

Council's submission was amended and relodged, allocating the additional \$50,000 to the upgrading or temporary repairs to load limited timber bridges.

In November 2018, advice was received indicating a further change to the Guidelines which resulted in the removal of the following items:

- \$200,000 – De-silting of Private Dams;
- \$100,000 – Labour Relief for Farmers; and
- \$5,000 – Assistance to Small Business.

The application was then moved to DRAFT status to allow resubmission of revised eligible projects, whilst suspending the application in its entirety.

Council met again on Friday, 16 November to consider the allocation of outstanding funding. Serious concern was expressed regarding the removal of an allocation for de-silting of private dams due to the increasing risk and occurrences of animals becoming stuck. It was requested that the submission again include this allocation and the allocation for the Tenterfield Show. However, Council agreed that if it became unlikely that the de-silting of private dams, labour relief and assistance to small businesses were deemed unlikely to proceed, the funds were to be reallocated to the upgrading or temporary repairs of load limited bridges.

Councillors also expressed extreme disappointment and concern regarding the unavailability of a Drought Co-ordinator for Tenterfield as it was a promise of General Day that this position would be available to assist Tenterfield Shire primary producers complete paperwork and provide support. A revised application was submitted on 20 November 2018 including the following:

- \$850,000 – Upgrading Load Limited Bridges;
- \$50,000 - Community Drought support events;
- \$50,000 - Tenterfield Show;
- \$25,000 - T'field Rodeo Drought Relief Activity
- \$25,000 - Provision and Delivery of Potable water

"Council understands that many members of the community feel disenfranchised by the allocation of the bulk of the \$1m to upgrade load limited timber bridges across our Shire", said Mayor Peter Petty. Mayor Petty went on to say, "I can understand this sentiment, however the bridge load limits are causing serious heartache for our rural communities with the problems and additional costs associated in cartage of stock, stock feed and water to their properties. Removal of the current load limits on 16 of our timber bridges will free up our transport network and benefit our whole community by allowing businesses to operate as normal", he added.

"Despite the delays, Tenterfield Shire is extremely grateful to the Federal Government for the allocation of this \$1m and I wish to thank our Local Member, The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, for his assistance".



## Tenterfield Cinema & Theatre

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### SPIDER MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE (PG)

Tuesday, 15 January @ 10.30am  
 Wednesday, 16 January @ 10.30am  
 Monday, 21 January @ 10.30am (Final Screening)

### AQUAMAN (M)

Tuesday, 15 January @ 1.00pm  
 Thursday, 17 January @ 1.00pm  
 Saturday, 19 January @ 7.30pm  
 Tuesday, 22 January @ 1.00pm (Final Screening)

### THE GRINCH (PG)

Wednesday, 16 January @ 1.00pm (Final Screening)

### BUMBLEBEE (M)

Friday, 18 January @ 7.00pm  
 Sunday, 20 January @ 1.45pm  
 Tuesday, 22 January @ 10.30am  
 Wednesday, 23 January @ 1.00pm  
 Saturday, 26 January @ 7.30pm (Final Screening)

### FANTASTIC BEAST: THE CRIMES OF GRINDLEWALD (PG)

Monday, 21 January @ 1.00pm  
 Wednesday, 23 January @ 10.30am (Final Screening)

### RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET: WRECK IT RALPH 2 (PG)

Thursday, 24 January @ 10.30am  
 Friday, 25 January @ 1.00pm  
 Sunday, 27 January @ 11.00am  
 Monday, 28 January @ 10.30am  
 Tuesday, 29 January @ 1.00pm (Final Screening)

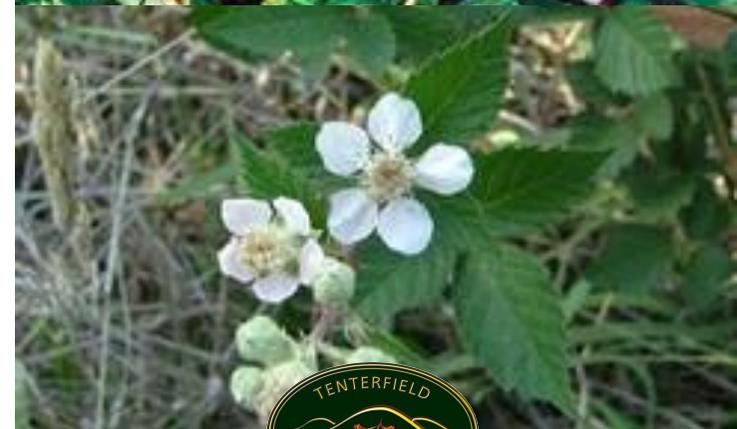
### MORTAL ENGINES (M)

Thursday, 24 January @ 1.00pm  
 Friday, 25 January @ 7.00pm  
 Sunday, 27 January @ 1.45pm  
 Monday, 28 January @ 1.00pm  
 Tuesday, 29 January @ 10.30am  
 Saturday, 2 February @ 7.30pm

### SENIORS WEEK FESTIVAL 2019

Tenterfield is excited to present the 2019 Seniors Festival, kicking off on Monday 11 February at the Art of Ageing Exhibition at the School of Arts.

More details coming soon.



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### Contact us

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Photo of Blackberries: Weed of the Month - article within.

## WEED OF THE MONTH

**Common name:** Blackberry

**Botanical name:** Rubus fruticosus species aggregate

**Other common names:** Black berry, Blackberries

**General description:** Blackberry is a prickly scrambling shrub with dark coloured berries. It forms thickets and is one of Australia's worst weeds.

