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What a Community!

The 140 plus turn out to hear about relationships between home-based businesses, tradespeople and developers, and Uralla Shire Council demonstrates the significance of the issues discussed.

We want to thank everyone for turning out, particularly those who stood outside in the rain because Covid restrictions wouldn't let them in. Without you all the night would not have happened.

We have a very, very special thankyou to our speakers.

To stand up and talk publicly about emotional personal issues, without letting the emotion get in the way of the facts, takes a lot of courage. We appreciate it, our community appreciates it. The topics you raised will be followed up.

We also want to thank Adam Marshall, for his ongoing support for our community.

The Chamber will now prepare a report for Council, for Adam, and for you, our community. This will be ready in about a week.

Bob Crouch, Secretary, on behalf of the Uralla Shire Business Chamber Executive



Left : Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands speaking at the meeting

Below : Part of the crowd, which spilled out every doorway and in to every room

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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.

Congratulations to the Uralla Business Chamber for organising a community meeting last Thursday night at the Showground. The meeting was attended by over 100 people, and was extremely well chaired by James Treloar (ex Mayor and still a Councillor at Tamworth Regional Council.) Each of the speakers (around 12) shared their thoughts and experiences on a wide range of issues, and most ended on a positive note, saying what a wonderful community-minded town Uralla is, and asked that the elected members of Uralla Shire Council work to resolve the issue of the definition of "retail", as well as other issues raised, for the benefit of all. Adam Marshall MP made it clear that the issue around "retail" was an area that did not need State intervention. He stated that it is for the Councillors to direct Council staff on what the community want, and for staff to ensure that the Council's and community's wishes are facilitated. Adam also made it clear that the Local Environment Plan (LEP) was silent on the definition of "retail" to allow the various communities to reach their own understanding. Adam also advised those at the meeting that he had stated this directly to Council's General Manager and the Director of Infrastructure and Regulation.

Many speakers shared with the meeting the difficulties and frustrations they have experienced (and are still experiencing) in relation to their dealings with Council staff; such as inconsistent advice, poor (if any) response to questions either by letter, email or telephone, as well as the often difficult interpretation of design standards. One speaker advised that Uralla Shire is losing development due to these ongoing problems, and that this does not appear to be an issue in our neighbouring Councils.

I understand that the Uralla Business Chamber will now put together a report to be forwarded to Council and this report will be placed on the Council website.

Tenders for the replacement of Tolleys Gully Bridge have now closed. This bridge is approximately 10km north-west of Uralla on Thunderbolt's Way. It is narrow and has been the scene of many near misses, and one near catastrophic accident when a stock truck took out one side of the bridge. This work is being funded by the State Government. Our local Member, Adam Marshall MP, announced the \$1.075 million funding in December 2019. It appears that Uralla Shire Council has lost yet two more employees recently. Des Anderson has been doing excellent work on the environmental projects for Uralla Council, including the erosion and sedimentary control

plans for the road construction projects. However, congratulations to Des on his return to Southern New England Landcare Group as its Koala Conservation Project Officer. He and Bethany White will both be sadly missed. We have now benefitted from Armidale Regional Council's recent dramas, with two of their staff now working for Uralla Shire Council.

The tender for the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme has been awarded to Ledonne Construction Pty Ltd for \$7,767,506 (incl. GST.) This is subject to the finalisation of the funding deal with the NSW Government. While this seems a tremendous amount to pay for Bundarra, the State is contributing 70% on the basis that First World towns should have a reasonable standard of living. In the long term, this will allow Bundarra to further develop without having to purchase expensive on-site sewage treatment systems. Some existing properties had their backyards almost unusable during wet weather; especially in winter. The annual rates should be less than the annual maintenance on the treatment systems. I do acknowledge Bundarra residents' frustrations with the delay. Council had 11 tenderers for this important project.

I had a telephone call from Don McRae a week or so ago regarding a plaque that has gone missing from the recently upgraded shelter near Thunderbolt's Statue. The plaque read: "In Memory of ALEX F.C. McRAE Outstanding Citizen & Friend of Uralla. 1907 1974." My early enquiries have been fruitless. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this plaque, please let me know.

