

Southland District Council

Dog Control Bylaw 2015

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Pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 and the Dog Control Act 1996, the Council makes the following bylaw:

Part 1

Preliminary Provisions

1. Title and commencement

This bylaw may be cited as the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and shall come into force on the 29th day of August 2015.

2. Repeal

The Southland District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2010 is repealed.

3. Application

Except as otherwise provided this bylaw applies to the whole of the district of the Council.

4. Interpretation

(a) In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**The Act**” means the Dog Control Act 1996.

“**Council**” means the Southland District Council or any person delegated by it to act on its behalf.

“**Premises**” means any land, dwelling, storehouse, warehouse, shop, cellar, yard, building, or part of the same, or enclosed space separately occupied, and all lands, buildings, and places adjoining each other and occupied together are deemed to be the same premises.

“**Road**” means that area of a road defined in the Local Government Act 1974 that is used or is reasonably usable for vehicular or pedestrian traffic and includes the margins of that area.

“**Urban Zone**” means those areas defined as urban zones in the Southland District Plan planning maps.

(b) Any term not defined in this bylaw but which is defined in the Act shall have the meaning given to it by the Act.

Part 2**Regulation, control, and accommodation of dogs****5. Minimum standards of accommodation for dogs**

- (a) Every owner shall ensure that:
 - (i) dogs are provided with sheltered and dry sleeping quarters with access to clean water; and
 - (ii) measures are taken to enable dogs to keep warm in cold weather; and
 - (iii) sleeping quarters are large enough to allow the dog to stand up, turn around and lie down comfortably; and
 - (iv) dogs are able to urinate and defecate away from the sleeping area; and
 - (v) ventilation and shade is provided in situations where dogs are likely to experience heat distress; and
 - (vi) the shelter is kept in a sanitary condition.

6. Control of dogs in public places

- (a) Except in the areas specified in Schedules 1 and 2 or otherwise required by the Act dogs in public places may be off-leash but must be under control at all times.

7. Control of dogs in designated dog exercise areas

- (a) The owner of any dog (including a dog classified as a menacing or dangerous dog that is muzzled) may take that dog off-leash in any public place specified in Schedules 1 or 2 as a designated dog exercise area provided that dog is under control at all times.

8. Control of dogs in public places specified as on-leash areas

- (a) No person shall take a dog into any public place specified in Schedule 1 or 2 as an on-leash only area unless the dog is controlled on a leash.
- (b) Clause 8(a) does not apply to –
 - (i) any dog confined in a vehicle or cage; or
 - (ii) any working dog while it is under the control of its owner or handler.

9. Prohibition of dogs in certain public places

- (a) No person may take a dog not confined in a vehicle or cage into any public place specified in Schedule 1 or 2 as a prohibited area.
- (b) Clause 9(a) does not apply to:
 - (i) any working dog while it is under the control of its owner or handler.

- (ii) a public place not under the control of the Council where the person in charge of that place has given permission for the dog to be there and the presence of the dog is in accordance with the conditions (if any) of that permission.
- (c) No person shall take any female dog in season or a diseased dog into any public place unless –
 - (i) it is completely confined in a vehicle or cage for the purposes of transportation; or
 - (ii) it is in a public place not under the control of the Council where the person in charge of that place has given permission for the dog to be there and the presence of the dog is in accordance with the conditions (if any) of that permission.

10. Changes to dog access areas by public notice

- (a) The Council may from time to time by public notice prohibit or impose additional conditions on the taking of dogs to any of the areas in Schedules 1 and 2 and walking tracks, picnic areas and roads under the control of the Council and those conditions shall apply accordingly as if they are conditions specified in the Schedules.
- (b) The Council may from time to time by public notice make temporary changes to Schedules 1 and 2 in relation to leisure and culture events (including dog friendly events), dog training, threatened or ‘at risk’ protected wildlife vulnerable to dogs, and pest control. Those changes shall apply as if they are conditions specified in the Schedules.
- (c) In this clause, public notice means one or more clearly legible notices affixed in one or more conspicuous places on, or adjacent to, the area to which the notice relates.

11. Dog faeces

- (a) The person in charge of any dog that defecates in any public place must immediately remove and dispose of the faeces in a way that does not cause a nuisance.
- (b) Clause 11(a) does not apply to any working dogs herding or driving stock on a road.

