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Thunderbolt's Festival



Thunderbolt's Festival street parade (Photo Courtesy of Dave Robinson)

Thunderbolt's Festival was held Saturday 29 Oct in our lovely Alma Park and how lucky we had a sunny day in between all the rainy weather! The park was a little swampy in patches but the market stalls managed to set up and the inflatable slide, giant jumping castle and rock climb wall - all found some high ground. From set up to finish there was a stack of kids utilising the free activities and a small line up waiting for their turn. Such a busy day and so amazingly wonderful to all be together, just having fun and celebrating life in Uralla.

The New England Medieval Arts Society who recreates Middle Saxon England provided a very impressive sword fighting demonstration. I think everyone was a little concerned when the staffy dog ran in to join the fun but it was all part of the show and she ended up with a scabbard and left happily. The lead callers did very well to be heard over the noise of the festival plus the v8 drag car revving its

engine!

The street parade was a spectacle, congratulations to all entrants for embracing the theme of Superheroes and Princesses and putting so much effort into the floats!

- Businesses category; winner - TGs Childcare, runner up - Ural Sidecar Motorcycles
- Community category; all entries were fantastic and we decided to award a prize to each one - Classic Car Club, New England Medieval Arts Society, Uralla Auto Club, Uralla Pony Club, Antique Machinery Club and Fire Brigades.
- Schools' category; winner Uralla Central School, equal runners up - Rocky River and St Josephs
- Individual; winner 'Captain America' Variety Bash car, runner up Tim and Ethan as Captain Thunderbolt.

Raffle prizes and winners:

- Fleet Warbirds adventure flight - P Feitz
- Load of wood - K Reading
- Lempriere Fox and Lillie (wool doona) - L Westbury

Voucher Prizes: Moons Bakery - P Dade, Bunnings voucher - T Groen, Alinta Candles x 2 - Candace and (phone number only), Subway x 3 - D Philp, J Walkinshaw and (phone number only), Bling n Things - C Mailler, White Ivy - M Mitchell, Michael's Cafe - P Feitz, Eve's Flowers - L Doran, Dale's Downtown Meats - Carol, Burnets Books - G Carlon, Highland Living - (phone number only), Sanity - Greg, Cobwebs Antiques - Vince S, Foodworks - (phone number only), Season's of New England - D Philp, Pie Mechanic - (phone number only), Sweet Place x 2 - (phone number only) and M Carter.

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

Congratulations to all those involved in the Thunderbolt Festival! The parade was huge, the crowd was enthusiastic, and the weather was perfect. Council outdoor staff should take a bow for being able to get the grounds at Alma Park in a reasonable condition, despite the consistent rain and saturated areas. It seemed like there were more people in attendance than the population of Uralla! The next big event is the Uralla Fairy Festival which will be held on Saturday December 3. Reports of fairies in sidecars may be a bit concerning for young children. I note the wide variety of workshops are filling quickly.

Good news with the work on the "Bottom Pub" (new name "The Bolt Inn") proceeding at a fast pace. The upstairs accommodation is ready for business. The target of opening the bistro, restaurant and bar by Christmas will offer some challenges.

The Community meetings with Councillors and senior staff will continue, with a get together to be held at the new multi-purpose sporting area in Bundarra on Thursday evening, November 17, from 6pm. This was originally going to be held at the Bundarra Hotel; however it was agreed that having a sausage sizzle at the hotel would be inappropriate. It has also been agreed to have a similar get together in Uralla at Alma Park on Thursday December 1, from 5pm to 7pm.

Council has commenced preliminary discussions regarding our Local Environment Plan (LEP). The previous major review was in 2012 and we are now due for a major re-examination, as so much has changed in the last ten years. Council is committed to seeking feedback from the community as to the areas we need to focus on. We have already included Rocky River and Kentucky Village in this, as well as consideration of Primary Production Small Lots (Zone RU4). While it would be wonderful to make all the suggestions come to reality, the final say belongs to the Department of Planning.

On the development front, Councillors received a presentation from Ted and Sonia Williams and their team in relation to the proposed residential development south of the Uralla Sporting Complex. The area is between Plane Avenue (opposite the golf course), Thunderbolt's Way, and the TSR adjoining the proposed new solar farm project of Meralli Solar. The proposal includes a range of lot sizes from 800m² to 4,000m². Councillors and staff are committed to working through this process and are well aware that there will be some hurdles, including rezoning under the current LEP.

