



Local residents will soon be asked for their feedback on various design for the water tower mural. See below for details.

COMING EVENTS

School Holiday Fun with Lego - Tuesday 12 July 2.00-4.00 pm, Neighbourhood Centre. Free.

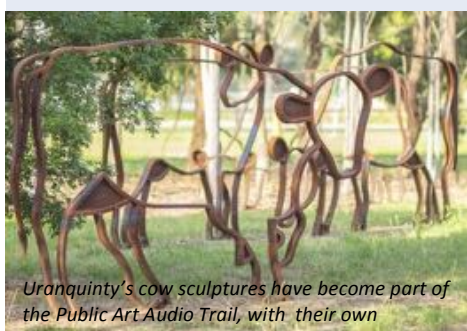
NEW Agile Library hours – First and third Thursdays each month 10.00 am – 12.00 pm (Neighbourhood Centre); Second and fourth Thursdays 1.30-3.30 pm (at school, students only)

Village Spring Garage Sale – Saturday 3 September (see page 5)

Uranquinty Newsletter

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Uranquinty's cow sculptures have become part of the Public Art Audio Trail, with their own commentary, accessed via a QR code on site. The cows join other 'audio trail' public art works in Oura, Ladysmith and Tarvutta.

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Progress Association News

DUNNS ROAD

Because of continued wet weather, the timeline for this project has been pushed back towards the end of 2022.

ECO CULTURAL GARDEN

Our thanks to those who helped with maintenance and planting at the site on 1 May, the garden is slowly taking shape and will be a complementary feature for the water tower project

URANQUINTY WATER TOWER

The committee has been working to find sources of funding for this project, has completed the artists' brief and asked for Expressions of Interest from three qualified artists to provide a quote for the mural. We will post the designs on the Uranquinty website for the community to vote on the most appropriate one. Community participation is essential, and we will hold public information sessions to include all details of the project and choose the final design. Wagga Wagga City Council, Riverina Water, Origin Energy and Eastern Riverina Arts have all provided valuable advice as well as details of artists who might be considered

URANQUINTY HOTEL

The pub closed earlier this year and although renovations have been under way, we are still no closer to knowing when it will re-open. The

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latest news we have is that a licensee is being actively sought with advertisements placed in the Daily Advertiser and on commercial property websites. We will keep everyone updated on progress.

SOLAR PROJECTS

As you may be aware, Origin Energy has put their solar installation project on hold for the moment and the latest information on the Maxwell Downs installation can be found on our website's News section: <https://uranquinty.com.au/news/> The project is now at the scoping study stage and has undergone some significant changes from its original proposal. The scoping study is estimated to take 6-12 months to complete.

URANQUINTY CONCERT DELIGHT

We were honoured to be the first location outside Wagga city to host one of the Riverina Conservatorium of Music's free lunchtime concerts on 2 June. It was great to see so many regular concert goers travel to Uranquinty as well as, local residents and students from Uranquinty Public School who enjoyed an entertaining hour of music. It was a musically rich and technically demanding concert that showcased the viola. Riverina Conservatorium of Music strings teacher Jacqueline Smith brought to the fore the string sections 'middle voice' in multiple formats including classical, contemporary and folk. Joining Jacqueline was fellow RCM teaching staff Rhiannon Xeros (violin), Harold Gretton (classical guitar), Carmel Ryan (piano) and Larissa Burak (voice/bandura).

AGILE LIBRARY

A change in library services will be the new Agile Library service, which features two custom-designed library vans operating a weekly service, delivering books, library services and programs to suburbs and rural villages across the Local Government Area.

While the delivery of the custom-designed vans has been delayed due to COVID impacts on the contractor, the new agile service will still start as planned from 1 July. There will be a click and collect car and van service in place to commence the Agile Library service until the specialised vehicles arrive in mid-August.

The library wants to make sure it brings exactly what you want. You can ring the library and tell them what books or authors you like to read, and collect them when the Agile Library service visits Uranquinty. See times in Coming Events on page 1.

