

# Uralla Wordsworth

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## Public Meeting by popular demand

At the October Uralla Shire Business Chamber meeting, businesses expressed concern about the new interpretation Council is applying to the term "retail" as it relates to home-based businesses, and the position they have taken in relation to the sale of goods not made at the premises, which is now prohibited in residential and rural zones.

Concern was also expressed around the breakdown in relationship between Council and tradespeople and developers.

The consensus from the meeting was:

*that in 2 to 3 weeks time, the Chamber hold a public meeting to provide the opportunity for Council to brief the Uralla community on the regulations relating to trading from home, and provide an opportunity for businesses to provide feedback to council on how we could improve council/business relationships.*

The Chamber has organised to hold the meeting at the Showground Main Pavilion at 7.00pm on 29th October 2020. All welcome.

To speak at the meeting, it will be necessary to register. Please register and indicate if you wish to speak by emailing : [secretary@urallabusinesschamber.org.au](mailto:secretary@urallabusinesschamber.org.au), providing your full name, address and contact number please . There will be a Covid Plan in place and it will be necessary to sign in. The Chamber Secretary, Bob Crouch, can be contacted on 0428616885 if you need to discuss any aspect of the meeting beforehand.

Each speaker will be allocated a maximum of 5 minutes and must finish with a constructive suggestion. The meeting will be recorded and a summary of the issues and

solutions provided to both Uralla Shire Council and our local State Member.

Adam Marshall MP and Kate Jessep Uralla Shire Council's General Manager have been invited to attend. We are pleased that Adam has accepted our invitation. We will provide updates on our Facebook page:

Uralla Shire Business Chamber.

**The Uralla Shire Business Chamber Executive**

### Public Meeting Details

Topic : Home Based Business, Tradespeople, Developers & relationships with Uralla Shire Council

When : 7pm, Thurs 29th October

Where : Uralla Showground Main Pavillion

Register to speak by emailing :

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**Robert Bell was elected to Uralla Shire Council in September 2016 and has served one term as Deputy Mayor. He was previously Director of Engineering for Uralla Shire, lives in town, and has a grazing block at Kentucky. In his regular column, Cr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.**

Wow!! The Uralla Spring Fairy Dance held on Saturday October 10 filled the main street with fairies and families all having a wonderful time on a beautiful day in the New England. The classic line that from little things big things grow, was the mantra for this festival. Huge congratulations to Jo, Lisa, Luise, Theresa, Alex and Ross, as well as our local businesses for hosting workshops on the day. It was a hugely popular and most enjoyable day, and we hope it will become an annual event. Maybe the mantra also suits Dale with his belt of miniature butcher's utensils. A special thank you to Tinkerbelle's helper, Fairy Floss (aka MaryAnne Munsie). I believe our cafes, pubs, bakery, pie shop, sweets shop, clothing and homeware shops, (amongst others), all fared very well from the day. As usual, the fireman in the big red engine drove off with the Fairy Princess!

Sunday saw Matt Keen MP, Minister for Energy and Environment, along with Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Agriculture, enjoying a drink in Uralla's Top Pub while the Rugby was on. Where better to watch the footy.

Council is once again considering water pricing. The recommended increase from July 1, 2021, was the Base Access charge to go from \$359 per annum to \$400 per annum, and the water usage charge to go from \$2.60 per kilolitre to \$3.80 per kilolitre for 0-250 kilolitres, and then \$5.60 per kilolitre for over 250 kilolitres. This matter has been deferred until December to allow further information to be provided. Council does not yet have the audited expenditure for 2019/2020. The Councillors raised a number of issues, including the difficulty of having a two tier charge for water use, when the metres are read in November and May. Questions remain on why the Net Operating Result before Capital Grants has fallen from an average of over \$100,000 per annum from 2011 until 2017, to a loss of over \$200,000 for the last three years. If the reason is the drought and water restrictions, then it is important that Council have more "normal" usage figures before making a decision. If the reason is an increase in depreciation, then it should see replacement of mains and pumps from the reserves that are over \$2 million. The increase in usage charges will have a significant issue for large business users, large families and those with large gardens. Council is one of the largest water users. It would be great if some of the grant money for water security included providing bore water for the Sporting Fields and Parks rather than treated water. Councillors were assured they would have details on how the State

Government grant will be spent within the next month or so. Councillors are aware of the extra costs of granular activated carbon filters; however, the community needs to see a commitment to a high standard of water being delivered to consumers.

