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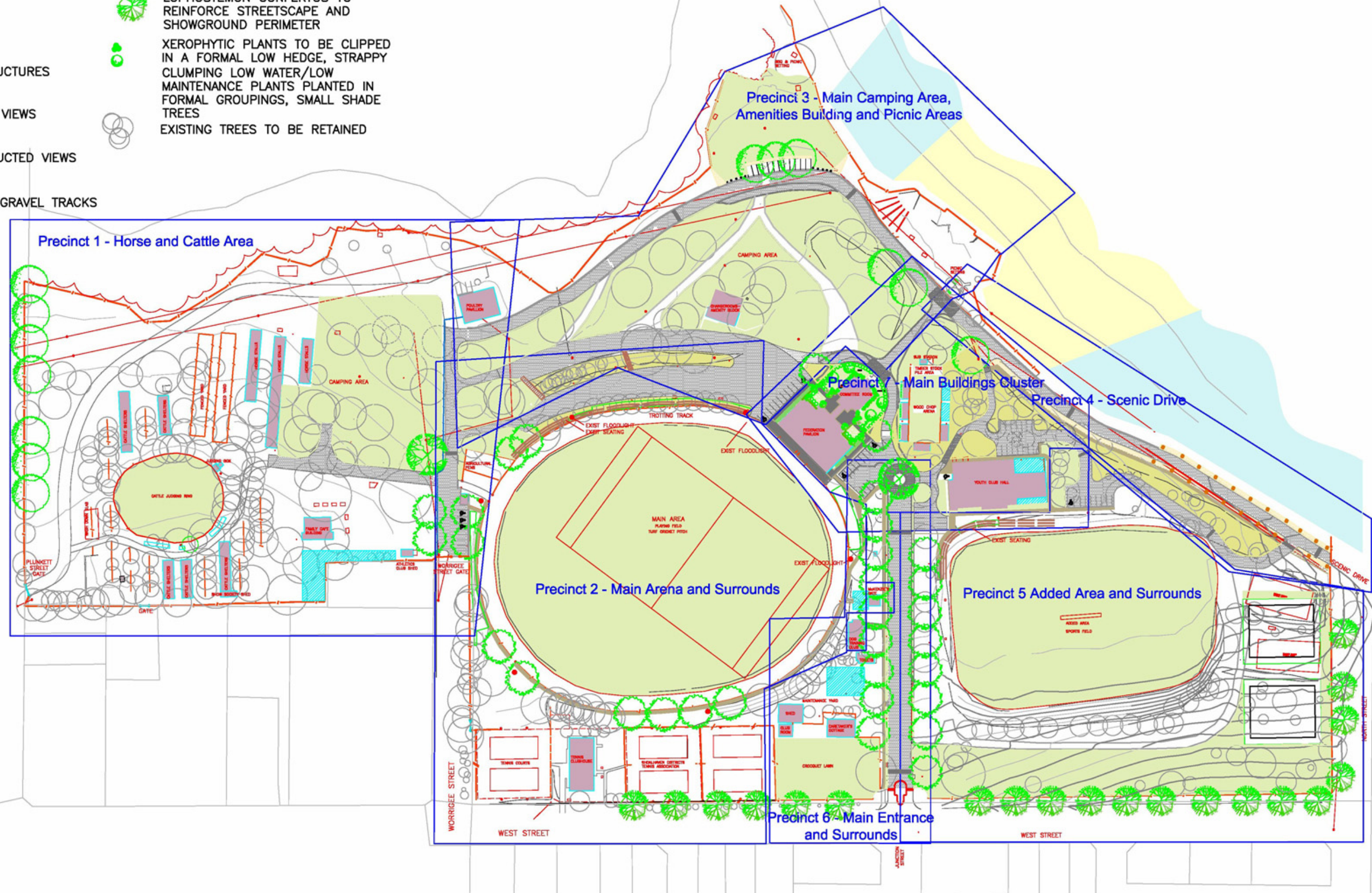
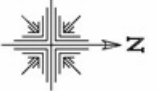
	PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY
	SEALED ROAD
	TURF
	MULCH
	NEW STRUCTURES
	FILTERED VIEWS
	UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS
	EXISTING GRAVEL TRACKS

## PLANTING PALETTE

	FICUS HILLII, FICUS OBLIQUA, FICUS RUBIGINOSA OR FRAXINUS RAYWOODII MAJESTIC ICONIC LONG LIVED TREE/PALM TO ENHANCE FOCAL POINTS
	LOPHOSTEMON CONFERTUS TO REINFORCE STREETSCAPE AND SHOWGROUND PERIMETER
	XEROPHYTIC PLANTS TO BE CLIPPED IN A FORMAL LOW HEDGE, STRAPPY CLUMPING LOW WATER/LOW MAINTENANCE PLANTS PLANTED IN FORMAL GROUPINGS, SMALL SHADE TREES
	EXISTING TREES TO BE RETAINED

# PRECINCT IDENTIFICATION PLAN

(Plan Ref 1173.26)

