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Congratulations Mrs Deni McKenzie (OAM) and Mr Kent Mayo (OAM)



Deni McKenzie (OAM)
with husband Allan



Kent Mayo (OAM)

Congratulations to Deni McKenzie and Kent Mayo who both last week, officially received their Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition for services to their communities.

The Awards Ceremony was held at Government House, Sydney with Her Excellency, The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC presenting the awards. Deni's award was for service to the communities of Armidale and Uralla. From the Uralla perspective that included being:

- a volunteer visitor, McMaugh Gardens Hostel,
 - co-ordinator, Progressive Cinema, McCrossin's Mill,
 - founder and fundraiser, *Markets In the Park*, Uralla,
 - member, MOCCA Committee (responsible for bringing SBS broadcast media to Armidale),
 - President New England B&B Association 1993 to 1998,
 - columnist, New England Times newspaper, Armidale,
- and many more, too many to mention here.

Kent was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community of Uralla. His contributions to Uralla have been numerous over many decades including:

- President of Uralla Historical Society 1980-2000,
- Honorary Museum Director of McCrossin's Mill 2004-2020,
- Chairman, Creative Village Committee, 1995-2005,
- Founder and President of Uralla Players 1976-1992,
- Director and designer, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Wizard of Oz*, 1983-1985,
- Founder and director, Mrs O'Malley's Magnificent Music Hall, 1976,
- Founder and President, Sunny Jim Cricket Club, 1987-1993, plus many more.

The full list of Deni and Kent's community contributions can be viewed at:

<https://www.gg.gov.au/australia-day-2023-honours-list>.

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LAST CHANCE FOR URALLA GRANTS

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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.

Last week was another great week for Uralla. The turnout for the ANZAC Dawn Service and the ANZAC Day Parade and Memorial Service was huge. Congratulations to the Uralla RSL Sub Branch.

Following a segment on the Waler horses' contribution to World War 1 on the ABC Landline program, I thought it worthwhile to highlight the contribution of Bill Upjohn and his family, for providing horses and appropriate uniform, including saddles, for as many parades as I can remember. This ANZAC Day, Tim Upjohn and Ethan Wooldridge brought up the rear of the parade. Tim did well to calm his horse as it clearly is not a fan of bugles. Of interest is that more than 130,000 Australian horses were sent overseas to support our troops in World War 1, and only one returned to Australia.

It was a privilege to address the crowd of between 300 to 500 people, and to make special mention of Ken and Madeline Fussell, whose son Lieutenant Michael Fussell, was killed in Afghanistan in 2008. Also in attendance were family representatives of Private Trevor Attwood and L/Cpl Ross McMillan, who both lost their lives in Vietnam.

Last Thursday saw the annual Mayor's Youth Forum held in Council chambers. Representatives from Bundarra Central School, Kentucky Public School, Rocky River Public School, St. Joseph's Primary School and Uralla Central School, along with their principals or deputy principals, were in attendance. Together with five other Councillors, we were able to have the students break up into groups, with Debby Herdegen and Gemma Moore from the Department of Regional Youth, and Katie Barnett, who is a member of the NSW Government Regional Youth Task Force, set out their views around a full range of issues. This information will be collated, together with the whiteboard notes, for circulation back to schools. Even if only a couple of ideas progress in the next couple of years, it will have been worthwhile. At least it helps Councillors understand what the important issues are for the students in Uralla Shire. It was evident in the forum that the Renewable Energy sector has work to do in convincing our students that agriculture and solar and wind farms can co-exist. This is in the same week that the Liddell Coal Fired Power Station closed after 52 years of operation. That is not to say that there weren't great questions around electric vehicle charging stations, and highlighting that Bundarra and Kentucky must be included. The same questions around housing, education and employment which Council discussed at its last meeting were raised by the students at the forum.

Council has agreed to write to Homes North in Armidale and invite them to discuss with us the issue of social housing, including an understanding of the current situation in Uralla Shire, and how we may work together.

