

Penrose Village News

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Keeping you in touch with village life

Successful Timber Auction

“The Penrose Community Association (PCA) ran a successful ‘Penrose Timber Auction’ in September raising over \$19,000 which will go towards the new Penrose Hall project (see next article).

Peter Cush, from Penrose Pine Products, is so incredibly supportive of the work the PCA are doing with regard to the new hall and his generosity in donating an enormous amount of timber for the auction is simply outstanding. I think Peter’s dad, Warren, would be incredibly proud that his son is carrying on the family tradition of helping the community. A big thank you to Peter and Michael along with the other guys at the mill who helped us prior to the Timber Auction day and on the day itself.

This year we were also lucky enough to have a large amount of beautiful hardwood donated by Jeff Elliot, who has a hardwood mill in the village. Again the generosity of people in our small village just makes it all the effort of jumping through the red tape hoops to get this event happening worthwhile so a big thank you to Jeff.

Another Penrose resident, Mick Daley, kindly donated a load of excellent firewood, which was also auctioned off on the day. Anyone who has bought firewood from Mick will know how good it is and judging by the weather we might all be needing firewood through the summer! A big thank you to Mick - your donation really meant a lot.

‘Curly’ Charwood once again was the wonderful auctioneer who did a superb job of keeping everyone entertained whilst at the same time selling timber. A big thanks to Curly - we really couldn’t do it without you - well we maybe could but it wouldn’t be nearly so much fun.



We really felt the Timber Auction went up a ‘notch’ this year. This was thanks to a few people. Firstly it was the eye catching advertising poster created by Louise Docker and Emma Dunnage and this was followed by the addition of the Auction Paddles very kindly made by Henrik -thanks to all involved.

Photos kindly supplied by: Louise Docker

Thanks to everyone else who helped in the run up to the Auction and on the day. John, Bob, Dan, Todd, Nicole, Louise, Kathy, Mary ... there are always lots of other people who helped in the background doing jobs I didn't know about so if I have forgotten anyone I'm sorry and thank you!

We can't finish the 'Thank You's' without mentioning Jo Sperzel who came along after the auction had finished and helped numerous people load up their timber. We hadn't asked Jo to help - he just got in there and helped - now there is a real Penrosian! In fairness Jo and his family have been in Penrose for generations so he knows a thing or two about helping out - thanks Jo!

This year, for the first time, two younger members of the Penrose Tennis Club, Ben and David, assisted by Mary, ran a BBQ during the auction. Although the weather was less than ideal the BBQ went down well and hopefully will be something that could grow in the years to come.

As we mentioned earlier putting on the Timber Auction seems to get harder each year as we attempt to fulfil the conditions put upon us from Wingecarribee Shire Council (WSC). PCA certainly spent many hours speaking with WSC with the end result being a very successful day all round.

To all those who bought timber/firewood - thank you. We hope you all felt that you got a bargain (which you certainly did) and we can't wait to see what projects are made possible due to the Penrose Timber Auction.



**If you missed out on a bargain this year - don't worry the Penrose Timber Auction is held each year
We'll let you know the date of the 2023 Auction ASAP**



New Penrose Hall Update

The Penrose Community Association (PCA) recently signed a contract with Chris Bulmer OAM, from Greenwich Build Pty Ltd, who have taken on the job of building the new Penrose Village Hall. The total project cost is \$2.5 million with \$1.7 of the funding coming from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund, co-funded by the Australian and NSW Governments, which the PCA were successful in gaining. A further \$400k is coming from Wingecarribee Shire Council (WSC) while additional funding is being sought through various grants to fund the balance of the project. The new village hall will be a council owned asset once it is completed.

“It’s been quite a journey to get to this point,” said Alison Duthie, President of the PCA, “and it is certainly the biggest project, from a financial point of view, that Penrose has ever undertaken. We are very lucky to have some very talented, hardworking, and extremely community minded people in the village who have put in an extraordinary amount of time into the project up to this point and the signing of the builder was a huge milestone.”

“The Penrose community have been pushing to get a new hall for decades because although we all love our old hall it is not a big enough space to see Penrose into the future as the whole region continues to grow,” said John Duffy, Vice President of PCA. “We are very thankful for the BLER and WSC funding and will continue to seek other funding to enable a fully successful outcome.”

Chris Bulmer OAM, Director of Greenwich Build Pty Ltd met with members of the PCA at the current Penrose Hall to sign the building contract. “We are delighted to be working with the Penrose Community Association on their new village hall project,” said Chris. “As a local construction company, we are passionate about community projects and look forward to producing a quality building that will serve the needs of the Penrose community and beyond for generations to come.”

