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Erica Barwell - Uralla 2024 Citizen of the Year

At the Australia Day Awards at Alma Park Erica Barwell was announced Uralla's Citizen of the Year for 2024.

Erica is a retired accountant who lives in rural Uralla Shire. She is President of the Uralla Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries and works on a roster basis at the Armidale Hospital Kiosk. She has been treasurer for the past twelve years of Friends of McMaugh's. She is a member, assistant treasurer and past secretary of McCrossin's Mill, where she also assists with the catering for many functions held there. This, in addition to her regular Mill duty. She has been a past treasurer for the Uralla Showground Land Manager Board. Erica is a member of the Uralla Branch of Red Cross in which she fulfilled the role of Zone Rep. in 2023, requiring her to travel hundreds of kilometres to attend meetings. She is dedicated to all the community groups in which she is involved.



Citizen of the Year Erica Barwell.

The Uralla Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Ceremony was addressed by Australia Day Ambassador Ms Susie Elelman AM. (photo left), who spoke powerfully about what Australia means to her and the trials of her refugee family's move to Australia in the early 1950s.



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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.

It has been an exciting start to 2024 in Uralla Shire. No doubt the major talking point has been *Back Roads*, and how Heather Ewart and her team selected those people to be featured. The focus on recycling has been a hot topic for Council and groups such as ZNet. Professor Veena Sahajwalla and her team from UNSW, who visited Uralla in July 2023, are continuing to work on how to recover as much recyclable material as possible from solar panels. Something to consider is that if only 1% of the million panels already placed in the shire are damaged, that is 10,000 panels to be recycled. This does not include those roof top panels that may well be reaching their end of life.

Uralla Shire's Australia Day celebrations were great. The day commenced with a warm welcome at the Balala Fire Shed breakfast. I did offer Susie Elelman, our Australia Day Ambassador, the choice of heading out at 6:30am or a later start to the day. Susie was absolute in her desire to go to Balala. She reminded me that years of television breakfast shows and radio have made early starts a way of life. Susie was a wonderful ambassador and has been doing this for 25 years. I found her description of being the daughter of holocaust survivors confronting. No doubt Susie finds the current protests in the city streets misguided.

Three new citizens were formally welcomed to our community by Susie Elelman and Hon. Adam Marshall MP. Adam had already been at Moree in the morning. Congratulations to Malissa Allen, Veronica Taube Zakrzewski and Ambrose McDermott.

Special thanks go to Bev Niland and the Australia Day Committee for organising such a great event. Thank you also to Graham Carlon for the use of his utility and all his other assistance. The ladder certainly helped! I congratulate the Uralla Shire Council staff for the traffic control and the setting up at Alma Park.

With the Council elections taking place on September 14 this year, it is important for anyone interested in running as a councillor to do their research on how you can best serve the shire. Unfortunately you will also start to see claims that

are completely fictitious. The first one is that the Councillors and I wish to sell McMaugh Gardens. This is B.S. and needs to be called out. Personally I was a member of the construction committee with Norm Mitchell (Chairman), Bill Wheeler (Wheeler & Rice Constructions), Tony Deakin (Architect) and Bill Webster (Council's Building Inspector).

My wife Linda and I are members of 'Friends of McMaughs', with Linda cooking for a number of fundraising activities. The reality is that Council, a number of years ago, took the important step of having McMaugh Gardens transferred from Operational Land to Community Land, making any future sale almost impossible. On the financial side, it has always been our aim to provide first class service, with wonderful staff, and fight to have the Federal Government make that possible. The surplus from all operations for 2022/23 was \$305,000. Any fluctuations year by year are funded from McMaugh Gardens accumulated funds. These funds are restricted, and cannot be used for any other purpose. Council has received a master plan for a staged expansion of the McMaugh Gardens facility. No doubt a "Fact Checker" will need to be a regular part of my Wordsworth column in the lead up to the election.

Wow!! The new balustrade is being fitted to the "Bolt" verandah. I gather it would have been a challenge matching safety regulations with heritage issues. We all await the opening of this iconic part of Uralla's CBD. I am a strong believer that any additional dining options in town will be a positive for locals and tourists.

