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Rotary Club of Uralla Art Exhibition and Sale Is Almost Here

There's more than the usual excitement in the ranks of Uralla Rotarians at the moment as they prepare for their biggest event of the year - the Uralla Art Exhibition and Sale which is opening Friday 17 March and continuing until Sunday 26.

The extra excitement is because the show returns after the non-event last year due to Covid. Not only that, members report art entries are excellent in number and quality. There are also rumours circulating that the odd leprechaun may be spotted at some time during this year's show.

Wordsworth can't confirm this but history does suggest Rotarians do attract odd leprechauns.

For the first time, the opening night on 17 March is open to everyone. (Entry \$10 for opening night, \$5 or \$4 for seniors on other days) Viewing of art works will take place with complementary drink and nibbles in hand at 6:30pm, followed by the official opening at 7:30pm. Our very talented local group, The Rocky Bottom Girls, will then entertain us.

Be sure to vote in the "People's Choice"- generously sponsored by the Uralla Bowling Club - to decide the most popular artist of the show.

If you are the sort of person who likes a big day out, you will be in for a huge treat on 25 March. This is the one day, when after voting in the state election, you will be able to visit the Rotary Art Show and then head off to Seasons of New England at the showground for some incredible food for lunch. Or do the whole thing in reverse.



Lizzie Horne. Photo courtesy of Martin Levins

This year's feature artist is local Lizzie Horne. She has been closely associated with the Black Gully Printmakers at the Museum of Printing at the New England Regional Art Museum and the New England Contemporary Print Gallery - both in Armidale. While she has a prominent reputation as a printmaker, she is also a talented painter, sculptor, published poet, children's

writer, speechwriter, copywriter and journalist. Lizzie has exhibited widely including at the Tanks Art Centre in Cairns and the Athens Printmaking Centre in Italy to mention only two.

At the local level she is very much involved in the teaching of printmaking in her own studio as well as conducting CreativiTEA workshops for Arts North West across the New England region. On opening night you will have the opportunity to talk to Lizzie about her artwork, twenty of which will be displayed.

For full details of the Rotary Arts Show, including opening hours and entry costs, see page 6.

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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.

March promises to be another huge month for the Uralla community. Last week, the producer of the ABC television series Back Roads, Damian Estall, visited Uralla in preparation for the filming of the show, which will occur at the end of this month. This will tie in with "Seasons of New England" and "Expo After Party" which will be held at the Uralla Showground on Saturday March 25. The Back Roads presenter, Heather Ewart, is a national treasure.

Next week, the Hon. Chris Bowen MP, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, will open the New England Solar Farm. This event will celebrate the first supply of solar energy into the national grid.

The 44th Rotary Art Exhibition is back in full swing following the Covid challenges over the last couple of years. The event kicks off at 6:30pm on Friday March 17. With nearly 300 paintings for sale, and music provided by the Rocky Bottom Girls, it promises to once again be a 'must attend' on the local social calendar. The exhibition will be open until Sunday March 26.

Uralla Shire Council held its February meeting in the Bundarra Memorial Hall on Tuesday February 28. As you can imagine, it gave our staff some logistical problems; however Councillors were keen to acknowledge the work carried out to refurbish the hall and provide an opportunity to hear from local residents regarding current issues. At this meeting, Councillors had the opportunity to review the draft Asset Management Plans for Water Supply, Stormwater, Buildings, and Sewer, as well as Management Plans for Roadside Vegetation and Trees. Please note the Tree Management Plan is only for trees on Council owned or managed land. All these plans are now on public exhibition for 28 days, and comments are welcome.

Council has resolved to purchase two John Deere 770GP graders for \$1,076,600 ex GST. This is an acknowledgement of the excellent amount of roadwork on the books and our improving financial position. Our 2nd quarter budget review identified \$16 million in external restrictions, \$3.7 million in internal restrictions, and over \$1 million in unrestricted cash. One area of concern is the increase in plant operating expenses, predominately due to the increase in the price of diesel. On the positive side, we have seen a significant increase in interest from investments. One positive staff initiative is the provision of a monthly finance report to provide an income statement and capital expenditure summary.

Last week, Council had a meeting with the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, which allowed us to discuss a number of relevant issues in Uralla Shire, including Rural GP shortages,

telecommunications issues, including an ongoing concern that Telstra will not support the 4G network in the future. (This item was also raised at the Bundarra Council meeting.) Other topics discussed included the progress on Federal Grant funding (we will now provide him with regular updates), the future of the UNE, and the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority in Armidale. A couple of weeks ago, the General Manager and I attended a Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors held in Sydney. The New England Zone and Orana Zone Mayors and General Managers met with EnergyCo and the Department of Planning. The Hon. Matt Keen, NSW Treasurer, also attended the second half of the meeting and he assured us that he is acutely aware of the huge disruption that will occur in regional NSW and that he is looking to ensure we are adequately compensated. You will hear me talk about "Social Licence" and "Cumulative Impact" of the renewable energy developments in the future. I hope to have confirmation of assistance with the engineering and planning needed to assess these projects in the next couple of months.

Another reminder of the generosity of the Uralla community was evident with the recent Poss Family Day for Can Assist, raising well over \$25,000. Congratulations to Wayne Poss, the Can Assist committee, and the Uralla Golf Club. The next big charity event is the Friends of McMaugh's Bowls Day, which will be held on Tuesday March 14 at the Uralla Bowling Club. Good to see underarm bowling is still legal.

