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ANZAC DAY IN URALLA

Monday the 25th of April is one of the most highly respected days in Australian history. It now commemorates a day in which all Australians reflect on our way of life that has been passed onto us by the brave men and women of the Australian Defence Forces who have given so much since the formation of our Commonwealth in 1901.

Australian service men and women have served in nearly every single campaign around the globe and have worn the uniform under our flag. Nearly every Australian family has someone who is serving, or has served, and many have paid the ultimate sacrifice to help pave the way for freedoms around the world.

This ANZAC Day, here in Uralla we will honour that service with several services throughout the day. We will start with our Dawn Service commencing at 5.45am. We will remember those who landed on the beaches of Gallipoli in the early hours of the morning of the 25th of April 1915.

The service will be followed by breakfast in the park prepared by the Rotary Club of Uralla and everyone is very welcome to come along and watch the sun rise over our beautiful Memorial Gates and Alma Park. Bring a torch or candle to light up the dawn.

At 9.30am, local Veterans, Army Cadets, local community service organisations and local school children will start to form up along Bridge Street for our ANZAC Day march at 10am. The pipes and drums will lead the parade up Bridge Street, turn left into Hill Street and then right into Queen Street. They will do a U Turn just past the Vietnam Memorial and halt there for wreaths to be laid and honours to be paid. We will then move on to the Korean War Memorial for wreaths to be laid and honours paid.



ANZAC Day sunset, 2021. Photographer Michael Hull.

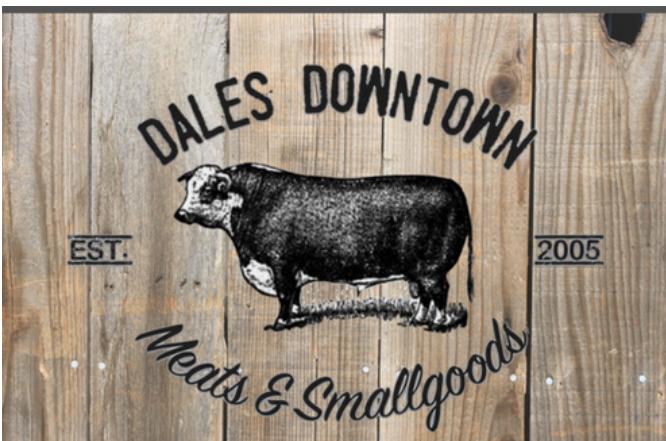
The march will finish in front of the Memorial Gates where our main service will commence at 10.30am. This should be completed by 11.15 after the playing of the last post, Reveille and the singing of the National Anthems of New Zealand and Australia. There will be ice blocks for the kids following falling out from parade.

RSL members, veterans and their families, community service organisations, firies, RFS and SES are then invited to McCrossin's Mill Museum for a light lunch and refreshments from 12.00 midday.

We hope to see a great crowd again this year for the services and march and everyone is welcome to be part of it. Wave a flag and show our veterans and defence members, what they mean to the Australian community. If you wish to lay flowers or a wreath at any of the memorials during the service, then please let us know at Thunder Graphics, 84 Bridge Street so we can announce you during the ceremony and acknowledge who it is for.

Lest We Forget.

Russ French, President Uralla Sub-Branch RSL NSW



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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. Clr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.

My highlight of last week was the Mayoral luncheon, with students from Uralla Central School, St. Joseph's School, Bundarra Central School, Kingstown School, Rocky River School and Kentucky School. It was a real pleasure to work with such a positive group of students and teachers. Our shire will be in very good hands. One of the issues raised by a student from Bundarra Central School was for a policeman to be stationed in Bundarra after 18 months with the station being unmanned. As if by magic, Hon. Adam Marshall MP has announced the appointment of Police Constable Dean Cooke to Bundarra. One request from the forum was to investigate having native bees at Kentucky Public School. I am currently investigating how that may be possible and will report back to the school in due course. It was sobering to receive an insight into the impact of Covid on classes, sporting events, excursions and family travel. The ongoing issues of internet access for even Rocky River School added to the difficulties faced by teachers. Two of the Captains from Bundarra Central School had a really good excuse not to attend the forum; they had been invited to do a BBQ for Princess Anne at the Royal Easter Show.

