

Uranquinty Newsletter

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Progress Association News

It's been a wet and wild ride through Spring and our thanks to everyone in Uranquinty who turned out to help endangered properties and provided sandbags and help to residents under threat.

BUSINESS NEWS

Uranquinty Hotel

We welcome Matt Saddler, the new licencee, to the Quinty community with live music events happening, and food and takeaway available. The Men's Shed meat raffles are once again a feature of Wednesday nights at the hotel and the Social Group is active as well. See current

menu on page 12.

Uranquinty Pharmacy The former pharmacy business premises on Morgan Street has now been reopened by the South City Pharmacy team. This is a welcome service for local residents . We all need to support new



businesses which come to our village.

https://www.facebook.com/uranquintypharmacy/

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WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL

Dunns Road

Wet weather has continued to affect the work on the upgrade to Dunn's Road which is frustrating for everyone, including Wagga Wagga City Council, hopefully the current spell of warmer weather will enable work to recommence.

Guttler Street Application Again Refused

A proposal to build 23 storage units on land at the end of Guttler Street was refused by Council at its monthly meeting in August. This was as a result of local residents' efforts via a petition, Facebook and community concern that this was an unnecessary and unwanted development in a residential area which was proposed without any community consultation or provision of a business plan. However, the developer asked for a reconsideration of the application, as is their right, and on Monday 21 November the proposal was again refused by Council on the basis of a damning independent report which found the application was inadequate. Proof that people power does work if there is a united front!

Yarragundry Estate

Although work has advanced on installing storm water drains and clearing the block, there is still a lot more to go before building begins.

Solar Installations

The latest information we have is:

- The proposal for the Origin Energy solar installation at the power station in Uranquinty has been withdrawn.
- The Oxley Bridge Road solar installation Development Application (DA22/0122) was approved by Wagga Wagga City Council on 1 December. More information can be found by entering the DA number at Council's website: https://eservices.wagga.nsw.gov.au
- The proposal for Sandy Creek is awaiting confirmation and access to the electricity grid which could take some time.
- The Maxwell Downs developer, X-elio, has received the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). They are now commencing assessments to inform the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and seeking community feedback via a community survey

URANQUINTY WATER TOWER

After careful consideration and input from the community and UPA, Damien Mitchell has been appointed as the artist to paint the mural on the

water tower in Uranquinty. We have just been advised that we have been successful in obtaining funds from the NSW Community Builders Program which is excellent news. We now have sufficient funds to cover the artist's costs. We are hopeful that if all goes well and the weather is kind, the work can be completed by March 2023, which is very exciting! UPA thanks everyone for their input into the design process and for their interest in the project.

Memorial Pavers

This fundraiser for the Water Tower project will help in our funding submissions by demonstrating in-kind support from the community. So far we have had a great response from local residents to buy pavers to commemorate family members and we hope to start the process of getting the pavers installed early in 2023. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this project, it's lovely to see so many local families involved.

More details on the water tower and pavers here: https://uranquinty.com.au/water-tower-project/

CHRISTMAS

The annual Quinty Carol Concert was held this year on Saturday 3 December at the Oval and Community Hall. The Wagga Rugby Men's Choir led the singing, and this event is always a great opportunity for everyone to come together with friends and family and celebrate the festive season. Christmas Hat prizes were donated by Morburn Collection, the UPS P&C held a cake stall and the Uranquinty Men's Shed operated the BBQ. Santa was transported by the Uranquinty Rural Fire Service. So many parts of our community coming together! The cow sculptures are looking forward to their annual dress up competition, and the annual best decorated house competition will be happening as well. Email UPA to reserve your Cow and decorate away.

VILLAGE LIFE AND YOU

Your input on village life is important to us and we need to hear from you if there are issues which we are not aware of which are of interest to the community. We would also welcome any suggestions on our website and whether you believe it is covering all information relevant to living in Uranquinty. If you would like to include your business on our website's business directory, please contact us at uranquinty2652@gmail.com

Deb Bewick, President, Uranquinty Progress Assoc

W: www.uranquinty.com.au

GALLERY

Right The CWA Uranquinty Evening Branch has donated a catering trolley to the Uranquinty Progress Association for catered events at our hall. Our local CWA Branch put the trolley to good use when they catered for the CWA Riverina Group Conference on Wednesday 12 October. A team led by President Maree Crosskell, Barbara Dengate and Joy McInnes provided morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for over 70 members from CWA Branches from around the Riverina.

