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Interest-free drought loan applications end soon

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, has urged debt-laden landholders and businesses to take advantage of two-year interest free loans before terms change on 30 September.

Currently, loans of up to \$2 million are available for farm businesses and up to \$500,000 for agriculture dependent small businesses from the Regional Investment Corporation (RIC).

These loans were announced by the Australian Government last year in response to the severe drought conditions that were being experienced in many parts of the country.

Loans can be used to refinance existing debt or fund activities such as replanting and restocking or operating expenses.

"This is a no-brainer," Mr Joyce said.

"Farms and businesses which have taken on extra debt can get the government to pick up the cheque on interest payments for 24 months, obligation-free.

"If you're an ag-dependent business, you can also use the no-interest loan period to pay suppliers, wages, rent or operating expenses while you get on top on your finances.



Pictured: Mr Barnaby Joyce

"Once the two-year period ends, you pay interest-only for the next three years, then principal and interest for the remaining five years of the 10-year loan term.

"To qualify for the two-year interest free period, applicants must submit a completed loan application to the Regional Investment Corporation on or before Wednesday 30 September 2020.

From 1 October, loan terms will change to a five-year, interest-only period, followed by principal and interest for the remainder of the loan.

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Barnaby Joyce, Member for New England.

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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.

Congratulations to Tamworth Regional Council for their positive action following the difficult decision to call off the 2021 Country Music Festival. Council has removed the requirement for temporary events to require development consent on public land, reserves, etc. They are hoping this will lead to a wide range of temporary events and activities. This amendment to their Local Environment Plan (LEP) is in accordance with the requirements of the Gateway Determination. This is a Department of Planning process to make minor amendments to the LEP. The reason this is of interest to the Uralla Shire residents is it highlights how this method and/or a simple Council resolution could solve any future debate around "retail" and "home businesses." Both the Department of Planning and our Local Member, Adam Marshall MP, have advised "this is a matter for Council." The key is Council wanting to support and encourage small to medium sized businesses outside the CBD.

Council has been advised that it will consider the General Manager's Performance Agreement at its next meeting. We need a strong focus on Community. We have a significant number of major projects including the Bundarra Sewer, Industrial Land Stage 1, upgrade of the Visitor Information Centre and the renewable energy proposals that will all require high level management. A major challenge will also be to balance Council's budget. The Community will also need confidence that projects comply with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act, such as tendering, and the Local Government Regulations around the correct authorisation for expenditure.

Last week I attended an information session put on by Thunderbolt Energy Hub for a 380MW wind farm and 120MW solar farm on the Uralla Shire/Tamworth Regional Council boundary. This project has already generated some resistance in the Kentucky area, and it still has a lot of hurdles to jump prior to gaining the necessary approvals prior to commencing construction. The property that my wife and I own at Kentucky South is outside the proposed development area. While all the current renewable energy projects on the drawing board in Uralla, Walcha, Tamworth and Armidale will provide a huge boost to regional employment during construction, the more difficult task will be to extend the benefits for each of these communities for the ongoing operation. The continuing direct benefit to affected landowners will provide a base income to support the rural industry.

This is highlighted by recent advice that 50% of the University of New England's college accommodation is currently vacant. Will it refill when Covid-19 is able to be managed, or will the rapid expansion of online learning continue?

Two things the rural community may have noticed in relation to their rates notices; the first is the fluctuation of the Valuer General's value over the last two years. The second is the incorrect information on your land area. Our block at Kentucky South has miraculously dropped from 47 hectares to 7 hectares! It's a shame the Council rates aren't calculated on land area.

The draft Local Strategic Planning Statement is available to view, and to comment on the Uralla Shire Council Facebook page and webpage. Council will hold an extraordinary meeting on September 29 to adopt the Statement with any agreed additions/alterations. Please take the time to read it.

Funding has finally been confirmed for the upgrade of the Visitor Information Centre. A tender for the work was approved in March. Thanks again to our Local Member, Adam Marshall MP for his work in relation to this.

The Uralla Antiques and Collectables Fair is still proceeding on the weekend of October 10 and 11. It will be held in the Uralla RSL Memorial Hall, and there will be an experienced appraiser in attendance. Entry will be by gold coin donation, and all profits will go to Uralla Fire and Rescue. Be sure to keep an eye out for Tinkerbell and the other fairies in Uralla on October 10.