Waste management remains one of Uralla Shire's biggest challenges. With this in mind, I am keen to see the results of a new technology being used at Shoalhaven City Council, which claims to only end up with 4% of the collected material going to landfill. We obviously need to understand the volume required and the cost per tonne. On my recent visit to Queanbeyan for a family function, I was able to discuss how they deal with tyres and mattresses. I am chasing up further information. One of the industries that would benefit from access to cheaper electricity, if we can convince the renewable energy sector to provide Uralla with subsidised energy, would be the waste management. Council staff continue to investigate a usage for the mulched green waste. Over 5000 m³ has been stockpiled since the EPA heavily restricted our ability to sell the mulch unless it met with risk management protocols.

Councillors received a presentation from Des Anderson, who now heads up the 2020-2025 Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership Project along with John Lemon. The significant heat during the last drought has seen the koala population around Gunnedah decimated. There is strong evidence that the Northern Tablelands may be the best hope for their future with our cooler summers. There are two things you can do. One is to report sightings koalas to Des, who can be contacted on 6772 9123. The second is to support the collaboration of transport for New South Wales, Uralla Golf Club, and Uralla Shire Council in highlighting the likely presence of koalas with warning signs and message

boards, as well as mowing the verge between the commencement of the golf course and Rowan Avenue. Des also acknowledged the wonderful work being done by our local WIRES coordinator, Denise Friedman. Work has begun on the upgrade to Fuller Park, following Council's success in obtaining a grant. The program is as agreed by Mrs Gwen Fuller, UTEC (Uralla Town and Environs Committee), and Uralla Shire Council. This park serves the dual role as a bus pickup point and as a passive recreation area for travellers on the New England Highway. The work should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

No word yet on the sale of the Bottom Pub. It is likely that it will now be placed on the market at a price for interested parties to negotiate.

Spare a thought for the businesses and residents in Lismore. Everyone moved their stock and possessions above the record 1974 flood level of 12.15 metres, thinking it was safe. The flood peaked at 14.4 metres. This is being viewed as over a one in five hundred year flood. This does not mean it will not happen again next year!

I was very disappointed to hear that Grant Clark has resigned from Uralla Shire Council. Grant has always provided outstanding customer service, and I lost count of the number of complainants who he calmed down before transferring them to me when I worked for Council. His commitment to go the extra mile will be sorely missed. Grant has taken up a position with Properties Uralla, and I wish him well in the future.

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Uralla Shire Resident



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2022 Federal Election

Early Voting Details

The 2022 federal election has been announced for Saturday 21 May 2022.

Enrol to vote:

If you are an Australian citizen aged 18 years or older you are required to vote in the federal election. To enrol for the first time or get back on the roll, you can enrol online <https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/update-my-details.htm>

You must be correctly enrolled by 8pm local time Monday 18 April 2022.

Voting before election day

- **In person at an early voting centre**

If you can't get to a polling place on election day you can vote at an early voting centre in Australia. A list of early voting centres will be available after candidates have been declared.

- **Postal voting**

You are eligible to apply for a postal vote if you are unable to get to a polling place on election day. We encourage you to apply as soon as you know you are eligible.

The AEC cannot send your voting pack until the ballot papers have been printed. The earliest the AEC can send out your pack is 26 April 2022. If you do not apply as soon as possible, you may have to choose an alternative way to vote

<https://forms.aec.gov.au/PostalVoteApplication/Form/Apply/d2e0eb6-cbc1-4d4b-98b3-ae6600ac6760?mode=SingleForm>

- **AEC mobile voting**

AEC mobile polling teams visit many voters who are not able to get to a polling place. Mobile polling teams will visit some residential care facilities and remote areas of Australia. Mobile polling is carried out around Australia during the election period.