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Celebrating 10 Years of the Seasons Expo

It's hard to believe that we delivered our first Expo back in March 2014 with 52 New England based, handmade businesses and 3,200 patrons who came from almost every state and territory in Australia. Now, on Saturday 25th March we will be delivering our 12th Expo, including 2 delivered virtually and by click and collect during COVID.

This year we have 120 businesses coming from right across the New England to showcase the products they make, and we are working hard to spread the word and make sure it is a sensational day for all our handmade businesses, our event patrons and the Uralla community.

Live music has always been a really important part of the Expo and we are really excited to have a number of high profile Australian musicians joining us for the Expo, and for our Expo After Party. A full schedule will be published soon but some key details are :

2pm – Max Jackson, 4pm – Ella Hooper, approx 7.45pm – King Canyon with Jimmy Cupples and 8.30pm – The Badloves.

Supporting these artists are some of our own brilliant New England musicians, so make sure you check the full line up when it comes out. There are 2 stages and 13 hours of music from 9am – 10pm.

Our kids tent with free art activities is back better than ever, there is a cup deposit scheme to keep our waste to a

minimum as always, a full bar and plenty of shady seating with even more marquees than usual.

The Expo + Kids tent runs from 9am – 5pm and the Expo After Party runs from 5pm – 10pm. Live music and bar runs from 9am – 10pm.

Further information at www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au.

Tara Toomey, Seasons of New England

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Margaret Goode's 50 Years of CWA Service

Congratulations go out this week to our dear friend Margaret Goode, in recognition of 50 years of membership and service to the Uralla CWA.

-Uralla Branch, CWA



CWA Uralla President Ann Denyer (L) and Margaret Goode
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the lives of the residents at McMaugh Gardens, Uralla.

For more information: contact the Uralla Bowling Club
or ring Rosemary Reading on 0412163444
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The game is open triples

Poss Family Fun Day For Uralla Can Assist



Mary Ann Munsie, president of
Uralla Can Assist thanking
Richard de Bruin from ACEN
Australia (New England Solar)
for their support on the day.

The fun day was held at the Uralla Golf Club with fishing at the dam for the children.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event so successful. Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes and goods to our raffle and auction.

Raffle winners were: Guy Solar, Deli Faulkner, James Toomey, Grant Clark, Steve Wilson, Frosty, Brian O'Connell, Graham Carlon, Ellie Carlon, Aaron Whackett, M Frost, Gail McFarlane, Peter Kelly, Peter Doyle, Vicki McLean, Liz Williams, Sissy Pascoe, Oscar Ayre, Em Wood, Greg Cooper, Ian Dennis, Sally Barnden, Cameron Wood, and Bailey Whitton.

The children enjoyed the fishing at the dam and lots of games at the golf club. The face painting and lolly scramble were very popular as was the jumping castle, which was sponsored by ACEN Australia (Solar Farm). Everyone enjoyed the BBQ lunch and dinner which was donated by Dale's Downtown meats and Moon's bakery. A delicious morning tea was also provided by Can Assist Members. Everyone enjoyed Marj Chappell's lovely knitted toys and items she makes throughout the year as a donation to us.

The Uralla Fire Brigade members kept the children entertained, while the many trucks and old cars on display gave everyone something else to check out. Music was provided throughout the day by the very popular Ukulele band, and Mr T and his band kept everyone entertained at night.

We would like to thank the Uralla Golf Club for allowing the fundraiser to be held at the club and Wayne Poss for the fishing at his property. The day raised in excess of \$27,000.00, which will enable Uralla Can Assist to help the many people in the Uralla community who have a battle with cancer. We appreciate all the people and businesses in this great little town of Uralla who helped us in our fundraising efforts. Thank you.

-Vicki McLean, Uralla Can Assist



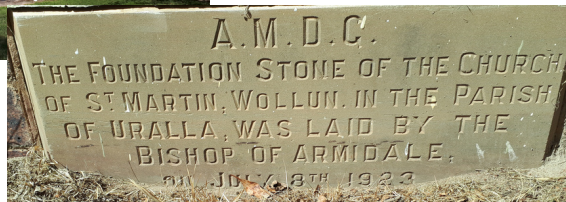
No fun day is complete without an egg
and spoon race.

St Martin's Church Wollun

Turns 100 in October



St Martin's Church, Wollun and its foundation stone dated July 8th 1923



It has been brought to the attention of Wordsworth that St Martin's Church in Wollun will have its centenary on 17 October this year.

Richard Poggioli is the great-grandson of Charles Ralph Blaxland who was a man of influence in the Wollun area. He was a driving force behind the building of the church. Mr Blaxland donated the land for the church. A fundraising effort launched shortly after to pay for its construction. Richard mentions that locals were encouraged to place money on the foundation stone of the church to help meet building costs - obviously in view of other locals, which apparently helped greatly in having most people contribute. The foundation stone was laid on 8 July 1923 by the Bishop of Armidale. Uralla builder C.G.Cooper with lots of help from the community, wasted no time completing the church. It was dedicated three months later on 17 October 1923.

Charles Blaxland's influence extended to Uralla, where he donated the financial resources to build the bell tower of St John's Church in memory of his wife Fanny. Richard reports that his great-grandfather would often say the ringing of the bell reminded him of his wife.

