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Public Health Order, 26th June 2021

To protect the people of NSW from the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, current stay-at-home orders will be extended across all of Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour from 6pm today (26 June) until 11.59pm Friday, 9 July.

Following updated health advice from the Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant about the growing risk to the community, the stay-at-home orders will apply to all people in the Greater Sydney including Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong. Everyone in Greater Sydney must stay at home unless it is for an essential reason.

The reasons you may leave your home include:

- Shopping for food or other essential goods and services;
- Medical care or compassionate needs (people can leave home to have a COVID-19 vaccination unless you have been identified as a close contact);
- Exercise outdoors in groups of 10 or fewer;
- Essential work, or education, where you cannot work or study from home. Community sport will not be permitted during this period. Weddings will not be permitted from 11.59pm, Sunday 27 June. Funerals will be limited to one person per four square metres with a cap of 100 people, and masks must be worn indoors.

In all other parts of NSW, the following restrictions will apply:

- People who have been in the Greater Sydney region (including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong) on or after June 21 should follow the stay-at-home orders for a period of 14 days after they left Greater Sydney.

- Visitors to households will be limited to 5 guests – including children;
- Masks will be compulsory in all indoor non-residential settings, including workplaces, and at organised outdoor events;
- Drinking while standing at indoor venues will not be allowed;
- Singing by audiences and choirs at indoor venues or by congregants at indoor places of worship will not be allowed;
- Dancing will not be allowed at indoor hospitality venues or nightclubs however, dancing is allowed at weddings for the wedding party only (no more than 20 people);
- Dance and gym classes limited to 20 per class (masks must be worn);
- The one person per four square metre rule will be re-introduced for all indoor and outdoor settings, including weddings and funerals;
- Outdoor seated, ticketed events will be limited to 50 per cent seated capacity;

We understand this is a difficult time for everyone, however we need to take these steps now to get on top of this outbreak. People across NSW should only enter the Greater Sydney region for essential purposes.

For more information, visit

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/.../covid-19-restrictions-extended....>

Please continue to check the NSW Government website as more information will be made available: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>.



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Robert Bell was elected to Uralla Shire Council in September 2016 and has served one term as Deputy Mayor. He was previously Director of Engineering for Uralla Shire, lives in town, and has a grazing block at Kentucky. In his regular column, Cr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.

Significant interest is now being shown in running for Council at the September elections. Nominations Online Management System will be available to prospective candidates from Monday 28 June, and lodgement of nominations open on Monday 26 July. Close of nominations and close of registration of candidates and groups is 12 noon on Wednesday 4 August. My key message is that "a Councillor is accountable to the local community for the performance of the Council."

I have not yet seen a public reply to Rosemary Reading's letter to the last edition of Uralla Wordsworth on the future management and funding of McMaugh Gardens. While I understand that families who have loved ones in McMaugh's are reluctant to speak out, it falls to the Councillors and the community to fight for this wonderful facility.

I attended the opening of the upgraded Uralla Visitor Information Centre on June 4. I am very concerned that the Aniwan Cultural Collection which was opened on March 10, 2020, has been shifted. I will make further enquiries as to what has occurred. Two other issues that were highlighted to me include the fact that the kitchen is nowhere near completed, and the small area on the southern end of the building is to be offered for hire at \$700 per week as a 'pop up' space. No business I know can afford to pay that for such a small area tucked away outside the CBD.

The June Council Newsletter advised that the library hours have been significantly altered, including closing on Sundays. The newsletter claimed that there had been a month long survey with customers. All the customers who have contacted me have advised that they had not been included in the survey. Please contact Council if the new hours have disadvantaged you or your family.

At an Extraordinary Meeting held on June 15, Council resolved to extend the current Central Northern Regional Library Agreement for a further five years. It was only after Clr Crouch requested advice on the cost of this contract that we were informed it is approximately \$111,000 per annum, with \$75,000 paid by the NSW State Government.

