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Remembrance Day Commemorations



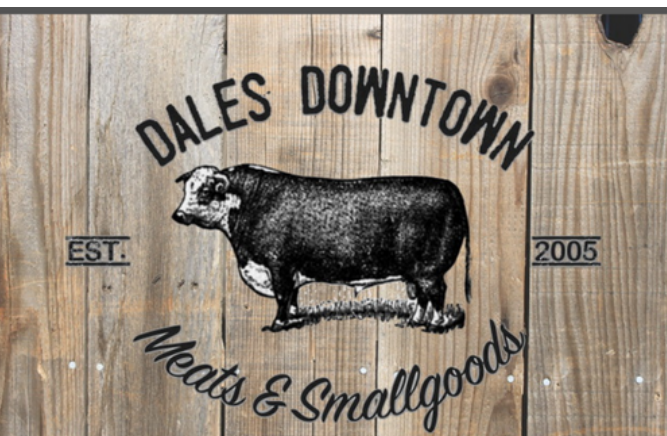
King George V first instigated Armistice Day in 1919 and was held for many years outside of Buckingham Palace in London and is now remembered each year at cenotaphs and memorials around the world. Services are held in most cities and towns, and flags are flown at half mast from 10.30 AM until they are raised once again at 11.03 AM following the "Last Post", one minutes silence and then the "Rouse". To some, Remembrance Day is also known as "Poppy Day" with the wearing of Red Poppies as a symbol of sacrifice.

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch will commemorate this special day with a small service at the Memorial Gates at Alma Park. We will gather from 10.30 AM with the service to commence at 10.45. All Veterans, Schools, community groups and the community are invited to attend the service. We will lay wreaths and floral tributes and anyone wishing to do so can come forward during the ceremony.

Following the service, everyone is invited to visit the Uralla Memorial Institute building, 55 Bridge Street to see the work that is being done in restoring this magnificent old building back to a community asset. The foyer and hallways are being used to remember all those that have served from the Uralla community and several new photos of some of our local heroes will adorn the walls.

In other Sub-Branch news, as you are reading this, Delegates will be attending the RSL NSW State Congress in Newcastle. We will be discussing a variety of motions put forward to keep the RSL moving forward and to remain relevant to veterans and members of the Australian Defence Forces and how to assist them better in the future as they transition from Defence to civilian life, a tough thing to do at times.

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Robert Bell was elected Mayor of Uralla Shire Council in December 2021, after serving five years as a Councillor. He was previously Director of Engineering for Uralla Shire Council, lives in town, and has a grazing block at Kentucky. Cr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.

Councillors and senior staff had an excellent community meeting at Rocky River on Sunday October 16. While a number walked up to the old tennis courts, driving up was out of the question. Colin Dade provided the twenty plus people at the barbeque details of the history of the old courts. The main topic of the conversation was regarding the pride the community has to have in its own identity, and their support for the planning review in the area. The rapid reconstruction of the Rocky River Public School also gained a big tick for the State Government. The next community meeting will be held in Bundarra on Thursday November 17.

It has been a frustrating time for mail and parcel delivery in Uralla, following the ending of one contract and the commencement of the next. Australia Post has assured the community that they have taken full responsibility for ensuring the mail and parcels are delivered. Please note this is not an issue for the Uralla Post Office, as it is a different contract.

The General Manager, Manager of Planning and I met a couple of weeks ago with our counterparts from Tamworth Regional Council to ensure we are all on the same page with developments such as the Kentucky Energy Hub. It was a very productive meeting, however we will need to send them additional information on what we are seeking on behalf of the community. The current developer is currently responding to submissions, following the publishing of their Environmental Impact Statement. One motion at the recent Local Government Conference was that the allowable time for submissions be extended from 28 days to 90 days. When you consider that the Environmental Impact Statements can be nearly 1,000 pages, the chances of everyone reading the document in 4 weeks is unreasonable. There is significant concern within regional local government that State Significant Development (usually over \$30 million) places insufficient emphasis on the assessment of community infrastructure and services. Uralla Shire Council is committed to being involved from the very start in the process.

