



From the Mayor's Desk



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2025

The Tenterfield Australia Day celebrations were held at the Tenterfield Showground commencing with a free breakfast prepared by the Tenterfield Show Society. The Tenterfield Highlanders Pipe Band provided a stirring performance with Deputy Mayor Greg Sauer opening the ceremony. A warm Acknowledgement of Country by Bundjalung Elder Mrs Roxanne Bancroft-Stuart was followed by the Blessing by Father James Poovathinkal who also fittingly celebrated the anniversary of becoming an Australian Citizen 11 years ago. Mayor Bronwyn Petrie delivered the welcome speech and Drew Bates led the crowd in the National Anthem while Leading Seaman Ally Elms and Lt Katrina Nemeth raised the Australian Flag. Guest Speaker Dr Ian Unsworth entertained his audience with the details of his significant and fascinating career as a Hyperbaric Medicine Specialist and the dedication of his team, as well as anecdotes from his experiences as an extra on 'Cleopatra' and other movies as he worked his way through university. Dr Unsworth specifically emigrated to Australia in 1968 to engage in this work not only treating 'the bends' but also in infection treatment. In 2024 Sydney's Prince of Wales Hospital's hyperbaric medicine unit was renamed the Bennett-Unsworth Centre. Torrington also held a small celebration with Richard Cork and Peter Ellis organising a BBQ breakfast for the community.

Citizen of the Year Award - Dr Brian Pilgrim

For his longstanding and unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of the Tenterfield community and his exceptional local contributions in the field of general practice. His dedication to ongoing professional development and learning has resulted in an exceptionally high level of care in the many areas covered by General Practice and Family Medicine. Dr Pilgrim's genuine care and concern for his patients extends beyond the confines of his office practice and his efforts to improve his patients cardiovascular care has powerfully and positively impacted many patients and saved many lives.

Community Event of the Year Award - Westpac Helicopter Tenterfield Volunteer Support Group Charity Golf Day and Charity Auction

In 2024 the Charity Golf Day and Charity Auction raised \$75,000 reportedly the single biggest fund raising golf day in NSW, a fantastic result for a small community. The Charity Golf Day and Charity Auction has been held annually over recent years, raising funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service which provides life-saving aeromedical and rescue services in the NSW New England and Northern Rivers regions and beyond. The major sponsor of the event is Tenterfield's Townes group of companies, with special mention to Michael Townes and to Dean Hynes, Manager of the Tenterfield Golf Club. This charity golf day and auction raised 50% of the yearly total of funds collected which continues to grow each year. In 2024 the Westpac Helicopter Tenterfield Volunteer Support Group raised \$150,000, with support from the Tenterfield community, on a ratio of dollars raised per head of population within the community being the highest within the 30 support group areas, with total contributions since 2015 totalling \$700,000.

Emergency Services Volunteer Award or Group Award - Container of Dreams

Container of Dreams is a humanitarian charity that extends a helping hand to those in the aftermath of disasters offering innovative micro-housing to individuals facing displacement. Volunteers attend 2 days each week to build tiny houses for those in need, fostering resilience and community empowerment and conduct regular workshops aimed at equipping community members with skills and knowledge, creating a foundation for self-sufficiency and growth. Container of Dreams also operate the Mobile Community Kitchen Disaster Response Unit. Container of Dreams is based at Drake and members continue to construct tiny houses for fire and flood victims.

Sports Person of the Year Award - Lara Condrick

Lara is 16 years of age and has been a national competitor in Physical Culture since the age of 8. In 2024 Lara was made an associate with Tenterfield Physical Culture Cub and officially joined the teaching team assisting the Head Teacher in demonstrating syllabus and in training students. Lara has a genuine affection and commitment to the students, the club and to the sport. In 2024 Lara was in the top 15 for the Australian Finals in her age group held at the Sydney Opera House, representing her club with confidence and grace.



SENIORS WEEK 2025 *Time to Shine !!!*

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH TO MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2025

The Tenterfield Lions, Country Women's Association (CWA), and Rotary are delighted to once again bring our community together for this year's highly anticipated Seniors Week. For over 40 years, this event has been a cherished tradition, celebrating the wisdom, experiences, and contributions of our senior citizens. With an exciting program of activities planned, this year's celebration promises to be a week to remember.

The week kicks off with a delightful morning tea, lunch, and Bingo at the Tenterfield Golf Club - a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. For the gentlemen, a special day out awaits with a visit to the Rabbit Works Museum in Texas, complete with a morning tea to fuel the adventure.

Music lovers are in for a treat with not one but two ukulele concerts: the first, paired with morning tea at Haddington, and the second during a leisurely lunch at Millrace. Both promise to be toe-tapping events filled with charm and cheer.

For those with a sense of adventure, the Mystery Bus Tour, including lunch, will surely intrigue and excite. A nostalgic screening of the classic 1951 film *An American In Paris* at The School of Arts, accompanied by morning tea to make it a truly delightful outing.

This week's festivities is more than just a series of events; it's a celebration of community and camaraderie that has been a cornerstone of Tenterfield life for decades. Its a chance to honor the remarkable individuals who have shaped our town while creating new memories and connections.

The Tenterfield Lions, CWA and Rotary extend an open invitation to all seniors to join in the fun. Let's make this Seniors Week another unforgettable chapter in its proud 40-year history. We look forward to celebrating with you!

For any enquiries of any of the events please contact Frances (Rotary) 0427 319 190 Chrissy (CWA) 0418 251 254 and Jenny (Lions) 0439 537 276.



YOUTH WEEK 2025

Council will be celebrating Youth week from 9th-17th April for young people aged 12-24 years of age. Young people are encouraged to contact the Tenterfield Public Library on 6736 6060 to provide ideas for planning events and to register for events. The Library will be hosting a Standup Comedy Workshop and an Eco Dyeing workshop with limited spaces. Bookings are essential for workshops.



WEED TO LOOK OUT FOR

Common Name: Tropical Soda Apple

How does this weed affect you?

Tropical soda apple (*Solanum viarum*), is an aggressive, prickly, perennial shrub 1-2m high. It invades open to semi-shaded areas, particularly pastures and riparian zones, but also forests, roadsides, recreational areas, and horticultural and cropping areas. It reduces biodiversity by displacing native plants and disrupting ecological processes.

How does it spread?

Tropical soda apple reproduces via seed and can regenerate from root and stem material. The fruit are sweet and cattle and feral animals will smell and seek them out, spreading viable seed in their manure for up to 6 days after consuming the fruit.



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on **Wednesday 26 February** and **Wednesday 26 March 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 the close of business the Thursday 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.

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