

YOUR LOCAL news

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Welcome to our final issue for 2023!



MAYORS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

What a difference within a year, from extremely wet conditions to drought, topped off by bushfires. Fortunately enough rain fell across the Shire to lessen the risk. We thank the many volunteers, and express our sympathy to those impacted.

Roadworks have continued, hampered by delays in assessments/approvals from events nearly 2 years ago. Recent high level meetings should expedite this process. We gratefully received further emergency road repair money to assist us.

Significant achievements this year have been the completion of the Mt Lindesay Rd bitumen, Tenterfield Water Treatment Plant; Urbenville Supplementary water supply; Border Mountains adventure trail signage; Mingoola Heritage Trail, and opening of the Tenterfield Youth Precinct - winning the State Community Achievement Award for Council Managed Crown Land. All these projects were fully grant funded. We have also replaced 6 bridges, and commenced the Drake Village Revitalisation project under the Black Summer Bushfire grant.

Our fiscal repair strategy has continued, including sale of land and assets, reduced staff numbers and reduction in services. IPART determined a 43% increase in rates but noted that even so the average residential rate in our Shire is less than the average of most surrounding Shires. To reduce further burden on our ratepayers we recently voted to not apply for a further SRV for the next financial year. This will however mean continued restriction in service delivery.

Sadly the School of Arts Museum, Cinema and Theatre was closed but will shortly reopen under a different model. We also closed the Visitors Information Centre but funded Tenterfield Chamber of Tourism Industry & Business to deliver marketing and tourism operations for the shire. Council leased the Tenterfield Airport but continue to provide support and advocacy for improvements, as Councillors are unanimous in wanting to ensure an ongoing airstrip asset.



A sincere thanks to my fellow Councillors and council staff for their dedication, and I thank the community for your feedback and for supporting each other through times of need. I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURES

Administrative Office and Library

- Closed from 5pm Thursday, 21 December 2023, re-open Monday, 8 January 2024

Council Works Depot

- Closed from 5pm Thursday, 14 December 2023, re-open Monday, 8 January 2024

Christmas waste and recycling will be as follows:

- Domestic waste as normal except for east for Rouse Street will be picked up Tuesday 26 December.
- Recycled waste as normal except for eastern side of Tenterfield picked up Tuesday 26 December.

Where both domestic and recycled waste are being collected, please place bins one meter apart to facilitate pick up.

Tenterfield Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2023,
- Open as usual other days 10am to 12pm and 3pm to 6pm
- Closed Tuesdays

Drake Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2023
- Open as usual Thursdays 8am - 12pm and Sunday 8am - 1pm

Urbenville Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2023
- Open as usual Friday 9am - 12pm and Sunday 10am - 4pm

Torrington Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2023
- Open as usual Monday and Saturday 11am - 2pm

Legume Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2023
- Open as usual Tuesday from 8am - 12pm and Saturday from 12pm - 4pm

Liston Waste Transfer Station

- Closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2023
- Open as usual Wednesday and Sunday 12pm - 4pm

Tenterfield Memorial Pool

- Christmas Eve 10am - 4pm
- Christmas Day - CLOSED
- Boxing Day - CLOSED
- Wednesday 27 December to 31 December 10am - 6pm
- New Years Day 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
Emergency Alerts will be issued on Council's Website and Facebook.	

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CONTACT US: 02 6736 6000

Looking forward to 2024

Celebrating our year in 2023

TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL WINS STATEWIDE CROWN LAND MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin has congratulated Tenterfield Shire Council for winning the Council Crown Land Management Excellence Award at the 2023 Community Achievements Awards held in Sydney.

Tenterfield Shire Council won the award for the transformation of its two-hectare Power House Reserve into a dynamic Youth Precinct. Ms Saffin commended Tenterfield Shire Council for its visionary decision to build an outdoor recreational, social and cultural space that everyone can enjoy, especially the young people.

"Tenterfield Shire Council has listened to its youth and created a precinct with exciting activities to encourage people to go outside and build social connections that can last a lifetime.

"The new outdoor space which opened earlier this year has a vast array of exciting activities, including a skatepark, mountain bike skills track, a yarning circle and accessible pathways.

