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Uralla's Constellations Of The South Sparkle With Support

Telescopes will no longer be required to take in the night sky at Uralla, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall recently announcing funds from the NSW Government's Public Spaces Legacy Program would be used to complete the Constellations of South sculpture project at The Glen.

In July, Mr Marshall announced Uralla Shire Council had secured \$2 million to turbo-charge underutilised public spaces for reducing the median time for processing development applications to eight days and early adoption of electronic planning.

Mr Marshall said it's fitting that one of Uralla's hidden gems, The Glen, would soon sparkle like the clear night sky the region is famous for.

"Located on northern entry to Uralla, The Glen is a 10 hectare area of parkland which is mainly utilised by locals," Mr Marshall said.

"What many people don't know is that in 2004 two impressive boulders were stood in The Glen, adorned with a sculpture representing the Southern Cross and constellation Carina, respectively.

"Almost 20 years later and a further six sculptures will be added to the park. Installed in an arc around a 19 metre high stainless steel obelisk, they will be positioned to point to their specific constellation in the sky.

"To compliment the sculptures, a new lake will also be constructed where people can sail model boats. The Glen is a well of untapped potential. I look forward to driving past in future and seeing the area full of people taking in

the spectacular sculptures and enjoying the parkland."

Uralla Shire Mayor Michael Pearce said The Glen had long been a place of recreation for people wanting to exercise and spend time outdoors.

"The funding will bring out the best in The Glen, really stepping it up as a recreation space for the community, at a key entrance to Uralla," Cr Pearce said.

"To encourage community engagement with the area new picnic shelters, seating and park furniture will be installed.

"Accessibility improvements will also be made with new public toilets, signage, parking, and landscaping.

"Council and the community began work together on the first part of the Constellations of the South installation in 2004. It's going to be very exciting to see this project to fruition."

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands



Terry Seymour, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and Mayor Michael Pearce at the Constellations of the South

**COVID-19 stay-at-home orders for regional NSW
extended until at least 28 August
Mask wearing outdoors compulsory across NSW**

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.

The last couple of weeks have been very difficult for local businesses, with first Armidale, then Tamworth, and finally the whole state locked down. Imagine my extreme disappointment, not to mention disbelief, to find that during all this, two of our local residents were sent an Emergency Order by email from a Council staff member, directing them to cease occupation of their home within 8 hours of receiving that email. The residents have been working with Council staff, Council's solicitors, and their bank to resolve the issues. I am a strong advocate of constructive negotiations, rather than threats of huge fines. I understand some positive dialogue is now occurring. Another issue that has been highlighted during this has been the lack of rental accommodation in Uralla.

I was surprised to see that Council staff decided to ask rural residents to indicate if they wanted their road bitumen sealed. I am amazed firstly, because everyone wants a higher standard road, and secondly because it ignores the technical decision making, including the amount of heavy vehicles, bus routes, tourist routes, accident history and average vehicles per day. Finally, because it ignores Council's Transport Asset Management Plan determination that the bitumen road network can only be expanded with grant funding. The Plan recommended Council focus on maintaining our existing bitumen roads. Gordon Williams sent Council an excellent email strongly recommending improving drainage, gravelling and having staff inspect the roads after major rain events. He highlighted the advantages of wise planning and timely maintenance to spend ratepayers' money to the best effect. I am certain that our Overseer, Gangers, and Grader Operators have this knowledge. All this is not helped with the recent resignation of the Asset Engineer and the Manager of Works.

At a recent Council workshop, Councillors were presented with a "Long Term Financial Plan 2022-31 Explained." Make no mistake this document is the start of the push to have the community endorse an application for a Special Rate Variation, which is recommending a cumulative increase of over 50%. One of the key income items mentioned is \$39,000 in Fines for Infringements. As we all know, if your household income doesn't match your expenditure, you would first look at reducing your expenditure. There is no mention in this report of reducing administration costs, including consultants and contractors. I would have hoped that the Council accountants would be focused on providing a break-up for the Council and the community of key areas such as plant

and equipment, Waste Management and Community Services.