Council had two more presentations at the workshop. Dr John Peatfield spoke on behalf of Red4NE (Renewable Energy Development for the New England). This group is very concerned that the New England, and especially Uralla, will be the centre of huge pressures with the planned renewable energy development. The number of wind turbines and solar farms required to produce the 8,000MW (and maybe up to 16,000MW) is huge. Richard Croft, on behalf of the NSW Farmers' Association, also provided us with a written presentation on how they are pushing for better locations, more urban use of roof solar, and better access to the medium voltage grids. Uralla is yet to see the tangible benefits of being in the proclaimed New England Renewable Energy Zone.

The third presentation was by Yarrowyck Wind Farm proponents. This project is being proposed by EDF Renewables and is situated north-west of Yarrowyck. It is in the early stages of development, and Council has been assured that public consultation will commence in the near future.

An update on the Thunderbolt Energy Hub, Stage 1, based west of the New England Highway south of Uralla, is that Neoen are currently preparing a response to the over 100 submissions received. This response then goes to the Department of Planning for assessment. It may need the Independent Planning Commission to make the final decision.

It was wonderful to see Hon. Adam Marshall MP in Uralla recently to announce the "Reconnecting Regional NSW Funding" of over \$200,000. This gave the General Manager and myself an opportunity to discuss a number of issues, including road funding and a taxi service in Uralla. I was also keen to clarify his position on an ambulance service in Uralla. Adam is a strong supporter of the NSW Fire and Rescue in Uralla; however is keen to start a conversation for the future, as the population grows and we may need both entities.

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Uralla Shire Resident



Smith and Jones in Uralla

On Saturday night 5 November, Uralla Arts presented the fabulous duo Smith and Jones, and what a performance it was. Jhana Allen opened the night with several numbers from her new album. Her beautiful voice and mandolin playing was a perfect start to the evening. We were then treated to Sophie Smith and Abby Jones as they took us on a journey of song and stories in their unique style. Sophie on guitar and Abby on keyboard and both with beautiful vocals and harmonies. Their bubbly personalities and clever wit engaged the appreciative audience for two hours, making us laugh, cry and sending us home feeling good about their performance. They have promised to come back to Uralla, so if you missed out this time make sure you see them when they return. If you would like to be kept up to date with Uralla Arts gigs send your email address to randerson84@bigpond.com

Bob Anderson, President, Uralla Arts



Smith and Jones in full swing at the Mill

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is
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Letters to the Editor

I read in the Wordsworth of 31 October that I had missed the Whitetop Mountaineers in Uralla on 25 October.

Twice a week I check the handbills posted in Uralla shop windows but saw no advertisement for the Whitetop Mountaineers. I re-read the Wordsworth of 17 October but found no mention of them. In fact, Uralla Arts is not mentioned in the Community Calendar and I was not aware of their existence. Devastated does not begin to describe how I feel, plus ASHAMED that Australia was unable to properly recompense them for the cost of their travel here from the USA.

John Sutherland, Uralla



Vintage machinery, Thunderbolt's Festival
(Photo courtesy of Dave Robinson)



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Anousha Victoire + the Rocky Bottom Girls

Local Talent at the Mill

Newcastle singer-songwriter Anousha Victoire joins local band The Rocky Bottom Girls in a double gig that you don't want to miss! Friday 18 November 7pm at McCrossin's Mill, Uralla

Anousha Victoire is a weaver of everyday dreams, stitching together folk/world influenced melodies with bell-over-water clarity of vocal tone.

Her trademark fingerpicking folk guitar style and haunting vocal melodies are complemented by classically trained Skye Harrison's soaring violin and harmonies, blending into folk storytelling songs that could be timeless classics.

The Rocky Bottom Girls play a mix of bittersweet originals, old time dance tunes and selected Irish and Americana ballads. Combining the musical connection of Uralla-based sisters Jhana (vocals, mandolin & fiddle) and Sujata (vocals, banjo & fiddle) with the talent of guitarists/vocalists Craig (USA) and Clara (IRL/UK), the Rocky Bottom Girls bring you soaring four-part harmony, driving fiddle and banjo tunes and heartfelt stories from Anaiwan high country (New England).

