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## Bundarra Show – A Great Success



Jasmin Goodchild in full flight in the final of the speed shearing.

Barrel racing for horses organised by the Bingara Barrel Racing Club who worked in conjunction with our Bundarra Show Society and Team Penning to bring us a high standard of competition and unparalleled entertainment for spectators. We had our Bundarra Ute Show during the day which, despite the heat and afternoon storms, featured utes which had travelled from Taree, Moree, Barraba, Tamworth, Armidale, Uralla, Inverell as well as Bundarra locals and a few towns in between. The Ute Show Barrel Race was a great way to finish off the day

The Bundarra Show, held on the Australia Day long weekend, was a great success. We kicked off proceedings with our Demolition Derby on Friday night under lights featuring the first ever women's demolition derby alongside the open event. This was a great crowd pleaser and with the North West Mower Racing Association Inc. running demonstrations between the heats, the audience was not left without entertainment. A big day on Saturday

and provided great entertainment for the crowd.

Our Bundarra Quick Shear, held on Saturday afternoon, was a great crowd pleaser with competitors travelling from all over the region to compete for the prize money on offer. As the Quick Shear finished our live music by Shandell Morrow kicked off and provided entertainment all evening as our shearers kicked off their boots.

Our Kids' Craft Tent kept the kids occupied with plenty of craft activities and MacIntyre Lions Club was on site with a jumping castle and train which kept all of the kids entertained for the entire weekend.

Twilight Team Penning was run under lights on Saturday evening so we could ensure the best for our cattle in the hot conditions. It also kept our audience cool and entertained. It turned out to be a great success with runs

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Right: Rochelle Wheeler riding *Royale Prerogative* in the barrels.



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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.**

Unfortunately my first game of bowls got off to a shaky start. The CanAssist twilight program saw over sixty bowlers take to the two rinks under the new lights. Congratulations to the Uralla Bowling Club and the CanAssist members. Their next major fund raiser is the Poss Family Fun Day at the Uralla Golf Club on Saturday February 24, from 2pm. I have found my swimming trunks for my turn on the dunking machine. The NSW Governor, Hon. Margaret Beazley, is scheduled to drop in during the afternoon. I hope she is not an accurate shot!

Congratulations to Armidale Regional Council on its release of "Toward 50,000". Water security was high on the agenda with Malpas Dam to have its capacity increase and the purchase of Oaky River Dam. A focus on Controlled Environment Horticulture, Renewable Energy and Manufacturing are seen as their drivers for growth. This is based on the solid foundation of agriculture and education. We are acutely aware that the Armidale Airport remains a key for community connectivity, regional resilience, and the aviation industry. The airport is essential in the aerial firefighting base for the New England, including the regional National Parks. One of the starkest figures in the report is the decline in enrolments in the University of New England, from 3,353 full time and 529 part time students in 1991, to 1,683 in 2019.

Uralla Shire Council is continuing to pursue funding for our Housing Strategy as the first step in updating our Strategic Planning. We may need to ask Hon. Adam Marshall MP for help as to when this funding will be announced. Staff also continue to work on our water security strategy.

Council was advised last week that there are still approximately 20 mobile phone owners who only have 3G access. As this part of the network will close down in June, you will need to talk to Telstra sooner rather than later to upgrade your mobile device. Council has also been assured that the changeover from 3G to 4G must have a guarantee of the same, or better, coverage. We are chasing up how any

person who believes their coverage has been reduced can provide a complaint to Telstra, or the Minister for Communications if not happy with the response. Anyone in Bundarra with a medical device operating on the network should contact their device supplier as soon as possible to confirm it will not be impacted.

On Tuesday February 20, ACEN (New England Solar Farm) is having a Community Information Session on the proposed Deeargee Solar Farm. The session is from 10am to 6pm in The Bushranger Motor Inn front room. This proposal for a 320 megawatt development will be subject to the new draft guidelines for renewable energy. These guidelines are for Benefit Sharing and should be \$850 per megawatt per annum for solar energy development. Council will particularly focus on transport and access routes, accommodation, and material such as concrete, gravel and water. Please note that Stage 2 of the New England Solar Farm is already approved. I understand contract negotiations are proceeding with a view to commence constructions in the second half of this year.

