

## **Sale & District Agricultural Society Showgrounds Heritage Permit Exemptions**

### **1.0 Application**

This incorporated plan applies to the Sale & District Agricultural Society Showgrounds, which is included in the Heritage Overlay of the Wellington Planning Scheme as HO196.

### **2.0 Statements of Significance**

The following statement of significance for the Sale & District Agricultural Society Showgrounds is from the citation for this place contained in the *Wellington Shire Heritage Place Citations 2007* and provides a summary of the reasons why the place is significant. It should be considered in conjunction with the other information contained in the citation including the history, description and any conservation management guidelines.

#### **What is significant?**

*The Sale and District Agricultural Society (originally known as the North Gippsland Agricultural Society) was established in 1859 and acquired this site in Maffra-Sale Road for a showgrounds in 1888. The grounds were laid out by J.H.W. Pettit in 1888 and on Arbor Day, 1890, the Society planted Scotch Elms (*Ulmus montana major*) around the perimeter of the driving ring. Today, the elms remain as mature specimens prized for their beauty and shade along with the Secretary's office (1927) and the Arts and Craft Pavilion (c.1924) and three mature oaks and another Elm adjacent to the pavilion as evidence of the development of the showgrounds during the nineteenth and early twentieth century. The arched rail fence encircling the driving ring was recently replaced to the same design and using the same materials as the original.*

#### **How is it significant?**

*The Sale & District Agricultural Society Showgrounds is of local historic, aesthetic, and social significance to Wellington Shire.*

#### **Why is it significant?**

*Historically, it is significant as one of the earliest showgrounds in the Gippsland region and for its strong and continuing association with the SDAS, which has associations with many well-known and important Sale families. The layout of the site with its central oval surrounded by trees, entry office and cluster of pavilions is typical of country showgrounds and provides evidence of the development of the site over a long period. It has local and probable regional significance as the site of the annual show and the continuity of this tradition of use up to the present day contributes to its social significance. (RNE criteria A.4, D.2, G.1 & H.1)*

*Aesthetically, it is significant as a typical rural showground and sports oval which is most notable for the row of mature Scotch Elms with the boundary of the oval further defined by an arched rail fence that is a replica of the original or earlier fence. The secretary's office and the Arts & Craft pavilion and its adjacent mature trees and fence also make an important contribution to the historic character of this site. (RNE criterion E.1)*

### **3.0 Elements of particular significance**

The following features within the Showgrounds, as depicted on the accompanying plan, are of particular significance:

- The Scotch Elms (*Ulmus montana major*) surrounding the driving ring. The arched rail fence is of contributory significance.
- The Secretary's office to the extent of the 1927 building, but excluding the c.1990 addition.
- The c.1924 Arts & Crafts pavilion, and the adjacent arched rail fence.
- The three mature Oaks and one Elm adjacent to the Arts & Crafts Pavilion.

### **4.0 No Planning Permit Required**

Under Clause 43.01-2 of the Planning Scheme, no planning permit is required for the following development subject to the Heritage Overlay:

- Demolition or removal of a building, tree or fence, other than those specified in Section 3.0.
- Alterations and additions to any building, other than those specified in Section 3.0.
- Construction of a new building provided that, as applicable:
  - It does not require the demolition either wholly or in part of any building or fence specified in Section 3.0.
  - It is not within 5m of any building specified in Section 3.0.
  - It does not require the removal of a tree specified in Section 3.0.
  - It is not within 5m of the edge of the canopy line of a tree specified in Section 3.0.
- Installation of lighting for security or other purposes provided that it is not attached to any feature specified in Section 3.0.

# SALE & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOWGROUNDS PERMIT EXEMPTIONS MAP

