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Federation Council Urana District Newsletter



Message from the Administrator

The 12 May, 2017 marked the first anniversary of Federation Council. It has been an exciting year that has seen much progress made towards building strong and sustainable communities.

I am proud of what has been achieved by the new organisation.

Some highlights include;

- Adoption of a new organisational structure designed to support the needs of both the organisation and the community.
- Creation of a new logo and visual identity.
- Development of a new council website that is focused on improving communication and engagement with residents.
- Establishment of microwave links to support the sharing of information and data between council offices and facilities.
- Completion of a number of service reviews, with many more scheduled to understand the priorities of customers and consider improvement opportunities.
- Implementation of new and innovative services across the council area.
- Delivery of a number of vibrant and successful events and community initiatives.
- Completion of a \$9 million capital works program.
- Allocation of almost \$1 million dollars in funding to support community groups and organisations to deliver projects that are providing excellent outcomes.

The new council will be elected in September and I am confident that communities and the organisation will continue to go from strength to strength.

Kind Regards,
Mike Eden—Administrator

Funding boost for a strong community



Communities across the Federation Council are set to receive an injection of funds, following the recent announcement of successful projects under the Stronger Communities Major Projects Fund.

Almost \$9 million dollars has been allocated to 15 infrastructure projects that will allow council to address many long standing community priorities. The aim of the funding program is to support projects that create stronger and more vibrant communities.

Administrator, Mike Eden said the Stronger Communities Fund was a once off opportunity to deliver a number of important projects that otherwise would not have been possible.

“Communities have been working towards some of these projects for many years, so we are really pleased to provide the funding that will finally see them happen,” Mr Eden said.

An independent panel was appointed to assess the applications made under the major projects program, and included Local Member Greg Aplin MP, Regional Coordinator of Department of Premier and Cabinet Trudi McDonald and probity advisor Malcom McLean.

\$3.8 million has been earmarked for roads funding to help address the significant maintenance and renewal backlog that exists across the council area.

“The community have told us they want to see money spent on local roads, so this is a good outcome,” Mr Eden said.

There is also a focus on community infrastructure, with some exciting play space and recreational projects on the list. Playgrounds, skateparks, sporting facilities and reserves will undergo improvements designed to meet the needs of families and young people.

A number of projects are also expected to help drive economic growth and attract visitation to the area, ensuring communities are strong and sustainable into the future.

Mr Eden said projects such as the new playgrounds and skateparks will promote the area not only as a great destination to visit, but a great place to live and raise a family.

“Local sporting clubs are such an important part of small communities - so we’ve also allocated some much needed funding to renew and upgrade facilities that provide ongoing social benefits to the community,” he said.

In addition to the fifteen major infrastructure projects announced, a further \$293,680 was also allocated to community groups and organisations who were successful in their funding applications under Round 2 of the Stronger Communities Fund.

“We received 36 applications in round two and there was a real diversity in the nature of the projects seeking funding,” Mr Eden said.

“Each applicant should be very proud of their dedication to building strong communities and their efforts in preparing the applications.

“The 13 successful projects ranged from wetland improvements and renovations for all abilities access, to relocating and restoring a historic engine.”

A number of major projects will get underway before the end of the year, with the remainder to be scheduled for completion within two years.

Summaries of each of the major projects and a full list of round two recipients can be found on Council’s website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Successful round two projects announced

Round two of the Stronger Communities Grants has been announced, with \$293,680 in funding going toward 13 worthy projects across Federation Council communities.

Federation Council received \$10 million from the NSW Government to improve community infrastructure and services. Of this, almost \$1 million was made available for community groups and organisations to apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to support important community projects.

Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

- Rotary Club of Corowa - Whitehead Street wetlands improvements **\$50,000**
- Corowa Civic Bowls - external ramp from Clubroom to greens **\$9,130**
- Corowa Race Club - connect toilets to town sewerage **\$50,000**
- Corowa Tree of Life Community Garden - Corowa Men's Shed **\$22,710**
- Daysdale Memorial Hall - flooring restoration **\$10,469**
- Howlong Cricket Club - replace turf roller **\$15,000**
- Howlong Golf Resort - all access restroom and storage upgrade **\$50,000**
- Howlong Pony Club - shade extension **\$14,386**
- Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee - Paradise Palladium Theatre **\$25,000**
- Mulwala Football Netball Club - solar power generation **\$10,000**
- Oaklands Lions Club - The Ruston cold starting oil engine restoration project **\$15,200**
- Urana Progress Association and Urana Arts and Historical Society - recarpeting the courthouse **\$5,785**

- Urana Progress Association - free flight bird aviary construction **\$16,000**



The Stronger Communities Fund has been supported by the NSW Government.

Clubs NSW Grant Applications now open

The Clubs NSW grants program is now open.

Community groups are invited to apply for funding through the ClubGRANTS (Category 1) Scheme – ClubsNSW projects that achieve priorities in the follow areas will be considered –

- Community welfare and social services
- Community development
- Community health services
- Employment assistance activities

Groups operating in Victoria or outside of the council area may apply for funding assistance if they are able to demonstrate a service is being provided to NSW residents.

Innovative new projects are encouraged as are applications for other important projects.

Application forms can be obtained from any Federation Council office or from the ClubsNSW website www.clubsnsw.com.au

These applications should be forwarded to the participating Clubs by 5pm on Friday, 30 June 2017.

Further information concerning ClubGRANTS Category 1 funding can be obtained from the ClubsNSW website.



2017 Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Council are held in the Federation Council Chambers at the Corowa Civic Centre, 100 Edward St Corowa.

Residents and ratepayers are cordially invited to attend Council meetings. To present to Council, please advise the General Manager in writing by 5pm on Tuesday preceding the Ordinary meeting.

Agendas for Ordinary meetings will be made available to the public at 4pm on the Friday preceding the meeting.

Meeting dates

Thursday 29 June

Tuesday 18 July

Tuesday 15 August

Tuesday 19 September

Tuesday 17 October

Tuesday 21 November

Tuesday 19 December

Stand For Your Community – Call for Council Election Nominations

Federation Council Administrator Mike Eden is encouraging more people - including women, young people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds - to stand for their community at this year's September Local Government elections.

Mr Eden believes a greater representation of candidates from all walks of life would not only strengthen Federation council, but also ensure it has a greater voice for all ratepayers.

"Councillors have an important role to play in making decisions that respond to the changing needs of the community," Mr Eden said.

"Serving the local community as an elected councillor is a challenging but rewarding role.

"It doesn't matter if you don't think you have the experience in local government – if you are passionate about your local community and want to make a real

difference then I encourage you to consider this opportunity and stand for your community."

Federation Council has a population of over 12,000, of which over 70% of these are eligible voters. Anyone who is eligible to vote at Council elections in NSW is also eligible to stand for election as a councillor.

Prospective nominees should firstly check to ensure they are on the electoral roll for Federation Council by contacting the NSW Electoral Commission.