Council recently held a workshop to discuss Fuller Park (on the corner of the New England Highway, East Street and Dumaresq Street.) The workshop participants included Mrs Gwen Fuller, members of Uralla Town and Environs Committee (UTEK), Councillors and staff. The park was named after Mrs Fuller's father-in-law, who won

a Herald Gardening award for his maintenance of the park. It also included an old steam engine which had been donated by Peter Williams of "Wilhelmshohe." This was finally removed when insurance costs got the better of it. The workshop was very positive about the need to upgrade the park, with a view to making it a stopping point for travellers, and a safe environment for school children catching the bus. Anyone who would like a couple of very large (and ugly) pots should contact Council. The erection of an appropriate sculpture for the park was also supported.

A recent article in the "Good Weekender" highlighted that "the (Uralla) Council has been too slow in approving new subdivisions to build new housing stock." While over 100 residential blocks have been given Development Approval, none have been issued with final certifications. My last investigation found only two residential blocks were available for sale in Uralla. This is exacerbated by a number of surveying companies being reluctant to accept subdivision work in Uralla. This issue is holding Uralla back and should be a high priority for the new Council to address.

Congratulations to Karen Zirkler on being appointed as a Board Member on the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust. (I know it was last December!) Karen is currently CEO of Southern New England Landcare, and she will bring a wealth of practical knowledge to this influential Trust.

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50 Golden Years

Family and friends congregated at the Uralla Bowling Club two weeks ago to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of two stalwarts of the Club, Phyllis and Colin Dade.

Phyllis is the daughter of John and Elsie Williams and was born in McMaugh's Hospital right here in Uralla. As too was the baby who was destined to become her husband. Colin and Phyllis have lived all their lives in Uralla, settling in Rowan Avenue after their marriage and raising two sons Brad and Graham. They have four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. They both had several occupations in their working lives. Phyllis's last endeavour saw her working as a carer, while Col finished his working life at Austin Earle Page College at UNE.

Both Phyllis and Col have always been keen on sport, playing competition tennis all around the district. They decided to give lawn bowls a go about 20 years ago, and are now very actively involved, both keen players with many wins to their credit. Phyllis is the President of the Ladies Bowling Club, a position she has held for five years. Colin is a Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Uralla Bowling Club.

Congratulations to you both on 50 years of marriage, and best wishes for many more years to come.

Pauline Crouch, Publicity Officer, UWBC



Phyllis and Col Dade

Men's Shed Upgrades

The new Uralla Men's Shed may have opened last year but steps are still being taken to ensure maximum functionality for users, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today announcing \$40,080 in State Government grants to refurbish amenities and install rooftop solar panels.

Mr Marshall said these latest projects were part of a strategy to secure the organisation's long-term financial viability.

"Like most community groups, Uralla Men's Shed runs on the smell of an oily rag, so any facility upgrades that work to increase financial memberships and drive down overheads is extremely beneficial," Mr Marshall said.

"Of this grant \$28,800 will be spent adding a water efficient emergency shower for use by members.

"A further \$11,200 will be used to install a 10-kilowatt solar power system that will help reduce its operating costs and support its ongoing sustainability.

"The Uralla Men's Shed has become a home away from home for its 30 members, allowing them to gather to share their knowledge and experience which helps keeps them active and productive.

"I have a lot of respect for the Uralla Men's Shed committee and the way it is continually striving to future-proof its facilities and meet the shifting needs of users."

Uralla Men's Shed President Roland Burnett said as custodians of the public facility, the Uralla Men's Shed considers it important the building is developed and maintained for community use.

"We are pleased to be using local contractors who can provide the carpentry, tiling, plumbing and electrical work required," Mr Burnett said.

"The work is to be completed in about two months once work commences.

"We are especially grateful for Adam's support and help provided by our local Crown Land office staff to get the building up to standard."

Mr Marshall also inspected a new set of access stairs, which were funded by a Crown Lands grant last year.

