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Governor Visits Uralla Co-op and Can Assist Day



Her Excellency Margaret Beazley (left), volunteers and customers

Recipients of life membership awards Vicky McLean and Maryann Munsie with the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC (centre) and flanked by Michael Jackson, President Can Assist NSW and Lisa Heagney, President Can Assist Uralla.

We were incredibly lucky to have the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC present life membership to two of our special board members, Maryann Munsie and Vicki McLean at our annual *Can Assist Poss Family Fun Day* held last month.

The dedication and commitment these two women have shown for *Can Assist Uralla* over the past decade is second to none and we are so very lucky to have them in our community. They have been the glue of the committee and have been the support of many locals going through a tough time in their cancer battles.

What a way to be recognised. Congratulations Maryann and Vicki.

-Samantha Ketley, Uralla Can Assist

On Saturday 24 February, the Uralla Community Co-op received a special visitor in the form of Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW, who had obviously heard about the good work of the organisation and came to see first-hand its workings and to meet the volunteer workers. This recognition was a great honour for those associated with the Co-op.

Her Excellency arrived by car to be greeted by Uralla Mayor Robert Bell, (Ex Chair and founding member) Ross Burnet and Chair Peter Elston.

The tour of the Co-op began with those present being presented to Her Excellency: board members Karin Jackson and Narelle Solomon, Saturday volunteers Sandra Ward, Ann Morant and Margaret Cobb as well as fortunate customers Lidia Sawtell and her daughter. A wander through the store soon revealed the Governor's interest with questions being asked about how the Co-op began, how it functions as an

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Seasons of New England EXPO

Sat 23rd March

9am - 5pm / Over 100 Exhibitors / Hampden Park, Uralla / Kid's Tent
Sensational Shopping / Full Bar / Shaded Seating / Fabulous Food

\$5 entry, FREE for 14yrs and under

Followed by live music, BBQ and the Uralla Arts Lantern Parade



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

There is significant confusion as to when NBN will be carrying out their upgrade work in Uralla. The latest advice is that it will occur in April. Their information includes that it should not impact on the majority of users in the township and the main street. Most users will receive text messages from their mobile provider e.g. Telstra or Optus etc. NSW Farmers and the Uralla Shire Business Chamber are both attempting to update their members and the community on any available information.

I would like to thank the police for their response to community concerns regarding local policing and community safety matters. Hopefully we will see positive results soon. We all acknowledge the shortage of police numbers and the reality that some communities have significant issues which need to be resourced. The Country Mayors Association, of which Uralla is a member, has been active in having the government implement new initiatives to address rural crime. We need to report all incidents. While the police are at the cutting edge, we need all areas such as support workers, the courts, and the community to work together. The statistics for Regional NSW show some sobering increases such as sexual assault up 46% in the last five years, and motor vehicle thefts up by 90% in the same period.

EnergyCo have released their latest study corridor for the new transmission lines in the New England Renewable Energy Zone. There will be a drop-in information session at the Armidale Town Hall on Monday March 25 from 2pm to 7pm. I have also been requested to invite EnergyCo to address Council. The Scoping Report is likely to be prepared before June 2024.

I have been invited to attend a Leadership Action Initiative Event "Renewables in New England. How can we achieve harmony as we meet the challenges of our region." This event is organised by Southern New England Landcare. I am looking forward to sharing experiences with other participants.

Last week I attended the Independent Planning Commission hearing into the Thunderbolt Energy Hub Stage 1 wind farm proposal held at the Kentucky Hall. It is obvious that there is a huge gap between the Federal and State Government's Clean Energy goals and the impact on rural communities. I am also hearing the government talking of reducing the approval times for these renewable energy projects. Significant issues such as Land Use Planning, Transport route upgrades and accommodation construction are already too late. I listened to a number of speakers challenge technical information such as noise

and aviation. My statement on behalf of Council reflected those areas where we believe more information is required, such as waste management, accommodation and employment, sediment and erosion control, independent environmental audits, and protection of avifauna, fauna and flora. The use of local roads for gravel and material haulage is an ongoing concern for Council. Council also had an opportunity to meet with the Independent Planning Commission last Monday afternoon to have a frank and friendly discussion about our challenges. We have made a formal submission that will be included on the IPC's website. Decommissioning of the wind turbines remains a strong point of disagreement with the Department of Planning, who continue to argue that it is a matter for the developer/landowner agreement. Our community would strongly encourage some form of bond. The number of highly qualified and experienced people in the Kentucky area, as highlighted at the hearing, is outstanding.

While the Uralla Rotary Art Show opened last Friday evening, there is still an opportunity to view the art works on display, including student art work, up until Saturday afternoon. The exhibition is in the RSL Hall in Salisbury Street, and is open from 10am to 4pm daily.

The Uralla Pool will close on Sunday March 24. The North-West PSSA Swimming Carnival was held in Armidale on March 11. My granddaughter is now the 10 years Girls 50 metre freestyle champion for the North West, and will head off to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre in April for State Swimming Championships. A talent she did not inherit from me!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Seasons of New England event this Saturday.

