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## Big Turnout For Zone 13 Jamboree In Uralla



This group of under 9 year-olds from Guyra was found practising their workout for the sub-junior Team of Four Event at the Uralla Showground on Friday.

Uralla was a hive of activity on the weekend as people and horses converged on the Uralla Showground from around the region for the Zone 13 Jamboree hosted by the Uralla Pony Club. Pony clubs from throughout the region were represented including those as far afield as Tenterfield, Glen Innes, Emmaville and Bundarra.
Each year the Jamboree cycles between the participating clubs, so to have it in Uralla is a once in ten or eleven year event and a great achievement for a small club. Children participate in a range of activities that challenge their range of skills in dressage, show jumping, hacking and sporting events such as barrels and campdrafting. Individual ribbons are awarded, but for the participants' clubs, there is considerable prestige in competing successfully. The Jamboree is a steppingstone opportunity for children to represent their clubs at the NSW state level.

There was an air of excitement around the ground, in part because the showground's impressive new facilities - the multipurpose equestrian arena and campdraft arena - were being used for the first time. These facilities were built with grants of over $\$ 120,000$ for each arena from the NSW State Government Sports program. The fact that there have been expressions of interest from at least one professional campdraft organisation about its use of the showground speaks highly of the quality of the new facilities. In this regard, according to Cate Hayton, Publicity Officer of the Uralla Pony Club, David Adams needs special mention. He not only managed the projects but also physically helped constructed the arenas including from the seat of various earthmoving machines. .......Continued next page


Ellen Adams on Smarty (left) and Emmie Saxby on Secret (right) from Uralla, make themselves familiar with the new Showground campdraft arena. (More photos on page 12)

## Reenergising

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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.

Welcome to 2023. This year is off to a very positive start with a number of funding opportunities provided to Council. The first one is the second round of "Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Fund." Preliminary advice is that we should receive over $\$ 1.7$ million. We have been assured that all funding will be received before the end of January. Staff will need to count the potholes repaired and a report submitted quarterly. The deed for the first round was signed before Christmas. Council staff will need to work with contractors to ensure the road repairs are carried out expeditiously.
The Minister for Heritage has announced that Uralla will receive $\$ 25,000$. This funding has been provided on the basis that it can be used to run a heritage grants program, engage a heritage advisor, and/or promote heritage in Uralla Shire. At its November meeting, Council resolved to establish a selection panel consisting of Clr Toomey and two staff members to call for expressions of interest to engage a qualified Heritage Advisor.
Discussions are continuing with Neoen Pty Ltd. regarding Stage 1 of the Thunderbolt Energy Hub. As most of the wind turbines are in Tamworth Regional Council area, we are working with them on this significant matter. Stage 1 is designed to produce 192MW. Neoen are currently preparing their response to the submissions sent to the Department of Planning. It should be remembered that even if approval is given, they still need to sign a grid connection agreement with the Transmission Network Service Provider, select Engineering, Procurement and Construction contractors, and then secure a power purchase agreement. All this must be done prior to construction commencing. The company announced in December that the proposal to construct a solar farm designed to produce 120 MW has been withdrawn. The main reason given is their growing uncertainty within the large scale market. One key reason is the rapid rate at which rooftop solar is being installed, leading to lower prices during the middle of the day. One friend receives $5 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{kWh}$ for power back into the grid (which is a big fall from the $60 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{kWh}$ offered in 2011.) No doubt adjustments to the consumer market and an increase in storage options will stabilise this situation in the long term. I have been chasing up with Energy Co. regarding their offer of support in determining renewable energy projects. I have been assured that they will be in contact as to how they can support Council, including contributions towards resourcing. Stay tuned!