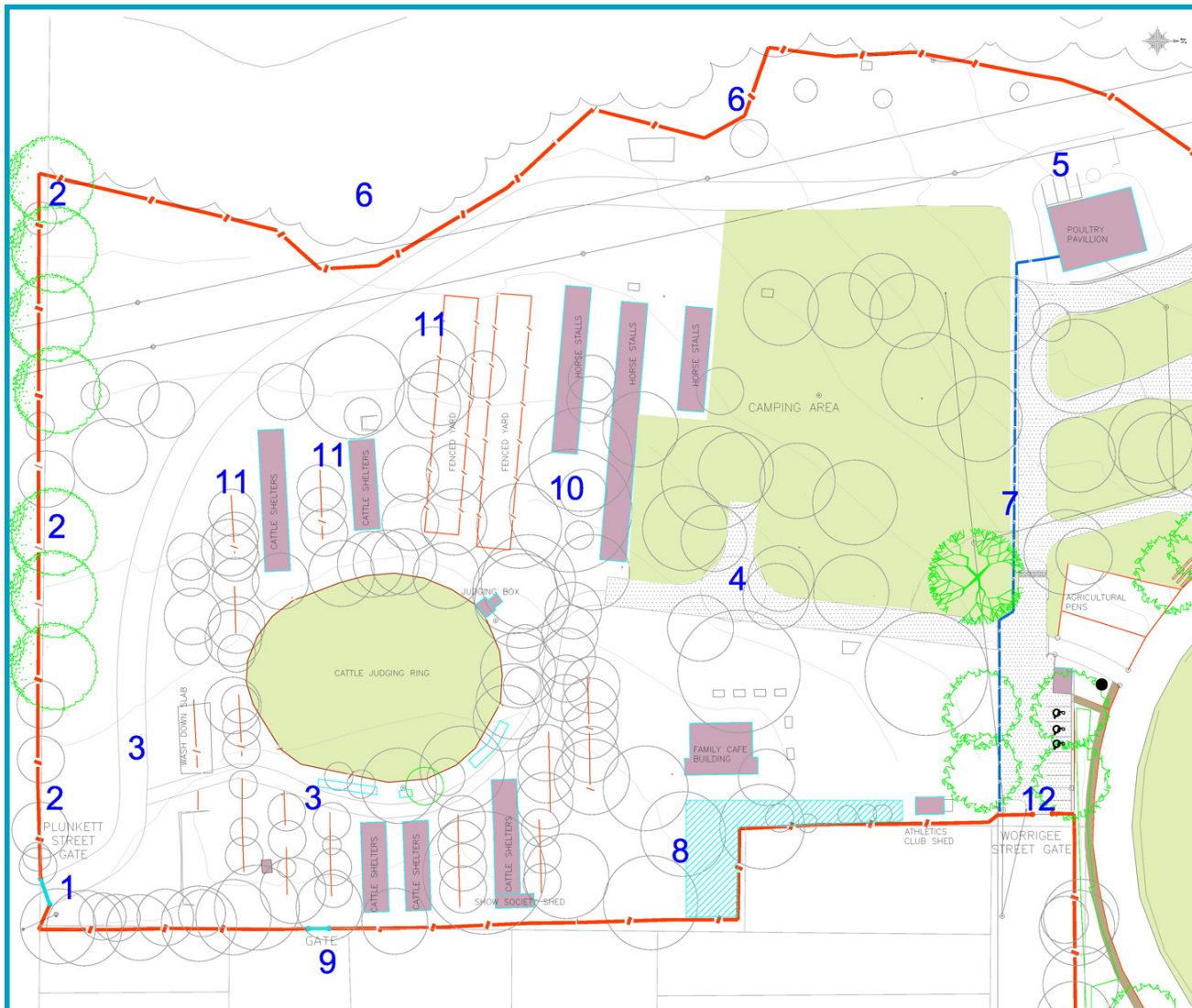




# PRECINCT 1

## Horse, Cattle and Poultry Area

(Plan Ref 1173.27)



### Design Principles and Actions

1. Plunkett Street entryway. Upgrade low key pedestrian gate for year-round access. Retain vehicle gates for use during show time and other authorised times.
2. Replace existing cyclone wire fence with 1.8m, black, powder-coated, security fence. Plant additional trees to define edge of showground.
3. Retain existing unsealed road for authorised use only.
4. Improve road near Family Café building and provide truck turning area.
5. Provide dedicated parking for poultry pavilion. In short term maintain current pavilion. See also note 6, Precinct 6.
6. Remove weeds and undertake bush regeneration outside boundary fence. At end of life span fence to be replaced with black chain wire mesh fence.
7. Install a post and rail fence along extension of Worrigee St to restrict unauthorised vehicle access to horse and cattle area. Provide year-round pedestrian openings.
8. Area where additional storage facilities for community groups could be located.
9. Retain service access to water tower.
10. Hold discussions with the Nowra Show Society to designate a sand stockpile area for the Show Society that is not under the drip line of trees.
11. Retain stand of Coral Trees, including significant layout of the planting rows between the cattle stands. Maintain trees to keep safe.
12. Upgrade Worrigee Street entryway for pedestrian and vehicle year-round access.



# PRECINCT 1

## Horse, Cattle and Poultry Area

(Plan Ref 1173.27)

### Uses throughout the year

- pedestrians walking through from Plunkett St
- people relaxing under trees
- occasional camping and resting with horses
- occasional cattle show
- camping
- storage sheds

### Uses at Show time

- horse and cattle yarding
- cattle showing and judging
- camping by horse owners/riders
- poultry exhibition
- family café
- marshalling area

### Issues

- damage caused by vehicles
- poor or no topsoil in some areas
- pedestrian gateway dilapidated
- visually intrusive building (poultry pavilion)