"Until now members have relied on a nearly non-existent wooden staircase, made of old railway sleepers, to gain access to the front of the shed from the car-park," he said.

"Those old stairs have been replaced with a new concrete staircase 1.5 metre wide with hand rails on each side.

"This will ensure older, less mobile members have a safe and stable path to walk down during their visits."

Since last year, the State Government has provided Uralla Men's Shed with more than \$70,000 in financial assistance to improve their facilities.

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

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What is Universal Housing Design

On Friday 30th April 2021 a meeting was held by Australia's Building Ministers to consider the introduction of Mandatory Accessibility Standards for Housing throughout Australia. It was agreed to mandate the Livable Housing Design 'Silver level' for all new housing in amendments to the National Construction Code to be released next year.

What does this mean for Councils, Builders, Developers and potential new home owners?

It means that homes will be easier to access, navigate and live in, and be far less costly to adapt when life's circumstances change, mainly due to Physical or Visual disability.

The basic design features will be:

1. A step free pathway from the front boundary to a level entry doorway.
2. Where the slope is greater than 1:14 a ramp will be necessary with a level landing no greater than every 9.0m.
3. Entry and accessible internal doors must have a minimum clear opening of 850mm with the door at 90 degrees.(AS 1428.1 2009)
4. Passages should be a minimum 1000mm clear width.
5. One large bedroom and a close or en-suite accessible toilet on the ground floor with removeable shower screen – no hob.
6. Floor finishes to go under Kitchen and Laundry fittings for easy alteration later.
7. Wall positions for future railings to be re-inforced.

The above, modest, manageable changes in design during the initial build will reduce the number of people losing their independence, avoid the need for expensive changes later, and maintaining their close association with friends in their community.

With increasing disability and mobility, together with an ageing population, prudent attention to the above features and the introduction of mandatory Accessibility standards will be a big win for people with a disability, seniors and all Australians.

Gordon Fuller, Disability Access Consultant Member of the Australian Network for Universal Housing Design, Uralla



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New England agriculture winner in Australia-UK Free Trade Agreement

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said farmers and agricultural workers in his electorate would be among the winners in the Australia-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

Mr Joyce said the Coalition Government had secured tariff free access to the UK's 66 million customers for Australian meat, sheepmeat, dairy, rice, wine and sugar.

"Farmers in the New England will be happy with this deal," Mr Joyce said.

"Our Government has negotiated for our local producers to be more attractive to new customers which will support jobs and businesses in the New England.

"We produce high-quality and price competitive produce in the New England and this FTA will give our local products tariff free access to the UK.

"A new agriculture and agribusiness announced as part of the deal will allow local agriculture workers to experience life and work visas in the UK and vice versa, helping our workers gain valuable experience while helping employers fill skilled positions."

Under the FTA Agreement in Principle:

- Beef tariffs will be eliminated after ten years. During the transition period, Australia will have immediate access to a duty-free quota of 35,000 tonnes, rising in equal instalments to 110,000 tonnes in year 10. In the subsequent five years a safeguard will apply on beef imports exceeding a further volume threshold rising in equal instalments to 170,000 tonnes, levying a tariff safeguard duty of 20 per cent for the rest of the calendar year.
- Sheep meat tariffs will be eliminated after ten years. During the transition period, Australia will have immediate access to a duty-free quota of 25,000 tonnes, rising in equal instalments to 75,000 tonnes in year 10. In the subsequent five years a safeguard will apply on sheep meat imports exceeding a further volume threshold rising in equal instalments to

125,000 tonnes, levying a tariff safeguard duty of 20 per cent for the rest of the calendar year.

- Sugar tariffs will be eliminated over eight years. During the transition period, Australia will have immediate access to a duty-free quota of 80,000 tonnes, rising by 20,000 tonnes each year.
- Dairy tariffs will be eliminated over five years. During the transition period, Australia will have immediate access to a duty-free quota for cheese of 24,000 tonnes, rising in equal instalments to 48,000 tonnes in year five. Australia will also have immediate access to a duty-free quota for non-cheese dairy of 20,000

tonnes. There will be a further duty-free transitional quota for butter of 5,500 tonnes rising to 11,500 tonnes in year five.