Tickets \$25 / \$10 concession (for concession just pay at the door)

Robert Anderson, Uralla



Kentucky Spring Fair Sunday 27 November, Noalimba Ave,

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Rogues and Heroes

Superheroes, princes, and rogues.
The famous, the infamous, they were all in vogue.
We had queens, princesses and fairies galore.
Our own Captain Thunderbolt and so much more.

Warbirds and motor bikes, hot rods and classics.
Fire engines and tractors all out in the traffic.
Even medieval warriors came to clash and spark.
They all came to parade down the hill to the park.

Alma awaited them in queenly surrounds.
With a festival of activities set all around.
Among shady trees and under marquees
You played and danced and kicked up your knees.

The crowd milled and the mayor made a speech.
Princesses twirled but stayed just out of reach.
Brave young youths climbed to the top of a wall,
Finding hand and footholds so they wouldn't fall.

Colourful stalls tempted the throng,
Who were gaily serenaded with music and song.
Both friends and strangers looked and browsed,
Their desire for the goods was quickly aroused.

Children appeared as the afternoon waned,
Clutching in their hands their hard-earned gains.
They lined themselves up, waited for the dusk.
I was sure I could smell a tiny whiff of musk.

Lanterns were lit; they shone through the night.
They lit up the park to the children's delight.
The turtle and rooster floated off down the path,
While the wonderful phoenix took a fiery bath.

The night closed in; the moon now reigned.
Sleepy toddlers yawned as a final lantern flamed.
Thunderbolt took a last look over his shoulder,
As the wood on his campfire began to smoulder.

Pauline Crouch, Rocky River



Thunderbolt's Festival street parade (Photo courtesy of Dave Robinson)

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"And Death Shall Have No Dominion"

(For the family and friends of Matt Campbell,
who passed away so suddenly ... 10/11/21)

Been thinking about Dylan Thomas's opinion,
Poet, cosy beneath his Welsh slate roof:
"And Death Shall Have No Dominion",
So young, and cocky, glib, aloof?

Not so for those abruptly left to grieve
For Matt's sudden absence, no hint, no warning,
Their hearts torn cruelly from off their sleeve,
No time to cope, to prepare for mourning.

Then haunting echoes in restless dreams ...
The car door, chuckles, who'd like a drink?
But oh so real because for them it seems
Matt never went beyond that final brink.

Whisper his name, such a lonely sound,
Catch a glimpse of his handsome, smiling face.
Yet there is no response from that void profound,
Just silence, only silence in that ethereal space.

"Time heals all wounds", sounds so trite,
But it's a plea to at least make a start,
To search for the golden dawning after the night,
"Heals"? No, but "consoles" a wounded heart.

A year has passed, how's the family coping?
They vowed to confront the daunting task,
To absorb the shock, but no more tearful moping,
Gamely hiding their sorrow behind a cheery mask.

There's Jack, broad-shouldered, smile so wide
And so like his dad with that sauntering gait.
And dear Ruby with so much mischief inside,
Confidence and playful impudence au fait.

Leigh, shouldering the burden of loneliness,
Struggling for warmth out of that chilly air,
Finding some solace in the Top Pub's busyness,
In step with the shadow who's always there.

It's so hard for them to articulate.
Will some grace be given in Spring's healing light?
Is it possible we can all somehow motivate
Beams of the brightness into a hollow night?

As together we all "Put on a happy face"
For the sake of Matt's children and his wife,
To simply make the world a better place,
And "Always look on the bright side of life".

Isn't that what Matty would suggest?
"Death hath no dominion", that's true, I swear,
Try to crack a smile, or just do your best,
And share Matty's exuberance everywhere!

Of course we grieve and always will,
But temper that with our own private memory
of Matt, and though he's not with us still,
We'll raise a glass to his joie de vivre!

"Though lovers be lost, Love shall not",
These wise words from Dylan Thomas a-flowing,
Make sure this truth is never forgot ...
Say "G'day, you Campbells, how're you going?"

Kent Mayo (7/11/22) with thanks to a proper poet, Dylan Thomas



THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 4PM - 6PM

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Ghosts & Ghouls at Halloween

Last Monday being the day on which Halloween is marked, some of the members of the Monday Social Group from Tablelands Community Support took it upon themselves to celebrate this day as only they know how.

