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## Creative Opportunities for Entrepreneurs Of All Ages

The New England is home to plenty of talented and creative people, many of whom make their living through their craft. Each year at the Seasons of New England Expo, they come together from across multiple industries to share their wares and now, for the first time, 13 of these talented makers are gathering for a big weekend in Uralla to share their skills through a series of workshops held in Uralla over two days, 9th and 10th July 2022.

"The Expo has always been a source of inspiration to many of the people who come to shop and discover the region, with at least a few people deciding to start a side hustle or make a tree change with a new venture in mind each year. We'd like to foster that as much as possible."

With many of the courses open to those 14 years and older, the hope is that this is an opportunity for those in high school to think about some career opportunities too. Thanks to the generous support of the UNE Smart Region Incubator, 10 students aged between 14 and 18 have the opportunity to attend a workshop with a largely subsidised place.

"This is a unique opportunity for students to dip their toe in and see if something they have wondered about could become more than an interest. We are also really grateful for the interest and support of Michael Rathborne, the Principal of Uralla Central School, and we know that other schools are also interested. There is also another local organisation keen to support this subsidy program if there is more interest."

With the scale of the Seasons Expo growing all the time, there is clearly enormous opportunity in the New England region for handmade production as well as small and larger



Dr Lou Conway, Director of the UNE SRI, and Tara Toomey, Director of Seasons of New England.

scale manufacturing to develop. Bringing this weekend together gives people an opportunity to meet the makers in a number of different fields, explore the creative process and immerse themselves in the New England region at the same time.

While the Wintery Weekend of Wondrous Workshops is certainly an opportunity to discover a creative pursuit that may also generate an income, it is also a great opportunity to take some time out from the everyday, relax a little, and learn a new skill.

Courses range from spoon carving to sewing, print making, pottery, macrame, drawing, copper form folding and even support for writers.

**Tara Toomey**

**Director, Seasons of New England**

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**While Robert Bell is away for a few weeks this column will be filed by Bob Crouch, Deputy Mayor. Bob became a Shire resident in 2002 when he and Pauline bought "Sentry Box" Bundarra. Five years ago, they moved to Rocky River. Bob was first elected to Council in 2012 and has served 7 years as Deputy Mayor. While Robert is away, Bob will give you a different perspective on Council and life by providing his personal views on matters concerning Council and ratepayers.**

Well, for this column I am not up with the gossip about town. I have just had a week away with Covid. I was back to chair the council meeting last Tuesday after a little over a week isolating. Covid: it seems to hit everyone differently. With me I was sore and fluidy, my nose, my chest: Two days just sitting and lying in my recliner: Then a week sleeping. I'm sure glad I have had my four shots along with my flu and pneumonia vaccinations. Pauline's experience has been more like influenza. Mild temperature, aching, feeling sick, but not too sick to read. We are both all good now.

If you haven't sent your response into the Department of Planning about Thunderbolt Windfarm, Stage 1, you are too late. Submissions closed on Tuesday, 24th May. Hopefully you will get another chance, when the Planning Commissioners pay us a visit and invite presentations from the community. There are two triggers for a commissioners visit:

Council putting in an objection, or the receipt by the Department of Planning of more than 50 independent objections.

Council has put in an objection and I expect there to be more than 50 objections.

Council did not object to the wind turbines themselves but focussed on a number of deficiencies in the environmental impact statement. We are particularly concerned about the lack of a decommissioning plan, or the means to fund it in 30 years time.

We had a marathon council meeting last Tuesday to finalise the documents that will drive the direction of council over the next three years. We adopted our community strategic plan and put out for public consultation our Four-year Delivery Program and the Draft Operational Plan. These will be put on council's web site for 28 days for your comment. We really welcome feedback as they outline what council will focus on.

Your input to this process is important to us.

Our budget documents need more work and while they have been put out for consultation councillors will continue to work on them.

To get to some of the other things I am involved in around town. I am pleased to see construction start on the lights on the green at the Uralla Bowlo. This is a project funded by the NSW Government to improve facilities and encourage participation in sport. By getting lights on the greens the Bowling Club will be able to run evening

competitions and host social events. We look forward to them being up and running in about six months.