On the matter of long term employment opportunities in this region, the Renewal Energy sector will require electrical technicians, heavy voltage switchers, mechanical technicians, as well as farm hands and cleaning staff. The ongoing critical needs are doctors, nurses, child care workers and building trades. The question for Council is how we can play a constructive role with the education sector and with encouraging qualified people to our region.

Good news with the upgrade of Rotary Park nearing completion. The amenities block, shelter and pathways are all but finished. The road work and landscaping will be the last items to be done.

This week commences with Adam Marshall MP, hosting a roundtable discussion in Inverell with the Mayors and General Managers in his electorate. Uralla has forwarded a list of issues that could be included on the agenda, such as aged care, renewable energy, health care and Internet services. Mr Marshall will also be presented with the New England Joint Organisation's "Statement of Regional Priorities."

My wife Linda and I have been invited to the launch of a new book "The Story of Kingstown, the Land and Its People 1830-2010" written by Jim Swales, to be held at Kingstown at 2pm on Saturday May 13. It is an excellent read and Council has purchased copies for our library. Copies of the book can also be purchased from Jim.

And finally, a question for Auntie Bob: I have just completed assembling four flat pack bar stools, and for the first time ever, I don't have any left-over pieces. Should I be worried? Thanking you in advance.

Dear Robert,

As a "person of influence" I wonder why you are working on flat packs at all. However, it is commendable that you are assembling bar stools. My experience with flat packs is very limited, as I have little or no ability to build things or even put pieces together. I have always found the instructions that go with these packs very interesting reading, but of very little help in constructing the product. If you have no pieces left over it would appear that you have free-ranged without the instructions, and I would advise that you reread the instructions to see where you went wrong. However, I would advise that it is possible to have no pieces left over when dealing with a flat pack. I had none left over when dealing with my last flat pack, which contained 24 cans of New England Pale Ale. There were no instructions were in the pack?? Yours in advice,

Auntie Bob



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Robert Bell
Uralla Shire Resident



LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC Day 2023



Thanks to Leanne Doran for the use of her photographs

Kingstown History Book Launch

After 30 years in the making, a history of Kingstown will be launched at 2pm on Saturday 13 May at the Kingstown Hall.

The Story of Kingstown - the Land and its People, 1830-2010, written by Jim Swales is the first comprehensive account of the history of the area.

The desire for a local history was initiated by Uralla Council over 25 years ago. Since then, Jim has been working diligently on the task made more difficult by the departure of many local families from the area. The families that Jim was able to contact, were more than happy to help provide valuable information for the publication.

Jim describes the Kingstown area as that extending between, and including, Balala, Retreat, Stony Batter and Torryburn. The original properties were squatting leases, first settled in the 1830s. From the 1860s, the Conditional Purchase Scheme in NSW, saw these properties substantially reduced in size.

The Mayor, Robert Bell and Adam Marshall are expected to be in attendance. People referenced in the book have been notified, so those attending, may have the opportunity of catching up with old acquaintances.

The book will be available for purchase (\$25 - sorry no Eftpos). The launch will be followed by light refreshments.

- Editor

Letters to the Editor

Dear Ed,

Yesterday Watkin and self sat on the boulder and had a chat in the Autumn warmth, I felt balanced and desired. I asked Watkin what he did with his time before I arrived. He replied that he did not venture far from the creek as he didn't like the look of the high green gun stationed across the road; I reassured Watkin that it was not there for him. To me, it seemed its focus was more on the 'big house' although why such a device gazed stentorially at the building across the street escaped me at that moment in the sun.

What I did conceive of quite clearly from atop our boulder was that my habitat, my riparian interface between land and stream, my little biological biome, is under threat; it is obvious, but why? Watkin says the ecology of the creek is not being overseen, no one is interacting with it; he also points out to me that an important bubble is about to burst. He believes that our small 100 mtr ecosystem, our geographical place where plants, animals, and other organisms as well as weather and landscape, work together to form a sparkle of life. In short, it is suffering from authoritative neglect.

