



# Media Release

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## **RESIGNATION – CHIEF EXECUTIVE TERRY DODDS**

Mayor Peter Petty announced that “today I accepted the resignation of our Chief Executive, Mr Terry Dodds. Terry will be moving south to take up the position of Chief Executive Officer at the Murray River Council, commencing in the New Year. Terry took over the reins as our Chief Executive in October 2017 and has successfully led the Administration through an extremely challenging period.”

“Terry managed the changes to not only the organisational structure, but more importantly linked the accountabilities of all the staff to the 4 Year Delivery Plan, which as of today’s date sits at a remarkable 94% delivered”.

“Council was in dire trouble with our timber bridge fleet, we’d endured a water crisis which required emergency bore installations, survived four bush fire emergencies, and contamination of our water supply from the soot and ash when it finally did rain, then COVID. Despite the curve balls, Council has achieved a wonderful level of delivery and service improvement in Terry’s time here”, Mayor Petty said.

“We’ve never built so many new bridges in such a short time, nor sealed so many kilometres of road. Tomorrow Council will review tenders for the replacement Water Filtration Plant, we now have EPA sign off for our new waste cell, and have completed a great many building alterations in less than two years. This hasn’t been because we’ve employed twice as many people, it’s because everyone is aligned to what they need to deliver as part of their individual contribution”, The Mayor added.

The strategic planning that has been achieved behind the scenes will hold Tenterfield Shire in good stead for many, many years to come.

“Because I respect the man as an individual and respect the job he’s done as our Chief Executive I’ve regrettably accepted his resignation and sincerely wish him and Fiona well in the future. Murray River Council’s gain will be our loss”, Mayor Petty concluded.

Council will appoint an Acting Chief Executive tomorrow at the Ordinary Council Meeting and early in the New Year start the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive.