chose not to address any of the issues raised in any of the submissions. Whilst we very strongly support this development, we cannot support it in its current form. We value Uralla, we value the people in Uralla. We are not prepared to approve a development that will compromise the safety of our residents or the appearance of our main street: An appearance several individuals have spent a lot of time and money to develop and maintain. We could never forgive ourselves if a member of our community were injured by a reversing truck in a public carpark that didn't have the necessary safeguards and approvals in place.

The community should also be aware that Councillors were only advised of the development in late February and only became aware of the details of the development in the 26th May Council Papers. Councillors were provided with the Council Business Papers on 22nd May. Councillors were provided with a copy of the plans on 25th May. At the 26th May Ordinary Council Meeting, key traffic report information was still missing and was only provided on 27th May.

We have not refused the development, only requested that the applicant enter into negotiations. We believe a very practical request.

Feel free to call any of the signatories to discuss any concerns you may have about our treatment of this proposal.

Yours sincerely

**Cr Bob Crouch** 0428616885

**Cr Tom O'Connor** 67783684

**Cr Tara Toomey** 0434408163

**Cr Levi Sampson** 04344088055

Cr Robert Bell has made his comment on p3

*Full colour copies of the 17 pages of plans for this development have been placed at The Top Pub, Burnet's Books, The Pie Mechanic, Moons Bakery, Dales Downtown Meats, Highland Living, Thunder Graphics and Melrose for anyone who wants to view them. This has been done at our cost to help people understand some of the issues.*

# Letters to the Editor

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Full marks to the contractors who cleared out the muddy and overgrown Bridge underpass. When you look over the railing from Salisbury St and Bridge St. the difference is quite amazing as indicated in the photographs. Please note that the walkway, now fully accessible with a new railing up the ramp is extremely dark and without twenty four hour vandal proof lighting could become a security problem. I'm not sure whether the new work was done by RMS or other authority but I think some form of security lighting is essential in the interests of protecting our Community.

## Gordon Fuller, Concerned Resident

PS. If lighting is installed there is a wonderful opportunity to invite quality artwork (that is professional graffiti!) along the newly painted grey wall with an emphasis on our Heritage Village. Some of the old photos from the waste paper bins could be used as a basis for part of the contemporary artwork!



Bridge St underpass

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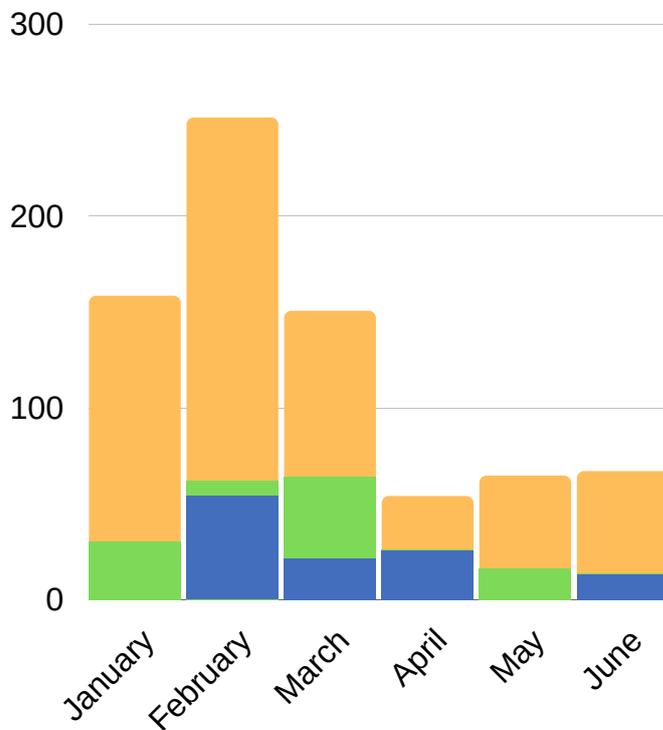
We look forward to working with you to assist older people in our Community.

