



# Media Release

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## Tenterfield Shire Celebrates Australia Day 2026 Local Citizen Award Recipients and New Citizens

On Monday 26 January 2026, Tenterfield Shire Council hosted an official Australia Day Ceremony at the Tenterfield Showground, to honour local champions, welcome new Australian citizens, and celebrate all that makes the Shire a special place to live.

The event opened with an Acknowledgement to Country by Roxanne Bancroft-Stuart, followed by the raising of the Australian National Flag by local school leaders, and the Australian National Anthem, led by Drew Bates.

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie from Tenterfield Shire Council was proud to present the Local Citizen Awards, recognising residents and community groups whose outstanding contributions make a real difference across the Shire. A total of 11 nominations were received across five categories, highlighting the generosity and community spirit of local volunteers and leaders.

The Australia Day 2026 Local Citizen Award recipients for Tenterfield Shire are:

- **Lisa Dalton** – Local Citizen of the Year
- **Brooke Everett** – Local Young Citizen of the Year
- **Ava Mitchell** – Local Sportsperson of the Year
- **Liston Hall Centenary Celebration** – Local Community Event of the Year
- **Barney Downs Rural Fire Brigade, RFS** – Local Emergency Services Volunteer Group of the Year

A separate event was held in Urbenville to celebrate and recognise local resident **Austan Winter**, who was presented with 'Urbenville Local Citizen of the Year' award by Cr Greg Purcell.

As part of the day's celebrations, Council also held the first Citizenship Ceremony for 2026. Eight new Australian Citizens made their pledges on the day, marking an important milestone for them and adding to the vibrancy of the Tenterfield community.

Council extends its congratulations to all award recipients and new citizens.

Council wishes to thank the National Australia Day Council for funding support through the 2026 Community Events Grant, which helped make this celebration possible.



Photography by: Sera J Wright

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Local Citizen of the Year



**Brooke Everett**

Local Young Citizen of the Year



**Austan Winter**

Urbenville Local Citizen of the Year



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Local Sportsperson  
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**Liston Hall Centenary Celebration**

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**Barney Downs Rural Fire Brigade**

Local Emergency Services  
Volunteer Group of the Year

More photos from the event can be here: [Australia Day Photos](#)

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