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Introduction

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Introduction

Purpose & Overview

Bosque Landscape Architecture was engaged by the Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC) to prepare a Masterplan for the Bill Rose Sports Complex (BRSC), Scone. The objective of this project was to undertake site analysis and feasibility investigations, consult with key stakeholders and community consultation and develop a Masterplan.

This work is based upon the Bill Rose Masterplan Submissions by User Groups (2022) compiled by the Bill Rose Sports Complex User Group Committee which identified the key needs, requirements, and Masterplan objectives.

The process involved a comprehensive site analysis and community and stakeholder engagement process to confirm the Masterplan design requirements.

The masterplan development process also involved a document review, precedent study, contextual research, detailed site analysis (both remotely and on site), and mapping analysis. Following initial community consultation, a series of design principles were developed to guide decisions for sports and park recreation facilities, circulation and carparking, architecture and public domain.

The draft Masterplan was developed and refined with input from internal UHSC, Sports Club and User Groups, stakeholders, authorities and the community.

The masterplan represents a collective ambition and establishes a clear vision for Bill Rose Sports Complex which is welcoming, inclusive, meets needs, increases the sports, recreation and community facilities, responds to place and enhances liveability.

Bill Rose Sports Complex is the largest active sports facility in the region.

The purpose of this masterplan is to establish a clear vision to guide future planning, provide new facilities and address operational needs at Bill Rose Sports Complex. The masterplan will also help secure grants and prioritise funding.

The aim is to provide new recreation and sports facilities as well as attract regional carnivals and State level competitions to increase visits to the area and support local businesses.

A masterplan establishes the overall layout, identifies the key facilities and quality aspirations. Some changes to the existing facilities are proposed to help increase space and improve use, accessibility, operation and amenity for everyone. It is anticipated upgrades, improvement works and new facilities will happen over a long period (10 + years) in stages with grant funding.



Introduction

History

The Bill Rose Sports Complex in Scone has a rich history.

The traditional custodians of the land of the Upper Hunter Shire Council area are the Wanaruah people. The geographical area of the Wanaruah people stretches from Liverpool plains and the Great Dividing Ranges to the North and West, Yengo, Wollemi and Goulburn Rivers National Parks to the South, and the Williams River to the East.

The European presence in Scone began in 1823 when Allan Cunningham explored the Upper Dartbrook and Murrurundi areas. Scone was officially gazetted as a township in 1837, and it was situated on a three square mile crown reserve on the east banks of Kingdon Ponds.

White Park, which included the Bill Rose Sports Complex, was originally part of Kelly's Farm owned by sailor Richard Kelly who received a grant of 1,920 acres as compensation for losing two of his ships while employed under a government contract in the early 1820's. William John Dumaresq, who was associated with the Scone district, acquired Kelly's Farm in the 1830's, naming it St. Aubins. Dumaresq was a pioneer in horse breeding in the area.

Being close to town, when the property was later subdivided, the people of Scone were given the use of the old Racecourse Paddock. It was also known as Town Paddock or Bakewell's Paddock.

In the 20th century, White Park was the largest park in Scone, although it was never officially gazetted as a park. It hosted various events which became popular for recreation and sports activities, including school picnics and Empire Day functions.

Following further subdivisions of St. Aubins in the early 1920s, there were concerns about losing this recreation area. The Mayor of Scone (1920 – 1923) A.J. Dodd, acquired the land for the town. Mr. Alf G White of Belltrees generously financed the purchase and the park was renamed 'White Park' in 1924 in his honour.

Over the years, White Park saw various activities, including racetracks, sales yards, golf courses, and picnic areas. In 1945, the ownership of White Park was transferred to the council.

In 1980, plans were made to establish an extensive sports complex. Stage 1 of the complex, which included three ovals, was opened in November 1983. These ovals were named after all-round local sports people: Saunders Oval (Gerry Saunders), Logan Oval (Ian Logan), and Shephard Oval (Bruce Shepherd). Additionally, Rose Athletic Field was named after Peter Rose a champion runner. The complex originally also featured softball diamonds and five netball courts.

In 1988, Stage 2 upgrades included lighting for the athletics field and football ovals, additional hockey fields, barbecue and recreation facilities, road improvements and parking. The complex's expansion was made possible by land donated by Bill Rose.

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Scone Shire. A Centenary History of Local Government. Entwisle, Audrey M. 1988

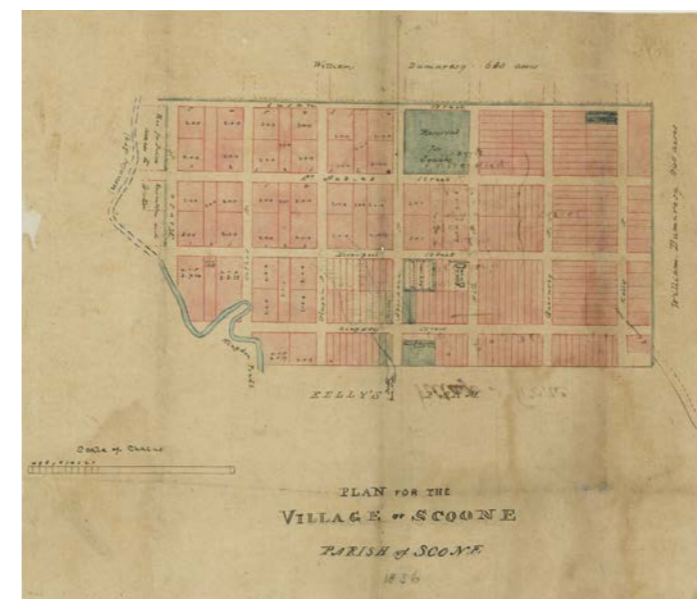
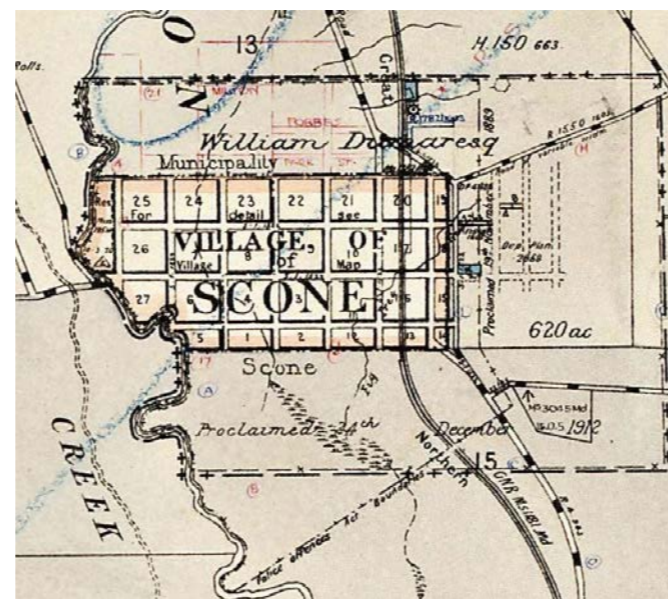
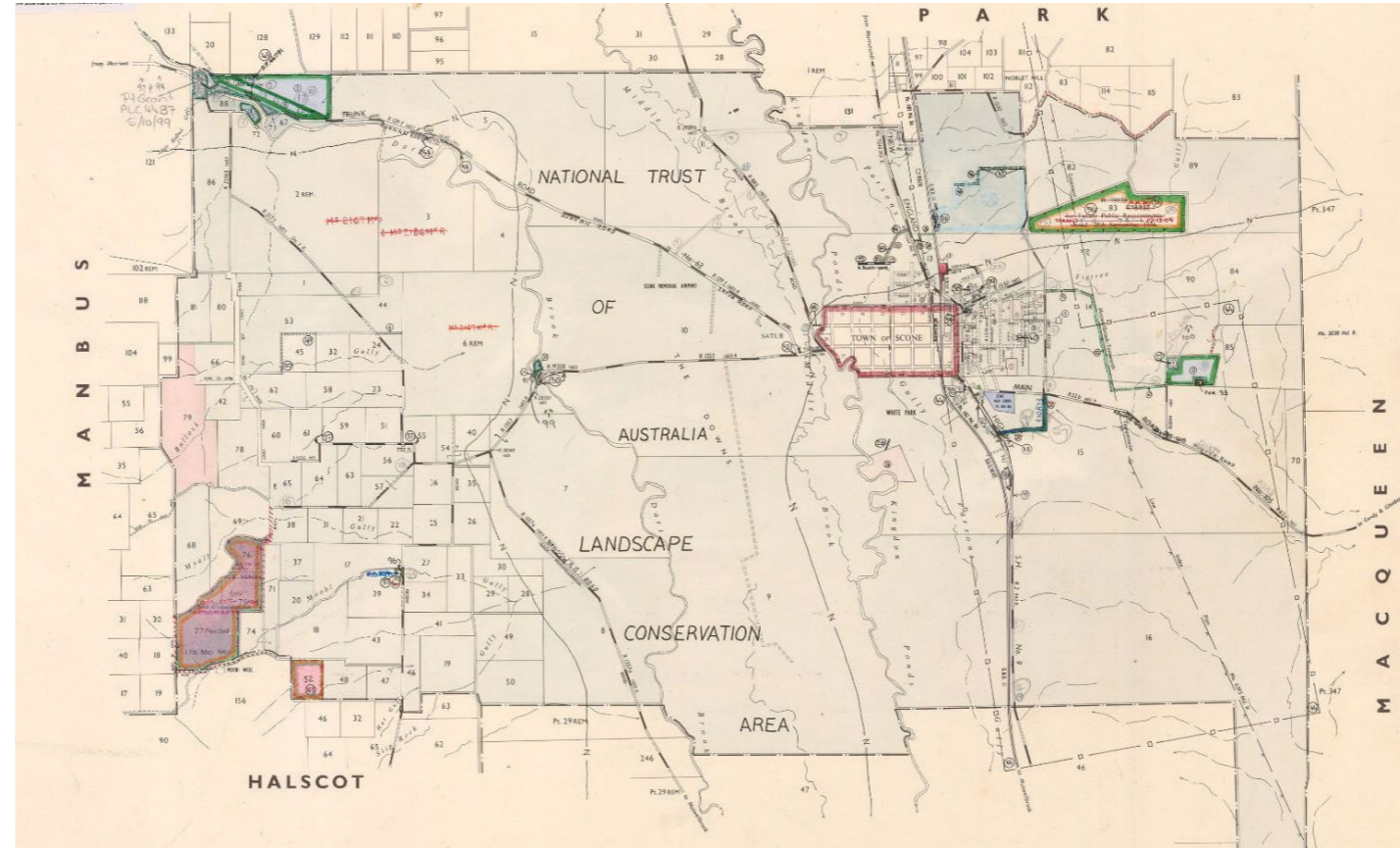
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<https://whitepark.com.au/index.php/about-us/13-the-history-of-white-park-in-scone-nsw-1820-1980>.



Bakewell's Paddock, 1905 - Scone Shire. A Centenary History of Local Government. Entwisle, Audrey M. 1988



Scone Sports Complex, 1988 - Scone Shire. A Centenary History of Local Government. Entwisle, Audrey M. 1988



LEFT: *Kingdon Ponds, Scone - Scone Shire. A Centenary History of Local Government.* Entwisle, Audrey M. 1988

TOP: *Parish of Scone Map, 1971 - Land & Property Information NSW*

BOTTOM CENTRE: *Parish of Scone Map, 1933- Land & Property Information NSW*

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Context

Council & Location

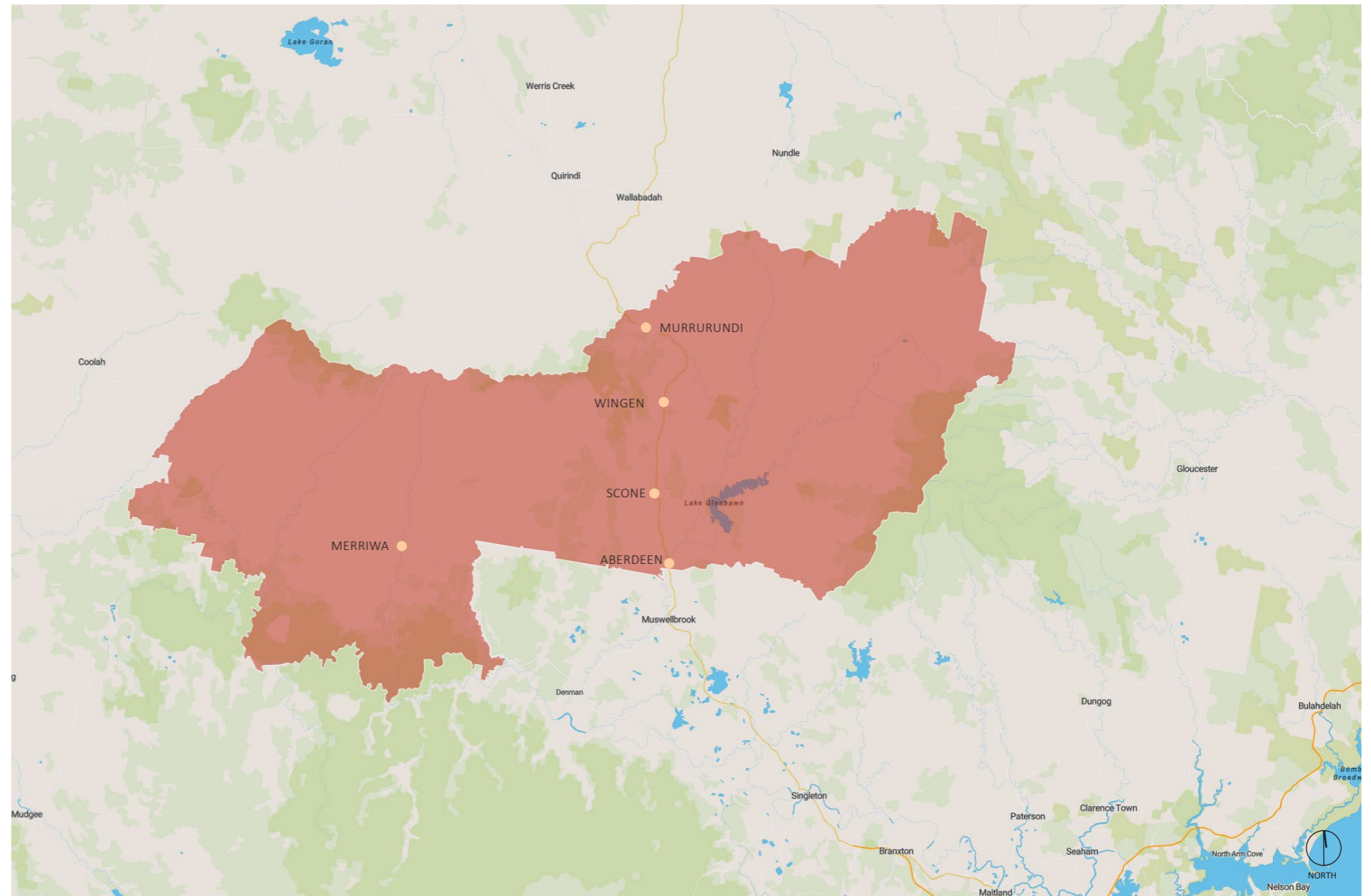
The township of Scone is positioned on fertile plains, ideal for pastoral agriculture, vineyards and boutique food production. The shire is known as the Horse Capital of Australia.

Scone is a popular tourist destination known for its beautiful natural and pastoral landscapes, horse breeding, historic buildings and townships including Murrurundi and Merriwa. Scone is located close to Lake Glenbawn, Barrington Tops and Goulburn Rivers National Parks and is a gateway the NSW central west.

Upper Hunter Shire Council

The Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC) is a local government area in the Upper Hunter Valley Region of New South Wales (NSW) located about 3 hours drive from Sydney and 2 hours drive from Newcastle. The region covers an area of around 8,000 square kilometres and has a population in the order of 14,229 people (ABS 2021).

Scone is centrally located in the Hunter Valley along the New England Highway with easy access to the east coast and also western NSW via the Golden Highway. The major regional centres of Armidale, Bathurst, Dubbo, Narrabri, Tamworth, and Taree are around 3 hours drive or less from Scone. There is a daily train service (NSW Trainlink) to and from Sydney, Broadmeadow (Newcastle), Moree and Tamworth and two services on weekends.



Upper Hunter Shire Council Local Government Area

Context

Connecting with Country

First Nations

As custodians of the world's oldest continuous culture, it is important to recognise and incorporate First Nations knowledge and perspectives into public initiatives and places.

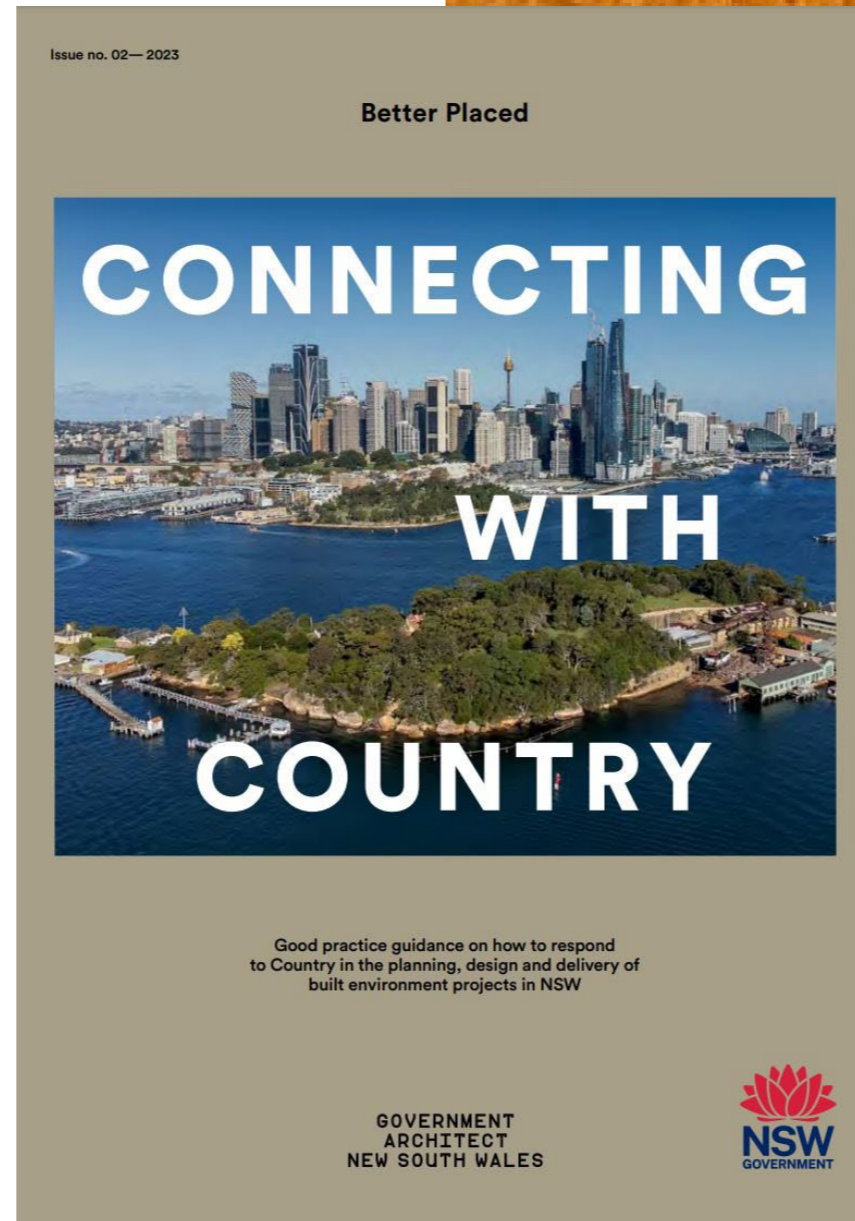
The NSW Government is committed to connecting with Country, engaging community, and protecting sacred sites in the planning and design of places. In July 2023, the Connecting with Country Framework was launched to help inform the planning, design, and delivery of built environment projects in NSW.

The ambition is that all NSW built environment projects will be developed with a country-centred approach guided by First Nations people. The framework asks leaders, clients (UHSC) and project teams to commitment to act in ways that can deliver positive outcomes for country and community. This will help:

- Reduce the impacts of natural events such as fire, drought, and flooding through sustainable ways of using and managing land and water.
- Value and respect Aboriginal cultural knowledge with Aboriginal people co-leading design and development of projects.
- Ensure Country is cared for appropriately and sensitive sites are protected by Aboriginal people having access to their homelands to continue their cultural practices.

For future projects at BRSC, committing to the Connecting with Country Framework and engaging a co-design process will:

- Help advance reconciliation and develop respectful communities that embrace our rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.
- Foster collaborations with First Nations people to actively participate and contribute their knowledge and understanding in the design process.
- Help preserves our cultural knowledge and heritage.
- Increase pathways to obtain future grant funding.



*Aboriginal heritage of handprints on Hawkesbury Sandstone undercroft on the north side of Sydney Harbour
Connecting with Country - GA NSW*

Context Strategic Alignment

Upper Hunter Shire Council Community Strategic Plan 2032

The Upper Hunter Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan 2032 outlines key strategic directions and priorities for the region. The plan considers the LGA's wider regional and state context and its alignment with state and regional priorities. Developed in consultation with the community the plan establishes key commitment statements, vision and five priorities to guide decision-making, planning and delivery of services.

The statements, vision and priorities are:

Access, Equity, and Inclusion.

The Upper Hunter Shire community and Council welcome all people who choose to live, work or visit the region. To achieve this Council:

- Welcomes and celebrates diversity and believes it fosters growth.
- Understand Community connections are integral to everything.
- Commits to build a sense of place and belonging in our community.
- Works collaboratively with the whole of the community to achieve the collective vision for the future.
- Acknowledges and will address inequity, work to reduce and remove barriers and champion belonging in the community.
- Understands that's access, inclusion and participation are key to building strong liveable communities for everyone.
- Are committed to preserving the dignity of all people to ensure services, facilities and public spaces are openly inviting and fully accessible.

Sustainability

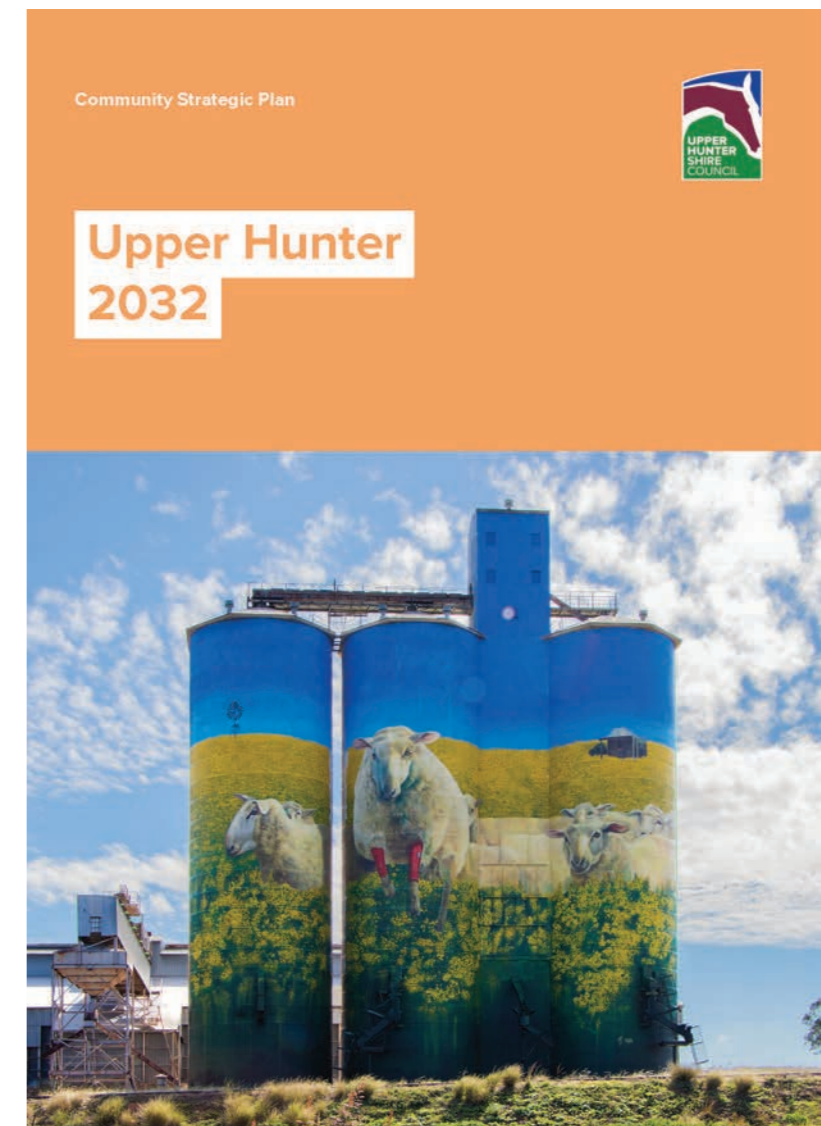
The key commitments and focus to improve sustainability outcomes in region are:

- To work with the community in implementing the best practices around sustainability and celebrating the outcomes.
- Value open spaces and create opportunities for community to connect and enjoy the very best of the Shire.
- Sets targets to reduce emissions and achieve environmental goals to ensure the UHSC remains a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Community Priorities

Through community engagement five community priorities reflecting the communities needs and values were identified:

1. Connected Community
2. Protected Environment
3. Thriving Economy
4. Quality Infrastructure
5. Responsible Governance



Upper Hunter 2032	BRSC Masterplan
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Community Vision

A quality rural lifestyle in a vibrant, caring, and sustainable community.	The masterplan sensitively responds the rural character, and seeks to provide an active, vibrant, and inclusive place for everyone which can adapt to changing needs overtime.
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Access, Equity, and Inclusion.

