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Rocky River Public School Re-opens

School's back at Rocky River with students and staff this week moving into three modular buildings, after significant structural issues in the historic main schoolhouse forced its closure last term. The school's 42 students and staff were forced to complete last Term at Uralla Central School, following an unfavourable engineer's report.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall visited the school today, welcoming back students and staff, said the modulars were delivered and installed over the winter school holidays.

"The Department of Education has been monitoring ground movement and structural issues at the 162-year-old education facility and unfortunately last term the main school building was deemed unsafe," Mr Marshall said. "Thankfully, students are now back on campus with two modern modular classrooms, equipped with digital learning technologies and air-conditioning. A third building has been specifically designed to accommodate administration and staff space. New concrete footpaths have been laid to connect classrooms with the common areas.

"Work is not quite finished, with recent wet weather hindering remediation of the school grounds which were impacted during the delivery and install. I commend the school community, especially Principal Brad Hunt, on the way it has pulled together during this disruptive period and worked together to get back to school in time for Term 3."

Rocky River Public School Principal Brad Hunt said students were excited to be returning to campus. "The priority right throughout this process has been ensuring quality education and learning returns to Rocky River as

soon as possible," Mr Hunt said.

"The buildings which are now in place are fantastic and will act as worthy stand-ins until we can gain a full understanding of the work required to reinstate the main schoolhouse. I would like to thank Uralla Central School for the welcoming way it accommodated our students and staff last term, it has been a real team effort."

Mr Marshall said he would work with the Department of Education's built assets team to ensure appropriate steps were taken to remediate the old school building.

"We need to do everything we can to see the old building restored and back serving the community in some capacity," he said. Engineers are currently preparing a bracing/stabilisation plan for A block, and once the plan is complete, remediation works will be scheduled."

Adam Marshall

Northern Tablelands MP



NSW Department of Education Director Educational Leadership Matt Hobbs, left, Adam Marshall & Principal Brad Hunt.

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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 Tuesday will see another four people become Australian citizens, with a ceremony commencing at 3:30pm in front of the Library. The conferees come from distant parts of the world including Canada, Vietnam, and South Africa. Welcome!

Councillors and senior staff recently met with the President and the CEO of Local Government NSW. No surprise that the major issues raised were around the challenges and opportunities with renewable energy, financial sustainability and water security. With the President, Ms Darriea Turley, being Mayor of Broken Hill Council, water security is foremost in her thinking.

On the question of water, test boring is continuing. Councillors expect the report on preliminary findings next month. The Council is keen to explore other avenues if the bores prove unsatisfactory. Residents near any of the test bore sites should be reassured that there are many steps, including investigation of the impact of other bores in the area, before any final decision is made. Z Net canvassed a number of options for Council to investigate. It is interesting that both Tamworth and Armidale are looking at dam upgrades to provide for the water availability they need.

Last Wednesday I attended the "Southern New England High Country Regional Economic Development Strategy Workshop", together with Les Townsend, Pam Meehan, David Mailler (President of the Uralla Business Chamber), the General Manager and the Manager of Planning and Regulation. The workshop was to review if anything had changed since the last strategy meeting in 2018. It was obvious that everything had changed. We have had drought, bush fires, mice plagues, floods and Covid. All these events have made huge changes to the priorities and needs identified in the strategy. Water security and Renewable Energy were again front and centre. Some of the positive initiatives we were advised of included an Aboriginal Employment Strategy (Uralla Shire has an Aboriginal population over 9%) as well as plans that are well advanced for a second runway at Armidale Airport. This will include upgraded navigational equipment and ensure the strip is suitable for jet engines. Anything to improve the reliability of flights into and out of Armidale. The huge shortages of professional and semi-professional staff in the region is an ongoing hand brake to development in the region.

On the issue of internet and mobile phone access in the shire, I have invited David Crough, NBN Local Manager for Hunter New England Regional Development and

Engagement, to discuss access issues. David is currently pencilled in for the Council Workshop on September 13. This workshop will be open to the public. I will provide more details in due course. I can forward any questions that you may have to David prior to the workshop.

