

WORKING GROUP REPORT TO TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

7 October 1986

Transport Task

- . Survey results returned and analysed.
- . After making allowance for increased interest closer to day and interest by non-Catholics:
 - Revised attendance estimate about 80,000
 - : 45,000-50,000 from Canberra
 - : 30,000-35,000 from surrounding areas.
- . In planning, aim for firm 80,000 with flexibility to cater for up to about 120,000.
- . Figures to be fine tuned with information from Church in relation to both numbers and origins.
- . Regional traffic to Canberra:
 - about 32,000 people expected
 - about 6,000 arriving before 24 November
 - : all of these by car/van (2,000 vehicles)
 - : 85% of these intend staying with local families
 - about 4,000 intend staying beyond 24 November
 - : all of these car users (1,200 cars)
 - about 26,000 travel to Canberra on day
 - : 20,000 by private coach (500 coaches)
 - : 6,000 by car/van (1,700 cars)
 - arrival route heavily biased towards Barton Highway
 - : 75% Barton, 10% Federal, 8% Monaro, 7% Kings
 - : need to clarify cut-off between Sydney and Canberra
- . Canberra traffic:
 - about 48,000 from Canberra/Queanbeyan
 - plus 6,000 staying in Canberra for night before
 - high level of interest in ACTION services
 - : capacity limits on ACTION unless normal route services curtailed within "reasonable" time limits
 - . 16,000 can be moved to Natex after 12 noon or 25,000 if hourly frequency for route services (ie half normal frequency)
 - : Queanbeyan to use private hire buses
 - . understand Levers to operate 15 bus shuttle
 - . bus stop identified at head of Northbourne Ave bus area

. Bus use:

- expected to be about 60% of all attendance
- surveys indicate 80% favour ACTION use in Canberra and 66% favour hired bus in surrounding regions
- expectation is that those not covered by surveys more likely to go by car
- need to take account of capacity constraints on ACTION within "reasonable" time periods
- need for detailed feedback from Church

. Car occupancy levels:

- expected to be high, assume 3.5
- surveys indicate average of 3.7-3.8

. Revised estimate of travel mode on day:-

Origin	Car Driver	Car Passenger	Private Bus	ACTION	Total
Canb/Qbyn	7,500	18,500	3,000	25,000	54,000
Surrounding Region	1,700	4,300	20,000	-	26,000
Planned Provision	9,200	22,800	23,000 (600 coaches)	25,000	80,000
Contingency Provision	15,000	45,000	30,000 (800 coaches)	30,000	120,000

Transport Facilities

- . Parking facilities to be provided for:
 - 10,000 to 15,000 cars
 - : 10,000 firm, and 15,000 with overflow
 - area for special vehicles outside Natex
 - : handicapped
 - : VIP cars and buses
 - : taxis/hire cars/commonwealth vehicles
 - private coaches, 600-800 based on 40 persons per coach
 - : 5-600 firm, 7-800 possible
 - parking areas for emergency/service vehicles
 - : NRMA
 - : tow trucks
 - : ACTEA or lighting technician
 - : ambulances/emergency services/St Johns
 - : gravel trucks, road gang, water trucks (if required)
- . Diagram 1 identifies parking areas designated for each group.
- . Emergency/service type vehicle requirements and location need to be determined and responsibility for organising presence.
- . ACTION bus loading/storage areas etc
 - refer to section on ACTION.

ACTION Bus Operations

ACTION has developed a broad strategy in conjunction with the Papal Office, which involves the operation of 10 "milk run" routes to and from the venue. Investigations have commenced on the feasibility of such an operation, and feedback has been sought from the operational staff. When firmer attendance data becomes available early next month the whole situation will be re-examined.

On the basis of the this preliminary work and on operational constraints in the vicinity of NATEX

- ACTION has determined a need for 10 bus stops at NATEX to set down and pick up patrons, 3 on the Flemington Road frontage and 7 on the Northbourne Avenue frontage; patrons will use the same stop on both the forward and return journeys
- the approach and departure routes in the vicinity of NATEX are illustrated on diagrams 2 & 3, with bus storage occurring back from each group of bus stops.

