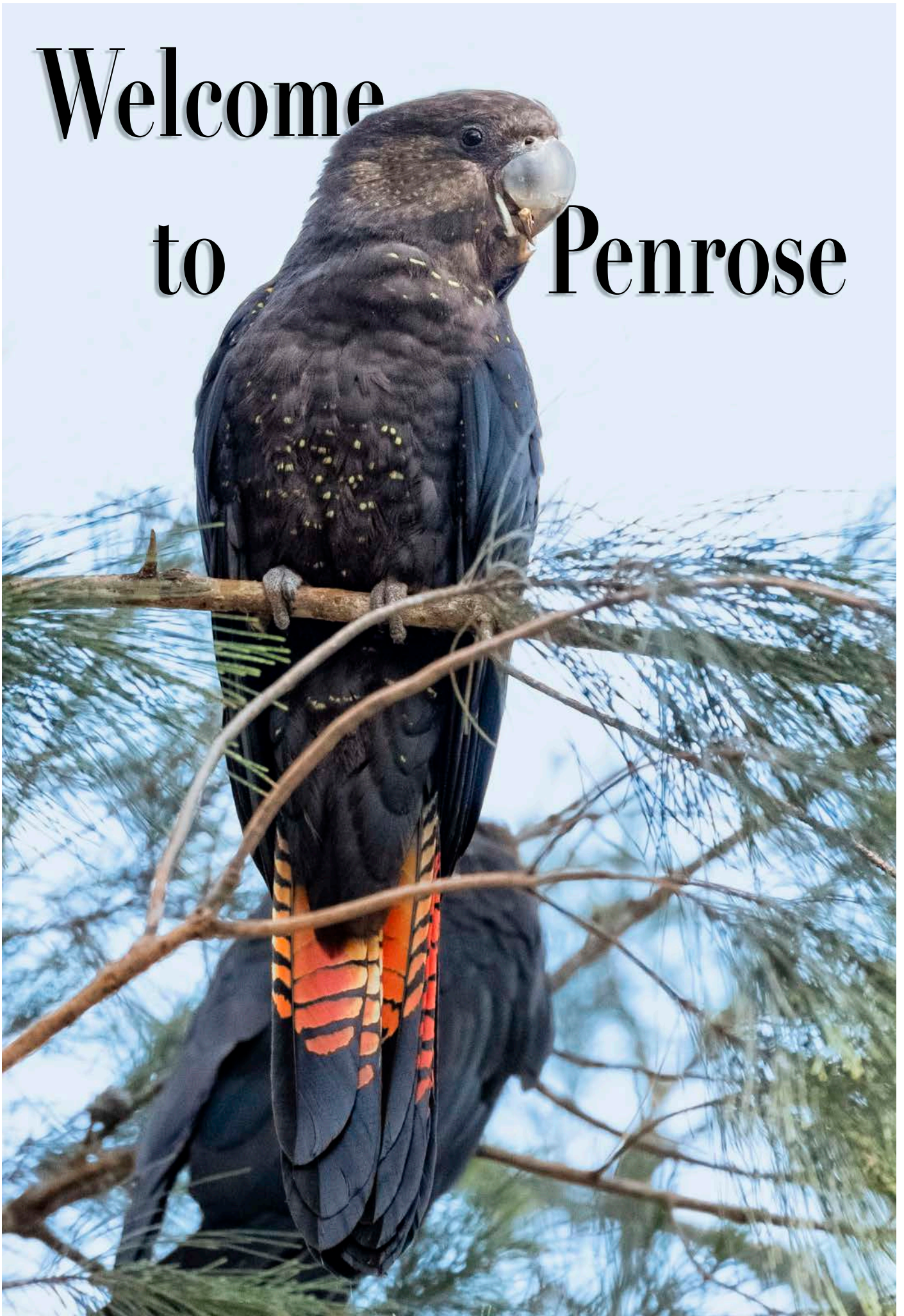


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You could be forgiven for thinking 'Penrose, blink and you'll miss it!' but if you take the time to stop and scratch the surface, you'll discover a world of professional, hugely talented, passionate people with a wealth of world experience, quietly enjoying the benefits of living in this private pocket of the Southern Highlands. Take a drive down some of the fire trails and lanes and you will discover a lot more than first meets the eye on a drive-through of the village centre.