Council has been approached by another two wind turbine energy companies. The issues that remain for Council including waste management, environmental impacts including for the road access routes, biodiversity mitigation, decommissioning (including some sort of bonding arrangement), access to water both for road construction and maintenance and for concrete production. Maybe Council can revisit the proposed access to recycled water from our Sewerage Treatment Plant. Council needs to ensure the charges for haulage on our roads provides sufficient funds for the roads to be rehabilitated. We also need to push for a Community Contribution Plan from the Renewable Energy developers of around \$800 per MW (AC) per year over the life of the project. Council may need to request the Hon Adam Marshall MP to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Planning to push for this to be included in the Development Approvals.

David Mailler has expressed his frustration that small (under 10MW) solar projects that could be built near most towns to supply their energy needs, are not being actively pursued. As he points out this would not require huge overseas funding.

Following the adoption of the Council's Workforce Management Strategy, we will soon be advertising for an Executive Director, Infrastructure and Development, as well as an Executive Director, Corporate and Community Services.

The first Councillor Community Session was held last Thursday at Kentucky Hall. Further sessions will be held at the following: Kingstown on Thursday August 18 from 5:30 to 7pm; Invergowrie/Saumarez (Barry Munday Reserve) on Saturday September 17 from 11am to 2pm (sausage sizzle compliments of Councillors); Rocky River Tennis Courts on Sunday October 16 from 2pm to 4pm; and Bundarra Pub on Thursday November 17 from 6pm to 8pm.

Please feel free to come along and meet your Councillors and discuss any issues that concern you.

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A Bookman's Readings

My life revolves around books. I have many thousands of them on the shelves of my bookshop, sometimes described as antiquarian but more properly secondhand. The selection is constantly changing as people move, downsize, retire or die, and boxes of their old friends become my new friends. It is exhilarating to break into a new delivery, to discover an academic's lifetime of archaeology (or whatever); a traveller's accumulation of Lonely Planets (or Guides Bleus for the oldies) and souvenir books, maps, cards, beer mats ...; a selection of airport novels; schoolbooks and childhood favourites, ... Whatever they are I look at each one and put it on the shelf (or not) in the appropriate place. Of the hundreds of books that cross my desk each week, occasionally one takes my fancy, and joins the pile of books I might read. I say might, because sometimes I take a book from the pile and wonder why on earth it is there. I suppose I selected it because it looked interesting at the time, but in a different mood, thinking of different things, it has lost its appeal.

Here is a brief summary of what I have read recently:

John O'Hara, **Elizabeth Appleton** (Cresset Press, 1963). I don't read many novels, but twenty years ago a respected customer collected John O'Hara, and others have recommended him. This one is a shrewd observation of a small college town in Pennsylvania, with the narrative held together by discussion of, and participation in, sexual liaisons. Wealth, ambition, relationships, the purpose of life – all are woven into a perceptive good read.

Philip Hensher, **The Missing Ink**. How handwriting made us who we are (Pan, 2012). A UK professor of creative writing laments the demise of handwriting, and shows his craft in a witty, wise, wide-ranging and entertaining argument for the preservation of handwriting.

Lynn Truss, **Talk to the Hand. The utter bloody rudeness of everyday life** (Profile Books, 2005). She's the comma lady, author of Eats, Shoots and Leaves. In this big rant, avoiding punctuation and pandas, Truss looks at areas of life in which our dealings with strangers are getting more unpleasant and inhuman, and offers six good reasons to stay at home and shut the door. 1. Was that so hard to say (thank you, sorry, etc). 2. Why am I the one doing this? Automated phone menus, do-it-yourself shopping, choice without free will, neatly summed up by Stuart Prebble in Grumpy Old Men as DIYFS (Do it your effing self). 3. My bubble, my rules – personal space as entitlement, mobile phones in other people's space, etc. 4. The universal eff-off reflex. 5. Booing the judges. 6. Someone else will clean it up. Not as prescriptive as an old-fashioned guide to etiquette, more a wishlist for modern manners. The title refers to the Jerry Springer Show – "Talk to the hand cos the face ain't listening".

Jon Ronson, **The Men Who Stare at Goats** (Picador, 2004). A British-American investigative journalist looks at

the wackiness and mystery of some things going on in US military, government and intelligence services. Funny and serious, frightening and tragic. A Major-General tries to walk through a brick wall, a Special Forces program to kill goats by looking at them, the PsyOps group, a research program on cunning, ...

