
**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 LINSLEY STREET ON
TUESDAY 18 MAY 2021 COMMENCING AT 9:45AM**

PRESENT

David Vant (RMS), Cr Julie Payne (Cobar Shire Council), Thomas Martin (Cobar Shire Council), Scott Casey (Cobar Shire Council), Kelly Buerckner (Cobar Shire Council).

VOTING MEMBERS

David Vant (RMS), Joy Martin (State Member for Barwon Electorate Representative) and Cr Julie Payne (Cobar Shire Council)

APOLOGIES

Chris Power (NSW Police), Maurice Bell (Cobar Shire Council)

REPORT 1 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

01TC.05.2021

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

David Vant/ Julie Payne

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

REPORT 2 – STATUS REPORT

From the meeting, the Status Report be updated to include the following:

Item 53 – Work has commenced on culverts, 50% completed. David will complete assessment once culverts are completed.

Item 55 – Request submitted to TfNSW by Kelly Buerckner, waiting for response from TfNSW.

Item 58 – Line marker has commenced work around town, disabled parking is on the list.

Item 62 – Ongoing enforcement issue. Scott Casey to approach Police to seek representation at meetings.

Item 63 – Council lodge formal request for 40HPAA, David will lodge a bid for funding. Police need to comment on application. Removal of pedestrian crossing (item 67) to be completed at same time. Survey completed of entire footprint, David to complete a walk thru of the proposed sign locations for approval.

Item 66 – Survey completed, awaiting design. Inland petroleum granted access to site with road trains.

Item 67 – Formal application lodged with TfNSW for approval but awaiting application for 40HPAA and submission of designs for new pedestrian access point. Survey has been completed and designs requested. Barton St pedestrian access point identified by Public School to link with Marshall St has been granted funding.

Item 68 – Follow up for funding opportunities. TfNSW needs to approve application based on criteria.

Item 69 – Line marker has commenced work around town, parallel parking is on list.

Item 70 – Adopted by council, signs are awaiting installation, shortage of staff currently working on major project.

02TC.05.2021 **RECOMMENDATION:** That the information contained in the Status Report be received and noted.

REPORT 3 – COBAR SIGN

03TC.05.2021 **RECOMMENDATION:** Information received and noted. Committee in full agreement the sign will be a great addition.

Julie Payne/ David Vant

CARRIED

REPORT 4 – HEAVY VEHICLE TURNING

04TC.05.2021 **RECOMMENDATION:** Enforcement of no stopping on Barton St be added to the status report as an ongoing enforcement issue. Investigate traffic movements now that road train access has been granted to Inland Petroleum.

Julie Payne/ Thomas Martin

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

FRONT END PARKING

Item raised to start the conversation regarding nose in parking in Cobar to replace rear to curb parking. Investigation needs to take place and community consultation. David to provide stats regarding nose in parking vs rear to kerb.

05TC.05.2021 **RECOMMENDATION:** Add to status report for further investigation.

ANGLE OF PARKING ON MARSHALL ST

Signposted angle is 45 degrees, but the spaces are currently marked at 60 degrees.

06TC.05.2021 **RECOMMENDATION:** Update signs to reflect marked angle.
Needs to be adopted by Council

BARRIER HIGHWAY EAST - HEAVY VEHICLE

Existing business has relocated to new premises on Barrier Highway and has heavy vehicle movements in/out of location. David spoke of DA conditions that it falls onto whether council adopted TfNSW recommendations. Scott raised that planning department are investigating and the issue is being addressed. Will update at next meeting.

07TC.05.2021 **RECOMMENDATION:** Scott to confirm with planning department that the issue is being actioned.

KUBBY HOUSE PARKING

Request from Kubby House director to have drop-off parking installed out the front of the centre. Current parking options are limited with TAFE construction occurring across the road and high demand for parking places.

08TC.05.2021 **RECOMMENDATION:** During planned line marking work, mark the spaces directly out the front as 15-minute parking. Consult with Laundromat regarding timed parking places out front of their business. Review timed places in December 2022 once ELP has been completed if still appropriate.
Needs to be adopted by Council

FOOTPATH ON BOURKE ST

Current footpath is damaged from trees and not pedestrian safe. With new pedestrian access point on Marshall St planned (item 67) it will direct School pedestrian movements along this section. Need to review if TAFE DA has any requirements for footpath rehabilitation, if not included council needs to action footpath.

09TC.05.2021 **RECOMMENDATION:** Investigate if TAFE will rehabilitate footpath otherwise arrange works to be completed by Council.

NEXT MEETING

The date for the next Local Traffic Committee Meeting will be Tuesday 18th August 2021.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.33 AM

REPORT 2 – STATUS REPORT

FILE: C6-14

AUTHOR: Roads Development Manager, Maurice Bell

ATTACHMENT: NO

FEBRUARY 2018				
NUMBER	ITEM	ACTION BY	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
53	Increase Speed Zone Kidman Way	RDM	Councillor Martin request the RMS to raise the posted speed limit on the Kidman Way to 110kmph at the point north of the Priory Tank Rd north to the point where the widening has been completed.	Although outside the scope of the Traffic Committee Joe will take the speed zoning review forward in the next couple of months. Note – Joe undertook a speed zone review on 21 May 2018 with the outcome pending. November 2018 - The report is scheduled to be back by the end of 2018 Update February 2019 – Sgt Chris Power has raised concerns (via email) about raising the speed-limit to 110km/h on the Kidman Way in the area of interest. To be further discussed at next meeting. Update August 2019 – David commencing speed zone reviews for current 110km zone. Update November 2019 – Review to be put on hold until the Burril Tank Project has been completed in April/May 2020 so that speed zone review can be undertaken on the entire section. Update August 2020 – Funding allocated for 20/21 to complete inspection and new signage. Line

				marking and culvert headwalls to be completed prior to inspection. Update November 2020 – Culvert 224453 doesn't meet standards, requires extension. MUST be finalized by EOFY. Update February 2021 – Culvert contractor has been busy on large project. Work will be completed this quarter. Line marking has been engaged Update May 2021 – Line marking has been completed and culvert work commenced. David to complete inspection in line with next meeting.
FEBRUARY 2019				
NUMBER	ITEM	ACTION BY	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
55	Pedestrian Crossing at Public School	RDM	The pedestrian crossing at the public school in Blakey Street is currently a 24hour shared crossing which is not illuminated and therefore nonconforming. As this crossing is primarily used by school children during school times, it is recommended that the crossing be modified to become a designated school crossing only.	Council to send a request to RMS to modify the shared crossing on Blakey Street in front of the public school and make it a designated school children crossing only. Updated May 2019 – Council still to send request to RMS. Council to consult with school to advise them of intentions regarding the pedestrian crossing and obtain their 'buy in'. Updated August 2020 – Concurrence from Principal to remove lines. Formal

<p>request to be submitted by Council to TfNSW.</p> <p>Update November 2020 - Formal request to be submitted by Council to TfNSW.</p> <p>Update February 2021 – Formal request to be submitted by Council to TfNSW. Kelly Buerckner to follow up.</p> <p>Update May 2021 – Formal request submitted, send a follow up email regarding outcome.</p> <p>ACTION: 19 February 2019 ONGOING 18 May 2021</p>				
MAY 2019				
NUMBER	ITEM	ACTION BY	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
58	Disabled carpark for Brennan Centre	RDM	A request has come through from the Brennan Centre to relocate the existing disabled carpark on Linsley Street closer to the Brennan Centre.	<p>Council to investigate suitability of proposed new location as it must comply with Australian Standards.</p> <p>November 2019 update – Suitability is fine, Council to arrange works.</p> <p>Update August 2020 – Availability of linemaker and weather has impacted completion.</p> <p>Update November 2020 – Still attempting to engage line marker.</p> <p>Update February 2021 – Still attempting to engage line marker.</p>

				<p>Update May 2021 – Line marker has been engaged, work to be completed in coming weeks.</p> <p>ACTION 21 May 2019 ONGOING 18 May 2021</p> <p>Investigate installation of vehicle calming devices.</p> <p>Updated February 2020 – Council to pass information onto the Police. Council to install Traffic Counters.</p> <p>Update August 2020 – Ongoing enforcement issue.</p> <p>Update November 2020 – Ongoing enforcement issue.</p> <p>Update February 2021– Ongoing enforcement issue.</p> <p>Update May 2021 – Ongoing enforcement issue.</p> <p>ACTION 21 May 2019 ONGOING 18 May 2021</p> <p>That Council in partnership with RMS investigate implementing a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) in the CBD area of Cobar on Marshall Street.</p> <p>Updated August 2019 - Council to undertake public consultation and send formal request to RMS</p>
62	Speeding Motorists around town circuit	RDM	There are motorists speeding and lapping around the town circuit, especially Woodiwiss Avenue.	
63	Marshall Street 40km high pedestrian activity area	RDM	The CBD area of Cobar on Marshall Street is an area of high pedestrian activity and is currently speed zoned at 50km/h.	

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Updated November 2019 – No public consultation has taken place to date - Needs to go to Council Workshop first.

Updated February 2020 – Adopted by Council. Council to decide where to put signs and to undertake public consultation.

Update August 2020 – Council to complete public consultation and submit formal request. Funding secured for 20/21 to complete.

Update November 2020 – Public consultation to be completed in December.

Update February 2021 – Public consultation completed, positive feedback face-to-face and on social media. Two formal feedback submissions received, one for and one against. Removal of pedestrian crossing (item 67) to be completed at same time.

Update May 2021 – Council to lodge formal application, Police need to comment prior to submission. David to complete walk thru of footprint this week to assess proposed sign locations and provide comment.

ACTION 21 May 2019
ONGOING 18 May 2021

AUGUST 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	ACTION BY	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
66	Marshall/Barton Street intersection upgrade	RDM	Refurbishment and relocation of pedestrian access at intersection of Barton & Marshall Streets (BP/Inland corner).	<p>Proposed improvement of Inland Petroleum corner discussed awaiting concept drawings for comment from transport NSW.</p> <p>Update November 2020 – Concept drawings submitted and accepted for intersection chicane. Opposed to centre parking on Southern end Barton St, suggestion of turning lanes to reduce travelled way width.</p> <p>Update February 2021 – Survey of area to be completed for final design. Pending application from Inland petroleum to access site with road trains may impact on crossing. Trial to be completed onsite with TfNSW and council invited to attend.</p> <p>Update May 2021 – Survey complete, awaiting design. Inland granted road train access</p> <p>ACTION 18 August 2020 ONGOING 18 May 2021</p>
67	Pedestrian Crossing Marshall /Bourke St (Shell service station)	RDM	Recommendation from TfNSW to remove the pedestrian crossing due to inherent risks at the location for this type of structure and it fails to meet	<p>Prior to any works being undertaken, concurrence will be sought from affected school/s and then presented to Council for consultation.</p>

			<p>warrant conditions. Proposal to leave refuge islands but remove pedestrian line markings.</p>	<p>Funding is available to complete required work. Update November 2020 – Both schools concur to removing marked pedestrian crossing and directing students to new crossing location. Need to submit design for extended blisters at new crossing point. Update February 2021 – Engage Surveyor to complete final designs for submission to TfNSW for approval. Update May 2021 – Formal application lodged with TfNSW but awaiting final designs of new pedestrian access point to progress. Survey completed and awaiting final design</p> <p>ACTION 18 August 2020 ONGOING 18 May-2021</p>
68	Fixed VMS board for West Bound HW8	RDM	<p>Proposal to install a fixed VMS for West bound traffic to provide road conditions on connecting roads.</p>	<p>Maurice Bell to submit section 138 application form outlining specifications of sign, purpose and self-reporting process for faults to TfNSW. Update November 2020 – Follow up with Carly if funding still available. Update February 2021 – Follow up for funding opportunities. Update May 2021 – Continue seeking funding options to progress.</p> <p>ACTION 18 August 2020 ONGOING 18 May 2021</p>

69	Parallel parking on Linsley Street.	RDM	Concerns have been raised regarding sight distance when exiting the supermarket. Vehicles are currently rear to curb parking and small vehicles are unable to see oncoming traffic.	<p>Parking in this area will be changed from rear to curb to parallel parking. Council to install signs and line marking.</p> <p>Update August 2020- Council to also install reflectors on kerb to raise awareness of kerb height when entering supermarket driveway.</p> <p>Update November 2020 – Still attempting to engage line marker to complete work.</p> <p>Update February 2021 – Still attempting to engage line marker to complete work.</p> <p>Update May 2021 – Line marker has commenced work around town. Should be complete in next few weeks.</p> <p>ACTION 18 February 2020 ONGOING 18 May 2021</p>
NOVEMBER 2020				
70	No stopping on Wetherell Crescent.	RDM	Concerns on drivers travelling around the bend and colliding with parked cars around Cobar High School. Suggestion to install no stopping signs on the school side of Wetherell Crs.	<p>David Vant to complete a site visit during School pickup to watch traffic movements.</p> <p>Update February 2021 – David Vant completed inspection and recommendation to install no stopping signs on High School side of Wetherell Crs, operating 8am-4pm, Monday to</p>

				Friday. Consultation with School Principal regarding the exact location/length of area. Update May 2021 – Adopted by Council and signs awaiting installation. Current staff shortages with major highway project. ACTION 17 November 2020 ONGOING 18 May 2021
MAY 2021				
71	Heavy vehicles turning left from Barton St onto Marshall St.	RDM	Heavy Vehicles are parking in the no stopping zone adjacent to Stationery Essentials to unload, when finished the truck then turns left but is unable to complete the turn without mounting the kerb. Other heavy vehicles have also been witnessed turning left.	Ongoing enforcement issue of vehicles unloading in no stopping zone. Review traffic movements of area if further signage is required. ACTION 18 May 2021
72	Changing current rear to kerb parking to nose in parking in Cobar.	DI	Item raised to start conversation to investigate the costs and work required to convert current rear to kerb parking to nose in parking.	David to provide stats and figures regarding nose in parking vs rear to kerb parking. Public consultation needs to take place. ACTION 18 May 2021
73	Update Marshall St parking signage.	RDM	Signposted angle is 45 degrees, but the spaces are currently marked at 60 degrees.	Update signage to reflect correct angle Needs to be adopted by council ACTION 18 February 2021

74	Barrier Highway East Heavy Vehicle access to property	DI	Existing business has relocated to new premises on Barrier Highway and has heavy vehicle movements in/out of location.	Scott to confirm with planning department that the issue is being actioned. ACTION 18 February 2020
75	Kubby House parking	RDM	Kubby House have requested either time restricted or parent drop-off parking directly outside the centre for benefit of parents. Line marker has already been engaged to mark carparks along Bourke St to aid parking congestion.	Proposal to mark 4 spaces with 15min parking only directly in front of Kubby House. Need to consult with Laundromat if they would benefit from 15min parks outside their business. Needs to be adopted by Council
76	Bourke St Footpath	RDM	Current footpath is damaged from trees and not pedestrian safe. With new pedestrian access point on Marshall St planned (item 67) it will direct School pedestrian movements along this section.	ACTION 18 February 2021 Investigate if TAFE will rehabilitate footpath otherwise arrange works to be completed by Council. ACTION 18 February 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Status Report be received and noted



Masterplan Report

Ward Oval Masterplan

Prepared for: Cobar Shire Council
Issued: 15 June 2021

We acknowledge the Pilaarrkiyalu, Nhiitikiyalu, Karukiyalu and Galiyargiyatr as the original custodians of the lands and waters of Wangaaypuwan country on which Cobar was built. We respect their cultural and spiritual relationships with place and honour elders past, present and emerging whose knowledge and wisdom has and will ensure the continuation of cultures and traditional practices. To that end our work seeks to uphold the idea that if we care for Country, it will care for us.




Report register and quality assurance

Dunn & Hillam Architects operates under a quality management system which has been certified as complying with quality management systems ISO 9001:2015. This report has been reviewed and approved for issue in accordance with the Dunn & Hillam quality assurance policy and procedures.

Job Number	19_315
Issue Number	01
Client	Cobar Council
Issue Date	15 June 2021

The following report register documents the development and issue of the Project Proposal, undertaken by Dunn & Hillam Architects in accordance with its quality management system.

Project Director	Ashley Dunn
Signature	
Date	15 June 2021

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Executive Summary

01

Executive Summary

Dunn & Hillam Architects have been asked by Cobarr Shire Council to work with them to provide a guiding masterplan for all future work at the Ward Oval Precinct. This work is being undertaken in parallel with the design of the Early Learning Centre which is to be located on the site.

Purpose of document

The purpose of this document is to create a masterplan that can guide all future work at the Ward Oval site.

In summary this document will:

outline the existing site context of Ward Oval, explore the challenges and opportunities that exist within the site review and respond to the previous Masterplan undertaken in 2011 and the design for the showground building in 2020. understand and document the needs of the community. clarify the functional requirements and the scope of the project

Demonstrate various options in order to develop a proposal for feedback

Develop a vision for the future that can guide the development of a masterplan for the whole site

Scope of this project

The scope of this project is outlined in Dunn & Hillam's response to the Request for Tender dated 18th December 2020. We understand that funding has been secured for these elements of work:

the completion of an updated masterplan for the Ward Oval Precinct.

the design documentation, and construction of an early learning centre,

This document relates to the masterplan of the Ward Oval Precinct, the Early Learning Centre is explored in a separate document.

Project

Client

Cobarr Shire Council

Project Address

Ward Oval precinct, Cobarr

Background of this project

In November 2019 Cobarr Shire Council engaged Dunn & Hillam Architects to commence concept design for the construction of a new Early Learning Centre to be located within the Ward Oval Precinct in Cobarr at 6 Booroomugga St Cobarr 2835.

This concept design formed part of a grant application, which Cobarr Shire Council was successful in obtaining.

With the approved funding, the Public Works Department ran a Request for Tender in November 2020. Dunn & Hillam Architects were awarded the role of Head Design Consultancy for the Ward Oval Masterplan and Early Learning Centre.

Existing Site

02

Existing Site Planning Constraints

General Details - Climate

Semi-Arid climate; hot summers and cool to mild winters, Low humidity, Average (median) annual rainfall of 390mm.

Local Context

The Ward Oval precinct is located 600m off the Barrier Highway / Marshall St. The site is zoned as RE2 Private Recreation (Cobar LEP 2012 map). Adjacent sites to the immediate east and west are also zoned for Private Recreational purposes. Adjacent buildings include: Cobar Bowling & Gold Club; Cobar Pre-School; Cobar High school; Cobar Public School.

Present and Previous Uses of the Land

The site incorporates a number of uses including netball courts, two ovals, a grandstand, amenities buildings, stables, agricultural sheds, and agricultural show-related halls. There are no significant waterways listed on this site (Cobar LEP 2012 map).

Survey of Existing Site

The survey produced by Langford & Rowe allows us to analyse the existing condition of the site, existing services, landscape and neighbouring buildings.

Site Details

Site Address	Ward Oval
Lot & DP	DP 651008, 216151, 22826, 22820 and others
The site is owned by	Cobar Shire Council
Easements	An easement runs to the west boundary of the site
Encroachments	TBC
Other Site Ownership considerations	TBC
Local Government Area	Local Council
Site Area	TBC
Site Dimensions	TBC
Aspect	TBC
Exposure	TBC
Soil Type	TBC by geotechnical engineer

Planning Constraints

The following tables summarises our review of key points of the relevant planning regulations.

