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3-D Modelling of Anaiwan History & Heritage The 2023 Uralla Historical Society AGM Seminar

What's a stone axe? What is 3D modelling? And what have these things got to do with taking care of local Anaiwan People's cultural heritage and history at the local 'solar farms'?

Attendees at this year's UHS AGM were very fortunate to hear a presentation exploring these questions and more, presented by Anaiwan Custodian Steven Ahoy and Archaeologist Roger Mehr.

They explained how digital modelling technologies are helping with heritage management and archaeological research into pre-colonial Anaiwan history through recent and ongoing work at the local solar farms. They shared insights on their experiences of working with photogrammetry, a sophisticated technique for creating 3-D models from hundreds or thousands of photos taken either in the lab or on Country using small 'Unmanned Aerial Vehicles' (or 'drones'). Powerful computers are then used to process these images to create interactive computer models of artefacts and heritage sites, creating a detailed digital record for posterity, research and education. It is cutting-edge technology, and in recent years has become very important for preserving a digital record of cultural heritage, ranging from small objects and artefacts, through to buildings or places or even entire landscapes!

In this case, Roger, Steven and other community members have used photogrammetry to model local axe-grinding sites where very hard stone axe blanks were

carefully shaped and sharpened into highly polished stone axes. Steven explained these were likely used by men and women for many different purposes, from cutting food, wood or bark from trees, and to shaping wood artefacts, and much more. Over thousands of years of use, these 'axe grinding' activities leave hundreds of grooves on granite boulders as well as thousands of artefacts in the landscape, reflecting different stages of the axe manufacture process. If you are not sure what a stone axe or stone artefact is, there are a few on display in the 'Tribute to the Anaiwan' exhibit at the Mill and I highly recommend a look!

At the end of the presentation, Steven donated several 3D plastic stone axes to the UHS, which were modelled and printed in the archaeology laboratory at UNE.



Mick Morrison (UHS Vice President and Archaeologist, UNE) with Steven Ahoy (Anaiwan Custodian and Cultural Heritage Officer at UNE) and Roger Mehr (Archaeologist and Principal Consultant at Blue Wolf Consulting).

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

Congratulations to the Uralla Central School and the Department of Education staff on the holding of a "Career Quest" for the school as well as other schools in the area. The attendance of many local industries and employers as well as TAFE, UNE and the Master Builders Association gave the students from Kindergarten to Year 12 the chance to see lots of career opportunities in the regions. It was a great chance for me to be a part of the day, to highlight the diversity of jobs available at Uralla Shire Council, and to briefly set out my pathway to being Mayor. At the conclusion of the day, a representative from each participating organisation gave a brief review of what they do and how they got there. While the Kindy kids had a great time, I am sure the Year 11 and Year 12 students viewed the day as an eye opener to the many options available. Hopefully the students follow up on the contacts they made.

A reminder for the ZNet organised event on the Kentucky Creek Landholder Workshop that I mentioned in my last column to be held on Saturday 23rd September from 3-5pm in the Kentucky Hall. Now all impacted landholders should have received an invitation from Council to restrict landowner information being public. Please RSVP by Wednesday 20th September.

The recruitment panel formed to appoint Council's new General Manager met past week, with Mr Gareth Broadrick from Capstone Recruitment, to discuss how the process will work. We expect the search will commence later this week, with a long list of applicants provided to Councillors during the second week in October. All things going well should see Council confirming an appointment in early November. Over 60 Councils have been through this process in the 18 months since the last local government election.

The Australian Government has announced a Community Engagement Review discussion paper to be carried out by Mr Andrew Dyer, the Australian Energy Electricity Commissioner, will be looking to hold a Roundtable in Tamworth next week on consultation. I look forward to meeting with other Mayors and General Managers in the region to highlight the issues. I understand interested parties have a limited time to respond as the final report is due to the Minister by the end of the year. Council received an email dated 14th September inviting our contributions by the 1st of October!

There is now a new Upper House Committee to further investigate Underground Transmission Lines. The new committee will report its findings by 31 March 2024.

Last week Council received an excellent presentation from Rodney O'Brien, DPE Crown Lands, on Aboriginal Land Claims and Native Title.