One other frustration is the decision by the Dam Safety NSW to seek funding from Council for its regulatory activities. It used to carry out the professional inspections and provide training for staff to monitor their dam's performance all free of charge. The NSW State Government currently requires Council to employ Consultants to inspect the Kentucky Creek Dam and now wants to charge \$5048 in the first year and then \$3534 per annum (indexed), just to administer the results. Tamworth Regional Council have resolved to strongly object to this cost shifting.

At the last Strategic Workshop, Councillors were assured that staff were working to give clarity to all those in the shire who sell online. Watch this space.

One other positive for Uralla is a whisper that the old Peter Phillips Toy and Sports shop which has been beautifully restored by Brett Wallace, may soon be rented out.

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# Federal Economic Recovery Plan

The Federal Coalition Government's Economic Recovery Plan for Australia will create jobs, rebuild our economy and secure Australia's future, including in the New England. Under our plan, taxpayers in the New England will get a tax cut backdated to 1 July this year with lower and middle income earners receiving up to \$2,745 for singles and up to \$5,490 for dual income families compared with 2017-18. "If offered by the government, the best place for the money you have paid in tax is back in your pocket," Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said. "This is a real benefit and Australia has on an international comparison, high individual tax rates and we must always endeavour to reduce this burden. "The Budget announcements build on the Government's unprecedented investment in the health and economic response to COVID-19. By bringing the Budget back to balance for the first time in 11 years and maintaining our AAA credit rating, we entered the crisis from a position of economic strength, providing the nation with the fiscal firepower to respond when we needed it most. Since the onset of the pandemic, the Government has provided \$257 billion in direct economic support to cushion the blow and strengthen the recovery. The 2020-21 Budget commits a further \$98 billion including: \$25 billion in direct COVID-19 response measures and \$74 billion in new measures to create jobs. "We are supporting Australians to get back to work and businesses to rebuild, grow, and create jobs," Mr Joyce said. The JobMaker Hiring Credit will be payable immediately to employers who hire eligible employees. This Budget is investing a record amount in skills and training to make sure job seekers in the New England have the skills they need to get a job. "We are also further assisting first home buyers and the construction sector by extending the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme to another 10,000 places and providing an additional \$1 billion of low cost finance to support the construction of affordable housing," Mr Joyce said. "The Australian Government is investing in our sovereign manufacturing capability to ensure we have an internationally competitive and resilient manufacturing

sector, and in the process create more high value jobs. "Further, our incentives for businesses to invest in their business will create more economic activity and jobs in the communities across the New England. Tax relief for New England businesses includes allowing 99 per cent of businesses to deduct the full cost of depreciable assets in the year they are installed, and allowing companies with a turnover of up to \$5 billion to offset losses against previous profits on which tax has been paid to generate a refund. "We will also simplify access to credit for households and small businesses to support the economic recovery," he said. The Coalition Government is also delivering record infrastructure investment, expanding its record 10-year infrastructure pipeline to \$110 billion, and supporting a further 40,000 jobs nationally. The Budget also includes a \$2 billion investment in road safety upgrades to save lives and an additional \$1 billion to support local councils to immediately upgrade local roads, footpaths and street lighting to create jobs now.

**Barnaby Joyce, Federal Member for New England**

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I commend the Uralla Shire Business Chamber for organising a public meeting to discuss the new interpretation of retail being applied by Uralla Shire Council to home based businesses. I am equally pleased to see the challenges faced by local developers, tradespeople and associated industries being tabled at this meeting.

Thank you to Adam Marshall for accepting the Chamber's invitation to attend, and to the Chamber for organising this forum.

I urge you to take the opportunity to speak at the meeting, discuss the issues and suggest solutions to the challenges being faced. If you don't wish to speak at the meeting, make sure you are there anyway to support those who do. Supporting one another is something this town does extremely well and the 29th October at the Uralla Showground from 7pm needs to be another moment where everyone gets involved. With feedback going to both the General Manager and Adam Marshall, this is an excellent way to help our community find a way forward. I look forward to seeing you there.

On a separate note, Tara and I have again sent an email to the General Manager asking to meet and discuss the issues facing our community as a result of the new definition of retail being applied by our current staff. We hope to receive a reply soon.

