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Uralla Grants program kicks in to support next round of community projects

Projects targeting tree planting, community events and upgrades to local schools, pre-schools, sporting and aged care facilities will be awarded funding under Round 2 of the Uralla Grants program.

\$50,000 in funding has been awarded to a dozen community projects and events under the second stage of the program, which is designed to share the benefits of the New England Solar Farm with the wider community

Uralla Grants is funded by UPC\AC Renewables Australia, the developers of the New England Solar Farm, and is overseen by a Community Reference Group which includes local community representatives.

New England Solar Farm Construction Project Director Tim Greenaway said support from the grants program would start immediately, with the first community event to take place this weekend - The Uralla Fairy Festival.

“The Uralla Grants program is a very important part of the New England Solar Farm project,” Mr Greenaway said.

“It demonstrates our commitment to the local community and finding ways to support people from all areas and ages across the region.

“It’s particularly pleasing that support from Uralla Grants can start straight away – with \$5,000 in funding to help support this weekend’s popular Uralla Fairy Festival.

“I would like to thank everyone who made the effort to apply for the second stage of the Uralla Grants program and I look forward to seeing the successful projects delivered over the next 12 months.”

The New England Solar Farm is a 720-megawatt solar farm and battery project being constructed near Uralla in the New England region of NSW. It is Australia’s largest hybrid solar and battery energy storage facility under construction.

Construction on the initial road upgrades for the first stage of the New England Solar Farm is nearing completion and early work on the substation and switching yard is now underway.

The \$100,000 Uralla Grants program was developed as a way for the solar farm and battery project to provide support during the early construction phase of the project.

Further funding for the local community will be provided under the New England Solar Farm's Community Benefit Sharing Initiative.



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Grant Recipients

Recipient	Project
Uralla Memorial Literary Institute	Meeting room renovations
Friends of McMaugh	Equipment for McMaugh Aged Care Facility
Helping Children and Families Association	Expansion of volunteer home visiting program
Uralla Campdraft & Sporting Club Ass.	Campdraft weekend
Uralla Goldfields Historical Society	Equipment purchase
Barry Munday Reserve	Upgrade of tennis courts
Thunderbolt Festival	Promotional material
Uralla Preschool	Purchase of Harmony Bells
Uralla and District Pony Club	Instructor camp
Greening Uralla	Planting program
Pulse Fitness	Simply move fitness program
Uralla Fairy Committee	Support to Uralla Fairy Festival



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