"The precinct is nestled in the heart of Tenterfield, and it has not only enlivened the town's spirit but also fostered a greater sense of identity and community "I congratulate the Council for taking out this prestigious statewide award and for its hard work in bringing this outdoor space to life. "I know Mayor Bronwyn Petrie is thrilled with the result, because she texted me on Saturday night: We Won!

The NSW Government through Crown Lands sponsored the Council Crown Land Management Excellence Award which recognises outstanding contributions by local councils in managing Crown land reserves for their communities.

Minister for Lands and Property, Steve Kamper, said Tenterfield Shire Council has led the way in turning Crown reserve into a fun and thriving entertainment hub that has something for everyone.

"This project took a lot of hard work and extensive community collaboration, resulting in an incredible, dynamic space that will help Tenterfield's community thrive and grow for many years to come. I congratulate Tenterfield Shire Council and the other finalists for their commitment to their communities.



TENTERFIELD TAPS INTO NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT

In September Mayor Bronwyn Petrie opened Tenterfield's new \$9.645 million Water Treatment Plant. Clean and reliable water has been secured for the Tenterfield community, with construction now complete.

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." Mayor Petrie said.

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.

"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 though 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 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.



THE BUSINESS END OF 2023

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 4.59 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 and Clause 97 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2021 that Consent has been granted to the following developments for the month of November 2023;

DA Number	Location	Description of Work
2022.091/1	Mole Station Rd, Woodside	Three (3) Lot Boundary Adjustment - Modification
2023.104	615 Bryans Gap Rd Tenterfield	Dwelling
2023.053	Ogilvie Drive, Tabulam	Two (2) Lot Subdivision
2023.107	177 Killarney Rd Legume	Three (3) Lot Subdivision
2023.109	90 Catarrh Ck Road, Torrington	Two (2) Lot Subdivision
2023.105	52a Neagles Lane Tenterfield	Dwelling
2023.068	New England Hwy, Tenterfield	Truck , Depot and Office
2023.108	228 Old Ballandean Road, Tenterfield	Dwelling
2023.106	40 McLeods Creek Road, Sandy Hills	Dwelling
2016.075/2	17 Naas Street, Tenterfield	Modification - Restaurant car parking
2023.110	68 Riley St, Tenterfield	Demolition dwelling/ Dwelling
2023.111	5 Parkes Drive, Tenterfield	Dwelling
2023.115	New England Highway Tenterfield	Earthworks
2023.112	Smiths Lane, Tenterfield	Dwelling
2023.117	1085 Black Swamp Rd Tenterfield	Two (2) Lot Subdivision
2023.116	7266 Mt Lindesay Road,	Two (2) Lot Boundary Adjustment
2023.101	7574 Fairfield Street, Drake	Shed (Drake Men's Shed)
2023.092	140 Manners Street	Subdivision- Boundary Adjustment
2023.051/1	2575 Paddys Flat Road, Tabulam	Modification - Dwelling
2023.114	40 Brushabers Road Jennings	Shed

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.

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. Thank you.

RATES & CHARGES SECOND INSTALMENT NOTICE 2023-2024

Council wishes to advise Residents and Business Owners that payment of the Second Rates Instalment Notice was due on 30 November 2023 and are now overdue.

WATER & SEWERAGE NOTICES

Water & Sewerage Notices will be issued by the end of December 2023 and payment of accounts are due on or before 1 February 2024. Water & Sewerage Notices are calculated on a 'User Pays' system therefore any consumption that passes through the meter will be charged as outlined in Council's Operational Plan. Ratepayers are reminded that interest accrues on all overdue rates, service charges and water & sewerage consumption charges on a daily basis at a rate of 9% per annum.

Please contact Council's Rates Department on 02 6736 6000 option 2 if you are experiencing difficulties paying your Rates or Water Account to avoid recovery action and costs.

Never forget a payment again...

Did you know that you can set up recurring payments with your banking institute or set a payment date through eNotices to pay your rates and water?

