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A Fairy Fair in Fairyville

From fairy doors to fairy festival in just a few months! Next correspondence.

Saturday Uralla, rechristened Fairyville, will be alive with Many shops will be fairy themed for the day, with window fairy activities, starting at 9.45am outside the bookshop, displays, costumed staff and special fairy offerings – when patron Sophie Masson declares open the Uralla special hot chocolate and other treats at the Pie Mechanic, Spring Fairy Dance. Don't miss the spectacle of fairy fairy meat trays at Dale's Downtown Meats, fairy treats at Robert "Tinker" Bell in costume for a sponsored street Michael's Café, fairy doors for sale at Burnet's Magical walk, and special guest appearance of fairy Lucy Neary Bookshop (where little ones will also enjoy a diorama) who will tour the town. Captain Thunderfairy will be looking We encourage adults and children to come dressed in the on. fairy/wizard theme and hope to see them in the fairy

Numbers will be limited, and arrangements COVID fashion parade at the end of the morning, participants and sensitive, at all the workshops: story telling, wizard potions, spectators all welcome. Registration can be done online lantern decoration, wand making, fairy gardens, fairy through the Facebook page. library bags. Some of these are already booked out. Programs will be on

Consult the Facebook page for vacancies, and book display in numerous before 8pm on Wednesday. You can just turn up for shop windows, and on lantern making at Little Birdy, or the scavenger hunt at the Facebook page. A

Traders (where you will also find a photo booth). Michael's little preparation and a enchanted garden will be the venue for belly dancing (to fairy/wizard costume will ensure you get the the music of Earth and Sky) and fairy yoga, unless it is most out of the day, or raining when these activities will move to the vacant shop that used to be Peter Phillips's (thanks Brett Wallace). you can just turn up and indulge your inner

Spot-the-fairy competition will run all week before the festival, with most main street businesses displaying a fairy. **Ross Burnet, Fairy Godfather** Bridge Street is also the location for many of the fairy doors dotted about town and beyond – pick up a map, which the young ones can colour and enter the colouring competition. Maps and entry forms available at the bookshop, Crafty Friends, Visitor Information Centre and others. Entries for colouring and spot-the-fairy should be put in the Fairy Mail box outside the bookshop, along with any letters to fairy Daphne who will respond to all



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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.

It's wonderful to be starting with a number of bouquets! The first is to Luise Scherer (who one of my colleagues described as "gold"), who has unfortunately tendered her resignation from Council. Luise made a valuable contribution both in the Visitor Information Centre and the Library, so let's hope she continues to play an active role in the Uralla community. The second is to Wayne Howard for dropping everything and making the Uralla Caravan Park safe after an overhead live wire hit a caravan. This would have had a devastating outcome had it not been attended to so quickly. The third bouquet goes to the Uralla Water/Sewer gang for their work with the New England Brewery Co. in flushing the water mains and allowing Ben and his team to recommence brewing. Maybe with the current huge grant for water security, this is one of the problems that can be fixed on a permanent basis. The fourth one is to Ashleigh Ayre and the committee, coaches and supporters of the Uralla Soccer Club, the Uralla Tennis Club and the Uralla Bowling Club, who have all continued to provide sport in the most difficult circumstances. The Uralla Golf Club has nearly finished laying their new irrigation system. No doubt Rowan and his team (aka Dad's Army) will be hoping the water flows when it is all turned on.

On August 24, Adam Marshall MP announced a grant of \$1.5 million for the long term security of Uralla's Water Supply. (Please refer to my column in Wordsworth #43.) The community would be very keen to know exactly how this money is to be allocated.

The Local Strategic Planning Statement has now been forwarded to the Department of Planning. Thank you to all who commented on the draft document. Council has accepted that this needs to remain a "living document" to ensure that it stays relevant for its 20 year life span.

One excellent inclusion in the Tamworth Regional Council document is a critical review of the number of various zoned blocks of land available for immediate purchase, the amount that has been approved but not developed, and an estimate of the annual requirements based on past sales. Maybe this is a task that our next Council can take on.

One positive is that the development on the corner of Leece Road and Wilkins Street owned by Trevor and Jenny Schofield has now received the green light. Michael Batt's residential subdivision on Barleyfield's Road must also be close to being ready for sale. Light industrial land

that can be shown to an interested buyer remains in very short supply. It would be disappointing to see them all go to Armidale Airport Precinct.