Uralla Can Assist has programmed twilight bowls on February 10 this year, commencing at 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity to practise your bowling skills under the new lights.

Please also put in your diary that the Annual Charity Bowls Day for 'Friends of McMaughs' will be held on March 12. The reason for the early warning is so you can find your Hawaiian shirt (it is probably where you threw it after last year's event).

On a last note, one of the wise young ladies at the Alternate Root suggested I need to change my philosophy from "I have to" to "I get to." I think there's something in that for all of us.

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Other people recognised for their contributions were:

- **Greg McClenahan** (Senior Citizen of the Year) for what he has achieved both in his employment with Uralla Shire Council and since he retired. He played a significant role in upgrading the Uralla Water Supply, bridge building and maintenance and the refurbishment of St. John's Church Hall. He has been a member of Rotary for many years and a key person in the Uralla Men's Shed in which he is still involved.
- **Alex Sherrin** (Achievement Certificate) for founding the Uralla Co-op and being one of the founders of the Uralla Fairy Festival. He is the person who, secretly and entirely at his own expense, designed, built and installed fairy doors around Uralla. He is currently researching and archiving the Estate of Rosemary and Jean Howlett, which will culminate with an exhibition of Jean's work.
- **Paul Hine** (Sportsperson of the Year) for achievements in bowls, including for having been the Club's Singles Champion for this year – and the previous nine years.
- **Colin Dade** (Senior Sportsperson of the Year) for contributions to men's bowls and the Uralla Bowling Club. He is a life member and Patron of the club. He manages the Men's Bowls Pennants Team and organises the *Annual Can Assist Charity Bowls Day*.
- **The Uralla Ladies' 4s Team** (Sporting Achievement Award) consisting of Judy Bray, Phyllis Dade, Jayne Bourke and Roz Rhodes for their bowling success, having won the District Seniors' 4s and the Regional Play-offs at Lightning Ridge.
- **Uralla Men's 4s Team** (Sporting achievement Award) consisting of Paul Hine, Peter Leggatt, Matt Fletcher and Lindsay Ward for qualifying for the State play-offs in March at Dubbo.

-Editor



Mayor Robert Bell and Adam Marshall MLA with three of our newest Australians. From right to left: Malissa Allen, Veronica Taube Zakrzewski & Ambrose McDermott



Brendan and Marlene Jacobs ably led the Australia Day crowd in singing a number of favourite Aussie songs. Marlene also opened proceedings with the Australian National Anthem, especially appropriate since Marlene is herself a relatively recent naturalised Aussie.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES at Uralla Shire Council

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Information about vacant positions and access to Council's interactive application is available on Council's website: [Working at Uralla Shire Council Uralla Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://Working at Uralla Shire Council Uralla Shire Council (nsw.gov.au))

Council is regularly employing across a wide range of service areas such as: general hand, truck drivers, plant operations, landfill operators, aged care, direct support workers, administrative and professional roles. Ask us about our casual, term and permanent positions.
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Applications are now open for our first round of community grants for 2024

How could your organisation benefit from a share of the **\$150,000 in grants and sponsorships** being provided through our Social Investment Program this year?

See our article on Page 7 and visit the New England Solar website to see how the SIP assists **eligible individuals and organisations contributing to building thriving and resilient communities** in Uralla Shire and surrounds.

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Friends of McMaugh Gardens Inc.

Annual Charity Fun Day 2024

Yes, it is that time of year again. Get your Hawaiian shirts out of the moth balls. Our Annual Charity Bowls Day is coming on **Tuesday March 12th, 2024**. It will follow the usual format at the Uralla Bowling and Recreation Club, commencing at 12.00 noon for lunch and on the greens by 1.00pm. This will be an **Open Triples** event – (Subject to change depending on numbers). Nominate your team. (Single entries welcome). Theme for dress up is “Hawaiian” – prize for best dressed team.

Our committee thanks the community for their continual support at all our fundraising events during the year, we continue to work raising funds for McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre. These funds go toward equipment and services to enhance the lives of the residents and to assist management and staff to deliver the appropriate care required for all residents. We raised approximately \$10,000 at our 2023 Bowls Day, this with other fundraising events during the year, assisted us to purchase – wheelchairs, moveable shower chairs, outside benches, medical equipment and much more. We also assist with a yearly donation to McMaughs to assist with their Pets for Therapy program, and also pay for a monthly entertainment program to entertain the residents.