**Anna Schofield, Ascent Community Care**

# Rainfall Snapshot

	2018	2019	2020
Jan	No Record	30.2	127.8
Feb	54	8	189.2
March	21.4	42.6	86.4
April	25.4	0.4	28
May	0	16	28.2
June	13.2	0.6	53
July	51.8	7	
Aug	18.2	6	
Sep	32.8	6.4	
Oct	44.6	23.2	
Nov	84.6	15.6	
Dec	53.8	36.2	
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>399.8*</b>	<b>192.2</b>	

\*Unofficial total due to no record at the Dumaresq St Weather Station in January 2018.



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Monthly Rainfall Totals 2018, 2019, 2020 sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology Dumaresq St, Uralla Weather Station as at 11th July 2020

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Dear Sirs

I am wondering as to how long some of these people who are concerned at the loss of heritage characteristics by the proposed improvements to the Foodworks building, have actually lived in Uralla. Anyone who has been a long time resident can tell you that the external facade of the building as it stands today looks nothing like it did when it was first built and in fact almost every building in the main street has been altered in one way or another. Most buildings had awnings or verandahs supported by wooden or steel posts but they had to be removed when street parking was changed from parallel to angle parking. The awning of the Curtis Arcade (McRaes in my time) was supported by 12 white posts on the Bridge St. side and there were three entrances to the building. The first was into the Hardware Dept. which is now about where the Liquor Section is. The second door was to the Grocery Dept. which is now the main entrance and about another 4 metres to the South of the existing entrance was the entrance to the Ladies Wear Dept. which was a semi-circular area that had a glassed in, ground to ceiling display case that you had to go around from either side to access the door. This door-way led to the Ladies Wear Dept. and Mary Miller used to update the display in the front windows and also the display case. The exterior of the building at that time would have been worthy of having its heritage aspects protected but what we have today is a bland, flat exterior (other than the upper brickwork above ceiling level) that I, for one, would not have any concerns about any changes being made to it. It would not surprise me, because of the ongoing hassles in getting Council approval for the planned extensions and modifications, if the owners just walked away and left us without a supermarket. No supermarket, just a Heritage Listed empty building for us to admire. I am also surprised that there has been no concern shown about the loss of any heritage characteristics of any of the other premises in Bridge St. that have been refurbished in the last few years or are being refurbished now.

**Jeff Lutton, Longtime resident of Uralla**

Dear Residents of Uralla

I have lived in this area for 5 years now and I feel extremely lucky that I live in such a wonderful town with friendly people. I fear that the Foodworks development will divide the community.

The reason I am writing this letter is to advise that at no time did anyone in the Uralla Historical Society say that the Foodworks supermarket should not be expanded and updated. I shop there myself and I can see the benefits. I know we and others voiced objections in council meetings. Those objections were stated in order for the councillors to realise that the extent of the proposal in question may not be feasible in this area. The supermarket building itself has Heritage value which we would like to see protected and preserved. Inside, the building can certainly be expanded and modernised. We are talking about the roof structure and the façade not being demolished and therefore lost.

We also spoke about the expansive car-park and its impact on the Heritage buildings surrounding it. That means that The Museum and the Stables/Stores buildings would no longer look as attractive to visitors. It will look like anything you find in a large city, surrounded by a concrete jungle. People visit our town and surrounding areas to get away from things like that and enjoy our Heritage and History.

The Stables/Stores building does not have the foundations to withstand the constant heavy traffic from large trucks.

We would like to see our current gardens being kept in place on both sides of this wonderful old building. Two maybe three metres of gardens along the fence line would also be appreciated, as this will go a long way to preserving ambience for our functions. We also need disabled access at the back of the Mill as we quite often have elderly bus groups.

