



MAYORAL MESSAGE

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie



On a very positive note, the Tenterfield Chamber of Tourism, Industry and Business has opened the Tourist Information Centre in the foyer of the Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School of Arts building in the centre of town. I encourage people to volunteer to welcome visitors and promote the businesses and attractions of our Shire. Volunteers have been undergoing training and tours for familiarisation. Merchandise will also be available and promotions will be under the branding's logo of "Experience Tenterfield".

The School of Arts also hosted the Tenterfield 2025 Eisteddfod in early September with 750 entries competing over four days. This is the first Eisteddfod that has been held in Tenterfield since Covid, with many entrants coming from away. Congratulations to all entrants and winners. A big shout out to our Urbenville, Drake and Tenterfield schools who performed beautifully. Visitors were very impressed with our town and the School of Arts.

Our new librarian has a range of engaging activities at the library for both children and adults. I was fortunate to be invited to do a book reading for children during book week and the children enjoyed a tour of the library and the range of lending's and activities that are now available. Become a member of the library and be sure to visit.

Kochs Road to the east of Tenterfield has been closed for some months for the upgrade of the road and construction of a culvert over Johanna Creek, both made possible through the Australian Government, Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant funding.

Jim Koch whose family have resided there since the mid 1800's cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of the road. Jim has been very impressed with the work of the local council staff in delivering a vastly improved crossing in a cost-effective manner.

I know it is frustrating for all of us who use our rural roads and are experiencing less than desirable road conditions but be assured that the current status for disaster assessment for AGRN-1012 has been submitted and approved, with AGRN-1198 (TC Alfred) to be submitted, when approval is received works will then be rolled out over a period of approximately 12 to 24 months. These approvals do not however cover all of the roads so please advise council of any areas that are presenting unsafe and dangerous conditions so they can be inspected, and remedial works prioritised.

The Tenterfield War Memorial Baths will be opening under new management following the tender process. On behalf of Council and the community I extend our thanks to the previous managers for their positive contribution to the pool and the community, and wish the new managers well in their endeavours. The pool will be open for longer hours than previously.

Council is sponsoring the Summer Edition of the Regional Lifestyle Magazine to promote the Shire, we encourage businesses to take this opportunity to feature in this edition. Contact Publisher Elizabeth Tickle by Phone: 0429 441 086 or by Email: info@lifestylemagazine.net.au

Finally, a quick word of warning that snakes are now on the move so familiarise yourself with snake bite treatment and teach your children as well.



Johanna Creek Culvert, Kochs Road



Kochs Road upgrade was officially opened on Monday, 15 September 2025, by Mayor Bronwyn Petrie and resident Jim Koch, attended also on the day was resident Ted Burke and for Tenterfield Shire Council, was Councillor Owen Bancroft, Hein Basson - General Manager, Matthew Francisco - Director Infrastructure, James Paynter - Works Manager, Kevin Graham - Maintenance Works Coordinator.

RATES & CHARGES FIRST INSTALMENT OVERDUE FOR PAYMENT

Council wishes to advise Residents and Business Owners that the Annual Rates and Charges Notice for 2025/2026 were issued at the end of July 2025.

The first instalment was due for payment on 31 August 2025, and is now overdue. Reminder notices have been sent to ratepayers where accounts remain outstanding.

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.

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 with an option of Flexipay to pay your rates and water notices?

Options for setting up recurring payments to weekly, fortnightly or monthly can be done via:

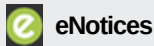


Contact your participating Bank, Credit Union or Building Society to pay from your cheque, savings or credit card account.

- For Rates, please quote **Bill Code 96610** and the B-Pay Reference Number located on the front of the notice.
- For Water Rates, please quote **Bill Code 228106** and the B-Pay Reference Number shown on the front of the notice.

Council's Customer Service or Rates team can provide you 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



Register for eNotices to receive your notices through email by using the following link www.tenterfield.enotices.com.au and/or scan the QR code on the remittance slip to setup payments through Flexipay.

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.

WATER METER READING

Water meter readings will commence in November and early December 2025.

In order to help Council staff it would be appreciated if property owners could:

- Trim back/remove shrubbery or trees that are obstructing water meters
- Contact Council Staff if you have locked gates, to schedule a time for them to read your meter
- Contact Council staff if you have dog/s that need to be restrained, to schedule a time for them to read your meter

Water & Sewerage Notices will be issued at the end of December 2025. Payments of accounts are due on or before 1 February 2026.

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 10.5% per annum.



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@TenterfieldShireCouncil

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.

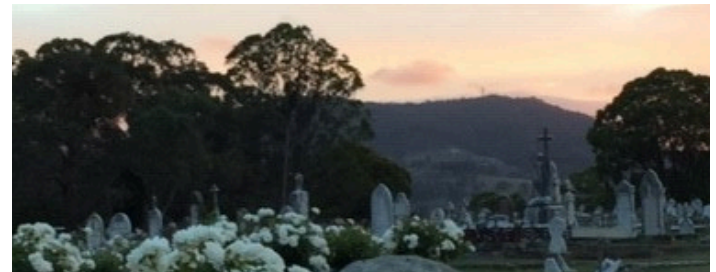


DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTER

Tenterfield Shire Councils Development Application Register lists all Development Applications lodged with Council for assessment on Councils 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



Tenterfield Cemetery Prohibited Articles

Council has conducted an audit within the Tenterfield Cemetery, in particular the lawn section.

