

MINUTES



URALLA TOWNSHIP AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (UTEC)

Date: 5th February 2024 – General Meeting

Time: 4:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Tony Lashlie – Deputy Chair (4:05pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Tony Lashlie (Deputy Chair)TL, Rob Valler (Secretary – via Zoom) RV, Bob Anderson BA, Rob Bowie RB, Gai Buchanan GB, Marlene Jacobs MJ, Kent Mayo KM, Annie Mayo AM, Mick Raby (Acting General Manager)MR, Jim Sinclair (via Zoom)JS, Dean Weiley (Acting Director Infrastructure and Development)DW.

APOLOGIES: Andrew Parker, Beth McGrath, Noelene Porter, Cr Tara Toomey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING (11Nov 23 and 08 Jan 24):

Moved: BA

Seconded: AM

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

1. Prioritisation of Parks and Gardens maintenance (Rob Valler and Mick Raby) (to include maintenance of The Glen {see attached photos} and Blisters {in ref to previous resolution 07.09/22}).

Matter was discussed with all members of UTEC and MR. A working group with MR has been scheduled for Thursday 15 Feb at 5pm in the Council Chambers to work through the prioritization of resources/funds/works.

2. Information panels for The Glen (Dean Weiley)

Presentation from DW (see attached). Members of UTEC will take the contents for consideration and give feedback. Further item was raised regarding signage for parks within Uralla. Both matters will be discussed further at an Extraordinary Meeting to be held ASAP. RV will advise all members of the time/date.

3. Transport for NSW gal poles (Kent Mayo) – see attachment.

Map provided to all members as detailed by KM. Noted that this matter has been before USC previously. MR will liaise with Transport for NSW regarding usage of poles. A work order will be raised by MR to repair any poles which have utility. Any poles confirmed to not have utilization will be removed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Koala Crossing (Kent Mayo)

KM presented the history of the risk to koalas crossing the New England Highway on the southern approach/departure to Uralla. KM will provide some further context to include with the recommendation UTEC has resolved to present to Council (see recommendation below).

2. Porter Park (Rob Bowie)

RB presented to UTEC the issue of a 'rusty structure' in Porter Park, close to the rear of the Fire Station. DW undertook to have this removed.

3. Courthouse Piano (see attached photos – Mick Raby)

A piano has been offered as a donation to The Courthouse. UTEC agree that although this is a very kind offer, the piano would not be suitable for the future purposes of the of The Courthouse and have recommended that USC politely decline the offer.

4. Membership of UTEC (Rob Valler)

RV outlined the rights and responsibilities of all members of UTEC. Of significant highlight was that no member/s should undertake any action/s on behalf of UTEC without approval from the Committee – this includes any action or comments which could be perceived as being endorsed or from UTEC. Any member who feels they are restricted by the decisions of UTEC may resign and then undertake whatever action they see fit as a private member of the community.

RECOMMENDATION/S FOR NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:

5. UTEC recommends that Council review the southern approach/departure to Uralla for risk to wildlife (particularly Koala's) and take appropriate actions to reduce the speed limit in this area to mitigate any risk.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday 4th March 2024 - 6pm, Uralla Shire Council Chamber

Next General Meeting: Monday 1st April 2024 – 4pm, Uralla Shire Council Chamber

Meeting Closed: 5:07pm

ATTACHMENTS

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

1. The Glen



Resolution 07.09/22

That Council advise UTEC on the progress on the recommendation around the expression of interest for either a group, volunteer or employment opportunity in relation to the maintenance of the Main Street.

Executive advice:

The actual recommendation from the Uralla Township and Environment Committee was "Council advise UTEC on the result of the recommendation that Council employ a person, permanent part time, with the sole responsibility to enhance and maintain the blister gardens."

