



# LATE REPORTS AGENDA & BUSINESS PAPERS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provision of the *Local Government Act 1993* that a meeting of Uralla Shire Council will be held in the Council Chambers, 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla.

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 26 November 2024

Commencing at 4:00 PM



### Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath/ Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of Uralla Shire and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act* or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

It is also a requirement that the Mayor and Councillors disclose conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

Toni Averay

**General Manager**

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On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024, the Uralla community and local businesses came together to kick off the festive season with a spectacular event that far exceeded expectations. The Uralla Christmas Street Fair was an outstanding success with locals and visitors packing the streets of Uralla and ensuring a bumper trade for our local businesses.

This Mayoral Minute acknowledges the outstanding success of the Christmas Street Fair and the efforts of Council staff, community groups and local businesses.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the Mayoral Minute.
2. Commends Council's Corporate Lead Officer, Communications and Events, Mr Chris Clark, for delivering an outstanding event and securing significant media coverage.
3. Acknowledges the efforts and contributions of all staff, community groups and local businesses in delivering the Uralla Christmas Street Fair - with special thanks to Council's Librarian, Amanda Williams; and Civil Infrastructure staff, Manager David Counsell; Coordinator Rodney Hargrave; and Acting Ganger Garret Davison.

#### REPORT

The Christmas Street Fair event was centred around Pioneer Park and Salisbury Street, with activities up and down Bridge Street. The night culminated in the lighting of Uralla's first ever Christmas tree – a spectacular Fibonacci themed tree located in the centre of the Fibonacci installation in the Park.

It was standing room only on Bridge Street as crowds moved from one activity to another while visiting local businesses and stall holders along the way.

Key highlights included:

- the markets in Salisbury Street;
- festive street poles and signage thanks to the 'yarn bombers';
- carols, sing-a-longs and the 'unicorn' drummer DJ in Pioneer Park; pipes and drums in Apex Park;
- the live nativity play in the stables at the back of the Bolt Inn;
- the North Pole post office with Mrs Clause on hand to help children write their letters to Santa;
- professional photography in front of the massive Christmas tree at the old Bank Building courtesy of the Deputy Mayor;
- Reindeer pies at the Pie Mechanic;
- Smoked meat from Dale the butcher;
- free popcorn provided by the Uralla Bowling Club volunteers;

- free craft at Little Birdy;
- free face painting;
- free Santa photos with the big man himself in the garden at the McCrossin Mill; and
- the Lantern Parade and the beautiful fairies who lit the Christmas tree!

Images from the event can be viewed on Council's Facebook page via this link: [\(5\) Facebook](#)



## CONCLUSION

The Uralla Christmas Street Fair was a huge success, providing a unique opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate the start of the festive season, and bringing economic benefits to local businesses and stall-holders alike. The feedback from locals and visitors alike has been glowing. It is planned to be an annual event. 2024 has set a high bar for future Christmas celebrations, not just in Uralla but also across the region.

Council acknowledges and thanks everyone who worked so hard to plan and deliver this event.