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## The New Courts are open!

It was a pleasure to attend the opening of the Uralla tennis courts, with 4 new courts ready for use and a wonderful new kitchen in the clubhouse.

Congratulations to the Club for all their hard work, it was great to see over 40 kids playing tennis there and to hear the discussion with Todd Woodbridge via zoom. Uralla's tennis future looks bright!

**Andrew Toomey, Uralla Tennis Club Member**



Uralla Tennis Club Committee L - R Nicole Williams, Jodie Shanahan, Genevieve Noone, James Toomey, Dean Weiley, Debra Weiley, Michelle Williams



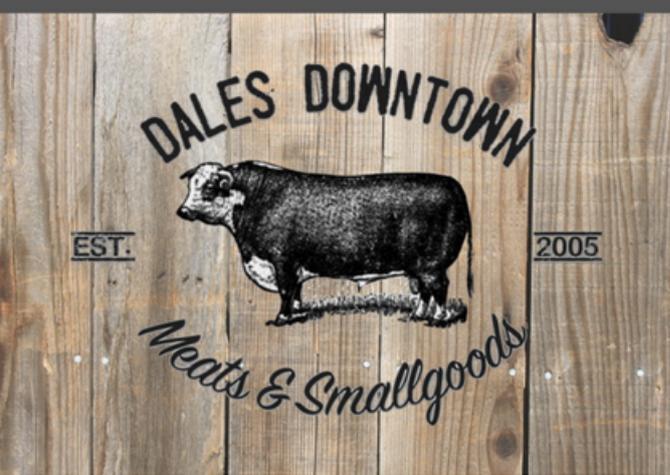
L-R Peter Philips, Max Goode, John Scott, Don Edmonds, Sally Burraston



L-R Ellie Ryan and Ken Wray talking with Genevieve Noone and Nicole Williams



L - R Genevieve Noone, Robyn Edmonds, Liz Gardner, Sally Burraston, Sue Smith, Ann Fuller, Carol Hunt



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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.**

Great news with the bitumen sealing of Bingara Road just in time for Easter, and anyone heading to Copeton Dam. Even at only 18% capacity, it is a wonderful recreation area. Council has also successfully completed sealing 2 kilometres of Retreat Road.

There are yet more office staffing issues with the Manager of Water, Sewer and Waste resigning. To add to the concern is a number of staff are also seeking other employment, and the fact that at least five highly competent managers reside in the Uralla Shire, but work elsewhere. It is an exciting time in the water, sewer and waste area at the moment, and I hope we are able to attract the right person to manage the Bundarra Sewer, the Arsenic investigation, the upgrade of the waste collection and the Bundarra Landfill, as well as the bore testing program.

I was pleased to attend the Tradies Breakfast arranged by the Uralla Business Chamber. There was overwhelming agreement that Uralla needs a Building Certifier more than half a day per week. Council received another email last week raising this issue. In a telephone conversation, it was highlighted to me that Invergowrie residents are being penalised, as Armidale based plumbers will not take on jobs in the area due to the delays in inspections. I am drafting a Notice of Motion recommending Council provides a Building Certifier at least two days per week. A number of attendees at the breakfast also highlighted their difficulties winning Council tenders. We will continue to question why.

Councillors continue to be frustrated that capital works such as the asphaltting of Maitland Street and the section of Uralla Street near the creek were carried out, while Bligh Avenue which is Number 1 on the Transport Asset Management Plan for upgrading, as well as the shoulders in Bridge Street in the Central Business District, would benefit hugely from an upgrade. We have been told it is based on a consultant's report; however, we haven't seen it yet.

Council at its last meeting approved the reopening of David Adam's gravel pit at "Red Hill" on Munsies Road, with appropriate conditions. It had ceased being a gravel pit about 15 years ago. It is also an excellent water storage for stock watering.

It was a great privilege to spend an hour being interviewed by Professor Matt Kearnes from the University of NSW as part of the ZNet Plus "Let's Talk Water." ZNet Plus and the

Regional Australia Bank recently held a breakfast at the Uralla Top Pub to further look to involve the community in the discussion on water sustainability. While it may not be the No. 1 topic on people's mind at the moment with Kentucky Creek Dam at 100% capacity, we need to have a constructive conversation prior to the next crisis. The breakfast also gave those in attendance the opportunity to congratulate Kevin Dupé on his impending retirement from the Regional Australia Bank after 24 years of service. I am old enough to remember when it was the New England Credit Union, with a shared office in one of the real estate agents.

