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Uralla Australia Day Ambassador for 2022 is Keith Potger, founding member of The Seekers.

**Keith Potger is the Uralla
Australia Day Ambassador for 2022.**

Keith Potger's musical career started well before The Seekers first stormed the UK charts in 1965. He is a self-taught musician, playing 12 string and 6 string guitars, banjo, mandolin, ukulele and keyboards. With an eye to a musical future while still at school, he performed in vocal groups which evolved into The Seekers in 1962.

The Seekers were honoured as Australians Of The Year in 1967, the only group to have been given this acknowledgement.

The Seekers disbanded in 1968 and Keith's musical activities then turned to songwriting and record production in major recording studios in the UK. He returned to Australia in 1978 to write and produce television jingles and music tracks as well as performing solo concerts throughout the 1980s.

In 1992 he reunited with Judith Durham, Athol Guy and Bruce Woodley to tour internationally as The Seekers for their Silver Jubilee and were inducted into the ARIA Hall Of Fame in 1995.

The Seekers have toured extensively as a group since 1993. During this period Keith has continued writing and recording original songs. He released his first solo CD "Secrets Of The Heart" in 2004, followed by "Sunday" in 2007 and in 2010 he released his mostly self-penned

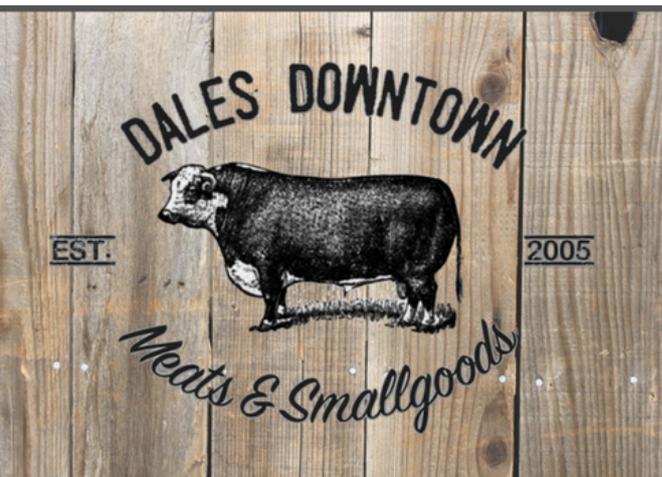


Keith Potger, Uralla Australia Day Ambassador

third solo CD, "Smile Now".

In 2014, The Seekers concluded their UK and Australian Golden Anniversary tours and, along with his Seeker partners, Keith was awarded the Order of Australia (AO) for services to the Australian music industry and not-for-profit organisations.

Biography details and image sourced from Australia Day Org website.



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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.

This week sees the conclusion of the adjoined meeting held on December 24, 2021. The meeting will seek to appoint Councillors to a number of local and state committees. Staff are currently working on the new governance issues for the committees for the Uralla Town & Environs and the Bundarra Hall and Town Improvement. Councillors have also requested that I schedule an Extraordinary Meeting at 12 noon on Tuesday January 25 to consider "The need to revise Council's 2021/22 budget to control spending and produce a break even or surplus budget."

The Uralla Shire Australia Day Committee has put together an excellent program for this year's community celebration. I met with three members; Chris Pyros, Bev Niland and Cheryl Nolan, who have over 60 years' experience between them on this committee. This year's Australia Day activities include a talent quest, five shire residents who will be naturalised as Australian citizens, as well as our outstanding Australia Day Ambassador, Keith Potger. For all those too young to remember The Seekers, it is worth noting that they knocked the Beatles off the No. 1 spot on the English Pop Charts in the 1960s, and were the first group to ever reach No. 1 on the UK charts with their first 3 singles. Let's hope that the weather is fine and we can have the street parade and all meet in Alma Park. Please note that on Thursday January 27 at 5:30pm, there will be a Community Information Session at the Uralla Community Centre regarding the \$2 million Parks Project. The consultant firm "Civille" will be in attendance to answer questions. Please contact Council to ensure you book a place. The Council website provides further information. Feedback runs through until January 30, 2022.