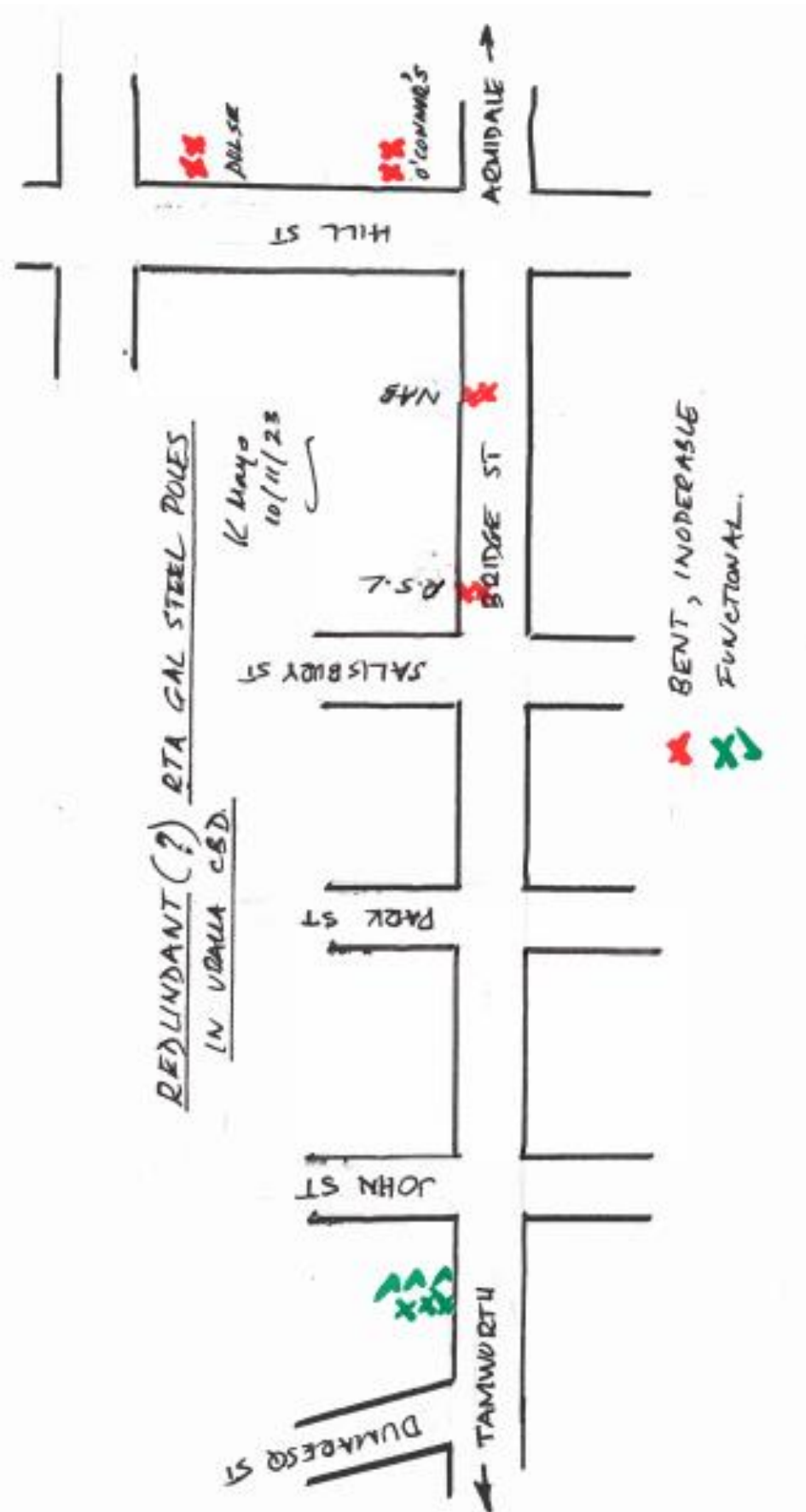
Comment:

Council included an additional \$17,000 in the 2022/23 budget to increase the maintenance level of the parks and open space area, particularly of the Uralla main street area.

It is anticipated that the parks and opens space component of the Organisational Transformation Plan will be implemented in early 2023 which may also include the commencement of a parks and open space volunteer program.

2. Information panels for The Glen (Dean Weiley)
See separate document.

6. Transport for NSW Gal Poles



GENERAL BUSINESS:

3. Courthouse Piano