An interesting development in the region's water security is Armidale Regional Council purchasing Oaky River Dam for $\$ 4.3$ million. The dam and hydroelectric scheme was built in 1956 and was damaged in 2013. The hydroelectric scheme plant provided electricity to New England County Council. The dam had a capacity of 2,780 megalitres. Anyone interested should google "The Dam that Zihni Built." For comparison, Kentucky Creek Dam holds 500 megalitres. I understand Armidale Regional Council are still progressing with the Malpas Dam upgrade. The first step for Uralla Shire residents will be for access to water carting from Armidale, especially for Invergowrie residents who struggled under Level 6 water restrictions in Armidale prohibiting water being carted out of their shire.
Council's options to be reviewed following the final report on the groundwater investigation, still include augmenting Kentucky Creek Dam, desilting the dam, constructing another dam, or off stream storage; such as currently being constructed for Walcha's water supply, stormwater harvesting, rainwater tanks, reuse of effluent, and a possible pipeline from Armidale.
Council is once again advertising for an Executive Director, Infrastructure and Development, following the resignation of Mr Paul Gallagher, who has accepted a position of General Manager at Coonamble. Paul has managed to highlight a number of areas that will guide the new Director, including the Asset Management Plans, Integrated Water Management Plans and Waste Strategy. I wish him well.

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Robert Bell
Uralla Shire Resident

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## Uralla Jamboree

The new facilities will be officially opened by Adam Marshall on the last Sunday of next month. The Uralla Pony Club also wishes to acknowledge the financial support of New England Solar Project Trust with its grants of over $\$ 12,000$, given to the Uralla Pony Club and Uralla Campdrafting and Sporting Club to support them and assist with running the Jamboree. Special thanks to Darron Phillips for the lovely job in preparing the showgrounds and Kristie Saxby for her valuable work behind the scenes.

## Letters to the Editor

## Dear Editor,

The Lantern Parade
As most residents of Uralla know, at the end of March each year we have a lantern parade, which is the climax of Seasons of New England. What a lot of residents don't know is that a lot of work and preparation goes into making sure the Lantern parade is a success. Each year we endeavour to make one of the larger lanterns. In past years we have made a Big Rooster, A Big Bee, A Big Ram, A fantastic Phoenix, a gay turtle and many more. In addition, we visit each school in the Uralla area to teach the children to make a lantern to carry in the parade. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with new ideas and assist with making the parade a success. We will be shortly commencing work for this year's parade and would encourage anyone who is keen to assist and provide new ideas to contact us. Your input will help us improve what is already a fantastic event. Please contact Bob Anderson on 0412424718 or randerson84@bigpond.com to become part of our team. I can guarantee you will enjoy the experience.
Bob Anderson -President - Uralla Arts

Dear Editor,
Having spent a couple of late evenings over the festive season driving round Uralla (particularly the West side) and enjoyed the wonderful and creative house decorations, (both lighting and physical representations) । was saddened by the total lack of any attempt by Council to light up the Village for the enjoyment of those passing through or staying at our camping sites. To at least provide Christmas lights on the mature trees in our central business area is a 'golden opportunity' (and would not break the bank). Council should seriously consider and budget for this at the end of the 'New year' 2023. The many awnings to Heritage listed buildings would also allow feature lighting to the detailed facades and parapets.
Let's give it a go - put it in your Council diary for a next October planning meeting? - \$4,000.00 of our rates would be worth it and induce many more to enjoy the Christmas Spirit and support our local Community.

## Gordon Fuller, Local resident

The Editor,
Thanks to Michael's Cafe for hosting Christmas lunch for the waifs and the weary of Uralla. Whilst we paid our way for an excellent meal, it exemplified the community spirit of Uralla. Michael and his staff did not have to do it but they did.

John Sutherland, Fitzroy Street, Uralla

Dear Editor,
Thanks for the update on ACEN's (dastardly foreigners) New England renewable energy project. There are many misconceptions in discussions on solutions to climate change; one is that extra wires will combat escalating electricity bills. Only extra generators, such as wind turbines operating $24 \times 7$, will increase supply and thus reduce the price. Until someone invents an electrical version of Norman Lindsay's Magic Pudding (Google it), batteries will only delay the blackout.

