

YOUR LOCAL news



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Welcome to our final issue for 2022!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie



It is a great honour for me to send this message to our wonderful community for Christmas and the Festive Season.

As we prepare for the Christmas break, I join my fellow Councillors in thanking Shire residents for their resilience in dealing with the environmental and economic challenges of the past year. Your understanding during this challenging time is very much appreciated, and I take this opportunity to reassure ratepayers that your Council is determined to provide all our communities with cost-effective services of the highest standard.

While it has been pleasing to see damaged road infrastructure repairs being effected as weather conditions allow, Councillors recently voted unanimously to join Local Government NSW and the NSW Country Mayors' Association in declaring a state-wide "road emergency" to seek a boost in State and Federal funding to fix our roads. We are already looking forward to upgrades on four of our ageing timber bridges, thanks to funding by the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program, as well as additional pothole funding being announced.

Concerns about the bat colony in Millbrook Park are increasing and a representative of the Department of Planning and Environment will visit Tenterfield early next year to investigate and advise Council.

Meanwhile construction on the Tenterfield Youth Precinct and Mountain Bike Trailhead is a step closer with the contract for a Design and Construct tender now awarded. We also finish 2022 on a high note with the announcement of funding for many of the Community Events we treasure (see Page 3 of this newsletter). A feature article on Tenterfield (partially funded by Council) in Regional Lifestyle magazine's Summer edition showcased the attractions and appeal that make Tenterfield Shire a great place to live in or visit.

Thank you for your support and best wishes for a Happy Christmas,

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURES

Administrative Office, Library and Depot

- Closed from 1pm Wednesday, 21 December 2022, re-open Monday, 9 January 2023

Tenterfield Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2022,
- Open as usual other days 10am to 12noon & 3pm to 6pm
- Closed Tuesdays

Domestic, Commercial & Recycle garbage collection will operate as normal

Drake Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2022
- Open as usual Thursdays from 8am to 12noon and Sunday from 8am to 1pm

Urbenville Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2022
- Open as usual Friday from 9am to 12noon and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

Torrington Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2022
- Open as usual Monday and Saturday 11am to 2pm

Legume Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2022
- Open as usual Tuesday from 8am to 12noon and Saturday from 12noon to 4pm

Liston Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2022
- Open as usual Wednesday and Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Tenterfield Memorial Pool

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2022
- Open Boxing Day, Monday 26 December 2022 12pm-5pm
- Open for usual hours Tuesday-Friday 6am-8am and 10am-6pm between Christmas and New Year's Eve
- Open New Year's Eve, Saturday 31 December 2022 10am-6pm
- Open New Year's Day, Sunday 1 January 2023 12pm-5pm

All times are NSW DST

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Waste Disposal Services	0422 138 318
Water & Sewerage Services (Tenterfield)	0411 770 743
Water & Sewerage Services (Urbenville)	0427 799 051
Parks & Gardens	0411 864 042
Roads & Streets/Animal Control	0402 210 101
NSW Rural Fire Services	(02) 6736 4150

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THE BUSINESS END OF 2022:



NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to *Section 4.59* of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 and *Clause 124* of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 2000 that Consent has been granted to the following developments for the month of **November 2022**;

- DA 2022.072** 259 Rouse Street, Tenterfield Health Services Facility
- DA 2022.080** 504 Bryans Gap Road, Tenterfield Three (3) Lot Rural Subdivision
- DA 2022.081** 67 Leechs Gully Road, Tenterfield Two (2) Lot Rural Subdivision
- DA 2022.083** Bryans Gap Road, Tenterfield Three (3) Lot Rural Subdivision
- DA 2022.120** Legume - various locations Temporary Use - Trail Bike Event
- DA 2022.125** 29 Parkes Drive, Tenterfield Dwelling
- DA 2022.126** Plains Station Road, Drake Dwelling
- DA 2022.128** 1128 Scrub Road, Tenterfield Dwelling
- DA 2022.130** Mt McKenzie Road, Tenterfield Dwelling
- DA 2022.132** Bruxner Way, Tenterfield Shed
- DA 2022.133** 91 Molesworth Street, Tenterfield Shed
- DA 2022.134** Bellevue, Tenterfield Shed
- DA 2022.137** 56 East Street, Tenterfield Boundary re-adjustment
- DA 2022.138** 109 Miles Street, Tenterfield Shed

DA Development Application
CDC Complying Development Certificate

All applications were considered in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979, and determined to meet the general criteria, were approved subject to conditions and are considered to be in the public interest."

The consents listed above are available for public inspection without charge at Council's Administration Building, 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield during ordinary business hours of 9.30 am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday – excluding between 1.00-2.00pm.



