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MAIN STREET GARDENS RECEIVING A FACELIFT DRY WEATHER OPPORTUNITY

In 2015 Tenterfield's main street underwent an extensive upgrade in line with the Main Street Master Plan. This included extensive works to the gardens in the town square (Bruxner Park).

However, the imposition of harsh water restrictions and the severity of the ongoing drought conditions have naturally impacted these gardens as Council prioritises the rapidly decreasing dam water supply for domestic use to ensure the wellbeing and health of the Tenterfield community.

"Council understands the importance of these gardens to the ambience of the town centre in providing an attractive place for families to spend time and encouraging the passing tourist traffic to stop, unwind and peruse our unique shopping experiences", said Mayor Peter Petty.

"To ensure this, Council staff are endeavouring to keep the established trees in the streets of Tenterfield alive by using the back-wash (non-drinkable) water from the Water Filtration Plant. As this is an extremely limited resource, this water use cannot extend to our gardens to bring the colour and vibrancy from petunias and pansies which would be the normal plantings for this time of year", Mayor Petty added.

In order to overcome the increasing likelihood of continued dry spells into the future, Council staff are taking this opportunity to revisit the layout and water efficiency of the Rouse Street gardens. Therefore, in the coming months residents will see activity in these gardens with the installation of new, water saving *uniram* drip lines.

Once the long awaited rain falls and water restrictions are lifted, the garden beds will be prepared and ready for planting with a new selection of colour and greenery, watered by a more economical and sustainable system.

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