The railway went through to Marulan in 1868 and Penrose established itself as a village shortly after. The railway station was originally called Cable's Siding and was further south than it is now. The change of name to Penrose and the village's current location came about in 1916.

A comprehensive guide to the rich history of Penrose can be found in 'Picturing Penrose - A hamlet in the Southern Highlands 1911-2011' by Keith McMenemy - available at the Penrose Café / PO, or by emailing the Penrose Community Association (PCA) penroseca@gmail.com

A bustling orchard town in the early 1900's Penrose attracted growers and tourists until the last productive orchard closed its roadside stall doors in the late 1980's.

The sawmill (Penrose Pine Products) began in 1939 and has continued to grow over the years providing employment to many locals. The 'Mill' has also been a generous supporter of the local community donating timber for the annual Penrose Timber Auction.

Sylvan Glen is another historical point of interest and is now an award-winning wedding and conference venue boasting its very own golf course.



An Overview of Penrose

Coordinates: 34°40'30"S 150°12'45" E

Population 263 (2021 census)

Postcode 2579

Local Government: Wingecarribee Shire

Region: Southern Highlands

County: Camden

Parish: Mittagong

State electorate(s): Goulburn

Federal Division(s): Hume

Elevation: 648m

Postal information

All mail is delivered to the Penrose Village General Store where it can be collected between the hours of 8am to 3pm, Monday to Friday. Please speak with our Postmaster Simon about opening a post office box and any other mail requirements.



Penrose State Forest

Penrose State Forest is well-known in NSW, given its location on either side of the Hume Highway just over an hour from Sydney. Forests in this area are a mixture of pine plantations and native species. The first radiata pines were planted in this area in the Belanglo State Forest in 1919. Today there are around 3,500 hectares of commercial pine plantations in the Southern Highlands with timber being processed at a local mill. Today's forest management practices protect biodiversity, soil and water quality and cultural heritage sites while also allowing for sustainable timber production.

Paddy's River

Paddy's River flows through the Penrose area. Rising west of Bundanoon it flows generally west northwest, before reaching its confluence with the Wollondilly River west of the locality of Cayonleigh. The river was named by a survey team in 1818 who camped on its banks.



Native flora and fauna

Our State Forest is home to an abundance of native flora and fauna. Adjacent to the forestry is Stingray Swamp Flora Reserve (SWFR). Stingray Swamp belongs to a larger wetland complex known as the Paddy's River Wetland Complex (PRWC) and it supports a rich array of flora and fauna.

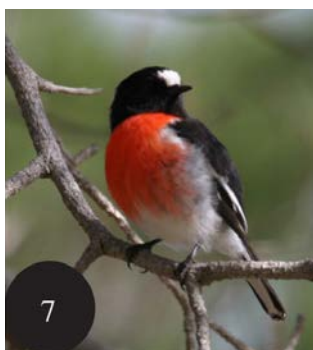
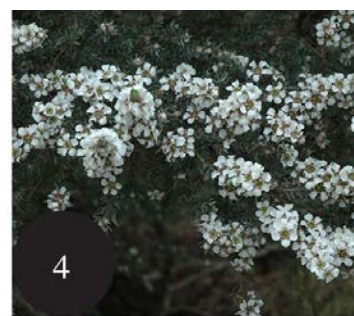
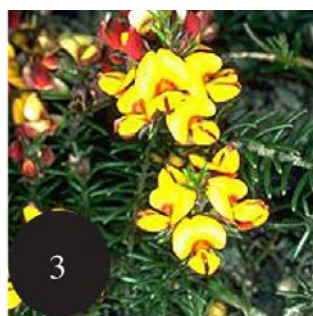
Stingray Swamp exhibits a distinctive and rich mixture of heath, shrub, grasses and fern species with the most notable being the variety of bird life due to dense vegetation, which has drawn bird watching groups to the area. SWFR is also host to several state and nationally protected and endangered species.

