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EnergyCo Explains the New England REZ

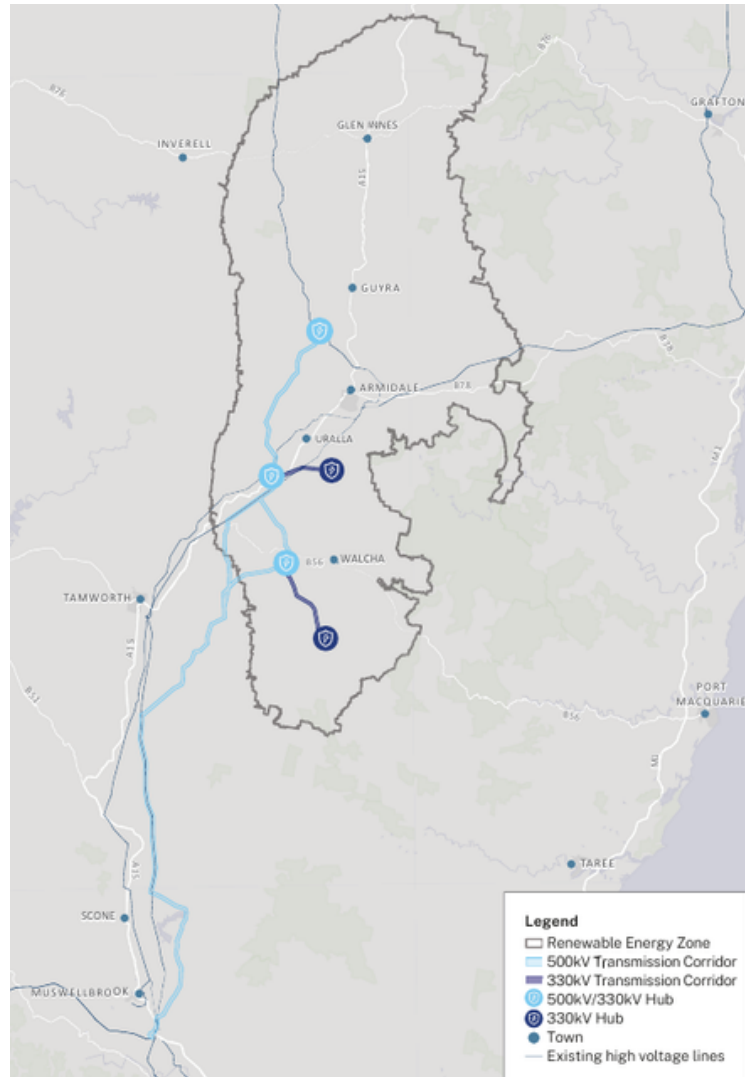
The Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo), the State Government body responsible for the design and implementation of the Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) in NSW, held an information session in the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday, June 21.

EnergyCo is consulting the community with regard to the preliminary placement of transmission line study corridors and energy hubs, to gain feedback from the community and stakeholders.

Five REZs have been identified in NSW so far. New REZ network infrastructure will be built to enable new generation and storage projects to connect and transport energy to consumers, both in and outside the REZ. The network will consist of new 500kV and 330kV transmission lines, the latter being 'branch' lines in the Uralla and Walcha areas connecting energy generation projects to the 500kV REZ backbone infrastructure, thence to Bayswater power station (closing in 2032) in the Hunter Valley and thus to the national grid.

Some of this infrastructure will need to be built outside the REZ geographical area to connect the REZ to the main backbone transmission network.

As the Infrastructure Planner for the REZ, EnergyCo is in the early stages of assessing what new network infrastructure should be built to unlock and service the New England REZ.



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The New England REZ

Map: EnergyCo

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

Last week EnergyCo arranged a drop-in session at the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Approximately 70 people took the opportunity to view the plans of the corridor for the proposed transmission lines. The lines will connect to Bayswater Power Station at Muswellbrook. They have acknowledged that further environmental studies are required along with the necessary technical reviews. One area to the west of Uralla is a known koala habitat. Individuals and landowners can request one-on-one meetings with EnergyCo staff. EnergyCo also has issues such as workforce accommodation, training, road and traffic management, telecommunications improvement and waste management on their list of responsibilities. The State Government has announced a parliamentary inquiry into the feasibility of undergrounding the new transmission lines. The inquiry is to report by the end of August.