Cobar Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP 2012)

Land Use Zone
RE1 Public Recreation and RE2 Private Recreation

Permissible Height
NA

Permissible FSR
NA

Heritage Controls
The site is not listed as a heritage item and is not located within a Heritage Conservation Area.

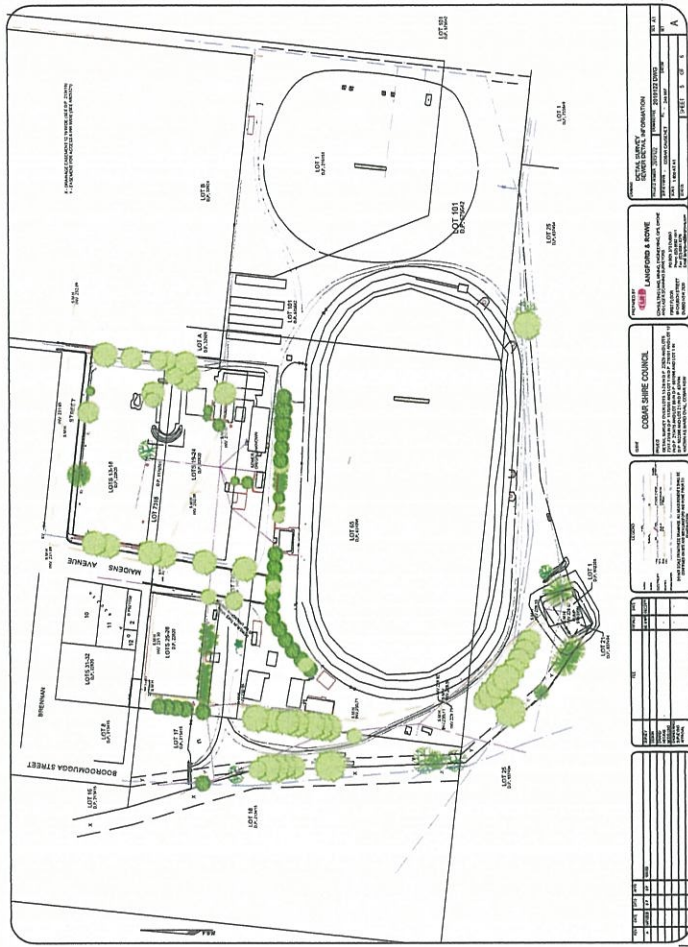
Bushfire Prone Land
The site is not bushfire prone land.

Acid Sulfate Soils
The site has not been classed as acid sulfate soils.

Environmentally sensitive land
The site has not been classed as environmentally sensitive land.

Complying Development
Complying Development on RE2 land not permitted unless Works or Roads

Additional Permitted Used
Camping Ground is Permitted with Development Consent



Existing Site Analysis of the Site

Council and community spaces



- 1 ward oval
- 2 girl guides & army cadets
- 3 cobar public school
- 4 cobar shire council
- 5 great cobar heritage centre
- 6 cobar shire library
- 7 cobar tafe

Green Spaces and Parks



- 1 ward oval
- 2 golf course
- 3 AFL field
- 4 linsley street green path
- 5 drummond park
- 6 cobar miners heritage park
- 7 pool
- 8 lom knight memorial oval
- 9 dalton park
- 10 dalton park racecourse
- 11 madden street green space

Council and community spaces

Ward Oval is well positioned within a network of other council and community amenities. This proximity helps contribute to its use and the core position it holds within the daily lives of the residents of Cobar.

Due to this proximity the site has the opportunity to promote walking and cycling as the principal ways of arrival for those who live near the centre of town.

The proximity to the public school is a key connection that should be strengthened.

Green Spaces and Parks

Cobar offers a good amount of green space and public amenity. Ward Oval is a key part of this provision, and during times of water shortage is the only green space left in the town.

The map indicates a relationship between Drummond Park - which hosts the youth centre, skate park, and basketball courts - the Linsley St Garden Path, and the Oval. This connection should also be strengthened to encourage active movement between the parks.

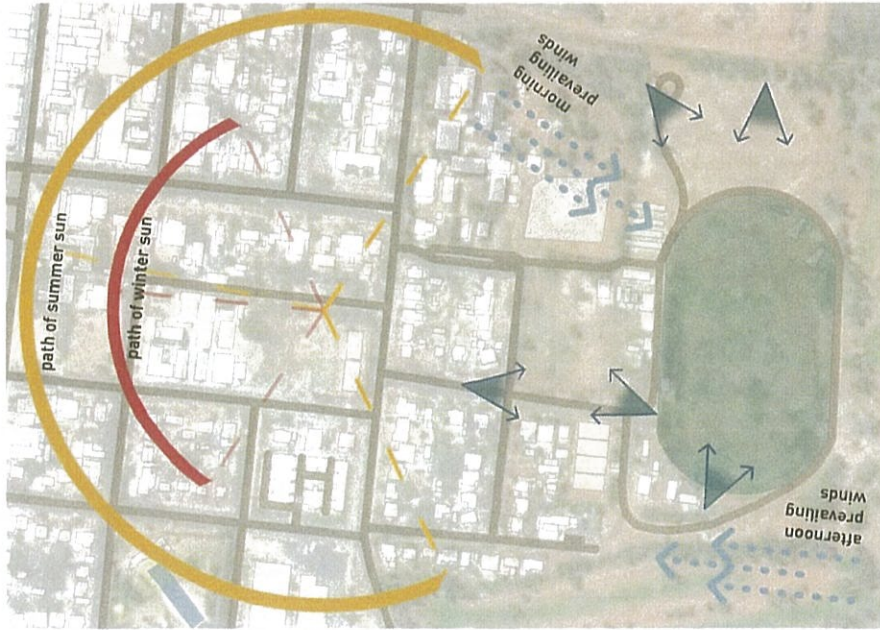
Existing Site



Grids and Maintenance Roads

Existing maintenance roads across the site are limited and informal. Simplifying these paths to encompass the whole site would provide better maintenance access while taking pressure off existing grassed areas, freeing them for community use.

Roads into the site are out of alignment with the town grid. Acknowledging or aligning with the existing grids present an opportunity for strengthening the showgrounds' relationship to greater Cobarr.



Views, Sun, and Wind

Approached from the north, the site has open views towards the parkland and golf course to the south. While bordered by mature trees along the east, west, and south, the site is open to prevailing south and north eastern breezes. The vast open spaces across the site are exposed to aggressive sun during the dry seasons.

The orientation of proposed structures and introduction of extra trees create opportunities for more shade while maintaining views.



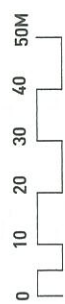
Green Corridors and Quality

The site is largely bordered by mature trees to the east, west, and south, with smaller trees along the northern border of the oval. Trees run along the western perimeter of the main oval, enhancing this focal point of the site. The eastern oval is not able to be irrigated year-round due to water shortages. There is opportunity to continue and enhance existing green corridors which would provide further shade, improving the usability and clarity of the site. Simplifying these paths to encompass the whole site would provide better maintenance access while taking pressure off existing grassed areas, freeing them for community use.

Existing Site Existing Site Plan



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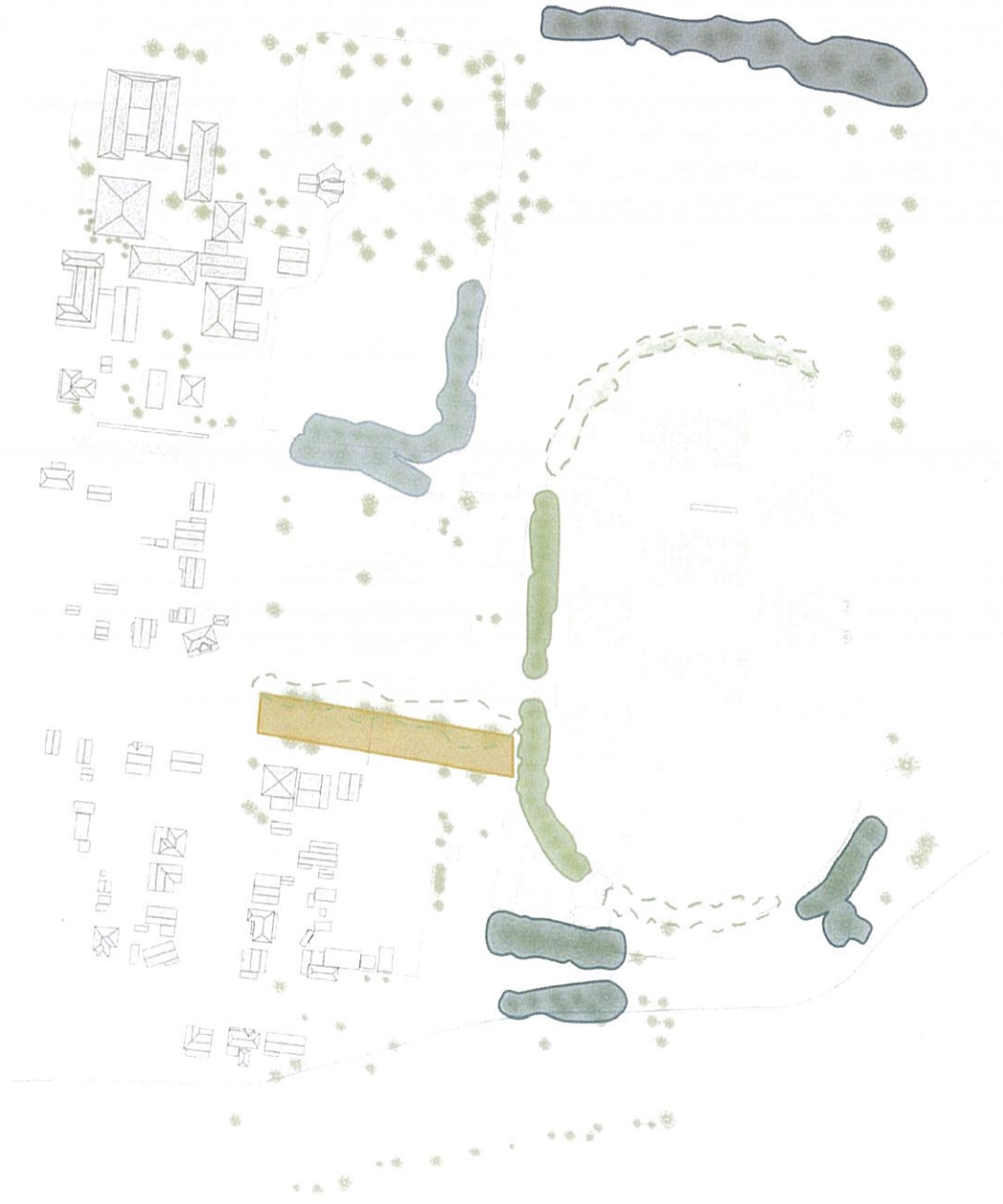
Existing Site Established Trees

Make Up of Existing Green Corridors

There is a series of significant established green corridors across the site, composed of a selection of endemic and exotic trees.

Major corridors run along the east and west boundaries of the site, across the northern boundary of the main oval, as well as the entry points along Maiden's Ave and the maintenance road accessed via Brennan St.

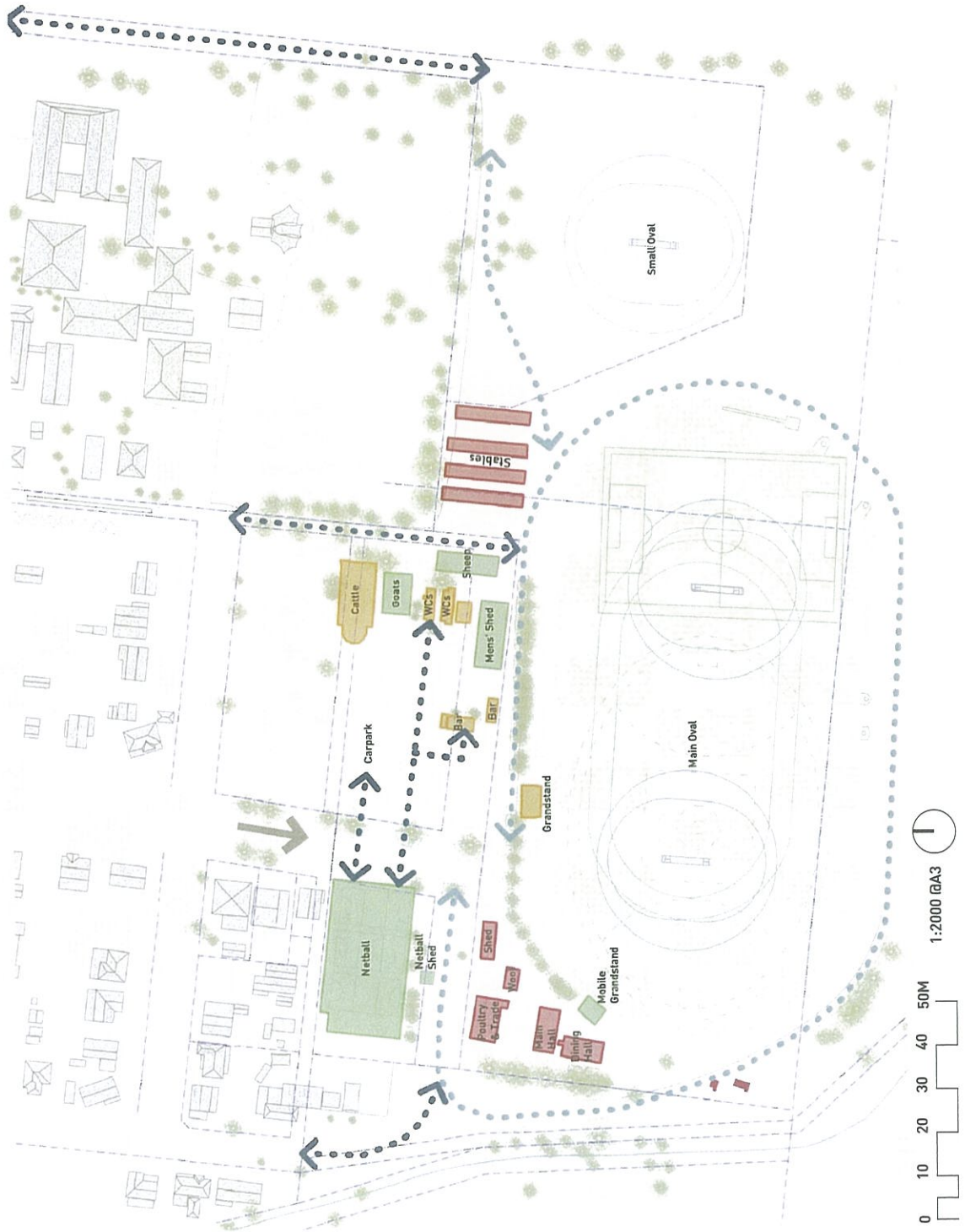
There is opportunity to enhance the curved tree line around the western end of the Main oval, and mirror this along the eastern end to create further shaded viewing space. Entry points could also be enhanced to improve shade in these highly used areas.



- Key**
- EG= evergreen**
- DEC= deciduous**
- Very wide avenue
- Mixed tree/ shrub line including: Silky Oak (Grevillea robusta) EG, White Cedar (Melia azaderach) DEC, Ash (Fraxinus sp.) DEC, Brushbox (Lophosetmon confertus) EG Oleander (Nerium oleander) EG
- Mixture of flowering gums including Pink flowering yellow gum (Eucalyptus leucyloxylon var Rosea) and Patches of Ground cover salt bush (Rhagodia sp.) and Windmill grass (Chloris truncata) Back drop of Pink Flowering gums along school boundary. Low, see-through fence.
- River Red Gums (Eucalyptus camaldulensis) EG
- Lineal layout either deliberately planted or the result of past flooding.
- Lovely grouping of trees backing onto site including Willow (Salix sp.) and Cooba (Acacia salicina)
- Views from this point across the site
- Gaps in tree canopy

Existing Site

Existing Site - Typical Use



Constraints and Opportunities

The Main Oval is capable of hosting a range of sports activities and is well used and irrigated year round. The AFL field is no longer in use. The oval is affected by use during the show set up, and as the show is typically held in May (leading into winter) the grass does not have time to repair itself before going dormant.

The eastern oval is no longer irrigated due to water shortages. The maintenance path does not extend around the perimeter off this oval, which means it is not inviting for use by cyclists and walkers. During the show, there is little opportunity for large vehicles and floats to turn around, causing traffic blockages. There is potential for use of this oval to be expanded and to provide a space with a different character to the main oval.

There is a lack of shading to the east and west portions of the main oval, meaning that it is very exposed during morning and afternoon activities - especially for spectators and walkers who would typically occupy the perimeter. Expansion of tree cover would create greater amenity during the summer months.

The existing western maintenance road connects Booromugga St to Maidens Ave through a rear gate and the car park of the pre-school. This is heavily used during pre-school pick-up/drop-off. The existing car-park is not formally marked and there are no clear distinctions between pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Clarifying connections and pedestrian/vehicular zones across the site presents opportunities for enhancing safety and community use of this space.

Key

- Poor condition in need of replacement/significant repair
- Ok condition - in need of significant upgrade
- Good Condition to be retained
- Pedestrian / Maintenance Vehicles
- Pedestrian / Cycle Access
- Main Entry

Existing Site Existing Site - Show Setup



Constraints and Opportunities

When the annual Show is held the site is transformed. The main entrance is retained via Maidens Ave, and is ticketed. Vehicular access and parking is restricted to the surrounding streets, or is permissible for people with access passes. Beyond the paid vehicle entry point along Maidens Ave, existing roads are activated as shared spaces for show stalls and food vans. The unmarked car-park is used to host the side show, rides and 'showie' camping.

The ring road is used by people accessing the stables, judges, and camping. This ring road does not extend around the second oval, causing issues with manoeuvring horse floats etc.

The show pavilions are located to the north-west of the main oval, and are a cluster of sheds with light weight trusses and painted metal sheet cladding. They are in need of significant repair and outside of show season they are under utilised. There are opportunities to re-use or re-purpose these structures, and it is thought they have a role in creating character for the showground. Any development should ensure that they are able to be used by the broader community year-round.

Horse warm up and arenas currently operate across the total footprint of the existing ovals. On a typical year only two hack rings are in use. Due to the time of year the turf is not able to adequately repair itself after the show. There is opportunity to plan the use of the ovals so that horse arenas are separated from the sporting fields. This would ensure the well irrigated and maintained portion of the site is kept in good condition.

Key

- Show Buildings and Yards
- Horse Arenas
- Show Bags and Food Trucks
- Showie Camping
- Side Show Alley
- Public Parking

Existing Site Site Elements

The below descriptions have been formed through our own observations of the site, discussions with council, feedback from community groups, and incorporation of work done to date in the 2011 masterplan.

Existing Uses

The Ward Oval precinct includes a large oval, a smaller oval, netball courts, showground pavilions, amenities buildings, agricultural buildings and parking. The site is an important piece of community infrastructure and facilitates a number of uses including netball, cricket, soccer, Little Athletics, AFL and Rugby League. The site is also used for casual exercise such as walking and running.