Traffic Operations before the Mass (see diagram 2)

- . About 7.30am Flemington Road closed at Northbourne Avenue, Randwick Road and Sandford Street
 - only recognisable special vehicles (buses, taxis, emergency services) plus those displaying a priority label (to be supplied by Papal Office) allowed to enter
 - different label (to be supplied by Papal Office) required for entry to Natex grounds
 - : other than private buses to coach parking
- . Northbourne Avenue to be closed northbound at Antill/Mouat Street intersection from 12 noon or earlier if required by police
 - essential to maintain an efficient ACTION operation
 - : contact Yowani to advise of access via Swinden Street
 - : contact Veterinary Hospital; access from Barton Highway
- . Phillip Avenue to be closed at Northbourne Ave for right turn movements at same time as above closure
 - all traffic to turn left
- . Median of Northbourne Avenue to be fenced off from Stirling Avenue to Barton Highway
- . The verge on the southern side of Northbourne Avenue to be fenced from Stirling Avenue to Phillip Avenue
 - supplementary fencing to divert pedestrians to intersections and away from bus zone
- . Through traffic diversion signs to be erected
 - Antill Street/Mouat Street/Northbourne Avenue
 - Ellenborough Street/Barton Highway
 - Antill Street/Federal Highway
- . Mitchell access via Bellenden Street (no sign required; contact Mitchell traders)
 - Bellenden Street to remain 2 way operation all day
- . Car traffic from Barton Highway (North Belconnen plus most regional traffic)
 - Belconnen and Regional 3,000-4,000
 - to feed into parking area 1 via Bellenden

- . Car transport from other Belconnen and some Canberra suburbs eg Weston Creek and Tuggeranong
 - to be designated use of carpark 2 via Ginninderra/Ellenborough/Barton into Randwick
 - responsibility of church to allocate via ticketing
- . Car traffic from Federal Highway (and Majura Lane and Antill Street)
 - 2-3,000
 - carparks 5 and 1
- . Car traffic from rest of Canberra
 - 3 routes; Northbourne Avenue, Limestone Avenue, Majura Lane
 - about 5,000; contingency 8,000
 - allocated to carparks 5, 4, overflow into Watson/Downer and into 1
- . Polo Club and Arnold Grove OK; Drive In to be contacted; other areas OK.
- . Need to define on tickets parking zones and main access routes (eg Zone 4 via Northbourne and Antill Street)
 - Papal Office responsibility

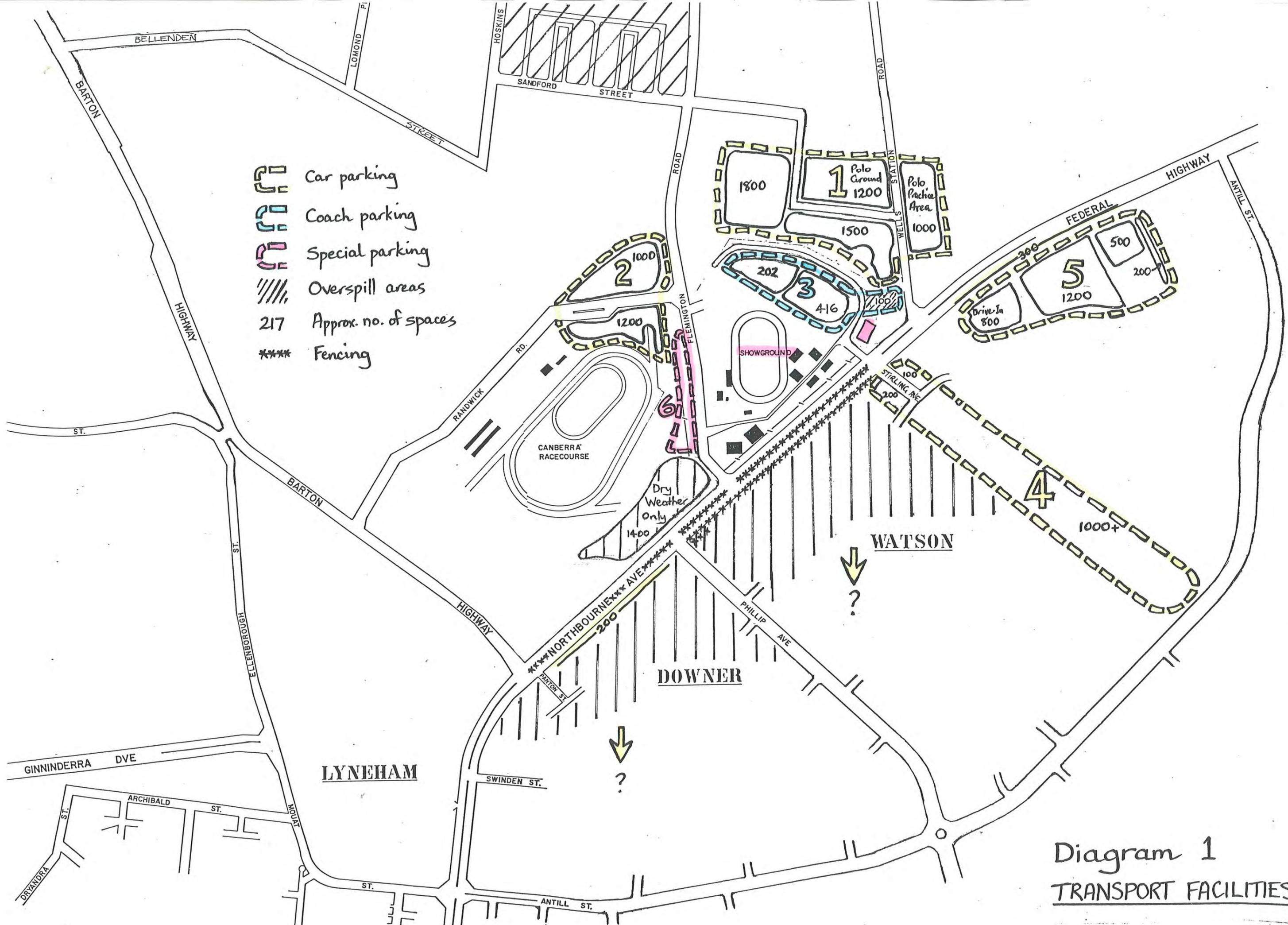
Traffic Operations after the Mass (see diagram 3)

