



# Media Release

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## **COME TO TENTERFIELD AND CATCH A FISH!**

It's on again! A unique opportunity to fish Tenterfield Dam.

The *Tenterfield Gone Fishing Day* event, celebrated each year in October, was previously postponed due to local bushfire events and drought conditions.

It's now on Sunday, 1 December 2019 at Saddler Estate Park thanks to the support of the local community and everyone, young and old, is encouraged to come down to the Tenterfield Dam and wet a line.

Regulations have been relaxed to allow locals to enjoy a spot of fishing in celebration of the Day and an angling licence will not be required during the event.

OzFish Tenterfield Chapter President, Harry Davey is championing the event and encouraging everyone to think about the future of fishing while they participate.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate fishing but equally to reflect on how we can contribute to ensure fishing remains our favourite pastime for future generations," Mr Davey said.

"It could be volunteering your time to restoring fish habitat, collecting litter around your favourite fishing spot or ensuring you take away only what you need and release what you don't."

"Our local OzFish Chapter works on fish habitat rehabilitation projects and our members will be on hand to educate the community about fishing safely and sustainably, fish handling and why habitat is important to our future fisheries", Mr Davey added.

Mayor Peter Petty expressed his excitement, saying "The event will provide some much needed relief from the current difficult times and everyone, no matter what age or skill level, is encouraged to disconnect their devices, get outdoors and celebrate *Gone Fishing Day*."

"Activities will include fishing workshops, casting competitions, free giveaways, habitat demonstrations and kids activities.

It doesn't matter if you fish once a week, once a year or never before, *Gone Fishing Day* in Tenterfield is the perfect day to wet a line, be involved and participate in a much needed celebration for a community that has gone through so much over the past few months", Mayor Petty added.

Gates open at 6.00 am with registration essential. Entry is at Saddler Estate Park with the Tenterfield Lions Club volunteers on hand to provide breakfast and refreshments.

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Event entry is \$2.00 per person with all proceeds going towards assisting with a local waterway restoration project.

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