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The Seasons Expo

Weekend is Here!

Getting underway on Friday 24th March with our Expo Eve Dinner, the Expo weekend is shaping up to be a great reason to spend the weekend in Uralla and the wider New England region. Tickets to the dinner are on sale at www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au (click on Dining Experiences) and features New England fare brought together by Little Coco's, Michael's Catering and Café Patisserie, all under a marquee in the show ring lined with fairy lights. With Uralla so centrally located that it is close to any number of small villages and larger centres that visitors might choose to stay in, we know many people are choosing to make a weekend of it. If you know anyone still looking for a bed, direct them to our Find a Bed page on the Seasons website.

The Expo + Expo After Party will be a wonderful way to celebrate the makers, creators and producers of the New England region, with just over 120 handmade artisans heading to the Uralla Showground from right across the New England. From 9am the live music will get underway and a line up of great New England musicians alongside some of Australia's finest are ready to create just the right atmosphere for 13 hours straight – with the day wrapping up at 10.30pm. The full list of stallholders and musicians is available in our map, both on the Seasons website and on the back page of this edition of the paper.

Entry is \$5 for adults and FREE for those 14yrs and under. For full details about the day please head to www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au.

Tara Toomey, Seasons of New England

Uralla Rotary Art

Exhibition Opening

Last Friday night saw the opening of the 44th Annual Uralla Rotary Art Exhibition at the Uralla Memorial Hall in Salisbury Street. A large crowd had gathered, as was to be expected for one of the main events on Uralla's busy cultural calendar. The event was officially opened by Mayor Robert Bell; Lizzie Horne, as the official guest artist, Adam Marshall and Claire Mailler addressed the crowd, while the Rocky Bottom Girls entertained everyone with Irish-themed music. Uralla Central School pupils excelled in providing fantastic food, and Rotary volunteers were there to help sell the many beautiful art works on display.

The exhibition will remain open daily from 10am to 4 pm, closing 26 March. - **Louis van Ekert, Uralla**



Art lovers (left to right) Teresa, Jo, Mary Ann and Wendy at the opening



Bundarra's Hannah Palmer was the proud winner of the Helen Phillips' Perpetual Trophy - Secondary School Section, which was presented to her by Peter Phillips



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EVENT MAP ON BACK PAGE

Over 120 New England Producers, Makers & Creators
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followed by The Expo After Party, live music, street food and bar, close at 10pm
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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.

It was great to have the Hon. Chris Bowen MP, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, address approximately 100 people on the site of New England Solar Farm, for the official opening last Thursday. While Stage 1 will produce 400MW, the next stage will add an additional 320MW. The crowd included traditional owners, current landowners, Hon. Adam Marshall MP, members of the Uralla Community Grants Committee, employees of ACEN and Greenlight Construction, Uralla Shire Councillors, and members of the banking partners of the project. ACEN are also currently progressing a project in the Central West. Good news for ACEN with their latest modification request being approved by the Department of Planning.

Last Tuesday, Council held an extraordinary meeting to consider the 2022 audited financial statements. We also received a verbal report from the auditor, Jacob Sauer, Principal Forsyths. To ensure the community has an opportunity to consider the report and the Independent Auditor's Report, Council will receive public submissions up until March 28, 2023. While Council has seen excellent improvement in our Net Operating Result and Total Equity and Cash Position, we are well aware of the challenges in water and sewer, with aging mains in need of replacement. We are also aware that the increase in material costs, especially diesel, will not be offset by the increase in interest rates. Council's unrestricted current ratio and debt service cover ratio are both well above the office of Local Government benchmarks.

A big thank you to Kevin Hughes and the members of the Kentucky Progress Association for inviting the Hon. Adam Marshall MP and me to open the new bar-be-que in the park. The continuing work in the playground area is appreciated. Both Adam and I acknowledged the incredible community spirit with the Progress Association and the Kentucky Hall Committee. What a wonderfully vibrant community Kentucky is!

The week continued with the "Friends of McMaugh's" annual charity bowls day. Not only did the Uralla Bowling Club provide the wonderful facilities, but it also managed to hold off the rain long enough for participants to "roll a few ends". A highlight was Adam Marshall announcing \$100,000 for "Friends of McMaugh's" to upgrade furniture and bedding at this excellent facility.