## John Sutherland, Uralla

## Vanuatu Visitors Settle Into Uralla



This cheery group of people from Vanuatu were found participating in a walking tour of Uralla last week and had paused to admire the Porters' garden in Maitland Street where this photo was taken. They will be staying in Uralla while engaged in the strawberry industry in the Armidale area. The group's arrival has been organised by horticultural compliance specialists ICOMPLY in conjunction with local producers. The program is a win/win arrangement as our primary producers get the help they need to function as a business and the workers earn valuable income for their families and country where it is much needed. You may see these happy, engaging people around Uralla in the months ahead. If you do, be sure to say hello to them.

> ATTENTION VETERANS If you are in need of assistance of any type financial, physical, emotional etc or you just need a chat with someone who knows ... contact us on 0401932107 or email urallasb@rsInsw.org.au your privacy is guaranteed, we are with you Uralla Sub-Branch of RSL NSW

Pizza For Beginners
Pizza begins with the base and a good pizza base for me is thin and crispy. It requires a good dough, heat and a pizza stone. So, to begin, buy an unglazed terra cotta tile about 30 cm square. (About \$5) This is a cheaper option than a pizza stone and you may decide that just buying pizza is a lot less hassle. To make dough:

- Combine 3 cups of strong_baker's flour and one teaspoon sea salt in a mixing bowl. Make a well in the centre. Stir one packet of dry_yeast ( 7 g ) into 1 cup of tepid (38-43 degrees C) water.
(You can add 1 tablespoon of sugar if you wish - I don't).
- Stir and mix with the flour adding one quarter of a cup olive oil.
- Tip onto a floured surface, incorporate all the flour, adding more if needed and knead until smooth, elastic and shiny, for about ten minutes. (You can do this in an electric mixer or bread maker.)
- Shape into a ball, place in a bowl with enough olive oil to thinly coat, cover with plastic wrap and leave to prove until double in size (about 1 hour) in a warm place.
- Punch the dough down and pop it in the fridge (covered) for up to 2 hours before you knead to punch it down again. (The dough will be fine in the fridge for up to 36 hours.)
- Punch the dough down a final time. Shape into a log and decide what size and thickness you want from a pizza. I divide it into 8 to make 8 quite thin and crispy bases about 25 cm diameter.You can then roll out the dough and make pizzas if you wish.
- I tend to roll the dough balls in flour, coating them, place them in small sandwich bags and freeze them until I need them. The dough rises better and has less ridiculously large bubbles.


## Righting

Writing

Joanna Dolan<br>Proofreading, Editing, Writing<br>"Righting your writing"

- I then thaw them and start cooking but that's it for another day.
To be continued. Be sure not to miss the next instalment from one of Uralla's most accomplished pizza makers, Angus McLean. (Ed.)


## australiàday <br> TRIBUTE TO TRADIES

## CALLING ALL TRADIES AND TRADERS IN URALLA

The Australia Day Committee would like to pay tribute to our wonderful tradies and traders residing and operating in Uralla and district.

You and your vehicles are invited to take part in the
AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE
Thursday 26th. January, 2023
Requirements:
Tradies must reside within the Uralla Shire.
Trade vehicles should display some form of signage that will
promote your business (e.g. door panel).
All vehicles must be registered.
Please contact Bev Niland 67784328 or Cheryl Nolan 0411771026 for details

## meralliselan

Position Vacant: Administrative Assistant (Junior). Great opportunity to join an awardwinning local renewables business. Applications close 29/1/23. More information at: https://meralliprojects.com.au/jobopportunities/


