

## URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

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### June 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 will be 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.

### Tree Planting Policy

At Council's April Council meeting, Council determined to implement a tree planting policy whereby tree seedlings are gifted to residents who have just constructed a dwelling and to those families who have had a new birth.

The Uralla Shire Tree Planting Program has been created by Council to recognise the positive residential building growth and to celebrate the arrival of its newest residents by promoting and improving the health, amenity and heritage of the Shire. In the long term Council hopes to ameliorate the loss of native vegetation experienced in the Shire, and reestablish amenity and ecological values. The specific objectives of the program are:

- To thank and congratulate residents who have constructed a new home in the Shire.
- To acknowledge and celebrate the arrival of new births in the Shire.
- To increase awareness about the values of native vegetation.
- To return native vegetation to our Community.

Council will be offering a complementary \$10.00 voucher to all owners who have completed a new dwelling and to those families who have celebrated a new birth in the Uralla Shire since 1 July 2010. The voucher can be used to purchase native plants for your property, or another property of your choosing in the Shire. Council will be contacting the owners of all dwellings that have had occupation certificates issued from 1 July 2011 about participation in the program. Council is asking all families who have celebrated a new addition to the family from 1 July 2010 to contact Council about the program if they wish to participate.

For further information, please contact Megan Cone on 67786314.

### Winners Announced Uralla Waste to Art Exhibition

Judges for the competition, local sculptor, Carl Merten and Cnr. Stephen Powley declared Winners for Uralla Waste to Art:

**Section - Secondary School**

Art 2D/3D: Nathan Milson : Wearable Art: Amber Horlych;

Functional Art: Annabel Cullen

**Section 3 - Open (Art)**

Georgie Doran for her piece "Shearer's Birds"- 1st;

Deni McKenzie with her piece "The Pipes of Pan" - Runner-up.

Congratulations to the Winners and many thanks to the Judges and all who participated in creatively communicating the waste reduction message.

The Uralla Waste to Art Exhibition is being held at the Uralla Library until 25 July 2011.



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After-Hours or on Public Holidays: 0427 784 982

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To Report all Fires: 000

### UP-COMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for

**Monday, 25 July 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/>

### Biodiversity in your Back Yard

Have you spotted any native wildlife in your garden or around Uralla?

The Biodiversity in High Country Project would like to create a map of the wildlife 'hotspots' around town. If you have information you would like to share with the Project, please come along to Council Chambers on Monday, 8 August at 6pm to help create this map. If you would like to report a native wildlife sighting before the meeting or cannot make it on that evening, please phone a Council Environmental Projects Officer on 6778 6300.

### Healthy Habitats and Healthy Towns

Work to fix erosion problems on Uralla Creek has commenced in Alma Park. Soil Conservation Services (SCS) will build a bed control structure to prevent further erosion of the creek bed and bank. The park will remain open during the period of work and minimal traffic disruption is anticipated. Similar work is planned for the Queen Street Causeway.

If you have any questions or concerns about the work, please phone a Council Environmental Projects Officer on 6778 6300. Alternatively you are welcome to speak with the SCS project staff on site.

### New Waste and Recycling Services

Households should now have **two bins**. A **small red lidded bin for general waste** and a **large 240L bin for recycling**. Your recycling bin should have a yellow lid or a yellow recycling sticker. Both bins will be **collected weekly**. If you do not have both bins or need a sticker for your recycling bin please contact Council and ask to speak with Warren Sellings or Kath Little.

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### Recycling Handy Hint

When you place your recycling in your recycling bin:

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

### Chemical Clean Out

It's time to clean out your rural and household chemical clutter. Uralla Shire Works Depot will be accepting the first 20kg FREE on Tuesday, 9 August 2011. For more information call NIRW on 6767 5449 or Kath Little on 6778 6315.

### Street Store Allocations

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

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

Thunderbolt Fishing Club	- week ended 17/7/11
St Joseph's PT & F	- week ended 24/7/11
Baitwaster Fishing Club	- week ended 31/7/11
Can Assist	- week ended 7/8/11
Diggings Rural Fire Brigade	- week ended 14/8/11
Ladies Aux. Show Soc	- week ended 21/8/11
Uralla PreSchool	- week ended 28/8/11

We wish each group success in their fundraising activities.

### 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.

### Change to Opening Hours - Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre

Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre will now be opened 7 days per week closing only on Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day public holidays.

#### Opening Times:

Mon – Fri 8am to 4pm

Sat/Sun 9am – 4pm

#### Daylight Savings

Mon-Fri 8am – 5pm

Sat/Sun 9am – 4pm.

### Temporary Closure of East Street Rail Crossing

East Street rail crossing will be closed on 9 August 2011 for approximately 4 days to permit upgrading of the rail crossing by ARTC. Detours will be in place to direct motorists via King Street overpass.

For further enquiries please contact Council's Project Engineer, Steve Finch, on 6778 6312.

