



Congratulations to our oldest resident, Myree McGrath, who celebrated her 100th birthday

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 21 December Judging of best house decorations and best Christmas cow decorations. Reserve your a cow at uranquinty2652@gmail.com.

Santa is coming to Quinty! Saturday 21 December With help from local businesses the Uranquinty RFS will be



driving Santa around to show him the sights and meet the local kids.

Vacation Care 7am-5pm during school holiday week days. Use the QR code to register at KinderM8. Child Care subsidy for eligible families. Before and After School Care (7am-9am and 3.30-5pm) also available.

Uranquinty Newsletter

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Apology!

The masthead of the September edition displayed in error 'July 2024'. Apparently it was enough to stop people picking up a copy. We apologise and will ensure that this does not occur in future!

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Progress Association News

URANQUINTY WATER TOWER

UPA was successful in obtaining funding from Wagga City Council to install road signage to the water tower and the Committee are now working on getting this done as soon as possible to encourage visitors to the tower.

Tower grounds maintenance Community Service workers are now helping to keep the area around the water tower tidy and recent rain has encouraged good growth in the native garden there. If you can spare a little time Deb would love to hear from you if you can help with watering over summer.

Promotion We are working with Eastern Riverina Arts and Lauren Reynolds from Wagga Wagga City Council to help boost Cultural Tourism Content for this region, and were approached by a media company engaged by Council to gather stories, images and video to increase the visibility of cultural treasures and encourage exploration of the area. They wanted to include the Uranquinty Water Tower Mural in their filming schedule so Deb Bewick, Jenny Lewington and Christine Stewart met with the team on 5 November for interviews and a video shoot. The photos and video gathered will be used to promote arts and culture across the region and will also be made available to UPA, Wagga Wagga City Council, and cultural and tourism promotional libraries of organisations like Destination NSW. The filming was done on a perfect Spring day and we look forward to seeing the results once the final edit has been done.

Visit Wagga Deb Bewick and Christine Stewart attended the Visit Wagga Tourism Partner Program end of year networking event at Magpie's Nest on Wednesday 4 December which was a great opportunity to network with team Visit Wagga Wagga and fellow industry colleagues and gain insights into upcoming tourism strategies, programs and opportunities for 2025.

Training Activities UPA was approached by Riverina Water who wanted the key to the area underneath the water tower to assist NSW Ambulance rescue squad use the tower on 28 November as an exercise location for a mock rescue operation.

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WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL

Uranquinty Floodplain and Levee Management Plan

We are still to be advised if the final plan has been submitted and approved by Council. UPA will keep the community informed as soon as we have any information to share.

General Maintenance

Discussions with WWCC staff have been ongoing regarding the unauthorised use of the oval by cars and horses. After inspection by UPA and Council staff, the chain on the gate to prevent car access has been replaced and signs saying horses are prohibited from using the oval are now installed.

Oval Toilet Block Plans for the renewal of the toilet block next to the Uranquinty Tennis Club have been finalised and it is hoped that the upgrade will be completed soon. They have started a couple of months ahead of schedule. And shade sails are being installed over the playground.

YARRAGUNDRY ESTATE

We are pleased to report that the completion of kerb and guttering and stabilisation of the corner at King and Yarragundry streets has been continuing for the block of land within the boundaries of Yarragundry, Best, Uranquinty and King Streets. The earthmoving company, Burgess, hope to have everything completed before the end of the year so that power and phone connections can be installed and the blocks advertised for sale.

COMMUNITY HALL

Bookings for the hall continue to service a range of events from family gatherings, gentle exercise classes, yoga classes, CWA meetings and business meetings. The Quinty Folk Festival took place over the October long weekend, another successful event for them and for the Quinty community. Unfortunately, the soundbath event had to be postponed but the organisers hope to find another date for this next year.