Watkin can be compelling, convincing, confident in his

discussions with me and I can certainly see the many invasive species of weeds that don't naturally exist here. Moreover, he has an action plan - destroy the pest plants, deplete the weed reserves in the soil, and constantly inhibit future growth of the weeds. Watkin is an ideas rat, and logical.

To me, the management path opens when the will to act is active in an organism. From my boulder I see uncertainty in our habitat and I concur with the statement...'anyone who knows or ought reasonably to know about a biosecurity risk has a duty to report, prevent, eliminate or minimise that risk as far as reasonably practicable'. Watkin has gone somewhere off past the big house; perhaps he has overcome his fear of the menacing big gun.

Yours sincerely,

Reggie Quiver, Uralla Creek

To the editor,

My name is Watkin (*Rattus Rattus*), as Reggie Quiver pointed out in the Wordsworth 17 April 2023 I am a bilge rat. Just in case you don't know, I'm a stinking, muck covered rat, and also a famous author, but I do think that I have a heart of gold and love this little town that you call Uralla. Sometimes I venture out of my habitat, which is the Uralla Creek. I have been seen on my adventures outside the lovely new cupcake shop and *53 on Bridge Street*. One of the ladies in the cupcake shop didn't like me climbing up her furniture and looking in the window. She shooed me away with a broom of all things. It pushed me to another yummy smelling place that looked divine. I wonder what the broom is used for, hopefully not just for me?

I head up the main street looking for clean water and a more pleasurable atmosphere.

I was having a bit of a rant to Reggie about the state of the place and about the NSW Biodiversity Act 2015!! I don't know if Reggie was interested in my story. By the way, did you know that Reggie is a very interesting water dragon and has lived in so many different towns. Anyway, I am rambling on now and should go and look for some food and clean water.

P.S. Frogs legs are not what they make them out to be. I think if Reggie is going to continue to write to you maybe I should too.

Watkin (*Rattus Rattus*), Uralla Creek

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One Hundred Words

The Uralla Tennis Club

Back in 1956 tennis was booming in Uralla but all this happened on at least 25 privately owned tennis courts, so a group of us got together and decided to try and form a town tennis club.

We advertised in the local *Uralla Times* for a meeting to be held at the Literary Institute with a wonderful result. A committee of ten was elected, and the Uralla Tennis Club was formed. There was a *Times* reporter at the meeting to record the event - Mrs Jill Heagney.

The committee was President Kevin Bower, Sec. Leo Townsend, Committee: Jim Wood, Betty Attwood, John Scott and myself. We approached the Uralla Bowling Club for our two clubs to unite, but sadly missed out by one vote, so we built two courts on the land behind my shop in Bridge Street. I leased the land to the Tennis Club for ten shillings a year. The clubhouse and court were built by voluntary labour. Lights were fitted so tennis was played of a weekend and every night of the week. It was so popular. I took on the job of preparing the courts for all day and night tennis. It took me one hour a court - to water, roll and mark each court. I was paid five shillings a court.

The first club championships were played in 1962. The ladies' singles was won by Betty Johnson and the men's by Kevin Bower - both brilliant tennis players.

Due to tennis being so popular, we built two more courts. Uralla developed into a very strong club, winning many northern town team events.

Then in 1979, with the help of the Uralla Shire Council and with voluntary labour, we built four new tennis courts with lights and a wonderful clubhouse at the Uralla Sporting Complex - and tennis continued to boom.