Trees



Commentary box



Horse area



Poultry



Poultry



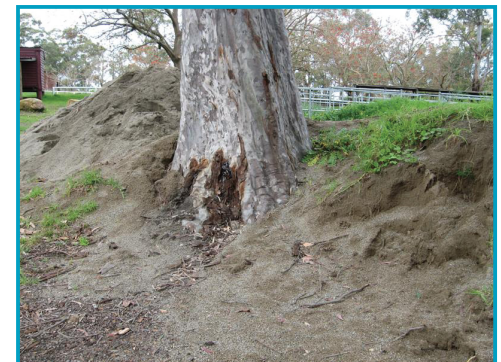
Poultry and side shows



Show horse floats



Show horse wash



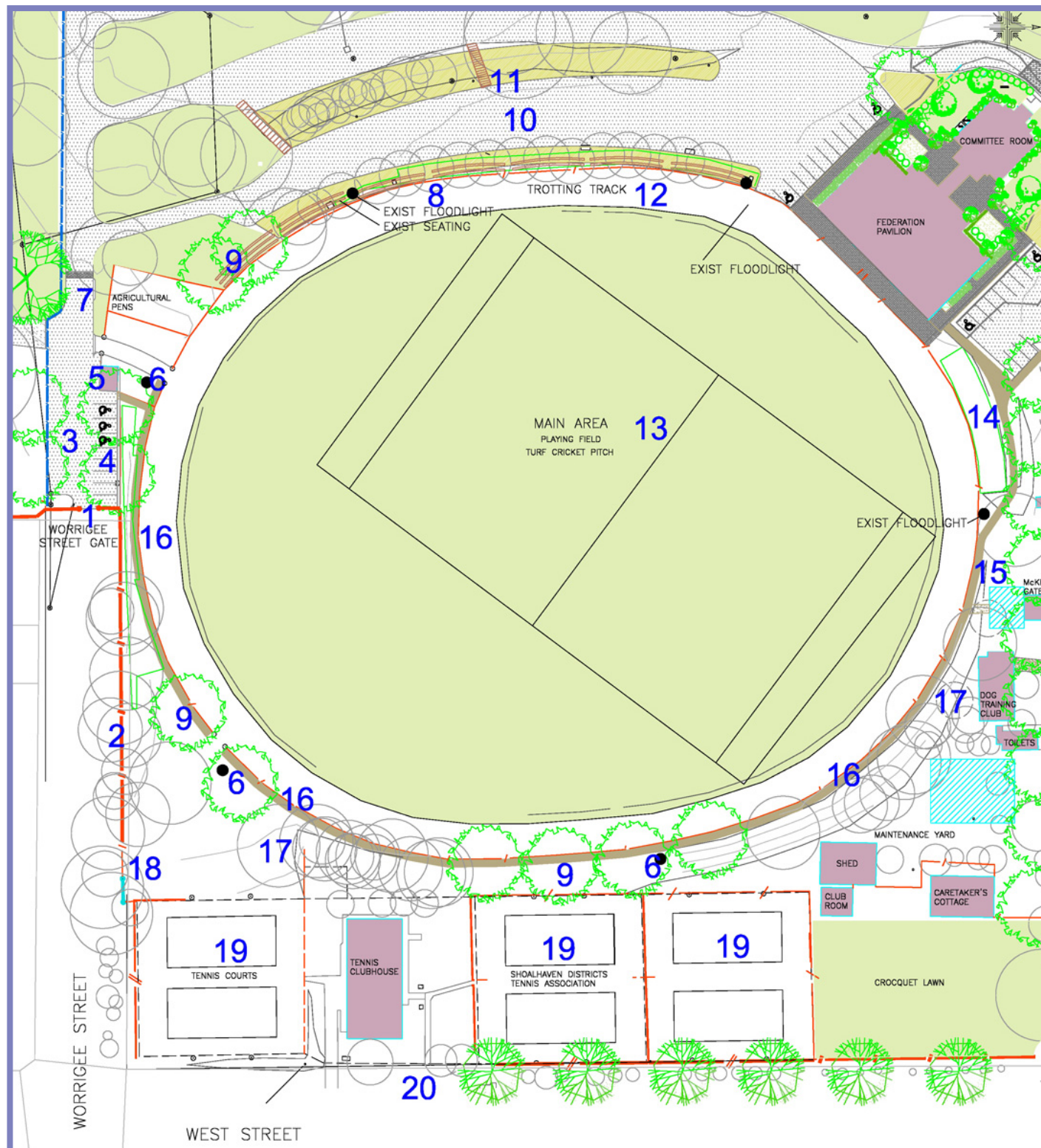
Tree with sand



# PRECINCT 2

## Main Arena and Surrounds

(Plan Ref 1173.28)



## Design Principles and Actions

1. Upgrade Worrigee Street entryway for pedestrian and vehicle use year-round access.
2. Replace existing cyclone wire fence with 1.8m, black, powder-coated, security fence.
3. Provide avenue planting of long-lived, stately trees such as *Ficus* sp (Fig tree, small leaved variety).
4. Formalise parking spaces near entry gate
5. Remove upper storey of existing commentary box and retain lower storey for show use.
6. Consider installation of additional floodlights for night sporting competitions when need arises.
7. Upgrade bitumen seal road surface, with rollover kerb and speed control measures.
8. Mulch and aerate under existing figs to improve vigour. Retain perimeter seating and extend southward.
9. Extend row of *Ficus* to edge of main arena.
10. Upgrade parking area, providing surface suitable for heavy vehicles and side shows. Hold discussions with the Nowra Show Society and other Showground users over ways in which the fig tree roots can be protected from vehicles whilst allowing for showtime activities in the area.
11. Mulch embankment to reduce compaction and restrict pedestrian access to stairs. Provide additional stairs.
12. Retain trotting track for vehicle use during show and other events and informal exercise by community.
13. Maintain high quality grass for field. Retain turf cricket pitch.
14. Retain perimeter seating.
15. Proposed new multipurpose building including commentary box and corporate viewing area above and cricket storage room on ground level. Restore McKenzie's Gate as entryway and relocate marble plaque.
16. Upgrade pathway around main arena. All weather surface.
17. Retain canopy trees. Remove some self sown plants to keep walking track clear.
18. Retain gate and maintain clear access for service and emergency vehicles.
19. Retain tennis courts and Clubhouse for use by Association and public.
20. Replace existing cyclone wire with black fence. Replace existing Cypress trees with *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) to reinforce streetscape in West St.



# PRECINCT 2

## Main Arena and Surrounds

(Plan Ref 1173.28)

### Uses throughout the year

- pedestrian and vehicle access to:
  - » all of showground
  - » access to Pavilion
  - » access to seats beside
  - » Main Arena
  - » car parking
  - » tennis club
  - » senior sports (cricket, rugby)
  - » special events
  - » commercial expositions
  - » exercise/walking



Tennis Club



Understorey to be trimmed



Show main arena

### Uses at Show time

- show rings
- equestrian events
- rodeo
- grand parade
- side shows to west

### Issues

- speeding vehicles
- unsealed surface
- tie downs for side show tents
- seats under fig trees
- trotting track
- grass surface and vehicles on sportsfield