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Dan Tehan said UK FTA would be the most comprehensive and liberal agreement Australia had signed, outside of our partnership with New Zealand.

"Our Government worked very closely with the agriculture sector as we negotiated this FTA to ensure the best deal possible for our farmers," Mr Tehan said.

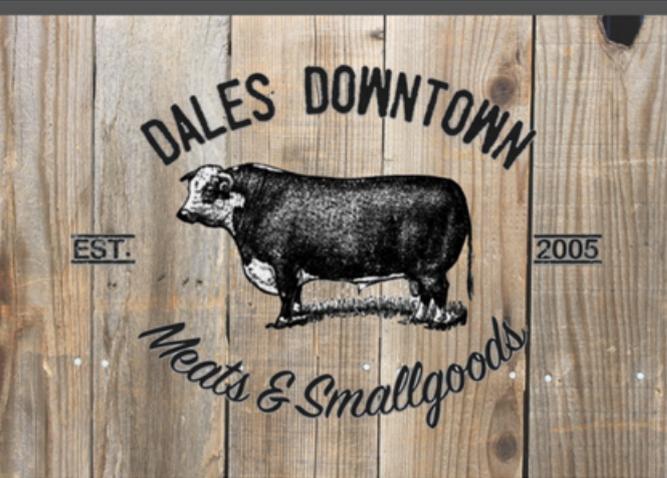
"This agreement will enhance the already strong relationship between Australia and the UK, providing opportunities for farmers, businesses and workers in both countries."

Barnaby Joyce, Member for New England

Letter to the Editor

The 14 June issue of Uralla Wordsworth reported our state MP, Adam Marshall, saying that the [Visitor Information Centre] refurbishment showcases the region's Aboriginal culture. What a load of malarky! The display of flintstones and edible plants without context such as who the first people were, what happened to them when the settlers arrived, and where they are now, is just tokenism.

John Sutherland, Uralla resident



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Letter to the Editor

To the editor

I have been reflecting on the Uralla Shire Council performance. Something has gone awry in the interpretation of the role and responsibility of the current Councillors, Mayor and Senior Staff to our community.

So this week I took some time to review the Local Government Act 1993, not a particularly riveting read, although essential to understand what Local Government function is. In sections 226, 232 and 335 of the Act is outlined to roles and responsibilities of Councillors, Mayor and General Manager.

It is not hard to imagine that sections of the Act describing the roles of Councillors, Mayor and General Manager are heavy on words like communication, consultation, partnership, cohesion, strategy, community and accountability.

As I move around our community and listen to Uralla Shire residents, it is quite clear that the Mayor, General Manager and a large portion of the Councillors have been measured and found wanting in the key areas of community consultation, partnership, and accountability.

It is clear to me that Local Government is the most important level of government in developing community social and economic capacity. This is achieved by being consultative, accountable and a respected partner. This is where this Council has failed and has consequently lost the respect of this community.

I would like to encourage the council and it is long overdue for the Uralla Shire Mayor, General Manager and Councillors to reflect on their responsibility and track record under the NSW Local Government Act. There is a little time before the September 4th election for them to recover some level of respect.

For me, the September 4th election cannot come soon enough as Uralla Shire Council is unlikely to change its spots without the election.

David Mailler, Uralla Resident

A letter to the editor:

The Fibonacci sequence runs: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, 233, 377, 610, 987, 1597, 2584, 4181, 6765, 10946, 17711, 28657, 46368, 75025, 121393, 196418, 317811, ...

The eighteenth term (2584, counting from the first 1) is the postcode for Binalong, NSW.

The twentieth term (6765) is the postcode for Fitzroy Crossing, Kupartiya and Mount Hardman WA.