McCrossins Mill is a volunteer organisation and all the money we make goes towards its upkeep and improvements. This wonderful museum attracts thousands of visitors per year and they are always encouraged to walk our main street to take advantage of the lovely cafes

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# Andrew Murray's Diary

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## Friday April 20, 1860:

Being, by information received, only about 10 miles from Yaamba, the crossing place of the Fitzroy, we pushed on this morning, reaching it in good time. As expected, it was uncrossable, so, after a time, we got a Mr. Pitt who had a good boat, and who keeps an inn near the opposite bank, to come down and arrangement were made to carry our luggage over. We paid him 1/- for 112lbs. for our rations and saddles and 1/- each for ourselves at so much per cwt., and we swam our horses safely over. It was late evening before we got all carried up the opposite bank which was high and steep. Several articles that had been left by the unfortunate Kanona gold rush crowd of 1858 were still lying about on the bank – an iron-stone and other odds and ends. Our tent pitched for the night and our kit all put away, Muldoon, who was anxious to learn to swim and had bought a swimming belt in Rockhampton, went down and dabbled in the river till late, a very dangerous thing to do as there were many crocodiles in the river and there may have been sharks also as the river is navigable for small boats up to this point. I caught a large cat-fish.

## Saturday April 21, 1860:

Rained off and on most of the day. Mr. McCrossin's horse, that had his knee injured from a cut by an axe, being lame, caused us to camp here a few days. Pigeons were plentiful and we shot many of them. They were what is known as squatter pigeons from their habit of squatting down close to the ground before flying. Their flesh is very fine and white. Whilst washing some of them as I sat in a boat, I felt fish nibbling at them and thought to get a fish by holding on to the pigeon till a fish bit at it. The fish was "too many" for me and snapped one out of my hand, which I lost, so I used the hook after that. Muldoon, a few days later, was taken ill with fever and ague and returned to Rockhampton, so I volunteered to take his pack-horse on and mark out his country for him. When he recovered he went into a butchery for a time, after which he bought in to a station with a Mr. McKenzie at Glen Roy. He was drowned in crossing the Dawson many years after, by the upsetting of his boat. (\*)

## Sunday April 22, 1860:

Remained in camp all day. Weather fine.

## Monday April 23, 1860:

Horse still lame, so remained in camp. Caught several cat-fish. I got the loan of Leichhardt's journal of exploration from Mr. Pitt and copied such parts from it as I thought might be of use to us.

## Tuesday April 24, 1860:

Still in camp. Mr. McKay caught 2 large eels, of which we made a good meal. The rain seemed to have gone and air cool.

## Wednesday April 25, 1860:

Mr. McCrossin's black horse having recovered sufficiently to travel short stages, we started, and having passed Canoona head station we camped on the south side of a small creek called Canoona Creek. The country is now more ridgy rock formation and slate. Timber: ironbark.

## Thursday April 26, 1860:

On going to rouse Muldoon this morning, occupying the new tent that Cameron, he and I had made, he said he was ill. On looking into the tent I noticed that a heavy dew had apparently fallen on his blanket. As he was inside a good tent, I could not understand it at first. Going inside, I noticed a peculiar odour. The dew-like appearance on his blanket was caused by a steamy perspiration, the result of fever heat of his body. It was the dreaded fever and ague; he was ill and despondent, all energy gone; he could go no further, so I took charge of his pack-horse, which gave me six horses to attend to now. I told him I would draw for him and mark his blocks of land for him if we found any country, and he could go back to Rockhampton, which he did. (\*)

## Friday April 27, 1860:

The last of my mates gone now. Went on over slate ridges passing Mr Radford's station "Princhester". The country here changes to basalt; the ridges run up to mountains. Followed up Princhester creek or one of its tributaries and camped. Fine.

## Saturday April 28, 1860:

Had a good start and reached Mr Henning's station "Marborough" in good time. This is the farthest-out station passed on our track, and here we bid farewell to civilisation. (\*) Note the information regarding Muldoon's illness is duplicated on April 21 and April 26. It would appear, from the detail, that the earlier entry was added some considerable time after the event.

To be continued.....

