

bushfires – and we need to keep that support going,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Despite the extent of the Coronavirus crisis the federal government has never forgotten those impacted by this summer’s bushfires. We’re helping the states get money out quicker by supporting them with more boots on the ground to assist people to navigate the process.

“We are deploying 21 new specialist business recovery advisors into affected communities and are increasing the regional footprint of the National Bushfire Recovery Agency by up to 50 staff in order to make a real difference.”

Mr Barilaro said the NSW Government continues to back regional small businesses and expanding this funding to additional LGAs is doing just that.

“Many regional businesses that rely on tourism lost their peak summer season due to the bushfires and then lost Easter trade due to COVID-19,” Mr Barilaro said.

“It is fantastic to see more than 12,500 businesses have taken up the grant offer so far which equates to \$125.4 million.

“With the expansion of the grants to more LGAs we will see more money in the pockets of those who need it most.”

The grants are now being extended to 13 more LGAs, taking the total to 30. The 13 new LGAs are jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments.

The additional eligible LGAs include: Armidale, Bellingen, Cessnock, Coffs Harbour, Glen Innes Severn, Goulburn Mulwaree, Greater Hume, Kyogle, Mid-Western, Oberon, Singleton, Tenterfield and Walcha.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are also available for eligible small businesses directly impacted by the bushfires. Businesses that have received financial assistance via other grants may still be eligible for the \$10,000 grants.

For small business assistance please contact Service NSW, via [www.service.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/)

Additional information on the \$10k small business grants:

Initially, the grants covered the following LGAs: Bega Valley, Blue Mountains, Clarence Valley, Eurobodalla, Hawkesbury, Kempsey, Lithgow, Mid Coast, Nambucca, Port Macquarie, Queanbeyan, Richmond Valley, Shoalhaven, Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valleys, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly.

To be eligible, businesses must have experienced a 40 percent drop in revenue over a three-month period, compared to last year, because of the bushfires.

The criteria for the additional 13 LGAs is:

Greater than 4 per cent of LGA burnt.

Greater than 4 buildings damaged or destroyed.”

### **\$73 MILLION TO SUPPORT MENTAL WELLNESS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

More than 180 mental health workers will be deployed across the state as part of a \$73 million package to boost mental health services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor today announced the NSW Government funding boost, which will help support the mental health and wellbeing of people across the state.

Ms Berejiklian said the additional mental health staff and new digital resources would ensure anyone who requires support is able to access it when they need it.

“We know how challenging the past few months have been. Many people have lost their jobs and all of us have had to change the way we live,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“During this time it is vital we deliver robust mental health services that fit the evolving needs of the community – this means employing more frontline workers and greater investment in remote technology.”

The NSW Government’s mental health support package includes:

- Over 180 additional specialist, community-based mental health clinicians and peer support workers;
- Expanding the virtual mental health program to all local health districts;
- Free access to Tresillian’s digital SleepWellBaby program;
- Capacity for 60,000 extra calls to the 1800 NSW Mental Health Line;
- Creation of pop-up mental health Safe Space sites, reducing pressure on emergency departments.

Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor said the NSW Government measures complement the Federal Government’s mental health plan and enhance the capacity to support people in their homes rather than in hospitals and emergency departments.

“The NSW Mental Health Line is staffed by specialist mental health clinicians who can provide immediate care and expert advice and make referrals to appropriate services, with this additional funding it will now be able to take an extra 60,000 calls,” Mrs Taylor said.

“In this time of extraordinary stress on the health system, we are preparing pop-up mental health Safe Space sites to divert people with mental health issues from emergency departments.”

Mr Perrottet said boosting technology for vulnerable people would have an immediate positive impact.

“Virtual services will connect specialist mental health clinicians with remote and at-risk populations where face-to-face service options are limited,” Mr Perrottet said.

“This funding will make a real difference to so many people who will be confronting an extremely difficult period in their lives at what is an extraordinarily challenging period.”

The NSW Government announced last month \$6 million would be provided to Lifeline to ensure it is equipped to respond to the increased needs of the community throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

The NSW Government previously announced \$800 million for NSW Health to support the health system including significantly increasing capacity in NSW public hospitals, particularly within ICUs.



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### **COVID 19 statement**

Council has implemented strict protocols to ensure we comply with directions issued by government in relation to managing the COVID 19 risk.

These protocols apply to our staff, our customers and visitors to our premises, and councillors alike.

Some non-essential services have ceased altogether, others are still in operation but due to social distancing have added levels of complexity.

Please be understanding that we will do our best to maintain services and help in what are unique and challenging circumstances.

[www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au)



## COUNCIL TO RECOGNISE OUR FALLEN HEROS THIS ANZAC DAY

Although Anzac Day Parades and Services have been cancelled throughout Australia due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council, on behalf of the community, will lay wreaths at Tenterfield and in all our villages to honour and remember our war dead this Anzac Day.

Mayor Peter Petty will commence the vigil in laying a wreath at the Tenterfield War Memorial at 6.00 am, together with President of Tenterfield RSL Sub-Branch, David Stewart.

Following this, Mayor Petty will travel to Jennings where he will lay a wreath at the Wallangarra RSL Hall, before proceeding to Legume (Legume Cemetery), and Urbenville (War Memorial Gates at the Urbenville Showground).

Councillor Tom Peters will travel to Torrington to lay a wreath at the Torrington War Memorial and then to lay a wreath at the Memorial in the Mingoola School Yard.

Councilor Gary Verri will lay a wreath at the Liston War Memorial while Councillor Bronwyn Petrie will travel to Drake to lay a wreath at the War Memorial at the front of the Drake Community Hall.