Concatenating two terms (21 and 34) gives the postcode for Burwood and Burwood North NSW.

So, who has the greater claim? Locations with a postcodes that are an actual number in the Fibonacci sequence, the concatenation of two numbers or Uralla which has to concatenate four numbers from the sequence?

The Fibonacci sequence has some interesting properties but there is nothing magical about it. The frequent occurrence of the sequence in nature is the result of material in rows growing between items in preceding rows.

Jon Burne, Rocky River

Showground Upgrades Continue

LIFE will be a picnic at Uralla Showground once six outdoor tables and a new shade structure is installed, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today dusting off the picnic basket to announce a \$61,789 State Government grant for the additions.

In the last 12 months, the State Government has provided \$389,392 in stimulus and grant funding for projects to improve Uralla Showground.

Mr Marshall said the outdoor furniture would enhance the spectator experience as more community events were staged at the venue.

“Since the land managers embarked on an overhaul of facilities at Uralla Showground two years ago, the facility has become a prominent venue for equine and community events,” Mr Marshall said.

“With facilities on the site at a high standard the focus of the land managers has turned to improving comfort for spectators and visitors.

“Previously shade sails provided some shelter over tables in front of Pavilion A. Constant exposure to the weather wore away the integrity of the sails and they were subsequently removed.

“The new permanent structure will be connected to the hospitality sector of Pavilion A, where people line-up to purchase food and drinks. This will provide valuable protection from the sun during the warmer months, whilst also offering an area out of the rain

“It is incredible to see how far the Uralla Showground has come in such a short period.

“Congratulations to the land managers on the way they have developed facilities to serve the entire community.”

Uralla Showground Trust Chair Bev Stubberfield said this project would demonstrate to the community the efforts of the board to continue to enhance all facilities for the benefit of existing and future user groups.

“It is the goal of our board to make the showground accessible and attractive to as many user potential groups as possible,” Mrs Stubberfield said.

“We want people to feel comfortable when they come to spectate an event or participate in a community gathering.

“This new shade structure and seating will support the family friendly atmosphere we are trying to create, giving people somewhere to take a load off while they have lunch and soak up atmosphere.”

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

Uralla Showground Land Manager and Pavilion B

In reply to the "Letter to the Editor" published by Ross Burnet (member of NEEPA for approximately 10 years).

Pavilion B was built over 30 years ago by NEEPA with the assistance of the then Trust for the purpose of showing poultry. At that stage this was only "fit purpose" as it had dirt floors and was very basic. A previous Uralla Showground trust (not manager) constructed flooring in it made of particle board which was unsuitable for a poultry shed. No rent had been charged by the then Uralla Showground Trust until 2013 when Rodney O'Brien from Crown Lands took over the administration of the Showground. NEEPA were informed on numerous occasions over many years by the board/trust/administrator that any improvements placed on the showground become the property of the Crown and they needed to find alternate accommodation for the chook pens but nothing happened.

In 2019 the new board (Uralla Showground Land Manager) applied for a grant to pay for the concrete required to cover the whole floor. This was approximately \$12000. NEEPA volunteers agreed to remove the old flooring and spread the new concrete floor area. At this time it was agreed that the shed would now be fit for other users such as trade shows, gem shows ,etc. NEEPA stated they were looking at finding some kind of storage for the pens.

In 2021, USLM applied for a further grant for \$58000 to insulate the roof and walls and line the walls with colourbond , install new lighting and multiple power points, also adding two exit doors for fire safety. This means that USLM have spent \$70000 on Pavilion B in the last two years.

A meeting was called with NEEPA to try and find a solution for moving the pens to allow a large event at the showground in August 2021 in which this pavilion could be put to good use. As it appeared there was nowhere at the present time to store the pens, it was agreed to push them to one side to allow the rest of the shed to be used if required until a storage shed can be built.