- **Telephone voting**

Note: Legislation was passed in early 2022 to allow for COVID-affected voters to cast a telephone vote. Up until

the Wednesday before election day, COVID-affected Australians can apply for a postal vote. Telephone voting for people with COVID-19 will be an emergency measure for the final three voting days only. Further information will be provided prior to the voting period.

If you are blind or have low vision, you can cast your vote through the AEC's telephone voting service. More information on this service will be made available in the weeks after a federal election is announced. Voters living with a disability may also be eligible to cast their vote by post, or can vote with assistance at a polling place.

General enquiries at the AEC - phone **13 23 26**

Extra assistance contacting the AEC:

I'm deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment:

- National Relay Service (NRS)
- TTY users phone 133 677 then ask for 13 23 26
- Speak and Listen users phone 1300 555 727 then ask for 13 23 26
- Internet relay users connect to the NRS then ask for 13 23 26.

Languages other than English

- Translated information on enrolling and voting in your language
- A telephone interpreter service is available to assist electors who wish to contact the AEC in a language other than English.

Information sourced from the Australian Electoral Commission website 15/04/2022 www.aec.gov.au

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- General Earthworks



Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Update!



We invited all the community to a meeting to open discussion about the future of our centre, and it was well attended with a very positive vibe, we gave a bit of the history of centre, which was established in 1987, we outline of what we currently do, what has happened since 30 June 2020 and ask for the communities help to continue to provide services to our community. Many questions were asked and answered.

We had several attendees join as members on the night and anyone else that is interested in joining can contact us for a form that needs to be completed to become a member with a \$3.00 fee, Volunteer Expression of Interest forms were also filled in, people indicating of the form what avenue that would like to help with, these ranged from Administration, Events, Bookkeeping, Food Pantry, Cleaning, Gardening, Markets, School Holiday Activities, Fundraising, these forms are also available at the centre.

We welcome anyone to drop into the centre to talk about membership or volunteering. We are open Monday to Friday 9am – 2pm (except public holidays).

A Youth Disco and Family Funday were held for Youth Week with excellent participation, thanks to our young people for helping with the planning, organisation and running of these events, bigger and better next year! Our town is in good hands with the youth that we have associated with our centre and watch this space if you want to get involved, as we will be reforming our Youth

Council soon and are happy for new members to join. Please see our Facebook page, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre for information and our What's on This Week, updated weekly to let everyone know what is on at the centre. We can also be contact at the centre on 02 6778 3277 or email office@unc.org.a

Carol Barnden
Uralla Neighbourhood Centre

Blessed With Cress? (My Gardening Adventure)

My paper-bag garden has finally arrived
With instructions all tucked up inside,
Why, I think, even I can do this.
Grow my own cress, what bliss!
I separate out the packet of seeds,
Press them down in the soil as the instruction reads.
Cover them over and water them well,
and put my paper-bag garden outside to swell.
While I wait and wait for my cress to appear,
I try not to think that something's queer.
Shouldn't the seeds be starting to show?
Shouldn't little plants have begun to grow?
My paper-bag garden sits out on the deck.
I water and pray, but what the heck!
After three months I upend that bag,
Spread it all out on a piece of rag.
I rake through all that composted soil
But not one tiny seed can I find for my toil.
The seeds are all gone, and so is my cress.
All I have left is a tatty paper-bag and a whole lot of mess!

Pauline Crouch
Rocky River

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| Fuel Watch | 17 April 2022 | ULP | Diesel |
|-------------|---------------|-------|--------|
| Invergowrie | 171.0 | 186.0 | |
| Puma | 187.9 | 199.9 | |
| BP | 189.9 | 209.9 | |
| Mobil | 187.9 | 199.9 | |
| Kingstown | 215.9 | 220.9 | |
| Kentucky | 219.9 | 230.9 | |

Uralla Community Street Store
Torch Bearers for Legacy
25 April - 1 May
New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club Inc
2 - 8 May
Call Uralla Shire Council to book - 6778 6300