Robert Bell
Uralla Shire Resident
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SUNNY JIM MACKAY

\$3000 CHARITY CRICKET MATCH (Veterans)

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Letters to the Editors

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To the Editor,

Support your local police

Ms Platford begins her call for vigilance saying our community is unsafe and vulnerable. It creates a moral panic and suggests she has undertaken a survey of a significant proportion of our community to make such a statement. Our community proudly and actively promotes Uralla as a destination for visitors who inject money into it. Ms Platford's assertions are neither smart or good business. We want to attract them, not scare them.

What is meant by a "lack of police response"? When the police have been directly contacted, have people been told to go away? It implies our local police are choosing to ignore their policing responsibilities. The letter identifies the "young people" of Uralla as the source of criminal misconduct. Are all local young people delinquent and criminal? This stereotyping and assumption of potential criminality is offensive to every young person in the shire. Shame on you Ms Platford.

That the Business Chamber of Uralla seeks to set up an ad hoc collection of alleged criminal offences is outside its remit. How will it identify potential false and/or malicious allegations? Who will be recording information? How will confidentiality be respected? Given Ms Platford's call for sharing '...information with our business friends and neighbours...', the consequences of tainted evidence and false allegations circulating in our community should be clearly understood. There is the potential for interference in the police undertaking lawful investigations.

A brief review of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics reveals that the Uralla Shire is currently experiencing no more or less reported crime (in its various forms) than at any comparable period within the last 5 years. The reporting of law breaking directly to the police is the first step. A safer community will result if there is constructive discussion about periodic crime problems based on fact.

Susan Armstead, Kentucky

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is

5pm Thursday 28 March 2024

Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor and articles to urallawordsworth@gmail.com

Expo After Party +

Lantern Parade

Post Expo events on Saturday 23rd March include even more great live music, alongside our inaugural community BBQ. Uralla Central School and Kentucky P&C have been invited to deliver the BBQ, and the proceeds will go towards some much needed fundraising for both organisations.

Three teachers from Uralla Central School and three members of the Kentucky P&C will be on hand to cook and plate up some delicious, locally sourced BBQ options. The menu includes traditional sausage sandwiches, tasty burgers and some delicious trout, gluten free and vegetarian options too.

The BBQ runs from 6pm - 7.30pm and *Vinnie and the Cuban Missiles* will be playing at the same time, keeping you entertained until dusk around 7.30pm. At this point everyone will gather for the annual Uralla Arts' Lantern Parade. Following the Lantern Parade we have Thor Phillips and his band heading our way to round out the night. Thor will play from 8pm - 9pm. The Seasons Bar and small meals will be available until close at 9.30pm.

Huge thanks to Uralla Arts for collaborating with us on the night time entertainment following the Lantern Parade.

Tara Toomey, Seasons of New England

Loan Cup Scheme

Seasons of New England has always had a strong commitment to the environment and it is a real credit to the entire business community we work with, that they have been willing to work with us on a shared commitment to waste management.

For 2023 we introduced a cup deposit scheme, thanks to the purchase of durable, dishwasher safe cups purchased from Australian based business BetterCup. These have pour lines for the bar and are instantly recognisable with our logo.

The scheme's introduction in 2023 meant that we didn't need to purchase our usual commercially compostable cups for the Expo.

For 2024 we are tweaking the system a little, dispensing with the deposit and offering a loan cup instead. There will be plenty on hand, including at our free water station, at the entry points and at the Seasons Bar.

Buckets to return the cups will be available at the same locations, and we have plenty of cups on hand to provide clean cups throughout the day too.

The Expo is on Saturday 23rd March from 9am - 5pm at Hampden Park in Uralla.

Tara Toomey, Seasons of New England

Have You Met “Crash” Jackson?



Ruth “Crash” Jackson and the structural damage to the church vestry

At the recent Australia Day service, our Mayor, Robert Bell, was introducing one of Uralla’s finest citizens for over 30 years, Ruth Jackson. It was then that he came up with a new nickname for her, ‘Crash’ Jackson.

Ruth, being the kind person that she is, was not offended and has taken on this new name with great pride. After all, she is famous! You have likely seen her at the street stall on Bridge Street representing one of the many groups that she is involved in – the CWA, Friends of McMaugh Gardens, the Red Cross, the Armidale District MS Branch and CanAssist, to name a few.

What you may not know is that after attending the Sunday morning service at the Uralla Uniting Church on Sunday, 3 December 2023, Ruth, being the social butterfly that she is, was the last one to leave morning tea. Having parked on Maitland Street where the bitumen was very steep, she had to rev her 1992 Toyota Tercel to get it to move. She thought she was in drive, but she soon learned that she was in reverse and crashed into the church. It could have happened to anyone, she says.

After the impact, she had the good sense not to panic or get stressed. Instead, she emerged from her car and flagged a car down. The lovely lady who stopped rang the ambulance and they arrived along with the fire. Luckily, Ruth escaped with only a bruised wrist which took a few days to heal.