Richard Flanagan, **Toxic. The rotting underbelly of the Tasmanian salmon industry** (Penguin, 2021). If you care about what you eat, Tasmanian salmon might be off the menu after reading this chilling expose of the industry. Macquarie Harbour destroyed, kelp forests gone, ten million kilos a year of fish shit destroying whole ecosystems, algal blooms in previously pristine waters, Hobart's drinking water under threat, all consequences of greed and bad science. In the meal and oil fed to Tassal fish, over 1.7kg of caught fish is needed to make one kilo of salmon. The big three salmon farming companies appear to be in charge of decision-making, with an impotent regulatory body and a government that grants their every proposal. The fish suffer in water that is often too hot, and confined to overcrowded and disease-prone feedlots. Look for wild-caught salmon.

Russel Ward. **A Concise History of Australia** (University of Queensland Press, 1992). A handy summary, respectful of first nations before the white invasion, with a historian's eye on events and their meaning up to mid twentieth century. Russel Ward AM was a serious academic, a lecturer at UNE and Deputy Chancellor there for some years. He was also a member of the Communist Party of Australia (1941-49), and his leftish view colours his take on what was then recent politics, including the sacking by the Governor General of Whitlam, at which Ward was rightly outraged.

Leigh Sales, **On Doubt** (Melbourne University Press, 2017). An essay, first written in 2009 and updated, on why it is important to understand that your own opinion is not always right. The ABC journalist also takes a stand against false balance, where people in fringe positions argue that if their voices are not given equal weight, this illustrates bias.

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The Creature On The Green

Just after lunch today as I was driving past the Bowling Club, I saw a strange creature sitting beside the top green. Its long neck reaching forward, it tore up the grass and delved into the soil beneath. Atop its shoulders sat a man, well padded up against the cold wind blowing from the west. He was guiding the arms of this small red critter as it carved a hole in what had only a few hours before been the lawn around the green. I looked back past this strange sight and saw another hole whose soil was also open to the elements. What was going on?

I quickly brought the car to a halt, and grabbing my phone, ran back to have a closer look. There was another man leaning on a shovel. I suppose he was the one in charge; he was telling the man guiding the red arms just where he wanted them to dig. He was so well wrapped up against the cold, including a beanie pulled right down to his eyebrows, that I was unable to recognise him.

Now I know I can get a little dizzy, and I had just finished having lunch, but I swear I only had a hot coffee to drink. However, I was sure I had seen a little red creature, and two strange men vandalising our greens. I got out my phone and took a few photos before they could disappear. I heard them talking to "Red", and calling each other by name, Jason and Dan. So now I had some details to go with my photos.

I turned and scurried off back to my car. Once I was safely back inside my home, I took out my phone and looked up the photos I had taken.

Imagine my surprise when I saw what I had. Photos of Jason Faulkner with his shovel and his side-kick Dan working a back-hoe to dig a couple of holes along the edge of the green. I must have been daydreaming before, lost in my imagination.

I drove back to the Bowling Club, unbeknownst to Jason and Dan, just to make sure that it is really them there, digging up the grass. Now I know what they are doing.

They are starting the work for the lights to go up on our greens. It is finally happening!

Pauline Crouch, UWBC



Jason Faulkner, Dan Broadbent, the shovel
and the "red creature"!

Clarification

In the last edition of the Uralla Wordsworth, an advertisement was submitted by the Uralla Shire Business Chamber that included The Uralla Wordsworth Inc. logo. Our logo was used without our consent or knowledge, and we are aware that it has suggested to some that there was a sponsorship arrangement with the Uralla Shire Business Chamber. While we understand the Chamber included our logo with good intentions, we need to make it clear to our community who support us that there is no such arrangement. The Chamber has not received any free advertising nor any preferential treatment in relation to editorial.

The Uralla Wordsworth Inc. remains unchanged in its purpose and structure and is not in a position to be providing sponsorship of any kind to any organisation.

We continue to welcome advertising and editorial from all who wish to submit it, and our team, including our editors, continue to perform their role diligently, without fear or favour.

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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 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

Events for July - August

Craft Workshops, Bundarra CWA rooms, every Friday through July, 10.30am - 3pm. Contact Kerrie 0403 600 446

USBC Business Awards, Friday 29th July, 6pm at Uralla Showground.

Christmas in July, Indoor Markets Saturday 30th July, 9am - 1pm at Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, 27 Salisbury St, Uralla

Jackie Daniels Trivia, Raffles & Song @ Uralla Golf Club 30th July, bookings essential. Ph Brett 67784059 for details.

