

## MAYORAL MESSAGE – PETER PETTY

This Mayoral Message sees us a couple of months into the New Year and I hope everybody has had a relaxing break over the Christmas/New Year Period. Once again much needed rain has continued and most of our Shire has benefited in some way.

The end of 2013 saw a lot of work being completed all around the Shire.

- Road works on another section of the Legume to Woodenbong Road at Oaky Hill.
- Sealing of a section of the Mt Lindesay Road at Bald Rock turnoff.
- Completing Geyers Road causeway and planning Maryland River crossing on the Rivertree Road.
- Commenced the Main Street works on the corner of Manners & Rouse Street, in order to be ready for RMS in February 2014.
- Footpaths around the football oval and going out to Saddlers Estate will be completed when 2 footbridges are put over the Tenterfield Creek.

This year looks just as busy with early meetings planned with the State and Federal MPs trying to source funding for road works on the Legume to Woodenbong Road.

Council is also hoping for some news on the Plains Station Road for some funding to help maintain and improve this section of well used road.

I hope this message finds everybody in good spirits, mind and body and until the next quarterly newsletter. Good Luck!

## TOURISM - TENTERFIELD & DISTRICT - NEW WEBSITE

Tenterfield & District has a new website, [www.tenterfieldtourism.com.au](http://www.tenterfieldtourism.com.au), which has been developed in partnership with the Tenterfield Shire Council and the Tenterfield & District Visitors Association. The new website features beautiful imagery, an interactive events calendar, integration with online bookings and is mobile phone and tablet friendly, so it is easy to access no matter where you are. Information on attractions, accommodation, events, villages, businesses and services and dining options are all included, as well as information on outdoor activities, nature, history and heritage, food and wine and weddings and functions.

## SPECIAL RATES VARIATION

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting of 27 November 2013, resolved to apply to IPART for a Special Rates Variation commencing in 2014/15 for a 4 year period. Council's submission will be for an Ordinary Rate increase of 1 year @ 15% + 3 years @ 10% including the normal rate peg increase. If successful, the additional income of \$9.1 Million raised over the next 10 years will assist Council to carry out essential Asset renewal identified in its Long Term Financial Plan and improve Council's financial sustainability. In 2014/15 an additional \$335,849 will be raised, depending on property land values, the Shire's 4,701 ratepayers will pay an additional \$71.30 on average per year or \$1.37 per week.

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