Walkers



Tennis courts



Worrige Street gates



Sideshows and fig trees



Seating North



Cars to be kept off field



Exercise



Main arena



Show seating North



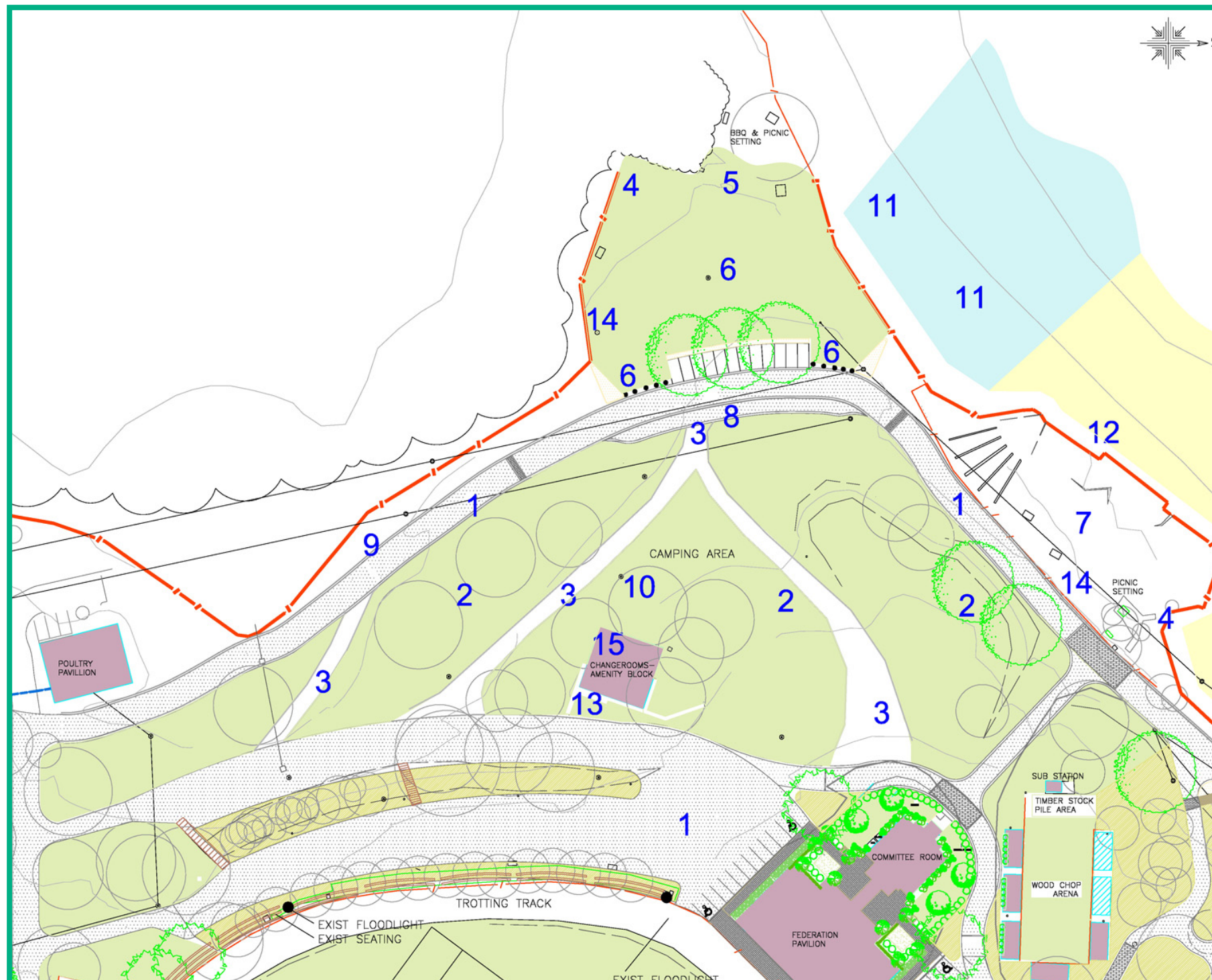
Show main arena



# PRECINCT 3

## Main Camping Area, Amenities Building and Picnic Areas

(Plan Ref 1173.29)



## Design Principles and Actions

1. Upgrade bitumen seal road surface, with rollover kerb and speed humps. Reinforce kerb where necessary for large vehicles.
2. Regrade camping area to increase area of level ground. Improve grass cover. Allow vehicle access for show activities, event parking and for campers. Ensure grass surface capable of supporting authorised heavy vehicles.
3. Consider bitumen sealing for internal gravel roads.
4. Ben's Walk South and North Entrances. Upgrade walking track entryway using similar palette of materials as all other gateways. Improve interpretive signage.
5. Ben's Walk Picnic Ledge. Retain barbecues and picnic facilities in rustic style. Remove existing log barriers.
6. Improve grass cover to expand picnic area by preparing and implementing turf management plan (decompaction, soil preparation, turf variety, maintenance). Provide roadside parking for picnickers. Landscape edge of road/car park to restrict general vehicle access. Allow vehicle access for show activities (removable bollards).
7. Hanging Rock Lookout and Picnic Area. See Appendix 5 (plan 1173.35) landscape design for upgrading this important area. Maintain view lines from committee room. Allow for pedestrian linkage with committee room. Include interpretive information about former trap shooting facility and features of view.
8. Allow for layback of bus parking outside view lines, but within walking distance of lookout.
9. Install new power outlets on western side of road for use during events, so that power leads do not have to be laid across road. Install poles above power boxes to suspend power leads.
10. Provide poles above power boxes to allow for suspension of leads off the ground.
11. Filtered views to river and beyond
12. Unobstructed views to river and beyond
13. Provide grey water/sullage disposal point and black water dump point for campers and show people, in a convenient drive-through location. Do not allow discharge onto ground.
14. Consider under-grounding high voltage overhead powerlines to improve views if the opportunities arise.
15. Improve external appearance of amenities building in sympathy with Federation Pavilion.



# PRECINCT 3

## Main Camping Area, Amenities Building and Picnic Areas

(Plan Ref 1173.29)

### Uses throughout the year

- use by individuals and small groups for barbecues, picnics and relaxing
- camping
- car parking during events
- frequent use by individuals and small groups for picnicking, relaxing, appreciating the view, sketching, etc
- access to Bens Walk

### Uses at Show time

- camping by Showmen's Guild members
- sideshows, food outlets, entertainments
- Hanging Rock - picnicking, relaxing, appreciating view

### Issues

- informal tracks have widened and grass cover destroyed
- dust from vehicles on unsealed tracks
- haphazard parking – inefficient use of area and damage to ground surfaces
- speeding vehicles
- furniture and landscaping dated and worn
- poor access for people with disabilities
- views of river, golf course, escarpment
- need more power outlets and power lead management during show
- grey water management during show



