



MAYORAL MESSAGE

After the appalling terrorism attack at our famous Bondi Beach in mid-December many people are feeling uneasy, shocked, sad, and coming to grips with such hatred manifesting in our community.

Christmas was a time to reflect, and I suggest we draw on the courage shown on that day to work together, united in a commitment for a better future.

Deputy Mayor Greg Sauer, General Manager Hein Basson, and I attended the Local Government NSW Annual Conference in Penrith in late November where policy debate, presentations and related trade exhibition featured. We will be working through the changes in the Code of Meeting Practice which have now been introduced from the 1st of January 2026.

It was an honour for some councillors and I to attend end of year school presentations. These really show the prowess of our students in Tenterfield and our villages, as well as the dedication and enthusiasm of the teachers.

Many residents continue to be frustrated by road conditions which we acknowledge, with Council's road staff continuing to work over the Christmas break.

Australia Day was an opportunity to celebrate where we have come from as a nation, acknowledging our history both good and bad, and striving for the future. We congratulate all the award winners at the Tenterfield and Urbenville celebrations and thank Dr James Cuskelly for his Australia Day address. This year Council scheduled the event for the late afternoon culminating in a spectacular fireworks display, and I thank the committee, staff and volunteers involved, and the community for making this a success. We were very fortunate with several thunderstorms skirting around us.

Local businesses are showing some signs of the toughening economy although there are highs and lows in trade. The first cattle sale at the Tenterfield Saleyards was huge with 1100 head presented. Although the hot weather has dried conditions, we have been fortunate to avoid drought at this stage. Property values continue to rise demonstrating the attraction of our district, as well as new proposed subdivisions which can cause concern within the community but will be dealt with in accordance with the legislation. All development applications lodged with Council for assessment can be found on Council's website. A link for the *Development Application Register* is provided weekly on Council's Facebook page, and all applications are reported in the monthly business papers for Council's meetings for people to view.

The Border Region of Councils meeting will be held in Tenterfield in February, and we look forward to hosting Councils from both sides of the border from as far away as Thargomindah, Queensland.

The swimming pool has seen great attendance this season, with the giant inflatable obstacle course proving especially popular with kids. The new managers have also been very active in arranging learn-to-swim classes. Don't forget — entry fees remain at half price this season, and opening hours have been extended. There's two months left of the season so please enjoy.

Make sure you get a copy of the Regional Lifestyle Magazine Summer Tenterfield Shire Feature edition sponsored by Tenterfield Shire Council. It really is a lovely edition showcasing much of our district.

On behalf of Councillors and myself I wish you all the best for 2026.

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie

CONGRATULATING COUNCILLORS ON YEARS OF SERVICE

Council congratulates Councillor Peters and Councillor Petty on reaching significant milestones in their service to the community.

Cr Peters was presented with a Certificate of Service for 20 years of service (now 22 years), and Cr Petty for 15 years of service (now 16 years) from Local Government NSW - the peak State body for the industry.



WATER & SEWERAGE ACCOUNTS NOW OVERDUE

Water & Sewerage Notices were due for payment on 1 February 2026. Reminder notices have been issued to accounts with outstanding balances where no current payment arrangement is in place.

RATES & CHARGES THIRD INSTALMENT DUE FOR PAYMENT

Council wishes to advise Residents and Business Owners that the Third Rates Instalment Notice is due for payment on or before 28 February 2026.

Ratepayers are reminded that interest is charged daily at an annual rate of 10.5% on all overdue rates, service charges, and water and sewerage usage charges.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your Rates or Water account, please contact Council's Rates Department on 02 6736 6000 (option 2) or email rates@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au to discuss your options and help avoid recovery action and additional costs.

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.