Thank you to the Uralla Community from all members of Friends.

Contact Rosemary Reading

Mobile 0412163444

email rosemary.reading@bigpond.com

or Uralla Bowling Club 67784192

Rosemary Reading, Convenor of event.

Uralla It's time for a Chemical CleanOut

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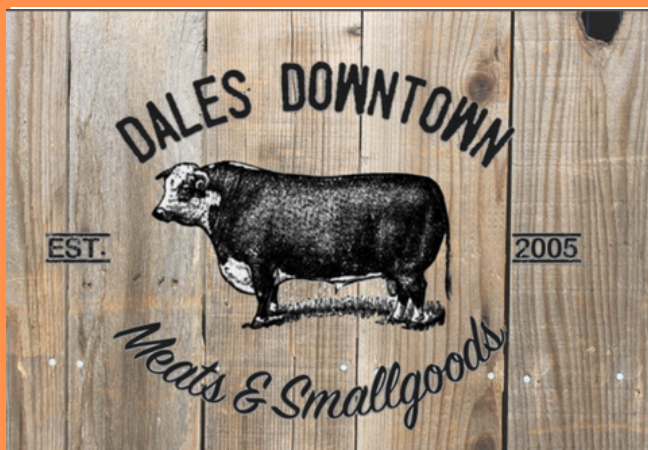
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- Pass the ball
- Treasure hunt
- Miniature putt-putt
- Wind up pig races
- Giant raffle - 40 prizes
- Monster auction
- Dunking machine
- Yabbie races
- Guess the secret weight
- Cyclone of Cash money machine
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Application for Appointment of Board Members

Uralla Showground Land Manager

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We are looking for a good mix of people with a variety of skills, however, sound business and financial management skills and objective decision-making expertise would be a distinct advantage.

Don't let this opportunity to do something for yourself and your community pass you by - contact us today.

The Uralla Showground Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 510041 at Uralla notified on 21-Dec-1910 for Showground, Addition, Reserve No. 510040 at Uralla notified on 26-Aug-1884 for Showground. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application for membership can be made via portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au

All applications are required to be lodged by **22 February 2024**.

For further information contact: Angie Wetzler on (02) 6770 3110 or go to reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au

Events For Your Diary

Uralla Can Assist Bowls Twilight Fundraiser - Sat 10 Feb, Sausage Sizzle 6:30pm, Bowls 7:30

Kentucky Old Time Dance - Sat 10 Feb, 7.30 pm start

Deegee Solar Info Session - Tues 20 Feb, 10am-6pm, Bushranger Motor Inn

Poss Family Fun Day - Sat 24 Feb 2pm Uralla Golf Club

Next Council Meeting - Tues 27 February 2024, 4pm. Council Chambers

Chemical Cleanout - Sat 2 Mar, 11am - 2pm, Uralla Tip

Friends of McMaugh's Annual Charity Bowls Day - Tues 12 March

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Uralla Bowling Club Shines at the Australia Day Celebrations

It was a lovely day out for the Uralla bowling fraternity last Friday when we helped celebrate Australia Day 2024 in our beautiful Alma Park.

The day started early with cleaning and polishing the Club bus, then we ladies did our bit by attaching our banner and the Australian flag to the front and the back of the bus, just so the spectators would be in no doubt who was inside.

With Judy Bray in the driver's seat, June Gregory beside her patriotically waving the Australian flag and the rest of us incognito behind the bus's opaque windows, we joined the Australia Day Parade and made our way down the street to Alma Park. After parking the bus outside the club, leaving it ready for its next assignment, we eagerly took ourselves over to the park so as not to miss any of the formal Australia Day ceremony.