The Oval is home to the annual show, and facilitates many other community events and activities.

Existing Landscape

Cobar is a semi-arid region and the Ward Oval precinct is a vital green space within the town. During dry seasons the main oval is often the only green space left, and offers a refuge. The oval is surrounded by many mature trees which provide shade to users. The second smaller oval and landscaping to the north of the site are not irrigated due to water shortages.

Access and Parking

The main entry to the site is via Maidens Ave. There is a large parking area which services the whole site. This is used during show time to host the rides and sideshow alley. The bitumen car park is unlined and in need of re-surfacing. It suffers from a lack of shade.

There is a ring road around the oval which is used by maintenance vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. The road does not extend around the perimeter of the second oval. This road is in significant need of resurfacing. The ring road is largely un-shaded.

Fencing

The site fencing is generally in need of replacement and repair. The primary purpose of the fencing is to contain livestock during the show, while also allowing the control of site security and vandalism. The entry gates have a particular character and should be retained and cleaned.

Lighting

There is high level lighting over the oval allowing games to be played in the evenings. There is little other external lighting across the site.

Pavilion Buildings

There are a number of pavilion buildings located to the west of the oval. These pavilions host the show and are not



well used throughout the year. They are in poor condition. They comprise of light-weight steel frames with metal cladding. The poultry pavilion is abuts the trade pavilion causing maintenance issues. There is a scale and charm of these buildings which is typical of a country show which is important to retain. Opportunities for re-use and refurbishment should also be considered.

Agricultural Buildings

To the north of the oval and beside the carpark are a number of agricultural buildings and pavilions. These include the sheep and goat yards, which are both elegant structures that should be retained and repaired. There are 118 stalls for horses which are in poor condition and do not comply with current standards. The cattle yard is used intermittently.

Grandstand

The grandstand is not compliant with current standards and is in need of repair. The structure and character of the building is good, and if desired this could be refurbished and extended to provide wheelchair access. However it has been advised that the structure is rarely used and the costs of refurbishment would not serve community needs.

Amenities

The amenities are located adjacent to the sheep and goat yard. They are in reasonable condition however are poorly sited in relation to the agricultural buildings, and the sporting precincts. These amenities are insufficient for the needs of the community. Additional toilets and changing rooms are required.

Mens' Shed

The mens' shed is in good condition and is well used. This is used as the shearing shed during the show.

Bar

There are two bar buildings located within the agricultural precinct. One of these is in reasonable condition however, both are poorly sited and not well-used.

Netball Courts

The netball courts have recently been resurfaced and are in good condition. These are extremely well used.

Main Oval

The main oval is in very good condition and serves a range of activities. During show season there are issues relating to the damage that horses cause to the grass.

Small Oval

The small oval is not irrigated due to water shortages and is under-utilised. There is a lack of shade to the west of the small oval, and the maintenance path does not surround it.

Community Feedback

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Community Feedback

Individual Users

A list of survey questions were sent out to the general individual community users.

The following table is a summary of their responses. Please note, some users provided more than one response per question and these have been tabled separately. The survey questions were "open" and as a result responses have been modified to fit within the general headings of the summary. ** NOTE this summary is incomplete

Question	Collated responses	Question	Collated responses
What facilities do you feel are currently missing / needed at the Ward Oval facility?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise park/equipment: 11 Walking running track around whole park: 7 Kids park: 7 Change facilities: 2 Seating: 6 Spectator seating: 2 Shelter/shade: 9 Dog friendly park/designated off leash area: 9 Free Lighting at courts/oval: 1 Upgraded and well lit amenities: 10 Dining/event room and catering kitchen: 4 Better canteen: 5 Fencing: 3 Water fountains: 6 Wall ball court: 1 	Do you use the Ward Oval facility on your own, or with friends/family?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly alone: 7 Mostly with friends/family: 20 Both: 16
As an individual user of Ward Oval, what times during the week and throughout the year do you primarily use the facilities/area?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning: 12 Afternoon: 14 Evenings: 10 Weekends: 4 Winter: 5 Spring/Autumn: 4 Summer: 3 Show: 2 All: 6 No: 19 Yes: 21 Maybe: 3 	Do you use the Ward Oval facility with younger children? If so, how? (e.g bike riding around Oval 1).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, bike riding: 18 Yes, walking: 11 Yes, running: 4 Yes, playing (e.g kicking balls): 9 Yes, recreational sport: 5 Yes, flying kites: 5 Sometimes: 1 No: 15
Would you use change room facilities if they were available (as individual - not when participating in groups such as netball cricket etc)?		What events conflict with times you prefer to use the Oval facility? (if any)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None: 35 Occasional e.g carnival: 1 Cricket: 5 Netball: 1
How do you currently use the Ward Oval Facilities? (e.g walking/running)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking: 28 Running: 8 Exercise: 6 Relax: 1 Cycling: 1 Playing: 4 Ball sports: 3 Dog walking/exercise: 13 Picnic: 2 	Why do you choose to use the Ward Oval instead of other areas/ infrastructure in Cobar (e.g gym, walking track etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to home/location: 8 Free: 4 Safety: 9 Great place to be: 8 Open space/fresh air: 15 Space for dogs to run around: 3 Green/grassed area: 9 Walking track: 7 Quiet: 3 Not sure: 2

Review of Existing Masterplan

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Site Plan



grandstand



netball courts (+)



long jump pit



bar



internal service road



old ablutions



entry road and gates



one of the centres



athletics track lanes



cattle yards



cricket pitch

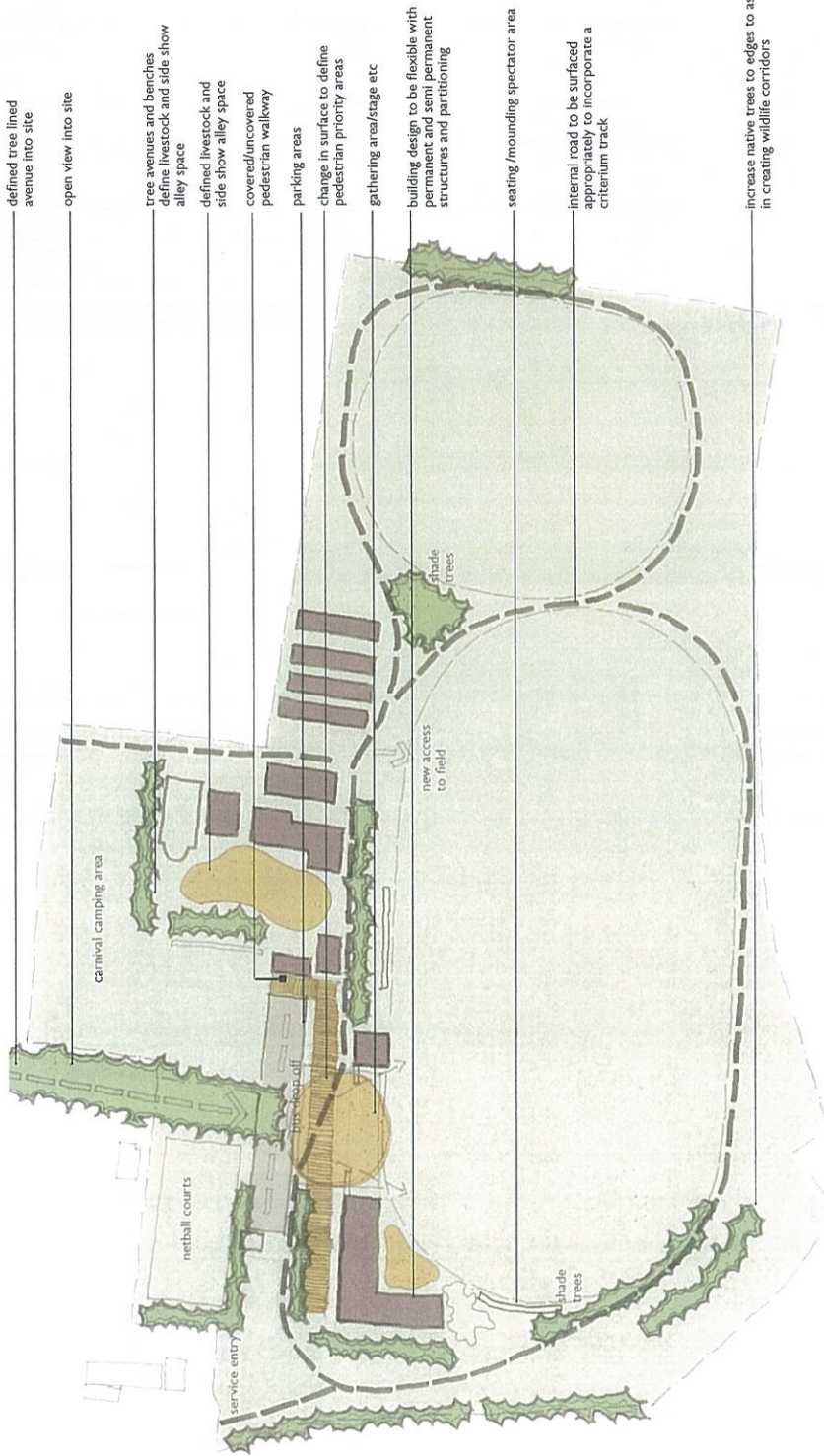
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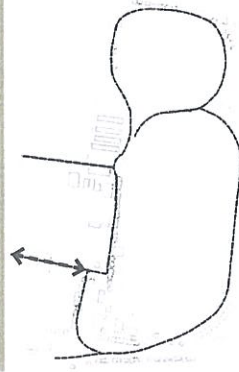


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- defined tree lined avenue into site
- open view into site
- tree avenues and benches define livestock and side show alley space
- defined livestock and side show alley space
- covered/uncovered pedestrian walkway
- parking areas
- change in surface to define pedestrian priority areas
- gathering area/stage etc
- building design to be flexible with permanent and semi permanent structures and partitioning
- seating /mounding spectator area
- internal road to be surfaced appropriately to incorporate a criterium track
- increase native trees to assist in creating wildlife corridors

Concept Plans and Diagrams



- Movement Diagram**
- internal (service) road - graded and sealed to incorporate walking & crit track
- formalise and celebrate entry road (Maldens St) with colourful tree lined avenue from Blakey Street intersection into site
- define pedestrian and vehicular movement areas through simple, uniform paving and furniture
- pedestrian thoroughfares with defined covered and open walkways

- Livestock Precinct**
- dedicated precinct for livestock
- space to be defined through low walls/seating and planting
- existing buildings to be upgraded and painted appropriately
- dedicated central gathering area for sideshow ally and open area
- easy and safe pedestrian access from centre area

- Civil Events Precinct**
- multipurpose centre
- precinct to incorporate one building which is flexible in design to serve a variety of uses, spaces and functions, including existing facilities under one roof
- building to open onto field
- precinct to include pedestrian gathering space with stage, show area and viewing mounds

- Sport Precinct**
- existing sports facilities to incorporate viewing mounds and shading to edges
- extension of sports lighting as well as site lighting
- adequate and appropriate fencing around fields
- appropriate, sufficient and robust furniture

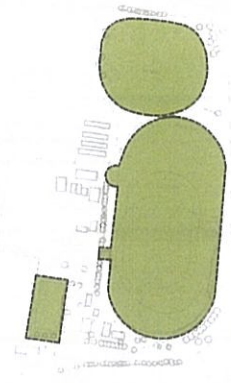
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2011 Masterplan

The masterplan in 2011 was developed in consultation with Cobbar Shire Council, the relevant community, sporting, and show society stakeholder groups.

Now 10 years old this masterplan requires evaluation and review to ensure that the future development of the site appropriately meets the communities needs and ambitions. Below are some key notes on the existing masterplan.

1. Carnival camping at the entrance to the site creates a 'messy' entrance sequence.
2. Car parking between the netball courts and showground building may cause issues with safety while children go to the canteen.
3. Does not seem to incorporate play equipment for younger children.
4. No proposed use for the smaller oval - it may be that when this masterplan was developed this oval was still actively managed and that water supply was not an issue.
5. there is no current provision of a childcare centre which is now a key priority for council.
6. There is no provision for replacement of the stables. Siting of this should be considered as the building will have a significant footprint. Usage outside of show season should also be addressed.
7. Generally the zoning of the precinct including the livestock precinct, the civil events precinct, and the sports precinct is working well. However overlap between these uses and stakeholders needs to be addressed. As both sports activities and the show are seasonal, the areas need to allow multiple uses. The showground building also needs to allow multiple uses.
8. The showground building is located away from the livestock precinct (as in the current use of the site). There are opportunities to strengthen the relationship and proximity between the two areas to encourage a more clear showground precinct.



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- existing sports facilities to incorporate viewing mounds and shading to edges
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Entry Road
strong avenue of feature trees to define Maidens Avenue into site from Blakey Street. The entry road will have a clear unobstructed view into the site and back towards the church



Sideshow Alley
dedicated and defined side show alley area during the show and overflow parking area during the rest of the year

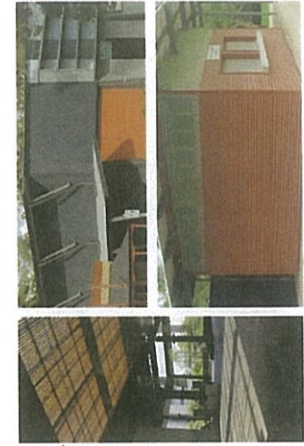


Animal Washdown
existing animal washdown to remain



Pedestrian Area
Pedestrian area using concrete and deco to define space. Paving to go over road at intersections to give pedestrian priority. Use of timber decking to create a warm feeling to game spaces. Covered and uncovered walkways.

Proposed Lighting
All fields to be lit to appropriate lighting standards



Proposed Multipurpose Centre
Proposed centre to accommodate a variety of uses and functions. Building to be simple and functional, utilising light earth tone materials. Refer to architects drawings.

Perimeter fencing
fencing to be 1.8m high and permeable.



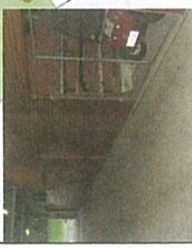
Criterium/Walking/Jogging track
existing service road to be graded and sealed to provide an activity track



furniture typology
furniture to be robust, simple and consistent in typology throughout site



Gathering and Viewing Areas
informal and formal seating areas with views to stage area and/or show and sporting activities



Storage Shed
storage shed to include large roof space with lockable staged areas to allow for multiple storage facilities with vehicular access

Legend

- existing trees
- feature avenue trees
- park trees
- picnic facilities
- water fountain
- park lighting
- sports lighting
- entrance statement
- deco
- concrete
- existing buildings
- proposed buildings

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- Master Plan**
- To create a regional events centre with a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces for a variety of functions which is efficient over the long-term through the sharing and multi function of facilities
 - To create unique sense of place and character reflective of the cultural heritage of Cobarr and surrounds that is also an attractive, appropriate and functional precinct
 - To create a quality community precinct which will aid in community spirit and involvement
 - To create a precinct which will exhibit the region's livestock and agricultural produce
 - To provide safe and defined pedestrian precincts and gathering area including defined spaces, clear routes and wayfinding opportunities
 - To encourage and provide habitat opportunities for the native flora and fauna through sustainable best practice building and landscape initiatives



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EXISTING AND DEMOLITION SITE PLAN
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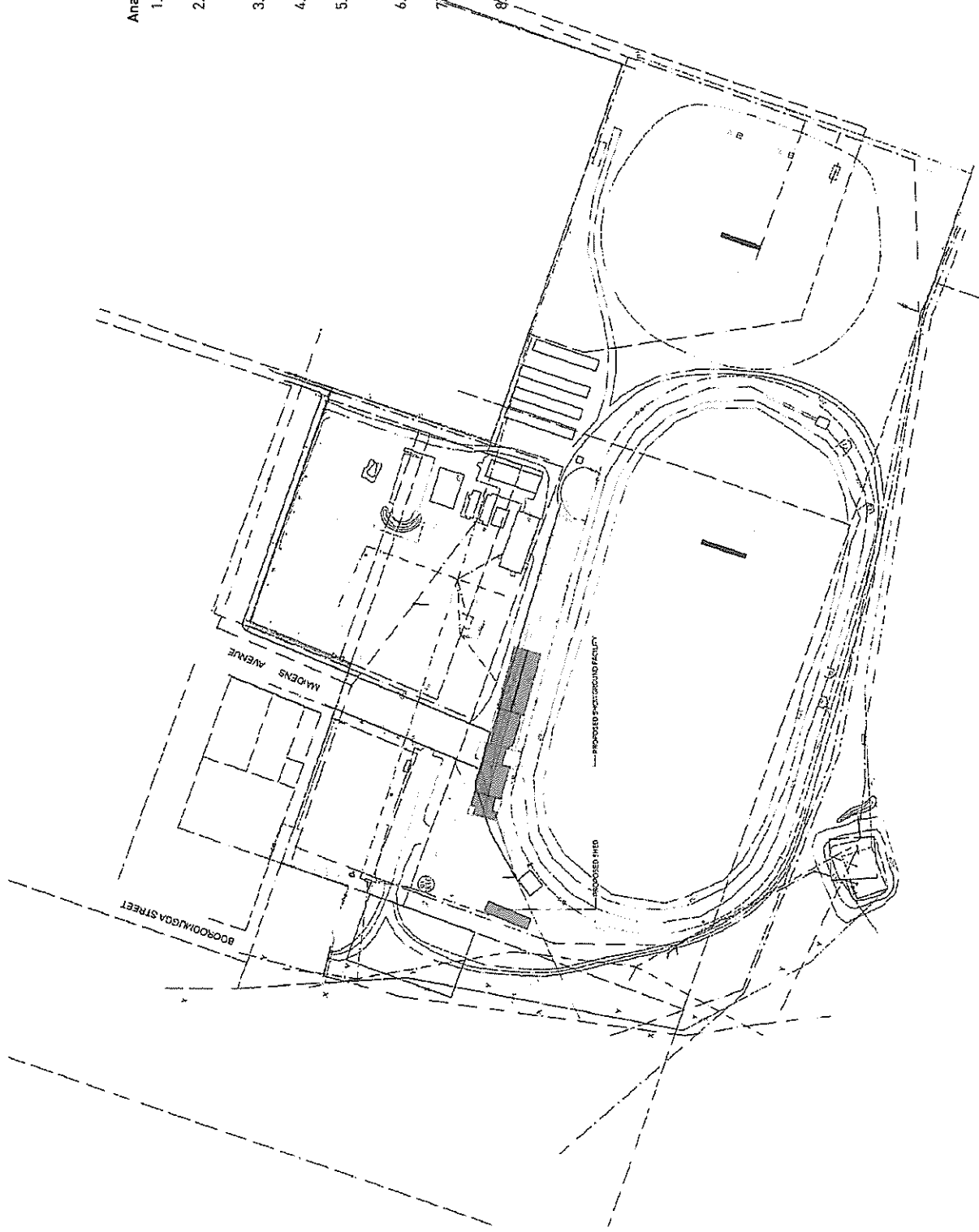
LEGEND
FOR DEMOLITION

- PROPOSED SHOWGROUND
- FACILITY
- LOT 100 850/08
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- COBAR NSW 2035
- COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL
- SITE PLAN - EXISTING AND DEMOLITION