There is a solution to be had in this situation. To provide certainty for the community, Council should resolve to adopt a policy that provides a clear strategic direction to staff about the interpretation they must apply to the term 'retail'. For good measure, I also believe Council should submit a request to the Department of Planning to amend the LEP, providing a definition of retail and making it clearer that amenity is the key consideration. I will also be making this submission to the NSW Department of Planning directly.

Thank you to everyone who has been writing to Councillors and others. Please sign and share the petition at [www.change.org/letthemtrade](http://www.change.org/letthemtrade) if you haven't already, it will be tabled with Council and Adam Marshall.

**Andrew Toomey, Uralla resident**

To the Editor

I do not support the Fibonacci Park project. The preliminary concept published in the last issue of Uralla Wordsworth is, shall we say, to be kind, not aesthetically pleasing. I wonder if the supporters of this project understand the term Fibonacci- the artist certainly doesn't. To place such a monstrosity in Pioneer Park will only add to the parking congestion we experience daily at that location. It will be a maintenance nightmare.

**Gary Kilarr, Uralla resident**

*Contact has been made with the proponents of the Fibonacci Park and a comment addressing the points made by Mr Kilarr is anticipated in the next edition. Ed.*

## Carols in the Park called off

Uralla Carols in the Park 2020 have been cancelled by the organising committee due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID - 19 and NSW Government restrictions. The organising committee deeply regrets having to make this decision but believe it is in the best interests of our community during these times.

**Rev Brian Kirk, St John's Anglican Church Uralla**

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# \$40,000 for new walking and cycling pathway

URALLA Shire Council will soon start construction on a new walking path and cycleway in Uralla, thanks to a \$40,000 investment by the State Government, announced today by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall. Mr Marshall said the government had allocated \$615,000 to the region's local councils for walking and cycling projects to better connect communities, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and encourage more people to get active. "I am very pleased Uralla will benefit from this funding injection, with a project earmarked to improve the network of walking and cycling paths through the community," Mr Marshall said. "I congratulate Uralla Shire Council on being so proactive in addressing a gap in its existing footpath and cycleway network and valuing the importance of this infrastructure for the health and wellbeing of the community." "Council will construct a new shared pathway with a width of 2.5 metres and total length of 185 metres along Plane Avenue, from East Street South towards Rowan Avenue. "The objective of the project is to directly connect key local destinations including St Joseph School, Hampden Park, Uralla Showgrounds and Uralla CBD with the Uralla Sports Complex, located in Plane Avenue, South Uralla." Mr Marshall said with cycling more popular than ever before and walking trips on the rise, it was important the government provided funding assistance to develop the infrastructure needed to support local communities. This project will provide a huge boost for residents and businesses – completing a crucial missing link in Uralla's walking and cycling network and providing better connections between residential areas and the CBD," he said. "If we want to encourage more people to leave the car at home and get active, we need to provide access to safe, convenient and connected walking and cycling networks. "This investment is about connecting people and places and making a difference to the way residents move around their communities."

**Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands**

# Uralla RSL Sub-Branch

Our RSL Sub-branch continues to move forward with events and assistance to our local veterans. After our successful application for a Social Grant from DVA earlier this month we have now booked a venue and an evening for our veterans dinner. Our dinner will be held on Friday the 13th of November at The Alternate Root on Bridge Street. It will be a 6pm start for our sit down dinner at 6.30pm. A lovely menu has been arranged with a tasty main course and dessert dishes. As the venue is not licensed, it will be a BYO evening, however non-alcoholic drinks have been arranged for those not drinking and you can follow up desert with one of their wonderful coffees or hot drinks. Dinner is paid for by the DVA grant and the Uralla RSL Sub-Branch, however drinks are paid for by those attending. The evening will be open to all veterans who reside in the Uralla Shire and their partners, however due to the COVID-19 restrictions we will have to give priority to first, RSL members followed by other veterans in the area. We are very hopeful that we will be able to get everyone in that would like to attend.

