

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to *Section 4.59* of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 and *Clause 124* of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 2000 that Consent has been granted to the following developments for the month of **MAY 2020**;

Application No.	Location Description of Development
DA 2020.016	2551 Torrington Road, Torrington Two (2) Lot Rural Subdivision
DA 2020.019	242 Torrington Road, Deepwater Temporary Primitive Camping Ground
DA 2020.037	32 Naas Street, Tenterfield Alterations/Renovations to Existing Dwelling & New Garage
DA 2020.038	33 Parkes Drive, Tenterfield Dual Occupancy (attached)
DA 2020.040	Mount Lindesay Road, Tenterfield Dwelling
DA 2020.041	25-27 Logan Street, Tenterfield Shed

DA Development Application
CDC Complying Development Certificate

"All applications were considered in accordance with the provisions of *Section 4.15* of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979*, and determined to meet the general criteria, were approved subject to conditions and are considered to be in the public interest."

Electronic copies of the consents listed above may be obtained by contacting Council's Planning & Development Services section on 02 6736 6002.

WEED OF THE MONTH

Tropical soda apple (*Solanum viarum*)

How does this weed affect you?

Tropical soda apple (*Solanum viarum*), is an aggressive, prickly, perennial shrub 1-2 m high. It invades open to semi-shaded areas, particularly pastures and riparian zones, but also forests, roadsides, recreational areas, and horticultural and cropping areas.

It reduces biodiversity by displacing native plants and disrupting ecological processes. Its foliage is unpalatable to livestock, thus reducing carrying capacities, however cattle eat the fruit and spread viable seeds in manure.

Thorny thickets of this plant create a physical barrier for animals preventing access to shade and water. The plant is a host for many diseases and pests of cultivated crops, and it contains solasodine which is poisonous to humans.

Tropical soda apple is spread when cattle eat the fruit or the fruit float and move in water. If not controlled a few plants will form a hectare sized thicket in 6 months, with each plant producing 150 fruit containing 45 000 seeds each year.

Herbicides kill the plants, but do not kill the seeds inside the fruit. In the USA, this plant infested over half a million hectares in 5 years. In NSW it is critical to achieve site-based eradication of this plant before it becomes widespread.

What does it look like?

Tropical soda apple is an upright, branching, perennial shrub growing to 2 m in height. It has broad-based, straight, cream-coloured prickles to 12 mm long scattered on most plant parts.

Key identification features

Leaves are mostly 10-20 cm long and 6-15 cm wide. The upper and lower leaf surfaces are densely covered in short hairs; mid-veins and primary lateral-veins are cream-coloured on both sides of the leaves.

Flowers are white, 1.5-2 cm wide, with 5 petals. They occur in clusters of 3-6 off a short stem.

Mature fruit are yellow and golf ball-size (2-3 cm in diameter). When immature they are pale green with dark green veins, like immature water melons. In the USA plants produce an average of 45 000 seeds.

Hold new cattle for 6 days

To mitigate the very high risk of introducing this plant, any new cattle coming onto any property must be held for 6 days, in an area that can be closely inspected for seedlings. Tropical soda apple seeds become ready to sprout when they are eaten by cattle and passed within 6 days. After 6 days, any seeds that are passed won't sprout. Studies of seed viability after being consumed by horses have not yet been done, and any new horses coming onto a property should also be held for 6 days in an area that can be checked for seedlings.

Rotational paddocks, holding paddocks, quarantine paddocks or electric-fenced areas are all suitable, and must be checked regularly for the presence of seedlings. Plants can produce fruit within 2 months of germinating.

If you suspect you have seen this plant, please contact the Tenterfield Shire Council on 02 6736 6000 or email c.battersby@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au



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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.

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Photo: Bruxner Way Upgrade



MAYORAL MESSAGE

As the COVID-19 restrictions ease, can I please remind people to stay safe and to practice the 3 measures which will continue to ensure the safety of us all:

- Do not go out or to work if you have cold or flu symptoms or feel unwell;
- Maintain social distancing; and
- Download the COVIDSafe app to your phone

It is great to see many visitors returning to our town and organisations starting to plan events to assist the turn around of our businesses.