Work is still in the early stages for the design of the new transmission lines. Council will have a clearer idea of the timeline when EnergyCo seek a Scoping Report from the Department of Planning. Let's hope that the towers are more robust than the ones we saw destroyed recently in Victoria.

Following a number of enquiries from Council, NBN have now confirmed that they will be on site from March 4 to carry out upgrade work, however outages should not commence before March 7. We have been assured the local NBN team will be in touch with impacted businesses and residents before then, and will conduct some community awareness activities in the region. We are acutely aware of the impact on local businesses and residents of any telecommunication disruption.

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# NSW Governor to Visit Uralla This Weekend

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales and Mr Dennis Wilson will be visiting Uralla this Saturday 24 February. Uralla's events will include a visit to the Uralla Community Cooperative with the Shire Council. The Vice Regal visit will conclude with the Governor and Mr Wilson attending the Can Assist Uralla Poss Family Fun Day, in support of community members undergoing treatment for cancer.

**Media Release, Government House, Sydney**



Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, Governor of NSW and Mr Dennis Wilson

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being filled well in advance of the entries closing. Cattle were kindly supplied by Clerkness Pastoral Company who, through their continued support, ensure that we can run this event each year.

Our Guess the Weight competition of our two Angus Heifers kept the audience guessing all day with the winners coming within 1kg of the correct weights. Our hard working Bundarra Show Society member and volunteer, Bec Kemp, was presented with the award of ASC Next Gen Securing the Future of Ag Shows Youth Contribution Ribbon by our local Ag Shows Representative. Our raffle featured a lot of prizes and vouchers donated by our sponsors from local businesses in Bundarra and Inverell. We finished off on Sunday with the remainder of our barrel races for horses, and with that, we look forward to bigger and better Bundarra Shows in the future.



Left: Gypsy Marshall - ASC Area Representative (left) with Bec Kemp - Bundarra Show Member and Volunteer (Right).

Bundarra Show Society would like to thank all of our competitors, sponsors, volunteers and associated organisations. Also special thanks to the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal for the grant that made this all possible. Without them we would not be able to bring this event to our small town and to our rural community. Congratulations to all of our competitors and to all category winners.

Photos kindly supplied by Makaala-Bunky Photography and our Bundarra Show Society Members.

**Andrea Robinson, Secretary**



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# Letters to the Editors

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Dear Editor,

## Uralla Robbery Outrage

Once again your Uralla businesses have been targeted by robbers.

Late Wednesday night local institution *Eve Flowers* was burglarised. The front door was smashed in, the small float taken and another antique door kicked through. Owner Mika Ingvarsdotter says she is “shocked and dismayed at the loss and damage” but “it could have been worse”. This is one of a spate of ‘break and enter’ robberies in Uralla’s Bridge Street with \*six\* other businesses being burgled in the last two months.

The damage to property and loss of stock and trading capital has damaged these businesses. These losses are bad but not as bad as the undermining of the feeling of security in Our Town.

“I’ve always felt safe here but the thought of someone violating our community upsets me and makes me reconsider that,” Mika said.

Two shops down from *Eve Flowers*, Deb Elliott of *White Ivy* says that she has also experienced an attempted invasion, with the invader breaking a gate lock to get into her property.

“Luckily my husband was awake at 3am and challenged the intruder who then fled in a small black car”.

This is on top of the Mobil Service Station being burgled – with a front window smashed in and cigarettes and cash stolen on Sunday.

*New England Engraving and Gifts’* owner Teresa French has also been robbed \*during business hours\*. The culprits were immediately identified, followed and found vandalising the Bridge Street bridge. Police were contacted several times by Mrs French but have failed to apprehend the miscreants even though they have been identified!

That is not to mention the robbery of the *Sweet Place*, the burglary of *Subway* twice in two weeks, the breaking and entering of the *New England Brewery*, and the burglary of Uralla landmark *Moon’s Bakery*.

Shopkeepers and businesses are right to be anxious with many reviewing money handling procedures and adding security cameras and security grills. Opposite *Eve Flowers*, Jenny Swan said she is thinking of adding a roller door to further protect her shop *Melrose*.

What is happening to our town?