Jeff Freeman, Chairman of the current Penrose Hall, member of PCA and project manager of the new



Members of the PCA working group for the new hall meet with Chris Bulmer (OAM) from Greenwich Build Pty Ltd

Don't worry the new hall will not be made out of musk sticks and liquorice

hall is also excited about the opportunities the new building will bring to one of the Southern Highlands smallest villages. “The new village hall will be able to accommodate 125 people, compared to the 70 we currently accommodate, and another welcome addition will be inside toilets – much needed in the chillier months!”

The project is expected to be completed towards the end of next year with planning already underway for the first music concert.



Australian Government



Successful Floriade Trip

Ten Penrose ladies all enjoyed a day out at Floriade recently thanks to a grant received from Wingecarribee Club Grants 2022 (the local club being Moss Vale Services Club). A mini bus was hired (using some of the grant money) and Dan (Medd) very kindly put his hand up to drive the bus to Canberra and back. After looking around Floriade for a few hours Dan then drove the group to the National Arboretum at Canberra where they enjoyed a bit of time at one of Canberra's beautiful spots where the gardens and views are outstanding.



A big thank you to Dan for demonstrating his superb driving skills on the way to and from Canberra and allowing everyone to have a enjoyable stress free trip to the ACT.

Although this trip was for the ladies the plan is to do a men's trip in the near future, so keep a watch on your emails and any flyers at the shop and noticeboard to find out more about that trip.



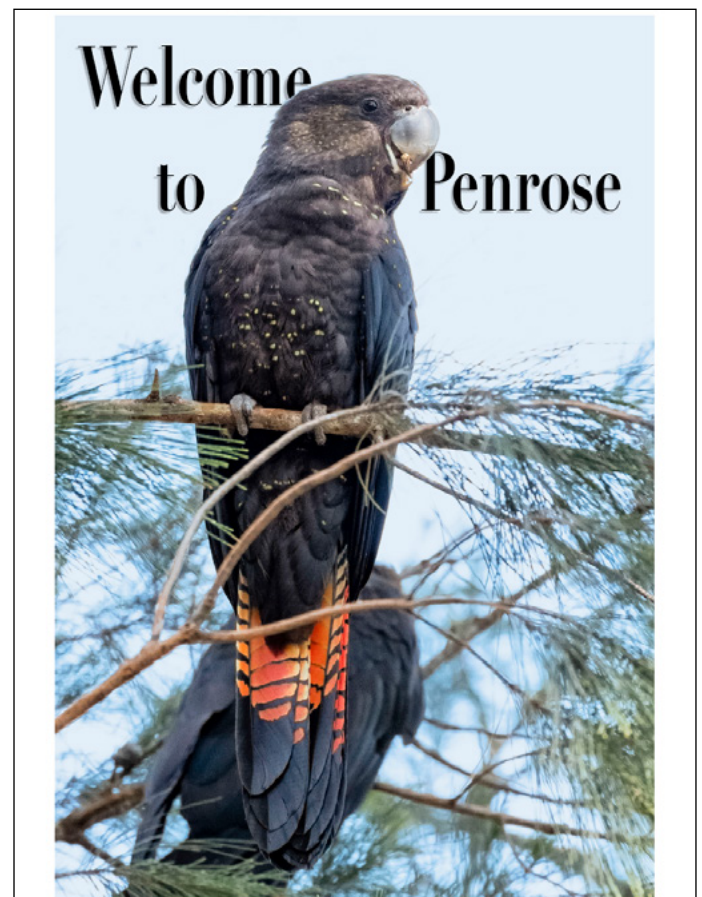
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Welcome to Penrose

The PCA has finally got their act together and produced a 'Welcome to Penrose' brochure which will be given to new Penrose residents when they move into the village.

The brochure aims to give new residents some information on Penrose itself along with details about the various different groups from the Penrose Tennis Club to Penrose School.

Why not flick through a 'shop copy' of 'Welcome to Penrose' the next time you are enjoying a coffee at the Penrose Cafe or click on the image below to read the online version.



Mobile Library in Penrose
November 22nd
December 6th and 20th
1.30pm - 2pm

To keep up to date with what is happening in Penrose follow us on [Facebook Penrose Community Association](#)

You can contact the PCA by email: penroseca@gmail.com Ph: 0407855560 or <https://penrose.net.au>

Penrose RFS News



The statutory Bush Fire Danger Period runs from 1 October to 31 March. If you are planning to light a fire in the open during this time, you will need a Fire Permit from the Brigade either contact Capt Mike Lawrence 0411138765 or Senior Deputy Captain Dave Frak 0427248934.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to plan-and-prepare, know-your-risk, Bush-fire-hazards-and-your-property, fire-permits.