As mentioned in my last column, I said I would update you all on the Bundarra community meeting which was held on a Friday night a couple of weeks ago to discuss the Local Strategic Planning Statement. Needless to say there were no attendees from the community. However, a number of locals at the pub were happy to pass on their thoughts to Clrs Crouch, Toomey and myself while we had our dinner! On Friday March 12, Green Light Construction and ICN will host an information forum for potential suppliers to New England Solar Farm. The forum will be held at the Uralla Bowling Club from 10am to 11:30am. The Business Chamber has more information if required.

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# Uralla Rotary Art Show

Plans are well underway for the opening of the 43rd Annual Rotary Club of Uralla Art Exhibition to be held at the RSL Memorial Hall, Salisbury Street, Uralla. The Club expects to display around 300 artworks from artists across NSW and QLD with all artworks for sale, there is also an acclaimed Schools Section of talented, budding artists of all ages.

Opening night, which is the social event of the year, is Friday 19th March 2021 at 6:30pm with the Official Opening by Mayor of Uralla Mr Michael Pearce 7:30pm.

We welcome local, well known Guest Artist, Katherine Miles. Katherine was born in Armidale, educated in Uralla and Armidale. She loved art at school, but in those early years art wasn't considered gainful employment, so studied Nursing and Midwifery. This became her profession and still is, though less so, today.

Nursing took Katherine overseas and was lucky enough to visit the wonderful art museums of Europe, she was in awe of the 'Masters' works. About 10 years ago she took Folk Art lessons with some friends and this helped to realise the power of the brush and palate. Katherine loves colours especially the purity of nature and the amazing effects of light and shade on subjects. Acrylics are her choice of medium on canvas and board, subjects are variable; flora, fauna, landscapes and some portraits.

Katherine will be present on the night with an impressive display of her art, including an artwork donated for the raffle. \$5.00 entry fee, with tickets available at the door. Raffles and Lucky Door Prizes will also be available.

The ever popular Pete Stanley will provide music. Everyone is welcome, an invitation is not needed.

Chairman Graham Carlon said the whole town is behind the Art Show with overwhelming sponsorship and support.

After the crippling drought, terrible fire season and the rain, not to forget Covid19, the past few years have been very turbulent.

Opening Daily: 10am to 4pm Saturday 20th March to Saturday 27th March 2021, 10am to 2pm Sunday 28th March. Entry fees: \$5 Adult, \$4 Seniors, Children under 12 years free.

Art Show Contacts: Rae Andrews 02 6778 3751

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**Leanne Doran, President, Rotary Club of Uralla**



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# COVID Vaccination

The Australian Government is encouraging residents in the New England to get ready for their COVID-19 vaccination by linking their digital government services, particularly their myGov and Medicare accounts.

The call to link digital services follows the announcement that the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) will be the record for all vaccinations for Australians and that record will form the basis of the vaccination certificate that all Australians will be able to use, including visa holders.

The AIR has undergone significant upgrades in preparation for COVID-19 vaccine rollout. The AIR already allows you to see your recorded immunisations through myGov or the Medicare Express Plus app through an 'immunisation history statement'. Almost 5.6 million immunisation history statements were securely accessed by individuals over the last financial year. Your immunisation history statement will record your COVID-19 vaccinations.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said linking your myGov and Medicare digital accounts is a simple step you can take right now that will help you and your family be ready for a vaccinated Australia.

"This is something you can do right now to get your family vaccination-ready, it will be really helpful once you've had the vaccine and will mean you can easily access your vaccine certificate through the Australian Immunisation Register at the touch of a button.

"Do not forget, if you already have your Medicare account linked in myGov, make sure you check your contact details are up to date."

Minister for Government Services Stuart Robert encouraged all Australians to link their myGov and Medicare online services today to ensure they can access proof they have had a COVID-19 vaccination, quickly and easily.

"The Morrison Government is getting on with the vaccine rollout so we're asking Australians to be vaccination-ready and link their digital services today," Minister Robert said.

"Services Australia has been putting in the work to ensure government services are simple, respectful, transparent and helpful – so we have supercharged myGov and we have state-of-the-art cybersecurity in place to protect the Australian Immunisation Register."

