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Consultation Process Marks Beginning for Meralli Solar's Hometown Solar Project.

Earlier today Meralli Solar started its consultation process with its neighbours, key stakeholders, and the broader community on the potential to build a community-based solar farm on an industrial property located on Thunderbolt's Way, Uralla, NSW. Meralli Solar has an option on this property, the final purchase of which is subject to site suitability and the progress of community consultation.

Later today (10th June) Meralli Solar will be commencing a site survey to assess the site's suitability. Should the site prove suitable, Meralli will continue to engage and consult with the local community and stakeholders throughout the development and life of the project.

The Meralli process is unique in both its installation and its design. Standing only 80cm above the ground, its ultra – low profile means their builds can be easily screened with hedging and other plantings. The proposal is for an approximately 9MW DC covering a maximum of only 6 hectares of land.

Executive Directors, David Mailler and Methuen Morgan call the New England home and are committed to building a community based solar farm that is sensitive to the unique New England environment. Additionally, the Meralli process does not require a large or specialised workforce. Meralli Solar pride themselves on their commitment to community. Labour, trades, consumables, food, and accommodation will be sourced from within the local community. Meralli's efficient high-quality installation process and low costs not only mean that it does not require taxpayer subsidies or government assistance of any kind but offers investors an unparalleled return on investment.

This project is in its very early stages and there are many details to be worked through including site suitability, grid connection, development application and approval, and finalising a community investment structure, however, this project begins with extensive community consultation.

For this project, Meralli has engaged community energy specialist Starfish Initiatives to develop a new community investment structure. The goal is to create a way that will

open up the project for locals to be able to invest and directly share in the financial benefits. Starfish has previously developed the two Lismore Community Solar farms, one of which is Australia's largest floating solar farm, in partnership with Lismore City Council.

Meralli Solar provides accessible, affordable energy solutions for: regional industrial estates – behind the pole; regional and remote tourism facilities; large agribusiness; regional councils powering high consumption areas such as water treatment; and regional communities currently at the end of the electricity grid. Meralli Solar are uniquely able to fulfil demand for smaller, cost effective solar plans in the 1MW to 30MW range.

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David Mailler & Methuen Morgan, Meralli Solar in front of their low profile design

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.

Community sport is back for Senior and Junior groups from July 1st. I look forward to hearing what plans our local soccer, rugby league, netball and tennis have for this season. The position for junior rugby league is more uncertain as numbers were down prior to the shutdown. Bowls is back on a social basis only.

While the closing of the Queensland border must place continuing stress on our motels, the rest of Uralla benefited on the long weekend with our shops, cafes, pubs and parks getting their best crowds for months, with people just keen to get out of the city. The pubs seem to be adjusting well to the new guidelines, although I am concerned that my name may appear a bit too often in the sign-in register!

Council is currently working through the budget and hope to see the Annual Operational Plan at its next meeting. Our workshops are now being held again in the Council Chambers. Interest will now centre on when the community members will also be able to attend Council meetings.

It is clear that the shire has benefited enormously from the one off funding grants for bushfires, drought and Coronavirus; however we are aware that these will not last forever. Clearly there are very different views on how the budget will be managed in the future.

In July 2019, Council agreed to fund a review of the Uralla Landfill, Bundarra Landfill, the kerbside waste collection services, and the green waste sections of the consultancy brief. We understand that the preliminary report has been forwarded to staff and will be presented to Council in the near future. The company preparing the report is Proterra Group, based in Goondiwindi. They also manage and operate waste facilities, so we wait with interest to see what they recommend.

With Kentucky Creek Dam now at full capacity, it would be a good time to discuss our water challenges, including attempting to locate the source of the arsenic; be it a small catchment feeding the dam or all of the catchment area. We need to prepare for future rises in the arsenic levels. Council had a number of testing points around the dam that will assist in this process. I doubt the community will accept being in the same situation in a couple of years' time. Now would also be an excellent time to discuss including Level P (Permanent) water restrictions. Tamworth's Permanent restrictions include no sprinklers or fixed hoses between 8am and 6pm in Summer, and

9am to 4pm in Winter; trigger nozzles must be used on all hoses and no washing down of hard surfaces unless using a high pressure cleaner. Tamworth have also set up a bore (non-potable water) to be used for road maintenance and construction.

