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Applications for Community Grants Now Open

Uralla Shire Council's Community Grants program is open for community groups and organisations to apply for grants of up to \$3000 for eligible projects, activities, or events.

Uralla Shire Council Mayor Robert Bell reflected on the opportunity the grants provide to support the range of local projects initiated by community groups.

"We're lucky to have many proactive community groups whose contributions make Uralla Shire such a vibrant and welcoming place," said Mayor Bell.

"The Community Grants Program is one of the ways Council is able to assist the fantastic work of our community organisations each year," said Mayor Bell.

The Community Grants Program provides financial support to community groups and organisations to undertake projects, run activities and events or purchase items which benefit the Uralla Shire community under the following categories:

- Community development
- Arts and cultural development
- Social services
- Environmental initiatives
- Sport and recreational activities
- Educational support

Uralla Shire Council General Manager Ms Kate Jessep is encouraging groups to get in touch with Council if they have any questions about the application process.



Uralla Garden project

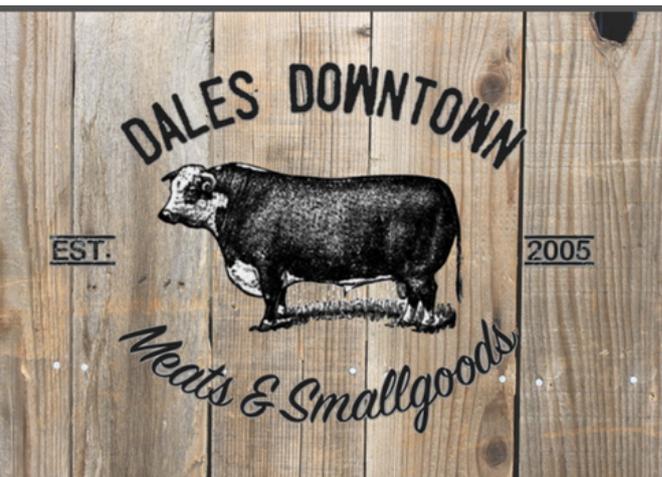
"Council is pleased to support a wide range of projects as part of the Community Grants Program. New and creative ideas are very welcome," Ms Jessep said.

Individuals can also apply for a Community Grant for up to \$300 any time of year, provided that the application is submitted at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the project or activity.

Guidelines and application forms are available on Council's Community Grants page:

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

Congratulations to Chris Pyros, Bev Niland, Cheryl Nolan and their team for organising a most enjoyable Australia Day parade, Citizenship Ceremony, Awards Presentation and Talent Quest. The local tradies were out in mass, highlighting the vast diversity of skills in our shire. What an inspired choice inviting Keith Potger, AO, along with his partner Elizabeth Hawkes, to Uralla as our Australia Day Ambassador. They were both extremely generous with their time, and those present were fortunate to not only hear Keith sing three Seekers' hit songs, but perform a duet with June Gregory, which will long be remembered.

Allan Rummery was a well-deserved recipient of the Uralla Citizen of the Year Award. He and the Board at the Uralla Bowling Club, together with Secretary Helen Avery and staff, have done a remarkable job running a successful club during the huge challenges of the last couple of years. Their support for the community bus to also assist the Golf Club has been widely appreciated in the town, as we struggle with no taxi service.

The public meeting held on January 27 at the Uralla Community Centre to discuss the Public Spaces Legacy Program was attended by around 50 local residents. The meeting was addressed by "Civille" consultants. There was overwhelming agreement on the design for Pioneer Park, Rotary Park, Constellations of the South, and the Glen. Council will need to collate all the public submissions prior to a final decision. Setting priorities once more detailed estimates are produced will also be a challenge. Councillors are well aware of the need not to increase the ongoing maintenance costs of these proposed projects once they have been constructed.

Last Wednesday, Deputy Mayor, Clr Bob Crouch, and I took up an invitation to meet with Adam Marshall, MP. The recent changes in the State Government Cabinet have allowed Adam to spend more time in his electorate. He continues to be a great supporter of Uralla Shire. We had an opportunity to discuss progress on the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme and the new bridge at Tolleys Gully on Thunderbolts Way. Given the huge State Government financial support for both these projects, we will be keen to invite him to perform the opening of each. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Adam during my term as Mayor.

