

WEED OF THE MONTH

Common Name:

Common Thornapple

Botanical Name:

Datura stramonium

How does this weed affect you?

Thornapple will invade waste ground, disturbed agricultural land, creek banks and semi-arid pasture.

Toxicity: Thornapple is highly toxic to humans, capable of causing serious illness or death. All parts of the plant, particularly the flowers, seeds and nectar are poisonous, causing thirst, increased temperatures, rapid pulse, incoherence and convulsions.

What to do if poisoning occurs:

If the patient is unconscious, unresponsive or having difficulty breathing **dial 000** or get to the emergency section of a hospital immediately.

If the patient is conscious and responsive call the **Poisons Information Centre** on **13 11 26** or your doctor.

If going to a hospital take a piece of the plant for identification.

What does it look like?

Common Thornapple is a short-lived plant that grows in disturbed sites. Flowers are white-lilac 6-8 cm long. Seed capsules are large and oval shaped with numerous spines varying in lengths.

The entire plant is also poisonous to livestock and pets.



TENTERFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM NEWS

Council's Economic Development & Tourism Marketing team have commenced distribution of a monthly e-newsletter for Tenterfield's business and tourism community. Updates on tourism marketing activities and opportunities, as well as news and relevant updates, will be provided in each edition. The first edition was distributed on Friday 31 January 2020.

If you operate or represent a business in the Tenterfield region and would like to receive these emails in future, please email council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au - Attention: Caitlin Reid - to request your name and email address be added to the distribution list.



Tenterfield Cinema & Theatre

Phone: (02) 6736 6100
www.tenterfieldcinema.com.au

Dolittle (PG)

Friday, 14 Feb @ 7pm
Sunday, 16 Feb @ 1:45pm
Tuesday, 18 Feb @ 10.30am
Saturday, 22 Feb @ 7.30pm

Little Women (G)

Tuesday, 18 Feb @ 1pm
Wednesday, 19 Feb @ 1pm (Senior's Week Movie \$5)

A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood (PG)

Friday, 21 Feb @ 7pm
Sunday, 23 Feb @ 1.45pm

What's New Pussycat – Live Theatre

Saturday, 15 Feb @ 7.30pm
Tickets available from www.trybooking.com.au

NATIONAL PARKS AT TENTERFIELD REOPENED

A number of our wonderful National Parks have re-opened following fire damage in the February 2019 fire event. For the full list visit www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au

FEBRUARY 2020 – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING LEGUME COMMUNITY HALL

Notice is given that Council's Ordinary Meeting for February 2020 will be held at the Legume Community Hall, 9283 Mt Lindesay Road, Legume, on Wednesday, 26 February 2020, commencing at 9.30 am EDT.



YOUR LOCAL NEWS

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Tenterfield Shire Council's Administration Building is located at 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield.

We are open from 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.
www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au

Deputy Mayor Greg Sauer, Mayor Peter Petty, Mrs Lana Rifi, Dr Jamal Rifi AM, and Mrs Sue Sauer



TENTERFIELD COMMUNITY AUSTRALIA DAY 2020 CELEBRATION

The Tenterfield community turned out on Sunday morning to celebrate Australia Day 2020 at the Tenterfield Memorial Hall with approximately 200 people in attendance.

"Breakfast on the Deck" with the Granite Belt Community Band, combined with bacon and egg rolls served up by members of the Tenterfield Lions Club, set the tone for a wonderful morning of celebration in our community.

The main Ceremony commenced at 9.00 am with the Welcome to Country by Mrs Roxanne Bancroft-Stuart followed by an Australia Day blessing by Lay Preacher Hugh McCowen.

Congratulations were extended to Mr Col Mann who was recognised in the 2020 Australia Day Honours List with the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his contribution to aged care in establishing both Millrace and Haddington for the people of Tenterfield.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Greg Sauer performed the duties of MC for the Celebration with the Mayor, Cr Peter Petty providing the Welcome Address and conducting a Citizenship Ceremony for Ms Sandra Dobbs, Mr Niti Kocharit, Mr France Dago-oc and Ms Ayla Venizza Waugh who were warmly welcomed as Australian citizens.

Our Ambassador, Dr Jamal Rifi AM indicated his pleasure to be part of the Tenterfield celebrations. He had particularly requested to visit a community that had suffered hardship in the drought and bushfires. He and his wife Lana drove to Tenterfield so that he could see, first hand, the devastation caused.

Dr Rifi expressed his desire for all communities to work together, highlighting the resilience of the Australian people and the need for harmony and understanding. Dr Rifi spoke of the assistance that the Sydney Muslim community has provided in raising funds to support drought affected areas with the provision of hay, and support for the residents and wildlife of Kangaroo Island in the recent devastating bushfires.