Spare a thought for the SES and RFS volunteers, as well as our own Council outdoor staff, while they continue to clear up after the wild winds and massive thunderstorms. I have written to Adam Marshall MP and the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, seeking a Natural Disaster Declaration. No word yet on the success of this request.

Great news that the Uralla Show is full steam ahead for February 5. Congratulations to all the volunteers who are working hard to make this another great community event. Following the successful running of the New England Merino Field Day on January 15, it highlights that these events can be run in a Covid-safe environment. While the day may have been somewhat quieter than previous years, there is no doubting the quality of the sheep on

display. This region still produces the finest wool in the world.

A sad note with the Uralla Rotary Club once again making the hard decision to cancel this year's Rotary Art Exhibition. It was to be the 50th Anniversary, however the organising committee felt it was not possible to manage the numbers and the social distancing in the RSL Memorial Hall. Up to 200 people could be expected in a "normal" year at the Opening Night.

One positive with all the rain is that the Uralla Golf course has never looked better. No doubt the organisers are hoping for fine weather for the Open Golf weekend which will be held on February 18, 19 and 20. The clubhouse is now open from 10am until 8pm six days a week. Meanwhile, the Bottom Pub remains closed, and I will be attempting to find out what the Roche Group plan to do with their purchase. I will let you all know if I have any news.

Councillors' contact details are now on the website. This includes email addresses and mobile numbers. Please remember that not everyone has perfect internet access!

Congratulations go to the wonderful team of volunteers who make up the Uralla Community Co-op. They have now settled into their new (temporary) premises in Hill Street (the old Cooper's Hardware/Pulse Gym), and are open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 9am until 1pm. The reclamation yard is open Saturdays from 9am until 2pm. If you haven't had a chance to inspect their huge range of pre-loved clothing, furniture, books, toys, linen, camping gear, crockery, kitchenware, records, CDs, DVDs, (really,

the list is endless!), then I suggest you call in and have a look around. Donations are gratefully received during opening hours, and new volunteers are always welcome!

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**Robert Bell,
Uralla Shire Resident**

An advertisement for Purcell CONTRACT SPRAYING. The top part has the company name in blue text. Below is a photograph of a white Landcruiser Ute with a large, grey, articulated boom sprayer attached to the back, parked on a dirt road in a rural landscape. At the bottom of the ad, the text reads: "LANDCRUISER UTE, 14M GRAYTILL BOOM, GPS GUIDED AUTO STEER" and "Chris Purcell 0408 332 896".

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Uralla Medical Centre -

Vaccination Clinic



UPCOMING Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics, Uralla Medical Centre welcomes new patients to the practice.

Online Bookings

To book online, follow the following steps in order (DON'T skip a step). If you miss a step, no doubt you'll find yourself booking an adult appointment in the kids age group and we won't be able to accommodate you, if you make the mistake in the booking.

<https://urallamedicalcentre.com.au/blank/>

Click on Book an Appointment

Click on the General Practice

Then click on Covid 19 Vaccinations **** DON'T skip this step

Click on All Practitioners, then choose the Type of Vaccine

Then select Date and Time.

All appointments are bulked billed and take no longer than 15mins. We ask you to make a booking, that way you are not waiting in long queues for hours, especially when we are now vaccinating small children.

At the moment the appointments on Thursday's are morning only for both children & adults, but if the demand is needed for after school appointments to be made, then this will likely to change to Thursday pm.

We will regularly update this information on Covid-19 mass vax clinics, as well as flu clinics in the near future.

Please see the table below for current vaccination dates.

	Weeks between 1st & 2nd and 2nd & 3rd doses	Monday 24January	Tuesday 25January	Thursday 3February	Sunday 6February	Thursday 10February	Thursday 17February	Sunday 20February
PFIZER								
5-11yr old (Pfizer 1st dose)	8 & 16 (min)	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
12 plus (Pfizer 1st & 2nd dose)	3 & 16 (min)	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
18 plus (Pfizer booster)	3 & 16 (min)	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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I look forward to talking to you, Kyle



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Australia Day
26th January, 2022
Alma Park

Talent Quest

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CATEGORIES...
JUNIORS: 1. Vocal 2. Instrumental 3. Variety
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 (NB: VARIETY covers any form of entertainment.)