- . Randwick Road 2 lanes out only, particularly at the Randwick Road/Barton Highway intersection.
- . Traffic access from the carparks north and south of Randwick Road via single gates (see diagram).
- . Dry weather parking area between Northbourne Avenue, Flemington Road and the stormwater drain exits into Flemington Road.
- . VIP areas left or right into Flemington Road as traffic conditions dictate
- . Traffic controls at key intersections.
 - Wells Station Road/Northbourne Avenue left only
 - Natex coaches exit left or right
 - Turns from Stirling into Northbourne Avenue not permitted
 - Federal Highway southbound directed into Stirling Avenue
- . Police on duty at key intersections
- . Bus operation in Northbourne Avenue
 - pickup by Natex, store in Northbourne Avenue (Barton Highway to Flemington Road)
 - 'U' turn at Stirling Avenue and take verge lane
 - : no parking on Northbourne verge
 - Belconnen buses plus Flemington Road traffic emerge into median lane of Northbourne Avenue
 - : no conflict with southbound buses

Future Actions

1. Preparation of designs for parking areas, showing layout, entrances, etc NCDC/Bill Guy/
Martin Boyd
2. Preparation of list detailing what works need to be done in carparks: mowing, gravel in pot-holes in VIP carpark NCDC/Bill Guy/
Martin Boyd
3. Undertaking of works in carparks, including contacting of owners to advise when work to commence Territories
Roads & Bridges
4. Someone to inspect parking areas beforehand and arrange appropriate clearing up afterwards Territories
Tech. Serv.
5. Design and procurement of fencing for Northbourne Ave median from Barton Hwy to Stirling Ave and southern verge from Stirling Ave to Phillip Ave NCDC/Bill Guy/
Martin Boyd
6. Identification of storage areas for support vehicles: ACTEA, tow trucks, NRMA etc [P.O.]; water carts, gravel truck [Territories] Papal Office/
Territories
Roads & Bridges
7. Design and preparation of, and eligibility for, passes to VIP area and NATEX Papal Office
8. Distribution of various categories in VIP carpark, with emphasis on disabled at southern end Papal Office
9. Design, preparation and erection of diversionary signs, bus signs, Papal Mass parking directional signs, etc Bill Guy/
Territories
Roads & Bridges
10. Prepare carpark identification signs and fencing/bollards/etc to encourage layout desired. Papal Office
11. Someone to speak to those affected by arrangements (possibly pamphlet drop) Territories/
Papal Office
 - Mitchell Traders
 - Veterinary Hospital
 - Yowani
 - Canberra Racecourse
 - 2CA
 - local landholders
 - Polo Club
 - Arnold Grove
 - Drive In
 - Chinese Embassy
 - *Yass Shire Council*

