

expect the Government's contribution to equal approximately \$45,000. I would also be prepared to meet half the cost of engaging an architect."⁶⁴

A submission was prepared for both councils in July 1982. The hall was for the use of the school and the wider community. Expressed needs identified by the school for embarking on this project were the need for a location to conduct physical education, gymnastics and training in ball handling skills in wet weather; an area for children's musical and dramatic activities removed from classrooms to minimise disturbances; a place for school assemblies; a suitable venue for visiting speakers, artists and entertainers and a location for choral and orchestral practices/concerts. The school council also indicated in the submission that "... some 60% of Victorian Primary Schools have some type of Multi Purpose Room.." In an announcement about the grant to the school in the local press, Mr Lou Hill, Member for Warrandyte said, "I congratulate the North Ringwood parents and teachers on their hard work."⁶⁵

Looking to further enhance the professional environment of the school in 1988, school council president Mr Bruce Adams lead the council in the planning of a staff/administration upgrade, resolving at its meeting on 12 July to undertake the project by school council contract.⁶⁶ The proposed components of the upgrade included a staff centre; reception area; resource room; principal's office; staff toilets; security store; secretary's office; sick bay; interview room and deputy principal's office. In addition, the existing staff room was upgraded and the former principal's office and secretary's office were transformed into an interview room and bookstore/uniform shop. It was expected that the Project Brief would probably plan for a maximum enrolment of 360.⁶⁷ Members of the project control group were: Mr Ken Fitzpatrick: Principal; Mr Peter Jenkins: co-opted school council member; Mr Paul Wheeler: Deputy Principal; Mr Michael Sharp: Ministry of Education-Eastern Regional Office and Mr Ian Carlsson, Ministry of Education-Eastern Metropolitan Office.

The Ministry of Education provided the names of six architectural firms. Four were selected for interview, the successful architects were Hayball Leonard Stent Pty Ltd of Prahran. In a letter to the principal on 21 April 1989, the architects advised that from the five fixed price tenders received, Consolidated Enterprises Pty Ltd won the contract at a tender price of \$124,000. The upgrade commenced on 29 May 1989 and was completed in November.

Bruce Adams, reported in his 1989 Annual Report that, "the original school building has now been restored so that it will be an extremely useful asset to the school for years to come..."⁶⁸ In effect, the original classroom and those built in 1929 and 1955 were refurbished into the new administrative area of the school. The project was completed, preserving the external features of the buildings.

⁶⁴ Submission to City Council for Funding Assistance with Proposed School/Community Hall at Ringwood North Primary School: July 1982. Norman Lacy to Brian Jeanes.

⁶⁵ Ringwood Croydon Mail, 14 July 1982.

⁶⁶ School Council Minutes, Meeting: 12 July 1988.

⁶⁷ Minutes of the Project Control Group, 5 August 1988.

⁶⁸ School Council President's Report tabled at the school's Annual General Meeting: 20 March 1990.