Welcomes and celebrate diversity and believe it fosters growth.	The purpose of the masterplan is to create a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and engaging place for the residents, workers, and visitors. The plan includes new and accessible facilities for the community and sport clubs which can adapt to needs overtime.
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Understand Community connections are integral to everything.	At its core, the masterplan has embedded shared facilities for the community and sporting clubs. The aim is to bring people together, foster pride, health competition and encourage social engagement and interactions.
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Commits to build a sense of place and belonging in our community.	The masterplan represents the collective ambition of the community, user groups and council and sensitively responds to parkland character and Scone surrounds.
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Work collaboratively with the whole of the community to achieve the collective vision for the future.	The masterplan was developed in collaboration with the community and stakeholders. Initial ideas and suggestions identify aspirations, needs and facilities and the Masterplan exhibition feedback helped shape and refine the plans.
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Acknowledges and will address inequity, work to reduce and remove barriers and champion belonging in the community.	The existing facilities are old and do not meet code requirements. The masterplan will help obtain funding to upgrade facilities, remove barriers (social and physical), increases the range of active sport and recreation opportunities, and provides equitable access and inclusive facilities for everyone.
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Understands that's access, inclusion and participation are key to building strong liveable communities for everyone.	The provision of a high quality, equitable and accessible sports complex and open space will help to increase participation and improve liveability.
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Are committed to preserving the dignity of all people and to ensure services, facilities and public spaces are openly inviting and fully accessible.	One of the core masterplan principles is to provide safe, welcoming, and inviting facilities in a park setting, providing a range of recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities, treating everyone equally and increasing the accessible open space area.
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Sustainability

To work with the community in implementing the best practices around sustainability and celebrating the outcomes.	The masterplan embeds environmental principles and sustainability practices to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve economic sustainability by reducing maintenance resources, provide potential income and support local businesses. • Restore riparian corridors, native vegetation and increase native habitat. • Encourage community participation. • Improve practices to reduce ongoing maintenance and operational requirements.
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Value open spaces and create opportunities for community to connect and enjoy the very best of the Shire.	The masterplan acknowledges the importance of BRCS and will provide high quality active sports and recreation facilities for community enjoyment, to showcase the Shire and encourage social interaction.
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Sets targets to reduce emissions and achieve environmental goals to ensure the UHSC remains a wonderful place to live, work and play.	The proposal includes a range of environmental sustainability initiatives will minimise impacts and improve the environment. Key elements include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of recycled water for irrigation • Collection and storage of roof water for toilet flush and irrigation • Material selection and life cycle • Increasing water infiltration • Use of low energy LED lighting systems • Maximise usability of facilities.
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Connected Community - Developing and deepening connections of people to each other and their community.

1.2 Work collaboratively to address social disadvantage.	The masterplan increases the amount of usable open space and provides additional sports and recreation facilities for everyone.
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1.3 Increase promotion of healthy lifestyle.	The provision of new and good quality sports facilities encourages participation, physical activity, social interaction and enjoyment of the open space and natural environments.
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1.4 Enhance partnerships to maintain a safe community	The masterplan acknowledges the important role sports clubs and user groups have in safe and coherent communities and provides welcoming, safe, equitable, accessible, and adaptable facilities.
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1.5 Advocate for, support and provide services and facilities for the community.	The masterplan represents a collective vision for BRSC to help obtain grant funding to provide improved and new facilities such as the multipurpose Community Clubroom for the sport clubs and the community.
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1.6 Provide and support a range of community events, festivals, and celebrations.	The purpose of the masterplan is to provide facilities to enable BRSC to host regional and state events and carnivals.
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1.7 Acknowledge and respect our Aboriginal culture, heritage, and people.	The MP aligns with the NSW Government Connecting with Country Framework and identifies the benefits of Co-Design project delivery.
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Protected Environment - Ensuring the ongoing protection of the environment and natural resources.

2.1 Advocate for, facilitate and support programs that protect and sustain the areas diverse environment for future generations.	The masterplan acknowledges the existing overland flow and flood path and creates a series of swales and basins to manage and harnesses the water. The design increases biodiversity while also providing high quality active sports fields. The plan will also increase native habitat and restores the Kingdon Ponds and Parson Gully riparian corridors.
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2.2 Encourage and support community participation to care for the environment.	The masterplan improves facilities to support sports clubs, community and Landcare groups actively participating to help maintain and improve the open spaces.
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2.6 Plan, facilitate and provide for a changing population for current and future generations.	The purpose of the masterplan identifies needs, establishes a vision to guide future projects and create a flexible facility which can adapt to changing requirements over time.
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2.8 Implement policies to ensure the protection of strategic agricultural lands, equine critical industry clusters, natural resources, and heritage	The plan responds to the history of the site and protects the herriage of the active sports and recreation facilities for Scone.
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Context

Strategic Alignment

Upper Hunter 2032	BRSC Masterplan
Thriving Economy - Strengthening the areas vibrant industries and economy while seizing emerging opportunities.	
3.1 Broaden and promote the range of business and industry sectors.	A key aspiration of the masterplan is to enable BRSC to host state and local carnivals and events to encourage visitation and support local business. The masterplan will help seek grant funding and promote partnerships with business and industry.
3.2 Encourage retail and commercial business to increase local employment opportunities.	The masterplan enables sponsorship to help support local sport clubs, promote local businesses, and provide employment.
3.3 Provide attractive and functional town centres and support revitalisation of the towns and villages including investment in built heritage and improvement of existing buildings.	The purpose of the masterplan to establish BRSC as the premier sports facility in the Upper Hunter region, facilitate the revitalisation of the park and scone and encourage investment.
3.4 Provide diversity in tourist attractions and experiences.	The masterplan includes high-quality sports facilities so BRSC can host regional and state carnivals and events and provides new recreational facilities to attract visitors.
3.5 Promote the Upper Hunter's unique brand identity.	The upgrade of BRSC will provide high quality active sports facilities will extend and enhance the healthy lifestyle, natural surrounds and liveability associated with the Upper Hunter Brand
3.6 Facilitate and support increased and innovative tourism and marketing opportunities.	The proposed facilities will help attract new sport tourism opportunities, extend recreation offerings and provide new 'Instagram-able' moments.
Quality Infrastructure - Maintaining and developing the infrastructure network to meet the ongoing needs of the population.	
4.1 Provide for replacement, improvement and additional Community and open space infrastructure through investment, best practice, and risk management.	The masterplan will help obtain grant funding to replace and improve facilities and increase the amount of open space and community infrastructure.
4.2 Provide inviting public spaces that are clean, green, properly maintained, well designed, encourage active participation, family friendly and accessible to all.	The primary focus of the masterplan is to provide high quality active sports, recreation and community facilities which increase use, are welcoming, inclusive, engaging, robust and safe.
4.3 Provide safe and reliable water and sewerage services to meet the demands of current and future generations.	The BRSC masterplan includes improvements to enable reuse of recycled water.
4.4 Upgrade and maintain the road network and bridges.	The Masterplan includes new shared paths connections, an upgraded internal road system, a bridge culvert on Kingdon Street and levee improvements to protect properties, facilities and infrastructure and to improve access.

Upper Hunter 2032	BRSC Masterplan
Responsible Governance - Providing efficient and responsible governance to effectively serve the community.	
5.1 Effectively and efficiently manage the business of Council, while encouraging an open and participatory Council with an emphasis on transparency, community engagement, action and response.	The masterplan has been developed in collaboration with the community, user groups and council with an open engagement process. The plan has been shaped in response to community feedback and represents the collective ambition of the people of Scone.
5.2 Council is focused on innovation and continuous improvement to ensure a high quality of service which is aligned with business needs and community priorities.	The plan proposes new recreation and community facilities for residents and visitors and will improve infrastructure to reduce ongoing maintenance and operational requirements
5.3 Effective financial and asset management to ensure council's long-term sustainability.	The purpose of the masterplan is to provide a clear vision to guide planning, help manage asset and priorities for future renewal projects. A detail cost plan has been prepared to understand costs, establish budgets and help obtain grant funding.
5.4 Open and effective communication methods and technology are utilised to share information about Council plans, intentions, actions, and progress.	Consistent with the UHSC Community Participation Plan, consultation and engagement processes used a mix of web-based, social and printed media and display panels to ensure everyone had the ability to provide comment by written submission, survey questionnaires, feedback forms and at community information sessions.
5.5 Community is effectively engaged, can provide opinion, and contribute to decisions that plan for the present and future of the Upper Hunter Shire.	Consistent with the UHSC Community Participation Plan, the community engagement process included three rounds of consultation including; a user groups and stakeholder workshop and submissions, a community ideas and suggestion process and an exhibition of the draft masterplan. All feedback has been revised and considered in development of the masterplan.
5.7 Effective management of risk underpins all Council decisions, service delivery and behaviours.	The masterplan has carefully considered site constraints, infrastructure, use and operational requirements to minimise risk and eliminate elements not suitable to this open space.
5.8 Develop leadership skills and build networks through a range of formal and informal opportunities.	The plan reflects to the BRSC User Groups and Council's desire to be a leader and create a high-quality facility to build relationships and regional and state sports organisation and enable community uses.
5.10 Encourage and build strong partnerships between the Community, business, and all levels of government to support implementation of the CSP 2032 and to deliver the Community priorities.	The masterplan aligns with NSW Government Strategic Directions and Policy, Sports Code Requirements and Council Policies to help secure funding and foster partnerships to delivery facilities to the community.
5.11 To participate and encourage regional coordination and planning between Councils and other organisations.	The plan recognises Scones' regional position and aligns with NSW Government Strategic Directions and Sports governing organisations to coordinate and provide new facilities and maximise utilisation.

Context

Background Documents

The Bill Rose Sports Complex site is shaped by planning controls and managed by several strategic documents. The purpose of these documents is to guide development and help meet legislative requirements. The key documents which relate to the provision of recreation facilities, development and management of the open space include:

Open Space and Recreation Needs Study – Draft July 2014

The Upper Hunter Shire Council Open Space and Recreation Needs Study reviewed the open space and recreation provision, demographics and needs across the Local Government Area (LGA). The purpose is to anticipate future trends and identify gaps to help plan and prioritise recreation facility upgrades and capital works improvement programs.

Scone is identified as a Tier one town with the high level and need for recreation provision. Bill Rose Sports Complex is the largest sports facility in the LGA with athletics, cricket, hockey, football (soccer), netball, rugby union (juniors), parkrun, walking circuit, exercise, and playground facilities.

The study found there is an adequate supply of open space land and facilities to meet current and future population needs. The main constraint to open space and recreation facilities provision is resources and funding. The key issues and recommendations for the Bill Rose Sport Complex are:

- Facilities are currently underutilised due to existing poor condition and amenity
- Upgrade of facilities are needed to meet state standards.
- Improve drainage and existing facilities/infrastructure to ensure they are all-weather.
- Develop a new home for netball.
- As a result of the bypass, improve the entry to make site access is easy and safe.
- Formalise the walking circuit

- Prepare a Masterplan to:
 - look at accommodating additional sporting codes such as AFL, rugby union and league.
 - Coordinate with the users (sporting clubs and community) to create a sporting and recreation precinct that maximises the potential of the complex and meets community demand
 - guide future planning and help obtain grant funding.

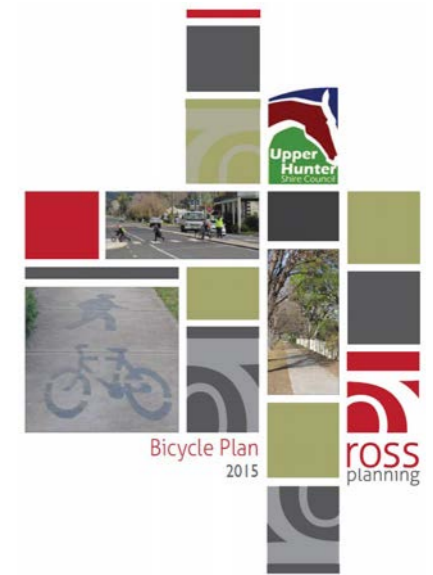
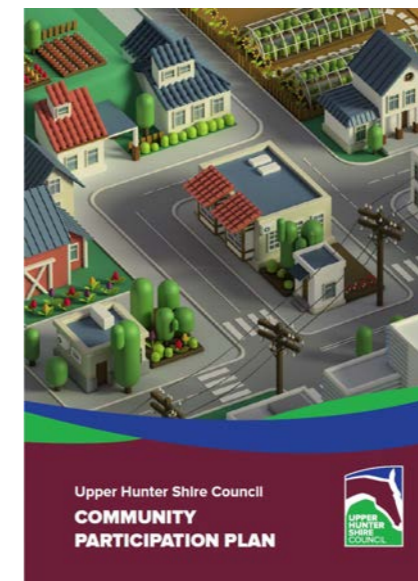
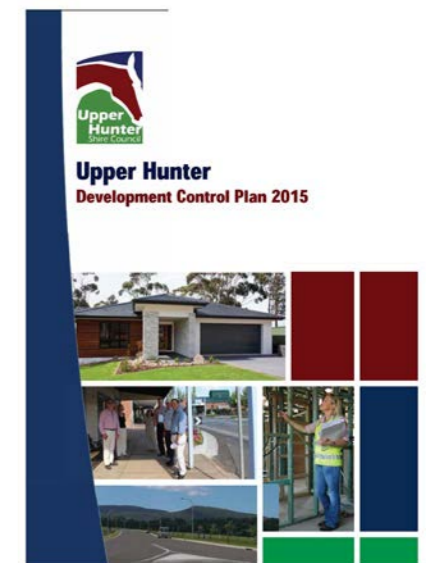
Upper Hunter Shire Council Hunter Bike Plan – 2015

The Bike Plan undertook a review of existing and identified new proposals to enhance the bike networks for Scone, Aberdeen, Merriwa, and Murrurundi. The plan identified pedestrian footpath, recreation and commuter routes, regional trails, and education programs to help increase bike riding participation in the LGA. The key recommendations for the Bill Rose Sport Complex include:

- Provide a new bike path connection on Wingen Street to the existing Liverpool Street bike path.
- Formalise the shared path circuit around the Bill Rose Complex.
- Establish an off-road bike path connection between Bill Rose Sports Complex and Scone Grammar School (completed).

Other documents include:

- Community Participation Plan- 2019
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021
- Scone Floodplain Management Study and Plan – February 1999
- Scone Flood Study Volume 2 Drawings – November 1996
- Upper Hunter Local Environmental Plan 2013
- Upper Hunter Shire Council Development Control Plan 2015
- Upper Hunter Shire Council Generic Community Land Plan of Management – Parks
- Upper Hunter Shire Council Cultural Plan 2017-2027
- Upper Hunter Shire Council Sustainability action plan 2018-2021



Context

Open Space Provision

There are around twenty recreational and sports park and open spaces in Scone and the surrounding area, however the level of provision and quality is mixed. The open spaces are evenly distributed with most residents within 500m or 10 minute walk of a park, open space, or sports field. The spaces range from undeveloped grass open spaces, some with small playgrounds to formal parks, active recreation, and sports facilities.

A summary of the key open spaces, parks and sports facilities includes:

Parks, Playgrounds and Open Space

Elizabeth Park is Scone's main park and has a small, fenced playground with an all abilities swing and climbing net. The park is adjacent the information centre and includes a gazebo, picnic shelters, public toilets, and parking. Located on the New England Highway, the park is a popular rest point for travellers. Other parks and open spaces include:

- Amaroo Park, Scone – Playground
- Anniversary Park, Scone
- Bhima Drive Reserve, Scone
- Kater Park, Satur – Playground
- Nyarra Park, Satur
- Scone Heritage Park (Rotary Park), Scone
- Sheedy Park, Satur
- Bhima Drive Reserve- Open space
- Figtree Creek Corridor- Open Space

Sports and Recreation Facilities

Scone District War Memorial Swimming Pool is located near Elizabeth Park, west of the railway line. Scone Memorial Pool includes two pools (a 50m lap pool, and a toddler and babies pool), changerooms, grandstand, lights, kiosk, and picnic facilities. The site adjacent has been identified to expand the facilities with an indoor sports and recreation centre.

Scone Park is a fenced multipurpose facility that hosts rugby league and tennis. The Park has a diverse mix of formal sports and recreation facilities, basketball half and small courts and a basic skate park. Scone Indoor Basketball Stadium with one court is located in the north-eastern corner. The facilities also include a senior Rugby league field with lighting, a covered grandstand, two junior fields, a canteen, toilets and changerooms and a small bar. Seven synthetic grass courts with lights, a clubhouse, and spectator seating are located in the southwestern corner of St Auburns and Aberdeen Streets.

Murray Bain Oval is a local scale, single field facility with lighting and public amenities. The field is used for rugby league when Scone Park is at capacity.

Scone Mountain National Park is a small 78-hectare park located just east of the town centre overlooking the town. The Park is dominated by dry sclerophyll forest, with rainforest communities occurring in its sheltered gullies. The Park has an endangered Hunter Valley Vine Thicket and other threatened vegetation communities, including potential habitat for a variety of threatened fauna species.

White Park Equine Complex, located about 600m or 10 minutes walk from BRSC, is a premier equine sports facility with a large undercover arena with grandstand seating for 2,860 people. The facilities include a parade and dressage arena, rodeo ring, holding yards, horse stalls/stables, camping facilities, amenities including toilet block, canteen, and storage sheds. The multi-disciplinary equine arena is also suitable for concerts, sporting activities, festivals, and trade shows.

Privately Operated or Owned Facilities

Other privately operated sporting and recreation facilities include:

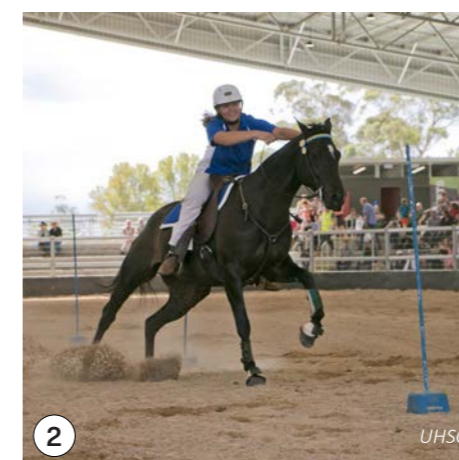
- Scone Bowling Club Racetrack
- Scone Equestrian Centre
- Scone Golf Club- 9-hole course with a licenced clubhouse
- Scone Polo Club
- Scone Race Club
- Scone Rugby Club – 1 Rugby Union Field with lighting. Change room facilities and a licenced clubhouse.
- Scone Squash Club- 2 courts with gym





Existing Open Space

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| 1 Scone Golf Club | 6 Elizabeth Park | 11 Amaroo Park |
| 2 White Park | 7 Murray Bain Oval | 12 Bhima Drive Reserve |
| 3 Scone Rugby Club | 8 Figtree Creek Corridor | 13 Annivarsary Park |
| 4 Scone Park | 9 Scone Mountain National Park | 14 Nyarra Park |
| 5 Scone District War Memorial Pool | 10 Heritage (Rotary) Park | 15 Kater Park |



Context

Regional & State Sporting Facility

State & Regional Catchment

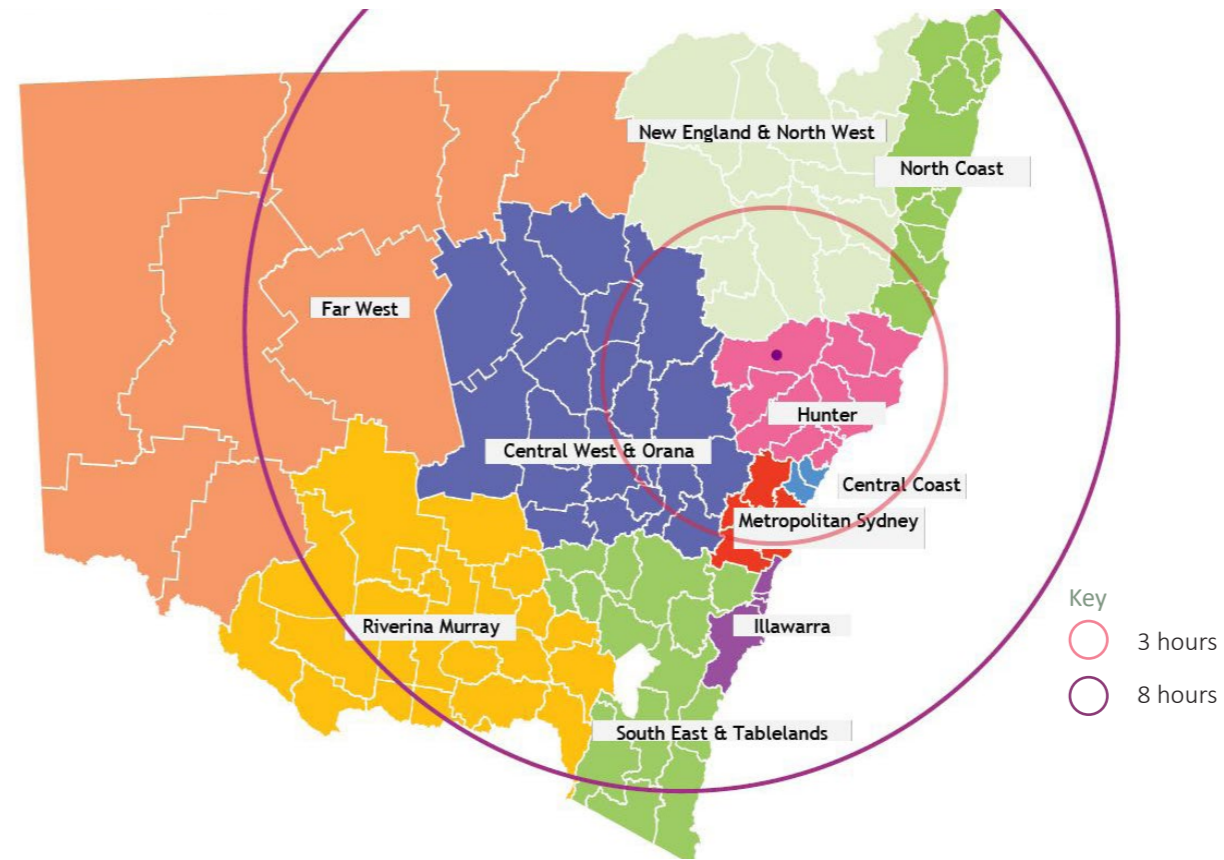
NSW Government Office of Sport has identified 10 Regional Sports Hubs across the state. Given Scone's central regional position it is an ideal meeting location for sporting carnivals and competitions, with 6 Sports Regions within 3 hours drive, 2/3 of the state and portions of all regions within a days (8 hours) drive. Newcastle Airport is located 2 hours from Scone.

Bill Rose Sports Complex's size, broad range of sporting code facilities and proximity to town also make the site a good candidate for regional events. However, upgrades and new facilities are needed to bring the complex up to a standard which is suitable to attract and host state level carnivals.

Active recreation and sports clubs are important in regional areas providing opportunities to enhance and maintain community health, healthy competition and camaraderie, social connectivity, and a sense of pride.

There is a large range of accommodation options in and around the Scone area including hotels, motels, lodges, Bed & Breakfast and two caravan parks. Muswellbrook (25 minutes) and Aberdeen (15 minutes) are also nearby, providing sufficient accommodation to host regional and state sporting events.

The onsite RV Area currently allows self-sufficient camping for stays up to 48 hours at the complex and White Park also has 100 non-power camp sites.



Regional Sports Hubs - NSW Government Office of Sport | Regional Sports Hubs Model | Draft Report (Aug 2017)

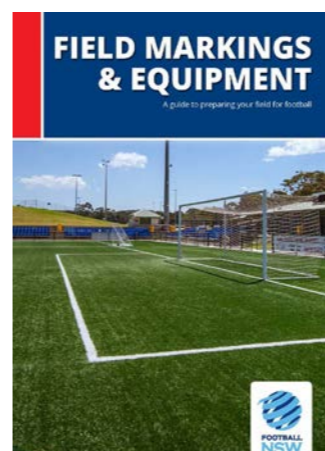


Sports Codes

All sports codes have established design guidelines and requirements depending on age, grade and facility scale (local, regional, state). These guidelines outline the minimum and recommended facilities for players and support staff, referees, sport administrators, spectators, and visitors.