"Our council should be a reflection of the people and communities they serve," Mr Eden said.

"Bringing diverse views and experiences to decision making will ensure our local communities get the best solutions and outcomes."

The Office of Local Government has prepared a range of materials to assist prospective candidates in making an informed decision about standing for local government elections.

These resources can be found by visiting www.olg.nsw.gov.au

Nominations to become a councillor open on Monday, 31 July 2017 and close at noon on Wednesday, 9 August 2017.

Nomination forms will be available on the NSW Electoral Commission website www.votensw.info/

The NSW Local Council Elections will be held on Saturday, 9 September 2017.

Council Solar Installation pays off!

Council engaged KDEC, a local Albury based firm, in 2015, to install a 20kw solar panel system on the Urana Office. The initial investment was around \$60,000, and Council estimated around a \$15,000 saving per year on its annual electricity charges, meaning around a 5 year payback period.

The system has performed above expectations and this year, meaning the payback period should be even sooner than 5 years. This is a terrific result not only from an economic point of view, to allow those funds to now be spent on other areas, but also to reduce Council's carbon footprint. Well done!



Volunteer Recognition Awards now open

National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers, which runs from 11-17 May. This year with the theme ***Give Happy, Live Happy*** celebrates that not only are volunteers helping make the lives of others happier, they too are happier as a result.

As part of Volunteer Week 2017 celebrations, Federation Council is excited to launch the Volunteer Recognition Awards and Celebration. The initiative will be an annual celebration where local clubs, organisations, groups or individuals can nominate their volunteers to receive an award and attend a 'thank you' event to be held in July.

Administrator, Mike Eden said Council was pleased to recognise the important role that volunteers play in the community.

"We are honoured to acknowledge their hard work and dedication through the Volunteer Recognition Awards and Celebration," he said.

"This is an opportunity for Council to say thanks to the many volunteers who help make our communities stronger, and let them know their efforts are appreciated."

It is also hoped the initiative will encourage others to consider volunteering in the community, by highlighting the benefits of being involved in volunteer opportunities.

Nominated volunteers will receive:

- An invitation to the 2017 Volunteer Recognition Awards Celebration
- A Volunteer Recognition Certificate
- A Volunteer Pin
- Recognition for their volunteer work and contribution to the community

"We are encouraging everyone to think about people they know in the community who volunteer and deserve to be recognised – and put in a nomination," Mr Eden said.

"Council has a number of fantastic volunteers who we will be making sure are recognised, but we know there

are many more out there in the community who make a valuable contribution."

Nominations are now open and residents can nominate individuals who show compassion, commitment and hard work or a whole group who offer their time and skills to help others in the community.

To nominate an individual or group, simply complete the nomination form on Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

You will receive confirmation of your nomination via email and all volunteers will receive an invitation from Council to the celebration event.

Nominations are open until 5pm Friday, 23 June 2017.

Draft Operational Plan 2016-17 and Delivery Program 2016-2020

Federation Council is preparing its draft Delivery Program 2017-2020 and Operational Plan 2017-18. The Delivery Program is intended to set the direction of Council and includes the following:

- A list of the principal activities to be undertaken by the Council, together with the objectives, strategies and performance measures for each activity
- A rating structure for the year 2017-2018 to be effective from 1 July 2017
- A full listing of fees and charges for the 2017-2018 financial year
- A detailed statement of the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for the period 2017–2020 together with a statement of the proposed budgets for those years
- A 10 year Financial Plan.

The draft documents will be on public exhibition from 27 May 2017 until 23 June 2017 and can be viewed on council's website or in hardcopy at any council office.

Written submissions should be addressed to the General Manager and emailed to council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or by mail to:

Federation Council
PO Box 77
COROWA NSW 2646

www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au





Innovative ways to provide essential services

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Oaklands Medical Centre.

Funding allocation: \$346,942

Project Partners: Urana Medical Centre
Murrumbidgee Health Service

Timeline: A detailed project timeline will be developed.

In rural communities, we need innovative models to ensure everyone has access to locally based medical services.

This project will establish a cooperative model of sharing

General Practitioner services between Urana and Oaklands.

To support this, Council will purchase a residential building in Hunter Street Oaklands and convert this into a Medical Centre.

Dr Yaramati of Urana will provide services from Oaklands part time and work to attract and a second GP for the practice who would also support the delivery of services in Urana.



Driving visitation in rural areas

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Oaklands RV Park.

Funding allocation: \$87,173

Project Partners: Oaklands Town Improve Committee
Local businesses

Timeline: A detailed project timeline will be developed.

Construction of an RV Park in the main street of Oaklands will enable 5 RVs to park overnight with access to toilet and shower facilities at the adjacent pool, as well as BBQ facilities and a dump point.

Catering for RV enthusiasts is a great way to encourage visitors to stay a while and inject some money into

the local economy.

Working together with the community, this project is valued at over \$102,373 and will be developed off Milthorpe and Hunter street.

The project will include:

- Roadway and gravel pathway construction

- Gazebo
- Landscaping and irrigation
- Fencing and bollards
- Alterations to the existing pool amenities to enable secure afterhours and all ability access

Quality facilities for local communities



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Rand Sports Ground Redevelopment.

Funding allocation: \$70,506

Project Partners: Rand Sports Ground Committee

Timeline: A detailed timeline will be developed.

This funding will allow the final stage of the renovation project to be completed, after 10 years working on stage 1 and 2. The completion of the project will increase the usability and functionality of this important community facility.

The project includes upgrades to heating and cooling, renovations

to the function room, installation of large glass doors and an external serving area, an undercover BBQ facility and extension of the existing verandah to improve spectator viewing.

Importantly, renovations of the shower and toilet facilities will be completed to ensure all abilities

access and the creation of a nursing parent room.

The onsite dam will be enlarged and a new solar pump installed to improve water supply to the grounds.





\$3.8 million dollar injection into local roads

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Fixing local roads.

Funding allocation:	\$3.8 million
Project Partners:	Fully funded from Stronger Communities Fund
Timeline:	A project timeline will be developed for completion within the 2018/19 financial year.

Road maintenance and renewal throughout the Federation Council area has been identified by the community as a key priority.

As such, \$3.8 million has been allocated from the Stronger Communities Fund to repair the sealed road network. This allocation of funding is in addition to more

than \$10.5 million being directed from Council's 2017/18 capital works program.

The works will contain various minor projects spread across the road network in the council area, improving road safety and driver comfort and repairing damaged pavements. Where possible,

localised drainage will be addressed as a part of these roadworks.

A focus of the program will be improving access for heavy vehicles, reducing road roughness and providing farm to market roads to support the local economy.



Multipurpose facilities for vibrant communities



Victoria Park Redevelopment, Urana.

Funding allocation: \$ 79,592

Project Partners: The Campdraft Inc
Vintage Machinery Club

Timeline: A detailed project timeline will be developed.