Council, at its September meeting, agreed to support a number of initiatives to work with the Uralla Shire Business Chamber. I was reminded after the meeting that the Council needs to widen its focus to include all businesses in the Shire. I am encouraged by advice that Council staff are looking to update their register of these businesses.

A further update on the Toomey's quest to be allowed to trade online was included in the latest Council brief. It included this gem: "*Business models that use a multi-level marketing strategy to sell their products, such as Tupperware, are typically defined as a Home Occupation. This is because consumers are encouraged to become a distributor of the product and receive a commission when they sell products or recruit other distributors. This is not classified as retail sales as distributors are not receiving a sale but rather having the money spent on purchasing the product initially repaid to them and receiving a commission.*" My only thoughts are that it's much easier to target a local small business than a multi-national!!!

This weekend will be huge, with the Uralla Antiques and Collectables Fair on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October in the RSL Memorial Hall, as well as the Uralla Spring Fairy Dance, which will be held in Bridge Street on Saturday morning. Due to the size of one of the fairies, the organisers have contacted QantasLink to see if they can borrow a set of large wings.

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New U.S. Open Style Tennis Courts Ready For Play at Uralla

THE new synthetic grass surface is down, the lights are up and now all that's needed are local players, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and Uralla Shire Mayor Michael Pearce recently inspecting the completed \$198,582 upgrade of Uralla's tennis courts. Almost two years ago, Mr Marshall announced the State Government funding to allow Uralla Tennis Club to put down new synthetic surface on four dilapidated hard courts and install LED lights to help grow its night competition. Mr Marshall said walking out on Uralla's new blue courts, you could be excused for thinking you were about to play the U.S. Open. "The blue courts with green border are synonymous with the American grand-slam, and now Uralla has four of its own ready for local players and aspiring professionals," Mr Marshall said. "The blue synthetic surface has become a favourite for many clubs as it provides better ball visibility for players and spectators. "Prior to the upgrade the old courts, in particular the two far back ones, were compared to a 'goat track' and posed a serious injury risk to players. "That problem is no longer with the new courts ideal for coaching junior players and seasoned hitters looking to slog it out." Mr Marshall said the Uralla Tennis Club had big plans to grow its competitions post COVID-19. "In the past, having only four courts of playable standard has really restricted the ability for the club to host large competitions or regional tournaments," he said. "Having six courts, all under lights, means the club is now equipped to cater for its 100 members, with matches able to be played both day and night. "Tennis has resumed in Uralla following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, with a number of keen locals braving the frosty nights to participate in the fast-four competition on Tuesdays and adult social tennis on a Wednesday. "What is immediately striking about the new courts is how professional they make the entire Uralla Sporting Complex look and I congratulate the club's committee and Uralla Shire Council for delivering the community such a high quality facility."

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands

Uralla Shire Council Elects New Deputy Mayor

Councillor Isabel Strutt was elected as Deputy Mayor at Council's Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 23 September 2020. Newly elected Deputy Mayor, Cr Isabel Strutt said she was honoured to be elected and was looking forward to the year ahead. "I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for the opportunity to serve my community as Deputy Mayor. We have had a challenging time so far in 2020 with drought, bushfires, water quality issues at the beginning of the year and of course, the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic. I look forward to continuing to support the Uralla Shire Community over the next year." Uralla Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Pearce congratulated Cr Strutt while also thanking Councillor Robert Crouch for his service as Deputy Mayor for the last two years. "Councillor Crouch has demonstrated a high level of commitment to the community during his term as Deputy Mayor and I look forward to working with all the Councillors over the next year to best serve our community." Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic local government elections were postponed at the beginning of the year 2021. As the Deputy Mayor's term concluded this month an election was held at the September Ordinary Meeting of Council and there were three nominations for the position.

Kate Jessep, Uralla Shire Council General Manager

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

So far, it seems Council is not threatening fines or enforcing their new interpretations on any other businesses selling goods from home online and through social media. So far, it is only one individual, my wife Tara Toomey, who has been singled out for special treatment in relation to selling goods online through the two businesses she manages: The Humble Cook, which has been forced to rent space in the main street (although still not open to the public) and Seasons of New England Pty Ltd which now operates business from Armidale (also still not open to the public). We thank Armidale Regional Council for their support to date.

