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## Celebrating the People Who Make Uralla a Great Place for Business

Friday 30th August saw the Uralla Business community come together in an amazing celebration of our people and their drive, determination and innovation to build a community that is not just a dot on the map, but a real destination.

Adam Marshall hit the nail on the head when he said Uralla had a certain 'X' factor which shone through our community. We prefer to call it a 'U' factor – 'U' for Uralla, but also 'U' for You! Uralla would not enjoy the strength and resilience we do without the spirit of our community - Your creativity, Your drive, and Your excitement for showcasing our region.

While our CBD is perfectly situated along the highway, doing an amazing job harnessing the visitor economy, it was fantastic to recognise the hard work and achievements of businesses from across the entire Uralla Shire. It was also reassuring to see strong results from our Early Childhood Education sector - which can only help the family-focus and growth of our area.

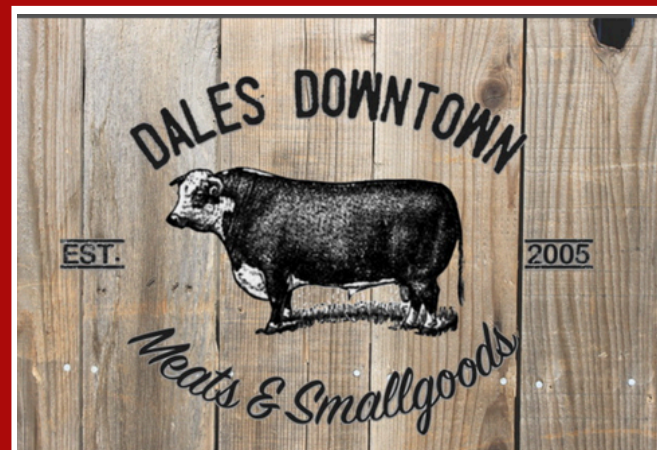
We had a great number and range of applications for all our award categories, all worthy candidates for recognition. Our judges did an amazing job in sorting through the paperwork to award the winners and runners-up.

We would like to thank our judges - Tim Coates (President Business NSW New England North West), Lee Toomey (Local Chamber Alliance Co-ordinator Business NSW NENW) and Ashley Bland who was able to step up at short notice.



We would also like to recognise our special guests for the night - Guest Speaker Adam Marshall, Diane Gray (Regional Director Business NSW NENW), Kate Nugent (Strategic Partnership Manager Business NSW NENW), Uralla Shire Mayor Robert Bell and General Manager Toni Averay.

Sponsors who made this event possible included our venue sponsor, who did an amazing job for their first major function, Uralla Golf Club with Armidale Servies Club (with a special thank you to Scott Sullivan and Events Co-ordinator Brittany); Award Sponsors ACEN Australia New England Solar (Outstanding Trainee or Apprentice), Regional Australia Bank (Outstanding Employee), New England Times (Outstanding New Business), the Mailler Family (Outstanding Community Organisation); Gold Sponsors ACE Power and Winterbourne Wind Farm; Silver Sponsors Sunhill Dairy and Skin Care, The Alternate Root, Little Birdy and The Good Egg VA Co. ...next page



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We also thank everyone who took the time to nominate and complete the application process. It is an involved process but is designed to help you reflect on how your business fits into your community.

While we can provide a venue and a lovely meal, it is You who gave us a reason to celebrate!

Thank you for an amazing event!

And the winners were:

**Excellence in Business**

Winner:

Invergowrie General Store



Runner-up: TG's Childcare Uralla

**Outstanding Community Organisation**

Winner: Uralla Community

Neighbourhood Centre



Runner-up: Rotary Club of Uralla

**Outstanding Employee**

Winner: LisaMarie Wotten

(Uralla Preschool)



Runner-up: Lucy Neary (The Alternate Root)

**Outstanding Leader in Business**

Winner: Adam Hayes

Runner-up: Stephen Dobson



**Outstanding New Business**

Winner: Melibee Honey



Runner-up: David Mann - Old Memories & Treasures

**Outstanding Trainee or Apprentice**

Winner: Isabella Cordery

(TG's Childcare, Uralla)



Runner-up: Tara Vickery (Uralla Preschool)

**Beth Platford, Secretary, Uralla Shire Business Chamber**



# The Rotary Club of Uralla - Antiques and Collectibles Fair 2024

The 11th annual Fair will be held Saturday 21st Sept (9am-5pm) and Sunday 22nd Sept (9am-2:30pm) in the RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury St, Uralla. Entry fee into the Fair is by gold coin donation.