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HOW AND WHERE COBAR SHIRE

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Analysis of the 2020 proposed works

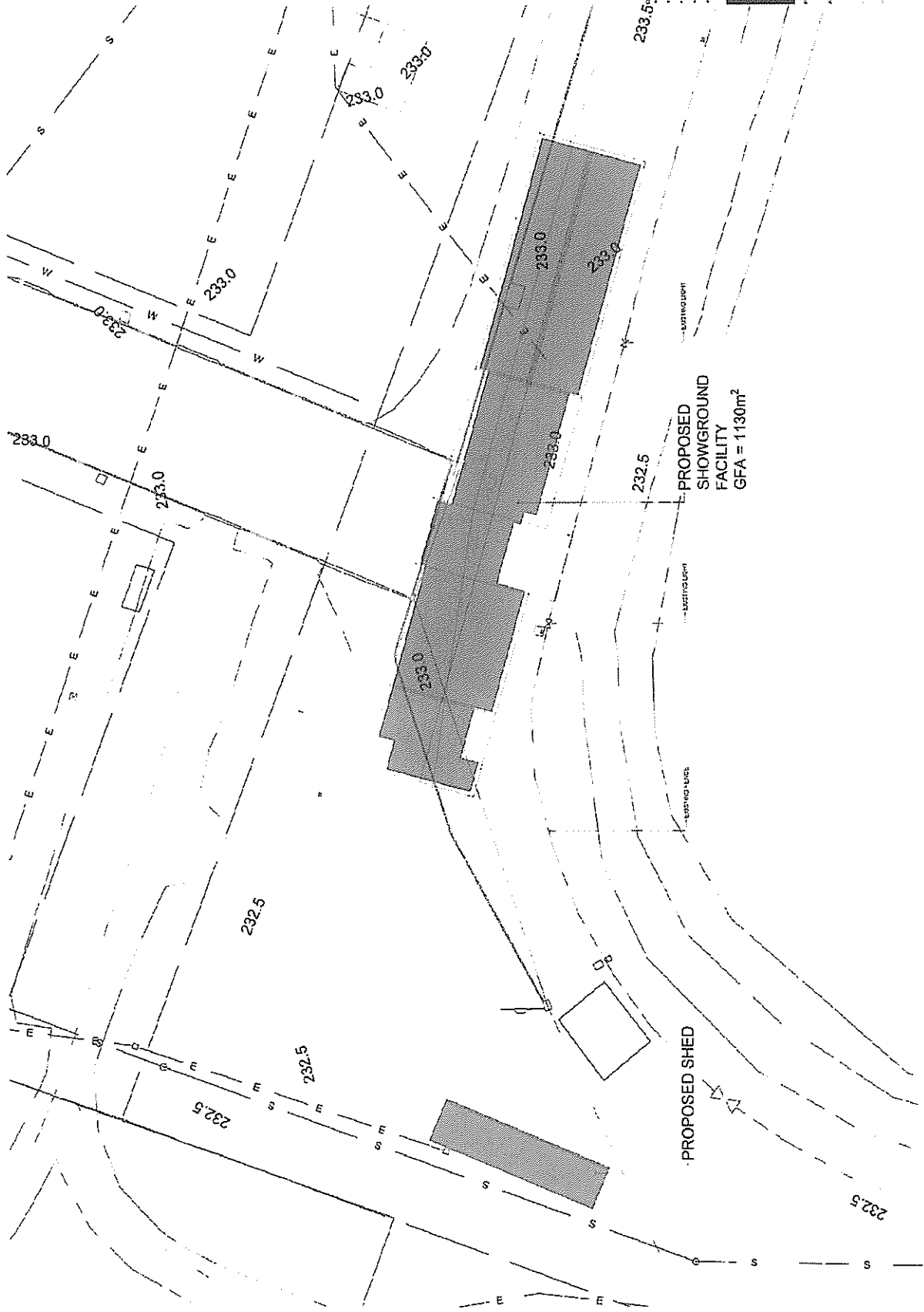
1. It is unclear how the proposal has been developed from the thinking within the 2011 masterplan
2. Revised design does not appear to address the masterplan holistically and does not include strategies for site parking and movement of people.
3. New showground building blocks site lines from Maadens Ave toward the oval
4. Showground building siting requires removal of several mature trees
5. Showground building is designed as one large continuous building - potentially removing the scale and charm of a small country show
6. Kitchen is well positioned to serve netball courts but does not open toward the oval
7. Position of storage shed works well for access to both netball courts and oval. Consider vehicular access to sheds to avoid carrying heavy items.
8. There does not appear to be a strategy for use of the second oval.

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PROPOSED SHOWGROUND FACILITY
 LOT 66 DP 650188
 'WARD OVAL' MAADENS AVENUE
 COBAR NSW 2835
 COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL
SITE PLAN - PROPOSED

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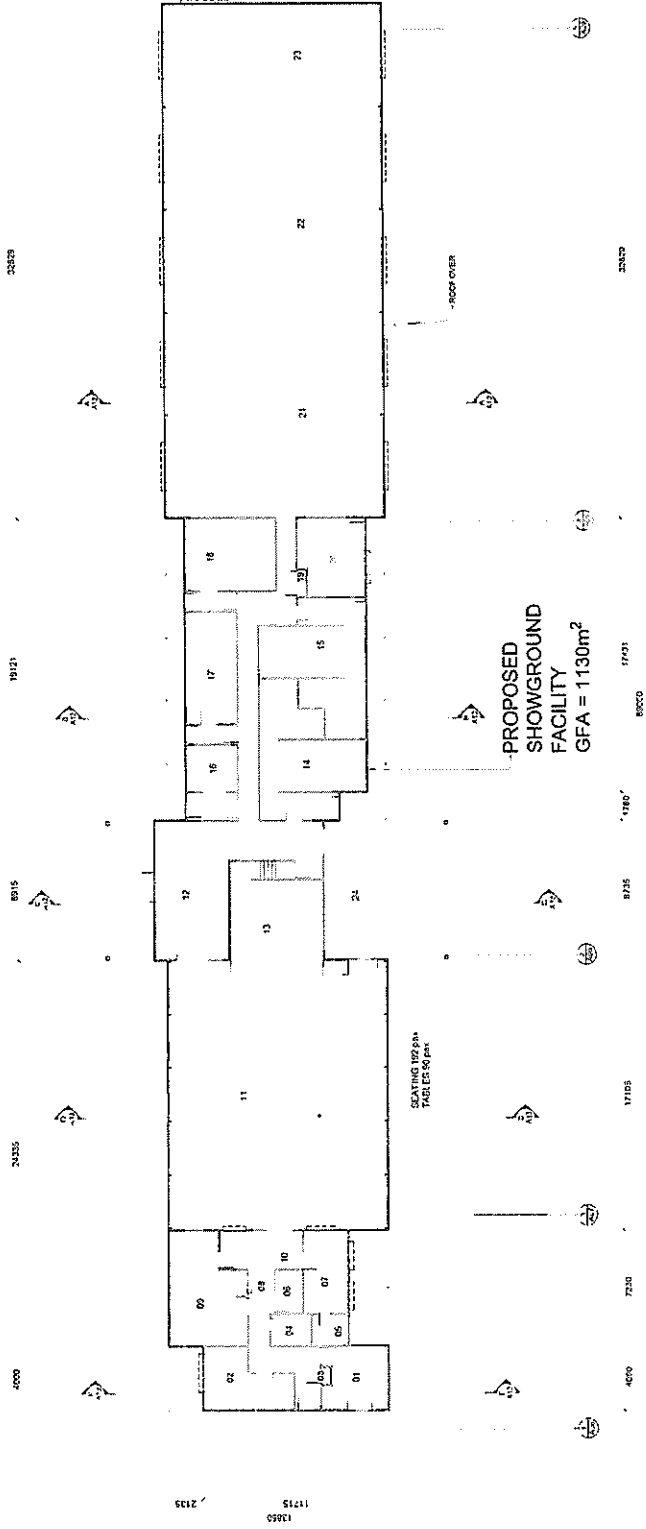


PROPOSED SHOWGROUND
 PROJECT NO. 654188
 10151 FERRIS AVENUE
 COBARR NSW 2335
 COBARR SHIRE COUNCIL



DETAIL SITE PLAN _
 PROPOSED

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ROOM TAGS

01	SERVICES ROOM - 15m ²
02	CARPENTER - 17m ²
03	CLEANERS
04	OFFICE
05	COOL ROOM 02 - 4.4m ²
06	DRY STORE - 4.5m ²
07	SCULPTURE
08	SCULPTURE
09	KITCHEN - 30m ²
10	ANTEROOM
11	ENTRANCE
12	ENTRY Foyer - 50m ²
13	STAGE - 35m ²
14	MAIDENS AVENUE
15	CHAIR ROOM 02
16	ACCESSIBLE AIRLINES
17	FEMALE AIRLINES
18	MAIDENS AVENUE
19	CLEANERS
20	SHOW SOCIETY OFFICE - 20m ²
21	PAVILION 02 - TRADE / WOOD 11m ²
22	PAVILION 02 - MAIDENS AVENUE
23	PAVILION 02 - MAIDENS AVENUE
24	OUTDOOR GATHERING SPACE

PROPOSED SHOWGROUND FACILITY
 LOT 65 DP 650199
 WARD OVAL MAIDENS AVENUE
 COBAR NSW 2835
 COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL



FLOOR PLAN _ OVERALL

corridors and poor way-finding. To access the toilets from the oval out of hours users would have to walk around the large building.

9. Design of the Pavilions 1, 2, 3 does not anticipate other uses outside of show season.
10. No storage has been integrated into the building.
11. Proposed shed position is not considered in relation to the whole masterplan and opportunities for overlap in uses needs to be examined.
12. Proposed shed is considered appropriate in terms of footprint and allocation for each group.

Analysis of the 2020 Proposed Works

1. New showground building blocks site lines from Maidens Ave toward the oval.
2. Showground building siting requires removal of several mature trees and has not been designed in relation to the landscape.
3. It is designed as one large continuous building - removing the scale and charm of a small country show and creating poor visibility toward the oval from the entry.
4. The building is much larger than the design developed within the 2011 Masterplan.
5. No incorporation of through links to the oval.
6. Kitchen is well positioned to serve netball courts but does not open toward the oval.
7. Kitchen and back of house storage areas are poorly laid out including winding corridors.
8. Amenities area is poorly laid out including winding

Project Framework

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Project Framework

Vision and principles



Vision

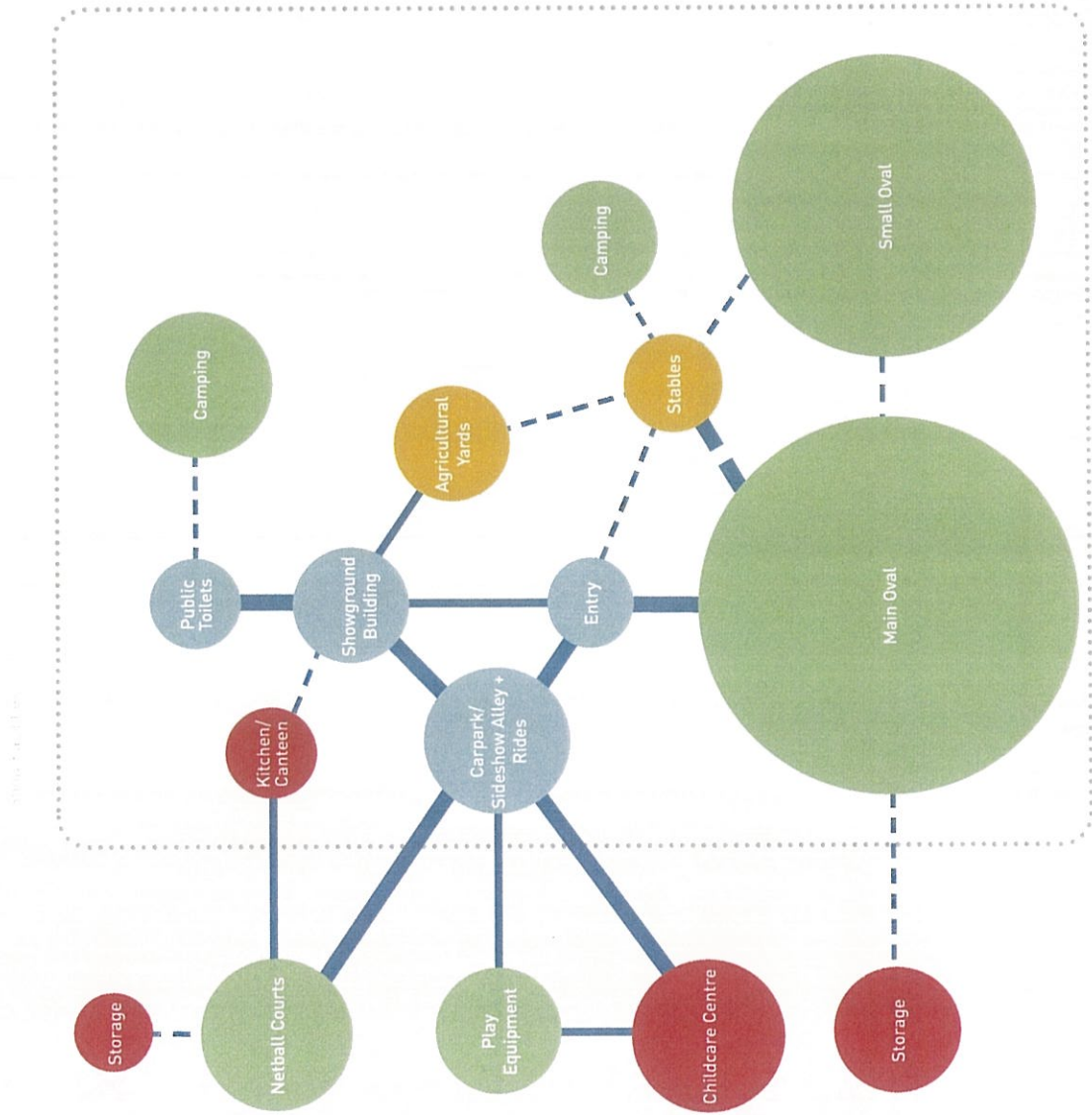
The rejuvenation of Ward Oval will transform this community facility, connecting it back into the town to make a better place for everyone who lives and works in Cobar.

Project Principles

A project framework describes the key issues, aims, constraints, standards and parameters of the project, usually by describing key areas of study or design criteria for the project. We are proposing the following key design criteria in the development of this project. These should be used to evaluate all new proposals to works on the Ward Oval and surrounds.

<p>Principle 01</p> <p>– Community facilities for everyone, everyday</p> <p>Ward Oval should support the lives of all residents. It should be welcoming, inclusive, safe and representative of the diverse needs of the town. The design should support flexible use for sports, community functions, formal and informal events, for groups of all sizes or individuals, for all ages and stages of life and through day and evening.</p> <p>Supports a range of sporting and community functions</p> <p>The potential for formal and informal use</p> <p>A place for all ages and stages</p> <p>Diverse and inclusive</p> <p>A place where different groups of people overlap</p>	<p>Principle 02</p> <p>– Connected to the town</p> <p>Ward Oval is a special place whose strength relies on being connected to the town it serves. From considering the way people access the site - be it by foot, bike, wheelchair, or car - to thinking about how the landscape strategy can create a visual link back to the town, the masterplan needs to strengthen these connections</p> <p>Considered vehicular and pedestrian strategies</p> <p>Landscape that draws from the place and extends out into the town centre</p> <p>Respects the existing views to the church spire</p> <p>Respects the ceremonial entrance to the park</p> <p>Links to existing green networks and paths</p>	<p>Principle 03</p> <p>– Flexible, economical, sustainable</p> <p>Sustainability is a term that simply points to an ability to keep going; to be sustained. This precinct should be sustainable in terms of energy use, embodied energy, flexibility and longevity but should equally consider the sustainability of the everyday activities. The design of the precinct should recognise that many of the events are organised and run by volunteers or by the council staff. The facilities should be efficiently organised with excellent storage and ancillary spaces and the buildings easy to clean and maintain.</p> <p>Easy for people to use</p> <p>Accessible</p> <p>Designed for the now and the future</p> <p>Economical to operate and manage</p> <p>Flexible to facilitate a wide range of uses</p>	<p>Principle 04</p> <p>– Architecture that reflects the scale and charm of Cobar</p> <p>This place holds many memories for many people. Any new work should respect the memories held within the site while seeking to create a coherent architectural response to the whole precinct. It should represent the diverse and proud community of Cobar.</p> <p>Respects the scale and charm of a country town</p> <p>Buildings and spaces in between are considered as equally important</p> <p>Loved by future generations</p> <p>Fitting for Cobar now and forward-looking</p> <p>Responds to the context, the brief and the people</p>	<p>Principle 05</p> <p>– Sets the stage for the special events of Cobar</p> <p>Ward Oval is the backdrop to many special events that bring the community together. These events are important as they form the rituals that mark each year, they are memorable and are often the only time people have the chance to gather.</p> <p>Support existing events such as the Cobar Show</p> <p>Create opportunities to host a range of new activities such as weddings, theatre productions, and 21st's</p> <p>Be a place that is special and memorable as a backdrop to these events</p>
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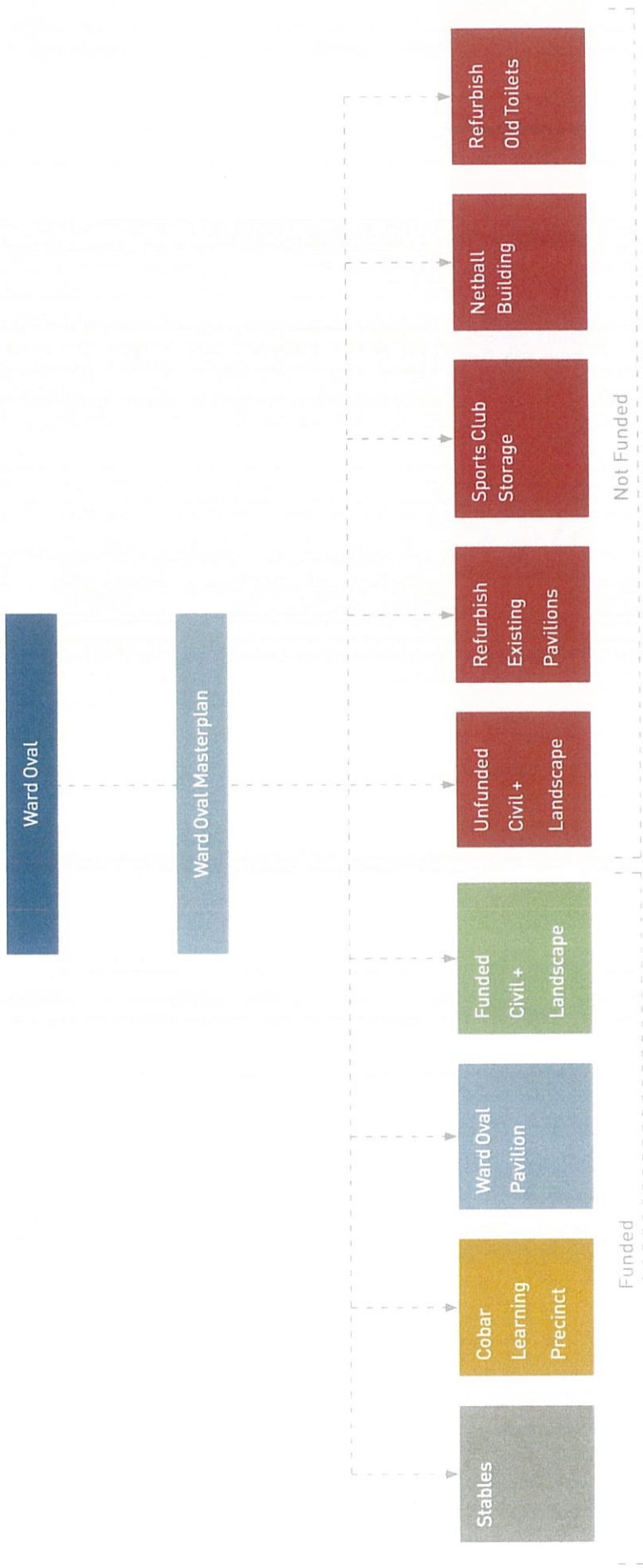
Project Framework Adjacency Diagrams



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Private

Project Framework

Scope of Built Work



Option Studies

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Option Studies

Early Learning Centre

The new Early Learning Centre is a key component of the future vision of the site. This will assist in creating an inclusive and welcoming town with services dedicated to young families.