Regional local councils continue their debate with the State Government over who owns Rural Fire Service trucks and sheds. The requirement that we show depreciation of over \$100,000 on our books when we don't manage or replace the items is a nonsense. Please be assured that this will have no impact on the ability of the local brigades. Adam Marshall MP has placed a Private Member's Bill into Parliament to amend this section of the Rural Fires Act.

I sat in on a "Zoom" meeting with a large number of other NSW Councils to hear details from the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation on the proposed Housing Australia Future Fund. This is the current issue that has not been passed by the Parliament and will be reconsidered in October. The proposal is to provide an additional 20,000 social housing dwellings and 10,000 affordable housing dwellings. Residents would pay up to 80% market rate but not more than 30% of their income. In many ways this seems similar to the old Housing Commission Projects. Local government is likely to be asked to identify suitable land, look for opportunities to partner with other government departments, community housing providers and developers. We will also be asked to assist with securing timely planning approvals.

Lots of work going on in Uralla with the extension and upgrade of the fire station, upgrade and safety work at the Uralla Railway Station, redevelopment of the Bottom Pub (The Bolt), replacing the floor at the golf club and rendering of the tennis clubhouse. Add to that the excellent work done on the extension of the cycling/footpath in Plane Avenue up to Rowan Avenue and no wonder it is difficult to get tradesmen. Hopefully this will extend all the way to the Sporting Complex in the next year or so.

NAIDOC week will be celebrated on Tuesday 4th July with a smoking ceremony and flag-raising at the Council Chambers followed by a walk to the Community Centre in Hill Street with a Welcome to Country, cake cutting, speeches and entertainment. Please join our Elders, community members and Hon Adam Marshall for the celebrations.

Congratulations to the staff at the Uralla Waste Management Centre. The site and the shed are in excellent condition. It is good to see the metal pile crushed and sold. I understand the green waste pile will be crushed soon. Council has invited the Executive Officer from Northern Inland Regional Waste to address Councillors and staff on the role of the committee and the ongoing support for recycling that may exist.

Good news in Roman Street with the kerb and gutter completed and only the street bitumen sealing to be done. Council have prepared a Kerb and Gutter Policy to ensure future projects are clear how they will proceed.

My granddaughter was watching the State of Origin highlights last Thursday. She asked her mother, "Why aren't they showing all the NSW tries??"

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I would like to say a very special **'THANK YOU'** to all the people of URALLA who assisted Dave and his son from (Dogmovers) in the search for "Cutie" the tiny Dachshund during this week.

After her adventure and the time it took to capture her, I can no longer picture her as "Cutie".

As I am yet to meet this determined little girl I have decided that, when she arrives at her new home here in Mount Gambier she will be known as "ZOOE"-1 PICKLES. Thank you again.

Marilyn Klingberg.



Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Month

World Head and Neck Cancer Day is held on 27 July each year.

July is now Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Month in Australia!

Many people have never heard of Head and Neck Cancer (HNC), until they, or a loved one is diagnosed.

HNC covers a range of different cancers classified based on their location in the head and neck and the type of cancer cells. It's not as straightforward or tangible as say Breast, Prostate, Lung or Cervical Cancer so it can be met with confusion.

Treatment can affect a person's core abilities such as eating & drinking, swallowing, speaking and even breathing - as well as how a person looks, effecting mental health.

With over 5,000 people diagnosed each year (not including Thyroid Cancer or Skin Cancers of the head and neck) and more than 17,000 people living with the side effects of treatment, it's more important than ever to raise awareness.

Soup for the Soul...

Each Thursday night in July, you have the opportunity to purchase a take away serve of soup to support those living with Head and Neck Cancer.

Great news!! Ben at New England Brewing is allowing us to use his fantastic venue as the pick up point for your soup orders! We're going to ease into this project with a practice run this Thursday, 29 June. Your options are Pumpkin or Tomato & Bacon for the first week and you can collect your choice between 5.30 and 6.30 to take home and reheat at your leisure. All proceeds toward the \$1000 target set for this year's local fundraiser.

If you would like further information, or to place an order, please text Laura on 0428 382 749. If you aren't into soup but would like to donate, you can follow this link:

<https://support.headandneckcancer.org.au/my-fundraising/172/laura-mclean>

Laura McLean, Uralla



Photo: The International Federation of Head & Neck Oncologic Societies

Uralla Women Bowlers Brave the Greens This Cold & Frosty June

Our Uralla Lady bowlers continue to keep bowling even though their fingers and their noses might be feeling a little cold on these frosty June mornings. Most of the time they manage to play on undaunted. With their long-johns beneath their burgundy pants and their vests beneath their warm padded club jackets, they still eagerly front up to the green for whatever the next event might be.