At Alma Park we watched avidly as our newest citizens made their declarations, and welcomed them by joining in singing the words of our National Anthem. We also thoroughly enjoyed the singalong with Marlene & Brendan Jacobs of several of our favourite Australian songs. Not all of us were in tune! I was extremely moved by the address by our Australia Day Ambassador Ms Susie Elelman AM

about her family's experiences in the lead up to and during WW2. Some bowling members of the Uralla Bowlo were acknowledged by the Australia Day Committee for their notable achievements during the past year. Paul Hine was declared Sportsman of the Year, while Colin Dade took out the Senior Sportsman award. The members of the Ladies and the Men's Fours teams all received achievement certificates for their efforts in winning through to the 2024 State Bowling Championships to be held in March. Congratulations!

We then sampled the delectable food made available by our local associations while we rested under the shady canopies of some very old and immense trees. The size of some of the trees and the amount of shade they make available should not be a surprise considering a lot of the trees in the park were planted in 1893.

Some of us finished our Australia Day activities by taking part in the gumboot throwing activities. Not very successfully I must admit. But lots of fun! After that extremely energetic activity we felt the need to retire back to the Bowling Club to replenish our spirits.

Pauline Crouch, Publicity Officer UWBC

Uralla BC's
Australia Day
Award Recipients



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Community Information Session

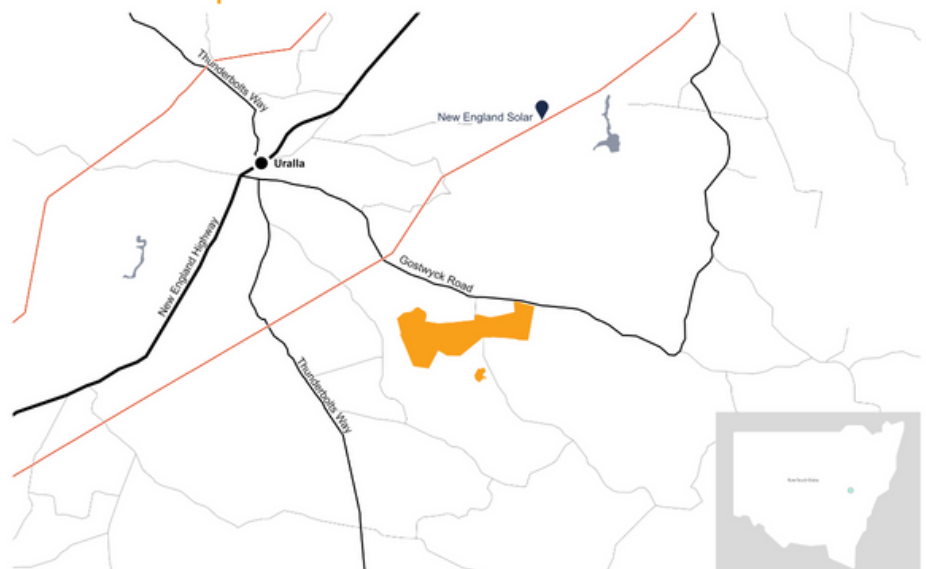
ACEN Australia is extending its commitment to the New England region through a proposed new solar project near the township of Uralla.

Visit our community information session in Uralla on Tuesday 20 February to find out about the Deeargee Solar project, which is the early stages of planning.

Deeargee Solar is a proposed 320-megawatt renewable energy project, located 12km southeast of the township of Uralla and five kilometres south of Stage 1 of ACEN Australia's New England Solar project, which is now operational.

Drop into the Bushranger Motor Inn front room, at 37-41 Bridge Street, any time between 10am and 6pm for the chance to learn more and ask questions about the new project.

Further information is also available on the new Deeargee Solar website



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ACEN Australia

Social Investment Program

Round 1 community grant applications now open

Applications are now open for Round 1 of our New England Solar Social Investment Program community grants, sponsorships and donations for 2024.

Grants, sponsorships and donations of up to \$5,000 will be provided to organisations in Uralla Shire and surrounds through the New England Solar Social Investment Program, previously known as Uralla Grants.

ACEN Australia's Social Investment Program (SIP) provides funding for eligible individuals and organisations contributing to **building thriving and resilient communities** in Uralla Shire and surrounds.