Apparently, the age of her car was instrumental in the minor damage to Ruth. The Vestry, on the other hand, is another story.

Initially, Ruth’s car remained in place until structural engineers were able to make the building safe by adding some metal supports. You will likely have noticed by now that fencing has been placed around the Vestry and construction will commence in the near future.

Unfortunately, new bricks will have to be used for the repairs, but the original, locally made bricks will be repurposed. Watch this space for an update.

As for a loss of independence, Ruth is grateful to Foodworks and the Chemist who make deliveries as well as many friends who offer transport when needed. She has also taken the bus to Armidale and was impressed that the return fare was only \$2.50!

Ruth says that she is truly blessed and that the good Lord must be thinking, “Leave her down there; we don’t want her up here yet.” It is a good thing, because we are not ready for her to leave us just yet!

Originally from London, Ruth’s father insisted that she learn to drive. As a result, she is a very experienced driver and has been driving in Australia for over 60 years! When asked about her driver’s licence, Ruth says “You are all safe. I have handed in my driver’s licence”.

She does, however, caution that she is in possession of a scooter, so beware!

Marlene Jacobs, Uralla

Uralla Rotary Club’s Art Exhibition – It’s on **Now**

Be sure not to miss the Rotary Club of Uralla 45th Annual Art Exhibition and Sale 2024. With its successful opening night last Friday, the show and sale will now be open for the next six days at the RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury Street, Uralla. The Art Show is open daily: 10am to 4pm until this Saturday 23rd March. Entry fees: \$5 Adult, \$4 Seniors, Children under 12 years free.

This year there are more than 260 artworks on display from artists across NSW and QLD in the open section – with all artworks for sale. There is a Youth Art section for artists 18 years and under and also an acclaimed Schools Section of talented, budding artists of all ages from preschool to high school. This section attracts at least 250 artworks as well. The range and diversity of art is just amazing and well worth a look!

The Guest Artist is Peter Champion who has supported our Art Show over many years. Peter lives with his wife Carol in Inverell. He began his art career at the National Art School in Sydney in the years 1969 to 1973. He gained a Diploma in Art (Ed.) from Alexander Mackie CAE, also in Sydney. Over the years he has won and received recognition in many art prizes and has held several solo exhibitions as well as participated in group shows.

A huge thank you to major sponsors: John and Helen Kennedy, Uralla Shire Council, Phoenix Foundry and our minor sponsors: Uralla Bowlo, Meralli Solar, New England Solar ACEN Australia, Seasons of New England, Imacka Properties, Dale’s Downtown Meats, Burnets Books and Michael’s Cafe. The Youth Art competition is sponsored by Uralla Red Cross and the CWA.

Leanne Doran, Publicity Officer

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organisation, and what our hopes are for its future. Out in the yard, in our newly opened repair shed, her Excellency spoke at length with Neil Turner as he repaired a table for on-selling, ably assisted by volunteers Chantel Foreman, Tim Robertson, Trevor Marshall and Angus McLean.

Those Urallans who were present during the visit agreed it was an honour for the Co-op and its volunteers to be recognised by such a high-level visit.

Karin Jackson, Secretary



Final inspection of a repaired table by the Governor with furniture maker Neil Turner (second from right) and his support team. Photos courtesy of Dave Robinson Photography

The logo for Uralla Local Food Collective is at the top, with the text 'URALLA LOCAL FOOD COLLECTIVE' in a stylized font. Below it, it says 'Supported by ZNet Uralla'. The main text reads: 'Sharing knowledge & food abundance, building resilience, and embracing sustainability'. It then lists 'High Country Markets', 'Uralla Showgrounds', and 'First Sunday Of Every Month'. A green box contains the text 'BUY, SELL & SWAP'. Below that, it says 'Hey Uralla!' and 'Bring your surplus produce to our stall at the markets to swap or have us sell on your behalf. or Support our local producers by buying some fresh, locally grown produce from the stall.' At the bottom, it says 'Contact us for more information' and provides two phone numbers: 'Bobbie 0416 411 065 | Todd 0401 181 544'. The entire advertisement is framed by a border of various vegetables and fruits like carrots, mushrooms, and corn.

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Fabulous Pavilion Displays at Uralla Show



The Uralla Pavilion Committee were thrilled with the contributions made by the community for the Uralla Show. We had a stunning display of flowers, especially dahlias and vegetables – never seen so many ripe tomatoes.

The cooking had one of its highest numbers of entries with lots of children's entries. Jams and pickles also had a number of new exhibitors which is always exciting.

Znet's upcycling display gave everyone inspiration on how to re-cycle clothing and there were many inventive entries in the competition.

The Lego and school displays were once again inspiring. We had some excellent creative entries in Art, Photography and Sculpture but would love to see more of Uralla's talent. This applies also to Craft. We know you are out there!

