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Establishing the Uralla Shire Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

As we approach our Uralla school-wide celebration of Reconciliation Week, the importance of a renewed partnership with our Aboriginal community is clearly a crucial component in building a culturally safe school environment. Our school-based journey of embedding respect, understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal cultures and histories is gaining momentum, however, we sadly lack the advice and expertise from the community and Elders to guide our planning and decision making.

Now is the time to strengthen the collaboration between our Aboriginal communities and our local schools through a genuine partnership with an active Uralla Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG).

To ensure we are Walking Together and Working Together to improve the educational engagement and success of Aboriginal children and young people, we require a respectful and equal partnership between educators and our families. The primary role of the NSW AECG Inc. and regional branches is to ensure active participation by Aboriginal people in the consultation and decision making of education and training programs to ensure that the unique and diverse identity of Aboriginal students is recognised, valued and celebrated within our schools.

Hence, we are inviting all interested parties from the local Elders, Aboriginal and non-Indigenous school communities to attend an information session to form a local AECG, with the goal to elect an executive body comprised of Aboriginal community members.

General membership of the local AECG is open to all interested community members at a cost of \$2 for the joining fee. Brooke Kennedy, Tamworth local AECG Vice President, will be attending the meeting and available to answer questions, and to supervise elections for the Uralla AECG executive positions. Come and yarn with us over lunch at the Uralla Bowlo from 1pm on Wednesday 7th June, and be actively involved in the process of forming the Uralla Shire AECG.

Jo Sherrin, Classroom Teacher, Uralla Central School



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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.

Congratulations to Jim White and Jane Weier as they roll out the resilience workshops for local youth. The announcement for this program was made at Alma Park earlier in the year. Their first Uralla program was held at the Uralla Bowling Club. I had the honour to address the groups of approximately 30 students. Some of the suggestion for Uralla included more festivals, somewhere to hang out after school, a gaming arcade, and a shop with clothing for young people. As few had any understanding of what Council does or how it operates, I have invited the groups to come to the Council Chambers and we can have a mock debate. One interesting suggestion was for a week of similar themed events. One idea was for an arts week where the community has an opportunity to highlight the art and craft talent in the Shire including workshops and exhibitions. The group had attended the careers expo in Tamworth the day before which highlighted the exciting time for future employment in the region.

Great to see Rocky River School host the Thunderbolt Small Schools' Athletics Carnival in Uralla. This included Rocky River, Kingstown, Kentucky and Kellys Plains. It is an unfortunate sign of the times that the organisers also invited the Walcha small schools, whose total student numbers are 17 for the three schools combined. Special mention to Brad Hunt for organising the day and to Council's Parks and Garden staff who had the Sporting Complex in first class condition. It also helped that it was a perfect autumn day.

At the last Council meeting, I presented a mayoral minute on the huge increase in the Emergency Services Levy. It is likely that the additional costs could total over \$50,000. Council were assured by the previous government that our levy would not be increased. We understand the significant increase in equipment and facilities like the RFS Control Centre at Armidale Airport, however we were assured that our bill would not increase. With 75 percent of the funding coming from insurance companies, residents are already paying for the services when they pay their insurance.

Subject to approval by Walcha Council we have resolved to appoint a new Audit Risk and Improvement Committee that will include Les Hullick. Many will remember Les when he was Shire Clerk in the early '90s and his passion for South Sydney Rugby League team. He is well aware of the challenges facing rural councils.

Council has awarded two contracts for rehabilitation on Thunderbolts Way this side of Heagney's Hill and on Gostwyck Road to Stabilcorp. Both these contracts are grant funded. We are assured that our staff and equipment are fully utilised on other road maintenance and construction projects.