Victoria Park in Urana offers more than football, netball, tennis and playgrounds. It plays host to the two-day Urana Vintage Rally and Ute Show as well as a two day Campdraft which attracts over 125 competitors annually. These events are important fundraisers for the clubs and will benefit from the funding injection.

The Stronger Communities funding will be added to existing funding to

provide \$105,592 to complete:

- Access road renewal works and traffic control improvements.
- Campdraft facility upgrades including a water point for cattle, arena improvements, spectator seating, and a shade shelter.
- An expansion and improvement to the Vintage Machinery Club facilities.
- Modifications to the public toilet facilities to allow all ability access.
- Improvements to the Air Strip to continue to support emergency and agricultural aircraft.



Expression of Interest

Grazing Licence for Sheep Only—Parts of Victoria Park Urana

Federation Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for leasing part of Victoria Park in Urana for sheep grazing for a period of one day less than a year with an option to extend for two further one year periods.

The information package can be downloaded from Council's Website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or picked up from Federation Council, Urana Office, 30-32 William Street, Urana.

For further information please contact Rodney Anderson at the Urana Office (02) 6930 9100.

Expressions of Interest close on Friday, 23 June 2017 and are to be addressed to:

General Manager
Federation Council
Expression of Interest—Grazing Licence
Attention: Rodney Anderson
PO Box 77
COROWA NSW 2646

Southern & Northern Regional Library 2017 MOBILE LIBRARY SCHEDULE



Boree Creek 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> 23 May	<u>Tuesday</u> 6 June	<u>Tuesday</u> 20 June
Urana 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> 30 May	<u>Tuesday</u> 16 June	<u>Tuesday</u> 27 June
Oaklands 9.00 am - 12.00 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> 31 May	<u>Wednesday</u> 17 June	<u>Wednesday</u> 28 June
Rand 1.15 am - 2.00 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> 31 May	<u>Wednesday</u> 17 June	<u>Wednesday</u> 28 June

Tip/Transfer Stations

Opening Times

	COROWA	MULWALA	HOWLONG	URANA	OAKLANDS
Monday	–	–	–	–	–
Tuesday	–	–	1pm – 4pm	–	1pm – 5pm
Wednesday	–	9am – 12noon	–	–	–
Thursday	–	–	–	–	–
Friday	9am – 12noon	–	–	12noon – 5pm	–
Saturday	1pm – 4pm	9am – 12noon	9am – 12noon	–	–
Sunday	9am – 12noon	9am – 12noon	1pm – 4pm	11am – 4pm	8am – 12noon
CLOSED	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday				

The Urana and Oaklands sites will receive all approved domestic, industrial/hard and green waste however, various wastes are required to be deposited in separate areas of each site. Please follow the signage and the directions of the site Managers.

PLEASE NOTE THAT REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM EITHER TIP IS PROHIBITED

Any questions regarding tip items should be directed to the landfill site manger.

Please ensure to cover trailers en route to tip, and to bag loose papers to prevent the creation of wind borne litter.

Users should note for safety reasons Council may close the Waste Disposal Centres on days of extreme weather, including heat and wet weather.



Please note that Chemical Drums in excess of 100 drums, will only be accepted at both the Urana and Oaklands Tips **if they have been booked in at Federation Council - Urana Office (02) 6930 9100 and you have received a return telephone call from the Tip Operator.**

If there are less than 100 drums please arrive at least one hour prior to closing time. As it can take over an hour to inspect 100 drums please ensure that you allow the Tip Operator plenty of time for inspection purposes.

Lockhart & District Community Bank®
Urana Agency



30-32 William Street
URANA NSW 2645
Ph: 02 69309100

9 am to 5 pm
Monday to Friday



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Free Internet Access

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Federation Council - Urana Office as a free
Service for members of the community.

**Children under the age of 13 must be
accompanied by an adult at all times whilst on
Council property.**

Federation Council - Urana Office
30-32 William Street, Urana
Ph: (02) 6930 9100

*No Food or Drink should be consumed
near the computers.*

**Please adhere to the
30 Minute Time
Limit.**



Monthly Newsletter Deadline for submission of items

The deadline for submission of items to the monthly Newsletter is now the Wednesday prior to Monthly Council Meetings. For the purposes of this deadline, please find deadline date on community diary page of this newsletter.

Your co-operation in meeting this deadline would be appreciated.

Placement of articles is subject to available space.

Please note that all advertisements to be placed in this newsletter must be in writing and forwarded to Federation Council's Urana office through the mail, hand delivered, email or faxed.

VACANCY—AGED ACCOMMODATION

**Billabidgee Place
Princess Street, Urana**

Council advises that there is a vacancy for aged accommodation at Billabidgee Place, Princess Street, Urana. It is a one bedroom unit with a kitchen/living area, ensuite and laundry.

Current rental is \$184.05 per fortnight for Aged Pensioners. For further information, please contact Mrs Pam Danaher at Council's Urana Office on (02) 6930 9100.

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Please be advised of the following advertising rates for ads placed in the Urana District Newsletter are as follows:

	Council Compiled	Customer Compiled
Full Page	\$55.00	\$40.00
Half Page	\$35.00	\$30.00
Quarter Page	\$23.00	\$15.00
Centre Page	\$10.00	
Classified	\$6.00	
Thank you notices	\$6.00	
<u>Community Organisations</u>		
Community organisations outside Federation Council	Charges as above	Charges as above
Community organisations within Federation Council	No charge	No charge

COUNCIL RATE INFORMATION

Pensioner Rebate

If you receive a Pension, you can apply for a Pension Rebate on your rates if the property on which you are applying for a rebate is your principal place of residence.

Contact Council's, Urana Office for further pensioner rebate information (02) 6930 9100.

Rates Instalment Notice Reminder

If paying by instalments, your final instalment is due on

31 May 2017

Overdue Rates are subject to daily interest in accordance with the provisions of The Local Government Act, 1993 at the interest rate approved by the Minister for Local Government. Currently, interest is set at 8.0% pa.

Contact Council's Urana Office (02) 6930 9100 if you need any further information.

DIRECT CREDIT/PAYMENTS TO FEDERATION COUNCIL—URANA OFFICE

Anybody using/effecting direct credit/payments to Council's Bank Account are reminded to ensure a payment advice is either faxed (02) 6930 9101 or emailed council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au to Council in confirmation that payment has been made. Please ensure a contact name and phone number is provided on the advice in case there are any problems encountered.



How to pay your rates

BPay

If your financial institution offers BPay, you can use the BPay system to pay your account by telephone or internet. For more information, contact your financial institution or alternatively visit the BPay website www.bpay.com.au.

When making a payment using BPay, you will be required to enter the biller code and reference number. These are shown next to the BPay logo on the front of your notice.

In person at any Post Office

Pay your bills in one place, with just one payment. Bills, such as phone, gas, electricity, council rates and insurance premiums can be paid and receipted at any Post Office.