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**Robert Bell,
Uralla Shire Resident**



An advertisement for Gwydir Water Services. The logo features a stylized sunburst above the word "Gwydir" in a large, bold, blue font, with "Water Services" in a smaller blue font below it. To the left of the text is a blue silhouette of a water tower. Below the logo, the name "Simon Dean" is written in blue. A list of services is provided with blue bullet points: "Service & Repair all Pumps", "Solar Pumps", "Bore Hole Pumps", and "Line Drive Helical Rotor /Turbine". At the bottom, the phone number "0438 791 073" is displayed in white on a blue background. Below the phone number, the text "'Lucknow' Delungra, NSW 2403" is written in a smaller font.

McMaugh Gardens at 30! Remembrance Day

McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre is celebrating 30 years of continual service to the Uralla Community November 2020. Unfortunately, with the current COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to celebrate as we would have wished, however, we are still celebrating this great milestone in a different manner. Friends of McMaugh Gardens are assisting staff of McMaugh Gardens to organise these celebrations. We hope in the near future we will be able to celebrate appropriately and all the public will be welcome to join in. During the week commencing Monday 9th November to Saturday 14th November 2020 we will be displaying a Banner outside McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre, a shop window kindly donated by Rod Eichorn, will be decorated with a slide show on a TV screen, and items from McMaugh Gardens celebrating this occasion. A very clever member of Friends of McMaugh Gardens is working on a video casting back in to the history of the "idea" stages and the actual building of the facility, including snippets of activities, residents, staff and major functions over the years. This video will be available for everyone to view via a video link. This link will be made available. A time capsule will be placed at the bottom of the flagpole at McMaugh Gardens to be opened in November 2050. This will occur during the week of the 9th of November, day, and time to be advised. Any citizens wishing to attend are welcome, however, social distancing rules will apply. Plaque reading:

McMaugh Gardens Time Capsule November 2020 to be opened November 2050

Friends of McMaugh Gardens are immensely proud to be assisting in the organisation of these celebrations. Floral arrangements will be placed throughout the facility where all current residents can have their photographs taken and enjoy this occasion. All staff will be receiving a gift to also mark this special occasion. These floral arrangements and gifts donated by Friends of McMaugh Gardens, are also representing all past residents and staff members. We congratulate McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre on the continual wonderful service they have provided to the Uralla Community over the past 30 years.

Rosemary Reading
Secretary Friends of McMaugh Gardens Inc.

On Wednesday the 11th of November we will be Commemorating the WW1 Armistice which is the day we remember all those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice in war. Remembrance Day is a significant date in the RSL calendar and is remembered throughout the world now with ceremonies throughout Australia, NZ, Canada, the UK, Europe and the United States. We will be holding our ceremony at the Memorial Gates, Alma Park from 10.30. If you or your organisation would like to lay a floral tribute, please let us know. We can have up to 100 people in attendance and we would like see as many there as possible especially as we weren't able to commemorate ANZAC Day this year. As a follow on from Remembrance Day we will be holding our Remembrance Day Veterans Dinner on Friday the 13th. We will be dining at the Alternate Root with a meet and greet at 6pm followed by dinner at 6.30. RSL members and their partners, RSL Auxiliary and Uralla Shire Veterans are welcome, however we do need to know exact numbers so if you wish to attend, please let us know as soon as possible.

Russ French, President Uralla RSL Sub Branch

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Mr Crouch and his committee, on engaging the community and rate payers on the important questions that relate to the ongoing development of Uralla. I have submitted the following list of questions for consideration. I hope that my questions can be put to Uralla Council's General Manger, in writing or at the meeting.

Questions: Will there be an audit conducted on the management responses that would provide evidence of the approach Uralla council is formally taking in the retail/business/development sector? The audit may answer the following questions: Are responses by managers to building and retail inquires consistent across subjects raised.. in summary no matter who is making an inquiry are similar answers provided? This would reveal to council how the legislation and current or ongoing retail and business policy is applied in the shire. For this audit to occur the General Manager could if she requested audit her own staff, by requesting, a sample of responses in relation to those attending the public meeting by subject matter. This would provide more factual evidence than just a general report of discontent. Perhaps formalised complaints have been lodged and could be analysed by her. If appropriate consultation is a significant issue, can the audit include, an account of how conversations between community members are being conducted, are building and retail sites being visited? Are the managers of council out of the office and engaging with the community... this factual evidence could be achieved by again, a conversation with council mangers about their daily work activities as they are aligned with their job description. An example of that question might be: this week who have you spoken face to face to? What was the main issue? What did you do in response to that inquiry? Is that consistent with Council legislation and policy? Question for the general manager. Why does the council not have a fulltime Building and Health Inspector? Are exit interviews conducted with council staff leaving the organisation and if so, is there a trend, in those interviews that contains concerns re retail, business or in fact, suggestions to improve business and council relationships.