I am looking forward to meeting the new Minister for Energy, Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC with the other mayors and general managers in the Renewable Energy Zones in NSW. She is on public record as stating she does not want to be the minster that turned off the lights. EnergyCo have put out the statistics for the New England Renewable Energy Zone. The proposal is for the zone to produce 8000 megawatts/annum. A number of groups in the region believe this target is too high. EnergyCo have listed workforce accommodation, staff training, roads and traffic management, telecommunications improvement and waste management as being their major focus. The estimate of \$10.7 billion of private sector investment gives the community confidence that they should see significant investment in our area. Even the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon. Chris Bowen MP, highlighted the need for the renewable energy transition to include "Social Licence" in their mantra.

Good luck to Tony Swilks who is now retiring from USC after years of valuable service including the last ten as overseer. He has suggested he is actually retiring, however I can't imagine him doing too much gardening at his and Ellen's new home. Thank you Tony on behalf of all Uralla Shire residents.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Do you want to change the Australian Constitution? A referendum is going to ask us to vote and either, give our approval or not. Yes or No.

A double majority is required for success. This means a national majority of voters in the states and territories. Also, a majority of voters in a majority of the states (i.e. at least four out of six states).

I am voting yes. The reason, I want democracy in Australia to expand. Lobbyists can walk into parliament and speak to parliamentarians about any issue they represent. For example, supporters of mining in Australia have regular access to parliamentarians. I am not arguing for or against mining. I am arguing for access to the processes that uphold democracy in our country.

Simply, "The Voice will be a representative advisory body that gives advice on decisions affecting First Nations peoples".

A Voice to Parliament will allow issues such as; health, education, housing, employment, and land management to be discussed within parliament by every interest group. Everyone will be heard, and the democratic process will be emboldened, expanded, given a richness, including access for all.

Democracy Matters,

Dr Jann Karp, Uralla, June 2023.

Dear Editor,

Congratulations ZNET Uralla. Its Slip into Sustainability event last Saturday reinforced that sharing what may be termed old-fashioned self-sufficiency skills builds community resilience and connectivity. Mending and making clothing, repairing tools, upcycling what is often thrown away, weaving such practical items as baskets were all on display. The age range was a delight to see. In the face of our climate crisis, every small action by a person to reduce their impact on our only home is a pebble in the pond. It spreads ripples of action about sustainable use of the resources of this planet.

Susan Wilson, Kentucky

Dear Editor,

The seasons are really changing here in New England, the autumn auburn, yellow, orange, red and crimson leaves are now starting to wither away leaving stark naked trees in the bounty. Many of the uprights are huddling and snuggled up in their winter coats, so lucky that there is no need for me !!

Reggie is finding the temperature cooler than anticipated and is only occasionally wandering out onto the boulder to sun and feed, and investigating what may or may not happen around and about. He does come back with an interesting tell tale of what his adventure has seen or heard about the town.

He was telling me of findings of some community uprights that meet to discuss matters of the community in their secret meeting places. The vigorous speech he used about the H&H Co-op made me wonder about the place, and I had to take a deep breath and get up there to see it for myself. It is a place where big vehicles turn up and they also wander in from the street to browse the many items that uprights donate. They sell bargain priced items that help uprights, whacky whacky, spinny spinny, nozzles, old telephone cables, nails and screws and much more. Apparently, the story goes it also has uprights that meet to discuss the place (just like Reggie's narration) and also the other co-op. I wonder what things they discuss, maybe it is all hearsay but I hear they are closing down the H&H part, such a sad thing as the co-ordinator up there is doing a remarkable job for all the community.

I've been venturing around a little more, and wow there are so many nooks and crannies and stories overheard, there also seems to be some large creatures who are discourteous about others, dear me what is this place coming to. In the time I've been alive I have seen much of this type of action and it doesn't end nicely. Why they do this I just don't understand, life for them is too short or maybe they don't realise this yet!!

Watkins, Uralla Creek



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Correction

I wrote an article for The Wordsworth edition 115. Unfortunately, due to a gremlin in the publication process, the first line was left out and the article lacked context.

This is how it should have started off:

I had an experience many years ago with a food co-operative that operated in northern NSW. The first few years.....etc.

