



Port Stephens Council commissioned Webber Architects to provide architectural design and documentation services for the new Fern Bay Community Hall, Fern Bay NSW. The site is zoned RE1 Public Recreation under the Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan 2013 and is located on community land.

The project involved the demolition of the existing community hall, tennis clubhouse and public amenities and the provision of a much sought after new community facility, formalised car park and associated landscaping. In alignment with the brief, the new facility includes a multi-function hall space for community meetings, tennis club office and storage, kitchen facility, reception desk and public amenities.

The new single storey building is compatible with the pre-existing development and uses of the site as well as surrounding land uses. The high quality architectural design, the strategic siting of the development and the mix of materials complements the visual character of the area and the amenity, and the surrounding natural environment.

The development embodies sensitive design whilst creating visual interest and providing a high level of amenity for surrounding current and future residents. The development has been designed with respect to existing development on adjoining sites in order to preserve neighbouring amenity including solar access, natural ventilation, views and privacy.

The new development reinforces the use of the site as a community facility that will continue to provide local and regional social benefits.



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