Over the last two months they have been involved in numerous bowling events.

Our Women's Bowling Club have sent representatives to Guyra, Armidale City, Inverell Sporties & Walcha President's Days.

The Pam Westbury Memorial Day was held in May and was well attended and we thank everyone for coming. The names of the Kootingal winning team have been added to Pam's Memorial Trophy.

Club Minor Singles Championship has been run and was won by Lynnette Dwyer.

Our Club Pairs Championship are now being played and will soon be finalised.

Judy Bray and April Fulton officiated at the Regional Singles play-offs at the end of May at Armidale City.

Pauline Crouch, Publicity Officer, UWBC



Photo Lt to Rt:

Jayne Bourke, Lyn Buckingham, June Gregory and Phyllis Dade.

NAIDOC Celebration - 4 July 2023 - 10am

Flag Raising and Smoking Ceremony
at Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Followed by a walk to the Community Centre in Hill Street with a Welcome to Country, cake cutting, speeches and entertainment.

Please join our Elders, community members and Hon Adam Marshall for the celebrations.

Introducing...

Raj and Heena - The "Guinness" Mobil Team



Heena and Raj are the new team managing the Uralla Mobil Service Station. Originally from the state of Gujrat on the west coast of India, Raj came to Australia five years ago to be closer to family in Melbourne. Heena arrived about twelve months ago.

The first job on arriving in Uralla was a big clean up before adding new stock into the shop. Both are trying to develop their English as quickly as possible. Raj has good English and Heena, who speaks Hindi, is rapidly catching up. They are keen to attract more local customers by establishing a reputation for excellent customer service.

Both talked about how the community has welcomed them with "kindness and cooperation". Even though the frosty weather is quite a change for them, they are managing well.



Heena - an impromptu yoga pose

Before arriving in Uralla, Raj spent three years working in Griffith where his yoga and aerobic skills were put to good use with the casual work force. He ran classes for Indian and Malaysian rural and motel workers in the area. They would meet on weekends, to do yoga, aerobic and meditation.

Both Raj and Heena bring with them some surprisingly impressive skills and achievements. Raj is listed in the Guinness Book of Records for non-stop (19 hours) aerobics and Heena is in Limca as the record holder for (10 hours) yoga aerobics. (Limca is a book published each year which records world records held by Indians.) Heena has completed three years' training as a master yoga and meditation teacher.

Before arriving in Uralla, Raj spent three years working in Griffith where his yoga and aerobic skills were put to good use with the casual work force.

Raj says they would like to introduce their aerobics and yoga classes to Uralla but unfortunately, this is impossible at the moment since the service station involves very long hours. However, they say they would be happy to talk to anyone looking for advice - in meditation for example.

For more information regarding fitness visit: aeroyoga.co.in and on Youtube: aerobics Rajkumar

-Thank you to Jann Karp for the story



Traineeship in Cert III or Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care

Uralla Preschool is a community-based preschool with a strong foundation for nurturing and educating young children, supporting their families and developing our staff. A cornerstone of Uralla Preschool is to develop a sense of belong by building secure, respectful relationships within our community.

Uralla Preschool has a diverse group of children that reflects the diverse nature of our community and we are building a strong focus on embedding indigenous culture in our curriculum. With a robust affiliation with community health allied professionals, we are able to support and develop children and families with higher needs. We operate with high educator to child ratio, meaning we are able to focus on the development of the individual child.

You will work with a team of exceptional and highly experienced educators to implement the daily program in line with the National Quality Framework and Early Years Learning Framework.

Uralla Preschool operates from Mon – Friday from 8.00am – 3.30pm (3.00pm on Fridays), during school terms.

We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic person to join our team. The successful applicant will be:

- Articulate, adaptable and reliable
- Able to work in a close knit team of highly skilled professionals
- Able to embrace diversity of the community and flexible enough to adapt to the needs of each individual child and family.

The successful applicant will:

- Undergo Cert III or Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care, with the support of highly experienced educators,
- Be willing to complete a Working with Children Check
- Employed for 27 hours or more per week (negotiable). This includes study time.
- Work with children aged 3 years to school age.

We believe in diversity, inclusion and equality and are committed to ensuring that our workplaces are a reflection of our community. We recognise the benefits that diversity and inclusion brings, and in turn encourage talented people from all backgrounds and identities to apply for our vacancies.

We have a commitment to a child safe and friendly environment where children feel safe, nurtured and have fun.

Please send a cover letter, resume including two referees to Anne at Urallapreschool@bigpond.com before close of business 30 th June.