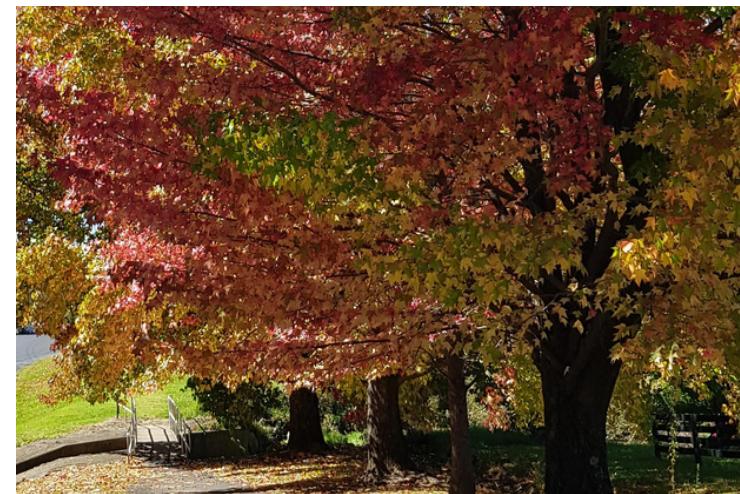
Autumn Colours

Uralla is currently a photographers paradise. The vibrant autumn foliage and contrasting hues of red, orange and yellow make it virtually impossible to take a bad photo. Warm, sunny days and cool nights transform our deciduous trees, treating both visitors and locals to an arresting tapestry of colours.

Social media sites and local Visitor Information Centres are bombarded with questions regarding the progress of the autumn colour change. Tourists visit this region specifically for the opportunity to experience and photograph this spectacular transformation.

It is wonderful to see that Greening Uralla volunteers have been busy planting trees as part of the Nooks and Crannies initiative, a program that reminds us of the need to preserve and enhance our local landscape.

Luise Scherer



Anzac Biscuit Recipe

150g (1 cup) plain flour
220g (1 cup) sugar
100g (1 cup) rolled oats
90g (1 cup) desiccated coconut
125g butter
1 tablespoon golden syrup or treacle
2 tablespoons boiling water
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C and lightly grease two baking trays. Combine the flour in a bowl with the sugar, rolled oats and coconut.

Melt the butter in a saucepan with the golden syrup over medium heat. Combine the boiling water with the bicarbonate of soda and stir to dissolve. Add to the butter mixture and mix well, then stir into the dry ingredients until thoroughly combined.

Drop teaspoons of the mixture onto the trays, allowing room for spreading.

Bake for 10 minutes, or until golden brown.

Allow to cool on the tray for a few minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Recipe sourced from Country Women's Association of NSW

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COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSION

SATURDAY 30 APRIL
2pm - 5pm

Kentucky Memorial Hall
Noalimba Ave, Kentucky NSW 2354



Keeping the community informed

Neon will hold a Covid-Safe Community Drop-In Session in person to share project information and to hear your thoughts on stage 1 of the Thunderbolt Energy Hub.

Meet members of our project team, view maps, receive a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documents, learn more about the project and submit your views to us via a feedback survey. The Thunderbolt Energy Hub is expected to bring significant community benefits, jobs and investment to the local and regional economy.

For more information:

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,

Rocky River Meeting Place Revival: the clearing of the area around the old heritage tennis courts has commenced. Owing to the magnificent tennis courts in central Uralla it was not feasible to think about tennis again at Rocky River but a wonderful barbecue area at Rocky River for old and our many new residents is hopefully going to be developed.

Theo Groen conducted research into the past administration of the area. But as the RFS who conducted the first stage recently commented:" this area is a wonderful resource for the local people".

Older people in our region that I have spoken to in Walcha, and Ben Lomond talked about playing tennis in this spot many years ago. Happily these people mixed and mingled with their children who now have their own children.

The Diggings Fire Brigade has long held an interest in its revival but strong support is needed so come on everybody "let's do the twist" and get a Xmas party started at the end of the year.