Option 1

- Adjacent to other pre-school
- Requires separate car parking and drop off area
- Conflict with existing services
- Conflict with existing trees

Option 2

- Separated from other park functions
- Requires separate car parking and drop off area
- Potential for green outlook
- Potential for additional outdoor space

Option 3

- Street frontage
- Good connection to primary school
- Flat site
- Potential to share car-parking
- Constrained by agriculture buildings

Option Studies

Car Parking

The car parking strategy will guide how people enter the site. It should be designed with safety of pedestrians in mind, provide shading, direct access to as many facilities as possible, and have the flexibility to be used during show time for the side-show alley and rides.



Option 1

- Street frontage with driveway access located between existing trees
- Good pedestrian connection to netball courts and show buildings
- Creates clear pedestrian zone within the precinct
- Potential to share car-parking
- Will require additional trees for shading
- Able to be used for rides and sideshow alley
- Provides space near oval for other facilities

Option 2

- Split into two smaller footprints
- Creates equal access to netball courts and other functions
- Existing trees and new trees will provide shading
- Will require overflow for rides during the show
- Creates potential conflict between pedestrians and cars - especially moving between the netball courts and other parts of the site (e.g. canteen or playground)

Option 3

- Existing position, informally laid out.
- Requires trees to create shade
- Good size for use during show
- Brings cars closer to the oval - less clear pedestrian zone
- Potential to share car-parking with other park uses

Option Studies

Showground Building

The proposed showground building will replace the existing pavilions which are now past their useful life. This will provide a central point for amenities and kitchen, while also providing space for other community functions outside of show time.



Option 1

- Street frontage
- Views toward the oval and trees
- Flat site
- Good access to car parking
- Central amenities with good access to netball courts and oval
- Creates a precinct during show time - close to agricultural yards and sideshow alley.

Option 2

- In location of existing pavilions
- Creates separation between netball courts and oval
- Separated from agricultural yards
- Flat site
- Less visible from street
- Requires demolition of existing structures

Option 3

- Adjacent to carpark
- Visible from main entry to the site
- Shaded by existing trees
- Provides space for viewing sports
- Central amenities with good access to all users

Option Studies

Stables & Camping

The stables are used during show time and should accommodate approximately 80-100 horses. It is recommended that this building be designed in a flexible way so that the structure can be used as a shaded area outside of show time. The stables require access for trailers and should be separated from other functions to minimise disturbance of the horses.



Option 1

- Existing location
- Separated from showground functions but still close
- Existing vehicle access can be used
- Potential to share car-parking
- Will require additional trees for shading
- Able to be used for rides and sideshow alley
- Space available for camping to the east of the stables
- Provides space near oval for other facilities

Option 2

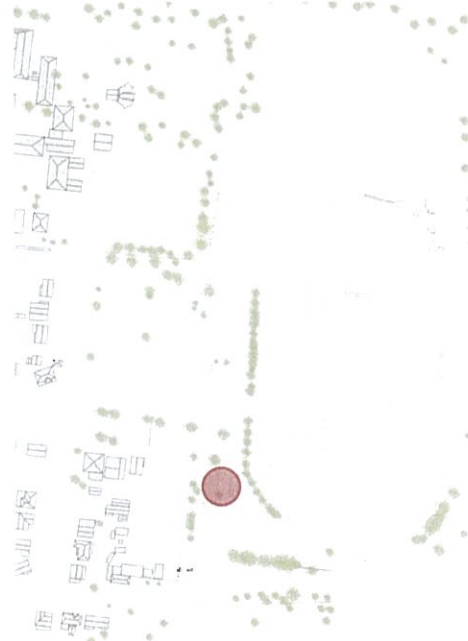
- Will require separate vehicle access and turning circles
- Restricted by existing trees, easement and services
- Existing trees will provide shading
- Close to other functions will make it more flexible for other uses
- Space available to the south for camping

Option 3

- Good vehicular access
- Separate from other show buildings but still close
- Will form part of the entrance to the site
- Potential disturbance to horses from street
- No adjacent space for camping (due to conflict with rides and showie camping)

Option Studies Playground

A new playground is proposed within the site to increase its offer to all age groups and provide activities for young children while their older siblings are using the oval.



Option 1

- Street frontage
- Views toward the oval and trees
- Good connection to the netball courts and oval
- Good access to car parking - separated pedestrian zone



Option 2

- Street frontage and creates inviting entrance to site
- Good connection to car parking
- Good connection to primary school
- Far from other facilities (netball and oval)



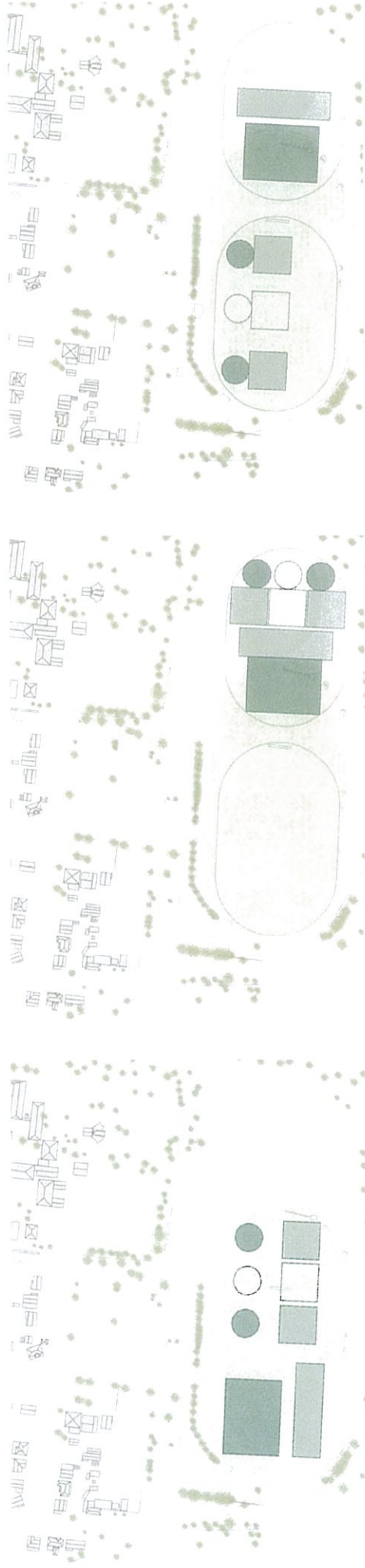
Option 3

- Good connection to oval
- Situated within landscape - good shading
- Further from netball courts
- Further from carpark
- Lack of visibility from street

Option Studies

Equestrian Events

On a typical year the show requires 2 hack rings (and workout rings), the show jumping arena, and a warm up area. The diagrams below show a set up with 3 hack rings to allow for years with larger than usual attendance. The show jumping area in particular damages the oval. Preferred options would minimise these maintenance issues associated with show jumping, and ensure that both ovals can be used year-round without closure.



Option 1

- Overlap of all activities on main oval
- Damages Main Oval for winter sports in the following months
- High maintenance costs and water usage
- Provides ample space for all horse show uses
- Good visibility of horses from showground precinct
- Small oval is not currently large enough to accommodate horse show activities

Option 2

- Provides clear separation between horse use and sports
- Protects Main Oval from damage
- Main oval can be professional grade fields
- Reduces maintenance costs and water usage
- Typical year includes only 2 hack rings - limited space for use in larger years.
- Lack of visibility of horses during show

Option 3

- Shifts Show Jumping to Secondary Oval, which is most damaging to the Main Oval
- Main Oval remains active during show time - increasing visibility of horses and creating a vibrant atmosphere
- Typical year includes only 2 hack rings - soccer pitches could be located in the centre to avoid damage
- Ample space for horse show operations
- Reduces maintenance costs and water usage

Option Studies

Circulation

Circulation of vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians should make the most of the whole site. Separation between vehicles and pedestrians is preferred, and informal access and turning circles should be avoided. Maintenance roads should service the whole site.



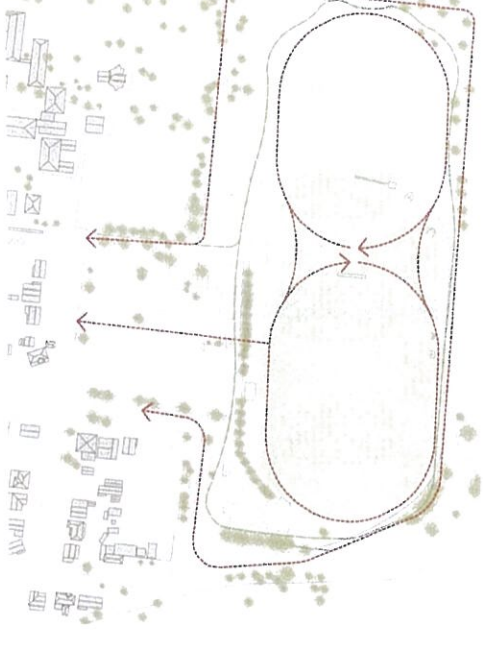
Option 1

- Existing circulation strategy
- Stable and Horse Camping areas terminate in informal turning circle
- School pick up/drop off informally passes through site from Booroomugga St.
- Circuit wraps around Main Oval



Option 2

- Existing entry points from Brennan St and Maidens Ave maintained
- Additional pedestrian access via Brennan St
- Main Oval circuit retained and Secondary circuit extended
- Both Ovals fully serviceable
- Pedestrian, maintenance, and cycle path are shared
- Booroomugga St access closed off with turning circle provided for pre-school



Option 3

- Existing entry points from Brennan St and Maidens Ave maintained
- Additional pedestrian access via Brennan St
- Pedestrian, cycle, and maintenance paths are largely separated
- Two pedestrian circuits with central north-south thoroughfare
- Informal bike trail encompasses pedestrian circuits
- Maintenance road fully services site area

Option Studies Preferred Options

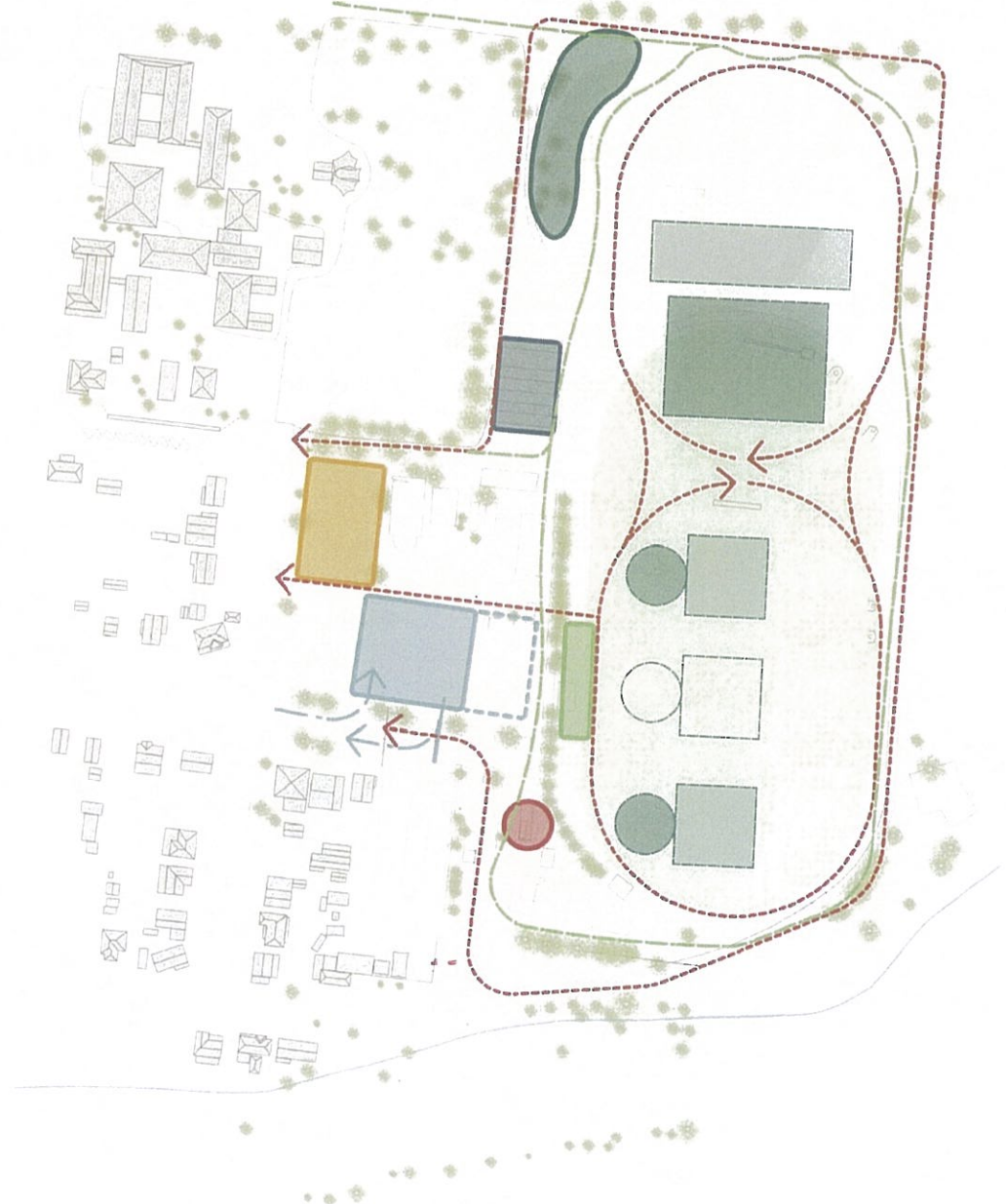
By overlaying the preferred options of each of the site variables, we can see some interesting relationships come into play.

For example, by siting the early learning centre at the front of the site on Brennan St, we have the opportunity to have it relate directly to a new playground and park that faces the street creating a welcoming entry to the site.

This playground and early learning centre is able to be serviced directly by the adjacent car park, and would establish a path that leads to the oval and showground pavilion.

By siting the showground pavilion on the edge of the oval (over the footprint of the existing grandstand), it holds a central position that can relate to each of the varying functions. The amenities and canteen will be easily accessible and visible. It is also able to create space for viewing the sports and activities on the oval, enhancing the feeling of a precinct and capturing the views across the oval and toward the trees and gold course beyond.

By keeping the stables in their current position, we reinforce the strong relationship of the agricultural precinct, and have good proximity to camping, good site access for horse floats, and are able to direct the horses onto either of the ovals with ease.



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Organisation Principles - Continuation of Grids



Continuing the existing city grid of Cobarr to the north rationalises the organisation of the existing tracks and roads across the site. This improves usability for pedestrians, cyclists, and maintenance vehicles, while enhancing the serviceability of the site.

The existing grids present the opportunity for full access to the site for maintenance vehicles in such a way that protects existing green space. Shifting this circulation to the site border provides greater open space through the middle of the site where roads are currently scattered.

Formalising northern entry points will control access in and out of the site, particularly in relation to the informal vehicular traffic from the pre-school on Booroomugga St through to Maidens Ave. Focusing on these entry points will strengthen the site's relationship to greater Cobarr by extending avenues and opening sight lines.

- Key**
- Existing Public Roads
 - Existing Maintenance Roads aligning to Grid
 - Potential Extensions of Existing Grids
 - Transverse Route

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Organisation Principles - Three Continuous Circuits

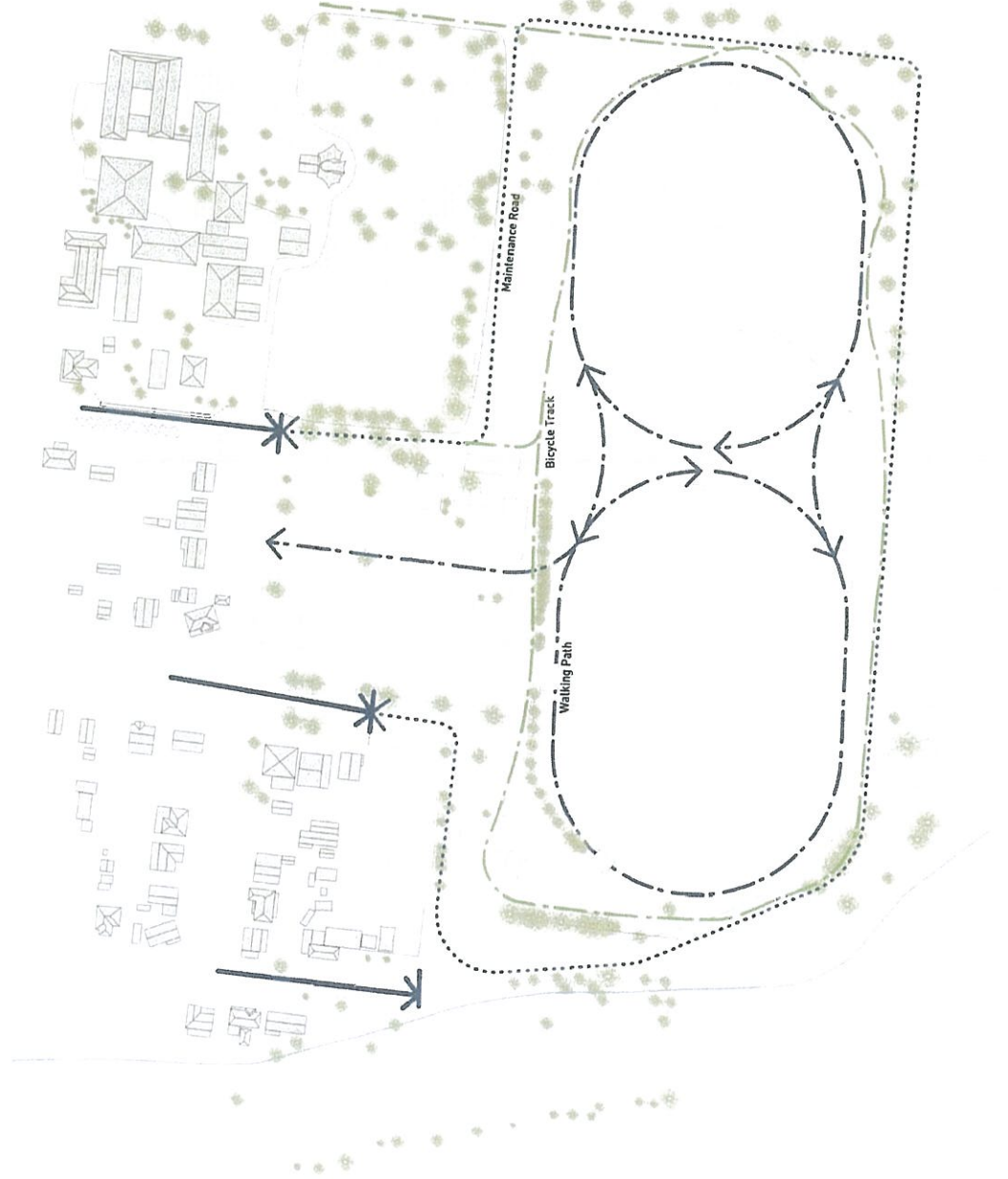
The site is conceived as three distinct circuits, which converge at necessary points.

