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## Rural Health Petition Passes 8,000 Signature Mark

Almost a month since the launch of the electorate-wide community petition calling on the NSW Parliament to split the Hunter New England Health District, directly employ doctors in rural hospitals and dramatically increase nursing numbers – more than 8,000 signatures have been collected, with hundreds more being received every day.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said the response to the petition had been overwhelming and is calling on the community to keep up momentum so the required 10,000 signature threshold is reached. "Since community leaders and I launched this petition, the response from communities large and small across our region has been mind-blowing and I'm confident that we can maintain that momentum to reach the goal of 10,000 signatures and go well beyond that," Mr Marshall said.

"Every signature is hugely important and it has been amazing how businesses, community groups, councils and individuals have taken on the challenge to get the petition to as many people as possible. The 10,000 signatures are need to trigger a debate on the floor of State Parliament and force immediate action."

The MP said that since the launch of the petition, he had heard directly from scores of residents keen to share their own experiences of disappointment and frustration when seeking treatment at our local hospitals. "The groundswell of dissent clearly demonstrates to the government that this is a burning issue for many in our region and that we won't rest until we are heard and changes made."

"If you have not yet signed the petition yet, get out there and get it done people-power can win the day – sign this

petition and show your support for this push, to save our rural health system and back our hard-working local health staff.

"The petition will be available in all local council administration centres and local businesses in every town across the region. It can also be signed in the MP's office at Moree and Armidale. Copies of the petition can also be posted or emailed, and you can request that by calling the Electorate office on 6772 5552.

People have until 30 September to sign the petition, before Mr Marshall tables it in State Parliament.

**Adam Marshall**

**Member for Northern Tablelands**



Adam Marshall and Russ French at Thunder Graphics, Uralla

## A Night at the Shed

Saturday 22nd October

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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. Cllr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.**

Councillors Burrows, Bower, Crouch and I recently attended an inaugural meeting of the "Renewable Energy Walcha Awareness Group", held at the Walcha Bowling Club. The meeting was attended by over 200 people and was addressed by a number of speakers who raised concerns on how communities do not see widespread benefits across the region. Mr Peter Barton, a farmer from Wellington, spoke of the tension caused in the area and how long term friends and neighbours had been divided on the benefits. It is my firm belief that the Renewable Energy Zones, which include Walcha and Uralla, should see the benefits of being the future power house of the state. Congratulations to Armidale Regional Council's Mayor, Councillors and staff who have been able to negotiate a very significant Voluntary Planning Agreement with a solar company, which even though significant, is only 1.6% of the capital costs.

At the August Council meeting, it was resolved to have a report prepared by staff on potential funding options for the Tolleys Gully Bridge project completion, be provided at the next Council meeting. Councillors have been reluctant to use Regional Road grant funding, as we are well behind in our maintenance program, especially on Thunderbolt's Way. One positive was a meeting on Friday last week with the Hon. Adam Marshall MP and the Hon. Sam Faraway MLC. Sam is the State Minister for Regional Transport and Roads. They were very positive when staff and I met on the Tolleys Gully Bridge site that they would be able to find the \$268,000 needed to finish the project. Councillors are still keen to see the site completed by Christmas (weather permitting).

Council has also agreed that we should apply for Stronger Communities Fund, Round Five, for the allocated \$895,000, for the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Facility staged master plan and Stage 1 detailed design and construction. A site visit for Councillors is planned within the current Covid restrictions. A steering committee including Councillors Crouch, Bower and Burrows as well as the General Manager (or delegate) has also been set up and will make monthly reports to Council on progress. Councillor Crouch attended the Country Mayors' Association meeting last month on my behalf. Two important items to come out of the meeting, and now adapted by Council, are that we conduct a public forum to consider the needs and opportunities for social housing in Uralla and that we continue to monitor changes to the biodiversity offset schemes and potential effects on Uralla Shire. Councillor Crouch also attended a Rural Skills Forum, with the agreement that Councillors will work with

the community to identify skills shortages to allow effective lobbying to the State and Federal politicians, and that we further investigate the potential role and demand for a Country University Centre in Uralla. This centre would provide a controlled environment with internet access to enable study, research or online exams.

Further to my advice in the last Uralla Wordsworth, David Cough, NBN Local Manager, will address a Council workshop on Tuesday September 13 at 4pm. This workshop is open to the community and will be followed by a presentation from Southern New England Landcare. I would be pleased to pass on any questions for David Cough, if they can be sent to me prior to the workshop.