The old tennis courts at Rocky River

Jann Karp, Uralla Shire resident

Dear Editors

I support all things that bring prosperity to the Uralla shire. Developments for the greater majority of the community need to be endorsed. I have some questions:

If land changes hands in the future is the decommissioning of the energy project infrastructure included in the sale?

Is the implication of a NSW transaction tax (formerly stamp duty) on any valuation, purchase price and potential sale price of a property understood and considered?

Is the signatory to a contract prevented from making any comment on the project?

Does the Council and the community raise a surety bond to guarantee funds to mitigate breaches of EGW waste regulations?

Does the community understand that the NSW Department of State planning have appointed staff to each project and they can answer your questions and hear any complaints?

I hope strong efforts are made through Jobs Australia or other such services to employ people from the New England on a priority basis. If local people do not have the skills necessary there needs to be a commitment through local services to train locals for these positions.

Jann Karp, Uralla Shire resident

Dear Editors,

Following from the Telstra outage from 16th March for 8 days, I have been corresponding with Michael Marom of Telstra and our Federal Member, and including the issues I experienced and have become aware others experienced. I have listed these below.

- Failure of the SOS service on Telstra mobile and NBN landline phone to work. This impacted at least one Uralla resident who had to find an Optus mobile to call an ambulance in an emergency during this outage.
- Rural Fire Service volunteers did not receive alerts to attend fires during this outage, these alerts are of course usually received to their personal mobile phones.
- The repeated comment that the community should have had a back up plan, ie run two mobile phones or two internet services, is unacceptable.
- The view that the NBN was not impacted is incorrect.
- "Just get cashout" was not a reasonable reply, with the 2 ATM's in our town, both on Telstra, also out of action. Our supermarket and Bowling Club offered cash out but of course that only worked where people had a physical card. Only a very small number of banks will allow cashout using the Apple wallet or Samsung payment system. And many people use either their phone, apple watch or equivalent to pay these days. An ever dwindling number have a card and almost none have cash.

If anyone wishes to add to this list please email me at: info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au or call 0434 408 163 and I will be glad to include the issues you raise. My aim is to provide as detailed a picture as possible so that the lessons can be learnt and hopefully we don't experience a repeat of this situation.

I should declare that I have also added a personal comment to express my own view on this. If the Federal government wants regional Australia to grow, if they want to develop skills across our communities and encourage businesses to develop, they have to keep up their end of the bargain and get the infrastructure in place. And they have to do it where there may only be a few votes in it, because those communities - our communities - are where the opportunities for Australia lie.

Cutting the telecommunications to Uralla is as serious as cutting the national highway that runs through our town. It can not happen lightly, without proper warning and without alternative arrangements in place.

That is very much a Federal responsibility and while my aim is squarely levelled at Telstra, it is no less levelled at our Federal member and the coalition government.

**Tara Toomey
Uralla resident**

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 Bowling Club, 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 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

Uralla Anglican Church meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship and Johnno's (kid's programme) in Park Street

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 Bowliing Club

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

Uralla Tennis Social tennis 6:30pm Thursdays. Free court hire, Go to www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/ Hot shots Jnr Tennis, Uralla Sporting Complex Saturday 9am – 10am.

Uralla Auto Club Inc. meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at The Bowliing 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 the last Sunday of the month at 10.30am at 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 is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm in the Old Scout Hall, 18 Uralla Street North, (just off Thunderbolts Way, top of Alma Park) Ph 0419 151 253, e urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

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

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 11am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Ph: 6778 3277 or email : office@unc.org.au Donations welcomed.

