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FEDERAL MEMBER VISITS TENTERFIELD SHIRE

Member for New England, The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP paid a visit to Tenterfield Shire last week to view for himself the significant works that Tenterfield Shire Council staff have undertaken with Federal Government grant funding.

Firstly there was an early morning stop on Mt Lindesay Road at Wylie Creek where he was met by a group of local tourism operators, who, while very appreciative of the ongoing upgrades to Mt Lindesay Road, expressed their distress at the impacts of the Queensland Border closure on their tourism businesses.

The 2.2 km section of Wylie Creek and 1.3 km Overcliffe/Cullendore sections were sealed at a cost of \$860,000 through the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program. A ribbon cutting event performed jointly by Mr Joyce and Tenterfield Mayor Peter Petty, declared the upgraded section officially open.

Mr Joyce then travelled down to Hootons Road to view the soon to be completed bridge over Emu Creek. Funded by Federal Roads to Recovery (\$382,000) and State Government Fixing Country Roads (\$1.82m) funding, Mountain Blue Blueberry farm also contributed \$70,000 to the new bridge to assist with access to their property.

While in the vicinity, Mr Joyce paid a flying visit to the construction site of the new Clarence River bridge on Hootons Road (works being undertaken by Kyogle Shire) and the very newly opened to traffic, Tabulam bridge.

A further ribbon cutting event took place at Plains Station Road to open the additional work following the upgrade to Frasers Cutting. Funded by Federal Roads to Recovery program at a total cost of \$680,000, this work has greatly improved the width and safety of the roadway.

"This has been a special opportunity for our Federal Member for New England, The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, to visit and see the works that we have been powering through, and I express my sincere thanks to him for the road and bridge upgrades that are now in place, but also awaiting completion," said Mayor Peter Petty.

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*Member for New England, The Hon Barnaby Joyce and Mayor Peter Petty
Cut the Ribbon on Plains Station Road*