12. Multiple dogs on premises

- (a) Except as provided in clause 12(b) no person may keep more than 2 dogs over 3 months of age on any premises for any period exceeding 14 days other than working dogs not being kept on premises in a predominantly urban or residential environment.
- (b) Subclause (a) does not apply if –
 - (i) allowed by a licence issued under clause 13; or
 - (ii) an application for a licence under clause 13 has been made within 14 days of there being more than two dogs kept on those premises; or
 - (iii) the premises are over 50 hectares; or
 - (iv) the premises comprise a veterinary practice or a Council pound.

13. Licence for multiple dogs on premises

The Council may grant a licence to keep more than two dogs on any premises on such terms as it considers are reasonably necessary.

14. Requirement to neuter uncontrolled dog

The Council may require the owner of a dog to cause that dog to be neutered if that dog has not been kept under control on more than one occasion within a 12 month period.

15. Effect of requirement to neuter uncontrolled dog

- (a) If a dog is required to be neutered, the owner of that dog must, within one month after receipt of the notice of the requirement, produce to the Council a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying –
- (i) that the dog is neutered; or
 - (ii) that for reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in the certificate; and
 - (iii) must, if a certificate under subclause (a)(ii) is produced to the Council, produce to the Council, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate under subclause (a)(i).

Part 3**Impounding, offences and penalties****16. Impounding**

- (a) A dog control officer or a dog ranger may impound any dog at large in breach of this bylaw, whether or not the dog is wearing a collar having the proper label or disc attached indicating that the dog is currently registered.

17. Offences and penalties

- (a) Every person who breaches this bylaw commits an offence is liable to the penalty specified in the Local Government Act 2002.

Part 4
Transitional

18. Existing dog owners with more than two dogs

Any dog owner who has more than two dogs on any premises at the commencement of this bylaw is not required to obtain a licence under Clause 13 until 1 July 2016, provided:

- (a) The dog owner does not keep the dogs at any premises other than the premises where they were kept at the commencement of this bylaw; or
- (b) The dog owner does not increase the number of non-working dogs being kept.

Schedule 1

General dog access rules

This Schedule contains general dog access rules that apply across the Southland District.

1. Playgrounds and sports grounds under the control of the Council

Dogs are prohibited on any playground or sports ground at all times.

2. Urban zones, Council-controlled carparks and boating areas, designated freedom camping areas

Dogs must be under control and on a leash within or on all –

- (a) urban zones as identified in the Southland District Plan; and
- (b) Council-controlled car parks; and
- (c) Council-controlled boating areas (including any wharf, jetty, boat ramp, boat marshalling area);
- (d) designated freedom camping areas as defined in Council's Camping Control Bylaw 2012.

3. Council cemeteries, Council camping grounds

Dogs are prohibited in all Council-controlled cemeteries and camping grounds unless permission is obtained from the Council or signage indicates dogs are allowed and provided the person whom the dog is accompanying complies with any reasonable conditions imposed by the Council in relation to the entry or presence of the dog.

4. Walking tracks and picnic areas under the control of the Council

Every owner must comply with any restriction or prohibition of a sign to which clause 10 applies.