Entrants must reside within the Shire of Uralla.
 Groups...at least one resident from the Uralla Shire.
 JUNIORS may be 15 years or less.
 OPEN between 16 and 125 years.

Interested? Want more details?
 Phone: Bev Niland 0407 784 328
 or Cheryl Nolan 0411 771 026

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URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

CAN YOU...
 Sing?
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 Play an instrument?
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 Any other talent?

AUSTRALIA DAY 2022 – URALLA

WEDNESDAY, 26TH, JANUARY, 2022

Australia Day celebration activities will be held as follows:

11.00 a.m. **STREET PROCESSION** - Along Bridge Street from Park Street corner to Alma Park, via Hill Street. Those walking may join in at Salisbury Street corner. Included in the parade will be Annidale Pipe Band, fire brigades, vintage machinery and cars, Tribute to Tradies, and the Australia Day Ambassador, foundation member of "The Seekers", Keith Potger.

DECORATED BIKE COMPETITION for children, with cash prizes for best bike decorated by a boy and best bike decorated by a girl. Bikes will take part in the procession for judging.

ENTERTAINMENT by Annidale Pipe Band.

OFFICIAL CEREMONY - In Alma Park - Including flag raising, National Anthem, Australian Citizenship Ceremony, award presentations, and address by Ambassador, Keith Potger, sponsored by Australia Day Council of N.S.W. and National Australia Day Council.

LOLLY SCRAMBLE - Children only!

TALENT QUEST - Entries open to all Uralla Shire residents.

Categories -

- Juniors (15 years or less) - 1. Vocal, 2. Instrumental, 3. Variety
- Open (16 plus years) - 1. Vocal, 2. Instrumental, 3. Variety

Variety covers any form of entertainment. Groups - to include at least one Uralla Shire resident. **Cash prizes:** Come and join in the fun - enter the talent quest, and maybe win a cash prize!

Barbeque, hot dogs, tea, coffee, damper, sandwiches, cakes, slices, drinks will be on sale, and a jumping castle, bungee tramp, and face painting for children.

COME ALONG AND HELP CELEBRATE OUR AUSTRALIA DAY

Why Australia Day Is On 26 January

Adapted from an article by Ray Payne OAM

Australia Day does not celebrate the arrival of the First Fleet. Captain Cook landed in Sydney on 28 April 1770.

On 26 January 1949 the Australian nationality came into existence with the passing of the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948. On that day we all became Australians, free to make our own decisions about which wars we would fight and how our citizens would be treated. Previously, under the Nationality Act 1920, all Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders born after 1 January 1921, were British subjects, as were other citizens of Australia. It was on 26 January 1949 that we all became Australians.

New Australians now receive their citizenship on 26 January in celebration of the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948 which gave all Australians the right to live under the protection of Australian law, united as one nation.

From Ross Burnet

Deadline for the next edition is
5pm Thursday 3rd Feb 2022.

Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor and articles to
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Uralla Show Pavilion

Saturday 5th Feb 2022

Uralla Show will have a comprehensive Pavilion display highlighting the green thumbs and artistic talents of our local community including all our local schools. New display cabinets have been purchased and it is a "blooming marvellous" season!

Support your local Show by entering your produce and creations in the following sections:

Poultry

Wool

Pet Competition

Cookery

Schools Section

Vegetables, Agricultural Produce and Fruit

Preserves Jams and Condiments

Construction Competition - 15 years and under

Needlework and Handicraft

Cut flowers, Shrubs and Pot Plants

Knitting and Crochet

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Special Section

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For further information regarding events and times and to download the Uralla Show Schedule please visit www.urallashow.org.au or email urallashow@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION: PUBLIC SPACES LEGACY PROGRAM

Thursday 27 January 5.30 - 6.30pm

Uralla Community Centre, Hill St Uralla

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: CONTACT COUNCIL (02) 6778 6300 OR COUNCIL@URALLA.NSW.GOV.AU

Design consultants Civille will be presenting concept designs for Pioneer Park & The Glen/Rotary Park Precinct based on stage 1 consultation feedback. Designs can also be viewed online: uralla.nsw.gov.au/community/consultation and on signs erected at park entrances.