Speaking of grant funding, Council has started work on refurbishing the Uralla Court House. The first step is to repair the wear and tear, prepare for painting, replace rotten timbers, and fix the roof. Then we will look at what we can do to make it a useable space. There are a few options, but it must become a useable space.

Last Wednesday evening I had the pleasure of chairing the Annual General Meeting of Diggings Rural Fire Brigade. This a group that is ready to respond to our community needs through any emergency.

During this year they had a major role in assisting recovery after the tornado in Armidale and the super cell at Invergowrie. Several members went to Lismore to help clean up after the floods. Despite it being a quiet year fire-wise the brigade has been exceptionally busy.

I am pleased to be able to report that our Captain Sarah Mika was re-elected unopposed as I was for the president's position. The Brigade operates out of two stations, one at Rocky River and one at Invergowrie.

The Brigade has been proactive this year in encouraging our residents to prepare their property and develop a bushfire survival plan. Remember Planning to Plan is not a Plan.

If you would like to get involved, give me a call.



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**Bob Crouch**

**Uralla Shire Resident**

A promotional poster for Kentucky Public School's Kindergarten Open Day. The background is blue with yellow text. It features a collage of photos showing children in a classroom. On the right is the school's logo, a shield with 'A', 'P', 'S', and 'KENTUCKY' and the motto 'GOOD CROWS NAME'. The text reads: 'Kentucky Public School Kindergarten Open Day Monday, 20th June 2022 (Term 3 dates TBA) Come and see what's happening at Kentucky! Please contact Georgia Patterson at Kentucky Public School for more information 6778 7227'.

**Kentucky Public School**

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**(Term 3 dates TBA)**

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# Solar Farm Sod Turn

Construction of Australia's largest hybrid solar and battery energy storage facility is officially underway, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall joining ACEN President and CEO Eric Francia to turn the first ceremonial sod of soil on the 50 megawatt/hour battery development today.

In 2020, the State Government provided the New England Solar Farm proponents with \$12.5 million to support the construction of the battery, which ensures the solar farm can dispatch energy into the grid at any time of the day and night, when required.

Mr Marshall said the 50 MW/h battery would be co-located with the 400 MW stage 1 of the 720 MW solar farm. "This is another huge coup for our region and demonstrating the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) is delivering innovation, infrastructure and industry at a rapid fire rate," Mr Marshall said.

"As a region, we're continuing to lead the transition to new energy generation and storage. For the first time in our region's history we are on the cusp of becoming a net exporter of energy, but just as significant is the need to significantly increase our ability to store what we generate & release it when electricity demand is high."

"The Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) has been included in the project's first stage and will be built alongside the solar farm. Construction on the battery is expected to take about 12 months and is being built across two solar fields. During peak construction 50 jobs will be created with three ongoing roles once the technology is commissioned."

"With capacity to scale up to 200 MW with two hours of storage capacity, the BESS will be capable of dispatching energy to the grid at times of high demand, powering approximately 100,000 homes, further progressing the region's goal of becoming a net exporter of renewable energy."

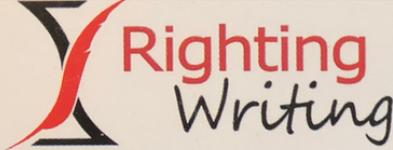
"I congratulate all contractors to date which have delivered the initial roads and infrastructure required to support the solar farm's construction. Solar energy combined with battery storage is a clean, reliable, cost effective way of supplying NSW homes with their energy needs into the future."

Once the entire 720 MW project is complete, it will produce around 1,800,000 megawatt hours of clean electricity each year – enough to power about 250,000 NSW homes.

**Adam Marshall**  
Northern Tablelands MP



ACEN President and CEO Eric Francia, left, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and UPC/AC Renewables CEO Anton Rohner.



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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors,

The article on the Neoen wind farm from the Friends of Kentucky Action Group brought me to tears. If the Friends are so down on foreigners then they will refuse to sell their produce to them, won't they! If they feel they have a social licence to deny renewable energy, and consequent relief from climate change, to the local children, then they should display it in these pages.

