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One Hundred Words

One Hundred Editions of Uralla Wordsworth Since 14 January 2019

A heartfelt thanks from all of us at the Uralla Wordsworth to the entire community of Uralla, to our advertisers, to our contributors and to our readers and supporters for helping us reach this milestone.

A hundred words to celebrate one hundred editions of the Uralla Wordsworth, one hundred times. We thought that it would be fitting to celebrate our 100th edition by giving something back to our advertisers, our contributors and our readers and supporters.

In keeping with the spirit of a newspaper, we are offering all of you the opportunity, for free, to submit 100 words to say something about yourselves, or about something you are passionate about. In the case of our advertisers – and that is anyone who has placed at least one advertisement in any of the 100 editions of the Uralla Wordsworth – we hope that you would submit 100 words to give some background to your business, to help our readers get some insight into what inspires and motivates you.

In the case of community groups, we offer you 100 words to spread the word about yourselves. To anyone else, we offer you 100 words to let us know about your connection

to, or thoughts of Uralla.

Of course, we cannot do this without some boundaries, so we have imposed an initial, but very flexible, limit of 100 opportunities. Once we have published 100 submissions of 100 words, we will review how successful this idea has been and decide if we should continue. We hope to be able to publish 4 submissions per edition, so that will be about 25 editions.

We are immensely proud of having reached our 100th edition. And we are immensely grateful for the support we have received from the Uralla Shire community. Without our advertisers, we would not have been able to produce an edition every fortnight since we started, because our only source of funding is advertising, apart from the occasional donation.

Without our contributors, we would not have been able to fill the pages of every edition, and we know that our community has shown that what we are doing is worthwhile.

We thank you.

Your 100 words submissions can be emailed to urallawordsworth@gmail.com

Uralla Wordsworth Team

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

Congratulations to Uralla Wordsworth on its 100th edition. I would like to acknowledge the volunteer editors and the wonderful support from those who advertise and make it all possible.

Great news for the Lockheed Martin Satellite Communications Facility at Uralla, with Geoscience Australia awarding the local arm of Lockheed Martin a \$1.18 billion, 19 year contract to help implement the Southern Positioning Augmentation Network. This contract aims to improve the accuracy of GPS from 5 to 10 metres to as little as 10 centimetres. The advantages for surveying, civil aviation, vehicle guidance and precision agriculture are huge. With it comes the hope of an extra 10 high tech positions at the Tracking Station.

Spare a thought for our hard working bitumen patching crews, continuing to deal with saturated subgrades on our bitumen roads. Council's Engineering staff are currently reviewing if there isn't a better way of carrying out repairs on these roads. Having said that, we count our blessings that we are not one of the shires severely impacted by flooding. One challenge our staff do not need is the mindless vandalism of Uralla's public toilets. It takes time, money and manpower to repair; and staff should be spending their time improving our community. Anyone with information contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Last Thursday the General Manager, Senior Staff and I had the opportunity to have a meeting with Chris Hanger and his team, including staff from the Armidale Office, from the Department of Regional NSW. Chris is the Deputy Secretary for Regional Development and Programs, and Shaun O'Sullivan and Dane O'Connor are both located in Armidale. The Council was well represented at the recent Regional Strategy Forum, from which we understand the outcomes will be made public in the next week or so. We continue to work closely with the Department. Chris left Uralla with a very positive view of the shire and an increased understanding of the

challenges and opportunities that being in a Renewable Energy Zone will throw up.

On the Renewable Energy front, the General Manager, Manager of Planning and I will meet this week with our counterparts at Tamworth Regional Council to ensure all developers are receiving the same advice around Voluntary Planning Agreements, and any Community Benefit Funds. The Thunderbolt Energy Hub Stage 1 is currently preparing responses to the public submissions, including from Uralla Shire Council, and will then forward them back to the NSW Department of Planning for final determination. This may mean that the Independent Planning Commission will need to meet and review the project. Stage 1 currently proposes 32 wind turbines of which only 3 are in Uralla Shire.

