



Media Release

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Tenterfield Shire Council Acting General Manager Appointment Extended

At its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 May 2026, Council resolved to extend the appointment of Mr Matthew Francisco as Acting General Manager.

Mr Francisco will continue in the role from 5 June 2026 through to 29 March 2027, or until such time as a new General Manager is appointed.

Mayor Bronwyn Petrie said Council appreciated Mr Francisco's ongoing leadership and commitment to the organisation during this period, and that he has the full support of Council.

"Mr Francisco has continued to provide stability and strong operational leadership while also maintaining his responsibilities as Director of Infrastructure Services," Mayor Petrie said.

Council will progress recruitment for a temporary Director of Infrastructure Services and will commence the recruitment process for a permanent General Manager towards the end of the year.

Following the meeting, Mayor Petrie also acknowledged the contributions of former General Manager Mr Hein Basson during his two years of service with Council.

"On behalf of Council and the community, I would like to thank Mr Basson for the outcomes that he initiated or was instrumental in achieving," Mayor Petrie said.

Mr Basson provided a focus on Council achieving sustainable operations including:

- Ensuring that Council services are more affordable to Tenterfield residents, such as reduced charges for water, sewer and waste collection
- Designing and implementing a revised rating model that is fair and equitable across all rating categories
- Working with the Director of Infrastructure Services in the process of updating the sealed road network and at-risk bridges asset management plans
- Developing a new Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and two Operational Plans as required under the *Local Government Act 1993*
- Implementing various operational structures, systems and processes to enhance the effectiveness of Council's operation, and
- Building organisational capacity.

Council thanks Mr Basson for his contribution and wishes him well in his future endeavours.

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