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July 2011 Resolutions of Council

Full copies of the Minutes of Council Meetings are available upon request from Council's Administration Centre, the Uralla Public Library and General Stores at Bundarra, Invergowrie, Kentucky and Kingstown. Minutes may also be viewed and downloaded via the Internet at: <http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/>

Rate Notices

Annual Rate Notices were issued prior to the 31 July 2011 with payment due by the 31 August 2011. Once you have received your notice please review its contents and promptly consult with Council if you believe any of the information to be inaccurate. Please note, Pensioner Concessions apply to Council rates, so if you believe you are entitled to a concession but none has been applied to your notice, again contact Council as soon as possible. For further enquiries please contact Debbie Rhodes on 6778 6321.

Access to Water Meters

Residents are reminded that access to water meters is required not only to read them but also to be able to turn the water off to undertake internal repairs on taps and fittings. During the last meter reading a number of meters were difficult to access or read due to overgrown vegetation. Council requests that residents clear any vegetation or landscaping that may hamper access to the water meter.

Uralla & District Liquor Accord

Uralla Liquor Licensees have established a local Liquor Accord. Previously liquor licensees were members of the Armidale Liquor Accord, however it was felt that the directions of that accord were not relevant to the licensed venues in and surrounding Uralla. As such, and with the approval of the Armidale Local Area Police and the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing, Uralla & District Liquor Accord Inc has been established.

A liquor accord is simply an agreement by licensees and other stakeholders to take certain actions in local communities which aim to improve safety in entertainment areas and reduce alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, offences and violence.

Alcohol-related problems frequently result from the ways in which liquor is served and promoted. Liquor laws provide some powerful enforcement tools to address such problems, including closures of premises and a range of legal action.

Local liquor accords aim to stop problems from occurring in the first place. They have the advantage of enjoying the support and cooperation of licensees and take account of specific issues in an area.

All venues involved in the service of liquor whether it be a hotel, club, bottle shop, restaurant or winery are members of the liquor accord.

Trial Meeting Times

One of the requests expressed in the Community Strategic Plan 2011 to 2021 was for Council to examine the proposal to commence its meeting in mid afternoon to suit residents.

The Council meeting currently commences at 12.00noon and is usually completed by 5.00pm. This was seen to exclude residents who may wish to attend a Council meeting but have work commitments.

In order to gauge Community and Councillor acceptance of this proposal, Council determined to have a three month trial period from the October 2011 Council meeting.

Therefore the Council meetings of 24 October, 28 November and 19 December 2011 will commence at 4.00pm. The first section of the meeting will consist of housekeeping issues with the "Have Your Say" session commencing at 6.30pm followed by matters requiring discussion which could be of interest to residents.

The trial will give residents the opportunity to come along to the evening section of a Council meeting to learn how Council operates and comes to decisions that affect residents.



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UP-COMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for

Monday, 22 August 2011

This meeting will be held at

Council Chambers, 32 Salisbury Street Uralla

The meeting will commence at

12 noon

- NOTICE -

From October 2011, Council will trial Council Meeting time to commence at 4:00pm with "Have Your Say" at 6:30pm and items of public interest to follow.

Full details of all Reports to Council's next Meeting are contained within Council's Meeting Agendas which are available for public viewing at Bundarra General Store, Invergowrie General Store, Kentucky General Store, Kingstown General Store, Uralla Shire Council Chambers, Uralla Visitor Information Centre, Council's Library and on the Website at <http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/>

Proposal for

"Uralla Community Associations Incorporated"

For some time, a number of people have been discussing the idea of forming an umbrella group to involve many of the *not-for-profit groups* which operate in our shire.