## FOUND A PLANT THAT YOU THINK IS A WEED?

Have you found a plant that you think is a weed? The NEWA Team is here to help you identify it.
The NEWA team are available to assist you with identifying weeds and advising best practice control methods. Here are a few tips on what you need to do to give our Biosecurity Officers the best possible chance of identifying a plant:
First, take a general photo of the plant in its location to indicate size, shape, and form. Make sure you're taking the photo in full sun with no shadows.
Next, collect a weed specimen. Specimens should be as complete as possible. A typical branch or portion of the stem about $20-30 \mathrm{~cm}$ long, showing the leaves in position and with flowers, is required. If there is a variation in leaf form apparent, include different parts of the same plant to represent this. In the absence of open flowers, buds should be included. Fruit and/or seeds can be useful in the identification of plants and should be included with the specimen if available.
All specimens must be collected and stored in plastic or paper bags, and brought into the office as soon as possible. If possible, provide the GPS coordinates for an accurate location of the collection site. Take note of other plant species growing around the weed to combat any adverse effects on those plant species if a Biosecurity Officer recommends a chemical weed control method.
Please note - to conserve the biodiversity of species, collection of all plants should be undertaken with care. Before collecting plant specimens, permission from the land holder and/or manager of public or private land should always be sought. Licences are required to collect
from threatened species, populations and ecological communities listed under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.
Useful links: Department of Primary Industries: 'Collecting and preparing plant specimens for identification'
The Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney: 'How to collect plants'


Taking a photo of the weed growing en masse can assist NEWA Biosecurity Officers to identify the plant. Image of Mother of Millions (Bryophyllum).


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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.
You can email your 100 words (more or less) to urallawordsworth@gmail.com

## A Word of Warning From Ando

Not long after moving to Uralla we discovered the Brewery. I was delighted that I lived in a town where I could walk to a brewery and if necessary, two pubs. Thursday nights became an institution where we would meet our friends and meet new ones. My friend John Kurko and I would regularly on Thursday nights consume 3 or more pints of the local brew. This was no problem for a pair of seasoned drinkers, until one Thursday we arrived to find a new beverage called the BIG HOLIDAY on tap. We were a little taken back when we were told that it would only be sold in schooners and not pints. What an insult. We didn't want kiddy size beers, but not wishing to get a bad name we settled down to drink our usual 3 beers (all be it only schooners). We left the brewery to go home for dinner at about six and feeling no pain. We struggled to walk a straight line down the sidewalk to where we were renting just up from the information centre. My next memory was waking up the next morning and asking my wife, "Did we have dinner last night?" She scoffed and said "You two idiots, what were you drinking last night?" I later found out that we did in fact have dinner, but John and I were talking shorthand and he struggled to get home, about half a block away and had taken a shortcut through the paddock. His daughter had to push him over his fence and he fell on his face. Next Thursday we checked out the alcohol content of the BIG HOLIDAY and were astounded to note that it was $10.5 \%$. We decided to rename the BIG HOLIDAY the MEMORY ERASER. Buyer beware!!!
Bob Anderson, Uralla

## Our Tree Change

We were keen to get out of Sydney. I had retired from the Bank and we were looking for somewhere to spend the rest of our lives. Our friends the Kurko's had moved to Armidale and we visited for a long weekend. I liked the look of the New England but my other half, who grew up in Walcha swore she would not move there because it is "TOO BLOODY COLD". Long story short, John Kurko found us a vacant block, he designed us a house, we owner built and here we are in Uralla. We love Uralla and all the friends we have made.
Bob \& Wendy Anderson, Uralla

## The Ripsnorter Reporter

So you need a tennis club reporter, Mr Tooms would be a ripsnorter, Saturday, he coaches the young ones, Tuesday, the adults he outguns, And he's such a great Wordsworth supporter. Alex Sherrin, Uralla