The Conference was Chaired by CWA Riverina Group President Carol Grylls and saw the election of two CWA Uranquinty Evening Branch members to office positions: Jacinta Finger (Assistant Secretary) and Nicole McHenry (Group International Officer). Conference guests included: Wagga Wagga City Council Mayor, Dallas Tout; former CWA of NSW Vice President, Judy Houghton; Wesley Uniting Church Minister, Reverend Janice McWhinney; and guest speaker, Professor Susan Green from the Faculty of Australian Indigenous Studies at Charles Sturt University.







Uranquinty Pre School News



This term we have those children going to school in 2023, school readiness experiences. In the home corner, we have a school set up with school uniforms, numbers and letters. The children have enjoyed pretending they are at school and taking it in turns to be the teacher.

We have also offered the children concept games and floor puzzles that have encouraged collaborative play and learning.

This time of year the children have been enjoying outside play in the mornings. This is the time for imaginative play under the trees, science and discovery in the sand pit, running and active play.

Trish our resident artist came to visit for the last time this year. She worked with the children outside, to create some beautiful bush art Christmas decorations.

Last Friday was our end of year celebrations with our committee providing a barbeque dinner. We will also had face painting and a visit from a Christmas Elf.



We have a waiting list for 2023 but, have begun taking enrolments for the waiting list in 2024. For enquiries please contact Louise on 69229787 or email uranquintypreschool@gmail.com.









ST PATRICK'S URANQUINTY

Best wishes and safe travelling to all for the Christmas-New Year break, and prayers for a great harvest.

24 December Vigil (Saturday): 7pm Outdoor Mass, 9pm Mass in OLOF Church, 10.30pm Syro Malabar Mass.

Christmas Day (Sunday): 8.30am St Patrick's Uranquinty, 8.30am OLOF, 10.30am OLOF Reconciliation—2nd Rite Monday 19th Dec 10am at Our Lady of Fatima, Monday 19th Dec 7pm Sacred Heart, Kooringal. Reconciliation is also available Saturday mornings at Our Lady of Fatima from 10:30AM to 11:30AM, and before Mass at St Patrick's. Mass on Sundays at St Patrick's is at 8:30AM. On the first Sunday of each month, we have a cuppa and brunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome. Times of Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Bourke St are 5:00PM Saturday and 8:30AM and 10:30AM on Sunday; Syro-Malabar rite is at 5:30PM on Sunday.

Mass is also available through Facebook - OLOF South Wagga and $\underline{\text{www.olof.waggamatters.com}}.$

-There will be no 8.30am Mass at Uranquinty from SUN 1st January 2023 to late February while Fr Hart is relieving at other parishes during that time.

Congratulations to children from local schools, including Henschke, Turvey Park and Uranquinty, who made their First Reconciliation on 30th Nov & 3rd Dec.

Clergy Changes Among clergy changes in our Diocese, Fr Paddy is going to Junee, Fr Thomas Casanova (West Wagga) will be coming to Our Lady of Fatima and Father Brad Rafter (Seminary) will be going to Sacred Heart. These changes occur in mid-January. Fr Siby Sebastian was recently appointed as Syro-Malabar Chaplain.

Baptism Any families who wish to have their children baptised should contact Father Paddy at Our Lady of Fatima Presbytery for the times of the next preparation meetings.

Sacraments to home-bound - Please notify priests when a member of your family or a parishioner is in hospital or in need of the sacraments, especially the Anointing of the Sick or Communion in hospital. Anointing Mass The next mass will be on the 4th Tuesday in February, in the Marian Hall Foyer (behind Our Lady of Fatima Church). All are welcome to attend. A cup of tea follows the Mass.

If you would like to receive the parish bulletin and have an email address, please contact Cheryl or Jean at olofparishsouthwagga@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. The office is open 9AM to 1PM Tues – Wed, and 10AM to 2PM Thur – Fri.