Huge news on the Renewable Energy front with the formal announcement of our region being recognised as a Renewable Energy Zone. The NSW Government has committed \$78 million to support the development of the New England Renewable Energy Zone. The challenge for Uralla is to maximise the benefits and manage the

challenges that this investment will bring. We are already witnessing pressure on our housing and rental accommodation.

Discussions are ongoing with the Uralla Business Chamber regarding holding a forum with developers and professionals in this field, on how best to promote Uralla Shire as a great place to do business. The Chamber will be seeking suggestions and recommendations on how best to remove any barriers to the development that is required to make us continue to be a strong, vibrant, and financially viable community.

A number of concerned businesses have raised issues regarding the recent leveeing of liquid trade waste charges. Councillors and staff are working on ensuring these charges are fair and equitable. If you have any concerns, please contact the Council. We are keen to ensure this matter is sorted as soon as possible. The Uralla Business Chamber is also canvassing its members to determine the level of concern.

Congratulations to Michael Hull on having his photo of Barnaby Joyce and Vicki Champion's engagement on the front page of the January 23rd edition of the Sunday Telegraph. Between golf and photography, Michael should have plenty to do if he sells his dry cleaning business.

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Robert Bell,
Uralla Shire Resident





Uralla Shire Business Chamber (USBC)
will host a developers forum on the
23rd February 2022
at 7.00pm
at the Uralla Memorial Hall.

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Invitation to discuss and develop recommendations to improve development opportunities in the Uralla Shire for Developers, Consultants, and Trades.

Those attending will have an opportunity to discuss directly with the new Uralla Shire Councillors and General Manager their concerns and solutions to improving development pathways in the Uralla Shire.

This follows the very well attended USBC Forum in October 2020 which brought forward some major concerns although did not address in detail where the Uralla Shire Council could make real inroads towards best practice.

The Uralla Shire’s new councillors have expressed a real desire to hear and understand the concerns of the people who are at the coal face of development.

David Mailler
President
Uralla Shire Business Chamber

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Lace at the Library

Last Tuesday 1 February saw members of the New England Lace Group busily putting up a wonderful lace installation on the walls of Uralla Library, in preparation for the 'Spaces Make Lace' Gala Weekend in Uralla on 12-13 February. The lacework was inspired by Monet's 'The Dancers' and was created by Vicky Taylor, Uralla Library Artist of the Month.

For more information on the artist of the month programme, visit

<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Services/Library-Services/Artist-of-the-Month>



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"The Dancers" lacework being installed

From left to right: Vicky Taylor, Megan Robinson, Annemieke English



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17th Feb 2022.**

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Uralla Bowlo Rolls Up For Australia Day

Wednesday 26 February saw the Uralla Bowlo turn out to celebrate Australia Day. Our day began with representatives from all sections of the Club taking part in the Australia Day Parade. And what a parade it was! So many participants.

Uralla Bowlo was joined on the day by members of the Uralla Golf Club who generously provided an escort with their golf buggies so that our older and infirm members could comfortably take part in the parade. We appreciate their support, and it was so lovely to see the two sports clubs working together. Our photo today shows Les Ford escorting Norma Faint, Uralla Women's Bowling Club's oldest affiliated member. Les, a spritely 94-year-old gentleman is still playing golf a couple of times a week!

The official part of Australia day gave us all a lovely surprise when Uralla's Australia Day Ambassador, Keith Potger of The Seekers fame, presented Allan Rummery with the Citizen of the Year Award. Not to be outdone, Judy Bray received the Australia Day Sport Award. Congratulations to you both!

And last, but not least, our Australia Day culminated with an enjoyable game of barefoot bowling. As well as our usual bowlers we were delighted to see some newcomers to bowls joining us for the afternoon. After a few pointers from April Fulton, they showed themselves eager to try a game. We hope they enjoyed themselves and will want to come again. The day concluded with a tasty sausage sizzle, while we sheltered from the rain which held off just long enough.