Given that any information contained in such an interview would be confidential. The question stands are exit interviews provided so that who people do resign have a voice if they choose to? (This perhaps is part of the job description of a general manager). Finally, how much has Uralla Council spent in the last two years on consultants specifically in terms of the business and retail sector? What is the total amount and what were the outcomes? Did this money spent improve council and business relationships? So that Uralla and surrounds can move strategically forward? My apologies for writing my questions and not attending the public meeting.

Kindest Regards

Dr Jann Karp, Rocky River

Dear Editor,

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Karen Johnston, Uralla resident



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

What a good idea to have a Fibonacci Park in the main street of our quaint little town of Uralla! When any town is wanting to attract visitors and bring business to the commercial premises, it looks for a point of difference, something that sets their town apart from others. In most towns, this is a difficult job and we have seen the resulting "Big Merino", "Big Banana" etc. However, Uralla is very fortunate in deed, that it has the only four digit Fibonacci postcode in Australia. It certainly has an excellent point of difference and we would be foolish to miss this great opportunity. I can hear many people saying that they have no idea what a Fibonacci number is. What a great opportunity to learn something new! A Fibonacci Park explaining "Fibonacci", would become a Centre for curious residents, travellers and a stopping place in Uralla. Businesses and residents would all ultimately benefit. Adam Marshall also sees the great benefits for Uralla having a Fibonacci Park, and gives it his full support.

Come on "Uralla-ites," let's get behind this remarkable idea!

Tricia McCrossin Stewart, Uralla

Dear Editor,

Who would shave or shower in this coloured hot water?? This is the water in our basin one day after the water main burst in Hill Street on Monday 26th October. This is the second burst main recently (the last in Hill Street in front of the Information Centre). With all the grant funds spent on upgrading the water at the Kentucky dam I think it is about time that consideration be given by Council to provide or apply for funds for replacing the old iron water mains in Uralla. The holding tank on Mt. Mutton provides good water pressure to the village and obviously the existing mains are beyond their 'use by' date. Let's not wait for each burst main event to bandage the system. The new appropriate pipe mains should be laid parallel to the existing before closing each section down. This is a long term forward plan which should be initiated as a matter of urgency. We certainly need to get something for the proposed water rate increase! Today we appreciate the option of rainwater tanks for those who have them!

Gordon Fuller, Uralla Resident

Dear Editor,

Uralla Men's Sheds AGM was held on 17/10/2020

The following were duly elected :

President - Vince Scollen,

Vice President - Greg McClenahan

Secretary - Bruce Stubberfield

Treasurer - Chris Wayling

Committee member - Jim Walkinshaw

Committee member - Roland Bernett

Bruce Stubberfield, Uralla Men's Shed

FIBOFLABBERGASTED

In a paragraph or two we couldn't possibly reply to the scattergun blast from Gary Killar at the 2358 Fibonacci Park proposal. (Wordsworth 19/10/20). Although not claiming to be experts on Fibonacci, The Golden Ratio, Phi 1.618, The Double Helix Spiral, etc, etc, but aware that the series was loved by Da Vinci and is described by some as God's Number System (Who are we to argue?!), we do passionately appreciate the wonder and beauty of the Fibonacci Series. We also certainly grasp what a truly unique (there'll be only ONE of them), intriguing, and aesthetic asset this will be for Uralla 2358 to share with everybody, from everywhere.

Bob Anderson, Kent Mayo, Louis van Ekert Uralla citizens

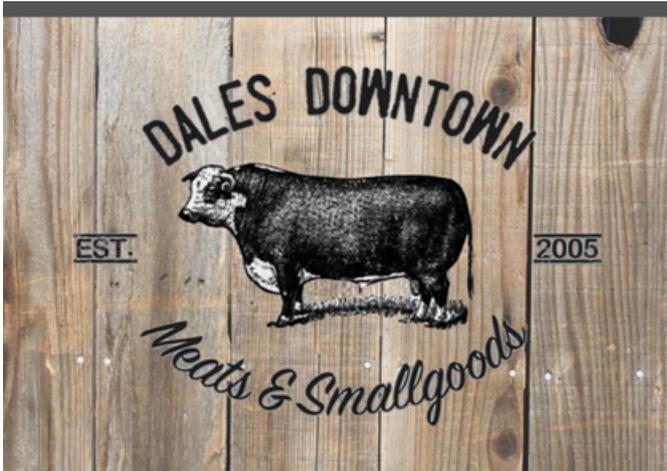


Gordon Fuller's Water on 27th October 2020

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Antiques & Collectables Wrap Up

The inaugural Show & Shine of vintage and nostalgic vehicles was held Saturday 10th October in Attwood & McMillan Park (at rear of shops) with sponsors; Limitless Custom Trim, Thunder Graphics & Wrench King. Prizes; 1st Lyndon Hardman, 2nd Greg Beaton, 3rd Grahame Brown, encouragement awards to John McFarlane - Limitless Custom Trim shop credit \$150 and John Beaton - Wrench King rego check. Best Trim to Mick Poulter. Congratulations to all entrants and Chris Barnden for coordinating the event.

The 7th annual Antiques Fair was held 10 & 11 October in the RSL Hall. COVID 19 protocols were observed. Major sponsor was Phoenix Foundry; minor sponsors were the Bushranger Motel, Barber on Bridge, Uralla Pharmacy and The Sweet Place. Numerous other local businesses support the Fair.

The Mystery Object was an ink pot and pen holder, guessed by John Vickery. Raffle prizes; Bumper Hamper won by Cher, Barber on Bridge products won by J Vickery, The Sweet Place voucher won by J King and The Trader Store voucher won by P Phillips. Rotarian's would like to thank the many local businesses who supported the event, the antiques exhibitors and Pete Stanley for providing live music. There was a lovely vibe throughout the weekend and a wonderful time was had by all involved.

Leanne Doran, Uralla Rotary Club President



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Remembrance Day Services to go ahead

MEMBER for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall today announced groups of up to 100 people will be able to gather for Remembrance Day services across the region this month after the approval of a one-off exemption from COVID-19 restrictions. Mr Marshall said Remembrance Day was a major event for both veterans and the broader community to pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. "The easing of restrictions to public gatherings for Remembrance Day means wreath laying ceremonies and other memorial services can take place with up to 100 people present, to pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice," Mr Marshall said. "The one-off exemption to the Public Health Order increases the current restrictions from 20 people to 100 people, to gather at community war memorials, provided they adhere to social distancing measures and have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. "While some of our larger commemorations won't look the same as in past years, this exemption means smaller services can be held in all local communities across the Northern Tablelands. "Australians have paused to reflect and pay tribute on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month since 1918, so this is welcome news for our veterans community." The exemption is in place for Remembrance Day Services held before 12 November 2020.

Adam Marshall, Member for the Northern Tablelands



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A Gostwyck Wedding

On Saturday 24 October Hugh Fiennes Attard and Haley Katrina Janssens were married at Gostwyck Station. Hugh and Haley met while studying at Australian National University in Canberra then reconnected while both living in Sydney. The day was celebrated with their parents Philip and Alison Attard and Eric and Judy Janssens, and close family and friends. The couple are currently enjoying a short break on the NSW North Coast before returning to their home in Fairlight, Sydney.



Uralla Bowlo is 75

During the last two weeks, the Uralla Women's Bowling Club were happy to join with the men in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the beginnings of the Uralla Bowling Club. We supported the present President, Allan Rummery, by attending a delightful evening to acknowledge the importance of this occasion. We also participated in Allan's very successful President's Day the week earlier, when our President, Phyllis Dade entered a team of lady bowlers into the competition. We were very happy with our performance on the day as we won both our designated games. I am also pleased to announce that we ladies will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary next Wednesday, when we will be joined by many of the other women's clubs throughout our region.