The recent conference also supported a motion from Armidale Regional Council for the NSW Government to commit to ensuring that Regional Housing initiatives that bring forward new housing opportunities be prioritised for Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) and Special Activation Precinct areas. The conference strongly supported those Councils in the REZ being given additional financial support to allow the Councils to properly examine each development proposal and then ensure the burden does

not need to be met by the current residents. One interesting point is that the New England REZ is expected to supply 11% of the total energy requirements of NSW. Preliminary estimates are that 32,000 hectares of agricultural land will be required to host the renewable energy projects in our region. Hopefully the large scale solar farms will allow some grazing to continue. The rapid increase in electric vehicle charging stations required, is highlighting the shortcomings of the current electricity distribution networks to support the rapid energy required. No doubt in the future, homes that only have daily commutes will have a charger at home. The bigger issue is for the travelling public.

The NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads announced this week that the government will provide \$50 million for a regional road pothole patching program, with each council to spend the money by Christmas. Applications close next week. The safety of the travelling public and the ongoing wet weather continue to present huge challenges for all councils in rural areas.

One interesting announcement for NSW Farmers is they will receive \$200,000 for every kilometre of transmission wire on their property. Bear in mind it will be over 20 years (will include Consumer Price Index). With over 400 kilometres of new lines, this is a significant offer.

Hopefully when you read this column, you and your family will have had a wonderful time in glorious sunshine at the Uralla Thunderbolt Festival.

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Uralla Shire Resident



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Our sub-branch continues to grow and the RSL Auxiliary organised a very well supported Street Stall several weeks ago. This raised more funds for us to help veterans in the local area. We will be selling Poppies for Remembrance Day on the afternoon of Friday the 6th at several clubs and pubs around Uralla.

Recently tickets in the RSL Art Union were being sold outside of Uralla Foodworks. We just wanted to clarify that these tickets are being sold by RSL Queensland. On several occasions, locals were told by the paid employees who sell the tickets, that the funds raised from the sale of these tickets went to our local sub-branch. This is not the case. Funds raised do go to help veterans but to the Queensland branches. This type of "false advertising" is being dealt with by talks between RSL QLD and other RSL State branches. We hope to see many of you at the Remembrance Day commemorations on the 11th of November and if you can't attend, please, at 11am, stand and spare a minute of thought for those who did not return and the freedoms for which they laid down their lives to preserve.

If you know of any veteran or their family that may need assistance, please let us know. You can drop into Thunder Graphics and all enquiries are strictly confidential.

Lest we forget.

Russ French, President, Uralla RSL Sub-Branch

Correction

The article "Ambulance Station for Uralla" in the previous edition of the Uralla Wordsworth stated that NSW Fire and Rescue teams do not have defibrillators available. This is incorrect, NSW Fire and Rescue teams, including Uralla, are trained in the use of defibrillators, and trucks have defibrillators on board.



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Thanks to McCrossins Mill for a great venue once again.

The next Uralla Arts music event is on 5 November with duo Smith and Anderson at the Mill supported by Jhana Allan.

The following music event is on 18 November with singer songwriter Anousha Victoire and her band.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list please contact maxineross1@bigpond.com

Maxine Ross, Uralla Arts



The Whitetop Mountaineers in full stride at McCrossin's Mill

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Uralla Sub-Branch of RSL NSW

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is

5pm Thursday 10 November 2022.

Please email all contributions including advertising,
letters to the editor, 100 Words and articles to
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Thunderbolt's Festival saw a large crowd in Alma Park last Saturday

Full report in our next edition

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Gostwyck Station

Open Garden

Have you ever visited Gostwyck Chapel, rumoured to be the most photographed Chapel in the NSW, and wondered as to what is at the end of the beautiful tree lined avenue? Saturday 12th of November, 10am – 3pm is your chance to find out!

As part of the NSW CWA 2022 centenary celebrations, the Uralla branch is hosting an Open Garden and providing visitors with a rare opportunity to explore the private garden at Gostwyck homestead. Discover the remarkable features of this established garden, including the sunken garden with a pond, the stunning terraced garden, majestic trees and the many beautiful cold climate plants contained within flower beds. The views looking east from the top of the garden are outstanding and a visit will be a true delight to gardeners, photographers and anyone interested in country living.