LOCAL IDENTITY DEB BEWICK HONOURED

At a morning tea at the Community Hall, Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr presented Deb with a Community Service Award for the 'enormous contribution she has made to organisations in her community'. Deb is president of the Progress Association, the Wagga Autism Support Group and more.

ESSENTIAL ENERGY COMMUNITY CHOICES PROGRAM

The UPA has been successful in obtaining \$300 for the community hall. Huge thanks to everyone who helped by voting online to support our bid.

FUN AND FITNESS AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

Active Farmers is back at the Community Hall and Oval!



All welcome Thursdays at 6pm, \$15 per class. See ad for more detail.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

We are still keen to know whether all residents receive a copy of this quarterly newsletter. Owners of Post Office Boxes automatically receive a copy, and more are

available at the General Store. It is also distributed via our email lists and on social media at the Uranquinty Community Facebook page and is available on our community website. However, many new residents do not have a PO Box and may be falling through our distribution network. If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy, please let us know either via email or on Facebook.

The newsletter is an important information channel for all village residents and has been published for many years. We are grateful to Origin Energy for printing the newsletter every quarter and to Jenny Lewington and Kerrie Leech who put it all together.

Your input on village life is important so we need to hear from you with issues of interest to the community. We welcome suggestions on our website – is it covering all information relevant to living in Uranquinty? Please send your comments to uranquinty2652@gmail.com

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GALLERY



Above clockwise from top left: Deb Bewick awarded for a lifetime of community service; Riverina Conservatorium of music performs at free concert in Uranquinty; the new library vans to be delivered in August; Active Farmers every Thursday night at the Community Hall.

Below: Scenes from the Anzac Day memorial service held at Uranquinty's Wirraway Park.





Uranquinty Pre School



We are very excited to announce that we have received a grant from Riverina Water. This will allow us to have Aunty Tez and Tricia Harrison to work together with the children, on an art project with an Aboriginal perspective.

Our project will engage the children in a variety of visual arts and weaving experiences over the next couple of months. These completed art pieces will then be put together to make one big art piece. It was lovely to have Tyler Forrell from TRAC, on work experience recently. Tyler came to Uranquinty Preschool when she was four and five years old.

Tyler is still very creative and was a great help when we were making patterns on old vertical blinds. These will be woven into our art project.

We have recently been on two excursions. Our first excursion was with Kapooka Preschool to the Marrambidya Wetlands. Mark Saddler who is a Wiradjuri man, guided us along the track past the river. We stopped several times to listen to Mark's stories about Aboriginal art, language and culture.

This was a great day of learning on Wiradjuri Country. Our second excursion was to the Civic Theatre to watch the production of *Guess How Much I Love You?* This was a great opportunity for the children to see a story portrayed in a different way. The children really enjoyed the puppetry and the use of different effects to create the changing seasons.

Presently, the children are very interested in the different zones in the ocean. This interest, stemmed from the play space we offered for Ocean Day. We are now exploring the different creatures that live



near the shore and the others that live deep below the ocean.

Our enrolments are now open for 2024 as we have a waiting list for 2023. Please contact Louise Grigg on 6922 9787 for enquiries.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
BUILD!

Lego building
Stories
Colouring and craft
A Big Build with soft building blocks
(suitable for younger children)

Come along and meet your new Agle Librarians!
Update your membership, or become a member
of Wagga Wagga City Library.

FREE!

Uranquinty Neighbourhood Centre
Tuesday 12th July 2-4pm

Find out more at
waggalibrary.com.au/whats-on

City of Wagga Wagga Wagga Wagga City Library waggalibrary.com.au
Phone: (02) 6926 9700

URANQUINTY VILLAGE SPRING GARAGE SALE IS ON...

Saturday 3 Sept

**Services booked to date: CJ's
Hair Rescue and Albury
Sharpening Service**



Entries deadline is the weekend of August 20-21. Please leave an envelope addressed to Rhonda Palmer with your address, ad and \$15 advertising fee at Uranquinty Post Office.

Text message enquiries to 0427 229 816 as I often miss calls.