For seven years we have held the annual 'Seasons Expo' in Uralla but the interactions with Council in the last two years have made it harder than ever. In 2019 it was the last-minute DA requirement from council which thrust the event into uncertainty. In planning for the 2021 event, council initially refused to provide the annual letter of support for the liquor licence. They then advised if Tara signed a new licence agreement to hire Hampden Park (triggering legal costs) and paid the usual hire fee, they would then and ONLY then, consider the request for a letter of support for the liquor licence. Not to provide the letter, but only consider providing a letter of support. The obstructive power-play seems a clear message the event should go elsewhere.

Tara – and I – are committed to our town and want the event to stay here as long as possible. For 2021 'Seasons' has now entered an agreement to hold the Expo at the Uralla Showground, so council is not involved at all.

Running the annual expo takes around 700 hours of donated time from our family, mostly from Tara. We do this because we love Uralla and Tara saw an opportunity to shine a spotlight on Uralla and the New England region and the sensational small businesses that reside here. We have worked hard to make it happen, employing local people to work with us for the event and we try genuinely to make this as powerful an economic exercise for our community and our region as we can. We take the rubbish away, we clean the toilets and we take a lot of pride in leaving Hampden Park in pristine condition. We wouldn't

make it without the support of our families, friends and the small business community we are a part of. The truth is that it had become too much and we needed to find a way to generate some income to sustain the Expo. In the past, Tara had regularly pulled hampers together and always understood this was permitted from our home address. For ten years now she has operated an online business from home selling products she makes as well as some she buys from others so this was no different. The reason she is now unable to sell hampers is because selling products not made at our home is now deemed an illegal activity from any home address. This is NEW. It is NOT how Council used to operate and we have confirmed this with previous Council staff who still reside in our community and who provided the previous advice. They have confirmed that we have at all times operated lawfully - hamper making included. The rules have been changed without notice. Now to sell products you make at home online requires a DA. More red tape and more fees than before. It is, again, a NEW way of operating. It is also not consistent with the way other Councils operate - we can find no other Council who would require a DA to sell online products you make at home, nor can we find another Council who would ban altogether the online sale of products that are made by others.

Right now we should be shining as one of the wonderful New England towns to move to but all we are doing is driving families and businesses to look elsewhere. We need our Council to resolve this quickly. There is too much uncertainty for at least 200 businesses who operate exactly as Tara was, and it certainly means no one would choose to live in our Shire with such restrictive guidelines. Our Councillors have the authority to fix this - we just need the majority of them to listen to the community and see the common sense solution before them.

The petition is still going at www.change.org/letthemtrade. This will be tabled with both Council and Adam Marshall.

Andrew Toomey, Uralla Resident

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Antiques & Collectables Fair

The 7th annual Fair will be held Saturday 10th October (9am - 5pm) and Sunday 11th October (9am - 2:30pm) in the RSL Memorial Hall, Salisbury St, Uralla. There will be restrictions on visitor numbers at any one time, and the committee will monitor and implement NSW Dept of Health COVID19 safety guidelines.

