



# Media Release

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## **BLAZE AID RETURNING TO TENTERFIELD**

With the declaration of a Natural Disaster situation for the Tenterfield Shire Local Government Area with respect to the fires at Tenterfield and Drake, disaster assistance is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). Links to access support options are available on Council's website [www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au).

In addition and in order to provide assistance to affected landholders, BlazeAid volunteers have advised they will return to camp in the Tenterfield Showground from Tuesday, 17 September 2019.

### **How to Register With BlazeAid for Help**

If you require help to rebuild fences which have been destroyed in the recent fires, please contact John Lillico, the Base Camp Co-ordinator on 0484 145 732 or visit him at the Tenterfield Showgrounds after Tuesday, 17 September 2019.

### **How to Be a Volunteer**

Volunteers are encouraged to ring John Lillico, the Base Camp Co-ordinator on 0484 145 732 a week before arrival and turn up at the Tenterfield Showgrounds and fill in a volunteer registration form.

### **Post and Wire Program**

If the public would like to donate towards the Tenterfield Post and Wire Program to help those property owners affected, please go to BlazeAid website and click on the donations tab. Send an email to Debbie at BlazeAid [admin@blazeaid.com.au](mailto:admin@blazeaid.com.au) and note you would like it to go towards the Tenterfield Post and Wire Program.

Please note that BlazeAid do not want material donations. Persons wishing to donate fencing materials, cash etc should contact a local charity group, ie Lions Club, Rotary etc.

### **Further Information**

Once the Tenterfield Camp is established, further details and contact numbers will be available on the BlazeAid website.

Mayor Peter Petty expressed his sincere thanks to the BlazeAid organisation and volunteers.

"We don't know what else can be thrown at Tenterfield and our surrounding areas but it is such a comfort to our rural folk that a wonderful organisation such as BlazeAid is available and willing to come to their aid", the Mayor said.

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