




Shaping the Future of the Hughenden Event Precinct

Building a brighter future: supporting
connectivity, creativity and liveability



A close-up, artistic photograph of a hand holding a string of warm-toned, out-of-focus lights. The background is dark and blurred, with some green foliage visible at the bottom right. The overall mood is warm and intimate.

Reimagining our precinct to support events, connectivity and liveability



Investing in our future

Our vision for the Shire is to continue to grow and become a more vibrant, diverse and progressive place to live, visit and invest.

To achieve this goal, population retention and attraction is key. As a Council, we need to focus on improving our liveability through investment into our events, sports and recreational activities.

We look to achieve our vision with the Hughenden Event Precinct. Vibrant, diverse and connected precincts play a crucial role in supporting community resilience and economic growth. They create places for entertainment and leisure and offer spaces for communities to enjoy.



Brodie Street / Diggers
Entertainment Centre

Showgrounds

Recreational Lake Precinct

Unlocking our potential

There is a clear opportunity to enhance the Hughenden Event Precinct through improved infrastructure to support the growth of events.

We need to provide facilities capable of meeting the current and future needs of our community. The Hughenden Event Precinct considers:

- > Deconfliction of non-complementary uses of the same spaces
- > Amenity improvements and user comfort improvements
- > Fit for purpose facilities
- > Inclusion of additional community facilities to support liveability
- > Better active transport connectivity between sub-precincts
- > Technological improvements
- > Extension of the RV camping area



Our event precinct plan focuses on:

- > Connecting our community
- > Investing in amenity
- > Supporting the growth of events
- > Improving accessibility and inclusiveness across sub-precincts

Our plan for the Hughenden Showgrounds

1. Main Arena:

Improved and updated fencing around the perimeter of the main arena.

2. Football Field:

Updated amenities for two teams, scoreboard, announcers box and medic station

3. Outback Arena:

Lighting and sound upgrades, provisions for an announcers box. Connection to new cattle yards for dedicated Campdraft cut ins.

4. Canteen Bar

Canteen and bar into a single building to increase in catering abilities and cold storage.

5. Dedicated seating and shaded area:

Improved seating, lighting and shaded areas around the canteen and bar to allow for patrons to rest, eat and drink.

6. Improved Amenities for Overflow and Camping Visitors:

Transitioning the demountable amenities into a dedicated block with showers and toilets to serve the football field & overflow camping.

7. Extend RV and Camping:

Clearing of land for extended RV and camping with the inclusion of dumping points.

8. Gymnastics Centre

Air conditioning, improved power and lighting.

9. Removal of empty storage shed.

10. Wool Pavilion:

11. New Recreation Hall

Suitable shelving, display cabinets, inclusion of office space, air conditioning, lighting and power upgrades.