I will protest against industrial scale woolsheds and silos on The Tablelands, but judging by the number of cattle trucks passing through Uralla I would support an industrial scale abattoir, and the jobs it would bring. If I were a Koala I would live in the sheltered gullies rather than the windy ridges, but there is nothing stopping the Friends from re-foresting their properties to help the Koalas. I might even volunteer to plant seedlings.

**John Sutherland**  
Uralla resident

Deadline for the next edition is  
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## Draft Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2022-23 Open for Feedback

The draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and draft Operational Plan 2022-2023 are now on public exhibition. Council is seeking your feedback on these strategic documents for consideration at the 28 June 2022 meeting.

The Delivery Program sets out the principle activities that Council will undertake over a four year term. The Operational Plan sets out the actions that Council will undertake to deliver the activities in the four-year Delivery Program, and includes the Statement of Revenue, Budget and Fees and Charges.

Copies are available to download on the Council website or can be collected at the Council Customer Service Centre, Uralla Library, and Shire General Stores. Submissions on the draft documents must be made in writing to be submitted by email to [council@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@uralla.nsw.gov.au) or by letter to the General Manager at PO Box 106, Uralla NSW 2358.

Submissions close 5:00pm on Wednesday, 22 June 2022. Find out more at: [www.uralla.nsw.gov.au](http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au).

# Wildlife Tales

Winter has arrived and we need to look out for microbats that may be in your woodpile or seeking shelter around your sheds or homes. Here are some neat facts about our smallest bats.

Bats are mammals and Australia has over 70 species of microbats, some are critically endangered, they roost in tree hollows, under bark, in dead trees and some species roost in caves. Microbats navigate and catch their prey by echolocation although they can see, they eat as much as 3/4 of their body weight a night in insects [especially mozzies], they are only seen at night and are acrobatic flyers.

Without our protected microbats we would have lots more insects. We do not have Vampire bats in Australia.

Thanks to Lily who is one of our carers, for the following story.

## Frisk, Chester, and Flora

Frisk was a female Broad-nosed bat who was found in the bottom of a bucket at a local Armidale school in early November 2021. She was cold, wet, and underweight, and we don't know how long she'd been stuck in the bucket for. I took her home and did all the caring things for her: weighed and measured her, administered fluids and glucose, warmed her up, fed her.

She was a quiet little bat, but a very messy eater, and each night after dinner she'd lie on her back in my hand while I cleaned her. I'd admire her lovely big belly full of food and tell her what a good girl she was for eating so much. In a little over a week she had put on weight and was looking better so it was decided that she could be released once the weather cleared up (microbats should be released on clear nights with no rain or strong wind). Until then I kept feeding her, thrilled with the weight she continued to put on.

Unfortunately we were in a long rainy patch, and before I got a chance to release her something happened. I got her out to feed one night and noticed something odd near her stomach. Was it...a penis? How had I not noticed that she was a he? No, it was...a tiny leg and foot. How had I not noticed that she had an extra back leg?

Finally I realised that she'd had a baby! This possibility was so far from my mind that it was not the first or even second thought I had when I saw the leg! He was red and furless with closed eyes, and was slightly larger than a baked bean. I couldn't believe something so fragile-looking could exist.

Naturally I panicked! It is not ideal to have a mother and baby microbat in care as mother microbats only carry the babies around with them for a couple of weeks before they become too big, then they stash them in a roost and leave them while they go off to feed at night, returning periodically to nurse the baby, then roost with them during the day. Despite the weather still being

questionable, the best thing for Frisk was to get her and her baby released as soon as possible. So the next night and for several nights afterwards I was back at the location she was found, holding her and her baby aloft, trying to get her to fly off.

She refused. Nothing I did would make her fly. And my efforts to do so were beginning to stress her and her baby. She was a stubborn bat. Or maybe she'd just decided that she liked a warm bed, ready meals, and belly rubs after dinner! After five nights I stopped trying and resigned myself to having them both in care until the baby was flying, hunting, and ready to be released.

As anxious as it made me, it was also an exciting and rare opportunity to watch a baby microbat's progression from birth to release, with Frisk there to do all the hard work. I named the baby Chester.