Last Friday night saw the return of the Uralla Rotary Art Show. Don't worry if you missed the opening night, as the exhibition and sale is open until Sunday March 26. The artwork ranges from pre-schoolers right through to highly commended professional artists. All are welcome.

This will tie in nicely with the "Seasons of New England", which will be held on Saturday March 25.

The General Manager and I attended a meeting of the Country Mayors' Association in Newcastle a couple of weeks ago. The highlight was a presentation by the CEO of Newcastle Ports, Mr Craig Carmody. He updated delegates on the expansion plans for the port, including provision for containers, following a recent government decision to stop the Botany Port monopoly. Craig also spoke about the areas to be set aside for wind turbine components, and also their plans for hydrogen production. The Port Authority has already programmed in the slow decline in coal loading, which has been the major source of revenue for the port. I was impressed with the revitalisation of the Newcastle Harbour foreshores.

I am excited by the news that Armidale Regional Airport may see the introduction of Satellite Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS) to dramatically improve the reliability of the airport. I can vouch for the frustration when a 6:30am flight leaves 4 hours later. The delivery and deployment of the system will include Geoscience Australia, Lockheed Martin, and Air Services Australia; hopefully in 2025.

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Robert Bell
Uralla Shire Resident



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CWA Major Event Report

Late last year we held a major fundraising event - The Gostwyck Garden Open Day. It was a rare opportunity to explore the terraced garden at Gostwyck Station and enjoy some refreshments and music. More than 500 people attended and we raised funds for several key local charities and the CWA disaster fund.

Visitors : 500+ adults and children, including a couple of very cute fairies. Bread and Sausages: we sold 300 of these, with thanks to Moons Bakery and Dales Downtown Meats Uralla, for supplying these.

Refreshments in the form of tea, coffee, cakes, cookies: hundreds

Raffles: some very beautiful and valuable prizes were donated from the community

Rides on the buggy with Lu: we lost count

Funds raised (\$8,800) will, after expenses, be distributed amongst the following groups:

- Motor Neurone Disease Australia
- Armidale Women's Shelter - supporting women with setting up home once they leave the shelter.
- Maternity Services at Armidale Hospital - supporting training costs of local midwives
- CWA Disaster Fund, NSW
- Diggings RFS - for traffic management services on the day

A big thank you to everyone who supported the event, to our generous hosts and our wonderful sponsors at Gostwyck Station.

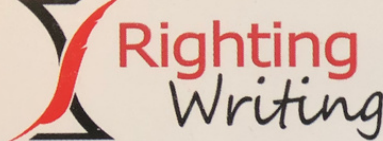
-Uralla Branch, CWA



Lu's buggy provided rides up the avenue to the garden terraces and was suitably dressed in CWA colours



The terraced garden.
Photos provided by CWA members



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The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunty Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Aunty Bob,

I attach a recent photo of our local member, the right honorable Barnaby Joyce. I am a little confused as I wasn't sure if he is posing as an angel or a fairy. We know that he is unsinkable and has had more comebacks than Johnny Farnham. But what do you think he is up to in this picture.

Uncle Dorothy.



Dear Uncle Dorothy,

Thank you for this wonderful snapshot, which now has pride of place on my mantelpiece. Clearly there is no halo so I think we can rule out angel. That leaves us with the disturbing picture of a very unattractive fairy. I can only assume that he is now fully supportive of Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras and we can look forward to him marching in next year's parade alongside his favourite prime minister, Albo - both supporting rainbow pride. It could, however create problems for him if required to travel to Saudi Arabia.

Yours in advice,

Aunty Bob

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Uralla Community Street Store

20 - 26 March - Friends of McMaugh Gardens

27 March - 2 April - Uralla Branch of CWA

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>

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

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>

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

Tel: 6778 6300



Congratulations Katie!



Uralla Shire has a number young residents reaching out to support the community and Katie Williams is but one of those. Katie's aspirations to one day take over the family farm in Uralla has seen her undertake a number of courses to add to her skill set in Wool Classing, Beef Cattle

Assessment and Drought-Resilient Pasture Programs.

Katie entered into the 2023 Armidale Young Woman Senior Competition to further her knowledge and skills whilst meeting more friends on this journey. Katie will now enter the Zone competition in this category where they will select a winner to represent the New England Zone at the Royal Easter Show. I am pleased to congratulate the inspiring Katie Williams in being the winning entrant of the 2023 Armidale Young Woman Senior Competition.

Information provided by Uralla Shire Council

Running Wild 4 - 'Shots

Fired !'