By phone - call 13 18 16

For the cost of a local call, POST billpay by phone gives you the convenience of paying bills from your home, workplace or your mobile phone* 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The step-by-step process is quick and easy to use. You will also be given a receipt number as immediate confirmation of your transaction.

* The cost of mobile calls will be charged at mobile phone rates.

Post Billpay

Pay 24 hours a day, seven days a week from anywhere with internet access.

For a full list of the Terms and Condition of Use for the POST billpay system, phone 13 18 16 or visit the POST Billpay website www.postbillpay.com.au.

Direct Debit

Council offers weekly, fortnightly, monthly instalment and payment in full for all rate accounts. You need to provide your instructions on the direct debit application form which is available from Council or on Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/Living-Here/Rates/Paying-your-Rates.

At Council

Bring your notice into any of Council's Offices. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS.

Media Release



Matt Kean
Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation

Niall Blair
Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, and Minister for Trade and Industry

MEDIA RELEASE

Sunday, April 30 2017

QUAD BIKE SAFETY TRAINING FREE FOR FARMERS

Farmers will now receive free quad bike training in a major boost to the safety improvement program aimed at significantly reducing the number of deaths on rural properties across NSW.

Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation Matt Kean said farmers who complete an approved training course would also receive a free helmet – worth around \$120 – suitable for use while they are riding their quad bikes. The changes announced today represent a further saving to farmers of up to \$230.

SafeWork NSW has partnered with Tocal College to deliver up to 100 training events in regional and remote areas across NSW. From 8 May, free training will also be available through authorised Registered Training Organisations.

Previously, farmers attending an approved training course (costing up to \$510) received a rebate of \$310.

Mr Kean said more than 200 farmers had attended Tocal College training days since the \$2 million quad bike safety program was launched last year.

"There've been 113 deaths from quad bike accidents across Australia since 2011, with 32 incidents just in NSW. Each fatality was someone's loved one, and has a devastating impact on families and communities," Mr Kean said.

"I am completely committed to reducing the number of deaths and injuries from the use of quad bikes in the workplace, and that's why I want more farmers to undertake this training so they can be as safe as possible on their properties.

"We know time is money to farmers and it's not easy for them to give up a day's work to undergo quad bike training," Mr Kean said.

"We can't put more hours in the day but we can make the training free, and encourage farmers to use helmets, as the next step in our ongoing campaign to increase overall farm safety."

NSW Primary Industries Minister, Niall Blair, said improved rider education is critical to reducing the number of quad bike accidents.

"I encourage all farmers and their employees to take advantage of free quad bike safety training. There have been too many deaths on farms by people of all ages and levels of experience to ignore it," Mr Blair said. "I urge all farmers to integrate quad bike training into their employee induction process and treat quad bikes like any other tool of trade."

In March this year the government doubled the rebates available under the scheme for farmers who want to buy a safer side-by-side farm vehicle, retrofit safety equipment to existing quad bikes, and/or buy an approved helmet.

NSW Farmers administer rebates under the quad bike program, and members of the community can visit SafeWork.nsw.gov.au for further information.

Urana District Notices



AAYUSH HEALTH CARE TRUST

Dr. Veerendra Giri Yaramati

URANA MEDICAL CENTRE

31 William Street, Urana NSW 2645

PH: (02) 6920 8333

Change of hours until further notice

Monday to Friday

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

or an emergency consultation Saturday and Sunday

*Dr Yaramati will be available at the Urana Multipurpose Centre,
127 Princess Street, Urana*

Dr Sunil Thota (Sunny)

MBBS, FRACP

SPECIALIST GERIATRICIAN AND PHYSICIAN OF GENERAL MEDICINE

**Consultant at The Royal Melbourne Hospital
Melbourne**

Dr Sunny will be providing specialist services for Urana and surrounding areas once a month. He will visit nursing homes and provide support regularly.

He provides out patient clinic services from Urana Medical Centre.

Dr Sunny graduated from India and has 15 years of working experience in the public health system in the UK and Australia. He completed his specialist training in Melbourne. He enjoys working in the public health system mentoring medical students, physician trainees and consulting in private. He is a member of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Geriatric Medicine.

Urana District upcoming events

Oaklands Recreation Ground Plaque Dedication

On Saturday 22nd April 2017, The Oaklands Recreation Ground Committee unveiled a commemorative plaque dedicated to the service of two community members to the Oaklands Recreation Ground.

During the half time break of the senior match between Billabong Crows and Howlong football clubs, Mr Jim Beale, President of the Oaklands Recreation Ground Committee made a presentation to Mr John Batten (present) and Mr Reg Lewis (recently deceased) for their years of dedicated service to the rec ground. John gave the Committee 35 years of service as Secretary/Treasurer and Reg was the groundsman and general overseer of the oval and surrounds for 20 years.

The plaque, situated on the Centenary stone, records their years of service and is a small token of our appreciation for the huge contribution both gentleman have made to our recreation ground and to the Oaklands Community as a whole. Thank you John and Reg.



Mr John Batten (left) and Mr Jim Beale (right) at the Plaque unveiling

Urana District upcoming events

BOREE CREEK **CAMP OVEN COOK OFF**

Saturday 24th June 2017

Located at the Boree Creek Hotel

Entry forms available on the day for groups or individuals.

Entry fee \$5.00 per camp oven entered.

**All the proceeds are forwarded on too Can-Assist
Narrandera and Beyond Blue.**

**A Fantastic family day out, with Live music provided by P.J's
Disco during the day and Texas Rose at night, market stalls,
car boot sales, face painting for the kids, BBQ provided by the school,
raffles throughout the day.**

**Please feel free to join us in raising funds for these more than worthy
recipients.**

**Anyone wishing to volunteer is more than welcome. Please feel free to
contact anyone of us....**

Katie Saunders- 0427 700 525

Becky Wallace-Saunders- 0432 396 983

Jenny Baker- 02 6927 1407



Urana District upcoming events

CLAIMING THE DATE



FOOTBALL

RAND



NETBALL

34th AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL/ NETBALL DEVELOPMENT ROUND ROBIN CARNIVAL 2017

**To be held at the
RAND SPORTSGROUND AND
RAND PUBLIC SCHOOL OVAL**

SUNDAY 6th August 2017

First Game Commences at 9.30am

BOYS

8 & under (9 a side)
10 & under (9 a side)
12 & under (9 a side)

GIRLS

10 & under
12 & under
14 & under
16 & under

Age groups to be confirmed

CARNIVAL COORDINATORS

**Carole/James
Rand Public School
RAND NSW 2642
Ph: 02 60295228 bh
Fax: 02 60295301
Email rand-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

Urana Progress Association (in conjunction with The Arts & Historical Society)

(Supporting our Community)

URANA STREETSCAPE PAINTING PROJECT

With monies from a Heritage Grant becoming available, and with assistance from our Heritage Advisor it is pleasing to see the painting of the windows and door trims at Urana Memorial Hall has been completed. Two other older buildings in Anna Street along with the Building on the corner of Stephen Street has also benefited from a fresh coat of paint. It certainly improves the appearance of the town.