A couple of notable events were held at the Hall, a wonderful 100th birthday celebration for Myree McGrath, complete with a framed card from King Charles and Queen Camilla. Myree still participates in the gentle exercise class and is an inspiration to us all! And Neville Sweeney celebrated his 80th birthday shortly after that

The Miss Wagga Wagga Quest held an event at the Hall at very short notice when they were let down by another venue. They had a wonderful time and sent UPA the following note, which is very much appreciated:

We would love to express our deepest gratitude for the use of your venue at such short notice. Planning events is a big task and we were very happy to have had a new venue available in our hour of need! We all loved the feel of your space and our guests also made many remarks on how lovely it is. We dare say you will be hearing from other Entrants, friends and family in the near future about hiring it for their events.

The Quinty CWA Evening Group held a 'How to' day at the Hall. Ten enthusiastic ladies learnt something new; patchwork, embroidery, crochet or knitting. This will be a monthly get together and you do not need to be a CWA member, bring your enthusiasm for craft and enjoy!

Please go to our website at <https://uranquinty.com.au/> to book an event. The community directory tab on the website will take you to local business contacts, please let us know if you would like to include your business.

Volunteer needed to help with the administrative arrangements to hire the Hall as Ben Bell is no longer able to fulfil this role. If you would like to contribute your time to volunteer, please email

uranquinty2652@gmail.com or phone Deb Bewick on 0427 007 261 find out more.

Yoga: Wednesday evenings, bookings essential to Eileen Graham on 0448 829 721.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

There was some discussion at the AGM and general meeting as to whether UPA should go ahead with organising this annual event and as there was little feedback from the community to commit to the concert, it was reluctantly decided that it would be cancelled. However, for the first time, Santa will be driving around the streets of Uranquinty on Saturday 21 December in the Uranquinty Rural Fire Service Truck distributing lollies and spreading seasonal cheer! Our annual cow decoration contest goes ahead as usual, and the best Christmas decorated house competition will still be happening. Judging on 21 December. Photos of both events will be posted on the Community Facebook page and on the website at www.uranquinty.com.au.

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“How to day” at the Quilty Hall

15th December
10am to 3pm

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how to

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homes.

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URANQUINTY HOTEL SOCIAL CLUB UPDATE

As we wrap up 2024, we look back on what has been an amazing year for the Uranquinty Hotel Social Club. We would like to thank the Quilty community for its support of our weekly meat tray raffles and other organized events such as the beer and bets days, community fundraisers and end of year Christmas get together.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're excited to announce our Valentine's Day Social Club Event on Friday, 14 February 2025. It's a perfect opportunity to celebrate love, friendship and good times with fellow community members. Mark your calendars – we can't wait to see you there!

Our weekly meat raffles will continue every Friday night at the pub in 2025. Come along for your chance to win and enjoy a great night out with friends.

Stay in the loop by following our Quilty Hotel Social Club Facebook page where we share updates, coming events and all things Social Club.

If you'd like to join the fun as a member of the Social Club, we'd love to have you! Simply email us at quintysocialclub@outlook.com and we will organize membership for you.

Thank you once again for your support through 2024. Here's to another great year in 2025.

Warm regards. The Uranquinty Hotel Social Club Team

ST PATRICK'S URANQUINTY

St Patrick's Uranquinty Although Mass has been on hold this year, Fr Casanova will be saying Mass at St Patrick's on Christmas Day at 8.30am.

Weekend Mass Times Times of Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Bourke St are 5:00pm Saturday and 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday; the Syro-Malabar rite is at 5:30pm on Sunday.

Baptisms Any families wishing to have their children baptised should contact Father Thomas at Our Lady of Fatima Presbytery for the times of the next preparation meetings (usually second Saturday of the month).

Sacraments to home-bound or when in Hospital Please notify priests (ph. 6925 2111) 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 4th January at 10.30am in the Marian Hall Foyer (behind Our Lady of Fatima Church). All are welcome to attend. A cup of tea follows the Mass.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Monday 23 December

Reconciliation – 2nd Rite 6.30-8pm at Our Lady of Fatima

Christmas Masses

Tuesday 24 December

Vigil 7pm in the Hall children are invited to dress up as angels or shepherds

Syro-Malabar Mass 10pm

Wednesday 25 December

8.30am St Patrick's Uranquinty

10.30am Our Lady of Fatima

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.

