

MEETING MINUTES



URALLA TOWN AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (UTEC)

Date: 4th September 2023 – Quarterly Meeting

Time: 06:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Kent Mayo (06:07PM)

IN ATTENDANCE

Kent Mayo KM (Chairperson), Annie Mayo AM (Secretary), Bob Anderson BA, Rob Bowie RB, Cr Leanne Doran LD, Marlene Jacobs MJ, Tony Lashlie TL, Andrew Parker AP, Jim Sinclair JS (via Zoom), Cr Tara Toomey TT, Rob Valler RV (via Zoom), Toni Averay TA (Acting General Manager USC), Elizabeth Kinkade EK (Acting Executive Director Infrastructure & Development USC), Dean Weiley DW (Acting Project Manager USC).

APOLOGIES

Beth McGrath BM
Noelene Porter NP

ELECTION OF OFFICE HOLDERS

Chairperson

Nominated: Andrew Parker
Nominated by: RB Secoded: KM
Nomination accepted by Andrew Parker

Andrew Parker elected unopposed as Chairperson (took up position)

Secretary

Nominated: Rob Valler
Nominated by: AP Secoded: RB
Nomination accepted by Rob Valler

Nominated: Tony Lashlie
Nominated by: AM
Nomination declined by Tony Lashlie

Rob Valler elected unopposed as Secretary (took up position)

Deputy Chairperson

Nominated: Tony Lashlie

Nominated by: AP Seconded: JS

Tony Lashlie elected unopposed as Deputy Chairperson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS QUARTERLY MEETING (5th JUNE 2023)

Moved: AP

Seconded: BA

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

Note – KM departed meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Memorial Avenue.

UTEC advise Council that we will, in consultation with the Uralla RSL Sub-Branch, look at the previously proposed 'Uralla's One-Hundred Sons Memorial Avenue' to determine viability for development and report any recommendations to Council accordingly.

Moved: RB

Sec: BA

Carried

Discussion about the name of the project to be taken to the next General Meeting.

2. UTEC Schedule of Actions

UTEC request that Council, in accordance with the intent of Clause 6.2 of the UTEC Terms of Reference, update the UTEC Schedule of Actions upon any Recommendation, Resolution and/or Action occurring and a copy of same be provided to UTEC within 7 days.

Moved: MT

Sec: TL

Carried

3. Mt Mutton Mural.

UTEC recommends Council seek applications from the Community on the value of maintaining, upgrading or removing the murals on the water tanks on Mount Mutton.

Moved: TL

Sec: BA

Carried

4. Woodville.

Background: There is increased vehicular traffic in the area due to motorists using Barleyfields Rd as a short cut. The traffic in McKenzie St is of particular concern. There are also concerns about pedestrian and mobility scooter safety.

This matter was discussed and it was advised by TT that UTEC look at the Traffic Management Plan and the Pedestrian Access Management Plan (PAMP). Matter to be taken back to UTEC General meeting for further discussion. Link to PAMP at **ATTACHMENTS**

5. Meetings other than Quarterly UTEC Meetings.

UTEC advised Council that the structure of UTEC meetings would now be in the form of General Meetings (to be held on average once per month) and Quarterly Meetings (to be held four times per calendar year). The purpose of General Meetings is for UTEC to form agreed recommendations and advice to Council which will subsequently be presented at the Quarterly meetings. In the event an urgent issue arises before a Quarterly Meeting when no General Meeting is due to take place, an Extraordinary General Meeting may be called. It is noted that all meetings are open to the public and that a schedule of meetings is to be provided to Council for publication on the USC website.

Action: RV to provide draft schedule of all meetings for discussion at next General Meeting. Dates of the next General and Quarterly Meeting set as per details at the closing of these minutes.

6. Update on USC Projects.

Reports concerning projects currently being considered/undertaken by USC were given by TK, EA and DW. Copy of reports at **ATTACHMENTS**

NEXT MEETINGS

Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday 4th December 2023 - 6pm sharp, Uralla Shire Council Chamber

Next General Meeting: Monday 2nd October 2023 - 4pm sharp, McCrossin's Mill.

Meeting Closed: 07:12pm

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes Item no. 4 - Link to USC Pedestrian Access Management Plan (PAMP) [uralla-pedestrian-access-mobility-plan--august-2019.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/uralla-pedestrian-access-mobility-plan--august-2019.pdf)

Minutes item no. 6 – Reports on Projects from USC

Parks and Facility Upgrades for the Uralla Community

Council is pleased to be able to provide this update to our residents regarding exciting news about new and upgraded community and recreation facilities.

Council received NSW State & Commonwealth Government Funding to deliver four community projects for the benefit of our residents and visitors. The NSW State and Commonwealth projects funding arrangement means that *these facility upgrades are delivered at no cost to ratepayers.*

Rotary Park Upgrade

The Rotary Park Upgrade Project has reached Practical Completion and is now open to the public. The community is encouraged to drop by and have a look at the new facility. It will serve as a wonderful rest stop for travellers driving north and south. Council is currently looking for solutions to accommodate multiple RV and Caravan access.

Council would like to extend special thanks to the community members involved with the Community Garden, which is located in very close proximity to the new park. The Rotary Park project has had a significant impact on the gardens and its operation. Council is grateful for the ongoing engagement with the community garden to ensure that this invaluable service continues, recognises and appreciates the great work done by the Community Garden Group.

Pioneer Park Upgrade

Uralla residents and visitors would have noticed that work has commenced at Pioneer Park. The landmark project will deliver a Fibonacci themed walkway with seating, including an entry statement. Captured in the design concept illustration below, it will showcase the unique Uralla postcode 2358, the only postcode in Australia that captures part of the Fibonacci sequence. An exciting component of the project is the proposed inclusion of stencilled artwork, using the conceptual designs by our local school children, as part of the pathway feature.



Fibonacci themed Pioneer Park – West from the Cnr of Bridge and Salisbury Streets.

The park will be replanted using tree, shrub and grass species identified in the Council Tree Policy.

The Glen Precinct Upgrade

This project has two major components;

1. The completion of the Constellations of the South Sculptures; and
2. Infrastructure for visitors including parking and pedestrian facilities

This park will continue to be an off-leash dog walking area.

Constellations of the South

Council has approved several further artwork designs to be commissioned into sculptures for installation at The Glen. The completion of this project will be the culmination of a 20-year vision.

Infrastructure

The project will also deliver a new asphalt entrance road leading to a new asphalt car park with designated parking bays. Two culvert creek crossings to enhance accessibility, one for a connecting pathway to Rotary Park. New wheelchair friendly BBQ and park furniture and an upgrade of the information shelter. Additionally, Council resolved (subject to funding) to develop a Stage 2 plan which will incorporate elements of the design which reflect the contemporary aboriginal perspective on astronomy. Elements identified in Stage 1 which were not delivered will be revisited.

Courthouse Upgrade

Council received funding for restoration and adaptive reuse of the Uralla Courthouse. Works completed so far include repairs and reinstatement of the verandah, new roof and repairs and painting throughout. Yet to be finalized are the relocation of a kitchenette, repair and rejuvenation of the original flooring, reinstating the original picket fence, reuse of heritage panels as wainscoting, adding disability accessible toilet facilities and refurbishment of the existing toilets and an LED light upgrade incorporating premise rewiring. Council has resolved to obtain heritage advice from the appointed Heritage Advisor regarding the completion of the Courthouse Project.

The goal is to have the Uralla Courthouse repurposed and available to the public as a multi-functional centre.

For any further inquiries or information, please contact the Uralla Shire Council at 6778 6300 or visit our website at Home Uralla Shire Council (nsw.gov.au)