Anne Percy, Director

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Uralla Seniors & Pensioners

This past month has seen our Seniors and Pensioners getting out and about again, though with decreased numbers due to the very cold weather. A couple of members have even left us temporarily for warmer climes for a month or two. However, the rest of us rugged up well and set out in the first week of June to head to busy Tamworth for a change (not quite so cold). We took our regular two buses, and gossiped and sang our way along the highway. The driver of the bus I was in has the most beautiful voice. It was a pleasure to listen to him sing.

We bypassed the main Tamworth shopping precinct and proceeded out to the South Tamworth Shopping Mall with its Big W, Reject Shop and many other choices for a delightful shopping spree. On arrival, our second port of call was for a lovely hot beverage and a delicious bakery treat. You can guess what was our first port of call, and it was a hell of a long way from the drop off point. Anne and I practically ran the whole way.

We then split up into small groups, each doing our own thing, being mindful to be back at the pickup-point to join the buses for the trip over to the South Tamworth Bowling Club where we were to partake of lunch.

The range of dishes on the menu was quite expansive, but the size of the servings was much too large for our senior-sized stomachs. All but one of us ended up with enough left over that we all had a generous doggy bag to take home. It was only Shelly who didn't require a doggy bag, as she was allowed to purchase a child's meal!

After we finished lunch, some sat around the auditorium socialising with coffee and talk, while a few tried their hands at Keno and others tried to show me how the other style of gambling worked. I must admit that the gambling machine really made an effort to put me off. It rejected my \$10 note five times before it gave up and swallowed it.

Maggie then showed me how to set things up. But I don't think I quite caught on as my \$10 disappeared in just four goes.

Feeling a little despondent as the person next to me danced a jig as bells rang and strident music blasted out of their machine, I left that den of iniquity and joined the coffee coterie, ordering myself a large, hot chocolate to sooth my jangling nerves.

Uralla Seniors & Pensioners, Inc.

Results of AGM held 20 June 2023

President: Margaret Taggart

Vice President: Pam Meehan

Secretary: Pauline Crouch

Assistant Secretary: June Gregory

Treasurer: Norma Betts

Public Officer: Pam Meehan

Pauline Crouch, Secretary & Publicity Officer,

Uralla Seniors & Pensioners Association

Running Wild – Episode 5 – Off Crawney (Fiction)

3. Recap. Will left in wee hours of the morning, leaving the homestead on the Peel far behind. He took the miners track over Crawney Pass and the dawn chorus of the marauding mountain magpies heralded a new day. As he neared the top he heard a sound, not unlike the Travellers Yodel, then saw a figure of a man with pistol in hand.

Will closed the gap across the flat to where The Captain was waiting, still with dark pistol pointed in his direction. He said, 'You've made good timing Will and if they are the horses you were talking about, then I truly believe their breeding'. Will offered the lead for the colt, saying 'this is The Barb of the Sir Hercules bloodline. He's got his kin's jet-black coat, like a black panther in the moonlight, I heard Haworth say one time'. The Captain then looked over every inch of the colt, picking each leg in turn, checking hoof and hock. He took his saddle and bridle from the big chestnut and saddled the black colt. The colt protested but The Captain spoke quietly to him, and he was soon calmer. Once mounted the colt bucked, bucked, and bucked. The Captain knew horses, letting him have his head, before bringing him back under control. After a dozen rounds of the grassy flat the colt was spent. The Captain was now satisfied that they had come to a mutual understanding. While repacking the horses The Captain said, 'we'll keep well clear of Nundle and Hanging Rock, head east awhile, follow the bushrangers' highway, then north. I've to make calls on the way; we should be on Mountain Black after a few days.'

The air was clear and crisp as they rode ridgelines and over mountains, long blue vistas at all points. Cloud lay low on the tops and a squall off to the lower lands. As they reached the highest mountain top The Captain halted and looking back to Will pointed towards the coastal squall. He said, 'If you find yourself needing to get to the coastline over the eastern fall, follow the track along that long ridgeline and you'll find yourself down at Gloucester town. Then you'll be not far from the track south to Sydney Town, but we head north now', he said. After further day's travel, the party found themselves in the Moonbi hills, near a large balancing rock called Cory's Nightcap. It was late afternoon and The Captain left Will to make camp while he went off to call on the fellow Betts, down in the township. On parting he said, 'I'll be back late night, stay awake, keep a low fire, and tend well to those horses.' Will nodded as his reply.