Urana Progress Association (in conjunction with The Arts & Historical Society)

(Supporting our Community)

Courthouse News

The Ralph Keller Exhibition of Australian Animals and Birds was a great success. The exhibition has created a lot of interest and attracted visitors from far and wide. All those viewing have been appreciative of the efforts that go towards hosting such an attraction. Sales to date have exceeded the Artist's expectations and both he and his wife have enjoyed the hospitality shown them.

We are greatly indebted to those wonderful volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents and thank those loyal supporters who make our efforts worthwhile.



MACKNIGHT PARK

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Urana District School News



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Greetings!

Well done to Josie Gooden, Zach and Lauren Packer, Gabriella and Angus Coghill for representing our school at the Diocesan Cross Country carnival in Holbrook. Thank you to the parents who transported and supported the students on the day.

Last Thursday, Ann and Maryanne accompanied the students to the Urana Courthouse Museum to view the Ralph Keller Australian wildlife and fauna art exhibition. As a bonus to viewing the art exhibition, the students were treated to a visit of the interesting pieces of history that are displayed in the back rooms of the Urana Courthouse Museum, complete with a wonderful impromptu presentation by Mrs. Christine Mansell, of how the old phone exchange worked up until the 1980's in Urana. Many thanks to both Mrs. Jenny Hearn and Mrs Christine Mansell for inviting us to view and showing us around the exhibition.

Healthy Harold will make his annual visit to our school next week. As always, the students are very excited to see him in the van. This is a wonderful way for students to have an in depth learning experience of personal development education.

Preparations for students to receive their First Holy Communion are taking place this term and will be celebrated at St. Fiacre's Church Urana on Sunday June 18 at 10am. A morning tea to celebrate will follow. Please join us if you can.

For further details, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Paddy's Market will be held on Sunday July 30.

Look out for more information in the coming weeks.

God bless,
Mitch Bailey
Principal



Students at the Urana Courthouse Museum



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Urana District News

ST PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWS

On Monday May 8, St Philip's Anglican Church hosted an annual conference of the Anglican Women of Australia (Riverina) group. This saw women (and Bishop Rob and Father Rex) from Corowa, Leeton, Coleambally and Lockhart join together at the Urana Bowling Club for not only their AGM, but a day of fellowship and very interesting speakers.

The morning commenced with Pat Bourke describing what is, and is hoped will be, in the local area. Bishop Rob had delivered a keynote address at Synod the week before and was astounded when Pat's key theme was based around the uniqueness and positivity of small towns. Great minds think alike!!

Rev. Sue-Ellen Chilvers followed telling of the power of prayer, the types of prayers and giving ways in which we can all begin and improve our prayer journeys. Following this we adjourned to the church for a service with Eucharist conducted by Bishop Rob and Father Rex.

Lee Noble then showed paintings of many places in the world, and more particularly Australia, that she has visited. These were so well done and had interesting stories attached to them. At the conclusion of the day some of the ladies went over to the Courthouse to view the exhibition being held there and were very impressed.

We were very grateful to the ladies from St Aidan's Lockhart who brought a large amount of food with them to assist with catering for morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch. We would also like to thank the Urana Bowling Club for allowing us to use their dining room and facilities which was the perfect size for the gathering.



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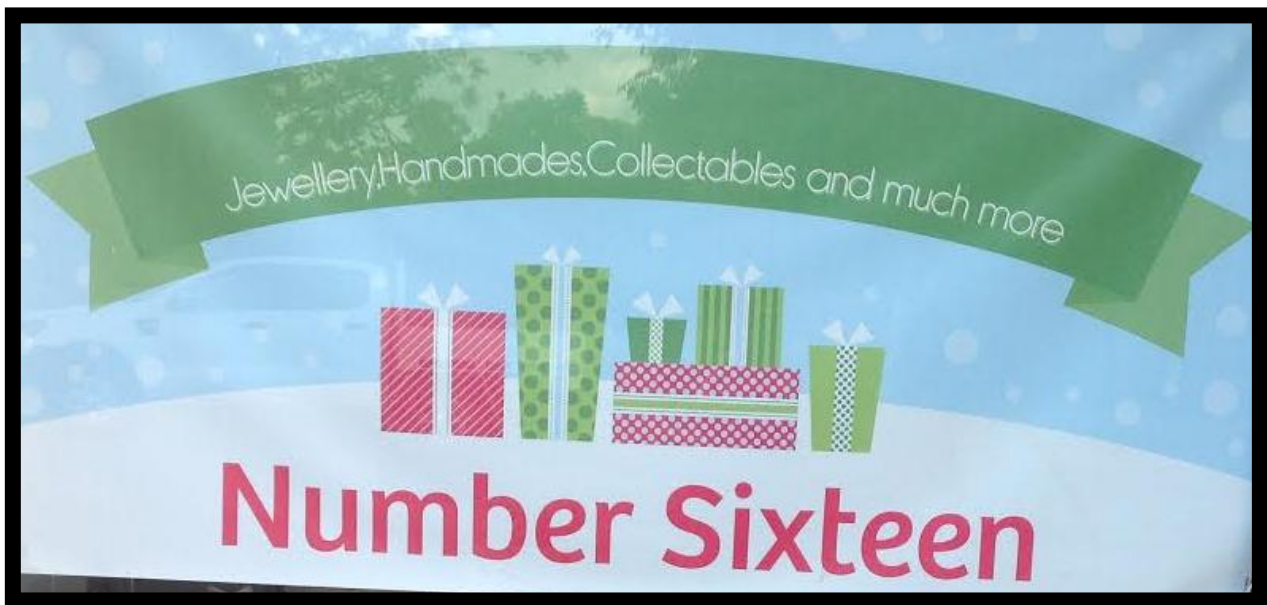
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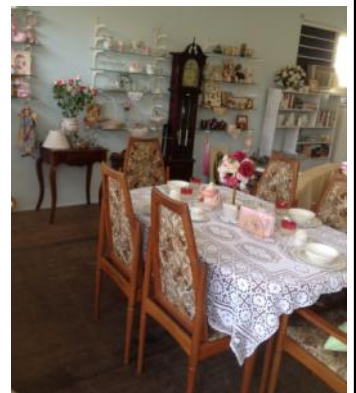
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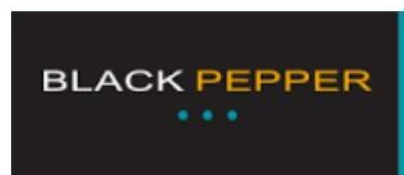
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With many thanks,

Kevin, Rhonda, Travis & Karen Williams and family (Rand).