Last week I also met with a representative of Clean Energy Australia. No doubt the excellent work being done by ZNet and the proposed developments in the shire have lifted our profile. It is interesting that their 2021 report includes that 32.5% of Australia's total electricity generation in 2021 was down to the renewable energy industry. The report also highlights that the growth has been led by small scale solar, such as that proposed by Meralli Solar near the railway crossing on the Walcha Road.

There was an excellent turnout for the "Friends of McMaugh Gardens" Annual General Meeting. Sue Wilkinson was again elected (unopposed) as President. The hard-working members provide all those extras that, while not on the "essential" list, enhance the residents' lifestyle and comfort. I spoke briefly about Council's ongoing support for, and commitment to, McMaugh Gardens and our preliminary plans to increase the bed numbers to meet demand and continue to be financially sustainable.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Thunderbolt Festival on Saturday October 29. It promises to be the best one yet.

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Robert Bell
Uralla Shire Resident



A Night at Deeargee

Gostwyck Road, Uralla
Saturday 22nd October

Tickets on sale at www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au



Ambulance Station For Uralla

Local member Adam Marshall was interviewed on ABC Radio North West last week about an ambulance station for Uralla. Mr Marshall said that he recently had spoken to this topic in NSW Parliament, and that he had scheduled a meeting with Brad Hazzard, NSW Health Minister, to discuss the real need for an ambulance station in Uralla.

In the interview, Mr Marshall said that at the moment, the first responders for medical emergencies are medically trained firefighters stationed at Uralla Fire and Rescue Station. While praising the excellent support that has been provided to date by NSW Fire and Rescue staff, this situation is not ideal. Uralla is a growing community, and, considering also that there are many smaller communities with their own ambulance stations, it is only fitting that Uralla has its own ambulance station as well. The 20 km distance to Armidale Hospital means that there could be a dangerous delay before an ambulance can get to the scene of a medical emergency.

The previous mayor of Uralla, Michael Pearce, raised the same issue in an ABC interview in August 2013: "We are the only small town within this region that doesn't have an ambulance station and we have a population of over 6,000 people, so we feel we need, and do require, such a facility." Uralla Fire and Rescue became the Community First Responder (CFR) unit in 2006. The usual response time for the Uralla CFR is between five and eight minutes and it is usually about 20 minutes after that before an ambulance arrives. In an article in the Sydney Morning Herald of 8 October 2022, it is stated that research shows that first responders have only 10 minutes to have a positive effect on an out-of-hospital heart attack. Typically, a defibrillator device is required in heart attack cases, but, for complex reasons, the NSW Fire and Rescue teams do not have this equipment available. All NSW ambulances are equipped with defibrillators.

There is a petition for a Uralla ambulance station running on Change.org:

<https://www.change.org/p/ambulance-station-for-uralla-nsw>

Louis van Ekert, Uralla Wordsworth



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Rotary Antiques Fair Wrap Up

The 9th annual Antiques Fair was held 8 and 9 October in the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre/RSL Memorial Hall and was a great success.

The Mystery Object was a crucible for melting gold for jewellery, guessed and won by P Barkley, his prize a Subway voucher. A rare and exciting appraisal was a 1940's Phantom Comic #2, the owner brought in the original and a replica from 1992. Internet research explained the difference and enabled the appraiser to confirm the original which was in near mint condition, had the sweet smell of an old print and is worth many thousands of dollars.

Raffle prizes; The hamper with goodies from Seasons of New England, Uralla Pharmacy and donations from Rotarians was won by Sophie S from Gostwyck. The many other vouchers prizes were: \$75 from Dales Downtown Butcher won by Ben, \$25 Cobwebs won by Gloria, \$25 Sweet Place won by M McGirr, \$25 Alternate Root won by D Mailler, \$25 Bling & Things won by A & K Mayo, \$25 Highland Living won by J Phillips, \$25 Moons Bakery won by Penny, \$25 New England Models & Hobbies won by Jennifer, \$25 Smoke & Mirrors Barber won by Tracey and \$40 Melrose won by J Buckingham.


Rotarians would like to thank the many local businesses who supported the event and the antiques exhibitors who came from Newcastle, Wauchope, Manilla, Tamworth, Uralla and Armidale.

Local musician Pete Stanley performed easy listening live music, including many of his own original songs. There was a lovely vibe throughout the weekend and a wonderful time was had by all involved.