Data from Services Australia indicates there are currently 19.7 million active myGov Accounts with 9.9 million linked to Medicare.

For further information about how the vaccination program is operating, including the Vaccine Eligibility Checker tool to confirm which phase of the rollout you will be in, visit [Australia.gov.au](http://Australia.gov.au)

**Barnaby Joyce, Member for New England**

# The Click and Collect Expo + Meals, Live Music at the Uralla Showground

Things might be a little different this year but we're making the most of it!

Locals know that the New England is a great place to spend some quality time with family and friends, to discover on a road trip or to set up camp for week or two. That's where the Click and Collect Expo comes in. It's a great way to say "welcome friends", and showcasing some of the best products our region has to offer.

So this year we are asking everyone to skip the big end of town and connect with New England makers, creators and producers directly.

Step 1 - Shop with lots of New England makers - online, by email, by phone - any way you can. Browse through our [2021 Seasons of New England Directory](#), discover our range of [New England Hampers](#), our [New England Shop](#) and [New England Bottle](#) and pull together your own bundle of goodies. Head to [www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au](http://www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au) to find the Directory and lots of online shopping.

Step 2 - If you buy direct from one of the makers in the Directory, organise with them about collecting at the Showground. If you shop online right at [www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au](http://www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au), choose the "pick up" option at checkout. Your orders will be ready to collect at the Uralla Showground Pavilion on Saturday 27th March from 9am - 4pm.

From 5pm we have some wonderful New England food vendors setting up at the Showground. Think local snags, paella, salads and even ice cream. We also have a superb coffee cart, local drinks and a bar stocked with some great local drops.

It wouldn't be right without some local tunes, so we owe a huge thanks to the Uralla Arts for making sure our local musicians are on hand to create just the right atmosphere too. Unfortunately dancing won't be on the cards, due to COVID restrictions, but we will have marked seating areas for everyone and a BYO chair policy.

COVID restrictions will be top priority to abide by of course, and we will have plenty of hand sanitising, social distancing measures and COVID safe guidance in place, too. Entry is FREE, please register to come to the night time event by clicking "Going" on our facebook event page, by phoning Tara on 0434 408 163, or by emailing [info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au](mailto:info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au).

**Tara Toomey, Seasons of New England**

## Click and Collect + Live Music and Meals

Step 1 : Head to

[www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au](http://www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au), shop online for food, drinks and enjoy some New England focused retail therapy. Dive in to our 2021 Business Directory and connect with well over 100 New England based businesses

Step 2 : Be sure to select 'Pick Up' on the Seasons website, or arrange with producers to collect at the Showground and we'll see you in Uralla on Saturday 27th March 2021 between 9am - 4pm to hand over your shopping!

Saturday 27th March from 5pm we are looking forward to welcoming everyone in a COVID safe format to the Uralla Showground. There are some great meals from local food vendors, a New England bar and wonderful live music (thanks to Uralla Arts).

Registration is key to attend - [info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au](mailto:info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au), or by facebook on our event link.



# Philip Derriman to attend Sunny Jim Event

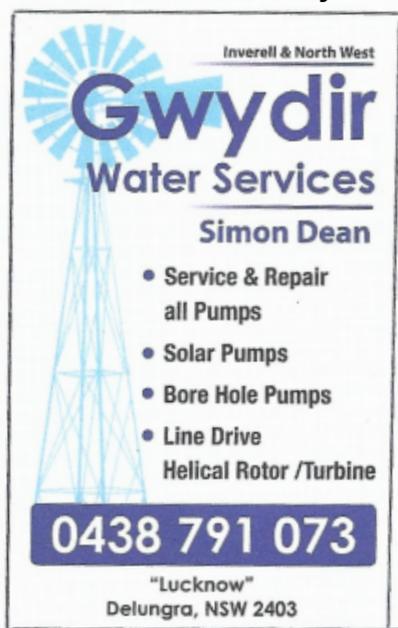
# Offer to Uralla Businesses Extended

The Sunny Jim story only came to light with the publication in 1985 of the book "True To The Blue...A History Of The New South Wales Cricket Association." by distinguished, now retired, Sydney journalist Philip Derriman. Philip will be attending the Official Opening of the permanent exhibition "SUNNY JIM MACKAY of URALLA...Best batsman in the world." at McCrossin's Mill on March 13, and wrote " I think you've done a terrific service to the Uralla district by getting this project off the ground. His story is one that deserves to be told. It's 40 years now since I began work on that book but I still remember my astonishment at stumbling on reports of Sunny Jim's batting feats".