3. Recap. *'The Captain' and his gang had held up the Cobb & Co Coach to Inverell, just outside Tingha. They crossed the Gwydir at Gravesend and headed to the Inn at Millie, 30 miles southwest of Moree. Stu Lanagan, a fisherman from Bingara, told the story in Howarths' butchers shop to a news thirsty crowd.*

The gang's cockatoo, saw the riders far off, raising dust as they galloped in. He whistled the alarm and all quickly mounted, riding off to the south. Revolvers were drawn and shots fired in the direction of their pursuers as they came within view. A young lad Thompson, all but sixteen years, was on a poorer horse. Dalton was upon him quickly and cut him from the rear of the fleeing riders. Dalton fired into Thompsons back and he fell to the ground. Dalton called to Norris to take charge of the boy while he and the others continued to give chase. From the ground Thompson fired at Dalton as he rode off, closely missing him, only saved when he lay down over his horse's neck.

'Shots Fired!', 'The Captain' and others wheeled back in an attempt to protect the boy, who was now facing Norris from the ground, pistol in hand. 'The Captain' rode between Norris and the boy, hoping to give him a chance to escape but to no avail. Norris fired, hitting the boy in the jaw, he was done for. Both groups of riders were now milling about, exchanging and avoiding return fire. But by this time the police horses could go no more, knocked up after tracking the gang across the open plains, for many miles. Most were also out of ball and shot, all their ammunition expended in the melee. The constables and trooper disengaged and rode back to where Norris had young Thompson on the ground at gun point. They let their remaining quarry ride off towards the east, off the plains, up the escarpment and onto the bushrangers highway, across 'Tablelands Country'. For the next week or more, it was the tale that was told and retold, it was the tale of the time across the district.

Brooks (Oliver) and mining buddy Tull (Jethro), had left their home in Sydney, when the news of 'Nundle Gold' made it to the big smoke. With limited finances, they made the trip north and staked their claim, on a hillside in the upper reaches of the Peel. They found a few specks, just enough to keep them fed, then Tull up and died. -**Daryl Albertson, Kellys Plains**

\$1.6M Updates to Uralla

Fire & Rescue Station

Uralla's Fire & Rescue Station is set for a major upgrade and expansion over the next six months, with a \$1.6 million project to commence in April to improve female amenities, build new pumper storage, provide for decontamination as well as clean and dirty areas.

The tender for the works had closed and responses from builders were currently being assessed.

This project will be the first major improvements to the station in more than 30 years, when the second engine bay was added in the early 1990s.

The work will roughly double the size of the current station, constructing new double bay storage shed for the two firefighting appliances and converting existing bays into new showers, toilets and changerooms for male and female firefighters.

Uralla is the only Fire & Rescue Station across the Northern Tablelands which performed first response duties for ambulance services, attending scenes of critical incidents to administer first aid and paramedic treatment before NSW Ambulance paramedics arrive.

The Uralla firefighters do an extraordinary job of protecting the community of Uralla and these upgrades will be very welcome, making the station much more comfortable and spacious.

This will assist them conducting their regular training exercises but also to attract and retain more female firefighters, which has been a goal of the Uralla station.

A recent review found the female amenities and decontamination areas are weaknesses in modern fire stations due to a variety of historical factors and this upgrade is about bringing the station up to modern standards.

Improved ventilation to PPE storage spaces and appliance bays are also on the cards as well as upgrades to breathing apparatus storage and to the engine bays.

The renovations at Uralla Fire & Rescue Station are funded through the Fit for Purpose Program (Clean Pathways) and the Enhanced 10-year program for privacy and inclusion.

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

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One Hundred Words is for you, to allow you to tell us a bit about yourself or something you love or love doing. Everyone has a least several remarkable, strange or humorous stories from their past. We would like to hear about them. Email your 100 words (more or less) to urallawordsworth@gmail.com

My Walk to School in 1952

Leaving my home on the corner of King and Maitland Streets at 8am, I would cross the road at Hill Street with Len Nelson's sawmill and cordial factory on the left, walk down Hill Street, past the Methodist Church and the smash repair shop of Angus Yates and Horrie Roach. They were usually just starting work so I would often say hello to them. Then past Cooper's two shops, the first being their office for the funeral business and morgue out the back – very scary. The second building, now the Co-op, was used as a storage shed. I continued past Toby Bullen's bootmaker shop with its wonderful smell of leather. Next was Jake Swilks, the wool buyer - a different smell altogether.