THOUGHT A bad attitude is like a flat tyre. You can't go anywhere until you change it.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY & USEFUL CONTACTS

Ampol 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 1800 011 511 Mental Health Line 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 Patrick's Catholic Church Uranguinty 6925 2111 Telstra 13 22 00 **Uranquinty Community Hall** 0428 629 738 uranquinty@hotmail.com **Uranquinty Evening CWA** 0428 629 738 6922 9778/Takeaways 6922 9123 **Uranquinty Hotel Uranquinty Hotel Social Club** vickyhogan@optusnet.com.au **Uranquinty Neighbourhood Centre** 0400 406 448 **Uranquinty Preschool** 6922 9787 uranquintypreschool@gmail.com **Uranquinty Progress Association** uranguinty2652@gmail.com Facebook: Uranquinty Residents Noticeboard Uranquinty Public School – P & C 0425 710 471 Uranquinty Public School 6922 9619 Cathy.Crick@det.nsw.edu.au **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 Council1300 292 442: 6926 9100 1300 094 737 WIRES 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!

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URANQUINTY PUBLIC SCHOOL





Term Four Gallery

Photo 1 At the start of Term 4 we held our long awaited Athletics Carnival which had been postponed due to rain many times through the year. Once again the Rosella's took out the carnival and the Age Champions were; Sub Jnr Boys -Chase Gow, Sub Jnr Girls – Piper Brown, Jnr Boys -Toby Saunders, Jnr Girls -Edith Lewington, 11yr Boys -Diesel Newman, 11 yr Girls -Martha Vuetivavalagi, Sen Boys- Caiden Brown, Sen Girls -Audrey Lewington.

Photos 2 Many thanks to Origin Energy for once again providing a First Aid course for our senior students. Students were taught what to do in a variety of emergencies and practiced bandaging and slings. Photo 3 Huge congratulations to four of our Aboriginal students who were presented with Proud and Deadly Awards this year. The achievements recognised for our students were Academic Achievement- Martha , Sporting Excellence- Tylah, Creative Arts-Isabel and Encouragement-Darryl.

Photo 4 Many of our senior students took the opportunity to perform at the CHORDs Concert which was held at the Wagga Civic Theatre this term. The students worked hard to learn the many songs required and performed in an outstanding concert. Photo 5 Our school was fortunate to be invited to watch two Musicaviva concerts which were held at Mount Austin PS this year. This performance was of a Japanese drumming trio called Taikoz, the name of which came from the Japanese word for 'drum' -Taiko! Photo 6 We have just completed Swimming Lessons at The Rock Memorial Pool. It was amazing to see just how much the children increased in confidence and ability over the two weeks.

Photo 7 Kinder Orientation was a hit this term with our new Kinders for 2023 ready and raring to go!











Photos of the first Uranquinty Public School musical in three years are in the Gallery on page 3.



URANQUINTY CWA

Held at The Uranquinty Hall at the end of October, was the three day Quilt Show Exhibition by the Wagga Wagga Patchwork group. Locals would have noticed the car covered with a quilt on the highway. A quirky way of directing patrons down to the hall in Baker Street. The hall was a magnificent venue for the event with its light filled roomy space.

\$4,000 was raised and gifted to the Caravan Organization of Wagga, that provides meals and support to those in need. A quilt made by members was raffled plus lovely baskets of goods that included needlework items.

There was a magnificent array of quilts and smaller items of needlework. The Club Challenge this year was to make a pincushion. The winner Janice Hughes made an exquisite pincushion of a miniature armchair with standard lamp and cushion. Patrons came from far and wide to view the quilts and were very impressed. Providing morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch were a number of members of The Uranquinty CWA. Quilt club member Barb Dengate who lives near Uranquinty won the viewer's choice. She is seen here with her quilt and with Club President Chris Francis and her trophy.

More from the CWA on page 3 in the Gallery.

URANQUINTY COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP KEPT BUSY

The last few months have had the UCSG on alert for heavy fall events. Thankfully, the work WWCC have done over the last few years has allowed the water to flow through and around Uranquinty quite well. A couple of heavy falls received in October filled the creek and were the cause of water backing up on corner of Bridge & Morgan Sts and the end of King St & the end of Baker St. WWCC were able to supply a small pump for Bridge St and the wonderful volunteers of the Uranquinty Rural Fire Service were twice called to Baker St to deal with the excess. They had help from Glenfield RFS for the second call out.