Thomas Betts had been given his 'ticket of leave', coming to Moonbi with his new bride from Somerton. He had served his time as an indentured convict on the Liverpool Plains pastoral run, convicted with his accomplice Thomas Woollaston for Cart Robbery and transported to the colony. It was while serving his sentence at Cockatoo that The Captain had come to know Betts. It was said that Betts owed him, for he had foiled an attempt from a jail gang to spill his entrails.

-Daryl Albertson, Kelly's Plains

Rotary Club of Uralla Sponsors Rotary Youth International Exchange Student

Ingrid Chilcott Greere is a student at Guyra Central School. She completed Year 10 in 2022 and is currently on a 12 month exchange to Mexico City where she attends school. Her monthly reports are extremely interesting and well written.

Ingrid has given her permission for her reports to be included in the paper. She is having amazing experiences there and her host families, and the Rotary arranged trips, are taking her to many different sights and special places. It is hoped that other families would read about Ingrid's adventures and consider a Rotary Youth Exchange for their senior secondary student.

Information for all Rotary youth programs is available through the Rotary Club of Uralla or any Rotary Club.

There are a number of Rotary Programs on many topics available for young people from Secondary school age and up. Enquiries are always welcome.

Lynn McClenahan, Member, Rotary Club of Uralla

An extract from her most recent report is below.

My May Report

By Ingrid Grace Chilcott-Geere

I believe this has been my biggest month yet. On May 3rd I set off on my biggest adventure since arrival. At 10PM all the Toluca kids gathered at Toks (a restaurant) to be picked up by our bus. The trip wasn't too bad as it was only about 9 kids and we could stop for food and to use the bathroom whenever necessary/desired.

About 12 hours later we finally arrived in Puerto Vallarta. After an hour of trying to find the resort we were successful. Our check in was denied as apparently we had to wait for the 30 or so other students, all still 6 hours away. Go figure. Simply glad to be off the bus we instead headed to the nearby buffet restaurant where we all loaded up on French breads and sushi, returned and collected Rotary t-shirts and lanyards with our conference passes and returned to sit in the lobby.

Eventually someone checked us in without the 30 others. My 'roommate' was Ink, a girl from Thailand. We had 2 double beds, a bathroom and a coffee machine, which went completely unused. We did however use the air con 24/7 for the entirety of our stay.

Everyone else arrived and got ready. Then began the chaos of 40 students all wearing brightly coloured blazers being marched through a high end resort while speaking an assortment of languages and arguing over flags.

No incidents occurred during our walk and we eventually made it to the opening night of the conference. They rang their bell, welcomed everybody, shared some events that had occurred throughout the year, introduced some special guests and then we had our parade to show off our blazers and flags.

Our final night we attended the closing of the conference and were served very fancy tuna entrees and the first roast dinner I have had since I left Australia so I was in love. Afterwards we headed to dance at the resorts live music night. We arrived home around 1:30AM and after getting ready for bed I fell asleep around 2AM. 3 hours later we were up again to have breakfast and leave. We had our breakfast, made sure nothing was left behind, checked out and fought with all the luggage and blazers. Around 7AM 40 or so teenagers were packed onto a barely big enough bus with broken air conditioning and a single emergency toilet to endure 15 almost non-stop hours of driving.

About 2 PM when we stopped we had grill platters for lunch at Betos then were given half an hour to walk around and shop. My first stop was the pharmacy as my tooth was causing me agony and I still had 8-ish hours to go. We all piled back on to the bus fed and stretched as sufficiently as we were going to get. Most talked quietly or listened to their own music through headphones as it became dark. I moved seats to the front and watched Top Gear episodes I had downloaded with the expectation of boredom.

Wednesday the 10th was Dia de la Madres (Mothers Day) so we all headed to Mexico City. We had quesadillas for breakfast on the way and spent the majority of our day at the Museo De Cera. The easiest way to describe it, is to tell you to imagine Questacon, Madame Tussauds and Green Valley opened a shared business so please do that. We began by walking through a building filled with hundreds of wax figures. They had sports stars, Disney and horror movie characters, global leaders, musicians, renaissance artists, important historical figures from Mexican history and many religious figures.

Later in the month I had great fun when I went bowling/shopping with my friends and started attending volleyball matches on the weekends. It is good just to be outside somewhere with real grass that actually grows itself. While I haven't attended as much school as usual I have really enjoyed it and my language has come far enough that I can actively participate in some classes. My favourites are human & health and ethics. I have fallen in love with the school canteen's chicken chilaquiles and begun talking to new people to practise my Spanish. The second lot of Spanish classes have been shut down. It does just make me a little prouder of myself though as a good part of the other students had twice weekly classes for 6 months and have lived here for 9 or 10 months still don't speak the language.