I turned left into Bridge Street at Trickett's Furniture Shop where Subway is now. On the opposite corner was Trickett's massive general store - now The Alternate Root. The very modern shops of the Wallace Family called "Wallace House" came next. There was Dan Wallace - barber and tobacconist, Frank Wallace - tobacconist and billiard saloon, sisters Flo and Rita - the hairdressers and fashion shoe shop and lastly, Flo's boutique clothing shop.

Further down the street was a milk bar and chemist, followed by Jack Ferros's large menswear / womenswear and fabric shop. I can remember putting a leather jacket on lay-by there. It took me a year to pay for it, and yes, I still have it. Egan's bakery was next. I remember it was the first bakery in the district to have a machine that sliced bread - unbelievable, the best thing. Then came Fred Bartlet the grocer and Col Low's Jewellery Store which I bought six years later – my first business.

The White Rose Café, my dad's newsagency, Mallam's Chemist, Jim Muir the butcher followed down the street. Harold Faulkner's Greengrocer and Milk Bar next door was where I had many a milkshake.

After walking past the old Bank of NSW, I came to Brown and Hill's Grocery Shop. I loved it. You could buy a bag of broken biscuits for one penny in there. In those days, when you paid at the counter, your money would be sent on a pulley system up to a lady sitting in a mezzanine workspace near the ceiling and she would then shoot any change back down. Next along the street was McRae's, another great general store. From there I would cross the highway, walk past the Roxy Picture Theatre to Queen Street and past the beautiful smell of pies coming from Barraclough's Bakery. Up the hill I went to McMaugh's Private Hospital which was always in such good order, maintained by a full-time gardener.

Marking the boundary was a series of connecting ponds with goldfish - a sort of moat. It was fascinating. If I was lucky, I would see Matron on the front steps. I was born there - not on the steps - in Room 11 in 1940.

-Peter Phillips, Uralla

What are the Chances?

I once had a small manufacturing business which consisted of making garden ornaments, bird baths and pots. We had customers as far away as Sydney. Our delivery van was a small Toyota bus that had a faulty boot and wouldn't shut properly. In order to keep it closed we had to jam two knives at the base. My wife, Clare, took a load to Sydney and lost the knives. Three months later I took a load to Sydney, pulled up at Windsor to stretch my legs and there on the ground was one of the knives. The odds of me finding that knife would possibly be billions to one. The knife remains in my display cabinet plus it does match the rest of our Willow cutlery set.

-Uncle Les Townsend

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is

5pm Thursday 30 March 2023.

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



MUSEUM NEEDS ATTENDANTS

McCrossin's Mill Museum is completely owned and operated by volunteers, and attracts thousands of visitors to Uralla each year. They love the place, both the fascinating museum and our charming township. We'll supply you with your new uniform shirt, on the job training, and cheery visitors from all over the world.

The enjoyment? Heaps. The pay? Sorry, nil.

Volunteer with a friend if you're shy!

If you're interested, why don't you contact Annie Mayo, 0448734357, annemayo@bigpond.com, or the Mill on 02 6778 3022, email museum@uhs.org.au

Support for Uralla Families



Helping Children and Families Association supports families with children under five who feel the need of a friend to walk with them through life's challenges. As a friendly face for parents and children, HCFA volunteers can lighten the load by visiting for two hours weekly. HCFA wants to help more Uralla families!

Family visits are enjoyable, rewarding and greatly appreciated. Volunteers have received training, are insured, and have Working with Children Check clearance.

Coordinator, Susan McPhee will be at Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre, 66B Bridge St. on Tues. March 21st 10-12 noon or Phone 0467 580 016 or email coordinator@hcfa.org.au

Wanted to Rent: Large Shed

- located within 20 kilometres of Uralla
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- ideally 120 sq metres or more
- terms negotiable

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ABC Backroads in Town

If you have ever watched ABC backroads and its exuberant host, Heather Ewart and her team, well look no further than our own little oasis of Uralla this week.

Heather and her team will be visiting Uralla from Monday the 20th until around the 28th of March filming an episode of Backroads for the 2023 season.

The Backroads research team contacted me back in late 2019 about doing an episode here in Uralla after a friend of the production team said it would be a great place to do a story and what an amazing area it was with some very interesting and unique businesses, people and stories to tell. Then COVID hit us all, and everything was put on hold until they could once again travel.