This presentation was in response to the community interest in further developing the Arding Reserve and the old Rocky River tennis courts. Both have been under the management of Uralla Shire Council. While we think we have plenty of evidence of the date of the two native title claims dated September 2010 and August 2019 for the Arding Reserve, we need more evidence of usage of 2019. Anyone who has any photos, lease agreements etc around that date is encouraged to contact Council. Council can also approach the Land Council to request they withdraw the claim.

Council also had an address from Dr Jarra Hicks, Community Power Agency, on a Community-Owned Solar opportunity in Uralla. This would involve being able to own and invest in shares in the Thunderbolt Solar Farm, to be constructed by Meralli Solar. It is hoped that this project will increase electricity reliability in Uralla, as this would feed directly to the Uralla sub-station. More information will be provided over the next couple of months in cooperation with ZNet.

This week Council will have an address by Superintendent Paul Metcalfe, District Manager, New England Zone, RFS. This is a critical time of the year, with the rapidly deteriorating conditions. We have already witnessed a major fire out towards Kingstown that resulted in the loss of one RFS vehicle as well as significant dry feed. One huge issue is the lack of mobile telephone reception in this area, as well as so much of the rest of Uralla Shire.

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Uralla Shire Resident



High Country Markets

Uralla Showgrounds
1st Sunday of the month
8am to 12.30pm



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We hope to have these incorporated into the exhibit soon. The UHS is very grateful to Roger and Steven for their talk, and also thank Mr Colin Ahoy Jnr (Anaiwan Custodian and key member of the research team), along with Associate Professor Wendy Beck, Professor Mark Moore and Ms. Emma Watt (archaeologists at UNE) for their advice and assistance, as well as the UNE Archaeology Program for loaning their digital projector!

Mick Morrison, Vice-president, UHS

New England Solar Introduces New Site Operations Manager Richard de Bruin



As New England Solar Stage One turns to an almost fully commissioned large scale solar energy generator, our focus on site is also transforming.

To help oversee the operations and maintenance of the solar farm we have welcomed Richard de Bruin as our new Site Operations Manager.

Richard is an electrician by trade, having gained his electrical apprenticeship with Sydney Water and then moving to NRE - NorthPower. After stints in IT, residential solar, and with the NBN, Richard then turned his attention to large scale renewables in Victoria, Queensland and NSW.

It's great experience and knowledge to bring to the New England Solar Stage 1 project, one of the two largest operating solar farms in Australia.

"The scale of this project is really impressive," Richard said. "I was lucky to join the project during the mid construction and early commissioning phase, so I could observe and monitor the process. My key role now will be to oversee all the preventative maintenance across the site, everything that makes sure the solar farm is working safely and efficiently."

Richard is from regional NSW and has family in Armidale, so being based in Uralla has been a very easy transition.

"I'm looking forward to this next phase of my life in Uralla – I feel really at home here."

On site, Richard is also looking forward to host landowners being able to bring their sheep to the solar farm to graze on grass around the solar panels.

New England Solar Stage 1 is on track, with work on stage 2 expected to begin early next year.

Save the Date for These Rotary Club of Uralla Events

Thunderbolts Festival – Saturday 28 October – commences with street parade at 10:30am, 'Dungeons and Dragons' theme, activities in Alma Park 11am-3pm, Medieval combat re-enactment, live music by the Chilli Jam and Friends, rock climb wall, inflatable giant dual slide and jumping castles (all for just \$2!), markets, face painting, photo booth, hula hoop competition, and New England Antique Machinery Display. There may be a surprise visit by Hemlock or another circus performer! Onsite we have the Alternate Root coffee van, food by local schools, Friends of McMaugh's and Lions' fairy floss.

The Uralla Arts Lantern Parade leaves the Showground at 7:30pm, will travel down King Street to Hampden Park and then return to the Showground. Promises to be a magical end to a huge day!

Antiques and Collectables Fair - 10th anniversary on 18-19 November – RSL Hall, Salisbury St, Uralla. Open Saturday 18th 9am to 5pm and Sunday 19th 9am to 2:30pm. We have a good mix of exhibitors including Japanese antiques, small furniture items, jewellery, statues, clocks and timepieces, vintage clothing, books, crockery, military collectables, bric-a-brac, glassware, wash basins, hair brushes and more. New to the Fair is valuer Mr David Mann of *Olde Memories and Treasures*. We are very excited to see what he will have to offer.

Leanne Doran, Rotary Publicity Officer 0488 559 928

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Spaces Make Lace II

Spaces Make Lace II and New England Lace Group present a Fashion Parade on Friday Night, and Study Sessions on Saturday and Sunday on 3, 4 and 5 November 2023 in Uralla.