There were a number of beautiful items from McMaugh's. The knitting, crocheting and needlework highlighted how many talented members there are in our community.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work in setting up and judging.

Thank you also to Rotary for the muscle power needed in setting up and taking it down. We couldn't put on a show without you.



-Trish Rasmussen, Pavilion President

"OLD FELLAS" GO IN TO BAT FOR SUNNY JIM MACKAY

Two veterans cricket teams, "old fellas" they call themselves, *Armidale Aliens* and *Uralla/Walcha Warriors* will battle it out for \$3000.00 to be donated to the Friends of McMaugh Gardens.

The purse of \$3000.00 comes via Uralla Historical Society from one of its esteemed patrons, Ruth Barratt, who told Wordsworth "Since returning to Australia after living in New York and Boston for forty years I came to recognise the unique heritage of Uralla and I resolved to support their wonderful volunteers in all the work they do to conserve and promote Uralla's history".

The story of "Sunny Jim" Mackay is inspiring, a superb cricketer on top of the world whose career was cut short. Yet he maintained his ever cheerful outlook on life despite that personal tragedy. We could all take a leaf out of his book or a run out of his record book because he certainly had plenty of runs!

Kent Mayo, Uralla

Adam Marshall to "Wield the Willow" For Friends of McMaugh Gardens

Our popular local member, once a classy cricketer and umpire himself, will pad up to bat in the Sunny Jim Mackay Charity Match at Hampden Park on April 7.

"A cricket match? Adam will be in it!" Adam's office told Kent Mayo, himself a lack-of-class cricketer and dodgy umpire in years long gone by.

"I'll be having a delicious bacon and egg roll and coffee at the High Country Markets at the Showground, then down for the match!" said Adam.

Kent Mayo, Uralla

Photo of the Week



So what's under that mass of curly locks atop Jack Stocker of New England Brewery? Obviously, Freddy Mercury. Who would have thought. Staff of the brewery and Lucy Neary made a personal sacrifice for the benefit of others in the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave. Wordsworth can report their efforts were well rewarded thanks to the generosity of donors.

Come On Aussies Come On!

Here's something yez all should see,
"Old fellahs" playing cricket for charity.
Three thousand smackeroots
For McMaugh's, so come on youse.
"Vets" they're called, (they're fairly old),
But when young? Great players all, dashing, bold.

"Bowl off-spin from out me zimmer frame?"
"Strewth" says Neil Free "My oath, I'm game."
"Yep, for certain sure, I'll bowl me offies then,
"I'll go get sandpaper up at Mitre 10"
When burly "Chalkie" Chandler comes in to bat,
No trembling fielder dares to appeal "Owzat?!"

Armidale Aliens is led by infamous Michael Porter,
To him "Uralla" provokes one thought: "Slaughter!"
So come up everyone to give the teams a cheer,
Real family fun, no one will be selling beer.
So bring along the kids, and Granny,
And what say yez hatch a plan real canny,

Whichever reckons he's the slyest old fox,
To go around rattlin' the Donations Box?
Because it's scott free to come right in,
Ask folks to chuck a few bucks in the tin.
And at the fall of each wicket,
Celebrate! Buy a Raffle Ticket!
Because it's all for a real good cause,
Uralla's own "Friends Of McMaugh's".

Kent (Century) Mayo

(who did score a hundred for Blackheath C.C....his
aggregate for the entire 1963-64 season!!!)

Footy Season is Off and Running



On Saturday 9 March the Tigers Football Team began their season with a trial match against Lake Cathie.

"What's up?" "Where you been?" "What's the gossip?" We are pleased to see each other as another season starts.

Given Uralla is the centre of the universe someone asked, "Where is Lake Cathie. Is that near Newcastle?"

The game begins and then we notice we have a team worth following. They are all playing well. Early nerves on both sides result in loose passes which results in some sledging from the Uralla sidelines to the Uralla players, but as the game settles, everyone watches, cheering on. Great standard of play from both sides.

The first try was scored by Mikey Carter, and it was converted by Brandon Thrift.

The people watching on the sideline ranged from our three-year-old to the old folk. We love it. The ground was beautifully presented, and the canteen supplied really great food at good prices. Of course, Kevin Wards' Bar was open.

If you want to know the result please follow Uralla Tigers Senior Team on Facebook.

Jann Karp, Uralla

Uralla Volunteering Expo 2 March 2024

Saturday 2 March saw the Uralla Volunteering Expo at the RSL Memorial Hall in Salisbury Street, between the hours of 10am and 4pm. This was an opportunity for the many volunteer organisations in Uralla to provide information about themselves, and for Uralla people to join up for volunteer activities of many types. But also for the volunteers at the Expo to network with their colleagues in other organisations.