Lugsdin Road dam overflowed and allowed an extraordinary amount of water to flow across to the north of the village. On 31st Oct the Northern Levy had two overflow points – one on the rail-line side with water heading down Taber & Pearson Sts and the other at the Churches Plain Road causeway, sending water down Baker St. UCSG were checking and found this breach, responding with sandbagging on Baker St and Pearson St. Thankfully, homes were not affected, and water was able to be diverted – for the most part! A few days later we had a repeat of this event but not to the same extent. This Lugsdin Road/Northern Levee issue is something we will need to give greater attention to, in order to minimise problems in the future. We put out the call for the Uranquinty community to replace the sandbag stores so we would be ready for the next event and the response was awesome. Peter Ingram came with a machine that made light work of the job with many other hands forming a line. We are thankful to the community for this effort, it helps. The UCSG will be putting in a report to WWCC of areas that need attention so work can be scheduled. If you know of an area, please pass this on to the Uranquinty Community Safety Group Facebook page.

We are always looking for volunteers to be a part of the UCSG, please call Brain on 6922 9776 for more information.

Uranquinty Power Station Update December 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).



Station Update

We have seen a hive of activity on site over the past couple of months with work interrupted by the energy market challenge earlier this year that saw us operate at unprecedented levels recommending.

Our site team, with support from engineering personnel and multiple local contracting firms, are completing test and maintenance works on our high voltage equipment. This work ensures systems are in good condition, for optimum performance and to protect them in the unlikely event of a failure.



Picture: UPS Auxiliary Transformer

We continue to focus our efforts on ensuring the station and surrounds are well managed to deal with any challenges summer may present so UPS can continue to meet market demands safely and reliably. With the changing market and weather conditions, it is difficult to predict electricity demand. However, with the work undertaken by site, supported by local, state, and intrastate personnel, means the station can respond quickly to variations in market conditions.

From a maintenance perspective we have been undertaking water treatment plant membrane cleaning, protection system testing, and gas system preventative activities along with ensuring fire breaks and vegetation are under control in the lead up to summer.

As a peaking power station, Uranquinty Power Station plays an integral role in ensuring reliable energy is available when we see increased demand. As such, Origin continuously seeks to improve operations and recently carried out single unit testing to assist with improved flexibility of the power station to meet the network operator's registration requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns about site operations, please feel free to contact Catherine Beaumont on 0460 007 604 or catherine.beaumont@originenergy.com.au to discuss.

Paul Olsen - Plant Manager, Uranquinty Power Station

Uranquinty Solar Farm

Origin has made the decision to withdraw the Project Application for the Uranquinty Solar Farm due to several contributing factors (transmission capacity, supply chain challenges). Origin has formally advised the NSW Department of Planning and Environment that we will not progress with the approvals process at this time.

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Community Investment

UPS has been in partnership with Uranquinty Public School for over five years. With the support of Origin, the school engaged qualified trainers to teach basic first aid skills to their students. COVID has significantly impacted school-based activities and it was wonderful to be able to assist in the delivery of the new skills. The students gained knowledge of first aid and had the opportunity to role-play, practicing basic first aid skills to give the students greater confidence to perform basic first aid in an emergency.



Origin continues to support the Uranquinty Progress Association and the Uranquinty Tennis Club for their community projects.

We also look forward to further supporting the wider community and would love to hear from you if there are community activities or initiatives you think we may be able to support.



Picture: Students and trainers delivering First Aid skills to Uranquinty Public School students.

Uranquinty Community Committee

Your community representatives are currently Lyle Salmon and Cathy Crick, but we are seeking Expressions of Interest from Uranquinty Community members interested in joining our committee.

Please contact Catherine Beaumont, Community Relations Officer for more information on 0460 007 604 or email catherine.beaumont@originenergy.com.au



Monday to Friday 8:30 am-1.00 pm.
Christmas hours:
Closed Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Monday 2nd.
Outside of these days, hours are as usual.

Ampol Uranquinty

Open Christmas Day 8.00 am – 1.00 pm.
Public Holidays open 7.00am – 8.00 pm.

We have specials in store and stock ice, gas bottles and drinks for your last minute Christmas needs.

Post Office Boxes available at a reduced rate.

Wishing all our customers a Merry Christma and a happy New Year!

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Social News

Judy Rodham It is with much sadness that we report on the passing of one of our long time residents Judy Rodham.

Judith Anne Miller came to Uranquinty to take up a teaching position at the Uranquinty Primary School in the early 1960's and in 1964 she married Bob Rodham.

Bob and Judy made their home at "Elswick" and raised three daughters Megan Joanne and Melissa, sadly their eldest child David passed away in infancy.

Judy was very involved in many local groups including the P & C where she was made a life member, after serving as the secretary for a number of years, and helping to compile and publish the school centenary book.