In the last line the word co-operative was replaced with the word *charity*.

I shared this experience with the community to emphasise that no matter how well a co-operative is functioning there is always a possibility that similar circumstances could occur. Forewarned is forearmed.

As all co-operatives are owned by the community, run by the community for the benefit of the community I had no hesitation in placing this in our community newspaper.

Peter Barkley, Invergowrie

Dear Editor,

I received quite a fright this morning, up at the morning brunch time ready to go, out and about after a longish evening reading a book titled, 'The Day of the Triffids'. Those monstrous stinging plants make my spinose scales tingle just thinking about them; I hope they don't come to Uralla creek, we have enough invasive weeds as it is and most of them are the size of a Triffid and just as nasty in my opinion. I'm sure the weeds are moving and growing taller. I can't move around as much as was possible before, only on the path used by the uprights; I don't feel as safe now.

A yabbie for breakfast would be nice but I can't see any self respecting crustacean staying here for too long. Maybe that is why the uprights can't sell their yabbie traps up at the co-op hardware shop. That place is closing down soon anyway so no one will be buying anything at all from there.

It is not all frost though. Last night I did go up to the 'big house' for a look as the lights were on and there were uprights talking earnestly, something about the operational plan for 2023-24. The head upright was announcing that she would collaborate with and attend New England Weeds Authority to manage declared noxious weeds.

I feel much better after hearing this so I am jolly today and will enjoy my time with Watkin. But, if I see any Triffids lurking in the creek I will promptly direct them up to the big house.

Yours Sincerely,

Reggie Quiver, Uralla Creek



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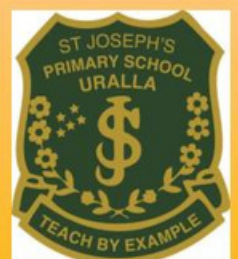
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Running Wild – Episode 5

– Off Crawney (Fiction)

This episode is the fifth in the 'Running Wild' series. The fourth, 'Shots Fired', was printed in Uralla Wordsworth 20th February 2023 – 15th May 2023.

1. **Recap.** After the shootout at Millie Inn, The Captain holds up in the Devils Marbles, up Hanging Rock way. Will is to join The Captain off Mount Crawney. 'Mount yourself on a good horse and bring a spare, your life will depend upon it', The Captain said on parting.

Young Will felt he had nary a wink of sleep in the nights to follow. After meeting The Captain nothing else mattered, even when Haworth thrashed him for not changing out the horses' water, on Saturday afternoon. 'You've never been any good, I rue the day I took you in' Haworth cursed between lashes. But Will couldn't care less, for he was now destined to range the bush with The Captain as his partner.

In the early pre-dawn of Sunday, Will packed his few possessions, rolling them into his bed roll, tied with an old leather belt. He stuffed bread, smoked ham, a pot of honey and his knife he called Buck, into a calico shoulder bag. Will had been given the little knife by a Canadian miner, Buck Holden of the Yukon River, who briefly passed through Nundle town. Holden had been on his way to the Uralla Rocky River gold fields to find his fortune. He gave it as payment for minding his donkey and belongings while he got sozzled at Jenkins Inn.

The knife blade was fine steel, Buck had said 'Forged from moon rock, a four-inch razer'. It was stowed in a sturdy sheath, made from a folded piece of buffalo leather, with silver studs along its blade edge. A leather ring to secure the knife over its handle. The handle was the tip off a moose horn. Buck had said 'I shot him myself one fall'. The little knife was also well weighted. Buck had shown Will how to throw it with deadly accuracy. Will practiced until he was also a deadeye with it.

He decided he'd take Haworth's most prized grey mare Ma Lady, and the black stallion colt The Barb. 'I'm owed for his abuse', Will said to himself. The black colt would be a fitting mount for The Captain, with his blue waist sash and pistol, he also thought.