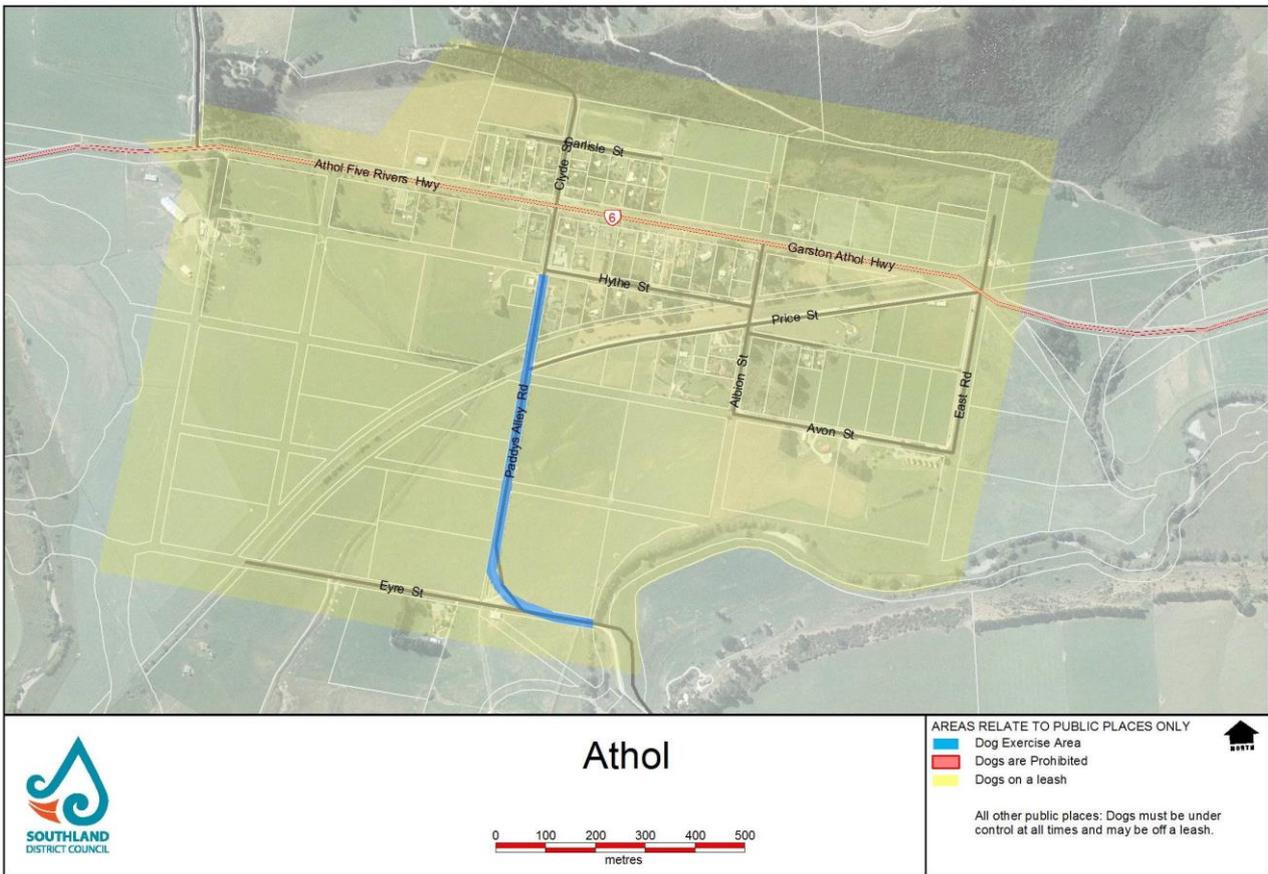
Note: For convenience, playgrounds and the Urban Zones are shown on the maps in Schedule 2. For technical reasons other areas that are referred to above cannot be shown.