Species Status

- 1/ Broad-leaved sally (Eucalyptus aquatica) Protected; Vulnerable
- 2/ Camden Woollybutt (Eucalyptus macarthurii) Protected; Vulnerable
- 3/ Dwarf Phyllota (Phyllota humifusa) Protected; Vulnerable
- 4/ Woolly Tea Tree (Leptospermum lanigerum) Protected
- 5/ Prostrate Cone bush (Isopogon prostratus) Protected
- 6/ Gang-gang cockatoo (Callocephalon fimbriatum) Protected; Vulnerable;

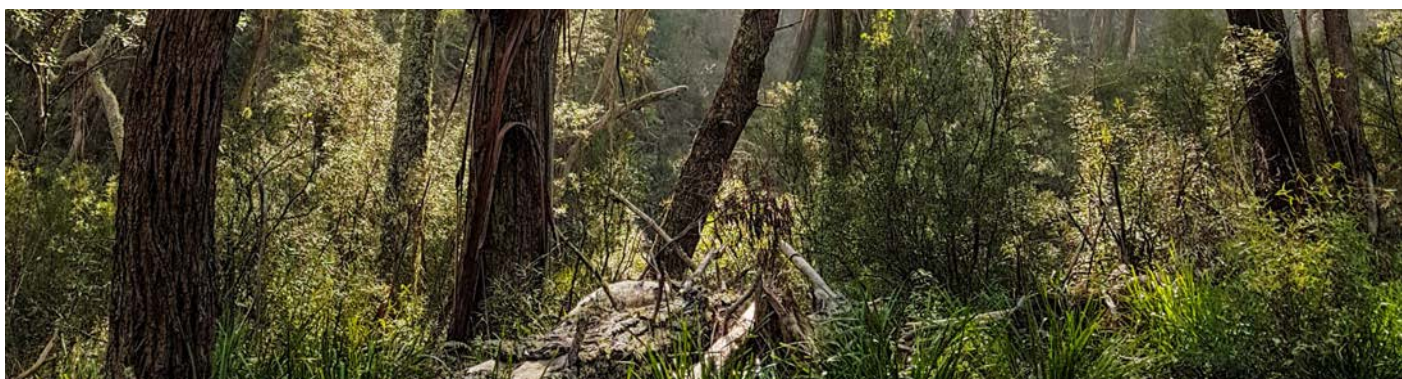
Sensitivity Class 3

- 7/ Scarlet robin (Scarlet Robin) Vulnerable; Protected
- 8/ Giant Dragonfly (Petalura gigantea)



Endangered flora and fauna

Koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, wombats and a number of endangered birds (including the Glossy Black and Gang Gang Cockatoos) call Penrose home. These wonderful native animals rely on our local bushland for their food and shelter. Please help us to help them. Watch out for them on the roads and consider keeping areas of bush on your property undisturbed.





While a Glossy Black enjoys some food a pair of Gang Gang Cockatoo's inspect a tree hollow

Glossy Black Cockatoo (above)

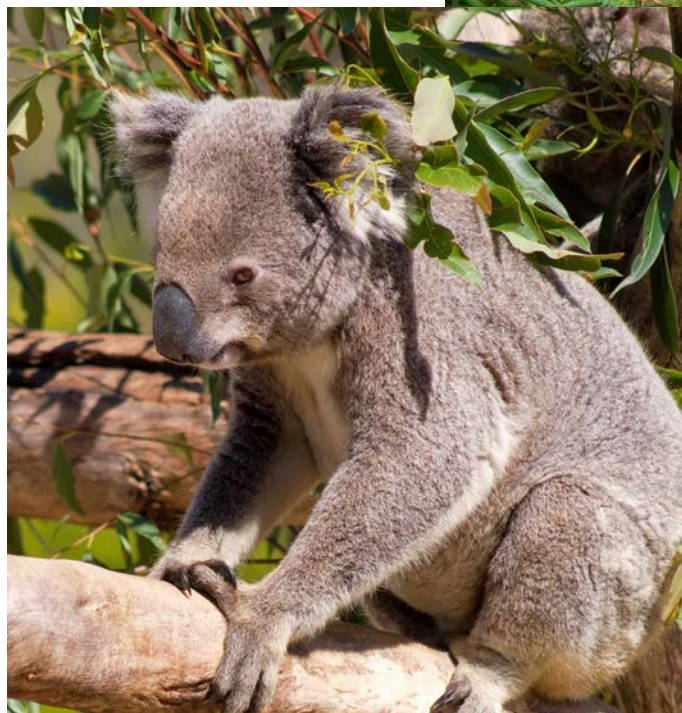
For further information on Glossy black Cockatoos check out <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/news/glossies-in-the-mist>