Will knew that Haworth wouldn't expect him until dinner that Sunday evening, but he might come to the stables if he had people over for lunch after Easter worship. Then he'd find his prizes missing and send out the alarm, but that was a chance worth taking. Besides Will would be gone many hours by that time, and no one would think he'd be heading in the direction of Crawney.

Daryl Albertson, Kelly's Plains



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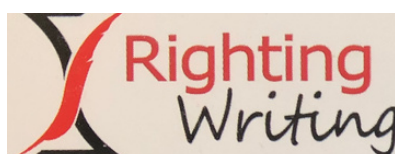


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Wildlife Tales



Some Time Spent With the Wiggles...

In autumn of 2022, some people arrived with a chook cage measuring 700 x 500 x 300 mm high and crammed inside was a young Wedgetailed Eagle with its wings at an odd angle and feathers caught in the steel mesh. Numerous primary wing feathers were missing or broken. In addition, he was starving to death as is sadly common with raptors after their parents cease to provide food and push them away to fend for themselves. Worldwide, 70 to 80 percent of raptors (of all kinds) die in their first year of life.

I provided him with nourishing food and a warm spot to recuperate and in a month, he managed to make it up to a low perch. In a further year, he had grown all his broken feathers back and was flapping awkwardly up to a perch 2.4 mts off the ground.

In January of this year, a new baby Wedgie arrived, his beak still showing the waxy flesh either side of his beak which denotes that he was not long out of the nest. He too was starving and was so quiet in nature that I feared that he had a more serious issue. This proved to be incorrect and he too, was soon perching at some height.

The two boys were finally placed together in the large flight aviary and despite a little aggressive interaction, they were soon perched together. They both began to fly end to end of their flight and fed well on a steady diet of fresh chicken, rabbit and some meat, they grew strong.

Today I released both of them onto a farm near Walcha. The primary requirement of a good release site is plentiful numbers of their favourite prey species, the rabbit. The next most vital requirement is a farm where they are welcomed, safe and valued.

Release back to the wild is the primary goal of any wildlife carer but it is also a bittersweet moment for most of us. Raptors need to catch sufficient prey to sustain their lives and Wedgetails have about 3 to 4 weeks before they are once again at starvation point.

I am not of the "Pollyanna" persuasion so a sight of them flying off into a tree, gives me only small comfort. The next few weeks will be the important period for their survival and only nature can provide them with their needs though I will be monitoring them and providing fresh food if I can. I do hope that next year, should they survive, they will each find a mate and hopefully bring more of their kind into the world.

By the way, "Wiggles" is the pet name I have for Wedgetailed Eagles.

Chris Baker, Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers

If you find a sick or injured native animal, please call Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers on 1800 008 290.



Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is
5pm Thursday 8 June 2023.

Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor, 100 Words, and articles to urallawordsworth@gmail.com



Rejoice, Nearly the End of Autumn. Photo courtesy of Jann Karp

Sunday 30th April 2023

was Family Fun Day!

The Culmination of Youth Week 2023

Uralla Neighbourhood Centre had so much fun hosting over 80 children and their families, even though we had to relocate from Alma Park, the normal venue, to the RSL Hall (as the weather was not favorable for outdoor activities) volunteers were at the front door to greet everyone with bags of goodies. There were games and activities including a painting table, face painting, photo booth, jumping castle, ten pin bowling, hula hoops, toss the ball, checkers, snakes and ladders to name a few! Also in the Hall, the Lions Club provided fairy floss and a sausage sizzle was kindly cooked by the Rotary Club.

Uralla Shire Council was represented by one of their staff members that engaged with attendees to complete a survey and gave out gifts.

The atmosphere in the hall was enhanced by music provided by DJ, Adam Tadman - our regular DJ for our end of term Discos.

Another feature of the day was the Great Race, children in teams with friends or family had to complete a course with certain tasks to gain a reward at the finish line.

Sack races and egg & spoon races were the last activity of the day and proved very popular.

We would like to thank all the community for supporting this event again, our volunteers, these events do not just happen by themselves and the organisations that partnered with us and contributed funds to enable this to work so well, including Rotary and the Uralla Shire Council.