Exhibitors travel to Uralla for the Fair from Newcastle, Grafton, Tamworth, Bingara, Kentucky and Armidale.

Local classic, vintage & quirky motor vehicle enthusiasts are encouraged to join in the activities by driving around the main streets and parking in prominent positions especially near the RSL Hall. Vintage and period costumes are welcome!

There will be a Guess the Mystery Item Competition and an experienced appraiser can advise people about their special items. Cost is \$5 for 1 item and \$10 for 3 items, limited to 3 items per person so everyone gets a turn.

Bookings preferred:

- Saturday 9:30-10:30am & 2-4:30pm
- Sunday 9:30-11am
- To make an appointment sms or call Leanne (below), or drop in to the Hall during the Fair.

The Uralla Neighbourhood Centre will host their famous Devonshire Tea Stall in the Hall; scones with jam & cream, cakes, sandwiches and other treats, accompanied with tea or coffee.

Classically trained musician Ian Willington will play guitar and sing during both days.

Sponsors; Phoenix Foundry, Dales Downtown Meats, Ural Australia, Uralla Bowlo, Seasons of New England, Stephen Dobson, Radio 2AD, Uralla Wordsworth, Burnets Bookstore, Olde Memories & Treasures, Uralla Pharmacy and many other Uralla businesses.

**For further information contact Leanne 0488 559 928**

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# Devonshire Tea

at the Rotary Club of Uralla's

Antiques and Collectables Fair

Hosted by Uralla Neighbourhood Centre  
RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury Street, Uralla



Saturday 21 September 2024 &

Sunday 22 September 2024

10am to 3pm



## Z-NET Uralla AGM

Sunday 22 September, 1.30pm

Community Centre, Hill Street

As ZNET completes another year of working on community projects we would like to invite everyone with an interest in living sustainably to join us for the afternoon.

Program:

- Welcome
- AGM - all positions will be declared vacant
- Refreshments
- A presentation by Dr. Jane Pickard on a new initiative: Local Heritage Fruit and Nut Trees - mapping and propagating. Uralla and surrounds still hold a hidden wealth of important heritage food plants from early orchards that supplied fruit locally and into Sydney, so this is a great project to research and preserve local resilient species.

**New to town?** – a bit about ZNET. Our Mission is to build resilience as we transition to a regenerative and sustainable way of living that minimises demand for resources, maximises health of the community and environment, whilst proactively responding to future challenges.

**ZNET has run projects** on energy efficiency for homes and businesses, sustainable harvesting of firewood, community consultation on water security, greening Uralla with tree plantings, Livable Landscapes, waste reduction, recycling and upcycling, local food production and preserving, even curtain making to keep our homes warm!

All are welcome at our AGM to learn more about ZNET and new projects for the coming year.

**See you there!**

# 110 Years of Red Cross in Australia

## How it all began in Australia

Formed after the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, Australian Red Cross has played a pivotal role in supporting Australians for 110 years. Through its auxiliary status, acts as the bridge that connects government, corporates, and the humanitarian sector with communities and individuals in need.

## Australian Red Cross today

Currently, there are over one million Red Cross members, volunteers, partners, staff, donors, blood donors and supporters, operating from 1,250 locations in all states and territories and hundreds more neighbourhoods through our community programs.

## What we've delivered in the past year

Australian Red Cross has mobilised 16,000 members and volunteers to act for humanity. Through this support, more than 324,000 people have received help during and after disasters, 53,000 people were trained in first aid, 19,700 helped through migration support programs and 215,000 hours of support was provided to older or vulnerable people.

## Why we're celebrating

This milestone event is dedicated to all the people we have stood beside through crises, and everyone who continues to make our important work possible – today and tomorrow. Together, we will continue to be there in times of disaster, to promote respect for the laws of war, to treat every human with dignity, and remain a constant for people in need across Australia and globally.

[redcross.org.au](http://redcross.org.au)

110 years



## It Takes a Community to Raise a Baby

The **Uralla Child and Family Clinic** is now open. Last week our local baby clinic opened again after having been closed for months. The clinic is located on Bridge and Wood Street. Families are very welcome. You will meet Vicki and Lexie who are both registered nurses.

