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The UPA Committee would like to update the community on the role of your local Progress Association and encourage residents to make a contribution, no matter how small, to enable us to continue UPA's role in improving and preserving our rural village way of life. Without your input, we cannot go forward and your voice and views will not be represented or included in any discussions with major stakeholders. This may have a significant impact on the village of Uranquinty. UPA has been in existence in various forms since the early 1900s and continues to be a strong community voice as the village increases in population and diversity.

Listed below are the major areas in which UPA has contributed to issues which affect the future of our community. Because there were insufficient attendees at the recent AGM the existing committee will continue in an interim mode until the next AGM on Monday 23 September at 7.30pm at the Community Hall. Without a functioning and elected committee, the UPA will not be able to continue its role which could result in some major changes for the community.

UPA PROJECTS FUNDED SINCE 2014



Anzac Day 2019

Major sponsors include Wagga Wagga City Council, Origin Energy, Riverina Water, NSW Lands Department. Successful grant applications have resulted in funding from the Volunteer Grants Program, Veterans Affairs Department which have enabled the success of the following projects:

- Eco-cultural Garden
- Anzac Walk tree planting and upgrades
- Public art project – Cow Sculptures
- Dividing wall for the Community Hall
- Maintenance and upgrades to the Community Hall

Public Art Cow Sculptures



UPA would like to acknowledge Origin Energy's support for Uranquinty in providing 3 noticeboards around the village, printing numerous flyers for events and the quarterly Newsletter which is distributed to residents as well as support for the annual Christmas Carol Concert and their contributions to the public art and eco-cultural garden projects.

UPA SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Uranquinty Christmas Carol Concert

- Setting up a website for the Uranquinty Community
- Annual Village Garage Sale
- Skatepark
- Tennis Club
- Annual Christmas Carol Concert
- Arts events under the umbrella of Wagga Wagga City Council and Wagga Regional Theatre
- Wagga Wagga City Council community meetings and community van

UPA SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ISSUES

- Support for the Uranquinty Community Noticeboard FaceBook page
- Support for Quinty Men's Shed
- Liaison with Telstra Countrywide, local MPs and Council to provide a booster antenna at the local exchange to improve mobile phone reception in the village when we were unsuccessful in obtaining Black Spot funding for a mobile tower.
- Liaison with Dr Joe McGirr and Essential Energy re power outages in Uranquinty
- Liaison with Wagga Wagga City Council, local communities, MPs to resolve the ongoing Dunns Road situation
- Liaison with Wagga Wagga City Council and residents regarding the development of the block of land in the village owned by the Wagga Wagga Aboriginal Lands Council
- Uranquinty Community Safety Group set up following the 2012 floods to devise and implement a local disaster management plan.

URANQUINTY COMMUNITY HALL

In 2010 Wagga Wagga City Council built the new community hall and handed over responsibility to Uranquinty Progress Association for maintaining the hall and bookings for events held at the hall. This work is undertaken by members of the UPA Committee on a voluntary basis. Use of the hall has increased steadily and it is used mostly for:

- Family celebrations
- Weddings, engagement and birthday parties
- Performances by Wagga Civic Theatre
- Children's art and craft activities organised by Council's arts program
- Annual Folk Festival
- Uranquinty Public School
- Social Dancing Classes
- Active Farmers keep fit classes
- Community meetings organised by Wagga Wagga City Council, Origin Energy, UPA, Uranquinty Community Safety Group, Quinty Men's Shed and other organisations
- Training courses for WIRES, NSW Young Farmers
- Church meetings
- CWA monthly meetings
- Storage for Uranquinty History material and display of historical information.



Community Hall set up for a wedding

If UPA can no longer continue to provide maintenance and upkeep of the hall and provide a (free) administration service for bookings, this function will be taken over by Council and costs will increase substantially. This will have an effect on our community and anyone wishing to hire the hall.

The UPA Committee hopes that you will support the Progress Association so that we can continue to be the conduit for the Uranquinty community and voice your concerns and ideas to the appropriate authorities in order to resolve problems and present future projects which will be to the benefit of all residents.



Development of the eco-cultural garden



Skate park completed in 2019

Please visit our website at www.uranquinty.com.au for more information on our village. We hope to see you at the AGM on 23 September 2019