ST PATRICK'S URANQUINTY

Best wishes and safe travelling for all Uranquinty families over the Winter Break!

At the time of writing, **Mass on Sundays** at St Patrick's is **on hold**. Father Paddy has been given the additional responsibility of Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish and Father Jomer has been appointed as assistant priest. Our other provider Fr Hart has been helping out in other parishes. Father Paddy has advised us that the situation should be resolved but not in the next month or two.

Times of Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Bourke St are 5:00pm Saturday and 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 5.30 pm (Syro-Malabar) on Sunday.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation is available Saturday Mornings at Our Lady of Fatima from 10:30-11:30am, and before Mass at St Patrick's.

Anointing Masses are held at 10.30 am on 4th Tuesdays of each month; next dates are June 28, July 26, August 23 and September 27.

Sacraments to home-bound or when in Hospital

Please notify priests (ph. 69252111) when a member of your family or a parishioner is in hospital or house-bound and in need of the sacraments, especially the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion.

OLOF Mass is available through Facebook - OLOF South Wagga and www.oloof.waggamatters.com

For the latest parish information, consult the parish web site: www.oloof.waggamatters.com, or the face book page: OLOF south wagga; you can also contact the parish office.

The office is open **9am - 1pm Tuesday – Wednesday & 10am - 2pm Thursday - Friday Ph 6925 2111.**

The parish bulletin is published every Friday; if you would like to receive a copy and have an email address, please contact Cheryl or Jean at oloofparishsouthwagga@gmail.com, and they can put you on the mailing list. This is a good way of hearing about news and events in our parish.

NEW TO THE PARISH

If you have moved to our parish recently, welcome, and please introduce yourself to Fr Paddy. If you would like to know about groups and events that go on at Our Lady of Fatima, please ring the Parish Office and they can assist you – 6925 2111.

Any families wanting to have their children baptised should contact Father Paddy at Our Lady of Fatima Presbytery; the next preparation meetings are 9am Saturdays: 9th July, 13th August and 10th Sept. Contact the Parish Office for more information - phone 69252111, fax 69256116, or email oloofparishsouthwagga@gmail.com

Date Claimer – Wednesday 10 August: Mass of Thanksgiving St Michael's Cathedral 10AM

THOUGHT

Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life but will add life to your years.

URANQUINTY PUBLIC SCHOOL



Senior Constable Tim Burke joined the students to focus on Bike and Road Safety issues. He shared stories with the students and then checked their bikes and helmets. We are having a big focus on getting to and from school safely!

Congratulations to Edith and Audrey Lewington who have represented our school at the Riverina Cross Country this term.

The UPS Book Fair and Book Parade was another resounding success this year. The children enjoyed dressing up and many families bought books from the Fair or donated them to the school library.

Our school had a great day at the NSW Netball Cup held in Wagga this term. Our team showed great sportsmanship and improved skills throughout the day.

Many mothers came to a special morning tea which the students had created to celebrate Mother's Day this year. We recognise these special mums and acknowledge their never ending care.



SOCIAL NEWS

Congratulations go to Jordan and Tristram Rodham on the arrival of their son Myles Hoff, brother for Kurtley and grandson for Chris and Jeanette Rodham

Also to Jordan and Nathan Rafter on the arrival of their son Levi.

On a sadder note, condolences go to the family and friends of Bill McLeod who recently passed away. Many residents will remember Bill and Betty who ran the Uranquinty takeaway for some time.

Uranquinty P&C Battery Drive

Do you have any dead batteries lying around? Do you know someone who does?

Please text or call Skye **0429 205 182**

for drop off instructions or we can arrange collection.



Uranquinty Tennis Club would like to congratulate club Junior Katie Blake on her selection into the Riverina PSSA High School tennis team who will travel to compete with other teams from across the state in Sydney in September.