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Robert Bell,
Uralla Shire Resident



Can Assist Uralla Annual Branch Meeting
Saturday 26th September 2020 2.00 pm
at the Uralla Bowling Club
Further information
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Vicki McLean PH: 6778 4353

Don't just sit there, do something!

Faced with such a direction, you could well respond with, "Yes but, what?"

The word 'What' is but one of six very important words used to begin an 'open' question.

Others are, who, when, where, why, and how. Closed questions usually only require a yes/no answer.

For example, questions beginning with the words do, will, are.

Although you just say you are just sitting there, you are doing something, and much faster than you could ever imagine. First of all, the Earth is revolving on its axis every 24 hours at the equator, at the rate of 1600 km/h.

But, wait there's more! The Earth is also travelling around the Sun each year at an orbital speed of 107,000 km/h. The universe itself is moving at a steady pace of 3,000,000 km/h. Then, there's the Milky Way, not just a pretty picture in the night sky, it is moving along at 2,100,000 km/h.

Let's take a rest.

All that works out at a 'combined' speed of 5,208,600km/h. Every 24 hrs 125,006,400km.

Every year 4.56273e10km. Lifetime (say 83 years) 3,78707e12km

Who said we weren't doing anything?

Barry Blair, Uralla resident



Beautiful spring bulbs coming to life, thanks to Linda Bell for sharing her garden



Uralla Historical Society Annual General Meeting 2020

The AGM of the Society was held on Sunday 20 September at McCrossin's Mill, with about 30 members in attendance.

The guest speaker was Ms Kate Jessep, General Manager, Uralla Shire Council, who spoke about her past experiences, including time in Timor L'este with the armed forces during the difficult period in the '90s. She outlined her views on the role of Council and community cooperation. A very positive address.

The president thanked all members and sponsors of the Society for their ongoing support. If you wish to become a member, please send an email to museum@uhs.org.au letting us know that you wish to join, or visit our website <http://uhs.org.au> to register.

The SAC Coordinator (Annie Mayo), Treasurer (Ronnie Porter) and President (Louis van Ekert) presented their reports.

The following members were elected as office bearers:

President:	Louis van Ekert
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Assistant Secretary:	Kay Sutton
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Assistant Treasurer:	Erica Barwell
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Grounds Manager:	Noel Marshall
Public Officer:	Ronnie Porter
Grants Officer:	Sylvana Ter Meulen
Maintenance Officer:	Phil Irvine (coordinator)

Appointment of Auditor: Carl Press

Next AGM is on Sunday 15 August 2021 at 3 pm.

Louis van Ekert, President, UHS

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\$500,000 Refurbishment for Uralla Visitor Information Centre

THE gateway to the New England is about to shine with a half-a-million-dollar refurbishment of the Uralla Visitor Information Centre (VIC) planned to entice potential tourists to stop, stay and spend in the town. Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today announced \$400,000 in State Government funding for the project which will increase the visitor center's visibility and provide the 'wow' factor needed to entice visitors to stop off in Uralla. The remaining \$100,000 is funded by the Drought Communities Extension Program. "Uralla is the first town travelers from the south arrive in after climbing the Moonbi Range, and as such really is the 'Southern Gateway to the New England,'" Mr Marshall said. "The Uralla VIC plays an important role in promoting sites and activities across the entire New England, however due to its current configuration there is limited space for local produce and tourism displays. "That will be rectified with the removal of a number of walls to create a more open and inviting space for visitors and staff. "To provide a relaxing place to stop and have a cuppa, a garden area is proposed at the rear at the VIC in the existing grassed area in front of the library. "The garden will have a small waterfall and native ground covers, shrubs and small trees planted throughout, with plans to include a 'bush tucker' area with interpretive signage providing information on traditional food sources utilised by the local Aboriginal community. "Benches will be constructed from old bridge timbers stored in the council depot and the existing disabled carpark is upgraded to comply with the standard. "This is an exciting development, which I think will greatly increase the number of people stopping into the visitor centre and choosing to stay and make the most of Uralla's hospitality." The Drought Stimulus Package has funded shovel ready infrastructure projects and emergency water security projects, putting cash into the economies of the state's hardest hit drought areas as well as towns doing it tough.

