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Marshall Lambasts NEON Wind Farm

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has delivered an ultimatum to renewable energy developer NEON Energy regarding its controversial Thunderbolt wind farm proposal, near Kentucky, telling them to either listen to the community and dramatically adjust their project or “bugger off” out of the region.

The almost 70-turbine proposal attracted more than 90 individual local submissions against the project during the recent public exhibition period – a record for any project in the region, according to Mr Marshall.

The local MP yesterday met with NSW Energy Minister Matt Kean and Energy Corporation of NSW representatives telling them the region was not simply a welcome mat for developers to walk over in the pursuit of profits at the expense of the region's assets.

He also sought and received their support to have the company re-work its proposal to better align with community expectations.

“The local community and I are determined to force NEON to go back the drawing board, if it wants any chance getting a project across the line in our region,” Mr Marshall.

“We welcome and strongly support good renewable energy developments, but we're not just going to accept any old project thrust upon us – they must align with our region's values and not detract from our assets or existing industries.

“Even though this project is not covered by the rules of the Renewables Energy Zone, having been lodged before the REZ was created, it still must establish support in the community before it can proceed.

“I have not seen a renewables project attract so much



Photo caption: Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, right, met with Energy Minister Matt Kean yesterday in State Parliament about the community's opposition to NEON Energy's Thunderbolt wind farm proposal.

detailed and widespread criticism and opposition, which pretty much says it all.

“If NEON fails to listen, this latest venture will go the same way as its last proposal – the ill-fated Saumarez Solar Farm – it will be consigned to history's recycling bin.

“I thank Minister Kean for his understanding of our concerns and support

“I again urge NEON to dramatically alter its proposal or simply bugger off and leave our region alone.”

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

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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. Cllr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.

The NSW Farmers Federation and Uralla Shire Council have arranged for Energy Co. to address all interested parties on the Renewable Energy Zone update. This meeting will be held at the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Salisbury Street, on Wednesday August 24 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. You can register to attend on the NSW Farmers website; however you do not need to be a member. To give you an idea of the task ahead, last Wednesday, NSW's energy supply was provided by: Coal 80%, Hydro 10%, Gas 5% and Renewables (mainly wind) 5%.

Councillors and staff received an update on progress at the New England Solar Farm. With over 15% of the solar panels erected and excellent progress on the substation and Transgrid power connection, it is wonderful that the project is coming together. Needless to say the wet weather continues to be challenging. There were 390 staff on site last week. I am reliably informed that the "Little Birdy" coffee van is an outstanding success. Not sure if the ladies have to wear steel capped boots and fluoro clothes though! Plans are well underway to increase the battery storage from 50MW/1 hour to 400MW/1 hour. While I appreciate the difficulty of having site tours during construction, maybe the company can provide virtual tours via drones.

With regard to Internet access, Council has invited David Crough, NBN Local Manager Hunter New England Regional Development & Engagement, to address a Council workshop on September 13. More details on the time will be provided as Council has a number of separate presentations on the Agenda for the day. The community is keen to better understand the relationship with the service providers and the increase in satellite services. One of the items we are discussing with Renewable Energy Companies is how their project may be able to increase mobile phone and internet service, as their operations are dependent on good communications.

Thank you to the Executive of the Uralla Branch of the Hospital Auxiliary for inviting me to address their Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to Faye Carson, Bev Niland and Bev Stubberfield who were elected once again to lead the organisation. In my address, I expressed my admiration for the volunteers being able to recommence operations in the kiosk at Armidale Hospital, and despite Covid restrictions, still be able to purchase over \$6,000 worth of equipment to assist the medical staff and patients. I stressed that the debate around demerging Hunter & New England Health in no way reflected on the staff or the volunteers. The meeting was held at the

Lockheed Martin site and we were given an excellent address by Darren Dwyer, Site Manager, on the history and role of the satellite tracking station. While there are five staff currently employed, this can increase when a launch is in progress. There may also be a possibility that this number will increase in the near future. We were all left in amazement at the number of satellites currently circling the earth.

Wonderful to see work commenced on the upgrade to the "Bottom Pub." Peter and Sally Strelitz have an excellent business plan, and, like the Uralla community, I am keen to see it be highly successful. Peter and Sally also own Milly Hill Pty Ltd, famous for their fat lambs.

