



Visit by The Hon. Minister Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government

The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, NSW Minister for Local Government, and his Chief of Staff Mr. Peter McCabe visited Tenterfield Shire Council on Tuesday afternoon 29 July 2025.

The Mayor, Cr Bronwyn Petrie, warmly welcomed the Minister to our historic town with its rich cultural heritage. In attendance were the Mayor, Councillors Bancroft, Cr Peter Murphy, Cr Greg Purcell, Cr Tom Peters, and executive staff members Hein Basson, Liz Alley and Matthew Francisco.

The Minister updated Council on his work towards reforming the current accounting standards applicable to Local Government and reiterated his firm belief that it is nonsense for councils to have to depreciate unrealisable assets such as roads. He also advised a changed Model Code of Meeting Practice and a revised Model Code of Conduct will be implemented in the near future.

Discussions ensued on a range of matters, particularly Council's financial sustainability, road funding and the elaborate reporting requirements, short term rentals and rating restrictions, and cost shifting from the other spheres of Government.

The Minister referred to changes he implemented with IPART methodology, as well as Electoral Commission and Emergency Levy costs, along with securing funding for apprenticeships to upskill Councils. Minister Hoenig congratulated Tenterfield Shire Council on the fiscal repair strategy undertaken over recent years, referring to it as impressive and said he wished some other Councils would do the same.

The group then visited the new Tenterfield Water Treatment Plant – a facility that was built with substantial funding of \$7 million from the State Government and \$2.65 million from the Federal Government. Staff member John Edmonds explained the workings of the new plant to the Minister. The facility has greatly improved water supply and quality, with back up bores funded by the State Government. Councillors also shared with the Minister the desire to have the dam opened for recreational use and the requirements from the Health Department to do so.

Next stop was to the Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School of Arts for the Minister to visit this important landmark building that is of historic and cultural significance for the Australian nation. The General Manager advised the Minister that the responsibility for all maintenance falls on the shoulders of the Tenterfield Shire ratepayers, and that both the State and Federal Governments should accept their responsibility to contribute to the proper funding and upkeep of the building. The Minister was very taken with this iconic building as well as the Breaker Morant memorabilia.

Mayor Petrie explained the need to close the Visitors Information Centre and School of Arts two years ago to save money and that the Tenterfield Business Chamber would shortly be opening a Tourism Information Centre in the foyer, also taking the opportunity to point out the importance of relocating the CBD Rouse Street overhead powerlines to continue the proper restoration of the verandahs and maintenance of the heritage buildings, coupled with the issue of the powerlines and the threat to the heritage listed Pin Oak Tree avenues.



NAIDOC Flag Raising Celebration

NAIDOC week 6-13 July 2025

"The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy"

NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our community each year.

To celebrate the occasion this year, Tenterfield Shire Council hosted on 9 July 2025 an official flag raising ceremony in conjunction with members from the Tenterfield Armajun Aboriginal Health Service in Bruxner Park, Tenterfield, followed by a morning tea with Councillors and staff.

Leon Daley, Armajun Aboriginal Health Service, raised the Australian Aboriginal Flag, along with Councillor Owen Bancroft raising the NSW State Flag and Mayor Bronwyn Petrie raising the Australian Flag.

Mr Daley, who is also Chair of the Moombahlene Aboriginal Lands Council, introduced Councillor Bancroft to do an Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of the Aboriginal Community. He extended warm welcoming words to the gathering in celebration of this occasion.

Council Rates and Rating Model

Your Council helps our local community to enjoy a quality life. We administer various laws and regulations to help maintain and renew services and facilities for our community. These services include roads infrastructure, sporting facilities, recreation facilities like parks and playgrounds, library, environmental planning, public health, environmental protection, and waste collection, treatment, and disposal. The rates you pay allow your Council to fund these facilities and services.

Each year the Tenterfield Shire Council is required to determine the combination of rates and fees and charges needed to fund the services it provides. The information on how Council determines rates, charges and fees is contained in the Statement of Revenue Policy which forms part of its annual exhibited Operational Plan. To find the most recent Plan please go to www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/your-council/council-documents

Rate Calculation Process

Land Values – Are set by the Valuer General based on the unimproved land value, excluding any buildings and improvements. This process happens independently of Council.

Rate Pegging – It is the maximum percentage amount set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) by which a Council may increase its general rate income for the year. The primary purpose of the rate peg is to protect ratepayers from excessive increases in their rates bills. For the 2025/26-Financial Year, an overall rate increase of 5.2% is applicable to Tenterfield Shire Council.

Rate pegging applies to Council's overall general rate income and not to rates on individual properties. It is possible for some rates to increase more than the rate peg percentage while other may increase by less than the rate peg percentage. In some cases, rates may even decrease from the previous year.