SIP guidelines, including who is eligible for grants, are available on the New England Solar website. Preference for funding is given to activities that deliver benefits in at least one of ACEN's value areas: **community enhancement & resilience, education & work, reconciliation, and environment.**

Applications can be submitted online by visiting the New England Solar website. Printed copies are also available by emailing info@newenglandsolar.com.au, phoning 1800 844 889 or by visiting the Seasons of New England store at 58 Bridge Street, Uralla.

Applications close 29 March 2024.

Two streams - greater investment

Our Social Investment Program has been expanded in 2024 and split into two streams of assistance for the Uralla community.

Stream 1, previously known as Uralla Grants, will continue to provide grants and sponsorships of up to \$5,000 for community organisations, with recipients chosen by our Community Reference Group.

Stream 2 will comprise a Future Fund focused on strategic, regional long-term investments. Visit our website for details and updates about the Future Fund, which will also provide a total of \$150,000 to eligible organisations and events in 2024.



Visit www.newenglandsolar.com.au to access the Social Investment Program guidelines and online application form

Community Reference Group

Expressions of interest are still open for the Community Reference Group that will consider and allocate the Stream 1 Social Investment Program grants and sponsorships in 2024.

We've received some terrific EOIs and we're encouraging additional applications to ensure the CRG represents the local community as broadly as possible, including a variety of ages, cultural and business backgrounds and interests.

Young members of the community, aged 15 and over, are particularly encouraged to apply.

Everyone living or working within the Uralla Shire Council region is eligible to apply to join the CRG, as well as Kelly's Plains and Dangarsleigh residents within 5km of New England Solar Farm.

Visit our website to submit and EOI or for further information. EOIs close 16 February 2024.

Running Wild – Episode 8

– Fiery Farewell (Fiction)

This episode is the 8th in the 'Running Wild' series. The seventh, 'Freds Done!', was printed in Uralla Wordsworth October – December 2023

1. **Recap:** Angus Blackman the Coroner's Assistant, along with Constable Walker and his Trooper Haggart, had come to the Thompson Farm. They were conducting their investigation into the capture and subsequent death of Fred known as 'The Captain'. Bill, the Lady and Nellie were questioned.

After finishing off 'The Captain', Constable Walker caught his horse. Even though it had a bullet wound, it was only a graze, besides might get a few bob for it he thought. The body was slung over and bought to Uralla with the grey then handed to the station's stable hand. Walker said, 'Give that horse food, water, and tend to his wound. I'll see about selling him when he's lookin better. By the way, 'The Captain' wasn't famous in my eyes, just another petty crook wanting to make his fortune off the backs of others. They say he must have looted more than 20,000 pounds, but I'm no believer in that'.

Back at the Thompson Farm, Walker and Blackman continued their investigation. Walker asked, 'Nellie, the last time you saw Fred, what horse was he riding'? Nellie replied, 'That jet black colt'. Her answer raised both Walker's and Blackman's eyebrows, 'Are you sure bout that he insisted?' Nellie responded, 'Yea dead sure, he loved that colt, said he looked real handsome on him, like a proper Captain, so he did'. They both scribbled in their notebooks. Blackman continued, 'We have a body on the slab at the Uralla watchhouse, now tell me Nellie, for we know you were close to Fred, did the man you knew as Fred 'The Captain' have any markings of a distinguishing nature that would tell him apart from any other man? Walker interpreted the question for Nellie.

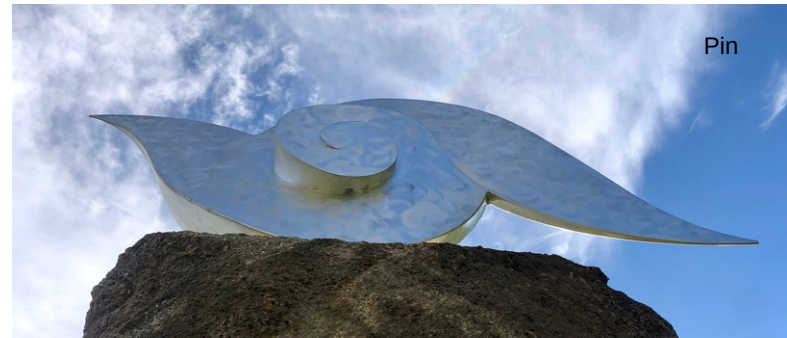
Nell thought for a minute then answered quietly, 'Well when we first met, I dug a bullet out from behind his left knee, so a scar there'. 'Anything else?' Blackman prompted. 'Yes, he also has a long angry scar on his left side, about two full hand spans, the shape of the crescent moon. It wasn't good stitched, a real red welt and I used my salve to heal it some. He said it was while escaping the traps, riding through the scrub but it looked to me like from a cut-throat razer. Probably that Mary done it, I knows he hangs around with her when he is down south', Nellie added.