Richard has more recent family connections with Uralla. The brewery in Bridge Street - before it was a woolbrokers - was Poggioli's Motor Garage. He says his grandfather, Henry Hercules Poggioli was responsible for adding the blue brick facade to the front.

Richard mentioned a special service will be conducted on 15 October to celebrate St Martin's centenary. **-Editor**

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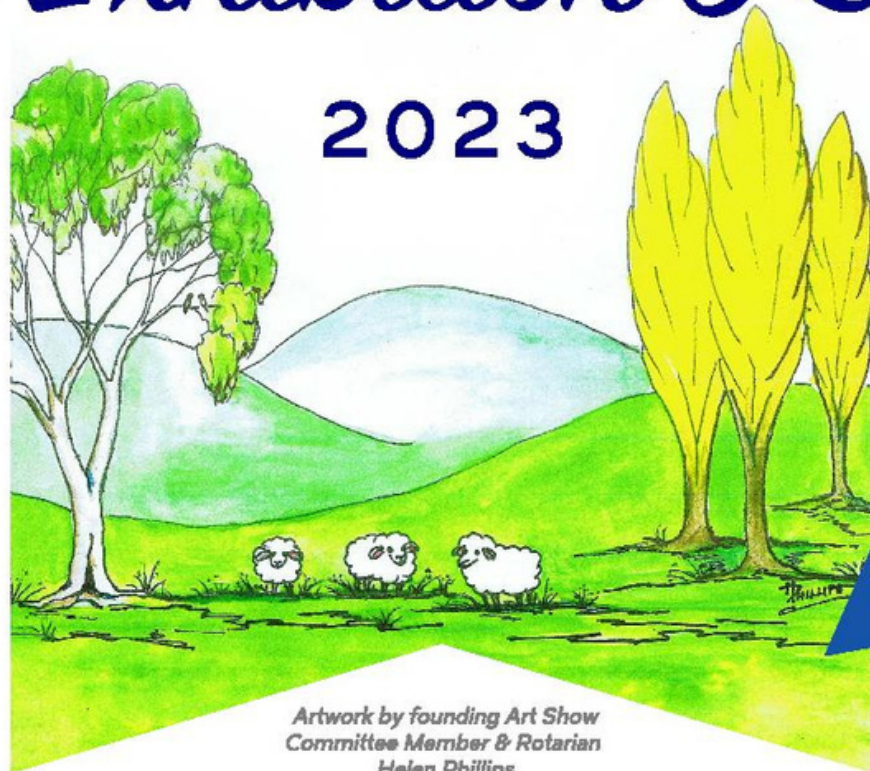


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One Hundred Words

One Hundred Words is for you, to allow you to tell us a bit about yourself or something you love or love doing. Everyone has a least several remarkable, strange or humorous stories from their past. We would like to hear about them. Email your 100 words (more or less) to urallawordsworth@gmail.com

My Job on the Old School Bus

Background: The year was 1967, my family lived at Kentucky South and I was 13 years of age. That year I was commencing 2nd Year (Year 8 now) at Uralla Intermediate High School (UIHS). Frank Holt owned the bus run and operated it for many years while attending to his orchards between the morning and afternoon runs. The run encompassed the village of Wollun, Kentucky South, Terrible Vale and Kentucky. The West family home was only a short distance away from Mr Holt's property.

Job Description: Like two of my older brothers before me, I took my turn to do the daily afternoon "parcels" on Mr Holt's bus run. After completing the morning run he would park his bus on Salisbury Street beside the old white Bridge Street timber bridge opposite the Roxy picture theatre and would then return home to tend his orchards. Throughout the morning and early afternoon various phone calls would come through to many of Uralla's business houses with orders to be delivered on the run home. Orders could be for anything but mostly for bread, meat, small grocery orders etc. The shop keepers would deliver these orders to Frank's bus but Frank would need to call on all the butchers just prior to picking up at St Joseph's School as there was no refrigerator in the bus back then.

I was the last pupil to alight from the afternoon bus unless Frank's daughter, Ellie, had not got off earlier at the Kentucky South railway siding stop.

My training for this job had started at least a year before as my brother Greg (Mick) had me ready to go for 1967. I had to know all of the property, road and lane names and of course the residents' names, and initials in some cases.

Activity: Every school day finished on the 3:30pm bell but for me there was a job to do until I got off that bus usually around 4:50pm. Upon boarding the bus I immediately started sorting the meat parcels first into order of delivery and Mr Holt would have already sorted all of the others. Doing that, Mr Holt would have a good idea of where he had to pull up even if there was no pupil to drop off.

Upside: I then had a weekly cash flow of \$1.25 for 42 weeks spread over the three school terms - and for three years straight. I disliked public holidays as there was no

pay for me. This continual cash flow was most beneficial when at the Hatcliff's Kentucky Shop especially on the weekends. I could enjoy one of George's Easter hot cross buns, lollies on any day and the occasional chocolate Wagon Wheel or maybe a single cone vanilla ice-cream. During the cold Uralla winters I also got to taste and enjoy the occasional hot meat pie from Barraclough's Bakehouse in Queen Street.

Sickness was the only reason I was absent from school. My thinking was, if I wasn't on that bus every afternoon I didn't get paid. Consequently, I had very few days absent over those three years but there was an upside for thinking that way. Being at school nearly every day paid results at examination times as well as for my cash flow. (I remember getting most improved in my class in 1966 and first in my class on two occasions in 1967 and 1968 which I put down to my excellent attendance due to doing the parcels. I remember receiving book awards for these at our speech nights at the Odd Fellows Hall in Bridge Street.)