This is a major fundraising event for Uralla CWA, and we are immensely thankful to the Attard family for generously offering this opportunity. Entry is \$10.00 per person (school aged children enter for free), please be aware that this is a cash only event due to lack of digital services. Visitors will also have an opportunity to purchase plants and raffle tickets, the amazing raffle prizes have been generously donated by local residents, artisans and businesses.

Of course, being a CWA event, you will be able to purchase teas and coffee accompanied by a choice cake and biscuit cooked by our members. Refreshments and a sausage sizzle will also be available, and we are thankful to Dale and Dani from Downtown Meats for their kind donation of sausages. There will be tables and chairs for visitors to sit and relax in the garden, so why not take the opportunity to enjoy both the vista and the ambience, while soothing live music plays in the background. Better still, bring some friends!

We advise visitors to take their time and drive safely along Gostwyck Road – much of which is a shared road. When you are close to the Chapel (1045 Gostwyck Road, Gostwyck), please slow down and be guided by the local Diggings RFS crew who have kindly donated their time to supervise traffic and parking on the day. Please be aware that visitors will have a walk of 300 metres along the avenue before arriving at the garden, people with limited mobility may not be able to access all sections of the garden. No pets on the day, guide dogs are excepted. For further information please email: urallacwa@proton.me Uralla CWA members look forward to welcoming you, and have our fingers (and toes) crossed for a sun shiny day!

Luise Scherer, Uralla CWA

Uralla Community Street Store

31 October - 6 November

Uralla Senior Citizens & Pensioners Association

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This project received funding from the Australian Government

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Koalas Now Officially Listed as Endangered

Vehicle strike is a key threat and has played a big part of their decline. It is one of the most frequently reported causes of injury and death for koalas brought into care by wildlife rehabilitation groups.

Vehicle strike tends to be clustered at specific locations called 'hotspots' where a road intersects the habitat that provides a corridor for koala movement. Koala vehicle strikes are also more likely to occur at dawn and dusk when it's more difficult for drivers to see and avoid collisions.

There has been a vehicle strike hotspot identified on the New England Highway south of Uralla where the 50km/hour speed zone changes to a 100km/hour speed zone. Eight koalas have been hit here in the past two years.

To mitigate vehicle strike in this area, Southern New England Landcare in partnership with Uralla Shire Council and the Uralla Gulf Club will:

- Install two variable message signs to be placed at either end of the hotspot area to warn drivers that they are entering a koala zone.
- Clear the roadside vegetation in the 2km hotspot area. Slash and maintain roadside grass in the hotspot area to improve driver visibility.
- Provide general koala vehicle strike updates and safe practice awareness raising information to the community through Council and social media.

You can find more information on Southern New England Landcare (<http://snelandcare.org.au>) or by contacting a member of our Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership team on 6772 9123.

Des Andersen, Southern New England Landcare Ltd

This initiative has been made possible through the Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership Project, hosted by Southern New England Landcare Ltd, and funded by the NSW Government.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On Saturday 22nd October I had the privilege of working with a number of exceptional students from Uralla Central School's hospitality class. They formed the core of our wait staff team for our Night at Deeargee, which was a 5 course degustation style experience with a range of canapes to start. They were hard working, smart, sensitive to the needs of our guests and diligent in performing their role.

As happens at events, certain elements of the plan needed to be altered once the chefs got underway (there were 3 chefs they had to work with) and they adapted without missing a step. Nothing was too much trouble and they were flexible about what needed to be done.

Jodie Taylor, the teacher of the Uralla Central School hospitality class, deserves special congratulations for having trained these students so well. These skills will stand them in good stead for life well beyond hospitality.

I am aware that the chefs involved were also very impressed and one in particular appreciated how interested the students were in understanding the dishes so that they could explain them to the patrons as well.

Each of these students are a credit to their parents, to the school, to themselves and to the wider Uralla community. The future is bright indeed!