Walker and Blackman were gobsmacked and could hardly move for a moment. Blackman asked Nellie to repeat every bit about the half crescent moon scar. This time Walker also scribbled in his note pad, and they both fired further questions.

Finally, they were done and with little more than a goodbye they were all back on their horses and rode off hard. Trooper Haggart was last to ride off and pointed at Nellie and shouted, 'I'll be back for you and your girl, see if I don't'. As they all rode away Nellie muttered. 'Dam you all to hell! Bill and The Lady nodded in agreement.

Daryl Albertson, Kellys Plains

New Sculptures in the Glen

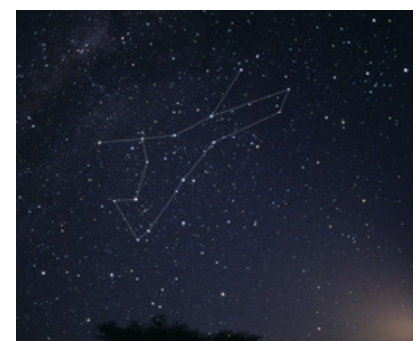


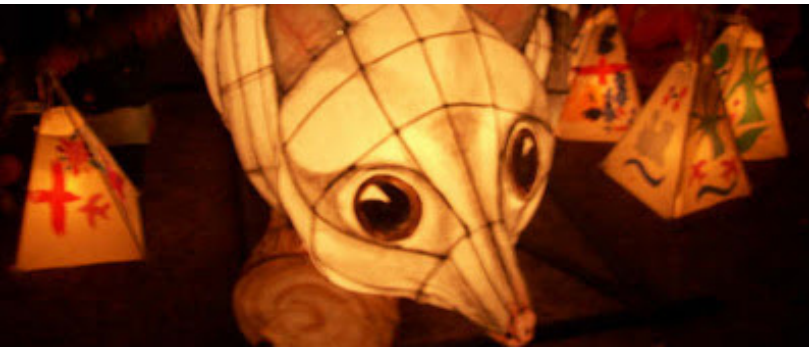
The sculpture above, 'Pin', is a recent addition to the increasingly impressive sculpture gallery in the Glen, and was created by Andrew Parker. Pin represents the Southern Pinwheel Galaxy (see photo below), also known as Messier83 after its discoverer Charles Messier and is technically speaking not a constellation, but a massive collection of stars and gases. Pin can be found in the constellation Hydra, the sculpture of which will be erected in the Glen very soon.

Lupus (the wolf) is the second new sculpture in the Glen. It was created by Kerry Gulliver, and fabricated by Rick Tait, as was 'Pin'.

The image to the right is the actual constellation Lupus as it can be seen in the southern hemisphere. Traditionally, Lupus is closely linked to the constellation of Centaurus.

-Editor





Minutes of Meeting of Uralla Arts Inc.

Wednesday 10th January 2024. Meeting opened at 16:09
Present: Bob Anderson (RA) as chair, Wendy Anderson (WA),
Louis van Ekert (LvE), Wendy van Ekert (WvE), Judy Egan
(JE), Angus McLean (Amc), Laura McLean (Lmc), Kath Arnold
(KA), Sylvana ter Meulen (StM), Andrew Parker (AP), Robbie
Hughes (RH).

Apologies: Annie Mayo, Maxine Ross, Imogen Semmler

This meeting was called by RA to discuss the pressing issue
of the housing of the Uralla lanterns which are currently
located in the poultry pavilion at Uralla Showground. They will
need to be relocated in the near future so that the poultry
pavilion can be used for the Uralla Show on 3rd February
2024. There was considerable discussion about the future of
the lantern parade, whether it can be sustained and in what
form and whether as a solo event or in association with a
larger festival or event. RA has given an undertaking that
Uralla Arts will hold the parade this year in conjunction with
Seasons of New England.