## Living Co-operatively

I have lived in Uralla Shire for 30 yrs mostly in the Invergowrie and Saumarez Ponds area. When I was introduced to the Uralla Co-op by Alex Sherrin (one of the originators of the Co-op with Ross Burnet), I saw it as an opportunity to meld my community minded outlook with the skills and experience I have learned in my lifetime, including positions as storeman, furniture pick-up and delivery and handyman services. As I have built my house out of $75 \%$ recycled materials, I have experience in reusing and adapting second hand goods for a different purpose.
I have spent a lot more time in Uralla over the last couple of years and the things that appeal to me are the friendly and helpful "can do" attitude of community members and that life is enjoyable without taking ourselves too seriously.
The structure of the Co-op appeals because it is a bottomup management system that shares members' skills and life experiences to collectively make decisions for the benefit of the Co-op and Uralla community. There are no Managers or Supervisors in a Co-op, simply co-ordinators that provide a communication link so everyone is aware of what is happening.
Those that adhere to a top-down management system find it difficult to adjust to this different management process.
Alex and Ross's idea has been so well received by the community that we are surprised and sometimes a little overwhelmed by the quantity of donations received, but when it comes time to donate money or second hand goods to community groups or charities that assist people, it is all worth it. - Peter Barkley, Invergowrie


## A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

Our neighbour dropped us at the local airport; The first day of our much-awaited Xmas holiday. A quick flight saw us arrive in Sydney on time. We were then faced with a seven-hour layover day. We were simply ecstatic to have this opportunity To explore the domestic terminal in so leisurely a way.

I tried a different toilet every hour or so,
After consuming copious cups of caramel latté. I invaded every bookshop and newsagency.
I like to be up-to-date with what I read each day. I tried a little nap, but the seats did not comply. If I wanted to sleep, on the floor was the only way.

After struggling to my feet, I looked about for Bob. He was charging his phone at a station not far away. I sat at the counter and had another coffee. But being bored there I decided not to stay. I went browsing the shops all along the corridors. This seemed a game that I could easily afford to play.

After traipsing up one corridor and down another, I went to return to the charging station without delay. But this didn't happen; no matter what I tried. And I couldn't find anyone who could tell me the way. I was lost amid the surging crowd in Sydney's Airport. I kept on walking, kept looking in every nook and bay.

Looking for that charging counter, looking for Bob. I veered right. I veered left. I tried the hallways. And then quite suddenly, there he was. Still sitting at the counter, still doing things his way. I don't think he'd even missed me. I wasn't lost. l'd just taken my time, he said; that was my way!

By now it was time for the next leg of our journey. We crossed briny Bass Strait, a few bumps on the way, To arrive at last in Tasmania's most southern climes. Soon we were rolling down Hobart's national runway. We couldn't wait to leave the plane, to see our family. To give them lots of kisses while we hug and sway.

For the first time since COVID we got our dearest wish To see our Tassie grandchildren. Hip, Hip, Hooray. Millie and Michael, Charlotte and Suzie. We had two whole weeks to rejoice and play. People say that this is the season to be jolly. So, with Joyous tears I truly welcomed this Christmas Day. Pauline Crouch, Back In Rocky River

## A Farming Perspective

This following article comes from the January newsletter of Rural Aid. It reveals a level of frustration for those who work on the land but also their love of the lifestyle it offers, in spite of the extraordinary trials of recent times. (Ed.)

Last month we asked the question - What's one thing you'd like to tell city folks about? Here is a sample of some of our responses (from our farming community) which we will be sharing with our supporters in the new year.
I love where I live and I love the lifestyle. It's hard work but the rewards are no congestion, traffic and neighbours that will help when you need them.
We care about our land and the animals on it. Our animals are our livelihood and we love most of them more than our spouses.
It's not as easy as city slickers think. It's hard work, incredibly expensive and it can be lonely. Water isn't always there just because you turn on a tap.
But overwhelmingly, you want us to let people in the city know where their food comes from. That kids shouldn't believe that brown cows are where chocolate milk comes from. That our farmers grow the food they buy in supermarkets, and it doesn't arrive there by magic. A steak starts on the land, not in the butcher shop. Without farmers, we would all go hungry.
You also overwhelming said that farming is enlightening, challenging and rewarding and described in detail how much you love living in the bush.