**Tuesday and Thursday  
for clinic visits and first home visits.**

We can see families with their new babies and do developmental checks and immunisation up to five years. We are also starting a breastfeeding clinic on Wednesdays. Both nurses are very experienced, kind and willing to help families and their babies.

Ring for an appointment 67761201



Country Women's  
Association of  
New South Wales

## CWA Awareness Week

As part of CWA Awareness Week, the Uralla Branch will be holding a "Sconversation" discussing the pressing issue of domestic and family violence occurring in Regional and Rural Communities.

We are grateful for our two guest speakers attending, a Caseworker from the Armidale Women's Shelter and the manager from New England Family Support who will share information regarding gender-based violence and the new legislation relating to coercion.

A morning tea will be served during the discussion.

The "Sconversation" is to be held at the Uralla Library, Friday 20th September at 9.30 am finishing around 11.30 am and all are welcome.

Australian Red Cross

Uralla Branch

Inaugural Preloved Quality Vintage and Clothing

Devonshire Tea available



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Main Pavilion,  
Uralla Showground

9am to 3pm



# Wash Your Face

"Wash your face" my father said  
Even before I'd left my bed  
To all a wise man indeed  
Maybe he knew my primary need

The visage appears before my eyes  
All revealed, even the lies  
Years behind them, seeping out  
The days ahead clouded in doubts

Water splashes off the skin  
Opening to what lies within  
The strands of hair now bedded down  
From base of the neck to the very crown

The deep knowing emerges slowly  
The gaze too strong is bowed, now lowly  
Reach for the towel  
To hide the scowl

Calm is soon restored  
Feet are now securely moored

**Kathrine Arnold, Uralla**

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## FRIENDS OF MCMAUGH GARDENS AGM and INFORMATION

Friends of McMaugh Gardens will be holding their AGM on Monday 14th October 2024 at 2.00pm. Held at the Uralla Bowling & Recreation Club, Hill Street Uralla.

Friends of McMaugh Gardens are a group of fun loving community members with the commitment to support McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre. We welcome new members to join us in our fun and commitment. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2pm at the Uralla Bowling & Recreation Club. We welcome all community members and members of community groups to attend and join us for afternoon tea after this meeting.

For further information, please contact myself, the secretary

Rosemary Reading at [rosemary.reading@bigpond.com](mailto:rosemary.reading@bigpond.com) or 041216344  
or

President Sue Wilkinson at [suzywilk@live.com](mailto:suzywilk@live.com) or 0403033126

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Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is

**5pm Thursday 26 September 2024**

Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor and articles to [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto:urallawordsworth@gmail.com)

# Gems to Bedazzle You!



New England Lapidary and Fossicking Club Inc. formed in 1991 and has been based in the Uralla Showground for over 20 years.

Club members from throughout the New England area and beyond enjoy field trips and lapidary sessions on a monthly basis. Club meetings are on held the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in their clubroom at Uralla Showground.

The objective of our club is to promote, foster and encourage amongst the members, other organisations and interested people in the community, the study and practice of the art of lapidary and fossicking.

For financial members, the Committee approves tuition on learning to pan for gold or tumbling rocks and from time to time other workshops such as silver work, wire wrapping and jewellery making have been undertaken.

Lapidary is the art of cutting and polishing precious and semi-precious stones. Many lapidary clubs have been formed across Australia to provide an opportunity for people with a wide variety of interests in precious and semi-precious gemstones and minerals, to meet and share their knowledge, develop their skills and enjoy the fellowship of those who share those interests.

The club currently has over sixty members and the executive works tirelessly year round to promote and foster the club, fossicking and the art of lapidary.

We also participate in many local events including the Uralla Show, Thunderbolt Festival and Uralla Street Store as well as maintaining the Harry Wooldridge Collection which is on display at Uralla Visitor Information Centre.

Membership enquiries for New England Lapidary and Fossicking Club Inc. can be made via Club Secretary Kerry Tasik by email to [nelfc@hotmail.com](mailto:nelfc@hotmail.com)

**Kerry Tasik, Secretary, N.E.L.F.C Inc**

# McCrossin's Mill

## Street Name Competition

There were some very good entries for our recent "Street Name Competition". The ages of the competitors ranged from five years to twelve years. It was surprising that there were no teenagers taking part, considering that the first prize was \$200! Age was very important consideration for the Judges.

