

Media Release

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CLINTON SPEEDY-DUROUX MEMORIAL UPGRADE

Tenterfield Shire Council will upgrade, maintain and beautify the current memorial at Millbrook Memorial Park, Pollworth Street, Tenterfield, dedicated to the memory of Clinton Speedy-Duroux.

In consultation with Clinton's family, additional upgrades to the site will provide further beautification and complement existing works to the site, which currently includes a plaque and yarning circle.

Recommendation 15 of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the family response to the Bowraville murders, recommends the NSW Government, through Aboriginal Affairs NSW, provide funding to beautify and maintain the memorials dedicated to each of the victims, in consultation with the families of the three children.

On behalf of the family, Helen Duroux said, "This memorial is important to us as family. It means a lot to us to have a lasting memory – on the day after Clinton's birthday, a birthday present to "Bubby" from all of us. Thank you to Aboriginal Affairs NSW for the funding and collaboration with Tenterfield Shire Council to enable these upgrades to happen."

Tenterfield Mayor Peter Petty said, "This memorial for Clinton Speedy-Duroux is important to our community as a place to meet and come together to honour his memory. Further improvements will add to this tribute to Clinton and his family."

Among the works set to be completed are an extension to the current pathway, Aboriginal artwork set into the path, and memorial poles placed at the entrance to the pathway.

Local Aboriginal artists will have a large part to play in the park's beautification including stenciling on the pathways leading up to the memorial plaque, and it is hopeful that further improvements will provide more opportunities for places to reflect and honour the memory of Clinton.

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