Moved RA, Seconded LvE. That the Lantern Parade be held
in 2024 but without involving the schools in the making of
lanterns and that folk be encouraged to reuse their existing
lanterns or make their own at home. Motion passed.

Moved LvE, Seconded RH. That we consider holding a
Lantern Parade in conjunction with the grand opening of the
three parks (Glen, Rotary and Fibonacci) which are currently
undergoing redevelopment and attempt to find a route for that
parade, avoiding traversing the highway and culminating at
one of the parks, once a date for the opening has been
established. Motion passed.

Moved RH, Seconded RA. That we give consideration to the
future of the Lantern Parade at a future date, depending on
the level of success of the parade this year. Motion passed.

AP discussed the development of the Uralla Court House,
noting that it was progressing satisfactorily. No motion was
moved.

There was discussion about the service of alcohol at Uralla
Arts events and all committee members were encouraged to
obtain Responsible Service of Alcohol certification which was
said to be available online.

Meeting closed at 17:20.

Robert Anderson, Uralla Arts Inc.

Uralla's Northern Suburb

Good old Armidale once glowed with pride,
"The Athens of the North" one famous name,
"The Cathedral City" another brand so grand,
But has something doused that flare of fame?!

Perhaps we all recall, but not so fondly,
When the subject of Uralla arose,
The good burghers of old Armidale town
Would smirk, and look coldly down their nose.

Drove up to what's become Uralla's Northern Suburb,
And just near the airport, thought "Who's the dill,
"Who dreamt up that electric blue abomination,
"That garish servo there, ahem, HERES-VILLE?!"

Then, blow me down, I spotted FOODARY, just before
UNLEASH THE OPPORTUNITIES, Armidale's slogan,
I'm not always a stickler for the King's English,
But, bloody hell, has the whole world gone bogan?!

Found the Mall, offered some cheery "Hellos",
As we wandered slowly up and down,
Midst a few taking coffee, or drifting about,
A far cry from the busy vibe of our Uralla town.

Found myself outside a shiny palace called "Central".
"You beauty" I thought, "a flash Railway Station".
Nope, shops flogging stuff no one really needs,
Except for Woolies, a really raucous congregation!

Out we go, down to what was once the busy East Mall,
Now nary a soul, vacant shopfronts, you should see 'em!
From the Post Office all the way down to Marsh St,
Once a thriving Mall, now sadly a dreary mausoleum.

UNE, theatres, NERAM, cultured, creative people,
So what's going on, do they all just bicker
In once proud Armidale, "The Cathedral City"
Or is it simply that the joint's got no ticker!

Because Armidale, all together, really has a lot to offer,
So impressive from the window of the Heritage Tour bus,
But when it comes down to progress via cultural tourism,
Maybe our Northern Suburb can learn a lot from us?

Armidale folks lament "We're in the doldrums,
"Our once proud city is losing face."
Seems the ancient Anaiwan peoples got it right,
"Uralla"? Well, it certainly is "The Meeting Place."

Kent Mayo, Parochial Poet Lorikeet, Uralla

Uralla Neighbourhood Centre @ the RSL Hall

Update

Happy 2024!

We received a generous donation from the Uralla Co-Op at the end of last year, which allowed us to buy 45 Christmas hampers to distribute free of charge to Uralla and Bundarra community members in need, we hope to be able to do this again this year with the help of kind donations. (picture attached of our President and a lady from Bundarra).

At Christmas time, Foodbank supplies Christmas Hampers at a low cost to us, for families living in rural and regional areas of NSW/ACT facing food insecurity. Higher demand is experienced, year on year. Hampers are filled with festive food for a family to enjoy on Christmas day and beyond. (picture attached) the CWA Uralla Branch, this year again added a homemade Christmas cakes (picture attached) to make it even better.

