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Back By Popular Demand - The Uralla Fairy Festival

The Fairies had so much fun last year, they have decided to do it all again!

This year's Festival will take place on Saturday the 4th of December. Come on down for all things magical.

Most of the Children's Workshops are now fully booked but there will still be lots of wonderful things to see and do:

- **Hula Hoop Competition**
- **Story Time at Burnet's Magical Bookshop,**
- **Neighbourhood Centre Fairy Treasure Hunt**
- **Spot the Fairy Competition**
- **Fairy and Wizard Fancy Dress Parade**
- **Face Painting**
- **Market Stalls**
- **Decorated windows**

Who knows what else you might find.

You just never know WHO you might see wandering our magical streets

Don't forget to search out all the Fairy Doors in town, after all, that's how this whole Festival started.

We also have organised a Quidelf Competition (think netball on broomsticks), the teams will muster at the Neighbourhood Centre at 11am ready to commence their quest to catch the golden snitch. The Grand Final will take place at 12 noon – come along and cheer for your favourite team!

Thanks to our wonderful team of volunteer workshop presenters and the Uralla businesses for supporting this event. In particular, we would like to thank Burnet's Books,

Swan Fine Foods, Eve Flowers, Michael's Café, Little Birdy, Dale's Downtown Meats, Chaucer on Bridge Street, The Uralla Neighbourhood Centre and the Uralla Rotary Club.

Granny Fi's Toy Cupboard have created the enchanted display in the REDCO window, a delight for young and old to view the magical world of the goblins.

Check out our Facebook page for regular updates - <https://www.facebook.com/UrallaFairyFestival>.

We will be posting photos taken on the day too. Come along and help us to sprinkle a little magic fairy dust over our beautiful community!



The ageless "Fairy Floss" (Mary Ann Munsie) supervises Robert Tinkerbell handing over his fairy essentials to "Grant all your Wishes" (Grant Clark).

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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.

With the current Council having its last meeting in what has been an over 5 year term, we had plenty to debate. The most concerning item was that the unreserved cash position which was projected at our October 2021 meeting to be \$2,395,000 is now only \$336,000. If elected I am keen to set up a small Finance Committee to examine administration costs line by line.

The Operating result from continuing operations for 2020/21 is \$4,896,000. Once grants and contributions for capital are removed, the figure is a \$2,372,000 loss. This is \$700,000 above the original budget. It is worth noting that "Our Leadership" expenses (costs of Councillors, administration and the Caravan Park) have risen from \$1,928,000 in 2020 to \$2,457,000 in 2021.

One of the frustrations of Local Government is that the cost of Audit Fees to the NSW Auditor-General has risen from \$80,000 to \$136,000. We do not receive any vital information for the Councillors and the community. Last year, staff advised us that we could raise concerns after the audit is completed. This was not the case. Council has not yet received the Auditor's Report despite Councillors being asked to sign off on the draft Annual Statements for public display.

It was great to meet with Invergowrie, Rocky River and Kentucky residents. The main issues relate to rezoning and the allowance of Building Approval on small non-agricultural land, poor mobile phone and internet service, and road maintenance. Two issues that arose at Invergowrie were the lack of a bus option from Invergowrie to Uralla (there are 4 bus services to Armidale), and the increased cost of insurance due to being in the same postcode as Armidale; given its recent storm and hail damage. Discussions were also held regarding a community hall near the Invergowrie Store and Rural Fire Service Shed. Council has \$81,000 in restricted reserves to commence this process depending on community interest.

Council approved the new Developer Contribution Plans under 7.11 and 7.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. It should be noted that Council already has \$498,000 in restricted assets (paid for by the relevant contractors) to repair any roads damaged by heavy vehicle haulage under the old Section 94 Contribution Plan.

There are two items of interest out of the Progress Report on the Operational Plan. The first is that the Council staff are planning another Developer Forum for December 8.

Hopefully further information will be provided in the next week. The second is the comment that there are currently no "drivers" (as in reasons to change), to warrant amendment to the Local Environment Plan. This does not match the "Meet the Candidate" forums I have been attending.

The Council "Open Space Strategy" is about to be placed on public display for two months to allow all interested community members a chance to read it. If you have any comments on the document or individual elements, be they positive or negative, please forward them to Council. I am more than happy if you would like to copy me in on your response. I am already aware that a comprehensive proposal for the upgrade of the old Rocky River tennis court location is being prepared.