Spaces Make Lace II, the ultimate fashion and education event, is excited to announce its upcoming weekend extravaganza. The event will kick off with a fun and fabulous fashion parade on Friday night, followed by informative study sessions, especially for lace enthusiasts, Saturday and Sunday to be held at McCrossins Mill Museum. This unique combination offers attendees the opportunity to indulge in all things lace and enhance their knowledge and skills.

The fashion parade on Friday night, held at The Alternate Root, will showcase all things lace from historical and vintage pieces to modern designs, upcycling and items from local retailers. With music provided by local group The Rocky Bottom Girls, attendees will witness a stunning display of creativity and style as models grace the runway in exquisite lace garments. This celebration of all things lace promises to captivate lace enthusiasts and fashion lovers alike.

On Saturday and Sunday Spaces Make Lace II will transition into study sessions, specifically for lace artists and enthusiasts, providing a platform for attendees to expand their knowledge of lace and explore lace making techniques.

Rosemary Shepherd OAM will lead the informative workshops and attendees have the chance to study the Janice Jones Collection of lace items from mid 16th to mid 19th centuries.

"We are thrilled to welcome lace makers returning to Uralla and newcomers from around Australia. By hosting a fashion parade on Friday night and study sessions over the weekend, we aim to cater to the diverse interest of our attendees," said Vicki Taylor "Whether you are passionate about fashion, textiles or arts, Spaces Make Lace II has something for everyone."

In addition to the fashion parade and study sessions, Spaces Make Lace II will also feature networking opportunities, exhibitions, and entertainment throughout the weekend.

Tickets for Spaces Make Lace II are now available for purchase, the fashion parade and dinner, held at The Alternate Root are \$40pp and tickets to the study sessions including entry to McCrossins Mill Museum are \$20pp. To secure your spot and be part of this extraordinary weekend event please contact Vicki Taylor at larrikinlace@gmail.com or 02 6778 7321. **Please note**, the fashion parade is hugely popular, and there is a wait list.

Vicki Taylor, New England Lace Group

Ash Morse loves Uralla and Uralla Arts



"Uralla has left me speechless. Last night was my biggest test yet - a room filled with people I'd never met who bought tickets to see my show based on the recommendation of my friend, Hester Fraser who has a strong reputation and presence in the area.

It was a powerful performance that left everyone, including myself in a very moved and emotional space. The venue owner was very happy with the outcome and a local radio presenter who was there insists on interviewing me and writing an article in the paper. I shared real hugs with audience members and someone said, 'I wish I could write you a letter to tell you what that performance means to me.'

While it was a very special experience sharing my show with my friends and family who love and support me, this was a true litmus test and feel filled to the brim with love and gratitude for my time at McCrossin's Mill and the town's people of Uralla. What an unforgettable experience! Hester Fraser, I am in your debt x"

(from Ash Morse's Facebook page - Eds.)

Kentucky Creek Catchment Landholder Workshop

Do you live in the Kentucky Creek Catchment?

We'd love to hear your experiences and ideas for controlling sediment flows into the Kentucky Creek.

- discuss examples of action already being undertaken
- see examples from further afield
- have your say, help us develop an Action Plan to secure future funding and support for on-ground works
- representatives from Uralla Shire Council, Local Lands Services, Office of Water, and Southern New England Landcare present

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23rd
September
3pm-5pm**

**Kentucky
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Nursery Rhyme Selling the New England

When a script writer for Playschool helps develop a campaign, you know it's going to be anything but ordinary.

The team from Seasons of New England knew they were on to a good thing when Carlo Ritchie lent his talents to their first project in 2019. This early collaboration led to a campaign that still resonates with their audience today and shares some beautiful New England scenery, with a typically unique spin on why it's a great idea to discover the New England.

The new collaboration has resulted in a video that invites you to discover the region through the products that are made here and the people who make them. With a mildly eccentric take on the nursery rhyme, "butcher, baker candlestick maker" the video takes you on an entertaining tour of all things New England, enticing you to put the region at the top of your travel – and shopping – itinerary.

It's all part of a campaign to reinforce the value of spending your shopping dollars on products that are made by hand and produced locally. For example, a New England based maker will provide value across multiple layers of our local economy. Through sourcing their supplies and raw materials, using local design and photographic services, plus local employment opportunities to name just a few areas that see benefit.