Reorganising the circulation across the site for pedestrians, cyclists, and maintenance vehicles, horse floats, and campers, opens the site for further facilities while providing total access across the site for all modes of movement.

The maintenance road is the broadest circuit, which borders the site in its entirety. Accessed via Maidens Ave and Brennan St, it borders all existing community buildings, netball courts, ovals, and the sewer station providing serviceability.

The Bicycle Track is unpaved, and is accessed via the entry at Brennan St and wraps around both ovals, creating a continuous loop across the site.

The Walking Path runs along the border of each oval, and converges to create a gathering space for picnic and outdoor exercise equipment. The walking path would be shaded, and provide comfortable space for viewing sporting activities.



Key

- Existing Public Roads
- Proposed Maintenance Road
- Proposed Bike Path
- Proposed Walking Track

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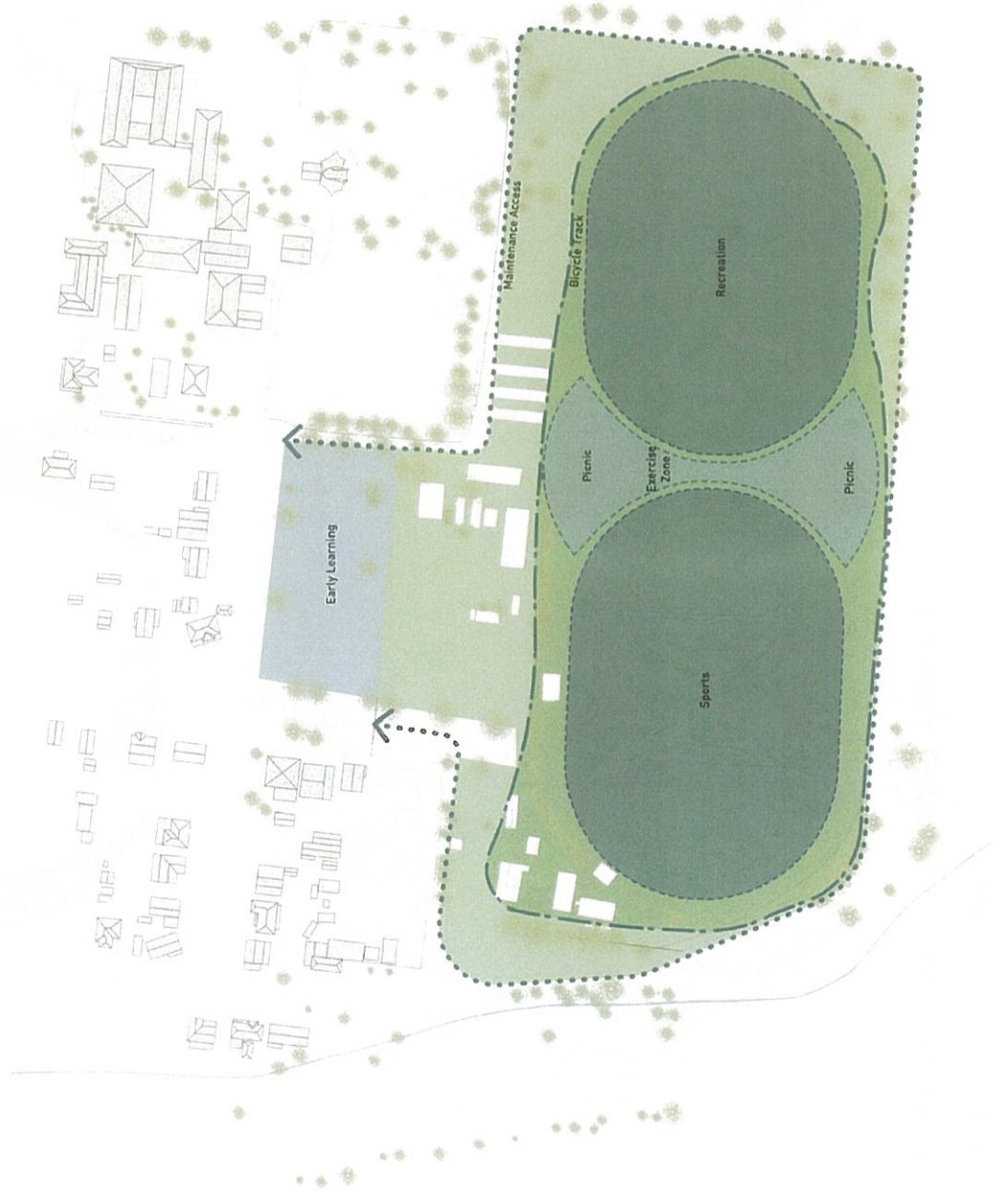
Organisation Principles - Equal Ovals, Shared Space

These circulation routes demarcate distinct zones of the site for different activities.

A local park and the new early learning centre frames the entrance to the site. These are positioned to the north of an existing road easement and the Ward Oval gate, reinforcing the existing patterns of the site and acknowledging their presence as part of the town.

Two equally sized ovals with distinct characteristics, creates opportunities to maximise the use of each. The Sports Oval is upgraded, and able to host cricket, soccer, athletics, and other sporting uses. By bringing the path closer to the edge of the playing fields, there are more opportunities for shaded spectator areas. The recreation oval, is able to host a range of other informal uses, such as flying kites, walking dogs, kicking a loopy, and practice nets. The second oval would not be irrigated during times of water shortages. This second oval is located close to the stables, and would be able to host the show jumping and other horse events creating a clear precinct with shaded areas for spectators.

A new exercise and picnic zone is formed between the two ovals, and strengthens an axis of trees created by the existing road bordering the school at the corner of Brennan St.



Key

	Split Ovals
	Picnic/Exercise Zone
	Cycle Zone
	Maintenance Zone

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Organisation Principles - Shaded Viewing

The separation of two almost equally sized ovals continues to take advantage of existing shaded viewing spaces to the north of the main oval, and east/west borders of the site.

A new central corridor would benefit from shading as further viewing space for both ovals, providing almost fully usable boundary space for sports supporters and show goers, as well as walking, running and casual community uses.



- Key**
- Split Ovals
 - Possible Sports/Show Layouts
 - Existing Shaded Viewing
 - Proposed Shaded Viewing

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Tree Species for Consideration



Casuarina Cristata

Endemic trees worthy of consideration

Wilga (*Geijera parvifolia*) a bit like a peppercorn; fab droopy foliage/ dense shade. Good to use these in groupings where we want dense shade.

Bimble/ Poplar-Box (*Eucalyptus populnea*) lovely shiny leaves like a Poplar. Would make a stately avenue of trees
 Rosewood (*Allectyron oleifolius*) Beautiful outline of the tree
 Belah (*Casuarina cristata*) This is a significant tree for the Ngiyampaa people known as Pilaar. It is a symbol of who the people are and represents their kinship with ngurrampaa or campworld.

Source: Harris, B., James, D., Ohlsen, E., Griffiths, P., and Barker C. 2000. Pilaarrkiyalu of the Cobar Penneplain. Ngiyampaa traditional uses of plants and animals. NSW NPWS, Hurstville.

Would be lovely to make some circles of these trees as groupings. Seed heads ould also make a cracking sculpture
 Coobah (*Acacia salicina*) Willow like, one on site on southern end.



Bimblebox

Exotic trees worthy of consideration;

Silk Tree (*Albizia julibrissin*) DEC Possible better option in the courtyard if worried about bees on the ground

Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) DEC

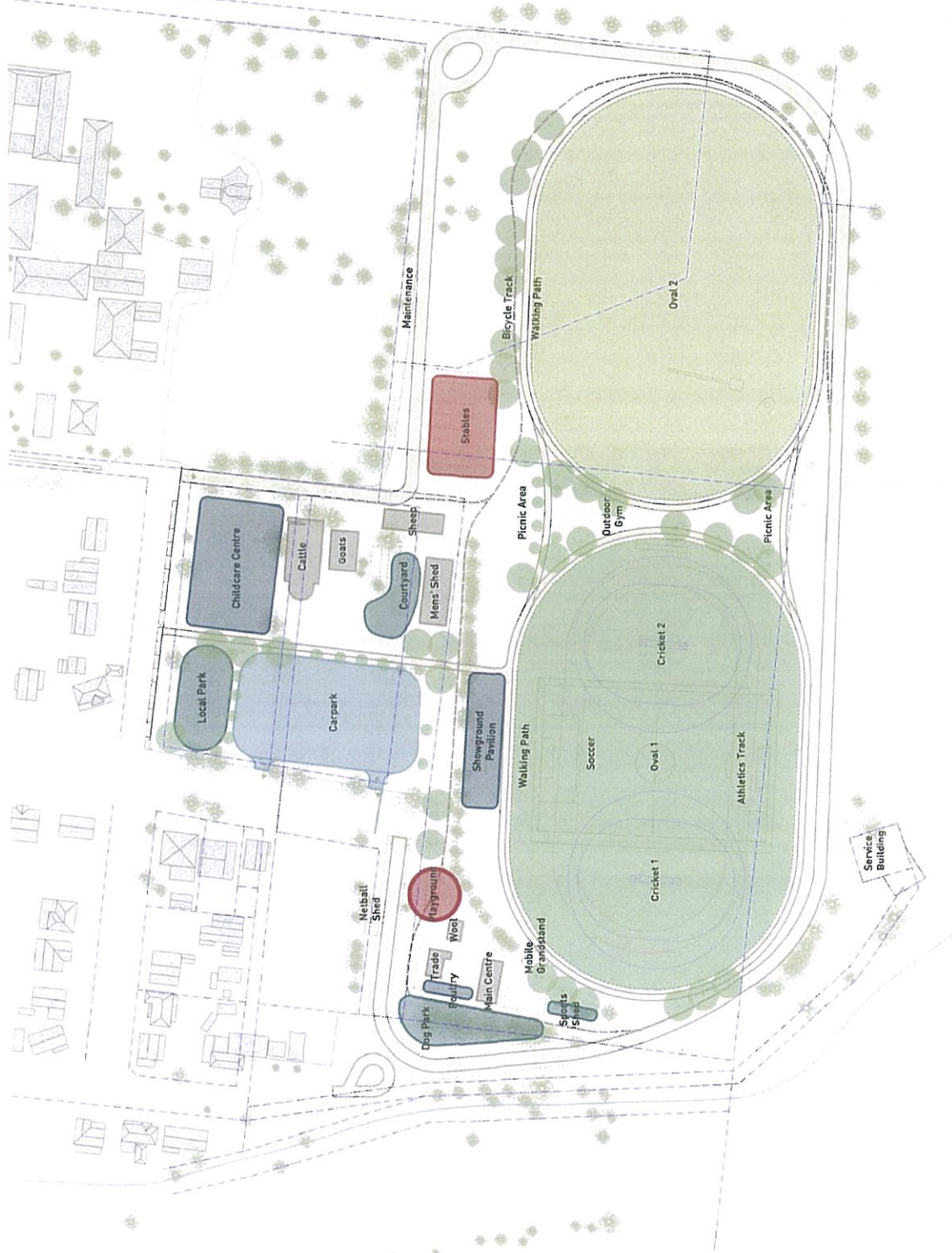
Evergreen Ash (*Fraxinus griffithii*) EG

Crepe Myrtle (*Lagerstromia indica*) DEC

White Cedar- Low seeding variety (*Melia azaderach*) DEC
 Lovely existing avenue as back drop or foreground to the possible building location BUT they are toxic to stock so location of them to be carefully considered.

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Proposed Plan - Typical Use



Site layout

A local park and the new early learning centre frames the entrance to the site. These are positioned to the north of an existing road easement and the Ward Oval gate, reinforcing the existing patterns of the site and acknowledging their presence as part of the town.

The site is divided into two equally sized ovals creating greater flexibility of uses. Oval 1 would provide space for athletics, soccer, cricket, practice nets, and long jump (as per the current arrangement). This would be a high quality sporting precinct suitable for visiting teams. Oval 2 has its amenity increased which would reduce operation. It would not be irrigated to the same level as Oval 1, it would include some practice nets, and encourage informal playful uses such as kite flying, dog walking, and kicking balls with children.

The walking path creates a boundary to the two ovals, these would be largely shaded by planting, and create space for spectators to watch. This walking path creates a shaded zone between the two ovals, which would include space for picnics and outdoor exercise equipment.

The new showground pavilion would frame the edge of the oval and be positioned within the shade of existing trees. This would include community multi-purpose rooms, a larger dining hall with stage, catering kitchen, canteen, amenities, and change rooms.

Some of the existing show pavilions (the main pavilion, wool pavilion, and trade pavilion) would be upgraded and re-purposed to provide ancillary community uses.

Among the shade of existing mature trees it is proposed to provide a fenced dog park.

Site access and movement

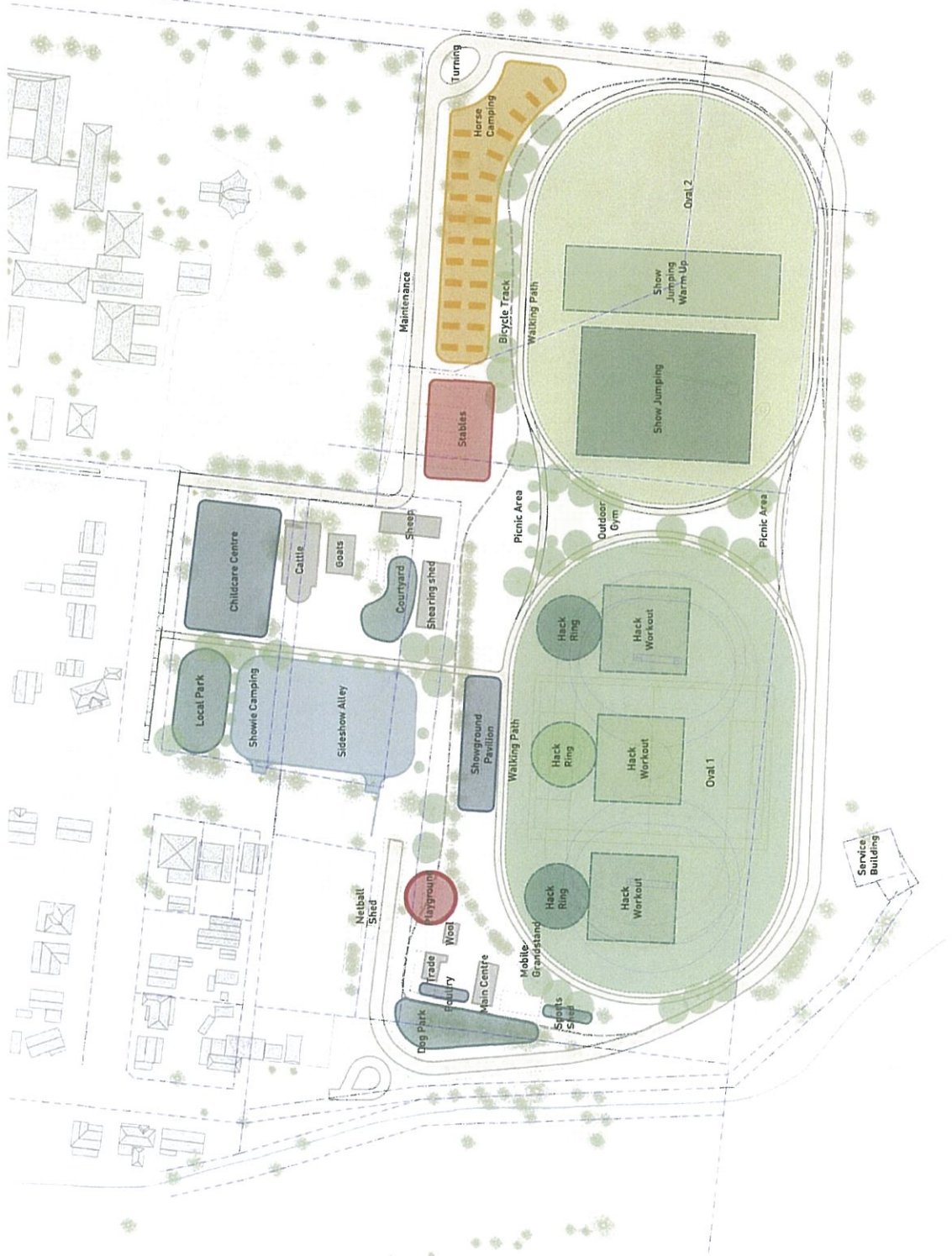
The new carpark is formalised with line markings, it is partially shaded by trees around the perimeter but left largely open for flexibility of use during show time.

A new maintenance road would wrap the perimeter of the site and free up space for planting, picnicking and other informal uses.

A bicycle track winds between the planting, and creates a loose an playful way to traverse the site.

A new turning circle is provided for the pre-school.

Masterplan Concept Design Proposed Plan - Show Use



Site layout

By creating two equally sized ovals, Oval 2 is able to provide ample space for the show jumping (and hack rings if desired). This reduces (or eliminates) damage to the ovals during the show. The new shaded areas and paths would provide comfortable areas to sit and view the horse events. Those with horses will have space to camp beside the stables. The new maintenance path would provide turning circles for horse floats and campers.

The new carpark will be left largely open to ensure there is ample space for rides and 'showie' camping. The park at the front of the site will create a visual buffer to the camping, and entry to the precinct.

The new showground pavilion would provide a large dining hall and space for the main pavilion displays in the flexible rooms, amenities, and bar.

Some of the existing show pavilions (the main pavilion, wool pavilion, and trade pavilion) would be upgraded and re-purposed to maintain the scale, charm, and cultural memory of the show.