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

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

Events for April - May

Bundarra Twilight Fun Fest, Friday 22 April Multipurpose Courts 3pm to 7pm

Uralla Shire Council, Ordinary Council Meeting, 9:30 am, Tuesday 26 April, Uralla Council Chambers

Hand back ceremony of Bulagaranda Aboriginal Area (Mount Yarrowyck Nature Reserve), Bulagaranda Aboriginal Area, Saturday 30 April, 10am-3pm. Details: <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/events/bulagaranda-aboriginal-area-hand-back-ceremony>

Local rock line up: Fovndlings, NASCENT and Josh St Ledger in concert, Uralla Bowlo, 8.30pm Saturday 30 April. Bookings: <https://www.moshtix.com.au/v2/event/fovndlings-nascent-josh-st-ledger/135700>

RAS Supreme Ewe

Congratulations to Shalimar Park Merino Stud who received the Royal Agricultural Society (R.A.S.) award for Supreme Merino Ewe at the 2022 Sydney Royal Easter Show. The ewe was also awarded:

- Champion March Shorn Ultra Fine Ewe
- Grand Champion Ultra Fine Ewe
- Supreme Junior Champion Merino.

Outstanding results for a local agricultural business located in Wollun.



R.A.S. Supreme Merino Ewe. Image sourced from Shalimar Park FB page.

Editors' note: if you are aware of other RAS awards received by locals please email details to: urallawordsworth@gmail.com

The Co-Op Is Active

Uralla Community Co-operative, still in its first year of operation, has drawn magnificent support on all fronts, with donated goods flowing in, volunteers staffing the shop five days a week, customers coming from far and wide, and contributions in cash and kind going back to the community.

In our first distribution of surplus, after only a few months trading, we were able to give a total of \$4,000 to a dozen worthy causes including the soccer and league clubs, small schools P&Cs, CanAssist, Breakfast Club, Friends of McMaugh's, Uralla Future Fund, Greening Uralla, bushfire brigades, Uralla Pantry, Wires, and others. This year's surplus promises to be considerably bigger. If your organisation would like to receive untied money please tell us, and in due course the Co-op members will vote on where they want the money to go.

We now have about thirty volunteers, working in the shop and yard, sorting, pricing, selling, displaying, cleaning, building, restoring ... We have the use of a small pantec truck (thanks Max), which means we can pick up and deliver furniture and bulky items when we have the manpower to do it. More volunteers needed in all areas, so if you are able to offer a few hours a week, regularly or occasionally, please talk to our team in the shop or yard.

In the weeks after the Lismore floods we despatched a truckload of goods, via Vinnies, to assist flood victims.

The load included beds and bedding, furniture, kitchenware, and was delivered to a collection point in Armidale. We have also been able to support individuals, on one occasion through the neighbourhood centre.

Our sincere thanks go to all who have supported the Co-op in any way. This is a community-owned organisation, run by the community for the community, channelling funds directly back into the community, and dependant on members of the community to keep it running. Thanks go to our members, our volunteers, our donors, our business supporters (including FoodWorks, Dale's Downtown Meats, Uralla Properties). Without them we would not exist. If you would like to be a member and receive regular updates on what the Co-op is doing, please pick a membership application at the Co-op Shop, or at the bookshop.

Ross Burnet, Chairman of Uralla Co-op



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Uralla Tennis Club - Women's Tennis Fit

As part of their goal to increase female participation in sport, Uralla Tennis Club is running a 6 week fitness program for women and girls 11 years and over.

The first session will be Monday 2nd May at 5:45pm at the tennis courts at the Uralla Sporting Complex. No tennis experience required. Racquets supplied.

The cost for the 6 week program is: Girls (15 and under) \$30; Adults (16 and over) \$55.

Enquiries to Genevieve: vieveg@pm.me

Genevieve Noone

Uralla Tennis Club

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We're coming to your community



NSW Government services will be available in Uralla on the 3rd May 2022 from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

This includes:

- driver licences, proof of identity documents, and Photo Card applications
- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Working With Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Check
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- up to 70 government rebates and savings
- Dine & Discover NSW voucher applications.

Find us at:
Apex Memorial Park
55 Bridge Street

Visit service.nsw.gov.au or call 13 77 88 to check our schedule. Unfortunately, sometimes our routes change at short notice.



To help keep NSW safe, we've ensured our Mobile Service Centres follow COVID safe practices.



Uralla From Mount Beef

Jessie Hooker from 9th Class at Uralla Public School described her view of Uralla and Mount Beef in 1928.