Due to the nature of the evening we must have anyone that wishes to attend, register with the RSL Sub-branch as soon as possible. You can register your attendance by phoning us on 6778 3325, dropping into the Sub-Branch rooms on Thursday mornings or at Thunder Graphics at anytime. Please join us for a great evening. We continue to open our doors to veterans in need each Thursday morning between 10am and 12pm where our wellbeing officer, Scott, can assist with advice and information. Our next Sub-branch meeting will be held on Sunday November the 1st commencing at 11am. We have had to postpone it by a week as the Secretary and I will be attending the RSL New England District Council meeting on our usual Sunday. We haven't been able to hold an NEDC meeting since February so it will be a great opportunity to catch up with our other local Sub-branches and catch up on all the news from RSL Headquarters and the New England area. During the week of November 2nd to the 7th of November the Sub-branch will be holding our street stall fund raiser. We will have a range of merchandise for purchase for Remembrance Day including poppies, badges, books and other items as well as a raffle, 100 club and delectable goodies to eat. This is our Continued on page 6



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# Christmas Purse Story

# Manly Fairy

Boun Thorne grew up in a boat village in the Southeast Asian nation of Cambodia. In the aftermath of a terrible situation, she moved at age 10 to a safe house where she received Bible teaching and an Operation Christmas Child shoebox—her first gift ever!

When Boun inquired why someone would send her a gift, a teacher at the home told her that it came from people who love her.

"Growing up, I never heard the words 'I love you' from my dad or my mum," Boun said, "but then someone who lives far away—that I don't even know—said they love me!" Inside her shoebox gift, Boun found a yo-yo, her first stuffed animal, and a pair of flip-flops with plastic jewels on it. She often went without shoes as she worked on the fishing boats in her village, so having an extra pair of sandals was a special treat. These simple items accomplished something great in Boun's life: they showed her a glimpse of her Heavenly Father's care for her. It's not too late to pack your own box for a child in need! Please feel free to contact Bec on 6778 5035 or Mariea on 6778 2169 for information and resources. Completed boxes may be dropped off at the Armidale PCYC Markets, 25th October in the centre Mall. All boxes need to be in by Oct 31. Have fun packing!!

**Rebecca Blake, Christmas Purse**

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first fund raiser for the Sub-branch that we have been able to hold this year and we look forward to the support of our local businesses and residents. Then on Wednesday the 11th of November we will be conducting our Remembrance Day service at the Memorial Gates. This is always a significant day for the RSL and commemorates the armistice, signed at 11am on the 11th of November 1918 ending World War I. This is the day we remember all service men and women lost during all wars and the service will commence at 10.30am. The State Government has just lifted restrictions for this one service and we can have up to 100 people in attendance. More info will be available in the next Wordsworth.

Thanks again for all the support of the Sub-branch.

Lest We Forget.

**Russ French, President Uralla Sub-Branch, RSL NSW.**

Mums had spent so many nights  
Creating fairies, elves and sprites  
For Burnet's Bookshop's Fairy Dell.

Good Heavens, a big one . . . Tinker Bell!

But, as far as I could see,

There was no sign of Circular Quay.

Yet, there he was, tall and hairy,

Uralla's very own Manly Fairy!

**Kent Mayo**

## Uralla Pool is Open

Council has implemented a COVID Safety Plan for the reopening to comply with NSW Government guidelines. New measures include capacity limitations, providing EFTPOS facilities, and visitors are required to check in on arrival. Uralla Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce said these extra measures have been put in place to keep the community and staff safe. "We're encouraging visitors to leave their cash at home and pay with their card instead," Mayor Pearce said. "Pool goers will also need to sign in at the door before entry and of course maintain the 1.5m physical distancing guidelines."

Council is encouraging visitors to follow the 'Keep a beach towel between you' campaign from the NSW Government as a good way to check pool goers are keeping their distance. Council urges the community to follow NSW Health guidelines this summer and to stay home if displaying any symptoms including fever, cough, sore or scratchy throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of taste or smell, and get tested for COVID-19. "We know how much our community loves the pool during the warmer months, and we look forward to welcoming back visitors to the pool this weekend," Mayor Pearce said. "Exercising and relaxing at the pool is a great way for anyone to maintain their health and wellbeing while beating the summer heat." The pool opened on 17th October, further details about the opening hours are on Council's website.

