



Mount Wilson Community Hall Upgrade

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Update to Mount Wilson Hall website

Village Hall Upgrade Update

In April 2021 the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund approved a grant application to upgrade the facilities at Mount Wilson Hall.

Mount Wilson Village Hall plays a central role in community life at Mount Wilson, both as a social centre and as part of the emergency management precinct. This upgrade project will ensure the Hall can support both roles in the most effective way possible.

Construction has already commenced, with an expected completion date of June 2024.

Mount Wilson Village Hall will be closed for the construction period which is expected to be complete in June 2024. During construction, the Hall will not be available for general use or hire.

It is important to note that during the construction period, Mount Wilson Hall will continue to operate as a Neighbourhood Safer Place. Neighbourhood Safer Places are a place of last resort during a bush fire emergency. They are to be used when all other options in your bush fire survival plan can't be put into action safely. Works on the upgrade project will not affect this capacity, and Mount Wilson Hall will continue to be the Mount Wilson Neighbourhood Safer Place throughout the construction process.

The Mount Wilson Village Hall Committee has collaborated with Council and the architectural designer to ensure this project addresses the layout, capacity and operations of the Hall and grounds.

The upgrade includes construction of an addition to the building that provides a new kitchen with increased capacity and functionality. The new kitchen is designed to cater for larger numbers over an extended period, such as when responding to emergency situations.

The upgrade also includes improvements to building services and the provision of additional external lighting.

The Hall upgrade will also include a library locker and free high speed community satellite WiFi, as part of the Library2U project, an outreach service being established by the Blue Mountains Library for the bushfire affected communities of Megalong Valley and Mount Wilson. The project, funded by the Federal Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program, will give residents ongoing access to the Library collection through library lockers located at community halls.

Crucial communications upgrades will also be provided through the installation of satellite WiFi at the community halls. This free, ongoing internet access will support the Library2U service, and provide an invaluable community resource.

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