Then in late 2022, I was rung to be told that it was all back on track and they would be coming up in March to do a story. They had already made contact with several groups here in Uralla and I gave them some details of some more leads they might be interested in. And as they say, the rest is history. So, keep an eye out for the Backroads production team as I am sure they will want to talk to locals about what makes Uralla unique and such a great place to live. They will be also be attending the "Seasons of New England" festival on Saturday.

So, give them a wave and a smile and once we have a date for the show to air on ABC TV we will be letting everyone know. Let's show them what Uralla is all about and why we all love living here.

Russ French, Uralla

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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 March

***44th Annual Uralla Rotary Art Exhibition**, 17 - 27 March, Uralla Memorial Hall, 10am - 4pm daily.

***ZNET Uralla, Community Energy Event**, 7pm – 8.30pm, Monday 20 March at Uralla Community Centre, Please RSVP to coordinator@zneturalla.org.au or 0420 514 653.

***Service NSW, Mobile Service Centre**, Tuesday 21 March, 10am - 3 pm, Apex Memorial Park, 55 Bridge Street

***Walcha Energy (Salisbury Solar Project) Community Drop in Session**, 22 March, Uralla Bowling Club, drop in anytime between 4 and 7pm.

***Seasons of New England**, Saturday 25 March, Uralla Showground. 9am-5pm, followed by.....

***The Expo After Party**, Seasons of New England, live music, street food and bar, close at 10pm. See advertisement page 11.

***Uralla Shire Council, Council Meeting**, Tuesday 28 March 4pm at Uralla Shire Council Chambers, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla

***Walcha Energy (Salisbury Solar Project) Community Drop in Session**, 29 March, Uralla Bowling Club, drop in anytime between 4 and 7pm.

Thor Phillips Wows McCrossin's Mill



A fabulous gig by Thor Phillips (left above) and Brent Henshaw on Saturday 11 March at The Mill.

A professional musician who hails from the Northern Rivers area, Thor has played countless solo and band gigs across the country for over 14 years.

A small but very appreciative audience were captivated by Thor's mastery of the guitar. We were entertained for two hours of blues, folk and rock with Thor's fingers working overtime.

What sets Thor apart is his dynamic energy, his confidence with the guitar, his rich voice, and his willingness to be both powerful and vulnerable within the same song.

Thor's music refuses to be pigeon holed; most call him 'Alt. Country' or 'Roots'... but with a nod to folk, a stomp of bluegrass and dusting of Americana. Thor's original songs revealed a sensitive and sincere appreciation of lyrics, and he paid homage to two great lyricists, Bob Dylan and Paul Kelly. His final number was a cover of JJ Cale's "After Midnight". The crowd watched in amazement as Thor produced a rendition that was right up there with Eric Clapton and JJ Cale.

His new self-recorded, self-produced album Higher Ground (released September 2018) is his second full album showcasing a musical style that is rich and varied and songwriting that goes straight to the heart.

Don't miss Thor next time, when he returns in September.

Robert Anderson et al, Uralla Arts

The Hailstorm

The wind swept in nice and slow,
And the sparrows started swooping low,
Magpies rushed back to their nests,
Whilst the branches swept to and fro.

The rain began to fall quite lightly,
Then started getting more sprightly,
A lightning bolt struck afar,
Then hail began to fall on the tar.

The hail smashed hard on the roof iron,
Scaring the young pet cat Ryan,
It made quite a racket,
Now terrifying the bunny rabbit.

Then the hail started to slow,
And out came the birds like the crow,
They dug up the worms,
Who squirmed and squirmed.

Then the clouds began to go away,
Allowing the canaries to come out and play,
The rabbits came out again too,
And Ryan sighed, "Phew!"