Base Rate – This is an amount every landowner pays. It should be sufficient to cover the cost of common services as well as basic general administration costs.

Ad Valorem Rate – This is a number which is used to determine how many cents in the dollar of the unimproved land value a ratepayer will pay. It is the same for each land parcel within a rating sub-category.

Ad Valorem Amount – This is the rate multiplied by the unimproved land value.

Rating Categories and Sub-Categories

New Sub-Category – Residential Rural

The lifestyle blocks that now make up this subcategory were previously included in the rating category “Residential Other” at a low base rate, and the yield achieved was low in comparison with e.g., the “Tenterfield Residential” and “Farmland” rating categories. Therefore, the old rating model was not equitable, as services provided to these blocks were in effect subsidised by other rating categories. The rate changes in this sub-category will be phased in over two (2) years, to lower the impact of this increased rate on ratepayers in this rating category.

The new Sub-Categories are:

- Residential Rural – 2–40 hectares (ha) located outside a centre of population
- Residential Other – 0-2 ha located outside a centre of population.

New Sub-Categories – Business Industrial

These industries were previously spread across various sub-categories. The types and level of services required by Industry are different to general business as they are primarily used for manufacturing, distribution and other heavy industries and are often located away from residential areas. They have specific regulations particularly around noise, emissions, and safety. By nature of their business, they generate more heavy vehicle traffic with a higher impact on infrastructure in comparison to retail businesses. Council needs to maintain this additional stress on the infrastructure and rate these industries accordingly.

These above-mentioned changes have been implemented to achieve a fair and equitable rating model.

Category	Application of Rating Category		
Farmland	In addition to farming being the dominant use of the land, the farming use must also have the following characteristics: a) it must have a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character, and b) it must be engaged in for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis (whether or not a profit is actually made).		
Residential	Land that is used, or has the potential to be used, for residential purposes		
Business	Land that is used, or has the potential to be used, for commercial purposes, which includes land that cannot be categorised as farmland, residential or mining.		
Mining	The dominant use of the land is for mining (excavation for the purpose of getting minerals).		
Residential Sub-Category		Business Sub-Category	
Tenterfield		Tenterfield	
Tenterfield Urban		Jennings	
Jennings		Drake	
Drake		Urbenville	
Urbenville		Other	
Other - less than 2 ha located outside a centre of population		Industrial – land that is used or has the potential to be used for industrial purposes	
Rural – 2 – 40 ha located outside a centre of population			

Council Rates and Rating Model Continued..

If you disagree with the category shown on your rates notice, or the dominant use of land has changed, please contact Council on 02 6736 6000.

Concessions are available for pensioners. You can only claim a concession on the property if it is your sole/principal place of residence. Eligible pensioners are entitled to a rebate of \$250 for rates and a subsidy of \$87.50 each for water and sewerage.

Water, Sewer & Waste Charges

Water Charges – have been reduced by 12.5% for the 2025/26 year.

Sewer Charges – have been reduced by 10% for the 2025/26 year.

Waste Charges – no changes in the 2025/26 year.

Additional FAQs are available on Council's website: www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/services/rates-payments/rates-faqs

URBENVILLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT OFFICIAL OPENING

The Hon. Ms Janelle Saffin, NSW Minister for the North Coast, attended and officially opened the Urbenville Water Infrastructure Project on Thursday, the 3rd of July 2025, at the Urbenville Water Treatment Plant.

This 3-year milestone project, will now support around 700 residents of Urbenville, Muli Muli, and Woodenbong, locking in reliable and high-quality drinking water and helping residents weather a future drought.

The Minister said: "This is a great example of what can happen when all three levels of government work together to make people's everyday lives better.

We haven't just delivered the clean water that these communities deserve, we've also delivered an upgrade to make Tenterfield and Kyogle Shires more resilient during future droughts.

I'd like to thank the Federal and State Governments for working together with our local Shire Councils to get this project up and running."

The National Water Grid grant program commenced in 2022 with a \$1.42 million awarded from the Australian Government's National Water Grid Fund, \$2 million from the NSW Government's Drought Fund and \$100,000 from the Tenterfield Shire and Kyogle Councils.

Urbenville's main water treatment issue is the river intake, which during rainfall events increases the water turbidity (typically mud particulates). These particulates make it difficult to treat the water. Additionally, the river provides for a range of other water quality issues, with higher temperatures leading to algae growth.

The New Grid Grant allowed for needed upgrades to infrastructure to enable the plant to function more efficiently and effectively through pre-treatment lagoons that use a sedimentation clarifier treatment process; specifically developed for use at NSW country water treatment plants. They use a combination of in-pipe hydraulic flocculation and low energy hydraulic flocculation at the inlet structure of each clarifier lagoon.

Replacement of the aged intake cage structure (the Jetty) was undertaken to ensure the security of pumps during flooding events. A secondary supply groundwater bore and storage tank will also ensure the three towns' water security into the future.