### 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](mailto:coops.4@bigpond.com).

The team at Harleys for Humanity will be celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### "Wrap with Love"

The "Wrap with Love" knitted square making will be at the Library on Tuesday, 19 July 2011 from 10:00am. Morning tea will be provided. This is a really great way to make a difference to those that need our help. Completed squares will be sent to Tamworth for collection.

### Uralla Indoor Markets

Indoor Markets are held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the RSL Memorial Hall, Salisbury Street, Uralla, the next being on 23 July 2011 from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Uralla Shire Council's new recycling and waste services started on Monday, 4 July 2011.

### Frequently asked questions

#### **Which bin is my recycling bin?**

*Your large 240L bin is now your recycling bin.*

#### **How many bins should I have?**

*You should have two bins:*

- *one small bin with a red lid for your waste and*
- *one large 240L bin with a yellow sticker on it for your recycling.*

#### **What do I do with the black recycling crates?**

*The black crates are no longer needed for recycling collections. You can use them as you wish.*

#### **If I have never had a waste service will I get one now?**

*Waste and recycling collection areas have not changed at this stage. If you would like to receive a service, please phone the Council contacts giving details expressing your interest.*

#### **I only have a small waste bin and no recycling bin? What do I do?**

*Phone the Council contacts to arrange for a 240L large bin to be delivered.*

#### **I do not have a small waste bin. What can I do?**

*Phone the Council contacts to arrange for a 140L small waste bin to be delivered.*

#### **When is my garbage and recycling collected?**

*Collections are weekly, same day as previously collected.*

#### **The recycling bins are too big for single or aged residents. It is going to take too long to fill? What can I do?**

*The recycling will be collected weekly, but you do not have to put your recycling bin out each week. You may wish to only put your recycling bin out fortnightly.*

#### **I need a yellow recycling bin sticker for my big bin. What can I do?**

*You can phone the Council contacts, collect a yellow sticker from the Council office, or Council will arrange for a sticker to be placed on your bin when you next put it out.*

#### **What can be recycled in the 240 litre recycling bin?**

- \* *Paper/cardboard*
- \* *Unbroken glass bottles*
- \* *Plastics – all kinds*
- \* *Tin cans and Aluminium cans*

#### **What can't be put in the recycling bin?**

- *Food waste: this can be composted or added to your worm farm.*
- *Used nappies: wet nappies can be composted.*
- *Batteries: please recycle these through the purple bin in the Post Office.*
- *Syringes: please dispose of these at the wall at the front of the Uralla Landfill and in the Recycling Wall opposite the Bundarra Store.*
- *Light bulbs can be safely disposed off at the landfill.*
- *Polystyrene foam.*
- *CDs'.*
- *Ceramics.*

### **What about other recyclable items?**

- \* *Metal - drop off at the Uralla or Bundarra Landfill and Recycling Centres.*
- \* *Household Batteries – in the battery recycling bins only.*
- \* *Car batteries – drop off at Uralla or Bundarra landfill.*
- \* *Mobile telephones – in the mobile muster bins only.*
- \* *E-waste – including computers, printers, toasters, kettles, microwaves – can be dropped off at CBNE at the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre.*
- \* *Chemical drums – to be dropped off when a chemical collection is happening.*

### **Can recycling in the 240L bin be mixed?**

*Yes – put all items that can be recycled into the 240L bin and they will be sorted at the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre. Make sure items are **not** put into the recycling bin in plastic bags.*

### **Should I rinse recyclable containers?**

*Yes please!*

### **Can I recycling plastic bags?**

*Yes you can but they must be clean.*

### **Can I put my recycling in a plastic bag and then into the 240L recycling bin?**

*No.*

### **What about food waste?**

*Put it into your compost, or worm farm. Each household should aim to have no food waste. Worst case scenario, always put food waste into the red general waste bin.*

### **I have excess green waste. What can I do as it will not all fit into my red bin?**

*Green waste can be mulched in your own compost heap or a compost tumbler (these can be purchased from Council). Worm farms are another way of using green waste to produce worm castings and worm juice for your garden. Green waste can also be delivered at Uralla and Bundarra landfill sites. There are green waste Council cleanup days in May and November with free onsite mulching. If you cannot wait until then, have more green waste than you can compost and are unable to transport excess green waste to the landfill yourself, you can contact Council to make private arrangements.*

### **What do I put into the 140L general waste bin?**

*Items that cannot be recycled, including soiled items, nappies, food waste, tissues*

### **Are nappies recyclable?**

*No.*

### **What can I do with unwanted furniture?**

*In August 2011 there will be an "Op-Shop" opening at the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre. If you could please store items until then, or deliver items to the Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre for Reuse/Resale.*

### **What do I do with medical waste, such as used needles?**

*They have to be placed in the sharps bin, located in the wall at the front of Uralla Landfill and in the recycling wall at Bundarra. They should **NEVER** be placed in the recycling bin.*

### **Who are the Council contacts?**

*You can contact Warren Sellings or Kath Little at the Council Office, (Ph 6778 6300, [klittle@uralla.nsw.gov.au](mailto:klittle@uralla.nsw.gov.au)) or speak with Uralla Landfill and Recycling Centre Manager, Coral Kliendienst on 6778 3555.*