Then it was time for the much anticipated Australia Day Awards, presented by Mayor Petty and Ambassador Dr Rifi AM.

Citizen of the Year for 2020 was presented to Mr Peter Bonner.

Young Citizen of the Year 2020 was presented to Rachel Cowin.

While there were no nominations for **Sportsperson of the Year**, 5 outstanding nominations were received for **Young Sportsperson of the Year for 2020** which was awarded to Erin Crotty.

Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year for 2020 was awarded to Karmell Cowin.

Community Event of the Year for 2020 was awarded to Liston's Cobb & Co Heritage Day.

At the conclusion of the Awards, Mayor Peter Petty requested all present to acknowledge and thank our volunteer firefighters and SES personnel who have put their lives and safety on the line in protecting their communities during the devastating bushfires of 2019.

Following a Minutes' Silence to remember all those who have perished as a result of these terrible fires, the gathering put their hands together to applaud our local heroes.

To conclude the morning's festivities, Tenterfield's own Dancing DJ, Paul Della attempted to get the audience up to rock and roll to some great Aussie music, following which the pipes and drums of the Tenterfield Highlanders Pipe Band provided a rousing end to the Tenterfield community Australia Day 2020 celebration.

TENTERFIELD SHIRE WATER UPDATE

Following recent rainfall of approximately 70 mm, the Tenterfield Dam level is now at 52% and although this should trigger a move to lift the current 4.7 Water Restrictions in Tenterfield, due to ongoing water quality issues caused by ash runoff, and concern that the drought conditions may continue into the summer, current restrictions will remain in place for the time being.

Residents are reminded that the Boil Water Alert has been lifted since 23 December 2019.

Council has hired an *Osmoflow* Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant which has been delivered to the Water Treatment Plant at the Dam. The unit replaces the smaller desalination unit provided by Rural Aid in August 2019 which has now been moved to Brewarina.

The new plant will treat all water sourced from the bores and strips out all contaminants. The plant is similar to those used by the Defence Forces and mining companies to ensure good quality water from sources which are less than satisfactory.

Water exploration and drilling works are now finalized and a total of eight (8) production bores will be connected to the supply system (including Shirley Park bore). The yield of these combined bores is estimated at 14 litres per second which exceeds the town requirements of 13 litres per second. Water rising mains are currently being constructed and electrical installation works have commenced.

Until the commissioning of the new RO plant, the bore at the Transport Museum has been turned off.

Once the total project estimate is finalised, Council will submit to Department Primary Industries Environment (DPIE) for approval of the scope of works and cost estimates. The approved Government allocation for this project is up to \$4,373,000 with a Council contribution of \$124,333.

Due to the continuing dry conditions in the north of our Shire, Urbenville and Mulli Mulli are now at Level 4 Water Restrictions and Jennings remains on the Emergency Water Restrictions (80 litres per person per day) imposed by Southern Downs Regional Council.

Council has been receiving a number of complaints regarding the ash runoff into Tenterfield Creek and advises that Council are responsible for Council owned structures (bridges and causeways) and only have authority to clear debris within 10 metres of the structure in accordance with its annual maintenance Department Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries Management Act Permit.

NSW Office of Water (DPI) are responsible for the management of the State's surface water and groundwater resources and are aware of the impacts of ash and fire debris into Tenterfield Creek. OzFish is working with NSW Fisheries to ensure the survival of fish stocks.

Council commends and thanks the community of Tenterfield for their diligence in maintaining the 4.7 Water Restriction goals and is hopeful that the current damp conditions may herald the breaking of the crippling drought.

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to *Section 4.59* of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 and *Clause 124* of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 2000 that Consent has been granted to the following developments for the month of **December 2019**;

DA 2019.115	265 Mt Lindesay Road, Tenterfield Manufactured Dwelling
DA 2019.119	19 Stephen Street, Urbenville Shed
DA 2019.120	13 High Street, Tenterfield Shed
CDC 2019.121	177 Manners Street, Tenterfield Garage
CDC 2019.122	9 Molesworth Street, Tenterfield Shed
DA 2019.127	285 East Street, Tenterfield Shed
DA 2019.128	251 Rouse Street, Tenterfield Detached Studio/Carport & Shed

DA	Development Application
CDC	Complying Development Certificate

"All applications were considered in accordance with the provisions of *Section 4.15* of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979*, and determined to meet the general criteria, were approved subject to conditions and are considered to be in the public interest."

The consents listed above are available for public inspection without charge at the Tenterfield Shire Council Office, 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield during ordinary business hours of 9.00 am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.