The latest Councillor Community Session held at Kingstown was another excellent evening, and provided an opportunity for the local residents to discuss a number of issues, including internet and mobile phone access, roads, waste charges, as well as the continuing upgrade of the revamped tennis court. The BBQ and lighting may well be suitable for grant funding. We have also been able to assist in advertising for an assistant at the Kingstown Pre-School. Good luck Mel!

The next Councillor Community Session will be held on Saturday September 17 from 11am to 2pm at Barry Munday Reserve, Invergowrie. Councillors will be providing a BBQ lunch.

Something for you conspiracy theorists: Why are they having such trouble sending dummies to the moon in 2022, when they sent (and landed) three men on the moon in 1969, and even successfully brought them home (or did they????!!)

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# Roz Rhodes UWCB

## Singles Queen

This year, Roz Rhodes, the newly elected President of our women's club, has gone one better by winning the Singles crown in our club championship games. Congratulation Roz!

It was a very close game, with runner-up Lynnette Dwyer being a valiant contender. However, Roz was able to build on some luck breaks, and then once ahead, held her lead to run out the winner. This event now finalises our Club Championship games.

Our next major sporting commitment will be participating in the District Games over September and October. Hopefully to be followed by some of our ladies moving forward to compete at the Regional Playoffs, this year being held at Armidale City Bowling Club.

The lights on the greens are now going full steam ahead, with Jason and his hard-working crew on the job. If the weather continues to be dismal, we might even get to use them for some of the district games which will be held here.



Left to Right – Roz Rhodes, Singles Winner; Phyllis Dade, Marker; Lynnette Dwyer, Runner-up.

In the meantime, we will continue with our normal Wednesday playing days. If there is any one out there who would fancy a social game with us, we would love for you to come along. Whether you know how to play the game or not, is no hindrance to having fun, making new friends and getting some exercise. Just turn up around 9.30am for a 10.00 start on the greens.

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

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Deadline for the next edition is  
**5pm Thursday**

**15 September 2022.**

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# Keeping Uralla Cool

In response to the trend of increasing summer temperatures, a project is being launched to work with the local community in developing a plan for "Keeping Uralla Cool". The project is a collaboration between the Landscape Foundation of Australia (LFA) and ZNET Uralla and is funded by the NAB Foundation Community Grant Program. The project is led by Linda Corkery, Director of LFA and Emeritus Professor UNSW, and Dr. Louise McKenzie, landscape architect with expertise on urban heat in public spaces. Linda and Louise are working closely with the community through ZNET Uralla and President Carol Shantal.

Over the next six months, three public workshops will be held in Uralla to expand participants' understanding of the impacts of increasing temperatures and extreme heat events on human health and the local environment. We will explore ways to adapt and manage our homes and individual landscapes, particularly in relation to the increased energy consumption associated with operating air conditioners. Additionally, we will look at ideas for the design and management of public spaces, streetscapes, open spaces, and consider how the general environment can mitigate the impacts associated with higher temperatures.

There are many individual and collective actions that can make up a cooling strategy. For example, increasing the amount of tree canopy throughout the town; creating cool public spaces and streetscapes with plantings, water, shade, cool paving materials; installing shade structures and 'cool hubs' in key locations that can provide refuge during extreme heats. It is equally important to plan for the social dimensions of managing heat events, such as issuing 'heat alerts' and keeping in contact with vulnerable citizens—children, people with disabilities and elderly people. When extreme heat events occur, these are people who may need assistance to move to a cool hub.

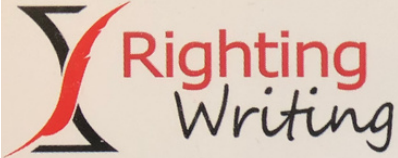
While the town of Uralla will be the focus for this project, many of the actions described above will be equally effective in other villages across the Shire and beyond. The Project team will engage with Uralla Shire Council to

seek their support for the proposed actions coming out of the workshops, particularly those involving public facilities, open spaces, streets and roadways.

Anyone living or working in the Uralla local government area interested to learn more about these issues and the actions that can be taken to prepare for hotter weather is welcome to join in the free public workshops for this project. The first workshop will be held on Sunday, 18 September at the Uralla Community Centre, 9 Hill Road from 12.30-4pm. Afternoon tea will be provided and registrations to attend can be made at <https://keepingurallacool.eventbrite.com.au> or via email [coordinator@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:coordinator@zneturalla.org.au) or phone/text 0420 514 653.