The number, size, type, and quality of facilities (fields, changerooms and associated amenities, lighting etc) vary and increase depending on the level of sport being played. The proposed sports facilities will establish BRSC as premier facility in the LGA with high quality local facilities capable of hosting regional and state carnival events.

The proposed multipurpose and flexible facilities seek to maximise benefits for sporting clubs and community and adapt to changing needs overtime.



Context

Sports Clubs & Stakeholders

Bill Rose Sports Complex is owned and managed by the Upper Hunter Shire Council. The intention is that Council will ensure all user groups and the community will have facilities within the region which meet needs and are appropriate for their operations and long-term goals. The sports groups and schools in the region which currently use and benefit from the facility are:

Organisation	Membership Numbers at August 2023	Level of Competition
Athletics		
Scone Athletics Association	70	Local/ Regional/ State*
Australian Rules (AFL)		
No Current Club	Nil	Future Provision
Cricket		
Scone Junior Cricket Club	190	Local/ Regional
Upper Hunter District Cricket Association	275	Local/ Regional/ District/ State
Hockey		
Scone Hockey Club	Did not operate in 2023	Local
Parkrun		
Scone Parkrun	70-100 (Typically, 50 runners per week)	Local
Rugby League		
Based at Scone Park	-	Training/ Regional (events)
Schools		
Scone Public School	415	Local / Regional Carnivals
St Mary's Primary School	150	Seasonal Sports Activities
Scone High School	309	
Scone Grammar School	637	
St Joseph's High School	653	
Small School Carnivals	80	
Rugby Union		
Scone Junior Rugby Union Association	180 600 players events	Local/ Regional Four key events per year
Soccer (Football)		
Scone Football Club	212	Local/ Regional
Touch Football	900-1000	Local/ Regional
Netball		
Scone and District Netball Association	275	Local/ Regional



View Across Existing Netball Courts to Bypass

Context

Community Engagement

Phase 1 Sport User Group

Most facilities and fields are shared by different sport clubs, codes and schools over the year (summer and winter). UHSC established the BRSC User Group Committee made up of groups who frequently use the facilities and have interest in seeing the facility grow and flourish.

To identify the needs and aspirations of each sport club the User Group Committee held a series of consultation workshops informing the Bill Rose User Group Submission- Refer Appendix A. This report was intergal to the formation of the masterplan.



Phase 2 Values, Use and Ideas

A predesign consultation was undertaken, with the purpose to seek initial input from the community about how they use the open space, how often, what they like and what could be improved. People were also asked what other places or facilities they thought are good and why.

The consultation included a survey questionnaire on the Upper Hunter Shire Council webpage and written submissions. The 2-week consultation period was held between Sunday 16 October and Monday 7 November 2022 and thirty-two responses were received.

People were asked what they typically do or use the open space for. The feedback indicates a broad range of passive recreation uses and organised sports activities. The uses listed in order of preference (most to least) are:

1. Organised Sports
2. Playground and Bike Track
3. Exercise and Fitness
4. Running, Jogging or Park
5. Walking & Dog walking (exercise)
6. Naturals Surrounds
7. Social Activities & Interaction

The key things people told us they love about the BRSC included:

- There is plenty of space and the complex has lots and a broad range of activities.
- The space is open, peaceful, and wonderful, a lovely park away from roads.
- It's dog friendly and good for walking and exercise.
- The park has beautiful mature trees, groves, and natural shade.

The main things the community told us could be improved included:

- Creating an all-weather pathway around the perimeter for running, walking and bikes which is separate from the road.
- Establishment of an enclosed dog off-leash area
- Providing more youth orientated recreation facilities
- Improving and increase the sports field lighting
- Provide more undercover seating, shelters, and a grandstand adjacent the sports field.

Key things that make other parks they visit good were:

- Regional sized adventure playgrounds with a diverse range of play experience and all ages and abilities (with active- slides, climbing, imaginative, manipulative – nature, sensory and social play)
- Skate Park (Skateboard & Scooter)
- More Facilities
- Shared Paths (walking and bike riding track)
- Bike Track (dirt/ pump facility)

Consultation feedback and ideas identify community recreation needs and aspirations which helped shape the masterplan.

‘Bill Rose is a lovely space and Scone is very fortunate to have it’

‘Beautiful parklike grounds, nice shade offerings under trees’

‘Lovely to have so many facilities for the community combined in one space.’

‘Plenty of space for everyone to enjoy. The whole community gathers of an afternoon. It’s a place to meet and greet without being very close to one another’

‘It is a wonderful facility which is not readily available anywhere else that I know of’

‘The open space is wonderful; the choices of spaces are great. Play and exercise equipment well maintained.’

Phase 3

Feedback on Draft Masterplan

The aim of Draft Masterplan Exhibition was to gain broad community feedback on the preliminary design for the complexes sports and recreation facilities and park improvements. The feedback gained has been used to help refine the masterplan design.

The Phase 3 community engagement activities include display panels, a feedback session and online exhibition. The exhibition period was open from 31st April to 31st May 2023. There were a range of ways for people to have their say which included:

- 320 Page views with 271 individual users visiting Councils Website.
- 47 People attended the consultation feedback session at the Scone Grammar School Fete Day
- 8 Written comments were received on the day.
- 33 Feedback submission where received.
- 130 Individual feedback comments, ideas, and suggestions.

Overall, the feedback was positive and provided support for the Masterplan. There is always a range of views in the community. The comments which generated the most responses where:

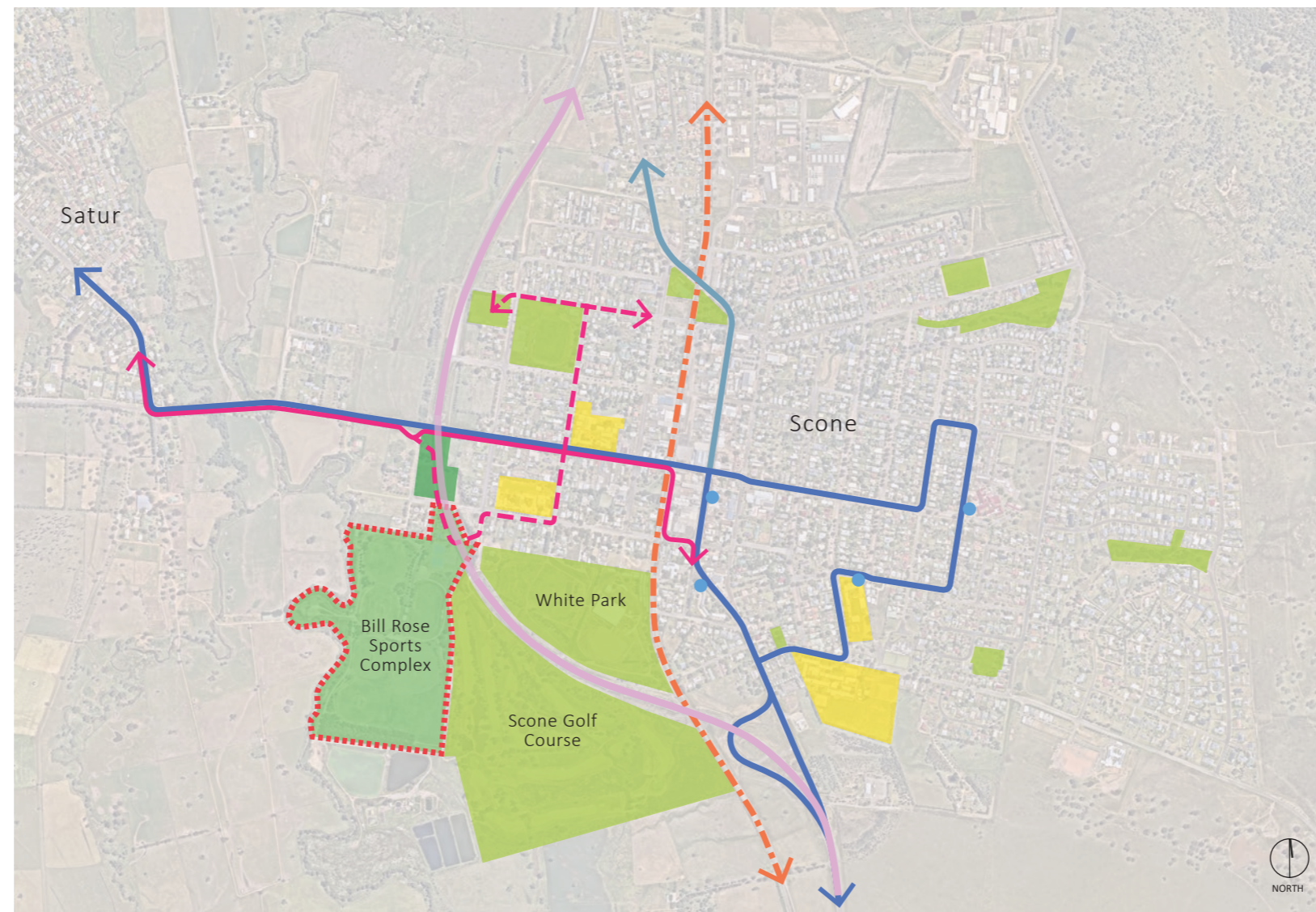
- Support for overall Masterplan proposal.
- Funding, increased maintenance, resourcing, and staffing costs.
- Moving Cricket from Saunders Oval.
- The RV camping location.
- Drainage improvements, irrigation & levelling of fields.
- The fenced dog enclosure.
- Additional cricket pitches for junior cricket.
- Ensure the proposal not increase flooding.
- Updating and providing new public amenities & storage.
- Park Run route alignment.

All feedback and suggestions have been acknowledged and considered. Appropriate ideas and suggested changes have help refine the masterplan, where possible.

Context Location

Bill Rose Sports Complex is positioned on the western side of town, about 1 km from town centre and is the largest active sports facility in the region.

The site is located at 27-35 Kingdon Street, Scone 2337 and is owned by Council. The land is bound by Kingdon Street, residential properties and the Wingen Street Road reserve to the north. Kingdon Ponds (creek) and farmland to the west, the Scone sewer treatment plant to the south and Parsons Gully (creek), Scone Bypass viaduct and Scone Golf Course to the east. The site area is approximately 27.6 hectares.



Location Plan

- Key**
- Bill Rose Sports Complex
 - Open Space & Parks
 - Proposed Open space
 - Schools
 - 414 Bus Route
 - Bus Stops
 - Bike Route
 - - - Proposed Bike Route
 - - - Railway Line
 - Scone Bypass



View Across Lagan Field to Saunders Field

Context

Existing Facilities

The site entry to BRSC is on Kingdon Street is adjacent the bypass viaduct, west of the Parsons Gully causeway. The grass open space is basically flat with slight fall across the site from north to south. The existing open space features a mix of mature exotic evergreen, deciduous and endemic native tree species with a eucalyptus grove along the southern boundary.

The existing open space has a mix of recreation and active sports facilities including netball courts, cricket practice nets and grass athletics, football (soccer), touch football, junior rugby union and hockey fields and cricket ovals. The complex is well used by local schools for sport and carnivals.

There are currently 7 playing fields and 6 netball courts, with three basic brick canteen and storage buildings, two change rooms and public amenities.

Bill Rose Sports Complex is beautiful with sports fields located amongst a mix of mature native and deciduous trees in a parkland setting. The sports complex has been grown in stages over time with the older fields (Logan and Saunders) shaped to help improve drainage. Peter Rose field (athletics) and the other fields (Shepherd, McNabb, Boyd and Fleming) are basically flat and sometimes un-useable after rain.

An existing Recreation Vehicle (RV) area for self-sufficient camping is in the small peninsula space surrounded by Kingdon Ponds. The maximum stay is two nights. In the long-term it is proposed the RV camp be relocated off site.

A Council Depot (1200m² approx) is in the northwestern corner and service vehicle access to the Pound and Sewer Treatments Plant (located on the southern boundary) is through the site.



Existing Entrance & Signage



Public Amenities



Picnic Facilities & Exercise Equipment



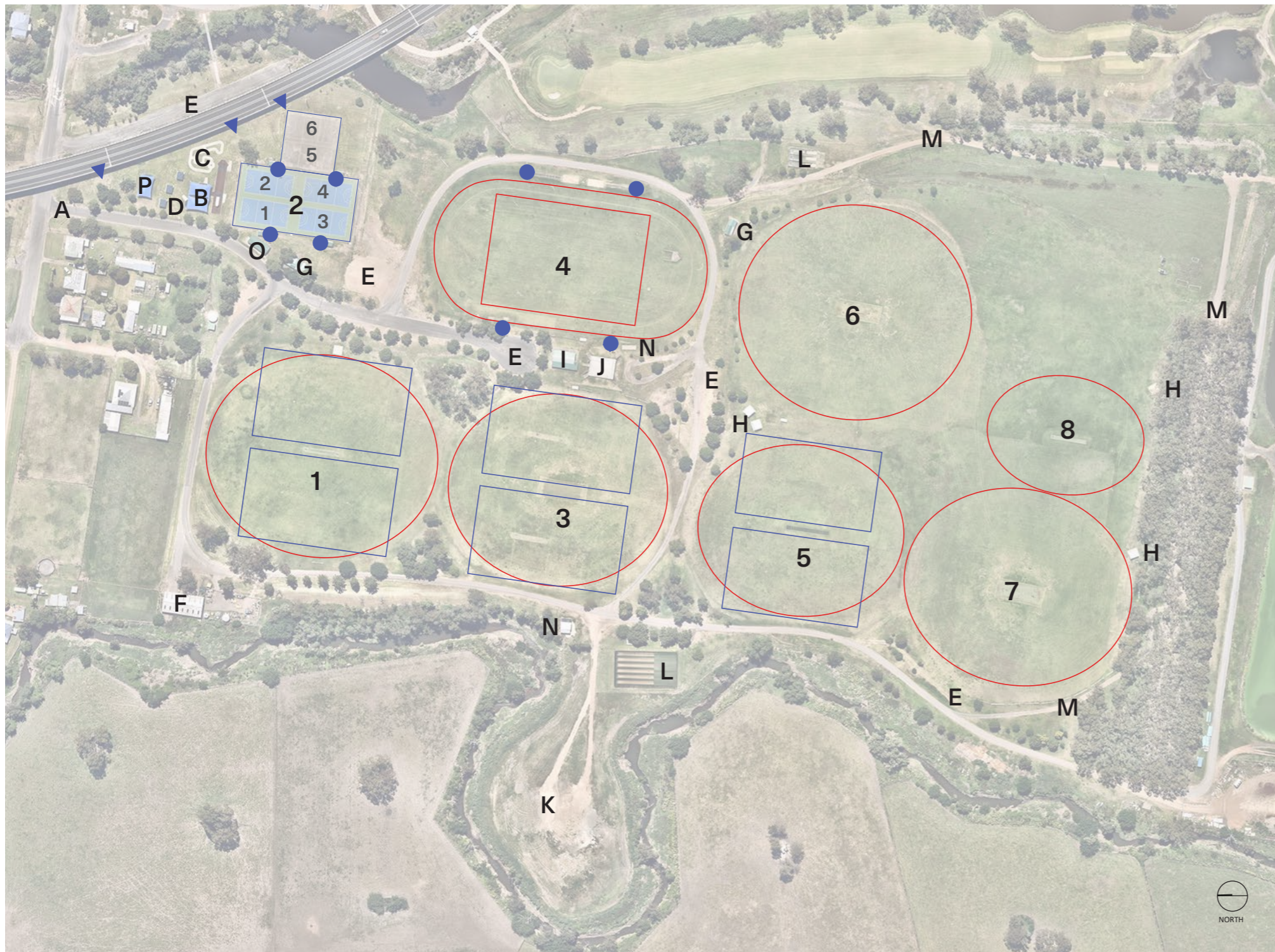
Ring Road & Existing Mature Trees



Saunders Oval and existing Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion



McNabb & Boyd Oval Spectator Shelters



Existing Complex Plan

Key

- 1 Logan Oval
- 2 Netball Courts
- 3 Saunders Oval
- 4 Peter Rose Athletic Field
- 5 Shepherd Oval
- 6 McNabb Oval
- 7 Boyd Oval
- 8 Flemming Field

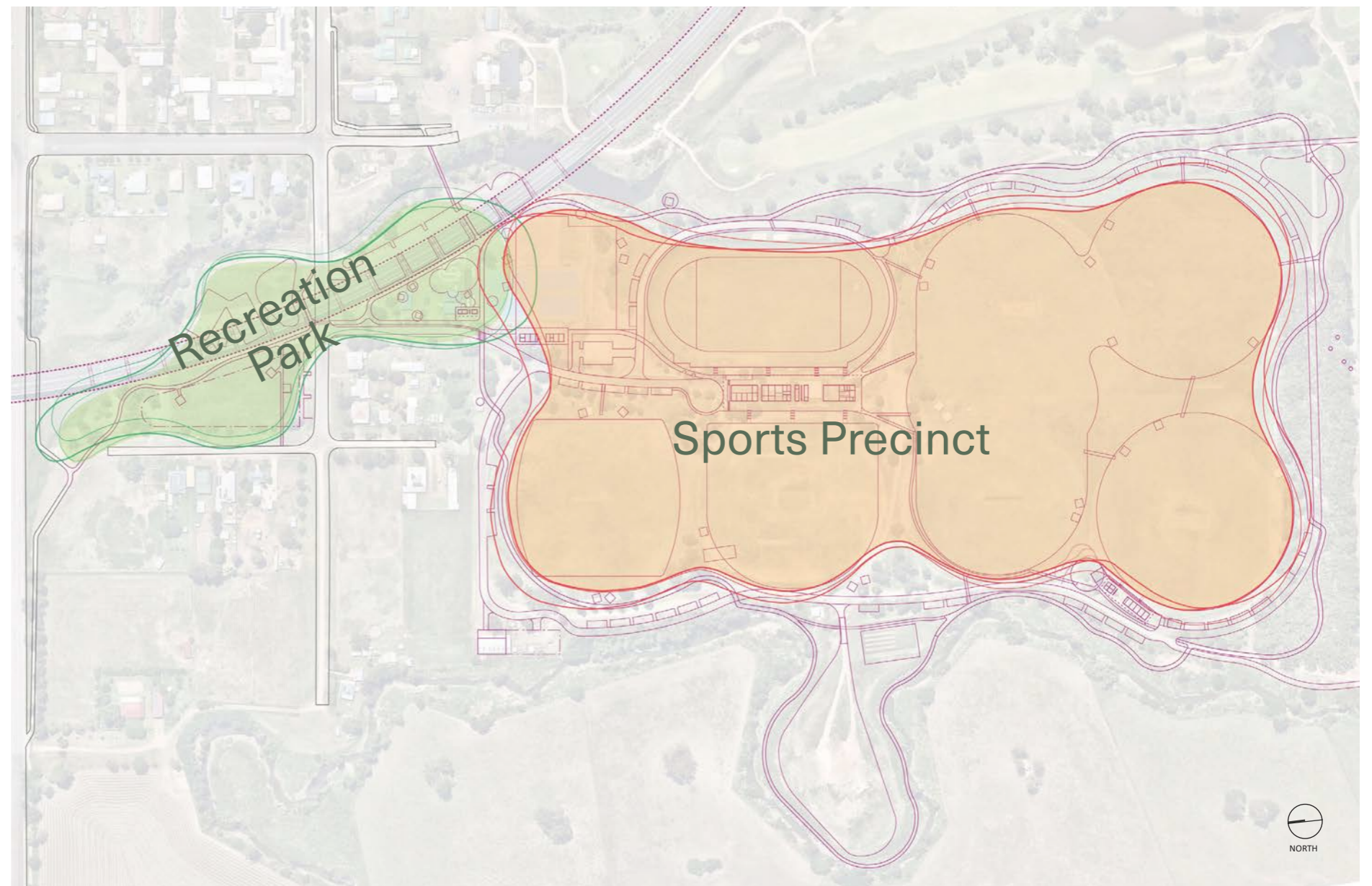
- A Complex Entrance
- B Playground
- C Bike Track
- D Picnic Shelters
- E Car Park
- F Council Depot
- G Canteen
- H Shelter
- I Dr Burce Roberts- Thomson Pavilion:
Storage/Canteen
- J Public Amenities/Change room
- K RV Camping
- L Cricket Nets
- M Walking/ Park Run circuit
- N Storage
- O Public Amenities
- P Exercise Equipment
- ▼ Pedestrian Access
- Existing Light Poles

Masterplan Overview

This Masterplan realises a collective sport club and community ambition to have an active, attractive and engaging public space for locals and visitors. Scone is proud of and understands Bill Rose Sports Complex is unique, a place which blends active sports, recreation, and community together.

The plan recognises the sites innate parkland qualities and acknowledges its alluvial flood plain position as both an imposition and asset to harness with high quality sports fields set amongst shaded groves of trees, sedge filled serpentine swales and open grasslands.

The proposal seeks not to impose but protect and enhances the beautiful characteristics by focusing on place, community, and recreation. Careful interventions are practical for local sport clubs and welcoming, inclusive, accessible, engaging for people and attractive and accommodating for events.



Recreation Zone & Sports Precinct

Masterplan Objectives

- Establish a strategic vision for Bill Rose Sports Complex.
- Upgrade facilities to improve usability and attract regional events and state carnivals.
- Meet user needs and aspirations (sports clubs, residents, workers, and visitors).
- Respect, respond & enhance the parkland character, mature trees and views.
- Create welcoming, engaging and inclusive active sports and recreation facilities for everyone.
- Provide a flexible plan which caters for increased growth and adapts to changes in demographics, sports and recreational needs into the future.
- Establish a framework that helps prioritise and improve facilities incrementally over time to achieve a unified whole.
- Consider and minimise life cycle cost, operational and maintenance needs.
- Enable the Council and Sports Clubs to seek and secure funding grants

The Masterplan

Bill Rose Sports Complex is beautiful with sports fields located in a parkland set amongst a mix of mature native and deciduous trees with expansive views to Mount Scone and the Mount Moobi ranges.

The masterplan proposes to expand and increase the amount of open space; provide high quality sports fields, courts, new club facilities and additional recreation facilities.

The plan focuses public recreation facilities in the northern precinct- along the Scone Bypass bridge from the netball courts and between Kingdon, Wingen and Liverpool Streets to provide more public park facilities and improved shared path connections to Scone and Satur.

The southern sports precinct focuses on providing a high-quality regional sports complex with 8 high-quality fields, 8 netball courts and supporting infrastructure. Adjustments to the layout will enhance usability and caters for everyday public recreation and sports, and event modes.

Reshaping and regrading the sports fields will improve the playing surface and create better defined more durable ovals, with grass detention basins and swales in between to improve drainage. Carefully planted groves of trees make rooms, provide shelter, and frame views across the complex.

The central sport precinct is a safe car-free zone with a low-speed two-way ring road and car parking around the perimeter. A separate shared loop trail traverses the site for pedestrians, dog walking, jogging, bike riders and Park Run, with additional interlinking pedestrian paths further improving access.

The plan also embeds repair and replanting of the creek corridors and sustainability improvements to enhance the environmental performance and biodiversity of the park.