Schedule 2

Local community dog access rules

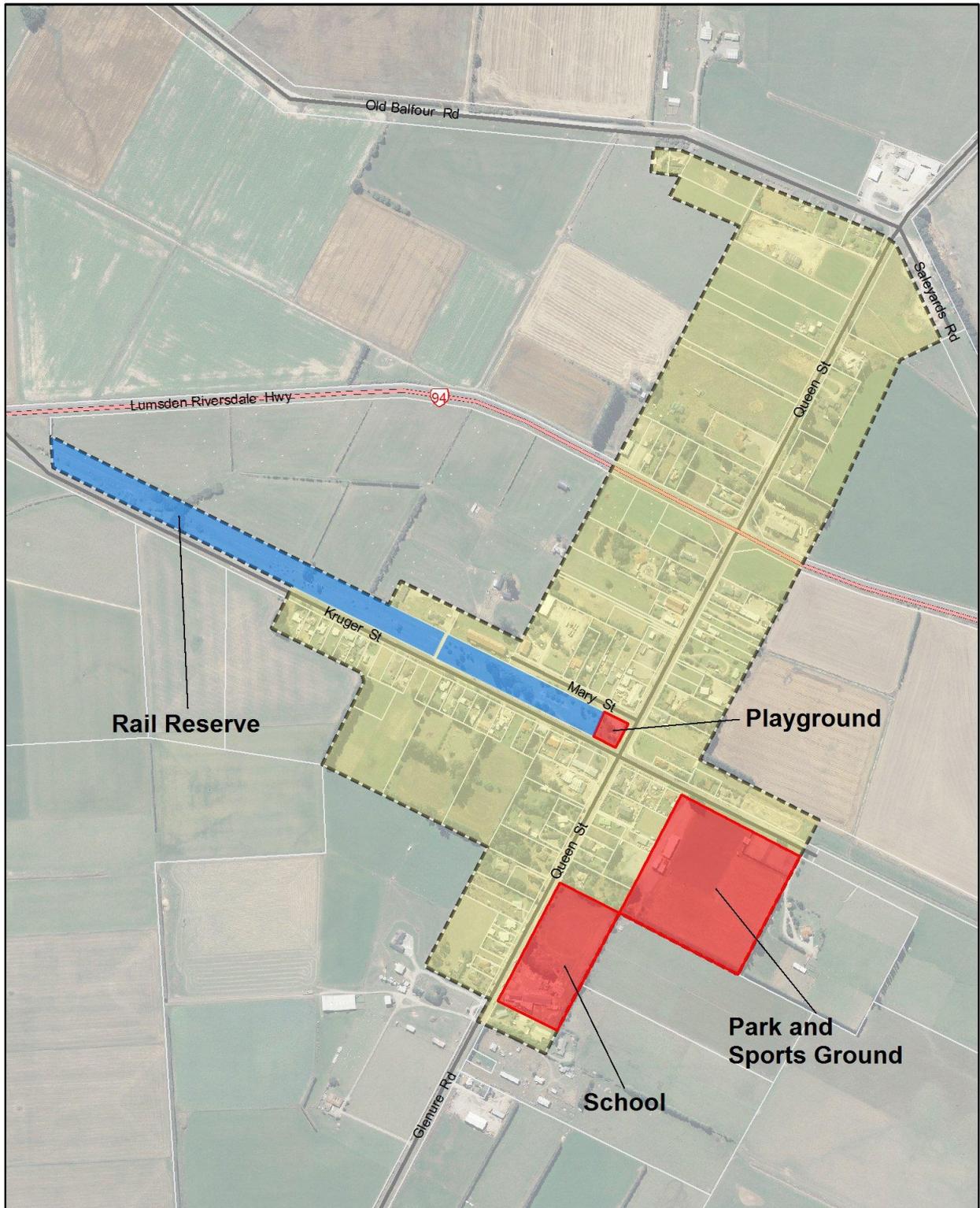
This Schedule contains dog access rules specific to a local community that are in addition to the dog access rules in Schedule 1.