Margaret so strongly felt the spirits around her that she also prepared her home as an offering to all those who were out and about "trick or treating". The brightly but spookily illuminated house drew at least one hundred disguised souls masquerading as ghouls and spirits to her door for the traditional giving ceremony.

**Pauline Crouch, Monday Social Group
Tablelands Community Support**



Margaret and June



Tanya

ST. JOSEPH'S FETE

SUNDAY 4TH. DECEMBER

11.00 A.M. TO 2.00 P.M.

In St. Joseph's School Grounds

Barbeque



Drinks, Tea & Coffee

Cakes

Plants

Tombola

Chocolate Wheel



Books

Craft

Face Painting

Family Numbers

Wood Raffle

Santa Claus

Children's Games & Activities

Come along and join in a friendly social gathering, enjoy a tasty barbeque, maybe win a ham on the chocolate wheel, or a raffle prize, check out the variety of stalls, and take the opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts.

Lots of fun activities for children, including a visit from Santa.



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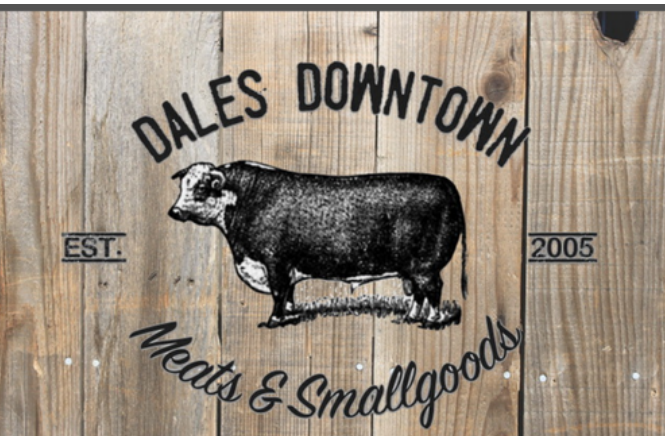


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Community Calendar

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

Please check with Event Organisers about the Status of Listed Events

Uralla Rotary Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6.15pm at Uralla Bowlo, dinner optional after meeting

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

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

Uralla CWA meets on the 4th Friday of each month, 10am at RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury St, Uralla

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

Uralla Anglican Church meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship & Johnno's Kid Club in Park St

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

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

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

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

Uralla Tennis Social tennis 6:30pm Thursdays. Hot shots Jnr Tennis, Uralla Sporting Complex Sat. 9am – 10am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre Monday by appointment, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm 67711457 0419149244 E: Urallacnc@familysupport.org.au

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Nenneh on 0450437068 or Momena on 0481983442

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

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

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

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

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

Uralla Combined Pensioners and Seniors Association meets at Uralla Bowlo on the first & third Tuesdays of the month, 10am. New members welcomed, Ph. 0438433735

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

Uralla Garden Club meets every third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm. We have no set permanent venue, but meet at a different member's garden or we visit other Open Gardens. New members are very welcome.

Contact: urallagardenclub@gmail.com OR Jenny 0435 593 850

Events for November - December

***Uralla Shire Councillors** will be having a community engagement session at the new multi-purpose sporting area Bundarra, Thursday 17 November, 6-8pm and Uralla, Alma Park, Thursday 1 December, 5-7 pm

***Anousha Victoire +The Rocky Bottom Girls** in concert, McCrossin's Mill, Friday 18 November, 7 pm

***Fella Felafel Top Pub Beer Garden Show** 3pm Saturday 20 November

***Strategic Planning and Going Digital Free Workshop** Wednesday 23rd November, 9am - 11.30 McCrossins Mill Museum. <https://events.humantix.com/strategic-planning-and-going-digital>

***Kentucky Spring Fair** Sunday 27 November, Noalimba Ave, Kentucky.

***Shop the Street, Eat the Street!** After the Fairy Festival, Saturday 3rd December, until at least 7pm, Bridge St Uralla

***St Joseph's Fete**, St Joseph's School, Sunday 4th December, 11 am - 2 pm

Fuel Watch	ULP91	Diesel
Invergowrie	186.0	236.0
Puma	185.9	235.9
BP	187.9	241.9
Kingstown	215.9	-
Kentucky	219.9	245.9

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Modification Application on public exhibition

An application to modify the development consent for the New England Solar and Battery Project has now been approved for public exhibition by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

The modification application is proposing to make a number of changes to the project development consents that were approved in 2020.