Poultry Auction, Sunday 6th August at Uralla Showground. Auction starts at 9.30am, stock book in from 7.30am

High Country Markets, monthly fresh produce and product markets. Sunday 6th August at Uralla Showground, 8 King Street Uralla - 8.30am - 12.30pm

USC Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday 9 August, 4 - 6pm Council Chambers

Basic Tool Safety and Simple Timber Repairs Free Workshop 13th August Little Birdy 36 Hill St, Uralla. For bookings Ph - 0420 514 653

Bicycle Care and Repair Free Workshop 20th August Little Birdy 36 Hill St, Uralla. For bookings Ph - 0420 514 653

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Help For Uralla Families

Helping Children and Families Association (HCFA) is renewing help for Uralla families with the support of APC Renewables – New England Solar Farm. We hope to have our trained volunteers available soon to visit an allocated Uralla family for two hours a week to provide company and listening ear. We call for Uralla volunteers to join us. To give readers a snapshot of the contribution HCFA makes to the community we interviewed a volunteer, Mark, and Heather, the mother of the family he visits.

HCFA: Hello Heather. Hello Mark. Tell us what the visits mean to each of you?

Heather: Having Mark over for a couple of hours each Friday really means a lot to me and my girls. Poppy who is 2 and Juniper, 9 months, demand and are entitled to almost constant attention. But as a single parent the responsibility of being the only adult in the home available to my girls can sometimes be quite compelling.

Mark: My relationship with Heather and her girls is a source of delight that I cannot readily quantify. Suffice to say, those two girls are a high point of my week!

Heather: It is comforting for me to know Mark will be here on a regular basis. Both my girls love him. They are learning to make meaningful connections through a close relationship with a warm, grandfatherly type of guy.

Mark: When I first arrived her youngest, Juniper was yet to crawl; now she stands and turns and will soon be walking. Poppy was only just beginning to use words; now she uses sentences; in fact, she copies everything I say.

HCFA: What practical value do Mark's visits have?

Heather: Mark has the time to interact with my girls in ways that are not always possible for myself. He runs around outside with my eldest trampolining, bike riding and exploring which gives me an opportunity to tackle some basic domestic chores or just spend some one-on-one time with my youngest girl.

Mark: Last time I was over Poppy and I were outside collecting stones when I said, "Okay kiddo, let's rock on!". For an instant her brow wrinkled with puzzlement but she repeated what I said anyway, just because that's what she does. I guess you have to be into it, but for me teaching a three-year-old to say, "Let's rock on", is just pure fun!

HCFA: So, everyone gets a lot out of this arrangement?

Heather: I'm glad my girls have the opportunity to make friends with other adults besides myself and he is a good friend to both my girls.

Mark: It really is a joy to witness them touching milestones and to share our love for each other is a tonic for my well-being.

HCFA: Thanks to you both for sharing your experiences! HCFA welcomes referrals of families with at least one preschool child and enquiries from prospective volunteers (training provided). For more information Contact Susan McPhee coordinator@hcfa.org.au ph. 0467 580 016

Lone Petrov, HCFA President



HCFA volunteer Mark enjoying his visit

Support for Uralla Families

Could you give just two hours a week visiting a family with young children?



Local not-for-profit Helping Children and Families Association (HCFA) is experiencing a shortage of volunteers. HCFA has for 20 years helped local families through difficult and stressful times. HCFA wants to help more Uralla families. BUT needs your help!

Family visits are enjoyable, rewarding and greatly appreciated. Training and insurance are provided; a Working with Children Check is required.

Volunteer training will be offered in August. To learn more find Susan McPhee on Tues. August 2nd 10-12 at Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre, 66B Bridge St., Phone 0467 580 016 or Email coordinator@hcfa.org.au

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Reminiscences

A great article submitted by Lance Corporal to the Uralla Times in 1905.

Uralla, in the days of the Dark Blues, could boast some excellent rifle shots, such as Jack O'Connor, Mo. O'Connor, Jimmy Lonsdale (the latter was not one of the boys in blue, nevertheless he did some good shooting), Tommy Jones (now Council Clerk in Armidale) and Bob Burton; this latter chap was a first-class shot at kangaroos. I remember the first day he fired on the Uralla range, at the 400 yards he was within one point of scoring the possible, and at the other ranges he did fairly well. Great things were expected of this novice at target-shooting, but unfortunately, he never came up to his first day's record. Notwithstanding the many trophies won by the shooters above mentioned, they were never able to achieve sufficient accuracy to beat our respected townsman and medico, Dr Woods.