Nothing could be more entrancing than a view of Uralla from the summit of Mount Beef on a bright sunny day. Far out beyond the town is a clear stretch of country, which in a favourable season looks delightful.

Nearer the town can be seen a few rows of tall pine trees, while dotted here and there are the surrounding farmers' houses. The town itself does not contain many buildings, but they are spread apart and so make it look larger. The tops of the pine trees which form an avenue along either side of the main street may be seen and as they continue up the hill they look very effective. A little to the left of the main buildings is Hampden Park, surrounded by pines, while to the right is Alma Park. Through this park runs Uralla Creek, either bank being planted with weeping willows.

To the South East is Woodville, but only a few buildings are visible, the remainder being cut off by a row of pine trees just beyond the railway.

On the Western Side is Mt. Mutton, a high mountain covered with tall trees, at the bottom of which lies West End. Around the foot of this mountain Uralla Creek winds out of sight.

What can be seen of the mountain itself in the summer or spring is a glorious sight. The trees and logs are a mass of wild clematis blooms, glistening snow-white in the sun, while on the slopes are hawthorn trees giving a sweet perfume to the air and of which the bees take advantage. Among the rocks and huge stones maidenhair ferns and wild violets grow abundantly, all adding to the beauty of the hill.

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Uralla History Hub

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A Roll Up From The UWBC

The Uralla Women's Bowling Club has a lot happening in the next few weeks. After completing the ladies Pairs, we are now playing our Club Championship Singles, both Major & Minor. Some of us are also playing in the Open Gender Pairs (the old mixed pairs) on a Sunday.

The Uralla Bowlo has purchased and presented new jackets to all bowlers. We appreciate very much the help and support they give to Uralla bowls. We ladies decided to buy new maroon sun-safe hats to complement the jackets. We are now very stylish, and will be showing off our new uniform at a few events we have coming up in the near future.

Several of us will be attending the Jean McKinnon Games in Glen Innes over two days 26th & 27th April. We are looking forward to catching up with old friends we have not seen for a while due to COVID. Those who cannot participate in Glen Innes will represent us at the Uralla ANZAC DAY ceremonies where April Fulton and Debbie Vanden Hoogen will lay a wreath on our behalf.

We are looking forward to our President's Day 11th May when we will celebrate the life of our beloved past member Pam Westbury with a Memorial Open Perpetual Trophy Day in her honour.

Pauline Crouch
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Uralla Tennis Lights Up!

Uralla Tennis comeback continues with \$58,598 lighting upgrade.

A \$58,598 State Government grant will propel Uralla Tennis Club on the path to success, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall announcing the funds to upgrade court lighting and refurbish its clubhouse.

Mr Marshall visited the club last week, where a new social competition has started following the resurfacing of two dilapidated courts, also funded by a \$198,582 grant.

"Uralla Tennis Club is on the comeback trail, aided by the upgraded courts and a passionate committee," Mr Marshall said.

"Since the new courts went down in 2020, tennis in Uralla has undergone a revival, with a number of new players dusting off their rackets."

"To capitalise on interest in both the junior and senior ranks, the club is moving onto the next phase of its planned facility upgrade, replacing the bulbs in the existing 16 light poles, with energy-efficient LED lights."

"Better lighting will give the club flexibility to further expand its weekly night play, creating more opportunities for locals, who work through the day, to have hit."

"Another exciting project is the refurbishment of the clubhouse, in order to make it a multi-use venue for competition and program management, meetings, and social events."

"The 40-year-old brick building's external facade will be rendered and vinyl floor coverings will be laid over the internal concrete floor."

"Blinds will be hung on the large windows and wall panel heaters will be installed, making the building warmer and more comfortable during the colder months."

"I congratulate the club's committee on the work done getting the facility back on its feet after a period of disuse, and for providing the community with such high quality sport facilities."

Uralla Tennis Club President Jodi Shanahan said the latest improvements would make the courts more able to cater for the needs of the community.

"Currently the one thing Uralla lacks is sport facilities for women," Mrs Shanahan said.

