



# Media Release

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## MAYOR URGES SAFETY THIS FIRE SEASON

With unprecedented fire conditions frighteningly already evident early in the summer fire season, Mayor Peter Petty is urging residents of the Tenterfield Shire to ensure their safety.

“There are a number of things you can do”, Mayor Petty said.

- Make a fire plan to ensure every member of the family knows what to do should a fire approach your property;
- Have an escape plan and a definite time to activate it;
- Include the safety of your pets and livestock in your fire plan;
- Contact your neighbours so that you can assist each other – have their number on your phone;
- Clean up around your home and sheds – whipper snip any long grass and remove rubbish;
- If you are asked to evacuate – please do so;
- Ensure your pumps and hoses are in good, working condition;
- For NSW - download the Rural Fire Service *Fires Near Me* App <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me>
- For Queensland Fire & Emergency Services – check the website <https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/map/Pages/default.aspx> for fire maps and information.

“On behalf of the community, I sincerely thank our brave and wonderful fire crews and the many volunteers and Council staff who are working tirelessly both in our Shire and nearby, to ensure the safety of life and property in whatever capacity.

We are all suffering from the dry, hot, smoky conditions and the stresses relating to lack of water, drought and fires. We are in trying, difficult circumstances and I urge everyone be kind to one another and look out for each other”, Mayor Petty concluded.

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