The need to bar every window and brace every door gives a bad impression of our beautiful town and it has caused locals to be apprehensive about their safety. It is said that

we will have a police ‘presence’ in Uralla at the end of March. What does that mean?

Will there be a couple of cops patrolling Uralla while we sleep, insuring the criminals are kept at bay?

Fear is spreading through our community and although avoided in the past, vigilantism is being spoken of.

**David Mann, Uralla**

To the editor,

I am writing this to correct some misinformation and totally incorrect statements that have been circulating around the Uralla community. I find it very disheartening to see Facebook posts carrying so much misinformation, and an attack on one person, all for what reason.

I was employed by Uralla Shire Council in 1990 to assist in the opening and operation of McMaugh Gardens Hostel as it was called then. I was the manager from then until I retired in 2008, so I am aware of facts and history of this facility. See the following misinformation and facts:

**1. Misinformation:** That Robert Bell put his hand up at a Council meeting to sell McMaugh Gardens. **Fact:** McMaugh Gardens facility cannot be sold unless it goes through an arduous process. In 2004 amalgamation of councils in the region was proposed by the State Government. Uralla community did not want to be amalgamated. Community and Council were genuinely concerned that if it did happen McMaughs could be sold off. With the hard work of Tom O’Connor, a section was found in the Local Government Act that assisted us in this situation. McMaugh Gardens was built on Council land which was “Operational Land”. Tom discovered that if Council voted it could be changed to “Community Land”. The legal part of this is that it cannot be sold unless the community of Uralla voted for it. This was signed off by Council in 2005. Robert Bell was a part of all these discussions and process.

**2. Misinformation:** Robert Bell sat on the Board of Directors for 12 years and watched it go down \$200,00 a year for the entire community. **Fact:** Robert Bell was not on the Board of Directors at McMaugh Gardens. There was never a Board of Directors at McMaugh Gardens. A management committee consisting of all community members – no council staff or councillors – assisted with decisions between the facility and the Council. This Management Committee was there until around 2009/10. No such committee has existed since.

**3. Misinformation:** Losing \$200,000 a year. **Fact:** If the facility lost \$200,000 a year, for what the author states was for 12 years, the facility would not be there now. McMaugh Gardens is a separate business completely removed from Council financial operations. McMaugh’s financial management is strictly controlled by State and Federal legislation. Council cannot touch or use this money. They assist staff of McMaugh Gardens with advice and documentation.

**4. Misinformation:** The author claims that they turned



things around when they challenged Council to move to higher care. **Fact:** During the early 2000s aged care was changing; we required more high care beds/rooms. So, in 2001/2002 Council and I proposed we apply for funding for a 10-bed wing to take high care need residents. This was opened in August 2002 by the Hon. Kevin Andrews. The author of these posts was not employed by Council, not as far as I can remember, and was definitely not on any of the committees involved in these additional rooms' decision.

**5. Misinformation:** Robert Bell was responsible for reducing three road crews to one, reducing staff from 169 to 100, and moving funding money to other projects. **Fact:** The engineer would not have the total control of these issues; it would have to go all the way through Council and negotiations with the Councillors and unions. I wonder what year this is supposed to have happened.

**6.** The author then goes on with a lot of BS re the water supply. Since the drought there are numerous studies being done to improve our water situation, which is ongoing with many different groups.

I worked with Robert Bell from 1990 – 2008. Since then, I have worked with him on community issues and projects. He is a man committed to this town and the citizens.

**Rosemary Reading, Uralla**

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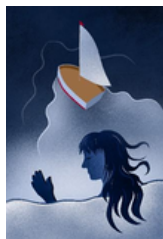
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# Australia's First World Sports Champion



On Christmas Day 2023, the Sydney Morning Herald had a feature about stand-out sporting events in Australia's past. Fairfax sports writer Peter FitzSimons chose as his favourite event the sculling world championship of 27 June 1876, when Edward (Ned) Trickett of Sydney defeated Englishman James H. Sadler on the Thames on the Putney-Mortlake course in 24 mins. 36 secs. and became the first Australian to win a world championship in any sport.

Peter relates the very enthusiastic reception Ned Trickett received when he arrived back in Sydney four months later: a crowd of 25,000 was there to greet him, and his carriage was pulled by spectators up Pitt Street. There were celebrations late into the night; Ned was presented with £900 to thank him for the honour he had bestowed on the colony. He was our first sporting superstar.