Uralla Shire Council has engaged Aurecon Group to prepare a dam safety report. Previously this work was carried out by the Dam Safety Committee, NSW Office of Water. While our dam is at the lower end of the risk category, a regular (used to be every 3 months by staff and 5 years by the Committee members) assessment is critical. Our next Council workshop will include the Foodworks Development and the Industrial Land Subdivision. "The Australian" newspaper last Thursday led with the claim that Local Government is holding up \$10 billion of Construction Projects. Obviously most are in Sydney, however I look forward to the New General Manager strongly encouraging local development.

The workshop will also include the Roads Program which has once again been raised in the Budget Review and Finance Committee Meeting. Council has resolved to approve the 3rd Quarter Budget Review Statement, with the exception of items of expenditure that were not authorised before being spent; and items for Hill Street, where questions around the tender process are still to be answered.

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**Robert Bell,
Uralla Shire Resident**



A promotional graphic for New England Hampers. The background is a light teal color. At the top, the words "NEW ENGLAND" are written in a large, bold, orange, serif font. Below that, "HAMPER" is written in a similar font, with a stylized orange leaf icon to its right. Underneath, "PURELY HANDMADE" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Instagram and Facebook, followed by the handles "seasonsne" and "seasonsofnewengland" respectively. Below the handles, the website "www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au" and email "info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au" are listed in a small white font.

Who is Behind the Fairy Door?

The Uralla fairy (Carmena Urallensis) was first observed about two months ago when a couple of fairy doors appeared along Bridge Street, since when there has been quite an explosion of activity with doors popping up all over town and beyond. Styles range from traditional to ethnic, Australian or Irish or activity-based, ground-dwelling or arboreal, sometimes with a visible fairy or fairy garden, personalised or generic – it seems like each fairy door has its own story to tell.

Hunt the fairy has become a popular activity, involving, by my observation, numerous parents and grandparents and mainly primary school-aged

children, squeals of delight coming forth with each new discovery.

The man behind this phenomenon, Alex “Fairy” Sherrin, began the project as relief for walkers during the shutdown, and has been so overwhelmed by the response that the making of doors has become part of his weekly routine, with fairy doors now to be found on businesses, homes, public spaces, schools and more.

Without specifics, I can suggest some places where fairy hunters might look. There are several at the Paris end of Bridge Street, more between Hill Street and Salisbury Street, one at each school (even Kentucky and soon Rocky River), the fire station, Porter Park, King Street east of the railway, Hill Street from the highway to Maitland Street, and, by the time this article is in print, more locations in and around town.

Make your own fairy door if you are feeling creative, and let us know where it is so we can include it on the map which we are proposing to create for the guidance of fairy hunters.

If you would like to help defray the costs of producing this map, you could leave a cash donation at Burnet’s Bookshop, or make an online transfer to Uralla Fairies account at Regional Australia Bank (BSB 932 000, account 959146, S1 for RAB customers), or search for Uralla Fairies on GoFundMe.

Ross Burnet, Auxiliary Fairy



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Further COVID-19 Restrictions Eased

From 13 June, a raft of restrictions have been eased in NSW, enabling people to more freely gather with friends and family outdoors, entertain at home, visit gyms and participate in other fitness activities.

Thanks to the hard work, co-operation and discipline of so many people across our region and all over the State, government has been able to roll back restrictions safely and steadily over time. It's been almost two months since our region's last new case of COVID-19 and NSW has now gone two full weeks without detecting a single case of recent community transmission - this is a testament to the hard work of the community.

Only through maintaining physical distancing, staying home if unwell or taking yourself off to be tested if you feel out of sorts, can the roll back COVID restrictions continue.

From 13 June, the following is allowed:

- ✓ Up to 20 people are allowed to visit homes;
- ✓ Up to 20 people are allowed to gather outdoors;
- ✓ Fitness, gymnasiums, pilates, yoga and dance studios can reopen with up to 20 people per class subject to the four square metre rule, and up to one person per four square metres in the facility;
- ✓ Community centres and community halls, including their recreational facilities can reopen;
- ✓ Indoor recreational facilities such as bowling alleys, ice skating rinks, escape rooms, pools and saunas can also reopen, with up to 20 people per class where applicable and up to one person per four square metres in the facility; and
- ✓ Tattoo and massage parlours can reopen with up to 20 clients. For the latest information please go to nsw.gov.au/covid-19

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

Opportunities at Council

- Co-ordinator Tablelands Community Transport, closes 26/6/2020
- Executive Assistant to the General Manager & Mayor, closes 24/6/2020
- Project Manager - Term, closes 16/6/2020
- Revenue Officer, closes 26/6/2020
- Request for Quotes - Installation of Energy Efficient Lighting - apply by 30/6/2020

This information has been taken from the USC website by the Uralla Wordsworth in good faith, in the interests of ensuring Uralla Shire residents are aware of these opportunities.