I am not sure what I will have to write home about next month but I hope you enjoyed hearing all about my May in Mexico and that all is well in Australia.

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Audit Office of NSW Report on Local Government 2022

Prior to the last council election I wrote to Uralla shire and the Wordsworth concerning auditing practices that needed to be implemented.

The NSW Auditor-General reported in June 2023 the results of an audit of the local government sector, specifically financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Unqualified audit opinions were issued for 83 councils, 11 joint organisations and nine county councils' statements. This means that these councils needed to address accounting issues. For example, 43 councils' financial statements had no recognition of rural firefighting equipment vested under section 119 (2) of the Rural Fires Act 1997, while 47 councils appropriately recognised this equipment.

There were 1,045 audit findings reported to councils with 52% being unresolved from prior years!

The report included:

"Ninety-three high-risk matters were identified across the sector mainly relating to asset management, information technology, financial accounting and council governance procedures".

"Fifty-two councils had weak processes over the integrity of fixed asset registers".

When we walk into the doors of our shire council building we encounter the closest level of government to our

community. Council handles delivering local services and infrastructure. Therefore, auditing performance means we are accountable for Uralla Shire Council outcomes.

Only one finding mentions Uralla Shire Council explicitly:

"Council did not have key IT policies, IT business continuity plan or IT disaster recovery plan." This is a repeat finding, previously reported as a moderate-risk finding and yet to be resolved by management as part of the 30 June 2022 audit. Due to the aggregated risk of the finding, this has been reassessed as high-risk.

For further information, please follow [this link](#).

Jann Karp, Uralla



Uralla Showgrounds
1st Sunday of the month
8am to 12.30pm



Goldheist, Anna Weatherup and Amy Vee Captivate Uralla Audience



Another entertaining night at the Mill. Amy Vee (left), Anna Weatherup (middle) and Goldheist

It's a match made to delight. Three performers, exceptional in their own right, coming together to weave musical magic that enchanted an appreciative audience at McCrossin's Mill on 10 June.

Goldheist on keyboard ignited the evening, singing original songs that told stories about her life, the Australian bush, adventures and tales of love. She has been described a crooner, but she is more than that judging by the variety of music she performed. Award winning songwriter and performer Amy Vee then took to the stage enthraling the audience with her silky voice and intriguing guitar playing style. Anna Weatherup followed with a more traditional guitar playing style, but with a most impressive voice, both in range and strength.

The evening culminated with the three artists coming together performing a number of songs that highlighted their individual strengths and wonderful harmonies.

Take note of the names of these three, and be sure not to miss them the next time they play in Uralla.

-Editor



Smoke over Uralla on 21 June

Photo: Uralla Wordsworth

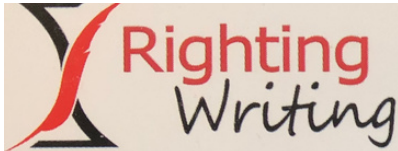
Recycling the Old Uralla Tennis Shed



Recently three members of our community demolished the old tennis shed (clubhouse) in John McFarlane's back yard. He wanted it gone and was open to the idea of recycling it. Enter three recyclers stage left! Chris is a builder from Walcha and needed old angled weatherboards and framing timber for a project he had going. Mick, a handyman and gardener, makes furniture out of weathered/old hardwood. Nick needed some flooring for converting a factory into a home.

Also Suzie needed some old hardwood to build a shed that fitted with the look of the old house she lives in, so Chris organised some for her use. The old tennis shed lives on! There have been a number of old houses recently demolished and carted off to the Uralla tipface. What could they have been upcycled into?

Peter Barkley, Invergowrie



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The EnergyCo information stand at the Neighbourhood Centre
Photo: Uralla Wordsworth

There has been some discussion in the media about undergrounding the network infrastructure, and the government has announced that a study into the feasibility of this will be conducted. There are significant practical concerns with this approach, including issues around installation cost, maintenance, fault repairs, and heat dissipation. NSW MLA for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall released a press release on 21 June welcoming the inquiry into the undergrounding of transmission lines, stating *"No one is suggesting we underground all of the hundreds of kilometres of new transmission lines required to be built, but where it impacts heavily on existing industries and the lives of local residents, we should put them underground as has been done in other parts of the state."*

The plan is to deliver 6GW capacity by 2033, and an additional 2GW by 2043.