We look forward to meeting you at the workshop and working with us on the "Keeping Uralla Cool" project!

**Linda Corkery, Director**  
**Landscape Foundation of Australia**



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**Public Workshop**

## **Keeping Uralla Cool**

**Sunday, 18 September**

**12.30pm – 4.00pm**

**Uralla Community Centre  
9 Hill Street**

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or email: [coordinator@zneturalla.org.au](mailto:coordinator@zneturalla.org.au)

A collaboration between the Landscape Foundation of Australia and ZNET Uralla



# Letter to the Editor

Uralla Men,  
Your prostate is a small reproductive gland located just below your bladder. As you get older, it can cause problems – growing larger, getting inflamed or developing cancer. It causes more deaths than breast cancer. In our region, it affects about 2,500 men with over 200 men newly diagnosed each year. This is higher than the rest of the country.

The Prostate Cancer Foundation wants us to 'Help Love Go the Distance' in September to support efforts to make prostate cancer history. This involves covering a distance of 72 km by any self-propelled means and inviting others to donate to the foundation. They provide information and support to those with, or wanting to know more about prostate cancer. If you want more information, have a look at <https://www.pcfa.org.au/>

Susan, Uralla Clinic Practice Nurse

## Bush Fire Danger Period

On the first of September, 27 Local Government Areas (including Uralla Shire) commenced their bush fire danger period. Residents and land holders should make sure they know the rules when it comes to the use of fire. Along with required fire permits, you must also notify your local fire authority and neighbours of your intent to burn 24 hours in advance. The first of September marks the start of the new Australian Fire Danger Ratings System. Know the risk for your area & what you'll do if a fire threatens. Key changes:

- A true national system used in all states and territories, meaning you'll see the same ratings being used wherever you live, work or travel.
- A more accurate system, using eight different vegetation types to inform fire danger ratings.
- Fire danger ratings will be simplified from six levels to four, and each level will give clear actions to take to stay safe during the fire season.
- Four-day ratings will be used, to give the community better information to help plan activities.
- New fire danger rating signs across NSW, showing the new ratings and action statements.

For more information and to find out if your area is in the bush fire danger period, go to [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP)

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Bringing women from our rural communities together, to have a cuppa and a chat and get creative with printmaker Lizzie Horne, and time spent with RAMHP team members.

### THIRD ROUND OF 2022 WORKSHOPS

**17 OCTOBER BUNDARRA CWA ROOMS 10AM - 3.30PM**

**18 OCTOBER TORRINGTON MEMORIAL HALL 10AM - 3.30PM**

**19 OCTOBER DRAKE COMMUNITY HALL 10AM - 3.30PM**

**20 OCTOBER BEN LOMOND HALL 10AM - 3.30PM**

These workshops are **FREE**, with morning tea and lunch provided.

Book online at the link above, or contact Arts North West at

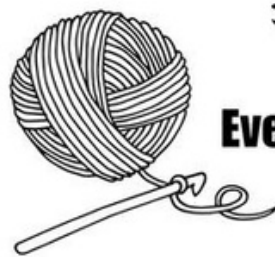
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# Local Printmakers

## Exhibition

Ten local printmakers have taken to the walls of Uralla Library as Artist of the Month in September. They are members of the Black Gully Printmakers (BGP) based at the Museum of Printing at New England Regional Art Museum in Armidale. Two exhibitors - Susie Spencer and Cat MacGregor - hail from Uralla.

A wide variety of printmaking techniques are on show including linocut, etching, cyanotype, collagraph, photo transfer, monoprint, woodblock, relief and letterpress. Blocks and plates used to create the prints are also on display providing insight into how prints are made.

Created by beginners to experienced printmakers, the prints cover many themes, from abstract to realistic, with nature a popular subject choice.

The BGP meet twice a week in the Museum of Printing and new members are always welcome. A basic level of printmaking skill is required to join the group and this can easily be attained at a local class run by member Lizzie Horne at her NEC Print Gallery in the Armidale mall. BGP are also volunteers at NERAM and open the Museum of Printing to the public on Tuesdays and Sundays.

Prints are for sale and on show until Friday 30 September. If you can't get in to the library to see this exhibition you can find the BGP on the socials @black\_gully\_printmakers on Instagram or on Facebook.

