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New lease of life for Preolenna Hall

Council is happy to announce the Preolenna Hall will be sold to local chestnut farmers Edward Babington and Ashleigh Laurendet.

The hall will now take on a new life with the owners proposing to use the shed for chestnut storage and processing. The contract of sale for the hall is expected to be completed in August 2020.

“This is a great outcome for both Council and the proposed new owners,” Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said.

“There were no regular users of the Hall and Council could not justify spending significant amounts for repairs on an underutilised asset.”

Council acknowledges the safety concerns raised by families of children using the school bus and Council has engaged with Passenger Transport and bus operators to address those concerns.

Council has recently undertaken a Rural Road Safety Audit and it is likely that funds from the sale of the hall will be reinvested into the community to improve road safety within the Preolenna area.

Council will be working through the recommendations of the report over the coming weeks.

The Preolenna War Memorial will continue to be accessible to the community and is excluded from the sale.

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