12. Updates and upgrades to cattle stalls.

13. New and updated announcers box.

14. New Gymnastics Shed

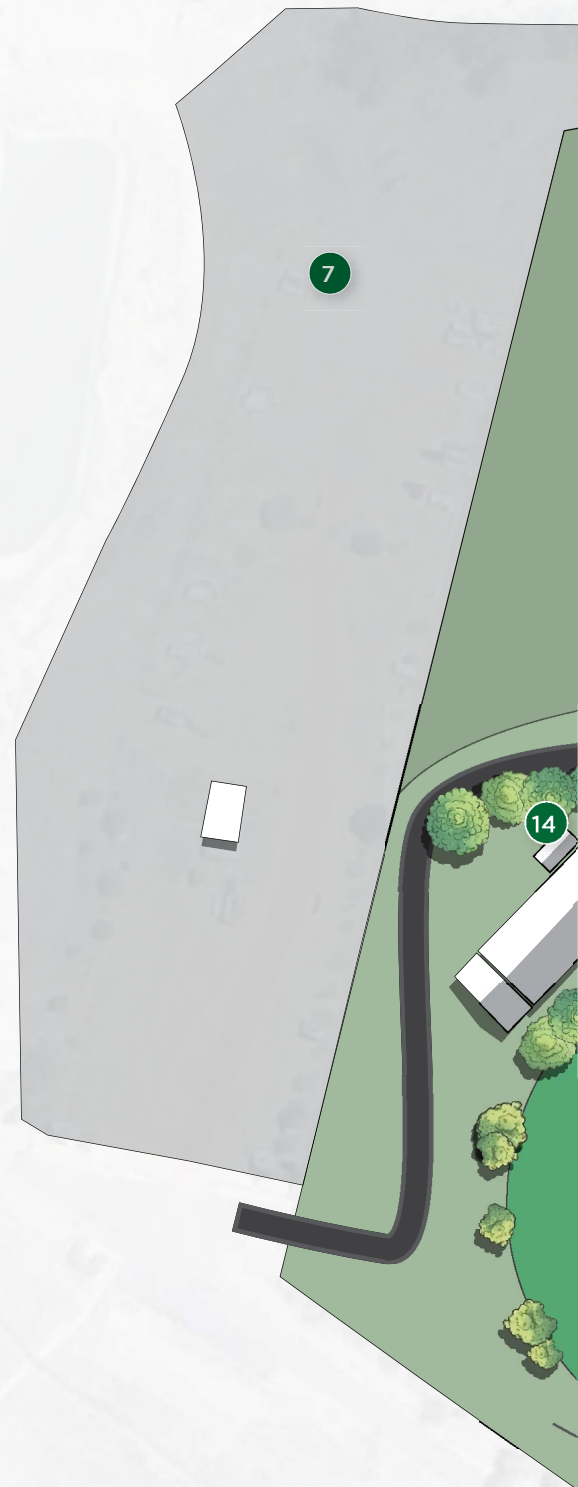
15. New Machinery Shed

16. Jr Rugby Equipment Shed

17. Additional Washdown Bay

Whole of Showground updates:

- Improved lighting for the entire space
- Updated sound and PA facilities
- Shaded areas and trees
- Green spaces and irrigation







Activated Precinct Spaces



Our plan for the Hughenden Recreational Lake

1. Dedicated events and entertainment space: Improved lighting, green spaces, power access and shade

2. New Large Stage / Large Shaded area or Pergola:
A large shaded surface to be able to hold music events, functions and events with provision for power and audio built in.

3. Additional Paths and Trails:
Connecting the showgrounds, event space, Coolabah tree with walking paths, with the inclusion of a public art trail.

4. Footbridge over gully:
Footbridge to allow cohesion between the 2 spaces.

5. Swimming beach improvements:
Increased aeration and movement generation.

6. Water Park:

A feature driven water park for families that will also assist in aeration of the swimming beach utilising an old windmill to continuously pump and filter the water.

7. Family area:

Seating and shaded areas to allow families to spend extended amounts of time at the water park and playgrounds, inclusion of BBQ's and additional play equipment.

8. Full Basketball Court

9. New Amenities:

Including baby changing station.

10. Increased shade and seating at pontoon: With inclusion of BBQs, lighting and power.



11. Launch Beach improvements:

Increase of shaded and seating areas to include BBQ's, lighting and power. provisions for a beach volleyball court.

12. Boat Ramp:

Increase of shaded and seating areas to include BBQs, lighting and power.

13. Equipment Store:

Building of an equipment store for hire-able water sports equipment. Storage of maintenance equipment and pathway for ease of access.

14. New Car Park.

15. Classic Machine Display:

To include machine information and memorial plaque.

16. Multifunction Catering

17. Turbine Blade

Whole of Recreational Lake updates:

- Improved lighting for the entire space
- Inclusion of sound and PA facilities
- Shaded areas and trees
- Green spaces and irrigation
- Increased power availability

Our plan for the Diggers Entertainment Centre / Brodie Street

1. Diggers Entertainment Centre - Main space:

Update of projectors and audio visual equipment including PA. Provisions for wireless network connectivity and front of house operation.

2. Diggers Entertainment Centre - Stage:

Update of lighting rig, including front of house control. Provisions for improved access to technical equipment and AV control.

3. Increased Seating and Dining Areas:

With inclusion of water fountains and shaded structures.

4. Increased Seating and Shade in BBQ Area

5. Removal of green area perimeter fence:

Opening the space for public use.

6. Discovery Park:

Improved lighting, seating and shaded areas, inclusion of power points and wireless Internet to create outdoor facilities for markets or remote workers.