**Kate Jessep, Uralla Shire Council General Manager**



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# Extra \$12.1 million for New England councils

Local councils in the New England will receive an additional \$12.1 million to build shovel-ready projects under the Australian Government's \$1 billion boost for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Extension. Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the extension builds on the government's \$11.8 million announced for councils in the New England earlier this year, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In this one funding program alone, we are now delivering almost \$24 million in combined grants to local councils in the New England for immediate infrastructure projects in the electorate," Mr Joyce said. "Of course the Federal Government has a responsibility to balance expenditure with the cost to the economy but it also has a responsibility to local communities and the people within. "That's why infrastructure spending like this is so important because it means more money in our towns, more local people in work and a better standard of living for you and your family here in the New England. "Funding allocations for the LRCI Program are determined by a formula which take into account road length and population. The initial funding of \$11.8 million was made available from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. The additional funding is available until 30 December 2021. Councils will be able to access funding under the extension to the LRCI Program from 1 January 2021. Additional allocations under LRCI extension - construction by 31 Dec 2021:

Armidale Regional Council - \$1,762,217 (Total \$3,191,918)

Glen Innes Severn Council - \$814,810 (Total \$1,687,239)

Inverell Shire Council - \$1,378,688 (Total \$2,780,743)

Tamworth Regional Council - \$3,412,360 (Total \$6,064,893)

Uralla Shire Council - \$555,440 (Total \$1,151,546)

Walcha Council - \$476,914 (\$1,068,710)

Gwydir Shire Council - \$928,863 (Total \$2,111,087)

**Barnaby Joyce, Federal Member for New England**

# \$1.2B Pumped Hydro Project for the New England

LOCAL State MP Adam Marshall today welcomed confirmation that the \$1.2 billion Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro project, near George's Junction in the Northern Tablelands [on the escarpment east of Uralla], has been declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure by the NSW Government. Mr Marshall was on the project site today with Minister for Energy and Environment Matt Kean and Minister for Water Melinda Pavey, along with the project's proponents and community members for the announcement. He said the declaration would see the project fast-tracked, ensuring the 600 local construction jobs and 600 megawatts of renewable hydro power annually, would be delivered up to three years ahead of schedule. "This project will be the jewel in the renewable energy crown for the Northern Tablelands and cements our region as the renewable energy powerhouse for Australia," Mr Marshall said. "We're already home to the two largest windfarms in NSW and the largest solar farm in Australia will begin construction before Christmas, so this project is the cherry on top for us!" The Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro project includes the construction of two reservoirs, tunnels and a new underground power station to enable water from the lower reservoir to be pumped into the top reservoir using excess renewable energy. The water will be released to generate up to 600MW of hydro power during periods of peak demand. "Unlocking new energy storage is a key element of the State Government's REZ program," Mr Marshall said. "The location of the Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro project means it may be eligible to connect to the electricity network alongside other new energy generation projects as part of the recently announced 8,000 MW New England REZ. "This is an exciting project for our region and I welcome today's announcement confirming this project as a State significant infrastructure and ensuring our region sees the benefits sooner rather than later."

**Adam Marshall, Member for the Northern Tablelands**

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# Andrew Murray's Diary

## Friday June 8, 1860:

Got away from this camp. More trees were marked. I was little concerned about country now, all energy, even at moving was gone, but as long as I could I kept on. We bade farewell to the river and began again to climb the ridges dividing the McKay River from the Isaacs watershed. Camped near where we were on 19th coming out. McKay shot a pigeon and what a treat is was to us.

## Saturday June 9, 1860:

The horses went back towards the river, so we got a late start. We crossed over the Dividing Range and ran a gully down a distance till I could go no further and had, reluctantly, to ask the party to camp. There were oak trees in this creek and seeing some rusty, red-looking water, evidently containing oxide of iron, near the roots of the one of the oaks, I asked McKay to bring me a quart, which he kindly did. It was for a drink in the night, but unfortunately it was upset and the longed-for drink was gone. On hearing of the upsetting, McKay brought me another quart out of the creek but not from the same spot; it was probably too dark to get it under the oak and he was tired out. McCrossin was unwell and had been for a few days but not as bad as I. What a hopeless lot we were, and blacks all round us!

## Sunday June 10, 1860:

Remained in camp: no better. The nights were very cold.

## Monday June 11, 1860:

Got away as early as we could and back to the old camp at 17th May. There were many small fish in the water-holes and some were caught by Robison and Duke, who were a little better. As for me, I was back to the days of crawling. I could not stand up without having some support, a sapling or the packs. The fish were a treat.

