

Rates have been increased in line with the rate peg of 2.6% as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) and a revaluation of properties has been issued by the Valuer General to take effect from 1 July 2020. Council resolved at the 26 February 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting that a one off rate rebate of \$100 per rates assessment be applied, this has been allocated to the 1st instalment. This rebate was funded from a \$500k grant provided by the Federal Government's National Bushfire Recovery Agency.

Please be advised that Council has allocated three (3) waste vouchers per rate assessment for this financial year (1 July 2020 to 31 July 2021). Vouchers will not be replaced if lost or destroyed. Regular audits of redeemed vouchers are performed and in the event excess vouchers have been used for a single assessment an invoice will be issued.

The Office of Local Government has set the interest rate payable on overdue rates and charges and water & sewerage consumption accounts for the 2020/2021 at 0% for the period 01/07/2020 to 31/12/2020 and 7% p.a. for the period 01/01/2021 to 30/06/2021.

Should you wish to discuss an outstanding account, make a suitable repayment arrangement or have not received your annual notice by 10 August 2020, please contact Council's Rates Department on (02) 6736 6000 Option 2.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE BACK TO DELIVER THE VERY BEST IN CINEMA EXPERIENCE TO OUR COMMUNITY

The School of Arts Cinema re-opens on Friday, 31 July 2020 with PG rated movie, *The Call of the Wild*. Start time is 7.00 pm.

"Given the COVID-19 regulations that remain in place, the health and safety of our patrons and staff is our biggest priority, so we have made some changes to the way we do things", said Mayor Peter Petty.

In accordance with NSW Health Guidelines, guest numbers are limited to 27 people per screening in order to adhere to the 4 square metre rule. Every second row will be left vacant so that a person cannot be seated behind another.

Patrons who live in the same house can seat together, but all others need to adhere to the 4 square metre social distancing rule.

In order to ensure your seat, pre-booking is available and advisable. Please call (02) 6736 6100 between 10.00 am – 4.00 pm and note that you must provide the name, postcode and contact number of every person in your party. Please arrive before the start time as late arrival may mean your position if given to another person.

"It is wonderful to have the cinema back in operation. The co-operation of the community is requested to ensure that



Love Sarah (PG)
Saturday, 15 Aug @ 7pm
Tuesday, 18 Aug @ 1pm

Resistance (M)
Friday, 14 Aug @ 7pm
Sunday, 16 Aug @ 1.45pm
Tuesday, 18 Aug @ 10.30am
Saturday, 22 Aug @ 7pm

The King of Staten Island (MA15+)
Friday, 21 Aug @ 7pm
Sunday, 23 Aug @ 1.45pm

it can remain so, and we all remain safe, healthy, COVID free and able to go to the movies", Mayor Petty concluded.

NEW TENTERFIELD VISITOR GUIDE BOOKLETS

Exciting news – the new Tenterfield Visitor Guide booklets are hot off the press, and now available at the Tenterfield Visitor Information Centre (VIC).

Council officers will be arranging for delivery of these booklets to local businesses and the wider visitor network in the coming weeks. However, business operators are also welcome to collect them directly from the VIC.

Managers of local self-contained accommodation establishments are encouraged to email info@visittenterfield.com.au to advise of a suitable delivery address or to collect from the VIC.

Local residents are also encouraged to pop in and pick up a copy for themselves or to share with family and friends who are keen to explore Tenterfield.

The guide can also be downloaded directly from the website at:
www.visittenterfield.com.au/visitors/maps-guides-itineraries





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FREE CALL 1300 762 400 (Landline only)

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



Photo: Councils new Walker mower displaying the high dump feature

COUNCIL MEETING – COVID-19 REGULATIONS APPLY

The Ordinary Meeting of Council for August 2020 will be held: **Wednesday, 26 August 2020**

at the RSL Pavilion (rear of the Memorial Hall), Molesworth Street, Tenterfield, commencing at 9.30 am.

Business Papers will be available on Council's website www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au on Thursday, 20 August 2020 from 3.00 pm.

Community members wishing to speak on any of the Agenda items should contact the Executive Assistant & Media on (02) 6736 6000 before 5.00 pm on Monday, 24 August 2020 and provide the request to speak in writing, setting out the details of the matter to be raised. Please note that attendance will be via Zoom only.

Unfortunately Council does not have capacity to live stream the meeting, however the recording will be placed on the website on Thursday, 27 August 2020.

Should COVID-19 regulations still apply, there is no capacity for members of the public to attend. Due to social distancing requirements, some Councillors and staff members will attend the meeting via Zoom.

Please contact the Executive Assistant & Media n.hyde@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au should you require any further information relating to the Council Meeting.



*Message from the
Minister for Customer Service
Victor Dominello, NSW Government*

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS TAKE EFFECT

NSW businesses are on notice to comply with the State's public health orders, or risk a fine or closure, with restrictions around "higher risk" activities coming into effect.