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

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Thank you.



Red Cross News

Uralla Red Cross have commenced meeting again after a COVID-19 enforced break. The last meeting was Friday 4 September and the next Friday 6 November. All welcome.

Unfortunately it has been necessary, because of COVID-19 restrictions, to cancel the popular Melbourne Cup lunch party usually held at McCrossins Mill. We hope for a great party next year.

A street stall was held in August with proceeds going to the Red Cross Beirut Explosion special appeal. Another street stall will be held just before Christmas.

Red Cross have announced that there will be no Christmas gift catalogue this year. However you can visit <https://www.redcross.org.au/shops> to find great gift ideas.

Phil Irvine, President, Uralla Branch of Australian Red Cross

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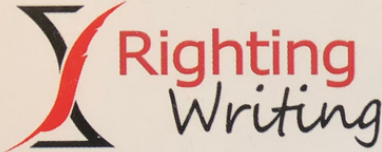
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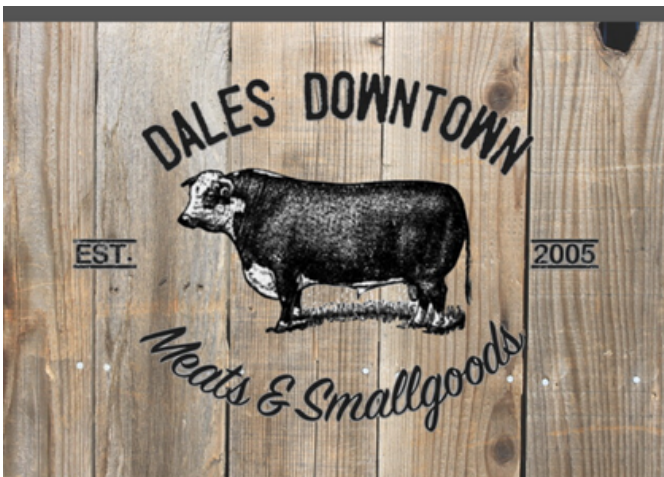


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For workshop information and bookings:

<https://www.facebook.com/UrallaSpringFairyDance>

Sunday Fairy Whisper

. . . . keep your eyes out for our special Fairy Mail Box . . . appearing soon at Burnet's Magical Bookshop . . . write your letter to our fairy friend Daphne and post it. Daphne has promised to answer every letter, so don't forget to let her know where you would like her reply sent.

And - please download a copy of the fairy drawing from our facebook page : Uralla Spring Fairy Dance, or collect a copy from the Uralla Visitor Information Centre.

Jo Sherrin, Fairy Co-ordinator

Uralla Based Artist Releases Single and Music Video



New England Committee
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Golf Day

4 Person Ambrose

- Sunday 18th October 2020
- Uralla Golf Club - Plane Avenue Uralla
- Rego - 9 am (Rego forms from Golf Club or Facebook - Relay For Life - Armidale NSW)
- Tee off - 10 am
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- Other Activities

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ARTIST PRESS RELEASE

Artist: Tim Godwin

Track: Hearts Mend

Release Date: September 18th '20

Label: Smash'D Av' Records

MUSIC VIDEO: [Official](#) // [Clean Edit](#)

DOWNLOAD: [Mp3 320](#) // [WAV](#)

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From The Artist:

"I've never been one for unchallenging art and most in the music world likely don't know the other side of me. That as being a nurse, specialised in, critical care.

I wrote this reflecting on the process of moving beyond burnout. I wanted to document what allows nurses, doctors and health professionals alike, to provide personalised and individualised care at an emotional distance.

There isn't a vocational worker alive that doesn't get affected by their work and I guess what I've found, is there is a need for a level of apathy when caring, if you will...

Yes you are being caring, compassionate, loving etc. but that is very different to caring for and loving your wife, friends and children. The reality is, especially in critical care, that people die and sometimes horrifically or worse still you are forced to hang onto the unviable longer than you feel you ought to.

I guess being apathetic to death and loss could be seen as an essential part of the job. You see it day in and out, but you also are a partner, wife, husband, parent etc. getting an income. At the end of the day, it's a job. You need to be able to care for the dying and critically ill, but also not give a f*** at all...As reflected in the chorus:

'Gotta give a few f***s before I try to pull them over'.