Sod turning at the New water Filtration Site
Photographer G. Marchant, Manager Water and Waste

RATES AND FINANCE

Council continues to improve its percentage of outstanding rates and charges. As of 30 June 2022, outstanding percentage was 4.01% compared to 4.41% in the previous financial year ending 30 June 2021 (for comparison, the benchmark for rural councils is 10%)

This has been due to the management and administration of Early Intervention Visits for our ratepayers to significantly decrease the additional cost in legal fees and build better relationships to support our community during the difficult times we faced over past few years with natural disasters and COVID -19.

Council has processed 310 x Section 603 certificates to 1/12/2022 (2022 calendar year) compared to 435 x Section 603 certificates to 2/12/2021 (2021 calendar year). Continued high volume of Section 603 certificates for 2022 is still having a flow on effect with increased amount of change of ownership, pensioner applications and creation of new assessments due to properties being subdivided and split for rating purposes.

Special Rate Variation

On 7 December 2022 Council resolved to apply to Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to increase its revenue from rates income by 43% (including rate peg) for financial year commencing 2023-24 and a further 43% (including rate peg) for financial year commencing 2024-25, representing a cumulative increase of 104.49%. The final determination will be provided by IPART in May 2023.

Council's hardworking Waste Staff bounced back from Covid restrictions and border closures at the start of 2022 to achieve a very productive year.

Recycling shops opened in Liston, Torrington, Drake and Tenterfield with a high level of patronage by the public.

A new EPA grant awarded to Council to assist in Bushfire recovery provided fencing, site offices and communications for Boonoo Boonoo landfill site, with a weighbridge soon to be installed.

The waste team completed their first recycling audit, leading to the development of a recycling policy to aid staff in reducing contamination in the Shire's recycling bins.

Ensuring water security for the Shire into the future, our Water team had their Integrated Water Catchment Management Plan approved and were excited to see the new Water Filtration Plant construction pass the 50% completed mark.



Installation of sirens for the upgraded Flood Warning System, Photographer G. Marchant, Manager Water and Waste

WATER AND SEWER CONTINUED:

An upgraded flood warning system provided under a grant from the Department of Planning and Environment has been completed and is now functional; information is available on-line at dataonline.io

The Urbenville Woodenbong flood study was completed. Additional grants have been received for Tenterfield to expand current floodmapping and to upgrade the Urbenville water supply plus undertake the village bore program. Works will begin in January 2023.

Replacement of Clive street major main completed with works underway to replace the major water main to East Street reservoir.

- Sewer works included:
- repairs to 8 major mains, repair of 62 connections, installation of 32 new water meters and repair/replace of 30 meters;
 - repairs to 77 service blockages/repairs
 - installation of 15 new sewer boundary shafts;
 - all manholes in Tenterfield were inspected, assessed, and rated for condition with 200 individual GPS positions added to Councils' mapping system;
 - to aid infiltration a smoke testing program identified 69 faults and 3 illegal connections;
 - 1.9km of sewer mains relined and over 3.9km of mains inspected, cleaned and close circuit camera inspected;
 - planning works commenced to redesign the Molesworth bridge aqueduct and construction of the new sewer main extension to the new filtration plant;
 - sludge ponds cleaned at Tenterfield with Urbenville rescheduled due to flooding;
 - replacement of the major pump station at Urbenville completed.

Highlights of the Year in Waste, Water and Sewer

Looking forward to 2023:

EVENTS FUNDING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Tenterfield Shire Council has been successful in receiving over \$300,000 for 21 community events in the Tenterfield Shire. Through the 'Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Fund', the funds have been distributed to the community to create new events and grow existing events. Successful events for 2022/2023 include:

- NAIDOC Week Night Sky Tour September 2022
- Sunnyside Hall Sip & Shop - October 2022
- Sunnyside Hall Christmas Tree December 2022
- Tenterfield Christmas Fair - December 2022
- Urbenville Christmas on the Corner December 2022
- Carnival of the Animals Village Tour (Drake & Urbenville) - January 2023
- Sunnyside Australia Day Cricket Match January 2023
- Urbenville Australia Day Celebrations January 2023
- Eat Street Tenterfield - February, March, April, May 2023
- Sunnyside Summer Day Out - February 2023
- Bavarian Cultural Music Festival (Music and Markets and Schools Concert) March 2023
- Gravel N Granite - March 2023
- Live Inspire Lead - inspirational speaker and long lunch - March 2023
- Oracles of the Bush (Campfire Yarns & Schools Concert) - March 2023
- Beat of the Bush Music Festival - July 2023
- Drake Community Village Markets - last Saturday of the month
- Tenterfield Farmers & Producers Market - 3rd Saturday of the month
- School of Arts Theatre Program - July 2022 to January 2023
- Back to Legume Picnic Day and Dance - TBA
- Mingoola Bonfire Night - TBA
- Volunteer Festival - TBA



Tales As Old As Time event in October at Legume; Photographer - G. Carpenter, Community Recovery Officer



Christmas In July at Drake; Photographer - G. Carpenter, Community Recovery Officer

RESILIENCE NSW COMMUNITY RECOVERY OFFICER TO CONTINUE AT COUNCIL

Gina Carpenter has been contracted a further 19 months with the full financial support from Resilience NSW. In the past year Gina has been supporting the Tenterfield Shire community to identify community needs, develop local recovery programs, assist in accessing information and resources, provide leadership, community connection and capacity building to assist in disaster.

