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## 50th Anniversary and Commemoration of Operation Overlord

A National 50-year Commemoration of Operation Overlord and the Battle of Long Khanh is scheduled at the National Vietnam Memorial, Canberra on 7 June 2021. Some of the remaining June 1971, members of Defence & Employment Platoon, Headquarters Company, 1st Australian Task Force are involved in this event, as are the Next of Kin of those D&E Platoon soldiers who died during this Operation.

Named after the Allied invasion of Normandy with whose anniversary it coincided, Operation Overlord was undertaken after intelligence suggested the North Vietnamese Army was using a buffer zone between the Phuoc Tuy and Long Khanh provinces to train and equip troops.

Operation Overlord began on 5 June 1971, when Australian troops were deployed to prevent the enemy from gaining a foothold in Phuoc Tuy Province.

On 7 June, Australian troops saw over eight hours of intense fighting, resulting in the defeat of enemy troops and the discovery of a bunker system comprising more than 100 bunkers. In the following days, the bunker system was explored and subsequently destroyed.

The Battle of Long Khanh saw three Australians killed and numerous others wounded, with a further seven Australians killed five days later, one of whom was Uralla's own Trevor Attwood.

As history has revealed, Australia's participation in Vietnam

was both honourable and heroic. For too many, including our own Trevor Attwood, it would be where they would meet a tragic end. Although they had no choice, they served us, and lost their lives for us.

So you can remember with us, Trevor James "Atty" Attwood was born in 1948. He served as a Private, as a national serviceman as a Rifleman in 3 Section, D&E platoon. He died on the 12th of June 1972, in the Phuoc Tuy – Long Khanh Province border area when the armoured personnel carrier he was riding on was ambushed during Operation Overlord. Trevor was Uralla's 100th son to die in overseas combat in the service of his country, and for our freedom. We will remember them.

Representatives from Uralla have been invited to attend the commemoration and will be laying a wreath at the ceremony, not only for Trevor, but for all who bravely gave their all and did their best for us.

A one hour Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for 10.30 am on the morning of 7th June 2021, which is to be televised by ABC TV.

It is a day to commemorate their service and sacrifice, and reflect on the cost of operations like Overlord to those involved and their families back home.

**Bruce McMullen, Uralla Resident**



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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.**

What an honour it was for Linda and me to attend the 100 years' celebration of All Saints Church at "Gostwyck" on Sunday May 16. Thanks go to Phillip and Alison Attard, their family and the Gostwyck staff for providing such a wonderful venue, including a marquee, delicious morning tea, and to top it off, a band which added to the congenial atmosphere. The church service was led by Reverend Brian Kirk, and the TAS choir (including a lady with the most angelic voice) was conducted by Linda's old friend Phil Oxley. The glorious weather was the icing on the cake!

The Uralla Library is now closed on Sundays. I understand the overall hours will remain the same. The new opening hours will be published in the monthly newsletter. Councillors were advised that the Sunday use, especially the need to access the internet, has reduced, due to most students having access to a laptop or computer. Please let me know if this closure on Sundays or earlier closing on Friday (now 4.30pm instead of 6pm) is causing you any problems.

Bundarra residents may be given a lifeline in regard to their new sewerage scheme, with Council resolving to seek the approval of the grant funding bodies to pay for the internal electrical and plumbing costs from within the contingencies budget. Council was advised that these costs on residents could be over \$500,000 in total. Councillors also sought to ensure we received monthly progress updates and information on the Project Manager. The final part of the resolution was to seek the support of the Hon. Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands. I would like to thank Clr Crouch for first highlighting this major problem with the internal costs to residents, and then working with me to bring a "Notice of Motion" to Council. I will continue to keep our readers informed of progress. A special mention to Denise Goodall and Roz Gaudron for organising the public meeting, and to Justin Williamson for chairing what turned out to be a very positive meeting.