From 24 July 2020 the following rules are in force:

Compliance measures introduced to pubs will be extended to restaurants, bars cafés and clubs. This includes:

- Limiting group bookings to a maximum of 10 people;
- Mandatory COVID-Safe plans and registration as a COVID-Safe business;
- A digital record must be created within 24 hours.

Weddings and corporate events are limited to 150 people subject to the four square metre rule and registration of the venue as a COVID-Safe business. Strict COVID-Safe plans must be in place and high-risk activities including choirs and dancing must not occur; and

Funerals and places of worship are limited to 100 people, subject to the four square metre rule and a COVID-Safe business registration for the venue.

Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello said inspectors will be regularly on the beat to enforce compliance.

"Any business found blatantly breaking the rules will have the book thrown at them. We won't be listening to any excuses," Mr Dominello said.

"Businesses that aren't serious about safety should not be in business. Those who disregard the restrictions should expect a visit from an inspector.

"We also encourage customers to report wrongdoing. We have a shared responsibility to ensure NSW remains safe."

The NSW Government has made it easy for business by providing industry relevant COVID-Safe plans online.

"Registering your business is simple and can be done online at www.nsw.gov.au," Mr Dominello said.

The rules on gatherings remain the same: 20 guests inside the home and 20 for gatherings in a public place. However, as the home is a high transmission area, the NSW Chief Health Officer strongly recommends a COVID-Safe precautionary approach of limiting visitors to the home to 10 people as a general principle.

The Public Health Order can be found here:

https://gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au/so/download.w3p?id=Gazette_2020_2020-160.pdf

UPGRADE TO COUNCIL'S MOWER FLEET

Council recently approved the purchase of a Walker mower as an enhanced replacement for the existing Toro zero turn unit. The new unit was received on Wednesday 15 July 2020 and driven to the RSL Pavilion for Councillors to view during the Ordinary Council Meeting of 22 July 2020.

This new asset will primarily be used for vegetation maintenance at the Tenterfield Cemetery and features a 42 inch cutting deck which will move easily between most monuments in the old section of the Cemetery.

The mower has a rear mounted catcher that has a high dump feature to allow the clippings to be dumped safely into an industrial bin, ute or truck or onto the ground or gardens.

The buttercup yellow mower may also be seen in Bruxner Park, Shirley Park cricket oval or other areas requiring a high quality, clipping free, finish.

The mower is another welcome addition to Council's Parks & Gardens maintenance fleet to assist in ensuring quality workmanship in a safe and efficient manner.

LOCAL HERITAGE PLACES FUND 2020/2021 – APPLICATIONS OPEN

A local Heritage Places Fund has been established by Tenterfield Shire Council with partially matching funds from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

The aim of the fund is to encourage as much positive work on heritage items in the area as possible. The fund will enable applicants to undertake sympathetic repairs to their

properties which are consistent with generally accepted heritage principles. Replacing like with like, repainting properties in their original colours, using recycled or traditional materials where possible and undertaking research on the history of a property before undertaking repairs are key ideas which are encouraged by the program.

The Local Heritage Fund funds projects:

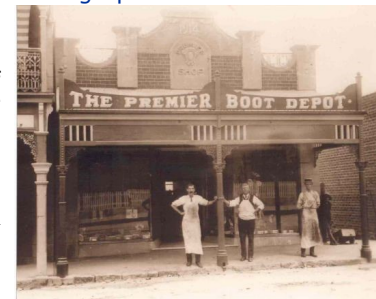
- For conservation and maintenance works;
- To meet National Construction Code upgrades (fire, services and access) for ongoing and new uses;

For heritage items and items in conservation areas in the *Tenterfield Local Environmental Plan 2013*.

Council is calling for applications from across the Shire, with submissions closing COB on Friday, 11 September 2020. Application Forms and Guidelines can be obtained on Council's website www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/about-tenterfield/heritage/local-heritage-places-fund-2020-2021

or by visiting Council's Customer Service staff at the Visitor Information Centre.

For further information please contact Council's Manager Planning & Development Services, Tamai Davidson, on (02) 6736 6002.



ITEMS FOR AUCTION ON GRAYS ONLINE

Council has listed multiple items on Grays Online for Auction commencing on Thursday, 13 August 2020 at 4:00pm, closing date - Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 4:00pm.

A list of the items for auction will be available from 4.00pm 13 August 2020, please go to Council's website www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au or for further information please contact Council's Depot on 02 6736 6123.

WATER & SEWERAGE NOTICES

Water & Sewerage Notices were due on 1 August 2020 and are now overdue.

RATES & CHARGES 2020/2021 ANNUAL NOTICE & WASTE VOUCHERS

2020/2021 Annual Rate Notices were issued at the end of July 2020. Ratepayers that have opted to receive electronic notices via eNotices or BPAY View are advised these can be viewed at any time by logging onto your associated account. The 1st instalment is due for payment on 31 August 2020.