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Project Staging

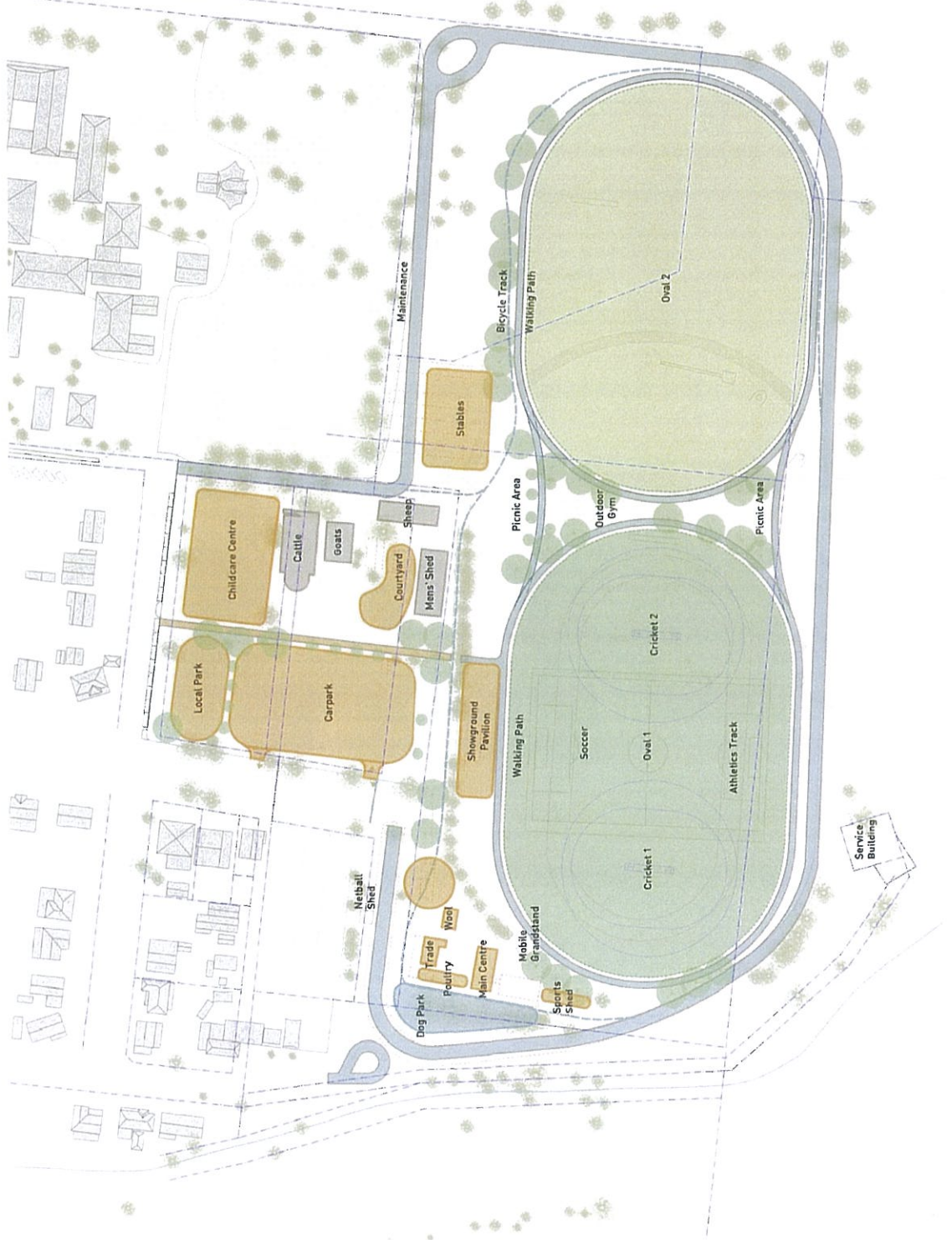
The masterplan should guide future development as more funding becomes available. It has been developed to allow each element to be built independently.

Stage 1: Items Currently Funded

- Demolition of existing buildings
- Relocate sewer line
- Multi-purpose community building
- BBQ and Play Space
- 8 Bay storage shed
- New PA System
- 2 New portable grandstands
- Early Learning Centre
- Stables
- Electrical Upgrades to Camping near Stables
- Carpark
- Fencing
- Landscaping + Paving

Stage 2: Require Additional Funding

- Tree planting strategy
- New paving, bike trail, & maintenance road
- Oval fencing
- Exercise equipment
- Bubblers
- Picnic area
- Re-turfing ovals
- Re-positioning equipment



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Schedule of Responses to: Masterplan Concept Design and Ward Oval Pavilion SD01

The following feedback was been provided in response to the Masterplan Schematic Design presented on 12 May 2021. Much of this feedback has been included in the current design. Feedback and responses are as follows:

Council Feedback: SD01 Presented: 14 May 2021	Architect Response
Cobar Councillor Feedback (Julian Payne) Reviewed: 17 May 2021	
Further consideration to requirements of Netball Groups (See Netball/Association Feedback)	Captured within Section 2 - Cobar Netball Association Feedback
Men's Shed - no vehicular access to facility. Some users are elderly and handicapped.	Parking for the Men's shed will be provided to the south/south-west.
Removal of courtyard proposed in front of Men's Shed and incorporate parking spaces accessed via the main carpark in place of this.	Courtyard to be removed for other other program, opportunity for parking.
Circulation - Only one access point to sheep, cattle, and goat yards from the road running past the ELC. Will stock trucks be able to access as they see fit?	Turning circles/clearances along maintenance road cleared.
Circulation - Is a pedestrian pathway running north/south to the west of the ELC necessary, as there is already 3 access points? Is it a good idea to mix pedestrians (some with dogs) and vehicles? Suggested that less pedestrian access in close proximity to an ELC would be preferable.	Taken under consideration.
Show Society request - addition of weather ticket box at main gates. If so, could Maiden's avenue become pedestrian access as it is closer to the proposed dog park?	In case of poor weather conditions, the Cobar Show is cancelled, so this is unnecessary. Into the future, ticket sales will presumably be digitised, so ticket sales will not require allocated space.
Wool Pavilion - Upgrade: new floor (concrete), remove cabinetry beneath display shelves, extra display shelf above (3 shelves total), new lighting and ceiling incorporating the closing in of the mesh to weather proof the shed, and glass cabinets for trophy display	The Wool Pavilion is to be repurposed as an open, sheltered picnic space, so will not need to be weather tight. New cabinetry for the listed requirements may be incorporated into the design of another Pavilion, that will also house the Poultry Display for the Show, or where elected by the Council to fulfill this function. The concrete floor will be upgraded, degree TBD.
Several Bodies have requested glass display cabinets to be installed in the new Hall/Pavilion.	To be included.
New lighting and entry doors would brighten the old shed up.	New lighting to existing main pavilion, and all other existing pavilions, to be included as part of refurbishment works.
Concern the RAOB Headquarters is not on the plan. Can this be retained and used as storage/shearing competition space if not needed by the Buffalos?	ROAB Headquarters have now been included in the masterplan to be retained and courtyard has been removed from the proposal.

Council Feedback: SD01 Presented: 14 May 2021	Architect Response
Cobar Netball Association Feedback Reviewed: 21 May 2021	
Could a structure be included that incorporates the following:	A new Netball/Storage Building has been added to the plans for future action. Response to requested program:
Club House for the storage of trophies and other memorabilia, and gathering of netball groups.	Sheltered gathering space and storage to be included in new Netball Building. Honour Boards, trophy display, and other memorabilia to be noted for detailed design.
First Aid Station to directly service netball courts.	To be included in new Netball/Storage Building
Storage to service multiple teams, and larger items such as portable goal rings	To be included in new Netball/Storage Building
Canteen to directly service netball courts. Supplying Ice, Cold Drinks, Snacks (no cooking involved in request)	A canteen has been provided as part of the New Pavilion. The Association has agreed to trial this before consideration of a Canteen within the New Netball/Storage Building. The shaded viewing area of the proposed building could accommodate casual food and drink provision.
Toilets to avoid children having to exit immediate area around netball courts.	Not advised by Council.
Parking, Disabled access in particular.	Parking is provided in the main Carpark, Accessible parking will be appropriately positioned to service Netball courts.
Sheltered Seating Areas	To be included in new Netball/Storage Building
Cobar Rugby League Football Club/Chris Deighton Reviewed: 12 May 2021	
Only 1 toilet per change room is necessary, and minimum of 36sqm in size if unable to join to connecting rooms (bathrooms)	Bathrooms and Changerooms have doors included so they may be joined into 2 large changeroom/bathrooms. Toilet numbers determined by capacity of new Hall/Pavilion and Showground operations as agreed upon by Council.
2 Ovals is ideal, would be better for them to be north-south orientated. Synthetic wicket to be placed off the rugby/football fields.	Oval 1 has been enlarged to allow rugby/football/cricket fields/pitches to be oriented north south.
Both Ovals activated between different codes. Removable Posts ideal.	Noted. Both ovals capable of hosting the range of codes required.
(Chris Deighton) Is there a zoning/density issue with placing the ELC on the same site as Showground, Sporting, and Livestock facilities	Council acknowledges that this is a concern.

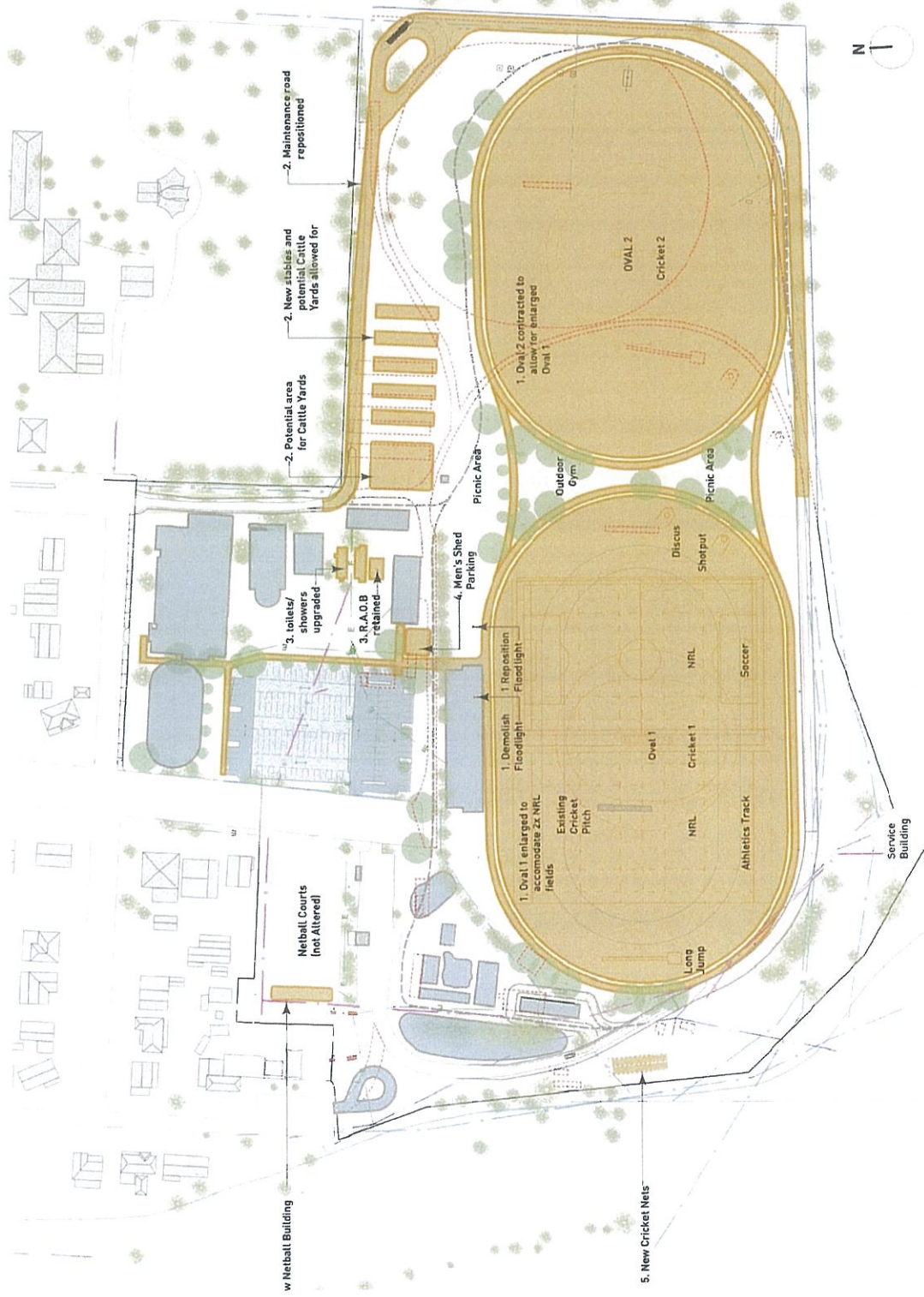
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Schedule of Responses to: Masterplan Concept Design and Ward Oval Pavilion SD01

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Council Feedback: SD01 Presented: 14 May 2021	Architect Response
Community Meeting(s) Verbal Feedback (transcribed CH) Received: 26 May 2021	
The ELP is very close to the stockyards, which may be a concern in terms of smell	An option for repositioning the Cattleyards to the west of the new stables has been incorporated into the proposal.
There is not enough toilets to service the many programs required for the site throughout the year.	The existing toilet/shower blocks have been retained and proposed for refurbishment to service the men's shed, showie and horse camping.
Horse Box to the north east of the main oval does not appear on the plan. Will this be kept?	This has been added to the plans to be retained unless otherwise advised.
Future storage for the men's shed is desired.	Pending discussions with the RAOB.
How will cattle loading operate within the new masterplan, as the ELP takes up turning space for trucks?	Consideration of the movements of stock vehicles for pick up and drop off around the existing yards requires consideration. This is pending the decision to leave them where they are, or shift them to a more flexible area of the site. Space has been allowed for to the west of the new horse stables.
Cricket practice nets need to be incorporated into the plan as Cobar does not currently have nets that are in good condition.	2 cricket nets have been incorporated into the Masterplan, to the west of Oval 1.
Cobar Cricket Group Feedback (transcribed CH) Received: 15 June 2021	
The existing Cricket Pitch is currently in the correct position to make the most of the floodlighting. This should not be changed as the cricketers make the most use of the Main Oval at night.	The existing western cricket pitch will be retained until the floodlighting has been repositioned to accommodate the New Pavilion. At this point, the proposed central cricket pitch will be better placed for night time cricket matches.

Masterplan Proposed Plan - Concept Design Revisions



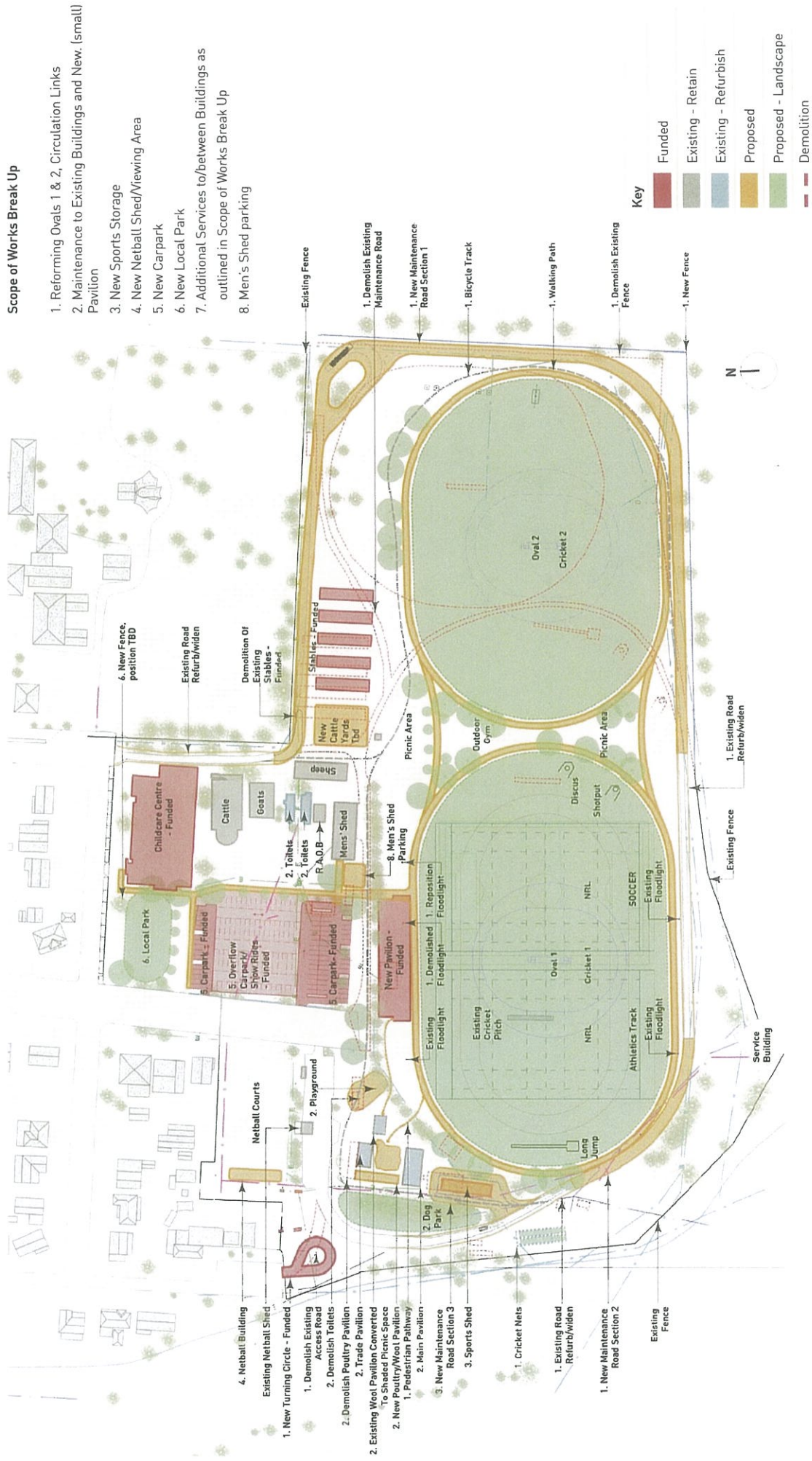
Revisions

- Oval 1 has been enlarged to accommodate 2 NRL fields running north-south. One floodlight, to the north-east, is proposed to be repositioned to better service Oval 1 and allow space for the New Pavilion
- The maintenance road has been repositioned to provide space for the new stables, which are a separate project. This position allows for enough space to reposition the Cattle Yards if deemed necessary.
- The R.A.O.B. and existing toilets/showers to be retained and proposed courtyard removed. The toilets/showers are to be upgraded for continued use.
- Allowance has been made for Men's Shed Parking to the south-west of the building.
- Cricket nets have been included in the proposal to the west of Oval 1.
- A new netball building has been included to the west of the netball courts.