If we can all make a conscious decision this year to spend our dollars on products that are made and produced in the New England we will all make a huge difference to our local economies right across the region.

Learn more at www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au.

The next Seasons Expo is on Saturday 23rd March 2024 in Uralla NSW.

Tara Toomey, Seasons of New England



Photo at launch event -

Gathering of the New England community of makers and supporters at the Seasons Store in Uralla.

L - R : Stephen Dobson, Lyn Dobson, Michael Croft, Cathie Sutherland, Jayne Croft, Joanie Desrochers and baby, Tara Toomey, Richard Daugherty, Katelyn Wall, Justin Wall.

"Hello Dolly!" A Folly? Golly!



The owner of a unique collection of 4,000 Australian-made dolls believes Uralla is "the ideal location" to display her life's work, "because Uralla has a great reputation as a tourism magnet."

This collection is unique, not just because the dolls are all Australian-made, but because they are dressed in outfits made from fabrics of their era – no velcro anywhere!

Our earlier appeals for someone to take the lead were met with positive responses . . . "great drawcard for Uralla"; "what a wonderful opportunity" etc etc, but no commitment to actually direct the operation.

The Historical Society is still willing to rustle up showcases and provide exhibit labels and whatever other expertise is required, but we simply do not have the space nor the personnel available – we have more than enough on our hands!

Several sites have been mooted . . . a vacant main street shop, the VIC, the library, the refurbished rooms at the railway station. Where else might be possible?

Admission charges to "Hello Dolly!" would be quite a money-spinner, "Lolly for Dolly", for whichever local organisation might undertake the enterprise.

Surely, some of the host of recent newcomers to Uralla could put some "Jolly into Dolly" and offer some bright ideas to enable this wonderful collection to be shown and give Uralla yet another highlight to brag about!

Contact Uralla Historical Society Treasurer, Ronnie Porter by email to ronnie.diva@gmail.com

Ann Hacker, Publicity Officer, Uralla Historical Society

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Friends of McMaugh Gardens Thank Uralla Community

Friends of McMaugh Gardens thank the Regional Australia Bank, Uralla Branch, for the initiative of the program "Community Partnership Program" which is a great way of allowing members of the community to donate to their chosen charity. So, we therefore thank all the customers of the Regional Australia Bank, Uralla Branch, who have chosen Friends of McMaugh Gardens as their charity, and for the \$5,400.42 cents which was donated to us at the recent Regional Australia Bank Business Breakfast.

Also we thank the Uralla Co-Op, and their customers for their recent donation of \$300.

The community of Uralla and Uralla Business houses are unbelievably generous, we are so lucky to live in this great little town.

You all can be assured that these donations will be spent on the residents in some way by supporting their everyday living and/or care needs.

Rosemary Reading,
Secretary of Friends of McMaugh Gardens Inc.

A Faith Journey Celebrated

Monsignor Ted Wilkes (Mons) was ordained as a priest on 31 August 1983. Forty years later we celebrated his service to God and the community at St Joseph's School Hall on Saturday 2 September. A Bendemeer parishioner who hoped the evening celebration would go well for Mons said to him, "At least you don't have to walk far to go home".

Monsignor Wilkes, replied to speeches about his service saying, "I have enjoyed my time here. Grace is a gift. It is what has been given to me. I can wake up early and be scared about what the future holds for this diocese, but it has always been a faith journey".

Tanyol Vedat said that he, his wife and six children, who are new to Uralla, have received a wonderful welcome to the Parish community.

Tim Bower described Mons as a leader in the community; a man from the area who understands floods and fires. A visitor to all faiths at McMaugh's, a quiet achiever who works hard for anyone doing it tough and that he is particularly skilled with listening to and supporting the dying – in summary, he is a humble man.

Walcha parishioner, Linda Lockyer, thanked Mons, who has done so much for the Parish, taking the time to get to know everyone, staying for coffee and visiting people in the community – and the school children's Masses are special occasions.

Judy Elks, the Principal of St Josephs, spoke on behalf of the teachers and children at the school who receive support from Mons. He says Friday Mass for the children who do really love him. He is a 'sounding board' for the staff of the school, which is much appreciated.

Ian Hamilton read a letter from the Avery Clan from Wee Waa. "It is with deep gratitude today that we thank God for the inspiring gift of you. We send our very sincere and heartfelt congratulations on your 40 years of service".