## Tuesday June 12, 1860:

I had become so weak and indifferent to what became of me, that I lay helpless. Barbra was in much the same plight. I longed for fresh meat and asked McCrossin and McKay to kill one of my horses so that I could get something I could eat. A fast of 8 or 10 days weakens one without being sick. Neither of them would kill my roan pack-horse, and just as well as the wish for fresh meat was gone and something else was wanted.

## Wednesday June 13, 1860:

A little better this morning. Managed to get a big roll of blanket strapped on my saddle. When helped on to my quiet old stock horse, I managed to lean and let him follow the others. Duke very poorly and seemed quite without heart. Barbra and I only one remove better. McKay shot a duck. I gave poor Duke a piece of it; he took a bite of it and spat it out, saying he could not swallow it.

## Thursday June 14, 1860:

Both Barbra and I were a little better and I could get along all right now, with a little help, on to my horse, and Robison was somewhat recovered and able to bring the

horses up. Duke so weak that Mr McCrossin had to lead his horse while he leant on a swag, as I did and he wore a West of England cashmere coat with large white pearl buttons. The cold was intense at night and the water icy cold. Duke could go no further so we camped on the west bank of the creek. His only want was cold water. The country was nice and open and the sandy soil dry.

## Friday June 15, 1860:

Got a good start. McCrossin had trouble getting poor Duke onto his horse this morning. He must have drunk quarts of water during the night. McCrossin led his horse while I rode close alongside him. We had not gone far from camp when I noticed him slowly falling over to the near side. He fell off the horse and McCrossin and McKay lifted him to a sitting position. The blood was coming out at the corner of his mouth. He said "Belly broke"—the last words he spoke. In a few seconds he was dead. The shovel was taken off the pack-horse, a grave was dug, his top coat wrapped round his body, and he was laid to rest in an unmarked grave on the west bank of Denison Creek. The gloom of the last two weeks was intensified, but when ill with that complaint, whatever doctors may call it – jungle fever, typhoid or

malaria, one seems unconcerned about whether one lives or dies. My wish was not to die in the wild forest where few but wild blacks roam. Duke was born 17th

October, 1839, at Salisbury, so was 21 years old. As we went on our way, a duck was shot in a lagoon. I saw Robison go in after his chestnut cob and get it. We went on and camped; the nights were intensely cold. The stream near us, running over a broad sandy bed had pieces of ice in the clear running water that rattled against the billy when we dipped water.

## Saturday June 16, 1860:

Robison, being fairly well now, went after the horses to bring them up. He did not return, so we were very anxious about him during the night. McCrossin fired his gun, hoping it might be heard by Robison.

## Sunday June 17, 1860:

McCrossin and McKay went off in search of our lost mate. Barbra and I were left at the camp. I was glad to get a rest. We had many guns standing ready, but had we been attacked we were too weak to offer much opposition. The two searchers came in the evening with the horse Robison rode away on (a bay of Mr McCrossin's). The stirrup leather the horse was hobbled with when found was all that was found. No sign of our lost companion. The night was piercingly cold and Robison went away in his shirt sleeves; he did not smoke and had no matches to light a fire.

To be continued .....

Noel Marshall, Uralla Historical Society

# Community Calendar

Please email [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto:urallawordsworth@gmail.com) if you have an event or meeting for Uralla, Kentucky or Invergowrie.

## 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 the Uralla Bowling Club, dinner optional after the meeting

**Uralla Lions Club** meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5/5.30 in the CWA Rooms

**Uralla Fire & Rescue** meet on Tuesday nights at the Uralla Fire Station from 6-7.30pm

**Uralla CWA** meets on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am at CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

**Uralla Computer Bank** is open Mon, Tues & Thurs from 9.30am – 3.30pm at Uralla Shire Waste Depot

**Computer Bank New England** Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 12noon at the Uralla Community Centre

**Uralla Hospital Auxillary** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2pm, CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

**Uralla Show Society** meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla Showgrounds

**Uralla Shire Business Chamber** meets 1st Thursday of each month at 5.30pm at the Uralla Bowling Club

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

**Tennis** Senior Social tennis, Wednesday 6.30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex, everyone welcome

**Knattering Knitters** meet at Uralla Library on Tuesdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm

**Uralla Men's Shed** is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm in the Old Scout Hall, Uralla North Rd (just off the Bundarra Road).

