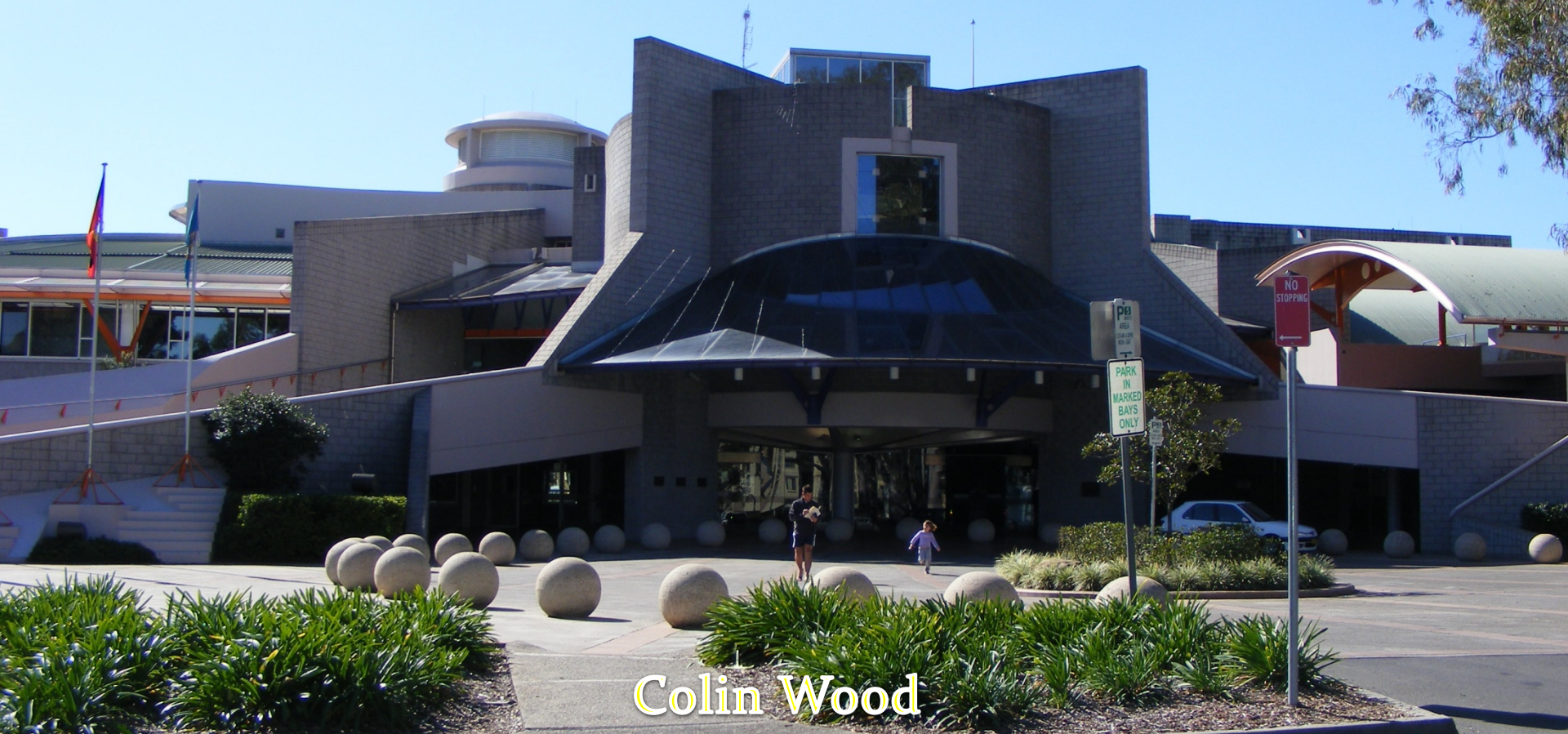


Mentoring programme



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Background

- EDAP 2012 - Bathurst
 - Identified we have lots skills and we need to share the knowledge around
 - Classroom teaching has its limitations
 - Suggested we should look at mentoring as a better alternative.



