



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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COUNCIL RATE INCREASE

Council Rate Increase For 2014 / 2015

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) set the 2014/2015 rate pegging percentage at 2.3%, well below many of the cost increase for Council. Councils throughout NSW are asking their Communities (SRVs) applications to catch up on their infrastructure backlogs and/or to make up the short fall of the IPART rate pegging.

The Uralla Shire Council's ten year long term financial plan 2012/2013 to 2022/2023 had been developed on the basis of a 3.5% increase in rates for the year 2014/2015.

The reduced rate pegged percentage will mean that Council will need to find a net \$42,385 in budget cuts from the forward estimates. A reduction in the forward estimates for the 2014/2015 year is considered more prudent than seeking a SRV from the Community.

The Uralla Shire Council at its December meeting resolved; to continue to live within its means and its forward estimates bottom line; and adopt the IPART rate pegging percentage of 2.3% for its increase in general rates for 2014/2015 **and not seek any Special Rate Variation.**

Council's rating and annual charges structure involves the general rate, base rate and environmental levy that are applicable to every rateable property within the Shire. In addition, there are annual charges for water, sewer, stormwater, domestic waste collection and recycling charges that are applicable to those properties that are within the areas that receive those services.

The water usage charge has doubled from \$1.00 per kilolitre in 2007/2008 to \$2.00 per kilolitre in 2013/2014 to meet the Best Practice target of raising more than 50% of water income from user charges. Now that this has been achieved; **Council will be reducing the water access charge in 2014/2015 from last year's \$283.00 to \$250.00.**

The average projected increases, in the 2014/2015 budget deliberations, for the total general rates and annual charges (Waste, Water, Sewer, Stormwater and Environmental Levy where applicable) appearing on your rate notices will be 1.82% for Farmland, 2.93% for Rural Residential, 3.43% for Bundarra Residential and 3.53% for Uralla Residential.

NOTICES

Draft Operating Policies

Draft Operating and Human Resource Policies have been placed on Public Exhibition for the period Friday 31 January 2014 to Friday 28 February 2014.

Draft Transport Asset Management Plan and Draft Updated Workforce Strategy

Draft versions of Council's Transport Asset Management Plan and Updated Workforce Strategy have been placed on Public Exhibition for the period Friday 31 January 2014 to Friday 28 February 2014.

Exhibition of Policies, Plans and Strategy

These documents can be examined at Council Offices, 32 Salisbury Street Uralla; the Uralla Public Library, 106 Bridge Street Uralla; General Stores at Bundarra, Invergowrie, Kentucky and Kingstown; or on the Council Website at: <http://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/>

Submissions in relation to these Policies, Plans and Strategy

Submissions will be received up to Friday 14 March 2014, addressed to: **The General Manager, Uralla Shire Council, PO Box 106, URALLA NSW 2358.**

Submissions may be sent to the postal address above or forwarded via email to toconnor@uralla.nsw.gov.au.

Water

Property owners who are short of potable water and able to cart their own supply can obtain potable water from the Council Depot in Uralla by payment of \$19.50 per 4.5 kilolitres (1000 gallons).

Council does not have a Certified Potable Water Cart to be able to deliver water.

A reminder to all water users to be waterwise during this dry period.

Rates and Water Payments

- A reminder to Residents to please ensure that you use the correct BPay and Reference Numbers when making payment of water and council rates accounts. These payments use different Reference Numbers.
- Water accounts are now overdue.
- The next rates instalment is due on 28 February. If you are having difficulty paying either account, please contact our Rates Officer as early as possible.

CONTACTS

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Bundarra Works Depot:

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Emergency Contacts:

After-Hours and on Public Holidays

Overseer: 0427 784 982

Water / Sewer: 0427 784 304

Report all Fires: 000

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next Meeting of Council scheduled for:

Date: Monday, 24 February 2014

Time: 12 noon

Location: Uralla Shire Council Chambers,
32 Salisbury Street, Uralla

"Have Your Say" from 1:30pm.
(Contact Council for registration procedure)

Council Meeting Agendas and Reports 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
- ▢ Uralla Public Library

Or view and download from the Council website at: www.uralla.nsw.gov.au

Link: [Your Council/Council Documents](#)

NOTICES

For Sale

1 only 1990 4 Door Beige EA Falcon sedan
6 cylinder automatic
Registration Number BJ-24-ZF (expired)
272,037 kms
Contact Plant Superintendent on 02 6778 6404
to arrange an inspection.
Offers in writing close Friday 28 February 2014
addressed to General Manager.

Volunteers Required

McCrossin's Mill Museum is regarded as one of the most fascinating and progressive regional museums in NSW. It is owned and operated entirely by a great team of volunteers, whose motto is "Why Not?" We welcome visitors from all over the world and cater for touring groups, weddings, musical events, theatre etc. We have a lot of fun most of the time and really put Uralla on the map! Happy new faces are always welcome to join our friendly team. To find out more about us, phone the Mill on 02 6778 3022 or Ineke 0429 784 168 or call in to see what we're all about. Why not?