The results are as follows:

### 1st Prize

Olive Hull 8 yrs Kentucky School

### 2nd & 3rd Prizes

There were three entries of equal standard so they shared the total of 2nd & 3rd prizes.

Helena Toomey 12 yrs Kentucky School

Naomi Miller 11 yrs Rocky River School

Lucinda Jordan 7 yrs St Joseph

### Best of the Consolation Prizes

Edith Dodson 7yrs Kentucky School

### Consolation Prizes

George Bashford 6 yrs Kentucky School

Shaun Corey 11yrs Kentucky School

Harrison ... 10yrs Rocky River School

Woody Taylor 9yrs Kentucky School

Henry Rose-Hill 10yrs Rocky River School

Woody Taylor 9yrs Kentucky School

The Uralla Historical Society thanks all the children who spent time investigating the origin of the name of the street where they live and hopes they learnt a lot in the process.

Tricia Stewart, Uralla Historical Society

### Uralla Community Street Store

**16 - 22 September** - St Marks Anglican Church  
Kentucky (Uralla Parish)

**23 - 29 September** - Uralla Senior Citizens &  
Pensioners Association

Call Uralla Shire Council to book - 6778 6300

To download the 2023 street stall schedule go to:

<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Uralla-Community-Street-Store>



Listen every second Tuesday morning for a live to air interview about the latest edition of the Wordsworth, on FM 92.1 or on the internet: <https://2arm.net.au/listen/>

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

at Uralla Shire Council



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Information about vacant positions and access to Council's interactive application is available on Council's website: [Working at Uralla Shire Council Uralla Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://Working at Uralla Shire Council Uralla Shire Council (nsw.gov.au))

Council is regularly employing across a wide range of service areas such as: general hand, truck drivers, plant operations, landfill operators, aged care, direct support workers, administrative and professional roles. Ask us about our casual, term and permanent positions.

Tel: 6778 6300



## ATTENTION VETERANS

If you are in need of assistance

of any type

financial, physical, emotional etc

or you just need a chat with someone who knows ...

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or email [urallasb@rslnsw.org.au](mailto:urallasb@rslnsw.org.au)

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## Uralla Bowling & Recreation Club

52 Hill Street Uralla NSW 2358 Phone: 6778 4192

### Sunday Raffles

### Sunday 29th September

On the last Sunday of each month,  
The Bowlo will have 20 x \$30 meat trays,  
also Club & meat vouchers to be won,  
Membership draw will follow the raffles.  
Tickets on sale at 12:30pm, drawn at 1:30pm

Hope to see you there.

Bus available 12pm - 5pm

Call for bookings

Entertainment will be Dion Bayman

12pm - 4pm

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MONTH

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Lunch  
only



# Update from the Uralla Women's Bowling Club

Over the last six months our ladies have been getting out and about on bowling greens both here at home and further afield, playing in both social and competition games.

We have now completed all our club competitions. Some members have also taken part in the new Bowls North West Region Games with varying degrees of success. Congratulations to those who decided to give this new bowls event a go.

In lieu of attending bowling events at various District venues as we did before dissolution, the Uralla Women's Bowling Club offered to hold the first of a series of friendship games to be held at each of the local clubs that made up the old District. This first event on 7th August was a huge success with both male and female bowlers attending. The next Friendship game will be on soon at Armidale City on 17th September 2024.

We have attended various club President's days.

Always a great time! Walcha's Emblem Day is now coming up on 26th September.

Uralla Bowling Club hosted the Thunderbolt's Triples over this last weekend, which proved a most successful event, with entrants from local area clubs as well as from Inverell and Harrington. The format was Open Gender, which saw mixed, male and female teams all playing five games each as they competed against each other. Harrington entered two teams and one of these teams came out the winner of the event. Friday, Saturday and Sunday 6th - 8th September also saw Uralla Bowling Club members, male and female, participating in the latest Past Presidents Association Bowls Day held at Club West, Taree. Club West proved the eventual winner, with a North West team led by Greg Wilkins getting runner-up. The Uralla team of Col Dade, Phyllis Dade, Judy Bray and Lynnette Dwyer had a great time. These lady bowlers then took an extra day to go shopping before setting out for home. I wonder what Col did?