7. Covered Parking Areas:

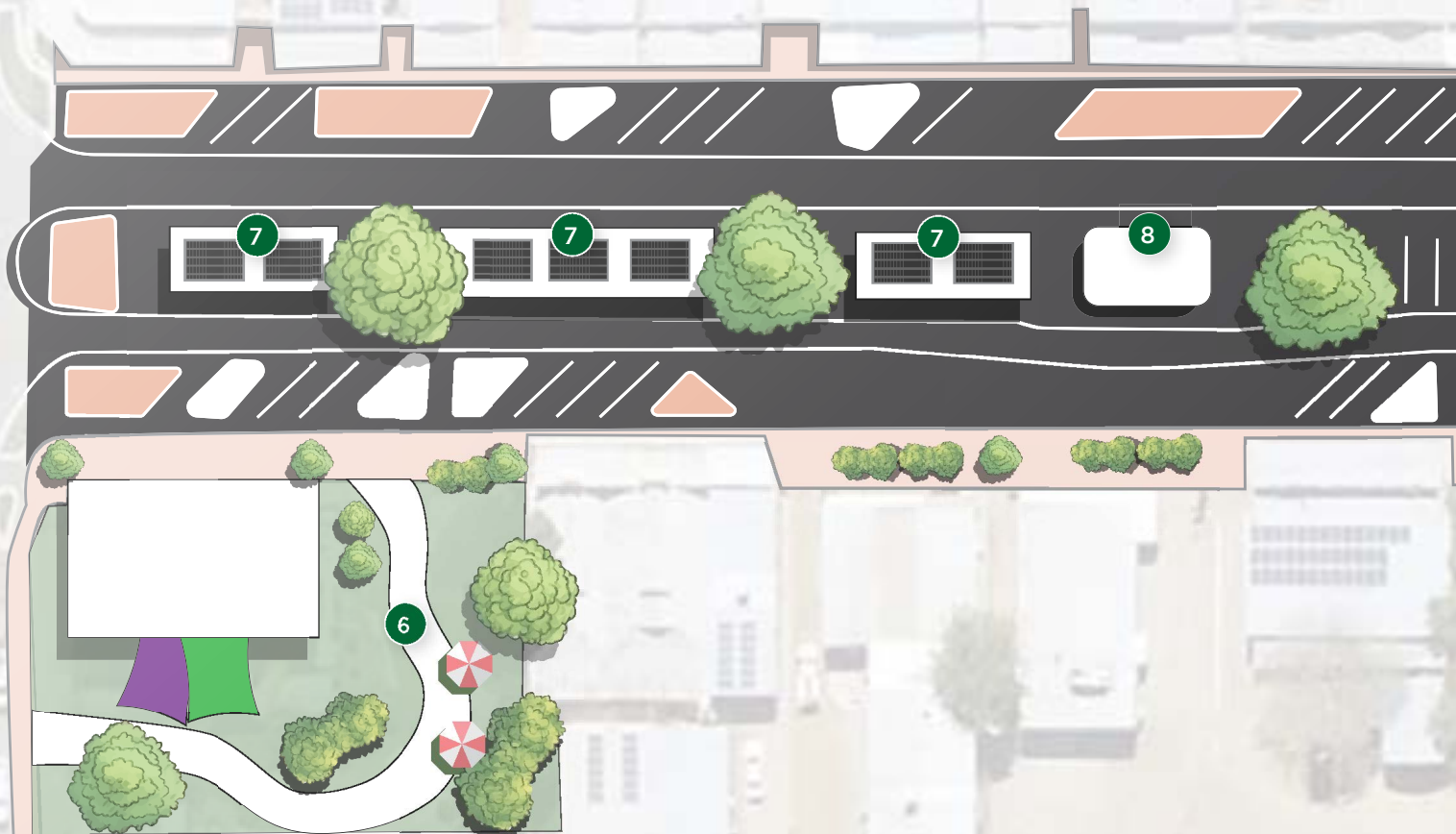
Inclusion of solar panels to offset power use. PA Speakers for street events.