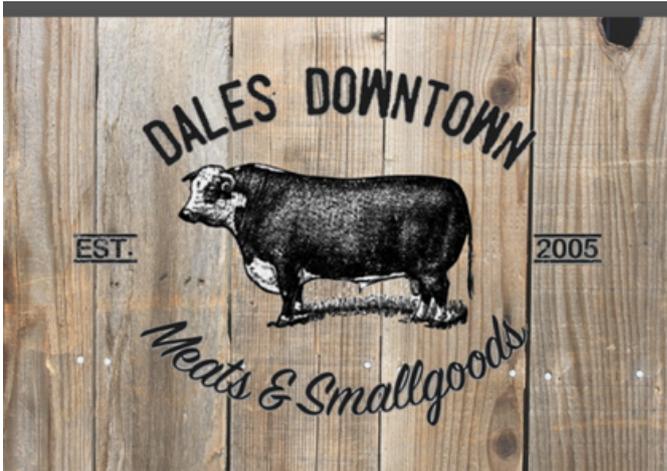
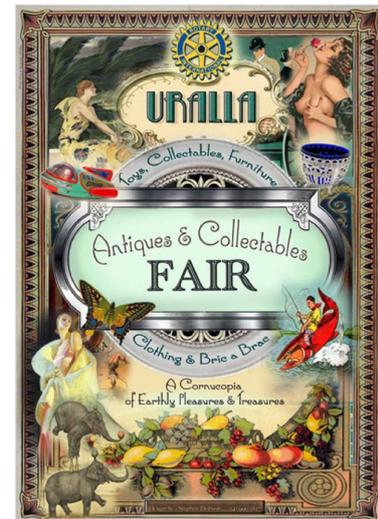
Back in August, Rotarians deliberated about holding the event and decided there were modifications we could do to safely manage the Fair. Some of the strategies include : the way people move through the Hall, entering in the front doors and exiting out the side door; slightly modifying the layout of the exhibitors; providing signage to encourage visitors to abide by COVID safety rules and have plenty of hand sanitiser available at various locations. We have received full permission from Uralla Council to proceed with holding the Fair and to have cars on display in the carpark, see further details below. The Fair's sponsors include Phoenix Foundry with their major sponsorship contribution, the Bushranger Motel and local Uralla businesses are terrific supporters of the event.

The Antiques and Collectables Fair is a community themed weekend of stall holders showcasing and offering their treasures. We have a diverse mix of exhibitors including Japanese antiques, furniture, statues, clocks & timepieces, vintage clothing, books, vinyl records, military collectables, bric a brac, glassware, crockery and more. An experienced appraiser will be on hand to advise people about their special items, it will cost \$5 for 1 item and \$10 for 3 items, we limit the number to 6 items per person so that everyone gets a turn. And the entry fee is kept to a minimum by only asking for a gold coin donation, plus there is a Guess the Mystery Item Competition. Pete Stanley will provide some musical entertainment in the Hall over the weekend. New to the event this year is the inaugural Show & Shine competition for vintage and nostalgic vehicles in the Attwood & McMillan carpark at the back of the shops. The Show & Shine will add

further interest to the Fair, provide greater visibility of the event with old cars getting around town and also give people something to do if they need to wait their turn to go into the Hall. Sponsors are Limitless Custom Trim (at the Blue Trail Garage), Thunder Graphics and Wrench King.

Any profits from the weekend, if hopefully there are some, will be discussed by Rotarians to be distributed back into Uralla community projects. For further information please keep an eye on the Uralla Rotary facebook page or contact Leanne 0488 559 928

Leanne Doran, President, Uralla Rotary Club



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Letter to the Editor

Maybe you too have envied the "Choose Inverell", "Tenterfield True", "Brewarrina – The Adventure Begins", ads on the telly.

So why are there none promoting Uralla? It's because Uralla doesn't have a slogan. The popular branding "Find Yourself in Uralla" was allowed to languish, a real shame because that slogan is catchy, intriguingly ambiguous, and adaptable.

But it faded into oblivion when our parks became plastered with warning signs adorned with a new slogan "Uralla. NSW. A smart place to live." What?! "Smart"? Yer joking! Who thought that up?

More recently, the litter bins offered another stroke of flawed genius. "Uralla. It's yours to enjoy." Wow! So now we have THREE slogans! Maybe we should just adopt "Uralla. Absolutely No Idea." That'd be closer to the mark.

To get Uralla into the game, Council simply needs to re-announce that "Find Yourself in Uralla" is our slogan, and thereby let the Business Chamber, Cafes, Pubs, Galleries, etc, come up with complementary versions. Imagine the really appealing TV ads we could produce, and what a boost that sort of quality promotion would be for Uralla, not just for the businesses, but for the morale of the whole community.

How hard is that, Uralla Shire Council?

Just do it, for everybody's sake!

Kent Mayo, Ardent advocate for Uralla

Sustainable Firewood Collection Course

On Saturday 17th October ecologist Dave Carr, Stringybark Ecological, will be doing our final sustainable firewood course. This is open to landholders, professional wood collectors and for those who collect wood for their own use. It will give you an understanding of how much wood can be collected without having an impact on the biodiversity of the area. Each participant will receive a ZNET Certificate of Training and wood collectors completing the training can be listed on the ZNET website as sustainable suppliers.

The course will be held at 592 Balala Rd, Balala on Saturday the 17th of October starting at 1:30.