**Pauline Crouch, Publicity Officer, UWBC**

## Letters to the Editor

*The opinions expressed in letters to the editors are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of Uralla Wordsworth. Uralla Wordsworth is not able to fact check letters. Where authors make claims without referencing their sources, it is for the reader to assess the veracity of these claims.*

Dear Editor,

Originally from then war-torn Syria, our dedicated local GP has moved north, after years of extraordinarily devoted service to the community.

His patients are in limbo, and his Uralla Medical Centre moribund.

Yet in that multitude of desperate people in Palestine seeking refuge, there must be GPs (and nurses) who'd love to fill the void, not just in Uralla but in the many other towns lacking a GP, and in the regional hospitals that are understaffed and their wonderful people overworked to the point of exhaustion.

How hard would it be for a bevy of bureaucrats to quit their air-conditioned offices and be flown over to humanely expedite the process and plonk the candidates and their families on a plane to the peace and promise of Australia? Really, what's the issue?

While they're at it, they might round up quotas of maths and science teachers, uni lecturers, plumbers, electricians, and so on, and offer them free flights to our very own paradise as well.

We've boundless planes to share, remember.

**Kent Mayo, Uralla**

P.S. This letter was originally published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 3 September.

We, in our comfort zone in Australia, might be tempted to say "Surely the Palestinian people need their doctors and nurses more than we do." True, but taking the Hippocratic Oath shouldn't compel a medico to remain in a place where they and their innocent partner and children may be blown to bits.

If Hippo's compatriot Archimedes had closed his books and fled, he wouldn't have been murdered by an ignorant, bloodthirsty Roman Soldier, and the world may have further prospered from his genius.

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# Community Calendar

Please email [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto:urallawordsworth@gmail.com) if you have an event or regular meeting date for your organisation.

## 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 the Uniting Church Hall, Maitland St, Uralla

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

Ph: 67784918 New email: [cbne.uralla1@gmail.com](mailto:cbne.uralla1@gmail.com)

Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 11.30am at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00 including morning tea.

**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 Showground

**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 Club** Social tennis 3:00pm Sundays. 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 and Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm, 18 Uralla St North, (old Scout Hall site) Phone 0419151253, Hours usually extended in Daylight saving. Email: [urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com)

**Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre.** Monday by appointment, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm, 67711457 0419149244, [Urallacnc@familysupport.org.au](mailto: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

**Uralla Book Club** meets on the first Saturday of each month, 8:30am at the Alternate Root

**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](mailto:office@unc.org.au) Donations welcomed.

**Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla)** meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons contact Dennis 0435 727 162 or John 0411 374 334

**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. We are now able to meet in our beautiful church conveniently located at the corner of Hill and Maitland streets. All are welcome to attend.

**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](mailto:urallagardenclub@gmail.com) or Jenny 0435 593 850

**The Armidale District MS Branch** meetings (including AGM) will be held at Armidale City Bowling Club on the first Monday of the month at 10:30am except for the December when it will be on the second Wednesday at 11am.

**Armidale District MS Branch Support Group Meetings** are held second Wednesday of the month, at Armidale City Bowling Club at 10:30am

**New England Lapidary and Fossicking Club Inc.** Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom at Uralla Showground. Access gate is in operation. To attend please contact the Secretary on 0407 308 620 or email [nelfc@hotmail.com](mailto:nelfc@hotmail.com) New members are very welcome.



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# Events For Your Diary

**Skeptics in the Pub** is a free event, held every month and open to everyone.

The next Skeptics In The Pub is at **6pm on Tuesday 24 September** at the **Railway Hotel**, Armidale.

Guest speaker is Armidale's **Stephen O'Neill** talking about *The Migration Paradox – The Five Key Myths of Migration*. Stephen is a retired Chief Operations Officer for Settlement Services International.

Arrive at 6pm, order and pay for dinner and drinks, then settle in to hear him speak, followed by a discussion session.

For further information:

**Amelia Willmer**, Skeptics In The Pub, ph 0407765669

**Uralla Arts - Julian Belachir and band Uralla Arts gig 29th September at 3pm, at McCrossin's Mill.** Belachir is bringing Morocco and Mali's rich musical heritage to local audiences sharing the sacred sounds of traditional trance music from Northern Africa mixed with captivating soundscapes. Belachir has been uniting the worlds of African drumming drawing from genres such as Hip hop, Reggae and Funk to name a few. He will be joined by Malian Master guitarist Moussa Diakite and Qvin from California USA. Expect to be transformed by these intricate rhythms and up dancing.