Interested in Local and Family History?

Council has recently received a grant to establish a Local Studies & Family History Centre within the Uralla Library. Community members interested in assisting with the project are invited to attend an information evening at 6pm on Wednesday, 19 February at Council Chambers, Salisbury Street. Please contact Community Development Officer, Patrick Dogan, at the Visitor Information Centre or on 02 6778 6420 for more information.

MARKETS

Seasons of New England Market

This market and Fair Day will be held at the Uralla Showground on Saturday, 8 March 2014 from 8:00am - 3:00pm.

Showcasing New England producers, makers and artisans, we would love to hear from home gardeners who might like to run a community stall of fruit, vegetables and flowers for this market. Contact Tara on 0434 408 163 or email info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au

For more information about the event please visit our website :

www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au

The day will also include a teddy bear's picnic and a twilight dinner from 5:30pm by a New England chef using New England produce - tickets available online and at a number of outlets across New England in January.

Uralla Unique Markets

Saturday, 22 February 2014 at Pioneer Park Uralla. 9:00am-1:00pm

Contact Deni on 02 6778 7065.

Uralla Indoor Markets

Saturday, 22 February 2014 at RSL Memorial Hall, Salisbury St, Uralla.

8:00am to 1:00pm

Uralla Community Garden

Uralla Community Garden Inc (UCG) proudly announces the imminent launch of the Uralla Community Garden Project.

With the support of Council, local businesses and the community, the project will be developed in Wood St beside the Uralla Swimming Pool.

Willing hands are sought to be part of this creation, so people of all shapes, ages and sizes are invited to get involved.

Project plans include regular working bees, workshops and seminars.

For further information catch us at the UCG stand at the Seasons of New England Market and Fair Day, visit our Facebook page, or contact David Ryan on 0429319539 or email:

david@lovingecosystemservices.com.au

Volunteers Required

Local Bush Care

Meet 4th Monday of each month from 9:30am until 12:30pm at Mt Mutton.

Have fun and learn about Australian native plants and animals with Council's expert Bush Regenerator, Kate Boyd.

No previous experience is necessary.

To register your interest please call Kate on 02 6778 6316 or email

council@uralla.nsw.gov.au prior to the day.

Uralla Community Shed

Council is seeking expressions of interest from members of the community who may be interested in participating in a Uralla Community Shed project - based on the Men's Shed concept, but for both men and women.

If you are interested in learning new skills and making new friends, please contact Community Development Officer, Patrick Dogan, at the Visitor Information Centre or on 02 6778 6420.

APPLICATIONS

Development Application and Complying Development Certificate Approvals / Refusals

December 2013

Approvals:

Application No.	Applicant	Property	Development
DA-59-2013/A	New England Surveying & Engineering	31 Bridge Street, Uralla	2 Lot Subdivision
DA-71-2013	Mr M & Mrs S Swift	21 East Street, Uralla	2 Lot Subdivision
DA-75-2013	Mr S Poss	13 Sandon Close, Uralla	Shed
CDC-46-2013	Mr J Stanley	53 Kareela Road Invergowrie	Dwelling
CDC-31-2013	NSW Public Works	Bundarra Central School, Bowline Street, Bundarra	Agricultural Plot Shed
CDC-45-2013	Mr P Caldwell & Ms D Hunt	72 Macleay Way, Saumarez Ponds	Barn Shed

Refusals: Nil

The Notices of Determination for the above Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates are available for public inspection, free of charge, during office hours at Uralla Shire Council, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla.

Street Stall Allocations and Applications 2014

Council provides a Community Street Store in Bridge Street, Uralla, rent free as its contribution to local Community Groups.

Submissions for applications from local non-profit sporting groups, organisations and charities for Community Street Stores in 2014 will remain open until all spaces are filled.

Application Forms are available from Council's office. Please note that **only** official Application Forms will be accepted.

During the months of February and March the following organisations will be holding local Community Stalls:

- Uralla Junior Rugby League - week ending 2/2/14
- WIRES - week ending 16/2/14
- Friends of McMaugh Gardens - week ending 9/3/14
- St Joseph's Parish - week ending 16/3/14
- Kentucky Memorial Hall - week ending 23/3/14
- Rocky River P&C - week ending 30/3/14.

Resolutions of Council

The Minutes of Council Meetings are available to be read at the Council Administration Centre, Uralla Public Library and General Stores at Bundarra, Invergowrie, Kentucky and Kingstown.

Minutes are also available online at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au - go to: [Your Council / Council Documents / Minutes](#).

Uralla Library Storytime

Storytime for young children is held on Tuesdays 10:30 am followed by craft time.

Parents are encouraged to join in with their children, and make friends.