In my last year at UIHS our class sat for the new School Certificate exam. I was pipped at the post for Dux of the school by Freddy Geldof. The following year Freddy, Johnny Green and myself attended Armidale High School to then sit for the Higher School Certificate in 1971.

Downside: Some days I got it wrong by missing someone's delivery. At the end of the school run I shouldn't have had any parcels left over but they would be duly delivered in my mother's Ford Zephyr station wagon with my eldest sister June at the wheel.

The other downside was with television then being in almost all living rooms. There was enticing advertising and I wanted to be a Marlboro cigarette man. I had the money and unfortunately it got me in. My lungs are still not quite right even though I gave up smoking up in 1984.

Life Goes On: Mr Holt gave each of my younger brothers their turn at the parcels job so altogether five West boys did this job. Without this job and income my life and school results could have been very different. Good memories.

-Robert (Billy) West, Uralla



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Salisbury Solar Renewable Energy Community Newsletter

ISSUE 2, MARCH 2023

WalchaEnergy are proposing to develop the Salisbury Solar Project between Uralla and Walcha in the New England Tablelands, NSW.

The Project includes

- A solar array generating up to 450MW of emissions free clean energy
- Battery Energy Storage System, storing up to 100 MW/150 MWh
- A new transmission line connecting the Project to the Uralla Renewable Energy Hub and the existing 330 kV network
- A Uralla Renewable Energy Hub hosting the Battery Energy Storage System, substation and switching station

The solar energy produced would send clean, carbon free, renewable power into the NSW electricity grid and will have the capacity to generate enough electricity each year to power the equivalent of 150,000 households in NSW.

Why Solar?

Australia has a target to achieve net zero emissions by 2025. This means, as a nation, we need to encourage and invest more in wind, solar and hydro-electric power stations. Solar energy

is a low cost, renewable, clean source of electricity. The battery component allows this clean energy to be stored for times when it is most needed and provides much needed strength and system security for the energy grid.

Why the proposed site?

The Salisbury Solar Project is proposed within the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) within the Uralla Shire Council. The selection of the proposed site has been based on continuous consultation with the landowners in this area and a range of opportunities and constraints. This includes the distance to the electricity grid, the density of the surrounding community, and the avoidance of environmental constraints such as listed heritage items, threatened flora and riparian areas. It also has a strong solar resource – the sun.

History and Refinement

The Scoping Report for the Proposed Salisbury Solar Project was submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment in 2019. The Planning Secretary's Environment Assessment

Requirements (SEARs) were issued on 15 August 2019.

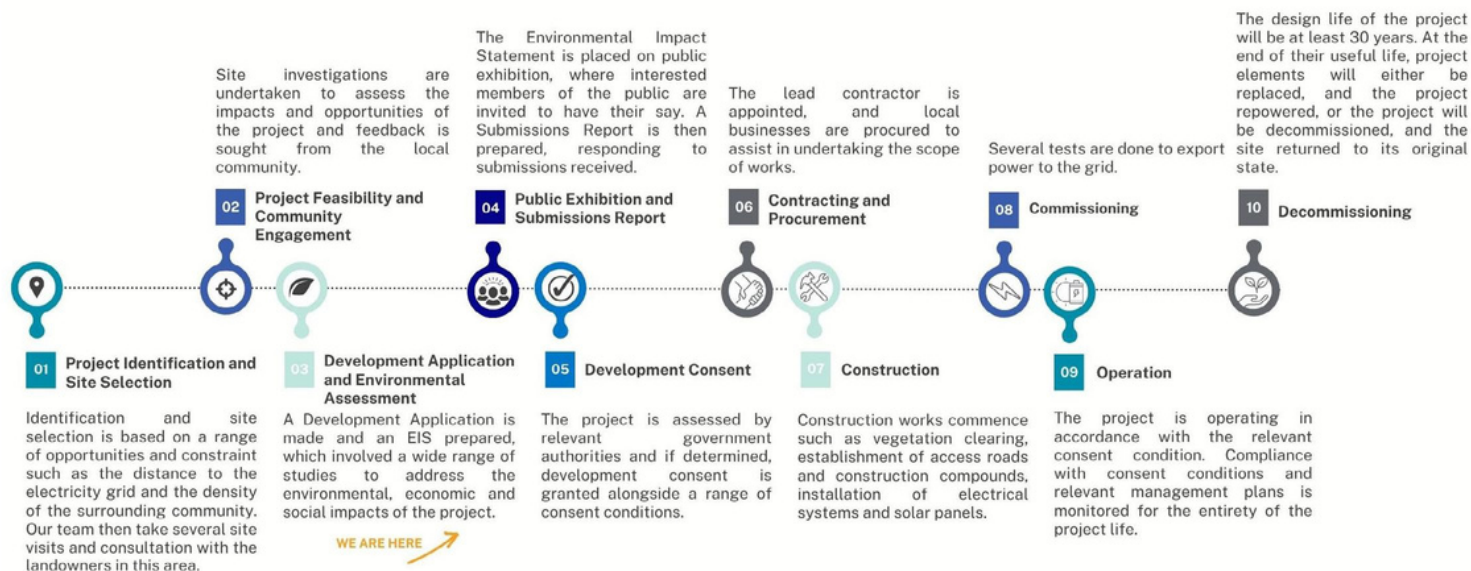
Due to a number of factors, including the drought and the Covid-19 pandemic, the Project was delayed. Since the SEARs were issued, we have revised the design to significantly reduce the development footprint to avoid environmental constraints, revising the solar generation capacity from 700MW to 450MW.