**Flowers:** Flowers from late November to late February and are white or pink in colour and are clustered in a cylinder or pyramid shape.

**Leaves:** Alternate along the stem in clusters of 3 to 5 leaves, the leaves have dark green tops and lighter green on the underside. Leaves are absent in winter.

**Fruit/Berries:** Dark coloured berries and each berry having 20 – 30 seeds.

**Symptoms:** This bush quickly infest large areas and takes over pastures and is unpalatable to most livestock, and forms shelter for feral animals.

For further information on how to control measures please visit <http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>

## NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD/ CAUSEWAY CLOSURE

*Sunnyside Platform Road, Tenterfield - Causeway  
(Approx. 1.1 kms south of the  
New England Highway intersection)*

In accordance with Section 115 of the Roads Act 1993, notice is hereby given by Tenterfield Shire Council as the Roads Authority that the above causeway will be closed to all traffic during the period Monday 21 January 2019 for a maximum of eight (8) weeks), weather permitting.

The road will remain open to the causeway site from both Bruxner Way and New England Highway however traffic will be unable to travel through.

The temporary road closure is required for Council to complete replacement of the causeway.

Motorists are requested to pay particular attention to the advance warning signposting.

Council regrets any inconvenience caused by these important works.

All enquiries concerning the closure can be directed to Council's Department of Transport and Infrastructure on (02) 6736 6001.

## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2019 @ 9.00 AM

An Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 January 2019 at the Council Chambers, Tenterfield, commencing at 9.00 am.

The business of the Extraordinary Meeting is to reconsider Development Application 2018.087 for a Funeral Home and Mortuary at 60 Polworth Street, Tenterfield arising from a Rescission Motion moved following adoption of the resolution of Council to issue a Development Application at the December 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Business Paper will be available on Council's website on Thursday, 10 January 2019 from 3.00 pm.

This Meeting will be streamed live for the information of the community and will then be available for viewing on Council's website.

Please contact the Acting Executive Assistant & Media, should you require any further information relating to this Extraordinary Council Meeting.

## WATER & SEWERAGE NOTICES

Water & Sewerage Notices were issued mid December 2018 and payments of accounts are due on or before 1 February 2019. Ratepayers are reminded that interest now accrues on all overdue water & sewerage consumption charges on a daily basis at a rate of 7.5% per annum.

## WASTE VOUCHERS

Please be advised that Council has only allocated two (2) waste vouchers per rate assessment for this financial year (1 July 2018 to 31 July 2019).

Vouchers will not be replaced if lost or destroyed. Regular audits of redeemed vouchers are performed and in the event excess vouchers have been used for a single assessment an invoice will be issued.

## ILLEGAL SIGNAGE AROUND TOWN

It has been minuted at Councils Parks, Gardens & Open Spaces Committee Meeting that illegal signs are being erected throughout the Shire.

As per Councils Development Control Plan 2014, Signs fixed to trees or light, telephone or power poles or other public infrastructure are prohibited Council Rangers will patrol for noncompliance and further action if required.

## WASTE TRANSFER STATION HOURS TENTERFIELD

With Daylight Savings now in place, the Tenterfield Waste Transfer Station hours are:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday - 10am to 12 noon and 3pm to 6pm  
Every Tuesday – CLOSED  
All other Transfer Stations operational hours are the same. Please visit council's website for more information or contact Council on 02 6736 6000.

## CHECKING FOR WATER LEAKS ON YOUR PROPERTY

Understanding your water meter can reduce waste and save money.

Tenterfield has seen an influx of water leaks in the past 12 months. Council ask Residents to try to avoid excess water accounts by regular water meter reading and maintenance, keep meter boxes clean, tidy and clear from gardens, fences and earthworks, be mindful of large trees in your yard that roots may damage pipes, check dripping taps, faulty toilet cisterns or other forms of leakage. Please refer to the back of your water & sewerage notice how to undertake an overnight leakage test.

## FINALLY – DROUGHT FUNDING IS RELEASED!

Council signed the contract for the long promised \$1m for drought funding initiatives on Wednesday, 20 December 2018.

"Council has been extremely frustrated by this whole thing", said Mayor Petty. "Although conditions have eased around Tenterfield, they are still bad in the western areas of our Shire, with the rural communities of Mingoola and Torrington continuing to suffer severe water and stock feed issues", he added.

In addition to the long wait for the promised funding has been the number of changes to the conditions for which funding was eligible. Council initially discussed the grant allocations in August 2018 and following a meeting with General Stephen Day, Commonwealth m Co-ordinator General for Drought on 21 September to further develop the priorities, Council made submission for the following items:

- \$50,000 - Pastoral Care for Villages/Places with a Family Fun Day – BBQ, Support, Information, Hay and Water provided;
- \$25,000 - Rodeo (17 November 2018);
- \$50,000 - Tenterfield Show;
- \$50,000 - "Why Leave Town" Gift Vouchers to Salvation Army to distribute;
- \$200,000 – De-silting of Private Dams (animal welfare) – employing local contractors;
- \$100,000 - Labour Relief for Farmers (feeding stock, mental health support);
- \$495,000 - Upgrading or Temporary Repairs of Load Limited Timber Bridges;
- \$5,000 – Assistance to Small Business;
- \$25,000 - Provision and Cartage of Potable Water (through Salvation Army).

**Total \$1,000,000**

Advice was soon received that the Guidelines had been amended and "Gift Cards" were no longer applicable as the Federal Government would be arranging an alternative to this option for all drought effected Councils.

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