Heather Hamilton spoke of her deep appreciation as she entered the Catholic faith at Wee Waa which has continued to inform and support her family and friends.

Gerald Stephens expressed the special ministry of Mons with the elderly and the gift he has of holding very inclusive funerals for local people, their families and friends.

Monsignor Wilkes ended his thank you speech by saying, "I like the old and the young people and everyone in between".

Uralla parishioners enjoyed the celebration as they expressed their connection with each other including their faith.

-Jann Karp, Uralla

Uralla? Definitely!



Wordsworth readers will recall an article in the 26 June edition entitled *Why Uralla?* In the article Trish and Phil Webber were weighing up the arguments for moving to Uralla to live, and concluded it was a good idea. To their credit this decision was made in the depths of a bitterly cold June when most other people would have departed at speed for a destination closer to the equator. Wordsworth can happily report Trish and Phil have just become residents of Uralla after buying their dream house here. Congratulations and well done. You've made a great decision.

-Editor

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is
5pm Thursday 28 September 2023
Please email all contributions including advertising,
letters to the editor, 100 Words, and articles to
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NEWA Planned Biosecurity Inspection Areas Sept and Oct



Armidale

North side of Waterfall Way, between the Thalgarrah and Metz, moving out towards Hillgrove.

Biosecurity Officer: Andrew Scott – Mobile 0488 711 012
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South of Walcha township, area immediately south of town and between Thunderbolts Way/Brackendale Rd and as far south as Lakes Road.

Biosecurity Officer: Josh Robb – 0488 711 012
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Uralla

Baldersleigh, Abington and Bundarra areas. Currently focussing on wheel cactus and velvety tree pear, roadsides and council LCAs.

Biosecurity Officer: Brent Klohk – 0472 662 139
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Weed of the Month: Cats Claw

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25 Sep-1 Oct - St Mark's Anglican Church Kentucky

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Uralla Councillor Catch-up

Join us around the Shire for a chat.

Invergowrie at the shop	Sunday 10 Sep 2-4pm
Rocky River Tennis Courts	Sunday 24 Sep 2-4pm ★
Barry Munday Reserve	Sunday 8 Oct 2-4pm ★
Kentucky Hall	Thursday 19 Oct 6-7:30pm ★
Bundarra Church Markets	Saturday 21 Oct 11am-1pm
Uralla Alma Park	Sunday 22 Oct 2-4pm ★
Balala Schoolhouse	Sunday 22 Oct 5-7pm ★
Arding Reserve	Sunday 12 Nov 2-4pm ★
Kingstown tennis courts	Thursday 30 Nov 5:30-7pm ★

★ Sausage sizzle provided, BYO drinks

The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunt Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Uncle Dorothy, I need your advice. I have been constantly held up every day on my way to work by a very tall thin bike rider who takes up all of the lane and rides very, very slowly. Am I allowed to run him off the road to improve the traffic flow? Yours angrily,

Ivar Fastkarr

Dear Ivar Fastkarr, I can hear your impatience. If he looks anything like our local peddling Urallian friend... drive slowly behind him, as a support car. If however he looks hungry drive a little further and stop with a picnic to share. If neither of these apply I suggest taking a different road. Traffic flow is for others (at a higher pay grade) to worry about.

Yours slowly,

Uncle Dorothy

Dear Aunt Bob, As you know I have ridden my push bike in and around Uralla for many a year. I have always appreciated the encouragement and positive attitude of the good people of Uralla as I do my daily exercise. It has always been a delight. However, of late, I've noticed an increasing number of people making unkind remarks about my cycling and have even been somewhat hostile. I'm hearing people say things like: "Get out of the way, don't you know I'm late for work", "You're blocking the traffic old man" and even "Is it possible for you to go any slower without falling off?" For reasons I don't understand, I'm sensing an insinuation by some, that I've been trafficking drugs about town on my push bike. I'm devastated. This is not the Uralla I know and love. What should I do?