Background

Mentoring was already proving successful at Penrith



Background

We were even starting to train the mentors



Background

- Penrith Council offered to start the mentoring programme
- EDAP called for expressions of interest
- Lindsay Mathieson from Gilgandra Shire Council won the ballot



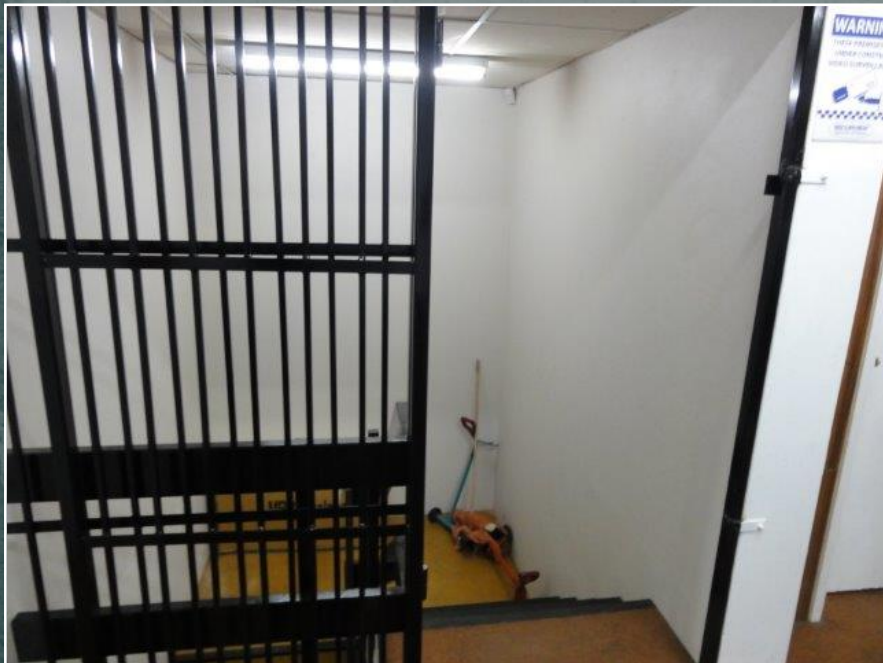
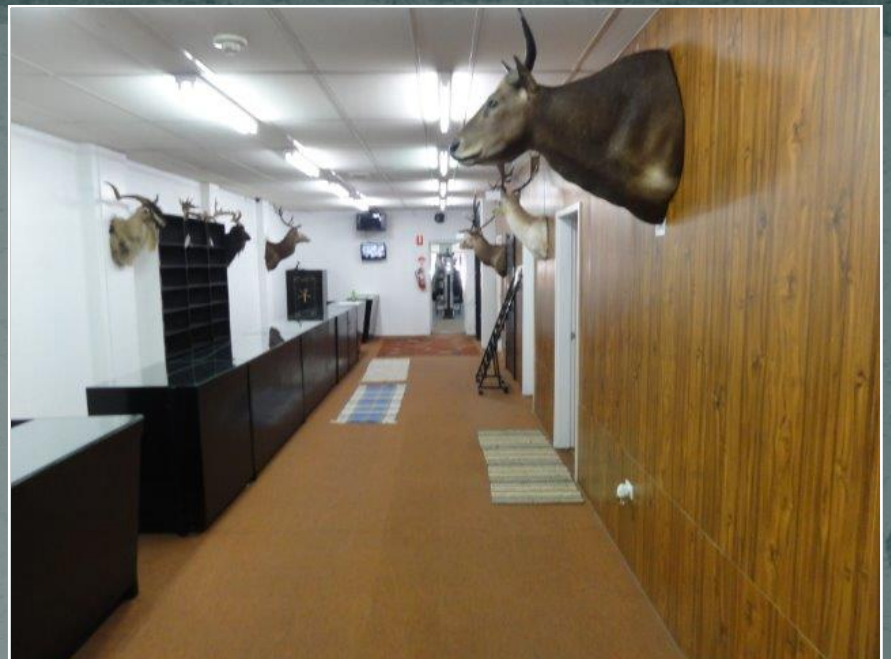
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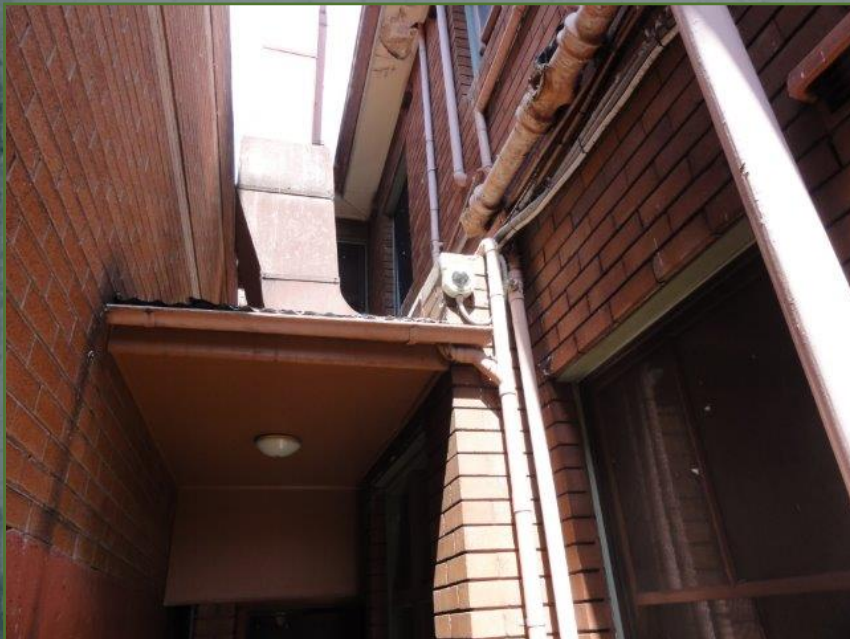
- Craig Squires contacted Lindsay to ask what he wanted to focus on.
- Proved beneficial and we were able to select appropriate projects
 - Fire safety upgrades
 - Accessibility
 - Bush Fire assessments