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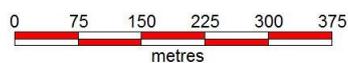


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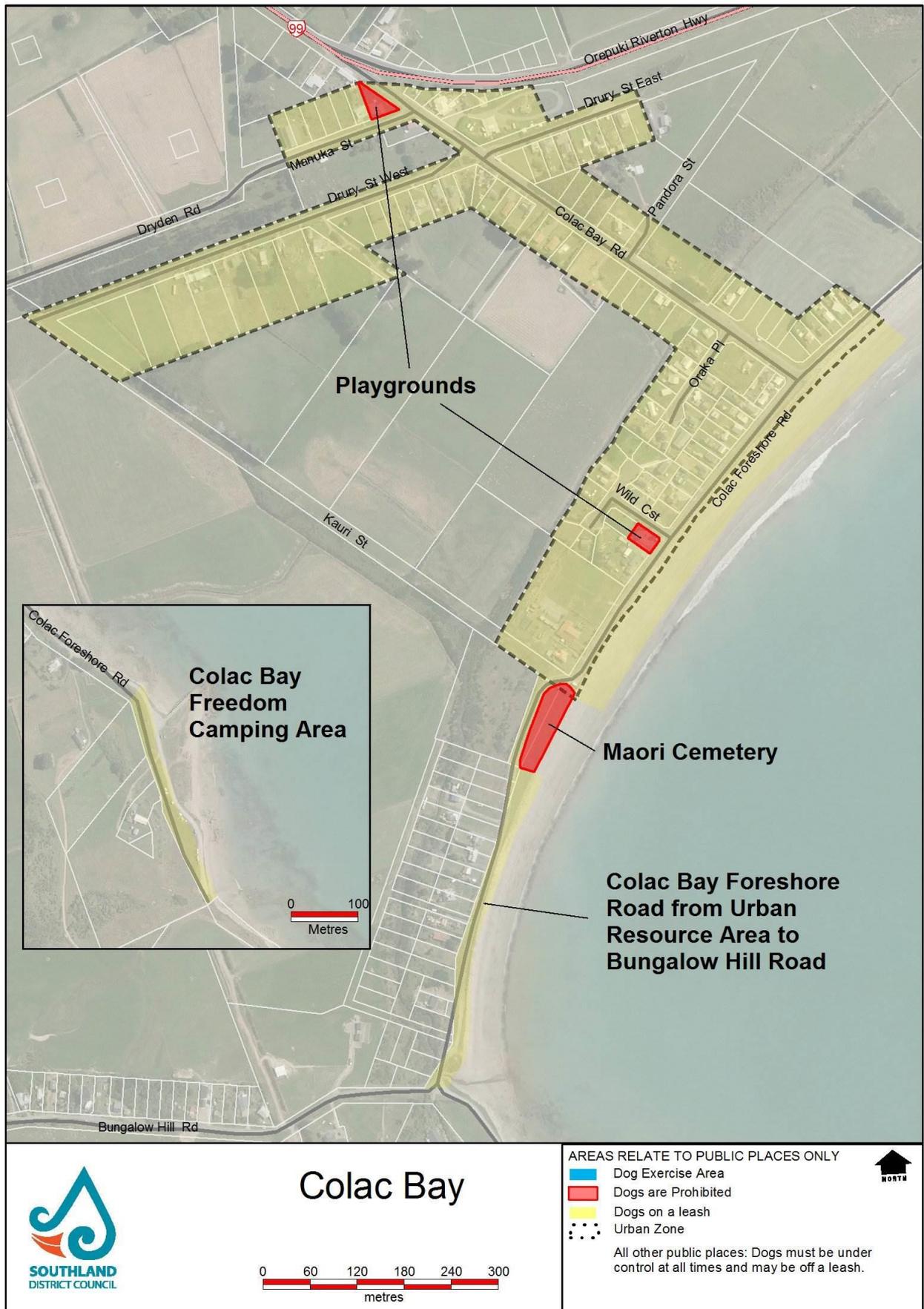