Tara Toomey, Seasons of New England



Uralla Central school students at the Night At Deeargee, photo credit to Mr Gosson

New England Weeds Authority Celebrates 75 Years of Environmental Excellence

Established by proclamation on the 7th of May 1947, the New England Tablelands Noxious Plants County Council was one of the first single purpose County Councils to be a Local Control Authority for the control of priority and invasive weeds. Legislation has been amended and updated over the past 75 years, with inspection and control of invasive weeds now in accordance with the Biosecurity Act, 2015.

The founding constituent councils were Dumaresq, Gostwyck and Guyra Shires. In 1955, Armidale City Council joined the County, followed by Walcha Shire Council in 1971 and more recently, Glen Innes Severn Shire Council in 2021.

The New England County Council, as it is now known, trades under the name of New England Weeds Authority (NEWA). NEWA covers an area in excess of 2.3 million hectares – this includes diverse, unique and important ecosystems, agricultural land and urban areas.

New England Weeds Authority

Uralla Medical Centre

Covid booster clinic on Sunday 6th November from 10am.

Book online or phone 6778 4600.

Vaccinations available are Pfizer (Children & adults), Astra Zeneca and Moderna (for booster & 18+ only).

If you haven't had a covid vax in four months, then you're due.

Last clinic for the year.

Dr Ricardo & staff

Strategic Planning And Going Digital

Uralla | Wednesday 23 November 9:00am



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Wed 23 Nov 2022, 9am - 11:30am

McCrossins Mill Salisbury St, Uralla

"By Failing To Prepare, You Prepare To Fail"

Benjamin Franklin summed it up best in the quote above. A strategic plan is a summary and evaluation of the journey of an organisation – and it should be more than just a conciliation for funding bodies. A useful plan can make the difference between creative success and heading back to the drawing board. This workshop reframes the planning process specifically for small arts businesses and volunteer-led organisations, and helps participants create a plan that will actually help.

Light morning tea provided.

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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 Bowlo, dinner optional after meeting

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

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

Uralla CWA meets on the 4th Friday of each month, 10am at RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury St, Uralla

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

Uralla Anglican Church meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship & Johnno's Kid Club in Park St

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

Uralla Show Society meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla 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 first Monday of each quarter from 6-7pm in the USC Chambers

Uralla Tennis Social tennis 6:30pm Thursdays. Hot shots Jnr Tennis, Uralla Sporting Complex Sat. 9am – 10am.

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

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

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

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

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

Uralla Men's Shed open Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm, 18 Uralla St North, (old Scout Hall site) Ph 0419151253, Hours usually extended in Daylight saving. E urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre Monday by appointment, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm 67711457 0419149244 E: Urallacnc@familysupport.org.au

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Nenneh on 0450437068 or Momena on 0481983442

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

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

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 10am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, & fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Ph: 6778 3277 or email : office@unc.org.au Donations welcomed.

Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla) meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons, contact Dennis 0448 576 465 or John 0411 374 3341

High Country Markets are held on the 1st Sunday of the month from 8am until 12.30pm at the Uralla Showground

Uralla Combined Pensioners and Seniors Association meets at Uralla Bowlo on the first & third Tuesdays of the month, 10am. New members welcomed, Ph. 0438433735

Uralla and District Uniting Church meets Sundays at 9.30am for worship. Our Church is undergoing renovations and we meet in the adjoining Church Hall 29 Maitland St, Uralla. The 1st Sunday of each month is a communion service. For enquiries, contact Bronwyn Wilson 0403699464

Events for October - November

***Baby Boomers Comedy Show** Saturday 5 November from 7.30pm at Uralla Golf Club. Tickets available trybooking.com/CBQFM

***Uralla Tennis Club** Club Championships running on 5-6 November. Call Zac 0422 157 553.

***ADFAS Armidale** lecture Wednesday 9th November at TAS, starting 6pm. Heath Lees from NZ will talk about the links between Wagner's "Ring", Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" and Peter Jackson's film with video clips and recorded excerpts. Guests are welcome (\$25 p/p) but must book through TryBooking. Supper included.

***Gostwyck Open Garden** 12 November 10am - 3pm. A rare opportunity to explore the terraced garden at Gostwyck Station. Entry \$10, cash only, school aged children free.