A huge thank you to Origin Energy who have partnered with the club allowing us to give subsidised programs as well as purchase equipment to run these programs. Mother daughter night was one program we ran and has now expanded to allow any female to join in the fun on a Monday night. Ladies and girls night is a program that anyone can participate in. It isn't coaching but more of a cardio workout that is designed for those that know how to hit a ball. So come along and try it out but be prepared to hit a lot of balls and have a lot of laughs and fun while you do so. Term 3 Monday nights at 6pm, weather permitting.

Membership to the tennis club is for 12 months and is due from July 1. The club accepts active kids vouchers and membership cost are \$90 a family, \$35 an adult and \$20 a child.

Registrations and memberships can be done online via our club website: play.tennis.com.au/uranquintytennisclub Or contact us via email uranquintytennisclub@gmail.com



COMMUNITY DIRECTORY & USEFUL CONTACTS

Caltex General Store	6922 9659
Dr Joe McGirr MP	6921 1622
Gregadoo Waste Management Centre, 133 Ashfords Rd, Gregadoo Open 7 days, 7- 4.30	
Kurrajong Recyclers	6925 5004
Mental Health Line	1800 011 511
Michael McCormack MP	6921 4600
NSW Service Centre	13 77 88
NSW State Emergency Services	13 25 00
Essential Energy Power Outages	13 20 80
Police	131 444 or 000
Snake Handler	0419 448 350
St Cuthbert's Anglican Church	0427 198 5133
St James Uniting Church	6922 9657
St Patrick's Catholic Church Uranquinty	6925 2111
Telstra	13 22 00
Uranquinty Community Hall uranquinty@hotmail.com	0428 629 738
Uranquinty Evening CWA	0428 629 738
Uranquinty Hotel	6922 9623
Uranquinty Hotel Social Club vickyhogan@optusnet.com.au	
Uranquinty Neighbourhood Centre	0400 406 448
Uranquinty Playgroup	0400 406 448/0437 777 930

Uranquinty Preschool uranquintypreschool@gmail.com	6922 9787
Uranquinty Progress Association uranquinty2652@gmail.com Facebook: Uranquinty Residents Noticeboard	
Uranquinty Public School – P & C	0425 710 471
Uranquinty Public School Cathy.Crick@det.nsw.edu.au	6922 9619
Uranquinty Rural Fire Service	000
Uranquinty Tip (Rural Transfer Station), 180 Connorton Street Opening Times Wed 8.00-11.45am; Sunday 1.00-4.45pm	
Uranquinty Tennis Club uranquintytennisclub@gmail.com	
Wagga Forest Nursery	6931 2600
Wagga GP After Hours Service	6931 0900
Wagga Veterinary Hospital	6926 0900
Wagga Wagga Base Hospital	5943 1000
Wagga Wagga City Council	1300 292 442; 6926 9100
WIRES	1300 094 737
WWCC Waste Disposal Services	1300 292 442; 6926 9199
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE	
Natalie Jolly	0408 674 181
Michelle Wilcox	0414 399 961

Any to add? Please email uranquinty2652@gmail.com!

URANQUINTY CWA WINS TOP AWARD



The Country Women's Association (CWA) Uranquinty Evening Branch is celebrating their success at the CWA of NSW 100th State Conference held from 2-5 May 2022.

Five members of the CWA Uranquinty Evening Branch, including President Maree Crosskell. Joined over thirty fellow members from Riverina Branches to travel to Sydney for the Conference, which was attended by 750 women from around the State.

And what an incredible week it was for the Branch!

Uranquinty Evening Branch was named the joint 2022 winner of the Past State President's Award (a much-coveted CWA prize) with the CWA Quirindi Branch, for their outstanding achievements and contribution to the community in 2020/2021.

Maree Crosskell said it was a tremendous honour to receive the award in the CWA's centenary year.



'Our STEM Microscope Project which benefitted small rural schools including Uranquinty, Humula and Tarcutta Public Schools and our online event to raise awareness of homelessness and the need for more social and affordable housing were two major reasons for the win.'" Maree said.