Yours in appreciation,

Percy Cuted

Dear Percy, This may be difficult for you to hear, but as we age our bodies start to send us messages: sore knees, pain in the hips, aching joints, poor hearing to name a few. Are you getting these messages? – because it sounds if the good people are giving you messages. It is possible that you haven't heard all those messages. Perhaps it's time you hung up the helmet, and the bike. Much better to die in a comfortable bed than being crushed under an outraged motorist's fast car. Yours in sadness,

Aunt Bob



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Running Wild – Episode 6 Bullet Cave (Fiction)

3. Recap. The trio rode from Mountain Black to Bullet Cave, leaving Bundarra to the North. Fred led the way, riding his jet black colt, The Barb. Harry and Will followed on their greys, to the tune from Harrys penny whistle 'Tah, te tah tum tah tah tah - Dah de dah dum dah dah dah'.

Dawn heralded a new day and bullet casting was the task at hand. Harry had carted a small heavy casting pot, lead ingots, paraffin wax, and moulds for Fred's .58 Ashton flintlock pistol and the .44 Tranter revolver. The pot was set upon hot coals with Will given the task of keeping a hot and steady fire. Lead ingots were placed inside the pot, and after melting, the casting process began. Harry stirred the melt with an old spoon, adding a lump of paraffin wax from time to time to flux the melt. This kept the lead melt pure and reduced fouling a barrel when fired. Harry used the mixing spoon to skim the surface melt of any scum that surfaced after every flux. As each mould was filled the excess spout was cut from the top with a small metal plate. The mould was then opened, its contents tipped into a close-by rock pool, resulting in a strong hisssss and water splutter. Once the shot casting was complete, the remaining melt was repoured into a small ingot mould. The ball, bullets and ingots were then retrieved from their rock pool and scraped clean of all burr with a penknife. They were now ready for their intended purpose, whether to secure food, defence or in anger, only time would tell.

The day now drew to a close and bullet casting was all done. The trio sat and watched as a few sausages sizzled. Will had been thinking about the local Aboriginals; what had happened to them? He hadn't really met any before, but now had come to know Fred's Nellie and her daughter Molly. He also realised he was somewhat sweet on Molly. He asked, 'What really happened to the local Aboriginals?' Fred spoke first, 'Well it's not pretty, old people tell of massacres and killings at Waterloo, Poison Swamp, Slaughterhouse, and Myall Creeks, to name a few, some thirty odd years ago. After Myall Creek they hung some of the killers but just scapegoats to take the fall'. Harry added 'They weren't going to tarnish their masters with this business'. 'A very sorry bit of business that' Fred said. Harry nodded and they all shook their heads in silence.

Fred strode off to where the horses were tethered, returning shortly carrying his Ashton .58 flintlock pistol. He said to Harry, 'Here take my Ashton for helping me out, the bullets and what nots'. He added 'I knows you've had your eye on it for a while, so you's might as well have it'. 'Anyways I've got my Tranter revolver and it's done me well, got me out alive a few times, so I'll stick with it I reckon'. Harry took the Ashton with a nod and a smile, stroking its barrel with obvious pleasure. He cocked and pointed the weapon out across the boulder landscape, sighting down the barrel and moving across as if following some unseen quarry.

Daryl Albertson, Kellys Plains



Time for some cool music at The Mill.

The House of Jazz Collective Friday 29th September 7pm



SPRING IS HERE!

And to celebrate, The House of Jazz Collective is visiting McCrossin's Mill Uralla on Friday 29 September, 7:00pm for a beautiful evening of live jazz classics.

Featuring the fabulous musicianship of Anthony Walmsley (guitar), Garry Steel (piano), Scott Greenaway (bass), Peter Skelton (drums), Katy Haselwood (vocals) and Hester Fraser (vocals), The House of Jazz Collective always delivers fun-filled, dynamic concerts of all your favourite jazz tunes, from Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra to Julie London and Michael Buble.

Can't wait to see you all there!

TICKETS: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-house-of-jazz-collective-spring-swing-mccrossin-s-mill-uralla>

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Landholders to Tackle Water Security at Kentucky Workshop

Landholders in the Kentucky Creek Dam catchment know firsthand the importance of water security and efficiency on farm. Keeping precious rainfall as well as topsoil in the paddock is a strong motivator for landholders. This is the key message coming from the initial phase of a 12 month scoping project focusing on reducing sediment going into the Kentucky Creek. Historical erosion across the catchment has contributed to sediment build up in Kentucky Dam, Uralla's water supply dam. Slowing overland water means less silt and more moisture retained in the soil, with benefits to pasture production and longevity of dam storage. Over the 80-year life of the dam, estimated silt build-up has reduced dam capacity by 30%.