Stage 2 consultation runs from 17 December - 30 January.

Submissions are to be made in writing and can be:

- emailed to council@uralla.nsw.gov.au
- dropped into the administration building at 32 Salisbury Street Uralla
- posted to PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358.



Diploma of Agriculture

Scholarship

Fully subsidised Destination Australia scholarships are available for students who are studying face-to-face in Armidale valued at \$15,000 per course for the Diploma of Agriculture and/or Advanced Diploma of Agribusiness Management. In addition, most students in NSW are also eligible for a course fee subsidy from NSW Smart & Skilled – both these courses are priority courses for the Skilling for Recovery initiative, eligible students will have their course fee reduced to \$0, students not eligible for Skilling for Recovery will have a course fee of up to \$4,820 (Diploma) or \$5,170 (Advanced Diploma).

We will apply for these subsidies on behalf of students.

Scholarship funds are paid directly to students.

More information can be found on our course page,

<https://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/course/diploma-of-agriculture> or

<https://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/course/advanced-diploma-of-agribusiness-management>

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Uralla CWA



Uralla CWA will be holding our first meeting for 2022 at the Neighbourhood Centre in Salisbury Street on Friday 28th 10:00 am. You are welcome to come along and see what we do. We will also be staying on for a workshop to make some lavender bags with bring our own lunch. We will also be serving tea/coffee and damper at the Australia Day event if you would like to find out more about what we do.

Trish Rasmussen

High Country Markets

The Uralla Shire Business Chamber is excited & proud to bring to you monthly fresh produce & product markets on 1st Sunday of the month, 8am at the Uralla Showground, starting on the 6th of February. Prospective stall holders contact markets@urallabusinesschamber.org.au

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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 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 Auxiliary 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 6pm at the Uralla Bowling Club

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

Uralla Tennis Term 4 Social tennis 6:30pm Tuesdays. Free court hire. Go to www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/ to book a court.

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

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

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, Ph: 6778 3277 or email : office@unc.org.au Donations welcomed.

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

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

Events for January - February

Extraordinary Meeting of Council - 25 January 12pm, Council Chambers.

Australia Day Celebrations - Wednesday 26th Jan, commencing 11am, Alma Park

Australia Day Barefoot Bowls - Wednesday 26th Jan, 3.00pm Sausage Sizzle 5.00pm, Uralla Bowlo

Community information session for Uralla's \$2 million parks project Thursday 27 January 5.30 - 6.30pm, Uralla Community Centre on Hill St (behind the Police Station)

Uralla Show Saturday 5th Feb, Uralla Showground

High Country Markets Sunday 8th Feb 8.00am, Uralla Showground

UPC/AC Renewables Modification Application

Enquiries Tuesday 8 Feb 2.00 -6.00pm, 96 Bridge St

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 22 February 2022 12:30pm, Council Chambers

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Uralla RSL Auxiliary

Ladies and Gentlemen, come and join the Uralla RSL Auxiliary!

We are very lucky to have the RSL Auxiliary State Coordinator, Pauline James, in town on the weekend of the 19th & 20th of Feb, so we are taking the opportunity to hold an info morning on what the RSL Auxiliary is all about. We are inviting all existing and past Auxiliary members, as well as anyone who may have an interest in supporting the RSL sub-Branch or joining the Auxiliary to come along and hear what the marvellous Pauline has to tell us about the Auxiliary family. (Definite date to be advised in the next Wordsworth.)

If you would like to attend, please let us know on the number above or email to urallasb@rslnsw.org.au – we will post a notice with the final details in the next Wordsworth, and also on the RSL sub-Branch window before the 19th. We look forward to meeting you all!