Friends of Kentucky Action Group have every right to feel let down when Council resolved (5 votes to 4) not to make a submission to the "Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements." This generic document allows Council to include specific items for the developer to respond to in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Clr Crouch, Clr Toomey, Clr O'Connor and I had been working with the Group in preparing their submission

to Council, and we believe that this is a major opportunity lost. The community will have a later chance to respond once the EIS is placed on public exhibition; however this is often seen as shutting the gate after the horse has bolted. Uralla Shire Council's Operational Plan 2021-2022 has now gone on display for one month. Imagine my horror when picking up the draft document to find the Unrestricted Cash Funds at the end of 2021/22 would be minus \$964,652. Special thanks to Clr O'Connor who worked through the figures over the weekend to show that the figure is actually positive \$1,433,009. While Tom has decided not to run for re-election in September, he has very kindly agreed to continue to provide Tara, Bob and myself with ongoing financial advice if we are re-elected. Council has advertised for quotations for Kerbside Collection Services. When this was discussed at the April 2021 Council meeting, it was resolved not to proceed at this time. In an email to all Councillors and staff in December 2020, I highlighted a number of deficiencies in the "Proterra Report" including that the numbers of bins to be collected was incorrect, and that the cost of the Council run operation was clearly incorrect and needed to be fixed. It is now two years since Council staff rolled one of the garbage collection trucks. While I support inviting tenders for this service, Council needs accurate figures to base their decision on. Hopefully there is a clause in the tender document that ensures that tenderers are made aware that Council reserves the right not to accept any tender, as it will be comparing it with our own costs. Many will remember when tenders were invited over ten years ago, the cost of Council staff carrying out this service was over 30% cheaper than the lowest tendered price.

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**Robert Bell,**  
**Uralla Shire Resident**



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# Uralla Shire Business Chamber Awards are Back!

After putting off last year's Business awards due to Covid, Uralla Shire Business Chamber have plans well underway to hold the 2021 Awards night on Friday 13th August. Save the night for Uralla's biggest business event of the year.

We have booked the showground pavilion for a socially spaced party and gala awards presentation ceremony. All we need now are partners to publicise their businesses, businesses to nominate or be nominated, a caterer for a sit-down meal and you to cheer on your favourite business or business person.

We will shortly be calling for nominations from businesses and individuals in the Shire to compete for:

- Outstanding employee/trainee/apprentice
- Outstanding business leader
- Employer of choice
- Excellence in sustainability/innovation
- Outstanding community organisation
- Excellence in business

The 2021 awards will be decided by a panel of business leaders in the region, and winners will be encouraged and assisted to enter in the regional and/or State awards. Let's put Uralla on the map.

Meanwhile, to get back to the practical. For a stunning night worthy of our businesses, we need to raise about \$5000 from partners. There will be three levels of opportunity for partner participation: Gold, Silver and Bronze.

To get the awards underway we are now looking for:

- One Gold partner for our gala night
- Silver and Bronze partners to promote their businesses
- a caterer to supply a sit-down two course meal.

Over the next few weeks, we will be advertising for businesses to nominate and be nominated. Start to think about where your business fits in and make the most of this opportunity for local promotion.

For details on the catering requirements or partner opportunities contact Bob Crouch on 0428616885 or [crouch.bp@bigpond.com](mailto:crouch.bp@bigpond.com)

It will be a big night so put it in your calendar.

**Bob Crouch, Secretary, Uralla Shire Business Chamber**

# Public Projects List

At resolution 24.05/20 (25th May 2021 meeting), the majority of Councillors resolved to adopt a project list of some 57 ideas that were presented by Council staff. The resolution specified that Council :

*Place the Proposed Project List on public exhibition for a period of not fewer than 28 days and undertake community consultation during the period to ascertain the level of community support for the proposed projects and assist Council to allocate prioritisation when funding opportunities arise.* While I respect the decision of Council, I reserve the right to explain why I did not support this resolution.

The list omits projects that have recently come from the community, includes others that have not come from our community at all and very few of the projects have any further detail or substance, beyond the name of the project. Certainly, no detail was provided as part of this report to Council.

I am not aware of the location of any public display of this list at this stage but when I am aware, I will update everyone who is interested by email and in the next edition of the paper. If you would like to receive the email update, please let me know at [taratoomeyuralla@gmail.com](mailto:taratoomeyuralla@gmail.com). I am struggling to understand how the community can respond with their views on projects that are undefined and lacking in detail, but it will be important to make some response none the less.

**Tara Toomey, Uralla Shire Councillor**

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# New travel card for Seniors

WITH the easing of COVID-19 restrictions the region's seniors are getting out-and-about, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today announcing 8,372 applications have so far been made for the second year of the \$250 Regional Seniors Travel Card trial.

Mr Marshall said it was fantastic to see the keen response to the pre-paid Visa card program, which this year alone has collectively generated \$2.09 million in savings for local senior citizens.