The following organisations were represented, in no particular order: Uralla Central School, Uralla Rotary, Friends of McMaugh Gardens, Uralla Dojo, Uralla Historical Society, Uralla Red Cross, Uralla Fairy Festival, Uralla Lions, Uralla Branch of CWA of NSW, Uralla Arts Inc., Znet Plus, Uralla Community Co-op, Uralla RSL Sub-branch, New England Lapidary Fossicking Club, Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers, Armidale District MS Branch, Uralla Hospital Ancillary, Uralla Community Centre, Tablelands Community Transport, Uralla Library, New England Family Support/Hippy Australia,

Please note that some organisations are fully volunteer run, while others have volunteers who support paid staff.

The above list, while extensive considering Uralla's population, does not represent all volunteer organisations in our town by any means.

It is fair to say that despite the enthusiasm of the volunteers, not many locals made an appearance at the Expo, and few new volunteers signed up. Volunteering can be very rewarding, and, as can be seen from the above list, the opportunities to enrich your own life and that of others are many and varied.

Running Wild – Episode 8

– Fiery Farewell (Fiction)

This episode is the 8th in the 'Running Wild' series. The seventh, 'Fred's Done!', was printed in Uralla Wordsworth October – December 2023

5. Recap: *The gals and Bill returned to the hut with the plough horse. The dead Haggart was stripped of his uniform, taking his buttons, belts, buckles and boots in a calico bag. The bark hut would have to be burnt with the trooper in it, if the gals had any chance of escaping the hangman's noose.*

The plough horse was packed with belongings and Molly tended it off well away from the hut and the fire that was to be lit. The roof of the bark hut was built with a large central pole and smaller outer poles holding it all upright. Bill went inside with Nellie's axe and cut almost through the central pole. He then tied a rope above the cut and ran it out through the doorway. Bill emerged saying, 'I've left a couple of blocks of paraffin wax and doused his body with kerosene, he'll go up like a roman candle'. Then with one sharp pull on the rope, the pole gave way and the whole roof came down with a loud 'wump' and flying bark.

Dry timber and bark were then stacked along the huts four sides, each followed with a splash of kerosene for good measure. Bill lit each side and as they joined the fire formed a central raging inferno, with flames reaching well above the tallest of the mountain trees. The hut burned so well that little smoke was made, a fiery farewell. In no time the hut and its contents would be just a pile of ash, merely a scorched patch on the mountain top. The first fall of rain and grass growth would just about erase any sign of its existence.

As the hut fire raged, Bill went off to find Trooper Haggart's horse and Nellie went to retrieve her hidden treasure, the small velvet draw-string purse, given to her by Fred. She quickly found the low standing stump over the Devils Pinch and secreted the purse close within her clothing. On her way back, she dug young Murnong plants and collected medicines from her garden, placing them all in a shallow 'coolamon' bark dish. She carried the coolamon on her hip, its contents treasured more than the white man's jewels and coins she now carried close to her breast.

Meanwhile back at the Uralla Watchhouse, Sarah Ward a local woman with five children, had come in asking after the whereabouts of her husband Harry Ward. Sarah thought it wouldn't be the first time that Harry had ended up in the cells, sozzled after days on the grog. She had heard of the shooting of 'The Captain' down Split Rock way and knew that the Royal Oak was nearby. Maybe the constables had seen her Harry or knew where he had gone.

Sarah said to the duty constable, 'I know Harry and that boy Will went down to the Royal Oak, maybe doing some work a week or so past, but neither have returned. Me and

the kids are running out of food and Harry always brings back a few coins from his trips away'. The young constable wrote down all the details Sarah provided and ended her visit with, 'I'll let Constable Walker know when he returns from up north, but I'm sure your husband will return soon, so don't worry yourself madam'.

The End - Until the next episode of **Running Wild**
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Sunday Raffles

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Vouchers & meat Vouchers.

**March, will be held on Sunday 24th 2024. A week
earlier due to Easter at the end of month.**

Membership draw will follow the raffles.

Tickets on sale at **12:30pm**, drawn at **1:30pm**.
The **Bus will not** be available on 24th March 2024

**Entertainment for March 2024 will be
Kevin Spencer 12pm – 4pm**

**Lunch – Chinese Smorgasbord
Last Sunday of the month**

Can Assist's Twilight Bowls Fundraiser



Uralla Bowlo Sec/Manager Helen Avery and Vice-President Uralla Women's Bowling Club (UWBC) Phyllis Dade presented Lisa Heagney, President of Uralla Can Assist with a cheque for \$2000. Left to Right: Phyllis Dade, Judy Bray, April Fulton, Helen Avery, Lisa Heagney, Jane Grennan, Gai Buchanan, and Colin Dade, UBC Fundraiser Coordinator.

Saturday 10th February 2024 saw Uralla Women's Bowling Club host the inaugural game of twilight bowls for Uralla's Can Assist. This brought together a large number of people to help raise funds for this worthy organisation as well as to enjoy a fun-filled evening of bowls.

Fifty-nine bowlers of varied levels of competency paid the \$10 fee to put their name down for a superb bowling event organised by Colin Dade. Several children under 12 played for free and had a great time. It was a great night, full of fun and laughter with many enjoyable games of bowls.