History of the RSL Auxiliaries

The Australian Imperial Service of Women's Auxiliary was formed in Phillip Street, Sydney by mothers, wives, widows, sisters, daughters and aunts of men who served in the Australian Imperial Forces in the First World War (1914-1918).

The auxiliaries grew from this beginning to raise money for the welfare of men and women who served and their widows and families.

Today, the RSL NSW Auxiliary volunteers have overcome society biases and comprise of men and women who work to raise funds for the wellbeing of current and ex-serving members of the ADF and their families.

Auxiliary volunteers visit veterans in the hospital, in aged care facilities, assist with sub-Branch commemoration activities, and cater for sub-Branch events.

Purpose of The RSL Auxiliary

Similar to our sub-Branches, the RSL Auxiliary is a non-political non-sectarian organisation. It raises funds for the well-being of current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their families. The members of the auxiliary also visit veterans in hospital, in aged care and those convalescing at home, assist with sub-Branch commemoration activities and often provide meals for sub-Branch functions and events.

The RSL Auxiliary raises funds to support the charitable objects of the sub-Branch by holding raffles, selling tokens during the ANZAC and Poppy Appeals, as well as other fundraising activities that arise throughout the year in their local community.

RSL Auxiliaries were founded on fellowship and a desire to care for our veterans and this principle guides their existence to the present day. Members enjoy the friendship of like-minded people, visiting other auxiliaries when they hold functions, and being able to share ideas and ideals.

Uralla Bowlo Gears Up for Australia Day

With just a week to go to Australia Day, the Uralla Bowlo is gearing up to be ready for the big day. We are planning on again taking part in the Australia Day Parade, after a break of two years due to Covid-19. A meeting today saw us fine-tuning our ideas, getting approval from Club manager Helen Avery, and making sure that the Club bus will get its fair share of spit and polish to be worthy of its place in the parade. Our ladies, including our two life members, will be there showing the different styles in bowling fashions from the eighties to the current uniform of today. We are also hoping to entice some of the men to join us in the parade as well.

Following the parade and the official part of the day, we invite you to join us on the greens for a couple of fun-filled hours of barefoot bowling.

Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or whether you know how to play or not. Come and give it a try. We'll roll off about 3.00pm. We're even throwing in a sausage sizzle about 5.00 pm.

See you there

Pauline Crouch

Publicity Officer UWBC

URALLA BOWLO'S AUSTRALIA DAY



AN INVITATION TO ONE AND ALL TO COME AND JOIN US AT THE URALLA BOWLO AFTER THE END OF THE AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONIES FOR A FRIENDLY GAME OF BOWLS

KIDS PARENTS GRANDPARENTS GIVE BAREFOOT BOWLS A TRY!

3.00pm



SAUSAGE



SIZZLE

5.00pm

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editors,
Ratepayers of "Commercial" premises would have been shocked recently to receive a letter from the Uralla Shire Council Chief Financial Officer (CFO) advising them that their water and sewerage rates were going to increase due to the application of a "Trade Waste" fee. The CFO generously advised that there would not be a retrospective charge!

The letter was shortly followed by the actual account from Council. An examination of the account showed that ratepayers were being billed twice for the same service, albeit the second charge had a different name.

Through a novel and cavalier approach to fund raising, apparently changing the name of a service entitles Council to charge again on the same basis, calculating all usage charges against the total volume of water delivered to the premises i.e. water in = discharge of sewerage + trade waste (both being estimated as the same volume as "water in").

In a manner reminiscent of Uralla Shire Council staff's unique interpretation of home industry a couple of year ago there has again been demonstrated total disregard for business type, actual trade waste discharge (if any) and current circumstances.

Other Councils do have a "Trade Waste" category in their fees and charges however the Trade Waste is calculated on the volume (or estimated volume) of actual trade waste, not the whole volume of water delivered to the property. Trade Waste is described in part by Greater Western Water, Melbourne as:

"Trade waste is liquid wastewater from a food business or industrial entity that enters the sewer system. This includes all water that is used for the preparation or cooking of food, washing dishes or cleaning, that goes down the drain." Also included is discharge from hotel / motel laundries, veterinary, medical and dental surgeries, hair dressing salons, horticultural businesses etc.