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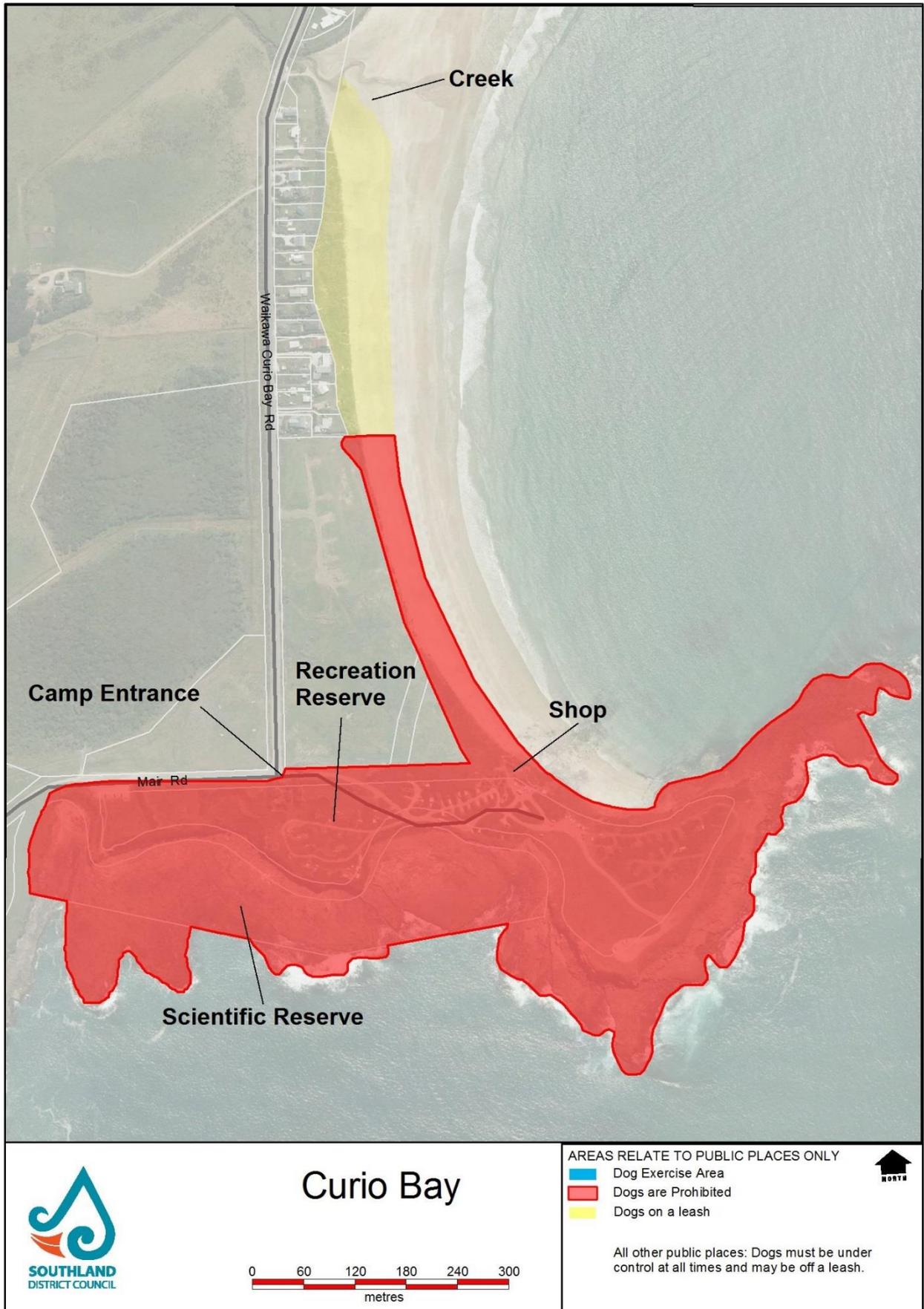
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