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

Many thanks to Jenny Lewington, Origin Energy and all the sponsors who make this newsletter possible.

ST JAMES UNITING

St James held its Christmas service on Sunday the 1st of December. It was lovely to see so many at our Christmas service and, whilst there were no children at the service, the adults certainly enjoyed the carol singing and chocolate treats on offer. Thank you to Rev Leigh Steer for the wonderful Christmas service and all his support to our congregation and the parish throughout 2024.

Our services for 2025 will be held on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December. We welcome all to join us at our services and morning tea afterwards.

A big thank you to all who have supported St James throughout 2024. It is our hope that we can build our church in the coming year and invite you to attend our services and get to know your community. We look forward to a wonderful year of faith and fellowship in 2025.

For further information contact Belinda McMahon (0409 422 141) or Pam Bourne (0427 229 641).

Wishing all a safe and Merry Christmas.

St James Church 2025 Dates

Sunday 2 March, 10am

Sunday 1 June, 10am

Sunday 7 September, 10am

Sunday 7 December Christmas Service, 10am



Uranquinty Pre School News



Term 4 is a busy time at Uranquinty Preschool. We have many children who are preparing to go to school, so we offer the children more challenging experiences that include concept games, STEM inspired experiences and puzzles.

This term we have been exploring light through transparent 3D shapes on the light table and touch lamps in the block area. When children are given the opportunities to play with light there are more questions than answers. The touch lamps have been used in many different ways including being hidden under block buildings or standing up high like a lighthouse.

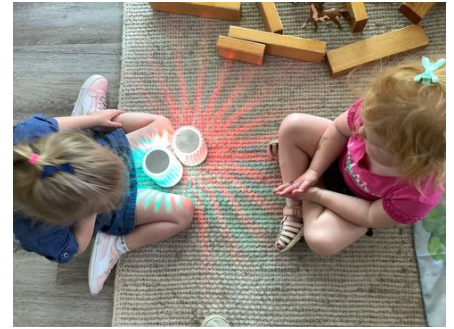
The tactile qualities of clay have invited playfulness and experimentation. Clay requires effort, strength, muscle and tenacity. It is a medium that invites unexpected discoveries and creative inventions from the children.

We have been very excited with how the children have taken to the medium and used it effectively to express their thinking and ideas.

The children have also been exploring different types of painting. We have offered painting beyond the easel with different types of materials.

We recently had a visit from Sam with Reptile Encounters. Sam came with different types of lizards, a turtle, crocodile and a python. Sam told us all about these reptiles including where they live and how they protect themselves from predators. Sam made it very clear that you must not touch reptiles in the wild.

The preschool can be contacted on 6922 9787 or email uranquintypreschool@gmail.com. We are currently taking enrolments for 2025.



URANQUINTY PUBLIC SCHOOL



A Very Quinty Concert

Once again our school concert saw a packed hall with lots of excited children, family and friends. The Christmas themed production was lots of fun and the children had worked very hard to present an enjoyable show for their families.

CHORDs 2024 our students performed beautifully at the Civic Theatre this term. Our students joined the choir or dance or both with Public School students from around Wagga.

Wiradjuri Culture Aunty Gail has been working with the seniors on weaving and painting this term.

Canberra Excursion The seniors saw all the sights of Canberra and spent some time with Michael McCormack at Parliament House.



URANQUINTY CWA

Uranquinty CWA was honoured to be asked to cater for Myree McGrath's 100th birthday. Held at the Uranquinty Hall on the 2nd November around 100 family members and friends enjoyed finger food prepared by CWA. It was a great day, enjoyed by all. Myree was still there at 4.30. She thanked CWA members involved. See also CWA ad on page 2 inviting residents to try out various crafts at no charge.