Without the financial assistance of State, Federal and Local Government these vital works would not have been able to improve the security and quality of the Urbenville's water supply system, known as the Urbenville, Muli Muli, Woodenbong Water Supply (UMMWS).



VILLAGE BORE PROJECT OFFICIAL OPENING



On Tuesday, the 8th of July 2025, Mayor Bronwyn Petrie officially opened the project, 'Provide a Water Supply for Tenterfield Villages' at the recently completed bore site in Legume.

In attendance on the day for Tenterfield Shire Council were Councillors Bronwyn Petrie, Peter Petty, Tom Peters, Greg Purcell and Tim Bonner. Gillian Marchant - Manager Water & Waste, Matthew Francisco - Director Infrastructure Services and Hein Basson - General Manager were also present. In addition Local members of the Legume Progress Association and the community attended.

Tenterfield Shire Council were awarded grant funding of \$960,000 in 2021 under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund, jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments to support the recovery of bushfire impacted communities.

This grant is being used to provide livestock with access to water and enhance firefighting capabilities in the villages of Legume, Liston, Torrington, and Drake.

The project will improve the community's resilience and ability to prepare and respond to future disasters. Without this funding and support from the Australian and NSW Governments, this project would not have been possible for the Tenterfield community.





Local Heritage Places Fund

2025-26

Applications Open

A Local Heritage Fund has been established by Tenterfield Shire Council with funds from the Heritage NSW. The aim of the fund is to encourage as much positive work on heritage items in the area as possible. The fund will enable applicants to undertake sympathetic repairs to their properties which are consistent with heritage principles. Replacing like with like, repainting properties in their original colours, using recycled or traditional materials where possible and undertaking research on the history of a property before undertaking repairs are key ideas which are encouraged by the program.

The local heritage fund provides project funding:

- for conservation and maintenance works;
- to meet National Construction Code upgrades (fire, services, and access) for ongoing and new uses;
- for heritage items and items in conservation areas in the Tenterfield Local Environmental Plan 2013.

This year Council is calling for applications from across the Shire, with submissions closing on Wednesday 3 September 2025. Application forms and Guidelines can be obtained on Council's website www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au or by visiting Council's Customer Service staff at Council's Administration building at 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield. For further information, please contact Council's Planning staff on 02 67 366 002.



Tenterfield Shire Council

Alcohol Free Zones

Section 644 - Local Government Act 1993

Tenterfield Shire Council wishes to notify the re-establishment of Alcohol-Free Zones in Tenterfield, Drake & Urbenville, under Section 644 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the period 30 October 2025 to 31 October 2029 in the following areas:

Alcohol Free Zones are as follows:

Tenterfield

All public places that are public roads, footpaths or public car parks within the area bounded by the following:

Proposed Zone is as follows:

- Naas Street between Pelham Street and East Street
- East Street between Naas Street and Douglas Street
- Douglas Street between East Street and Pelham Street
- Pelham Street between Douglas Street and Naas Street

Drake

All public places that are public roads, footpaths or public car parks within the area listed below.

Proposed Zones are as follows:

- Bruxner Highway / Fairfield Street between Stuart Street and Picarbin Street
- Allison Street (South) from Bruxner Highway / Fairfield Street to Drake Community Hall
- Allison Street (North) from Bruxner Highway / Fairfield Street to Koreelah Street

Urbenville

All public places that are public roads, footpaths or public car parks within the areas listed below.

Proposed Zones are as follow:

- Stephen Street between Boomi Street and Tooloom Street
- Beaur Street between Boomi Street and Tooloom Street
- Boomi Street between Beaur Street and Stephen Street
- Welch Street between Beaur Street and Stephen Street
- Urban Street between Deane Street and Lindsay Street.
- Tooloom Street between Beaur Street and Lindsay Street.

Proposed areas for the alcohol-free zones are available on the Council website at www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au

Any enquiries in relation to this matter should be directed to Council's Open Spaces Regulatory and Utilities Manager during office hours, on (02) 6736 6000.



RATES & CHARGES ANNUAL NOTICE 2025/2026 & WASTE VOUCHERS

The 2025/2026 Annual Rate Notices have been issued and payment for the 1st instalment is due on or before 31 August 2025. Waste Vouchers will be delivered by post with your rates notice however if you are registered for electronic delivery of your notice, waste vouchers will be issued separately by post.

WATER & SEWERAGE NOTICES DUE

Water & Sewerage Notices are due on 1 August 2025. 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 and sewerage consumption charges on a daily basis at a rate of 10.5% per annum.

With the new financial year rates and charges being issued, it is that time of year to review your recurring repayments to ensure that the rates and charges are paid by the due date. Please contact Council's Rates Section on (02) 6736 6000 (Option 2) should you wish to discuss your circumstances.