Caring, but not caring is the dissonance this song is about and producing it definitely has helped me have perspective on nursing and burnout." -Tim Godwin

Credits:

Produced, Recorded & Performed By: Tim Godwin, Smash'D Av' Records

Mixed By: Alex Mendoza, Eulogy Studios

Mastered By: Harvey O'Sullivan, Studios 301

Music Video Directed & Shot by: Don Cole & Lucas Cafarella

Music Video Edited by: Tim Godwin

Music Video Locations: The Old Walcha Hospital & The Armidale Teachers College

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RSL Sub-Branch Update

The Uralla Sub-Branch of the RSL has taken another leap forward recently with the RSL rooms now open on Thursday mornings as a Veterans and Families Drop in Centre.

Opening between 10am and 12pm, the Sub-Branch's Wellbeing Officer, Scott, will be in attendance and able to provide assistance to Veterans who may need advice on health issues or even who to talk to about pensions or financial matters. If you are a Veteran, partner of a Veteran, a family member is a Veteran or you know of a Veteran who doesn't even live in the area and you feel they need assistance, please don't hesitate in contacting us here at the Sub-Branch at any time. We can get them assistance quickly if required through one of the many support organisations such as Open Arms etc. If you find you need someone to talk to about a matter, then please pop on in and talk to Scott. All enquiries are private and confidential.

After a great meeting in August with 15 members in attendance we are looking forward to our next meeting being held on Sunday the 27th of September, kicking off sharply at 11am at the RSL Rooms, The Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street. Veterans of all services, including retired Reservists and CMF, current serving Defence personnel, serving Reservists, RSL members and RSL Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. See you all there. Lest We Forget.

Russ French, President Uralla Sub-Branch, RSL NSW

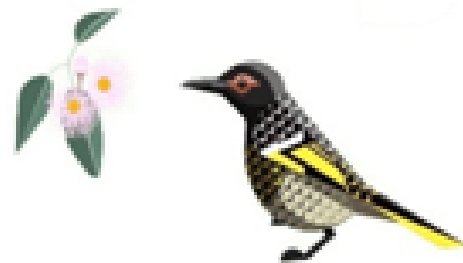


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Save the Regent Honeyeater Group is raising money for habitat planting for the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater. Come and visit us at the Uralla Street Store Mon 28th Sept – Sun 4th Oct to find out about this stunning nomadic honeyeater who used to visit this area in large numbers and whose population has declined to less than 400 wild birds.

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Andrew Murray's Diary

Friday May 25, 1860: (continued)

..... I was awakened by hearing a fizzling noise as if water had been thrown on the fire. As the wood did not require that, being difficult to “start”, presently footsteps towards the fire were heard and the whispered inquiry “What’s the matter?” and the low answer, “The billy is upset and the soup is all in the fire!” “Never mind” came next, “Fill it up, fill it up, they will never know.” So a visit to the water-hole was next. The precaution was taken not to put too much water on so as to have real essence! I dozed off again but just before daylight was awakened. Not by any noise, No! No! it was by the strong smell of something like burning boots or bullock’s horn. My boots were safe and as for the horn, there were no cattle in that part. The light air current was from the fire to the tent but one of the cooks seemed to get a whiff, for presently there was a loud sniffing and a whispered “I heard something burning!”, then a further whisper “The billy has boiled dry and the flesh is burning on the bottom of it.” Again the whispered “Fill it up! Fill it up!, they will never know.” A taste of kangaroo-tail soup was not unknown in my young days. At best I thought it poor, insipid liquid, but upon being filled up for the third time, well!, damper with salt junk is better. I dozed off again until “get up” was the order. I was not disappointed when I saw at first pint of brown liquor poured out. The first taste of it was enough. That soup with the ragged burnt flesh and bones was tipped out amongst the grass. Perhaps the faithful dog “Bluey” tried it but preferred hunger to that stew.

(Saturday May 26, 1860: undated in diary)

This was the end of our journey north, the furthest camp north today. Our horses’ heads were turned homeward from the land we started from on January 16th.