***Uralla Shire Councillors** will be having a series of community engagement sessions throughout the Shire. Bundarra at the Pub, Thursday 17 November, 6-8pm

***Fella Felafel Top Pub Beer Garden Show** 3pm Saturday 20 November

***Strategic Planning and Going Digital Free Workshop** Wednesday 23rd November, 9am - 11.30 McCrossins Mill Museum. <https://events.humantix.com/strategic-planning-and-going-digital>

***Kentucky Spring Fair** Sunday 27 November, Noalimba Ave, Kentucky.

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Puma	182.9	233.9
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**Keeping Uralla
Summers Cool
Workshop No. 2
Sunday, 6 November
12.30pm – 4.00pm
Uralla Community Centre, 9 Hill St**

We're working together and *planning ahead* to help keep Uralla summers cool, healthy, and liveable . . . *into the future!*

Everyone welcome! In Workshop No.2 we will:

- learn about 'urban heat action plans'-- what other towns are doing and why they're a good idea
- do a 'walking audit' of Uralla
- locate existing and potential cool 'oases', and
- look at 'cool' design ideas for public spaces and your own home gardens.

To register for this **FREE** event please go to

<https://keepingurallacoolworkshop2.eventbrite.com.au>

Or email: coordinator@zneturalla.org.au

This project is a collaboration between the **Landscape Foundation of Australia** and **ZNET Uralla** and is funded by the **NAB Foundation Community Grants Program**.

Community Messages

Uralla Shire Councillors will be having a series of community engagement sessions throughout the Shire. Bundarra at the Pub, Thursday 17 November, 6-8pm. Come along meet your Councillors, talk to us about what concerns you.

Play Patch is a ministry of Uralla Anglican on Wednesdays from 10-12am for children from 0 - school age and their carers. We explore the bible through sensory play weekly during the school term. It costs \$20 a term, per family. Please bring morning tea for your child, a hat and a change of clothes (sensory play can get messy)." www.uallaanglican.com

The **Farmgate Support** program provides peer support, counselling, information and advocacy for rural people living in farming communities or on farm. Our team includes Peer support workers and Social workers. We travel to farms or meet people in their local area across the Hunter New England local health district. People can self refer or be referred with their consent by calling 0477 322 851 or email HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au

Uralla Central School P&C proposed reforming of P&C Committee

A meeting of interested parents was held on Monday 24 October to reform the UCS P&C. Under the P&C Federation guidelines we now advertise a meeting to be held 6pm Monday 7 November in the school library to elect the following executive officers - President, Deputy President x 2, Secretary and Treasurer. Only financial members of the Uralla P&C are eligible to vote and membership fees of \$1 can be paid at the meeting. If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the school.

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Running Wild

Big Rains - Episode 3

6. Recap: Nellies healing ways and traditional medicines were appreciated by those she treated while an agent of Mr Blanch, Botany Bay. In the northern town of Nundle, gold had been discovered and it was here that the young runaway Will met Howarth, becoming useful in his butcher's shop.

The news of a gold strike bought a daily increase of miners to the area. Howarth was wiser than most and got to thinking that miners have to eat and as meat is their staple fare, a butchers shop would make for a censorable choice. Selling his exhausted claim and moving from a mountain tent, he bought acres of fertile flats upstream along the Peel River and built his home. He then opened a butchers shop in the growing township of Nundle.

Whilst Howarth did ply his business of butchery, serving trade to the local folk, his passion was breeding fine horseflesh. With his bankroll and focused efforts, his horses were soon known widely around the district, as some of the best. He had traded his gold for a string of very fine mares from Maitland and Scone with a stallion of the Sir Hercules bloodline.

Howarth soon had Will running errands and also found that he had a way with horses. Despite his young years, he was a good horseman and cared for their welfare. Without waste, he set the boy up at his stables, a hay loft to sleep and meals were his payment. Maybe a coin or two if business was good. At dawn and dusk he tended the horses, mucked the stables and during the day he ran shop errands. Howarth was good enough to him, although Will was quick witted and seldom found wanting, even if he was at fault. While it may have been a boyish dream and partly the reason for his escape and journey north, his mild was to become a bushranger, join a gang and live a bushrangers life.