Noel Marshall, Uralla Historical Society

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and interesting shops. However if tourism declines, the whole of Uralla will suffer. We have all just experienced what a few months without tourists can do to our economy. I am hoping that common sense will prevail. I am hoping that all of us can sit down and implement a plan that will work. Uralla is a quaint thriving town and I would not like to see it suffer simply because there is no communication and compromise. **Veronica Porter, Treasurer Uralla Historical Society and very concerned citizen**

### July Cool Climate Planting Guide

Artichoke (Jerusalem) / Asparagus / Broad Beans / Broccoli / Brussels Sprouts / Cabbage / Celery / Celeriac / Chicory / Endive / Garlic / Mustard Greens / Peas / Radish / Shallots (Eschalots) / Spinach / Turnips / Swedes  
Source - **Gardening Australia**

# Road Projects in New England

The initiative is part of the Federal Government's \$1.5 billion infrastructure stimulus package.

**From the office of the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP**

## Regional Roads

THE efforts of the region's councils to improve their local road networks has received a huge boost today, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall announcing a \$16,498,778 funding package for 19 projects in the Gwydir, Tenterfield, Inverell, Moree Plains, Glen Innes Severn and Uralla Shire local government areas. The funding has been made available through the first round NSW Government's new \$500 million Fixing Local Roads program, of which the Australian Government has contributed \$191 million.

Mr Marshall said the major funding injection would act as a giant economic stimulus for the region, allowing councils to bring forward road projects they already had on their books or start new works they did not have the finances to undertake. "These 19 projects will help generate and retain jobs, helping our region to rebuild and recover from the effects of drought, bushfires and now COVID-19," Mr Marshall said. "This is a massive win for our local councils and for everyone in the community who can look forward to better quality and ultimately safer travels. "These projects will also be instrumental in getting our agricultural sector and rural communities back on their feet after years of hardship.

"I don't think anyone will mind the inconvenience of road works over the next little while, knowing that the end result is going to be higher quality local roads. Mr Marshall said he viewed today's funding splurge as an indication of things to come. "This is only the first round of this program, with many more to come in the next two years," he said. "Today, our region secured \$16.5 million – just imagine what we can scoop up in future funding rounds and the good it will do for our region's roads and the local economy. "These works will mean smoother, safer trips along the roads our community use every day to conduct business, transport their produce to market and get their children to school.

"In this COVID-19 world every job matters and so next time you are stuck on any road works take the time to notice the local faces employed on these important projects. "I'll continue to work with all of our region's local councils, not just on the delivery of these exciting projects, but looking ahead to the next round for more funding to upgrade even more roads."

In this round, Gwydir Shire received \$5 million, Tenterfield \$4 million, Moree Plains \$3.4 million, Inverell \$2.6 million, Glen Innes Severn \$900,000 and Uralla \$516,000.

**Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall MP**

The Australian and NSW Governments will join forces to turbocharge a program which will improve local roads in New England and create regional jobs. Federal Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the Australian Government has committed \$191 million to build on the NSW Government's \$500 million Fixing Local Roads program, to ensure even more regional communities benefit, faster. "This is about getting shovels in the ground on local construction projects to maintain jobs and economic growth in New England. Every single job that we support makes a huge difference and will ensure we have the safe transport connections needed to keep moving now, and as we navigate out of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic," Mr Joyce said.

Examples of projects to be targeted in New England include: \$5 million for the sealing of Horton Road, from the village of Upper Horton to the intersection of Killarney Gap Road (16km) – Gwydir Shire Council area; \$3.6 million for the sealing of Retreat Road (7km) and the replacement of Retreat Bridge to open the road to B-Double semi-trailers and help drought-stricken farmers – Tamworth Regional Council area; \$3.99 million for the upgrade of Tooloom Road from Paddy's Flat North to Urbenville (12km) and a new concrete bridge over Beaury Creek – Tenterfield Shire Council area. (The complete list of New England projects is attached) Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Michael McCormack, said the Australian Government's funding injection was about generating jobs, encouraging spending and stimulating local economies. "The injection will see \$382 million of joint funding allocated to shovel-ready projects able to start in the next 12 months, driving an estimated 3,500 jobs in regional NSW," Mr McCormack said.

NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Paul Toole, said the NSW Government was also accelerating its funding for the program to get more projects to seal, maintain and repair local roads under way faster. "We're not just putting our foot down in terms of delivering this package – we're turbocharging it to ensure we create jobs and create better journeys on the roads that really matter to local communities," Mr Toole said. Mr Joyce said round one would see \$250 million invested in 258 projects across 83 Local Government Areas (LGAs). Applications for round two of the program will open later this year. "In the LGAs of Glen Innes, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Tamworth, Tenterfield, Upper Hunter, Uralla, and Walcha, it means smoother, safer trips along the roads our community use every day," Mr Joyce said. Projects will need to be delivered within two years of receiving funding, to ensure that local communities are benefiting sooner.

# Community Calendar

Please email [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto:urallawordsworth@gmail.com) if you have an event or meeting for Uralla, Kentucky or Invergowrie.

## Please check with Event Organisers about 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

**Computer Bank New England** Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 12noon at the Uralla Community Centre

**Uralla Hospital Auxillary** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2pm at the 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 Uralla Bowling Club

**Uralla Progressive Cinema** meets on the last Tuesday of each month, 6pm at McCrossin's Mill, all welcome, entry is free and donations welcome

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

**Tennis** is on Wednesday from 6.30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex

**Knattering Knitters** meet at Uralla Library on Tuesdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm

**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 Bottom Pub.

**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 Driver Reviver** meets on the first Sunday of each month at 2pm at 117 Bridge Street, Uralla.

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

## Ascent Community Care

Senior Social Group 9.30am – 2.00pm, Mondays at Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

Seniors Exercise Class – 2.00pm -3.00pm, Wednesdays at the Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

**Uralla Food Pantry**, Mondays 12 noon-2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veges. 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](mailto:urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com)

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# Immediate Tax Cuts for New England Small Business

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, has applauded legislated tax cuts resulting in significant relief for small and family businesses in the electorate. "As the 2020-2021 financial year begins, incorporated small and family businesses with a turnover of less than \$50 million will see their company tax rate reduced from 27.5% to 26%. Unincorporated businesses will also benefit as the rate of the small business income tax offset increases from 8% to 13%," Mr Joyce said. "This means more money in the pockets of New England businesses – from the coffee shops in Uralla, hardware stores in Scone, hairdressers in Inverell and thousands of other enterprises who are doing it particularly tough because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

"The changes mark the next stage of the Coalition Government's accelerated small business tax cuts, legislated in October 2018, which brought forward tax relief for small and medium businesses by five years. Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, Michaelia Cash, said this was a big win for the small business sector. "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. We have around 3.5 million small businesses

across the country. They are a vital part of our COVID-19 recovery," Minister Cash said. "As COVID-19 health restrictions ease and the economy re-opens, this tax relief will support Australian small and family businesses to bounce back stronger and get to the other side of this crisis." Mr Joyce said that bringing forward these tax cuts will be a shot in the arm for hard-working small and family businesses in New England.

"At a time when they need it most, these tax cuts will lead to more investment, increased employment opportunities for Australians and help small business owners keep more of their money," he said. "The Coalition Government has delivered extensive support for small and medium-sized businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.

We have extended the Instant Asset Write Off to \$150,000 for another six months, are providing the Cash Flow Boost of up to \$100,000 for employing small businesses and are boosting access to capital through our COVID-19 SME Guarantee Scheme.

"This is in addition to the extensive income support that JobKeeper, JobSeeker and our Supporting Apprentices and Trainees wage subsidy are providing to support small businesses and sole traders in the New England and across our nation," Mr Joyce said.

**From the Office of the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP**

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