



KYOGLÉ & TENTERFIELD COUNCIL



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In times of emergency you can count on good friends and Kyogle Council was ready and willing to help Tenterfield Shire when the Beaury Creek bridge failed and needed urgent repair.

Approached by Tenterfield Shire Council for assistance, Kyogle Council readily agreed to help its neighbouring council re-establish access along Tooloom Road south of Urbenville at the recently failed Beaury Creek bridge.

"Borders exist in local government for councils to deliver services within a catchment area, but those borders blur when there is a sense of urgency such as the bridge failure in Tenterfield Shire," Kyogle Mayor Danielle Mulholland said.

"We were happy to help out and look forward to more opportunities in the future to work together cooperatively.

"This is a great example of how councils are meeting their Fit for the Future obligations and cooperating with each other to share resources."

Tenterfield Shire Mayor Peter Petty said: "Tenterfield has in the past worked collaboratively with Kyogle, and where we can, as neighbours we will continue to look out for and assist each other. Tenterfield Council is appreciative of Kyogle's willingness to make available some of its capacity to temporarily mitigate the impact on our communities in the Urbenville Woodenbong locality."

Kyogle Council has a long history in delivering bridge projects and will provide a prefabricated modular bridge system developed in-house and some assistance with assembly on site. Tenterfield Council's approach road works and work on the temporary bridge will commence in four weeks after permits are in place and Kyogle releases the temporary structure from Kyogle's Collins Creek bridge works project.

The temporary single lane bridge will provide access to all legally loaded semi or truck and dog trailer vehicles and be more efficient for transport providers currently forced to make at least a 60km detour.

The temporary structure will be available until a new structure can be funded and built.

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