**Cat MacGregor, Uralla Shire resident**



September Artist of the Month prints on display at Uralla Library

# RSL Happenings

Welcome to spring everyone. Once again we have been busy around town. On 15 August we laid flowers and flew flags at half mast at the memorial gates for the anniversary of the Victory in the Pacific Day. On the 18th we held a moving sunset service for Vietnam Veterans Day. This was attended by family and friends of Private Trevor Attwood and Lance Corporal Ross McMillan who were both killed in action in Vietnam. Thank you all for coming along to remember local men.

Our next meeting in September will be another social event. This will involve some great games and fun. Our last event in July was a hit with a game of trivia organised by Katie Williams following a beautiful Chinese smorgasbord at the Fung Wah. We will publish this on our local Facebook pages and in the next edition of the Wordsworth.

The RSL Auxiliary members are organising our next street stall being held from Monday 26 September to 2 October.

We will be selling poppies and badges as well as Remembrance Day gifts and a raffle with multiple prizes. There will also be some great baked goods for sale.

The initial report and recommendations of the Enquiry into Veterans Suicide has been handed down with 13 major recommendations. These highlight changes required by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to expedite veterans claims, especially the backlog of claims within DVA. We hope these recommendations go a long way to helping our veterans. Meanwhile, RSL continues to do its part in helping veterans get back on their feet with things such as a multi-million dollar donation to RSL Lifecare Veterans Services, part of which was donated by the Uralla Sub-Branch. Lest We Forget

**Russ French, President, Uralla RSL Sub-Branch**

## ATTENTION VETERANS

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**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](mailto:urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com)

**Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre** Monday by appointment, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm 67711457 0419149244 E: [Urallacnc@familysupport.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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 and third Tuesdays of the month, 10am. New members are warmly welcomed to join us. Phone 0438433735

**Uralla and District Uniting Church** meets Sundays at 9.30am for worship. Our Church is at present undergoing renovations and we are meeting in the adjoining Church Hall at 29 Maitland St, Uralla. The 1st Sunday of each month is a communion service and we welcome all people to join us. For enquiries, please contact Bronwyn Wilson 0403699464

## **Events for September - October**

**Australian Government Mobile Service Centre Visit** 6th and 7th September 2022, located in front of McCrossins Mill Museum, Salisbury Street. Tuesday, 6 September, 9:00am to 4:00pm Wednesday, 7 September, 9:00am to 3:30pm

**ADFAS Armidale lecture** Thursday 8th September at The Hoskins Centre, TAS, starting 6pm. Kenneth Park will lecture on The Tale of Two Cities: Moscow and St.Petersburg.

Please note: This lecture will be preceded by a collection for the UNHCR fund for victims of war in Ukraine. Guests are welcome (\$25) but must book through Trybooking.

**Councillor Community Session**, Uralla Shire Councillors will hold a community engagement session - free sausage sizzle at the Saumarez Ponds (Barry Munday) Recreation Reserve on Saturday, 17 September 2022 from 11am - 2pm

**Keeping Cool Workshop** - Sunday 18th September, 12.30 - 4.00pm. 9 Hill Street, Uralla Register for this FREE event at <https://keepingurallacool.eventbrite.com.au>

**Uralla Shire Council**, Ordinary Council Meeting, Tuesday 27 September, 4pm Council Chambers

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# Uralla Co-op Donations



Faye Carson, president of the Uralla Hospital Auxillary and Bev Stubberfield (treasurer) accepting a \$1000 donation from Karin Jackson of the Uralla Community Co-op.



Berdine accepting \$300 from the Uralla Community Co-op. The money will be spent advertising 2 days of community "Waste To Art" workshops which are free between 9 - 4 on Tues. 27th & Wed. 28 September.



Karin Jackson donating \$900 on behalf of the Uralla Community Co-op to Sue Manton of the Community Neighbourhood Centre.



June Mitchell, Uralla Show pavilion committee treasurer, accepting \$800 from Karin Jackson representing the Uralla Community Co-operative. The Pavilion committee are very grateful for the donation as they need to upgrade much of their display furniture.



The Uralla food Pantry accepting \$1300 from the Uralla Community Co-op. They have a wonderful variety of fresh produce and other foods providing a much valued service for the Uralla community.



Ann Denyer from Uralla CWA accepting a \$1000 donation from Karin Jackson representing the Uralla Community Co-op. It is such a pleasure to be able to donate to so many worthwhile organisations.