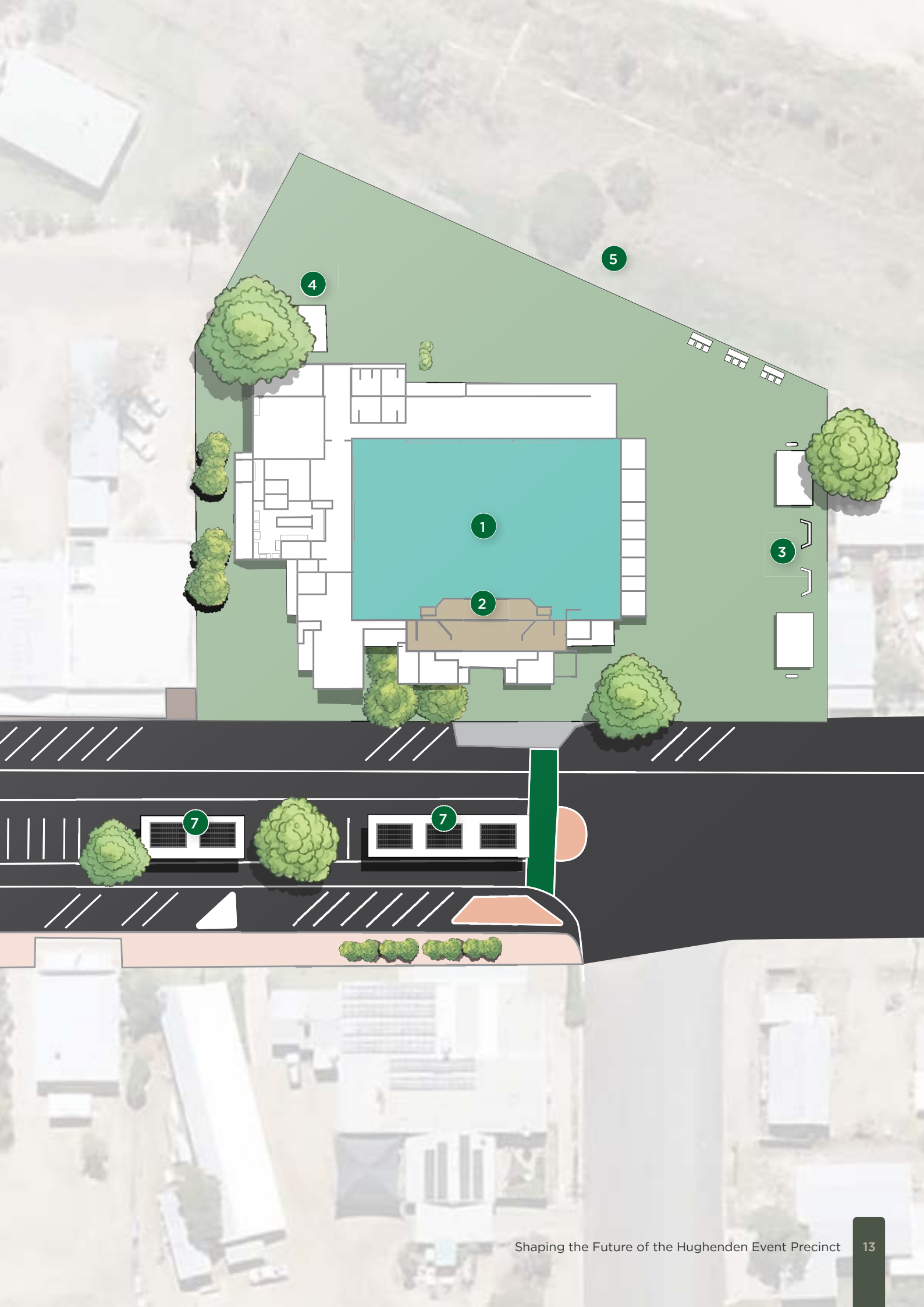
8. Covered Seating Area:

Inclusion of PA speakers and power. Solar panels to operate large scale outdoor cooling or fans for comfort in space.

Whole of Brodie St updates:

- Inclusion of sound and PA facilities
- Shaded areas and trees
- Green spaces and irrigation







Success looks like



**Infrastructure
investment**



**Increase in the number of
events and visitation**



**Higher community
participation**



**Population retention
and attraction**



**Reducing the workload
of our ageing volunteers**



**Increase in community
liveability/ satisfaction**

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