The Hon Adam Marshall MP and I were honoured to be able to attend the presentation of National Emergency Medals to forty-six recipients from Uralla and Walcha Shire Rural Fire Service Brigades. Over 70 volunteers were eligible for the award. The presentation was carried out by Superintendent Stuart Watts, Acting North-Eastern Area Commander, representing the Commissioner, and Superintendent Paul Metcalfe, District Manager, New England Zone. It is the volunteers who are the heart and soul of the services. I also reminded all in the room to take a keen interest in the findings of the recent floods and the impact on the S.E.S and Resilience NSW, to ensure the fabric of the Rural Fire Service was not negatively impacted. At the Council meeting to be held on August 23, one of the items to be discussed will be the scope change options for the refurbishment of the Uralla Court House. The Council meeting will commence at 4pm.

I would like to extend congratulations to the Uralla Community Co-operative Ltd for the distribution of surplus funds amounting to \$22,400 to twenty-nine community organisations in Uralla Shire. Keeping the Op Shop open five days a week, and the reclamation yard open 2 days per week is a big commitment, and totally relies on volunteers, and of course, the Uralla community continually donating items for resale.

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Robert Bell
Uralla Shire Resident



Bundarra Celebrates CWA Awareness Week

Mark Saturday 10 of September 2022 in your diary folks because Bundarra is celebrating CWA Awareness Week. There will be a bunch of activities happening in town on that day starting with the official unveiling of the Commemorative Seat in front of the General Store at 9.30am.

The CWA (Country Women's Association) will be featuring a large display in the School of Arts Hall from 10am-3pm that will feature information about the CWA, handicrafts on display and for sale as well as morning, afternoon tea for sale and a cake stall. There will also be demonstrations of various handicrafts running all day.

The town of Bundarra will also have the Court House Museum and the Bundarra Bottle Museum open to the public on this day from 10.30am - 3pm. Admission is \$5 for both museums. For a bite to eat you can grab lunch at the Commercial Hotel Bundarra between 12-2pm or pop down to Long Evity Country Kitchen for tea, coffee and a healthy bite all day between 9.30am-5pm.

While in town check out The Bridge Stores to see their collection of antiques, local creativity, books, collectables and jewellery. Pop down to Seekers Garden and Nursery and have a wander around the beautiful cottage garden where you will find the first of the blossoms coming into flower and visit the nursery on site to purchase some of these treasures.

Andrea Robinson, Bundarra CWA



Denise Friedman from WIRES New England accepting a cheque for \$1300 from Linda Bell, Secretary, Uralla Community Cooperative.

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Mobil	168.9	199.9
Puma	171.9	199.9
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BP	177.9	211.9
Kingstown	215.9	-
Kentucky	219.9	245.9

Uralla Community Street Store
 22-28 August
 CWA Uralla
 29 August - 4 September
 Legacy Club - Uralla Sub Branch
 Call Uralla Shire Council
 to book - 6778 6300

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wanted to reach out to you to request permission to distribute the Wordsworth directly to our Uralla clients. We already do this with the Armidale Times each month and I have neglected to contact you to ask if I can be sent an electronic version of the Wordsworth, which we will print and deliver to all our Uralla clients each fortnight. I know the connection to community news is very much appreciated so I think this will be a benefit to these people who may not otherwise access a copy. Would that be OK?

Kind Regards,
Kerryn Williams, Manager,
Armidale/Uralla Meals on Wheels Inc.
Thank you Kerryn for making the Uralla Wordsworth available to a larger audience - Eds.

Uralla Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

When: Sunday the 18th September 2022 at 10am
 Where: Uralla tennis clubhouse

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UWBC One Among Many

Uralla Women's Bowling Club were just one group among the many that last Wednesday were invited by the Uralla branch of the Regional Australia Bank to attend a breakfast get-together at the Top Pub.

Around 40 local organisations, who have joined with the Regional Australia Bank in their Community Partnership Program, came together to show their appreciation of the bank's commitment to our small community. Our appreciation also goes to those who live and bank in Uralla, and whose generosity ends up benefiting the many groups we saw represented at the Top Pub on Wednesday.