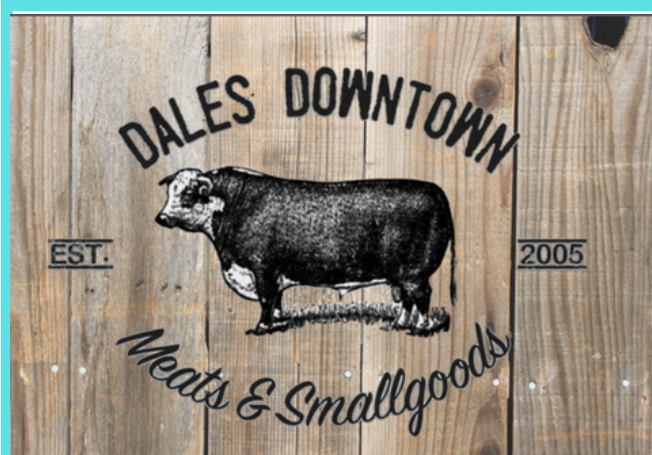
It is so great to see the club doing so well again, thanks to a very active committee and vibrant members.

-Peter Phillips, Uralla



1963 Championship Final and beaten again by Kevin Bower on the right. Note the old clubhouse in the background and as it is today. (At top, centre of photo)

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Introducing ... Olde Memories and Treasures



David Mann has always loved old things. He is said to have had a very substantial bottle collection by the age of ten. Then he started selling bottles in order to buy pianos and as they accumulated in number, his parents felt the need to store them somewhere other than the family home. They bought an old wares store in Coffs Harbour, renovated it, and opened as *Olde Memories and Treasures* - a store that was to become a well-known landmark around the town. When his parents eventually retired, they left David to continue the business.

Now he lives in Uralla, drawn back to the area by his fond memories of living in Armidale as a university student, and by the availability of a friend's 170 year old cottage to live in.

Stepping into the store is an intriguing experience. It is tastefully adorned with the merchandise David specialises in - antique jewellery, modern copies of antique jewellery, Persian and wool rugs, lovely lamps and smaller items of antique furniture and more. He procures his stock from contacts around the world which he made during his extensive travels across Europe and Asia.

Since opening three months ago, David says the business and his life are going really well. He appears to have been quite surprised by the level of support he has received from neighbours and fellow retailers. He says he has been overwhelmed by the sense of community in Uralla - something that supports him, but also something he can meaningfully contribute to.

Visit *Olde Memories and Treasures* and be surprised by the store and the friendly welcome from David and his "glamorous assistant" Marlene, as he describes her. The store is open Thursday and Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am - 2m. **-Editor**

Community Messages

Play Patch is a ministry of Uralla Anglican on Wednesdays from 10-12am for children from 0 - school age and their carers. We explore the bible through sensory play weekly during the school term. It costs \$20 a term, per family. Please bring morning tea for your child, a hat and a change of clothes (sensory play can get messy)."
www.urallaanglican.com

The **Farmgate Support** program provides peer support, counselling, information and advocacy for rural people living in farming communities or on farm. Our team includes Peer support workers and social workers. We travel to farms or meet people in their local area across the Hunter New England Local Health District. People can self refer or be referred, with their consent, by calling 0477 322 851 or email: HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au

Notice: If you find a sick or injured native animal please call Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers on **1800 008 290**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

at Uralla Shire Council.

Information about vacant positions and access to Council's interactive application is available on Council's website:
<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Uralla-Shire-Council>

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The Southern Aurora Comes to Uralla




The Southern Aurora at Uralla Railway Station (Photo: Peter Phillips)

The famous Southern Aurora arrived quietly and unannounced in Uralla last Sunday as part of its tour to the north of NSW. Passengers were transported by buses from the train to attractions in the area, or they walked downtown to explore Uralla's autumn colours and shopping precinct.

The train was in Uralla for about six hours.

The iconic train operated as a first-class service between Sydney and Melbourne from 1962 until 1986. It offered unrivalled luxury with dining facilities and sleeping compartments for all passengers.

-Editor



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Death and Funeral Notice

Rogers (nee Roberts), Lee Frances

26/08/1944 - 19/04/2023

Loving partner of Leslie Phillips.