If you would like to attend please register with Trish at projects@zneturalla.org.au or leave a message at 0411 804627.

Trish Rasmussen, ZNET Project Officer

Uralla Arts Update

Uralla Arts Held their Annual Meeting last Sunday at the Mill. President Bob Anderson reported that it had been a disappointing year from the point of view that so many of our plans were disrupted by the Bush Fires and Covid19.

The cancellations included our comedy night, a number of gigs and our lantern parade. We still managed to have several well attended gigs at the Mill, including GoldHeist, Lucie Thorn and the fabulous Jazz Quartet, featuring Jonathon Zwartz, Mike Noke, Julien Wilson & Hamish Stuart. Looking forward we are hopeful of having a lantern Parade before the end of the year providing covid restriction are relaxed and we are now booking gigs for November onwards. We are also collaborating with Berdine Warne of Little Birdie and now The Alternate Route to hold gigs at these venues.

Election of officers resulted in the following : President - Bob Anderson Vice President - Wendy Anderson Treasurer - Sylvana Spurtle Secretary - Laura McLean Public Officer - Laura Mclean Bob Anderson thank the committee and members for their hard work and continuing support and also that of the sponsors, Phoenix Foundry, New England Brewery and Uralla Shire Council. Uralla Arts welcomes new members and there is no joining fee, simple send your email address to randerson84@bigpond and you will be included on our email list which will keep you informed about upcoming events. **Bob Anderson, Uralla Arts President**



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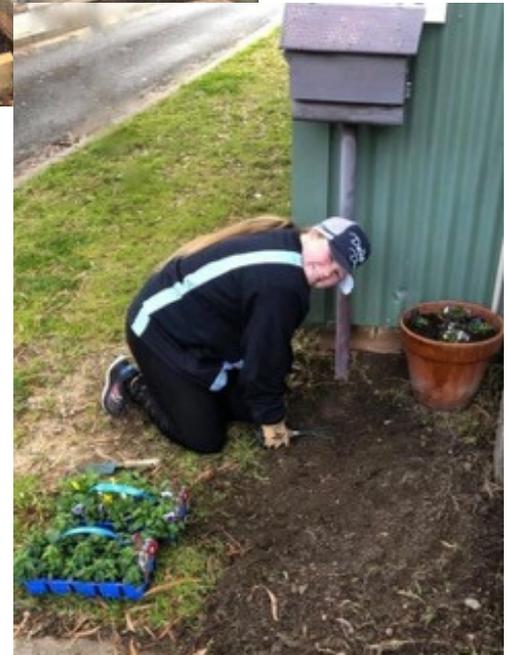
A huge thank you to all our volunteers and supporters. Without your help it would be impossible to run Monday's Pantry, and supply organic vegetables, from the Centre's Garden Project, which is located next to the swimming pool. Julie Hicks, manager of the Uralla Garden Project, kept a tally of the vegetables grown for distribution at the Pantry, from March till July (12 weeks), as a matter of interest. She gave each item a value based on supermarket prices. A staggering \$905.00 had been donated. The value would be much higher if the freshly harvested vegetables were 'sold' as organically-grown. Our Monday's Pantry volunteers set up before 11am. They keep the shelves stocked throughout the day. After closing at 2.00 pm, they tidy and restock the shelves, then stocktake for re-ordering. The pantry reverts to a meeting room, and the kitchen left "spick and span". Lots of coffee and tea is drunk and much laughter is heard. One of our young volunteers thought the office's front entrance, needed a makeover. She measured and worked out what supplies were needed for a new garden, then weeded, built, planted, watered and mulched. It's an amazing transformation. A thank you, also, to the children and their mums, who have weeded, swept, raked and mowed the Centre's grounds. The revitalized "Kitchen Garden" at the rear of the Centre, growing herbs and leafy greens, is finally finished! Thank you to Hubbard's Hire, Nevyl Doust and Stephen Neumann. Extra carrots for Sue's goats for quality manure.

Another working bee is planned for the school holidays. If you would like to join our wonderful group of volunteers, please phone, The Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, on 6778 3277 and speak to our Co-ordinator, Kylie.