Every little bit helps, and many groups are highly deserving of the amount of money they received.

These groups work tirelessly to relieve the pain and stress under which some people in our community live.

The amounts that groups realised by participating in this partnership scheme ranged from about \$50 to over \$17,000 in this last financial year. I'm sure that each and every one of these groups feels just as the ladies of the Uralla Bowling Club do. We are just so proud that the Regional Australia Bank and our local community feel that we are worthy of their consideration. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Uralla branch of the Regional Australia Bank is now the only bank in Uralla. We love that they are showing their commitment to our town by themselves becoming a valued part of our vibrant community.

Pauline Crouch, Publicity Officer
Uralla Women's Bowling Club



Pauline Crouch & Phyllis Dade proudly show off their certificate

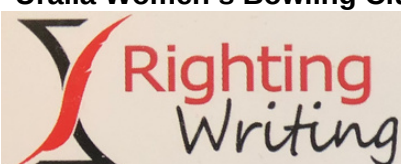
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The 42nd UHS
Annual General Meeting
at McCrossin's Mill Museum
& Function Centre
SUNDAY, 28 AUGUST, 2022
3pm sharp.

BOOK LAUNCH
Ian Handley's
"THE LAND OF THE MCCROSSINS"

Refreshments served at 4pm.
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Uralla's Lace Links To Antwerp

Thanks to the recently opened 'Spaces Make Lace' Janice Jones's lace collection at McCrossin's Mill, the connection of Uralla to the international lace community has grown stronger. Our recent visit to Antwerp is a good example of this.

On Thursday 30 June we visited the 'Lace Room' museum in the St. Carolus Borromeus Church on the Hendrik Conscience square in the centre of the beautiful city of Antwerp. Our guide was the lovely and very knowledgeable Nora Andries, one of the volunteers at the Lace Room. She is a good friend of Vicki Taylor of the local New England Lace Group, and it was Vicki who had suggested we contact Nora for a visit. Normally, the museum is only open on Wednesdays, and we felt very privileged that Nora made an exception for us, even more so because we were the first visitors after the end of the Covid restrictions. Nora told us that she visited Uralla in 2004, and has very fond memories of her visit. I handed Nora some documentation about our own lace exhibition and opening at McCrossin's Mill.

The church is a fine example of baroque architecture, and was built by the Jesuits between 1614 and 1621. It raised eyebrows at the time of building due to its lavish decorations and expensive materials and fittings, with the Jesuit Generalate in Rome intervening to urge austerity rather than excess. Not surprising, as Ignatius of Loyola founded the Jesuit order on the principle of evangelical poverty.

The lace collection on the first floor of the church comprises only pieces used in the church itself over the years, with all pieces produced in Antwerp and environs, including Brugge, Mechelen (Malines) and Brussels. A large part of the collection consists of linen pieces, embellished with lace and lace ruffles, from the 17th century, but the collection has pieces dating from the 16th to the 20th centuries. Antwerp was an important centre of lace trade in the Southern Netherlands in the 17th and 18th centuries, due in part to the city being the largest port in Northern Europe in that period.

Lace used for church linens was basically the same as that used for laity's clothing, and thus the lace on display in the church can also be seen in contemporary depictions of wealthy citizenry, for example in paintings by Van Dyck and Rubens, and indeed in Uralla's own lace exhibition. There are however also special lace designs for ecclesiastical textiles on display, such as depictions of Mary, bunches of grapes, ears of corn, and other religious motifs.

Special mention should be made of the communion rail cloth, composed of fragments of a Lenten curtain dating from around 1621. The lace squares which constitute the cloth are filet lacework depicting the life of St. Ignatius,



The interior of the St Carolus Borromeus church

joined by open embroidery. The designs of the filet lacework squares go back to Peter Paul Rubens. This rail cloth has been copied by the Antwerp lace group, and it is this copy that now adorns the altar of the church.

A truly beautiful collection and a very worthwhile visit. If you ever find yourself in Antwerp on a Wednesday, I recommend you pay the church and its Lace Room a visit.