Gang-gang Cockatoo (male - right)

For further information on the Gang-gang Cockatoos or to report a sighting visit: Naturemapr <https://southern-highlands.naturemapr.org/species/2201>

Koalas

For further information or to report a sighting of Koalas, visit the Southern Highlands Koala Conservation Project <https://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Environment-Projects/Southern-Highlands-Koala-Conservation-Project>





Bio-luminescent Ghost Fungi (*Omphalotus Nidiformis*)

Fungi

Penrose is home to an amazing variety of native and introduced fungi. Some are edible, some are

VERY POISONOUS

The peak fungi season in Penrose starts towards the end of January through to April but they can also sporadically pop up throughout the year. Warmish days with a bit of moisture and cold nights are all part of the conditions needed for them to appear.

Visit the fungi field guide on NatureMapr for further information on varieties that can be found in this area. <https://southern-highlands.naturemapr.org/categories/guide/1696>



Cortinarius species



Ramaria species



The Penrose Community Association

The Penrose Community Association (PCA) is a group of resident's keen to look after, protect and enhance the beautiful village we live in. We aim for sustainability into the future where our environment is not diminished. We raise with our local Wingecarribee Council any issues that may affect Penrose and organize community events such as dinners and concerts bringing residents and the wider community together.

The PCA sends out information of upcoming events to anyone in the community who has passed on their email to us. So please feel free to drop us a line to penroseca@gmail.com and keep up to date with village life.

The PCA website is www.penrose.net.au and on there you will find information about all the local groups. A membership form for joining the PCA can also be found here.

Be assured that when you join the PCA you are simply supporting your community - it is always up to you as to how involved you would like to be.

Various interest groups operate in Penrose such as Natter & Splatter, a social group for budding artists, Pilates, singing and table tennis.

A community noticeboard is located next to the Penrose Village General store & café with notices of current events and items for sale.

Accommodation

Penrose has a variety of accommodation often tucked away down a side road, typically, these are Air BNB . These often come in handy if you happen to be organizing a family event where extra accommodation is required.

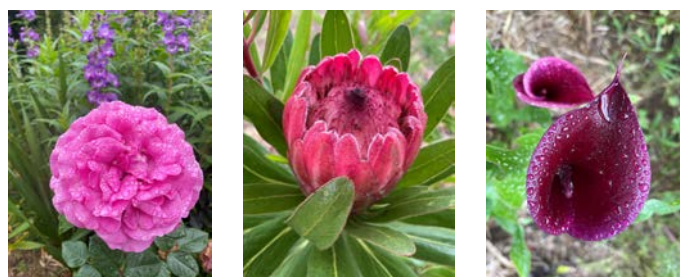
Mobile Library

The Wingecarribee Shire Council operate a Mobile Library van that visits Penrose on a fortnightly basis. For more information visit <https://library.wsc.nsw.gov.au/mobile-library>



Gardens

Cool climate gardens, including exotics and natives thrive in the Southern Highlands. Keep an eye out for open gardens where the public are invited to leisurely stroll through private gardens, including Penrose.



The Penrose Hall c1954

The village hall belongs to Wingecarribee Shire Council and is run by volunteers who form the Penrose Hall Committee. As well as being the venue for concerts and community events, such as the Cancer Council morning teas and Community Dinners. The hall is also available for hire. Email penrosehall@gmail.com for more information.



Penrose Community Pantry

Opposite the café, is a community pantry where residents generously leave home grown produce. Often this is due to an abundance from their own vegie patches and orchards. For no charge, local residents can avail themselves of items placed there. Just another gesture from our wonderful local residents.