## How Sunny Jim got the tardy blokes to practice

When the weekly cricket practice session got under way, Sunny Jim would loft cricket balls from the Hampden Park pitch all the way to thud onto the corrugated iron roof of Coopers' Sawmill, which stood on what is now "Sawmill Close" just below the railway bridge. That "drumbeat" on the roof was the signal for the blokes to turn off the saws, retrieve the cricket balls, and get themselves over to cricket practice!!

## Kent Mayo, Hon Curator of the Sunny Jim exhibition



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To help support our local businesses, Uralla Shire Council has secured grant funding and arranged for UNE Partnerships to deliver free business resilience training to businesses based in the Uralla Shire. Registrations have been extended until 7pm Monday 8 March.

Presented by Peter Rekers, an internationally recognised leader in Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery, this course provides practical tips on the benefits of preparation and guidance on how to create and implement a Business Continuity Plan.

In a perfect example of a an unplanned event, a severe electrical storm near Mr Rekers' home in Queensland last Tuesday night delayed the planned start of what was originally a course consisting of two interactive webinars. A new course structure was developed which includes one pre-recorded webinar and two follow up sessions that will include a Question and Answer discussion. Participants also draft their own Business Continuity Plan in their own time within the two week period and can ask any questions they may have during the interactive webinars.

Participants in the program will be using a free toolkit developed by Resilience NSW.

Webinar 1 is now available to watch as a recording. Webinar 2 will be now held on Tuesday 9 March at 8pm, with a third webinar scheduled for 16 March at 7pm.

To watch the 24 minute recording or to register for webinars 2 and 3, visit Council's Business Disaster Readiness page or register directly with UNE partnerships at [UNEP.edu.au/enrolment/bdr-ffs-2102](http://UNEP.edu.au/enrolment/bdr-ffs-2102)

Registrations have been extended until 7pm Monday March 8.

**Heidi McInea, Communications Officer, Uralla Shire Council**

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# Uralla Neighbourhood

## Centre

The staff and volunteers at Uralla Neighbour Centre would like to send a huge "Thank You" to all our generous donors.

Today, Susie dropped by, with a huge bag of heirloom tomatoes and a lovely bunch of basil, for the pantry and market.

On Monday, I was first to arrive at the Neighbourhood Centre. An anonymous donor drove away having left two bags of fresh homegrown beans, squash and zucchini at the gate.

Other regular donors pop into The Pantry, on Monday morning, with the surplus from their gardens.

"I'm sorry it isn't very much this week" they say.

We say, "Thank you very much, without your help, our table would not be filled".

Small donations add variety to the table and combine give a generous display of fresh fruit and vegetables for pantry users to choose.

Julie Hicks amazes us each week with both the quantity, variety and quality of freshly picked, organic vegetables from The Neighbourhood Centre Garden Project.

Other donors come into the office with soap, washing up detergent, washing powder and pet food. All items that quickly vanish from the shelves.

Thank you one and all.

**Sue Dyer, Uralla Resident**

# Five Scottish miners

Five Scottish miners from a mining accident at the Sydney Flat, Rocky River were buried in Uralla's Old Cemetery on 24th Oct 1856. The miners were Kenneth MacLeod aged 27 years, Alexander Urquhart, Allan McKenzie aged 35 years, Kenneth MacLean and John Ross aged 25 years. This was the worst mining accident in the Rocky River mining history. On the afternoon of October the 22nd 1856 the miners were killed in a cave-in and it took 24 hours to recover their bodies. Gold Commissioner Buchanan approved the burial place and on Friday the 24th October at sunset he conducted a service at the grave sides.

Armidale Express Sat 01.11.1856 Pg5: We have just been informed by a gentleman who resides on the Rocky Goldfield, that an accident of appalling nature occurred at Mount Jones on Wednesday afternoon last. Five men were at work tunnelling amongst the old claims, when a party in the vicinity imagining that he heard thunder, on ascending to the surface made a remark to the effect, but on examination it was found that the noise was from the falling in of an area of ground about 30 feet long on the spot where five men were at work. The drift stuff had given way from the ironstone cement to the turned roof, and the men were buried in the ruin.