It is a credit to the Uralla Council outdoor staff that they continue to provide essential services to the Uralla Shire residents, while the Council office is closed, and in light of the recent staff resignations. I also congratulate all the local businesses that continue to operate under ever-changing rules and compliance guidelines. The current travel restrictions have highlighted the benefit of a strong local community.

The recent Council workshops also included an update on the Winterbourne Farm Wind Turbine Project. The project, with over 200 proposed turbines, is mostly in Walcha Shire. Our only involvement would be the transmission line from the project to the Transgrid 330kV transmission line east of Uralla and the possible transport route from Tamworth to the site. Recent discussions have strongly encouraged the developer to utilise the Oxley Highway from Bendemeer to Walcha, rather than coming further north. This will mean upgrading a bridge and its alignment near Walcha Road to allow for the 80 metre long vanes to be transported.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom O'Connor with the passing of his beloved wife Marcella. Together they formed a strong and dedicated alliance. Marcella was the General Manager at Kodiak Island in Alaska when she and Tom met at an International Clerks' Conference. Tom and Marcella shared a passion for the Uralla Community, their home, their garden, and their families.

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Uralla Shire Resident**



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Owed To COVID (An Ode)

In precious Byron the lock went down,
When one crazy Sydneysider came to town.
Poor Aurora Windchime, her blood fairly boils,
Closed her "Scented Candles & Kardashian Oils".
(Kardashian's the celebrity with the enormous rump,
Aurora's source of oils? The Bangalow Servo pump!)
Mindfulness now "Mindless". Can you imagine that?
No Pilates, nor yak-scented Yoga mat!
So, that's the go, no-go in botoxed Byron Bay,
But it's about Uralla I've things to say . . .

To Coles, Woolies, Aldi they'd all go,
So frantically shopping to and fro.
Cars fully loaded, then cruise back here,
With all their groceries, wine and beer.
"But, dear, oh dear", now they cry, so vocal,
"With this Covid thing, we've gotta shop local".
"Never thought I'd stock up at the Uralla shop,
"But for smiles and service they're way on top."
"Came home, stacked away all that grub,
"But not granted permission to go up the pub."

"And the bloomin' kids to home-school, phew!
"So, we laid down a golden rule or two.
"Don't dare disturb our sleep-in sleep,
"Nor interrupt us watching "Shaun The Sheep".
Each afternoon, most regular and dutiful,
"Can't miss the drama, 'Bold and The Beautiful'".
And some parents, on days around noonish,
Things get a bit playful, y'know, "honey-moonish".
But most days, pacing up and down the floor,
Hoping even the Mormons knock upon the door.

At Moon's Bakery in the convivial daily queue
Old adversaries say, "G'day mate, how are you?"
In every Uralla street there's mask-muffled talking,
Between beanie families, their dogs a-walking.
There are blokes out mowing, mow, mow, mowing,
Despite the fact their grass ain't yet growing.
At Ricardo's, in patient, foot-shuffling packs,
Locals dutifully heed the call to get their vax.
At home, in the driveway, up and down kids pedalled,
While Dad, in the Olympics Lounge Event, gold-medalled.

Breakfast Club

St Johns Anglican Church are running a breakfast club in their hall, Park Street, starting on Wednesdays, from 8am to 8:45am. Any school age kids are welcome. Please direct any enquiries to the Anglican vicarage on 6778 4906.

Out of this saga something should inspire us,
That, together, we can rise above this horrid virus,
To emerge as winners, beaming delighted,
To put aside our differences and become united.
Despite the Lockdown, hardship, wicked weather,
We adopted: "We're all in this together".
Now as Covid withers, here comes Spring,
Can Uralla maintain this great "together" thing?

Kent Mayo, Uralla Poet Lorikeet

Uralla's Mt Rushmore



This photo was taken in Uralla near our home - Jigme Dorje.