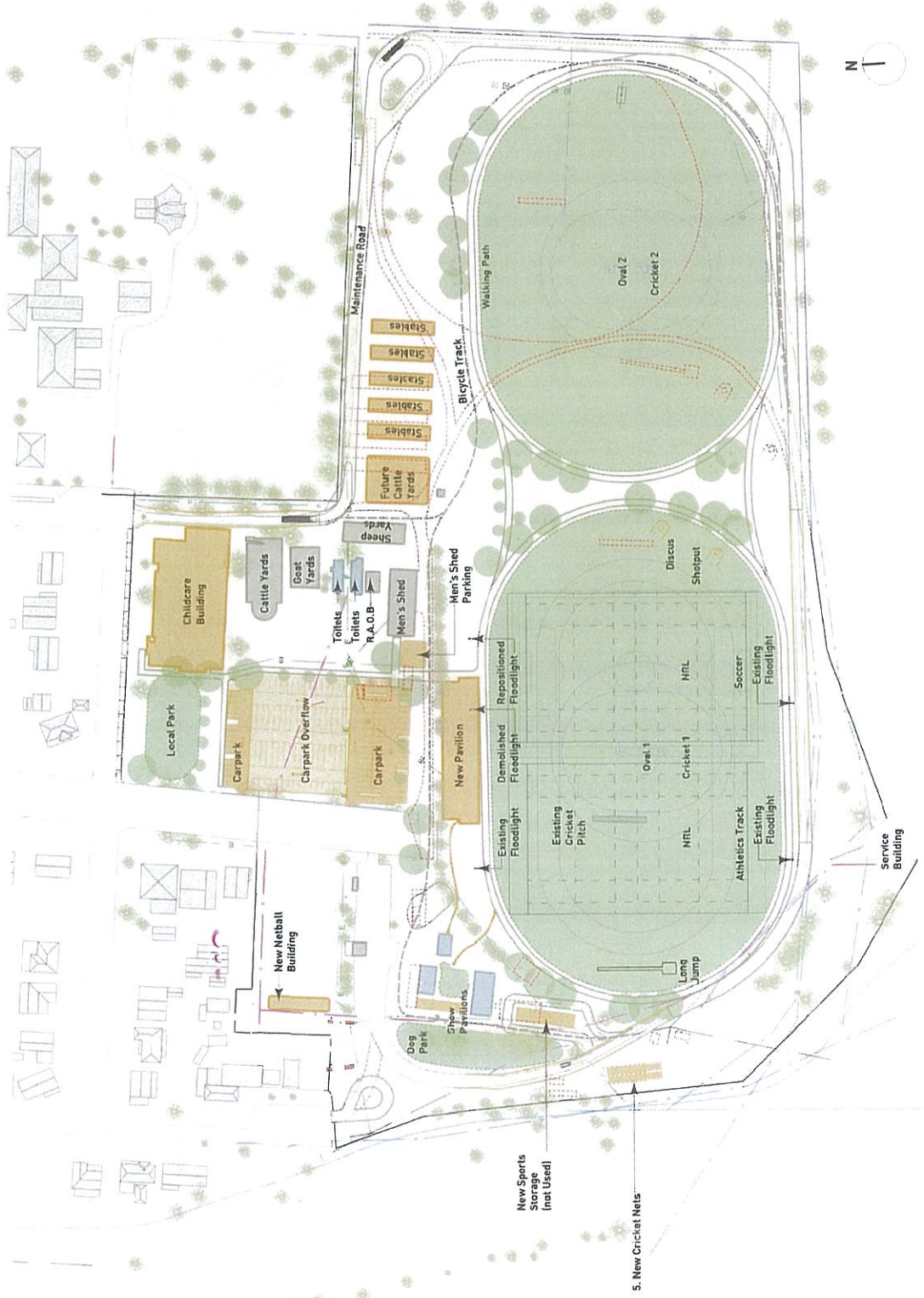
Key	Revision to Concept Design	Retained from Concept Design	Demolition
			

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Proposed Plan - Funding/Staging

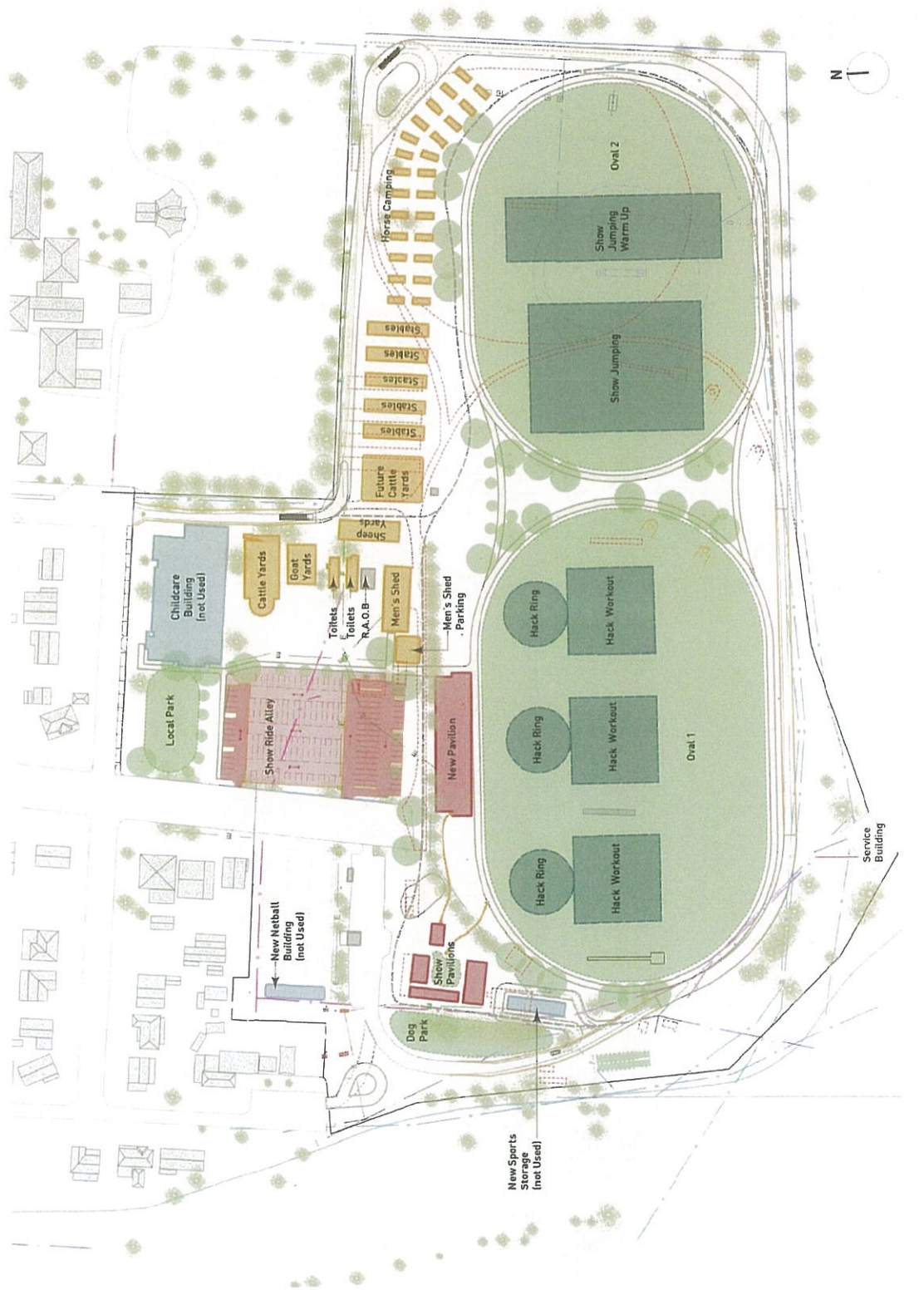


Masterplan Proposed Plan - Typical Use



- Key**
- Existing Buildings
 - Existing Buildings - Refurbished
 - Proposed Buildings/Carparks
 - Proposed Landscaping/Trees
 - Proposed Roads/Paths/Playground
 - Demolition

Masterplan Proposed Plan - Show Use



- Key**
- Existing Buildings
 - Not Intended for Use
 - Ancillary Show Buildings/Areas
 - Horse Show
 - Proposed Roads/Paths/Playground
 - Demolition

Appendix A: Stakeholder Feedback Organised Groups

A list of questions were sent out to each of the sporting and community groups that use the oval.

The Following table collates their responses. These responses, along with the brief set out by council and our own observations of the site are used to form our brief for the site.

User Group	Attached is the previous Ward Oval Master Plans consultation. Please review your section (if previously noted) and make comment. i.e. is it still relevant, what changes are required?	What facilities do you feel are currently missing / needed at the Ward Oval facility?	What is the timing of activities both during the week and throughout the year for your sporting group / activity?	Does your sporting group / activity require change room facilities?	How many members and what are the age groups that participate in your sporting group / activity?
St Johns School	N/A	Adequate seating, adequate fencing, adequate lighting, indoor space large enough for events in case of weather impacting, power sources closer to the oval (often needing to run long extension leads), toilet facilities that are closer to the area used	Sporadic, generally around carnivals - Cross Country, Athletics etc	No	Approx 150 - 200, 5yrs to 12 yrs
Mens' Shed	We believe that ward oval is the best location for the Copper City Men's Shed given the adequate parking facilities available at the Oval and the distance of the Shed from residential and public use areas where machinery noise may be an issue for residents or other users. The shed Committee is aware of the arrangement in place with the Show Committee to vacate the Shearing Shed during the annual Show if required. The Shed Committee is also prepared to negotiate with Council and the Show Committee to take up full use of the Original Shearing Shed for Men's Shed activities should the Show Committee decide to no longer conduct competition Shearing at future Shows. Should this occur the Shed Committee would appreciate any support that Council may be able to give in relation to updating this section of the building to better suit Men's Shed use. The Men's Shed owns and is responsible for the recently constructed section of the building on the Western end of the Shearing Shed having sought appropriate funding and Western Lands Department and Council approval for the construction of this building.	Better security arrangements at the Oval (cameras etc) to discourage vandalism around buildings etc which frequently occurs.	The Men's Shed is currently open 2 mornings a week, Tuesday and Friday mornings 8 am until 12 noon.	No	The Men's Shed currently has 23 members ranging in age from 14 to 90 years of age.
Cobar Public School	We were not included in the report	Public toilets, full ground lighting	We use ward 2 Friday weekly for our school sports, soccer etc. Times vary depending on the time of year but are for no more than an hour each Friday, we use the toilets. Athletics carnival and league are one off's each year with dates varying. Athletics is generally late April/early May, league is generally late March/early April	For visiting teams if used for league	Varies. Athletics carnival approx. 80 students from age 8 to 12 years old

Appendix A: Stakeholder Feedback

User Group	What canteen / kiosk facilities would be required from your sporting group / activity (if any at all)?	Where do parents / siblings / spectators gather during your sporting activities?	Are younger children / siblings at Ward Oval during sporting practice?	Are there any timing conflicts with other activities at Ward Oval or elsewhere?	Are there any opportunities to use existing infrastructure in the town?
St Johns School	Yes - if the canteen could be accessed by community groups, this would be very helpful. An up to date, clean, easy to use facility would be very useful	We generally utilise the grass area, as the grandstand is too unsafe for students. Parents often use seating on grass area (not grandstand)	Yes	On occasion, however we book in advance	Unsure what you mean..
Mens Shed	No canteen facilities are required as the Shed has their own kitchen facilities	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	No	No
Cobar Public School	We do not generally require canteen	Edge of field along fence line, in grandstand	Some younger children attend athletics carnival with their parents	Generally not	Not sure what this question is asking

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User Group	Attached is the previous Ward Oval Master Plans consultation. Please review your section (if previously noted) and make comment. i.e. is it still relevant, what changes are required?	What facilities do you feel are currently missing / needed at the Ward Oval facility?	What is the timing of activities both during the week and throughout the year for your sporting group / activity?	Does your sporting group / activity require change room facilities?	How many members and what are the age groups that participate in your sporting group / activity?
Cooinda Homeschoolers	Non-existent at time of previous survey.	We don't need much, but would love to see bubblers (with filtered water) and a shady place for picnic rugs and babies, as we usually meet in the middle of the day when it's quiet. A small, fenced park area would also be good for toddlers.	We use the oval when we are looking for somewhere with lots of open space and not many distractions. We've used it to set up obstacle courses, run first aid scenarios, sports terms, Olympics, orienteering skills etc.	-	Currently around 15 kids ranging from baby -16 years old.
Cobar Girl Guides	-	We would appreciate shade, bubblers and safe places away from roads.	We use the oval at present for sports and 'wide games', and just for something different as it's easy to get to. (Wide games include a variety of challenges, over a large area, over an extended amount of time.) We currently meet Tuesday afternoon/ nights but hope to start holding weekends/ camping nights as soon as we can in the new house, and would likely utilise the oval for similar things mentioned above.	Not required	We currently have 20 girls from 5-13 years, but expect this to increase when we start up in the new facility.
Cobar Cricket	This is still fairly relevant to the association	Updated sheds/pavilions, shade areas for spectators. Updated seating. We would like to see a white picket fence around no. 1 oval including sight screens. Another item on our wish list would be practice nets.	We only use the oval on weekends & Friday nights	Yes change rooms including showers & toilets would be an advantage. Both sex as there are ladies playing cricket.	Approximately 80 members ranging from 8 to 65 years.
Cobar Show	Yes our section is still relevant & some changes are still required.	More amenity blocks available, storage space required for equipment, more seating, lighting & shelters at the admission gates, more disabled access from the road to the grassed areas & more disabled toilets, parent change rooms.	Our show is held 6 weeks after the Royal Easter show & is held over 2 days Fri/Sat & we need the grounds for up to the week of & the day after to enable the receiving of setting up of displays/entries & then the collection of entries by the public as well as clean up of the grounds.	Yes for the Miss Show Girls as well for members & Officials to change if when needed	We have approximately 2500 to 3000 people through the gates over the 2 days with a age group from babies to the Elderly & all inbetween

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User Group	Where do parents / siblings / spectators gather during your sporting activities?	Are younger children / siblings at Ward Oval during sporting practice?	Are there any timing conflicts with other activities at Ward Oval or elsewhere?	Are there any opportunities to use existing infrastructure in the town?	
Cooinda Homeschoolers	-	-	-	-	
Cobar Girl Guides	Not required	Not required	-	-	
Cobar Cricket	We would use a kiosk/canteen particularly if a BBQ was available. We have found in the past that break-ins & vandalism has cost us, losing stock which is why we have not run a canteen for the past couple of seasons.	Generally spectators/parents sit under the shade sail at the western end of the oval or under the existing trees.	Any practice is usually carried out at the High School Cricket nets.	No	Only the practice nets @ the High School
Cobar Show	We require a kitchen/dining room to cater for a large number of people, bar facilities.	All over Ward Oval depending on which activity they are at e.g. sideshows, horses events, pavilions, fireworks, trade stands etc.	We don't have practises but we have children of all ages attending over the 2 days of the Show	Yes there has been some sporting groups who use the oval still expecting to be able to use the oval for practises whilst we have paid to use the oval & have their children roaming unsupervised whilst things are being set else. We have sometimes clashed with the Cobar Races which puts a huge strain on the community & volunteers. We have no choice when we run the show due to being in a set circuit with other shows & we have to follow that so that we have a better chance of securing rides, sideshows & horse events.	NO there is no other area that is suitable as we need a large no of areas to set up displays in Pavilions, have livestock for show, areas for horse events. Have room for the rides, sideshows & stalls to set up safety & there also nowhere else has the amount of power outlets & the higher voltage outlets needed , we also need a secure office which everything is run from.

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User Group	Attached is the previous Ward Oval Master Plans consultation. Please review your section if previously noted) and make comment, i.e. is it still relevant, what changes are required?	What facilities do you feel are currently missing / needed at the Ward Oval facility?	What is the timing of activities both during the week and throughout the year for your sporting group / activity?	Does your sporting group / activity require change room facilities?	How many members and what are the age groups that participate in your sporting group / activity?
Little Athletics	<p>The runway to the jumps is too short to be running both directions at once (there is a single runway with a pit at each end) Where the runway adjoins the box it dips down. The runway needs to be kept level all the way so the last metre or so needs to be lifted and levelled. The old runway is not used and can be removed at the west end of the Oval</p> <p>We have been invited to apply for a grant up to \$20,000,00 to replace the long jump pit</p> <p>The proposed new pit will only have one pit</p> <p>The Oval needs top-dressing and levelling. This is particularly a problem in the 100m straight (also used for hurdles)</p> <p>Grass cut shorter to prevent injuries e.g. rolled ankles</p> <p>The Oval fence needs to be replaced by a post and rail fence as children climbing it may fall (Note: the sheep dog trials require a mesh fence to keep the sheep within the Oval)</p> <p>The existing fence needs some maintenance</p> <p>Want lights to the whole Oval so that the track is fully lighted (the current lights only light part of the track) - As per above in Q1</p> <p>Need access to a shared office in any new building so that registrations can be taken and other similar tasks. Would be great to have providing it is in close vicinity of track.</p> <p>An inspection of the discus circle showed a raised concrete slab with a lip (stop-board) at its front edge. This does not meet requirements as the slab should be at ground level and have no lip (stop-board) at its front edge. The slab most likely needs to be rebuilt.</p> <p>The Club had some concerns that the shot-put cage did not extend forward sufficiently. Shot-put does not require a cage at all so the slightly short cage that the Club has is sufficient.</p> <p>Need to fix concrete.</p>	<p>Lighting for number 2 & 3 ovals</p> <p>More shade areas like the current shade near dining room</p> <p>Appropriate storage sheds for sporting groups</p> <p>Currently we have 6x4 metre-shed and a 20 metre sea containers</p>	<p>As of 2021 Cobar Little A's would like to change our season. The current time November/March we hope to change to August/November</p> <p>We meet every Monday @5.00pm</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>We currently have 58 members</p> <p>Aged 3 years to 17</p>

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User Group	What canteen / kiosk facilities would be required from your sporting group / activity (if any at all)?	Where do parents / siblings / spectators gather during your sporting activities?	Are younger children / siblings at Ward Oval during sporting practice?	Are there any timing conflicts with other activities at Ward Oval or elsewhere?	Are there any opportunities to use existing infrastructure in the town?
Little Athletics	A BBQ and a BBQ area would be a great advantage e.g. tables & stools	Parents mostly help with organising and running the activities Siblings usually play in other areas of Ward Oval	Very few most take part in our activities	Not at this stage however if we move our season times we may have to negotiate our time	No

In addition, the following feedback was received from the Parks and Gardens Team:

I know there has been a lot of talk about the use of ward oval. Everyone is talking about the designed area all around the show.

What about the playing field itself. This year 2021 council has had booking after booking, we have had the playing field used by Little As (Athletes) touch football, league training, cricket and soccer. All 3x schools use the playing area and Athletes track all year round.

After the show every year, council spends a lot of money on the playing field the get the area back to a safe playing field after all the horses have used to area for the show. The oval is closed to the public for about 4 to 6 weeks every time we have a show.

I would like to see some of this money used on the play field, we need a new long jump track/pit, shot put area. An athletes track were the schools etc. could host state title events. Up graded cricket pitch with irrigation. New fence and seating around both ovals. Change rooms/foilet blocks and new kitchen/canteen.

Why can't we turn oval 3 into an area for the dog walkers and this area used for the animals at the show. Why are dogs/horses/sheep allowed to use the playing area where children play sport.

Ward oval should be turned into a sporting complex like other towns have. With the new childcare going ahead at ward oval, it would be nice for the childcare and preschool to

use the playing field as well.

An athlete track like the below picture would be amazing.

Everyone I have talked to about the ward oval upgrade is focused on what will happen to the show and not the playing field that the community use every day. All the design for ward oval is based on the show, will the show be around in 10 years' time? Are we designing ward oval upgrade for the future of Cobar community.



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