But what Peter did not mention in his article was that McCrossin's Mill Museum here in Uralla has, to the best of our knowledge, the most extensive collection of Ned Trickett memorabilia in the world, proudly displayed on the first floor.

But why Uralla? That is a sad story: Ned's son Frederick lived in Uralla and operated Trickett's General Store here. In 1916, while helping his son, Ned was injured working in a gold mine when the walls of the mine shaft collapsed. He died a few days later from his injuries, aged 65, and was buried in the Salvation Army section of Uralla cemetery. A marble obelisk memorial to him was funded by public subscription and erected on his grave at Uralla in 1918.

It bears the following inscription:  
*"In memory of Edward Trickett, champion sculler of the world from 1876 to 1880. Born Woolwich Dock, N.S.W., 1851. Died Uralla November 28, 1916. A man justly honored by all who knew him, as a noble type of sportsman, and an equally noble type of citizen, and the first Australian to win a world's championship. Erected by his friends and admirers."*

This memorial was vandalised in 1982 by persons unknown, but rescued with the Trickett family's



approval and restored, to form, together with Trickett's 1876 World Champion's trophy, the nucleus of the 'Trickett Triumph' exhibition at McCrossin's Mill Museum, where it can be viewed 7 days a week between 10am and 4pm. A replacement headstone was erected on Ned's grave.

**-Editor**

*Photos courtesy of Uralla Historical Society*



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# Book Club - Reviews

The Book Club met after a brief sojourn and two books were read and discussed in our February meeting.

***Quaint Deeds: Unlikely Adventures in Teaching and Treasure-Hunting: A Memoir*** by AJ Mackinnon. Published 2023

.....This memoir is indeed unlikely! It follows the author as he recalls vignettes of his time as teacher in England's Ellesmere College in Shropshire, a public boarding school for boys in the 1980s and 1990s. The public school system in the UK is the equivalent of our private school system. The book recalls his time as teacher with tales of student exploits and his own adventures whilst teaching English.

The memoir aims at a whimsical reminiscence but reads as a tedious Boys Own Annual from the late Victorian era. It's a jolly romp full of privileged English boys playing pranks and being mischievous and cheeky, and a reminder that coming of age in the 1980s as described by the author was probably not much different than it was in the 1890s.

The group struggled with the memoir, many found it too wordy and repetitive in content to read the entire book with only two stalwart members managing to see it through. One member of the group really enjoyed it, but the consensus was that it was tedious, classed, gendered, a little shallow and facetious, all of which made it too bloody long!!!

The first clue to what lay within should have been the long title and the use of the word 'quaint'....it was indeed old-world but with little to no charm.

***The Salt Path*** by Raynor Winn. Published 2018

Our second read was also a memoir that everyone read to its conclusion and really enjoyed. It follows the life of Ray and her husband Moth, in 2013, in their fifties with 32 years of marriage behind them, homeless and without a livelihood. They had invested in a friend's business and due to a judicial misstep find themselves not only losing their investment but also responsible for the debts. After three years of court battles and self-representation they find the bailiff at their door, repossessing their beloved Welsh farm and with it their only source of income. The triple catastrophe was finding out that Moth had a rare and incurable degenerative brain disease.

The couple chose not to burden family and friends, their two children were just managing to support themselves through university. They find themselves with scant savings, no credit rating and homeless. While already reeling from the cumulative stress of the last three years which took their savings and then their home, Moth's diagnosis sent their world into turmoil and desperation. The last of their money they used to buy backpacks, tent, and a sleeping bag each.

Enter the South West Coast Path, a 630 mile rugged coast walk that takes in Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and Dorset via Lands End. With no options they could endure, Ray and Moth join the path at Minehead and begin a redemptive journey that neither would foresee at the start.

They couldn't afford campsites, so wild-camped, which is illegal in England and Wales. With a meagre dribble of welfare, the couple subsist on noodles, fudge, and tins of tuna. Often hungry, finding places to pitch their tent late in the afternoon to try and remain undetected, they endured extreme conditions on the cliff-tops with the odd foray into towns to purchase supplies.