It was down near the boundary of the town below Mrs Warwick's, where a large granite boulder was converted into a target, with Mount Mutton for a barricade. The Dr, who has always been a great sport, in those days took a fairly active part in the local rifle club. One Friday afternoon found a few of us down at the granite target. The Dr decided to have a shot or two, and (some one having insinuated that he could not hit a moving object at a long range) as soon as he was ready, he said to me, "Do you see that goat on the side of the hill?" I said, "Yes." He said, "That is the target that I am going to fire at." I smiled incredulously. However, in less than fifty seconds, I heard the report, and lo and behold the great goat tumbled over. One of the crowd turned to the Dr and said "That is Mrs Warwick's goat you have shot!" The distance was some days afterwards measured and it proved to be 891 yards. I have not heard of the Dr. shooting of late years.

I was a spectator at another shooting match which took place some years after the above circumstances, between colour-Sergeant Jack O'Connor and Private G. Lonsdale. I forget the handicap that Private G. L. had, but I know it was a fairly good one. The distance was 400 yards and there were no conditions specified as to how they were to shoot. They pleased themselves; they could stand, kneel or lie down. Private G. L. opened the ball by hitting the barricade the first shot. The next six shots never hit anything but the air, so far as the onlookers could see. However, a day or two after this match a bullet-hole was found in the walls of Sandy Smith's tailor's shop and on the same day a rifle bullet had toppled over one of Leece's roosters. Jack O'Connor won the match quite easily. The target used to stop all his bullets, while Mount Beef couldn't stop Private G. L.'s; they were particularly erratic in the course they took. I have heard that Private G. L. never handled a loaded rifle since that day.

Yours, Lance Corporal.

Kay Adams, Uralla History Hub

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Magnificent Contribution To Uralla Preschool

Guy Downes is a very talented Visual Communications Illustrator who resides in Uralla. He has an extraordinary portfolio of work in which he has won many awards and accolades. So, when Guy made contact with the preschool about his desire to create a story wall for the preschool, we grabbed the opportunity with both hands.

To start this project, Guy engaged with the educators to understand our philosophies. He was interested in what the children valued and where their interest lay. Guy is also very in tune with our National Early Childhood Curriculum – BELONGING, BECOMING, BEING. Then it was time to start sketching.

We are so thrilled with the final product. It is nestled into a very busy play space neighbouring our sandpit area. The children visit it frequently using the context of the story wall to embellish their role play and language.

The story wall offers a “feast for the eyes” with so many small details to explore and ponder. It reflects diversity, resilience and community with some poignant elements referencing Uralla. This story wall will be loved and explored for many years to come embellishing curiosity, wonder and conversation for many generations.

Guy has created a short animation of the creation of the story wall. Turn the volume up when you view it here:

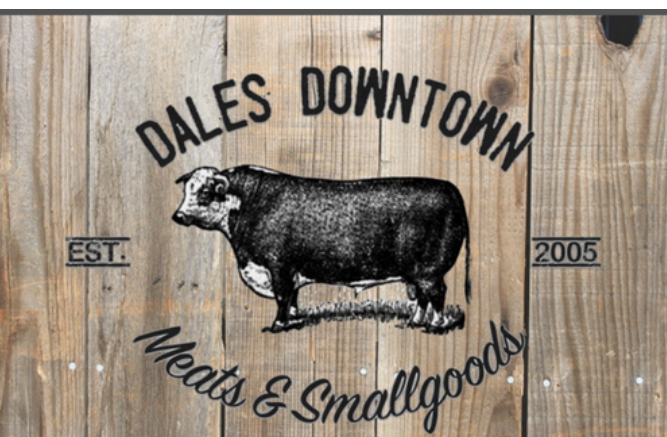
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Thank you very much Guy www.guydownes.com

Anne Percy, Uralla Preschool



One of the amazing story wall panels at Uralla Preschool



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors,

Uralla customer service shines.

Visiting members of cafe society find their expectations well and truly met and exceeded are contributing to the Uralla economy.