If I say I will be there, I will be there.

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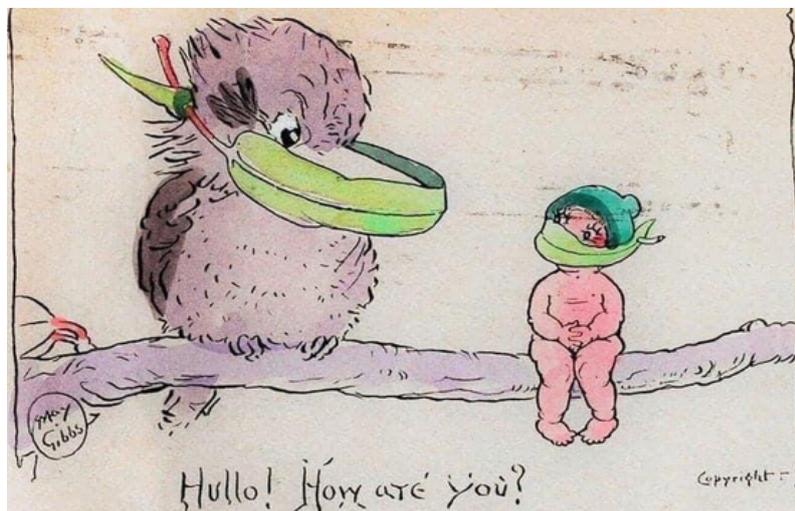
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank our town's Dr Ricardo, for all the wonderful work he is doing, giving "COVID JABS" to the people of Uralla and district. He has given up his Sundays for this, and I know people are truly grateful for what he is doing. "Bravo Ricardo", there should be more like you, to help people. You are highly regarded and have our thanks. By the way, the process is quick and painless! Congratulations to you and your friendly staff.

Lona Hogno, Uralla resident



Inspired by May Gibbs

During learning from home, if you're having difficulty and feeling stressed with the added pressure of now being teacher to your child/children, please remember:

You don't need to replicate the school experience.

Don't try to be your child's classroom teacher.

Just keep being the teacher you ALREADY are.

We trained for years to teach the way we do, just as you trained for years to teach the way you do.

We couldn't take over your job overnight, you won't be able to do ours.

Read with your child.

Cook with your child.

Garden with your child.

Enjoy nature with your child.

Make and create things with your child.

Sing and dance with your child.

PLAY with your child.

And above all, keep being the kind, calm role-model your child needs through these challenging times. This is how you teach.

Keep doing you. Your child is learning from you every single day.



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Death and Funeral Notices



O'CONNOR; Marcella Heinz 18th August 2021 of Bridge Street, Uralla.

Dearly beloved wife of Tom. Loving mother & mother-in-law of Sue & Charles, Lisa & Lenard and loved grandmother of their families. Loving step-mother of Rodney & Jo, Carolyn & Ivan and their families. Loved sister of Joe (dec'd), Tom (dec'd), Cathy and fond aunt of their families.

Aged 80 years

No Public attendance at the service
Due to Covid restrictions, Marcella's Funeral Mass will be livestreamed from 11:00am on Monday 23rd August 2021.

The link can be found on Piddington's Website

Piddington's AFDA
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TO ALL OUR LEGACY SUPPORTERS

Legacy Week 30th August – 4th September 2021

Due to COVID concerns, the Uralla Legacy group have your safety at the forefront.