The evening began with a gold coin sausage Sizzle, from 6.30pm. But many people opted to make a much larger contribution towards their tea.

The excellent range of prizes donated for the raffle saw a run on the ladies selling the tickets. The same can also be said about the goods that were donated to the auction. The crocheted / knitted baby apparel and blankets were much appreciated. I loved the little knitted doll. Thank you to the Kelly family.

On the day, \$1430.40 was raised for our local Uralla Can Assist. With a further generous contribution from the Uralla Bowlo, \$2000.00 was presented as a cheque by the Uralla WBC and Club Sec/Manager Helen Avery to the representatives from our local Can Assist on the night of Friday 1st March 2024. Current Uralla Can Assist President, Lisa Heagney, thanked everyone for the effort that had gone into the day, saying that she was overwhelmed by the number of people who participated.

Lisa has since asked me to pass on their thanks, saying, "CanAssist Uralla is overjoyed with not only the financial result from the evening, but the enjoyment we had at a fantastic community event."

Pauline Crouch

Publicity Officer, UWBC

Vice-President, Uralla Can Assist

THE ROTARY CLUB OF URALLA
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Art Exhibition & Sale

2024

Artwork by founding Art Show Committee Member & Rotarian Helen Phillips

SATURDAY 16 MARCH - SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024

URALLA RSL MEMORIAL HALL
SALISBURY STREET, URALLA

ENTERTAINMENT BY PETE STANLEY

OPENING NIGHT
15 MARCH 2024

45th Year Ruby Anniversary
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VIEWING FROM 6:30PM FOR OFFICIAL OPENING AT 7:30PM
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Facebook.com/Uralla Rotary Club

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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 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/working-at-uralla-shire-council)

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



Events For Your Diary

Uralla Rotary Club Art Show and Sale - Open till this Sat, Memorial Hall, open 10am - 4pm

Seasons of New England Expo - Sat 23 March, 9am-5pm, Hampden Park, Uralla

Next Uralla Council meeting - Tues 26 March 2024

Daylight Saving - ends Sun 7 April

Sunny Jim Mackay Veterans' Charity Cricket Match -

Armidale v Uralla/Walcha, Sun 7 April, 10am-4:30pm, Hampden Park, Uralla, Proceeds to Friends of McMaugh's

Bundarra Mothers' Day Markets - Sat 29 April 8am-1pm, Anglican Church Grounds

Community Calendar

Please email 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

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. 9 – 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

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre. Monday by appointment, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm, 67711457 0419149244, 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 - 12 noon at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00. This includes morning tea.

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 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. First Sunday of each month is a communion service. All are welcome to attend. The first Sunday of each month is a communion service.

Uralla Garden Club meets every third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm. We have no set permanent venue, but meet at a different member's garden or we visit other open gardens. New members are very welcome. Contact: urallagardenclub@gmail.com or Jenny 0435 593 850

The Armidale District MS Branch meetings (including AGM) will be held at Armidale City Bowling Club (ACBC) on the first Monday of the following months at 10:30am – June 3 (AGM and Branch Meeting), Sept 2 (Branch Meeting). Final meeting – Dec 11 (Joint Branch/Support Group Meeting) starts 11am followed by our Xmas luncheon.

Armidale District MS Branch Support Group Meetings will be held at ACBC on the second Wednesday of the following months at 10:30am – April 10, June 12, Aug 14, Oct 9. The Dec 11 meeting will start at 11am (Xmas Luncheon)



Uralla Arts Requests

the pleasure of your company
at the New England Brewery Singalong on

Thursday, 21 March, 2024 from 6:30pm

****SATIN DOLL ** MACK THE KNIFE ** YESTERDAY ****
*** BAD, BAD LEROY BROWN * SUSPICIOUS MINDS * RING OF FIRE* *DID YOU EVER HAVE TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND ** JOY TO THE WORLD (JEREMIAH WAS A BULLFROG) ***

What do these songs have in common? True, they are not modern music but, more importantly, they have been requested by singers at previous singalongs.... If your choice isn't on the list this time, you can send it through again or look forward to the next event!!

Contact Laura on 0428 382 749 for more information...

and don't forget your air guitar...

The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunty Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Aunty Bob, As I get older I'm finding my memory is becoming increasingly unreliable. Being the well-matured, super intelligent and scarily insightful person you are, I was wondering how you managed to avoid these memory problems. Desperately in need of your help,
Myrtle Sumfink

Dear What was your name again, oh that's right, Myrtle,
There are two types of memory failure, short term and long term. What was the question again? Oh yeah, failing memory. I never suffer from unreliable memory. My mind is like a steel trap. Sometimes memories try to escape but they are securely trapped in my head. I can remember everyone's birthday – thanks to Facebook. I can remember where I live – walking distance from the brewery. I can remember everyone's face. However, their names are safely in the steel trap. It is a medical fact that if you know you can't remember, you haven't got dementia. Hope this helps. Yours in advice,
Aunty Babe....errr...Bob

Uncle Dorothy, I urgently need your advice. I bought a ticket for my 15-year-old to Taylor Swift's concert in Sydney recently. However, because of her disappointing behaviour in the week before, I grounded her and told her she wasn't going. She was not impressed. She gave the ticket to her friend without saying a word to me. So nasty! I'm sure you know how much these tickets are. As a parent, how should I respond to this provocation? Help! Please!