Next year Gina moves to the Flood role and with an all-hazards approach so you will see her out and about with assisting in education on disaster and community-led emergency planning. The Shire's new disaster dashboard will soon be available on the Council website. Information and education on using the dashboard will be available at future events.

Early in the new year Gina will be assisting Red Cross to build Community-led Resilience, to focus on providing our Villages with emergency preparedness and capacity to respond to localised disaster events. Using their local knowledge to develop a plan that will identify their strengths and resources then identify where assistance is needed.

If you have any community recovery question or information on Storm/Flood assistance, please contact Gina Carpenter by Phone on 02 6736 6000 or email g.carpenter@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au.

NSW GOVERNMENT'S FIXING COUNTRY BRIDGES PROGRAM

Deputy Mayor Macnish is pictured below at the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads' announcement that Tenterfield Shire Council will receive \$4,204,998 for upgrades to our ageing timber bridges over Acacia Creek at Legume (two), the Koreelah Creek Bridge and Mole River Bridge. This funding comes from the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program.



Photograph supplied by the office of the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads



Council's trial of a Facebook page has received positive feedback, with this avenue of disseminating information proving to be very effective for announcements within a short time frame. Council continues to invite feedback on other measures under trial, including the revised Customer Service desk hours.



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The School of Arts will be open every day except Christmas Day and Boxing Day

JOIN THE SIR HENRY PARKES MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS VOLUNTEER TEAM

Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School of Arts (SHPMSoA) is currently seeking Volunteers to assist with venue services across the Museum, Theatre and front-of-house services.

The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Museum cares for hundreds of important items of cultural heritage and our venue presents a diverse program of film screenings, live events and education programs. Whether you have an interest in heritage or getting involved in our arts and culture events program there is always plenty to do, experience and learn, no matter what your interests and skills.

Our volunteers play a vital role in day-to-day activities by interacting with the public to promote the role of the SHPMSoA its collection and events. Activities range from providing guided tours, ticket and merchandise sales, event support, backstage sound and lighting support and cinema projection operation. SHPMSoA volunteers are given a comprehensive induction, training program and on-going support.

If you have an interest in arts, culture and heritage and would like to join our passionate volunteer program to share and celebrate our cultural heritage then visit www.schoolofartstenterfield.com.au to complete an application form or for further information contact our Arts and Culture Officer, Bahador Valadi by email soa@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 6736 6000.



Image: SHPMSoA team in the Museum (L-R Bahador Valadi – Arts and Culture Officer, Faye Moylan – Venue Services, Nick Byrt – Volunteer Projectionist)



December 2022 – January 2023 Cinema Program:



The Woman King
Tues, 20 Dec. 1.00pm

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
Tues, 20 Dec. 10.30am
Sat, 24 Dec. 3.30pm
Tues, 27 Dec. 1.00pm

Strange World
Sat, 24 Dec. 7.00pm
Tues, 27 Dec. 10.30am
Sat, 31 Dec. 2.00pm
Sun, 1 Jan. 10.30am
Tues, 3 Jan. 2.00pm

Seriously Red
Sat, 31 Dec. 7.00pm
Sun, 1 Jan. 1.45pm
Tues, 3 Jan. 10.30am
Sat, 7 Jan. 2.00pm
Tues, 10 Jan. 2.00pm

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile
Fri, 6 Jan. 1.00pm
Sat, 7 Jan. 7.00pm
Sun, 8 Jan. 1.45pm
Tues, 10 Jan. 10.30am
Sat, 14 Jan. 2.00pm
Tues, 17 Jan. 2.00pm
Fri, 20 Jan. 1.00pm

Avatar: The Way of the Water
Sat, 14 Jan. 7.00pm
Sun, 15 Jan. 1.45pm
Tues, 17 Jan. 10.30am
Fri, 20 Jan. 7.00pm
Sat, 21 Jan. 2.00pm
Tues, 24 Jan. 2.00pm

Babylon
Sat, 21 Jan. 7.00pm
Sun, 22 Jan. 1.45pm
Tues, 24 Jan. 10.30am
Sat, 28 Jan. 2.00pm
Tues, 31 Jan. 2.00pm

Puss In Boots: The Last Wish
Sat, 28 Jan. 7.00pm
Sun, 29 Jan. 1.45pm
Tues, 31 Jan. 10.30am

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