We had now to cast lots for our respective “runs” and mark the frontages in order to get a higher and drier camp as well as one where surprise attacks by natives would give us greater advantage in defending ourselves. We returned along our downward track. The long island between the anabranh and the river was very pretty country, long even-topped kangaroo grass over a long plain with isolated Morton Bay or Carbeen trees with vines growing on the top. Mr. McKay and I went down to the channel of the anabranh the bed of which was thickly grown with mangrove and other low scrubby bushes, so thick that we had to cut a track to get our horses over it. Riding on a mile or two we rejoined our party and returned to the camp of 24th May vicinity and, turning right, found a high isolated slate knoll with precipitous banks down to the river, which was deep. We camped here for a few days.

Sunday May 27, 1860:

Camped in a fairly secure place, there was no danger of blacks or crocodiles reaching us from the riverside which

took a bend round the nob we were camped on. Walking over the grass which had been laid by a flood I saw a black snake basking in the sun, which for want of a proper stick I could not kill. This was the only black snake I had seen since starting but many tree snakes were seen when we were droving the cattle between Walla Walla and Jin Jin Creek. Except the brown one killed near Archer’s Cattle station we had not seen any other.

Monday May 28, 1860:

We all drew lots for the positions of our “runs”. Barbra and I came next the cast. We then cast lots for the sides of the river. Jovanna Barbra’s lot fell to the north side and mine to the south, which on the frontage was far the best country we had seen. We started to mark the lower boundary of my first block with an American axe and a chisel; we went as near the mangrove as we could get a large tree – a ti tree about 3ft 6 in. in diameter. This tree was near the S.E. bank of the river. (My brand was “M”). From here we returned, timing our horses. When we considered we were five miles up the river, we marked a red gum and made for the camp.

Tuesday May 29, 1860:

This morning Barbra and I crossed the river. I rode Whalebone and in walking over the smooth slate boulders I slipped and fell on my knee, cutting it. We found a crossing place which did not seem very deep, the water was so clear. On going into it, however, we found it almost swimming depth. Being now on the north side of the river, we went down as far as time would permit and got on to a creek which we followed down to where it spread over the country. I do not like this country, there is too much water lying about. Marked a tree for Barbra, returned and marked another. I tracked a blackfellow who had lost his bit toe, the track being plain in the soft damp soil. In camp we heard a low deep bellowing sound which we took to be from a crocodile, of which there were many in the deep water holes.

Wednesday May 30, 1860:

Today Barbra and I went up the river marking my top and John McKay’s lower tree, a large red gum. On one side “M” and on the other “IM”. The south line crossed a lagoon, leaving a high ridge above the lagoon on McKay’s side for a building site. A green vine scrub on a high hill to the S. West from this site decided McKay to call his station “Green Mount”. A reedy lagoon was in front of it. Barbra and I ran the south line a considerable distance back and marked a silver leaf iron bark tree “M” on the N.E. side and “IM” on the S. West. We then returned to the camp. Duke not well and Robison ailing. The nights were cold and the water in the river was colder than one would expect. McCrossin, whose run bounded Barbra’s on the N.W. side of the river, was to mark for Barbra, as we had marked for McKay and myself today.

To be continued

Community Calendar

Please email 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 is on Wednesday from 6.30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex

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

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Meeting 12.30pm Tuesday 24th September 2020 at the Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Uralla Can Assist Annual Branch Meeting 2pm Saturday 26th September, Uralla Bowling Club

Uralla Spring Fairy Dance Saturday 10th October, more details on Facebook : [urallaspringfairydance](https://www.facebook.com/urallaspringfairydance)

Relay For Life Golf Day 4 person ambrose, Uralla Golf Club, Sunday 18th October from 9am. RSVP to Theo Groen 0403 683 314 by 15th October

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Dear Editor,

I await from Council a policy on whether or not our Shire's small home-occupation businesses are able to sell goods via 'silent' sales channels (e.g social media or website) where customers do not visit the home location.

In the past, Uralla Shire Council permitted sales to the end user provided shoppers did not visit the premises. This was considered a home occupation not requiring consent - i.e. no Development Application (DA).

Under a home occupation, it also didn't matter whether the product being sold 'silently' was made at the premises or not. These were small operations, not open to the public, with no staff. Many of these businesses have been operating for a number of years with little or no impact on the local amenity but with a powerful social and economic impact for our community. Small businesses start somewhere and some, after proving their business model, move into larger premises and grow into substantial businesses. They just need a low risk start, and Uralla Shire Council USED TO support them in starting from home.

