

YOUR LOCAL news

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2025 MAYORAL MESSAGE

As 2025 draws to a close I would like to share how grateful I am for the efforts of our Councillors and Council staff team, and our whole of Shire Community for their efforts throughout the year. Conditions have greatly improved and there is a positive feeling in the community. Naturally there are challenges as well however we continue to diligently work on achieving the best outcomes we can. Below is an update of happenings since the last newsletter.

- The Tenterfield Chamber of Tourism Industry and Business (TCTIB), now have an agreement to provide tourism services from the foyer of the Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School of Arts foyer, with the official opening held on the 2nd of October, and has been well received by visitors and locals. The volunteers are doing a great job, and have had training and site visits. Please contact TCTIB if you are interested in volunteering.
- Minister Janelle Saffin and I have continued strong advocacy for NSW landowners impacted by the devastating October 2023 bushfires including meeting with the NSW Premier who in turn requested Federal government co-funding of a support package. We are awaiting a determination.
- A Border Region of Councils (BROC) meeting was held in Moree and the next will be hosted in Tenterfield in February. Sadly, Qld Cross Border Commissioner, Ian Leavers recently passed away and his energy, passion and input will be greatly missed.
- A Cross Border Law and Order Forum was held in November in conjunction with the Country Mayors Association meeting at Parliament House. In attendance were the Police Minister, border Members of Parliament and border Mayors and General Managers to discuss and seek solutions to cross border policing issues.
- A highlight of the Country Mayors Association meeting was the Governor hosted reception at Government House Sydney.
- Heritage interpretive signs are being designed for St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, the High Street bakery buildings, and a Cobb & Co waystation on Mt Lindesay Road.
- Council has continued the reduced swimming pool entry fees, and the opening hours have increased under the new management.
- An agreement is being drawn up with School of Arts Tenterfield Incorporated (SOATI), to manage the School of Arts Museum and Cinema/Theatre areas commencing in the new year, and we look forward to them achieving their goals.
- Ongoing advocacy with Essential Energy regarding our beloved Pin Oak avenues is looking positive after the initial threat of not being able to replace them as required.
- Workshops under the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program funded to Tenterfield and Glen Innes Severn Councils have been well attended and we extend our appreciation to Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee (GLENRAC) for arranging these.
- Council was pleased to be able to provide additional financial support to our 10 Progress associations lifting from \$500.00 to \$2000.00 annually to each.
- Deputy Mayor Greg Sauer delivered the solemn address at Remembrance Day in Tenterfield commemorating our fallen in previous wars.
- The Regional Lifestyle Magazine Summer Tenterfield Shire feature edition sponsored by Tenterfield Shire Council has just been launched. It is a beautiful edition and a great Christmas present with 120 pages of Tenterfield stories, attractions, buildings, people, and gardens.
- School presentations are imminent and we congratulate students and teachers on their endeavours throughout the year.

I look forward to continuing working with you in 2026 and wish you all a sincere Merry Christmas.

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie



RATES & CHARGES SECOND INSTALMENT NOTICE

2025-2026

Council wishes to advise Residents and Business Owners that payment of the Second Rates Instalment Notice was due on 30 November 2025.

It is recommended to review your weekly/fortnightly/monthly repayments annually so the amount due is paid by the due date.

WATER & SEWERAGE NOTICES

Water & Sewerage Notices will be issued by the end of December 2025 and payment of accounts are due on or before 1 February 2026. 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 and charges and water and sewerage accounts on a daily basis at a rate of 10.5% per annum.

If you are experiencing difficulties in paying your Rates or Water by the due date, and wish to avoid recovery action and additional expense, please contact Council's Rates Section on (02) 6736 6000 (Option 2) to discuss your circumstances.

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.



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTER

Tenterfield Shire Council's Development Application Register lists all Development Applications lodged with Council for assessment on Council's Website.

Please find the register by using the following link:

www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/services/building-planning/approved-and-advertised-development-applications/recently-approved-development-applications/da-register

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS DECEMBER 2025 AND FEBRUARY 2026

Upcoming Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on **Wednesday, 17 December 2025 and Wednesday, 25 February 2026 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.

@TenterfieldShireCouncil



Follow our Facebook page for
updates
on Council activities



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

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURES

Administrative Office and Library

- Closed from 5pm Friday, 19 December 2025, re-open Monday, 5 January 2026

Council Works Depot

- Closed from 5pm Friday, 19 December 2025, re-open Monday, 5 January 2026

Waste Collection

- Scheduled Waste Collection (by Truck) for the Western side of Tenterfield for Thursday, 25 December 2025 will not occur and shall be collected on Friday, 26 December 2025

Waste Transfer Stations

- All Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on Thursday, 25 December 2025.