The project, initiated by ZNET Uralla and being delivered by Stringybark Ecological, has involved researching existing sediment control actions in the catchment as well as drawing on examples from other catchments.

"While groundcover and soil management has improved over the years, it's helpful to take stock and ask the question is there room for improvement? The last couple of wet years has also highlighted where gullies and stream banks would benefit from stabilisation. As water accumulates in the catchment, energy builds, and so we need different stabilisation strategies for different parts of the catchment. We need a landscape approach and the most important step in doing this is hearing from landholders," said David Carr from Stringybark Ecological.

On Saturday the 23rd of September, we are holding a workshop at Kentucky Hall from 3-5 pm. The aim of the workshop is to contribute to a plan for further work and funding. Gathering the experiences and observations of landholders is a key part of this planning, so we welcome everyone to come and contribute.

Sediment management is only a small part of overall water security, and the effort of catchment landholders will complement actions being taken by Uralla Shire Council to investigate the full range of options canvassed for water security (Let's Talk About Water - www.zneturalla.org.au/water)

For catering and planning, please RSVP by Wednesday 20 of September to info@stringybarkecological.com.au. The Kentucky Creek catchment project and workshop is sponsored by a Uralla Grant from New England Solar (ACEN Australia).

Danielle Andersson, ZNET Uralla & Stringybark Ecological

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 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 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. 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.

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 on the first Monday of the month at 10:30am except for the December when it will be on the second Wednesday at 11am.

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

Events For Your Diary

***Next Council Meeting**, Tues 26 Sep 4pm at Council Chambers

***Armidale District MS Branch Support meetings** - Wed 11 Oct, 10:30am,

ADFAS Armidale lecture 12 Oct – Ancient Roots: Classical stories in your garden, by BBC presenter Gillian Hovell. TAS Hoskins Centre, 6pm ticket \$25, students free.

www.trybooking.com/CDGOJ

www.adfas.org.au/societies/armidale

Kentucky Spring Fair, Sat 15 Oct, Kentucky Memorial Hall

***Thunderbolt Festival** - Sat. 28 Oct 10am -7pm, Alma Park, Parade at 10:30am, Theme: Dungeons and Dragons
Lace For Everyone Fashion Parade, Fri 3 Nov 6.30pm, Alternate Root, Uralla

Spaces Make Lace II, 4 & 5 Nov, McCrossin's Mill Museum, Salisbury St, \$40pp. book by 20 Oct Kath Caddy 0412351792

***Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon and Entertainment** - Tues 7 Nov, for Armidale District MS Branch, Armidale Bowling Club.

***Rotary Antique Fair** - Sat and Sun 18 & 19 Nov., 9am-5pm.

***Queen Street Fair** - Sat and Sun 25 & 26 Nov, 10am - 2pm

***Armidale District MS Branch Meeting**, 13 Dec 11am (Joint meeting - Xmas Luncheon) Armidale City Bowling Club

Catching up to talk about mental health

Research shows that one in six workers will be impacted by mental ill-health at any given time - and working on a large solar farm site is no exception.

Workers from across the solar and battery project site took some time out this month to catch up, have a chat and for a quick mental health check-in, as part of RU OK Day.

"The day is designed to shine a light on the importance of talking with our neighbours, friends, family and work colleagues to build positive connections and break down isolation," New England Solar Project Manager Sarah Donnan said.

"It's a great reminder about how a simple question like are you OK can make a big difference to people who might be struggling for a whole range of reasons.

"It was also a great excuse to have a cuppa, a BBQ, and a good chat!"

Sarah and ACEN Renewables Construction Director Tim Greenaway also recently completed a short workshop held by the Black Dog Institute called Managing Teams for Wellbeing.

The workshop was designed to help them better understand how and why to talk with their co-workers about mental health well-being and where to find more support.



RU OK Day gave the team across the solar and battery project site the opportunity to catch up and connect.

Introducing Richard de Bruin our new Site Operations Manager

Electrician turned large scale solar farm commissioning supervisor Richard de Bruin has joined New England Solar as our new Site Operations Manager.

Richard's role will be to manage all non-electrical maintenance work across the solar farm site as well preventative and reactive maintenance on the electrical components of the solar farm.

Read more about Richard and his job with New England Solar in the earlier pages in this edition of The Wordsworth.

Find out more at:

- > www.blackdoginstitute.org.au
- > www.ruok.org.au

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