



Media Release

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ZERO WATER RESTRICTIONS AS TENTERFIELD DAM OVERTOPS THE WALL

In the early hours of this morning the Tenterfield Dam overtopped the wall sending a wondrous cascade of water down into Tenterfield Creek below.

On Thursday afternoon a continuous stream of vehicles visited the dam which indicates the level of interest and the relief that the community is feeling as the water level continued to rise and the rain continued to fall.

In line with Council's current Drought Management Plan, Mayor Peter Petty, Deputy Mayor Greg Sauer and the Chief Executive Team took the decision to remove water restrictions entirely for Tenterfield from 11.15 am today.

Council will consider the Drought Management Plan in the months to come and may consider reintroduction of low level water restrictions to keep the value of water front and centre with our community.

"Redesign and reinforcement works undertaken in 2018 on the dam wall are working perfectly", Mayor Peter Petty said.

"The cascade effect, as well as looking spectacular, ensures that the level of flow is dispersed over a wider area and the onflow into Tenterfield Creek is subsequently lessened."

"Our dam is at 100%! The lifting of spirits around the town is tangible and a real feeling that we can now move on from the dark days of 2019. 2020 will truly be a year of renewal for Tenterfield Shire", the Mayor added.

Unfortunately, water restrictions for other areas of our Shire remain, being:

- Critical Water Restrictions for residents of Jennings
- Level 4 Water Restrictions for Urbenville

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