Lockhart Shire Council Newsletter

Copies of the monthly Lockhart Shire Newsletter are available for collection from Federation Council - Urana Office, and our monthly Urana District newsletter is available from Lockhart Shire Council offices.

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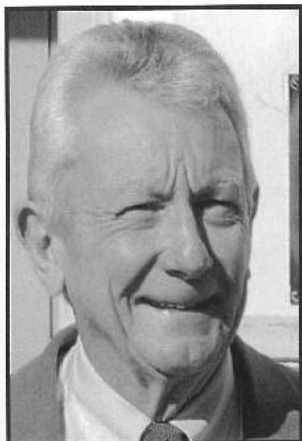
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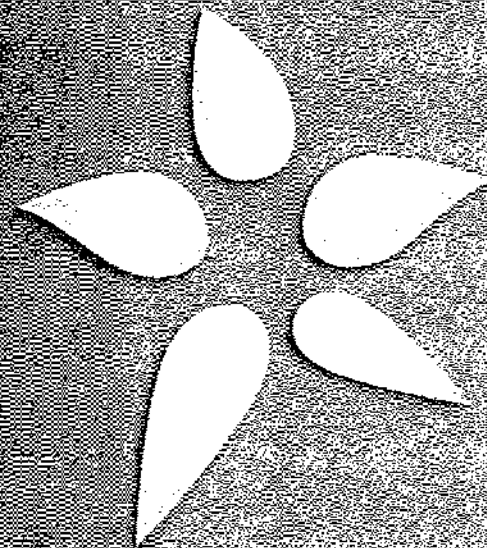
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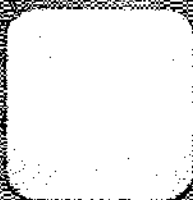


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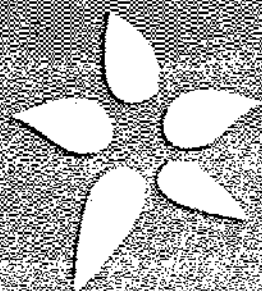


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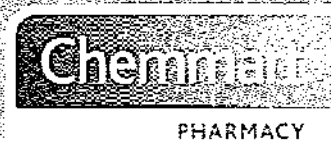


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ACTIVITY ADVENTURES FROM URANA MPS

CARD MAKING

As part of our craft program we decided to make cards for staff – as this was just prior to Easter we had some Easter cards, some “Thank You” cards and some “Have a Good Day” cards. A major part of this exercise was to write the names of all the staff who work at Urana Multi Purpose Service as we included outdoor staff, Hotel Services staff, administration and student nurses. We ended up with quite a list, then each resident chose several staff the ‘create’ for.

We all had a few laughs while ‘creating’, enveloping and cross-checking with our list. Staff were thrilled to receive these cards.

CYCLONE DEBBIE

While we were ‘creating’ cards we also made a few to send to residents of an RSL Nursing Home in Bowen, Queensland. Our residents had suggested sending items to Nursing Home residents who had lost items in the Cyclone, but fortunately no Nursing Homes were affected in that way.

The residents from the Bowen Nursing Home had however, been evacuated to the RSL Club for two nights which would not have been pleasant for them. So to let them know they are being thought of we sent a letter featuring photos of local landmarks and the cards.

URANA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Ten Pin Bowling in the hallway was a bit of a hit with students and they did a good job as backstops too. The competition was fierce between Ross and Zakk and there were lots of laughs as residents and students had a go – there were some strikes and some misses! Please note – no nurses were injured whilst walking down the hallway!!



Other days they have enjoyed playing board games such as Trouble, Connect 4, Dominoes, card games and much more. Hangman based on Anzac Day was a good challenge for all too. The children bring so many smiles and lots of chatter to the room which is such a great thing. We really do appreciate their visits with Janice.

Urana & District Health News

ACTIVITY ADVENTURES FROM URANA MPS (cont)

EASTER

Our Easter craft activity was to decorate some hard boiled eggs. We put stickers on the eggs and carefully lowered them into a liquid of vinegar, water and food colouring which residents had made to their own specifications. After experimentation we found that the eggs needed to be in the liquid for a considerable time to make them darker colours.



Our “basket” was made by cutting and painting part of an egg carton. Other Easter related activities included a find-a-word, quiz and hangman.

ANZAC DAY

Residents would like to thank the Hall Committee, Kapooka personnel, school children and community members for marching past the Hospital so that we could be involved in this special occasion. It was very impressive and much appreciated. Pictured is Ruth who proudly joined the march and kept perfect marching time with the drums of John and Pat.



WILDLIFE ART EXHIBITION



We were delighted to visit this Exhibition at the Courthouse when it was on show. Everyone was impressed with the quality of the paintings and drawings as well as the number of subjects. Obviously Ralph Keller, the artist, has travelled extensively to encounter such interesting creatures and he has captured their features so well. Dorothy and Les were particularly interested in the bird paintings and drawings. We will be booking in to any future exhibitions as well!!

Health Services

Community Nurses

Christine Simpson
Karen Brooks

Hospital - (02) 6920 8106
Community Health - (02) 6920 8101

Child & Family Nurse

Jacinta Dore

Urana, Oaklands, Rand and Morundah —
clinic and home visits by appointment only.
Contact Urana Community Health 02 6920 8101



Childhood Immunisation Clinic



3rd Tuesday each month

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
ALL venues, including URANA by appointment ONLY.
Please ring (02) 6920 8101

Please bring your Medicare Card and your child's Blue Book to the Clinic. You will need to wait 15 minutes following vaccinations.
Any questions regarding immunisation can be directed to the Child & Family & Community Nurses.

Back on TRACK PHYSIOTHERAPY

Jeremy Carr
APA Sports Physiotherapist

p (02) 6033 0933
e jeremy@backontrackphysio.biz
w www.backontrackphysio.biz

Urana Community Health Centre
Princess Street
Urana NSW 2645



Every Monday
9.00 am to 4.00 pm

Tai Chi

When: Monday Mornings

at 9.30 am

Where: Oaklands Catholic
Church Hall

With: Louise Smith



Women's Health

A free and confidential health service for women of all ages provided by a specialist Women's Health Nurse

21 June 2017

For appointments for Women's health (pap smears, general women's health information) contact the

Community Health Centre (02) 6920 8101 or the Hospital (02) 6920 8106

DENTAL PROSTHETIST

Gary Barutzki

Direct to the Public

For All Your Denture Needs:

Full, Partial Dentures, Relines,
Repairs & Additions

ON A FORTNIGHTLY BASIS
FOR AN APPOINTMENT PHONE:
6925 0549

Urana & District Health Services

Hospital - (02) 6920 8106
Community Health - (02) 6920 8101



CRAFT & CUPPA



Come along and enjoy your craft at
Urana Community Health.

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month

10.30 am to 3.00 pm

Enquiries:
Anne Kerr (02) 6920 8188

PODIATRIST

Wagga Foot Clinic at Urana Community Health

13 June 2017



For Appointments Please Phone:
Wagga Foot Clinic
on (02) 6921 1783

Do you love children?