The new world in the Uralla Shire now is that products sold to the end user by any means (including 'silent' sales channels) are now only permitted with consent (by lodging a DA, and the associated fees). The DA can only be granted where businesses make onsite ALL the products they sell. It is unclear what other conditions would be applied to this consent, if it is granted.

Services are confirmed as allowed (mechanics and massage therapists specifically given the green light by council staff), but selling goods through silent means are out. Services are in, but delivering your handmade products to the post office are out. I can drive my car to the 'mechanic next door', but not to the post office. Presumably you can drive your products to the farmer's market, or in bulk to a retailer but not deliver to a someone at home or to the post office... I think you can see how silly this is?

This **new** direction could force a large number of businesses into our zones that allow commercial premises - more than we could ever have space for - but with closed shopfronts because they are only operating online and do not want customers coming to their business address. Imagine a main street where half the businesses had closed doors and blank windows.

This current deviation from previous practice is a change in 'course', instigated by Council's staff, without direction from Councillors.

This change has been made with no regard to the time and money invested by home-based businesses, usually based on Council advice in the past.

With at least 3,500 registered Australian Business Numbers (ABN's) in the Uralla Shire, a conservative estimate of businesses operating outside the new version

of the rules would be a minimum of two hundred.

These businesses need certainty.

In the Uralla Shire we are a community of can-do people who are trying to help ourselves and we are being held back by a bureaucracy gone mad. If like me you are concerned and think this matter needs more airtime, please communicate with our Councillors, and you can sign my petition at: www.change.org/letthemtrade

Sincerely

Andrew Toomey, Uralla resident

Online sale = retail sale = illegal without consent = you must lodge a DA = fee + time + uncertainty = increased workload for council staff = special rate variation.

**Support small businesses
selling online from home!
#letthemtrade**



**Scan the QR Code above OR go to :
www.change.org/letthemtrade**

Selling online from home has previously been permitted without consent in the Uralla Shire. Selling products made by others is now prohibited at a home address entirely. The rules have been changed without reference to Councillors. With elections postponed and a minority of Councillors willing to listen, we need a petition to effect change. This petition will go to the State government as well as to Uralla Shire Council. Please sign and help get this madness resolved. Uralla Wordsworth has updates and more details via Letters to the Editor. #letthemtrade / letthemtrade@gmail.com

First direct wireless message from

Caernarfon Wales to Wahoonga New South Wales

THE FIRST DIRECT WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM BRITAIN TO AUSTRALIA.

September 22nd 1918

It was only 102 years ago this month that a historical event in the development of world-wide communications occurred when the first direct WIRELESS messages were received and sent from Wahoonga NSW. to Carnarvon, Wales!

Our family grew up in Wahoonga and many times I passed the Monument pictured, located on the corner of Stuart and Cleveland Streets, not knowing its significance. The house, known as 'Lucania' was owned by Ernest T. Fisk, born in England in 1886.

Working at Sandhirst Post Office he learnt morse code and became a telegraphist. In 1905 he joined the Marconi Company as a wireless operator, arriving in Australia in 1910, setting up wireless sets on Australian Ships. He later became Managing Director of the newly formed Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd (AWA), and was a dominant figure in the development of the Australian Electronics industry.

There was a Marconi Transatlantic Station located at Waunfawr, near Carnarvon, Wales. Fisk had his experimental wireless station in the house at Wahoonga, designed by him and the staff of AWA.

It was agreed by the then Prime Minister, the Right Honorable W. M. Hughes, that Ernest Fisk and the Marchese Marconi arrange for the first exchange of a direct wireless message between Waunfawr, Wales and Wahoonga NSW on September 22nd 1918.

The exchange occurred between W.M. Hughes and the British Minister for the Navy, the Right Honorable Sir Joseph Cook G.C.M.G

Details were as follows:

"I have just returned from a visit to the battlefields where the glorious valour and dash of the Australian troops saved Amiens and forced back the legions of the enemy, - filled with greater admiration than ever for these glorious men and more convinced than ever that it is the duty of their fellow citizens to keep these magnificent battalions up to their full strength"

W.M. Hughes - Prime Minister.

