



# Media Release

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## GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED FOR SEALING OF KILDARE ROAD TOURIST ROUTE

Council has been successful in its grant application for sealing of Kildare Road (Tenterfield Tourist Route 9) for an amount of \$3,359,880.

Funding has been received through the NSW Government Fixing Local Roads program which is specifically designed to help regional and rural councils carry out vital repair work and reduce the maintenance backlog for local roads.

The project covers 12.5 km of gravel road, including a double bitumen seal and upgrades to surface drainage and culverts. The works will commence within 6 months and be completed within 2 years.

"This is a tremendous outcome and comes as a result of much lobbying over many years," said Mayor Peter Petty.

"This is a very busy road, used by visitors and locals alike to take in the unique and rugged scenery offered by this small section of our Shire. Tenterfield is so lucky to have this natural delight right on our doorstep. Making this road safer and more accessible for all can only be a bonus", Mayor Petty added.

State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin said she welcomed NSW Minister for Regional Transport & Roads Paul Toole's advice that the NSW and Australian Governments will invest \$3,359,880 to seal Kildare Road, west of Tenterfield.

"I drove this popular tourist drive with Tenterfield Shire Mayor Cr Peter Petty and key Council staff last week (Thursday, 15 April), taking in sheep grazing country, granite outcrops and scenic views along the 12.5 kilometre gravel section which is set for a major upgrade," Ms Saffin said.

"We stopped at Wallangarra Lookout, Draining Rock and The Doctors Nose, and I'm sure that once sealed, many more travellers will experience the natural beauty of the once much larger Tenterfield Station.

"This shovel-ready project, funded under the Fixing Local Roads Program Round 2, builds on Council's world-class tourism promotion campaign, *Tenterfield True*, and will create more jobs during construction."



*ON THE LOOKOUT: Tenterfield Shire Council's Manager Economic Development & Community Engagement Harry Bolton, Mayor Cr Peter Petty, Lismore MP Janelle Saffin, Director Infrastructure Fiona Keneally and Acting Chief Executive Kylie Smith, at the Wallangarra Lookout on Kildare Road*