Everyone should make themselves familiar with the new Fire Danger Ratings. Stay aware and stay safe.

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System starts 1 September



Key features

- Now 4 ratings and colour levels instead of 6.
- New size, location and shade of colour used for the wedges.
- The white bar at the bottom left meaning 'NO RATING', is used on days when there is minimal risk.
- Community messaging with actions to reduce your risk.



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



Penrose Afternoon Tea

A wonderful afternoon tea was enjoyed by several locals back in August with a spread prepared by some enthusiastic Penrose bakers.

With something delicious on offer for everyone, including gluten free options, the choice ranged from sandwiches, fruit, scones and of course chocolate brownies.

Many thanks to Susan Lund who organised the afternoon along with Tess and Grania McMahon and Mei Watanabe who helped with the baking, decorations and serving on the day.

The plan is to run at least four afternoon teas a year, giving locals the chance to catch up and enjoy each others company.



NO RATING

On days where there's minimal risk, like when it's raining, the white bar meaning "No Rating" will be used. You should continue to monitor conditions. Report any fires to 000.

NSW www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/newfdr

MODERATE

Plan and prepare.
 > Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.

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EXTREME

Take action now to protect your life and property.
 > These are dangerous fire conditions.
 > Check your bush fire plan and ensure that your property is fire ready.
 > If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.
 > Reconsider travel through bush fire risk areas.

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CATASTROPHIC

For your survival leave bush fire risk areas.
 > These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire.
 > Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire.
 > Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.
 > Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions.
 > You may not be able to leave, and help may not be available.

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HIGH

Be ready to act.
 > There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area.
 > Decide what you will do if a fire starts.
 > If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk.
 > The safest option is to avoid bush fire risk areas.

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You'll find the new Fire Danger Ratings on the RFS website, Fires Near Me app and on roadside signs.

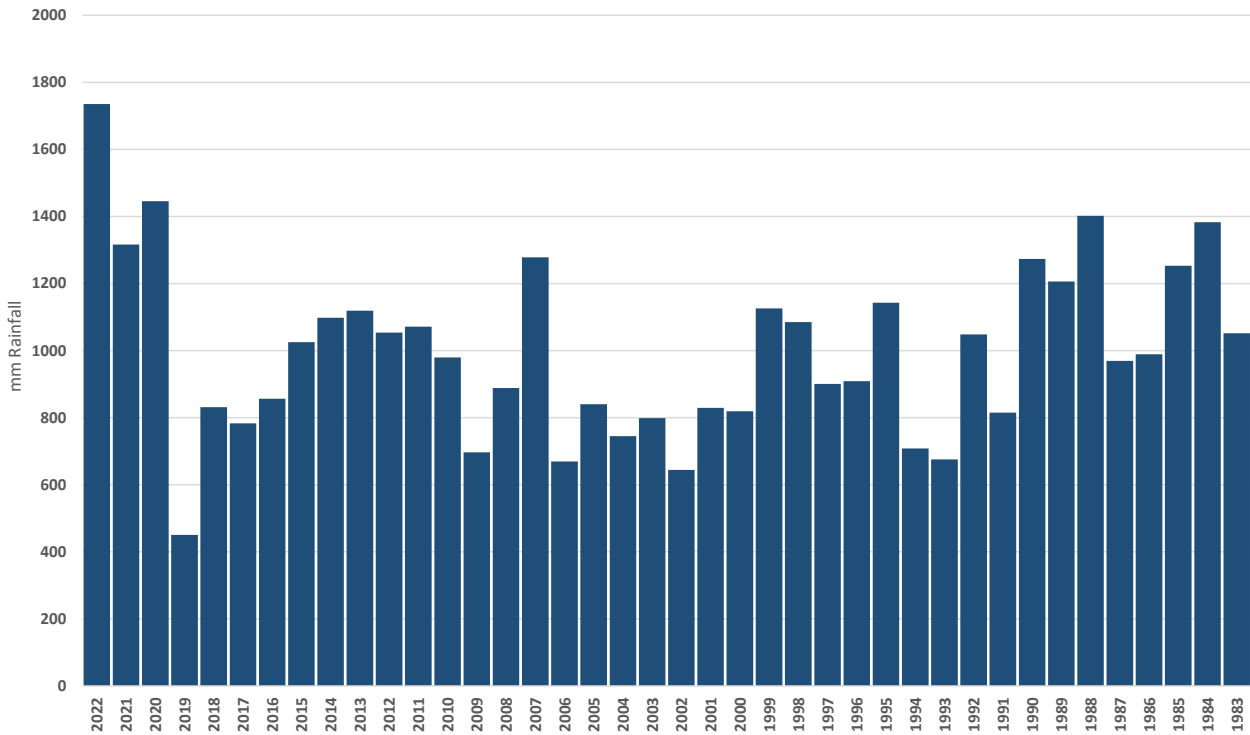
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For more information