This year fundraising will be as follows:

Order your **\$200 BIG LANDCRUISER LOAD OF FIREWOOD** for delivery within 50km of Uralla
Call Tony 0407 936 975

Other donations are welcome
Please phone Cath 0421 184 783
All contributions must be made by EFT

Legacy thank you for your understanding and great support for our veterans families



Uralla Community Street Store

23 - 29 August
St Joseph's School Uralla
30 August - 5 September
Legacy

Fuel Watch 19 August 2021

	ULP	Diesel
Mobil	145.9	139.9
Invergowrie	146.0	145.0
Kingstown	146.9	144.9
Puma	149.7	149.7
BP	154.9	156.9

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Community Calendar

Please email urallawordsworth@gmail.com if you have an event or meeting for the Uralla Shire

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

Uralla Anglican Church meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship and Johnno's (kid's programme) in Park Street

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 Top Pub

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

Uralla Tennis No organised tennis planned during winter. Uralla courts can be booked at play.tennis.com.au/court-hire

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 Brewery Book Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5pm at the Brewery

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch meets the last Sunday of the month at 10.30am 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.

Uralla Women's Bowling Club 10am Wednesday for Club bowls. Mixed Social Bowls on Sunday mornings, all welcome, Bistro lunch available.

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 11am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veg. 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

Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla) meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons, contact Dennis 0448 576 465 or John 0411 374 334

Computer Bank New England Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 12noon at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00 this includes morning tea

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

Events for August - November

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting 12:30pm Tuesday 24th August, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Thunderbolt Energy Hub Community Drop-In Session, Kentucky Memorial Hall, Thursday 16 September 2 - 6 pm

Uralla Red Cross Melbourne Cup Garden Party McCrossins Mill on Melbourne Cup day, 2 November 2021. Details to follow.

Dine & Discover Vouchers Extended to 31 August

The following Uralla Shire venues are listed as accepting the Dine Vouchers :

The Alternate Root Cafe, 48 Bridge St, Uralla

Michael's Cafe, 98 Bridge St, Uralla

Subway, Shop 1, 50 Bridget St, Uralla

The Top Pub, 23-27 Bridge St, Uralla

Kentucky General Store, Noalimba Ave, Kentucky

Source : <https://mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/dine-and-discover/business-finder#dine>

Deadline for the next edition is
5pm Thursday 2 Sept 2021.

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

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch

News

The RSL Sub-Branch is continuing with our assistance to veterans as much as possible during our continuing lockdown. The restrictions stop our home visits apart from the occasional drop off of food or essential items to a veteran or veterans family member in need. We do our best to keep in touch with our veteran community to ensure they are getting through what is a pretty tough year.

Unfortunately we have had to close the Drop In Centre on Thursdays temporarily until restrictions are lifted however we are still available any time of the day or night.

We have all been very concerned over the situation in Afghanistan, and our concern is with our troops and veterans who served in that theatre of operations over the past 20 years. We have many avenues of help available to them should they be feeling overwhelmed by these events. I have listed these below should anyone need one of them. There are always plenty of people to talk to.

We have been doing a lot of work here in town to make things more efficient for the Sub-Branch. We now have internet available in the office and meeting room and have appointed an Office Administrator to help streamline processes. We also have a monitor in the meeting room for the use during ZOOM Meetings, Congress etc. This and a computer were all donated by Karl at our local Computer Bank and are greatly appreciated. A lot of this has become necessary to comply with new rules and obligations of both RSL NSW and also the ACNC which have really tightened up on how charities are run.



More on the local front. Many people have raised the issue of our old concrete soldier in the front of the old Military Museum, now Ural Sidecar Motorcycles. Over the past 6 months or so we have been making enquiries about the possibility of saving and relocating him. Unfortunately, we have had reports from engineers and concrete and rendering specialists that the poor old fella is riddled with concrete cancer. His internal steel frame has rusted away and he is in a very delicate state. We have had many suggestions about how we could save him, however each one has been looked at and dismissed due to either the

huge cost or it simply would not be advisable. From all the information gathered, it has been concluded that he simply cannot be saved. He is becoming a danger now and is quite fragile and with him being located on private property the owners have given him all the time he has. They are worried about him coming down in a storm or simply the fame giving out. I wish we could save him however it is just not practical no matter how much we would like to do so. With the current restrictions in place, we may not be able to hold our next planned meeting on the 29th of August. We also have some social events in the planning which may or may not go ahead at this stage. We will keep everyone informed of any changes on these as the restrictions change.