In another amazing achievement for the Branch, their motion on Caravan Safety was passed and will now become part of the policy of the CWA of NSW. The final motion read: "That the policy of the CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for a review of the education, training and licensing requirements for drivers towing caravans"

Maree's International Dressed Doll (Malaysia) won First Prize and the International Trophy. She also took home Highly Commended in the photography category in the Cultural Competition. Congratulations also goes to Maree and Barb Dengate whose handicraft



items were finalists in two categories of the highly competitive State Competition.

The CWA Uranquinty Evening Branch currently has just over 20 members ranging in age from their 20s to 70s. If you are interested in joining the CWA, send an email to Jacinta Finger, Branch Secretary, on uranquintyeveningCWA@gmail.com.



Uranquinty Power Station Update

June 2022



Uranquinty Power Station (UPS) is owned and operated by Origin Energy. The station comprises four gas turbines with a total generating capacity of 640-megawatts (MW) using natural gas.

Station Update

With the change in weather, we have seen a huge demand for energy. This in turn saw the Australian Energy Market (AEMO) suspend the wholesale electricity spot market. The wholesale electricity spot market is where generators sell electricity and retailers buy it to on-sell to consumers. This market is overseen by AEMO and it was the first time since the National Energy Market has been in operation that AEMO has taken the step to suspend the whole market. It also meant the regulator instructed Uranquinty Power Station to operate much more than usual to ensure reliable energy is available to the market.

Origin has always responded and adapted to rapidly changing market dynamics, and most importantly remains focused on the singular goal of keeping our assets running and maintaining reliable supply to our customers and communities. Whilst we always prepare for different seasons, these past few weeks have been unprecedented for energy markets on Australia's east coast, and we thank all our communities and customers for their understanding.

Ongoing significant maintenance activities have been carried out to ensure safety, integrity and efficiency of the station. This has included reverse osmosis water treatment plant works including placing it into hibernation for winter, inspections and testing of high voltage transformers and various specialist switch gear. We have had painters on site ensuring we keep any corrosion at bay, focusing on our gas lines including control and filtering equipment.

The team are busily preparing for further transformer outage works in November including instrument calibration, safety shut off testing and similar work and will be undertaking Gas Safety training in July when Origin personnel from our Mortlake, VIC site join us.

After what seems like an eternity, we look forward to hosting a site tour in August. If a site tour is something you are interested in, please contact Tania Carlos who can also discuss any questions or concerns you may have relating to the station.

Paul Olsen – Plant Manager, Uranquinty Power Station

Community Investment

Origin's Community Relations team have been working closely with various organisations in the Uranquinty Community to identify investment opportunities and we are pleased to be able to provide support for the following local organisations.

Uranquinty Neighbourhood Centre: will carry out general repairs and purchase much needed items to enable the Neighbourhood Centre to be hired out for local events, and to ensure it is fully equipped when required as an evacuation centre.

Uranquinty Preschool: Our investment will support the Pre-School to fund additional activities, replace playground equipment and teaching resources to create a positive space for children, their families, and the wider community.

The Quinty Men's Shed will acquire Occupational Health and Safety equipment to remove air born dust particles from the workspace making the shed safer for all members and repair the ride-on mower. We are so pleased to support the Men's Shed who provide an important program to local men.

We would love to hear from you if there are community activities or initiatives Origin may be able to provide support for, so please reach out to discuss.

Solar Farm

Further to the March 2022 Newsletter, the Uranquinty Solar Farm and Battery Project is still temporarily on hold. This project presents an important opportunity for our transition to a low-carbon future and Origin will provide an update as soon as the project re-commences with the community consultation process.

Uranquinty Community Committee

We are still seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from Uranquinty Community members interested in joining our committee. Please contact Tania Carlos, Senior Community Relations Business Partner for more information on 0400 035 434 or tania.carlos@originenergy.com.au.