The key elements of the draft masterplan include:

- Increased open space - kingdon to liverpool streets.
- New shared path connections, loop trail and circulation paths.
- Creation of an enclosed dog off-leash area.
- New youth recreation spaces with skate park and multipurpose courts.
- Entry improvements and wayfinding signage.
- Tartan athletic track and grass central field.
- Play space upgrade, a new playground and landscape improvements.
- Additional and improved netball courts and spectator seating.
- Recreational cricket nets and exercise equipment.
- Picnic facilities, shelters, tables, and bench seating.
- Three park and sports pavilions with change rooms, canteens, shelter, storage, and public amenities.
- A main multi-purpose community and clubroom pavilion with meeting rooms, kitchen and canteen, sports facilities and change rooms, amenities, canopy shelter and club storage.
- Additional sports field alongside reconfiguration of existing fields to improve functionality and allow sporting events.
- Sports field improvements including re-grading, soil and drainage, irrigation, fences, signage scoreboards, and sight screens.
- Spectator seating terraces and field side shelters.
- Formalised and carpark improvements.
- Park and fields lighting to improve use and night-time safety.
- Two-way ring road with traffic calming.
- Riparian corridor and tree plantings

The Masterplan

Key

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 New Bill Rose Sports Complex Bus Stop on Liverpool Street*
Subject to TfNSW 2 Shared Path Link to Satur and Scone Town Centre 3 Fenced Off-Leash Dog Park with Shelters 4 Improvements To Bypass Bridge (Public Artwork, Lighting and Paint)
* Subject To TfnsW Approval 5 Active Recreation Zone - Multipurpose Courts, Table Tennis, Pump Track, Skate Park, Parkour Facilities, Community Common and Picnic Facilities *Subject To Land Transfer Agreement 6 On-Street Car Parking 7 Entrance Improvements Including Entry, Wayfinding Signage and Plantings 8 Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Crossing 9 Bill Rose Sports Complex Entry Signage 10 Main Carpark-104 Spaces 11 Weed Management and Riparian Planting Improvements 12 Pedestrian Bridge Link Path 13 Turn-Around Area 14 Sports Spine Walk 15 Picnic Facilities Including Tables, Bench Seats, Barbeques and Picnic Shelters 16 Open Lawn for Passive Recreation, Picnics and Play 17 Upgraded District Scale Play Space to Increase Play Opportunities and Diversity 18 Public Amenities- Male, Female, Uni-Sex Accessible, with External Hand Basins and Baby Change Facilities. 19 Exercise Equipment 20 Spectator Shelters And Seating 21 Shared Loop Trail – 3.2m Wide Stabilised Gravel Path 22 New Netball Pavilion with Canteen, Storage, Barbeques, Shelter, Change Rooms and Office 23 Central Carpark With Night-Time Lighting – 20 Spaces 24 Ring Road with Angled Car Parking 25 Field and Wayfinding Signage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 Deciduous Trees Planting 27 All-Weather Tartan Athletics Track 28 Drop Off and Accessible Parking 29 Regraded Drainage Swales 30 Boardwalk Links 31 Basins With Native Sedges, Forbes and Grove Tree Plantings 32 Dr Bruce Robert-Thomson Pavilion 33 Terraced Spectator Seating 34 Secondary Paths 35 Recreational Cricket Nets 36 Depot Improvements 37 Raise Levee To Eliminate Flooding Depot 38 Realigned Ring Road to Increase Park Space And Improve Safety 39 Swales with Native Sedges 40 Levee Walk 41 Existing RV Camping and Event Parking Area 42 Cricket Club Practice Nets 43 Sight Screen 44 Rock-Lined Spillway 45 Small Playground with Structure, Swing and Slide 46 Boyd Pavilion 47 Cricket Curators And Maintenance Store 48 Bird Hide 49 Basins With Native Sedges 50 Coach Parking / Turn-around Area 51 Causeway 52 River Red Gum Wood 53 Habitat Boxes 54 Council Pound And Sewer Treatment Works 55 New Culverts On Kingdon St At Parsons Gully 56 Buffer / Screen Planting 57 Mound Tree Groves |
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Masterplan Sports Fields

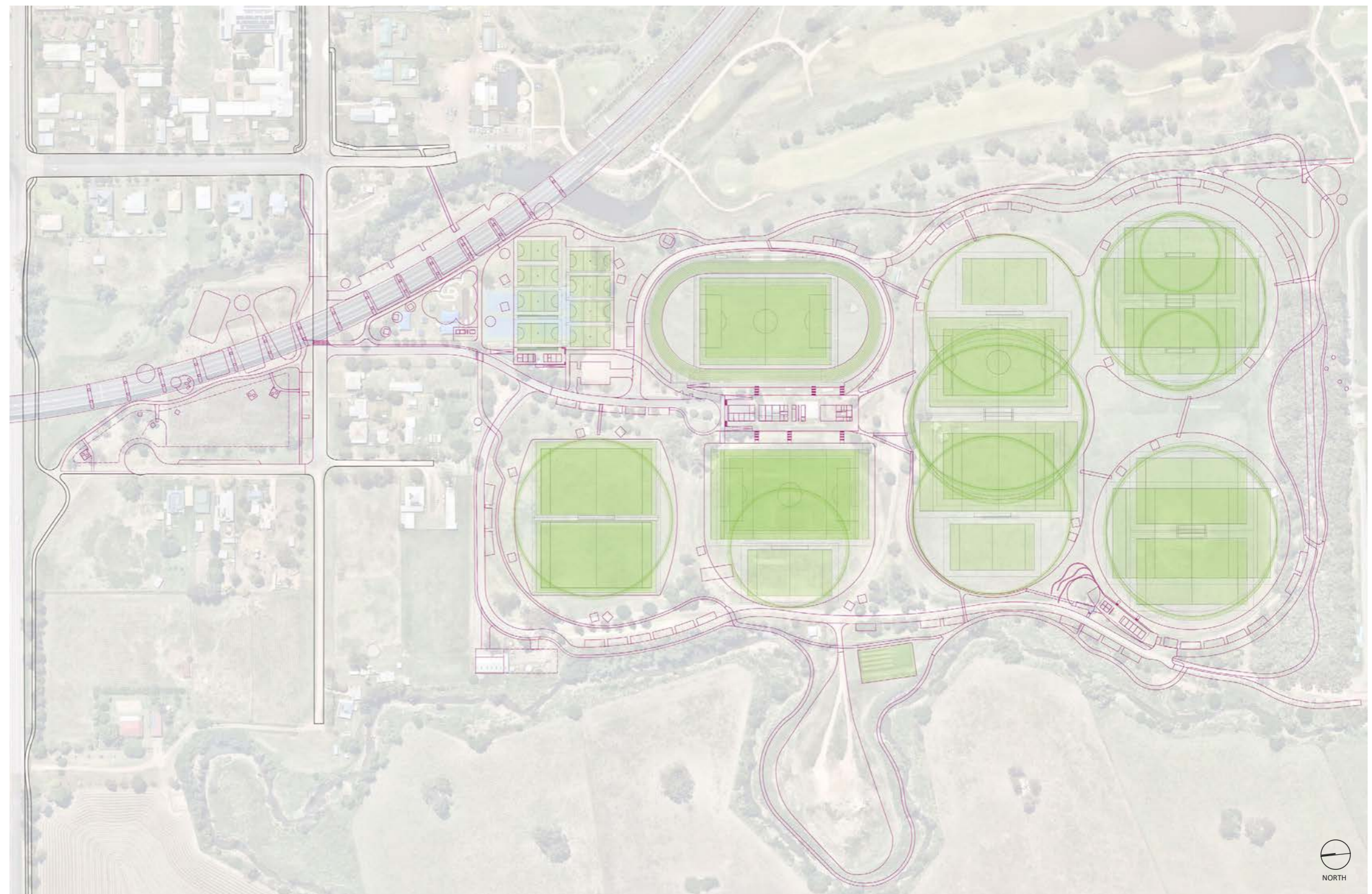
Sports code and club numbers increase and decrease over time based on population, demographics, interest and are even influenced by the national team's recent performances.

Due to space constraints many sports facilities have cricket pitches located in the middle of winter sports fields, however it is safest and helps reduce injuries, particularly for contact sports, by avoiding pitches within the playing field where space permits, such as at BRSC.

The sports field provision, size, and layout in the masterplan aims to provide high quality fields and maximise flexibility to enable changes in sports needs and uses over time.

Different sport codes have different fields sizes which also vary depending on ages groups and grades. The oval size and layouts seek to accommodate and maximise the number of different sports possible on any oval and avoids placing pitches (synthetic or turf) in non-cricket sports fields as much as possible.

Fields for each sports code are also clustered together to establish 'home grounds', help avoid booking clashes, facilitate wayfinding and use. Informal spectator seating and shelters are provided around each oval.



Combined sporting fields overlay

Masterplan

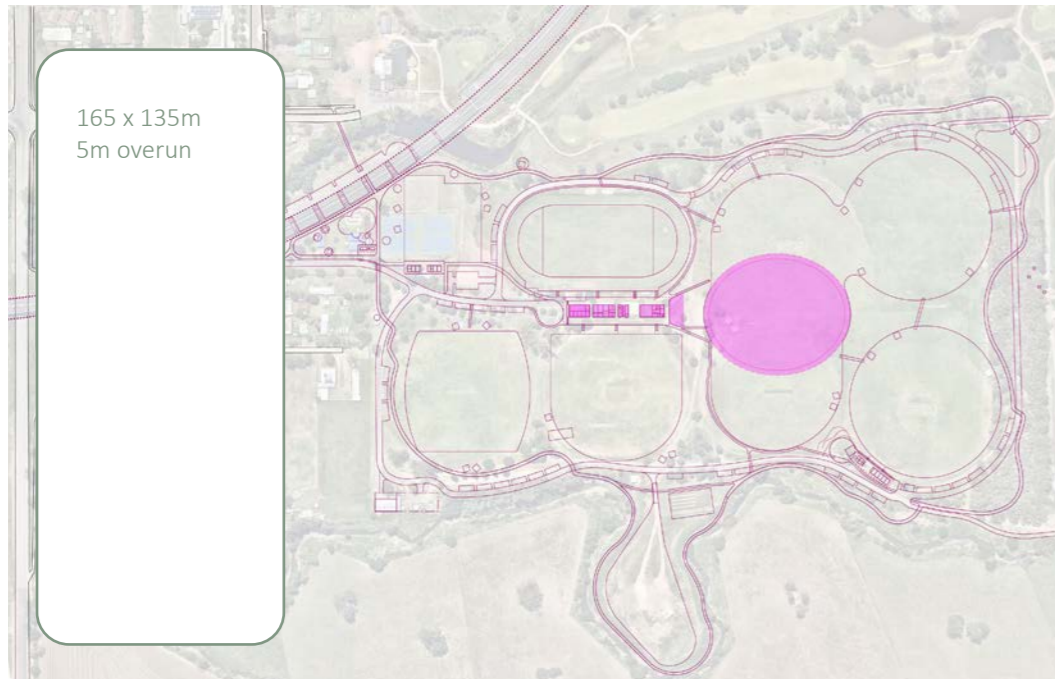
Sports Fields

Athletics Field	1	Tartan Track with Central Grass Field
Cricket	3	Turf Pitches Full Size
	2	Turf Pitches Junior Size
	3	Synthetic Pitches Full Size
	1	Synthetic Pitches Junior Size
Cricket Nets	6 + 3	6 x Club Training + 3 Public Recreational use
Football Fields (Soccer)	3	2 x Full Fields + 1 Junior Field
Hockey	2	Grass Fields –Synthetic fields not recommended at BRSC due to flooding
Junior Rugby Union	4	4-5 Fields for Events
Netball Courts	8	6 for local competition – 8 for regional events
Touch	10	10 x Full Fields & 23 Half (Junior) Fields
AFL	1	Future Provision
Rugby League		Training, use in wet weather, spill over and regional events

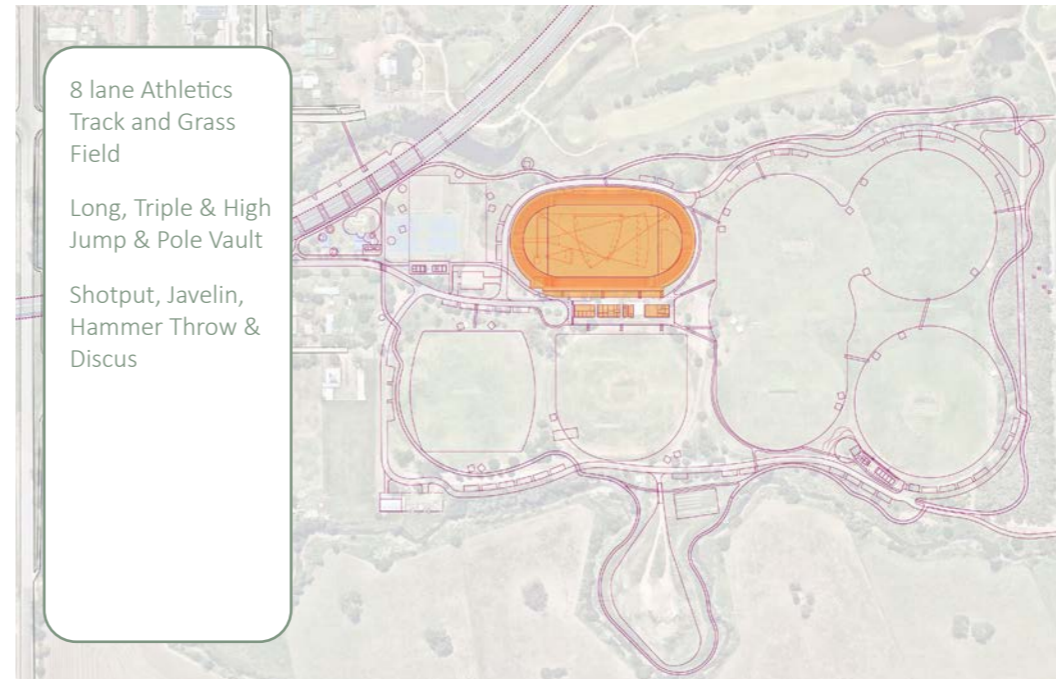


Masterplan Sports Fields

AFL



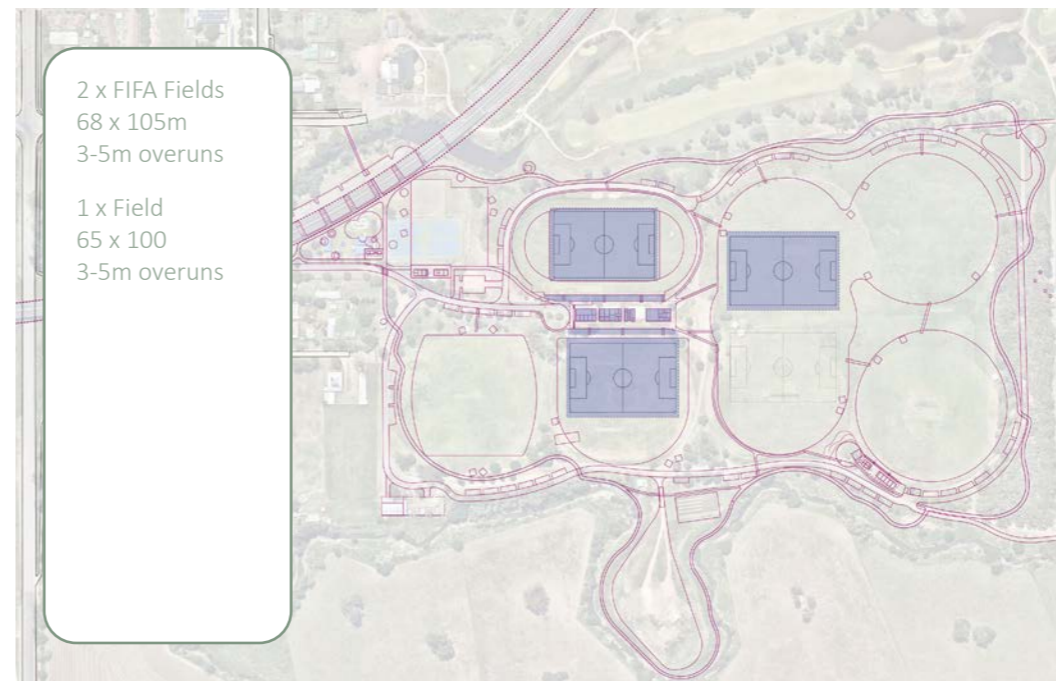
Athletics



Cricket



Football (Soccer)



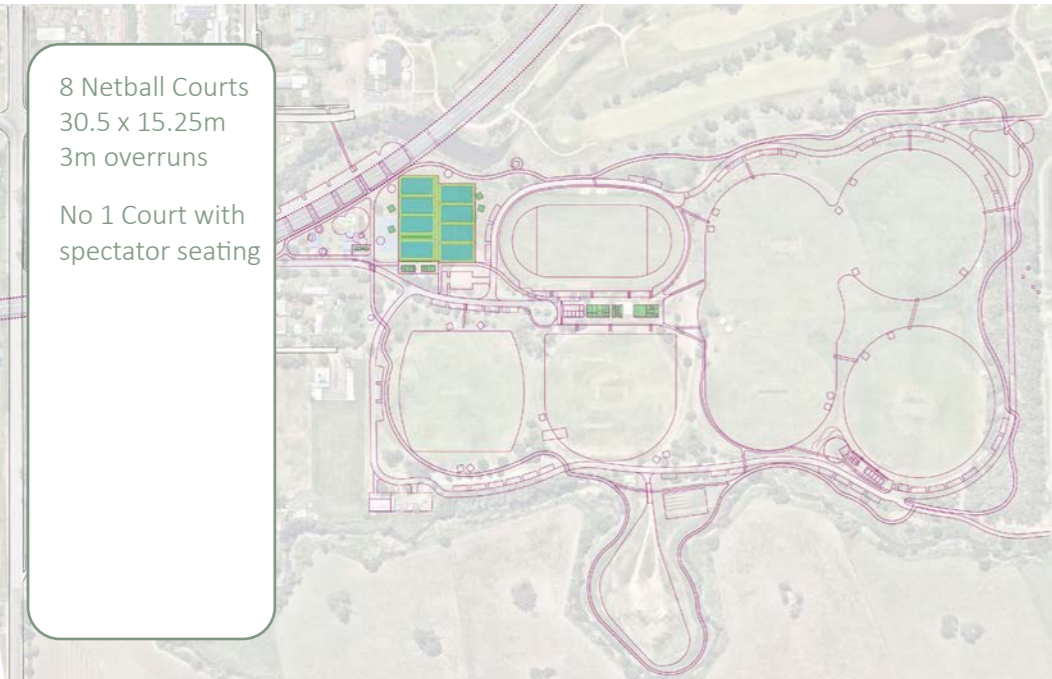
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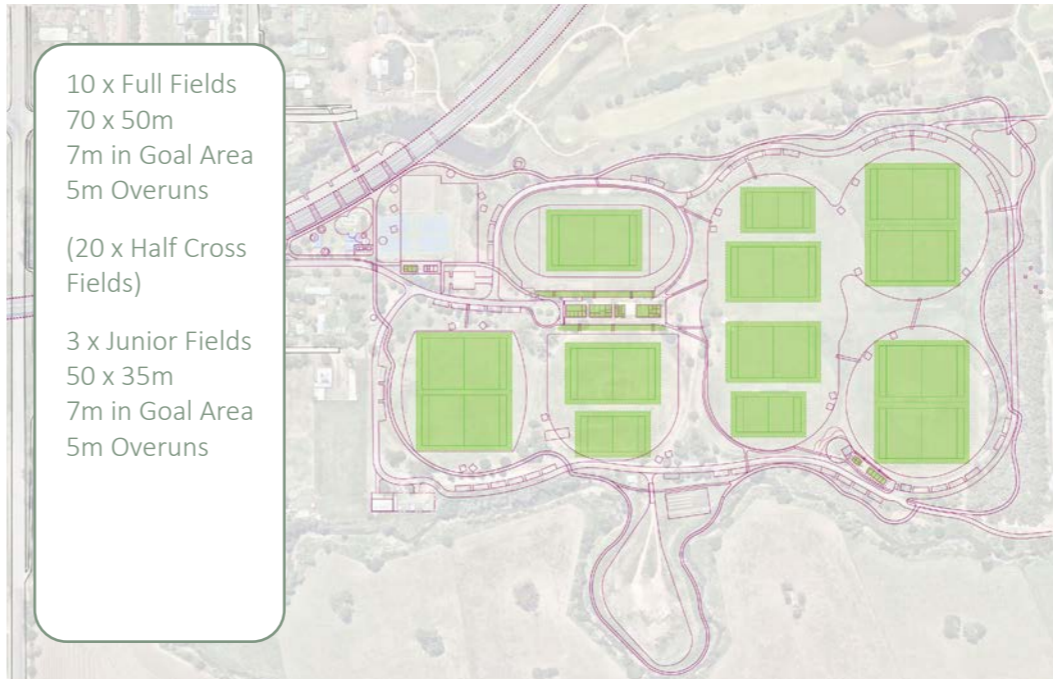
Junior Rugby Union



Netball



Touch Football



Masterplan Sports Fields

Logan Oval

Logan field is a beautiful field with reasonable drainage and is surrounded by mature shade trees. The available footprint cannot accommodate larger fields and therefore remains as cricket, hockey, and touch uses.

Peter Rose Athletics Track and Field

The Peter Rose Athletics Track will be the premier facility in the upper Hunter region with a synthetic rubber, all-weather track and multipurpose grass field for athletics events and grass sports such as hockey, football/ soccer, and touch being played on the central field. Netted closures and sand pits for long, and triple jump will also be provided.

The synthetic track surface should use recessive, green colours to reduce impacts and complement and enhance the parkland setting.

The facilities are suitable for training, school use, little athletics, regional carnivals, and events. Located adjacent the Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion, the field has formal game day facilities and amenities, spectator seating and lighting.

Saunders Oval

Saunders Oval will become the premier No 1 field at BRSC for rectangular field sports codes: football/ soccer, rugby, and touch. Positioned next to the Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion, the field has formal game day facilities and amenities, spectator seating and lighting and surrounded with informal park seats on shade trees on wooded knolls.

A junior level synthetic cricket pitch and recreational cricket nets are also provided on the western side.

McNabb, New Central and Shepherd Ovals

A combined precinct with McNabb Oval, a new Central Oval, and Shepherd Oval establishes a central core of fields for training and games near the Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion. The large amalgamation allows for multiple fields configuration and increases capacity.

McNabb Oval provides a cricket field with synthetic pitch with four rectangular fields focused on football/ soccer and touch. Rugby fields are also possible for carnivals and events.

The new central oval provides a full-sized cricket field with 3 turf pitches and has been sized to enable AFL if needed in the future. However, the inclusion of AFL does not preclude any other sport.

Shepherd Oval provides cricket field with synthetic pitch with four rectangular fields focused on rugby and touch but could be used for football/ soccer if needed.



Green Tartan Athletic Track to compliment the parkland setting



*Regional Athletic Track & Pavilion
Maitland- Studio Dot*



Logan Oval



- 1 Main Carpark- 104 Spaces
- 2 Shared Loop Trail- 3.2m wide Stabilised Gravel Path
- 3 Weed Management and Riparian Planting Improvements
- 4 Spectator Shelters and Seating
- 5 Netball Pavilion
- 6 Sports Spine Walk
- 7 Deciduous Tree Planting
- 8 Ring Road with Angled Car Parking
- 9 Disability Parking Space
- 10 Central Carpark with Nighttime Lighting- 20 Spaces
- 11 Pedestrian Crossing
- 12 Field and Wayfinding Signage
- 13 Boardwalk Links
- 14 Regraded Drainage Swales
- 15 Drop Off and Accessible Parking
- 16 Swales and Basins with Native Sedges, Forbes and Grove Trees Plantings
- 17 Mound Tree Groves
- 18 Secondary Paths
- 19 Depot Improvements
- 20 Raise Levee to Eliminate Flooding Depot
- 21 Realigned Ring Road with Angled Parking
- 22 All-Weather Tartan Athletics Track
- 23 Terraced Spectator Seating
- 24 Dr Bruce Robert-Thomson Pavilion
- 25 Removable Scoreboards
- 26 Recreational Cricket Nets
- 27 Causeway
- 28 Sight Screen
- 29 Cricket Club Practice Nets
- 30 Levee Walk
- 31 Rock-Lined Spillway

Masterplan Sports Fields

Boyd Oval

Boyd Oval is the premier cricket oval in the Upper Hunter district against a backdrop of River Redgums and surrounded by canopy shade trees. The fenced oval will be lit and include sightscreens, scoreboard, and terraced spectator seating.

The high-quality oval will host higher grade local; district and regional competition matches and seek to attract regional Big Bash cricket events. Temporary scaffolded seating can be installed in the parking bays surrounding the oval. The oval also has touch fields and can accommodate a full-sized rectangular field for events.

The Boyd Cricket Pavilion has two separate building pods under large roof structure and shelter area between for spectators and players. A wide veranda provides weather protection (rain and sun) seating, standing and circulation space.

The Pavilion faces south east to provide protection from the hot western sun and is on raised mound above typical flood events and to facilitate spectator viewing on concrete terraces. The facility includes public amenities; male, female & accessible), with external wash basins, a built-in barbeque cabinet, equipment storage, a referee and four team changerooms. A separate curator's maintenance and storage shed is provided with good access to the fields with turf wickets.

A local scale play space is located on the knoll next to the pavilion surrounded by sandstone log and lawn terraces providing views over the Boyd and the Shepherd Oval fields.

Flemming Oval

Flemming Oval will be regraded and formalised to create a full-size, high-quality cricket field with 3 turf wickets for grade local, district and regional matches and two juniors fields each side. The oval also has touch fields and can accommodate a full-sized rectangular field for events.



