

Penrose Village News

Keeping you in touch with village life

Welcome to the first issue of the Penrose Village News

Produced by the Penrose Community Association, our aim, with this newsletter, is to keep everyone informed about what is happening in the village, as well as passing on some news from the various Penrose groups.

We have so many interesting people in the village and we also thought it might be fun to find out a bit about them, so we will be featuring a 'Spotlight On' article in each issue.

For this issue of the **Penrose Village News** we spoke with Anne from the Penrose Post Office. It has been a testing few years for Penrose residents with the shop closed, bush fires and then Covid but it would have been a lot harder without Anne's smiling face at the Post Office. She has been instrumental in keeping a sense of togetherness in the village and we can't imagine what the past year would have been like without her. Thanks Anne.

As we started to put this newsletter together we went searching for a photo that showed just how lucky we are to be living in this part of the world. Whilst looking I came across the photo above that was sent to me a couple of years ago by keen photographer and Penrose resident, Sylvia Jeffery.

Tragically, Sylvia died in early March last year and I still miss not seeing her smiling face around the village. But Sylvia was a very practical lady and I think she would be pleased to think her photo was being seen by all of you in the **Penrose Village News**.

The photo above, of Paddy's River, was taken on Sylvia and Jack's Penrose property ... such a beautiful spot.

A YEAR ON FROM THE MORTON FIRE



Koolilabah Lane Penrose Then † Now ↓



We would love to know what you would like to see in this newsletter, so please get in touch with us, either by dropping us an email at penroseca@gmail.com or leaving a note with Anne at the post office.

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Anne (Annie) Day



Where were you born?

Coffs Harbour.

Tell us about your job?

I run the Penrose Post Office in Penrose.

How long have you been living in Penrose?

I've been staying in Penrose, with mum (Patsy), for coming up to 6 years, but I've been back and forth to Penrose since I was 18 months old.

So your family has some history in the village?

Dad was born in Penrose and mum in Bowral. But the connection to this area goes back further than that with mum's side of the family being in the Southern Highlands since the 1800's. Both my grandfather and my dad built properties in Penrose, in Dunlop Lane, which are still standing today and my grandparents and uncle are buried in Penrose Cemetery - so yes there is a bit of history there.

Bringing it more up to date it's also lovely to have one of my sisters, Susan, who is married to Henrik, living just down the road from us.

What do you like about living in Penrose?

I love that we are surrounded by nature here in Penrose and of course the people are lovely.

What do you enjoy about your job?

The job really suits the sort of person I am. I like things to be organised and a Post Office *has* to be organised. Hopefully I'm also providing a valuable service to the community.

I really enjoy seeing everyone when they come in to get their mail. It's a lovely environment to be working in and it's rather fun organizing all those little boxes behind me!

It's also lovely to get parcels in, then hand them out to their recipients and see the smiles some packages bring to a face. *Editors note – We assume that handing over the envelopes with the bills doesn't get the same reaction!*

What do you do when you are not working at the Post Office?

I enjoy being at mums place and pottering around the garden and when I get the chance I pop down to the place I have at Queanbeyan.

I also read a lot of books, any sort of books, fiction, non-fiction and from action to fantasy thrillers. I think it would be fair to say I love reading anything.

Welcome Simon and Ellie



By now I'm sure most of you will have met Simon and Ellie who have bought and are now running the Penrose Village General Store. It is so exciting to have the cafe open as it gives all of us a place to catch up with each other for a coffee or tea, breakfast or lunch.

The atmosphere in the Penrose Village General Store is so welcoming and it's lovely to see so many young people from the village having the opportunity to learn the ropes of working in a cafe in their own village. As well as the cafe side of things the Store also has a range of essential groceries and recently the ice creams have arrived -making it a perfect place for the children to get together too and enjoy an ice cream or milk shake.

Simon and Ellie are getting to know the various characters in the village and although getting any new business is a lot of hard work they are up for the challenge.