Whilst ideally the charge should be deleted, at the very least the new Council must immediately suspend the application of the "Trade Waste Charge" Category until a more accurate administration interpretation is agreed by Councillors in consultation with the business community.

Over the last few years Uralla Shire Council has lost a lot of the good will and community support that was generated some years ago during our battle to save the Shire from amalgamation. The new Council has a lot of work in front of it to regain that good will and trust, and badly thought-out fees and charges are not going to help that process.

Yours sincerely,
Bob Barwell AM
BALALA

Notice Of Modification To Solar Project



UPC AC Renewables Australia, the owner and developer of the New England Solar Farm, is currently assessing the environmental impact of including around 130 hectares of additional land in the solar farm site. As part of the optimisation of the Project, a number of small parcels of land that already adjoin the Project's existing development footprint and are owned by current Project landholders may be incorporated into the solar farm's second stage of development.

The optimisation of the site will allow the panel layout and project design to make use of more suitable land areas and avoid features within the approved footprint. During detailed design, some constraints were identified. To maintain the existing approved capacity of the Project, some flexibility of design may be required. No new landholdings are involved nor being investigated as part of this process and no additional neighbouring landholders have been identified to date as being impacted.

An application to modify the Project's development consent to include the additional land will be submitted to the NSW Government in 2022. The application will be placed on public exhibition. The usual assessments pertaining to a development of this type are adhered to throughout.

Our office at 96 Bridge Street, Uralla will be open for enquiries about the modification application and approval process on Tuesday the 8th February, 2022. Members of the public who are interested or wish to make inquiries are welcome to attend in person from 2pm-6pm on the 8th of February.

Another day may be available in due course.

The advertisement for Cold Country Property Services. It features a green background with a white curved shape at the bottom. The text 'Cold Country' is in a cursive font, 'Property Services' is in a bold sans-serif font, and '• Domestic • Commercial • Rural' is in a smaller sans-serif font. Below this, it says 'Now offering lawn mowing' and '0478 238 836' in large bold numbers.

Cold Country
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Now offering lawn mowing
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Business Chamber

Uralla Shire Business Chamber (USBC) is representative of a very eclectic range of businesses and it strives to make Uralla Shire be the best place to live and do business. I am quietly positive about the future and the business and social opportunities for growth. The Uralla Shire is primed for taking advantage of the economic and social disruption we have experienced over the past few years. Position, climate, and amenity are only part of why this shire community can boom.

The past few months and years have been challenging in so many ways.

·Covid 19 has been one of those challenges that keep giving. The emergence of Covid variants and changing government policy has made planning difficult, businesses in some cases doing it tough for a long period, and the issue around supply chains is quite evident locally. The ongoing uncertainty around event planning is also clearly affecting the economic and social well-being of our community. When the Covid pandemic started, it is difficult to have imagined how our worldview would change.

·The land of droughts and flooding rains has also taken its toll on some of our local businesses. The constructions and trades are challenged by the continuing wet conditions with evident delays in work schedules putting pressure on timelines and costs. Local agriculture while buoyant due to the abundance of feed is feeling its strain after years of drought, restocking is expensive and supply chain issues in the processing are likely to create some headaches.

The Council elections before Christmas have delivered a significantly different council dynamic. Something that the community should be pleased with and the council now should be able to address some of the issues that were raised by the USBC and our community over the past few years.

The return of the annual Uralla Show is welcome and let us hope it is the start of normalising the community events calendar.

A highlight in February will be the opening of the Lace Collection at the museum. This collaborative project between New England Lace Group, Uralla Arts, and

Uralla Historical Society has happened only by the generosity of the individuals and groups that have managed to draw this collection to Uralla and is a testament to the unique artisan culture of this local regional community.

Hoping for and wishing everyone a prosperous and happy year ahead. The next meeting of the USBC is on the 3rd February 2022 at the Uralla Bowling Club.

David Mailler

President

On behalf of the Uralla Shire Business Chamber

Holiday Activities

School Holiday fun at your friendly Neighbourhood Centre!!!

Uralla Neighbourhood Centre are offering school holiday activities to commence on Monday 24th - Friday 28th January 2022.

Cost is \$30 per child, per day which covers morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and an array of activities to keep the kids busy. All children ages 5 and up are welcome.

Call Bek on 0490 438 182 for more information and bookings.

Fuel Watch 23rd January 2022

	ULP	Diesel
Mobil	159.9	161.9
Puma	165.7	169.7
Invergowrie	164.0	160.0
BP	170.9	173.9
Kingstown	169.9	165.9

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Uralla Identity

There may be some who remember an old Uralla local by the name of Ken Hutchison. Kenny attended the Uralla Rural School as a lad and later went on to work on the railway.



Sadly, Ken Hutchison passed away at Wollongong on the 19th January, 2022 at age 90 years. Ken was quite the poet with several of his works published in the local papers. This is one of his poems from 1988 which was dedicated to his friend, Uralla blacksmith Reg Welbourn.

A TRIBUTE TO THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH FROM A FRIEND

He was the village Smithy,
Following in his father's footsteps, I'm told,
He worked at his trade from morn to night,
Striking the anvil with all his might.
And the forge was never cold.
Each day the sound of the anvil rang out,
A thousand times without a doubt.
The sound of the anvil was music to his ears,
As he worked at his trade for all those years.
But times have changed
And the anvil is now still,
And the fire in the forge is now gone out.
And as he reminisces,
I have no doubt,
He still hears the anvil, as it rings out.
K. R. Hutchinson.

Kay Adams, Uralla History Hub. (Information courtesy of Lyn Welbourn)



Betty Welbourn
celebrated her 92nd
birthday last week.
Happy Birthday
Mrs Welbourn.
We hope you had a
lovely day!

Uralla RSL

Sub-Branch News

Welcome to another year and a very happy new year to our veteran community and their families. This year we continue to hope that this year we will be able to get together on a more regular basis without the risk of health issues for our veterans. However the health of our elderly and injured veterans is always paramount.

Our new RSL Office is now open. This space will be an area for our executive to carry out their duties & a space to sit down and help veterans in a cosy and bright space. Our next meeting is being held on Sunday the 30th of January at our meeting room at the Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street and will kick off at 10.30am.

We are hosting the next RSL New England District Council AGM on Saturday the 19th of February followed by a dinner at McCrossin's Mill which all veterans and members are welcome to attend with their partners. We are fortunate to have the RSL NSW State President, Ray James OAM and his wife, the State Coordinator of the RSL Auxiliary, Pauline James OAM, joining us for the AGM and dinner. If you wish to come along, please email the secretary at urallasb@rslnsw.org.au before the 12th of February, or phone us on 0401 932 107. RSL members are also welcome to the AGM as observers.

With the rebuilding of RSL NSW over the past few years, the RSL Auxiliary has also undergone a huge change. Each Auxiliary now comes under the umbrella of the parent sub-branch for its funding and most of its administration with a coordinator and deputy coordinator running things. The Uralla sub-branch has had an Auxiliary for many years as a major fund raising arm for our activities. With these changes in mind it is time to rebuild the Auxiliary under the new guidelines and make use of the wonderful volunteers and their fundraising activities to help our local veteran community.