**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 opposite Foodworks

**Uralla Historical Society** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5pm at McCrossin's Mill

**Uralla Driver Reviver** meets on the first Sunday of each month at 2pm at 117 Bridge Street, Uralla.

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

**Uralla RSL Sub-Branch** meets the last Sunday of the month at 11am at the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street, All Veterans welcome

**Uralla RSL Sub-Branch Veterans and Families Drop in Centre.** Open to all Veterans and their families, each Thursday 10am until 12pm at the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street.

## Ascent Community Care

Senior Social Group 9.30am – 2.00pm, Mondays at Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

Seniors Exercise Class – 2.00pm -3.00pm, Wednesdays at the Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

**Uralla Food Pantry**, Mondays 11am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veges. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, donations welcome. Ph : 6778 3277 or email : [urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com](mailto:urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com)

**ZNET Uralla Annual General Meeting** 2pm Saturday 24th October, 3 McDonalds Lane, Rocky River, please email [projects@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:projects@zneturalla.org.au) or phone 0411804627 to register your attendance or to get a link for Zoom

**Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Meeting** 12.30pm Tuesday 27th October 2020, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

**Public Meeting** to discuss Uralla Shire Council's approach to home businesses, developers and tradespeople. To register to speak please email [secretary@urallabusinesschamber.org.au](mailto:secretary@urallabusinesschamber.org.au), or call the Chamber Secretary Bob Crouch on 0428 616 885

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# \$45,000 'Sheds light' on Uralla Community Centre improvements

A LICK of paint and new solar lighting will brighten up the Uralla Community Centre, thanks to a \$45,000 grant from the State Government's Drought Stimulus Program to give the building a face-lift, announced today by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall. Mr Marshall said the improvements would make the Community Centre a safer, more vibrant place for Uralla Shire Council staff and number of local community-based organisations to operate from. "The Uralla Community Centre is the home of all things inclusive in the Uralla Shire, providing a base for Tablelands Community Support (TSC), Ascent Group and the local Aboriginal Elders Group," Mr Marshall said. "The addition of solar lighting will make the carpark safer at night for staff, in particular during winter. "This lighting will provide the added benefit of deterring would be thieves and vandals from attempting to break into the all-important TSC vehicles, which are parked there overnight. "Work is expected to start in the first quarter of next year." Uralla Shire Mayor Michael Pearce said council had been looking for ways to encourage a greater number of community groups to utilise the centre for some time. "The Uralla Community Centre is very versatile, with plenty of space, a large group room with attached kitchen all available for hire," Cr Pearce said. "This grant has provided Council with the perfect opportunity to give the building a freshen-up in the hope local groups may be more inclined to hold their regular gatherings and events there. "Council is grateful for the financial assistance provided through the State Government's Drought Stimulus Package, which has allowed us to provide work for local tradespeople and improve local facilities."

**Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands**

## SAVE THE REGENT HONEYEATER STREET STALL RAFFLE WINNERS!

Numbers Game: Peter, Balala.

Bunnings Voucher: Toby, Uralla.

Regency Cake: Theo, Rocky River.

Huge thanks to all who contributed to the success of our Uralla Stall, including Z-net ladies & others who unexpectedly turned up with donations of baked goods, plants & books!

We (and the birds) also thank Kentucky Tree Nursery for donated habitat tree seedlings, and Bunnings Armidale for the popular \$100.00 raffle voucher.

The Save the RHE Group is a sub-group of Southern New England Landcare Ltd.

# Drought Resilience grants to encourage innovation in New England

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, says organisations, farmer groups and individuals can now apply for a share of grants worth \$10 million which are aimed at building drought resilience in New England. Grants of between \$20,000 and \$200,000 are available from the Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program, which is part of the Coalition Government's Future Drought Fund. "The grants can be used for innovative ideas and new technology which will tackle droughts head-on," Mr Joyce said. "For example, innovative projects that regenerate and maintain groundcover can deliver drought resilience by improving the soil's water infiltration and storage capacity, reducing run-off and associated water and wind erosion. "Grants could also be sought for things like alternative rotational grazing methods or better weed management. "These projects will continue to deliver lasting benefits, even during the good years, by helping to lift the productivity and profitability of the agriculture sector and enhance the health and sustainability of our farming landscapes", Mr Joyce said. The Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program forms part of the first round of investments the Australian Government is making through the \$5 billion Future Drought Fund to help farmers better prepare for dry times. Interested organisations, farmer groups and individuals can now apply via the Community Grants Hub. Applications close 30 October, 2020. Further details are available at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/future-drought-fund>

**Barnaby Joyce, Federal Member for New England**

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# Fairy Wrap Up

Well, the Uralla Spring Fairy Dance is over for another year. The Fairy Committee have packed away their wings and wands and swept up the left-over fairy dust. We want to thank everyone who supported or participated in the Event. It was a magical morning, and seeing all those happy, excited children was the best reward.