USLM have agreed to apply for a grant to construct a storage shed solely for the purpose of storing the pens as NEEPA members present at the meeting said they were either too busy or not capable of completing a grant application. NEEPA was asked to obtain a quote from a local builder for construction of a suitable shed.

The \$500,000 mentioned by Ross has been wisely spent on demolishing old stables (deemed unsafe) and constructing 2 new sets of stables for Pony Club users, new cattleyards for Cowsports Australia, new skillion sheds for the Chook auctions and Sheep sales, updating

the 2 kitchens in pavilion A and pavilion F and much more, providing work for local tradies during tough times. These projects were given priority because they are used on a regular basis not once or twice a year as has been the case with pavilion B.

Now that pavilion B is completed after 30 odd years it will offer Uralla a great undercover facility for different organisations to hold events and hopefully bring more people to the town to spend their money in the local businesses.

Erica Barwell (USLM treasurer)

Uralla Community Street Store

28 June - 4 July

Anglican Parish of Uralla

5-11 July

Uralla Showground Land Manager

Candidates Forum

Come and listen to the candidates ahead of the Uralla Shire Council elections. The forum is scheduled for 18th August 2021 at the Uralla Bowlo, more details to come

Fuel Watch

26 June

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Invergowrie

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Mobil

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135.9

Puma

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BP

147.9

151.0



Fibonacci Information

Session

Recently an information session was held at McCrossin's Mill for master mosaic artist Guy Crossley to make a presentation about the proposed Fibonacci Park in Uralla. The forty five attendees were engrossed in the discussion, and even more so in devouring the delicious pizzas specially prepared by Tuck-in Takeaway. Jason and Carlee were so obliging in providing the refreshments on their "day off". Our thanks to them.

Annie Mayo. Event Organiser



Leanne Doran,
representing
Uralla Rotary, and
Andrew Parker,
experienced local
potter, Arts
Consultant, and
Fibonacci Park
Project Manager.



Bob Anderson President,
Uralla Arts. Guy Crossley,
Master mosaic artist

\$2m Upgrade for Uralla

INCREASING foot traffic, rather than vehicle traffic, will be at the heart of a project to 'turbo-charge' Uralla's CBD, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today announcing a \$2 million State Government grant for Uralla Shire Council to improve access to local parks and public spaces.

Mr Marshall said council had put forward a number of projects for Department of Planning approval, centered on activating underutilised areas in town.

"Uralla has become one of the region's premier destinations for day trippers and tourists, and while its retail and hospitality scene has powered ahead, it's time to lift the town's public spaces to help reflect that success," Mr Marshall said.

"Throughout Uralla there are a number of underdeveloped parks that get few visitors due to lack of amenities, access or attractions.

"Council has submitted a proposal, based on community feedback, which would see some of these spaces reinvigorated through the addition of artistic and heritage elements, as well as improving general amenity."

"A council delivered beautification of the township's public spaces is just reward for those dedicated small business owners who have kept their doors open and shelves stocked during the difficulties of COVID-19 and drought.

"I look forward to the final list of agreed projects being announced and seeing Uralla's public spaces further improved for the enjoyment of the local community and visitors."

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands



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Community Calendar

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

Please check with Event Organisers about the Status of Listed Events

Uralla Rotary Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6.15pm at the Uralla Bowling Club, dinner optional after the meeting

Uralla Lions Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5/5.30 in the CWA Rooms

Uralla Fire & Rescue meet on Tuesday nights at the Uralla Fire Station from 6-7.30pm

Uralla CWA meets on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am at CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

Uralla Computer Bank is open Mon, Tues & Thurs from 9.30am – 3.30pm at Uralla Shire Waste Depot

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

Uralla Hospital Auxillary meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2pm, CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

Uralla Show Society meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla Showgrounds

Uralla Shire Business Chamber meets 1st Thursday of each month at 5.30pm at the Top Pub

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

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

Uralla Men's Shed is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm in the Old Scout Hall, Uralla North Rd (just off the Bundarra Road).