We had to cancel out recent Vietnam Memorial Service last Wednesday the 18th, but we did go for a walk down to the memorial and laid some flowers to remember our veterans and I know that they were in peoples thoughts that day.

With everything going on there is a lot of stress on everyone so seek help if you need it. If you, you know of a veteran or a veteran's family member who need some help, please get in contact with us.

You can talk to us at the RSL on 0401 932 107, your Doctor or Open Arms on 1800 011 046. They are available 24 hours a day. Don't feel there is no one there for you. There are people out there wanting to help.

I wish all our veterans good health and keep safe. Lest we forget.

Russ French, President
Uralla Sub-Branch, RSL NSW



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2pm - 6pm

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Noalimba Ave, Kentucky NSW 2354

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Neoen will hold a Covid-Safe Community Drop-In Session in person or online to share updated project information, outcomes of detailed assessments and to hear your thoughts on stage 1 of the proposed Thunderbolt Energy Hub project.

Meet members of our project team, view maps, learn more about the project and submit your views to us via a feedback survey. The Thunderbolt Energy Hub is expected to bring significant community benefits, jobs and investment to the local and regional economy.

For more information:

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New Amenities & Watering System A Hole-In-One For Uralla Golf Club

Water is flowing at Uralla Golf Club, both on and off the course, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall joining President Darrel Carson last week to cut the ribbon and officially open the new clubhouse amenities, bore and smart watering system. In response to the devastating drought, last year Mr Marshall last year announced a \$251,020 State Government grant to install a new sprinkler system and sink two bores on the course and renovate the clubhouse amenities.

"Two years ago the Uralla golf course was a dustbowl," Mr Marshall said.

"As the onsite water storages dried up the strain the drought placed on the club's volunteer committee was immense, as it relied volunteers to truck water in daily to keep the course alive. Now the club has infrastructure in place to allow better management of its water supply in future dry times.

"The automated sprinkler system on the tee and greens can be controlled remotely and provides real-time data on the amount of water being used across the course, reducing wastage. A bore has also been sunk at either end of the course to provide a back-up water supply.

"While the greens look immaculate outside, inside, the new family and disability access toilets have freshened up the clubhouse. A disabled shower with bench seat and handrails has been installed in the men's bathroom.

"I am confident now the club is in a position to withstand the ravages of drought and provide its current and future members with facilities that are comfortable and accessible."

Uralla Golf Club President Darrell Carson said with watering technology on the greens modernised it was time to update the rest of the clubhouse.

"Our new accessible amenities are outstanding, but since completing that work it has really highlighted how dated the rest of the clubhouse is," Mr Carson said.

"To maintain the building's structural integrity we need to install a new roof and replace the current floor. On the course we would also like to install an additional colorbond style shed, where our greenkeeper can store tools and equipment. We are currently exploring funding opportunities for these projects. The drought was a difficult chapter in the life of our club, however with Adam's support we not only survived but emerged stronger and better prepared to handle future disasters."

Adam Marshal, Member for New England



Uralla Golf Club President Darrell Carson, left, and Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall cut the ribbon to officially open the club's new amenities, bores and sprinkler system.

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**Uralla Shire Council
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Important Dates**

**Lodgement of nominations open:
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**Close of nominations and registrations:
3 November**

Wordsworth Election Edition: 8 November

Pre-polling: 22 November

Candidates Forum TBA

(on a date between 8 and 21 November)

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Part of last Sunday's vaccine lineup outside Uralla Medical Centre.
Photo: Barry Blair

