

Penrose Hall Management Committee and Penrose Community Association. (PCA)

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Good News again!

There are ongoing developments regarding the Penrose Village Park and Penrose Hall. The Hall Committee and PCA set up a Working Group to take up the Wingecarribee Shire Council's (WSC) agreement to allow us to develop plans for the hall and site.

New Hall

Whilst not without difficulty with council, the Working Group have developed concept drawings for the hall and its location. A new hall is deemed the best option located immediately north of the tennis courts in the park area.

Hall design

The new Hall will be around 410 m², with an attractive entry, space for 128 row-seated people (about 100 at tables), indoor toilets, a modern kitchen, internal storage, and a warm intimate Penrose feel.

Old Hall

It would appear the old hall will remain (which we are happy about) and be renovated by the WSC. They intend to strip the hall internally and externally of asbestos and re clad it before July 2021. A significant shutdown of the hall and some surrounds (extent to be confirmed) will be required. The good news is we should retain the heritage and use of this building following the recladding.

Penrose Village Park

We will continue to formulate ideas for overall planning of the Penrose Village Park and will seek further input from the community into the new year.

Playground

The WSC have allocated funds for the playground in 21/22. The existing playground site is not appropriate, and the Working Group envisage a new playground and park entrance in front of the current hall.

Funding

The PCA is eligible and intends to apply for a grant under the \$250 million Federal and State Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF). Applications are due by 28 January 2021. If successful (announcements from June next year), the build needs to be completed by 30 June 2023

Masterplan

The development of a 'Master Plan' for the whole of the Penrose Village has been deferred until 2021. This will be largely a community consultation process to gather ideas and plans to enhance Penrose.

Current Issues

The WSC currently have a Plan of Management (PoM) enacted in 2009-2010 that requires review to allow the building of a new hall in what they classify as a 'Sportsground'. The WSC have advised this review is planned for 2020/21 (if they can find funds).