While the election may be at the top of some people's mind this weekend, Uralla will have much more important things on their mind with the Uralla Fairy Festival bringing the whole community together. Rumours abound with a new "Grant all your wishes Fairy" taking over from "Tinkerbell". Later in the afternoon, the Uralla Business Chamber has planned a huge Christmas Celebration, with quite a few shops staying open until 8pm. There will also be markets, music and food in Pioneer Park, so come along and support your local retail businesses. I have it on good authority that Santa will be making an appearance around 6pm too!

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**Robert Bell,
Uralla Shire Resident**



Uralla Community Street Store

Lions Club of Uralla 29 Nov - 5 December

Rotary Club of Uralla 6 - 12 December

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Uralla Chamber Awards Night 2021

A Huge Success!

Although we were restricted in our numbers thanks to COVID, it was still a lovely night.

Our special guest speakers were Adam Marshall MP Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW and Lou Conway, Director, UNE SMART Region Incubator at University of New England. Thank you to both of them and you can find Lou's speech in the last issue of the Wordsworth.



Guest speakers Adam Marshall MP and Lou Conway
Director, UNE SMART Region Incubator

Thank you also to Dr Ricardo Alkhouri from the Uralla Medical Centre, Volo Koziy from Green Light Contractors (Elecnor) and Anne-Marie Ward from NEOEN for their fantastic contribution as Platinum Partners and for presenting the awards, and to our wonderful Gold and Silver Partners for their contributions also.

Thank you to everyone who nominated, everyone who helped organise the event, the team at Uralla Showground for the beautiful venue, and the catering from Michael Welbourn, to Corinne, Richard and Leanne for handling the bar and looking after the drinks, to New England Brewing Co for the lovely craft beer, WhyWorry Wines for the bubbles and wine, Foodworks for the other beer, softdrinks, water, and oj.



Uralla Business Chamber Partners and Award Winners

The Winners...

Outstanding Employee, Trainee or Apprentice:
The Winner was **Russell Burnham - Greenhomes**



Russell Burnham and Volo Koziy

The judges' comments were "This employee was a standout, learning to build, being a good team player, dealing well with customers."

Finalists were Aiden Stewart - Alternate Root, Gaye Gibson - Uralla Library, Liz Scott - The Wool Room, Mason Cole - Subway Uralla.

Outstanding Community Organisation:

The Winner was **Meals on Wheels**



Mary Ann Munsie and Volo Koziy

The judges' comments were "Excellent demonstration of serving community in the midst of pandemic, and concern for nutrition and social connection."

Finalists were Uralla Historical Society, Uralla Library.

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 **Seasons
of New England**



5pm - 7pm on Saturday 4th December
58 Bridge St, Uralla (near Moon's)

*A pre-opening, opening ... come and say hi!
COVID restrictions will apply*

Uralla Chamber Awards Night 2021

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Outstanding Business Leader

The Winner was **Little Birdy**



Berdine Warne and Dr Ricardo Alkhouri

The judges' comments were "Evidence of synergistic opportunities creating shared values for other businesses". Finalists were Uralla Bowling Club, Subway Uralla, Robert Bowie (Kings Cottage).

Excellence in Business

The Winner was **The Alternate Root**



Berdine Warne and Russ French

Berdine took on the Alternate Root in July last year, just as the Pandemic was really kicking in. By presenting an aura of optimism, and having a clear goal of staying consistent to what they do well Berdine has expanded into evening trade and events while developing synergistic opportunities to create shared values with other Uralla businesses.

Finalists were Uralla Medical Centre, Foodworks (Annette Ryan), Uralla Bowling Club (Helen Avery), Subway (Amica Riley), Pulse Fitness.

Employer of Choice

There was a tie for the winner between **Uralla Medical Centre** and **Invergowrie Shop**



Dr Ricardo Alkhouri and Anne-Marie Ward
(Invergowrie Shop absent)

Uralla Medical Centre: - cares for our community in a great team environment.

Invergowrie Store: - Natalie and David (Barney) have been in the industry 16 years providing local employment opportunities in Invergowrie. They have provided the first job to many young people giving them a solid foundation so the individual stands out from the crowd later on in their careers. They value the individual skills and fresh ideas that helps the store deliver what customers want.

Finalists were Subway Uralla, Pie Mechanic.

Excellence in Sustainability or Innovation

The Winner was **Sunhill Dairy Goats**



Corinne Annetts and Anne-Marie Ward

Sunhill uses as little and wastes as little as possible. It maximises recycling and upcycling and are constantly looking for new ways to do things to make the business more sustainable. Sunhill is a mentor to other small businesses in Australia and through UNE International Development to business in Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Fiji, and the Pacific Islands.