Louis and Wendy van Ekert, Uralla residents



The copy of the communion rail cloth on the church altar



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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 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

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 Showgrounds

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 & Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm, 18 Uralla St North, (old Scout Hall site) Ph 0419151253, Hours usually extended in Daylight saving. E urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre Monday by appointment, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm 67711457 0419149244 E: 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 - 12noon 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 and third Tuesdays of the month, 10am. New members are warmly welcomed to join us. Phone 0438433735

Uralla and District Uniting Church meets Sundays at 9.30am for worship. Our Church is situated on the cnr of Hill and Maitland Streets, Uralla. Our Church is at present undergoing renovations and we are meeting in the adjoining Church Hall at 29 Maitland St, Uralla. The hall is also a warmer option for our weekly worship. The 1st Sunday of each month is a communion service and we welcome all people to join us. For enquiries, please contact Bronwyn Wilson. Phone: 0403699464

Events for August - September

Uralla Shire Council, Ordinary Council Meeting, Tuesday 23rd August, 4pm Council Chambers

NSW Farmers Federation & Uralla Shire Council, Energy Co. Renewable Energy Zone update, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Salisbury Street, Wednesday August 24, 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

BCT Information Session, Northern Inland koala conservation tender, 26 August 2022, 10am - 3pm, Kentucky General Store

CWA Awareness Week, Saturday 10 September, Bundarra
Councillor Community Session, Uralla Shire Councillors will hold a community engagement session - free sausage sizzle at the Saumarez Ponds (Barry Munday) Recreation Reserve on Saturday, 17 September 2022 from 11am - 2pm

CWA NSW Centenary, Saturday 12 November 2022, Gostwyck Station.

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Surprise For Uralla Seniors & Pensioners

Last week the members of the Uralla Seniors and Pensioners Association received an unexpected boon. Christina Goodwin from the Uralla Coop made a visit to the Bowling Club where the Seniors and Pensioners were holding their monthly meeting. The executive knew why she was there, but the other members had no idea. It was wonderful to see the surprise and delight on their faces as Christina presented our President Maggie Taggart with a cheque for \$400. We were lucky enough to be one of the groups to receive a share of the money the Coop had raised from the sale of donated goods. We owe them a huge vote of thanks. We appreciate the work that they do within our community by supplying a place for our residents to offload their unwanted items, many of which then become highly desirable purchases for other people.

We also want to thank the person who nominated our Association to be one of the contenders for this largesse. That day set the seal on an enjoyable month for our Seniors and Pensioners group. We started the month with another visit to the Uralla Golf Club for lunch. Our members so enjoyed their visit the previous month, that they asked to do it again. As before, Brett and Peta made us very welcome, inviting us in to the warmth of the club away from the cold and miserable weather outside. While Peta prepared our meals, it was lovely to sit and sip a mug of hot coffee, though some preferred a glass of wine, while we caught up with what had been happening since we last got together.

Pauline Crouch, Secretary
Uralla Seniors & Pensioners Association Inc.



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Thanks From Friends

Friends of McMaugh Gardens wish to thank two fantastic business houses of Uralla for their continual support.

Firstly, a big thank you to the Regional Bank Uralla Branch. This year we received a donation of \$5,989.07 made to us through the "Community Partnership Program." We wish to thank all the community members who support us through this amazing program.

Next, we wish to thank the Uralla Co-Op for the generous donation of \$900. Thank you to the Co-Op and their committee for their support again this year. The Co-Op is an amazing business for Uralla and the community, and for so much support to be put back into the community is wonderful.

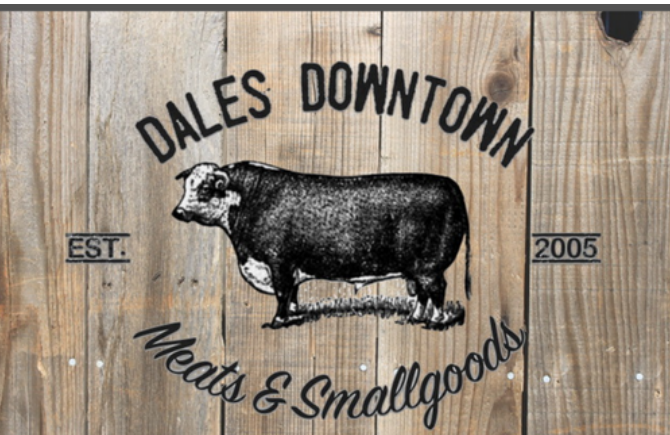
These funds will be used to assist us to buy equipment or services to assist in the enhancement of the lives of the residents of McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre. We have quite a wish list to look at for McMaugh Gardens, so we ensure you this will be spent wisely.