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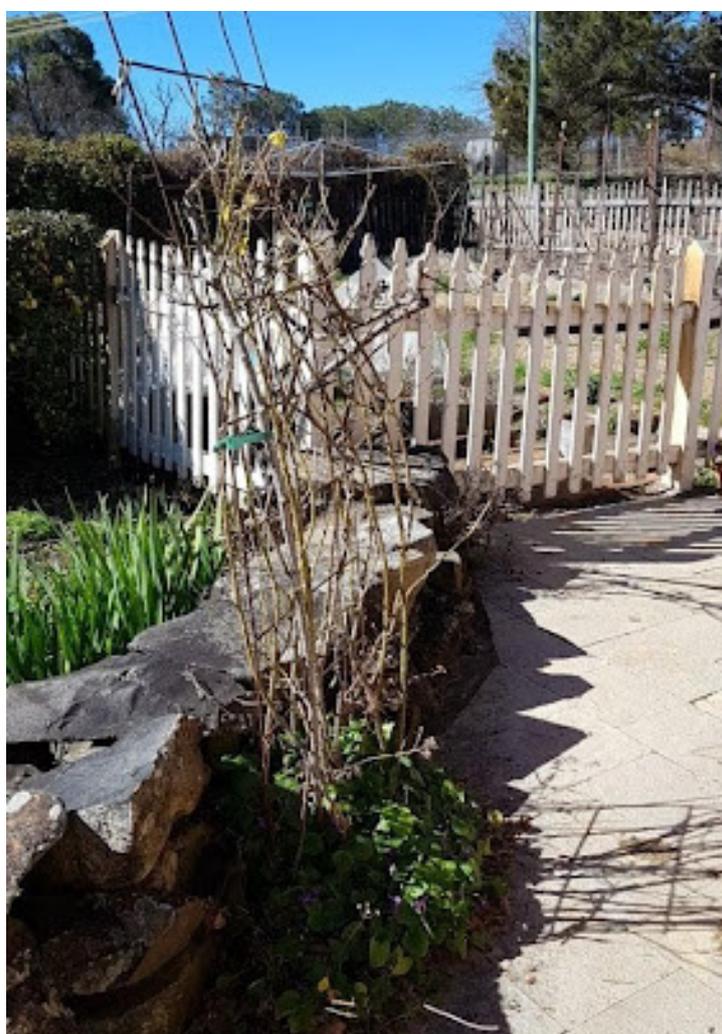
Travelling south for about 10 km along the Walcha Road, beyond the picturesque Dangars Lagoon Nature Reserve and across the Salisbury Waters, you will find the historic homestead 'Salisbury Court' just on your right.

In 1844 Matthew Henry Marsh and his new bride Eliza travelled from England to start their life together at Salisbury. A homestead was built and gardens grown with plants that Eliza had brought with her from England. Eliza planted a beautiful rose, Quatre Saisons at the end of the kitchen block.

Sydney Mail 10.01.1934. *Amongst the oldest rose-bushes in Australia is one growing at Salisbury Court, Uralla, one of the first homes to be erected in the New England area. This bush is a moss rose, and each year, despite its great age, flowers profusely. The roots must be well into the ground, because the yard has long since been cemented over, and it seems quite queer to see the old bush apparently growing through the cement. No one knows the exact day the rose was planted; but one thing is definitely certain – that this moss rose is more than 83 years of age. To many visitors to the old home the rose-bush is a great attraction, not alone for its age, but because on half of it grows pink roses and the other half white ones.*

Sixth generation Trish Rasmussen has the pleasure of caretaking the beautiful heritage gardens at 'Salisbury Court', and Eliza's magnificent Quatre Saisons rose is still going strong to this day.

Kay Adams, Uralla History Hub



Photos courtesy of Trish Rasmussen

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Uralla Shire
**BUSINESS
CHAMBER**

Uralla Shire Business Chamber AGM 2021

As previously advised to our email list and members, we are holding our Annual General Meeting on the 2nd of September 2021 at the Uralla Bowling Club, starting at 5.30pm. (COVID Restrictions willing) – if still in lockdown, it will be postponed or possibly even held as a zoom meeting if we can figure that out!