**Do you also want to work from
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Our friendly, country service needs
more home based child care educators
(your home or child's home or suitable
premises). No professional experience
necessary. Full support and training
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Contact: T: 6026 3877
www.ghchildren.com.au



Tai Chi

for Health and Energy

When: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
at 6.30 am

Where: Urana Aquatic Centre
Phone Jenny Butchers (02) 6920 8434

Health Services

Australian Unity 



australianunity.com.au/home-services

Home Care Services

Ph: 1300 160 170

Our home services are suitable for people of all ages and abilities who would like to receive extra support to get the most out of life.

No matter what type or level of support you require, we are committed to maximising your wellbeing and independence. Our customised solutions are driven by you, for you.

Some of our services include:

In and around the home:



Personal care.

Dignified support with showering, dressing and grooming.



Domestic services.

Light household chores around the home.



Meal preparation.

Delicious meals with fresh ingredients.



Odds and ends.

Everything from organising a gardener to helping with a vet's check for your pet.



Home beautiful.

Let us do the hard work for you when it comes to cleaning your home.



Sleepover support.

Our trained staff are able to stay over in your home to provide the support you may require overnight.



Live-in care.

Got an active lifestyle but need some extra support? Let us assist you with a combination of personal care, leisure, recreation and domestic services, provided by one staff member for a 24-hour period.

Community activities:



Companionship.

Someone to share a cup of tea with, play a game of cards or go for a stroll.



Positive care.

Finding ways to keep you doing the things you love, from tap dancing to pottery classes.



Private assistance.

Whether it's general day-to-day errands or particular tasks, we can support you.

Health Services

ATTENTION: SENIORS AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS WANTING TO GET FIT AND MAKE FRIENDS

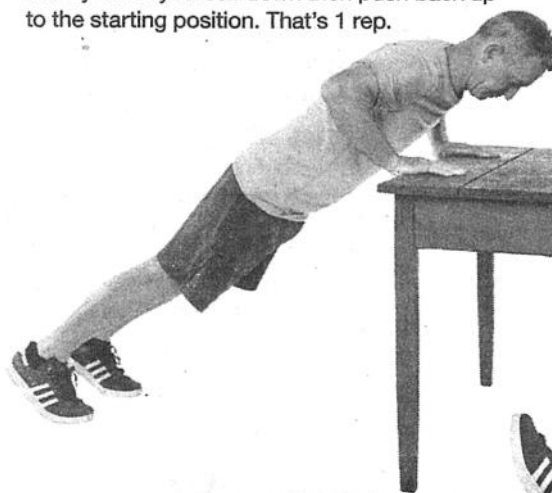


STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE

MODIFIED PUSH UP

BENEFIT: "This strengthens the chest and arms."

TIPS: Standing 1-2 metres away from a table, put both hands at shoulder width on the tabletop. Slowly lower yourself down then push back up to the starting position. That's 1 rep.



SQUAT

BENEFIT:

"Targets muscles around the knees and hips."

TIPS: Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, your arms crossed. Tilt your head and torso forwards slightly as you lower your body until your thighs are near parallel to the floor. Return to the start position. That's 1 rep.



**Every Monday at 10.30 am
At Community Health at the
Urana Hospital**

Followed by morning tea and a talk

Cost \$1 per session

CONTACT

Bill (02) 6920 8112 or Harry (02) 6920 8374

Health Services

LOCKHART HEALTH SERVICES

The following services are visiting Lockhart regularly:

OPTOMETRIST

Russell and Chalker Optometrists Eyecare Plus are now visiting Lockhart regularly for comprehensive consultations.

Glaucoma testing, cataract assessments, macular degeneration. Adults and Children's assessments, and Veteran's Affairs patients welcome. Spectacle frames available.

For Appointments Please Phone: (02) 6921 8833

PODIATRIST

Wagga Foot Clinic visits the Lockhart Community Health Building every 4 weeks.

For Appointments Please Phone: Wagga Foot Clinic on (02) 6921 1783

PHYSIOTHERAPY - Every Wednesday (must have referral).

For Appointments Please Phone: Lockhart & District Hospital on (02) 6920 5206

X-RAY SERVICE

X-Ray services are available every 2nd Monday and undertaken at the Lockhart & District Hospital. A referral from the doctor is required.

For Appointments Please Phone: Lockhart & District Hospital on (02) 6920 5206

Should you require transport to/from any of these services please contact Lockhart & District Community Services to arrange on (02) 6920 4162

*Lockhart and District Community Services Office is open between
9.00am - 1.00pm — 1.30pm - 3.00pm. Monday to Friday.
For all enquires or transport bookings please ring the office in the
mornings, on (02) 6920 4162. If the office is unattended in the afternoon
due to service demands, please leave a message and we will
contact you as soon as possible.*



Australian Red Cross

MOBILE BLOOD BANK

Visits Lockhart every **third** month.
(In front of the Shire Offices)

Next visit:

9 August 2017

Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate.

Have a good sized breakfast or lunch
(You need to be aged between 16 & 70 years)

For further information or to make a booking please go to
www.donateblood.com.au

All Welcome

Health Services



Our Services delivery areas encompass the Lockhart Shire & Federation Council. For further classification of service provision in what areas and for any queries please contact Lockhart on 02 6920 4162

The following services Valmar Support Services offer are:

- ♦ **Community Transport**
- ♦ **Individual & Group Social Support**
- ♦ **Home Modifications**
- ♦ **Meals on Wheels**
- ♦ **Domestic Assistance**
- ♦ **Personal Care**
- ♦ **Centre based Respite**
- ♦ **Flexible Respite**
- ♦ **Craft Group– 10am-12pm**
- ♦ **Day Club– Tuesdays 10am-3pm**
- ♦ **Home Maintenance**
- ♦ **Brokered Services**

We also offer a Weekly Bus Service to Wagga each Wednesday.
Social bus Trips each Friday .

Contact 02 6920 4162

Emergency+ Smartphone App



**Save the
App that
could save
your life.**

triplezero.gov.au

The **Emergency+** app is a **free** app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners.

