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### **PENRITH'S MOST HISTORIC LANDMARK TO BE BOUGHT BACK TO LIFE**

*Local consortium to rebuild the Penrith Log Cabin Hotel*

FDC Construction has submitted a development application to Council for the new Penrith Log Cabin Hotel, on behalf of a consortium including The Cottle Family, The Laundry Family of Laundry Hotels, and local businessman Rob Wearn. The previous iteration of the Log Cabin, a much loved fixture of the Penrith Community for many years, was destroyed by fire in 2012, and its loss has been keenly felt ever since.

Situated adjacent to Penrith City Council's riverside precinct, this iconic design by Team2 Architecture consists of a two storey hotel with indoor and outdoor bars and dining areas looking over the Nepean River. An expansive beer garden and children's playground, with fine dining and function areas upstairs, complete the project.

The developers exchanged contracts on the site in late 2019 with the previous owner and long-time publican, Ross Sinclair. The planned reconstruction of the hotel will represent a continuation of over two hundred years of hotel history on the site.

"This venue has always been representative of my family's love for the Penrith community" said Mr Sinclair, "Many people in Penrith had their first beer, first dates, celebrated sporting championships and community events here over the years. To have that legacy continue into a third century is extremely important to me, and not to mention very rare from an Australian heritage perspective".

Recent hospitality projects by FDC Construction in Western Sydney include the Marsden Brewhouse in Marsden Park, The Locker Room Hotel in Sydney Olympic Park and a large business estate at Erskine Park.

FDC Project Manager Peter Stait advised "The owners and design team have worked collaboratively with Penrith City Council for some time, and we are thankful for their positive and proactive approach in working with FDC and Team 2 Architecture to develop this to the point of submission. FDC is committed to delivering a high-quality design that recreates a meeting place integral to the social fabric of Penrith, and complementary to the work Council has done on the Riverside precinct. This venue looms large in the community's memory, so it is great to have the opportunity to raise the bar again".

Arthur Laundry, asked about the hotel's past and future operations, advised that "The Laundry family has been involved in pubs in Western Sydney for over 70 years. The Log Cabin has always been the jewel of the Western Sydney pub scene, so it is an absolute thrill to be involved with good friends and partners in restoring the Log Cabin Hotel to its former glory".

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The proposed Hotel will become a key component in Council's Masterplan for The Great River Walk – a key component in focusing the burgeoning community pride in, and ownership of, one of Australia's most significant river landscapes.

Blake Cottle and Rob Wearn explained "The core of our businesses have always been in Western Sydney and are inextricably linked to its history and its future. These are trying times we are experiencing. This project represents our collective investment in the future of Penrith and the wider western Sydney community, and we look forward to coming together as a community and celebrating at the new Penrith Log Cabin Hotel"

The City is poised on the cusp of unprecedented recognition as the "jewel" of Sydney's West.

The application will be in review with Penrith City Council over the coming months, with construction aiming to commence in late 2020.

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