Baby Chester

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# Community Calendar

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## **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 Bowling Club, 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 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 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 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** Social tennis 6:30pm Thursdays. Free court hire, Go to [www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/](http://www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/) Hot shots Jnr Tennis, Uralla Sporting Complex Saturday 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** is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm in the Old Scout Hall, 18 Uralla Street North, (just off Thunderbolts Way, top of Alma Park) Ph 0419 151 253, e [urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com)

**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

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

**Uralla Food Pantry**, Mondays 10am - 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 : [office@unc.org.au](mailto:office@unc.org.au) Donations welcomed.

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

**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

## **Events for June - July**

**Learn Basic Sewing**, Bundarra CWA rooms, every Friday throughout June, 10.30am - 3pm. Bring your lunch - tea and coffee supplied. Contact Kerrie 0403 600 446

**Curtain Making Saturday**, 4th June, 12 - 4pm at Community Centre, 9 Hill St. Uralla. Free workshop - ph 0420 514 653

**High Country Markets**, monthly fresh produce and product markets. Sunday 5th June at Uralla Showground, 8 King Street Uralla - 8.30am - 12.30pm

**Poultry Auction**, Sunday 5th June at Uralla Showground. Auction starts at 9.30am, if selling stock book in from 7.30am

**Cars n Coffee**, Piccadilly, Hill Street, Uralla, Sunday, 5 June 9am - 12.00 midday. \$5 per vehicle, reg. from 8.30am

**Sewing for Beginners**, Saturday 11 June, 12 - 4pm at Community Centre, 9 Hill St. Uralla. Free workshop - ph 0420 514 653

**Budget Review and Finance Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, 14 June, 12:30 - 3:00pm

**ADFAS High Heel Heaven**, Lecturer: Dr Peter McNeil. Learn about footwear, mobility and history. Michael Hoskins Centre, Wed 15th June, 5.30pm. Trybooking.

**Mending Made Easy**, Saturday 25 June, 12 - 4pm at Community Centre, 9 Hill St. Uralla. Free workshop - ph 0420 514 653

**Uralla Shire Council**, Ordinary Council Meeting, 9:30 am, Tuesday 28 June - Council Chambers

**Wintery Weekend Wondrous Workshops** - Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July. Bookings [www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au](http://www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au)

**Barry Morgan's World of Organs** - Thursday 21st July from 8.00pm at Uralla Bowling Club. Bookings [www.stickytickets.com.au](http://www.stickytickets.com.au)

# June Gregory - A

## Truly Deserving Person

**June Gregory is an extraordinary person:**

Someone with a giving nature, a heart big and loyal, and often a playful personality. And when she needs to be, full of grit. June brings a feeling of well-being to many people. She is always on the go in her generous volunteer work, and her participation in many different organisations will often find her holding down some position or other. And with her positive and sometimes entertaining attitude she makes you feel happy and cared about.

Because she is such a giving person in so many ways, it is only deserving that sometimes June is on the receiving end of a run of good luck.

On CPSA's day out to Bundarra, Monday two weeks ago, June was the winner of the Mother's Day raffle, a beautiful handbag with matching wallet. It could not have gone to a better person.

And then at Pam Westbury's Memorial Trophy Day on the 11th May, June was totally surprised when Life Member Norma Faint, on behalf of the Uralla Women's Bowling Club, presented her with a service award from Bowls NSW for 35 continuous years as a lawn bowler. An amazing achievement considering June is still actively playing bowls as her 83rd birthday soon approaches.

Phyllis Dade and Judy Bray applied to BNSW for this certificate as they felt June extremely worthy of this acknowledgement of her service to bowls. The Uralla bowls ladies also presented her with a lovely warm scarf to show how much we appreciate her.

So, when June ventures out of doors in the next little while, wrapped cosily in her scarf of many colours, with the beautiful new handbag swinging from her arm, I hope she also has a warm glow in her heart. She definitely deserves it!

Pauline Crouch

**Member, Uralla CPSA and Uralla WBC**



June Gregory receiving her service award.



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# Uralla Co-op

## Surplus Distribution

Uralla Community Co-op has had a good year, thanks to the tireless efforts of our band of volunteers.

By the end of the financial year (30 June) there will be about \$20,000 to distribute to local groups. Nominations are now being received, and will then be put to the members to see how they want to distribute the money.

If you are involved with a deserving cause please send in your nomination. The money will be distributed with no strings attached, but it must be for a charitable purpose, which unfortunately excludes sporting clubs.

We have had several nominations already, and last year's recipients will be included in this year's list.

So far we have:

- Aboriginal Elders Olympics
- Barry Munday Reserve
- Diggings RFS
- Friends of McMaugh Gardens
- Greening Uralla
- Kentucky Memorial Hall
- Kentucky RFS
- Kentucky School P&C
- The Uralla Future Fund
- Uralla Breakfast Club
- Uralla CanAssist
- Uralla Fairy Festival
- Uralla Food Pantry
- Wires
- Znet

**Ross Burnet**

**Chairman, Uralla Community Co-op**

Fuel Watch	29 May 2022	
	ULP	Diesel
Invergowrie	185.0	208.0
Mobil	193.9	213.9
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Kentucky	201.9	219.9

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# Uralla RSL

## Sub-branch News

After a fantastic ANZAC Day it has been back to business for the Uralla Sub-branch. First off I would like to thank the Uralla Community for their amazing support of ANZAC Day this year.

A wonderful turn out for our Dawn Service which was just the start of the day. With approximately 300 people at the Dawn Service, this was followed by Rotary's Breakfast in the Park for our veterans, their families and the community.

What a great start to the day.

With the march setting off to the sounds of bagpipes and drums, our veterans were led off by our Mayor, Robert Bell and Mr Adam Marshall MP flying the flags along with our veteran flag party.

Our local schools and community organisations were well represented as were Firies, SES and Rural Fire Service.

Thank you to all of them for their help during the day and especially Engine 475 in collecting and setting up the chairs for everyone to use.

We followed the morning up with lunch at McCrossin's Mill for our veterans and their families. In all a great day which I think was enjoyed by everyone.

We'll do our best to get a noisy flypast next year.

Some sad news came to hand a couple of weeks ago with the passing of our last WW2 Veteran in Uralla, Mr Paul Kennedy.

Paul and his wife Helen have been our guests of honour several times over the past few years. It started out with the VP Day 75th anniversary Commemorations back in 2020. Paul was the sole surviving WW2 veteran in Uralla Shire, so was asked if he would like to attend the service and luncheon.

Paul was then asked to lead our ANZAC Day parade in 2021. We managed to arrange for a restored Willie's Jeep to transport him and Helen in the parade. Paul was unable to get into the back raised seat of the Jeep, so this was left to Helen. It is an image that will live with me for many years with Helen sitting in her Sunday best, hat and gloves in the back doing the "Royal" wave to the crowd as they travelled up Bridge Street.

Paul and Helen had recently moved from their property at Gostwyck to a house more central to their needs in Armidale. Unfortunately, Paul was unable to attend ANZAC Day activities this year as he and Helen both tested positive to COVID a few days prior.

Paul passed away peacefully in hospital surrounded by Helen, his wife of 61 years and some of his family on Saturday May 14th. His funeral was very well attended and we conducted a Graveside RSL Poppy service to send him on his way. We then presented Helen an Australian Flag in honour of Paul's military service to his country. Paul was 93.

We continue to hold our meetings on the last Sunday of the month at our RSL Meeting rooms, 55 Bridge Street commencing at 10.30am. This is usually followed by lunch at one our Uralla eateries.

Once again if you are a veteran or you know of a veteran in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to give us a yell.

We have contacts in many organisations that can provide medical or financial help if needed.

We can be contacted on 0401 932 107 or pop on into New England Models and Hobbies, 84 Bridge Street.

Thank you to all our veterans and volunteers helping with our important work and wish all our veterans good health.

Lest we forget.

**Russ French**

**President Uralla Sub-Branch, RSL NSW**



Russ French (left,) with Helen and Paul Kennedy at the 2021 ANZAC Day parade in Uralla.

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# New England Federal Election Results

First preference count for the division of New England (NSW)  
96 of 96 polling places returned.