"We just love Penrose and all the people we are meeting. The support we have had from everyone has been wonderful and if anyone has any ideas for anything else we should be providing just let us know," said Simon.

PENROSE TENNIS CLUB INC.

Penrose Tennis Club has been in existence for over 30 years and currently has 24 registered members – which if you think about it is roughly 10% of our community. The Club is open to all ages and abilities.

A mixed group plays regularly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8.30-9.30 (half an hour later in winter). Generally both courts are in continuous use for that hour, with much enthusiasm, laughter and a slow progression of improvement in play.

Through the summer months, during daylight saving, we hold Twilight Tennis on the second Saturday of the month between 4-6pm, weather permitting. This is open to the whole community and doesn't cost a thing. Look out for the signs and email notifications. Again, it's very low key with the essence on having fun.

Penrose also has a team which plays in the Wingecarribee Tennis Association Thursday Ladies competition. This is composed of mostly Penrose members, with our captain, Irene Davenport, having played continuously in this competition since the inception of the club, in 1989 ... quite an achievement!

In most years we also give some coaching tips to the Penrose School children in Term 2. Sadly, that couldn't happen in 2020 because of Covid but hopefully we will get back to do that this year. It is amazing to see how quickly some of the children pick up the skills.

Tennis has been proven to be a very important sport in later years as well. Apparently, the movement and mental stimulus (to remember the score!) are meant to be very beneficial in keeping body and mind in good condition. So think about coming and joining us one day.

If you are interested in playing but the times we are currently playing do not suit you, please feel free to create a group and time that is more convenient. Membership of the club entitles you to a key to the courts and free access as long as they are not currently in use by other members. We hope to re-establish a court booking system at the Penrose Café but until that is available please book a court by calling:

Caroline Hartley 0410 652 268

Maria Dunn on 0468 334 188



A NEW HALL FOR PENROSE?



Many of you will have seen the information board and the model of the proposed new Penrose Hall in the Penrose General Village Store recently.

In late January the PCA applied for a grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Relief Fund (BLERF) for a new hall. It is important to note that this project has been worked on jointly by the Penrose Hall Committee and the PCA, but for various reasons it was decided that the grant application would be submitted by the PCA. Over the past 20 years the Penrose Hall Committee have had numerous discussions with Wingecarribee Shire Council as to how the old hall could be improved or a new hall built but to no avail.

As we began a new push last year to get a new hall the BLERF grant was opened and our project ticked all the necessary boxes and a decision was made to go full steam ahead to apply for the grant.

Many thanks to several people in the village who have worked tirelessly on the grant application and to those Penrose businesses who have donated time and resources to get the project to this stage.

Of course there will be many other community groups who have applied for the same funding for no doubt worthy projects but we have certainly given it our best shot. Now we wait until mid June to find out if our application was successful.

Thank you to everyone who has signed our 'support sheet' and to everyone who has given us encouragement to keep going. Thanks also to those people who have asked various questions about the proposed new hall. All suggestions have been taken on board and will be discussed when we get to the next stage.

For more details on the proposed new hall take a look on www.penrose.net.au or [CLICK HERE](#).

PENROSE POST OFFICE

Opening Hours and Services

Monday - Friday 8am to 11am

Mail boxes are free to Penrose residents so if you moved your mail away from Penrose and would like to move back, or have recently moved to the village and would like a mail box please pop in and see Anne.

The Penrose Post Office does not deliver mail. It is your responsibility to collect your mail.

Penrose Post Office is expanding their mail services and are now selling Express Post bags and you will be able to post parcels etc.

Due to Covid regulations we ask that PO customers enter the PO through the cafe door and exit through the PO door. Your co-operation with this is much appreciated.



PENROSE DEFIBRILLATORS

In Penrose we are fortunate, thanks to the kind generosity of individuals, community and grants, to have two automated external defibrillators (AED) machines.

One is situated at the Penrose shop on the front wall, the other at the front of the Penrose Village Hall.

These machines are very easy to use and will automatically talk you through what you have to do should you need to use one.