## ABOUT RURAL AID AUSTRALIA

Rural Aid is one of Australia's largest rural charities. Well known for the highly successful 'Buy a Bale' campaign, the charity also provides financial assistance, water and counselling to farmers in times of drought, flood or fire.

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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 6.15 pm at Uralla Bowlo, dinner optional after meeting Uralla Lions Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5/5.30 in the CWA Rooms
Uralla Fire \& Rescue meet on Tuesday nights at the Uralla Fire Station from 6-7.30pm
Uralla CWA meets on the 4th Friday of each month, 10am at RSL Memorial Hall, 27 Salisbury St, Uralla Uralla Computer Bank is open Mon, Tues \& Thurs from 9.30 am - 3.30pm at Uralla Shire Waste Depot Uralla Anglican Church meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship \& Johnno's Kid Club in Park St Uralla Hospital Auxiliary meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2pm, CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute Uralla Show Society meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla Showgrounds Uralla Shire Business Chamber meets 1st Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Uralla Bowliing Club Uralla Town \& Environs Committee meets on the first Monday of each quarter from $6-7 \mathrm{pm}$ 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 2 pm in the CWA rooms in the Literary Institute Uralla RSL Sub-Branch meets on the last Sunday of the month at 10.30am in the RSL Rooms, The Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street, all veterans welcome. Uralla Women's Bowling Club 10am Wednesday for Club bowls. Mixed Social Bowls on Sunday mornings, all welcome. Bistro lunch available.
Uralla Historical Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5pm at McCrossin's Mill
Uralla Men's Shed open Tuesdays \& Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm, 18 Uralla St North, (old Scout Hall site) Ph 0419151253, Hours usually extended in Daylight saving. E urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com
Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre Monday by appointment, Tuesday \& Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm 677114570419149244 E: Urallacnc@familysupport.org.au Uralla Tigers Supported Playgroup FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Nenneh on 0450437068 or Momena on 0481983442
Computer Bank New England Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am-12noon at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00. This includes morning tea.
Uralla Brewery Book Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, 5pm at the Brewery
central northern regional library

## Workshops at the Library

Uralla Library will be running a series of free workshops during the school holidays. Spaces are limited, and bookings are recommended. Ring 0267786470 to book.

## ANTHILL POTTERY BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

Thursday $12^{\text {th }}$ January 2023 10.00 am
Uralla shire Library
12-24 year olds, Free workshop, Limited spaces, phone the library to book your spot.


## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNTIES

 at Uralla Shire Council.Information about vacant positions and access
 to Council's interactive application is available on Council's website: https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Uralla-Shire-Council Council is regularly employing across a wide range of service areas such as: general hand, truck drivers, plant operations, landfill operators, aged care, direct support workers, administrative and professional roles. Ask us about our casual, term and permanent positions. Tel: 67786300



## MNOFULNESS WORKSHOP



Introducing the magic of mindfulness and breath work!
The proctice of mindfulness allows you to remain in the present moment, rather than being distracted by past or future events. Along with breath work, this allows the body to feel more relaxed. In this fun and informative workshop you will learn techniques to:
Improve concentration $\AA$ attention. Help you feel more focused . Decrease stress \& anxiety Become more self-aware • Think more creatively - Improve sleep $£$ overall health Become more emotionally resilient . Provide you with lifelong tools to feel better in control.