"Since kicking off our Tuesday Fast4 competition and Thursday social evening, we have been blown away by the community support and it's obvious working locals are screaming out for opportunities to play sport after hours."

"Our existing facilities are outdated and we feel by freshening up the space more people, women in particular, will be encouraged to get involved in competitions, help with junior coaching or join in our social events."

"For sporting clubs to survive they have to be adaptable. The new lights will lower our power bills and we hope modernising the clubhouse will result in it being hired by community groups, giving us additional revenue to spend on upkeep."

"We are really excited about what the future holds for our little club and thank Adam and the State Government for their support in helping us grow."

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall



Uralla Tennis Club committee members Nicole Williams, left, President Jodie Shanahan, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, Dan Wiley and James Toomey.

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Running Wild –

Dam Him All To Hell!

2. Recap. *The story told by the Begot brothers of Ben Lomond, was that the Cobb & Co Coach had been making its journey from Armidale to Inverell. The Lady, her man Bill, Molly and her Ma, all crowded around the kitchen table at the Thompson Farm, listening with bated breath. and so it went:*

Bates pulled the team to a halt just short of the log, but the horses were spooked, snorting and uneasy. A voice from within the timber yelled, 'Bail Up', and a rider emerged brandishing a pistol. He pointed and cocked the weapon and said to the driver and offsider, 'don't do anything stupid, I'm the Captain and I only want what you've got'. Hand me the coach gun' he demanded. Three more armed riders came out from different directions quickly surrounding the coach. One of the ladies gasped and fainted, the driver and his offsider held their hands high.

A couple were travelling with their boy, they were inn keepers from Inverell. They sat silently, hoping they would be passed over. In their luggage they carried a weight of coin, on their person the husband had a bank fold, two gold coins, a very nice gold pocket watch and chain. His wife wore gold jewellery of rings and necklace. In her blouse she secreted a small black velvet drawstring bag containing loose gems, assorted jewellery, and a few small gold pieces.

The fainting lady was a young, petite, well-dressed schoolteacher straight out from 'the old country', heading to Inverell to take up her first school posting. She had hardly been able to buy a ticket for her trip out, let alone have extra for a bandit. The fifth passenger was a well-dressed gentleman heading north to oversee the financial aspects of several large property holdings in the area. He carried little in the way of wealth other than a pocket watch, leather wallet and a very nice elephant-handled walking stick.

The Captain didn't go near the strongbox preferring instead to take from the passengers. He had often said that passengers were the best pickings for they must be rich to buy a ticket and the strongbox too hard to carry on horseback, let alone open. 'Besides you get hung for taking

the strongbox, but its only back to 'The Cockatoo' for thieving!'

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Special deliveries arrive on solar farm site

Two large 250 MVA power transformers have been trucked in to the New England Solar Farm and craned into position on to the substation site.

An oversized 13 axle trailer was required to separately move each of the 150 tonne transformers from Brisbane to the site on two Sunday mornings earlier this month.

The transformers are essential pieces of electrical infrastructure as they transfer the renewable energy generated from the solar panels to the national electricity network.

The transformers were supplied by leading international electrical infrastructure manufacturer Siemens with Gunnedah based GBP Cranes lifting them into their final position.



Next in line for delivery was the large prefabricated switch room building, which landed on site last Thursday. It will be assembled over the coming months before fitted out as the central collecting point for the energy produced by the solar farm.

It will be followed by a similar pre-fabricated control room. Both pre-fabricated buildings were fitted out by LAI Switchboards Australia and assembled in South Australia before being transported to the site.

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Health and safety officer takes top gong for Cancer Council fundraiser

We're so very proud of New England Solar Farm Health and Safety officer Kirsty Blain who was crowned the highest fundraiser at the Stars of Armidale Dance for Cancer event.

Kirsty raised more than \$13,200 for the NSW Cancer Council to help fund medical research and support services.

It wasn't a solo effort however, with a number of colleagues agreeing to shave their heads and beards in exchange for donations to Kirsty's campaign.



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