To watch an instructional video on how to use a AED [CLICK HERE](#)

Remember the sooner you use a defibrillator on someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest the greater that person's chances of survival. The AED will **not** give the person an electric shock unless it's necessary, so you can't harm someone by using an AED.



GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOOS IN PENROSE

Have you seen any Glossy Black-Cockatoos in Penrose? If you have be sure to grab your phone or camera, take a photo and get in touch with the people from [Glossies in the Mist](#).

The Glossies in the Mist project aims to protect the beautiful Glossy Black-Cockatoo in the only remaining vegetated corridor between the southern Blue Mountains and Morton National Park.

By protecting tree hollows and feed trees (Allocasuarina species) within this corridor, it is hoped future generations will be able to see this gorgeous creature flying through the forests of the Southern Highlands for many years to come.

Several Glossy Black-Cockatoos have been seen in Penrose and been named by a variety of people, including some Penrose residents.

The names (some of whom may give you a clue to who named them) include: Angel, Beth, Cassy, Dewey, Freda, Freya, Jemima, Kath, Leanne, Louise (& Melissa her juvenile, the name isn't official yet), Maisie, Meg, Melinda, Midnight, Molly, Nolly, Penny, Penny-Rose (names by Penrose RFS), Quiggy, Rosie, Sparky, Vicky, Zelda and there is Matilda who was named in Wingello but has also been photographed in Penrose.

The Glossy Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus lathami*) is the smallest of the five black cockatoos in Australia. It's plumage is dull brown-black, with red or orange-red tail panels. It has a bulbous bill and a small and inconspicuous crest.

Adult females exhibit extensive yellow patches on their head and neck and the tail panels tend to be more orange-red with black bars, but can become more red and less barred with age.



Louise (named after Louise Docker)

Some adult males have a few yellow feathers on the head and the males' tail panels tend to be bright red.

Young birds look similar to adult males, however they tend to have yellow spotted or streaked flanks and under-bodies, with some yellow spots on their head.

Glossy Black-Cockatoos are notoriously quiet and regularly return to feed on favoured stands of Black She-oaks (*Allocasuarina littoralis*) or Weeping She-oak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*).

If you are a landholder who would like to receive locally-sourced Allocasuarina tubestock, to improve foraging habitat for Glossy Black-Cockatoos please contact [The Glossies in the Mist project](#) on the details opposite.

Many thanks to Penrose's wonderful photographer

Louise Docker for her photos of the Glossy Blacks - taken last year in Penrose.

You can find more info about the Glossies in the Mist project on their [website](#) and follow their page on [facebook](#). You can also submit [sightings](#) and order [trees](#) by following the links.



An Adult male



Melissa (named after Louise's daughter)



PENROSE RFS

It has been a pretty quiet summer for the Penrose RFS - not that anyone is complaining!

Several new members joined Penrose RFS in the past 12 months and many of those have already gone on to achieve their Bush Firefighter qualification. Meanwhile other members, involved in last years fires, have gone on to obtain other qualifications. Training these members proved challenging because of the changing Covid restrictions but many thanks to Captain Mike Lawrence and Deputy Dave Frank for their perseverance in fitting in training as and when the opportunities arose.

Although we have enjoyed a pretty cool and wet summer the threat of bush fire is never far away so please do not get complacent.



You cannot burn in a bush fire danger period without a permit from the RFS. The bush fire danger period can be subject to change depending on the weather conditions so please do not think 'oh summer has finished I can now burn.' That is NOT the case!

For more information on the bush fire danger period and permits please go to:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP>

or [CLICK HERE](#)

When Covid allows RFS training takes place at the Penrose RFS shed on Wednesday nights 7pm-9pm, so please feel free to come along to find out more.

Timber Auction

Building and Landscaping Timber kindly donated by Penrose Pine Products will be auctioned on

Saturday 20th March at Penrose Village Park

(also known as the Oval - next to the Penrose hall)

Proceeds from the auction will go to village groups to help with upcoming projects not least of which is a new Penrose Village Hall



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