Uralla Auto Club Inc. meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at The Bowling Club.

Uralla Red Cross meets on the first Friday of each month at 2pm in the CWA rooms in the Literary Institute opposite Foodworks

Uralla Historical Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5pm at McCrossin's Mill

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

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch meets the last Sunday of the month at 10.30am at the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street, all veterans welcome

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch Veterans and Families Drop in Centre. Open to all Veterans and their families, each Thursday 10am until 12pm at the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street.

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

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 11am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, donations welcome. Ph : 6778 3277 or email : urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com

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

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

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Tuesday, 10am - 12pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

Events for June / July -

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting 12.30pm Tuesday 29th June, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Annual Can Assist Branch Meeting Saturday 21st August 2021 2.00pm at Uralla Bowling Club

Dine & Discover Vouchers Extended to 31 July

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

The Alternate Root Cafe, 48 Bridge St, Uralla

Michael's Cafe, 98 Bridge St, Uralla

Subway, Shop 1, 50 Bridget St, Uralla

The Top Pub, 23-27 Bridge St, Uralla

Kentucky General Store, Noalimba Ave, Kentucky

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Aliens have taken over Uralla

That's what this bloke in the street reckoned.

He told me "It seems like Aliens are running the joint. They are evidently humanoid but are coated with some sort of thick layer which provides immunity to instructions from Councillors and contact with local residents.

"When Aliens land, they're supposed to say, "Take me to your leader", but one of them just announced, "I AM your leader!"

"They appear intermittently during their nine-day fortnight, only venturing furtively out of their bunker for the obligatory coffee foray.

"We are all aware that they reside in distant Galaxies. . . . Lismore, Tamworth, Armidale etc. The most recent addition to this very merry band of COs, ("Council Officers", but more like "Commanding Officers") is an "Asset Manager", (How many managers do we need?!) who commutes from Hornsby. That's Hornsby, the Sydney suburb! So, they spend their fat salaries in distant Galaxies, not in Uralla.

"Deep inside the bunker the COs perspire freely (everything else is expensive) as they scroll through glossy catalogues looking for shiny stuff to buy. No need to consult Councillors or residents. Just get Grants and buy stuff. Simple, really.

"Oh yes, and flog stuff off when the mood strikes.

"Recently a CO sold off Uralla's stock of old bridge timbers. Ironbark. Rare.Beautiful. Valuable.

"Locals had plans for them to be used in local projects, such as seating and other creative installations.

"All gone, elsewhere, where landscapers are laughing all the way to a bank on Sydney's North Shore.

"Now, when it comes to "work", this means devising "strategies" . . . lots of flowery words and coloured arrows, but no actual flowers.

"Real work? That's what Consultants are for, aren't they?

"Like the infamous 2017 40kph zone for the CBD. Devised by a landscaper from up near Lismore, where "bong" is not the sound of a clock. The bizarre plans prompted a Councillor to ask, "Did he ever actually visit Uralla, or just use a Google Earth map?" There went \$30,000!

"The latest commissioned consultancy is an "Open Spaces Strategy" from a firm of Landscape Architects from Newcastle. They have more degrees than a thermometer, but absolutely no local knowledge.

"Their bloke spent only ONE day in Uralla Shire to produce a glossy Strategy. The cost? Undisclosed.

"The Strategy remained hidden away from our elected Councillors for weeks on end. Why?

"COs don't like people knowing stuff until it's all happened, that's why. Alien behaviour."

That's what the bloke told me. Then he gave this advice.

"Good people of Uralla, at the forthcoming election we

should vote for candidates who will have the spine to stand up to these Aliens and explain that they are indeed Servants of the Shire, not its Masters.

"If that's not acceptable to them, compose a Strategy for them.

"An Exit Strategy."

What this bloke said couldn't possibly be true, could it?

But they were his words, exactly!

Kent Mayo, Uralla Down-to-Earthling.

Breakfast Club

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

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