Finalists were Tim Wright, The Uralla Co-Op, Meralli Solar, Uralla PreSchool.

(Photos taken by **Dave Robinson Photography**) All photos can be viewed on our website <https://urallabusinesschamber.org.au/galleries/gallery-awards-night-2021>

Uralla CWA Celebrates

Uralla CWA members enjoyed a double celebration at the final Branch meeting for 2021.

The November meeting was held at McCrossins Mill Museum and afterwards members enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch that was catered by Museum volunteers. After a challenging year, impacted by COVID restrictions, the opportunity to interact and enjoy the festive activities was appreciated by all in attendance.

Members also celebrated the nomination and appointment of Murrell Carter to the position of Uralla CWA Branch Patron. A valued and respected CWA Member, Murrell is a long term local who at the age of 10 years moved to Uralla due to her father's career in the railways. Over 50 years of married life was spent residing in the beautiful town of Kentucky.

Murrell joined Uralla CWA in 1981 and is an active member who has held numerous positions within the Branch including Councillor, Publicity Officer, Treasurer (18 Years) and Vice President. Murrell was appointed Life Member in 2013.

Congratulations Murrell!!!



Uralla CWA President Ann Denyer congratulating Murrell Carter on her appointment as Branch Patron.



THE *Uralla* Christmas CELEBRATION 2021

Late night shopping in the CBD
4pm till 8pm

Saturday, 4 December
and markets in Pioneer Park

After you've voted,
and the Fairy Festival is over

spend some more time in town
for a bit of retail therapy

Shopping, music, markets and food
be sure to support our local
retail businesses too

Santa will be there around 6pm!

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TUFF AGM

The Uralla Future Fund will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14 December.

All members and interested parties are encouraged to attend to hear a report of the year's activities and financial reports.

Several directors will be retiring. Anyone with management or financial skills, or ideas on encouraging the educational, social and economic wellbeing of Uralla should attend and offer themselves for election to the Board, or if unable to attend please contact me before the meeting.

The Future Fund does not make itself conspicuous, but works towards a better and more prosperous community. The Fund would like to hear from anyone who has a need or project that fits the guidelines of social, economic or educational benefit to the community.

The AGM will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 14 December at the bookshop, 46 Bridge Street.

I can be contacted on 0412 701 402.

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Chairman, TUFF



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Uralla Golf Club

The Uralla Golf Club have struggled over the past few years because of a number of reasons, things such as an aging membership, a very severe drought, Covid-19 and now the continuing big wet. It is less than 2 years ago when the volunteer helpers at the club were carting water each and every day just to keep the greens alive. Now the course is very wet, we have capacity water in all three dams.

The Club has appointed Mr Brett Cohen as the Bar Manager and he intends to open 6 days a week and we are looking forward to improvement in trading as a result. The club has been working with volunteer bar staff recently and everybody is keen to see what Brett can bring. It is an ideal venue for functions.

The actual course is maintained under the supervision of Shaun Byrnes who has done a fantastic job with the course in his short time at Uralla Golf Club. Shaun has a band of volunteers that he could not do without and still maintain the course in its current condition.

In recent times the Club received a grant from the Stronger Communities Fund and this enabled the club to upgrade the watering system to a much more efficient and water saving system. This included a bore that will be a saviour in future droughts.

Included with the grant was an allocation to upgrade the toilet facilities and put in place a disability bathroom within the clubhouse and that is now complete as well.

More recently the club received another grant to do major repairs to the clubhouse and to extend the greenkeepers shed. These funds will be available in the New Year.

The Club is currently investigating a development possibility of an over 55 style living community. This development could include up to 200 plus units, a gym, medical centre etc. Further news on this development will be available early in the 2022 along with plans and a timeline going forward.

The Uralla Golf Club is a wonderful community asset and is an asset and it would be a great loss to the community should it ever be forced to close. The redevelopment with the over 55 style living facility, should it go ahead, will provide ongoing income for the club and should ensure its future.

Finally this club would not be still in operation without the past and ongoing wonderful band of volunteers that have been responsible and continue to be responsible in keeping the doors open. However these volunteers are an aging group and something needs to be done going forward to ease their workload.