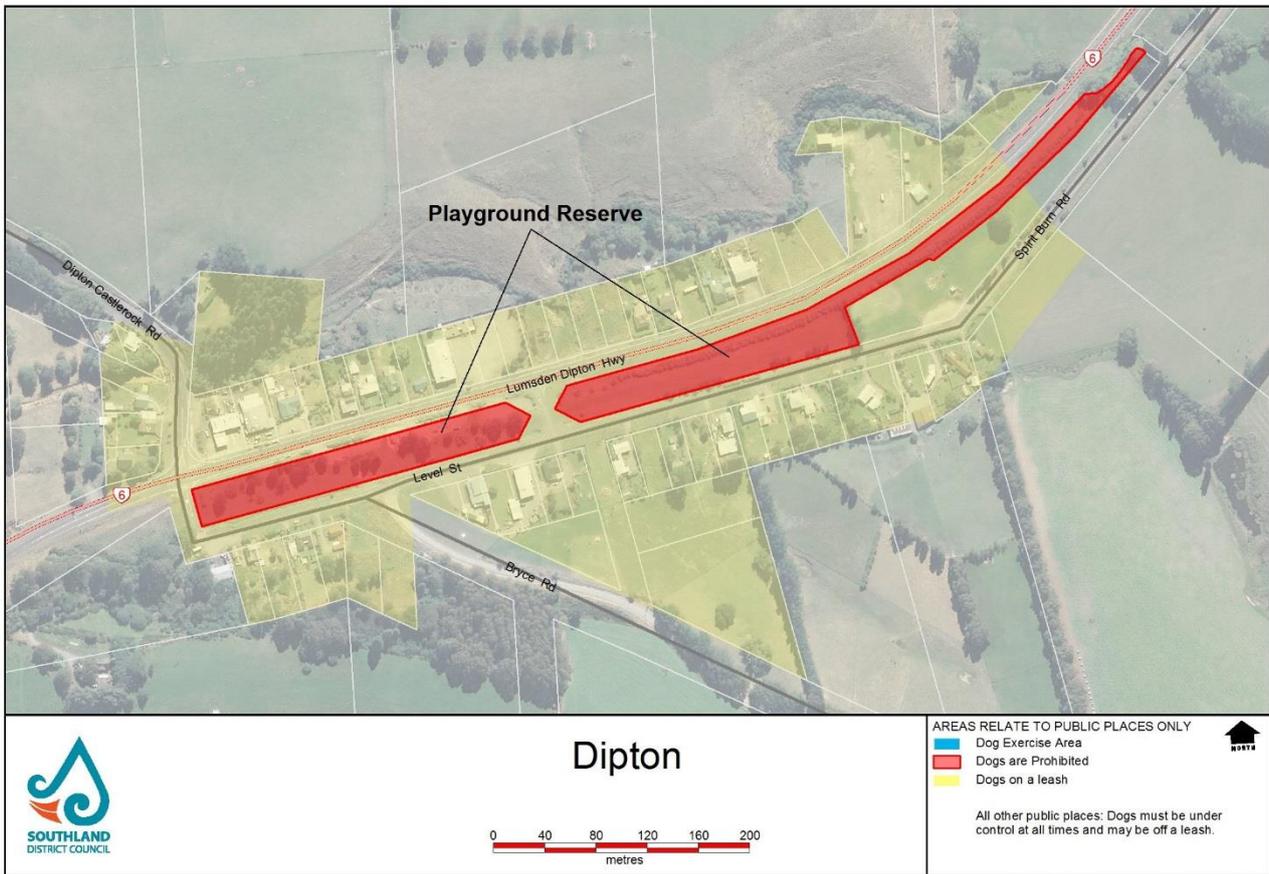
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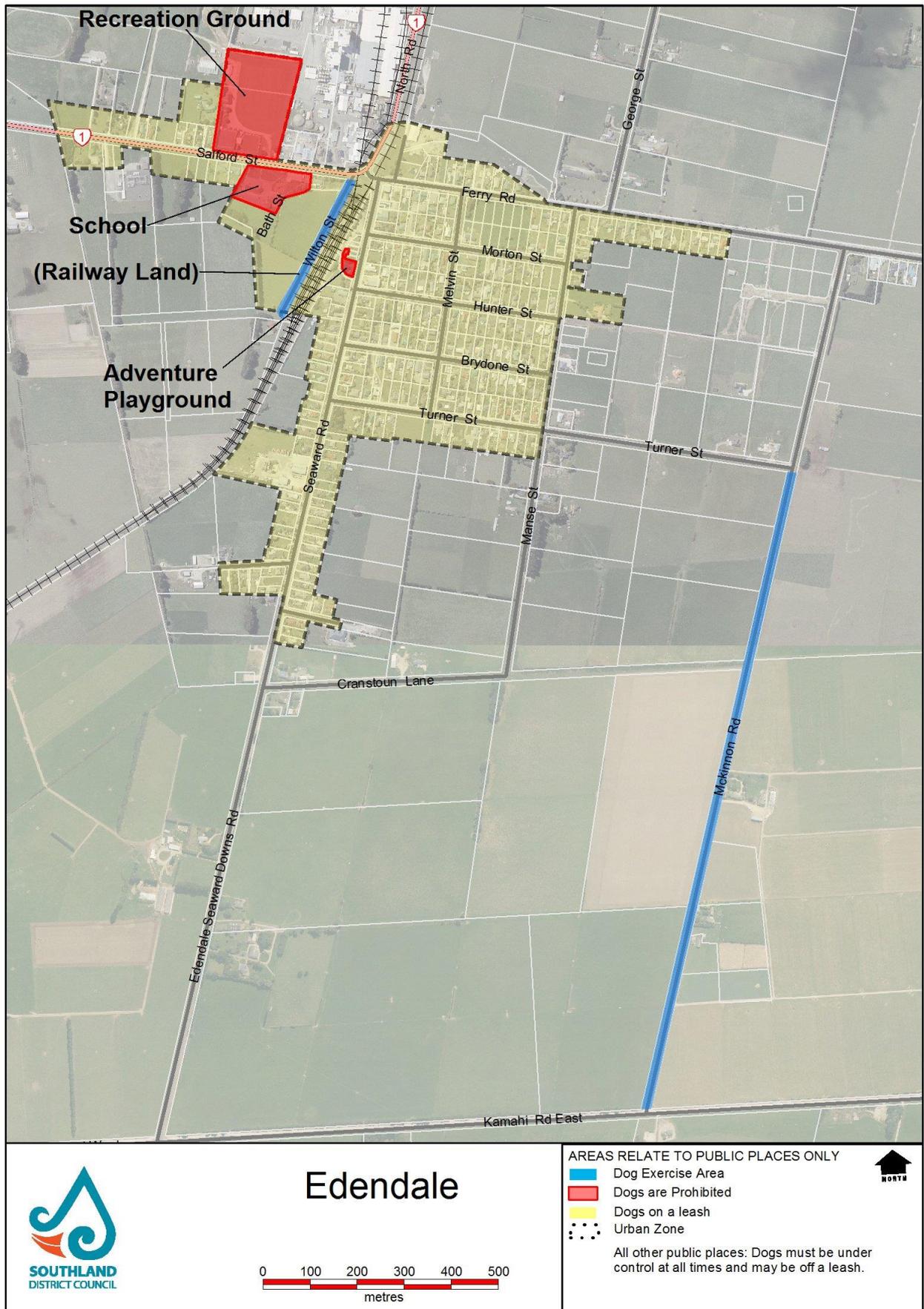