The Editors of the Uralla Wordsworth have now approached 3 successive General Manager's to invite them to advertise local employment and work opportunities in the paper. We will continue to have these conversations in the interests of our community.

As we have always done, we will also continue to publish USC press releases free of charge, as we do for all levels of government.

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Vale Eric (Dick) Bird

Eric (Dick) Bird passed away Friday 12th June, aged 98 years.

If you'd only known Dick Bird in recent years, you'd probably only seen the hunched-over elderly gent who shuffled down to the street from his home in Maitland St. You might not have known what an interesting life he'd led.

Dick had been married to Thea (who died some years ago), and they'd made their home and raised their family in Woolomin. They had a small property, located just across the way from the Anglican Church there. One of his hobbies when his family was growing up, was beekeeping. Selling honey would help put his children through further education.

Dick worked at the Tamworth Agricultural Institute (as it became known) as a Technical Officer. Showing some promise, he worked his way through university and undertook research into durum wheat (which we appreciate when we eat pasta). In later years, he was invited to present occasional lectures in his field at the University of New England.

In retirement, Dick and Thea moved to Uralla, where they were neighbours of the Goode families. Dick and I shared an interest in vegetable gardening. I remember when Dick and Thea were going away for a week or two one summer, and Dick asked me if I'd pick a few of his beans and distribute them around the neighbourhood. I hadn't visited his garden before, and I got quite a surprise at the enormous volume of beans he'd grown. Dick would often think of the needs of others.

On Anzac day, Dick was a familiar figure in the Uralla march, lately being driven in a golf cart (despite Dick's protestations he was quite capable of walking himself). Although he didn't talk about his war service much, Dick had served in the Navy. I had a vague idea Dick had served in the Middle East during World War 2. In Peter Fitzsimons' book, "Tobruk", he mentioned the navy supply vessels which set out from Alexandria, aiming to get into Tobruk to offload their cargo well before dawn, as the enemy planes would wreak devastation if they found ships in "bomb alley". It was only a month or two ago I mentioned this to Dick, and he said he had been on the "Primula", had done that trip regularly, and had been ashore on Tobruk. Only in the last couple of days, another friend told me of Dick's service in the invasion of the Philippines. He had been on a corvette which swept mines out of the harbour to clear the way for the invasion led by General Douglas MacArthur. Their vessel came under fire, but they managed the mission successfully. Their crew received a special medal for their service on this occasion. On a Sunday, you would find Dick attending the Anglican Church – either Woolomin in earlier times – or Uralla in

more recent. He felt most at home in the smaller churches - Kentucky, Wollun and Gostwyck.

In the past few years, Dick and Thea moved into Maitland St. Dick was always a kind person. He would buy some biscuits or cakes at the street stall, and deliver them to the volunteers at the blue Op Shop. He supported a number of charities. I know he took particular pleasure in remembering birthdays, and there was always a present - a bag of peanuts, or lollies - left at our front door if we weren't home to receive it in person.

Dick was a friend to many, and we shall miss him.

Bill Johns, Uralla Resident

Gardening Tip

"Just think of vegetables in terms of family name. In successive years or seasons, we don't want to plant Broccoli for example, which is a member of the Brassicaceae family in the same plot. As well as this we don't want to plant any other members of the Brassicaceae family in this same plot either (Cauliflower, Kohlrabi, Cabbage etc...), as they are affected by the same pests and diseases. So we group them together (Brassicaceae) and rotate them to another bed that hasn't seen Brassica for a number of years. We group certain plants together and they are rotated as a group. For example, beans and peas are both in the Legume group, and garlic and onions are in the Allium group. With a little planning you will have your crop rotation system going in no time."

From the ABC Gardening Australia website :

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/the-vegie-guide-crop-rotation/9375784>

And remember - there's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!
Ed.