Once again, a big thanks to you all. Your donations are very well appreciated.

Rosemary Reading, Secretary,
Friends of McMaugh Gardens.



Linda Bell presenting Sue Wilkinson a cheque for \$900.



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Uralla's Colourful History

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The only published history of Uralla, Ian Handley's, "The Land of the McCrossins", was first produced in 1975, and promptly sold out.

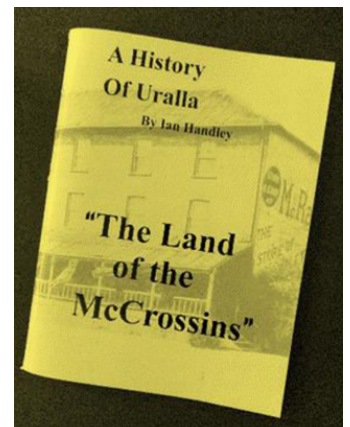
Now, that original work, with the author's permission, has been slightly amended, and reprinted by Ascent Printery in Armidale, on behalf of Uralla Historical Society.

The entertaining and most informative text is arranged in four chapters: "Our Early Pastoral History"; "Rocky River"; "A Township Develops"; and, (there's no escaping it), "Captain Thunderbolt"; all with a splendid collection of early B&W photographs.

Ian will introduce this wonderful new edition of his book on Sunday, 28 August, at McCrossin's Mill at 4pm, immediately following the Historical Society's AGM which starts at 3pm sharp. (New members are most welcome to join up from 2.30pm. Subscription: \$15 Single; \$25 Family.) Refreshments will be served during the Book Launch. Signed copies of "The Land of the McCrossins" will be available at \$15. However, we heard a rumour that this fascinating book is already on sale at the Mill!

Ann Hacker

Hon Publicity Officer, UHS



At a breakfast at the Top Pub last Wednesday August 10, Uralla CanAssist, (represented by MaryAnn Munsie and Vicki McLean), amongst other worthy recipients, were presented with \$17,218.76 as part of RAB's Community Partnership Program.

CWA NSW Centenary

As part of the CWA of NSW 100 year celebrations Uralla CWA will be hosting an Open Garden at Gostwyck Station

Gostwyck Station Open Garden

A fundraising event for Uralla CWA

e: urallacwa@proton.me

Save The Date:

Saturday

12th Nov 2022



Original General Store, corner of Bridge and Hill Streets, now Subway, and McCrossin's Post Office Stores, now the site of Foodworks. Imagine this with its colourful signage!

Northern Inland Koala Conservation Tender



BCT Information sessions

Northern Inland Koala conservation tender

If you're in the Armidale or Uralla LGAs, you could be eligible for the Northern Inland Koala conservation tender. Successful applicants will enter a conservation agreement and earn annual payments to protect koala habitat. These sessions will provide all necessary information about the tender and application process.

RSVP by 4 August 2022 via Eventbrite
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Armidale

Thursday, 11 August 2022
Armidale City Bowling Club
92-96 Dumaresq Street
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Uralla

Friday, 12 August 2022
Uralla Bowling Club
52 Hill Street
10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Guyra

Wednesday, 24 August 2022
Guyra Bowling Club
192 Bradley Street
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Bundarra

Thursday, 25 August 2022
Bundarra Commercial Hotel
16 Bendemeer Street
10:30 am – 1:00 pm
(*20 person limit)

Drop-in sessions

AgQuip

16–18 August 2022

Wongabinda Hall

23 August 2022
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Kentucky General Store

26 August 2022
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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- International Engagement Fund (via Arts Projects)