THE URANQUINTY ASSISTANT STATION MASTER'S HOUSE - by Barry Ryan

My name is Barry Ryan and I lived in Uranquinty some eighty years ago for a period of about 18 months but I have never forgotten the place. In fact I was known in some work circles as the "boy from Uranquinty" and I found it a great conversation starter. My late father, George Ryan, was transferred from Maitland to Uranquinty in late 1940 as an Assistant Station Master and my mother and my two brothers, John and Kevin, and I followed at the end of the school year. We moved into the Railway House across the street from the Catholic Church. I was offered a position in the State Public Service in July, 1942 and departed for the Big Smoke. My father was transferred to Tocomwal later the same year. I have visited Uranquinty many times over the years, the last time in February 2019 when a large group of my family attended Sunday Mass at Uranquinty on the way to Tocomwal to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of my mother's death. I am currently living in residential care and during a recent lockdown period I was filling in the hours with my laptop. On a whim I keyed "Uranquinty" into Google and quite by accident discovered your wonderful web site.

The 1940s was part of the golden age of steam railways and NSW State Rail held an enviable, world-wide reputation for safety and efficiency. Uranquinty was, in those days, your typical railway town and the volume of traffic required a large number of station staff to cope with a 24 hour operation and strict compliance with Safe Working Practice And Procedures on a single track line. The Kywong line was in operation and the Air force Base generated an amount of business. It was not unusual to see a damaged Wirraway transported away on a long flat bed railway truck with the removed wings stacked alongside the fuselage.

The reason for our short stay in Uranquinty was my father's drive to achieve promotions through the grades by applying to fill vacancies in the less attractive locations. He was quite successful at this and consequently we moved about a lot but on the down side we were always the new kids at school. There were dozens of localities like Uranquinty but most of them now exist in virtually name only. I have spent some hours over recent weeks reading everything on the associated websites concerning Uranquinty and I am amazed at the development of the village as a most desirable place to live.

Our move from Maitland to Uranquinty at the end of 1940 was not the relatively simple operation of 2022. There was no phone call to a removalist who would pack, transport and unpack. We had to do the lot. We had a spare room which contained the paraphernalia for moving house. The main items were a number of tea chests,



many cardboard cylinders of about 20 centimeters in diameter and up to about 2 metres in length, huge quantities of newspapers, many jars of tacks, several hammers, several sets of pincers and some stout boxes for heavy items. As Dad was already in Uranquinty my brothers, mother and I had to do the lot.

Assistant station master's house, over the line opposite St Patrick's.

The furniture was taken to a railway station for loading into a van for rail transport to Uranquinty. This all took some time but the railway mafia took over and expedited the process. We stayed with relatives for a day or so and timed our arrival in Uranquinty for early morning which meant travelling by goods train for the latter part of the trip. Our goods and chattels were in the cottage awaiting unpacking.

The cottage had been cleaned by railway staff and there were people standing by to help with the unpacking and settling in. Railway people are a big family and they look after their own. My mother took over and indicated what lino was to go in each room. The lino was laid and sometimes trimmed to fit before the furniture could be moved into each room. The helpers took over and made easy work of the unpack. I still remember the day. By late afternoon we were finished and were having a snack and a rest when we were hit by an infamous Riverina red dust storm. My mother who was a strong woman broke down and cried and said "your father has brought us to a dump". Fortunately, a group of local ladies helped my mother set the house to rights and explained how to cope with the dust. Mum made a number of friends that day and changed her opinion of Uranquinty. Meals magically appeared for us for the first few days until we were properly settled.

Day two was restock the larder day and Mum learnt what could be bought where and when but she had tons of help from the local ladies. My brothers and I had to get a fowl house ready and acquire some poultry from somewhere. Against the back fence there was a large stack of building material including many lengths of timber, old weather boards and quite a large number of old but serviceable sheets of corrugated iron. The fowl house was no opera house but it did the job. We didn't have a cow and there was no intention to get one. By day three everything would have been ship shape and we would have had time to explore our new surroundings.


The author, Barry Ryan, in front of the house where he lived as a child with his family.





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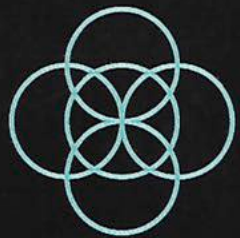
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