Bens Walk picnic ledge plaque



Camping area amenities - dirt tracks



Show grey water on ground



Show grey water on ground



Showmen's camps



Show entertainments



Trap shoot



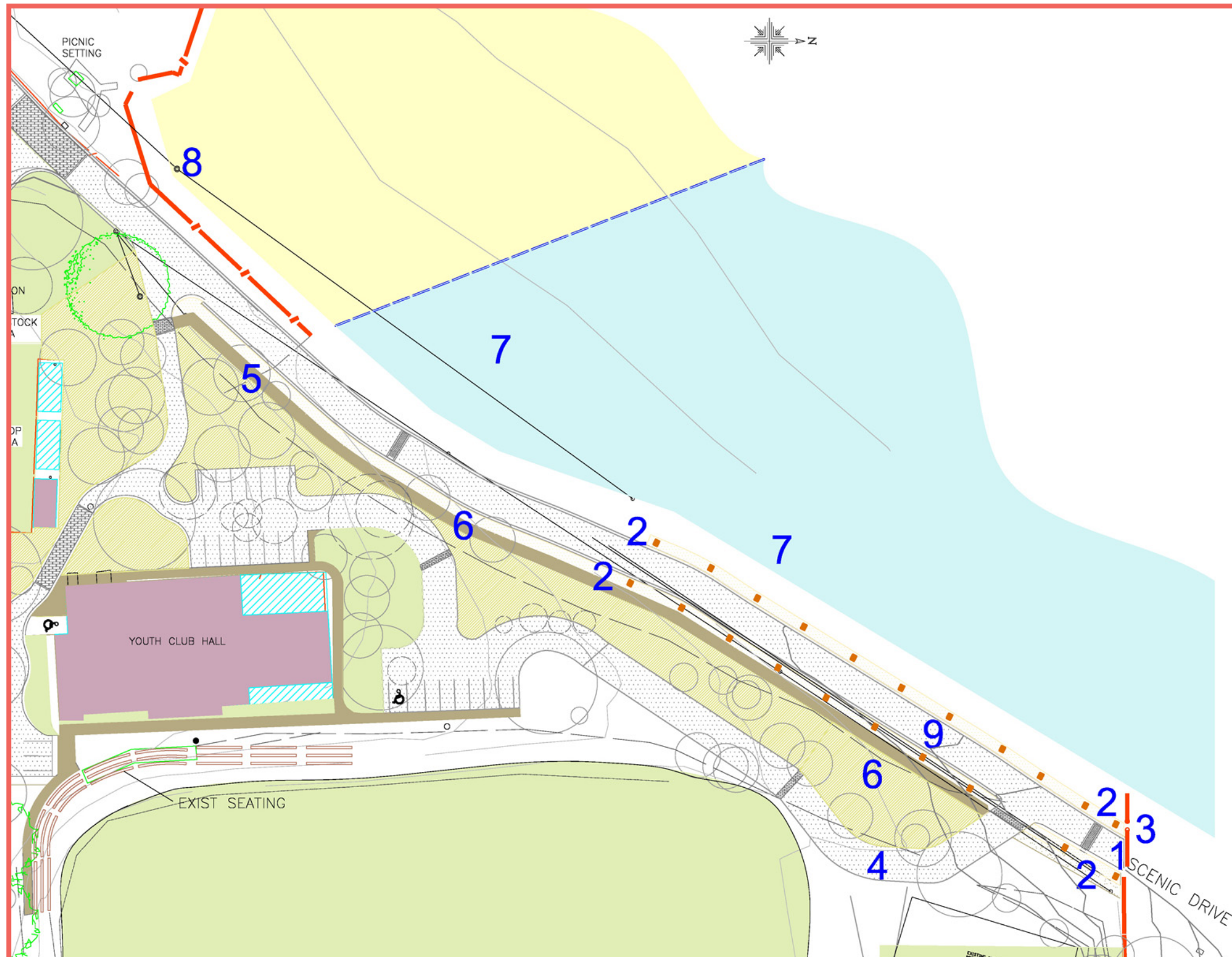
Show leads on ground



# PRECINCT 4

## Scenic Drive

**(Plan Ref 1173.30)**



## Design Principles and Actions

1. Upgrade entryway for pedestrian and vehicle use year-round access. Design using similar palette of materials as all other gateways. Include “Nowra Showground” identification signage. Upgrade interpretive signage inside gateway in accordance with Nowra Showground Signage (SCC Plan No 2727.01).
2. Create entry corridor using uniform treatment beside road with low native grasses, pedestrian path and series of interpretive sandstone pillars. Maintain views to river – no new trees on river side of road. Investigate which side of road the path will be located. Link to Hanging Rock path.
3. Replace existing cyclone wire fence with 1.8m, black, powder-coated, security fence
4. Existing minor road to Added Area and Youth Club Hall parking areas to be sealed.
5. Remove redundant fence and gate.
6. Retain trees and native grasses.
7. Maintain filtered views to river and beyond
8. Consider undergrounding high voltage overhead powerlines to improve views if the opportunity arises.
9. Upgrade bitumen seal road surface, with rollover kerb and speed calming devices.



# PRECINCT 4

## Scenic Drive (Plan Ref 1173.30)

### Uses throughout the year

- pedestrian and vehicle access to all of showground
- walking

### Uses at Show time

- vehicle entryway to paid public parking
- pedestrian entryway
- some camping

### Issues

- no sense of having entered the Showground
- redundant fence and gate within Showground
- no pedestrian gate or footpath
- overhead powerlines visually intrusive
- filtered views to river
- informal tracks have widened and damaged grass surface
- dust from vehicles on unsealed tracks
- haphazard parking – inefficient use of area and damage to ground surfaces