There were so many highlights of the day. Still, we would like to mention the following: the mysterious sign that appeared on the town boundary, seeing Tinker-Bell parading down the street, Sophie Masson opening the Event, Fairy Lucy on the Kentucky Fire Truck, Dale's Fairy Meat Trays, all the businesses who dressed up, Michael's Enchanted Garden (which looked amazing with all the beautiful little fairies and wizards).

The winners of the Colouring Competition were Elliott Schaeffer, Naomi Hoque, Audrey Schaeffer, and Ruby Smith. The Find the Fairy Competition winner was the Archibald Family (Evelyn, Dulcie, and Lucille). Thanks to Burnet's Bookshop, Michael's Garden Café, Little Birdy, and the Trader Store for hosting such fabulous workshops. Thanks to Bellydance Earth and Sky and Maxine Ross for providing beautiful music. Thanks to the Elvish Covid Marshalls (Alex, Andy, and Chris), workshop leaders, and general fairy helpers - Em, Maxine, Suzi, Sue, Wendy, Bob, Marion, Leonie, Maryann. Thanks to Granny Fi for the beautiful window display in Redco. Thanks to Crafty

Friends for the fantastic elves' hats! Thanks to Kathy McIntyre for her Auslan signing of the fairy stories and for Tash for helping out. Thanks to Karin and Sophie Sorella for designing the Fairy Map. Thanks to Sophie Masson for writing the "Flying Rider Races" story. Thanks to Uralla Arts for donating lanterns for the kids to decorate. Thanks to Tara Toomey for donating Fairy Gardens for the kids to make. Thanks to Colin for the FAIRY FLOSS! Thanks to the Fairy Godfather, Ross, for allowing the Fairy Committee to take over the bookshop and turn it into Fairy HQ! If we have missed anyone out, a thousand apologies, we appreciated every effort!

Finally, thanks to Alex for all his hard work, this Event would not have happened at all if the little Fairy Doors had not started to magically appear in the middle of the Covid Isolation period. This generous act brought so much delight to the little people of our town. This event was planned and run by volunteers and it was so wonderful to see how the community became involved and made it such a success! We are planning another such event in 2021 and would like some feedback from you about this year's Event – so we can make next year even more magical! If you have the time – this QR code will take you to a quick survey – all feedback gratefully received. We will also be distributing a survey to our wonderful businesses.

Thanks again to everyone, and hopefully, we'll see you all in 2021!

**The Fairy Committee (Jo, Luise, Teresa, and Lisa)**



**Opening Saturday 24 October**

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**Robert 'Tinker-Bell' and 'Fairy Floss' (aka Maryann Munsie)**

**More pictures on p12**

# A Magical Time in the Garden

"Spring has sprung, the grass is riz,  
I wonder where the birdies is." ANON

'The Kitchen Garden' at the Neighbourhood Centre is buzzing with bees. The mature broccoli has flowered. A more ruthless gardener would have composted it, but this gardener, lamenting the lack of bee food, has let it be.

The kale, silverbeet, herbs and perpetual spinach continue to thrive. Pea, bean and silverbeet seeds have been planted as have lettuce and new broccoli seedlings. The garden planting is very sparse.

Waiting under cover, till after Melbourne Cup Day, are the frost tender plants, like basil, tomatoes, eggplant and capsicum as well as cucumber, squash, zucchini and chokos. A mischievous frost often appears about now, to blacken, the optimists' early plantings. Just as a magician needs time, patience and practice to develop a "magical" trick, so too does a gardener wanting a bountiful harvest.

A sorcerer's apprentice is needed. I've changed many a "black thumb" into a "green thumb".

Interested in volunteering? Please phone, The Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Monday to Thursday, on 6778 3277 and speak to our Co-ordinator, Kylie.

**Sue Dyer, Uralla Community Garden Volunteer**



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