She was an active member of the progress Association and a member of the original newsletter committee. Other groups included the Red Cross, the tennis club ,the family fair and the building of the Neighbourhood Centre .

Always willing to lend a hand when ever there was a need, Judy was a special lady who will be remembered by all who knew her and our condolences go to Bob, Megan, Joanne, Melissa and family .

John Davidson recently passed away. John lived in the village for many years and was involved in the printing business. When the newsletter became hard to read due to printing issues, John volunteered to run off copies in his back shed from 1992 until Origin took over the printing Our thoughts are with his wife Robin and

Don MacKinnon Our thoughts are also with Peter and Angie MacKinnon and family on the passing of Peter's father Don MacKinnon.

Uranquinty Hotel Social Club

It has been great to have the pub back open. Our membership has grown considerably since the pub reopened. We have had some big Friday nights for our raffles and would like to thank the pub for donating a meal voucher to our prize list. The Social Club is running Ham Raffles on Friday night right up until Christmas. So come on down and try your luck. Our Christmas party is on 17th December at the pub. Hope to see all our members there. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Quinty Men's Shed

Our members have been busy with a couple of restoration projects which (if we do say so ourselves) have been very successful. Another restoration project has just been delivered to keep the men busy. As summer has finally arrived our current desperately needed project is the construction of a shade area for our garden gurus.

The Defence Mens Shed gave an informative presentation and demonstration on 3D printers in late October. This is something that we may be looking at developing next year.

The Mens Shed once again held a Sausage sizzle at the Carols by candlelight. As usual, a really enjoyable and well organised event – great music, with a friendly fun atmosphere. Our thanks and congratulations to the Progress Association.

Wednesday night raffles at the Pub have recommenced. We will have our last raffle for the year on the 21st December with extra Christmas themed prizes.

We continue to attract new membership. Our monthly meetings are held on the last Saturday of each month. The meetings commence at 12.00 and are followed by a BBQ and social afternoon. All welcome from 17 to 100 plus.

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.



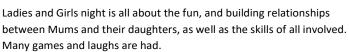
URANQUINTY TENNIS CLUB NEWS



Uranquinty Tennis draws the curtains on another term of rain affected tennis.

We have had a busy term, not only dodging the weather, but equipment failures, watching sky lines and various wildlife, and mozzies the 'size of tennis balls'! We have also managed to

conduct Ladies and Girls tennis, kids coaching, and our coveted Tractor Cup social competition.



Kids coaching is still well supported by the younger generation. Skills are built through a series of lessons, then practiced in novelty games and races, including waterbomb tennis as the weather warmed up.

Tractor Cup has also finished for the term, as we head into our summer break. Case iH were a top runner all term, but had some challenges thrown at them on Grand Final night by Massey. Case iH proved too strong, taking out the Tractor Cup.









John Deere and Claas battled it out for 3rd and 4th, with John Deere being victorious, and sending Claas team members home with the wooden spoon trophy.



Congratulations to Henry Lewington and Maree Hill who took out the Men's and Women's champion titles this term. Heading into the Grand Final Henry was undefeated and held up his streak until the very last game of the night, falling agonisingly close to an amazing feat, with a 6-5 loss.

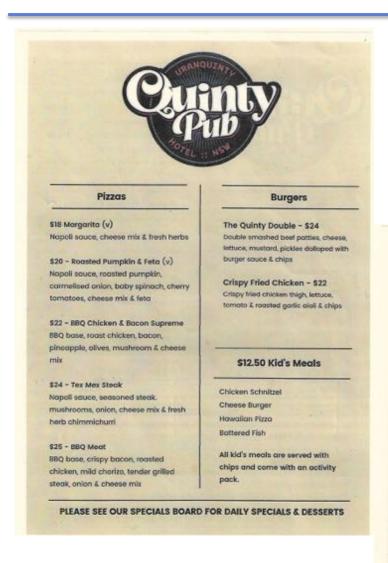
Congratulations also to another of our junior

players, Katie Blake, who was chosen to represent Riverina PSSA. She represented well in Sydney in September, walking away with mixed results, but a fantastic experience.



If you would like to join us and see what all the fuss is about, keep an eye on the 'Uranquinty Tennis Club' Facebook page for updates and event details, or contact the Club via our email uranquintytennisclub@gmail.com.

Wishing all our players and supporters a happy, healthy, and safe Christmas and holiday period.





Takeaways Welcome! Phone 6922 9123