*Top left: From left, Belinda McMahon, Joy McInnes, Emma Grant, Toni Nugent, Myree McGrath, Maree rosskell, Barb Dengatge and Diane Buxton.
Bottom left: Maree Crosskell and Emma Grant enjoying their labours.*

Uranquinty Power Station Update December 2024



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've been busy on-site ensuring systems, processes, and equipment can safely and reliably operate over the coming summer period.

During October, we performed a total power station outage and focused maintenance and inspection activities on the gas yard, gas turbines and switchboard. . Our teams are not planning for the next major maintenance outage which is scheduled for the middle of 2025.

During the holiday period, Brent Blackstock (December) and Peter Hillyard (January) will be acting as UPS Plant Managers. The UPS team hopes you have a wonderful year-end and wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a memorable time.

If you have any questions or concerns about UPS or our operations, please contact Catherine Beaumont, Community Relations Business Partner on 0460 007 604 or email Catherine.Beaumont@originenergy.com.au.

**Harold Villalba Tapia - Plant Manager
Uranquinty Power Station**

Community Investment

How Origin supports our local community

At Origin, we're all about making a difference where it matters most – right here in our local communities. We're proud to back grassroots initiatives that bring people together, spark learning, and make a real impact aligning with our priority areas:

- Community Events and Activities.
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- Community, Safety, Health and Wellbeing; and
- Environmental Stewardship.

If you've got an event or idea that fits the bill, we want to hear about it. Whether it's a vibrant festival, an energizing sports day, a powerful health campaign, or a project that's all about learning and growth, let's make it happen together.

Contact Catherine Beaumont, our Community Relations Business Partner, at catherine.beaumont@originenergy.com.au or give her a call on 0460 007 604 to chat about your initiative and how we can help turn it into a success story.

Let's keep building brighter, stronger communities.



SEASON'S GREETINGS & THANKS FOR SUPPORTING US!

Christmas hours: Closed Monday 20 December- Friday 3 January. .
Outside of these days, hours are as usual, Monday-Friday 8.30am-1.00pm.

HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN URANQUINTY

Looking back on 145 years of education at Uranquinty, newer residents may not know that our public School wasn't always at the present address. The original school, known as The Sandy Creek School, was located on Hanging Rock Road 2.5 km west of the village. Hanging Rock Road was the main Cobb and Co road between The Rock and Wagga Wagga, before the railway line was built and the village was inhabited.

Situated on the Pominalarna Run, an area of 0.8 ha was purchased by the Council of Education for public school purposes. The school and attached residence were of substantial brick construction and opened in 1880. The first teacher was Robert Stratton, born in Southern Ireland in 1841 and arriving in Australia in 1860. He married Marian Grant in 1866 and was appointed as the first teacher at the Cudgewa Creek School in between 1872 and 1877. In 1880, Robert and his wife and seven of his children moved to the Sandy Creek School and remained there until 1889. His wages and all the equipment needed for the school were paid for by the parents of the children who attended. These children came from the surrounding farms and either rode their horses, walked or were driven by horse and cart up the 'school hill' as it was called. Numbers reached upwards of 40 pupils at various times.



By 1897, the village was growing and the residents began to petition the Education Council to move the school to the village. A site was selected close to the railway station and a new school built, opening in 1900. After the new school opened, the original building was relocated to Ben Street in Uranquinty. Its front step is now at the front gate of the new school. In 1916 Robert Stratton was living at Taradale, near Tumberumba, where his daughter Florence was

making tea over an open fireplace when the dress she was wearing caught fire. She was immediately engulfed in flames, with her aged father trying to save her. Her sister in law went to her aid after she had rushed out of the building, throwing a blanket around her and smothered the flames. Florence was taken to Tumut hospital for treatment. Robert, who sustained burns to his hands and face was brought to Wagga to the District Hospital but passed away 3 days later. He is buried in the Wagga Wagga cemetery.

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Check out the monthly specials in store. We also stock bags of firewood, gas bottles, ice bags, soda stream bottles and motor oils.

Plenty of Post Office boxes available to rent.

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Saturday 6.30am-8.00 pm

Sunday 7.00 am-8.00 pm

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