The reply was:

"The Royal Australian Navy is magnificently bearing its part in the great struggle, - the Spirit of the sailors and soldiers alike is beyond praise. Recent hard fighting was brilliantly successful but makes reinforcements imperative. Australia hardly realises the wonderful reputation which our men have won, every effort being constantly made here to protect Australia's efforts"

Joseph Cook - Minister for the Navy.

As Prime Minister from 1915 to 1923, W.M. Hughes was asked to dedicate the Wahoonga Monument in 1935 and said in his speech,

"Wireless was a miracle which had opened up a new world far more spacious than that discovered by Columbus. Nothing would do so much to promote International peace as that Modern Miracle."

These early inventors of wireless communication would be absolutely amazed at the development that has taken place now that we have the Internet, instantaneous Mobile phone connections round the world, transmission of photos from Space and voice recognition. I wonder what the next 100 years will bring?

Note: The above information has been put together from discussions with an old Church member who lived in Fisk's house at Wahoonga and a personal friend, Joe Harris, Vice president of the Wireless Institute of Australia.

Gordon Fuller
Uralla resident



Marconi Long Wave Transmitting Station, Cefn Du, Waunfawr

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A qualified carer or Registered Nurse is sought for approx. 20 hours per week. Hours may include evenings, and occasional nights, weekends and public holidays.

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Please send a detailed resume, list of certificates inc. police clearance etc. to

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Friends of McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre Inc.

Annual General Meeting
Monday 12th October 2020 2pm
Uralla Bowling Club
Further Information:
Rosemary Reading 0412163444
Sue Wilkinson 67784747



McMaugh Gardens (archive photo)

Uralla Bowlo Hosts Thunderbolt Pairs

Last weekend, 5th and 6th September, saw 20 teams take part in the annual Thunderbolt Pairs Bowling Competition, with each team playing 6 rounds across the two days. Uralla President Alan Rummery thanked everyone from across the Northern Tablelands who participated, making the event successful even with Covid-19 restrictions.

Kootingal, ably led by G Hemmings, took out top prize money, with a total point score of 115, followed closely by Armidale City, skippered by G Latham, on 104. Third place went to the Uralla men's team led by Gary Kliendienst.

The Uralla Women's Club President, Phyllis Dade, also entered a team in the competition, and four ladies shared the honours across the two days of play. Other Club members kept busy selling raffle tickets, and keeping the tea and biscuits flowing. President Alan Rummery rewarded us with the proceeds of the raffle, \$311. We thank him and the Uralla Bowlo for their generosity.

We had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the two days of play. We also managed to get a group photo of ourselves and our opponents from Barraba following our last game of the competition.

Congratulations to the winners and all who participated.

Pauline Crouch
Publicity Officer, Uralla Women's Bowling Club



Thunderbolt Pairs Uralla

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is now some years since Council closed the café adjoining the Visitor Information Centre, putting long-term tenants Bruce and Bev Stubberfield out of business and depriving them of an asset they had built up over many years. The café has remained closed ever since.

We need some young blood on Council, independent and motivated to make the community prosper. Just go to a meeting and see who controls most decisions.

It seems some decisions are coming from employees (who don't live in the area), stifling growth and to the detriment of the shire. Council should be responsible for these decisions. Further, expenses incurred by the mayor and councillors should be made public, as it is all ratepayers' money.

Denise Doran, Uralla Resident

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Uralla SHIRE

is delighted to support an amazing morning for those of us that aspire to grow abundant food.

Jane Pickard, a scientist and Permaculture teacher, along with her business partner and fellow Permie, Ray South and handy, creative husband Peter Berkley are together working to transform a barren, windswept 40 acres into a multifaceted agroforestry system using permaculture design and regenerative agriculture approaches.

Come and see different varieties of vegetables that they have proven to grow well here, as well as tree varieties progressing well.



Banded Bee Farm Tour

Sunday Sept 27th

10.30am-12.30pm

192 Dumaresq Rd
Saumarez Ponds

Entry by Gold Coin Donation

bandedbeefarm.org FB: Banded Bee farm

Due to Covid19 please register your interest at

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We encourage you to carpool with friends

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