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Vale Eric "Dicky" Bird

On a sad note, we lost probably Uralla's last World War 2 Veteran and long standing member of the RSL last Friday the 12th June. Eric "Dicky" Bird passed away in Armidale Hospital following a Stroke a few days earlier aged 98 years young. "Dicky" could often be seen in town chatting and shopping, having a bite to eat at the Tuck In Takeaway, buying biscuits and cakes at the street stall or Foodworks and dropping some into the ladies at the St. Vincent De Paul shop on Hill Street on his way home. He served in the Royal Australian Navy during WW2 and worked at UNE in his later years. He was a character and will be missed by his family and friends, the Uralla community, fellow RSL Sub-branch members and the wider Veteran Community.

Rest in Peace Dicky.

Russ French, President, Uralla Sub-branch RSL NSW

RSL Sub-branch News

As with most organisations during the COVID-19 shut downs, the Uralla Sub-branch of RSL NSW hasn't been able to conduct business in the usual way. We have done our best to keep in touch with our Sub-branch members and other Veterans in our community during this period to ensure they are getting any help they require.

We are still on the lookout for any Veterans in our community that may need assistance and we have the facility to be able to put them in touch with the right people should we not be able to assist ourselves.

So, if you know of any Veterans that need assistance in any form, please let us know and we'll do what ever we can. You can contact the President, Russ French on 0418 460 564 at any time.

We hope to be able to get back to our regular meetings and camaraderie in the near future, but until then we continue to do what we can.

We will be able to hold our meetings in our newly refurbished meeting room when we do which is in the Memorial Institute at 55 Bridge Street.

Russ French, President, Uralla Sub-branch RSL NSW

Serious About Solar

ZNET was wondering where the huge amount of solar was that came online in March this year. The answer is the Bowling Club. We would like to congratulate them on their 99.4 Kw installation!!! This is a fantastic initiative by one of our local businesses. They have also changed all their lights over to LED. They don't really have data on how big an impact it will have on their business as just about as soon as it went online COVID caused them to shut but we will keep you posted. The size of the installation also gives them the capacity to utilize batteries when they can.

During March, Uralla had a total of 148.75kw installed across 9 installations.

ZNET Uralla, from their Facebook Page

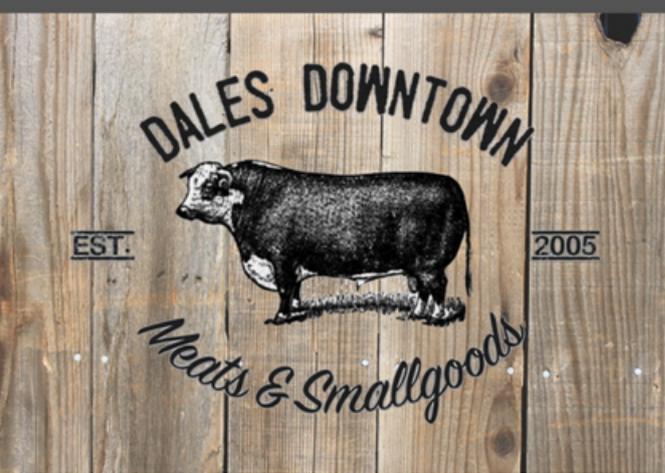


Uralla Bowling Club

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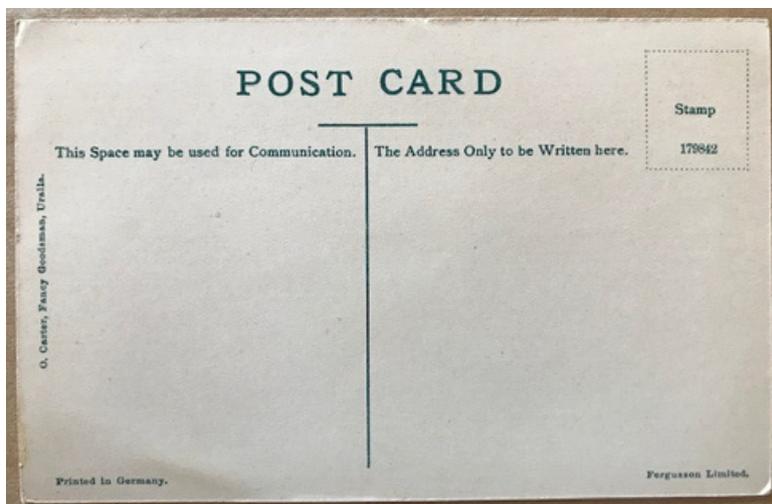
A Postcard Query

Can you help with the story behind these buildings and businesses in Hill St Uralla?