Tickets on [events.humanitix.com](https://events.humanitix.com) or at the door. \$30.00  
Inquiries [maxineross49@gmail.com](mailto:maxineross49@gmail.com)

**The inaugural New England Garden Trail**, organised by the New England Garden Festival team, will travel across six country towns in the beautiful New England region in seven days, opening approximately eighteen plus cold-climate gardens to visitors. Each town will open their three gardens between 9am-2pm

Specific garden details will be published closer to the date.

**Dates of the Garden Trail:**

31st Oct Walcha, **1st Nov Uralla**, 2/3rd Nov Armidale - New England Garden Festival, 4th Nov Guyra, 5th Nov Glen Innes and finishing on 6th Nov in Tenterfield.

**Lou Forsythe, The New England Garden Festival Inc. Committee, 0431 711 100**

**Croquet in Uralla, each Sunday at 2:00pm**, Uralla Bowlo. All new and experienced players welcome. For more information contact David 0478639524



Rita Diball photo: Jann Karp

## The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunty Bob

*Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust*

*Do you have a problem that needs sorting? Send your email to [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto:urallawordsworth@gmail.com). Or drop a written note into the Uralla brewery.*

Dear Aunty Bob,

I understand that I am required to vote tomorrow even though I live on a farm 60 kms from my nearest booth. I also understand that I will not be voting for anybody as there were only enough nominations for councilors so that vote was not required. Has democracy gone mad. I could be tending my fields instead of wasting my time voting whether I want a popular mayor or an unpopular mayor selected by unpopular councilors. Please help.

yours in frustration,

**Iva Muddle.**

Dear Iva, I share your frustration, but just remember it doesn't matter who you vote for, in this case nobody, you get a politician. This process would appear to be a fund raising exercise because I am sure many people will forget or refuse to vote and will be fined. Our system may not be perfect but be thankful that we are not in the USA and their crazy system or Russia where there is only one candidate.

Yours in democracy,

**Aunty Bob**

## Uralla Library Artist of the Month

Talented and professional Uralla artist Rita Diball is the guest artist for this month at Uralla Library.

Rita said, "I will be in attendance at the Uralla Library on given days to talk to anyone about my exhibition of paintings. The majority of them were painted after a stroke which affected my ability to stand and hold a brush. I have developed a new technique for my oil painting due to the limitations of my hands which I would like to share with anyone interested or in similar circumstances".

Rita's portraits include people and pets. These paintings are vibrant, professionally executed and jump out of the canvas. People seem real and very interesting within the portrait. One particularly interesting one, is the back view of a very regal terrier. Rita will take commissions. Contact her by text on B V A : 04100338790

**Jann Karp, Uralla**

# Episode 11 - Town Life - Running Wild

(Fiction)

*This episode is the 11th in the 'Running Wild' (Fiction) series. The 10th, 'Leave this Place', was printed in Uralla Wordsworth June – August 2024.*

**3. Recap:** *Knocked into the mud by a group of drunken miners, Ollie's man Jackson had the gals, their supplies and Marion retrieved from the large puddle at the front of the Jenkins Inn. But Marian couldn't speak, for something precious had been taken from him in the melee.*

The gals went to the house, sodden from their dunking, with supplies retrieved from the muddy puddle.

Marian continued to search, taking off his jacket in his frantic attempt to find what he was looking for. When he was done, he told of the pale envelope with the red wax seal, Betts had given him before they left Moonbi. Betts had said, 'Keep it safe and don't open it until you get to Gloucester and the gals are safely on their way to Sydney. Your future may depend upon it.'

Ollie took up Marian's coat and searched the two waist pockets, fingers reaching right through each pocket. Ollie said, 'That's the work of a cutpurse and we know who that might be. Jackson go quickly and bring Fenton to me!'

Jackson bounded off and raced up the street. He moved more quickly than one would expect for a man of his size. Ollie took Marian into the inn and sat him down on a chair in the clear area of the Inn floor. Miners and fancy girls were gathered around the pianna, drinking, singing and dancing as Turner played.