Active steps were immediately adopted by a great number of diggers, who, regardless of expense, commenced tunnelling from all directions towards the spot.

The Commissioner, Mr Buchanan, on learning the sad occurrence, immediately proceeded to the spot, and remained for hours in the heavy rain on Thursday, directing every means that could be suggested for the relief of the men or the discovery of the bodies. Slabs, and everything necessary to facilitate the search, were speedily on the ground, but, at a late hour on Thursday afternoon, no clue whatever had been obtained as to whether the unfortunate men were dead or alive. Little hope is entertained of the latter.

Our informant was told that the five men were all Scotsmen, and that some of them had families.

Friday Evening. – We have just received information through a credible source that the bodies of the five men above referred to have been dug out. We understand that no signs of life were apparent, and that the bodies would be buried; also, that 80 diggers were busily employed night and day since the time this melancholy accident occurred, in reaching the bodies.

**Kay Adams, Uralla History Hub**



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# CWA Uralla Celebrates

## 95 years

On 26th February 2021 a celebration lunch at McCrossin's Mill marked the 95th anniversary of the formation of the Uralla Branch of the CWA, and the recognition of five Uralla women's 20 years of long service - President Ann Denyer, Bev Tearle, June Mitchell, Deirdre Hillard, and Branch Patron, Ruth Jackson.

The Country Women's Association of NSW was born in 1922 out of a need to improve the health and wellbeing of rural women. This required joint community effort by country women, for country women.

By 1926, Uralla Branch was established with a membership of 20 local women. Meetings were first held in a cottage on Hill Street, and in 1930 meetings moved to the newly built Heritage Institute Building on Bridge Street – construction funded largely by CWA. Between 1934 - 1985, the Uralla branch hosted a Baby Health Centre, servicing 30 families a week. Some 95 years on, after much social change, the focus remains on community service concerning the wellbeing of rural women and families, their educational support, and health. We involved ourselves in support for the environment - its flora and fauna. Members enjoy craft and cookery; learn about international cultures; are involved in networking and enjoy companionship. CWA fundraising focuses on social issues like mental illness and domestic violence. We collaborate in fund raising for health research like endometriosis. Our activities involve disaster assistance such as drought relief. Every CWA member has a voice, and through the networks of the Association, CWA influences legislation at a State and National level. CWA is Australia's largest female organisation. The McCrossin's Mill celebration lunch included our guests - Uralla Shire Council Mayor together with representatives from Red Cross, Friends of McMaugh's, Lion's Club and Can Assist. Other CWA branch guests included companions from Kelly's Plains/Dangarsleigh, Tamworth and the Wanthella Group Treasurer. CWA Uralla looks forward to continued friendships and ongoing service, and acknowledges members past. Meetings are held in the CWA Rooms at the Literary Institute on the 4th Friday of the Month. New members welcome. **Suzanne Riley, CWA Uralla**



**Ann Denyer, CWA Uralla President**



**L-R Ruth Jackson & Murrell Carter, CWA Uralla Life Members**

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# Community Calendar

Please email [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

**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 Top Pub

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

**Uralla Tennis** Senior Social tennis, Wednesday 6.30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex, everyone welcome (\$7 members, \$10 non members), Family Fun Night starts again from Friday 12th Feb 2021

**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 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.

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

**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, donations welcome. Ph : 6778 3277 or email : [urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com](mailto:urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com)

**McMaugh's Charity Bowls Day** 9th March from 12.30pm, register by phone 0412163444 or e-mail [rosemary.reading@bigpond.com](mailto:rosemary.reading@bigpond.com)

**Uralla Shire Council General Manager's Workshop** 2pm Tuesday 9th March, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

**Mobile Service Centre** 15th and 16th March Salisbury St Uralla 9am - 4pm.

**Uralla Shire Council Ordinary Meeting** 12.30pm Tuesday 23rd March, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Deadline for the next edition is 5pm on Thursday 18th March 2021. Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor and articles to [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto:urallawordsworth@gmail.com)

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# Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Thanks for publishing my original letter concerning Uralla council and the processing of development applications. I raised several issues and would like to follow up on several of them. Can anyone let us know if the council has investigated the possibility of:

A fulltime building Inspector to allow developments to conclude in a timely manner, has any audit of the processes involved in the consideration of developments been undertaken, and has the council developed systems of accountability within its processing of development discussions which would have been the result of audit outcomes?