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026

Upcoming Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on **Wednesday, 25 February 2026 and Wednesday, 25 March 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



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for updates on Council activities



COUNCIL EASTER CLOSURES

Administrative Office and Library

- Closed from 5pm Thursday, 2 April 2026, re-open Tuesday, 7 April 2026

Council Works Depot

- Closed from 5pm Thursday, 2 April 2026, re-open Tuesday, 7 April 2026

Waste Collection

- Scheduled Waste Collection as normal

Waste Transfer Stations

- All Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on Friday, 3 April 2026

Tenterfield Memorial Pool

- Closed Easter Sunday, 5 April 2026
- Note: Change to operating hours over Easter weekend - open from 9am - 3pm on Friday 3, Saturday 4 and Monday 6 April 2026

All times are NSW Daylight Saving Time

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

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

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Council's Development Application Register lists all Development Applications lodged with Council for assessment, which can be found on our website at:

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

Residents who may be concerned about development applications involving subdivisions can also access weekly updates by using the link on Council's Facebook page.

Kindly be advised that Council has adopted a resolution to implement a six-month trial period for notifying neighbouring and adjacent landowners in writing of subdivision applications where more than five lots are created within a 10-kilometre radius of Tenterfield and Drake, and within a three kilometre radius around other villages in the Shire.

TENTERFIELD WAR MEMORIAL BATHS (SWIMMING POOL)

Change of Operating Hours for March & April

- Monday – Friday: 6am – 6pm
(close at 7pm on Wednesday's after Aqua sessions)
- Saturday: 7am – 6pm
- Sunday: 10am - 6pm

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

Please note the pool season ends on Sunday, 12 April 2026.

Council congratulates Tenterfield Aquatic Centre on a fantastic first season!



AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 - COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

REFLECT. RESPECT. CELEBRATE.

On Monday, 26 January 2026 the Shire came together in great spirits to celebrate Australia Day by enjoying a relaxed evening of fun activities, live entertainment by the Tenterfield Highlanders Pipe Band and Kimbo, and a spectacular fireworks display.

The event was a wonderful showcase of community pride and a chance to recognise the many valuable contributions people make to our Shire.

Congratulations to our **2026 local award recipients:**

- **Lisa Dalton** – Local Citizen of the Year
- **Brooke Everett** – Local Young Citizen of the Year
- **Austan Winter** – Urbenville Local 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)** – Emergency Services Volunteer Group of the Year



Photographer: Sera J Wright



WELCOME TO OUR NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

As part of Australia Day celebrations, we held the first Citizenship Ceremony for 2026.

Council congratulates the eight new Australian Citizens who made their pledges on Australia Day.

Welcome to our newest members of the community



Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success, and those who came along to celebrate - it was fantastic to see about 150 people from the community there.

Thank you also to the National Australia Day Council for support through the 2026 Community Events Grant, which helped make this celebration possible.

What's On at the Library



SENIORS WEEK: 2 - 10 MARCH 2026

Tenterfield Public Library is excited to be part of the Tenterfield Seniors Festival. The theme for the NSW Seniors Festival is *Live Life in Colour!* This year, the Library will be hosting an event aimed at providing local information on services and activities to help older people stay active, healthy and connected to the Tenterfield community. This event will be held at the Library on Sunday, 8 March 2026 at 3 pm. Light refreshments will be provided and the 'Celebrating the Seekers' concert will follow at 4 pm in the School of Arts.



Something fun for everyone!



TENTERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

ROBOTICS CLUB

This fun club will inspire kids to love robotics and coding through hands-on learning and interactive projects.



Wednesday afternoons from 3.30- 4.30pm.
4 sessions: 18.02.26, 25.02.26, 4.03.26, 11.03.26
In the library at 135 Manners St, Tenterfield
Ages: 7-12 years
Bookings essential on 67366060



Storytime at Tenterfield Public Library



stories
craft
music
play
science

Thursdays
10.30-11.30
NSW school
terms 2026

"Talking, reading, singing and playing with children throughout the first 5 years provides a strong foundation for children's development and wellbeing now, and for their future"
First 5 Forever State Library of QLD.

135 Manners St Tenterfield
0-5 year olds



Have you recently moved to Tenterfield?

Our library offers a range of resources for members to borrow, as well as free computer usage and wi-fi. Be sure to look on our website or Facebook page (search Tenterfieldshirelibraries) for events and activities such as Tech Support for Seniors, 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)



Keeping Our Shire Moving

Recent Road and Drainage Works Across the Shire

Council continues to invest in maintaining and renewing the local road network to ensure safer, more reliable travel for residents, visitors and freight across the Shire.