Notso Happy

Well Notso... more like Nutso! What were you thinking? Giving a 15yr old a ticket to hold!? Have you not heard of 'scalpers?' If it was you that really wanted to go but covered up by sending your daughter.... beware that it can backfire! As an ageing Swiftie you should have gone yourself, in

disguise, and said you were working late?

Cut your losses, feed your daughter savoury mince only, no toast .. for a month. Buy yourself one only ticket to Pink or even better, Rod Stewart.. oh, is he still alive?

Your favourite uncle,

Dorothy.. not a Swiftie!!!

Uralla Central School Key Dates Term 1

- Harmony Day Celebration 22nd March and Assembly 11:25am
- Easter Hat Parade and Assembly 28th March 12:25pm
- School Photos 4th April
- School Assembly 9th April 12:25pm
- Vaccination for Years 7 and 10, 11th April

Uralla Community Street Store

18 - 24 Mar - Friends Of McMaugh Gardens Inc

25 - 31 Mar - Masonic Lodge

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>

ATTENTION VETERANS

If you are in need of assistance

of any type

financial, physical, emotional etc

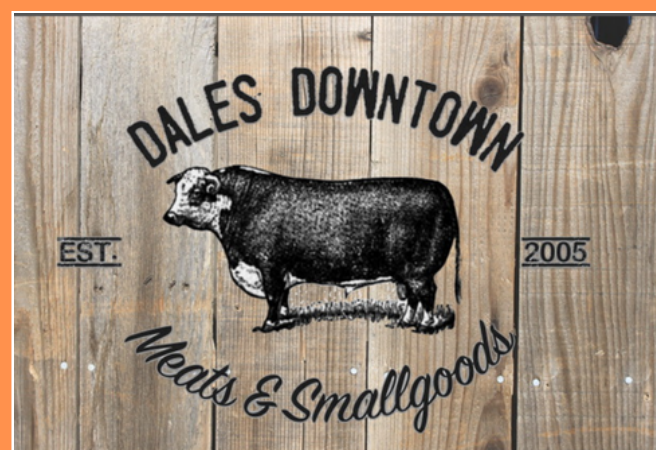
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contact us on 0401 932 107

or email urallasb@rslnsw.org.au

your privacy is guaranteed, we are with you

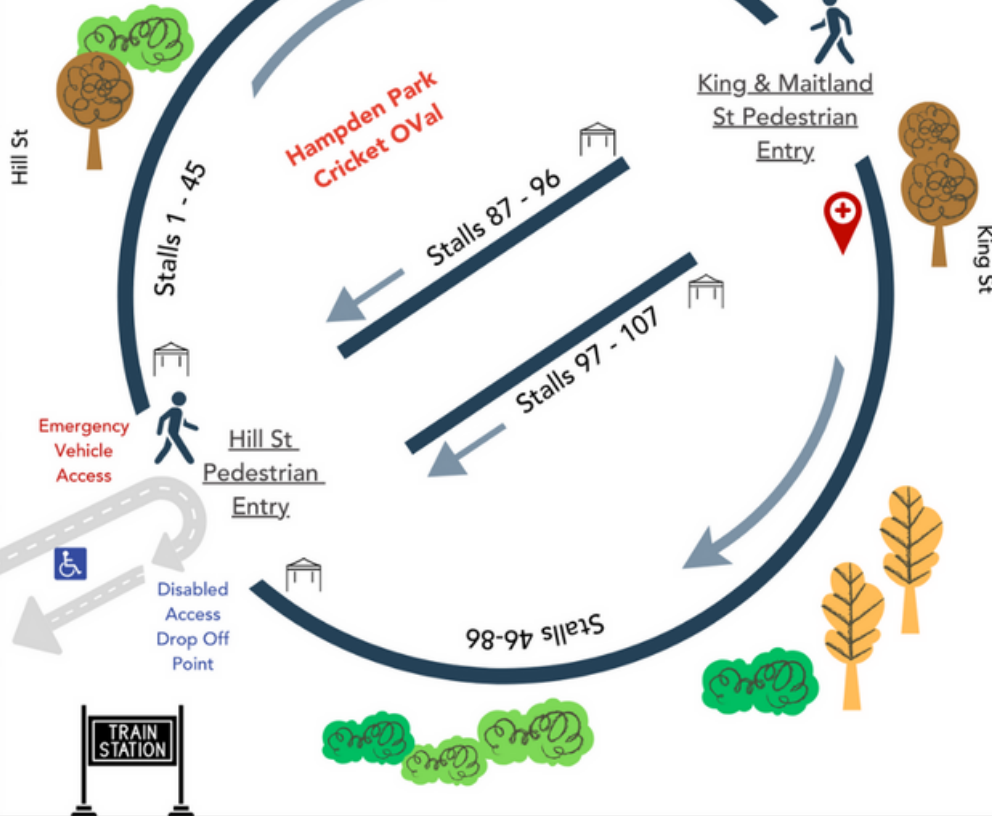
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Program

