



Media Release

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TENTERFIELD'S MEMORIAL HALL AND A COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM SET TO ACTIVATE SOCIAL & FUTURE DISASTER RESILIENCE

Council has been fortunate to receive \$250,000 funded under the Bushfire Community and Resilience Fund. This funding is designed with the outcome of supporting communities to overcome the social impacts of the bushfires by funding projects and events that will provide community wellbeing, social and broader recovery, and future disaster resilience.

The grant funding has been divided into two (2) approved projects. The first being valued at \$187,500 which will see the improvements to the acoustic treatment at the Tenterfield Memorial Hall.

"The Memorial Hall is currently designed as a function venue, sporting and community entertainment facility, as opposed to an evacuation centre", said Mayor Peter Petty.

"The upgrade will transition the Memorial Hall into becoming a disaster evacuation facility able to conduct activities that directly relate to the needs of persons in an evacuation environment and will continue to support public forums similar to the NSW Bushfire Enquiry into the Bushfires in the region with the flexibility to enable training in a conference type layout within the space."

This upgrade, with the improved facility for the ongoing management of disaster events within our community, together with other events, community briefings and training sessions, will improve coordination between emergency services, Council, evacuees and community members", Mayor Petty added.

With regard to the Community Grants Program, \$62,500 of the funding will be used towards a Council led program to target small-scale community activities that meet one or more of the Disaster Recovery Outcomes.

"This amount will see applications being submitted to Council for social events and digital communication initiatives that support social recovery, commemoration and improve community connectedness. These programs and initiatives will also support community recovery and well-being.

Applications are currently open and will close on Friday, 15 January 2021 at 5 pm.

Forms and Guidelines are available on Council's website.

<https://www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/community/grants-funding>

Applications are to be submitted on the online application form and applicants must address all the essential criteria outlined.

Upon closure of the applications, an Assessment Panel comprising Councillors and Council staff will review the submissions to determine the funding allocations under this program.

All successful activities and events will need to be completed by 31 December 2021.

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