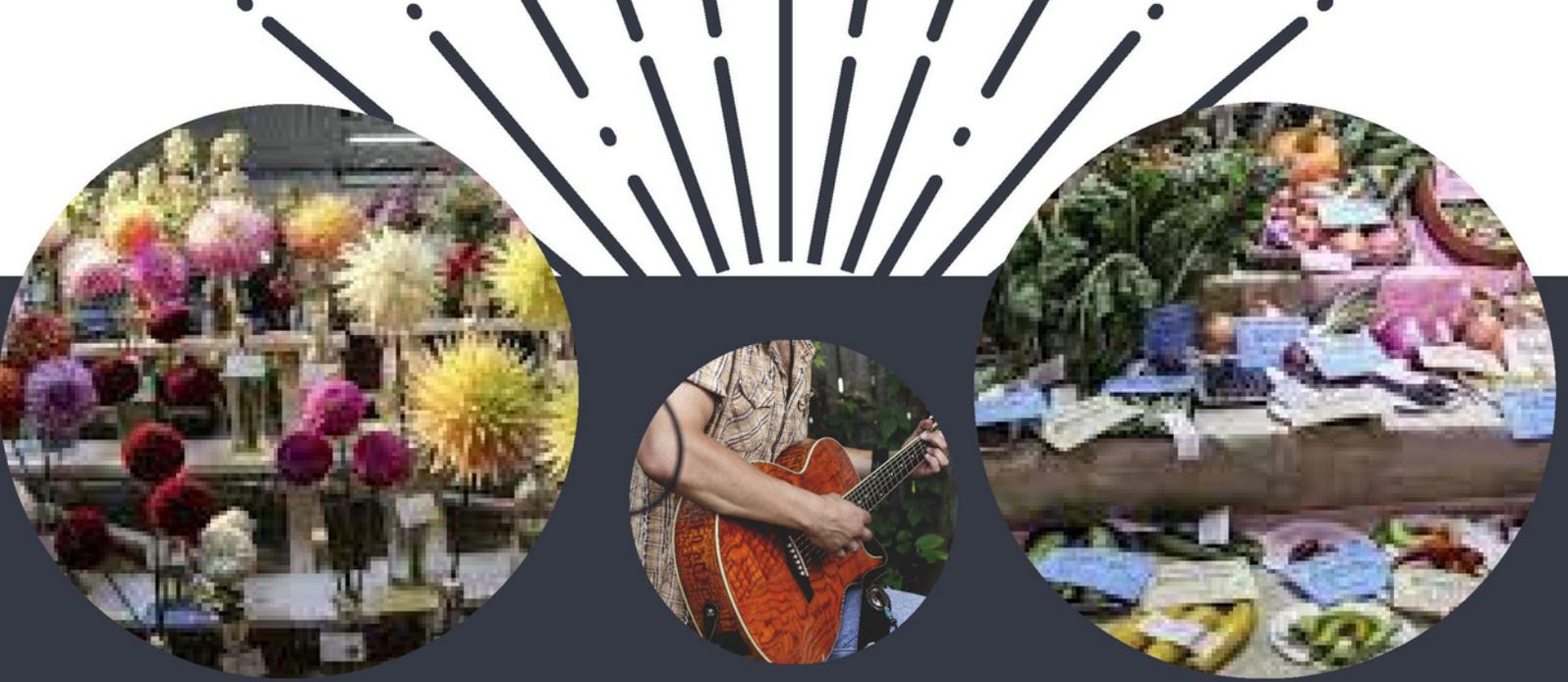
If you can see yourself with a few hours and would like to be part of a community organisation wanting to help our veterans and their families, this might be something for you. It costs nothing to join so if you are interested, please give us a yell on 0418 460 564 or drop into the RSL Office, 55 Bridge Street or drop into Thunder Graphics, 51 Bridge Street and we can give you any information that you might require.

Members of the Auxiliary are involved in all RSL Sub-branch activities but can also have their own events which are funded by the sub-branch. This includes fund raising, raffles and social activities with veterans. We look forward to hearing from you.

Russ French
President, Uralla RSL Sub-branch.

Uralla Community Street Store

The store is vacant for the next fortnight.
If your community group is interested
please call Council to book - 6778 6300



URALLA SHOW

Saturday 5th Feb 2022

***The Show will include sideshows, rides, free entertainment,
pavilion & ring events, vintage cars, medieval battles,
Grand Parade, Demo Derby, fireworks and prizes.
Kids decorated bike competition!***

Email: urallashow@gmail.com Web: www.urallashow.org.au

This is a Covid Safe Event, check our website for updates.

Win a Derby Car, ready to run at 2022 Show. Tickets available now!