Sue Dyer, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre



**Wonderful work
by a Uralla
student
volunteer in
giving the
Neighbourhood
Entry a
makeover.
Well done!**



Monday PM Mindfulness Meditation Group

Mindfulness meditation is well known to promote health and well being. Regular mindfulness practice allows the mind to rest. People new to meditation often complain that their mind gets busier once they start mindfulness practice. This is a common experience as this reveals the busy monkey mind. Eventually the film reel of thought will settle.

The practice will involve sitting and walking meditation from 6pm to 7pm each Monday evening in Rocky River. This is suitable for all levels of practice. Sitting together in a group supports and deepens meditation. Everyone welcome.

Call Maxine 0423224234 for more details.

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Andrew Murray's Diary

Thursday May 31, 1860:

Robison and Duke were worse this morning. We intended going up to Taylor's River to form another camp and mark other blocks. Robison got so ill we were obliged to camp earlier than we intended. Robison could not eat any of our camp fare, damper and sun-dried salt meat, so I went to try and shoot a white cockatoo in a clump of scrub on the bank of the river. On entering the scrub, I heard a bird fly up like a barn-yard fowl, and, on looking up, found that it was a fine black hen like the domestic Spanish fowl. I shot it, then plucked and cleaned it at the river, and it was a treat for the invalids. The nice white flesh made good broth.

Friday June 1, 1860:

Owing to Duke being worse and Robison not much better, we camped here all day. It was here we camped on May 22nd in coming down the river, and at this camp we named the river. It was first suggested by McKay that it should be called the Murray. McCrossin thought that one River Murray would be mistaken for the other. It should have been called the McCrossin. Neither of us was ambitious about our names being applied to it, so we agreed to call it the McKay, after Mr. George McKay of Uralla, John McKay's father. I did not like the region as it was cattle country and not even good for them. Where ever it was level, back from the river, it was wet and what is called "Divel Divel" country. A small black ant built up pinnacles of earth amongst the grass and it was wet in many places between these; a good run for snipe and water-hen.

Saturday June 2, 1860:

The blacks set fire to the grass in different places in a line from the ridges towards the river. They may have been trying to burn patches for game, or they may have been trying to burn us out. We did not see them, although they were not far from us. We got wet to the knees gathering wood in dewy grass, so moved to the sand in the bed of the river where there was driftwood from the oaks.

Sunday June 3, 1860:

Robison and Duke still poorly. I had a head-ache and Barbra also complained. Here we were hundreds of miles from home with no suitable food for invalids. The effect of this feverish sickness is to make one indifferent to everything. McCrossin and McKay alone were able to get about and they had too much to do. Not one of us could eat, even tea having a bad, smoked taste. Remained in camp.

Monday June 4, 1860:

I noticed often, in coming down the river, that there were no blacks' camps on the bank near the river; whether it was fear of crocodiles or the miasma sweeping down the low valley that made them keep back, I do not know. Anyway, I was going from bad to worse and my

comrades were in much the same plight. However, we must move, even with difficulty. We got a start up to here. I had packed my two horses and Muldoon's without any trouble. Now I can do little to help. We crawled out of the river-bed on the west bank. I saw a large black and white pigeon on a tree, the only one of the kind I had ever seen; but I had no energy now to look for game. We reached the junction of the river I noticed coming in for the west on 22nd May. Mr. McCrossin suggested it should be called Taylor's River, in honour of Mr. Taylor of Terrible Vale. At night, Mr. McCrossin and McKay brought me a glass of brandy with a quantity of black pepper in it. It was a nauseous drink but I got it down with difficulty. The intention was good on the part of those who brought it. I was not improved by it. I do not know if the rest got a similar dose. The great craving was for chilly cold water to drink. In coming up today, Mr. McCrossin marked some of his blocks. I do not know what mark he put on the trees.

Tuesday June 5, 1860:

McCrossin and McKay went on marking off his blocks up Taylor's River. From the appearance of the timber at a distance I think the land was better up that river than any ridge land we had seen since crossing the coast range. A number of blacks were seen. Little improvement in our health tonight.