Adored mum to Glen & Sharyn, Cath, Andrew & Danielle, Brad & Loviner.

Much loved Nanny Lee to Kurt, Dane, Amy-Lee (Dec), Georgia, Jack, Ryan, Mitchell, Harry, Zac, Macy, Gemma and Bella.

Great Nan to Kahter, Daizjah & Rocky.

Forever in our hearts

Relatives & Friends of Lee are warmly invited to attend her Funeral Service to be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 in the South Chapel, Woronora Memorial Park, Linden Street Sutherland commencing at 1pm.



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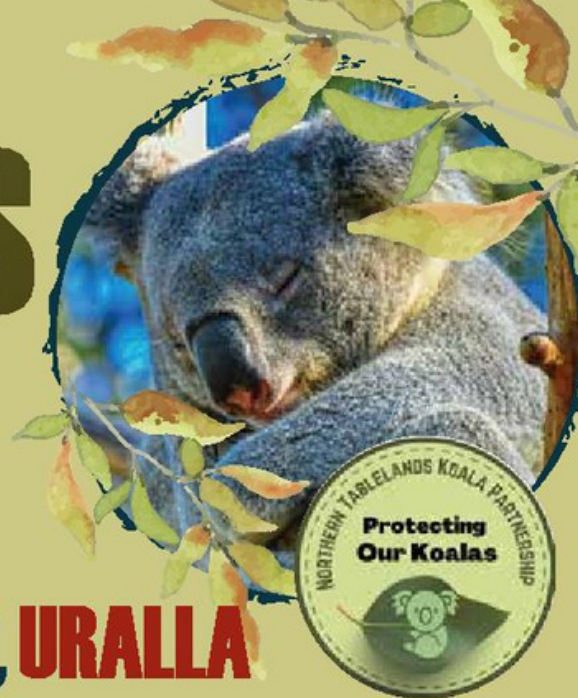


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FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2023



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<https://snelandcare.org.au/event/thunderbolts-woodlands-restoring-woodland-bird-and-koala-habitat>

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This initiative has been made possible through the Re-connecting Thunderbolt Country for Threatened New England Woodland and Wetland Biodiversity Project funded by the NSW Environmental Trust and the Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership Program, hosted by Southern New England Landcare Ltd, and funded by the NSW Government.



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Sustainable House Tour 2023



A stained glass window at one of the houses in this year's Sustainable House Tour

Are you looking for ideas to save energy at home, create beautiful spaces to live in, adapt or extend your present house or just to meet other locals and see how they've incorporated sustainable ideas into their house or renovation?

Sustainable Living Armidale (SLA) is holding its sixth Sustainable House Tour, an opportunity to look at a range of local houses, showcasing a variety of sustainable features, and have conversations with their owners and with each other.

There are eight houses this year, grouped by location, so on Saturday 6th May you can visit two houses in Uralla, one in Invergowrie, and one in Kentucky. On Sunday 7th May there are four houses to visit in Armidale. Four of the houses are relatively new, each with unique features; two more could be described as recycled – the basic structure and footprint of each house retained, but major re-building incorporating recycled elements. There's a modern extension to an historic cottage, and a second storey on a small granny flat.

To get on the self-guided tour you need to buy the Sustainable House Tour Booklet in advance, from Boobooks in the Armidale Mall; Armidale Outdoors, Rusden Street, or Little Birdy, 38 Hill Street, Uralla. Booklets are \$20, for a car full of people. Opening times are set out in the booklet, together with details of each house, mud maps to locate the eight houses, plus short articles on aspects of sustainability.

A spokesperson for SLA said: "We're so lucky, yet again, to have generous people willing to open up their houses so that we can all learn from each other. We're sure people will be delighted with the variety of houses in this year's tour."

-Bar Finch, Sustainable Living Armidale

The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunty Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Aunty Bob, I have recently started watching Question Time in Parliament. Could you explain what is the purpose of Question Time??