This postcard shows a section of Hill St that appears to include Cooper's Hardware building (now Pulse Fitness). The name on the top of the building appears to be O. Carter, with a description that is hard to read but on the reverse the description clearly states "Fancy Goodsman". Any information - including images - would be gratefully received by the Uralla Wordsworth for the next edition.

Please email : urallawordsworth@gmail.com.

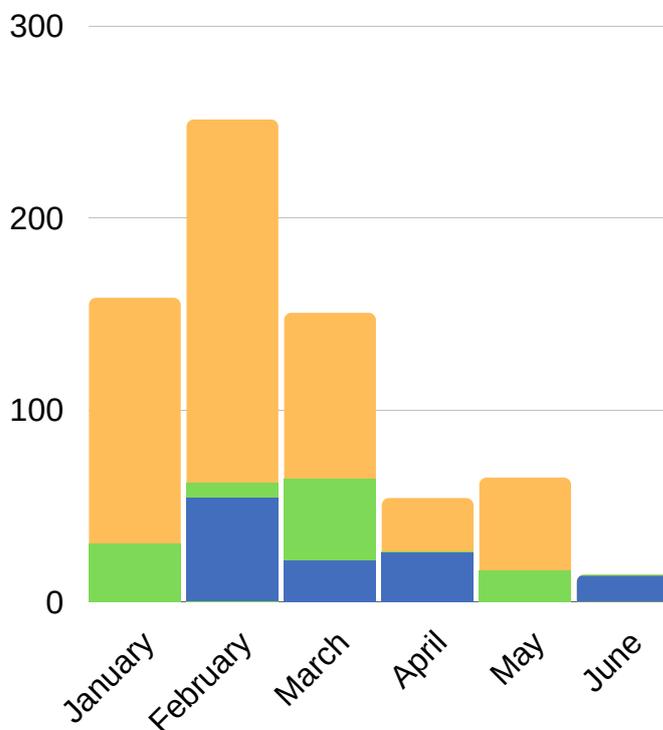
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Rainfall Snapshot

	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	
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	
Annual Total	399.8*	192.2	

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



2018 - Blue / 2019 - Green / 2020 - Orange

Monthly Rainfall Totals 2018, 2019, 2020 sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology Dumaresq St, Uralla Weather Station as at 14th June 2020



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

As a resident who strenuously opposes the present poorly thought-out proposal for the Foodworks building, I would like to congratulate and thank our Councillors for their wise (and unanimous) vote to defer a decision on this matter until there has been proper and inclusive community consultation.

Evidently there were over thirty submissions objecting to the proposal, and our Councillors duly took these into account. I believe none of the submissions opposed the idea of an upgrade per se, acknowledging that it was encouraging to see such a major investment planned in the town, but made concise and educated statements about the inappropriateness of 'the design'.

It would appear that the 'designer', this 'draftsman from Scone' has punched in 'Supermarket' on his CAD (Computer Aided Design), printed off the prosaic result and then happily gone home for lunch. A job done and dusted!

Any rational thinking person would have thought the sensible thing to do would have been to use a local architect, someone who has a 'sense of place' and is actually qualified and experienced in 'design', as opposed to 'drafting'.

That person would have also taken into consideration the beautiful stained-glass windows in the building (presently hidden by the false ceiling) and treated the pitched roof with respect as it has been done so caringly and superbly at The Alternate Root. Not just boorishly intending to tear it down and replace it with a Bunnings look-alike.

Surely, all Foodworks' customers and the dedicated, oh so obliging staff would appreciate an upgrade, but not a 'shed' dumped on them. As for the unnecessarily numerous and remote parking spots (we already have a more than adequate off-street car-park), this area will end up as an ugly, barren and underused place designated as a sad asphalt monument to bad planning.

Trouble is, the 'blow-in' Manager of Planning and the Acting General Manager (who has been here for about five minutes!), seem intent on wilfully pushing this through with absolutely no regard for our submissions, some by

experienced architects and heritage advisers.

Unfairly, this puts our elected Councillors in an invidious position, but I urge them, in maintaining the integrity of our unique village, to stick to their guns, and then maybe to aim them in a certain direction!

Ann Hacker, Uralla Resident

To the Editor, Uralla Wordsworth

What a shame the proposal to 'upgrade' (?) Foodworks hasn't learned a lesson from the metamorphosis of the original Trickett's store into the 'Alternate Root Cafe'.