Max Flame, Uralla

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Mobil	176.7	189.7
Puma	176.9	189.9
Invergowrie	182.0	195.0
BP	179.9	209.9
Kentucky	195.9	215.9

Prices as of Sun. 19 March 2023

Source: NSW FuelCheck



Seasons of New England

Sat 25th
March
2023

EAT / DRINK / SHOP / RELAX

Celebrate the Makers, Creators and Producers of the New England at the Uralla Showground



9am - 5pm - Over 120 Exhibitors - Sensational Shopping
Kid's Tent - Shaded Seating - Fabulous Food - Full Bar
\$5 entry, FREE for 14yrs and under
Followed by the Expo After Party from 5pm

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Driftwood
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Live Music from 9am - 10pm - Full Bar - Street Food - Kids Art Tent
120+ Makers, Creators & Producers from 9am - 5pm
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Official Opening of Uralla Solar Farm

Last Thursday the ACEN New England Solar Project was officially opened on site by Federal Minister Chris Bowen in the presence of an estimated hundred people. Killian Wentrup, Head of Solar Development ACEN Renewables Australia, said the project is one of the largest of its kind in NSW. Speaking on ABC New England North West, he explained the motivation for the solar farm came from the announcement of the closure of Liddell Power Station in the Hunter Valley. The planning phase began over five years ago. Construction started two years ago, in the middle of the Covid epidemic and the challenging weather conditions thrown up by La Niña. Despite this, the project to date has largely been running to schedule.

The first stage is currently feeding 100 MW into the grid, and in the months ahead this will increase to 400 MW. Stage 2, which has already been approved, will generate a further estimated 320 MW. Altogether, Mr Wentrup suggests this will almost certainly be the largest solar farm in Australia when completed, with just under one million solar panels installed.

At the peak times of construction there are upwards of 400 workers on site each day, approximately eighty per cent from the New England region. After the solar farm is fully up and running, a number of people will be based on site, but many of the jobs will be associated with contractors involved in maintaining fences, managing fire risk, controlling

pests, and the like.

Mr Wentrup expressed his appreciation for the support received from our local state member Adam Marshall, host landholders, the broader Uralla community, and for the involvement of First Nations people. He said it was humbling that a federal minister, Chris Bowen, was present at the opening. **-Editor**



Uralla, We Need Your Help

It's that time of the year again. Over the next week we will be getting ready for our annual Lantern Parade and we need volunteers to help prepare lanterns for sale at Seasons of New England. If you would like to be involved please contact Bob Anderson on 0412424718 or randerson84@bigpond.com

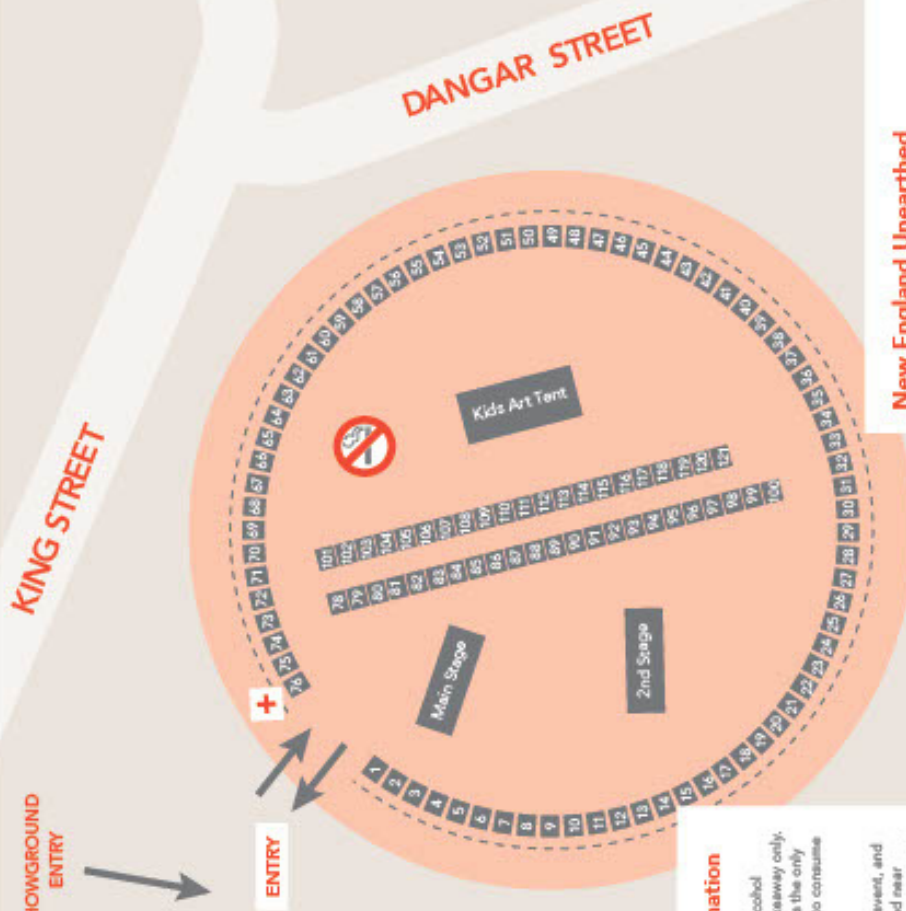
-Bob Anderson, Uralla Arts



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Producers, Makers & Creators Expo

Uralla Showground — Saturday 25th March, 2023



Important Information

Alcohol purchased from alcohol producers is strictly for takeaway only. The Seasons Bar (like 12) is the only place to purchase a drink to consume at the Expo.