There are a few reasons for this:

- It is envisaged that this umbrella association would provide a better means of communication between the community groups and the Uralla Shire Council;
- It would also allow better communications *between* the groups to allow sharing of resources, linking activities for maximum impact and at the same time avoiding counter-productive clashes.
- The umbrella association, which would be incorporated, could also provide **low cost access to public liability insurance** for those smaller groups who do not have access to insurance through a larger "parent" body. So if your group is paying insurance and feel you are battling up hill to pay it, this may be an avenue that can help you minimize your fees.
- **Once incorporated, there would only need to be one formal meeting a year – the AGM – to keep this association legal. That meeting would last less than 30 minutes!**

A small working group has prepared a statement of objectives and a draft constitution for the proposed "Uralla Community Associations Incorporated". The next step has to be to convene a meeting of **representatives** of the *not-for-profit groups* in our shire, who may wish to participate, to discuss these documents. Remember, attending the meeting is in no way committing your group to be involved in the umbrella organisation. It is expected the representatives who attend this meeting will take away the details of discussions to share with their group, at which time decisions about further involvement could be made.

The meeting to consider these documents and the further development of the proposed "Uralla Community Associations Incorporated" will be at **5 PM, on Tuesday 16 August in the Uralla Shire Council Chambers.**

Please send to the names and e-mail addresses of people who will be attending on behalf of your group by Friday, 12 August to Alan McKenzie, Convenor at Alan McKenzie alan@plantagenda.com.au and Alan will forward these people copies of the documents to be discussed at the meeting.

Street Store Allocations

A rent free store is made available as Council's contribution to local organisations.

During the months of August 2011 and September 2011 the following organisations will be holding local Community Stalls and would appreciate your support:

Ladies Aux. Show Soc	- week ended	21/8/11
Uralla PreSchool	- week ended	28/8/11
Legacy Club of Armidale Inc	- week ended	4/9/11
CWA Uralla	- week ended	11/9/11
St Vincent de Paul	- week ended	18/9/11
McMaugh Gardens	- week ended	25/9/11

We wish each group success in their fundraising activities.

Off-leash Dog Area

Council is seeking community input on the location of a possible off-leash area in Uralla. The location needs to be on public land, within town boundaries and large enough to facilitate dog exercise. If you would like to nominate a candidate location please contact a Council Environmental Projects Officer on 6778 6316 or email Council at council@uralla.nsw.gov.au. Submissions will close at COB on Wednesday, 21 September 2011.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Business owners and residents interested in the economic development and promotion of Uralla Shire are invited to attend a discussion on the formation of a chamber of commerce. The meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 17 August 2011 in the dining room of the Thunderbolt Inn.

Truck Parking on Uralla Streets

Council is seeking input from residents and affected truck drivers to the situation of the problem of having trucks parking overnight in the Uralla urban area.

The Council will be forced to have the Police actively enforce compliance with truck parking if a solution(s) can not be found by 30 September 2011.

Thunderbolts Festival and Turkey Run

The 2011 Thunderbolts Festival and the Harleys for Humanity Turkey Run will be held on the weekend of the 28th and 29th October. Planning is well under way for a weekend of entertainment and activities that promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

The organisers of both events would like to extend an invitation to members of the Uralla community to become part of the festivities.

The Thunderbolts Festival Committee is seeking volunteers and helpers to assist with the smooth running of the Festival. If you would like to be involved with one of Uralla Shire's premier events, please contact Leanne Cooper on 0488 559 928, or coops.4@bigpond.com.

The team at Harleys for Humanity will be celebrating their 10th anniversary and as a result, are anticipating a record number of riders for this year's Turkey Run. All regular accommodation has been booked out and they are now seeking alternative means of housing riders. If you have a spare bed or two, caravan, or sleep out and would like to host riders from the Run, please contact the Uralla Visitor Information Centre on 6778 4496. Providers of home style accommodation receive a fee of \$45 per guest per night.

Harleys for Humanity support Muscular Dystrophy and Cerebral Palsy Alliance, depression initiative Beyond Blue, Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and a local charity/cause in Uralla.

Recycling Handy Hint

When you place your recycling in your recycling bin:

- Do not put items in plastic bags, put each item in separately.
- Rinse your recyclables before binning.

Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Inc AGM

The AGM for the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Inc. (A DFACS funded project) will be held on Sunday, 18 September 2011 at 12:30pm.

Nominations for Management Committee are to be submitted at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Nomination forms are available by either calling into or phoning the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre on 6778 3277.

A light lunch will be provided, entry at the rear of Hall.