Uncle Dot

Dear Uncle Dot, The short answer to your question is, there is no real purpose to Question Time. If you look closely, many of the so called representatives are asleep. But it does give politicians a chance to ask embarrassing questions. They pretend this is done respectfully. eg. "Could the member for Cook advise the Parliament what he is doing for his constituents." The member for Cook then "thanks" the opposition member for his question, when he actually wants to say, "You low bastard, how dare you put that question to me. You know we don't care about constituents."

So Uncle Dot if you continue to watch Question Time I say to you "get a life".

Aunty Bob

Dear Aunty Bob, Hello ... I've been following your advice for others and hope you can help. I have been asked by my therapist to draw a timeline of my life. Can you please advise if such a line should be vertical, horizontal or using peaks and troughs... sometimes it feels like a circle. What do you think? Thank you.

Worried Wanda

Dear Worried Wanda, Fortunately I have a PHD in stupidity, which qualifies me to challenge ridiculous ideas. Firstly, you need to change your therapist and get back to your real problem, which is obviously overthinking things. You should not be wasting time drawing timelines of your life when you could be enjoying life. I will be conducting sessions in enjoying life at the brewery every Thursday from 4p.m. The cost for these sessions is a pint of pale ale per session. I may not be able to help you, but I can guarantee I will be enjoying life. Yours very sincerely,

Aunty Bob

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is
5pm Thursday 11 May 2023.

Please email all contributions including advertising,
letters to the editor, 100 Words, and articles to
urallawordsworth@gmail.com

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 RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury 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 Brewery Book Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, 5pm at the brewery

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 0448 576 465 or John 0411 374 3341

High Country Markets are held on the 1st Sunday of the month from 8am until 12.30pm at the Uralla Showground

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

Events For May and June

***Sustainable House Tour**, 6 May, Uralla, Kentucky, and Invergowrie 7 May, Armidale (See article page 9 for information)

***Uralla Junior Campdraft** - Sat. 6 May, 8am start, Uralla Showground. Contact: Catie Gowen 0409239328

***High Country Markets** - 7 May, Uralla Showground, 8am - 12:30pm

***New England Solar Grants** - applications must be submitted by 5pm on Monday May 8, 2023

***Kingstown Book Launch**, *The Story of Kingstown - the Land and Its People, 1830-2010*, 2pm Sat. 13 May, Kingstown Hall

***Bundarra Community Markets** - 20 May, Information: Donna McLean 67237178

***Next Uralla Council Meeting** - Tues 23 May

***Uralla Arts presents Neil Murray**, legendary songwriter, Sun. 28 May, 2-4pm at The Mill.

Uralla Community Street Store

1 - 7 May - Uralla Historical Society

8 - 14 May - New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club Inc
Call Uralla Shire Council to book - 6778 6300

To download the 2023 street stall schedule go to:

<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Uralla-Community-Street-Store>

Bowlo Helps Spread Uralla's Amazing Community Spirit

During March and April this year we have been busy with several bowling and community activities.

During March we hosted a successful McMaugh's Bowls Fundraising Day - always a fun time that brings loads of people to show their prowess and/or antics on our bowling greens.

March also had our lady bowlers send a District winning team to Armidale City Bowling Club to participate in the Region 3 Open Fours Championship. Although we did not prevail, the team of Lyn Buckingham, Debbie Vanden Hoogan, Lynne Watts, and Lynnette Dwyer put our club in the limelight. I must say a big thank you to Debbie for stepping up for me as I was unable to play while awaiting hip surgery.

The ladies have also been playing Minor Singles, which saw Lynnette Dwyer being presented with the Championship Badge.

We have attended several Presidents' days at our sister clubs in the district, and are now looking forward to our own special day, The Pam Westbury Memorial Trophy on 10th May 2023.