Bpay – Set your recurring payments for weekly/fortnightly/monthly. Contact your participating Bank, Credit Union or Building Society to pay from your cheque, savings or credit card account or set up via your banking app. Please quote Biller Code 96610 and the B-Pay Reference Number shown on the front of the notice. If you are paying your Water Notice, please quote Biller Code 228106 and the B-Pay Reference Number shown on the front of the notice. Council staff can assist with the amount required to have your account/s paid by their due date.

For further information on BPAY you may wish to visit their website at www.bpay.com.au

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.



WEED OF THE MONTH

St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

How does this weed affect you?:

- competes with pastures, • poisons livestock
- can downgrade wool with 'vegetable fault'
- can reduce property value.

Livestock poisoning

St John's wort contains a chemical called hypericin. Livestock that eat it become very sensitive to sunlight. Stock will only eat St John's wort when other feed is scarce. Minor exposure to St John's wort affects animal health as:

- weight loss • fewer pregnancies • stillbirths • weak young
- cows producing less milk • fewer lambs and calves surviving weaning.

Intense sunlight worsens the effects of hypericin. Access to shade helps protect animals. On sunny days, stock without access to shade can develop signs of acute poisoning in five hours.

Early symptoms of acute hypericin poisoning include:

- agitation • rubbing the head against posts or trees
- weak hind legs • panting • confusion • depression.

Some animals develop mild diarrhoea.

As poisoning gets worse, animals get a high temperature. The skin around their forehead, eyes and ears swells and turns red. Head rubbing against hard objects causes wounds and bleeding. Animals can die from acute hypericin poisoning.

What does it look like?

- yellow from November to January
- dark green, brown and yellow from February to April
- brownish-red in winter.

Leaves are:

- paler green on the underside • opposite each other on the stem
- spotted with oil glands - leaves can look like they have holes in them when held against a strong light • without a stalk.

Flowers are:

- bright yellow • about 20 mm in diameter • with five petals
- with three bundles of long thread-like stamens growing from the centre • present from late October to January.

Fruit are:

- a sticky, three-celled capsule • about 8 mm long • split open when ripening.

For further information on ID and Control please contact councils weed officer on 0427810418



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER

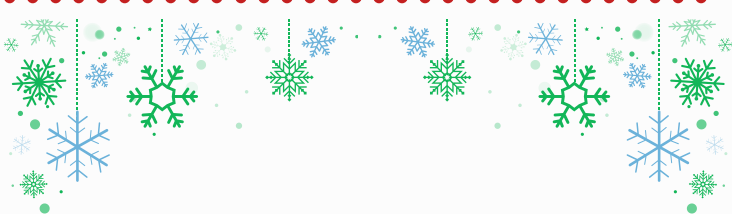
The Ordinary Meeting of Council for December will be held on **Wednesday, 20 December 2023** in the Koreelah Room, Tenterfield Shire Council Chambers, 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield, commencing at 9.30am

Business Papers will be available on Council's website (www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au) on Thursday, 14 December 2023 from 5.00 pm.

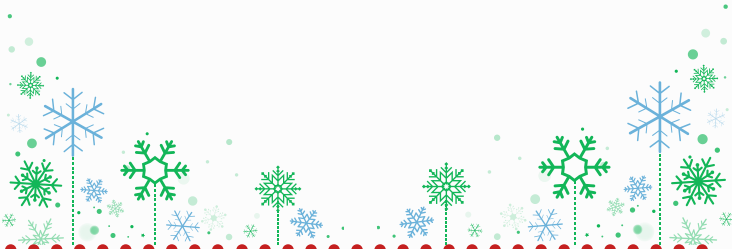
Community members wishing to speak on any of the Agenda items should contact Council at council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au before 5.00 pm on Monday, 11 December 2023 and provide the request to speak in writing via the form "Application to Speak at Ordinary Council Meetings" on Council's website at www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/your-council/forms 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, 21 December 2023.

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



**The Mayor,
Councillors, General
Manager & Staff extend
their wishes for a safe
and happy Christmas to
the Tenterfield Shire
Community**



Disaster Dashboard has all current fire recovery information for the Tenterfield LGA.

Visit the disaster dashboard, now available on Council's website, by visiting www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au or by scanning the QR Code!