"The card puts \$250 into the pockets of eligible seniors to spend on pre-booked NSW TrainLink, regional train and coach services, fuel, and taxis," Mr Marshall said.

"Since February the number of constituents who have signed up to take advantage of this program has more than doubled, with the Armidale Regional and Inverell local government areas leading the charge with more than 2,000 applicants each.

"We have seen huge improvement in the number of people from Moree Plains (810 applicants), Gwydir (662 applicants) and Uralla (516 applicants) Shire Councils utilising the cards.

"Across the Northern Tablelands there are almost 14,000 people who are eligible to apply for the saving and I encourage those who are yet to apply to hop-a-board and head to their closest Service NSW Service Centre.

"We know how much seniors value this card – it can mean the difference between an extra few trips to visit grandkids, the ease of seeing friends locally or just getting to the shops or attending medical appointments.

"The card injected more than \$60 million into regional economies in the first year of the trial, putting money in local cash registers at a time when it was needed the most."

Eligible seniors have until 30 November 2021 to apply. Seniors must be an age pensioner with a valid Pensioner Concession Card or hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card issued by either the Department of Human Services or Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Applications for the Regional Seniors Travel Card can be made online at [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au), or by calling 13 77 88 or by visiting a Service NSW Service Centre.

**Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands**

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# Mr McAlister's New Cash Register

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In 1904 Mr McAlister became the proud owner of a new up-to-date money recording contrivance which was considered to be "a remarkable piece of mechanism, the outcome of the ingenuity of man." The Uralla Times described the machine as "not one of the common garden variety, but a machine which is capable of solving almost any arithmetical problem." Mr McAlister had himself a brand-new whizz-bang cash register!

The new register could record all the transactions in the shop; cash sales, credit sales, money received on account, money paid out, or a coin or note changed. When a cash sale was made the assistant went to the register, pressed the keys and turned the handle. When the handle was turned the indicators at the top of the register showed the amount of the sale and the assistant's individual cash drawer would be unlocked and thrown open!

The customer would receive a docket bearing the date, the business card of the proprietor, the amount and kind of the sale and there was even an advertisement on the back of the paper. Each ticket supplied to every cash purchaser bore the following imprint: "Upon the return of tickets bearing the face value of one pound, the sum of sixpence in cash, or in goods, will be refunded."

What a truly amazing and novel machine this must have been for the little town of Uralla.

**Kay Adams, Uralla History Hub**



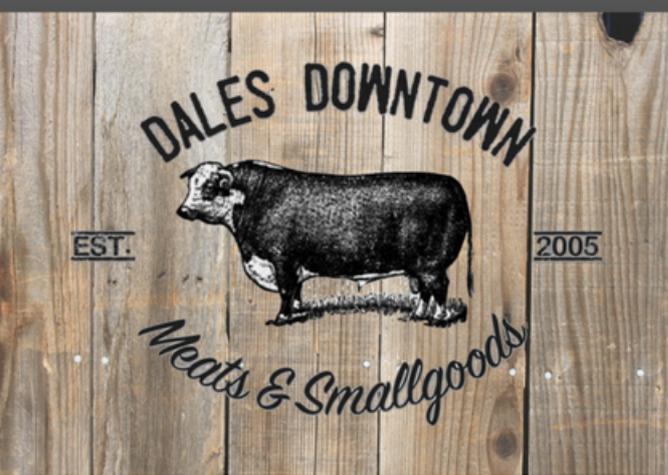
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# Street Store Update

As part of the UPC Uralla Grants project an application was made and granted for 2 Square readers for use of any community group in our shire. The intention was in part for COVID protection for our volunteers to reduce them having to handle cash and also for the street stalls where a lot of people now don't use cash at all.

Two Square terminals have been purchased as well as 2 Galaxy tabs to operate them. Each group will be responsible for setting up their own account and linking to their bank account. We will also be organising some training days to help with getting them up and running.

For information on Square you can go to <https://squareup.com/au/en/hardware/reader>

Please email Trish Rasmussen at [pp04rasmus@gmail.com](mailto:pp04rasmus@gmail.com) for more information.

**Trish Rasmussen, Uralla**

## Letter to the Editor

To the editor

It seems that the dysfunction of Council is becoming increasingly damaging to the Uralla community. Last month the Uralla Branch of the NSW Farmers Association were compelled to forcefully write to Uralla Shire Council Mayor and General Manager voicing concerns over the proposed 40km/h high pedestrian activity plan.