Community Engagement

Community participation and consultation are integral to the Salisbury Solar Farm Project, and we are committed to ongoing engagement with the community and stakeholders.

We want to:

- Listen to concerns or questions.
- Understand the issues and impacts the proposals may have on you, our neighbours and the wider community.
- Understand how potential impacts may be experienced from different perspectives.



Part of this information gathering will include collecting qualitative and quantitative data, evidence, and insights to inform the Social Impact Assessment. This will be undertaken by an independent consultant – AAP Consulting. If you'd like to participate, follow this QR code to their online survey.



► Upcoming community drop-in sessions

We are hosting two community drop in sessions and encourage you to come along.

The forums will allow the community to learn more about the Project and have your say.

When: 22nd and 29th March 2023

Where: Uralla Bowling Club

Time: Drop in anytime between 4pm and 7pm

agriculture, visual, noise, traffic and bushfire studies, to name a few.

Transport routes that may be utilised for the Project are also being investigated and assessed to determine potential upgrades that may be required to existing Council roads to enable site access for components and staff during project construction and operation. These upgrades to public roads will also benefit the community. The Traffic and Transport Impact Assessment will determine appropriate mitigation for increased traffic volumes during the Project's construction period.

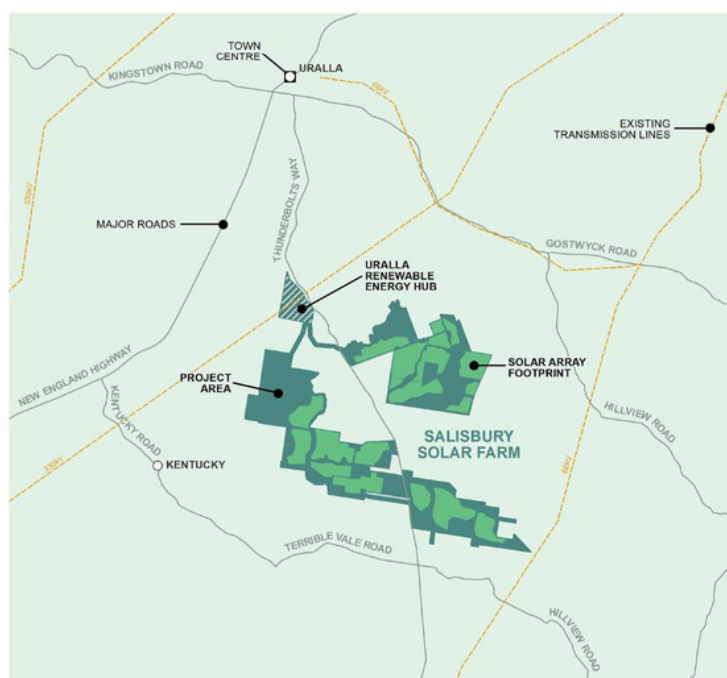
The EIS is expected to be released for public exhibition in late 2023. Public submissions on the EIS are welcomed and the community will be notified once it is released.

Next Steps – Environmental Impact Statement

The Project is classified as a State Significant Development and will undergo a rigorous assessment process by State and Commonwealth Governments.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared in accordance with SEARs and requires a range of technical studies to assess the existing environment and all predicted impacts and benefits of the proposed Project. The EIS will detail the potential impacts and opportunities for avoiding, minimising or mitigating these impacts.

Independent specialists have been carrying out practical investigations to inform their assessments. This includes detailed biodiversity, Aboriginal and historical heritage,



Success for Koala Vehicle Sign Strategy in Uralla

Between the end of 2021 and beginning of 2022, three koalas were found dead on the side of the highway near the Uralla Golf Club. Five koalas were hit by vehicles along this stretch of road from 2020-21. These incidences sparked WIRES volunteers and concerned community members to reach out to Southern New England Landcare for assistance to reduce the koala vehicle strikes in the area.

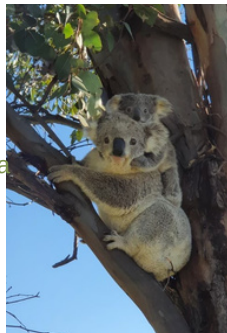
The Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership Program (NTKPP) teamed up with Uralla Shire Council and Uralla Golf Club to deliver actions and information to the community to help reduce koala vehicle strike, including placing two variable message signs at each end of the koala vehicle strike hotspot area from September 2022 to February 2023 to alert drivers of the koala strike zone and urge them to slow down.

Fortunately, over this breeding season no koala vehicle strikes have been reported, indicating the signs have helped encourage drivers to slow down and watch out for koalas. The NTKPP extends its thanks and gratitude to drivers and the community for helping achieve this goal in 2022-23. The program will be repeated commencing in September this year.

-Des Andersen, Koala Conservation Officer, Southern New England Landcare



Right: This koala and little joey were photographed on the Uralla Golf Course.



Running Wild – Episode 4 – ‘Shots Fired !’

2. Recap. *In the Hills of Gold, the folk of Nundle Town were rallying from their Christmas slumber. The butcher shops were processing meats from the Wetheralls’ killing yards and Will was kept busy with his long list of daily chores.*

It was early this morning that Lanagan (Stu) from Bingara, came into Nundle town, with a string of freshly caught codfish, catfish and few blackfish. All taken from the nearby Peel River, just as the sun rose.