Tenterfield Memorial Pool

- Christmas Eve - Wednesday, 24 December 2025, Closing at 5pm
- Christmas Day - Thursday, 26 December 2025, CLOSED

All times are NSW Daylight Saving Time

Emergency telephone numbers for use during this period are as follows:

• Waste	0422 138 318
• Parks & Gardens	0428 625 733
• Ranger	0473 145 839
• NSW Rural Fire Services	(02) 6736 4150
• In Case of Fire	000
• Tenterfield Water & Sewerage Services	0411 770 703
• Urbenville Water & Sewerage Services	0411 770 703
• Roads & Streets	0402 210 101



What's on in the Library:

Tenterfield Public Library now has a Chatty Booth available for community members to use. The Chatty Booth is a single user, soundproof space that is conducive for making phone calls and video conferencing without distraction and in private.

The Chatty Booth can be booked at the library front counter or online through the library website tenterfield.libero.com.au/me/#/ under 'Resources'.

Also available for bookings are comfortable areas for work or study.

Our library offers a range of resources for members to borrow. In addition to well stocked shelves of books, we have a range of toys, Lego sets, jigsaw puzzles, CD players, CDs and DVDs. All members have access to online resources to suit all ages and interests including eBooks, audiobooks, comics, magazines and reference materials such as World Book, GALE and National Geographic.

The library offers free computer usage and wi-fi. Look on our website or Facebook page (search Tenterfieldshirelibraries) for events and activities such as Senior Tech Help, Storytime, Book Club and children's activities.

Membership to the library is free, easy and environmentally sustainable, resulting in more money in your pocket and less clutter in your home.



Follow us to keep up to date with events.
[@Tenterfieldshirelibraries](https://www.facebook.com/Tenterfieldshirelibraries)

TENTERFIELD WAR MEMORIAL BATHS (SWIMMING POOL)

Operating Hours October 2025 - April 2026

- Monday - Thursday: 5.30am – 7.00pm
(Thursday closed for Swim Club 5pm – 7pm)
- Friday: 5.30am – 6.00pm
- Saturday: 7.00 am – 6.00pm
- Sunday: 10.00am – 6.00pm

The pool is available on request by negotiation with the Contractors, Tenterfield Aquatic Centre, after hours for events or functions.



CHANGE OF HOURS DURING THE CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR BREAK

- Wednesday, 24 December 2025 (Christmas Eve):
6.00 am – 5.00 pm
(Closed between 8am and 10am)
- Thursday, 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day): CLOSED
- Friday, 26 December 2025 (Boxing Day):
6.00 am – 6.00 pm
(Closed between 8am and 10am)
- Saturday, 27 December 2025: 10.00 am – 6.00 pm
- Sunday 28 December 2025: 10.00 am – 6.00 pm
- Monday, 29 December 2025:
6.00 am – 6.00 pm
(Closed between 8am and 10am)
- Tuesday, 30 December 2025:
6.00 am – 7.00 pm
(Closed between 8.00am and 10.00am)
- Wednesday, 31 December 2025:
6.00 am – 6.00 pm
(Closed between 8am and 10am)
- Thursday, 1 January 2026:
6.00 am – 7.00 pm
(Closed between 8.00am and 10.00am)

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December 2025 & January 2026 School holidays Activities:

- Squad
- Aqua Fitness
- Adult Swim
- Learn to swim
- Inflatable
- For further activities and updates during the school holidays, refer to the Tenterfield Aquatic Centre Facebook page

[@tenterfieldaquaticcentre](https://www.facebook.com/TenterfieldAquaticCentre)



Weed to focus on: 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.

For more information please contact Council's Weed Officer, Mr Chris Battersby on 0427 810 418. Or access through the NSW Weedwise link: www.weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au



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.

Big Care in a Small Space.

TENTERFIELD VIRTUAL CARE POD

Tenterfield's new virtual care pod is open.

Speak to a psychologist from a private, secure pod, right here in Tenterfield.

Located outside the EP Health Centre, at 11 Riley Street, the virtual pod offers:

- ✓ Bulk-billed psychology appointments
- ✓ GP referral and Mental Health Treatment Plan (MHTP) required
- ✓ Appointments typically available within 24-48 hours
- ✓ Private, quiet, secure environment
- ✓ For people aged 14+
- ✓ One-off or ongoing sessions

Ask your health professional for more information or scan the QR code to make an appointment.



The Virtual Care Pod Pilot is a Better Health for the Bush Initiative delivered by the Hunter New England Central Coast Primary Health Network in partnership with EP Health Centre, CareZen and HealthBright.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2026 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

Tenterfield Shire Council is calling for nominations for the local awards as a focal point for Australia Day celebrations to be held on Monday, 26 January 2026.

Selection of the award winners for each of the following categories will be made on the basis of service to the local community, emergency services and/or sports in any field and all residents of the Shire are eligible to nominate, or be nominated, for selection:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year or Group
- Community Event of the Year

All nominations should be marked "Confidential" for the General Manager and endorsed 'Nomination for Citizen Award', 'Nomination for Sports Award', 'Nomination for Emergency Services Volunteer or Group Award' or 'Community Event Award' and should reach Council's office by COB on Friday, 12 December 2025.

Nomination forms are available from Council's office or website

www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/news-events/australia-day-awards

Enquiries can be made to Council's Executive Assistant, Mrs Allison Graham on (02) 6736 6040.



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