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

Leanne Doran

Convenor; Antiques & Collectables Fair
Rotary Club of Uralla



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Pines In Springtime

I stand in wonderment and in awe,
Whilst I gaze at stately pines trees galore.
They line the bank above the Chinamen's Gully.
The sight is one which nothing could ever sully.

The pines are ranged all alone the bank.
Over the years their roots deeply sank.
Now they stand tall and supremely majestic
As they prepare to do something simply genetic.

It's as if they take a mighty breath.
For what I can only guess.
Golden cones peek out between green needles.
It's us they're trying to dazzle and weedle.

There's not a sign of a breeze.
No movement of their needle-like leaves.
Just yellow clouds wafting out from those pines.
To drift and wander out over the old gold mines.

It's as if they have a collective mind
That sends a message down the line.
That has them performing this marvellous feat
All together; all in tune; all rather neat!

The pollen eventually settles across our deck.
Turning it all a mustard yellow. But wait a sec.
The pines are puffing out another cloud,
Covering those mines with a golden shroud.

I've watched this phenomenon every year.
Since we found this serene place on waters clear.
It never fails to amaze and beguile
So, I stand and linger for the longest while.

Pauline Crouch
Rocky River

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Mobil	179.9	227.9
Invergowrie	186.0	225.0
Puma	183.9	229.9
BP	185.9	237.9
Kingstown	215.9	-
Kentucky	219.9	245.9

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is
5pm Thursday 27 October 2022.
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So Close...

To Just Miss Out

The Uralla Men's No. 4 Pennants team missed the chance to play in the NSW State Playoffs by just 9 shots. After working their way through the competition every Saturday for six weeks at various greens across the North West, it came down to a play-off with Quirindi at Armidale. Last Sunday 9th October, in a very hard-fought contest, they lost this final game. Although disappointed, the Uralla team congratulated Quirindi on their win. The two teams then gathered together for a photo to mark the occasion. Uralla is proud that they managed to get as far as they did.

The photo below shows the three teams that make up the Uralla No. 4 Pennants:

1. Torsten Vestergaard, Steve (Red) Kliendienst, Mark Swift, Gary Kliendienst (SKIP).
2. Tony Kliendienst, Colin (Allan) Rummery, Peter Leggatt, Damian Kliendienst (SKIP).
3. Brad Dade, Colin Dade, Dave McMillan, Steve Vanry (SKIP).

Reserves that played in the lead-up to the playoff:

Steve Hamilton, Chris Shanahan, Laurie Williams, and Adam (Wal) Wallace.



Information supplied by Colin Dade, submitted by Pauline Crouch
Uralla Bowling Club



Kentucky Spring Fair Sunday 27 November, Noalimba Ave,
Kentucky - Stallholders wanted:
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Ages 12-16

Uralla Sporting Complex – 26th October

No comp. No coaching just fun activities with your friends

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BBQ Supplied

Bring yourself and some friends.

All equipment provided.

Wear comfy clothes and sports shoes.

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An evening of fun games run by various Uralla sporting clubs.

5.15 for 5.30pm-7.30pm



Thunderbolts Festival
will be held in Alma Park
corner of Queen St and Hill St, Uralla

10:30am Fleet Warbirds street parade

Assemble in Park Street 10:00 am
Travels along the New England Highway and
down to Alma Park

Theme: Superheroes and Princesses

Capt. Thunderbolt, Classic Cars, Oxley Riders,
Hot Rods, Antique Machinery, fire engines,
local schools and community groups.

Official Opening and Welcome to Country

- Markets among the lovely shady trees
- Backtick Paws Up dog high jump
- New England Antique & Machinery Club display
- Uralla Arts: Lantern making workshop \$2
- Face Painting - small fee

11 am - 3:30 pm Activities:

**\$3 Thunderbolts wristband provides entry
to all activities:**

- Giant jumping castle
- Giant dual slide
- Rock climb wall
- 9 hole mini golf
- Merry-go-round
- Photo Booth (Props provided)
- Hula Hoop Competition
- Cash prizes for Last Hula standing

Phoenix Foundry Stage:

Entertainment by Local Band "Chilli Jam"

Food at Alma Park provided by:

Friends of McMaugh's: sandwiches, slices, tea and coffee
St. Josephs Primary School: BBQ and drinks
Rocky River Primary School: BBQ drinks and baked delights.
Uralla Lions: Fresh Fairy Floss

At dusk the magical Lantern Parade by Uralla Arts will
return to Alma Park - you will be enchanted!!