Stu often had fresher news than anyone else, as he moved around the district chasing fish on the bite. He sold to the dining tables of those who would pay good money for fresh fish. A welcome change from a mostly meat diet, cabbage and the odd wallaby, if things were tight.

He had been out Moree way on the Gwydir, chasing big codfish, there he had shared some grog with another nomad fish merchant, Humphries. Humphries from Moree generally fished the Big Leather, Gingham and the Mehi River when it had water, following it all the way down to the Barwon.

Stu had been in the district this past week, selling fish from the Peel and Cockburn to the good folk of Tamworth. He then followed the Peel upstream to Nundle, catching up with some mates he knew close by. Many said that Lanagan also prospected along his fishing route, but he denied any interest in the ‘shiny stuff’. ‘Shining fish will do me’ Stu would say.

When fish are on the bite, Stu would be there, an inbuilt sense to read the weather patters and move to the best rivers to find the fish. A relatively lucrative trade, for the rivers were full of fish when the time is right. Codfish, Yellow Belly, Catfish and Blackfish from the Peel, Namoi, Gwydir and Severn Rivers were his stock and trade.

From the front of the butcher shop, Stu quickly sold his catch, but not before Howarth bought a brace and invited him indoors to hear his latest news.

In the cool of the shop Stu held court, telling the story to a crowd. The story of ‘The Captain’ and his gang, who had held up the Inverell Cobb & Co Coach along the track to Tingha. Humphries told him the tale, having heard it from the innkeeper's daughter he was sweet on. For the girl Carol had seen the whole thing unfold before her eyes that day.

Seems after the coach holdup, ‘The Captain’ and his three men rode hard from Tingha, fording the Gwydir at Gravesend, then on across the plains to the Inn at Millie, some 30 miles southwest of Moree township. The gang had been resting up, helping themselves to free grogs, while holding the innkeeper Mr Walford at gun point. A shootout ensued when Constables Dalton, Norris, Lynch and their trooper rode in.

-Daryl Albertson, Kellys Plains



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Paediatric Defibrillator for Uralla Preschool

Uralla Preschool has been researching the benefits of installing a defibrillator at the preschool. Every year all educators participate in an Asthma, Anaphylaxis and CPR course in which knowing how to use a defibrillator is a significant component of this skill/knowledge acquisition.

Heart Failure is a condition when the heart fails to pump blood around the body and can be the result of a genetic or lifestyle conditions. In most cases, a heart failure incidence may occur without warning and can occur at any age. Immediate first aid drastically increases the prospect of recovery.

New England Solar were very quick to financially support this project through the New England Solar Grant Scheme. This is the second contribution to Uralla Preschool from NE Solar. The preschool is extremely grateful for their continued support.

A paediatric defibrillator can be used on infants, children and adults making the machine incredibly useful to assist anyone in need.

There is comfort in knowing that we have the resources and skills to be able to use this if required, but of course hoping never to put this into use. The Department of Health is in the process of building a registry of defibrillators on NSW.

-Anne Percy, Uralla Preschool



Just in case. The installed defibrillator at Uralla Preschool.

Community Energy Options for Uralla

There's been a lot of discussion about large scale renewable energy projects lately, but this upcoming event is something that might be a bit easier to sink your teeth into!

On Monday 20 March, ZNET Uralla is hosting a Community Energy event. Guest presenters include Kim Mallee from the non-profit Community Power Agency, who will give an overview of different models for small – medium scale energy projects, including the new Haystacks Solar Garden.

If you're keen to 'go solar' for the economic and environmental benefits, but don't have a suitable roof on your home or business premises to do so, the Haystacks Solar Garden might be an option for you.

Meralli Solar will talk about their experiences building utility-scale solar projects throughout regional NSW and provide an update on the proposed Thunderbolt Solar Farm located on the outskirts of Uralla.

The event will be held at 7pm – 8.30pm, Monday 20 March at Uralla Community Centre, 9 Hill St Uralla. Please RSVP to coordinator@zneturalla.org.au or 0420 514 653. A light supper will be provided.

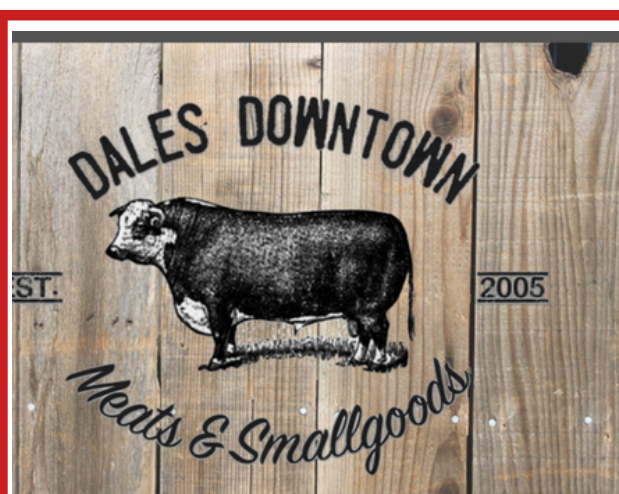
Heidi McElnea, ZNET Uralla and Community Power Agency

St. Patrick's Day Lunch and Celebrations

The United Hospital Auxiliaries Uralla Branch extends an invitation to you to attend our St. Patrick's Day
Lunch and Celebrations at the Uralla Golf Club
on

Friday, 17 March at 12 for 12.30 pm – cost \$25

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Slow down
Roadwork
Take care – men at work
Soft shoulders
Drive safely
Stop here on red light

On any app. or map you have, it is clear that there are problems with the roads. There are a lot of potholes and road repairs ahead around almost every turn. There has been a lot of rain and an increase in post-Covid traffic including trucks, caravans, mobile homes, four-wheel drives, and motorbikes.