Scenic Drive entry



Redundant gates and fence



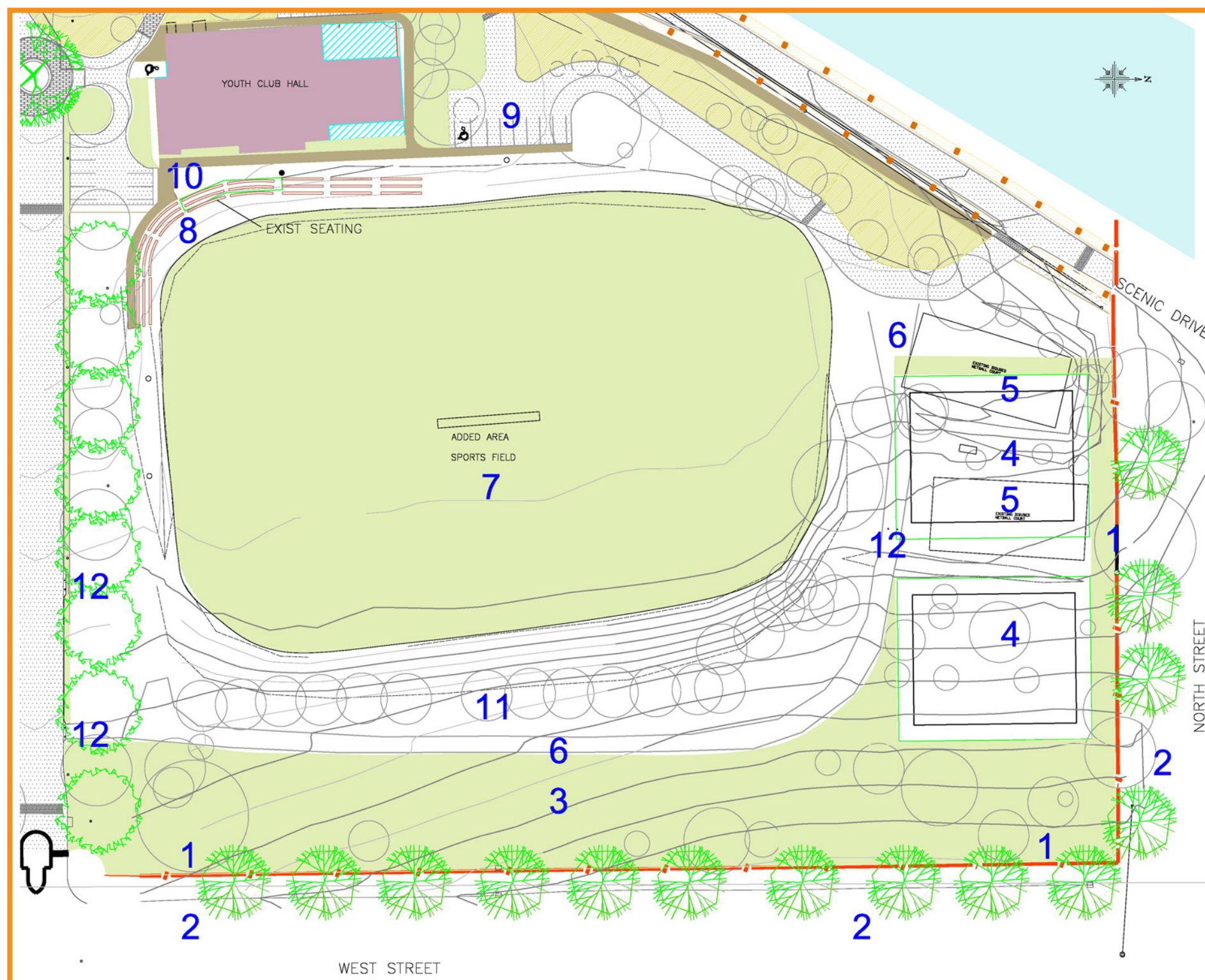
Scenic Drive



# PRECINCT 5

## Added Area and Surrounds

(Plan Ref 1173.31)



## Design Principles and Actions

1. Replace existing cyclone wire fence with 1.8m, black, powder-coated, security fence. Investigate relocation of North St boundary fence further to north. Remove existing gates in North St fence when fence is replaced.
2. Reshape nature strip to improve car parking. Plant additional *Lophostemon confertus* Brush Box trees outside fence to define edge of showground and to reinforce streetscapes in West St and North St. to complement car parking layout during Show use.
3. Event parking.
4. DA approved locations of new croquet courts. (Sites elsewhere also being investigated).
5. Retain former bitumen netball courts for storage of landscape materials by Council (if croquet courts are built a new storage site will need to be found).
6. Retain minor unsealed access road for authorised use. Relocate northern section of road if croquet courts are built.
7. Maintain sports field for junior sports, show and other events. Raise cricket pitch to surrounding ground level when it is due for replacement. Ensure materials (eg, sand) imported for special events do not raise existing ground levels over time.
8. Extend and upgrade "amphitheatre" seating, built into existing slope. Include stairway from field to amenities.
9. Formalise parking area with bitumen seal and vertical kerb.
10. Pedestrian zone – restrict vehicle access.
11. Retain significant fig trees and improve health and vigour by appropriate management practices.
12. Removable bollards at kerb layback to restrict unauthorised vehicles from driving on sportsfield.



# PRECINCT 5

## Added Area and Surrounds

(Plan Ref 1173.31)

### Uses throughout the year

- junior cricket and football
- dog training and dog shows
- rodeo
- short term storage of mulch
- exercising/walking
- parking

### Uses at Show time

- commercial displays
- animal nursery
- concert stage
- parking

### Issues

- build up of sand around cricket pitch
- haphazard parking – inefficient use of area and damage to ground surfaces including nature strip