The community engagement model used by EnergyCo has four stages:

1. Consultation on the preliminary study corridor. This is the current phase, during which community comments and working groups will provide input to deliver a revised study corridor.
2. Consultation on the revised study corridor, later in 2023. Feedback will be provided to the community, and meetings will be held with landowners and other parties.
3. Consultation on the reference design corridor. This is a more detailed design based on further consultation and will produce a scoping report for the NSW Government.
4. Environmental Impact Statement lodged with Dept of Planning & Environment by end 2024.

With regard to the criteria applied to the preliminary study corridor, the following design constraints are being applied:

- Minimise visual impact
- Maximise use of public land
- Minimise impact on town centres and residential areas
- Optimise infrastructure layout for land use
- Minimise impact on biodiversity and cultural values
- Minimise impact on high value agricultural land
- Mitigate hazards and risks
- Co-locate infrastructure

For further information go to:

<https://www.energyco.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-05/ne-rez-project-overview-may-2023.pdf>

Louis van Ekert, Uralla

RECIPES

Smoked Ocean Trout Pasta Sauce

¼ cup pine nuts 1.5 tablespoons capers 3 shallots, sliced shallots

1 tablespoon finely chopped thyme leaves ¼ cup verjuice
2/3 to ¾ cup cream

100g smoked ocean trout or smoked salmon, thinly sliced
salt and pepper to taste

Dry fry pine nuts and set aside. Flash fry capers and set aside. Sauté shallots in a little olive oil until nearly soft. Add thyme leaves and soften. Deglaze pan with verjuice. Add cream, fish, salt and pepper and heat gently. Add desired pasta. Serve sprinkled with capers and pine nuts and a little grated pecorino or parmesan.

Garlicky Pita Wedges make a nice accompaniment.

Garlicky Pita Wedges

Mince garlic and add to melted butter. Split pita bread and cut into 8 wedges before placing on baking pan "inside" up. Brush with melted butter and garlic. Grate parmesan over and sprinkle with thinly sliced basil. Bake in a 180° oven for 7-10 minutes until golden brown.

Laura McLean, Uralla



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Community Calendar

Please email urallawordsworth@gmail.com if you have an event or regular meeting date for your organisation.

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, 10am at RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury St, Uralla

Uralla Computer Bank is open Mon, Tues and 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 Showground

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

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre. Monday by appointment, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm, 67711457 0419149244, 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 - 12 noon at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00. This includes morning tea.

Uralla Book Club meets on the first Saturday of each month, 10am at the Alternate Root

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 & third Tuesdays of the month, 10am. New members welcomed, Ph. 0438433735

Uralla and District Uniting Church meets Sundays at 9.30am for worship. Our Church is undergoing renovations and we meet in the adjoining Church Hall 29 Maitland St, Uralla. The 1st Sunday of each month is a communion service.

Uralla Garden Club meets every third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm. We have no set permanent venue, but meet at a different member's garden or we visit other open gardens. New members are very welcome. Contact: urallagardenclub@gmail.com or Jenny 0435 593 850

Uralla Community Street Store

26 June - 2 July Thunderbolt Fishing Club

13 - 9 July Uralla Shire Business Chamber

Call Uralla Shire Council to book - 6778 6300

To download the 2023 street stall schedule go to:

<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Uralla-Community-Street-Store>

Events For June and July

***Uralla Shire Council Meeting** - Tues 27 June 4pm

***Uralla Shire Council Extraordinary Meeting** - Thurs 29 June 5pm - Agenda: Draft Operational Plan 2023-2024 for adoption

***High Country Markets**, 2 July, at the Uralla Showground 8am - 12:30pm

***Monthly Poultry Auction**, 2 July, from 9:30am at the Uralla Showground.

NAIDOC Week Celebration, 4 July, Council Chambers

ADFAS Armidale lecture 6 July – Rococo: A masterpiece, a mystery and Madame de Pompadour. Lecture by UK guest lecturer Jacqui Ansell, Senior Lecturer at Christie's London. - TAS Hoskins Centre, 5.30 pm Guest ticket \$25, students in school uniform free. Book: www.trybooking.com/CDGNU or www.adfas.org.au/societies/armidale

The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunty Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Aunty Bob,

I have finally realised I worry too much and decided to do something about it. So, I'm going to make a list of all the things I should be worried about and spend more time worrying about the most worrisome ones rather than all of them. But what are they? Which worries should go on the top of my list? It's hard to worry about something you're not aware of. Can you please help?