A short time later Jackson returned holding a young man by the scruff of the neck. He flung him onto the floor at the feet of Ollie and Marian. He also threw a chaff sack down beside him. Ollie said, 'Welcome Weasel Fenton to my establishment, I hope you might be able to help us find a lost item?'

'Weasel-faced Fenton' was an orphan, coming into Nundle Town two years past. In winter he slept in the street, against brick fireplaces for warmth and in summer the soft grasses along the Peel.

Fenton's mother was long dead, and father mined at Elanora, on Bakers Creek, but never hit the gold prize. He sold his lease to another for pennies, who promptly found a good vein and made rich. It was all too much for him to bear, so he ended it all next to his sold claim, with a barrel in his mouth, as if to make a point.

Fenton was left with nought and rambled the countryside, looking for food mostly. A group of Elanora miners fed him and were heading to the Nundle gold fields, so it was there he went.

Fenton's method was to mingle into a crowd or better still a melee, slicing with cutthroat razor, bags and coat pockets, letting the contents fall to the ground to retrieve

after the unsuspecting passed. He also wasn't too shy to pick a pocket or two.

Jackson tipped the contents of the chaff sack onto the floor and there fell the pale envelope with red seal. Ollie handed it to Marian who quickly tucked it back away into his underclothes against his breast with a thankful smile. Ollie then said to Fenton, 'Live and Let Live I Say', gather your goods and don't let me see you around my part of town again, or you'll have Jackson to deal with.' Weasel-faced Fenton did as he was told and quickly scurried out of the inn and into the now dark night.

**Daryl Albertson, Kellys Plains**



## Application for Appointment of Board Members

### Uralla Goldfields Historical Reserve Land Manager

Ever wondered who is responsible for keeping Crown reserves operating?

Countless facilities like showgrounds, local halls and parks are run by Statutory Land Manager Boards, made up of people just like you. People who understand the need and have a desire to manage public land and assets for the benefit of the entire community.

Your role as a Board Member is voluntary, but the rewards of giving something back to the community are priceless.

We are looking for a good mix of people with a variety of skills, however, sound business and financial management skills and objective decision-making expertise would be a distinct advantage.

Don't let this opportunity to do something for yourself and your community pass you by – contact us today.

The Uralla Goldfields Historical Reserve Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 88116 at Uralla notified on 29-Jan-1971 for Preservation Of Historical Sites And Buildings. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application for membership can be made via [portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au)

All applications are required to be lodged by **4 October 2024**.

For further information contact: **Angie Wetzler on (02) 6770 3110** or go to [reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au)

## Events For Your Diary

**CWA Sconversation** 20 September

**Antiques & Collectables Fair** 21 & 22 September 2024

**Z-Net Uralla AGM** 22 September

**Red Cross Relove** 6 October 2024

**Thunderbolts Festival** 26 October 2024

**Uralla Garden Trail** 1 November 2024

**Bundarra Garden Festival** 9 & 10 November 2024

**Uralla Christmas Street Fair** 22 November

**Fairy Festival** 7 December 2024



## Melanie's Recovery

As most of Uralla would know on Saturday the 24th of August, Teresa and I were working in our shop in the main street and received the phone call no parents ever want to receive that Melanie has been in a car accident. Our beautiful daughter Melanie was severely injured in a high speed head on collision just north of Shepparton, Victoria just six days shy of her 20th Birthday.

Mel is pretty well known around Uralla, doing a traineeship at Uralla Shire Council for 2 years, working part time at the Uralla Pharmacy and now working behind the counter at the Pie mechanic for the past 2 years. She was Vice-Captain of Uralla Central School in Year 11 and has been studying part time at Charles Sturt University for a Medical Degree.

Mel was saved by quick thinking people on the ground following the accident who stemmed the bleeding from several wounds to her right leg. Victorian Highway Patrol officers were on scene very quickly giving her aid until Paramedics arrived soon afterwards. These amazing people saved her life in those couple of hours.

Mel was placed into a medically induced coma to keep her still whilst they tried to stabilise her condition. It took some two hours to remove her from what was left of her car and she was flown by air ambulance to Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Mel underwent emergency surgery for several hours to stabilise her and then moved to the Intensive Care Unit. With the help of friends, family and the Victorian Police, Teresa and I arrived in Melbourne just 10 hours after receiving the first call to let us know that Mel had been injured. We were kept informed by the Police, Nurses and Doctors the whole time we were travelling, assuring us that everything that could be done was being done.