Projects

- Fire Safety
 - Gun shop with accommodation (where else – St Marys)
 - Hotel + accommodation (2x) (St Marys and Penrith)
 - Indoor sports centre – hydrant issue (St Clair)
 - Nursing Home (Penrith)
 - Residential flat building (Kingswood)
- Accessibility
 - Penrith Panthers Centrebet Stadium
- Bush Fire
 - Subdivision at Mulgoa Rise



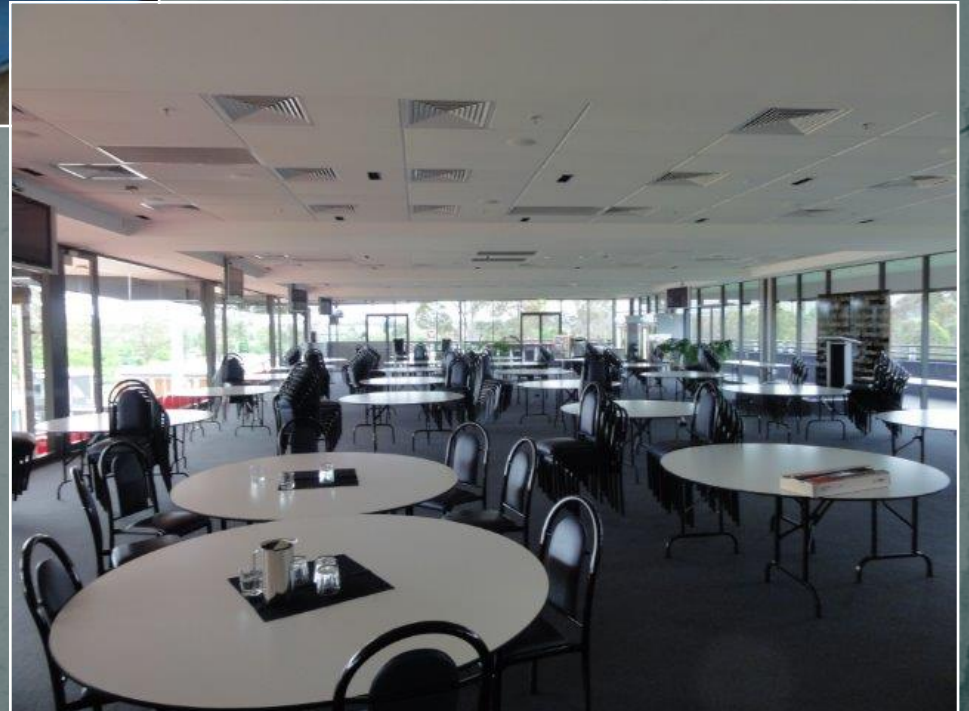
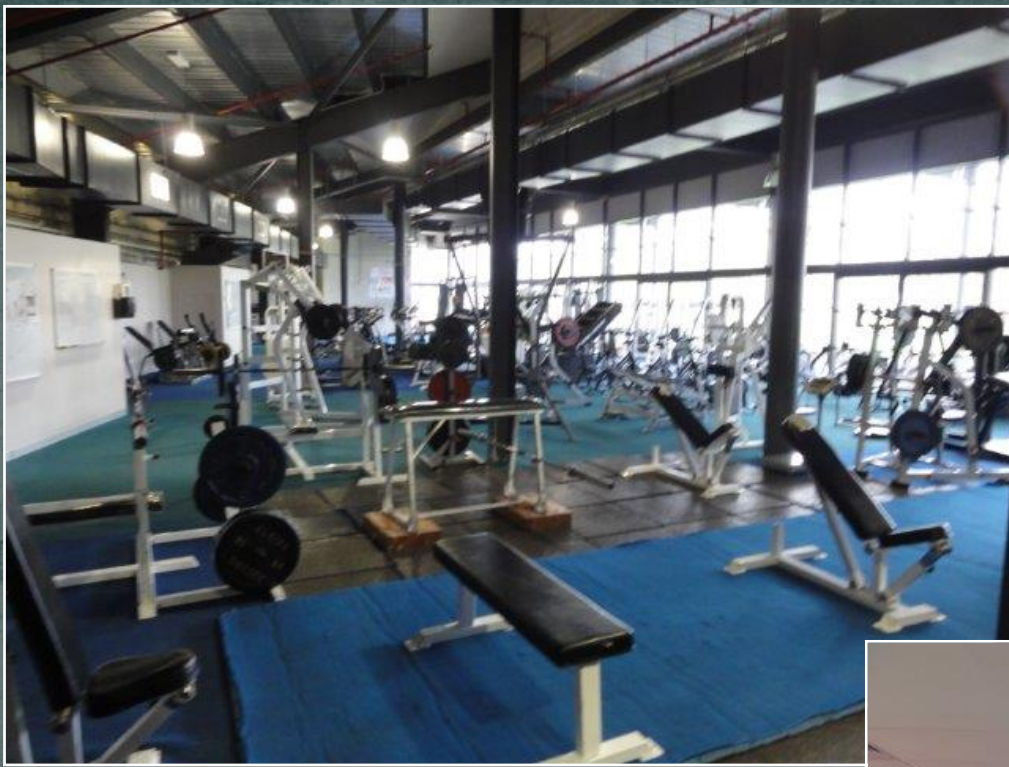




















What did Lindsay think?

- He got a lot out of the experience
- He would have liked more time
- He would like to thank EDAP for the opportunity
- He would recommend it to everyone
- He owes Colin a coffee for doing this presentation!

What did we think?

- Clearly 2½ days was not enough time.
- With more time (say 1 week)
 - Complete reports on the buildings visited.
 - Complete a BCA assessment of a major building looking at the intent of the clauses – not just the words.
 - Assess vegetation and complete the bush fire referral.
 - Discuss accessibility with those who experience it daily.
- Lindsay knew what he wanted to see. It is important for people to have this focus.

What's happened since Lindsay's visit?

- Brad Donohue (BMCC) completed 2 weeks (Feb 2013)
 - Fire Safety assessments
 - BCA assessments on major buildings
 - Used experience to support BPB upgraded to A1
- Penrith's Christopher Hawkins has been assisting Lachlan Shire with a staff shortage since March 2013.

What's happened since Lindsay's visit?

- Mentoring of Penrith's staff continues (Compliance issues, BCA assessments, Bush Fires & Fire Safety).
- Staff have showcased the database programmes they have developed to other councils in our "Westpool" insurance group (April 2013)
 - Critical stage inspections
 - Annual fire safety statements
 - Fire safety audits
 - Compliance (from complaint to completion)
 - Swimming pool register

Who wants to go next?



Questions