Never having been sure of the road building process I watch and wonder at the appearance of, at times, almost perfectly round and very deep holes. I decided recently that what is needed is a grading system. It could be something like this:

1. Shallow widespread damage on the sides of the road
2. Surprise holes under water (puddles) anywhere on the road
3. Deep holes
4. Fairly deep holes
5. Very deep holes
6. Random deep and shallow holes
7. Broken road surface ahead
8. 'Follow-the-leader' ahead for 57kms
9. 'Dodgem' section ahead – please wear gloves and goggles
10. Free sausage sizzle 5km ahead for those who make it through.

Definitions also help in our understanding:

"Going the same way" hazards

- When the car in front, hits potholes and the stones and water come at you unexpectedly.
- When the car in front goes through a pothole that you would have dodged.
- When the driver in front brakes every 5 seconds whether he/she needs to or not.

"Cars coming at you" hazards

- Secondary hazards are stones thrown up from oncoming cars, as they fly past and hit every pothole that they couldn't dodge, because you took up their space.
- When the car coming towards you is over the white line to avoid a pothole and you end up in the gutter.

Agreement with your passengers should be gained prior to

setting off on your journey. An honest disclosure about the ways in which they will indicate their fear, displeasure, panic or all of these, is important so you know what you're dealing with from inside the vehicle. There are often two types of alert: "pre-impact sightings" and then "after-impact expressions". The particular sounds and the expected decibels reached are all very important details. Some examples:

"Oh wow, that was a beauty!"

"Holy Dooley looks like it's a sink hole."

"What was that?"

"There's another one....."

N.B. there are many other unprintable versions.

Deciding who will be in the front passenger seat is also a challenge. Squealers, yellers and breath-suckers are all to be considered as are the 'post-hit' candidate people aka whiners, whingers and moaners.

There are some differences in wet and dry weather driving. When it's raining, avoiding the 'grooves' and taking the high ground is the general rule. This works best if there's no other traffic doing the same coming at you. Taking the high road becomes a dangerous decision if that happens – as in life really. Stay safe

-Kathrine Arnold, Uralla



Uralla, We Need Your Help

It's that time of the year again. Over the next couple of weeks we will be getting ready for our annual Lantern Parade and we need volunteers to help prepare lanterns for sale at Seasons of New England and to assist with our school workshops. If you would like to be involved please contact Bob Anderson on 0412424718 or randerson84@bigpond.com

-Bob Anderson, Uralla Arts

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Paco Lara Packs Out McCrossin's Mill



Over a hundred people piled into McCrossin's Mill last Sunday week to be treated to a precision performance of traditional Spanish music by Paco Lara playing Jerez style flamenco guitar, Deya Miranda, flamenco dancer and Byron Mark on keyboard and percussion. Paco has been described as the best and most authentic flamenco guitarist in the Southern Hemisphere and the audience's delighted response suggests this may well be the case.

Bob Anderson of Uralla Arts, says that there is more live music to enjoy in the weeks ahead. Thora Phillips, Australian singer-songwriter and guitar virtuoso, whose music is stirring up a storm across Australia, is performing at the Mill on Saturday 11 March from 7pm. A week later on 18 March, Jex Lopez, will be in Uralla. She is described as "an artist masquerading as a skeleton and creating dark and quirky tales with piano and voice." So much not to be missed! If you have never been to one of these performances, perhaps you should turn up and see what you have been missing. **-Editor**

Rotarians Unpack 270 Delightful Surprises



Rotarians Peter Phillips, Michael Batt, Clare Mailler (President), John Buckingham (Show Chairman) take a sneak preview of some of the artworks arriving for the Uralla Rotary Art Show and Sale

Organising the Uralla Rotary Art Show and Sale involves a lot of hard work and long term preparation by Uralla Rotarians, but what a delightful task it must be to witness the unpacking of the artworks as they arrive. This year, around 270 paintings from 70 artists will be on display at the art show at the Uralla Memorial Hall, opening Friday 17 March at 6:30pm. At 7:30pm Mayor Robert Bell will open the event. Our local member Adam Marshall will also be attending.

The Art Exhibition is Uralla Rotary's main fundraiser for the year. Proceeds allow the club to continue projects within our community, most recently being the purchase, supply and installation of covered seating at Uralla Cemetery.

Uralla Rotary wishes to thank the NSW State Government in association with Uralla Shire Council for their support which has allowed them to host the event. For further information contact the club secretary on 0428688065.

-Information provided by John Buckingham, Chairman, Uralla Rotary Art Show



Installation of three sheltered seats at the Uralla Cemetery - another successfully completed Rotary project.