Penrose Public School

Penrose Public School is a well-established, small Teaching Principal school. Our students demonstrate achievement in all Key Learning Areas and are encouraged to develop a love of learning. Our highly skilled, enthusiastic and caring staff teach programs that focus on quality education and enhancing each child's talents and interests. The school community encourages additional learning such as Japanese lessons, piano, guitar and violin lessons. The school is very strongly supported by its families and local community.



School Vision Statement: Every child will have access to a quality education that includes an array of opportunities and resources. Our parents, staff and students connect with each other and work towards success to enable us all to thrive within a collaborative environment. We prepare our students for rewarding lives as engaged citizens in a complex and dynamic society.

For further information please visit <https://penrose-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or contact us on 02 4884 4238.

The Rural Fire Service

Penrose village has an active volunteer Rural Fire Service (RFS). The Penrose brigade meets for training at the RFS shed in Kareela Rd every Wednesday at 7pm.

If you would like information on what the RFS do such as the 'Pile Burn Permit' process, the emergency message notification system, what to do in the event of a bushfire, how to best prepare your property and where the village 'Neighbour Safer Place' is please contact the Penrose RFS brigade via their Facebook page Penrose RFS <https://www.facebook.com/PenroseRuralFireBrigade>

As well as being available for a chat, we also have the current RFS FirePlan packs and other information available for you. We encourage all village residents to be informed on the issues of living in a bushfire prone area. We are always happy to welcome new members, which is an ideal opportunity to receive dedicated training in dealing with bushfires.

The current captain is Mike Lawrence.



Penrose Tennis Club

Penrose Tennis Club has been in existence for over 30 years and currently has 36 registered members. The Club is open to all ages and abilities. A mixed group plays regularly on Tuesday mornings between 8.30-9.30am and generally both courts are in continuous use for that hour, with much enthusiasm, laughter and a slow progression of improvement in play.

Twilight Tennis is held on the second Saturday of the month between 4-6pm, weather permitting. This is open to the whole community and free.

For membership details or to hire a court contact Caroline Hartley carolily55@icloud.com or Maria Dunn phone details below.



Penrose playgroup

Penrose playgroup meets for children of all ages in Penrose Hall on Friday's between 10am and 1pm during school terms. Lots of fun for all with craft, music, games and play.

Please contact Lauren on penroseplaygroup@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



Penrose Train Station

Although Penrose has a limited train service, it can prove invaluable at times. Trains can take you to the CBD of Sydney as well as to the international and domestic airports. For information on train times visit <https://transportnsw.info>



Penrose Housing Co-operative

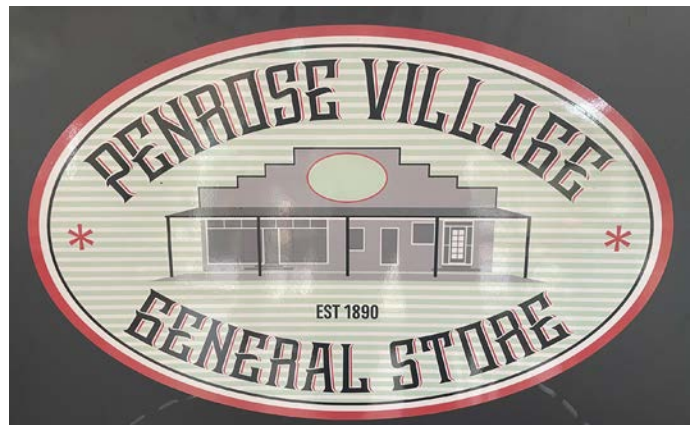
Tucked away down a side road of Penrose is a housing co-operative that was incorporated in 1981. Consisting mostly of 120 acres of native bushland, the total number of houses that can ever be built are 12. The philosophy of the co-op is to preserve the area of its flora and fauna for future generations.

Adept locals in Penrose

Various residents of Penrose are skilled in a variety of ways including a blacksmith, sculptors, horse trainers, artists and commercial compost suppliers. For a small village, Penrose has a number of versatile locals.

Penrose Village Store & General Store

And finally, Simon from the Penrose Village General Store has kindly offered to provide two free coffees at the café as an introductory offer to our new Penrose residents.



