

# Interim Administrator Community Meetings

## Penrose – 21 October 2021

Issues raised	Response
<p><b>Fire Trails Maintenance</b></p> <p>Clear direction on Council's role and also what is Crown Land/Council Land.</p>	<p>Fire trails are managed by a variety of agencies, depending on who owns/manages the land that they are on (eg. National Parks &amp; Wildlife Services, Crown land, NSW Forestry, and even some on private land). Council only manages the fire trails that are on land managed by Council. We do have programs in place to audit and carry out works to keep them at the required standard.</p> <p>Around the southern villages though, we have very little in terms of fire trail assets. Virtually all of the registered fire trails are managed by others (Crown Land). Most of Council's fire trails assets are on the larger reserves to the north such as Mt Alexandra, Gibbergunyah Reserve, Mt Gibraltar, Berrima reserves and Hill Top reserves. If a member of the public wishes to verify who manages a particular fire trail they are welcome to contact the Rural Fire Service (Mittagong Fire Control Centre on 4871 2727) or our Bushfire Management Officer for assistance on 4868 0888.</p>
<p><b>Hire of Halls</b></p> <p>Long difficult process hirers need to go through to book Council facilities.</p>	<p>Council is currently reviewing its policies and procedures for booking of community facilities with a report due to go to Council in December. We are also looking at simplifying the process for events and reviewing our sponsorship policy to assist organisations with the cost of staging events.</p>
<p><b>Penrose Hall</b></p> <p>Allocation of funds, approx. \$400k to be determined.</p>	<p>Priorities within Council's budget and grant opportunities will be investigated to meet the shortfall in funding.</p>