Trickett's was a friendly rival to McRae's store down of the bottom corner of Bridge Street, now Foodworks.

Before McRae's it was the rather splendid Curtis Arcade, with really stunning leadlight entrance and windows - as an impressive feature that beckoned you to enter.

These priceless windows are mostly still in place and intact. We must not lose them. Wouldn't it create magic, just like The Alternate Root Cafe, if all the comparatively recent false ceilings and wall lining were torn away to reveal what's been hidden away for decades?

A great big open space under the existing pitched roofs would provide ideal locations for functional modern supermarket fittings and comfy staff facilities.

Who can forget the queues of eager customers outside 'The Alternate Root Cafe' impatiently waiting their turn to enjoy the breathtaking interior?

What an opportunity for Uralla to add another treasure to its Heritage Collection, and for Foodworks to provide a 'unique shopping experience!' and for them to demonstrate our commitment to Australian history and Heritage. So few countries have this opportunity to demonstrate their history (they resort to Disney-style fake architecture) - we should not miss this opportunity to save a Uralla icon building through an ignorant decision-making process?

Ruth Barratt, Uralla Resident

Bill Andrews

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Andrew Murray's Diary

...continued

Sunday March 18, 1860:

Went on to Mount Coalseam Creek and camped. Grass is high and the country is softer. Mosquitoes troublesome.

Monday March 19, 1860:

Had a good start, made on to Mr. Bloomfield's station Merinvale. Many squatter pigeons over all this country.

Got a yard and Mr. Bloomfield was very kind to us and told us lots of stories of adventures.

Tuesday March 20, 1860:

Got a good start. The country is poor and boggy. One heifer took a staggering fit and fell down. I split her ear and after bleeding a while she got up and went on all right. Bell said I was a good vet and he would not have thought of splitting or cutting off her ear. Much ti-tree growing all over this country. High mountains ahead and a big patch of black vine scrub. My party ahead now; we were making for a gap between the hills. Camped near a swamp. Mosquitoes in myriads worried us all night. I had a rug with a hole in the centre to put my head through, but useless.

Wednesday March 21, 1860:

Started as early as we could, trying to make Riverston about midday. Mr. James Bell, my old mate on the McDonald, came along to meet us. Kind-hearted, thoughtful, industrious Mrs. Bell had baked a pillowslip of nice biscuits for us. The Boyne River was deep, the biscuits were wet and in a mush. Poor Jim was sorry and so were we. We got the cattle down and crossed over the Boyne all right. Got a yard at Riverston to put them in. Mr. Pollington was here and I think Messrs. Dickson and Williams.

Thursday March 22, 1860:

Got a good start, the country improving much. Took the cattle on to Stow and left them above Brennan's Hut.

Heavy rain-storm. Jim stayed with the cattle and John Bell and I went on to Stow where long-lost-sight-of friends welcomed us. Mr. Bell was one of the best managers and most industrious of all the pioneers laddies who had ever crossed from New England to the North. All at home now. Mr. Robert Bell would have me bring all my dirty pants to be washed. I did not think it fair. My arm was quite equal to washing my dirty clothes. Mr. Bell insisted but I always thought it an imposition. They were all nicely washed and that old sort of kindness will never be paid by me in this world, I fear. Pulled our party up and camped. Mr. McCrossin, Cameron, Robison and McKay went into Gladstone.

Friday March 23, 1860:

Got togged out in a new suit of clothes, and off J.S. Bell and I went to Gladstone. Met McCrossin, Cameron, Robison and McKay, who turned back with us to town.

Saw the ocean for the first time. John Bell, who was with me, got a boat and rowed me out to a water-logged vessel called the "Marina". The harbour was bit choppy, but we got over all right. Two men and a boy off some wrecked ship up N.W. of the Barrier Reef had found this vessel, timber laden, drifting about and had steered her into Gladstone Harbour. They were suffering from scurvy and had had great hardship and starvation; had been dipping their biscuits in a slush cask of tallow; it smelt bad. Went back and stayed at Richard Hetherington's Hotel. Had a few songs; Hetherington sang one called Bannocks in the Strathbogie.

Saturday March 24, 1860:

Returned to Stow where we stayed for some time. I went about with Jim Bell.

Sunday March 25, 1860:

Jim and I went down towards Calliope. He was showing me where he would like his cattle camp. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell passed us on their way to see Mr. and Mrs. Clark at Calliope Station. We camped here till the 27th and were very kindly treated the whole time.