Streetscape



Cricket pitch



Mulch



Show parking



Playing field views



Off leash



Dog club



Show commercial area



Streetscape show



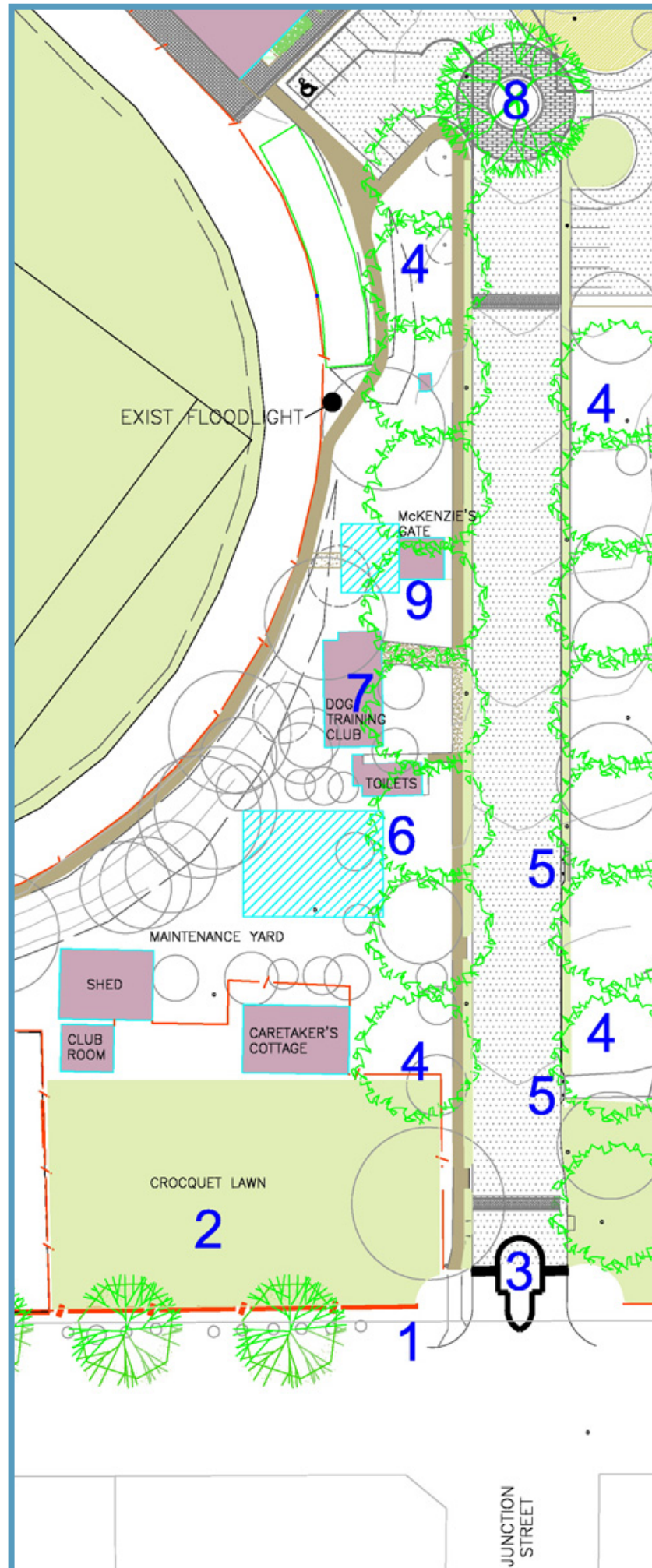
# PRECINCT 6

## Main Entrance and Surrounds

(Plan Ref 1173.32)

### Design Principles and Actions

1. Replace existing cyclone wire fence with 1.8m, black, powder-coated, security fence. Replace existing trees all at once with *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) to reinforce streetscape in West St.
2. Croquet court - retain existing use until new courts developed elsewhere. If Croquet Club vacates the site then consider appropriate best use adjacent to the entry to the showground.
3. Memorial gates to be retained as the primary gateway to the showground. Design palette for all other gates to be in sympathy with this gateway. Paint metal gates black to match proposed perimeter fencing.
4. Emphasise avenue treatment by progressively replacing existing trees at end of their life with long-lived, stately trees such as *Ficus* sp (Fig tree, small leaved variety). Inform regular users to stop regularly driving/parking on nature strip. Repair worn turf. When necessary replace street lights with more ecologically sustainable design.
5. Removable bollards at kerb layback to restrict unauthorised vehicles from driving on sports field.
6. Possible site for new poultry pavilion, designed for multipurpose use. External appearance to be sympathetic with Federation Pavilion and McKenzie's Gate.
7. Improve external appearance of dog training club building in sympathy with Federation Pavilion and McKenzie's Gate.
8. Revise 2003 design that proposed a cul-de-sac. Slow vehicles with traffic calming (subject to detailed engineering design). Create focal point at top of avenue.
9. New multipurpose building including commentary box and corporate viewing area above and cricket storage room below. Restore McKenzie's Gate as entryway to building and relocate marble commemorative plaque from Federation Pavilion.





# PRECINCT 6

## Main Entrance and Surrounds

(Plan Ref 1173.32)

### Uses throughout the year

- pedestrian and vehicle access to:
  - » all of showground
  - » parking
  - » croquet
  - » dog training club
  - » caretakers cottage
  - » council storage shed

### Uses at Show time

- pedestrian entry
- sideshows and food stalls
- croquet demonstration

### Issues

- haphazard parking – inefficient use of area and damage to nature strip
- speeding vehicles
- heritage items
- visually intrusive building (dog club)
- need to visually define main avenue