9am - 5pm Expo

9am - 5pm Kid's Art Tent

9am - 10pm New England Unearthed

10 - 10pm Seasons Bar

6pm - 7.30pm Community BBQ

7.30pm Uralla Arts Lantern Parade

New England Unearthed

Chilli Jam

Ian Russell

Arlo's Treasure Show (one to keep the kids entertained)

Sherona Rose

Sewa Emojong

Anthony Zarb

M-Cooperation

Altones

Vinnie & The Cuban Missiles (from 6pm)

Uralla Arts Lantern Parade from approximately 7.30pm

Thor Phillips (from 8pm)

We also have a great Community BBQ raising funds for two of our local schools from 6pm - 7.30pm

Sites 1 - 45

- 1 Design to Fab
- 2 Creekland Flowers
- 3 Toppers Wines
- 4 Dobson's Distillery
- 5 The Daily Cupcake Co.
- 6 Herd Bar Coffee Cart
- 7 Dale's Downtown Meats
- 8 The Humble Cook
- 9 Seasons Bar
- 10 Glen Olives
- 11 Get Pickled
- 12 Ant Hill Pottery
- 13 Sole Purpose
- 14 Lollipoppy Handmade
- 15 Guerrini Artworks
- 16 Ivy Home Interiors
- 17 Moodee & Sass
- 18 Sew Anna Handmade
- 19 Elevate Nine Eighty
- 20 Raw Fibre
- 21 Melibee
- 22 Merry Little Elderberry
- 23 Richard Moon Silverwear
- 24 Highland Weave
- 25 Helen Grace
- 26 Corner of the Garden
- 27 Greenhill Orchards
- 28 In the Scrub
- 29 CR Country Designs
- 30 Buddy & Missy

Sites 1 - 45 cont'd

- 31 Beelike
- 32 Thunderbolt Balms
- 33 Timber Alive D
- 34 Sophie Blue Dog Treats D
- 35 Womblescroft
- 36 2 Wild Souls Meadery
- 37 Wildflower Folk Co.
- 38 Stitches & Knots D
- 39 Designed by Durand
- 40 Shades Above New England
- 41 Evilruby
- 42 The Blue Stamp
- 43 Stitched by Mary
- 44 Roumalla Creek
- 45 Summer Hill Honey

Sites 46 - 86

- 46 Seasons of New England
- 47 Free Water Tent with ACEN
- 48 Tildy's Stories
- 49 Walcha Roasted Coffee
- 50 Harmony on Wheels Satay
- 51 Yin Yang Kombucha
- 52 Deano's Trout
- 53 Sunhill Dairy Goats & Skin
- 54 Freshly Berried
- 55 Beca Bakes
- 56 Welders Dog Brewing
- 57 Balala
- 58 Bellingin Pasta

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- 59 Little Birdy Cold Drinks
- 60 Aletheia Apothecary
- 61 Sleepy Merino
- 62 JAMB Millinery
- 63 Glen Gowrie Distillery
- 64 Panther Hand Painted
- 65 Latenight Pottery
- 66 Lyss
- 67 MEA Baby Clothing
- 68 Mountain Top Blooms
- 69 Calamity Jayne
- 70 Peg Leg Frida
- 71 Never Forgotten
- 72 Scents for Senses by Doreen
- 73 Granny Fi's Toy Cupboard
- 74 Kool Bitz Creations
- 75 Spring Valley
- 76 Koala Black Garlic
- 77 Allsweat Woodwork
- 78 BelleAffair Creations
- 79 Onyx Castle
- 80 Note Taker
- 81 Bronnie Ware
- 82 Country Creations by Michelle
- 83 Broadcroft
- 84 Fairy Lady Simone
- 85 Regional Australia Bank
- 86 Kids Tent

Sites 87-96

- 87 Anne Reilly Pottery
- 88 Stone Design
- 89 MIC Fire Tools
- 90 Back to Nature Co.
- 91 Bewoofed Pawtisserie
- 92 Di Dee Crochet
- 93 A&L Treasures
- 94 Doug's Hobby Woodwork
- 95 Base 5
- 96 Grumpy's Ginger Beer

Sites 97 - 107

- 97 Baked by Danelle
- 98 Wildheart Candle Co.
- 99 Sharon the Love
- 100 Jodie Ostenfield Art
- 101 Basic B Body
- 102 HEM Resin
- 103 K Renae Leather
- 104 Leecy Lou Creations
- 105 Karen's Macarons
- 106 Kinship Kitchen
- 107 The Pie Mechanic

\$5 Entry fee
for 14yrs and over
Cash or EFTPOS available
at the entry