Carol Barnden,
Uralla
Neighbourhood
Centre



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)."
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The Uralla Shire
Aboriginal Education
Consultation Group
(AECG) Planning
Meeting.

Who: Interested members of the
Elders group and Aboriginal and
school communities

Where: Uralla Bowlo

When: Wednesday 7th
of June at 1:00pm.
Lunch provided



The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunt Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Aunt Bob,

I am at my wits end. I feel my marriage is in turmoil. My husband continues to squeeze the toothpaste from the centre of the tube. Is this grounds for divorce??

Unsettled Una.

Dear Unsettled Una,

Whilst squeezing the toothpaste from the centre of the tube is one of the cardinal male sins you will probably need more evidence if you are to have a successful divorce, i.e. get the house (and the kids if there are any and you want them) Firstly, have you and your husband been to counselling. With the cost of legal proceedings it is much better to try and work things out, however if he is committing other male sins such as, eating with his mouth open, breaking wind in company, not flushing the toilet, leaving dirty undies on the floor, snoring, belching, picking his nose in front of you, continually scratching his backside, refusing to pluck his nose hair, encroaching on to your side of the bed (whilst asleep), etc, then you will have strong grounds for divorce. Hope this helps, I am currently working on a few (ALL) of the above male sins.

Yours in advice,

Aunt Bob

Dear Aunt Bob,

Thank you for your advice, after careful consideration and counselling, I have realised that my husband, though not perfect is passable. We have reached a solution. He will not clean his teeth in future which will solve the toothpaste tube problem. Thank you so much for your advice.

Now Settled Una.

Dear Now Settled Una,

Glad I could be of help. You may require further advice when your husband's halitosis kicks in, but I am here for you.

Yours in Advice,

Aunt Bob

Dear Aunt Bob,

I am so appreciative of the wise advice you provide for me and the Uralla community at large, but I'm surprised no one has taken the opportunity to ask you the most important question of all: What is the meaning of life - beyond a nice ale in the late afternoon? Hoping to be illuminated.

Phil Soffick

Dear Phil Soffick,

Always happy to share my advice gained from many years of experience. "What is the meaning of life?" - the question many of the great minds of the world have asked over the years and as yet no one has come up with an answer. So you ask a mere mortal like me. So here goes!! My father told me there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. If you have a good accountant you can avoid taxes, but you can't avoid death. So as the song says, "don't worry be happy." So happiness is the meaning of life. Yours in advice,

Aunt Bob

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Uralla Seniors & Pensioners Update

Last Tuesday 16th May saw us gathering at the Uralla Bowlo for a most convivial monthly meeting. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, beginning with gossip and coffees all round upon arrival, as we caught up with everyone's news. We then all bought tickets in the raffle of the day, where one prize was perfume, soaps and a lovely scarf and the second prize, a jewellery case complete with a piece of jewellery. We then got serious as Maggie pulled us into line, reminding us what we were there for.

We had a robust discussion about where to go for our next outing, with many suggestions coming forth. The final decision was Tamworth for shopping in the morning, followed by lunch at the South Tamworth Bowling Club 6th June. All members who wish to participate be at the Uralla Bowling Club at 9.00am for bus pick-up. We will be taking both the Tablelands Community Services bus and the Bowlo bus.

We then discussed our AGM that will be coming up next month 20th June. Our annual fees will be due at this time. \$15.00 per member. Prospective new members will be welcome at the meeting.

Just before we concluded the monthly meeting, the raffle prizes were drawn and the lucky winners were:

1. Barb Carlon – the perfume, soap & scarf
2. Maggie Taggart – the jewellery box and jewellery.

Following the meeting we all adjourned to the club dining room for lunch.