So, to our newest residents ...

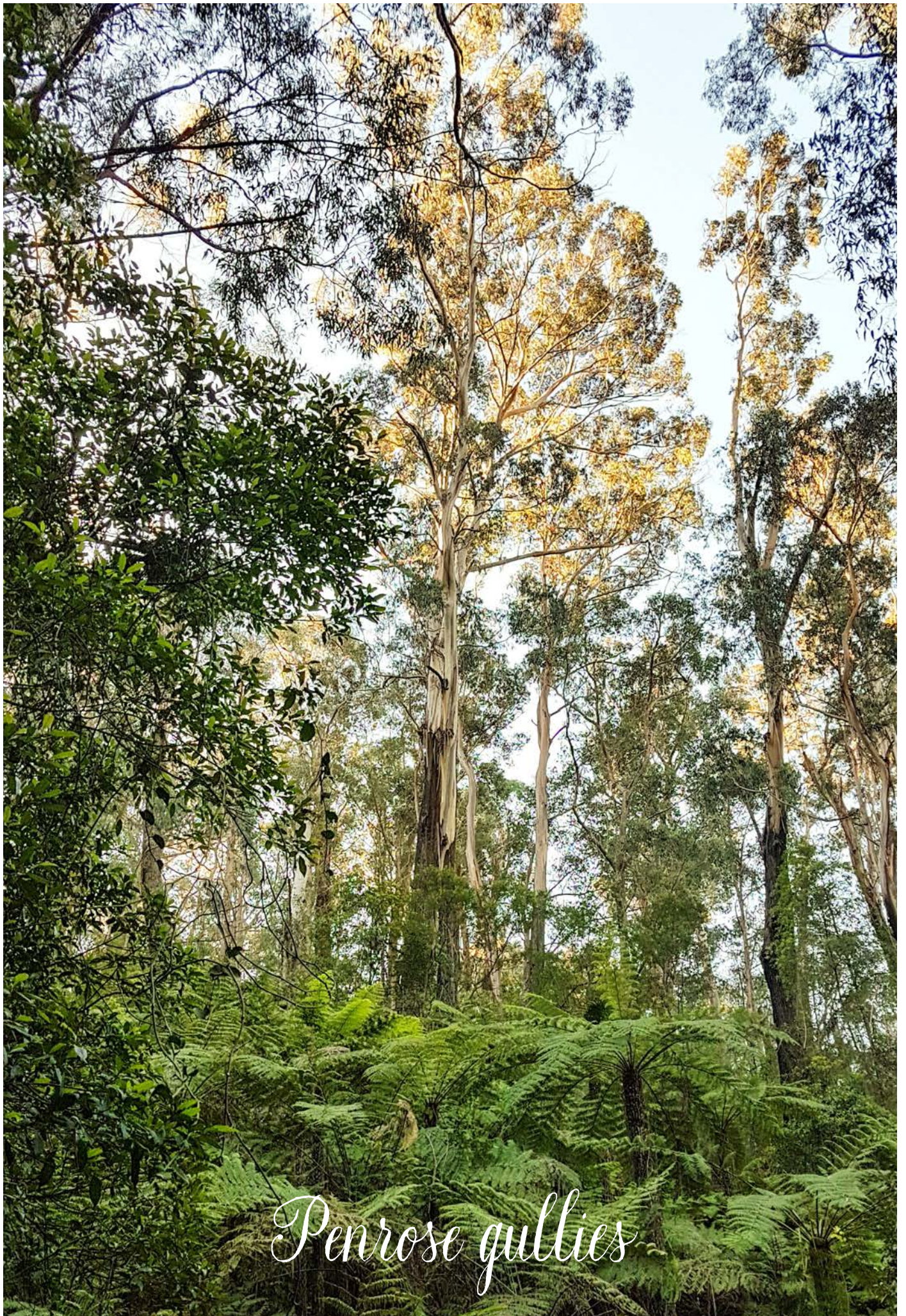
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We hope you enjoy everything our village has to offer and we look forward to meeting you in person soon.

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Penrose gullies