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Swing (%)	Status
SAMIOS, Pavlo	Liberal Democrats	2,654	3.06	+3.06	
DUNCAN, Cindy Anne	United Australia Party	2,228	2.57	-2.01	
LEDGER, Natasha	Independent	2,329	2.69	-0.47	
JOYCE, Barnaby	The Nationals	45,718	52.74	-2.08	Previous Member
SHARPHAM, Matt	Independent	7,067	8.15	+8.15	
THOMAS, Richard	Pauline Hanson's One Nation	4,028	4.65	+4.65	
SPARKS, Carol	The Greens	6,510	7.51	+3.08	
HUGHES, Laura	Labor	16,156	18.64	+5.89	
.....	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)	0	0.00	-2.28	
.....	Other	0	0.00	-17.99	
<b>Formal</b>		<b>86,690</b>	<b>93.79</b>	<b>+0.61</b>	
<b>Informal</b>		<b>5,742</b>	<b>6.21</b>	<b>-0.61</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>92,432</b>			

This table provides the number of first preference votes received for all candidates in the division. The data includes swing - a comparison of the percentage of first preference votes received at the previous federal election compared to the current federal election.

Note: These results are not final.

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## Community Messages

**Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre** were unfortunately unable to hold the official opening ceremony due to a recent spike in Covid cases.

There will be an open day to celebrate in the near future, for further details please email [urallacnc@familysupport.org.au](mailto:urallacnc@familysupport.org.au) or phone/txt: 0419149244

**Sunday Runday** - Free exercise activity, choose your distance and run, jog or walk. 8am every Sunday, meet at Piccadilly, 31 Hill St. Uralla.  
Pets and prams welcome!

**Craft Call Out** - do you have knitting needles, crochet hooks, craft books, scissors and sewing needles gathering dust in a cupboard? Why not donate these items to the families affected by floods in the Northern Rivers?

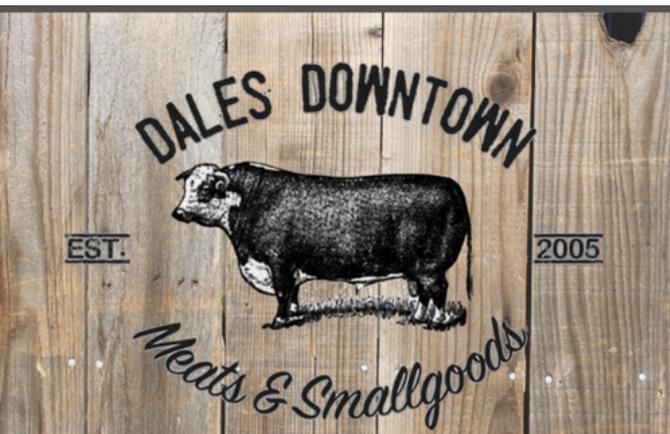
Items can be dropped into the Knattering Knitters at Uralla Library on a Saturday morning.

**Uralla Bowlo** hosts two weekly sessions of Bingo where there are heaps of prizes, varying in types and appeal.

Wednesdays at 6.00pm and Thursdays at 1.00pm

**Darts Competition** - Thursday nights at 6.30pm. Alternating locations between Uralla Bowling Club and Uralla Golf Club.

New players and teams welcome.



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# Running Wild – Dam Him All To Hell!

5. Recap. *Following the coach hold-up, up Inverell way, Constable Walker paid a visit to the hut on Mountain Black. Both Nell and her Molly knew little of Freds' whereabouts but also didn't tell what they did know. Walker was more interested in the grog bottles behind the hut, said they had come from the Royal Oak Inn, and so it went.*

As the days grew longer and warmer the first potato leaves started to sprout from their mounded rows adjacent to the creek at the Thompson Farm. The convict Bill said that pumpkins and corn would also go in when the dirt warmed some more. After a few weeks they were planted in the soil along the outer edge of the flat, next to the track. Following several good falls of rain and some long sunny days, all the crops were now up and flourishing in the fertile earth. Everyone was pleased with themselves, having worked hard preparing, planting, and now seeing the fruits of their labour. If things continued it should be a good season.

Then it rained and it rained, big rain!