Entry Terrace
Merrion Cricket Club- TAKA Architects



Open, safe and permeable
Queens Park Sports Amenities
- SCA



Simple & elegant picket fence to enclose
Bradman Oval, Bowral



Terraced seating
Merrion Cricket Club- TAKA



Shaded seating - Cricket Pavilion
Kings Langley Cricket Club and Amenities- Eoghan Lewis Architects



Small scale playground
Lasby Sea Park- Labland



Merrion Cricket Club- TAKA Architects



- 1 Shared Loop Trail – 3.2m Wide Stabilised Gravel Path
- 2 Ring Road with Angled Car Parking
- 3 Deciduous Trees Planting
- 4 Swales and Basins with Native Sedges, Forbes and Grove Trees Plantings
- 5 Field and Wayfinding Signage
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- 8 Bird Hide
- 9 Sight Screen
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- 11 Secondary Paths
- 12 River Red Gum Wood
- 13 Small Playground with Equipment Structure, Swing & Slide
- 14 Boyd Pavilion
- 15 Terraced Spectator Seating
- 16 Drop Off and Accessible Parking
- 17 Cricket Curators and Maintenance Store
- 18 Causeway
- 19 Coach Parking
- 20 Weed Management and Riparian Planting Improvements
- 21 Council Pound and Sewer Treatment Works

Masterplan Sports Fields



| Loop Trail | | Ring Road | Parking | Field Signage | Swale | | Fleming Oval

Section/Elevation A



Fleming Oval | | Swale + Boardwalk Over | Shelter | | Boyd Oval

Section/Elevation B

Masterplan

Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion

The Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion is the heart of the Bill Rose Sports Complex. Located centrally and surrounded by sports fields the pavilion is a shared hub for the Scone community and all sporting clubs. A communal place to congregate, celebrate achievements and serve the community.

The proposed Pavilion is series of separate building pods under barn-like roof form that reflects the large farm sheds synonymous with the region. The pods are separated to facilitate circulation, maximise views and sightlines, to allow cross ventilation and to provide flexibility in the pod footprints. The 'through links' are gated to restricted access after-hours. The four building pods accommodate different needs, functions, and operational requirements. These include:

- 1 Sports Storage with flexible separately partitioned rooms for each code.
- 2 Changerooms and Associate Sport Facilities (club and referee changerooms, first aid, massage/strapping, general use room- drugs testing/media)
- 3 Public Amenities with External Communal Wash Basins.
- 4 Multipurpose Community Clubroom with training/social club meeting room, storage, kitchen, built-in barbecue, canteen, and match day office.

The Community Clubroom is a flexible multi-purpose room with storage, kitchen and bar counter, and meeting room for community uses, game day and post-event gatherings. The main clubroom and social space room will display trophies, awards, memorabilia, photographs and provide information about prominent sports people from all codes and community focused people to showcase and celebrated achievements and foster pride and a home ground spirit.

Generously proportioned verandas provide wide covered, weather protected (rain and sun) seating, standing and circulation areas for school and regional carnivals, events, premier and grand final games. An open outdoor room can provide shelter for spectators facing either field and increases the capacity of the Community Clubroom.

Positioned on a raised terrace above typical flood events and to facilitate spectator viewing, the Pavilion is positioned adjacent to two premier fields, Peters Rose Athletics Track and Field and Saunders Oval. A grassy embankment facing south to the new Field also maximised the elevated viewing potential.

Terraces with mixed sections of concrete and battened seats, concrete bleachers, and lawn infill areas and shade trees along the edges cater for both large crowds and smaller events without feeling underutilise and desolate for everyday sports activities or dominating the park with an overscale empty grandstands.

The Pavilion is intentionally on a single level, inclusive plinth and avoids the need for a Lift and long DDA complaint ramps associated with multistorey or high stadiums.

The Community Clubroom will be a shared space and bookable. It is not intended to operate as a licenced and permanent club facility with commercial food and beverage activities. It is anticipated that whole club and sport presentation events would be hosted at a local licenced club (Bowling, Golf or RSL).



Lockable, safe and secure amenities
Sommerville Sports Pavilion
Amenities- SCA



Low field fences to maintain views
Redfern Oval, Sydney



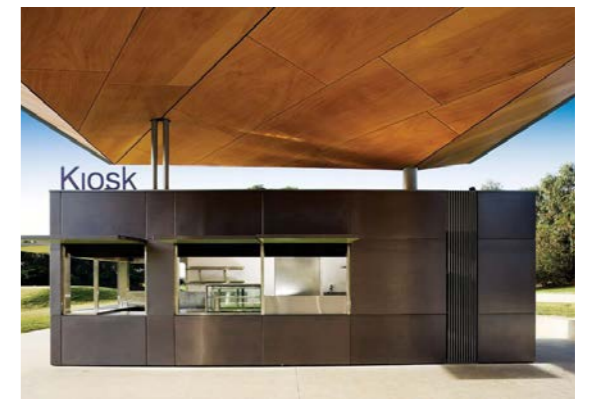
Turf Spectator Terraces
Sarah Redfern Park- JMD



Light, Open Changerooms
Prince Alfred Park, Neeson +
Murcutt



Turf Grass Terrace Spectator Seating
Redfern Oval, Sydney



Lockable Canteen Facilities
Sydney Park- Stanic Harding



Canopy shelter and spectator bleachers
NRL Amenities- Lahznimmo Architects



Spectator Terraces
Marsden Park Amenities- CHROFI & JMD



- 1 Shared Loop Trail- 3.2m wide Stabilised Gravel Path
- 2 Ring Road with Angled Car Parking
- 3 Secondary Paths
- 4 Field & Wayfinding Signage
- 5 Swales and Basins with Native Sedges, Forbes & Grove Trees Plantings
- 6 Mound Tree Groves
- 7 Boardwalk Links
- 8 Deciduous Trees Planting
- 9 All-Weather Tartan Athletics Track
- 10 Sports Spine Walk
- 11 Drop Off and Accessible Parking
- 12 Terraced Spectator Seating
- 13 Dr Bruce Robert-Thomson Pavilion
- 14 Regraded Drainage Swales
- 15 Recreational Cricket Nets

Masterplan

Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion



Saunders Oval

| Swale |

Terraced
Spectator
Seating

Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson
Pavilion & Terrace

| Terraced
Spectator
Seating |

| Peter Rose Athletics
Track + Field

Section/Elevation D



Boyd Oval looking north east

Masterplan Netball Precinct

A reconfiguration of the netball courts and upgrade of the facilities will improve viewing, access, circulation, and useability. The layout provides clear circulation routes and can accommodate two additional courts, improved club facilities, spectator seating and more space for recreational activities.

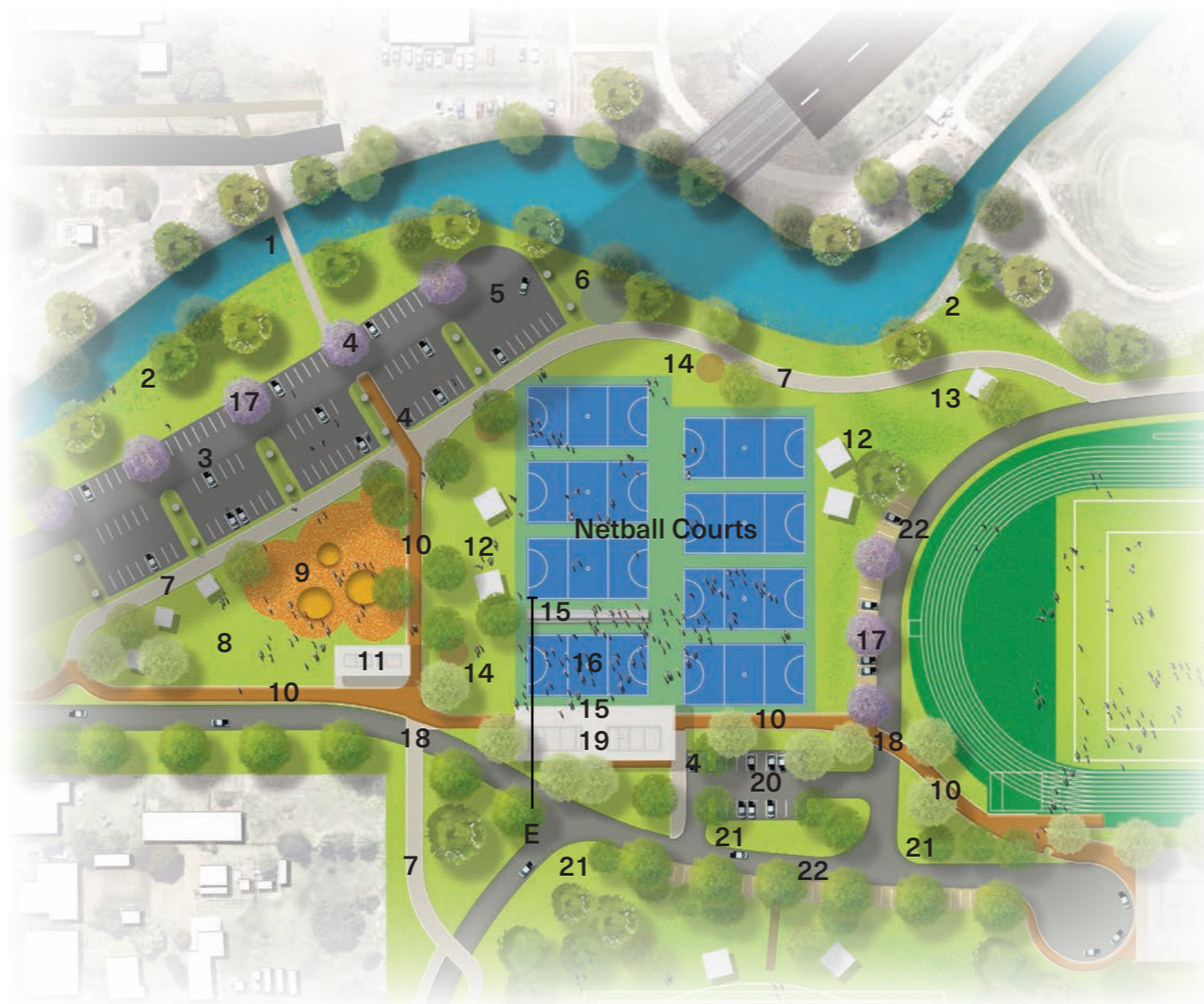
Space for eight netball courts with coloured acrylic surface has been provided to allow for future growth and meet the requirements to hold an event. A show court with liquid applied cushion surfacing and concrete spectator seating terraces is positioned next to the netball Pavilion. The proposed Netball Pavilion will provide enhanced facilities for the local competition and meet requirements to host regional events.

The Pavilion has two separate building pods under large roof structure and sheltered outdoor room between for spectators and players. A wide veranda provides weather protection (rain and sun) seating, standing and circulation space.

Positioned on a raised terrace above typical flood events and to facilitate spectator viewing, the Pavilion is located next to the main show court with terraced concrete bleachers each side. The facility includes day office/meeting room and first aid room, built-in barbeque cabinet, canteen and storage, equipment storage, referee and four team changerooms with toilets.

A new adjacent central car park with lighting is proposed to improve accessibility and safety and adjustments of the carpark area under the Scone Bypass will increase capacity.

Relocated new fitness exercise nodes and shelters surround the courts and a flexible Community Common space overlooks Parsons Gully for informal gatherings and small community activities.



- 1 Pedestrian Bridge link path
- 2 Weed Management and Riparian Planting Improvements
- 3 Main Carpark – 104 spaces
- 4 Disability Parking Space
- 5 Turn-around Area
- 6 Community Common
- 7 Shared Loop Trail – 3.2m wide Stabilised Gravel path
- 8 Open Lawn Space
- 9 District Scale Playground
- 10 Sports Spine Walk
- 11 Public Amenities
- 12 Spectator Shelters and Seating
- 13 Picnic Facilities
- 14 Exercise Equipment
- 15 Terraced Spectator Seating
- 16 Show Court
- 17 Deciduous Tree Planting
- 18 Pedestrian Crossing & Traffic Calming
- 19 New Netball Pavilion with canteen, club barbeque, shelter, change rooms & office
- 20 Central Carpark with night-time lighting – 20 Spaces
- 21 Field & Wayfinding Signage
- 22 Ring Road with Angled Car Parking



| Entrance/ Ring Road | | Netball Pavillion | Terraced Spectator Seating | Show Court | Terraced Spectator Seating | Netball Court

Section/Elevation E



Netball Courts
 Pimpama Sports Hub- Place Design



Covered tiered seating
 Katerina-Olympia Daskalaki + Myrto Matala



Elevated terraces
 NRL Amenities Kellyville- Lahznimmo Architecture



Simple, Elegant & Beautiful
 Queens Park Sports Amenities- SCA



Light and airy change rooms
 Queens Park Sports Amenities - SCA



Open, safe and still private
 Sommerville Sports Pavilion Amenities- SCA



Robust material - External hand basins
 Mahon Pool Amenities- Lahznimmo Architects

Masterplan Sports Walk Spine

The Sports Walk Spine is the main central pathway which connects the Parsons Park precinct, Kingdon Street entry, play space, sporting, and club facilities together and is an opportunity to celebrate the area's history, achievements, and sports people.

The Sports Spine is wide flexible and activated path for events or markets includes a Walk of Fame with signage, paving inlays, and interpretative information.



1 Sports Spine Walk



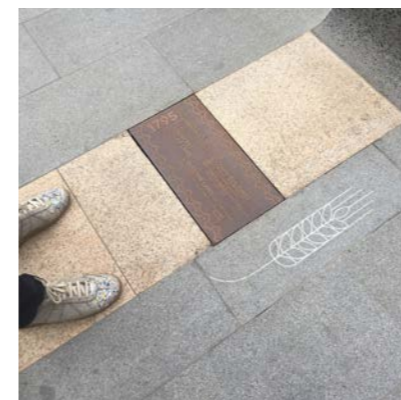
Place Naming Pavement
Farrer Place- Aspect Studios



Memorial Totems
Olympic Games Memorial- Tony Caro



Wayfinding Signage
Bondi Wayfinding- Deuce Design



Historical Information Pavement Inlays
Marrickville Metro- Deuce Design



Central Spine Path
Speers Point Park- Lake Macquarie CC



Bronze Path Inlays
The Goods Line- Deuce Design



Masterplan Recreation Facilities

The consultation process highlighted a strong community desire for enhancing recreational facilities and providing a diverse range of activities, from tranquil pursuits like tai-chi and walking to more energetic endeavors like parkrun, skateboarding, and parkour. Consequently, the park been expanded into the Parsons Gully open space area to the north-east of the main complex, offering room for additional activities that couldn't be accommodated within the existing BRSC space. This new park area is accessible to the entire community, even during events and carnivals when the Sports Complex area may be unavailable.

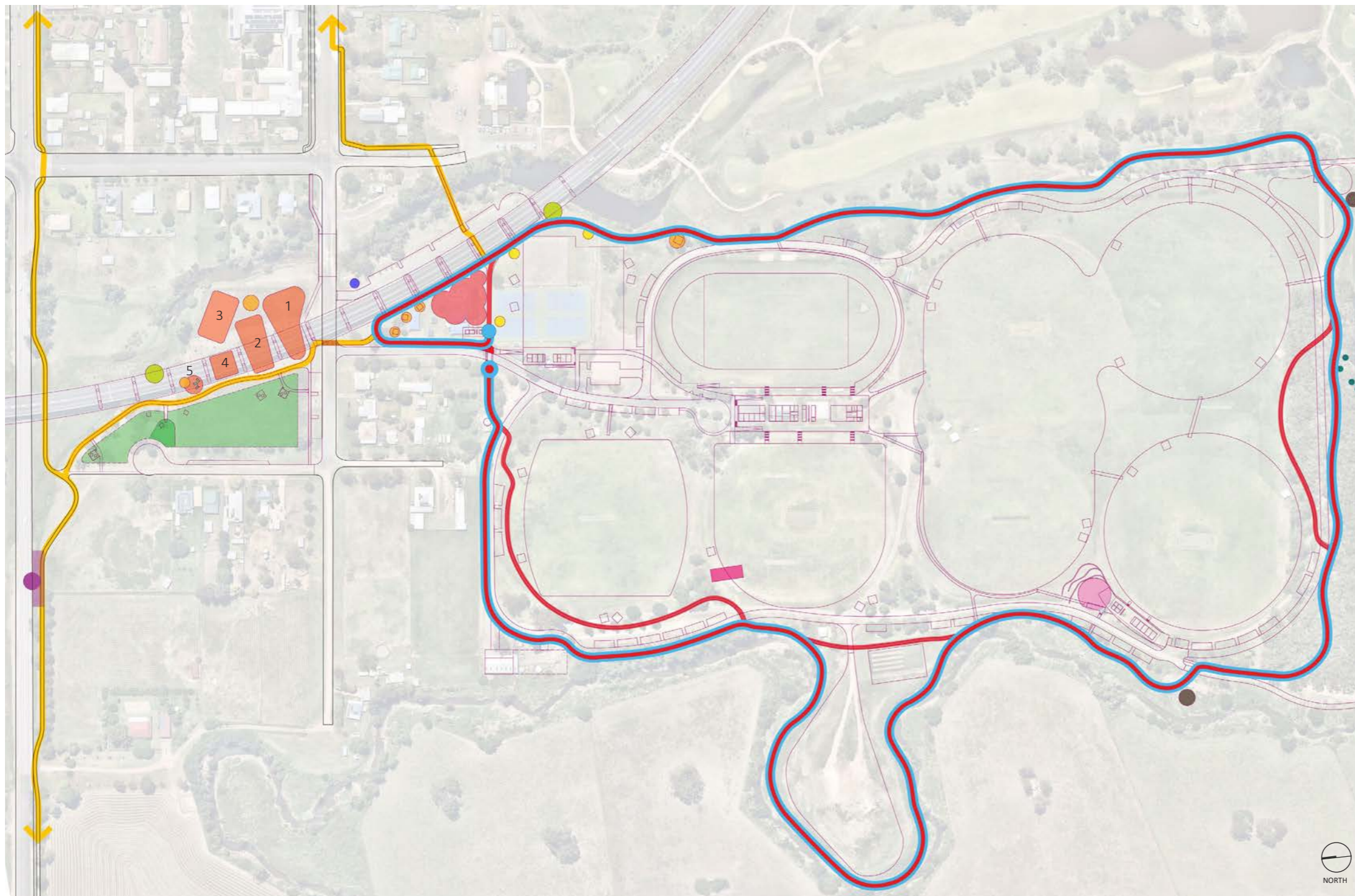
Linked by the Sports Spine and Shared Path, the new park seamlessly integrates with other facilities such as playgrounds, picnic shelters, barbecues, turf grass lawns, public amenities, exercise equipment, and the main carpark. The Masterplan envisions an increase in plants and native vegetation across the site, combined with upgraded turf sporting fields, creating a distinctly 'Hunter picturesque' ambiance. These enhancements will enrich the recreational experience for both passive and active users of the BRSC sporting and recreational areas.

Beyond structured activities, the flexible layout offer opportunities for Night or Farmers markets along the Sports Spine Walk or bird watching from strategically placed hides in the riparian areas of Kingdon Ponds or Parsons Gully. For those inclined towards environmental stewardship, engaging with community groups like Natural Resources Management and Landcare presents avenues for actively participating in the regeneration of Kingdon Ponds and Parsons Gully, as well as the embellishment of the new swales and groves throughout the park.

In the subsequent sections of the Masterplan, detailed descriptions of recreational opportunities are provided.



Speers Point - Homegrown Markets



Key

- Loop Trail Path
- Shared Path Links
- Parkrun Circuit- 2.5km
- Parkrun Starting Point
- Parkrun Turn Around Point
- Upgraded District Scale Playground
- Small Playground with Play Structure, Swing and Slide
- Picnic Facilities & Seating
- Exercise Equipment
- Bird Hide
- Existing Habitat Boxes
- New Entry Signage
- New Bus Stop
- Public Cricket Nets
- Community Common
- Active Recreation Zone:
 - 1. Skate Zone
 - 2. Bike/Scooter Zone
 - 3. Multipurpose Courts
 - 4. Parkour Elements
 - 5. Table Tennis & Seating
- Enclosed Off-leash Areas
- Dog Agility Area

Recreational Facilities

Masterplan Bill Rose Play Space

This area is intended as an everyday park space with a generous and engaging play space, flexible open lawn for passive uses, seating and picnic facilities for social gatherings.

An inclusive district scale play space will provide a rich and diverse experience with active, imaginative, manipulative, and sensory (nature) and social play, creating opportunities and challenges for children of all ages and abilities in a landscape setting. The space will also provide exercise and fitness nodes.

Picnic facilities will accommodate individuals, small groups and family gatherings and is located near new light, and airy public amenity facilities.

The new public amenities are an important architectural element in the park and marker which denotes the Park Run start points and a legible meeting point. The building is centrally positioned between the Parsons Park, Bill Rose Play Space and Netball precincts and is still publicly accessible during ticketed sporting events in the complex.

The amenities will include building pods with female, male, and unisex accessible toilets and baby change facilities under an extend roof canopy to provide shelter and space for external communal wash basins.



- 1 Pedestrian Bridge link path
- 2 Weed Management and Riparian Planting Improvements
- 3 Main Carpark – 104 spaces
- 4 Disability Parking Space
- 5 Turn-around Area
- 6 Community Common
- 7 New Footpath Connection
- 8 New culverts on Kingdon St at Parsons Gully
- 9 Bill Rose Sports Complex Entry Signage
- 10 Pedestrian Crossing & Traffic Calming
- 11 Entrance Improvements including entry and wayfinding signage and plantings
- 12 Sports Spine Walk
- 13 Shared Loop Trail – 3.2m wide Stabilised Gravel path
- 14 Picnic Facilities including tables, bench seats, barbecues, and picnic shelters
- 15 Open Lawn Space for passive recreation, picnics, and play
- 16 Upgraded District Scale Play Space to increase play opportunities and diversity
- 17 Public Amenities – Male, Female, Uni-sex Accessible, with external hand basins and Baby Change Facilities.
- 18 Parkrun Start and Finish Location
- 19 Spectator Shelters and Seating
- 20 Exercise Equipment



District Scale Playground
Adelaide Zoo- WAX



District Scale Playground
Adelaide Zoo- WAX



Manipulative play
Pirrama Park, Pyrmont- Aspect Studios



Exercise and Fitness Equipment
Gunyama Park- TCL



Public amenities, open communal hand basin to compliment the parkland setting
Centennial Park Amenities- Lahznimmo Architects



Manipulative play: Sandstone play
Playce



Active play
Royal Park Nature Play- City of Melbourne



Picnic Facilities, BBQ, tables & bench seats
Turruwul Park Amenities- HASSELL



Themed play
Pod Playground- TCL



Nature base play
Royal Park Nature Play- City of Melbourne



Public Amenities- Open & Light
Wicks Park- SCA

Masterplan Parsons Park Precinct

The Parsons Park precinct expands and increases the open space and recreation facilities by harnessing the space along the Scone bypass corridor to Liverpool Street and connecting the park to its community. This new open space increases the public park area for everyone and being outside the sport complex is always available even during ticketed carnivals.

A new shared path and bus stop also increases accessibility for pedestrian and cycle and improves connections to Satur, Scone and beyond. The open spaces provide a broad mix of recreation activities, social spaces, and passive recreation in a series of spaces:

- Parson Gully- Broad, open grass to the north and natural area with riparian repair to improve water quality and increase habitat.
- Community Common- flexible spaces overlooking Parsons Gully for informal gatherings and small community activities set amongst sandstone seating edges and garden planting.
- An Activity Terrace with mixed seating opportunities, platforms, and table tennis tables.
- A Bike and scooter obstacle and learning space with open areas for beginners and challenges for all skill levels.
- Parkour Place and exercise activities with a range of physical challenges for children, youth and the young at heart.
- Skate Platform – A contemporary urban skate facility with platforms, blocks, ramps and shallow, open-end bowls.
- Dog Park – Two fenced enclosures for larger and small dogs, agility areas with shelters, platform benches and water bubblers with dog bowls. Shade tree and boundary edge planting are provided along the street frontages.

Paint, colour, and potentially public art on the Bypass columns will improve the visual amenity, connect with and reflect character of the areas. The layout, orientation and material selections must be robust, easily cleaned and consider flood events.



