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Uralla Shire Council recognised for innovative community project

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor MP had the pleasant duty of presenting a framed certificate to the Uralla Shire Council on behalf of the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, The Hon Jim Lloyd at their meeting this week in recognition of their Australian Government Award.

“The Uralla Shire Council was recognised in the 2004 National Awards for Local Government for their very innovative “New England Smart Communities Action Project (NESCAP).

The project was recognised in the Information Technology Category Award for which they are very worthy recipients.

I congratulate Mayor Ron Filmer and his team of fellow Councillors and staff and in particular Kevin Abbey, the Economic Development Specialist with Council.

They have all worked very hard to achieve a great deal in delivering a high quality service to the community and to be recognised by an Australian Government award is fantastic.

I also thank the Minister for inviting me to present the certificate to the Uralla Shire Council and look forward to continuing to work with him in the future,” Mr Windsor said.

The New England Smart Communities Action Project (NESCAP) is a Federal, State and Local Government funded project lead by Uralla Shire Council and covers the towns of Uralla and Armidale. The project is represented by over twenty Public and Private stakeholders including Uralla Shire Council, Armidale Dumaresq Council, University of New England, New England Institute of TAFE, New England Area Health Service, NSW Department of State & Regional Development, New England Credit Union and Armidale & District Chamber of Commerce.

NESCAP seeks to leverage off a number of existing telecommunications projects being undertaken in the New England region including the University of New England (UNE) Broadband Initiative and NSW Government NCF 27 Project. These projects have enabled the deployment of independent backbone and last mile telecommunications infrastructure in Armidale and Uralla. One of NESCAP’s objectives is to stimulate the take-up of broadband services within the Armidale and Uralla communities.

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Uralla Shire Council Mayor, Cllr Ron Filmer (right) and Kevin Abbey, Economic Development Specialist with Uralla Shire Council being presented with their Australian Government Award certificate for the Information Technology Category for their New England Smart Communities Action Project (NESCP) by Tony Windsor MP, Member for New England.

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