The app used **GPS functionality** built into smart phones to help a

Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to **mobilise emergency services.**

Health Services

Valmar Support Services Lockhart Office

Our service delivery areas encompass the Lockhart & Urana Riverina/Murray areas

The following services Valmar Support Services provide are:

- Community Transport
- Flexible Respite
- Individual Social Support
- Meals on Wheels/ Frozen Meals
- Home Modifications
- Personal Care
- Domestic Assistance
- Ladies Social Support Bus Trips

Following services are Brokered by Intereach:

- Home Maintenance
- Meals on Wheels
- Men's Social Support Bus Trips
- Albury Bus Trip

- ♦ *Frail Aged (65 years & over)*
- ♦ *Have a disability*
- ♦ *Independence at home is at risk*
- ♦ *A carer of frail aged or person with a disability*
- ♦ *Isolated, Transport Disadvantaged*
- ♦ *From a culture distinct community, financially disadvantaged*

*For further classification of service provision in what area and for any enquires
contact us on :*

Lockhart 02 6920 4162

AgedServices@valmar.com.au

Urana District Church Notices



Catholic Parish of Urana, Oaklands & Lockhart

1st, 3rd & 5th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SATURDAY (VIGIL MASS) - 6.00 pm -
LOCKHART

SUNDAY - 8.00 am - URANA

SUNDAY - 10.00 am - OAKLANDS

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SATURDAY (VIGIL MASS) - 6.00 pm - URANA

SUNDAY - 8.00 am - LOCKHART

SUNDAY - 10.00 am - URANGELINE



ANGLICAN
CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
Diocese of the Riverina

ST PHILIP'S CHURCH PRINCESS STREET URANA UPCOMING SERVICE DATES

Sunday 25th June — 11.30 am

Sunday 23rd July — 11.30 am

For all Baptisms, Marriages,
Funerals and all other enquiries,
please contact Reverend Nola Cox
(02) 6920 5549



Uniting Church Urana

Uniting Church
Urana Enquiries
Please contact:
(02) 6920 8047



Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Riverina

St Aidan's Lockhart

Corner Day & Drummond Streets Lockhart

SUNDAY - 9.00 am

St Oswald's Boree Creek

Baptisms, Marriages. Funerals & other
activities by arrangement

*All Enquiries,
Please contact Rev Nola Cox
on (02) 6920 5549*



Calendar

of Events

Urana District

BOREE CREEK

Jun 24 Boree Creek Camp Oven Cook Off - Boree Creek Hotel

MORUNDAH

Sep 9 Melbourne City Ballet - Midsommers Night Dream - Paradise Palladium Theatre

Sep 30 Australian Boys Choir - Paradise Palladium Theatre

OAKLANDS

RAND

Aug 6 Rand Public School Football/Netball Development Round Robin Carnival

URANA

May 27 End of Month Meals - Urana Bowling Club

Jun 18 Bernie Hemphill Memorial Bowls Tournament - Urana Bowling Club

Jun 24 End of Month Meals - Urana Bowling Club

Jul 23 Urana Caged Bird Sale - Urana Hall

Oct 19-22 **CLAIMING THE DATE** - Art Exhibition and Sale

Oct 21-22 **CLAIMING THE DATE** - Urana Vintage Machinery Club - Vintage Rally

Oct 20-21 **CLAIMING THE DATE** - Open Gardens October

Deadline for June Edition

Wednesday

14 June 2017

All articles and advertisements for the newsletter must be in writing and sent via mail, hand delivered, email or faxed to the Urana Office **no later than 5.00 pm to be included in this Edition**. Placement of articles is subject to available space.

Phone: (02) 6930 9100

Fax: (02) 6930 9101

email address: council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Oaklands War Memorial Project cont.

The ladies said they have been blown away by offers of help and support from within their community.

"We were very fortunate to have the support of the Corowa RSL Club and NSW Grants with a successful application that allowed us to finish the project on time," they said.

"Our new design included the original Cenotaph, 2-pounder guns on polished concrete platforms, flag pole and a raised commemorative garden all finished within a large paved area for viewing.

"The new memorial includes existing pieces like our pair of 2-pounder anti-tank guns that were originally bought by a local farming family for the wheels many years ago and later donated to the town, these guns have been refurbished and installed as a major feature."

The ladies said many thanks once again to all those involved with the process of refurbishment, which has had a positive impact on the memorial.

"On Anzac Day 2017, we held our first commemorative service at our new memorial and the service was organised and run by Belinda Goldsack and Lana Coleman along with our local RSL Club," they said.

"Both Belinda and Lana have served with the Australian Navy and have returned home to Oaklands. "The local march was held in Milthorpe Street and finished at the memorial with a full commemorative service including a catapult party from Bandiana, led by SGT Mathew Moore.

"Our march included ex-serviceman and women, local school groups and family representing those who have served.

"A special thanks must also go to the Oaklands Central school students who contributed over 200 white timber crosses with the names of local servicemen from World War 1 and 2 which were lining the garden and pathway up to the RSL Club following the official ceremony. "

Sarah and Melissa said this project has seen more volunteer hours than they can remember and a lot of community working bees.

"Without the amazing locals that gave their time to us we would never have the fantastic War Memorial that we see now, we would like this opportunity to thank everyone involved in this project," they said.

"It truly was a community effort and we are so very proud to have been part of it.

"We hope you will get as much out of it in the future as we will."

Federation Council General Manager Chris Gillard said he was honoured to have laid a wreath at the memorial service on behalf of council, as well as supporting the project via a council-contributed grant of \$2,900.

"It was particularly good to see the wonderful war memorial completed by a group of volunteers capably led by Sarah Moloney," he said.

"Federation Council would like to thank Sarah and everyone involved with this project, including the Corowa RSL Club who provided a cash injection of \$8,500 to add to other generous community donations."



Oaklands War Memorial Project

Anzac Day, 25th April 2017 was not only an important day for our Nation but it also marked the completion of an 18-month long project to build a new War Memorial in the township of Oaklands.

The project started with an idea over three years ago between two friends and community members, Sarah Maloney and Melissa Zeiher.

While attending an Anzac service in Oaklands both Sarah and Melissa felt that the current memorial did not do their servicemen and women justice, nor did it reflect the community in which they live in.

From that initial conversation, the project and concept to build a new war memorial using the existing pieces and a new design was born.

Sarah began work on the concept of a design which was later drawn into commercial grade plans by a former Oaklands resident, Duncan Austin who runs his own landscape design business in Melbourne.

The plans also included an RV Park, a plan that will soon become part of the War memorial complex, thanks to Federation Council confirming \$87,173 through the Stronger Communities Major Projects Funding.

Whilst the plans were being drawn up, Melissa went to work on building funding for the memorial, writing letters to community groups and fundraising ideas that would see the project complete in time for Anzac Day 2017.

Sarah and Melissa were supported by family and a close group of friends whom contributed many hours to the project whose assistance, support and help got the ladies over many difficult hurdles throughout the last 18 months.

Sarah and Melissa thanked the Oaklands Community, who were very quick to get behind the project.

“Our major contributors so far in the project are The Oaklands RSL Bowling Club, The Oaklands Town Improvement Committee, The Oaklands Lions Truck Show, The Oaklands Golf Club, The Oaklands Harvest Ball and The Oaklands Hotel and Pentarch, we cannot thank them enough,” they said.

“The funding continued with individual community contributions and fundraising events held by the Oaklands RSL Bowling Club and our Project committee members.

“The community has raised over \$20,000 plus giving over \$40,000 of in-kind support from donations of machinery, food, equipment, materials and labour.”