Multipurpose Courts & Active Recreation
Boxhill- Aspect Studios



Parkour Play and Youth Spaces
Railway Linear Park- Aspect Studios



Flexible, Multipurpose Community Common Space
Greenwich Dance



Seating
Metalco



Robust and well designed
The Crescent Skate Park- JMD & Convic



Colourful Skate Bowl
Valonia Skate Park- Convic



Shared Path
Bungarribee Park- JMD



Scooter Track
Sydney Park Bike Track- Turf



Pump Track
Laverton Pump Track- Parkitect



Table Tennis
Darling Quarter- Aspect

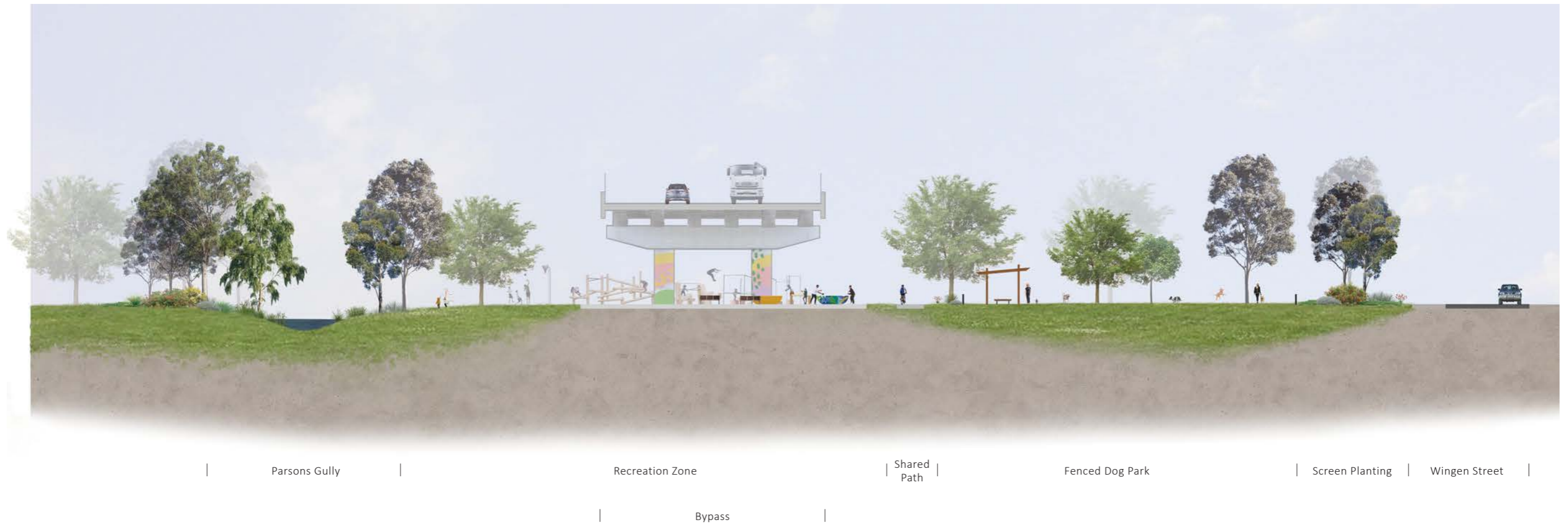


Good lighting, open and safe
The Crescent Skate Park- JMD and Convic



- 1 New culverts on Kingdon St at Parsons Gully
- 2 New Footpath Connection
- 3 Riparian Planting Improvements and Weed Management
- 4 Multipurpose courts
- 5 Picnic Facilities
- 6 Improvements to Bypass Bridge (public artwork, lighting, and paint) * subject to TfNSW approval
- 7 Community Common
- 8 Table Tennis and Seating Area
- 9 Parkour Facilities
- 10 Pump Track and Learn to Ride Zone
- 11 Skate Park
- 12 Shared Path Link to Satur and Scone Town Centre
- 13 Pedestrian Crossing and Traffic Calming
- 14 Fenced Off-Leash Dog Park- Small
- 15 Dog Agility Area
- 16 Fenced Dog Park- Large
- 17 Shelters and Seating
- 18 On-street Car parking
- 19 Coach Parking and Turn-around
- 20 Buffer- Screen Planting

Masterplan Parsons Park Precinct



Section/Elevation F

Masterplan

Parsons Park Precinct & Main Entrance



View west along Kingdon Street towards Bill Rose Sports Complex Entrance and Active Recreation Area

Masterplan Pavilion Buildings

A series of pavilion buildings are proposed through park and complex. The building hubs are elevated and centrally positioned on adjacent the courts and fields to allow for open views, provide seatings and address flooding.

The building designs should co-exist together as a unified set (not individual buildings) which complement the parkland character and respond to the rural surroundings in a contemporary manner. The materials selection should be restrained, simple, robust, and sustainable such as clay face brick, corrugated iron, mesh, and steel. The building materials must be long lasting and reliable to withstand high usage and flooding, are easy to clean and can be washed down.

The building footprint can expand or be compressed based on need, by using series of pod structures under extended but refined architectural roof canopies proportionate to and synonymous with farm sheds.

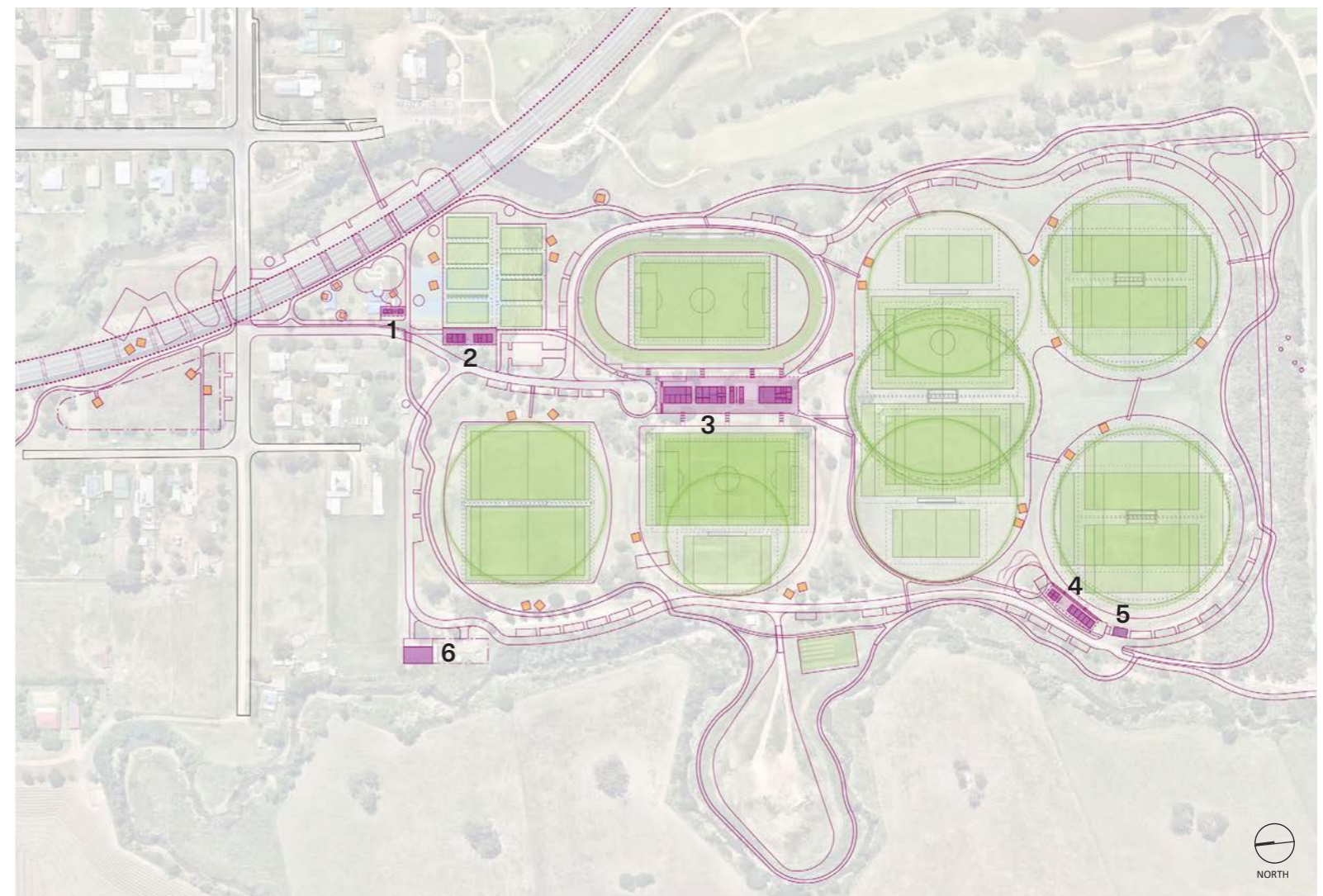
The pod arrangement must allow views in and out, clear sightlines (CPTED) and breezes through. A central open shelter space provides an all-weather area spectators, social interaction, event space for club and community activities.

Canteen and built-in barbeque facilities are provided to service sports clubs and community groups, help fundraising and create social spaces. Canteen, kitchen, food storage and handling areas must meet Food Premises requirements.

The pod building size and arrangement is flexible and dependent on use, needs and sport code design requirements. The design must be functional to meet the needs of players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators, while accommodating for alternate uses.

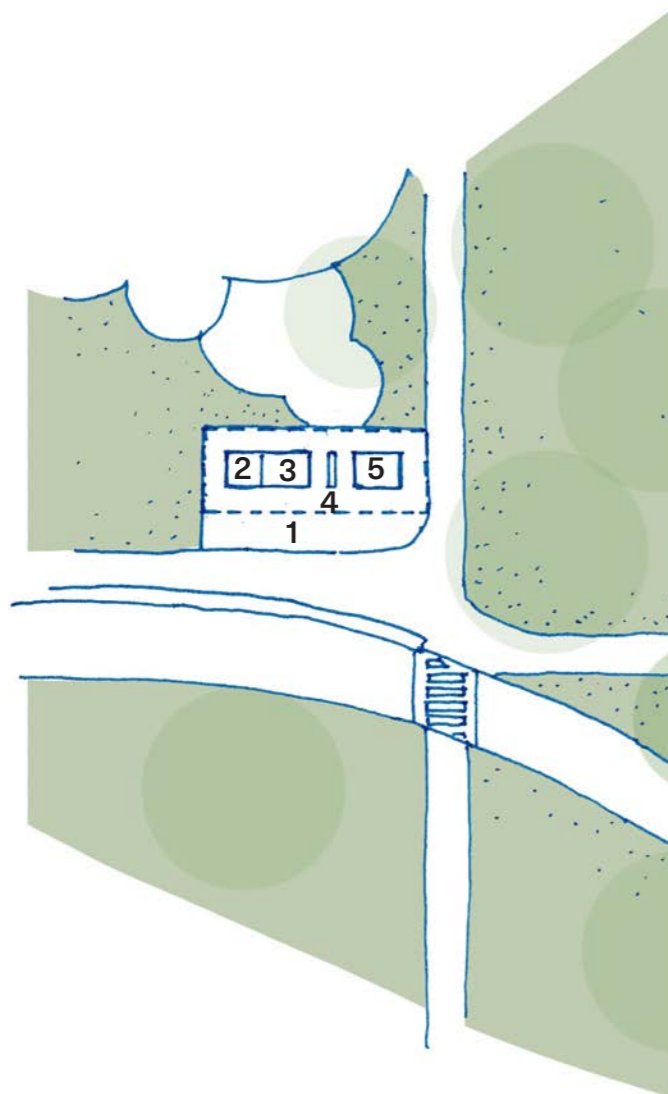
Communal external hand basins allow handwashing without the need to enter toilets, improving safety and user amenity. Simple and large-format graphic signage will assist wayfinding and improves safety by enabling identification of the destination (e.g. toilet) and helps visual surveillance and people monitoring from the field. Circulation spaces between pods can be secured after-hours with gates and movable screens.

Environmentally friendly design is recommended, assisting in maximizing natural light and ventilation and incorporating water harvesting and energy saving initiatives along with using environmentally friendly and sustainable materials.



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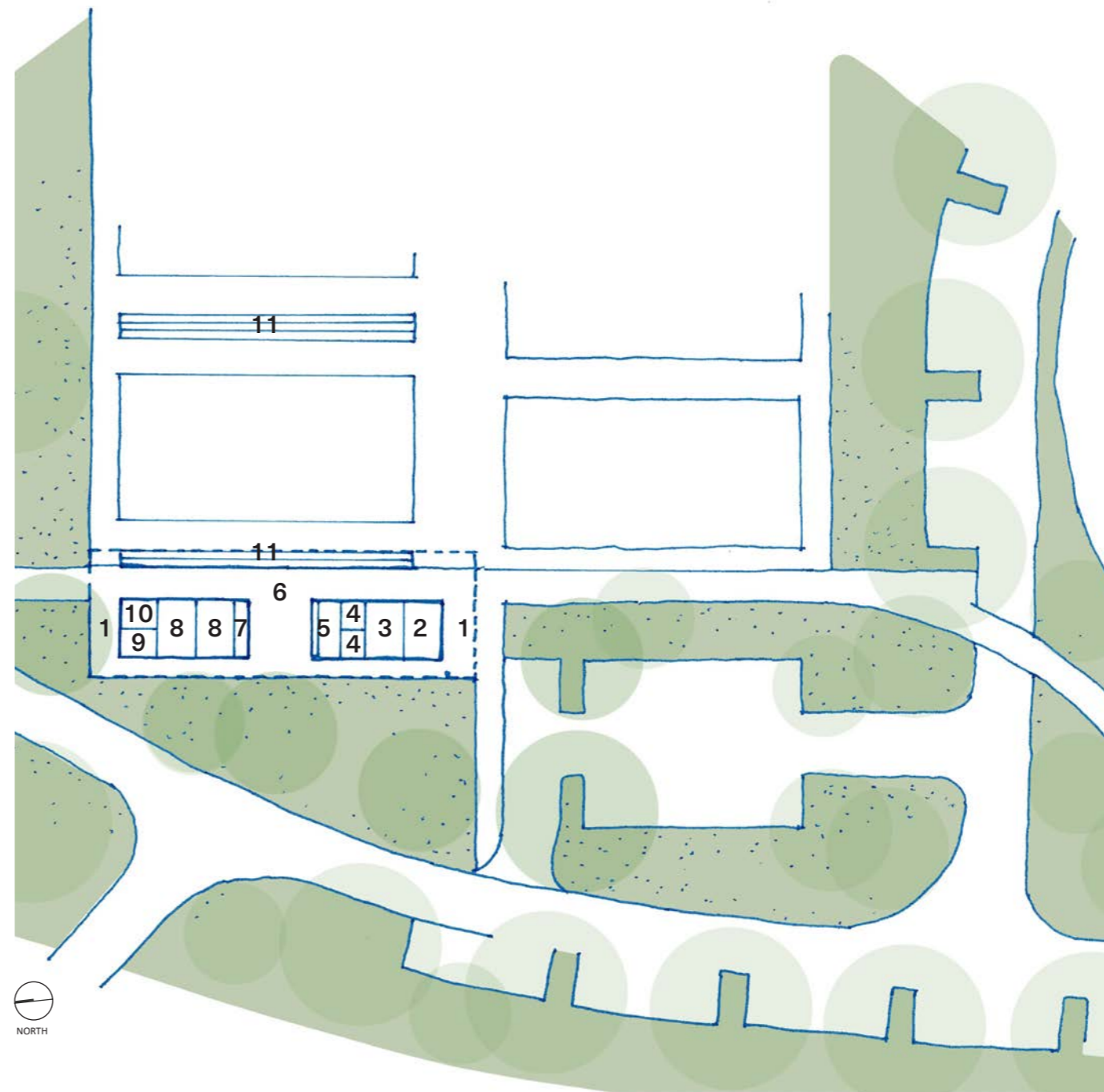
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| 1 Public Amenities | 5 Cricket Curators Storage |
| 2 Netball Pavilions | 6 Council Depot |
| 3 Dr Bruce Robert-Thomson Pavilion | Shelters |
| 4 Boyd Pavilion | |



- Key**
- 1 Terrace
 - 2 Unisex / Accessible Amenities & Baby Change (9m²)
 - 3 Male Amenities (12m²)
 - 4 External Hand Basins
 - 5 Female Amenities (12m²)



New Public Amenities

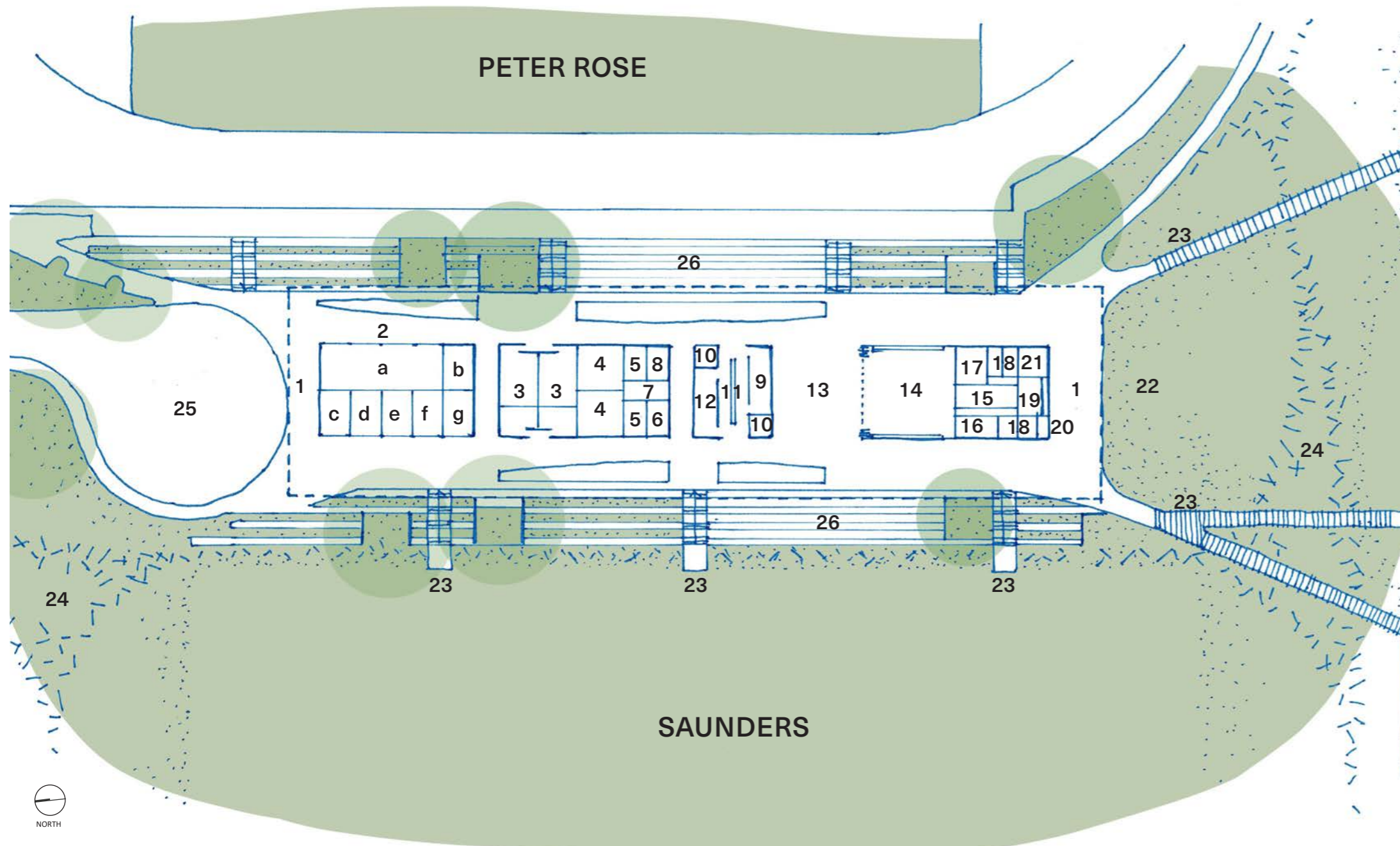


- Key**
- 1 Entry Terrace
 - 2 Office – Admin & Match Day (24m²)
 - 3 Netball Storage (24m²)
 - 4 Canteen Storage (2 x 8m²)
 - 5 Canteen (18m²)
 - 6 Spectator Shelter (40 + 80m²)
 - 7 Barbeques (9m²)
 - 8 Unisex Change rooms (2 x 24m²)
 - 9 Referee Change room (9m)
 - 10 First Aid Room (9m²)
 - 11 Spectator Seating



New Netball Pavilion

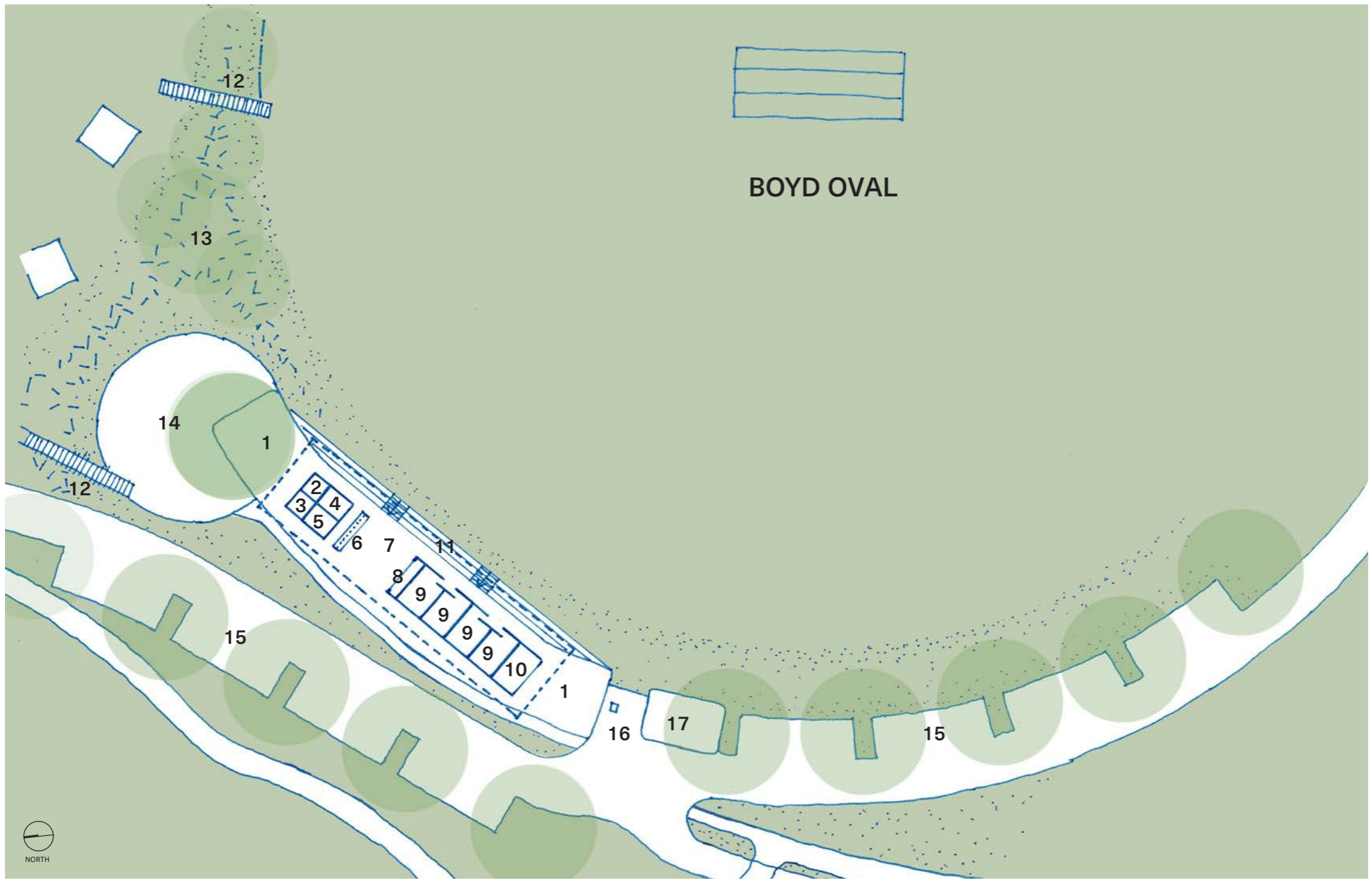
Masterplan Pavilion Buildings



Key

- 1 Entry Terrace
- 2 Storage
 - a. Athletics (96m²)
 - b. Touch (24m²)
 - c. Hockey (24m²)
 - d. Jnr Union (24m²)
 - e. Football (24m²)
 - f. Junior Cricket (24m²)
 - g. Future (24m²)
- 3 Major Unisex Change rooms (2 x 60m²)
- 4 Minor Unisex Change rooms (2 x 34m²)
- 5 Referee Change rooms (2 x 15m²)
- 6 First Aid Room (15m²)
- 7 Massage/ Strapping Room (15m²)
- 8 General Use (Drug Testing/Media etc) (15m²)
- 9 Female Amenities (12m²)
- 10 Unisex / Accessible Amenities (2 x 9m²)
- 11 External Hand basins (44m²)
- 12 Male Amenities (12m²)
- 13 Spectator Shelter (140 + 2 x 450m²)
- 14 Multipurpose Clubroom (145m²)
- 15 Kitchen (32m² inc circulation)
- 16 Multipurpose Clubroom Storage (16m²)
- 17 Meeting/ Training Room (20m²)
- 18 Canteen Storage (4 x 8m²)
- 19 Canteen (20m²)
- 20 Barbeques (5m²)
- 21 Match day office
- 22 The Hill (Lawn)
- 23 Boardwalks
- 24 Swales and Basins
- 25 Accessible parking & drop-off
- 26 Spectator Seating

New Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion



Key

- 1 Entry Terrace
- 2 Unisex / Accessible Amenities (9m²)
- 3 Referee Change room (9m²)
- 4 Male Amenities (12m²)
- 5 Female Amenities (12m²)
- 6 External Hand basins
- 7 Spectator Shelter (60m²)
- 8 Barbeques (9m²)
- 9 Unisex Change rooms (4 x 24m²)
- 10 Cricket Storage (24m²)
- 11 Spectator Seating
- 12 Boardwalks
- 13 Swales and Basins
- 14 Small Playground
- 15 Car Parking
- 16 Accessible Parking & Drop-off
- 17 Curators Storage (75m²)

New Boyd Pavilion

Masterplan

Vehicle & Pedestrian Circulation

Pedestrians

Currently BRSC is well used people by looping open spaces on the roads to walk, run dog exercise. There are no pedestrian circulation paths in the park which restricts accessibility and impacts on usability particularly after wet weather.