# Kentucky Spring Fair

Kentucky Progress Association's "Kentucky Spring Fair"

## New Stallholders Welcome!

If you have held a stall in the past or wish to be a new stallholder, please contact us via our email: kentuckyprogressassociation@gmail.com  
Sunday 27 November 2022. 9am-1pm

# ANW Grants

**Open now, closing 6 September:**

AUSTRALIA COUNCIL OF THE ARTS

- CINARS Biennale (travel support)
- Arts Projects for individuals and groups
- Arts Projects for organisations
- Contemporary Music Touring Program
- Fellowships (all artforms)
- International Engagement Fund (via Arts Projects)

**Open now, closing 30 October:**

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GRANT:

Skills Development Grants provide funding to volunteer museums and museum networks for regional or state focused skill development training and networking events. There are no set categories for funding, and applications for a broad range of projects will be considered. Skills Development Grants are open to museums and Aboriginal Cultural Centres (with artefact collections and displays) with up to two full time paid staff members (no more than 70 hours of paid staffing per week) as well as museum networks such as Museums Australia Chapters. More info here: <https://bit.ly/3Lp8wVn>

**Ongoing - RAF QUICK RESPONSE GRANT NSW:** Quick Response Grants offer funding for regional artists, arts organisations and communities to respond to unique arts opportunities that present themselves at very short notice. The Quick Response Grants will continue to support immediate need that arises where the activity is unable to be planned for or supported in other funding rounds, for example taking up professional development, skills development or small project opportunities at short notice. Maximum funding \$5000. <https://bit.ly/3pamCjl>

**Ongoing - SMALL PROJECT GRANTS (QUICK RESPONSE):** Funding of between \$500 and \$5000 is available to support NSW-based professional artists and arts/cultural workers (including museum workers) to build their capability, portfolio of work, audience and/or market. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3KdPBfl>

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## CWA Centenary Celebration

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# Running Wild

## Big Rains - Episode 3

This episode is the third in the 'Running Wild' series. The second, 'Dam Him all to Hell!', was printed in Uralla Wordsworth 4th April 2022 – 13th June 2022. Fiction.

**2. Recap:** *The free settlers Charles and Mary Thompson selected fertile creek flats and built their home. With the help of the indentured convict Bill they cleared the land and grew produce for the local market. Mary was left a widow when Charles was struck by a tree, felled by Bill. An accident?*

It was Big Rains!, for almost a whole month it rained solid. Great billowing storms that boomed and lightning cracked, as if to break the sky. The rain was heavy and persistent like sheets of water falling from the heavens. After two weeks the hut began to leak terribly, for the bark sheets that covered the roof were heavy with water and began to sag. Letting a fall of water onto the huts dirt floor below. The floor then began to fill, next the hut was like an indoor waterhole. Ma dug a long trench through to the back of the hut, water flowed out like a river, but it saved them both from drowning.

The coach track north was too wet for the service, nor horse could pass. Their mountainside wept from every slope, dumping into the stream, which had turned into a swirling and twirling wave, as it made its way downstream. Ma was fearful for the Thompson Farm, saying that they might get swept away, when she saw the cascading wave of water.

The sun then began to shine for what felt like the longest time, and the pair cautiously left the hut to investigate the damage outside. The surrounding tall timber had been through the wars, branches hung and fallen branches scattered the ground. A few trees had been uprooted and were lying like giant dead soldiers on the battlefield. Ma said 'I suppose we'll not have to go too far for wood anytime soon'. Molly agreed and they both got to work airing and drying out their belongings and draining the water from the huts floor. They had to cut long timber braces, to support the sagging bark roof from the inside, while they refixed the roof. Ma said with a giggle, 'maybe we should just leave these poles here, just in case it rains again'. Molly giggled too.

After a few days of warm sunshine, Nell and Molly finally got down the valley to the Thompson Farm. Getting down off the mountain was sometimes difficult, still slippery in patches and large washouts in the track to jump. On the way down they found the Thompson cow and calf on the lower track, feeding on green pick that had sprung up after the rain. Nellie spoke gently to the cow, catching and tying her belt around its neck. While Ma led the cow, Molly coaxed the calf and they all continued down the mountain track to the farm.

...to be continued

**By Daryl Albertson**

# Community Messages

**Can Assist Uralla** would like to sincerely thank all those who donated to the Street Stall, with special thanks to the volunteers who provided the load of wood. We especially appreciate the consideration from the Community following the early Sunday morning start required by the volunteers to arrange the load of wood.