PENSIONER CONCESSIONS

Have you moved house or become eligible for a pension? You may like to apply for the Pensioner Rebate on your Annual Rates.

Application forms can be downloaded from Council's website: www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/your-council/forms/application-for-pensioner-concession-rates-rebate

Please complete the checklist before submitting your completed application to Council with a copy of the front and back of your Pensioner Concession Card.

You may be eligible for the rebate if:

- You have a current Pensioner Concession Card, and
- The property is your primary place of residence, and an Occupation Certificate has been issued.

If you already receive the pension rebate on your rates, you do not need to do anything unless you have moved since your last Rates Notice or you have had changes to your pension type, in which instances then you will need to re-apply.

Unsure if you are receiving a rebate or require assistance completing your application? Council's Customer Service and Rates team are ready and happy to help.

KEEPING IN CONTACT

Are your contact details up to date? If not, this can cause delays in receiving notices and unnecessary interest charged. Use the link below to Council's website to update your details.

www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/content/uploads/2020/04/Change-of-Address_2019.pdf



BARKING DOGS



Barking is one of the ways in which dogs communicate and can signify anything from playfulness to danger. However, dogs sometimes bark because they are bored or frustrated when confined and/or because they are under-exercised and under-stimulated. Dogs may also bark because they are provoked, untrained, sick, neglected or being abused.

If you have received a nuisance order and your dog continues to bark, you may be liable for a maximum penalty of \$880 for a first offence and a maximum penalty of \$1,650 for any further offences.

It is in you and your neighbours' interests and in the interests of the health and well-being of your dog to stop it from barking excessively. In most instances, you can achieve this result through training and by ensuring that your dog is well nourished, regularly exercised and not bored.

For more information on how to prevent your dog from barking excessively, visit the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage's Dealing with barking dog's webpage at the following address: www.epa.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/21p3038-dealing-with-barking-dogs.pdf

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Management and Operation of Tenterfield War Memorial Baths RFT 01 25/26

Tenterfield Shire Council invites tenders from suitably qualified companies/organisations to manage and operate Council owned War Memorial Baths.

Tender documentation may be obtained from Tenderlink on Monday, 21 July 2025.

Tenders must be lodged at:

<https://portal.tenderlink.com/tenterfield>

By: 2pm - Wednesday, 20 August 2025.

There will be a pre-tender briefing session on 31st July 2025 at 10am. Attendance is not compulsory, but a video conference link will be available for those that are unable to attend in person. Interested parties are to register their interest by 4pm, on the 25 July 2025 by contacting:

Jodie Condrick
Property & Building Coordinator
Email: council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au

All enquiries/questions regarding this tender should be made through Tenderlink.

Important Note: This tender has already been advertised in national and local media, therefore, the dates in this tender advertisement may appear awkward.

GREEN WASTE ON HOLD

Council would like to request the community to omit placing grass clippings and pruning's into the General Waste (red or green lid) collection.

Council's main landfill located at Boonoo Boonoo is over capacity and due to consistent wet weather, the construction of our new waste cell has unfortunately been delayed substantially.

Until further notice, this temporary arrangement is needed to reduce the waste volume and to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's/guidelines.

Council sincerely appreciates your assistance in adhering to this request.



What's on in the Library:

Follow us to keep up to date with events.

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book an ADVENTURE

Join us at the
**Tenterfield Public Library
for Children's Book Week**

18.08.25: 10.30am - Story reading with
Mayor Petrie and Sir Henry Parkes SRC

19.08.25: 10.20am - TSDC playgroup storytime
with students from Sir Henry Parkes

21.08.25: 10.30am - Storytime with Make It!



**Ages
7-13**

**Starting Term 3
31 July 2025**

Kids Online Art Workshops

Join us at Tenterfield Public Library on
Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm-4.30pm.
Lessons presented by professional artists
from AristiCat. Classes may include painting,
sculpting and drawing. All sessions are free
and bookings are essential!



Phone the library on 67366060 to register

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Upcoming Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on
**Wednesday, 27 August and Wednesday, 24 September 2025 at
9.30am** in the Koreelah Room, Tenterfield Shire Council
Chambers, 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield.

Business Papers will be available on the Council's website
www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au by around noon on the Friday before
each Ordinary Council Meeting.

Community members wishing to speak on any of the agenda items
should contact Council at council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au before
5.00pm on the Monday of the week of the meeting. Requests to
speak at the meeting must be in writing using the "Application to
Speak at Ordinary Council Meeting" form available on Council's
website www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/your-council/forms

Notification of speakers will appear on Council's Facebook page
and website the day before the Ordinary Meeting.



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Tenterfield Public Library Presents

Books and Bikkies Book Club

The last Friday of every month
10.30 - 11.30 am
135 Manners Street Tenterfield
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