



# Media Release

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**The Tenterfield Sculpture Walk project will bring five art installations to Tenterfield Parks and Community Spaces from October 2021.**

*This project is receiving funding through the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grants program, an Australian Government bushfire recovery initiative.*

Thanks to funding received from the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grants program, Tenterfield will soon be home to a significant creative project which will encourage interaction in our public spaces, ignite our artistic and creative spirits and pay homage to our vast and celebrated history.

Extending from Millbrook Park up to the Skate Park, the **Tenterfield Sculpture Walk** Project includes a total of five art installations with corresponding information boards. With the first two sculptures due to be installed the week beginning 11 October 2021, Tenterfield locals and visitors will soon be able to explore the artworks, while at the same time embracing and celebrating their rich artistic and historical significance for our local community.

This exciting project has been designed and coordinated by the Sculpture Walk Committee - a specially formed group within Make It Tenterfield Inc - and through consultation with various community groups, the Committee has ensured each installation embodies Tenterfield's ongoing commitment to preserving and celebrating its rich and diverse history and displaying vibrant sculptural art.

Each of the below sculptures have significance and meaning within the local community, and are the direct result of consultations with members of the community during the design process.

- A sculpture depicting the important role of horses within our community will be placed at the southern gateway to the proposed Sculpture Walk. Standing 3.6metres tall, this impressive sculpture will be positioned in the skate park on the south-western corner near the pathway.
- Representing the vibrant and significant family and horticultural history of our Shire, a stunning, colourful ceramic mosaic sculpture will be constructed in Jubilee Park.
- To provide a space of rest and shelter, the spirit of a colonial vertical timber slab cottage will be captured through the construction of a steel-framed façade. This nostalgic structure will provide a venue where visitors can stop and reflect on Tenterfield's rich history while taking in the beauty of Shirley Park.
- A striking sculpture featuring corten steel silhouettes of a cow and working border collie will be installed in Rotary Park, as an ode to the significant agricultural history of the region and to represent the strong values of the Country Women's Association.
- Finally, the northern gateway to the Sculpture Walk will feature a sculpture of corten steel poles wrapped in cylindrical laser cut alloy artwork, with a semi-circle of flat-topped granite boulders for seating. This sculpture is inspired by Tenterfield's significant Aboriginal history and culture, and depicts a traditional meeting place.

This project is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the wide range of organisations and rich culture which embody Tenterfield, and to celebrate and share our many attractions and remarkable history with visitors to the region.

The inclusion of various community groups in the consultative process ensures a balanced and varied representation for the project, and helps to shape the impact this project will have on the community.

The unique history of Tenterfield and its community features largely in the design of all elements for this Project. The inclusion of the art sculptures will provide additional points of interest in our public and social places, and will be accessible to all and enjoyed by community members and visitors alike.

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