Darrell Carson
President
Uralla Golf Club

Uralla Shire Council
Local Government Elections
Important Dates
Pre-polling: 22 November - 3 December
Uralla Community Centre
9 Hill Street, Uralla
(Behind the Old Courthouse)
Armidale Town Hall
127 Rusden Street, Armidale
Both Centres are open:
Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 4th December: Election Day

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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 6pm at the Uralla Bowling Club

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Uralla 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, Ph: 6778 3277 or email : urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com
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 374 334

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 Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

Events for November - December

Uralla Men's Shed AGM Thursday 2 December 11.30am, 18 Uralla St

Uralla Fairy Festival, 4 December

The Uralla Christmas Celebration - Saturday 4 December 4pm - 8pm. Shopping, music, markets and food.

Uralla Neighbourhood Markets 11th December 8am - 1pm. In the RSL Memorial Hall ph. 6778 3277 for details.

Co-op AGM Saturday 11 December 3pm, Co-op Yard, Hill Street

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting Friday 24 December 2021, 9.00am, Council Chambers

Back Issues Wanted - Wordsworth

Wanted for a reference set, the original Wordsworth from 1989-1991, issues 9, 10, 11, 13, 16 to 23, 25 to 27.

Please contact Ross at the bookshop 0412 701 402.



Uralla Shire

Talks About Water

In the lead up to local government elections – Uralla Shire talks about water!

During 2019, Uralla Shire experienced the driest period since rainfall records commenced in the late 1800s, putting pressure on water supplies - both in terms of security of supply and quality of drinking water.

Uralla was the town that could not drink what water remained because of elevated arsenic, the result of water flows too low to dilute the natural background levels of arsenic. Like so many rural communities the compounding impact of drought, bush fires, arsenic and then COVID-19 brought people and businesses to their knees.

But our communities are resilient – now it has rained, the countryside is looking green and soft, and the cafes are open and welcoming visitors. The town's dam is full and new renewable energy businesses are ramping up to build solar farms, there is a real buzz about the place.

The community knows that now is the time to plan for future challenges – and on the water issue, the local community group ZNET Uralla, has undertaken a community wide consultation on options for future water security. This small but vital project is funded through NSW Government's "Increasing Resilience to Climate Change" community grant, which gives the opportunity to partner with world leading experts on water engineering and social research, from the UNSW.

In the lead up to local government elections, ZNET held a briefing for all candidates at an important watering hole - the Uralla Bowling Club. Candidates were given insights into what the community thinks about various options for future water supplies and the values that underpin people's preferences. Those candidates who go on to be elected will have the task of driving water policy at the local level, and never has a community been so engaged and aware of how important this is!

People have clearly expressed how critical it is to build a community consensus on how to transition to a more secure water supply, as climate change means this challenge will be faced again and again.

The "Do Nothing" option was strongly rejected. As a final wrap up, ZNET and UNSW are reaching out to everyone in the Uralla Shire who is yet to have their say, seeking a final round of opinion/thoughts on options for water security through the online survey. Community views are being passed on to both prospective Councillors and Council Staff to aid in the development of a new Water Strategy. To have your say go to www.zneturalla.org.au/water or pick up a hard copy of the water survey at Burnet's Books, Uralla.

Sandra Eady
Secretary ZNET Uralla



Sandra Eady from ZNET Uralla (centre in red) briefing candidates for local government election in Uralla Shire on the findings from community consultation on options for water security.

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Fuel Watch 28th November 2021

	ULP	Diesel
Kingstown	169.9	165.9
Invergowrie	164.0	160.0
Mobil	161.9	161.9
Puma	165.7	163.7
BP	168.9	169.9

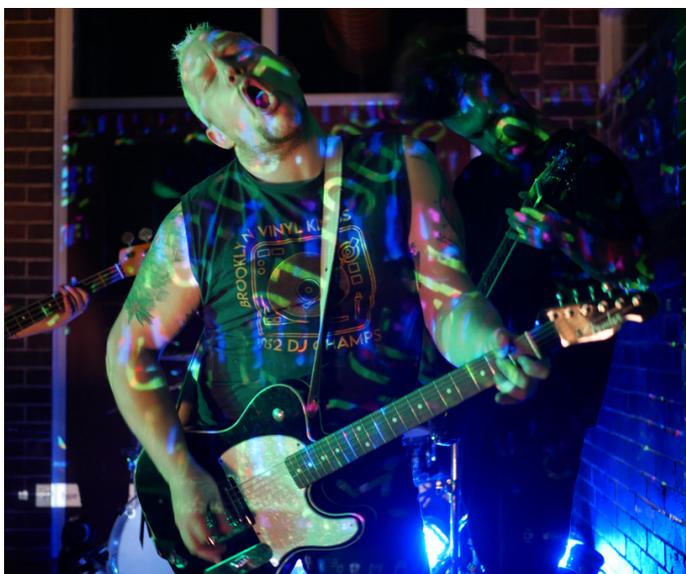
Uralla Based Artist Releases Record

Tim Godwin's debut solo EP 'The Nascent of Digital Noise', self-written, performed, and recorded exclusively by Tim in his Uralla home studio and at The New England Conservatorium of Music, in Armidale. The 6 track EP dropped Friday 26th November and is a mix of grunge, hard rock and indie featuring live drums, big guitars analogue synth and fierce vocals.

'I wrote a lot of the record during lockdown last year; the train wreck of the US election and disinformation was plastered everywhere online. I remember staring at my phone on socials confused and angry with what was going on in the world, I think this release reflects that. I couldn't really do too much with my band [The Social Norm] because I was stuck in Uralla due to lock down, so I just did this all myself'.

Tim's record is available on all major platforms, Spotify, Apple music, YouTube etc. as well as T shirts, stubby holders, CDs and other merch at: timgodwin.bandcamp.com

You can catch him live with both of his bands, 'Nascent' & 'The Social Norm' performing with Simple Stone at The Uralla Bowling Club 11th December, tickets available online and at the door.



Local artist, Tim Godwin

RSL Happenings

Just a short note on what is going on in the RSL before Christmas.

Our last meeting for the year was held on Sunday the 28th of November following a successful but slightly damp Veterans Bowls Day. Thank you the the Bowlo for help in getting this happening. The Veterans really appreciate it.

Our final event of the year is our slightly delayed Remembrance Day Veterans Dinner which will be held at the Alternate Root on Saturday the 11th of December. Kick off for this night will be 6.00pm for a 6.30 start. All RSL members and their families, Auxiliary and all Uralla Veterans are welcome to attend. It is BYO but non-alcoholic drinks will be available to purchase at the venue.

If you would like to attend, you must RSVP by Wednesday the 8th of December. You can do that by emailing us at UrallaSB@rslnsw.org.au or ring me at New England Models and Hobbies on 6778 3325 or drop in at the shop. If your name is not on the list then there will be no meal for you. Cost for this event is only \$20 per person. It will be a spectacular meal and night.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday the 30th of January 2022 at 10.30am. Our Veteran Drop in Centre and office will be open each Thursday morning until then and if you need help at any time, you can contact us on the numbers at the front RSL Office at the memorial Institute.

We look forward to seeing you.

Lest we forget.

Russ French

President Uralla RSL Sub-Branch.



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Mixed Play



Debbie Vanden Hoogen, Damian Kliendienst, Pauline Crouch
Behind: Allan Rummery, President Uralla Bowling & Recreation Club

Debbie also got to show her hand.
With Col beside her to lead the way
She put down her bowls and felt the thrill
Of a game that makes your heart expand.

Damian, Deb and I, feeling energised,
Then went and played the Triples Comp.
We worked our way through the rounds.
Right to the very last, we realised.
And now we're at the Presentation Dinner
We came in second. We're the Runners-up.
But we feel, in all that we went through,
We too have come out A WINNER!
Thank you, Damian!

Pauline Crouch
Publicity Officer
Uralla Women's Ladies Club

We ladies like to think
That we add a little something
As we mix it with the men.
All of us together, out there on the rink.
So, when the bowls coordinator
Puts the sheet up on the board,
We plan which man we think we'll want.
To ensure our team's the greater.

Judy takes Club Champion Paul
Phyll, she chooses Brad.
Even though he's family
He's really not too bad at all.
April takes on Woz
She chose him, just because.
While Lynnette decides to have Matty.
His bowl goes in even if the head's a'scatty.
Elsie's need is Lorry,
He has to drive her to the Club.
While Jayne and Lindsay keep it safe
Within the bounds of family.

That leaves us. Still learning, Deb and I.
We had no-one with whom to pair.
But we put our names upon that list
Breathing out a hopeful sigh.
Our names sat there for quite a while
As we practised to improve our skill.
We knew we had to prove our worth,
To earn ourselves the right to trial.

Then one day inside the club
I looked up and there he was.
He needed a partner to join the comp.
My eyes glimmered, all a 'flood.
Damo and I, we were a team.
We played and won. We played and lost.
But we were there, out with the rest.
All playing mixed bowls. Such a scream!