She underwent 7 hours of surgery by four teams of Orthopaedic surgeons two days later which put shattered bones back together with the use of Titanium rods, screws, pins and plates. These amazing specialist surgeons were brought in from all over the state and interstate to try and get the best results they could to ensure the best outcome for Mel. She suffered breaks to both femurs, and lower leg bones, broken left foot, seven broken ribs, broken sternum, some minor organ damage and collapsed lungs and a severe concussion.

Mel spent her 20th birthday in the ICU but was celebrated not just by us but the whole of the ICU team who put up decorations, got her a birthday cake and bought her a beautiful teddy bear present and cards. They then sang happy birthday to her when we arrived. Not the birthday party she wanted but like she said at least she was still celebrating her birthday.

Now starts the long road to recovery. After just over two weeks in Melbourne, Mel was flown to John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle where she remains at the moment.

She will soon be moved to Tamworth Hospital until she can put some weight onto her legs then she will go into a



specialist Rehab hospital in Tamworth where she will regain her strength and get back to walking again. This may take some time but our girl is strong and determined and she will make a full recovery.

We can't thank the community of Uralla enough for all the support and friendship they have shown us during this past three weeks away from home looking after Mel.

Our neighbours and friends next door, Louis and Wendy, Chris and Emma, Col and Faye for looking after our beloved fur babies, Sonia and Kris for looking after the house, Mark and Wendy for looking after the shop and chasing up left behind documents, Mel's friends for looking after her fur baby, Loki and her house and Adam at the Pie Mechanic for looking out for Mel.

Most of all we want to thank the people of Shepparton in Victoria and those that were on the road at the time. Jeremy who was involved in the collision, even with injuries went to Mel's aid as did several other locals travelling the road. Rocky and Chris from the Highway Patrol who helped Mel in those first minutes and kept us informed of her movements and have kept in touch almost every day since, the Paramedics and the Victorian Air Ambulance.

Then comes the hospital teams at the ED, then surgery, ICU and the Trauma wards and now those wonderful nurses at the John Hunter Hospital. All these people don't know each other but in their own way contributed to keeping Melanie alive. They were all part of an amazing community of individuals, some with amazing skills who came together to save the life of a beautiful young woman who they also didn't know but they were determined not to let her become another statistic on our roads.

Russ and Teresa thank you all, as do our big loving family and all of Mel's friends.

We love you all.

**Russ French, Uralla**



## Site works kick off for electrical connection

Work has begun on the electrical switchyard that's required to connect the New England Battery Energy Storage System to the electricity transmission network.

The works are being undertaken by Australian business Lumea, a Transgrid group, which specialises in connecting large scale electricity generators to the electricity transmission network.

The new switchyard bay will be located next to the existing outdoor electrical infrastructure on our Stage 1 solar project site.

The switchyard construction will involve the installation of a step up transformer, busbars, circuit breakers, disconnection switches and other equipment that all work together to safely convert and transport electricity from the on-site battery system.

The work is expected to take about six months to complete.

## Battery works move forward

Site preparation works will soon begin for the New England Solar Battery Energy Storage Project, which will help provide on-demand energy for homes and businesses across NSW and Queensland.

The 400 megawatt hour battery project will be co-located on our Stage 1 Solar Project site. When complete it will be able to provide 200 megawatt hours of energy over a two-hour period, when required – day or night.

Leading energy storage specialist Energy Vault will lead the construction of the battery project.

Road users may notice a minor increase in traffic along the New England Highway, the northern end of Barleyfields Road and Big Ridge Road as construction works take place on our project site.

Additional works to seal the end of Big Ridge Road are also planned. We will liaise directly with affected neighbours when the timing of works is confirmed.

Thank you for your patience as this work continues.

## New England Solar grants helps get horse club moving

The Uralla Branch of Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club has upgraded to a new gear trailer thanks to the help of the New England Solar Social Investment Program.

It's an essential bit of equipment to help the club stay on the move between events and shows.

Round 2 of this year's Social Investment Program has now just closed, with news of the next round of recipients expected before November. Thank you to all those people and groups who took the time to apply for our grants in 2024.



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