Huge thank you to everyone who provided donations through the year and special mention for the Christmas gifts and money the staff from Greenlight Contractors donated. These gifts along with the hampers were distributed to community members in Uralla and Bundarra. Santa sacks were stylish black bags as you can see in one of the photos, also to one community member that gave so much we were able to make many gift hampers for our community members (picture attached)

With the start of a new year, the Food Pantry continues to be available 10am to 2pm on Mondays. Our weekly *What's On* is back on our face book page or if you are not on Facebook and you want to know What's On, you can call the centre, 6778 3277. We have a volunteer to answer your call 9am to 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Planning for our 2024 calendar is under way, with the amazingly popular End of School Term and Halloween Disco's. These attract around 80-120 young people ranging in age from 5 to 20 years old, with DJ Adam Tadman and games such as musical chairs, limbo, and line dancing. There is a canteen available, and the entry fee may vary but is usually just \$3 per child.

Following the success of last year, our Community Expo will be back and other Expo's are being planned. The Uralla Neighbourhood Centre at the RSL Hall (27 Salisbury St) has meeting rooms available for hire (small fee) and our office is open Mon-Fri 9am to 2pm.

Opportunities for UNC to fundraise for the community are being organised so far include Bunnings BBQ's and Uralla Street Stall. If you would like to help or make a donation of onions, baked goods or if you are interested in knowing more about our services, please drop into the office, email office@unc.org.au or call 02 6778 3277.



Community Calendar

Please email urallawordsworth@gmail.com if you have an event or regular meeting date for your organisation.

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 the Uniting Church Hall, Maitland St, Uralla

Uralla Computer Bank is open Mon, Tues and 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 Showground

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 and Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm, 18 Uralla St North, (old Scout Hall site) Phone 0419151253, Hours usually extended in Daylight saving. Email: urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com

Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre. Monday by appointment, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm, 67711457 0419149244, 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 - 12 noon at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00. This includes morning tea.

Uralla Book Club meets on the first Saturday of each month, 8:30am at the Alternate Root

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 0435 727 162 or John 0411 374 334

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. We are now able to meet in our beautiful church conveniently located at the corner of Hill and Maitland streets. First Sunday of each month is a communion service. All are welcome to attend. The first Sunday of each month is a communion service.

Uralla Garden Club meets every third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm. We have no set permanent venue, but meet at a different member's garden or we visit other open gardens. New members are very welcome. Contact: urallagardenclub@gmail.com or Jenny 0435 593 850

The Armidale District MS Branch meetings (including AGM) will be held at Armidale City Bowling Club on the first Monday of the month at 10:30am except for the December when it will be on the second Wednesday at 11am.

Armidale District MS Branch Support Group Meetings are held second Wednesday of the month, at Armidale City Bowling Club at 10:30am

Community Messages

Artist of the Month



Kentucky Old Time Dance

Kentucky Hall is holding an Old Time Dance on Saturday 10th February starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available at the door (\$15) and supper is provided. The band is *Country Dance Revival*. For further information please contact Dan Ward on 67787219. **-Beatrice Bashford**

The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunty Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Aunty Bob,

Summertime for me is a trip to the beach with the opportunity to get a bit of a suntan. Unfortunately, due to my recent efforts at Parkrun inspired by some of the Uralla locals (which I am grateful for), I now have a very significant shorts and t-shirt tan line. It's unsightly and embarrassing and I look like an English Longhorn! Aunty Bob, as one who knows what tan lines looks like when you're wearing a mankini, how do you overcome this travesty and avoid being stared at when you walk on the beach in your swimwear with tan lines all over your body?

Moo Cow

Dear Moo,

If there's one thing I can't stand it is body shaming. My body is a temple and has to be respected. Yes, I have been known to wear a mankini but I make sure I am indoors or not in the sun for long, thus I don't suffer from tan lines. May I suggest that you ignore the tan lines and treat your body as a temple to be worshipped. Don't worry what other people think. Remember, there is only one thing worse than being stared at, and that is not being stared at. If this is too much for you to handle you can borrow my mankini. That will get rid of your tan lines and get you used to people staring at you. Yours in apparel advice,

Aunty Bob

Impressions of the 2024 Uralla Show



Rotarians at the gate

Robyn Feenstra's \$10 doona upcycled into high fashion



The flower competition



Judging home brewed beer and mead is a serious business

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