An intermittent footpath along Kingdon Street provides access to Scone Grammar School (250 meters), White Park Equestrian Centre (700 meters), and the main town centre beyond (1 km or 10-15 mins). A pedestrian bridge provides access into the park from Aberdeen Street and the Golf Course. About 50% of park users currently walk to the park.

Shared and Park Paths

New concrete Shared Path connections are proposed to improve the access to the park from Scone and Satur. The route along Parson Gully provides access to the new recreation park space, dog park and BRSC and establishes an alternative route over creek during flood events. The creation of this path link via a boardwalk bridge improves accessibility and usability of the precinct and will assist people traverse wet swales and basin areas between ovals, club and amenity buildings and carpark areas. Pavement threshold and pedestrian crossings are provided to improve access, safety and give pedestrians and bike riders the right of way into the park and sports precinct.

Loop Trail – Park Run

A 2.5 Km all-weather Loop Trail path is proposed around perimeter of the BRSC for passive recreation and enjoyment such walking and dog exercise, bike riding or more active exercise such as jogging, sports training and Park Run. The path is safely separated from the road system and minimises road crossings or moves them to logical and safe locations.

The 3.2m wide decomposed granite path connects key moments and traverse through the range of different park settings including open sports fields, groves of trees, grasslands and along the Kingdon Ponds creek levee.

Route and distance markers will denote the path, encourage participation, and facilitate exercise. Interpretive signage can provide information about fauna and flora, native habitat, the environment, and the history of the area.

The trail can be used for organised and informal running and jogging exercise around the perimeter and improve accessibility and usability particularly after wet weather.

Vehicles

Road access to BRSC is currently unreliable as it can be cut when Kingdon Road causeway is inundated at Parsons Gully during flood events. Inside the BRSC a single lane asphalt and gravel access road circumnavigates the perimeter which provide vehicle access all fields and facilities. Informal car parking is provided under the overpass bridge and adjacent to each of the fields.

Kingdon Street

The Masterplan proposes to install culvert bridge to replace the causeway through Parsons gully on Kingdon Street to provide all-weather access. Angled parking is also provided near the dog park and Parson Park recreation facilities for park users.

Ring Road

A two-way sealed Ring Road loops around BRSC to provide public, coach and articulated service vehicle access. The central core is vehicle-free to provide a safe, sports precincts.

The curvilinear road alignment seeks to respond to the parkland setting and help maintain a low-speed traffic environment. Pavement thresholds, causeways, traffic calming elements are also provided to reduce vehicle speeds and create a safe environment for everyone, particularly children.

Emergency vehicle access (gates) are proposed at Wingen Street to provide a second route into the sports complex.

Car Parking

The main carpark is located on the edge of the sports complex and next play space under the bypass bridge to help reduce traffic into the sports complex. A central carpark with lighting is provided between the netball courts and Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion which will be used at night.

Car parking bays are dispersed around the Ring Road near each oval and buildings to facilities access, usability and reduce impacts of parking (visual, traffic and areas) on the parkland.

Event Parking

Event spillover parking is proposed in the isolated peninsular surrounded by Kingdon Ponds and hidden within the levee walls. The proposed grass carpark will have shade trees and markers to denote the traffic lane and parking rows. The space could also be used for RV and camping accommodation during events.

Bike and Cycle

There are no bike or shared paths to or within BRSC. A Shared Path between Satur and Scone is located on Liverpool Street. The Bike Plan identifies the need to provide Shared Paths (2.4-3m) along Kingdon and Wingen Streets to Liverpool Street to improve access and encourage bike use and participation. The establishment of new Shared Paths and loop trail around BRSC will also enhance the bike and recreation opportunities in the open space.

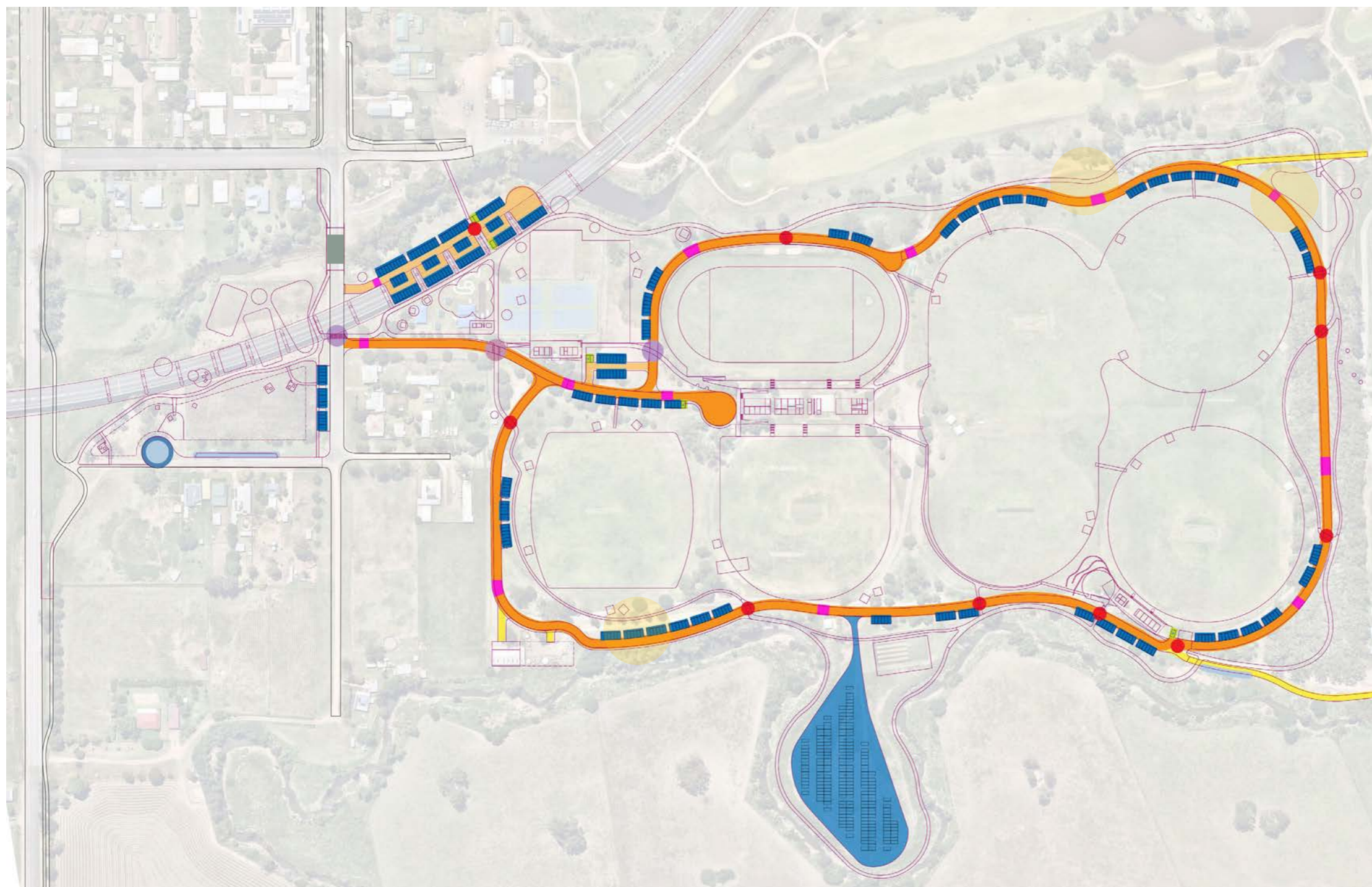
A small recreational, play bike track for children is located near the playground. The provision of the youth area with multipurpose courts and paved zone for learning a ride a bike areas, skate and bike pump tracks will help protect the netball courts and increase the range of recreation facilities.

Public Transport

There are currently no public transports services to Bill Rose Sport Complex. The 414 Bus does five loops per day (Monday – Friday) between Muswellbrook to Scone via Aberdeen. The nearest bus stop is located on Kelly Street about 1 km from the BRSC. The bus route travels along Liverpool Street to Satur. The provision of additional bus stops on Liverpool Street near the Scone Bypass bridge is about 300 meters (about 5 minutes walk) from BRSC which would significantly improve public access to the sports, park and recreation facility.

Coach and Service Vehicles

The ring road layout has been widen (6m) to enable services vehicles (articulated trucks) and coaches to access all facilities including the council depot and water treatment plan. Drop-off and coach parking areas are provided within the complex at the Bruce Roberts Thomson Pavilion and the Boyd pavilion and externally on Wingen Street adjacent to the dog park.



- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Service Access
- Parking
- Disability Parking Space
- Event Parking
- Coach Parking
- Coach Turning
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Threshold
- Traffic Calming
- Realigned Ring Road to increase park space and improve safety
- Flood Mitigation

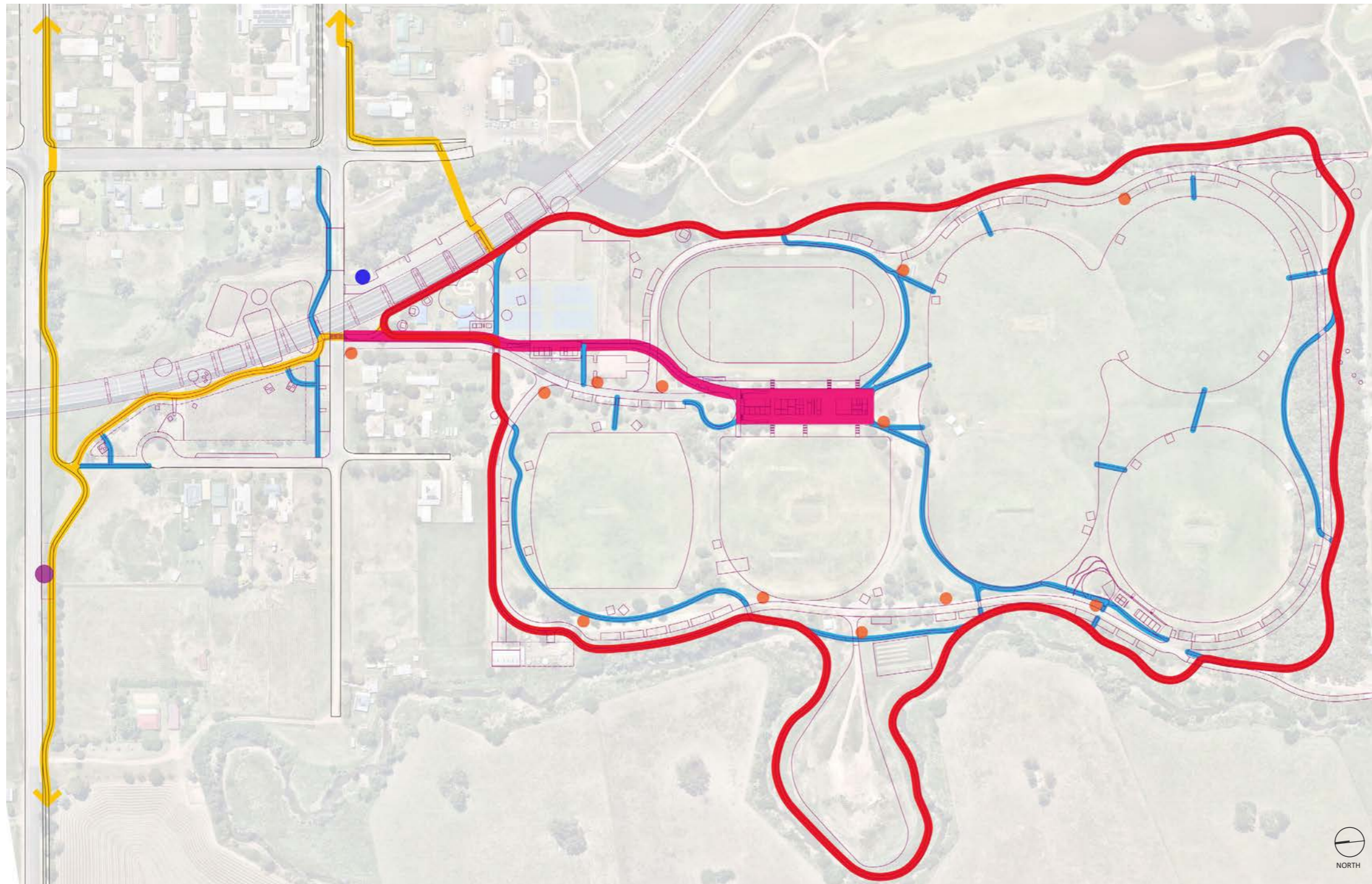
- Parking Spaces**
- 104 Main Carpark
 - 20 Central Carpark
 - 276 Ring Road Parking
 - 210 Spill Over Event Parking
 - 610 Total Spaces**
 - 68 Parking Spaces with lighting



Vehicle Circulation - Roads & Parking

Masterplan

Vehicle & Pedestrian Circulation



- Sports Walk Spine Path
- Loop Trail
- Shared Paths
- Secondary Paths
- New Entrance Signage
- Wayfinding Signage
- New Bus Stop

Pedestrian Circulation - Paths & Trails



Path Wayfinding Signage
Victorian Desalination Plant- Aspect



Digital Clock
The Tan, Melbourne



Bridge over Swales
Hassett Park - JILA



Pathways
Bungaribee Park - JMD



Boardwalks
Stolen Generation Walkway, Mt Annan



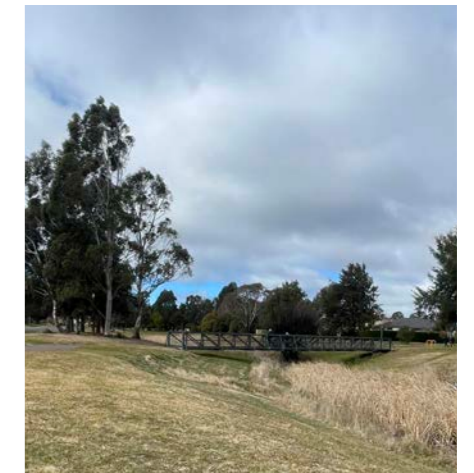
Decomposed Granite Path
The Tan Loop Trail, Melbourne



Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Crossings
Bungaribee Park - JMD



Permeable Car Parking
Bungaribee Park - JMD



Bridge over Swales
Bowral NSW



Boardwalk Over Swales
Belubula River Walk, Place Design Group



Shade trees and parking bays adjacent each field



Permeable parking in marked bays



Boardwalks
Yanchep Golf Estate- Place Laboratory

Masterplan

Topography & Water

Scone is located on alluvial plains bound on either side by Mount Scone to the east and Mount Moobi ranges to the west. The area is surrounded by undulating hills and gullies which flow into the wide flood plain with three creeks, Parson Gully, Kingdon Ponds and Dart Brooks.

The open space is predominantly flat with slight fall from north to south, as a result drainage is currently poor. During peak flood events Kingdon Ponds (creek) spills over and flows south-east towards Parson Gully. New building and key facilities will need to be located on mounds to reduce the likelihood, severity, and impacts of flooding.

During flood events access to the sports precinct is often closed at Kingdon Street with water over the road at the Parsons Gully causeway. The installation of bridge culverts could improve access to the facility. Minimising barriers and fencing, the position and orientation of new facilities must be carefully considered to maintain and manage overland flow during peak flood events.

The older fields (Saunders and Logan) have 1:100 cross fall and the surrounds carefully shaped to improve drainage. Peter Rose (athletic) field and the other fields (Shepherd, McNabb, Boyd and Fleming) at the southern end are flat have poor drainage and currently un-useable for longer periods.

Re-grading each sports field across the site is needed to establish crossfall, improve drainage and the playing surface. This can be done in stages overtime.

A series of shallow detention basins and swales enable the field cross-fall to move water away from the playing surfaces while accommodating the natural flow path across the flat site in flood events. Transversely, the swales and detention basins retain any rain or irrigation run-off during dry periods next to the playing fields. The use of mounds and shaped topography will define and create usable spaces for facilities, recreation opportunities, spectator seating and viewing areas with boardwalks over swales.

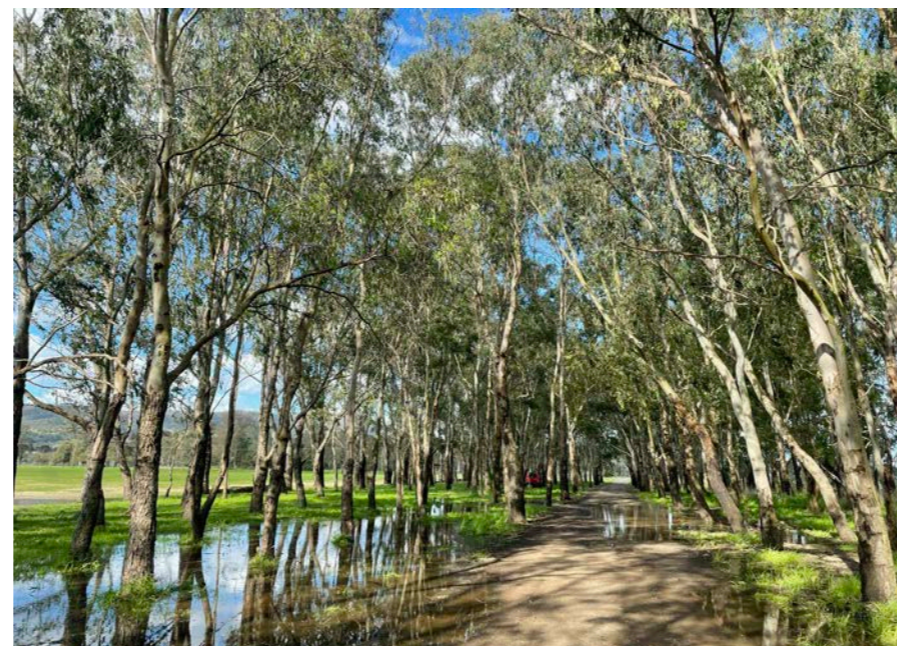
Additional information and a detailed Grading Strategy Plan is provided in Appendix B.



Saunders Field



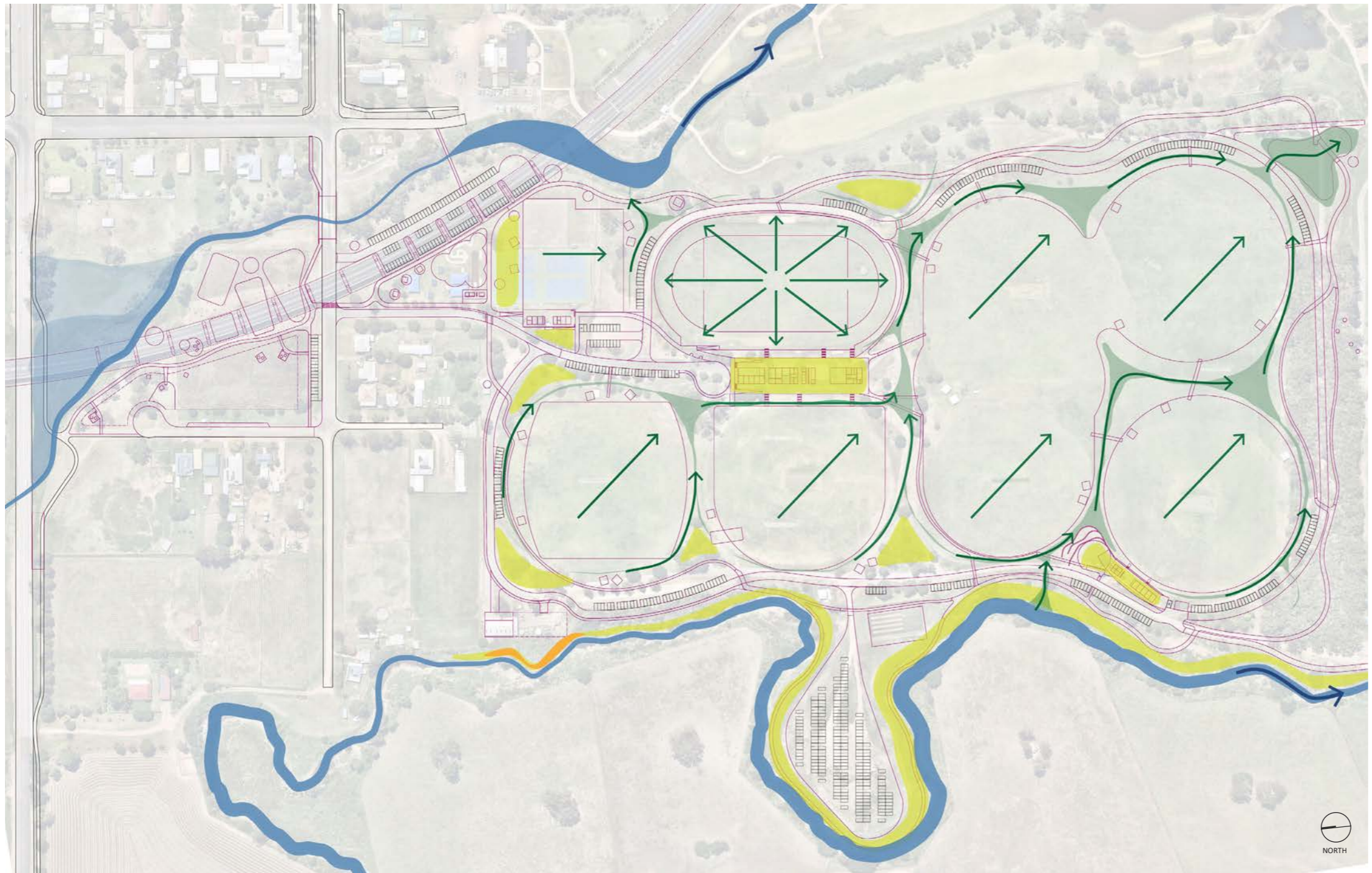
Peter Rose Field



River Red Gum Grove



McNabb & Fleming Fields



- Key**
-  Cross fall
 -  Basins and Swales
 -  Mounds and Levee
 -  Raised Levee
 -  Riparian Corridor

Grading Analysis Plan

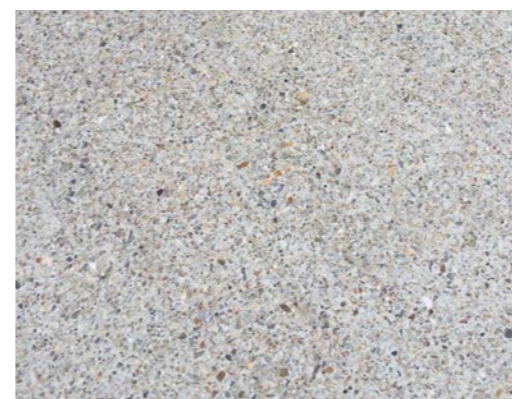
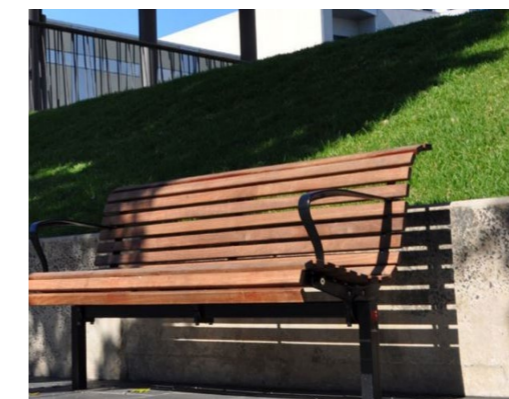
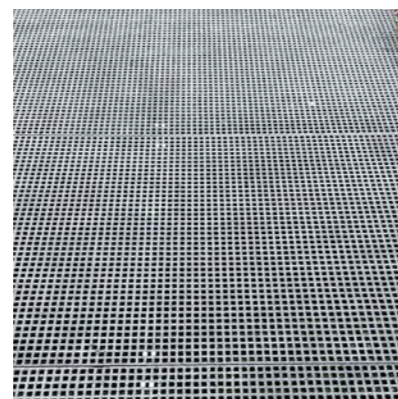
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Parkland Character and Palette

Parkland Character & Palette

The proposed public domain is simple, robust, and sustainable. Materials selection and design details should reflect the locality, history, and character of the area and be a memorable experience. The proposed palette is restrained, and understated however design detailing should be refined, considered, fine grained and beautiful. Best practice design principals should also be employed when selecting materials to ensure sustainable, ethical and environmentally sound choices are made.