At the Thompson Farm, the new potato and pumpkin plantings were in and a good late harvest was hoped. Borne of good soil moisture and fertility bought down in the sediments of the previous flood. The summer and sunshine was warm and well appreciated, a blessing from the perils endured, when the rain and floods threatened their very survival. The potato harvest would be a real sight, lines of large full hessian sacks, standing and neatly placed beside the field rows, after bandicooted from the ground. The little male calf had grown and was then to be slaughtered for the coming winter store. All would be grateful for their efforts, for the cold months of winter can be very hard without a good store of supplies, the warmth of food and a dry hut. The End.

Until the next episode of 'Running Wild', a short fiction story.

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One Hundred Words

In our last edition on 17 October the team at Wordsworth announced its desire to celebrate the achievement of reaching its one hundredth edition. It was decided to give back to you, our readers and supporters, by providing you with the opportunity to submit 100 words for publication to say something about yourself, or about something you are passionate about. We are pleased to present our first contributions. If you would like to submit your 100 words please email urallawordsworth@gmail.com

One Hundred Words

"I think that my Grandfather might be buried there"... these off hand words from my dear old Mum in 2016 led us to this day. He most definitely is buried here along with other family and a rich family history in this wonderful town and district.

Robert Northey Skewes his wife Sarah and their children lived and mined at Rocky River in the 1880s. My grandmother, Gladys Skewes was one of those children. She walked these streets, went to school, attended Mass at old St Joseph's. They may well have strolled through the house in which we now live, the Station Master's House and waited on the adjacent train platform. This is just one small part of a much longer and wonderful Uralla story. We now live here and for that we're grateful.

Kathrine Arnold

100 Words

One hundred words they've given me!
One hundred! What a buzz!
One hundred words to have the chance
To say what WORDSWORTH does!

Uralla boasts so many things.
It's clubs! It's special shops!
Our Alma Park - so beautiful!
Where everybody stops!

But best of all? The people!
The heartbeat of our town.
The young, the old, the rich, the poor,
The black, the white, the brown.

We ALL make up Uralla.
Together, we've a voice.
And WORDSWORTH is a place for it.
Oh what a happy choice!

Cheryl Nolan

Friendship found in Uralla the Meeting Place

Driving the NE Highway for a new life in Armidale.
Driving through Uralla; what a pretty place.
2 years living in friendly Armidale; yet no close friends, yet.
Visit Womens Resource Centre; "why do I have no friends?"

"To have a friend, we must BE a friend".

Never gossip, never solve other's problems.

Share laughter, sit with tears.

I move to Uralla. I joined Knattering Knitters.

I practise what I learned.

Bless you Uralla. Namaste.

Uralla, the place to make friends and be friends.

I love you, Uralla.

Linley Valente, Uralla

The Paper Run

I remember in my younger days working for my father who managed the Uralla newspaper shop. One of my jobs was to drive my old 1948 MG sedan to the paddocks where the Sporting Complex is now located and collect the evening papers coming in from Sydney. They arrived in an old World War 2 Wellington bomber. The plane would come in low above the trees targeting a circle of white painted car tyres. The bomb bay doors would open and bundles of the Daily Mirror would be released crashing to the ground. The delivery was very prompt. Uralla people often had their newspapers before other people living a lot closer to Sydney. I believe the service was discontinued when the plane crashed during one of its delivery flights.

Peter Phillips, Uralla

I, Me & Myself

100 words to tell my story

To bask in a bit of glory.

I started writing when I was young.

Sitting in the playground in the sun.

I'd offer Sister Joan my output meekly

And she'd send it off to the Catholic Weekly.

Whereupon I'd receive five shiny silver shillings!

Being an avid reader, and no library in our town,

I 'd hide in the bookshop and, avoiding Mr Brown,

I'd read the very latest of my favourite books.

But I must have missed his many smiling looks,

As every birthday my mother always got it right!

Though I'm no longer young, my being still longs

To read lots more books, and write poetic songs!

Pauline Crouch