This project would have had lasting and damaging effect on agriculture enterprises by impeding transport across the shire. The members were disappointed that despite consistent community opposition to the proposed 40km/h high pedestrian activity plan proposed for Bridge Street, the General Manager was seemingly determined to ignore and surreptitiously reintroduce the rejected project again at the April Council meeting.

The tragedy for Uralla Shire community is that the Mayor and General Manager are supposed to work closely together in realising the aspirations of this community.

Thankfully, common sense prevailed, although it would be nice not to have had to force common sense.

The one thing that is patently clear to me is that the Mayor and General Manager continually failed to meaningfully engage and represent this community on the issues raised. As an aside I am informed that the General Manager felt compelled to contact the President of NSW Farmers to complain about the conduct of our local NSW Farmers branch, again barking up the wrong tree.

The September 4th election is going to be a watershed point in Uralla Shire. The community choosing more of the same or a new broom.

**Kind regards, David Mailler**

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- A. Backdrop/screen of relocated Silver Birch trees
- B. Path and handrail
- C. Community Mosaic Mural Feature, footing and seating, and uplighting
- D. Water Feature. Thirteen water-jets on non-slip paving – Random function ... 0,1,2,3,5,8,13, and uplighting?
- E. Shade trees – exotics
- F. Picnic tables and seating – community mosaics
- G. Gateway – four 'golden rectangles', community mosaics, and uplighting
- H. Boundary hedge – 1,2,3,5,8 metre lengths
- I. Existing toilet block



# Queens on the Green

Other winners from our special day, "Queens on the Green" held two weeks ago were Judy Bray (Uralla Bowling Club), and Dianne Richter (Armidale Ex-Services) who both came costumed as the Queen of Hearts. Our theme for this day came about from a competition called "Queen of the Green", which was once played here quite regularly over the years, where the winner was presented with a gold "Queen of the Green" badge. We hope to bring this competition back to life in the near future, once our Club competitions have been all played.

**Pauline Crouch, Publicity Officer Uralla Women's Bowling Club**



**June Gregory (Uralla Women's Bowling Club) as Mary Queen of Scots**

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring to the attention of our community that, despite specific requests for information regarding the financial performance of our Council, my efforts have been stifled. I am seeking this information to enable me to better understand, as a concerned resident, why certain expenditures were approved without Council approval. After an open committee meeting on February 9th, I wrote to Council seeking access to three documents referred to in the minutes of the Uralla Shire Council Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held on the 9th of February 2021, namely:

8.1 Independent consultant's report on possible deviation between approved 2020 Budget and Transport Asset Management Plan;

9.6 Internal Audit Report on Hill Street asphalt overlay, and  
9.7 Audit Office of NSW Management Letter on the interim phase of the Audit for the year ended 30 June 2020.

It was determined, under Section 14 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA), to refuse my application for all three documents – grounds being: *"There is a public interest consideration against disclosure of information if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to have one or more of the following effects (whether in a particular case or generally)... prejudice the conduct, effectiveness or integrity of any audit/ test, investigation or review conducted by or on behalf of an agency by revealing its purpose, conduct or results."*

Further, the refusal states:

*"Council is also potentially exposing itself to unnecessary risks by publishing control weaknesses that could be exploited by others. This is considered to be a major risk."*

Should these 'weaknesses' be identified and addressed? How could my request for transparency and accountability be deemed a major risk to Council operation?

I cannot see how denial of access to these documents can prejudice anything if it is transparent and accountable practices we are promoting throughout Council business. Can you?

**Dr Bruce McMullen, Uralla resident**

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# Community Calendar

Please email [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Uralla Anglican Church** meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship and Johnno's (kid's programme) in Park Street

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

**Uralla Show Society** meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla Showgrounds

**Uralla Shire Business Chamber** meets 1st Thursday of each month at 5.30pm at the Top Pub

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

**Uralla Tennis Senior Social tennis**, Wednesday 6.30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex, everyone welcome (\$7 members, \$10 non members), Family Fun Night starts again from Friday 12th Feb 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Uralla RSL Sub-Branch Veterans and Families Drop in Centre.** Open to all Veterans and their families, each Thursday 10am until 12pm at the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street.