Nominations are called for the positions of:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four general committee members.

We would love to see all you proactive doers out there join us on our committee! It's been another challenging year for us all here in Uralla. We do have ideas for the coming year and look forward to seeing how it shapes up with your help. Remember, together we have a stronger voice and access to more information on assistance as needed. We can also support each other as a group in these tricky times.

Remember, to be on the committee in any position, and, in order to vote for someone to be on the committee, you need to be a **full member** of the Uralla Shire Business Chamber.

Please note membership is now due for all members, members need to be current and up to date before the AGM to nominate for committee or to vote on anything raised at any meeting.

You can find all the relevant documentation here:
<https://urallabusinesschamber.org.au/2021/08/20/agm-2021/>



McCrossin's Mill
URALLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
MUSEUM AND FUNCTION CENTRE

Event Cancellations

- The Annual General Meeting of the Uralla Historical Society has been postponed until further notice
- The Opening of the "Spaces Make Lace" exhibition has been postponed until further notice, to a tentative date of end November
- The opening of the "A Dark Red Rose" has also been postponed until further notice

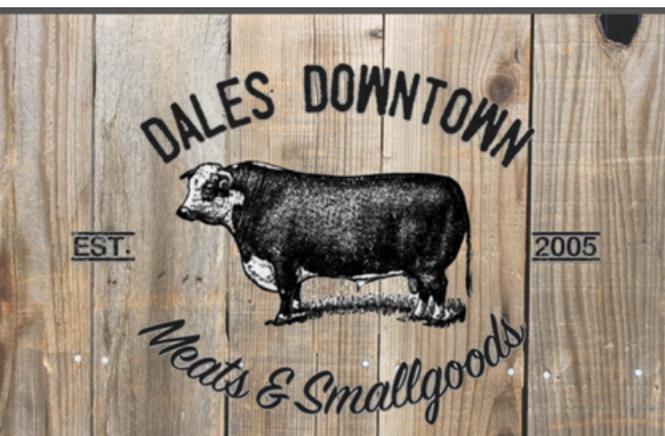
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SMALL GRANTS EXTENDED TO THIRD ROUND

10 August 2021

A range of independent creatives of the New England North West are set to benefit with the announcement of the opening of Arts North West's third round of Quick Response Micro Grants.

Carrying on from the success of the first two rounds in 2020, Arts North West has made provisions in their 2021 programming budget to continue this direct financial support to creatives in the New England North West, as the region continues to be faced with a myriad of hardships which now includes a mouse plague and the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

These provisions allow for multiple small grants of up to \$1000 for creative practitioners, community groups and arts organisations working in all art forms and are designed to support the continuation of locally determined community arts and cultural practice. This funding aims to be as flexible as possible and projects do not require a specific outcome but can focus on skills development or capacity-building.

"More often than not, grant applications come with a lot of complexities and processes. The beauty of our Micro Grants is that we are able to assist creatives from our region in a myriad of ways including the purchasing of equipment, professional development, creative workshops, through an incredibly simple and quick application process via the Arts North West website." Said Arts North West Executive Director, Caroline Downer.

"It's wonderful to be able to extend this opportunity into 2021 and Arts North West recognises the recent hardships faced by the New England North West including drought, bushfire, mouse plague and COVID-19 and their effects on your arts practice or arts business. Applications outlining a direct impact from these recent hardships will take priority when assessed." She continued.

There is a very quick turnaround for applying these micro grants, with applications opening on Friday 13 August and closing on 6 September 2021. Successful applicants will be notified on 18 September 2021. Previous unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to reapply.

To apply to the Arts North West Micro Grants Round, visit the Arts North West website www.artsnw.com.au or contact the Arts North West office for more information (02) 6732 4988.

Arts North West acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the lands we work on; we recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal people and respect the Aboriginal Elders past and present. Arts North West is assisted by the NSW Government through Create NSW and the partnership of 12 local government authorities in the New England North West