Raffle Winners from the Street Stall held from the 1-6 August 2022:

1st Prize: Load of wood – H.J. Menzies

2nd Prize: Esky Hamper – Trish

3rd Prize: Rug – D. Reddon

**Uralla** families with child(ren) five or younger are welcome to self-refer to **Helping Children and Families Association** for the support of a volunteer who can visit for 2 hours per week. Please contact Susan on 0467 580 016 for more information or to request volunteer support.

**Uralla Shire Councillors** will be having a series of community engagement sessions throughout the Shire. Initially we will hold them at the following venues:

Invergowrie/Saumarez at Barry Munday Reserve, Saturday 17 September 11am-2pm.

Free sausage-sizzle compliments of Councillors.

Rocky River Tennis Courts, Sunday 16 October 2-4pm

Bundarra at the Pub, Thursday 17 November, 6-8pm

Come along meet your Councillors, talk to us about what concerns you.

**Uralla Tennis Club Annual General Meeting** Sunday the 18th September 2022 at 10am. Uralla Tennis clubhouse, Plane Avenue, Uralla. Everyone welcome to attend.

**Uralla Social Dance Group** is an exciting new group featuring a wide variety of genres including Old Time, New Vogue, line dances & bush dances. The dances start at 7pm & conclude at 8.30pm, walk-throughs & basic instruction will be provided for each dance. There will be an additional half hour of free dance tuition for beginners from 8.30-9pm. Dances will be held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. Free activity! For more information 6778 4192



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# Billy Goat Brandy Gets His Dander Up

Our Billy Goat Brandy  
Thought himself a bit of a dandy.  
He'd strut through the herd,  
Head in the air, looking a little absurd!  
Lush brandy coat, a goatee beard,  
His wide spread horns to be feared.  
He knew his place among the does.  
He was their king, one of their heroes!  
He made his way among the girls,  
The brandy coat full of ripples and swirls.  
Lips pursed; he'd begin to sniff.  
The wind brought to him a certain whiff!  
Thinking himself the herd's top man,  
He spread his attentions where-ever he ran.  
However, some does, with noses in the air,  
Turned away from him with a disinterested stare.  
But at last, Brandy's job was done.  
It was time to come in from the run.  
The herd all surged into the yards  
Together with their canine guards!  
Brandy was separated from the does.  
He wasn't happy; he stamped his toes.  
He charged the fence, then shook his head.  
He charged again; he was seeing red!  
I was sitting on the goat crush.  
Swinging my legs, not making a fuss.  
Just counting the crows.  
While Bob was occupied with the does.  
I heard hooves scuffling in the dirt.  
I looked down at this alert.  
But I was much too late.  
Brandy slammed my legs into the gate!  
I screamed and fell onto the ground,  
While Brandy climbed upon a mound.  
Feeling vindicated, I suppose,  
With a mighty leap, over the fence he rose!  
I thought my legs were surely broken,  
I cried and wailed; bad words were spoken.

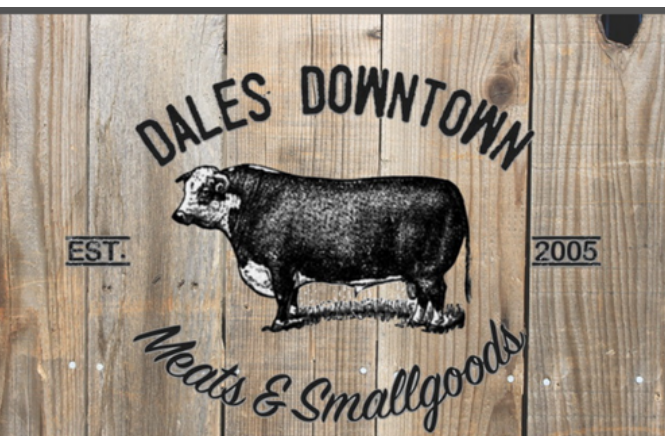
With Bob's help, I hobbled over to the house.  
I dragged myself indoors squeaking like a mouse.

My lower leg was turning black.  
I felt as though I was on the rack.  
The flesh from my shin was around my ankle.  
The horrible sight of it started to rankle.

Today, I still carry a hollow area on my shin.  
There's barely any flesh below the skin.  
Whenever I look at it, I remember  
The look in Brandy's eye that eventful November!

**Pauline Crouch  
Rocky River**

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