This includes the use of additional land from existing landholders and an upgrade to the battery energy storage system capacity.

This means that the upper limit of the project's battery storage capacity would increase from 200 MW to 1400 MW so that it would be capable of supplying 700 MW of energy over four hours – enough energy to supply about 250,000 homes with on-demand energy.

The application is also requesting an extension to work hours and an increase in allowable daily heavy vehicles during the construction phase of the project.

*The application is on exhibition until
Thursday 17 November.*

*To read our full project update go to
our website:*

www.newenglandsolar.com.au



Working towards solar farm connection

The installation of solar panels and electrical cabling across our work zones is reaching full swing on the solar and battery project.

With the substation and switching station works substantially complete, we will soon be working to connect to the electricity transmission network – an important step in sending power into the main grid.

In the meantime, we will be continuing with solar panel and electrical infrastructure installations across other parts of the site.

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Kentucky Spring Fair



Sunday, 27 November 2022

9am-1pm

Kentucky Hall
Noalimba Ave



For further information, contact the Kentucky Progress Association:

kentuckyprogressassociation@gmail.com

If travelling to New England in November, add to your events the Kentucky Progress Association Spring Fair. Held on November 27, 9am-1 pm at the Kentucky Soldiers Memorial Hall on Noalimba Avenue, it is one of the last market events before Christmas. What a great opportunity to find those last-minute gifts and goodies for the stocking. Stalls will showcase local artisan crafts, food and wares. Visitors will enjoy displays from local vintage car and machinery clubs. Kentucky is a pretty village nestled just south of Uralla and four kilometres off the New England Highway.

Community Messages

Uralla Shire Councillors will be having community engagement sessions at the new multi-purpose sporting area in Bundarra on Thursday evening, November 17, from 6pm and at Alma Park, Uralla on Thursday December 1, 5pm - 7pm. Come along, meet your Councillors, talk to us about what concerns you.

Play Patch is a ministry of Uralla Anglican on Wednesdays from 10-12am for children from 0 - school age and their carers. We explore the bible through sensory play weekly during the school term. It costs \$20 a term, per family. Please bring morning tea for your child, a hat and a change of clothes (sensory play can get messy)." www.uallaanglican.com

The **Farmgate Support** program provides peer support, counselling, information and advocacy for rural people living in farming communities or on farm. Our team includes Peer support workers and Social workers. We travel to farms or meet people in their local area across the Hunter New England local health district. People can self refer or be referred with their consent by calling 0477 322 851 or email HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au

Events/Courses @ "Taylors Run" Kentucky

- Low Stress Stock Handling School with Grahame Rees. Sheep & Cattle. Subsidised Course. 5-6th Dec 2022.

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

For more information or to RSVP contact Katie Barnett on 0431 636 545 or katiebarnett66@gmail.com



Thunderbolt's Festival, the lantern parade (photo courtesy of Dave Robinson)

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Thunderbolt's Festival. Superheroes were out in strength
(Photo courtesy of Dave Robinson)

St Josephs and Rocky River schools provided BBQ food and drinks throughout the day, Friends of McMaugh's sold out by 1pm as did Uralla Lions with their fresh fairy floss. There was face painting and a hula hoop competition – the winner of the last Hula Standing was 10 year old Violet Ball - congratulations! The competition was hard won with 10 girls, 3 boys and one dad all vying for the top prize. Chilli Jam and Four Book Trilogy provided a terrific line up of music from blues, world latin, jazz and popular songs with a unique twist. Steve Mephram of High Country Productions mixed and amped the sound with incredible skill and enabled the sound to be heard all over Alma Park. There was a lantern making workshop with Uralla Arts and a Lantern Parade at dusk which magically wove through the trees in Alma Park and up King Street to Bridge Street.

Rotary was successful in receiving a grant to assist with the running cost of the festival through the NSW Government: Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program, in association with Uralla Shire Council.

Thunderbolt's Festival sponsors include; New England Solar, Phoenix Foundry, Uralla Bowling Club, Alternate Root, Bob and Marie Wallace, Melrose, Uralla Pharmacy, Uralla Motor Mates, Anna Sutherland, Thunder Graphics and Properties Uralla.

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Thunderbolt's Festival, Medieval Arts Display (Photo courtesy of Dave Robinson)

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