

Project update | June 2026

Library rolls out SIP stories of community champions



Heroic and heartwarming stories were in abundance when Uralla Library provided a textbook location for our latest Social Investment Program presentation ceremony.

Sixteen community organisations shared a total of \$75,000 in Round 1 of this year's New England Solar 2026 SIP.

Group representatives gathered in a more flexible multi-purposed space at the library, courtesy of retrofitted bookshelf castor wheels funded by the SIP.

Joined by representatives of Uralla Shire Council and our Community Reference Group, which assesses the applications, the not-for-profit groups outlined how they

are using the funding to create a healthier, more vibrant and connected Uralla Shire.

Round 2 New England SIP

Applications for Round 2 of this year's New England Solar SIP grants will open later this month.

Grants up to \$5,000 are available for eligible groups and individuals contributing to building thriving and resilient communities in Uralla Shire and surrounds.

To access the Social Investment Program guidelines and application form, visit www.newenglandsolar.com.au, email info@newenglandsolar.com.au or phone 1800 844 889.

2026 Round 1 SIP recipients

- **Balala Rural Fire Service Brigade** - Purchase storage lockers for brigade shed
- **Diggings Rural Fire Service Brigade** - Upgrade driveway to Rocky River RFS station to improve access
- **Kentucky Public School P&C** - New rainwater tank to drought proof water supply to school vegetable garden
- **Rocky River Public School P&C** - Engage speech pathologist to provide services to students
- **Uralla Arts** - Hold winter solstice free community event
- **Uralla Can Assist** - Free skin cancer checks at Australian Skin Cancer Foundation truck
- **Uralla Central School P&C** - Purchase formal uniforms for students
- **Uralla Croquet Club** - Purchase top soil to improve playing surface on courts
- **Uralla Historical Society** - Create permanent exhibition honouring Hilda McMaugh at McCrossin's Mill Museum
- **Uralla Junior Rugby League** - Replace broken light switches and powerpoints and install LED light fittings
- **Uralla Library** - Retrofit final row of shelving with lockable castor wheels, to create multi-purpose community space
- **Uralla Men's Shed** - Purchase new flooring for club building
- **Uralla Neighbourhood Centre** - Purchase new blinds for Neighbourhood Centre windows, improve energy efficiency
- **Uralla Preschool** - Purchase and install shade structure over playground
- **Uralla Wordsworth** - Subsidise printing costs of community newsletter
- **ZNet Uralla** - Purchase rainwater tank and reticulation for community garden