The audit has found a large amount of articles of which are identified as prohibited, as noted on the signage at the entrance to the Cemetery.

Activities and articles that are prohibited within the Cemetery:

- Interfacing with a funeral or commemorative service
- The placement of an article, thing, or plant other than flowers
- Placing any article made of glass
- Damaging, disturbing or interfering any structure or flowers
- Allowing an animal to be within the cemetery other than that used for assistance
- Riding or driving any vehicle other than on a paved roadway or path
- Engaging in conduct which is dangerous or creates a risk to the safety of the public
- Interfering with any Council tree, shrub, or plant

Council will commence the removal and disposal of all prohibited articles made of glass.

Other articles will be removed to a collection basket located at the new storage shed for pickup or later disposal.

For further clarification on this matter please direct all enquiries to Council's Open Space, Regulatory & Utilities Supervisor, Mr Mark Cooper, during office hours, on (02) 6736 6000 or mobile on 0411 864 042.

What's on in the Library:



The library hosted activities for the 80th anniversary of the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week. Mayor Petrie visited on Monday, 25 August 2025 and read stories to the Student Representative Council students from The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School. The Tenterfield Social Development Committee playgroup visited for story time and craft activities.



Registrations for The Dolly Parton Imagination Library, for children aged 0-4 years of age, have ceased. The program delivers one book a month to 103 children's homes in Tenterfield Shire. The program will run for registered children until June 2026.



A new Chatty Booth has been installed in the library and is available for bookings. The Chatty Booth allows privacy for community members to participate in personal and work online conferences.



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Remembrance Day Services

Tuesday, 11 November 2025

TENTERFIELD

10.30am Memorial Hall, Molesworth Street

LISTON

10.30am (QLD Time) War Memorial, Mount Lindesay Road

LEGUME

10.30am (QLD Time) Legume Hall, Acacia Avenue



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.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Upcoming Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on **Wednesday, 22 October and Thursday, 27 November 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.



Follow us to keep up to date with events.

[@Tenterfieldshirelibraries](https://www.facebook.com/TenterfieldShireLibraries)

Tenterfield

It's time for a Household Chemical CleanOut

You can drop off for free:



Only household quantities accepted (20L or 20kg).

Your next local event:

- 📅 Saturday 25 October 2025, 9:00am - 3:00pm
- 📍 Tenterfield Transfer Station
121 Sunnyside Loop Road, Tenterfield
- 🌐 www.cleanout.com.au



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
Farmer Update Evening

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER
Cashflow Budgeting Workshop

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER
Effective Record Keeping Workshop

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER
Farm Water Planning Workshop and Farm Walk

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER
Livestock Records Workshop

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER
Making Strategic Farm Management Decisions Workshop

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
Grazing Management and Feed Budgeting Workshop and Farm Walk

More information on each event will be released soon.



For more information
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TEXT 0427 325 901
WEB www.glenrnc.org.au

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Weed to focus on:

Serrated Tussock

How does this weed affect you?

Serrated Tussock is not palatable to livestock and has little feed value. Animals forced to graze on it can become malnourished and may die with a stomach full of this partly digested weed.

Serrated Tussock can:

- take over pastures and native vegetation
- reduce pasture quality
- contaminate hay and grain
- native grasslands
- grassy woodlands dry forests
- some coastal vegetation

Serrated Tussock can completely take over new areas within 4 years. It is similar in appearance to many native species making it difficult to identify when not in flower. Subsequently, it can go unnoticed for many years. A single plant can produce up to 140,000 seeds each season, is hard to get rid of, control is costly and herbicides used to control Serrated Tussock impact other grasses, especially natives.

What does it look like?

Serrated Tussock grows in upright tussocks up to 45 cm tall and 25 cm wide and the colour of the plant changes over seasons:

- In Spring, the clumps are light green with brown tips on the leaves
- In Late Spring and early Summer, the clumps have a purple tinge when the seed heads are fully emerged
- In Summer, plants are green when other grasses turn brown
- In Winter when frosted, the plants turn a golden yellow

How Does it Spread?

Serrated Tussock seeds can spread long distances by:

- Wind, being a high contributing factor. Mature seed heads break off at the base and are carried long distances by wind to a distance of 10 km or more if conditions are favourable
- Water
- Feed
- Animals, as seeds can be picked up in hooves, fleeces or coats. Seeds remain viable passing through an animal's gut

Serrated tussock colonises bare areas. Drought causing bare ground favours serrated tussock. Sandy, nutrient poor soils are at most risk.

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/Weeds/SerratedTussock