Pauline Crouch,
Publicity Officer,
UWBC



L-R :Judy Bray, Phyllis Dade,
Lynnette Dwyer, Pauline Crouch

Ural Adventures in Uralla

On a recent Friday afternoon, quite a few Ural motorbikes with sidecars descended on Uralla to visit Ural Australia headquarters for the launch of a new model, to coincide with the commencement of our annual Ural Adventure Ride weekend. Produced in the Ural mountains in Russia, Ural has won the hearts of adventurers around the world for its ruggedness and versatility. Built to endure the most adverse road conditions, our sidecar motorcycles go further - they go where the roads end. The legendary Gear Up model equipped with engageable sidecar drive, however, has previously only been available in countries which drive on the right side of the road. Until now. URAL was very excited to unveil the new Ural Gear Up 2WD left hand model. On demand engageable sidecar driveshaft is now designed for the left hand driving markets. Some things are worth waiting for. Ural owners travelled from right across NSW to attend the launch. We are extremely proud that Ural has chosen Australia to be the first country this model is released and available in. Saturday morning again saw a large number of Ural motorbikes with sidecars assemble at Ural HQ with their passengers and gear, loaded up and ready for a weekend riding backroads down to Wingham via Nowendoc for our overnight stay before returning, winding our way back up the mountain via Ellenborough Falls at Elands and Stockyard Creek Reserve near Gingers Creek where we stopped for lunch. The occasional rain and showers we rode through weren't enough to dampen the spirits of our riders and passengers though, as many claimed this was one of the best rides and most fun they've ever done! Ural sales continue to be strong and, with the introduction of the new model, this is seeing a growing interest among motorbike and sidecar riders as they choose Ural to explore all corners of our great country with many coming to visit us here at our showroom in the old military museum, whilst enjoying a visit for a day or two and exploring all that our great little town has to offer!

Clare Baker, Ural



Bill Andrews

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Andrew Murray's Diary

Monday June 18, 1860:

All hopes of ever seeing Hamilton Robison again were given up, with deep regret. There were so many blacks about that an unarmed man on foot had no chance against them. Our party, reduced by two in a few days, was sad indeed. My old mate on watch at night for months, being gone, made it more regrettable to me. I could not bring myself to believe that he was gone. Another search was made today with no better result. Wearied by a sick camp and the danger of all being killed by the blacks, it was decided to go on tomorrow night. However, we were startled by hearing a coo-ee from the bed of the creek. McKay was first up and went down the bank and I followed as fast as I could. Partly down through long grass and a steep bank, I met McKay bringing our lost companion up. He had no boots and was weak, as well he might be after being days without food and just recovering from weeks of severe illness. Nothing but Divine guidance could have ever have restore him to his companions in travel. As quickly as possible food was prepared for him. He said that he had heard that eating after a long fast was not good, so he did not eat an ordinary meal. He went to bed as we all did with thankfulness to the merciful God who had guided him safely back.

Tuesday June 19, 1860:

On asking Robison how he came to lose his boots he said that after walking a long distance he came to a sandy creek. There was no water on the surface and he cleared the sand away to a depth with his hands but could not get a drink, so took his boot off to dip the water with. After drinking he forgot his boot and, going on, he did the same thing with the other. His feet were so sore from walking amongst grass and sticks, that when he came to the creek we were camped on he walked down on the sandy bed till he came to where he dipped the water (over a log partly bedded in the sand and over which the water ran) on the night before he left and got lost. He knew the place and coo-eed and was glad to hear the answer from us. Still in the camp. Asked about the saddle and where he first camped out, he said he camped by a log and was very cold in the morning. The sun rose on a ridge opposite. He left the saddle and cold fireless camp to get in the sun and did not seem either to have looked for his horse or saddle which were never found. I was too ill to go tracking them. To give Robison a chance to recover a little strength, we camped today and near evening, were surprised to see three men with pack outfits ride up. They were Andrew Scott, Tom Ross and William Frazer of Harnet Bank on the Dawson, who had been out marking some trees on country applied for off Leichhardt's map. Long before, Mr. Scott had notice from Commissioner Wiseman that he was going out to inspect and report on his application. This was one of the abuses under the N.S.W. system of applying for land. Those who neither saw nor marked

country could, by Leichhardt's or any other available map or information, apply for runs, and provided the marks were put on the trees prior to the Crown Lands Commissioner's inspection, with might not be for years after the application was put in, that land was shut up against those who actually went and marked it. The land Mr. Scott had applied for long before and recently marked was, he said, on Leichhardt's Skull Creek, a tributary of the Isaacs. Our camp was on Dawson Creek, not on the Isaacs. This I had suspected from the small flow of water. When we crossed the Isaacs we had to swim the horses, whilst this creek had only a few inches of water in it.