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| 12. Supply of witches hats for the control of traffic in Northbourne Ave in the vicinity of Flemington Rd. | Territories
Roads & Bridges |
| 13. Provision of temporary lighting in bus stop areas, and widening of gates for pedestrian flows (Max Bradley offered use of daylighter) | Territories
Tech. Serv./
NATEX |
| 14. Preparation of traffic control device plan for approval by Director (Traffic), to incorporate measures identified in items 1, 5, 9, 11, 12 & 13, and advertising of road closures. | Territories
T&T
(DATIS to
prepare if
formal plan
required) |
| 15. Funding. Co-ordinate expenditure and identify additional funds if required | Territories
T & W Divn/
NCDC |
| 16. Contact parking inspectors to arrange for patrols on day as required. | Territories
T & W Divn |
| 17. Talk to Levers regarding Queanbeyan bus arrangements. | Territories
T & W Divn |
| 18. Publicity of traffic arrangements | Papal Office |
| 19. Road closure notices | Territories
T & W Divn |



-  Car parking
-  Coach parking
-  Special parking
-  Overspill areas
- 217 Approx. no. of spaces
- **** Fencing

Diagram 1
TRANSPORT FACILITIES

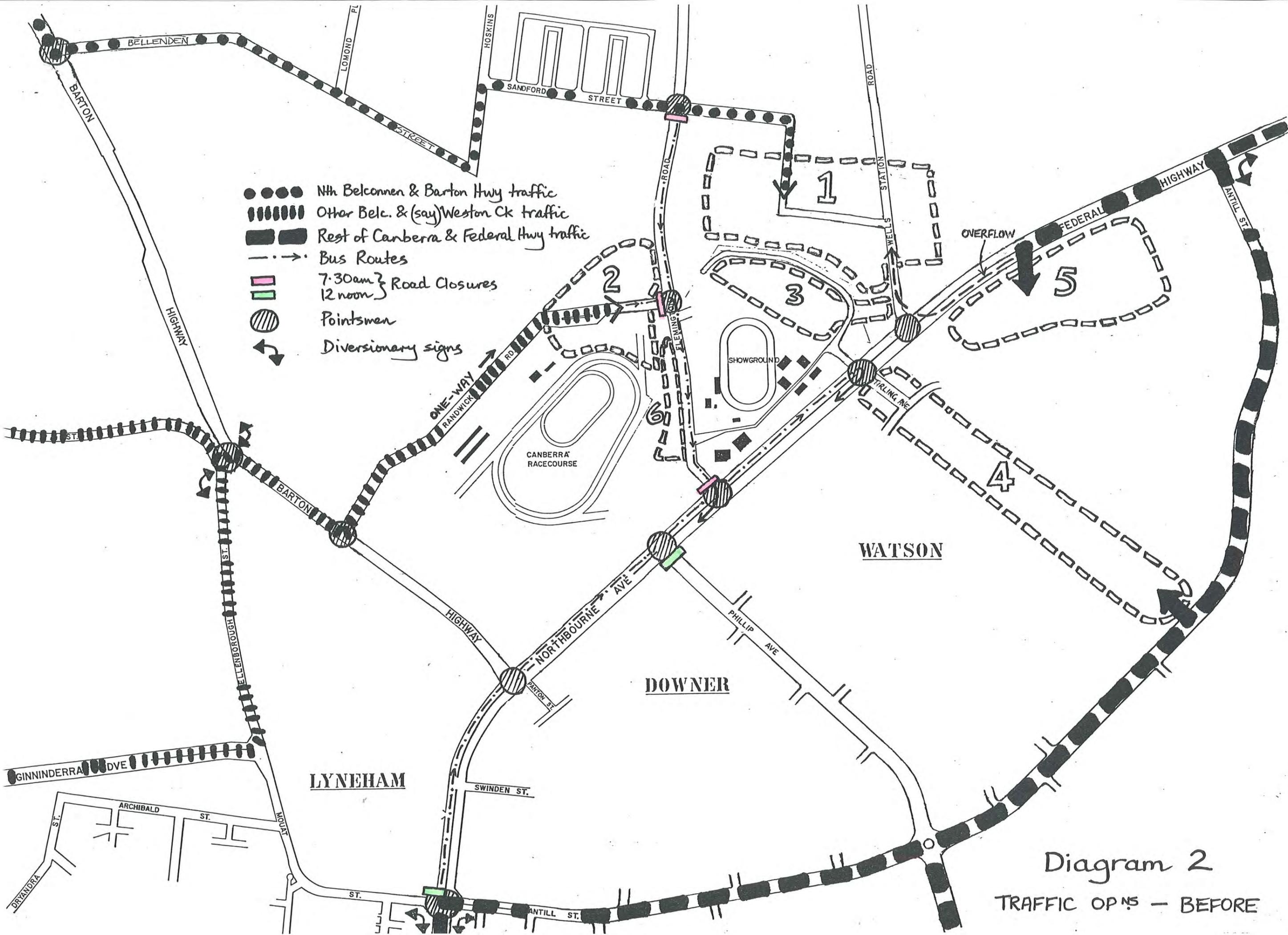


Diagram 2
TRAFFIC OP'NS - BEFORE

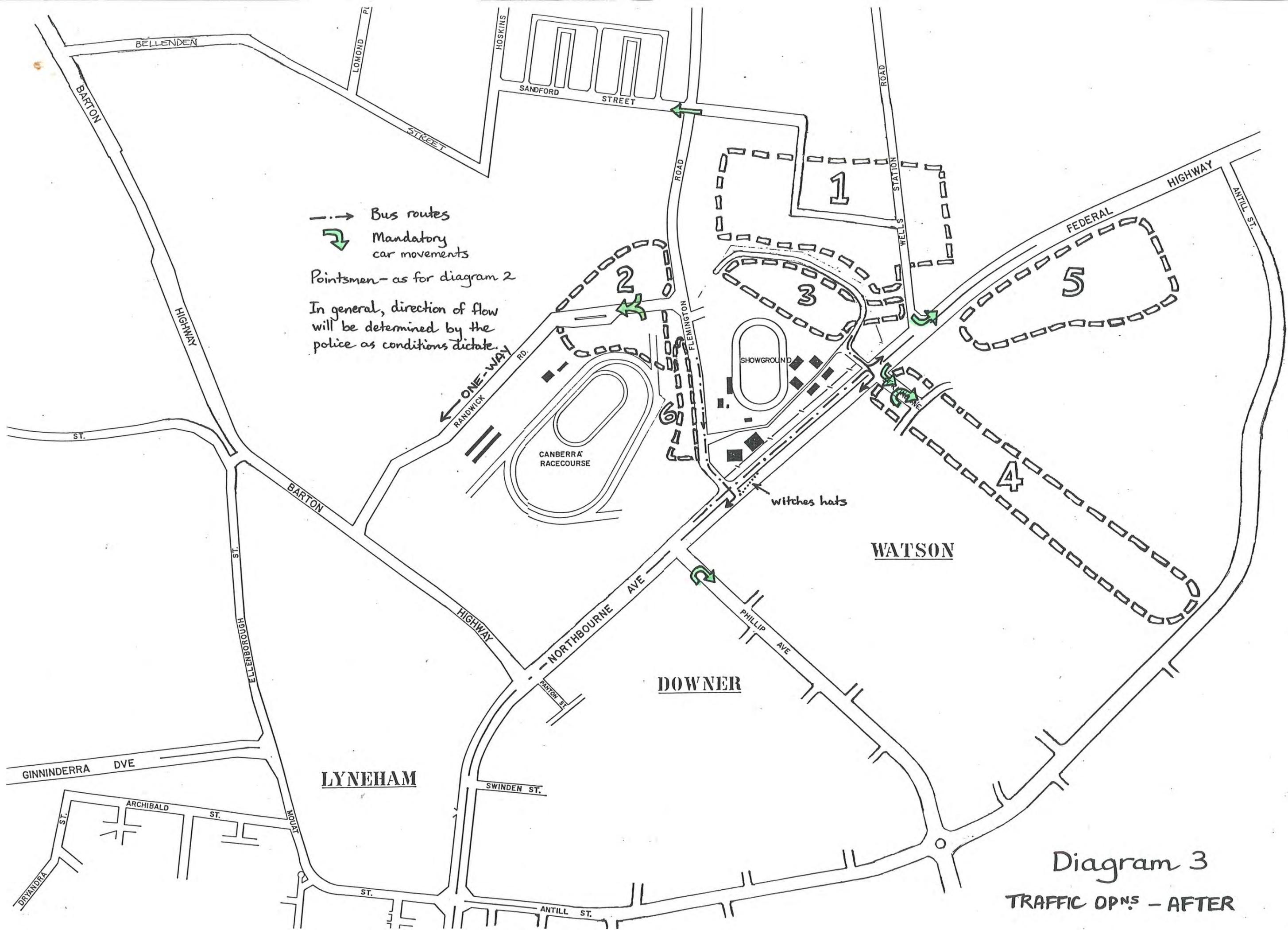


Diagram 3
 TRAFFIC OPNS - AFTER