Wednesday March 28, 1860:

Started for Rockhampton. Mr. John Bell lent me a brown dock-tailed cob, and we also got the loan of a carbine. We went on and crossed the Calliope, passed Mr. Clark's station, and went on to Mr. Young's station, Mt Larcomb. There were a great many blacks camped here. They had killed several people on this station and Mr. Young had got into trouble in Gladstone for shooting one of them. We began practising at a tree when the whole camp of blacks cleared away off the place. We saw no more of them. They (sic) were three or four graves on the ridge above the house.

Thursday March 29, 1860:

Had a good start this morning. The country from Riverston to here is, in most places, fit for sheep. East Stow and Mt Larcomb are stocked chiefly with sheep. The ridges are undulating. Travelling West, we passed Mr. Landsborough's station Raglan Creek, crossed that creek and travelled over poor county affected at time by the high tides. Camped near the 7 mile scrub. Some thunder, with rain, at this camp. Mosquitoes troublesome.

Friday March 30, 1860:

Went on through the scrub, a track wide enough for a team had been cut through it. Saw a blackfellow's skull by the roadside. On emerging from the scrub on the West side Duke noticed what proved to be a large brown snake in a log with some cracks in it. Robison killed it – length about 7 ft. Continued on a few miles, passing Mr Archer's cattle station. The country is level here. We camped about 10 miles from Rockhampton.

To be continued.....

Noel Marshall, Uralla Historical Society

Why use grammar rules?

There are many things on their bucket list that they're waiting for.

One of the most interesting things about being an editor is seeing how language evolves over time. With the advent of autocorrect and various spelling and grammar apps, some believe that there is no longer any need to check your writing – or have it checked by a proof reader or editor. I believe that these days, more than ever, we need to take even more care with our use of written (and spoken!) English. Why?

Nowadays, English is widely used all over the world – in business, in academia, and in many other aspects of day-to-day life. For many, English is a second (or third, fourth, fifth ...) language. Learning any language well requires not only development of an ever-increasing vocabulary, but also learning grammar rules that will make the way the words are strung together more intelligible to the reader or, in the case of speech, the listener.

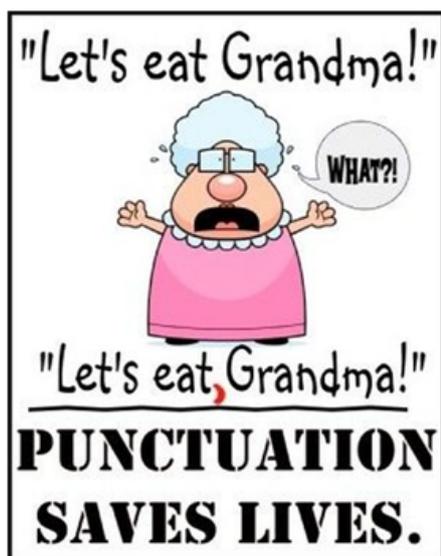
As 'native' English speakers, we need to consider this when we are communicating with those who are learning the language – or even those who are not quite as proficient as we are. The more we ignore some of what are considered the basic rules – which we (mostly) acquire 'just because' we are immersed in the language from birth – the more confusing it can be for an ESL (English as a second language) listener or reader.

For example, my opening sentence is clearly wrong, but a spell checker would not pick up any of the errors (although a grammar checker should!). Imagine if a 'non-native' English speaker was confronted with this sentence and asked to translate it into their language without the assistance of Google Translate (and hey, thank goodness for Google Translate, but only in specific circumstances!) One day I might tell the tale of the PhD translated from German to English using GT – but I digress ...

So, next time you post on social media, please take the time to look over your post and check for simple errors that could cause misunderstanding or grief

for the readers (or perhaps mirth). After all, there is a significant difference between 'let's eat Grandma' and 'let's eat, Grandma'.

Punctuation saves lives!
Joanna Dolan,
Rocky River Resident



Letters to the Editor

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I am a resident of Uralla and passionate about the heritage story of this beautiful town, and its residents past, present and future. It is this passion for Uralla's heritage story, involving its residents, its past and its future, that prompted my concerns about the way the community of Uralla was informed by Council of the Foodworks development application and its recommendations to approve.