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

**Uralla Food Pantry**, Mondays 11am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, donations welcome. Ph : 6778 3277 or email : [urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com](mailto:urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com)

**Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla)** meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons, contact Dennis 0448 576 465 or John 0411 374 334

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

**Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup** FREE, every Tuesday, 10am - 12pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

## Events for June -

**Can Assist Uralla Meeting** Saturday 19th June 2021 2.00pm at Uralla Bowling Club

**Annual Can Assist Branch Meeting** Saturday 21st August 2021 2.00pm at Uralla Bowling Club

**Uralla Shire Council Budget Review and Finance Committee** Tuesday 8th June, Council Chambers

**Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting** 12.30pm Tuesday 29th June, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

## Dine & Discover Venues

The following Uralla Shire venues are listed as accepting the Dine Vouchers :

The Alternate Root Cafe, 48 Bridge St, Uralla

Michael's Cafe, 98 Bridge St, Uralla

Subway, Shop 1, 50 Bridget St, Uralla

The Top Pub, 23-27 Bridge St, Uralla

Kentucky General Store, Noalimba Ave, Kentucky

Source : <https://mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/dine-and-discover/business-finder#dine>

## Candidates Forum

Come and listen to the candidates ahead of the Uralla Shire Council elections. The forum is scheduled for 18th August 2021 at the Uralla Bowlo, more details to come

Deadline for the next edition is 5pm on Thursday 10th June 2021. Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor and articles to [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto:urallawordsworth@gmail.com)

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is inevitable that in proposing any public work, be it bridge, road, building, art work, new park, renovation of an old park or anything else, that someone will be unhappy about it, disapprove and complain. So it is hardly a surprise we have a letter such as from Sue Dyer in the last publication of Wordsworth. In weighing in to criticise, however, it is important to be factual in one's opposition.

Fibonacci and why Uralla? It is true that 2358 is the only postcode in Australia that conforms to the Fibonacci sequence, and by chance indeed. The Fibonacci series is not merely the adding of the two previous numbers together to get a third and adding that number to the previous and so on. It is so much more significant than that. It creates a mathematical sequence and a pattern. In nature, the series is the basis of the spiral, a foundational structure for many patterns. In architecture, the golden ratio is an important proportion, also based on the Fibonacci sequence. So by chance we have an opportunity to explore these perennial themes in our park and it may well be something with educational potential to inspire our children and intrigue visitors. This is a great opportunity for the community, children and adults alike, to work with a master artist and craftsman to create an interpretation of this random, chance occurrence with mathematical and natural significance.

Talking of chance occurrences, it is purely by chance that Uralla is able to capitalise on the Thunderbolt legend. It is only by chance that after being pursued all around northern NSW for the seven years prior to his death that he was tracked down and shot just outside of Uralla. So we trade on that chance and why not?

Sue Dyer refers to mosaics as though they are a modern scourge but mosaics have been with us for thousands of years, in fact between 4-5 thousand years. Modern mosaics, as I explored in an earlier Wordsworth article, were made famous by Antoni Gaudi in Barcelona around 100 years ago; and in the Hunderwasser mosaic toilet block and visitor centre in Kawakawa, New Zealand. Both are communities that have traded successfully on these works for many years. Both enduring examples of publicly revered modern mosaic art. Mosaic artist Guy Crosley, who has been chosen to work with the Uralla community on the Fibonacci project based on his rich portfolio of work up and down the Mid North Coast of NSW, has created works that have endured for, in some cases, over 30 years.

I am not saying that these mosaic works don't take some level of care and maintenance - just like anything else we build and value (a bridge, a road, a building, a park), care and maintenance are necessary.

Done well and maintained well, there is no reason why the Fibonacci mosaic park will not endure for many

generations to come.

**Christine Ball and Andrew Parker**

**Potters of Uralla**

Dear Editor

I would like to add my disquiet about the suggested mosaic installation in Pioneer Park (Sue Dyer, Wordsworth Issue 62). It is a small park and would be overwhelmed by the visual impact of the proposed installation.

As a frequent stop off point by highway travellers, Pioneer Park needs to project a quiet restful place for tired drivers. An overall plan for Pioneer Park was presented to Council in the early 2000's by the then Creative Village Committee and accepted by Council. The current layout of the park is the skeleton of the original plan, but unfortunately it was never finished. The Council explanation at the time was that they had run out of money and would allocate more funding the following year but it never happened. That plan included 2 more tables with roofed shelters and light poles near them. The electrical cables were laid for these light poles at the time. Further additional plantings were to be made on the southern and western banks. A circuit pathway was also planned for walking around the park. A watering system was installed to ensure the survival of the trees. Regrettably there has been considerable neglect of the existing plants during the drought and a number of trees have died. The box shrubs also have not been pruned to create a continuous hedge line, and a number have died. The planned design was filed away and never seen again! It was designed to be a gentle place reflecting our pretty town.