Molly and Ma could do little but huddle in the hut, trying to stay dry and warm. They made a trip down in the rain to the farm early in the month, to see if any help was needed, but all farming had stopped. The best they could do was spend a couple of hours eating hot oat cakes and talk with Bill in the laundry next to the copper fire. Before leaving, the Thompson Lady handed Nellie a large bag containing, flour and potatoes, 'that should last you dears until this rain is gone, come back and see us then' she said. The return trip up the wet, steep, and slippery track to the mountain hut was difficult, even on foot, and ensured that they would wait until it was dry before they made that trip again.

On one particularly stormy night, Fred returned with three riders. Over the noise of the rain, Molly and her Ma heard the last few hoof clips as they arrived. It was pouring rain and their horses were soaked through. All wore broad hats and long oilskins that gave them some protection, but the rain was relentless and cascaded off their coats like streams off a steep mountain to the ground below. They were at the door before the pair had a chance to react. The riders had tied up their horses in the rain, left them saddled with only loosened girth straps, for any unexpected quick departure. Fred came through first followed by the rest, filling the small hut with silent men. 'Evening Nellie', Fred said, 'thought we'd have a blow here while we're close by. The cave is leaking like a sieve, and we can't get a fire going', pointing a finger to somewhere outside.

... to be continued

By Daryl Albertson

# Funding To Protect Koala Habitat

Eligible private landholders and farmers in the Armidale Regional and Uralla local government areas will soon have access to funding which supports koala habitat restoration and enhancement, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today welcoming the implementation of one of the first actions of the NSW Koala Strategy.

The \$193.3 million NSW Koala Strategy, released last month, is the biggest financial commitment by any government to secure the future of koalas in the wild.

Mr Marshall said the Armidale, Guyra and Uralla district was one of 10 climate resilient koala stronghold locations identified in the strategy, which will receive extensive engagement, funding and support over the lifespan of the strategy.

"Through the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT), the State Government is offering funding to farmers and private landholders in our region to protect important areas of koala habitat and support dozens of other plant and animal species," Mr Marshall said.

"At least 60 per cent of Australia's land is privately owned or managed and many important ecosystems are found on private land, including precious koala habitat. The BCT's Northern Inland Koala conservation tender will open in the second half of this year, with conservation agreements securing moderate to very high quality koala habitat under in-perpetuity conservation agreements."

"By working in partnership with landholders and offering funding support like this, we can massively increase participation in private land conservation in NSW, without the need for the 'big stick' approach by governments.

This is great news for landholders in our region, and means successful applicants will enter a voluntary conservation agreement with the BCT and will receive annual payments to manage their koala conservation area on their property."

The NSW Government is delivering \$19 million to the BCT to work in close partnership with landholders to protect 7,000 hectares of priority koala habitat across NSW.

The BCT has now completed 14 conservation tenders in NSW, resulting in 129 funded conservation agreements, protecting more than 81,192 hectares of high-conservation value land and ecological assets across the state.

**Adam Marshall**  
**Northern Tablelands MP**



## NEW ENGLAND SOLAR FARM

# MAY 2022

## Solar panel tracking system moves ahead

The installation of the single axis tracking systems has begun on the New England Solar Farm site, which will allow the solar panels to rotate and follow the path of the sun.



The trackers are provided by NextTracker and are supported on steel piles. Once the solar panels are installed and commissioned, the tracking system is automated to track the sun to maximise solar energy generation.

The motor driving the rotation is located on the central pile and is powered by its own solar panel.

## Switch room and control room arrive on site

The large pre-fabricated switch room and control room have now been safely delivered to site, after being trucked in from the Adelaide factory where their electrical fit out was completed.

Electrical cabling from the solar panels will connect with switch gear in the switch room which is used to control, protect and isolate electrical equipment.

## Battery Energy Storage System to power ahead

The NSW Member for the Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall last week helped turn the first ceremonial sod to mark the start of work on the 50 megawatt hour battery energy storage system to be constructed as part of stage one of the solar farm.

The battery project is supported by a \$12.5 million grant from the NSW Government's Emerging Energy Program. The battery will be able to store energy for use when demand for power is high or when required, as well as helping to provide grid stability services.



ACEN President and CEO Eric Francia, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall ACEN Australia CEO Anton Rohner on the site of the battery project.

The control room is an important component of the major onsite substation, providing controls and communications with the substation.

The gantry structure for the substation has been completed with the assembly of the two transformers and further civil construction is progressing well.

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