Pauline Crouch
Publicity Officer, UWBC



Norma Faint and Les Ford

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Allan Rummery and Judy Bray

Public Presentation on Park Proposals

On Thursday evening Jan 27th at the Community Centre, Senior Council Officer Terry Seymour welcomed attendees to an "Information Session" about the proposals by Landscape Architect consultants "Civille" of Sydney for the upgrades of The Glen, Rotary Park, and Pioneer Park. There was a strong supportive contingent of newly elected Councillors among the fifty participants, a most refreshing indication that "the times they are a-changin'."

Representatives of "Civille", David and Joppe, had obviously heeded submissions from the public as they displayed their draft plans in a power point presentation. There was an in-depth discussion about the scope of "The Glen" development. Rotarians Michael Batt and Cr Leanne Doran expressed their approval of the Rotary Park design, and offered further suggestions.

The meeting was then presented with two images of the preliminary plans for Fibonacci Park, the first a watercolour interpretation of Guy Crosley's concept by local artist Ann Hacker, featuring Crosley's dramatic mosaic features, a community produced series of highly creative projects.

The second, by "Civille", interpreted Crosley's spiral in a somewhat different way.

The upshot of the lively Fibonacci Park discussion was that there might be some combination of elements of both designs that will produce a unique passive recreation Park for the enjoyment and pride of local families, and a memorable attraction for the tourism trade.

It is anticipated that "Civille" will soon return to refine the concepts with Guy Crosley and Uralla Arts prior to further public consultation.

Thank you "Civille", Uralla Shire Council, and all those who lent their support and creative ideas.

We eagerly await the next instalment.

Bob Anderson and Andrew Parker, Uralla Arts.



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Community Calendar

Please email urallawordsworth@gmail.com if you have an event or meeting for the Uralla Shire

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 meeting

Uralla Lions Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5/5.30 in the CWA Rooms

Uralla Fire & Rescue meet on Tuesday nights at the Uralla Fire Station from 6-7.30pm

Uralla CWA meets on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am at CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

Uralla Computer Bank is open Mon, Tues & Thurs from 9.30am – 3.30pm at Uralla Shire Waste Depot

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

Uralla Hospital Auxiliary 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 6pm at the Uralla Bowling Club

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

Uralla Tennis Term 4 Social tennis 6:30pm Tuesdays. Free court hire. Go to www.play.tennis.com/court-hire/ to book a court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Sue on 0419149244 or Geneva on 0430440171

Uralla Food Pantry, Mondays 11am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, and fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Further information from the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Ph: 6778 3277 or email : office@unc.org.au Donations welcomed.

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

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 at the Uralla Showground

Events for February - March

UPC/AC Renewables Modification Application

Enquiries Tuesday 8 Feb 2.00-6.00pm, 96 Bridge St

Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Public lecture, book through Trybooking, Wednesday 9 February, 6pm, Michael Hoskins Centre, TAS Armidale

New England Lace Group & Uralla Historical Society

Spaces Make Lace Gala Weekend, Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 February, McCrossin's Mill, Uralla Library and elsewhere in Uralla CBD

Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 22 February 2022 12:30pm, Council Chambers

Uralla Shire Business Chamber Developers' Forum, Uralla Memorial Hall, 7pm, Wednesday 23 February

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Seasons of New England

Uralla's Seasons of New England Expo is ON for 2022!

Set down for Saturday 26th March 2022, from 9am – 5pm, organiser Tara Toomey said that almost 100 New England based handmade businesses have already signed up to come along and the live music for the day is now being finalised.

“Despite some other events being cancelled, we want to assure everyone that the Seasons Expo is going ahead for 2022. With a huge outdoor area to hold the Expo safely, meaning plenty of space between businesses, a longer day for everyone to take their time coming along, plenty of hand sanitising stations and room to spread out, we are really pleased to be in the final stages of planning the details of the event now.”

“Seasons has always been dedicated to showcasing the New England, and has become well established now as the forum to discover the region through the delicious and beautiful products that are made here. Not to mention the New England characters that make them.”