Firstly, I am pleased that the Council has postponed decisions regarding the development application. It shows respect and acknowledgement for the voice of the community that ultimately tells the story of Uralla in dealing with Uralla's heritage precinct.

Secondly, current stories about Uralla's heritage and its residents are still being gathered and recorded for future generations. Its importance in terms of heritage is shown by the many visitors the town receives. I am deeply concerned that the process of Council to date has shown that it fails to understand that Uralla's heritage dwells in its stories of which street scapes form a vital part. Without a shared understanding of this, Council's wholehearted involvement of community, or community consultations, will consist of a tick in a check box, rather than an intent to listen and hear. Decisions will be made solely based on economy and short vision, rather than include Uralla's heritage stories. And this will result in an ongoing battle by the community with Council to develop Uralla further AND maintain its heritage.

Thirdly, I urge Council to halt any decisions regarding this development application until genuine community consultations have taken place. I also hope that Council's reports on development applications, genuinely reflect an appreciation of current NSW state government strategies to close the gaps created by the state's previous strategies that failed to preserve heritage. I sincerely hope that Council and community will come to a shared understanding of development and preservation.

Sylvana ter Meulen, Uralla Resident

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Community Calendar

Please email 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 Community Meditation Group, meets 10-11am at the back of Burnet's Books each Thursday. \$3 casual fee, contact Karen on 0431 406 105

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

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Dear Editor,

As a comparatively new, but definitely permanent, resident of Uralla, I must applaud Uralla Shire Council on its decision to defer action on the Foodworks proposal until there has been proper community consultation.

Here is the motion as recorded on the minutes.

Motion: (Crs T. Toomey/T. O'Connor)

"That Council defer a decision on DA 85/2019... pending a Councillor workshop and the return of Council Meetings to the Council chamber where the community and developer can address Councillors on the matters being considered." (Carried unanimously).

Great work, Councillors!

It was also most encouraging to hear Mayor Mick Pearce on ABC radio unequivocally assure us all that there would be no decision "until there has been community consultation." Well done for you too, Mr. Mayor.

Included in the reasons we chose to settle in Uralla are its attractive heritage atmosphere and a strong sense of community, which Council's action has exemplified.

Karen Johnston, Uralla resident.

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Dear Editor

Congratulations to all those involved in keeping the publication of the 'Wordsworth' going over the past few issues. Robert Bell's comment in the June 1st issue that we need more than ever to support our local news now so many papers are being curtailed or closed down is very relevant.

I would like to comment on Kent Mayo's reference to Coca-Cola on page 13 of the 18th May issue when he referred to Coca Cola being "invented in 1888 by the USA Dental Association to make money - what else!" I am sure this was 'tongue in cheek'.

For those who may be interested the TRUE story of the invention is as follows from my own visit to Coca Cola headquarters in Atlanta where I obtained the History with my father who joined the Coca Cola Export Corporation in 1944, came to Sydney via Atlanta in 1947 on transfer from London as their Analytical Chemist, being responsible for checking syrup quality, water filtration and consistency, and retired from the firm in 1976.

Confederate Colonel John S Pemberton, who was wounded in the American Civil War (1870's) by a deep sabre blow, recovered and became addicted to morphine over the next 10 years. He wanted to find a substitute for the problem drug, as he was an Atlanta pharmacist. He eventually developed a syrup as a health tonic, based on

cocaine from the Cola leaf and caffeine-rich extract from the Kola nut. His bookkeeper, Frank Robinson, chose the name for the syrup (which was mixed with soda water) and penned it in the flowing script that became the Coca-Cola trademark, still identified today.

In 1886, when prohibition legislation was passed, Pemberton marketed it as a 'temperance health drink'. The first sales were at the Jewish owned Jacob's Drug Store and pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia, also in 1886. Drugstore Soda Fountain shops were popular, due to the belief that carbonated water was good for your health! In 1899 the Coca-Cola Company signed its first agreement with an independent bottling company which was allowed to buy the syrup and produce, bottle and distribute the drink. In 1903 cocaine and all psychoactive elements were removed from the syrup and only 'spent' Coco leaves were used. In 1916 after Supreme Court hearings the Company voluntarily reduced the amount of caffeine to its product. Today Coca-Cola only contains a trace of caffeine."

I think it is fair to say that all original soft drinks containing sugar, generally in the form of corn syrup, have approx. 20g/200ml. - in fact Coca-Cola has slightly less than original Lemonade.

Gordon Fuller

Uralla resident

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