OPEN NOW | CLOSING 30 OCTOBER: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GRANT: Skills Development Grants provide funding to volunteer museums and museum networks for regional or state focused skill development training and networking events. There are no set categories for funding, and applications for a broad range of projects will be considered. Skills Development Grants are open to museums and Aboriginal Cultural Centres (with artefact collections and displays) with up to two full time paid staff members (no more than 70 hours of paid staffing per week) as well as museum networks such as Museums Australia Chapters. More info here: <https://bit.ly/3Lp8wVn>

ONGOING - RAF QUICK RESPONSE GRANT NSW: Quick Response Grants offer funding for regional artists, arts organisations and communities to respond to unique arts opportunities that present themselves at very short notice. The Quick Response Grants will continue to support immediate need that arises where the activity is unable to be planned for or supported in other funding rounds, for example taking up professional development, skills development or small project opportunities at short notice. Maximum funding \$5000. <https://bit.ly/3pamCjI>

ONGOING - SMALL PROJECT GRANTS (QUICK RESPONSE): Funding of between \$500 and \$5000 is available to support NSW-based professional artists and arts/cultural workers (including museum workers) to build their capability, portfolio of work, audience and/or market. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3KdPBfI>

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Community Messages

Uralla Historical Society AGM The 42nd UHS Annual General Meeting at McCrossin's Mill Museum & Function Centre Sunday, 28 August, 2022, 3pm sharp. Membership subscriptions payable from 2pm. New members are welcome to join our great team to help conserve and promote Uralla's unique heritage.

Book Launch - Ian Handley's "The Land Of The McCrossins", Refreshments served at 4pm.

Nominations for director of the Co-op

Any financial member wishing to nominate for election to the board as a Director should submit a nomination to the Secretary (Linda Bell lindabell525@hotmail.com) before 2pm on **Saturday 27 August 2022**.

The nomination should

- 1) be signed by 2 or more members;
- 2) provide details of the qualifications and experience of the person nominated;
- 3) be accompanied by a notice in writing signed by the nominee consenting to their nomination.

Uralla Shire Councillors will be having a series of **community engagement sessions** throughout the Shire. Initially we will hold them at the following venues:

Invergowrie/Saumarez at Barry Munday Reserve, Saturday 17 September 11am-2pm.

Free sausage-sizzle compliments of Councillors.

Rocky River Tennis Courts, Sunday 16 October 2-4pm

Bundarra at the Pub, Thursday 17 November, 6-8pm

Come along meet your Councillors, talk to us about what concerns you.

Mayor Robert Bell, Councillors; Tim Bower, Sarah Burrows, Bob Crouch, Leanne Doran, Bruce McMullen, Lone Petrov, Tom O'Connor, Tara Toomey.

Uralla families with child(ren) five or younger are welcome to self-refer to **Helping Children and Families Association** for the support of a volunteer who can visit for 2 hours per week. Please contact Susan on 0467 580 016 for more information or to request volunteer support.

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New substation and switching yard take shape on solar farm site

The images of the new high voltage substation and 330kV switch yard being built on the solar farm site start to give a good picture of how solar energy generated on site will make its way into the main electricity grid.

The energy generated from the solar modules is sent to power conversion units. It is then sent via electricity cables to the substation, where it is collected by panels inside a switchroom and safely stepped up to a higher voltage.

From there, it travels into the 330kV switchyard which connects with the electricity transmission network which in NSW is managed by Transgrid.

The energy is then transported to the electricity distribution network before making its way to local homes and businesses.

The substation (pictured in the foreground) includes large transformers, protection and control systems as well as circuit breakers along with a range of other important electrical equipment.

The substation and switch yard will be progressively brought online over the coming months prior to formal connection with the Transgrid network.

The entire process is overseen by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) which manages the Australian Energy Market across Australia's eastern states.



Application to modify development consents

The Modification Application for the New England Solar and Battery project is nearing completion and will be submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in the coming week.

The modification involves the inclusion of an additional 130 hectares of land from existing land holders to allow for an improved design of the Stage 2 project. It would also include additional battery energy storage capacity as well as an increase to construction vehicle movements and working hours.

Following a formal review process by DPE, it will then be placed on public exhibition for community feedback and comments.

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