From the farmers and apiarists, to the butchers, jewellers and candle makers, the personalities are worth the trip alone. For 2022, the Expo is drawing all those businesses, from across the region, out of the villages, hamlets, towns and cities, and bringing them to a wonderful, open, country showground for the day. It's important for businesses to come together and, for the rest of us to be reminded of what makes living in the New England so special again.

It seems extraordinary that an event of this size is held in a town of less than 3000 people but organiser Tara Toomey maintains that this is one of the reasons the event has been so successful.

“The town really turns out to welcome the patrons of the event. It's a beautiful town, already full of so many creative and talented people – and fabulous food! - that it is no surprise that people take their time and make a weekend of it,” she said.

“But the best part is that the people who discover Uralla by coming to the Seasons of New England Expo, go on to return to the New England and become regular visitors. It's a real win-win,” she said.

The event is a true regional showcase. All stallholders are based in the New England and are the maker, grower or producer of the products they sell. A unique shopping experience with a full bar on site, plenty of great food to choose from, superb live music throughout the day, lots of shady spots to relax and a shady kids tent with free activities make for lots of reasons to make a day of it.

“By having everyone together in one spot it really makes it easy to get a feel for the enormous talent on offer here in the New England.”

Tara Toomey, Event Organiser, Seasons of New England

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editors,

The piece on page 4 of Uralla Wordsworth issue 81 'Why Australia Day Is On 26 January' says "Australia Day does not celebrate the arrival of the First Fleet. Captain Cook landed in Sydney on 28 April 1770. On 26 January 1949 the Australian nationality came into existence with the passing of the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948."

The author is seeming to say that people think Australia Day is about Cook. We all know that's wrong.

The author goes on to say "On 26 January 1949 the Australian nationality came into existence with the passing of the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948." This maybe correct. Although it was the date of assent 21 Dec 1948 and came into being 26th Jan 1949. The Australian Citizen act 04 1948-49 was repealed and replaced by a new act in 1953.

All this maybe true but the fact remains that Capt Arthur Phillip arrived in "Port Jackson on 26th Jan 1788" . which is the day we celebrate Australia Day. I'm sure when "Australian nationality" was declared in 1948-9 that date was not the reason that Australia Day is celebrated, but Phillip's landing is.

Colin Wood, Uralla resident

Uralla Community Street Store

Pathfinders 7 - 13 February

WIRES 14 - 20 February

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ADFAS Armidale lecture

Wednesday 9th February at

Michael Hoskins Centre, TAS 6pm

Dr Karen Pearlman

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In the first 120 years of filmmaking in Australia women have played powerful and influential roles behind and in front of the camera. This lively lecture, illustrated with an array of clips and images, reveals the work of women in defining film form and creating the images of ourselves that we export to the world.

Karen Pearlman is an experienced film editor and educator, and senior lecturer in Screen Production at Macquarie University.

Guest bookings \$25 per lecture. Booking online is necessary through Trybooking as numbers are limited. Supper served afterwards.

A Rare Animal

An interesting article from the Uralla News of 1907: A Rare Animal.

One day last week as Master Milo O'Connor was out shooting in the neighbourhood of Kentucky Creek his attention was attracted by an inequality in the surface of the ground, showing signs of recent disturbance. This circumstance, coupled with the fact that a few grass stems could be seen sticking up through the newly-disturbed earth, made him imagine that he had located a kangaroo-rat's nest built upon a new pattern. Divesting himself of his gun, he sneaked cautiously up and pounced upon the invisible occupant. After extricating the latter from its snug and wonderfully inconspicuous home, he found that he had captured – not a "rat," but one of those rare and pretty specimens of our native fauna – a banded hare-kangaroo. Needless to say, Master Milo treated the little creature kindly, carrying it home in order to make a pet of it; but as there are cats on the premises, his future success, we are afraid, is rather problematic.

I contacted the Australian Wildlife Organisation with my query re the Banded Hare-kangaroo, as the last sighting was in the wild on the Australian mainland in 1906, and certainly not in northern NSW. It was suggested that what Master O'Connor had captured was possibly an Eastern Hare-wallaby, although his capture was some 20 years after the last recorded observation. The Eastern Hare-wallaby were once detected in central and northern NSW, although Uralla would be a little further north than historic detections.