Wednesday June 20, 1860:

We started early. Mr. McCrossin went round to see if he could find his saddle, whilst we, shortly after leaving the camp, crossed over and travelled down the N. East side of Denison Creek. When McCrossin pulled us up he said he could not find any trace of the saddle. When a short distance from the camp we left this morning he saw 12 blackfellows all armed going straight to our camp. No doubt our camping so long in one place enabled them to reconnoitre and our leaving when we did was another escape from danger. Willie Frazer was one of a family who were nearly all killed by blacks at Harnet Creek four or five years before. One of his brothers escaped by crawling under the bed. His mother and sister were killed and the home robbed of all stores they could carry away. Camped on the N.E. bank of Denison Creek. That evening, after dark, McCrossin's dog Bluey barked savagely at something. Scott had his carbine ready against a tree in case it was the blacks. They cleared off and we were not disturbed any further.

Thursday June 21, 1860:

What a treat it is for bushmen who travel by instinct for locality to fall in with others who travel through the bush! Except for poor Duke, who was dead, and myself, not one of our party had this instinct. We took a straight line through the scrub and across a deep creek called Funnel Creek which, when we came to it, was nearly swimming depth. Mr. Scott, the hardy pioneer, stripped off, got a pole, and going into the deepest part took the depth, came out, measured the height of the lowest pack and found we could cross without much damage. So, in we went and got over all right. The water was intensely cold, although Mr. Scott made no complaint. Continued our straight course till evening through open scrub and, at night, came out on open country on the head of a water course, where water was scarce. It was a basaltic rock formation, a very hard bed, but dry. The feed was good; the timber silver-leaf iron-bark, and bloodwood. McKay had had several attacks of fever and ague.

To be continued

Noel Marshall, Uralla Historical Society

Community Calendar

Please email urallawordsworth@gmail.com if you have an event or meeting for Uralla, Kentucky or Invergowrie.

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

Computer Bank New England Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 12noon at the Uralla Community Centre

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 Uralla Bowling Club

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

Tennis Senior Social tennis, Wednesday 6.30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex, everyone welcome

Knattering Knitters meet at Uralla Library on Tuesdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm

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

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

Uralla Driver Reviver meets on the first Sunday of each month at 2pm at 117 Bridge Street, Uralla.

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

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch meets the last Sunday of the month at 11am 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.

Friends of McMaugh Gardens Inc. meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, 2pm at Uralla Bowling Club

Ascent Community Care

Senior Social Group 9.30am – 2.00pm, Mondays at Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

Seniors Exercise Class – 2.00pm -3.00pm, Wednesdays at the Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 11am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veges. 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

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Meeting 12.30pm Tuesday 24th November 2020, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Remembrance Day 11th November, Alma Park Memorial Gates at 10.30am

Street Store Uralla RSL Sub Branch are on the Street Store from 2nd November, this is their annual fundraiser and Poppy Appeal.

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Helen Therese Phillips

14/2/1948 – 20/10/2020

Helen was born in Lismore Hospital 14th February, 1948.

She was third eldest of nine children by Kiwi and Joan Barnes and grew up on a dairy, then cane, farm on the Richmond River in Northern NSW.

She finished school at St Mary's College Lismore in 1964 and started work with the Bank of NSW in Woodburn.

Fortunately, she was transferred to Uralla in 1966. That's when she met the man she would fall in love with, Uralla's most eligible bachelor, young Peter Phillips.

Peter tells of his efforts such as coordinating trips to the post office to make sure he ran into her, passing notes to her with his banking, and being her sponsor in the New England show girl competition. They married in 1967, soon followed by the births of their strapping young sons, Jeffrey, David and Joel.

Helen and Peter became an amazing team, building a family and a successful local business together in a love story that endured through life's up and downs for 54 years. Their home and business were always so much more than that, being places where a warm welcome, a good yarn or a supportive helping hand was always available. Whether you were friend or family, you knew you were cared for and they had your back. It was this true caring nature and love of their town that made Helen and Peter prominent and respected members of the Uralla community.

No one could deny Helen's incredible talents and creativity. There was little she couldn't do. An awesome cook, a skilled seamstress, a practiced florist and chief wreath-maker for the ANZAC day ceremonies. She could write poetry, sing, dance and play a formidable game of tennis. Helen would apply all of these in her many roles she took, as she gave herself to the heartbeat of Uralla. She was an active member of the Uralla Tennis Club, Uralla Central P&C, Uralla RSL and RSL auxiliary, Rotary, a trustee of the Uralla Memorial Institute, Uralla Art Show committee, and anything else where she was needed.