## To register,

use QR code
and follow
the prompts
through
Eventbrite


Where: Uralla Shire Library,
Date: 106 Bridge St
Date: Wednesday 25 th January 2023
Time: $\quad 1-2 \mathrm{pm}$
Cost: Free
RSVP: Tuesday 24th January 2023 Capacity of 14 kids, register to secure your spot

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## 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.uallaanglican.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

0477322851 or email HNELHD-
FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au

## Events/Courses @ "Taylors Run" Kentucky

RCS Australia Field Day with Matt Barton. Pasture management, soil health, budgeting, regen practices etc. Jan 21st, 2023. Free event.
For more information or to RSVP contact Katie Barnett on 0431636545 or katiebarnett66@gmail.com

## Save The Date



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THURSDAY, 26TH. JANUARY, 2023
11.00 a.m:

## australia*day

PROCESSION - From Park Street corner, up Bridge Street to Alma Park, via Hill Street. Procession will include Armidale Pipe Band, S.E.S., Fire Brigades, Tribute to Tradies and floats.

ALMA PARK<br>Entertainment by Armidale Pipe Band<br>Decorated Bike Competition - Entrants in procession<br>Official Ceremony - Flag raising, award presentations, Australian Citizenship Ceremony and address by Ambassador, Gary Dawson OAM.<br>Children's Poster Competition - Winning posters on display<br>Static Displays - Fire Brigade, S.E.S. etc.<br>FACE PAINTING<br>*** JUMPING CASTLE ** ** LOLLY SCRAMBLE ***<br>** TEA****OFFEE**** AMPER**** DRINKS**<br>** B ARBEQUE**** CAKES****SLICES**<br>*** SANDWICHES **** HOTDOGS **

COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE OUR AUSTRALIA DAY

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Prices as of Sun. 8 Jan. 2023 Source: NSW FuelCheck

Deadline for the next edition of the Wordsworth is 5pm Thursday 19 January 2023.
Please email all contributions including advertising, letters to the editor, 100 Words, and articles to urallawordsworth@gmail.com

## Mr Gary Dawson OAM

 Our Australia Day Ambassador

Gary Dawson, more commonly referred to as "Smokey" has been around Corporate Golf and fundraising since 1988. His first corporate golf event with a charitable slant was held at Strathfield Golf Club in May 1988 raising monies for Ronald McDonald House.
Over the past 25 years Gary has raised just over $\$ 18$ million dollars for various charities around Australia. Some of these charities include NSW Wheel Chair Sports, Hearts in Union, Bear Cottage, Heal for Life, Communities Assist, The Special Olympics, Kids Xpress, St Edmunds School, Heart Research Australia The Children's Cancer Institute Australia, Cystic Fibrosis, Cerebral Palsy Alliance formerly know as the Spastic Centre NSW, Melanoma Foundation, Australian Leukodystrophy Group, ASPECT, Australian Paralympic Team, Autism Spectrum, Brain Injury Foundation, The Brain Cancer Group, Paraquad NSW Reach Out and the Women's and Infants Research Foundation in WA, Perth Telethon Appeal WA to name just a few.
These days Gary spends most of his daily hours playing golf and working with his great mate and PGA Professional Matthew Laverty at either corporate golf events or charity based golf events. Typically, Gary will be playing golf holes with the groups on the day, providing tips and funny golfing stories he has experienced along his golfing journeys.


Hamish Irwin on board Max (both from Bundarra) getting organised for the day's activities at the Jamboree.


Looking very relaxed on his pony Hope, is seven-year-old Alec Newberry from Glen Innes. Alec, although young, is quite experienced with over three years of riding under his belt.


Late in the afternoon the action continued with Jack Saxby (Uralla) in hot pursuit in the campdraft.

## Jolly Pony Jilted at Jamboree

Charlie, an equine resident of Everett Street, briefly thought that his dream to join the New England Jamboree crowd had come true when he managed to escape through the paddock gate inadvertently left open by his carer. Neighing and galloping down the street with excitement, he had almost reached the showground, where a string of his mates were waiting, when a young competitor in the Jamboree, and Charlie's owner, and a neighbour armed with an apple managed to restrain him. He was dejectedly led back to his paddock. Not to worry Charlie, events even more exciting than the Jamboree are being planned, and you can plan your next escapade!