Wednesday June 6, 1860:

Went on from the junction of Taylor's River as soon as we could get packed up. Some trees were marked for Hamilton Robison's, I understand. Where, I do not know nor care. I had difficulty to sit on my horse. We passed the camp of 21st May, where, on going to the river for water, I had seen the track of the crocodile on the sand. We got back near where we camped on 20th May. The deep lion-like growl of the crocodile could be heard at times. They seem to make this distant-like call when under water. They rose to the surface without making a perceptible ripple and sank without apparent effort. The water was so clear that they were plainly visible some distance under water. Before I took ill I tried to shoot one, but without success. Had a poor night's rest and no better in the morning. I was grieved that I could not do my share of the work. No appetite for anything except cold water.

Thursday June 7, 1860:

Camped all day whilst Mr. McCrossin and Mr. McKay marked off some blocks on the frontage up the river. Sickness seems to make the wheels of time move very slowly.

To be continued

Noel Marshall, Uralla Historical Society

Community Calendar

Please email 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

Computer Bank New England Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 12noon at the Uralla Community Centre

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 Uralla Bowling Club

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

Tennis is on Wednesday from 6.30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex

Knattering Knitters meet at Uralla Library on Tuesdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm

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 Driver Reviver meets on the first Sunday of each month at 2pm at 117 Bridge Street, Uralla.

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

Uralla RSL Sub-Branch meets the last Sunday of the month at 11am 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.

Ascent Community Care

Senior Social Group 9.30am – 2.00pm, Mondays at Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

Seniors Exercise Class – 2.00pm -3.00pm, Wednesdays at the Uralla Community Centre Ph: 6778 3503

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 11am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veges. 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

Uralla Spring Fairy Dance Saturday 10th October, more details on Facebook : [urallaspringfairydance](https://www.facebook.com/urallaspringfairydance)

Rotary Club of Uralla Antiques and Collectables Fair Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 October, RSL Memorial Hall

Friends of McMaugh Gardens AGM Monday, 12th October 2pm, Uralla Bowling Club

Relay For Life Golf Day 4 person ambrose, Uralla Golf Club, Sunday 18th October from 9am. RSVP to Theo Groen 0403 683 314 by 15th October

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Meeting 12.30pm Tuesday 22nd October 2020, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

ZNET Uralla Annual General Meeting 2pm Saturday 24th October, 3 McDonalds Lane, Rocky River, please email projects@zneturalla.org.au or phone 0411804627 to register your attendance or to get a link for Zoom.

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Fibonacci Park

Because of the series of unfortunate interruptions to normality in Uralla (and elsewhere) the brilliant and unique Uralla 2358 Fibonacci Discovery Park was put on the backburner.

Some of us have fought hard over several years to keep the space, currently known as "Pioneer Park", available for Fibonacci. What a prime location for this stunning installation! Local MP Adam Marshall in 2018 pledged his enthusiastic support for the concept but stipulated that it needed to be proposed by Uralla Shire Council, who would then have to be the applicant for funding.

Mr Marshall recently announced the "Public Spaces Legacy Program", with grant funding of \$2 million available for Uralla Shire Council.

What a golden opportunity!

The idea of this very special Park has been floating around in Uralla for some years, but a visit from master mosaic artist Guy Crossley turned the notions into something more concrete, literally.

Who is Guy Crossley? He is the artist responsible for the fascinating 30m long mosaic installation in the main street of Nambucca Heads, the two at Dorrigo – one in the main street, the other at the Rainforest Centre, and for many others in the North Coast region. Apart from his brilliant designs and eye for detail, Guy's forte is community involvement in the making of public art. This would be the underpinning principle of the huge work in Uralla. Guy would supervise four or five local professional artists/craftspersons to run workshops for schools, community organisations, and adult volunteers in the production of various sections of the many mosaic installations that make up the whole ... from a tiny section of the central spiral feature, to a whole picnic table top, for example. Everybody in Uralla would have the opportunity to proudly boast "I helped make that!"

We encourage residents to write a supportive letter to Ms Kate Jessep, General Manager, Uralla Shire Council, and to contact our elected Councillors.

We urge Council to adopt this as a project, apply for the funding, and thereby put Uralla on everybody's "must visit list".

Not only will it give us all a great deal of pride, but is bound to lure visitors in their droves!

Bob Anderson President Uralla Arts	Kent Mayo Chairperson Uralla Township & Environs Committee	Louis van Ekert President Uralla Historical Society
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Community groups across Uralla Shire receive Council grant funding

Community groups in Uralla Shire have received a boost for their events, projects or initiatives thanks to Uralla Shire Council's community grants programs. More than \$6,000 of funding was approved at Uralla Shire Council's Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 22nd September as part of Round One of the 2020-2021 Community Grants Program. Funding is offered across multiple categories including community development, arts and cultural development, social services, environmental initiatives, sport and recreational activities and educational support.