Ima Neurotick

Dear Ima (if that is your real name),

Thank you for your query. I understand your problem, but where to start, that is the question. My mother told me you should not worry about the things you cannot control. So make a list of the things you cannot control, such as taxes, nuclear war, Johnny Farnham final tours, cats, vegans, politicians, etc. When you finish your list you will realise that you can't control much so there is not much to worry about. Trust this helps.

Yours in advice,

Aunty Bob

Dear Aunty Bob,

I was shocked to hear that Nestles has announced that it will no longer be making Fantails. Is this correct and what can be done to stop this injustice.

Sweet Tooth

Dear Sweet Tooth,

I was also outraged when I heard this news. What could Nestles possibly be thinking. How will we possibly get the correct information on the lives of our film stars from the wonderfully presented wrappers on Fantails instead of the rubbish on social media? Not to mention the delightful taste of caramel wrapped in chocolate. We must call the nation to action.

There must be marches on Parliament and in the streets. Arise Australia and demand our Fantails back.

Yours in Advice.

Aunty Bob

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Community Messages

Play Patch is a ministry of Uralla Anglican on Fridays from 10-12am for children from 0 - school age and their carers. We explore the bible through sensory play weekly during the school term. It costs \$20 a term, per family. Please bring morning tea for your child, a hat and a change of clothes (sensory play can get messy).
www.urallaanglican.com

The **Farmgate Support** program provides peer support, counselling, information and advocacy for rural people living in farming communities or on farm. Our team includes Peer support workers and social workers. We travel to farms or meet people in their local area across the Hunter New England Local Health District. People can self refer or be referred, with their consent, by calling 0477 322 851 or email: HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au

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One Hundred Words

The Snow Show - 1984



At the time, 39 years ago, it was the heaviest snow in living memory, and we haven't seen anything like it since. It started on 4 July 1984, snowed over two days, with some snow remaining for up to a week in some shaded areas.

We were living in my old house in Salisbury Street and remember waking up to the most amazing scene over Uralla Creek and Mt Mutton. It was fantastic. I'd never seen anything like it in Uralla before. Everyone in the neighbourhood was soon out in the street building snowmen and having snowball fights. My three boys were teenagers at the time, and boy, did they have fun.

I went to the shop to open up but there was no one in the street. It was deserted. There was a report of a council grader heading north out of town pushing snow from the highway for the convoy of trucks that followed. I had no idea where they would have been going.

There was no point keeping the shop open, so I closed the doors like most other shops, and went home to build snowmen with my kids at the front of our house.

It was such an amazing experience for everyone, perhaps something we may never see again.



-Peter Phillips, Uralla

Why Uralla?



Phil and Trish learning about the lie of the land from local Peter Barkley

Well, my first encounter with Uralla was travelling through to UNE for residential courses in history and politics. Didn't stop. This was whilst I was working and a single mum.

The real reason for our first visit here was craft beer. My husband has paddled (beer paddles) from Margaret River to the Granite Belt. Fortunately - though at that time we thought unfortunately - the brewery was not open till Wednesday. Stay we did and gave us a chance to look around. Have been back several times since.

Great coffee, great pub food, lovely take away and great pies. Staff in local supermarket super friendly as they are everywhere. Only a short distance away - fabulous goats' cheese and distillery with gin and whisky to die for.

Not far from Armidale if you need a Bunnings sausage and not far from Tamworth if you desire to go boot scooting. It is a pleasant place to wander around with some lovely old buildings.

At our age medical issues need to be considered so not far from hospitals. My husband asked a local what the doctors were like and got very positive responses and appears from the local community paper they are accepting new patients. That's good too and a bonus. After over 40 years in the justice system, the crime rate in Uralla, or lack of, is encouraging and would be nice to live somewhere with such low events. With a safety rate of 9/10 it sounds like heaven. Weather cold in winter but what would you expect. Can always put on clothes, throw another log on the fire or ramp up the other forms of heating. Rumour has it it's great in summer too. Having said this, I did not want to consider a move from the Central Coast of NSW to somewhere I didn't know anyone. I pondered this last night as I listened to the rain on our caravan roof.

Thinking about it, the main question is "Why Uralla?". It is the people and whilst I don't know anyone, those I have met at coffee shops, the Co-op, the brewery, in fact everywhere have been so friendly I'm sure it would not take long to form bonds. I like to paint and have heard of classes and art groups available (bonus).

So the search continues for a home. I think the question should not be WHY URALLA? but WHY NOT URALLA?

-Trish and Phil Webber (hopefully residents soon!)