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>

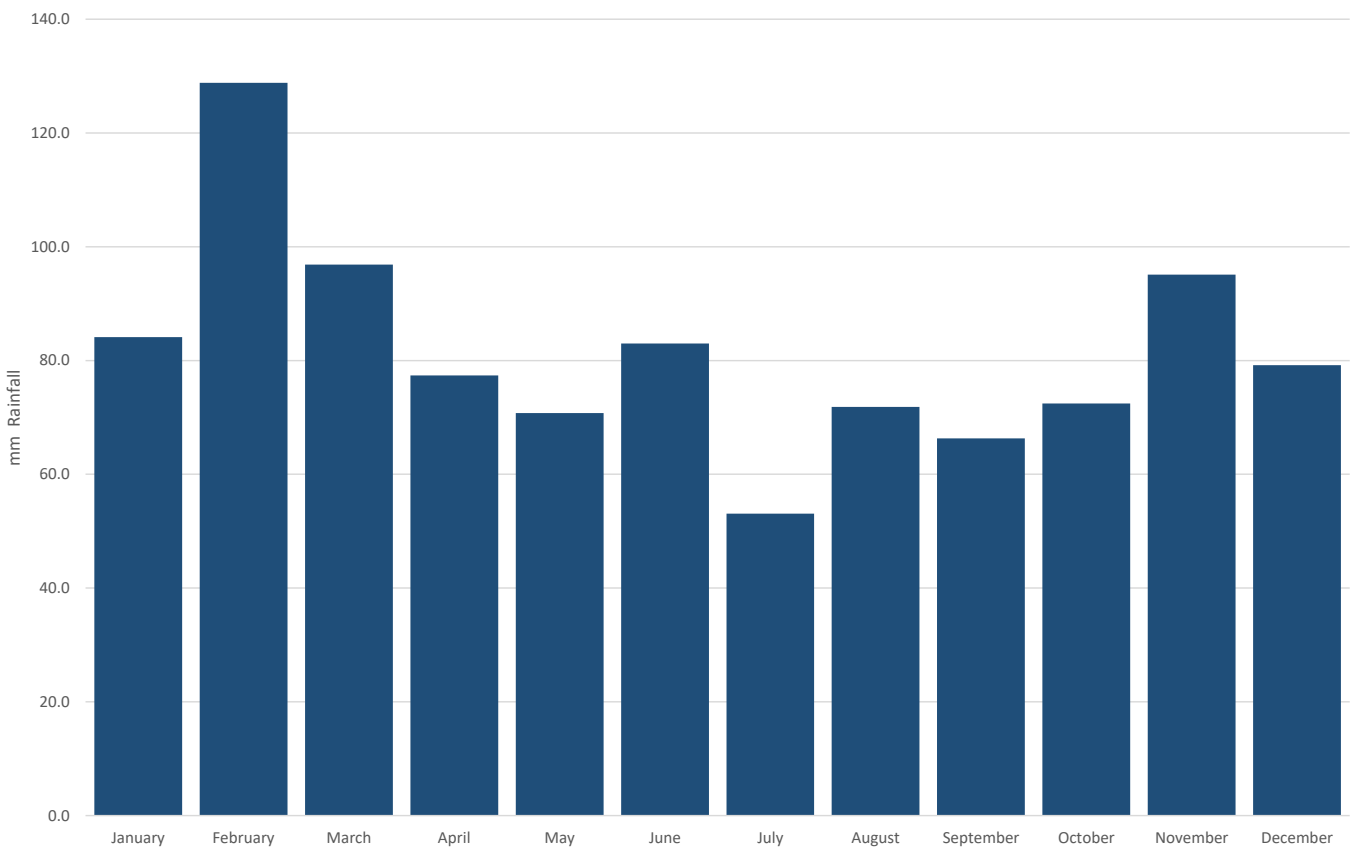
<https://www.facebook.com/PenroseRuralFireBrigade>

Penrose - Yearly rainfall 1983 to 2022



Many thanks to Kathy Hancock who provided us with her rainfall graphs.

Penrose NSW - Monthly average rainfall 1983 to 2022



STOP PRESS - Congratulations

Many congratulations to Penrose resident and RFS member Chris Harker and his partner, Alice, on the safe arrival of their little baby girl Lucy Annabelle who arrived Tuesday 8th November. We look forward to meeting Lucy soon.