Our ladies are also looking forward to an overnight trip to Gloucester this coming week for a fun filled day of social bowls with the Gloucester Women's Bowling Club.

During April the Uralla Bowlo spent some time out in the Uralla community. The first event was the Uralla Local Area Community Expo on Friday 2st, which highlighted how much the Uralla area has to offer. Uralla Bowling Club was just one of the exhibitors who took the opportunity to showcase their club and the diverse activities they offer. We had both bowlers and directors attending who were able to engage with the community and talk about our club. We showed off our newly acquired Rookie Rollers Kit for junior players, which we hope will help bring young people to the sport of bowls.

Representatives of the Uralla Women's Bowling Club then attended the ANZAC Day ceremony and laid a wreath on the Memorial Gates in honour of those who did not return to their loved ones.

-Pauline Crouch, Publicity Officer



Lyn Buckingham & Phyllis Dade presented a wreath on behalf of UWBC at the ANZAC Day ceremony.



UWBC's April Fulton at the Uralla Community Expo

Easter Show Success for Bridgett and Bea

Congratulations to Bridgett Hone and her dog Silversuisse Bea, who won the CCD Obedience Trial at the Sydney Royal Easter show.



Bridgett Hone with her dog Bea receiving their Community Companion Dog award from event judge Kim Houlden (on right).

Bea achieved her title as Community Companion Dog with an outstanding point score of 99, only dropping 1 point. Bridgett said, "Bea worked beautifully- a young dog with great focus, a pleasure to work with. Sydney Royal was a beautiful venue, well-organised with first class judges and excellent competitors - a pleasure to be a part of."

Bridgett shares this win with her husband Adam Hone, dear friends Dale Carter, Phil and Sue Evans and our breeder Heather Scott, and is also thankful for the support and encouragement of her community.

The White Swiss Shepherd was purchased only 18 months ago from Silver Suisse Kennels. Her depth of breeding has made her exceptionally easy to train. Bridgett regularly trains with local dog trainer Phil Evans of Yestraining for Dogs.

"We started Phil's Puppy Classes and haven't looked back!! I'm so glad we kept training as my dogs became older, my skills have gotten better and I realise they are capable of doing so much more than I ever imagined."

Bea is also a scent detection dog and already has six odours that she alerts too. This will be her second season of truffle hunting. Truffle season in our local area will start soon. For more information about Bridgett's Shepherds and the local truffle farms go to www.scentshepherds.com

-Thanks to Jann Karp



Community Companion Dog winner at the Easter Show, Bea. (Photo courtesy of Brittany McVicar Photographics)

Last week to submit Uralla Grants applications

There is just one week left for businesses, individuals, and community groups to get their applications in for a Uralla Grant to help their local project or event.

The first three rounds of the program have already helped 43 projects and events get off the ground, with schools, fitness and sporting groups, environment and greening projects, cultural and historical programs and popular local events receiving support.

A total of \$50,000 in funding is available under this latest round of grants.

Individuals or organisations located in Uralla Shire and parts of Dangarsleigh and Kellys Plains are eligible to apply for funding. Applications for funding are open until May 8.

The Uralla Grants program is part of the Community Benefit Sharing Initiative, which was set up during the planning process for the New England Solar project.

To apply go to:

www.newenglandsolar.com.au/urallagrants



Greening New England Solar

Thousands of new native trees and plants are taking root across the New England Solar project site with the help of local Uralla business BioBankSeed.

The new flora has been raised from seed and will also improve biodiversity. Steve Field from BioBankSeed has been working on site throughout the early part of 2023 planting the eucalypts, shrubs and other local species.



Celebrating Uralla

A number of Uralla's sporting, community and business groups are featured in a range of short videos to help celebrate Uralla and the success of the Uralla Grants program.

Watch them at:

www.newenglandsolar.com.au/community/celebrating-uralla

APPLY NOW FOR A \$5,000 URALLA GRANT
Applications close 5pm Monday 8th of May



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