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## TENTERFIELD TAPS INTO NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Clean and reliable water has been secured for the Tenterfield community, with construction now completed on the new \$9.645 million Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie said at 90 years old the previous plant was inefficient and unreliable, losing a litre of water for every litre of potable water that was produced, which is why it had to go.

"While the old plant served residents and businesses faithfully for nine decades it was no longer up to the job, which is why it was imperative that it was replaced with infrastructure that is fit for the modern era," Mayor Petrie said.

"With the Bureau of Meteorology predicting another dry spell, communities like Tenterfield cannot afford to lose any water which is why this new infrastructure will be a game changer for the town.

"This world class plant will improve water quality through enhanced treatment processes and, more importantly, put an end to water waste by ensuring every drop gets where it's needed the most.

"We also know Tenterfield is the northern gateway to the New England region, which puts it firmly on the tourism map which is why this infrastructure is designed to support tourism and population growth for the next five decades."

The new plant can treat up to 2.6ML every day and will also treat bore water if the town needs to switch to an alternative source when the Tenterfield Dam is low or the area becomes drought declared.

Tenterfield Mayor Bronwyn Petrie said the new infrastructure has been the missing piece in the town's water security puzzle.

"It was abundantly clear the plant was well past its design life, so we were so grateful to have the support of the NSW and Commonwealth Governments to make this project, a reality," she said.

"Our town has been at the mercy of some very challenging times from droughts to bushfires and floods, so it's fantastic to know we have the infrastructure that will secure our water future."

The new Water treatment Plant opened Friday 8 September 2023 at 3pm with special guest Janelle Saffin MP – Member for Lismore attending. Unfortunately, Barnaby Joyce MP was unable to attend the official opening due to other commitments.

"This is another great legacy from the former Coalition Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF), creating real outcomes for the regions. It is great to be delivering water to the people of Tenterfield by delivering \$2.645m through the BBRF towards this \$9.645m project", Mr Joyce commented.

"Water is a key mechanism that keeps our region's growing. This is a project Tenterfield Shire Council has been fighting for and it's great to give the Shire and its residents a hand".

The New Water Treatment Plant is currently making water to test all the components functionality and will be run over the next three weeks for proof of performance testing.

The NSW Government provided the majority of the funding with \$7 million from the Safe and Secure Water Program and Building Better Regions Funding contributed \$2.625 million.

Council will also be delivering an upgrade to the Urbenville Water Treatment Plant, along with 2 new raw water lagoons and a tank which is due to be completed by the end of 2023, funded through the NSW and Federal Governments.



PHOTO: Tenterfield Shire Council Mayor, Councillors and Staff, together with Janelle Saffin MP and former Mayors Lucy Sullivan, Toby Smith and Peter Jeffrey officially open the new Tenterfield Water Treatment Plant.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

Tenterfield Shire Council wishes to remind customers of the requirement to book an appointment if you wish to speak with our Planning and Development Team. With only one Town Planner and one Building Inspector, most often these staff will be attending to other matters and won't be available without notice. To book an appointment, please contact Council on 02 6736 6000 or [council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au). Thank you.

## RATES & CHARGES FIRST INSTALMENT OVERDUE

Council wishes to advise Residents and Business Owners that the Annual Rates and Charges Notice for 2023/2024 was issued at the end of July 2023. The 1st instalment was due for payment on 31 August 2023 and is now overdue.

Ratepayers are reminded that interest accrues on all overdue rates and charges and water and sewerage accounts on a daily basis at a rate of 9.0% per annum.



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**eNotices** – Specify your payment date for instalments or full year. Register for eNotices to receive your notices via email <https://tenterfield.enotices.com.au/> and manage your payments.

Please contact Council's Rates Department on (02) 6736 6000 option 2, if you are experiencing difficulties in paying your Rates or Water by their due date to avoid recovery action and additional expense.



## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER

The Ordinary Meeting of Council for September 2023 will be held on **Wednesday, 27 September 2023** in the Koreelah Room, Tenterfield Shire Council Chambers, 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield, commencing at 9.30am

Business Papers will be available on Council's website ([www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au)) on Thursday, 21 September 2023 from 5.00 pm.

Community members wishing to speak on any of the Agenda items should contact Council at [council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au) before 5.00 pm on Monday, 25 September 2023 and provide the request to speak in writing via the form "Application to Speak at Ordinary Council Meetings" on Council's website at [www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/your-council/forms](http://www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/your-council/forms) setting out the details of the matter to be raised.

The Council meeting will be live streamed to Council's Youtube channel and recorded. The recording will be placed on the website on Thursday, 28 September 2023.

Please contact the Executive Assistant & Media [e.melling@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:e.melling@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au) should you require any further information relating to the Council Meeting.

# DAM LEVEL - 91%

## 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 August 2023;

| DA NUMBER   | LOCATION                              | DESCRIPTION OF WORK                              |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| DA 2023.048 | 156 Logan Street, Tenterfield         | Dwelling - relocated                             |
| DA 2023.066 | 2575c Paddys Flat Road, Tabulam       | Alterations/Extensions to existing dwelling/shed |
| DA 2023.069 | 6693 New England Hwy, Bolivia         | Three (3) Lot boundary adjustment                |
| DA 2023.070 | 3501a Rocky River Road, Rocky River   | Five (5) Lot subdivision                         |
| DA 2023.078 | 409 Mount Lindesay Road, Tenterfield  | Two (2) Lot Subdivision                          |
| DA 2023.079 | 57 Haddocks Road, Tenterfield         | Shed   |
| DA 2023.080 | 47 Bryans Gap Road, Tenterfield       | Dwelling   |
| DA 2023.081 | 6629 Mount Lindesay Road, Tenterfield | Four (4) Lot Subdivision                         |
| DA 2023.085 | 45 Riley Street, Tenterfield          | Patio Cover                                      |

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 Friday—excluding between 1.00-2.00pm.

## SHIRLEY PARK BORE RE-CASING WORK

Tenterfield Shire Council is currently conducting repairs on Council's bore at Shirley Park. The Shirley Park bore, which was constructed in the 90's, is substantive as it can supply the Tenterfield town with up to one Megalitre of water per day - providing a critical service in times of drought.

Council had the bore inspected and assessed using CCTV in 2022, which revealed the need for re-casing due to the current casing collapsing. If left to progress, this will cause significant damage to the bore pumps and cause the bore to become inoperable.

The re-casing repair work and enlargement of the bore will allow Council to continue to operate the bore and the bore field for many years to come. Work will be commencing from the 12th September 2023, beginning with the installed tower being moved and temporary safety fencing installed. Council's contracted drillers, Slade Drilling, will be conducting the work.

The secondary water supply is critical infrastructure for the Shire and Council appreciates your patience while these repair works are occurring in Shirley Park.



## What's On at the library SEPTEMBER

### STORYTIME

THURSDAYS | 10.30AM - 11.30AM

Join the fun of Storytime with artists from **Make-It Tenterfield** on Thursdays in the library. Parents and children will sing songs, read stories, rhymes, and enjoy simple creative activities to inspire the love of reading.

**Free drop-in event.**



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