The memoir chronicles the walkers they meet on the path, some generous and empathic, others harsh and uncharitable to their homeless state. They washed in the ocean, rinsed their clothes in the same place and endured sunburn, hunger, the constant need to find fresh water, and the challenges of toileting al fresco.

Ray writes with simplicity and emotion the day-to-day, hand-to-mouth existence. Lots of dark days, told with a tinge of humour to soften, serve as a stark reminder of the fragility of our existence. As they walk, they heal their wounds, both literally and figuratively, Moth's condition improves with the hard physical strain, his symptoms are reduced, and he abandons his medication.

The book is part travelogue, part memoir, part pilgrimage, a powerful story of resilience, hope and love with an appreciation of the coastal ecologies and the cycles of nature. It's a testament to living in the moment and a visceral connection to the land.

Ray has gone on to write two more novels, both about their struggle to return to village life and the call of more treks.

Our next book club will be on Saturday 9th March at 8.30am at *The Alternate Root*. The book is *Mullumbimby* by Melissa Lucashenko . All welcome.

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# 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*

**3. Recap:** Nellie had seen a dark shadow cross the mountain top while she hung washing. All day she had kept a vigil, armed with her long spear and waddy club. Then before first light, Molly was woken by her mother's screams, and in the dimness she could make out her Ma fighting for her life.

Molly screamed as the scene unfolded before her. Without thinking, she leapt out of her cot with the little Buck knife in her right hand. Distracted, the dark figure turned from her Ma on the cot and said, with firm and chilling tone, 'I'll get to you girl!' Before he could turn back to the cot, Buck had been released from Molly's hand, flying straight and true, on the path to its target. With the sound of 'pop', Buck found the intruder's neck, just above his collar. The intruder then made the final and fatal mistake of his life, by pulling the Buck knife from his neck and throwing it to the floor. The dark shape gasped as his life blood spurted from the wound far across the hut. Both hands around his neck trying to stem the flow, he gasped and fell hard on the hut floor. Blood continued to gurgle for a while, he gave a few wiggles, kicks, then was done for.

Nellie came to with Molly by her side. Molly had covered her Ma's naked body with the scraps of her nightgown and a blanket, soothing and assuring her that all was now well. Nellie was groggy but rose and sat on the cot edge, staring at the dark and bloody lump on the hut floor. They went through the events and as the first rays of morning entered the hut Nellie recognised her attacker. 'That's the Trooper Haggart', she exclaimed, 'He nearly done me in. Would of, if you hadn't done him', she reached out and hugged her Molly deeply.

The realisation of what had happened, and what was in front of them, now became clearer as Nellie's head cleared and the sun shone a new day on Mountain Black. Nellie said, 'If 'The Traps' catch us we'll hang or worse, them fellas gives little thoughts to killing us for nothin, let alone for killing one of their Troopers'. Molly said, 'But Ma he would have killed us both if we hadn't done him in'. Ma replied, 'It doesn't matter darling, I don't know what we are going to do now, we'll have to get away from all this'.

Molly thought for a moment then said, 'Fred always said Bill would know what to do, we should go down and tell him'. Ma replied, 'Yes that's it, we'll go down and tell Bill, he'll know what to do'. Leaving Trooper Haggart where he lay, the gals quickly dressed, Molly retrieved her Buck knife and they headed down to the Thompson Farm, hoping Bill could help them.

The trip down to the Thompson Farm was made in relative

silence. Normally, both gals would chat about any number of things as they made their way along the route of the mountain pass. Often, Nellie would take this opportunity to instruct Molly of her people's ways but today was very different for both gals knew the seriousness of their situation and silently wished that Bill would know what to do.

**Daryl Albertson, Kelly's Plains**

*(Apologies to our readers and author Daryl Albertson for including the incorrect part of Running Wild, Episode 8 in the last edition of Wordsworth.*

*Apologies also to Andrew Parker for referring to his new sculpture in The Glen as "Pin". The correct name is "Spin" -Editor)*

## Friends of McMaugh's Charity Fun Day is Rapidly Approaching

**Tuesday 12 March starting 12 noon for lunch  
On the green by 1pm for Open Triples  
(Subject of numbers)**

**Nominate your team now (Single entries welcome)**

**Don't forget your Hawaiian shirts**

**Proceeds to McMaugh Gardens to enhance the lives of residents and to help staff deliver appropriate care.**

The Charity Fun Day raised \$10,000 last year.