Please note: no fireworks due to cost and environmental
impact, please accept our apologies for any disappointment.

thunderboltsfestival.com.au



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Thunderbolts Festival is a smoke free & alcohol free event | Proudly supported by The Rotary Club of Uralla

Rotary Club Of Uralla, Thunderbolt's Festival

The 23rd annual community event Thunderbolts Festival, will be held Saturday 29th October (10:30am-3:30pm) in the lovely Alma Park, Queen St, Uralla. Theme: **Superheroes and Princesses.**

Rotary has been successful in receiving grant funding through the NSW Government: Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program, in association with Uralla Shire Council.

10:30am Fleet Warbirds Street Parade in Bridge St includes; Capt. Thunderbolt, Classic Cars, Oxley Riders, Hot Rods, Antique Machinery, fire engines, local schools and community groups.

There will be the usual kids' activities with free wristbands due to funding!; huge Base Zero rock climb wall, inflatable rides – giant slide and jumping castles plus 9 hole mini golf.

Backtrack Youth Works will provide a dog high jump demonstration in Alma Park. Local schools will have BBQ food stalls and Friends of McMaughs their tea, coffee, cakes & sandwiches.

Lantern making workshops with Uralla Arts, free lanterns to decorate due to funding!, massive number of market stalls in Alma Park, face painting, photo booth, hula hoop competition and New England Antique Machinery Display.

Chilli Jam, local Armidale band will provide entertainment through the day with a variety of songs from Blues, World Latin, Jazz and popular songs with a unique twist. The energy of Chilli Jam is contagious and fun.

Lantern Parade at dusk magically weaving through the trees in Alma Park - no fireworks this year due to environmental impact and costs.

For further information www.thunderboltsfestival.com.au , like Thunderbolts Festival on Facebook or contact Leanne 0488 559 928

Leanne Doran
Thunderbolts Festival Coordinator
Rotary Club of Uralla

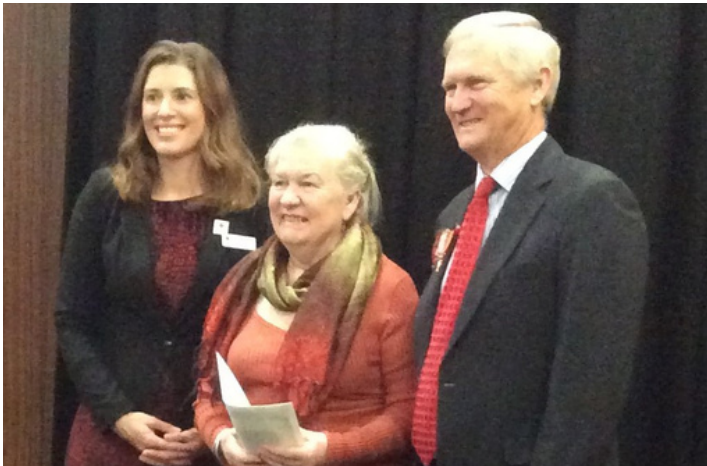
Recognition of Service

The Uralla Branch of Australian Red Cross would like to share news of a "Distinguished Service Award" for one of our members.

Local resident Bevely Stubberfield has been recognised for her 30 years' service as Honorary Secretary of the Branch. Bev joined Red Cross in 1990 and was elected to the position in 1992. Bev has given serious attention to her role as record keeper to include welcoming new members keeping track of older members, organising fund-raising events and keeping a record of all members who may be eligible for similar awards during their years of service ... and much more.

This is a Red Cross National Award therefore quite an achievement. Similar Awards are State Awards and are also impressive to receive. Bev's catering ability and sense of humour have been appreciated too!

