



Media Release

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FINGERLING RELEASE INTO DAM AND TENTERFIELD CREEK

Tenterfield's stock of Yellowbelly were substantially increased on Wednesday, 17 February 2021 with a release of 5,000 fingerlings; 3,000 into various locations along Tenterfield Creek and 2,000 into Tenterfield Dam.

Also known as Golden Perch, the restocking is funded by the Bushfire & Drought Recovery Programme and is part of the NSW DPI Fisheries promise to stock Tenterfield Dam for recreational fishing use in the future.

With the approval of the tender for construction of the new Tenterfield Water Treatment Plant at the December 2020 meeting, Council can now begin to positively plan the use of Tenterfield Dam as a recreational fishing precinct once the new filtration plant is operational in 2022, which gives these tiny fingerlings plenty of time to grow, breed, and establish a good fishing stock.

A large number of breeding trout were also released into the Dam in October 2020 to encourage species recovery following the effects of drought and fire.

"It has been a long road to here", said Mayor Peter Petty.

"In March 2019 Council were awarded \$7 million through the NSW Government's Safe & Secure Water Program to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant. This was supplemented in October 2020 with \$2.64 million from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Funding."

"Being able to use the Dam for recreational fishing where everybody will have the opportunity to throw in a line will encourage visitors and local alike and I sincerely thank Michael Davey and NSW DPI Fisheries for their assistance in helping Council to access the fish to restock the Dam and Tenterfield Creek", the Mayor concluded.

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Council staff on hand to assist with release – (L to R) Actg Chief Executive Kylie Smith, EA Noelene Hyde, Projects Engineer Mel Blum and Brett Dowd, community volunteer.

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