This and other fundraising has:

- purchased wheelchairs, moveable shower chairs, outside benches, medical equipment
- assisted McMaugh's *Pet for Therapy Program* and its monthly entertainment program.

**Please come along, have a ton of fun and at the same time help McMaugh's.**

**Rosemary Reading, Convenor of Event**

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## Rotary Club of Uralla 45th Annual Art Exhibition and Sale 2024

Plans are well underway for the opening of the 45th Annual Rotary Club of Uralla Art Exhibition to be held at the RSL Memorial Hall, Salisbury Street, Uralla.

The Club expects to display around 300 artworks from artists across NSW and QLD with all artworks for sale. There is also an acclaimed Schools Section of talented, budding artists of all ages, from pre-school to high school, which attracts at least 250 artworks as well.

Opening night, which is the social event of the year, is Friday 15th March 2024 at 6:30pm with the Official Opening by Mayor of Uralla, Mr Robert Bell at 7:30pm. Being the 45th year, we are celebrating our Ruby Anniversary which is the theme for Opening Night.

Delicious finger food will be provided by Uralla Central School hospitality students. Cost is \$20 per person with tickets available at the door. The ever popular Pete Stanley will provide live music.

We welcome well-known guest artist, Peter Champion who has supported the 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. His works range from small, at 20 x 25cm, to large, up to about 1800 x 1200cm. Peter is both a Pleinair and a studio painter - often the Pleinair is used as a sketch for larger studio works.

Peter paints landscape in both oils and acrylics to convey his relationship with what he sees as the first impression - 'I like to sense the breeze, the effects of light and atmosphere, whether the sun is shining, is dull or even when the light has gone from the sky.'

Everyone is welcome; an invitation is not needed; however RSVP is appreciated so we know the numbers to expect. Please email [artshow](mailto:artshow@urallarotary.org.au) below.

Chairman John Buckingham said the town is behind the Art Show with overwhelming sponsorship and support. The major sponsors for the event are the Uralla Shire Council, John and Helen Kennedy, the Phoenix Foundry and Uralla Bowlo. The Youth Art Competition is sponsored by Uralla Red Cross and CWA.

Opening Daily: 10am to 4pm Saturday 16th March to Saturday 23rd March 2024.

Entry fees: \$5 Adult, \$4 Seniors, Children under 12 years free.

**Art Show Contacts:** Tom O'Connor 0460 649 700

[artshow@urallarotary.org.au](mailto:artshow@urallarotary.org.au)

Youth Art coordinator: Bev Stubberfield 0419 607 251

# Community Messages

**ArtsNational Armidale lecture 29th February -  
Auguste Rodin and 19th Century Sculpture**

Rodin, creator of the iconic *The Thinker* sculpture, is one of art history's heroic figures and was internationally celebrated during his lifetime. After his death his reputation slipped however, he is now seen as having taken sculpture on a revolutionary path. Find out more behind the man, the controversies, and his creations with UK lecturer David Worthington himself a sculptor, art curator and writer.

TAS Hoskins Centre, 6pm Guest ticket \$25, students in school uniform free.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CNNXG>  
or [www.artsnational/societies/armidale](http://www.artsnational/societies/armidale)

**Uralla Arts: Life Drawing with Comedians** 14th March at The Mill 7pm. "Life Drawing with a Comedian" is a show that combines the traditional art of life drawing with the comedic element of live performance. \$25 Contact Bob Anderson on 0412424718 or [randerson84@bigpond.com](mailto:randerson84@bigpond.com)

**The Bundarra Markets** are held every 3rd Saturday of the month on the Bundarra Anglican Church grounds, 64 Bendemeer Street. Previously known as the *Fundarra Church Markets*, the Bundarra Markets are run and operated by the community for the community. Our aim in having these markets is to help bring small communities together by creating a friendly and inviting space for people to share their hobbies and small businesses. We are also hopeful our market days will bring more travellers into our town to explore what Bundarra has to offer.

## Events For Your Diary

**Deeargee Solar Info Session** - Tues 20 Feb, Drop In: 10am-6pm, Bushranger Motor Inn, Bridge Street

**Visit to Uralla by Her Excellency Hon. Margaret Beale AC KC Governor of NSW**, 24 February

**Poss Family Fun Day** - Sat 24 Feb, 2pm Uralla Golf Club

**Next Council Meeting** - Tues 27 February 2024, 4pm, Council Chambers

**Chemical Cleanout** - Sat 2 Mar, 11am - 2pm, Uralla Tip

**Friends of McMaugh's Annual Charity Bowls Day** - Tues 12 March

**Bundarra Easter Markets** - Sat 16 March, 8am-1pm, Anglican Church Grounds

**International Women's Day Exhibition Opening & Dinner** - McCrossin's Mill, Sat 16 March

**Seasons of New England** - Sat 23 March, Showground

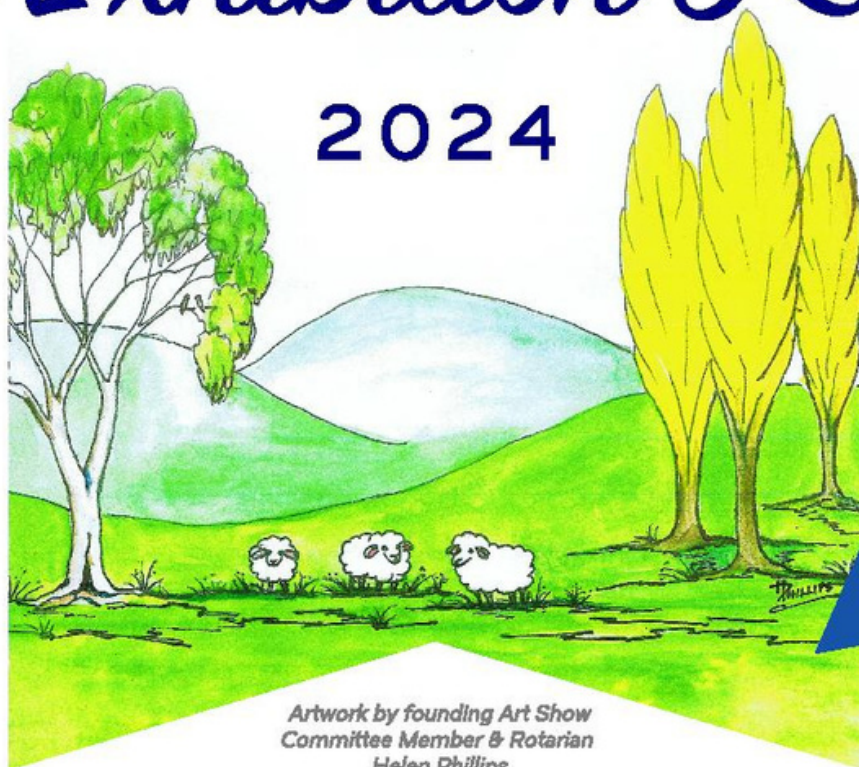
**Uralla Rotary Art Exhibition and Sale** - Opening Night 15 March, then open 16 - 23 March, 10am to 4pm, Uralla RSL Memorial Hall, see ad over

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

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF URALLA

• 45TH ANNUAL •

## Art Exhibition & Sale



Artwork by founding Art Show  
Committee Member & Rotarian  
Helen Phillips



**SATURDAY 16 MARCH - SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024**

**URALLA RSL MEMORIAL HALL**  
SALISBURY STREET, URALLA

**OPENING NIGHT**  
15 MARCH 2024

🎵 ENTERTAINMENT BY  
PETE STANLEY 🎵

*45th Year Ruby Anniversary*  
*Let's celebrate*



**VIEWING FROM 6:30PM FOR OFFICIAL OPENING AT 7:30PM**  
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*Everyone welcome to attend*

**OPEN DAILY FROM 10AM - 4PM**

**ENTRY: ADULTS \$5 | SENIORS \$4**  
**CHILDREN UNDER 12YRS FREE**

**ART SHOW CONTACTS:** Tom O'Connor: 0460 649 700 Bev Stubberfield: 0419 607 251

**RSVP for catering - Email: [artshow@urallarotary.org.au](mailto:artshow@urallarotary.org.au)**

**Facebook.com/Uralla Rotary Club**



# The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunty Bob

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

**Hello there Aunty Bob,** In the last Wordsworth I heard mention of 'my body being a temple' and 'worshipping' was also included in the same answer. I can accept that description when I go for a quiet morning walk and balance on my one good leg on a likely log, however I have a feeling that 'a temple' might be overstating it.