These are not public events due to the need for social distancing and prohibitions on gatherings, however the wreath will be symbolic of the community's remembrance and recognition of our brave forebears.

For those asking about how they might mark Anzac Day this year, you are able to join the many Australians who will watch the Dawn Service from home. The service is being broadcast on the ABC and online from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra from 5.30am AEST.

Lest We Forget!

## UNDERBORING FOR PIPE INFRASTRUCTURE

Regular walkers along Tenterfield Creek footpath may well be wondering what is going on!

Council has engaged an underboring contractor to install pipe infrastructure at 4 locations around Tenterfield. 2 of the new pipes will be for water supply and 2 will service new sewer pump stations.

The underboring, or trenchless installations, are planned for the New England Highway (near the Rugby Oval) and Tenterfield Creek at Link Street, the Skate Park and Martin Street near Federation Oval. The installation at Martin Street under the Tenterfield Creek will remove the above ground sewer pipe which currently runs to the north side of Molesworth Street bridge, removing the risk of damage to the pipe during a flood event.

The underboring process uses a drilling platform with a directional drill head that can be tracked to ensure the depths of 1.5m to up to 6m are maintained (including under the Creek bed) and directions stay true.

"This is a great initiative by our Water & Sewer staff", said Mayor Peter Petty. "The Molesworth Street sewer pipe has long presented a risk during flood events and although it is regularly checked, the underground pipe infrastructure will remove this problem entirely", the Mayor added.

## WHERE'S YA BIN? BIN STICKER COMPETITION

*Because your bins go out more than you do. A home isolation design competition.*

Tenterfield Shire Council is running a competition to design bin stickers to be distributed throughout the Shire. Our communities have been experiencing unprecedented situations, and when one finishes, we get hit with another. Yet we soldier through. Council would like to brighten up our communities and bring a smile during these hard times. So, because our bins are getting out more than we are, lets dress them up a bit!

Residents are invited to submit designs to dress up our bins. There are 4 categories and there will be 8 winners. The winning designs will be printed on a 30 x 30cm sticker, which will be distributed throughout the Shire for display on wheelie bins. Entries can be artwork (e.g. drawings, paintings, collage) or photographs. Entries are to be submitted online via Council's webpage with the competition closing COB on 17 May 2020.

Website link is:

<https://www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/services/waste-recycling/wheres-ya-bin-competition>

### Categories

#### **Preschool (0-5 years old) -Theme: What makes you happy?**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Mega Muncher + goodie bag

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Worm Cafe + goodie bag

#### **Primary School -Theme: Favourite season**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Mega Muncher + goodie bag

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Worm Cafe + goodie bag

#### **High School -Theme: Favourite place in Tenterfield Shire**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Mega Muncher + goodie bag

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Worm Cafe + goodie bag

#### **Open -Theme: What Tenterfield Shire means to me**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Mega Muncher + goodie bag

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Worm Cafe + goodie bag

The Worm Cafés were kindly donated by Granite Borders Landcare Committee.

For further information, contact Melissa Blum at [council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au) or 0439 118 312.

### Rules:

- Entry is free
- Maximum image size is 5MB
- Image must be in JPEG format
- The entrant must be the creator and copyright owner of the submitted image
- Only residents in Tenterfield Shire Council are eligible
- You must understand and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

## PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE (LINK STREET) OVER TENTERFIELD CREEK

Good news for all those out and about, exercising along the banks of Tenterfield Creek and getting some fresh air to escape the confines of home in these difficult times.

The pedestrian bridge over Tenterfield Creek at Link Street which was washed away during the hail event in November 2019 will soon be replaced.

Steel girders and timber decking have now been purchased. The girders require some fabrication prior to installation, however it is anticipated that works will commence on site prior to the end of May and take approximately 7 days to complete.

### **\$10,000 BUSHFIRE GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS EXPANDED TO 30 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS**

Council has received advice today that grants up to \$10,000 are now available for small businesses impacted by the recent bushfire events. A joint media release from The Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management and The Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Industry & Trade is reproduced below.

"I wish to congratulate Minister Littleproud, and the Deputy Premier for providing this grant funding. In addition I sincerely thank our Federal Member, Hon Barnaby Joyce MP for his great work in achieving this outcome for New England businesses, adding Tenterfield, Walcha, Glen Innes and Armidale to the eligibility list.

I also wish to thank our State Member, Janelle Saffin for lobbying hard behind the scenes," Mayor Peter Petty said.

"Council has been pushing hard for this funding to assist all those small businesses which were significantly impacted by the fire events from February 2019 onwards which caused such hardship to our community. Although not impacted by the fire as such, many of our small business owners suffered due to the huge downturn in tourism and loss of income by our rural residents and primary producers who were also suffering the ravages of the drought", Mayor Petty added.

*"Wednesday, 22 April 2020*

### ***\$10,000 BUSHFIRE GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS EXPANDED TO 30 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS***

*Small businesses impacted by the recent bushfires will receive more support with the expansion of the \$10,000 grants to 13 additional Local Government Areas (LGAs).*

*Announced today by Federal Minister for Emergency Management, David Littleproud and NSW Deputy Premier and Minister responsible for Disaster Recovery John Barilaro, the much needed support will be extended to additional LGAs that have suffered hardship as a result of the recent bushfires.*

*Minister for Emergency Management, David Littleproud said the \$10,000 bushfire grants have so far been made available to 17 LGAs and has now been expanded to 30 so that Government can support even more vital regional businesses.*

*"More than \$125 million has been spent to support heavily impacted local businesses that were affected by the recent*