

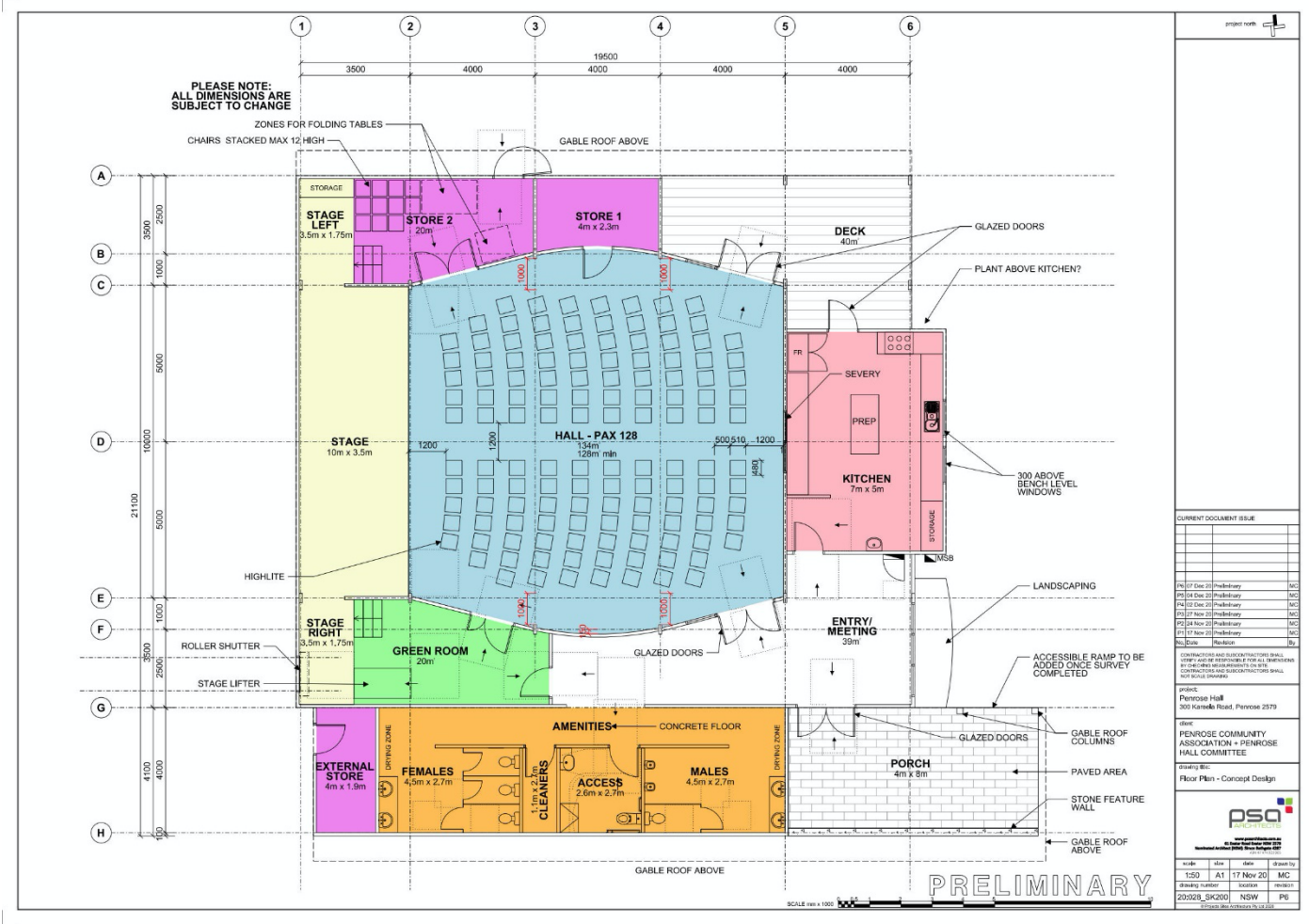
Penrose Hall Management Committee (PHMC) and Penrose Community Association (PCA)

January 2021

An update on Penrose Village Park and Penrose Hall, along with other PCA initiatives.

New Hall

The Working group comprising the PHMC and the PCA have continued to develop concept drawings for a hall and its location in The Penrose Village Park. Concept drawings (below) have been submitted to WSC awaiting comments and approval before the next design step.



The new Hall (pictured below) will be around 410 m², with an attractive entry, space for 128 row-seated people (about 100 at tables), Exposed beams, indoor toilets, a modern kitchen, internal storage, and a warm intimate Penrose feel. A new hall will be located immediately north of the tennis courts in the park area.



Funding for the New Hall

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

Community Support

The BLERF funding application requires written community support for the New Hall project. We will soon display a model and concept drawings at the Penrose Village General Store for the community to view and sign a letter of support.

Old Hall

The WSC advise the old hall will remain and be renovated. They intend to strip the hall internally and externally of asbestos and re clad it before July 2021. The Working group are negotiating with council to ensure the recladding materials and colours are sympathetic to the heritage of the hall, and Penrose generally.

Masterplan

The development of a 'Master Plan' for the whole of the Penrose Village will commence during the next few months. There will be a committee appointed to coordinate community consultation to gather ideas and plans to enhance Penrose.

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.

Website www.penrose.net.au

The website for Penrose has been set up by Federico and is available to all at www.penrose.net.au

Thanks to Federico Solchi for this excellent source of information. The website also features beautiful photos from the late Sylvia Jefferies and local photographer Louise Docker. The website also has accommodation listings, and we will continue to build our local business information section. There are also pages for local recipes, local history and we welcome any other ideas for the website.

Dangerous Trees

Alison and John have been lobbying and meeting with WSC about dangerous trees in Penrose. The council have agreed to complete works on most, if not all, the trees we discussed with them.

Fruit Tree Grove

A grant from WSC to enable the planting of fruit trees on the Penrose Village Park was applied for by the PCA but was put on hold due to differences of opinion between the council and the PCA on land designations. The council has deemed most of the reserve to be a designated sportsground to be used for organised sporting activities only.

Bus shelter and the area opposite the Penrose Village General Store

After the PCA has a recent meeting with council a plan has been drawn up to modify the bus shelter and surrounding area near the railway station on Penrose Road to make it safer and more usable than at present. WSC told PCA there would be money in next financial year's budget to draw up some plans for this area.

Penrose Survey

The recent survey to discover what residents would like to happen in terms of development had a healthy 10 percent response. Increased housing had an even split of for and against, there was a resounding no to town water, a majority supported increasing the business zoning and a strong support for a bike track linking towns and villages in the shire. There were many suggestions on beautifying the town by tidying the verges and plantings to enhance the entries into the village. Many thanks to everyone who completed the survey.

Thank you

A continued big thank you to everyone who is helping the PCA work towards achieving their goals. We live in a great community and have so many enthusiastic and talented people in our midst and we couldn't do half of things we do without their help.