Pauline Crouch, Secretary,

Uralla Seniors and Pensioners Association

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

Events For May and June

***Service NSW Mobile Service Centre**, Tuesday 30 May, Apex Park

***St Joseph's School Uralla**, Open Morning, Wednesday 31 May 9:30-11:00 am

***ADFAS Armidale** lecture 8 June – Book of Kells at the TAS Hoskins Centre starting at 6pm followed by refreshments.

Lecture by Gemma Black, calligrapher and artist who worked on the 2000 Australian exhibition of the Book of Kells. Guest ticket \$25, students in school uniform free. Book:

www.trybooking.com/CDGNQ or

www.adfas.org.au/societies/armidale

***Uralla Seniors & Pensioners Assoc.** Annual General Meeting – 20 June, 10.30am. at the Uralla Bowling Club. Pauline Crouch 0438 433 735

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



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Introducing ... The Cupcake Lady



It's not often one associates cupcakes with alpacas but that's not the case in the life of Paige Matthews, the owner of The Cupcake Lady Shop at 51 Bridge Street.

Originally from the Gold Coast, Paige came to the University of New England to study. While in Armidale, she developed an interest in baking and cake decorating, and discovered her artistic talents in the process. Moving on, she sold her decorative cakes at markets throughout the area while also holding down a job at an Armidale pet shop for many years. She is still decorating lots of cakes but is also completing a PhD in Animal Science involving research into alpacas as guardian animals. While her two areas of expertise don't seem to obviously complement each other, this editor is keeping an eye out for the possible appearance of an alpaca cupcake.

Paige's move to Uralla, accompanied by her entire family, was to take advantage of Uralla's highway location and its reputation as a strong and supportive community.

In addition to her amazing cupcakes, Paige also produces gluten free slices, brownies, celebration cakes, milkshakes, tea and coffee, as well as a range of local products. She has quietly hinted that new treats will make an appearance during the coming winter - which may or may not include alpaca cupcakes. If not, you can still definitely buy the very real - and popular - unicorn cupcakes and enjoy them while relaxing in the spacious and inviting cafe. The Cupcake Lady Shop is open Thursdays and Fridays 9 - 4, and Saturdays and Sundays 9 - 2.

-Editor



Some of the enticing treats from the Cupcake Shop including the popular unicorn cupcakes (left).

Ode to a Pick-up Stick

...thanks to a hip replacement...

My day starts with a most refreshing shower.
I lather up with my plain-smelling soap,
Ignoring advice to keep it attached to a length of rope.
It's now on the floor of my watery bower.
But all is not lost. I have a thing called a pick-up stick.
It has quite a lot of teeth and a very strong grip!

Each morning I sit on the bed and to the Lord I beg.
I lean out, my undies dangle from the jaws of the stick.
My foot hangs heavily like a dead weight brick,
As it tries to lead the way through the hole for the leg.
Oh, I thank the Lord for this pick-up stick
That extends my arm for a much longer pick.

At night it helps me take off my socks and trousers.
Sorts and deposits my clothes into the right bins
As I jiggle up and down and suffer for my sins.
The stick picks up off the floor my skirts and blouses,
Shakes out the creases as I pant and blow,
Then leads the way to my closets standing all in a row.

It's washing day today, and my dirty laundry awaits.
My stick gropes gingerly through the clothes basket,
As I add the washing liquid into the detergent casket.
The clothes are put through the door by my old mate.
In they all plop, fed in by my priceless pick-up stick,
Which then closes the door giving it a satisfied lick.

I don't have as much use for the handy stick now.
But I still need a bit of help with my unruly pants,
And getting my sock off when I'm surrounded by ants.
Even sometimes for chasing away the next-door cow.
In times of special need it turns into a ferocious whip.
The pick-up stick keeps lots of secrets in its tight grip.

I don't think I'll ever give it up or throw it away.
There's just so many things that it still has to do.
Besides picking up from the rack my desired shoe,
This pick-up stick can make a small tree gently sway.
It plucks from its limbs its apples all juicy and sweet
When I venture outdoors looking for the sun to greet.

Pauline Crouch, Rocky River



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10 am, Friday 23rd June

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