As this is a family friendly event, and as smoking is not permitted near children's play area or food, we need to ask that you refrain from smoking at the Expo.

1	Summer Hill Honey	73	Cafe Patisserie	109	Beelike
2	Glen Olives	74	Walcha Roasted Coffee	110	MEA Baby Clothing & Accessories
3	Greenhill Orchards	75	The Cupcake Lady	111	DI Dee Crochet Designs
4	2 Wild Souls Meadery	76	Seasons Information Tent	112	Never Forgotten
5	Koala Black Garlic	77	First Aid	113	Kool Biz Creations
6	Farmyard Harvest	78	Anne Reilly Pottery	114	Uralla Arts
7	Stitches and Strokes	79	KS Garden Art	115	Real Deal Handspun Yarn
8	Guerrini Artworks	80	MIC Fire Tools & Knives	116	A & L Treasures
9	Country Creations by Michelle	81	Buddy & Missy	117	Healthwise
10	Anne's Brew	82	Onyx Castle	118	Project K
11	The Humble Cook	83	Wells Honey	119	Kinship Kitchen
12	Seasons Bar	84	Helen Grace Prints	120	Eve Flowers
13	Dale's Downtown Meats	85	Moodie and Sass	121	Doug's Hobby Woodwork
14	Panther Hand Painted	86	Touche Designs		
15	Freshly Berried	87	Highland Weave		
16	Harmony on Wheels	88	Calamity Jayne Designs		
17	Topper's Mountain Wines	89	Peg Leg Frida		
18	Castling Light	90	Design to Fab		
19	Aletheia Apothecary	91	FOUND Regional Magazine		
20	Yin Yang Kombucha	92	Back to Nature Co.		
21	Hard Bar	93	Sophie Blue Dog Treats		
22	Beca Bakes	94	The Blue Stamp		
23	ElyB ORGANIC SKINCARE	95	Ivy Home		
24	Sleepy Merino	96	3 Little Sheep		
25	The Welder's Dog	97	Lollipoppy		
26	Esdi Food	98	Sole Purpose Uralla		
27	Little Birdy Cold Drinks	99	Free Water Tent Elders Insurance		
28	Richard Moon Silver & Silverware	100	EL S Art		
29	Latenight Pottery	101	R7 Horsemanship		
30	Canvas Peg Bags	102	Thunderbolt Balm		
31	Chandler Co.	103	Grumpy's Ginger Beer		
32	Womblercraft	104	Settle Petal Design		
33	Raw Fibre	105	Anna Sutherland Design		
34	Leigh & Co Designs	106	Wildheart Candle Co.		
35	BellaFair Creations	107	Creeklane Flower Farm		
36	Allswat Fine Woodcraft	108	Pearls of Athena		

New England Unearthed

9.00am—9.45am	MC and the Squares
9.45am—10.45am	The Briny Sea
10.45am—11.30am	Chilli Jam
11.30am—12.10pm	Fergus Lupton
12.10pm—12.45pm	Ruby Rose Tito
12.45pm—1.20pm	Borderline
1.20pm—2.00pm	Drifwood
2.00pm—3.00pm	Max Jackson
3.00pm—4.00pm	Nine Year Sister
4.00pm—5.00pm	Ella Hooper
5.00pm—6.00pm	Vinnie & The Cuban Missiles
6.00pm—7.15pm	Terra Firma
7.30pm—7.50pm	Lantern Parade
7.50pm—8.50pm	King Canyon
8.50pm—10.00pm	The Badloves

Plan Your Day

The Expo runs from 9am—5pm
Music from 9am—10.00pm
Seasons Bar from 10am—10.30pm
Meals all day, until 10.30pm
Lantern Parade Muster at 7pm
Lantern Parade approx 7.20pm
Disabled access parking will be via Dangar St