**Deirdrie Truslove, Resident and ratepayer**

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# Letters to the Editor

Fibonacci Park ... whys and wherefores  
Why? What a fortuitous Fibonacci fluke!  
Uralla's 2358 postcode makes us the only town in Australia tucked into the intriguing 0,1,1,2,3,5 8,13,21,34,55, .... pattern known the world over as "The Fibonacci Series".  
Who? Who the hell is Fibonacci? Oops, was, we mean. Leonardo of Pisa, that's who. Pisa?  
The beautiful Italian city, not the pizza. (Although they have lotsa and lotsa pizza there!)  
Why not make yourself a cuppa, or open a bottle of vino rosso and have a gargle as you goggle at Google "Fibonacci"?

Where? The block known as Pioneer Park. That's where.  
What? We have to understand that a park is not necessarily a playground, and that a playground is definitely not a park! Fibonacci Park is essentially a passive Park.

No swings and roundabouts and paraphernalia. OK, maybe a couple of colourfully decorated slides down the hill! Otherwise just grass and flower beds and trees and shade and seats and picnic shelters and birds and peace, so rare in this brash and rowdily rushing world.

Travellers can break their journey to stretch their legs and let their kids loose.

But they can exercise their frontal lobes as well, absorbed by the wonder and beauty of this unique park ... locally made mosaics showing the magic of Fibonacci in Nature, in Design, in Music, in Beauty ... in the whole world and universe around us.

What else? Uralla might become a "sorella citta" (sister town) with Pisa.

How "meraviglioso, sorprendente e bellissimo" would that be?! That means "wonderful, amazing and very beautiful!"  
Like pizza?

What next? Guy Crosley, master mosaic artist will present his draft concept for Uralla's Fibonacci Park at McCrossin's Mill on MONDAY JUNE 7th at 5pm sharp. All welcome. Refreshments supplied at the end of this fascinating session.

Pizza? "Il Papa indossa un buffo cappella?" (Does the Pope wear a funny hat?)

**Karen Johnston, Jim Sinclair, Kent Mayo.**

**"i fan locali di Fibonacci"**

## Breakfast Club

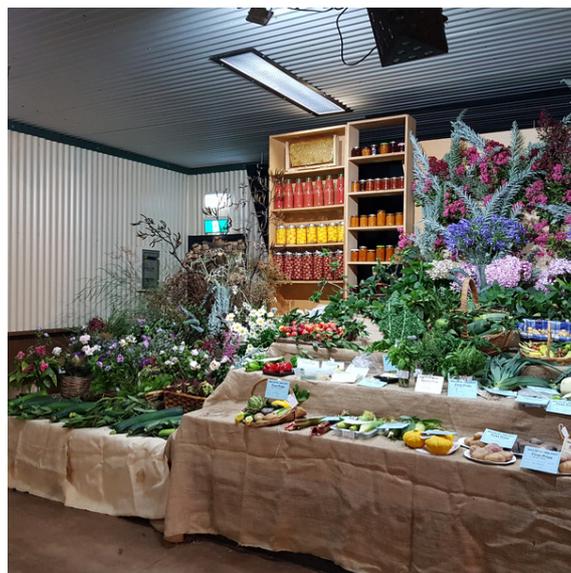
St Johns Anglican Church will be running a breakfast club in their hall, Park Street, starting on Wednesday 21 April. It will start at 8am and finish 8:45. Initially this will be held once a week on a Wednesday, but may increase according to need, and any school age kids are welcome. Please direct any enquiries to the Anglican vicarage on 6778 4906.

Dear Editor,

The pavilion committee is getting ready for our 2022 Uralla Show. We are looking for volunteers who would like to join us as committee members or to just come and assist during the show period. We will be having a meeting on Thursday 3rd June at 2:00pm at the bowling club if you are interested in nominating for positions or just finding out what is involved. You can also email our secretary at bevniland@bigpond.com with nominations.

Our AGM will be held on Thurs 17th June at 5:30pm at the showground pavilion where the elections will take place.

**Trish Rasmussen, Uralla Show Pavilion Committee**



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