As I drive around the Shire I have been so impressed with the works that our Council staff have achieved under trying conditions during these last few months:

- Road upgrades to the Bruxner Way, Mt Lindesay Road and the continued road grading as per the road maintenance schedules;
- Completion of Mt Lindsay Road/Killarney Road intersection at Legume and more recently the upgrade to gardens and removal of trees;
- Survey work being carried out for the upgrade of the Mt Lindesay Road - 0 to 6.2 km from Legume;
- Formation clearing requirements for this upgrade are being finalised with environmental structures, including bird relocation shelter boxes, being purchased for installation prior to any major vegetation clearing. Crews are programmed to commence this work in the next few weeks;
- Pipe replacement works are planned in conjunction with other pavement rehabilitation works on Mt Lindesay and Amosfield Roads;
- Demolition of old bridges and foundation works for the new bridges at Beaury Creek and Emu Creek (Hootons Road) has commenced;
- Demolition of the old bridge at Boonoo Boonoo River on the Mt Lindesay Road is due to be undertaken shortly.

Our timber bridge crew have also been getting through a power of work and are now fabricating superstructure components at the Council Depot and transporting to site.

Bridges on Springfield Road, Silent Grove Road, Cheviot Hills Road, Billirimba Road, Cullens Creek Road (near Rivertree), Urbenville Road and Beaury Creek Road are all recipients of activities as part of the *Bridges Interim Solutions* funding which require completion prior to December 2020.

Another important and very visible addition to the works of the timber bridge crew is the installation of the bridge over Tenterfield Creek to replace the one washed away in the hail event of November 2019. Everyone who uses the pathway is delighted to have a safe, dry, crossing once more.

In order to ensure that our bridges crew can complete these works efficiently, effectively and safely, a significant fleet item was recently purchased, this being

a rigid crane truck to support bridge construction and general operations.

With a rated lift capacity of 4 metric tons at 2.9 meters and 550 kg at a 13 meters, it also boasts a maximum reach of 16.2 meters. The crane is forward mounted to facilitate the transportation of site containers with the crane stowed forward over the cab.

Transport infrastructure operations will also benefit from the truck's ability to load and transport concrete pipes, headwalls and precast cells, and the large reach of the crane will also meet many of the challenging lift tasks of Water and Sewage, like the removal of the Drummond Street submersible pumps.

The Volvo truck has 450 horsepower and enjoys many modern European safety features, it has a payload of just over 11 tons and is a very welcome addition to Council's fleet and capabilities.

On a very different tac, on Friday, 26 June 2020 a re-enactment of the first Lismore to Tenterfield air mail flight, and the return to Lismore on Saturday morning, 27 June 2020 is anticipated to take place (please note that I write this message prior to this date).

The first flight took place on 26 June 1920. Therefore a 1920's Gypsy Moth airplane is scheduled to arrive at the Sunnyside Airstrip with mail then being delivered to the Tenterfield Railway Station in a vehicle of the era, where mail was sorted 100 years ago.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, this was not a celebratory event, rather a re-enactment, but is being filmed by Peter Harris who will put together a documentary to run at the Tenterfield Cinema. ABC are also filming the event which will feature on the 7.30 Report – date yet to be advised.

It is such a shame that people were unable to attend, however I am aware that many took the opportunity to purchase the special commemorative envelope from Australia Post which, if posted at Tenterfield, Casino, or Lismore before Friday 26 June, was guaranteed to fly in this Gypsy Moth flight.

In closing, I wish everyone in our community well in these, our winter months. Stay warm. Stay safe.

Peter Petty
Mayor

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Love where you live? Interested in history, both local and Australian? Enjoy talking to people? Looking to get involved in your local community?

The Tenterfield School of Arts and Tenterfield Visitor Information Centre are looking for volunteers. There are a range of different options available: customer service, cinema projection, museum tour guide, greeting visitors and much more. Training will be provided, and shifts can be once a month, fortnightly or weekly – whatever suits your lifestyle.

If you would like to become a part of either (or both) of these great teams, meet interesting people and reap the rewards of volunteering, please contact the Tenterfield School of Arts on 02 6736 6100, or the Tenterfield Visitor Information Centre on 02 6736 1082.

BRUXNER WAY UPGRADE

Council road crews are completing works on Bruxner Way, which is a classified Regional Road between the New England Highway and Sunnyside Loop Road.

This work has enabled some narrow curves to be widened with minor realignment to enhance traffic safety.

This section of the Bruxner Way is an approved B-double vehicle route providing a link to the west as well as local traffic driving to Tenterfield. There are in the order of 400 vehicles using this road each day with 7% being heavy vehicles.

The improved road alignment around the widened curves and increased visibility allows all traffic to travel more efficiently with a higher level of safety.

Council had allocated a budget of \$694,000 to this project and the co-operation of motorists during the works has been appreciated to enable the improvement to our road network.

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.