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 RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury 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 Brewery Book Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, 5pm at the brewery

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

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

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

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

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

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

Events for March

***Uralla Arts presents, Thora Phillips**, Saturday 11 March at McCrossin's Mill, 7pm.

***McMaugh Gardens Charity Fun Day**, Tues 14 March, Information: Uralla Bowling Club, Rosemary Reading on 0412163444 or rosemary.reading@bigpond.com

***44th Annual Uralla Rotary Art Exhibition**, 17 - 27 March, Uralla Memorial Hall, See page 6 for daily opening times.

***Uralla Arts presents, Jex Lopez**, Saturday 18 March, At the Mill, "An artist masquerading as a skeleton and creating dark and quirky tales with piano and voice."

***ZNET Uralla, Community Energy Event**, 7pm – 8.30pm, Monday 20 March at Uralla Community Centre, Please RSVP to coordinator@zneturalla.org.au or 0420 514 653.

***Walcha Energy (Salisbury Solar Project) Community Drop in Session**, 22 March, Uralla Bowling Club, drop in anytime between 4 and 7pm.

***Seasons of New England**, Saturday 25 March, Uralla Showground. 9am-5pm, followed by.....

***The Expo After Party**, following Seasons of New England, live music, street food and bar, close at 10pm. See advertisement front page.

***Walcha Energy (Salisbury Solar Project) Community Drop in Session**, 29 March, Uralla Bowling Club, drop in anytime between 4 and 7pm.

The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunty Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust

Dear Aunty Bob,
Glad you're there for me again. I have heard rumours that Cafe Elm is short of soft wood for their toasted sandwiches. Should we order a load of wood?

-Old Woodville Resident

Dear old Woodville resident,
Before we order wood there are a couple of things that need addressing. Firstly I need to see the Elm's menu, which I believe they have updated. Secondly I believe that they recently had a visit from Matt Moran and he was seen leaving the restaurant spitting chips. I would suggest we wait on his review before purchasing more stock. Regards

-Aunty Bob

Dear Uncle Dorothy,
I recently fell in love with a wonderful man. It was love at first sight. He's a member of a bikie club, and was recently released from jail, after serving time for fraud, money laundering, drug dealing and assault. He is also a member of the Liberal party. I want him to meet my family. Do you think I should tell them he's a member of the Liberal party? Thanking you.

-Desperate

Dear Desperate
Congratulations. Feel happy that you have met someone and are experiencing love. It might be a little too early to take him home to your parents. Could I suggest you wait, at least till the further charges for 'public nuisance' and 'discharging a firearm' are dealt with? He may not be visiting your parents, but you might be visiting him.

If not, then I would take him home to meet them. You could describe him thus: "He's very good looking, has seen a lot of life, and is liberal in his philosophy." Should it come up, you could tell them that the size of his 'I' is small... No big 'L' to be seen. They will get it, but he may not.

Good luck, but if all else fails, remember the other fish swimming in the ocean. Regards.

-Uncle Dorothy

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is
5pm Thursday 16 March 2023.
Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor, 100 Words, and articles to
urallawordsworth@gmail.com

Community Messages

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

The **Farmgate Support** program provides peer support, counselling, information and advocacy for rural people living in farming communities or on farm. Our team includes Peer support workers and social workers. We travel to farms or meet people in their local area across the Hunter New England Local Health District. People can self refer or be referred, with their consent, by calling 0477 322 851 or email:

HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au

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at Uralla Shire Council.

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Puma	175.9	194.9
Invergowrie	182.0	195.0
BP	177.9	209.9
Kentucky	195.9	215.9
Prices as of Sun. 5 March 2023		
Source: NSW FuelCheck		

Uralla Community Street Store

6 - 12 March - Aboriginal Elders
13 -19 March - Rocky River Public School

Call Uralla Shire Council to book - 6778 6300

To download the 2023 street stall schedule go to:

<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Uralla-Community-Street-Store>

Or search online: Uralla Community Street Store

Work continues to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage

The area near an Aboriginal cultural heritage site next to the New England Solar project is being prepared for re-seeding under plans to help restore native vegetation and protect the significant site.

The site includes a meeting place at a small rocky outcrop that was identified as part of field surveys around five years ago for the solar and battery project assessment and approvals process.

It includes a significant grinding groove site where it is believed Aboriginal people gathered to learn, celebrate events and trade, as well as other significant items such as scar trees and stone artefacts.

A team from Iwatta Kyuna Management, which translates to Echidna Land Management, has been mowing grass, slashing and spraying weeds and shrubs to help control invasive weeds and protect the site from wildfires.

The maintenance work will prepare the area surrounding the site for seeding of native plants and help rejuvenate bush tucker and medicinal plants.



Iwatta Kyuna Management maintenance crew Robert Daley, Daphne Blair, Nathaniel Daley-Cutmore, Sammi-Li Blair and Patrick Smith



New England Solar trees bring new life to Peel River

A small number of paddock trees removed from the New England Solar project site will be used as tree snags in the Peel River, as part of an important environmental initiative designed to improve biodiversity and native fish breeding habitat.

About 50 hardwood trees will be installed along a 30-kilometre stretch of river downstream of Chaffey Dam towards Tamworth, as part of WaterNSW's Chaffey Dam pipeline biodiversity offset plan.

Each snag will be placed carefully in the river to reduce erosion by protecting riverbanks and support aquatic habitats.

Macroinvertebrates, or water bugs, graze on the wood and microbes that grow on the snags, which provide food and protection for native fish, frogs and birds.

Snags are a natural feature that accumulate over time as trees, branches and root masses fall into rivers due to flooding, bank erosion, wind or limb shedding.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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