Kaye Sutton
Uralla Red Cross member



Bev Stubberfield (middle) being presenting with the Red Cross Distinguished Service Award by John MacLennan (Chair NSW DAB) & Kate Miranda (Director NSW).

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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

Events for October - November

***Farm Dam Water Workshop** - Wednesday 19th October, 1244 Hillview Road, Salisbury Plains. To register phone Sara 0457 029 235

***Uralla Shire Council Meeting**, Tuesday 25 October 4 pm, Council Chambers, Salisbury Street

***A Night at the Shed** (DRG Woolshed) Saturday 22nd October, 5pm til late. Amazing food and great local music. Tickets available at <https://www.trybooking.com/CCOGS>

***Thunderbolts Festival** 29 October, street parade at 10:30am, with markets, music and activities in Alma Park.

***Baby Boomers Comedy Show** Saturday 5 November from 7.30pm at Uralla Golf Club. Tickets available trybooking.com/CBQFM

***Gostwyck Open Garden** 12 November 10am - 3pm. A rare opportunity to explore the terraced garden at Gostwyck Station. Entry \$10, cash only, school aged children free.

***Uralla Shire Councillors** will be having a series of community engagement sessions throughout the Shire. Bundarra at the Pub, Thursday 17 November, 6-8pm

***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.

***Uralla Tennis Club Hot Shots for kids** restarts Sat 29 Oct at 9am + new Hot Shots League program 10am. Register Wed. 19 and 26 Oct at the clubhouse or call club president Zac Lewis on 0422 157 553. **Club Championships** running on 5-6 November. Call Zac 0422 157 553

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CWA Centenary Celebration, fundraising for the Motor
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Biodiversity Field Event

The stunning bushland on 'Glenburnie' has rarely been accessible by members of the public, but learning the plants, collecting the seed & growing the seed located on the site will be the focus of an event hosted by Southern New England Landcare on Thursday 20th Oct. 2022.

"We are excited to be co-hosting this event with landholder, Dr Ron Hawksford, and ecologist David Carr, of Stringybark Ecological, who will walk with participants through a NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust Agreement area," said Struan Ferguson, SNEL's Project Manager for Biodiversity projects. "This is a rare opportunity to see a stunning local plant community up close, learn about the plants that occur there and collect some seed from plants that are ripe for harvest. We are very fortunate to have ecologist Dave Carr as our guest expert on the day, so that after collecting seed, participants will learn how to propagate the seed in the afternoon session," she said.

This event will enable landholders undertaking private land conservation to develop knowledge and obtain peer support. "Regional landholders with private land conservation agreements have indicated they want to identify the plant communities and learn about the native plants that occur on their land and this event is designed to meet that need," said Struan.

Dr Ron Hawksford will speak on his motivations, experiences, and future hopes for managing several private land conservation areas on his property. "I was overjoyed to learn several new plants that I was not familiar with from Dave Carr during a recent site visit in preparation for the event," said Ron. "I'm looking forward to sharing this area with people, particularly as it is flourishing after all the rain we've had," he said.

Bush for Biodiversity – 'Glenburnie' will be held from 9.30 am – 2.30pm on Thurs, 20 October. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are essential - www.stickytickets.com.au/38GAC

For more information, contact Struan Ferguson 02 6772 9123 or email struan.ferguson@snelandcare.org.au

A joint initiative delivered by Landcare NSW and the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT).

Struan Ferguson

Southern New England Landcare

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Community Messages

Uralla Shire Councillors will be having a series of community engagement sessions throughout the Shire. Bundarra at the Pub, Thursday 17 November, 6-8pm. 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

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Running Wild

Big Rains - Episode 3

5. Recap: *The Pleasures Gardens were a fine 'cultural visit' in the early times of colonial Sydney. A menagerie of animals, circus acts, musicians and contests entertained all who came. It was here that Nellie met Mr Blanch, first a maid but soon becoming indispensable in his medical practice.*

It seemed Nellie had a real knack for healing, whether it was setting a broken bone, stitching a wound, a difficult birth or the breaking of a fever. Her skills often performed while Mr Blanch was passed out in the corner. What she did bring to her healing was the use of her people's traditional bush medicines. The herbs, infusions and teas that had healed her people since memory. Many who she touched, as the agent of Mr Blanch, were eternally grateful and owed their lives to her skills, traditional knowledge and care.