Over recent months, a significant program of roadworks, resealing and reconstruction has been completed across the Shire, covering town streets, villages and rural roads. These works help extend the life of our roads, improve driving conditions and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

Recently completed works include:

- Resheeting works on White Swamp Road, New Koreelah Road, Rivertree Road, Acacia Scrub Road, Red Hill Gravel Road and Cullendore Street in Legume
- Resealing of major routes including the full length of Clarence River Road, Plains Station Road (from the Bruxner Highway to Chauvel Road) and approximately 16 kilometres of the Bruxner Way near the Shire boundary
- Reconstruction works on Urbenville Road and Mount Lindesay Road near Legume
- Grading and resheeting sections of Catarrh Creek Road at Torrington and reseal preparation works on Torrington Road
- Drainage and stormwater improvements, including the installation of 6 additional pipes at Harrigan's Lane and causeway and pipe replacement works at Herding Yard Creek Road



These projects form part of Council's ongoing asset management and road maintenance program, which balances available funding with the challenges of maintaining an extensive road network across a large rural footprint.

Council thanks residents and road users for their patience during works and encourages the community to continue reporting road issues to help us prioritise future maintenance activities.

EASTER 2026

TENTERFIELD NSW

AUTUMN Festival

EASTER LONG WEEKEND | 3 - 6 APRIL, 2026

Following the outstanding success of the 2025 event, preparations are well underway for the staging of the 2026 Tenterfield Autumn Festival.

The festival kicks off on the weekend before Easter, on 28 March, at the Sir Henry Parkes School of Arts with a fabulous live theatre, dance and music production, *Banjo – The Musical*, performed by an immensely talented cast.

Other favourites return over the Easter long weekend, including the magnificent open gardens, historic Stannum House tours, fabulous markets and mini-fair, Cobb & Co coach rides, vintage and veteran vehicle displays, Lions Easter egg hunt and breakfast, fashion parade, art competition and exhibition, Eat Street, hay bale art displays, Quoll Headquarters tours, Angry Bull Trails kids bike competition and trail ride, barefoot bowls, tug-of-war and the Piano Mill.

New features include the first geocaching event to be held in and around Tenterfield — a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game. Download the app and get involved, as it's a heap of fun with great prizes. There will also be a dinner dance at the Golf Club, inflatable costume races for adults, and a kids' kite flying competition.

A huge welcome back to Glenrock Gardens, which will be open under new ownership. Of course, the stunning parks and streetscapes displaying the autumn foliage will delight visitors. It's a wonderful time to also enjoy the wide range of local hospitality venues.

All details and ticket sales can be found at tenterfieldautumnfestival.com.au and on Facebook. Please send all enquiries to enquiry@tenterfieldautumnfestival.com.au.

SENIORS WEEK 2026

Events Program

Monday 2 March | School of Arts Cinema

- Morning tea 9.30am – \$5
- Movie 10.00am – FREE (Tenterfield Film Club)
- Community bus – \$6

Friday 6 March | Men's Day Out

- Bus Trip to Emmaville Mining Museum
- Morning tea at Men's Shed 9.30am
- Bus departs 10.30am - \$15
- Lunch at Emmaville Panther Pub - \$25

Sunday 8 March | Library Event | 3.00pm

Enjoy light refreshments and information on local services at Tenterfield Public Library

Tickets will be on sale at the following locations:

- Benevolent Society (16 & 23 Feb)
- Outside Coles (9am - 2pm on 17 & 24 Feb)
- Tenterfield Public Library

Special Feature Concert

Sunday 8 March | School of Arts | 4.00pm

featuring KEITH POTGER

Celebrating The Seekers – 60 Years

- Concert tickets - \$25
- Community bus - \$6

Tuesday 10 March | Tenterfield Golf Club

- Morning Tea 10.00am – \$5
- Bingo 10.30am – FREE
- Lunch 12.00pm – \$10
- Community bus – \$6



Event enquiries:

- Frances (Rotary) – 0427 319 190
- Chrissy (CWA) – 0418 251 254
- Jenny (Lions) – 0439 537 276