Above all of this, she was a talented and celebrated artist. Her passion for art spanned her whole life. Helen's

drawings and paintings capturing the magic of the bush landscapes she loved so much. Her artworks were exhibited across country NSW and were highly sought after.

Helen passed last week after a four year battle with cancer. She is lovingly remembered by her three sons, Jeffrey, David and Joel, their wives, Faith, Brittany and Sarah, grandkids Jessica, Dylan, Kayla, Brook and Boe, Isaac, Jacob and Sam, Natascha and Annastasia, and great-grandkids Sage and Krome.

We were so fortunate to have this extra time with her, where we could share and enjoy so many more precious memories: Helen and Peter's 50th wedding anniversary, Jeff and Dave's 50th birthdays, Jeff and Faith's wedding, Helen's 70th and Peter's 80th birthdays, grandkids Jessica's 30th, Dylan's 18th and Taschi's 16th, the birth of two awesome great-grandkids, and so much more...

The family would like to thank all the amazing doctors, nurses, hospital and oncology staff, who have been an integral part in extending and improving the quality of Helen's life. The love and support of the Uralla community, friends and family has also been absolutely incredible.

Nothing was left unsaid, and her beautiful soul is resting peacefully now in the arms of angels. Such an amazing lady, a woman of such strength and passion, an inspiration to all and the driving force that keeps us reaching for the stars and achieving our dreams. Helen created a legacy that is truly immortal...

Jeff Phillips



Helen Phillips amongst her art

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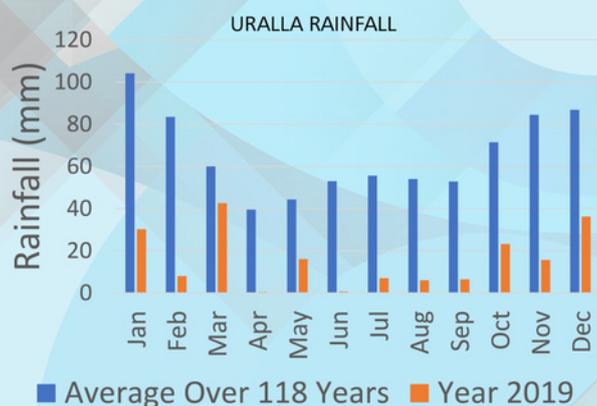
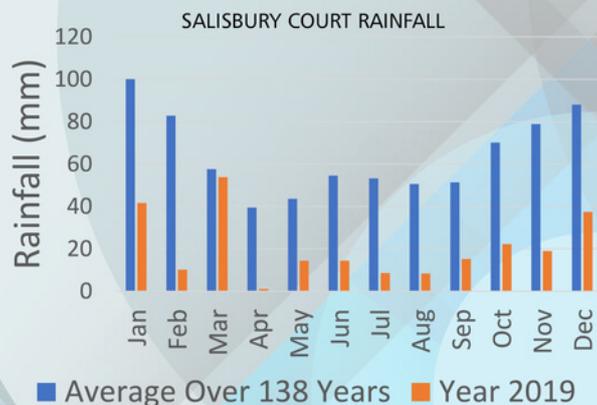
URALLA IS TALKING ABOUT WATER!

WHY DID WE HAVE A WATER "EMERGENCY" IN 2020?

AND WHY DID IT GET ARSENIC IN IT?

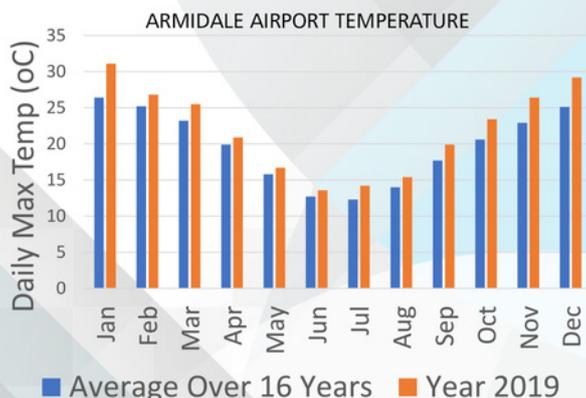
ZNET Plus in partnership with Uralla Shire Council and Global Water Institute are facilitating a community discussion on how we can best achieve water security. The first step is to become informed. Our first topic is rain and arsenic.