Does the Uralla Shire support development in our shire? If the answer is yes, is council aware of the NSW state government funding possibilities or at least has the council responded to the state governments announcement of encouraging development in regional centres.

**Regards, Jann Karp PhD**

## For Goodness Sake

Is there anything we good people of Uralla can do to help get that innocent, long-suffering Tamil family, still incarcerated in detention on Christmas Island, back to their rightful home in the welcoming community of Bileola, stopping short, perhaps, of suggesting incarcerating Peter Dutton instead? Maybe we could urge Prime Minister Scott Morrison to get some advice from his wife Jenny on how she'd feel if it were her daughters treated so inhumanely?

**Kent Mayo, Uralla resident**

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To the Editor,

As we were doing a thorough clean and tidy up at Uralla Preschool late last year, we had a small collection of equipment that was destined for the rubbish tip. After much deliberation, we decided that the pieces were just too well-loved and valuable for us to 'throw' out. So, we contacted the Uralla Men's Shed to ascertain if they could perform a bit of magic and resurrect our resources. Without hesitation, Bruce Stubberfield was at the preschool collecting the pieces. Fast forward to this week, I had the pleasure of visiting the new men's shed and collect our equipment.

I was not expecting the quality of workmanship, care and time invested in the worn-out equipment and furniture.

Some of our blocks had been completely pulled apart, reinforced, rebuilt and varnished. There was a cane chair that had a broken rib. It was re-glued and reinforced with wire and then painted. A dolls cot that was 35 plus years old that now looks as if it will last another 35 years. I know that the Uralla Men's Shed is so much more than a woodwork establishment. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful asset in our community that gives so much back to the community and people of Uralla.

Kind Regards,

**Anne Percy, Director Uralla Preschool**



**L-R Anne Percy, Director of Uralla Preschool & Greg McClenahan, Uralla Men's Shed**

# Uralla RAB Business

## Breakfast

The economic and social impacts of the 2019/2020 drought on the Uralla community were examined at a recent forum of Uralla business people. The 24 February forum, the Uralla's business community's first breakfast get together for some time as COVID restrictions ease, was part of a community discussion on increasing water security to make the shire more resilient against future droughts.

Organised by ZNET Uralla, the Uralla Shire Business Chamber and generously supported by Regional Australia Bank, the Business Breakfast was an opportunity to bring business owners from different industries together to discuss water security and building resilience.

The practical workshop, led by ZNET's Dr Sandra Eady and Heidi McElnea as part of the Let's Talk About Water project, opened with an engaging 'blind water tasting' to get people thinking about different sources of water and what determines quality drinking water. Water quality: It's about the treatment not the source! Then the serious part of the event canvassed people's feedback on a range of different options that may improve water security in our region. That feedback will be incorporated into a public report for the community and Uralla Shire Council.

Regional Australia Bank's retiring CEO, Kevin Dupé, spoke of the importance of retaining the lifeline of a financial institution in small towns and threw his support behind the town's businesses.

Teresa French, President of Uralla Shire Business Chamber, spoke of the role of the Chamber in connecting and supporting businesses through a range of initiatives and business promotions.

Kate Jessep, General Manager of Uralla Shire Council, has arranged free training in Business Continuity Planning and encouraged business owners to take advantage of the advisory service Business Connect.

Thank you to our MC, RAB's Troy Johnson, the Top Pub for their fabulous hospitality and all those who attended.

**Heidi McInea, ZNET Uralla**

# Free Creative Business

## Workshops

Wednesday 10 March 2021, The Civic, Gunnedah  
10:30am - 1pm, WHAT'S IT WORTH

<https://bit.ly/WhatsItWorth-Gunnedah>

Working out what to charge for your creative work can be a nightmare. Where to even start? What's It Worth covers the basics of figuring out your price point, including working out your budgets, and then moves on to the psychology of pricing, understanding the marketplace, creating loss leaders and more. A vital workshop for anyone struggling to understand the value of their own work. Ideal for: Creative freelancers, established practitioners, arts organisations.