Being unable to see my shoelaces without lifting the tummy first, and when I do find them, forgetting which is right and left, doesn't feel like being in a temple of any sort. 'Temple of Doom' more likely! With all due respect to Harrison Ford, I looked ok back in 1984 too.

I mean, seriously worrying about your mankini and tan lines should be shelved and you should be more worried about 'Raiders of the lost Ark' or 'art' in your case. Yours in all manner of public shaming,

**Wobbly Wanda**

**Dear Wobbly,** I think you have a crisis of confidence, which can affect us all at times. I assure you that your body is a temple, all be it a sometimes old and run down temple. I am sure it took many years of hard work to get that tummy that you so delicately lift to see your shoelaces, however I am not sure why you are trying to look at your shoelaces. They are just trimmings on your temple.

Interesting that you bring up Harrison Ford. Many people have commented on my likeness to Harrison over the years. I am not sure he has looked after his temple as well as I have mine. The current comparison is certainly not as flattering as in the past.

Cheer up Wobbly. We need to grow old gracefully, even if our temple is getting a little rough around the edges. Yours in advice,

**Aunty Bob**

**Dear Aunty Bob,** .....and on the subject of swimwear, with your liking for mankinis, I was wondering what your attitude is to cheeky bikinis (aka thongs) which have featured so

strongly in the news recently. Do you think they're appropriate to wear in Bridge Street and do you wear one yourself? Yours,

**Cheeky Peeks**

**Dear Cheeky,** Thongs are something that should be worn on your feet and not between the cheeks of your bottom. I am concerned you could get tinea wearing a thong. It definitely is not suitable to wear in the main street of our village. I do wear thongs occasionally but prefer long socks and sandals. Yours in fashion advice,

**Aunty Bob**



## Uralla Bowling & Recreation Club

52 Hill Street Uralla NSW 2358 Phone:  
6778 4192

### Sunday Raffles

**On the last Sunday of each Month,**

We will have up for grabs; meat trays,  
Club Vouchers & meat Vouchers.

**February**, will be held on **Sunday 25th 2024**. Membership draw will follow the raffles.

Tickets on sale at **12:30pm**, drawn at **1:30pm**.

The Bus will run from **12.00pm to 4.00pm**

**Entertainment for February 2024 will be**

**Jodie Crosby 12pm – 4pm**

**Chinese Smorgasbord**

**Last Sunday of the month**



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# Photo of the Week



Fourteen venue managers and owners from Newcastle were shouted a weekend in Uralla to learn more about the New England Brewery, its offerings and production processes. The visit included a trip to *Greenhill Orchards* at Arding, the source of peaches for a new beer the group began making on returning to the brewery. The beer, to be ready for drinking in a month, is a "peach hazy" style called *Over-Night Tree Change* – a name inspired by the thoroughly enjoyable weekend had by our visitors.

Photo: Thank you, Grant Clark

-Editor

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES at Uralla Shire Council

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Information about vacant positions and access to Council's interactive application is available on Council's website:

[Working at Uralla Shire Council Uralla Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://Working at Uralla Shire Council Uralla Shire Council (nsw.gov.au))

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

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**Uralla Sub-Branch of RSL NSW**

## Deeargee Solar

Renewable Energy from ACEN

### Community Information Session

ACEN Australia is extending its commitment to the New England region through a proposed new solar project near the township of Uralla.

Visit our community information session in Uralla on Tuesday 20 February to find out about the Deeargee Solar project, which is the early stages of planning.

Deeargee Solar is a proposed 320-megawatt renewable energy project, located 12km southeast of the township of Uralla and five kilometres south of Stage 1 of ACEN Australia's New England Solar project, which is now operational.

Drop into the Bushranger Motor Inn front room, at 37-41 Bridge Street, any time between 10am and 6pm for the chance to learn more and ask questions about the new project.

Further information is also available on the new Deeargee Solar website