Road, Drainage and Landscape components should be consistent with UHSC Design Standards and adopt the existing furniture palette.





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Parkland Character and Palette

Vegetation

Bill Rose Sports Complex is on a floodplain and would have had the Namoi - Upper Hunter River Red Gum Forest plant community as the dominant ecotype and likely overlapped with some Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus mellidora*) and Rough-barked Apple (*Angophora floribunda*) vegetation types at the margins. The understorey vegetation would have originally consisted of intermittent small wattle trees, some low shrubs, and forbes. The remnant tree vegetation of the Golf Course is most likely to be River Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*).

The existing open space has a beautiful open grass parkland character with a mix of mature deciduous and evergreen exotic and native tree species. The main genus include; *Fraxinus*, *Araucaria*, *Eucalyptus*, *Accacia* and *Pyrus*.

A wide grove/windbreak of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, River red gums, have been established along the southern boundary providing protection from prevailing weather and a visual screen to the water treatment plant. Habitat boxes have been installed for birds in the grove.

The riparian corridor has extensive weed growth in the form of trees, understory, ground cover and riparian edge plants which requires remediation through an intensive weed control program before extensive replanting. The Masterplan proposes repair of the riparian corridor and re-establishment of native habitat and biodiversity through curated endemic replanting.

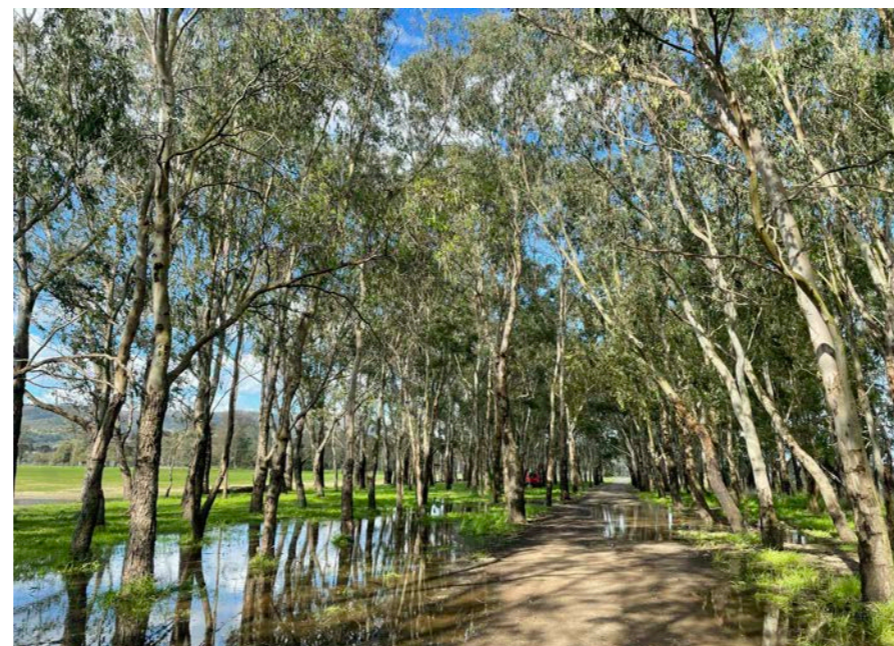
The Masterplan looks to embellish and enhance the exiting parkland qualities to make a unique, attractive, sports precinct with shade trees for spectator and park users. The proposal acknowledges its flood plain location and reinstates the riparian vegetation along the creeks, establishes grass and sedge wetland basins to improve drainage and provide habitat and adds a mixed exotic and native groves of trees to provide shade and enhance the parkland.



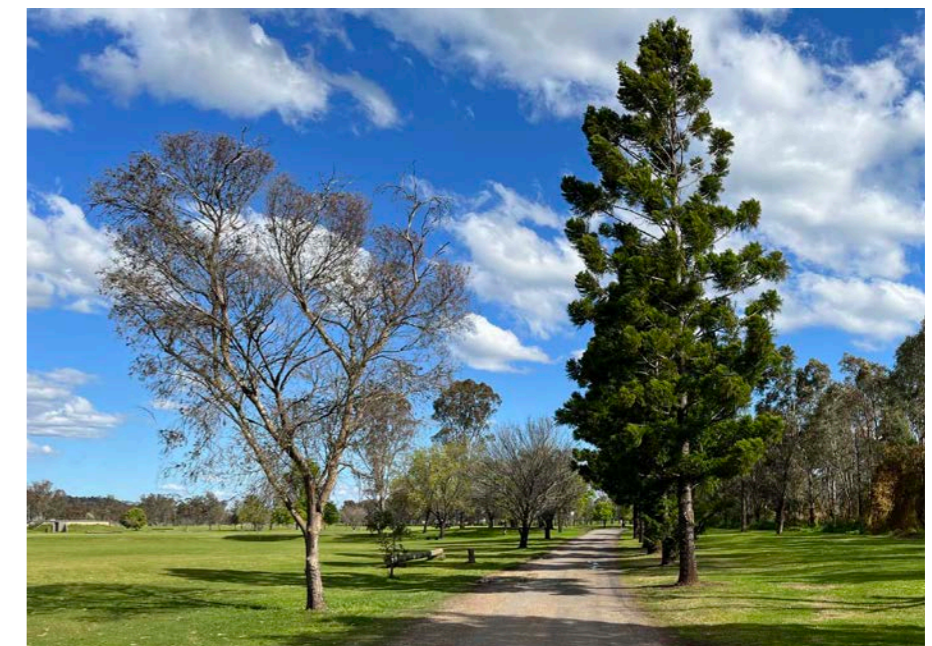
Saunders Field



Grove between Logan & Saunders Ovals



River Red Gum Grove



Ring Road Planting



Vegetation Plan

- Key**
- Parkland Planting (Mixed Exotic and Native)
 - Ring Road Planting
 - Entry Avenue
 - Sports Spine Planting
 - Peninsula Glade
 - Grove
 - Native Red Gum Forest
 - Riparian
 - Sedges and Grassland
 - Dog Park Buffer Planting

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Lighting

Lighting and night-time safety (CPTED) is a key consideration in establishing legible, comfortable, and safe pedestrian paths, carparks, and sports facilities. Lighting is proposed in main carparks, near sports fields and club facilities, around building and along the primary pedestrian paths.

It is recommended pathway and shared path use 4.5-6m post-top lights and utilise smart and low energy technology.

The lighting must comply with the following design standards:

- AS1158.1.1 Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces Vehicular Traffic (Category V) Lighting- Performance and Design Requirements
- AS1158.3.1 Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces Pedestrian Area (Category P) Lighting- Performance and Design Requirements
- AS2560.1 Sports Lighting General Principles and Specific Applications
- AS/NZS 4282:2019 Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting

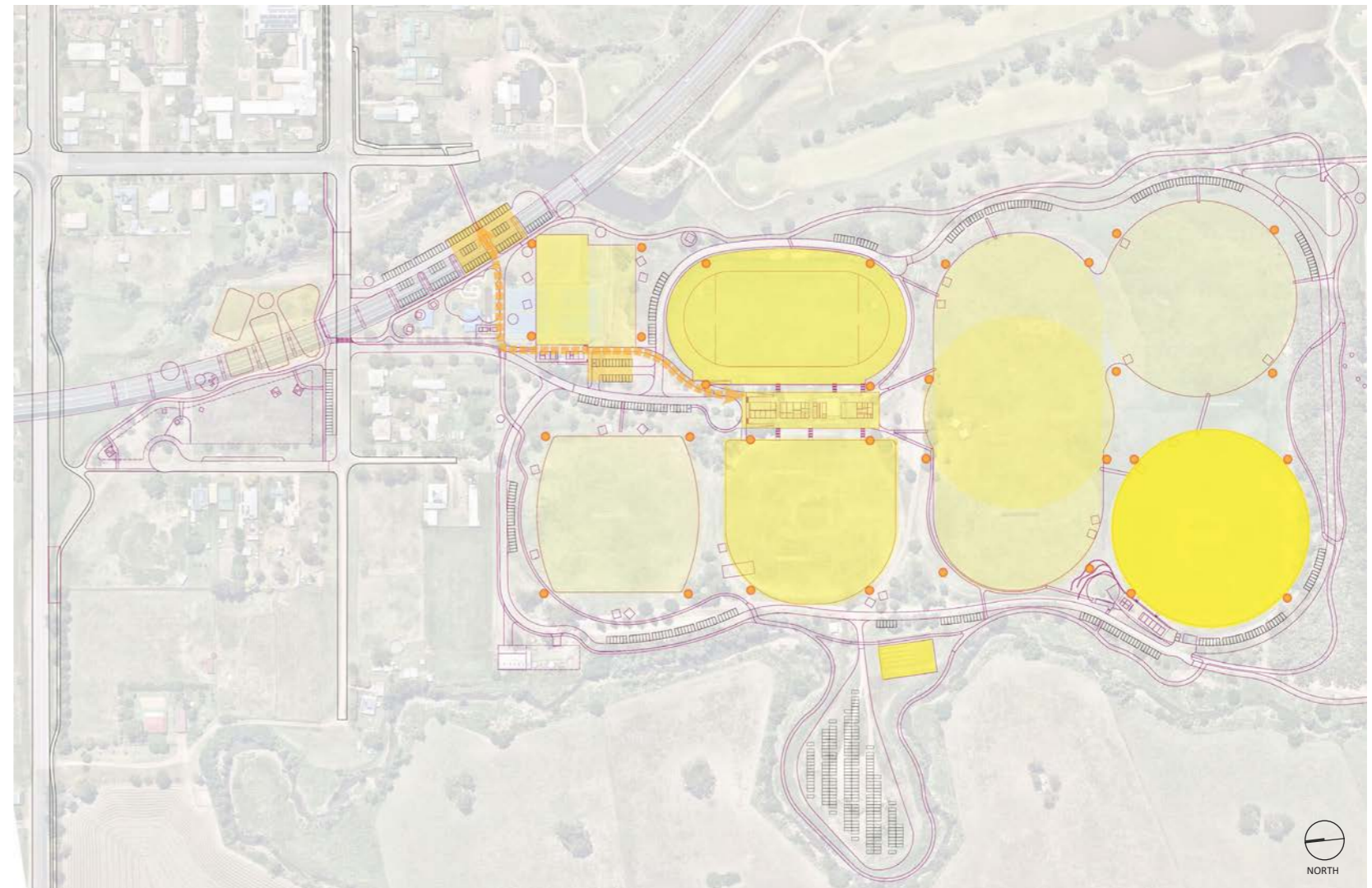
Sports field lighting will provide based on training and competition requirements.

Park, carpark & field lighting is proposed to improve safety, usability and allow training and competition sports at night.

Pedestrian lights are provided along the main spine path, in the central carparks and around the pavilion building. Field lighting is proposed on the competition and training fields around the central pavilion. The outer fields are a lesser priority and would be lit in the future based on need.

The proposed field lighting is:

- Logan Oval Precinct- 50 Lux
- Saunders Oval Precinct- 200 Lux
- Peter Rose Field Precinct - Upgrade existing 250 Lux
- McNabb Field- 50-100 Lux
- Central Field - 100 Lux
- Shepherd Field - 50-100 lux
- Cricket Training Nets- 300 Lux
- Netball: 4 Courts - 200 Lux
4 Courts - 100 Lux Training
- Fleming Field Precinct - 50 Lux
- Boyd Oval Precinct - 500 Lux
- Multipurpose courts - 100 Lux



- Primary Lighting
- Carpark Lighting
- Primary Path Lighting
- Light Tower

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Signage & Advertising

Bill Rose Sports Complex currently has limited signs which makes it difficult to people to find the correct field, particularly for visitors. However, the absence of advertising signs typically surrounding local sports fields contributes to the beautiful setting and enjoyment of the park.

Field and facility identification plinth signs and maps are proposed to help wayfinding for sports games, events, and carnivals and park users.

Sponsorship of sporting teams and acknowledgement of businesses is important in local club sports, but the installation of advertising commercialises the public open space and degrades its amenity. The installation of temporary fabric banner signs for sponsors along field fence (900mm high) on match days or events is proposed.

It is recommended a restriction of permanent advertising at BRSC be maintained.

Recycled Water and Irrigation

The precinct has access to bore and recycled water for irrigation reuse. The establishment of a ring main and irrigation to each field will provide ongoing access to water during drought periods, improve playing surface quality and reduce maintenance resources.

Council Depot

The Council Depot and maintenance facilities are modest and impacted by flood events. In addition to raising the levee, improvements to the depot such concrete hardstand, equipment storage racks and maintenance areas will facilitate cleaning, improve usability, reduce resource, and address WHS requirements. Staff amenities and facilities should also be upgraded.



Entry Signage
Aspect Studios



Entry Signage
Justin Farrell



Clear and Legible signage
Queens Park Sports Amenities- SCA



Field markers
Randwick Race Course- Deuce Design



Wayfinding Signage - Bondi
Deuce Design



Iconic markers and beacons
Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre WA



Painted Roof Supergraphic Signage
Tilpa Hotel



Temporary Sponsor Signage Banners
No. 2 Sportsground, Newcastle

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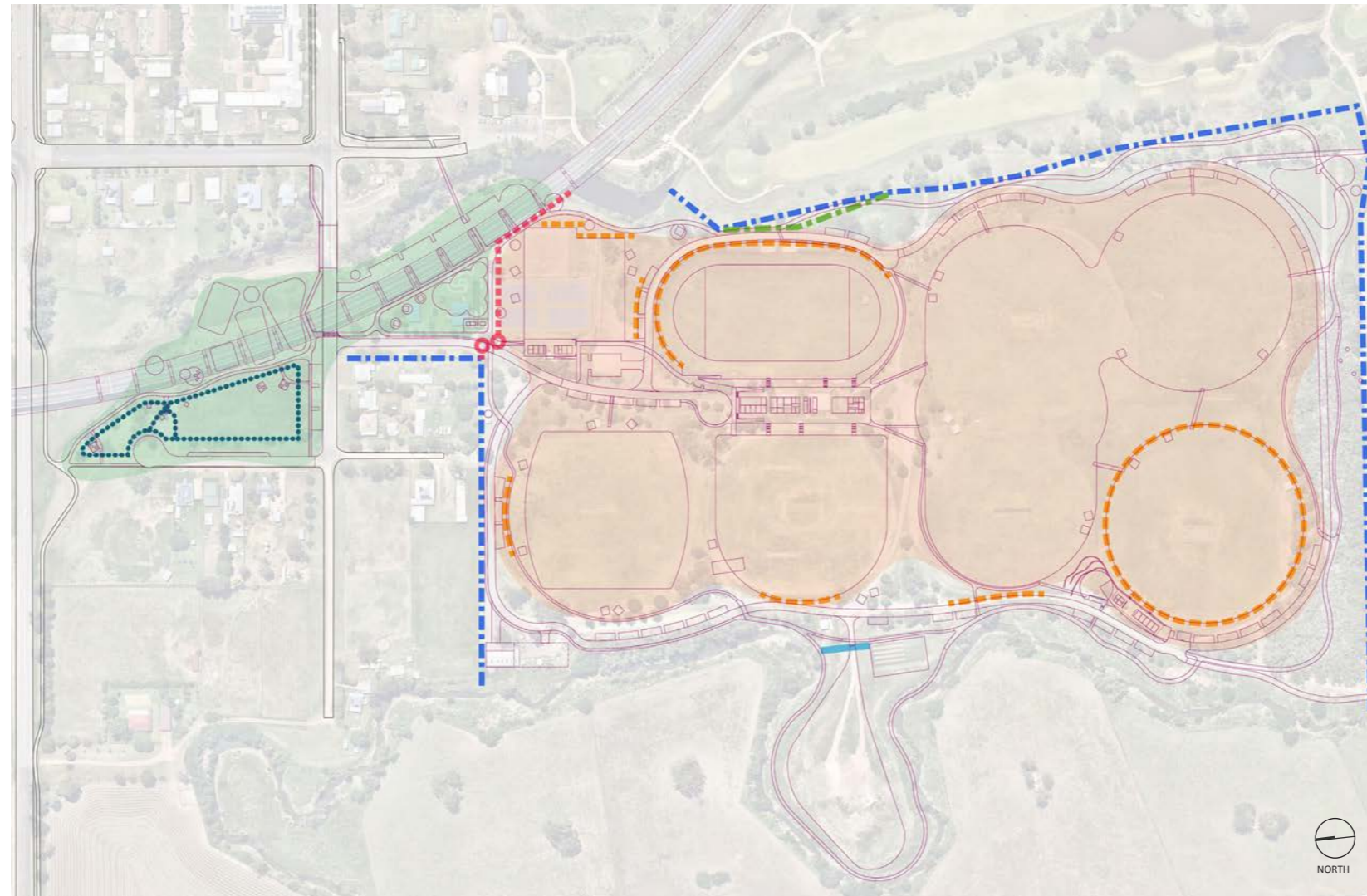
Barriers, Fences and Events

The proposed approach is to maintain the open parkland character while using natural barriers such as swales, mounds and vegetation to control access as much as possible. This also limits barriers which can impede flood water and collection of debris.

The expansion of the open space north (Parson Park Precinct) to Liverpool Street increases the recreation opportunities and focuses the public activities near the residential areas. This will always ensure they're accessible and available.

The main sports facilities area contained within the BRSC so access can be controlled and ticketed during events, carnivals, and premier games. Temporary 'site' fences or a series double-leaf gates like Redfern Park and Oval can be installed to define open park and restricted complex areas.

Some low fences are proposed to fields to control balls and prevent spectators and unauthorised people or vehicle entering the playing field. Where needed, fences should be recessive natural colour and open palisade.



- Public Park
- Secure Event Area
- Event Fence
- Vehicular & Pedestrian Ticketing
- Barriers & Fences
- Existing Boundary Fence
- Realigned Boundary Fence
- Access Control Fence/ Gate
- Dog Enclosure Fencing



Gate fencing to secure facilities after hours and for events
Redfern Oval- SMM & BVN



Gates open for public recreational use
Redfern Oval- SMM & BVN



Masterplan Ecological Actions

Endangered ecological community

The Namoi- Upper Hunter River Red Gum Forest plant community (NUHRRGF) NSW Conservation Status is listed as an Endangered Ecological Community. There are some remanent trees on or near the site and planted River red gum grove along the southern boundary.

The following opportunities should be employed to help retain and restore the plant community.

- Provide interpretative signage identifying key ecological facts about NUHRRGF.
- Avoid installation of new tracks or structures around higher quality NUHRRGF tree species.
- Undertake active bush regeneration program to reduce weeds and plant species of NUHRRGF grown from local seed stock.
- Retain or reintroduce periodic water inundation of habitat areas.
- Improve vegetative connectivity between and within remnants through revegetation/regeneration programs.
- Undertake an extensive weed management, riparian restoration and replanting program along Kingdon Ponds and Parson Gully.
- Establishing a Bird Hide and signage provides an education opportunities and increases awareness about bird species

Improved biodiversity

- Insect hotels are an engaging way to provide habitat for a variety of native bee species and other insects.
- Habitat boxes within ecological zones could attract endangered species to remnant on site such as vulnerable Yellow-Bellied Glider and critically endangered Regent Honeyeater.
- Increase longer grasses and sedges increase habitat for insects and feeding species.

Connectivity

- Kingdon Ponds, Parson Gully, Middle and Dart Brook are tributaries to the Hunter River. Increasing native vegetation within the park and restoration of the riparian corridor may provide an important habitat area supporting the movements of winged animals.
- Provide connected areas of fauna habitat away from human interaction such as pedestrian paths and lights
- Enhance fauna habitat through installation of appropriate habitat features such as; logs, nest boxes, rocks, cluster planting and appropriate flowering resource.
- Consider revegetation works using native species from a broad spectrum of flowering times to enhance foraging resources throughout the year.

Weed Management

- Encourage areas of native resilience to regenerate naturally through manual weed removal
- Enhance structural diversity, species diversity and complexity through planting canopy, mid-story and ground layer, with an emphasis on maximising diversity of locally native species

Overland flow and Run-off

- Additional vegetation to be planted within the sites overland flow and run-off zones to filter water and add biodiversity.



Wahlenbergia fluminalis- River Bluebell



Bird Hide
Wenworth Common- Hassell



Regent Honeyeater
GM Crane



Sedges & Swales
Adelaide Botanical Gardens- TCL



Natural Inundation Areas
Elsternwick Nature Reserve



Fauna Signage
Fotheringham Reserve- Heine Jones



Swales and Basins
Hassett Park- JILA



Vegetation Signage
Marrickville Metro- Deuce Design



River Red Gum



Vegetation Signage
Marrickville Metro- Deuce Design



Riparian Corridor Planting



Riparian Corridor Planting

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Planning & Site Considerations

The land is owned by Council and is zoned RE1 Public Recreation. The existing uses and development of the sports precinct facilities are permissible to the land use for public space and recreational facilities.

The sites western and eastern boundaries are adjacent Kingdon Ponds and Parson Gully (creeks), the masterplan proposes repair and revegetation of riparian zone, and establishment of additional native habitat plantings in these areas.

The site is flood prone, below the 1 : 100-year (1% AEP) level and identified a Flood Hazard Area (UHSC DCP 2015). The development must consider the impacts and not adversely impact on adjoining properties or the environment. Modelling will be necessary to ensure post development flood water levels are no higher than the predevelopment levels and that flow velocities across the site do not significantly increase risk.

All new buildings have been located on mounds to reduce the likelihood of flooding. New building materials and surface finishes should be capable of withstanding prolonged immersion in water.

Due to the site locations, disturbance, and disruptions to adjoining properties is minimal. The masterplan improves the existing facilities and does not significantly increase the facility size. An acoustic study is recommended to ensure guidelines will be met.

Traffic to the area will not typically increase beyond the existing movements as the facilities size remains approximately the same. The masterplan includes improvements to the road network, and car parking to better manage vehicle movements, reduce speed, improve circulation and safety.

Regional games and state events will attract larger number of vehicles. Additional spill-over carparking can be accommodated off site at nearby White Park. A second entry for emergency vehicle access only on Wingen Street is proposed to provide access during events.

Staging and Implementation

A masterplan establishes the overall layout, identifies the key facilities and quality aspirations. Some changes to the existing facilities are proposed to help increase space and improve use, accessibility, operation, and amenity for everyone. It is anticipated upgrades, improvement works, and new facilities will happen over a long period (10-20 years) in stages with available funding, not as one renewal project.

Costing

A cost plan of the Masterplan has been prepared to understand costs and help prioritise implementation. The components and precinct areas have been shaped to help Sports Clubs and Council seek grants in the future. Future improvement works will be opportunistic based on successful grants. – Refer Appendix C

Priorities

The upgrade and new facilities can and should be undertaken opportunistically when funding is available. However, some scope is interdependent on one another, such as the installation of an adjacent drainage basin downstream (south-east) as part of the regrading of each field. Careful consideration of interdependences and scope inclusions is needed when developing of individual project briefs and grant applications in the future.

The key priorities are:

Sports Amenities and Facilities

With a significant focus and growth women's profession sports, it has highlighted need to provide equitable, safe, and welcoming facilities for everyone. The provision of new changeroom, amenities and training facilities particularly for women a high priority.

Sport Fields Upgrades (reshaping the fields, soil profile, drainage, and irrigation)

As a general principle, if possible, redeveloping the southern fields, basins, and swales first and undertaking progressive field improvement moving north offers the most logical construction sequence will increase the facilities, improve the field playing quality and playability, add resilience and durability to the playing fields.

Upgrades to the sports facilities and fields are core to the complexes ability to attract and host regional and state events and carnivals.

The provision of lighting to the fields will allow for the extension of playing and training times throughout the year and make the facility more attractive to larger carnivals and events due to the added flexibility it affords.

Parson Park (East & West)

Expanding the park between Kingdon and Liverpool Streets harnesses an under-utilised area to provide new open space and increases the

recreational opportunities for everyone. The new open space provides new facilities for residents and visitors and address deficiencies in the LGA.

The new space also improves the operation and ensure public access to recreation facilities during events and carnivals.

Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion

The new Dr Bruce Roberts-Thomson Pavilion provides a new flexible multipurpose community hub and improves accessibility, provides equitable infrastructure; promote and enables inclusion, and significantly improves the sport facilities for local clubs by providing a place to meet, storage for sports equipment and canteen to help support each club.

The Community Clubroom will become the heart of Scone sport. A shared space to celebrate sporting achievement, support the community and host visitors and events.

Bill Rose Play Space and Recreation Facilities

The existing playground and recreation facilities at BRSC are basic. A renewed focus on upgrading and the provision of new facilities and increasing play opportunities will help meet community needs and met expectations, provide comparable facilities to other similar sized towns, and increase visitations.



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