The recipients for Round One of the group program are:-
Uralla Neighbourhood Centre for the Uralla Garden Project.-

Kentucky Progress Association for the Kentucky Park Reserve fencing project.-

St Joseph's Catholic School Uralla for the upgrades to the school car park.

Uralla Shire Council Mayor Cr Michael Pearce, said the Council was proud of the Community Grants program which supports groups to strengthen the local community.

"We are pleased to be able to offer the Kentucky Progress Association, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre and St Joseph's Catholic School funding for these community focused projects."

Council voted unanimously to support these community projects at the last Ordinary Meeting of Council."Round Two of Council's Community Grants program will open for applications during February 2021. Individuals can also apply for a Community Grant of up to \$300 at any time of year, provided that the application is submitted at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the project or activity and meets the funding criteria. Guidelines and application forms are available on Council's Community Grants page.

Kate Jessep, Uralla Shire Council General Manager

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FIBONACCI PARK

**PRELIMINARY CONCEPT by GUY CROSSLEY
FOR DISCUSSION & DEVELOPMENT**

LEGEND

- 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



Uralla RSL Sub-Branch

We hope everyone enjoys reading about the progress and changes occurring at the Uralla Sub-Branch of the RSL. We've been getting some great feedback over the past few months and this has led to a significant increase to our ranks especially at our monthly meetings and particularly with some younger veterans coming along and seeing what we are all about. This is so great to see.

Recently we applied for a Department of Veterans Affairs grant to hold a social event for veterans in our area. We were very happy to receive this grant and we are working on holding a veterans dinner on either a Friday or Saturday evening in early November.

This is not just open to RSL members but to all veterans and their partners. We have found a great venue and are now working on a menu that will tempt our veterans to come along. We hope to get as many veterans and their partners along for a fun evening as many are feeling the effects of long term isolation from the COVID restrictions. If you would like to attend we encourage you to register your interest with us as soon as possible. Please give us a ring on 0418 460 564 or drop into our Veteran Drop In Centre on Thursday mornings between 10am and 12pm or into Thunder Graphics to register. We have to have you registered to attend as we won't be able to have anyone just turn up on the evening. We'll have more info in the next Wordsworth and on our facebook page in the coming week or two.

Our Veterans and Families Drop In Centre continues to provide assistance on Thursday mornings with our Well Being Officer Scott which is great to see. We hope that we will be able to use our newly refurbished meeting room and library soon if and when restrictions are lifted as it has been transformed into a beautiful space to meet and talk. Until next time, we wish our veterans and members all the best and good health.

Lest We Forget.

Russ French,

President Uralla Sub-Branch, RSL NSW.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I read with interest and concern that there is some confusion, Andrew Toomey's letter re rules relating to the running of a small business from home. According to the NSW Small Business Commissioner, one can operate a home business WITHOUT Council approval if: "it employs no more than 2 employees (other than those living in the residence) it has no adverse impact on the amenity of the neighbourhood by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, smell (including cooking smells), fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil, traffic generation or otherwise no more than one business identification sign is displayed any goods offered for sale are produced in the home business (goods sold on the internet cannot be collected from the premises) your business does not involve manufacture of food products* your business does not involve any skin penetration procedures*.* As per Clause 2.43 of Subdivision 22 Home businesses, home industries and home occupations of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008" Reference: www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au/get-help/home-business/home-business-getting-approval

Yours sincerely

Dr Patricia Régo, Uralla resident

Comment from Andrew Toomey

Many thanks for your contribution to this important discussion Dr Régo. Strong representation has been made to the Small Business Commissioner and lengthy discussion had as part of working through these issues. I can share that their advice was that they were an advisory body and that while their website provided guidance in good faith, it was not in any way to supersede the advice and planning authority of any local government area. They were very clear in stating that the final decision rested with Council. They did undertake to provide advice to the NSW government about remedies for the current situation though, as part of future planning. Unfortunately, that placed us back at square one and so the letters to state politicians, business people and now even the Governor of NSW continue. Cheers, Andrew

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