Noticeable among visitors are RV enthusiasts, and bikers, many of whom swap ideas, including outlets to patronise.

Well positioned to cater for eager customers, is The Alternate Root, at the corner of New England Highway, and Hill Street. Busy staffers provide an enthusiastic welcome to visitors, complemented by the atmosphere of the timbered interior and the featured pressed metal ceiling.

Uralla has a well rounded customer service approach to individual visitors, often reciprocated by permanent resident status.

Visitors with caravans and motor homes, will often make use of free camping facilities at Rocky River fossicking grounds.

**Barry Blair, former TAFE Customer Service teacher
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Community Messages

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.

Christmas In July Indoor Markets

Any stallholders interested in joining our indoor markets on Saturday 30th July, feel free to call UNC office 9am - 2pm Monday to Friday on 6778 3277 or email office@unc.org.au for a market form.

Alternatively, come support the variety of stall holders including Grill Monkeys and Delish CowGirl Express.

27 Salisbury Street, markets commence at 9am.

Community Sessions

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

Kingstown, Thursday 18 August 5.30-7pm

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.

TERM 3 Weekly Yoga Exercise and Mindfulness Class

Mondays 5.30 to 6.30pm - GENERAL Yoga (25th July - 12th September)

Cost is \$96 for term bookings (\$12 per class x 8 weeks),

\$15 for casual attendance or \$10 for concessions

Please ph: Tess on **0448 433 746** or email **walchayoga@gmail.com**

if you would like to attend, or if you have any questions.

Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, 27 Salisbury Rd, next to McCrossins Mill

Fuel Watch	ULP	Diesel
Invergowrie	192.0	217.0
Mobil	203.9	232.9
Puma	197.9	229.9
BP	206.9	235.9
Kingstown	215.9	-
Kentucky	219.9	245.9

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1st - 7th August

Call Uralla Shire Council

to book - 6778 6300

Deadline for the next edition is
5pm Thursday 4th August 2022.

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

RSL Happenings

Hi everyone, just a quick note on some upcoming meetings and get-togethers for the Uralla RSL Sub-branch. Instead of our usual meeting on the last Sunday of the month (30th July) we will be having an RSL Luncheon at the Fung Wha Chinese restaurant on Sunday 7th August. We will meet 12pm at the restaurant for a smorgasbord of Chinese food. We will also be holding a couple of trivia quizzes during lunch so put the brain into gear and come along. Cost is \$10 per person. Please let us know by Friday the 29th July if you would like to come along. Partners and guests are most welcome.

On Saturday morning prior to this luncheon, the RSL Auxiliary will be holding their monthly morning tea at the Alternate Root at 10am. If you would like to become involved and help out with the Sub-branch, then the Auxiliary is a great way to do so. Come on down, meet Kris, our Co-ordinator and the others & have a cuppa on us.

In the meantime, we wish our veterans, good health and if you know of any veteran or their family that may need assistance, please let us know. You can drop into Thunder Graphics, all enquiries are strictly confidential.

Lest we forget.

Russ French. President, Uralla RSL Sub-Branch

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PV module installation work ramps up across the solar farm site



The sight of crystalline silicon PV modules are becoming more common across the solar farm site, as crews ramp up their installation work.

Each module consists of several layers, with each one having a specific function such as adhesion, electrical insulation or protection against any inclement weather.

The solar cells on each module are encapsulated with a double glass technology and the modules are enclosed with a resistant anodized aluminium frame.

This provides high wind resistance and also facilitates mounting on the supporting tracker structure.

The solar panels are not yet injecting power into the power conversion units. This energisation will occur during the connection, final testing and commissioning of the system.

UNE students study solar farm construction

Students from the University of New England's School of Environment and Rural Science have been able to take a close look at the planning, design and construction process for the New England Solar and Battery project.

A special online case study has been developed in close collaboration with UNE and the New England Solar team as part of the Uni's Local Environmental Infrastructure Unit.

Unit Coordinator Dr James Turnell said the students had been particularly engaged with the case study.

"The students are able to get a first-hand insight into the development of a large and high quality renewable energy infrastructure project. It's a fantastic learning opportunity."

Big Ridge Rd Closure

As work ramps up again on the solar farm site, the far end of Big Ridge Rd has been closed to public access.

This will help keep the public and our workers safe, with increased construction activity on the solar farm site. The small section of road will be closed for about six months.

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