The water problem seems so 2019 now given all that has happened with COVID-19! But we came within 3-4 months of running out of usable water in February 2020 and we certainly could not drink it...



So why did this happen?

Well, low dam levels (down to 29%) is reasonably easy to understand – it just did not rain much! Rainfall records for Uralla and Salisbury Court (very close to the dam catchment) show how low 2019 rainfall was. At both locations it was the lowest on record being about 24% of long-term average for Uralla and 32% of long-term average for Salisbury Court.

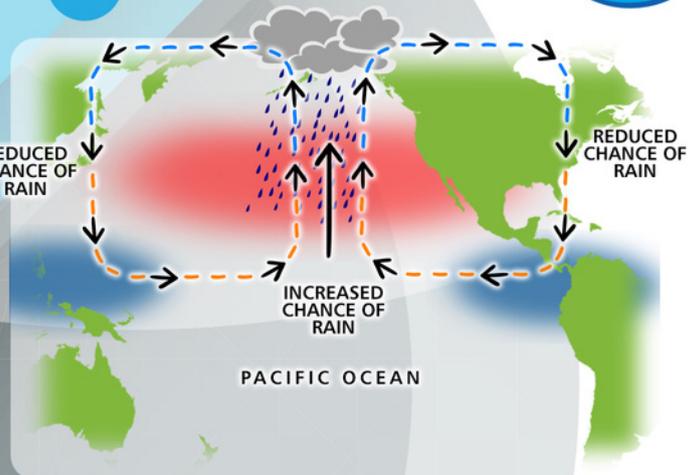
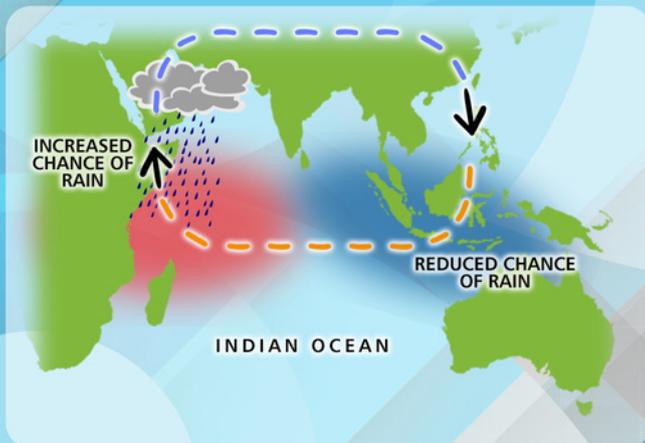


2019 was also hotter than average which means more water was lost through evaporation from the dam than would have normally occurred (BOM only has records from Armidale for temperature).

SO WHY DIDN'T IT RAIN?

Well if we knew the answer to no rain 😞
But there are some indicators that contributed to the really dry weather. They were a combination of an Indian Ocean Dipole in Positive Phase (more rain for India and less for Australia) and the occurrence of a Central Pacific El Nino event

- stay with us there are drawings!



In 2019, these ocean hotspots (which cause lots of moisture to rise up and condense as rain) were well away from Australia. The tricky thing is we don't really know when this will happen again, especially as the dynamics of ocean temperatures become less predictable as our oceans continue to absorb the heat from global warming.

SO WHY DID OUR WATER HAVE ARSENIC IN IT?

The short answer on arsenic is that we don't know – yet. Council is undertaking more investigations in 2020/21. What we do know is that the testing that first detected an elevated level of arsenic was in November 2019 when dam levels were low and inflow was coming from natural springs that had opened up in the dry weather.

Possible sources of the arsenic are:

- naturally occurring in this spring water,
- long term concentration in the dam silt from historic agricultural use,
- or run-off from catchments with residual arsenic from historic agricultural use.

Hopefully, over the coming year we will know more about the origin which will help Council manage water quality during the next drought.

What we also know is that the new Granulated Activated Carbon filters are working well and we now have great drinking water!

Join the conversation

There is a quick poll on the ZNET web page where you can share your experiences on how the water restrictions and arsenic affected your family/business. Every voice counts! zneturalla.org.au/water

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Resources

Uralla Shire Council:
<http://bit.ly/USC-water-quality>
<http://bit.ly/USC-water-update>
<http://bit.ly/USC-usage-storage>

BOM Site on weather influences:
<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/enso/>
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Paper on Central Pacific Central Pacific El Niño events:
<http://bit.ly/el-nino-stronger>