McKenzie's plaque



Show avenue



Show avenue



Croquet



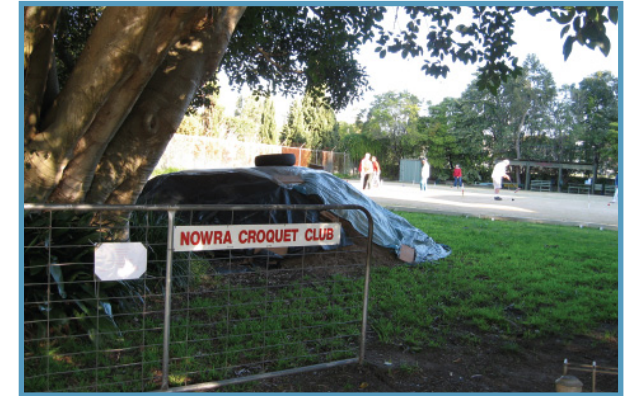
Inappropriate parking



Damaged nature strip



Avenue



Croquet



McKenzie gate



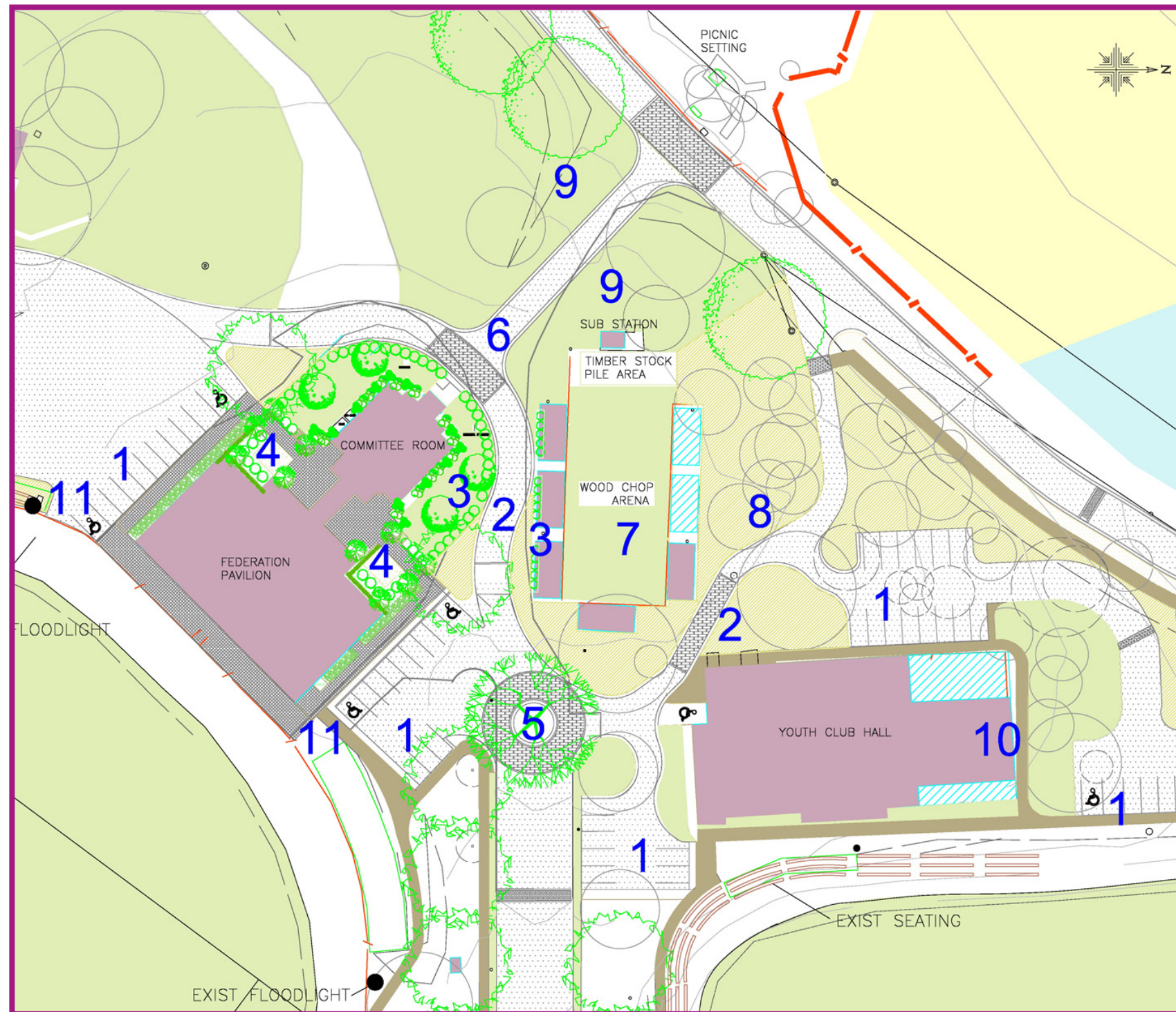
Dog Club



# PRECINCT 7

## Main Buildings Cluster

(Plan Ref 1173.33)



## Design Principles and Actions

1. Formalise parking areas with bitumen seal and vertical kerb adjacent to buildings. Provide pedestrian paths connecting car parks to buildings.
2. Create safe environment for pedestrian and vehicle movements. Define roads between buildings. Bitumen seal with rollover kerbs. Slow traffic with traffic calming devices. Retain existing mature trees.
3. Prepare detailed design for landscape setting in scale with Committee Room building. Reshape lawns and gardens and define edge to form attractive outdoor space for users of buildings. Narrow roadway between Committee Room and Woodchop Pavilion. Install planter boxes behind Woodchop Pavilion to soften appearance. Consider installation of water harvesting system for garden irrigation.
4. Restore Monaghan's Fountain and relocate to north east Committee Room garden. Site for public art sculpture in south east garden.
5. Revise 2003 design that proposed a cul-de-sac. Slow vehicles with traffic calming (subject to detailed engineering design). Create focal point at top of avenue.
6. Protect and emphasise view lines and provide an accessible footpath/ minor road from Committee Room to Hanging Rock. Formalise road edges with roll kerb to prevent further erosion.
7. Consider relocation of Woodchop Judging Box to above eastern seating pavilion and improve external appearance of electricity substation, both in sympathy with surrounding buildings. Add two seating pavilions to northern side of arena. Improve vehicle access to arena, adjacent to southern side of substation.
8. Remove redundant chain mesh fence.
9. Stabilise and repair embankment to prevent erosion and protect trees (see Hanging Rock Landscape Plan 1173.35 in Appendix 5).
10. Consider extension to Youth Club Hall, or replace roof of existing northern section to provide more head room.
11. Viewing areas for people with disabilities.



# PRECINCT 7

## Main Buildings Cluster

(Plan Ref 1173.33)

### Uses throughout the year

- busy area for access to and spill out from Committee Room, Pavilion and Youth Club Hall
- thoroughfare between rest of Showground and Junction Street entry/exit
- car parking, pick up/drop off

### Uses at Show time

- busy pedestrian area
- sideshows and food outlets
- wood chop
- exhibitions in pavilion and youth club hall
- Secretary's office

### Issues

- large areas of bitumen around pavilion detract from visual quality of architecture and useability of the lawn and garden around committee room and impinge on view from committee room to river
- vehicles travelling in several directions and crossing paths, speeding vehicles
- conflict between vehicles and pedestrians, especially children
- tracks have widened and damaged grass surface
- dust from vehicles on unsealed tracks
- haphazard parking – inefficient use of area and damage to ground surfaces
- poor or no topsoil, soil erosion
- power outlets and power lead management during show
- heritage items – Federation Pavilion, Monaghans Fountain
- spectacular view up river from Committee Room



View line up river



View



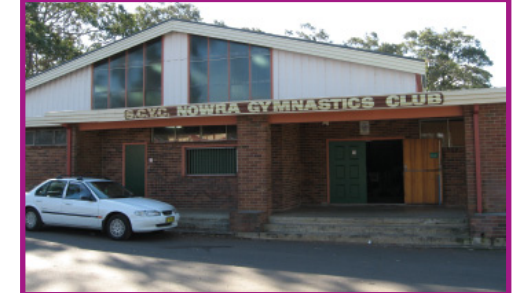
Federation Pavilion



Pavilion



Show avenue between committee room & wood chop



Youth Club hall



Wood chop



Gymnastics



Youth Club hall



Show avenue between pavilion & wood chop



Show exhibits



Woodchop



Show woodchop



Show behind youth hall



Woodchop alternative use