Kay Adams, Uralla History Hub



Lagostrophus fasciatus - Eastern Hare-wallaby

Fuel Watch	7 February 2022	
	ULP	Diesel
Mobil	163.9	166.9
Invergowrie	167.0	166.0
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Poultry Auction and High Country Markets

Starting this month, Uralla Showground will be hosting both the High Country Markets and the long-established Poultry Auction on the first Sunday of every month, from 8am onwards. It is good to see the Showground increasingly becoming the centre of activities in Uralla, not just because Covid restrictions are being lifted, resulting for instance in the Uralla Show returning, but more significantly because more people are interested in having activities at the Showground, an example of which is the Armidale Riding Club holding an event at the Showground during last month. The funding grant for a new equine arena for the Showground is covered elsewhere in this paper. The Seasons of New England Expo will held there on Saturday 26 March, the list goes on. To the right are some impressions of last Sunday at the Showground. We are already looking forward to next month!



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Uralla to Gain New Equine Arena

A new multi-purpose equine arena will unlock the true economic potential of Uralla Showground after three years of major upgrades, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall today announcing a \$107,740 State Government grant for the Uralla Pony Club and Uralla Campdraft and Sporting Club to fully construct the regional facility.

Mr Marshall said the multi-purpose arena will be the cherry on top of \$389,392 in recent facility upgrades made to make Uralla Showground a premier equine and community events venue.

"Built to service a range of uses this new arena will single-handedly open the Uralla Showground up to hosting events for more than seven horse and rodeo disciplines," Mr Marshall said.

"The land managers have done a power of work to modernise the showground, but it is this new arena on the site Ring 2 which will be the key to unlocking the facility's economic potential.

"The arena will be an enclosed work out yard and the existing uneven lovegrass surface will be replaced with a level sand surface to improve safety for riders of all skill levels.

"In its current state Uralla Showground is a real credit to the land managers and all its regular user groups.

"With the addition of the multi-purpose arena Uralla will have a first-rate equestrian facility that gives young riders a safe place to learn and brings events, people and importantly dollars to town."

Uralla Pony Club President David Adams said he hoped the new arena would help grow participation and the organisation's chances of hosting future regional and NSW State Pony Club events.

"Within the Pony Club we have an 8:1 female to male rider ratio which is something we are incredibly proud of as there are not too many sports that offer a level playing field for boys and girls and still have such a high participation and success rate for female competitors," Mr Adams said.

"Having an arena which services a variety of exciting disciplines, like campdrafting, means we will have somewhere family units can ride, compete and learn together.

"I think this will lead to an increase in local rider numbers and maybe volunteers within the club.

"Increased use of the showground will generate revenue for the land managers to re-invest in facilities.

"We are so excited to be hosting the 2023 regional Pony Club Jamboree and off the back of that we will be applying for State Pony Club events across multiple disciplines.

"I am confident the facilities at Uralla will greatly aid our bids.

"The camaraderie and friendship within Uralla Pony Club is well-known and I look forward to seeing that develop into the future through new clinics and come-and-try days facilitated because of our new arena."

Uralla Campdrafting and Sporting Club President Ben Saxby said the flow-on benefits of the new arena for local riders and wider community would be significant.

"As a parent with four children who ride within Uralla Pony Club, I am excited to be a part of a club where my children, along with other members, have the opportunity to better their skills in different horse sports because of this new arena," Mr Saxby said.

"The knock-on effect for the community through publicity and dollars into town will be massive as the state of the art facilities are hired out for events.

"Our club has seen an unprecedented level of support from locals and by way of reciprocity, we want to provide high profile events, run by the community for the benefit of the community.

"We have an amazing talent pool with a diverse skill set within our committee ranging from campdraft experts, veterinarians, local farmers, social media and marketing specialists and business leaders which allows us to build lasting foundations for the longevity of the club."

Adam Marshall

Member for Northern Tablelands



Uralla Pony Club's Cate Hayton, left, Shantay Adams, Isabella Brownlie, Steph Wooldridge, Bradley Byrnes, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, Uralla Campdraft Association President Ben Saxby and Murray Paltridge.

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