It was also here that Nellie met Molly's father, in time forming a loving union of kindness and mutual respect. He was a tall Kamilaroi man from the west, who came with his people to Gweagal and the Kamay Country to trade. They would both visit the Pleasure Gardens to walk and watch the races. He had said that one day he would be a runner there too, for he was much faster than those people.

The 'Devils Marbles' served their purpose well. A landscape of large rock shelters and caves, both hid men and horses, dry and warm from the torrential rain. Soon enough the sky cleared, sun shined and the storms were blown out to sea. Fred and his men decided likewise, to head off into the wind and part company. The three riders struck out in opposite directions, but Fred decided to stay a while, see what the 'Hills of Gold' might have to offer in the way of opportunity.

The goldfield district around this time was over 2000 souls. This included Happy Valley, Hanging Rock, Bowling Alley Point and Nundle. Nundle township was a Post Office, five hotels, with European and Chinese mining. Isaacson had the general store and Kermode had a smaller one. Webster and Howarth had butcher shops. There were two blacksmiths.

It was here that William (Will), a buck toothed half-starved runaway boy, turned up on the streets of Nundle. His clothes were in tatters and he fought the local dogs for scraps, in the rubbish thrown to the rear of the street shops. Will had escaped harsh beatings, meted out by his cruel stepfather, a selector. His best pickings were from behind the butcher shops. Frying up the meat and offal discards on a shovel for a fry pan. The butcher Howarth took a shine to him, not for any fatherly concern, but for his possible usefulness in his enterprise(s).

Jonathon Howarth had come to the district to seek his fortune, before the rush, taking up a discrete claim at the

head of an unnamed creek line, up Bowling Alley Point way. He dug and washed the gravels from the stream, rewarded for his efforts with sizable golden prize.

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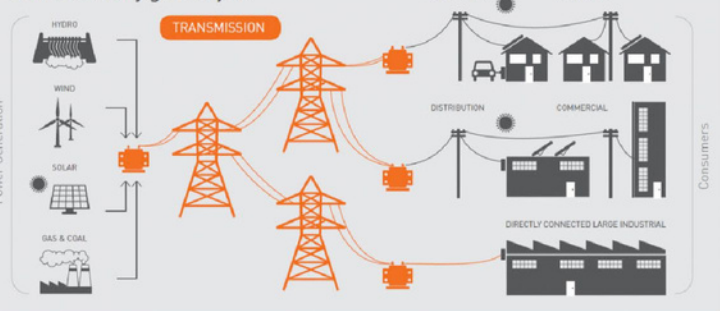


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New England Solar and the electricity grid

We had a few questions this month from community members who were interested in how the solar farm works with the local electricity grid that supplies homes and businesses with power.

How electricity gets to you



This infographic from Energy Networks Australia, shows how the whole system works together to provide homes with a reliable supply of power.

The solar farm is just like any other large scale generator of electricity. To supply power to homes it first needs to connect to the electricity transmission network.

The transmission network then connects with the local distribution network which eventually finds its way into the suburbs and streets in towns and cities across most of Australia.

When there's a power outage that impacts homes and businesses, on the vast majority of occasions it is caused by a fault on the customer premises, or the local distribution network.

In NSW it is extremely rare for blackouts to be caused by problems on large scale generating units. However, across the country there has recently been more discussion about the need to replace ageing coal fired stations with new forms of generation, like wind or solar backed up with large batteries, to reduce the likelihood of interruptions caused by breakdowns to old generation units.

Last chance to apply for latest Uralla Grants

Community groups, businesses and individuals have until the end of the week to apply for funding from Uralla Grants for their local project or event.

A total of \$50,000 in funding is available under this latest round of grants, with application for funding of up to \$5,000 being considered.

The Uralla Grants program is part of the Community Benefit Sharing Initiative, which was set up during the planning process for the New England Solar project.

Twenty-six local projects have already been supported under earlier rounds of the grants program.

To apply go to www.newenglandsolarfarm.com.au/urallagrants.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm this Friday October 21.

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