Wednesday 10 March 2021, The Lands Building, Tamworth, 3pm - 5:30pm, BEING WELL

<http://bit.ly/BeingWell-Tamworth>

Working in the creative industries is both strenuous and rewarding. How can you maintain relative balance between flourishing and falling, particularly when your output is built with emotion? Being Well explores ways that creative professionals can purposely bring wellbeing practice into their everyday lives. Led by a creative industries specialist and wellbeing guru, this interactive workshop is an appraisal of your wellness agenda, so you can remain creative for the long term. Ideal for: Creative freelancers, established practitioners, arts organisations.

Thursday 11 March 2021, Inverell Shire Library, 10am - 12:30pm, WHAT'S IT WORTH

<http://bit.ly/WhatsItWorth-Inverell>

(see above)

Thursday 11 March 2021, NERAM - New England Regional Art Museum, 3pm - 5:30pm, BEING WELL

<http://bit.ly/BeingWell-Armidale>

(see above)

Creative Plus Business is a social enterprise dedicated to educating creative people and arts organisations about business skills. Find out more about the Creative Plus Business on their website <https://creativeplusbusiness.com/>

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# Uralla Ladies Win

Wednesday last saw the team of Phyllis Dade, Judy Bray, Roz Rhodes and Jayne Bourke take out the New England District 2021 Senior Fours Competition for the 4th year in a row. This year saw Jayne Bourke join the team as Lead, with Phyllis Dade successfully stepping into the role of Skip, replacing Pam Westbury from previous years.

The Uralla ladies fought their way through a very close encounter with a strong Walcha team to win the first round by one point. They then went into the final game against Guyra, which resulted in a win for the Uralla ladies. Both games were exciting to watch with the scores fluctuating from team to team. In the final game, after a see-sawing start, Uralla was able to gain a leverage which they held onto through the last few ends. All players must be congratulated for the effort they put into their game, providing a nail-biting event for the spectators.

The four Uralla ladies will now represent our District in the Regional Games to be held in the Namoi Region. In the District Senior Pairs played in Walcha a fortnight ago, Phyllis Dade and Judy Bray won through to the semi-finals, but then lost out to the number 1 team from Armidale city. In the Men's competition last Sunday, Uralla competed in the District Pennants, where they played against Kootingal here at the Uralla Bowlo. Again, an exciting game with Uralla coming out the winner.

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



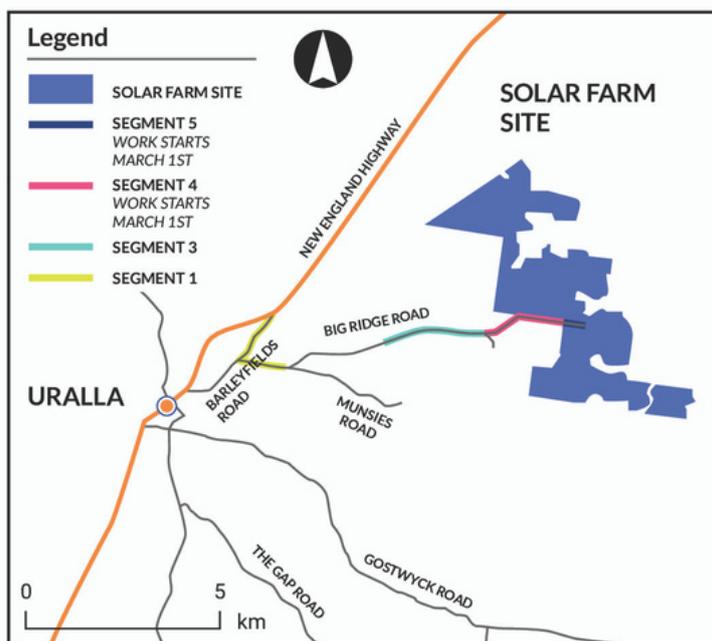
**Uralla Team Senior 4s**



**Congratulations to Pam and Charlie Cooper on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on the 6th March 2021**

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## NEW ENGLAND SOLAR FARM



Work has started on the road upgrades to link with the New England Solar Farm site.

The initial work will focus on the eastern end of Big Ridge Rd (segments 4 and 5 on the map).

It will be followed by work on segments 1 and 3, Barleyfields Rd (between Big Ridge Rd and New England Highway) and the upgrade of the intersection of Barleyfields Rd and the New England Highway.

The exact timing of works on these next segments will be provided in future updates.

You can ask questions or provide feedback via our Facebook page, project website or by calling Green Light Contractor's Community Liaison Officer on 0417 261 453.



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