Uralla Women's Bowling Club badge winning Senior Fours at the
New England District Women's Association Day Presentation in
Armidale. Jayne Burke, Judy Bray, Phyllis Dade, April Fulton and
Roz Rhodes.

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Darkie, Uralla's Red-Billed Cockatoo

"Darkie" was a red-billed black cockatoo. He was found and rescued in around 1908, unable to fly after he had singed his feathers on a brick kiln at Uralla. "Darkie" was later shipped off to the Moore Park Zoo at Sydney.

In 1916 the animals from the old Moore Park Zoo were transferred across the harbour to the new Taronga Zoo via a barge. The project was called "Operation Noah's Ark" and nearly 850 animals, birds and reptiles were transferred. In 1952 "Darkie," who was considered the Boss Cocky at the Zoo was the sole survivor from that move.

"Darkie" died at Taronga Zoo in 1986 and it was thought he was aged about 78 years old.

Kay Adams Uralla History Hub

The photo below was taken in about 1954 and shows "Darkie" sitting on the hat of Taronga Park Trust vice-president Frank G Pursell.



Co-op Shop Opening & AGM

Uralla Community Cooperative has secured a short-term lease on Cooper's Hardware shop (more recently Pulse Gym) and will be opening to the public on Saturday 11 December with a treasure trove of goods for sale covering homewares, hardware, clothing, tools, building materials, furniture and more (such as LP records, books, collectables).

The shop will be open from 9am, with the official opening ceremony at 3pm, to be followed by the Co-op Annual General Meeting, which will include the election of a new Board.

Our thanks to all who have donated goods and time to get this venture going, contributing to the \$4,000 already distributed to local groups. If you are not already involved, please become a member and join our growing band of volunteers. Contact Karin on 0411 690 750 or me on 0412 701 402. The AGM will be held at 28 Hill Street, Uralla. Come and join the fun.

Ross Burnet Chairman, Uralla Co-op

Deadline for the next edition is

5pm Thursday 9 Dec 2021.

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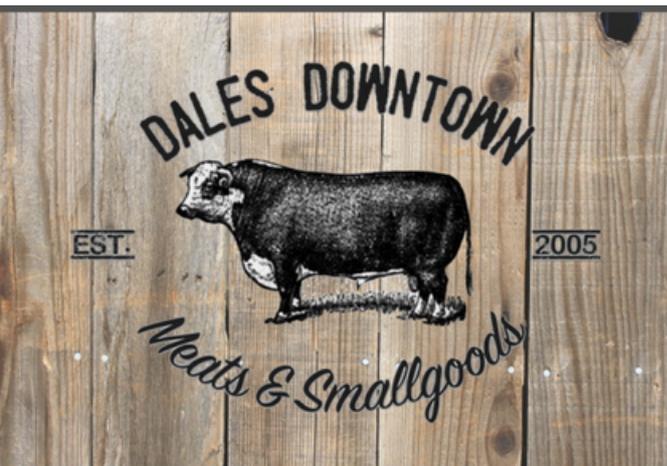
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NEW ENGLAND SOLAR FARM

NOVEMBER 2021

Site works underway on New England Solar Farm

Pre-construction works have begun on the New England Solar Farm site in preparation for the construction of the substation and switchyard.

The substation will be part of the solar farm development and is required to help safely transport power generated from the solar panels to the transmission network that is owned and operated by TransGrid.

The 330 kilovolt switching station is being designed and constructed by UGL on behalf of TransGrid to connect the solar farm to the distribution network.

Construction traffic will continue to use Barleyfields Road and Big Ridge Road to access the solar farm site.

Roadworks Upgrade

The persistent and heavy rainfall has delayed the completion of roadworks along Barleyfields Rd and at the intersection of Barleyfields Rd with the New England Highway. The works include road widening and a new right hand turn bay to allow safe access into Barleyfields Rd for construction and maintenance traffic accessing the New England Solar Farm site.

It's expected that speed restrictions will remain in place on the New England Highway and the northern end of Barleyfields Road until mid-December.

We understand that the speed restrictions will be impacting residents and motorists and we thank them for their patience and understanding while we safely complete the work.

Latest trainees welcomed to Solar Farm site

Two new local trainee labourers have started work this month on the New England Solar Farm to assist in site preparation and other general duties.

Jess and PJ were employed via Ahoy Traffic Control and Labour Hire services, a local company based in Armidale that has been engaged to support the project.

CEO and proud Gumbaingerri man Des Ahoy said the company had provided up to 15 workers to assist during the external access road works phase of the solar farm construction project.



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