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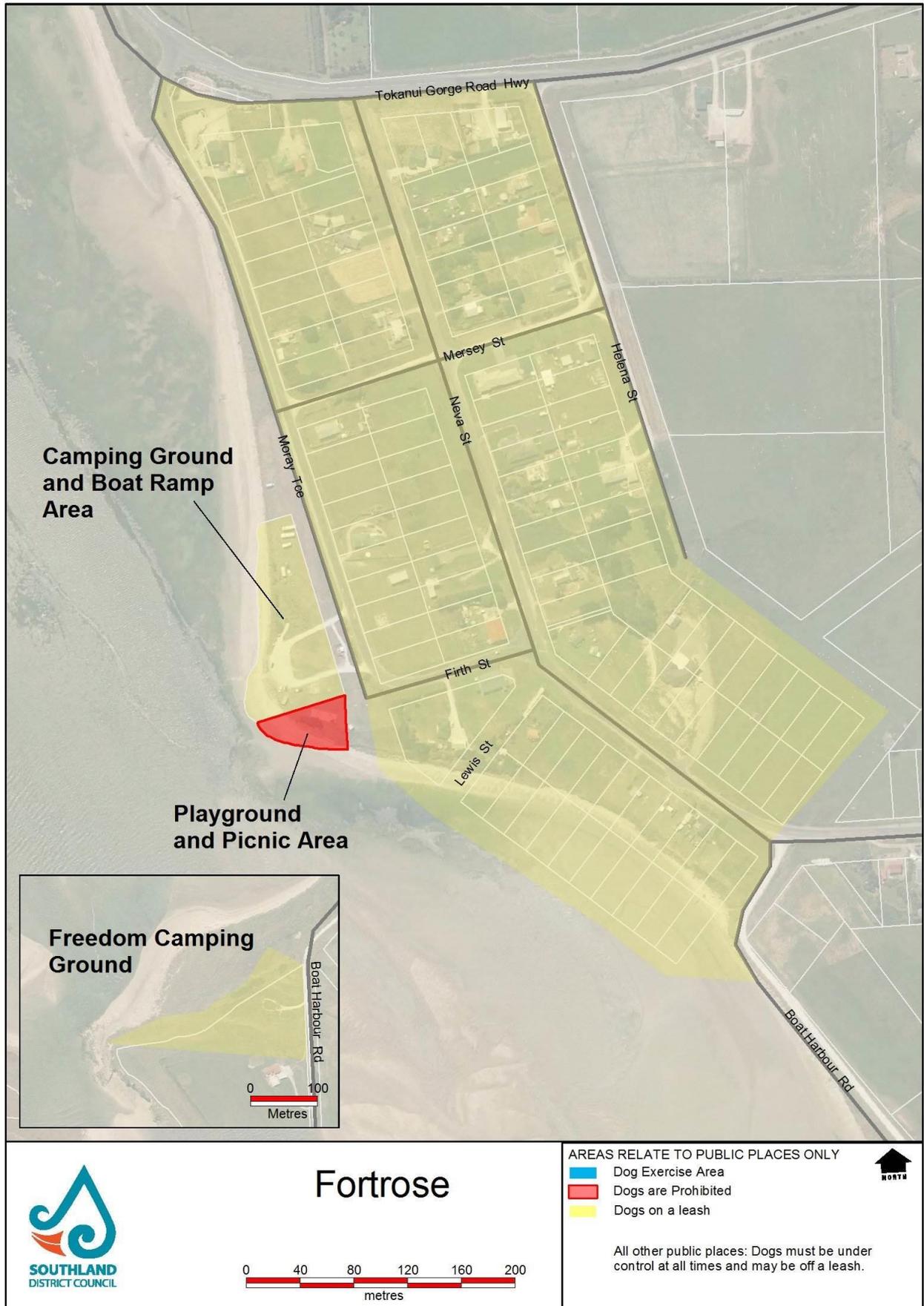
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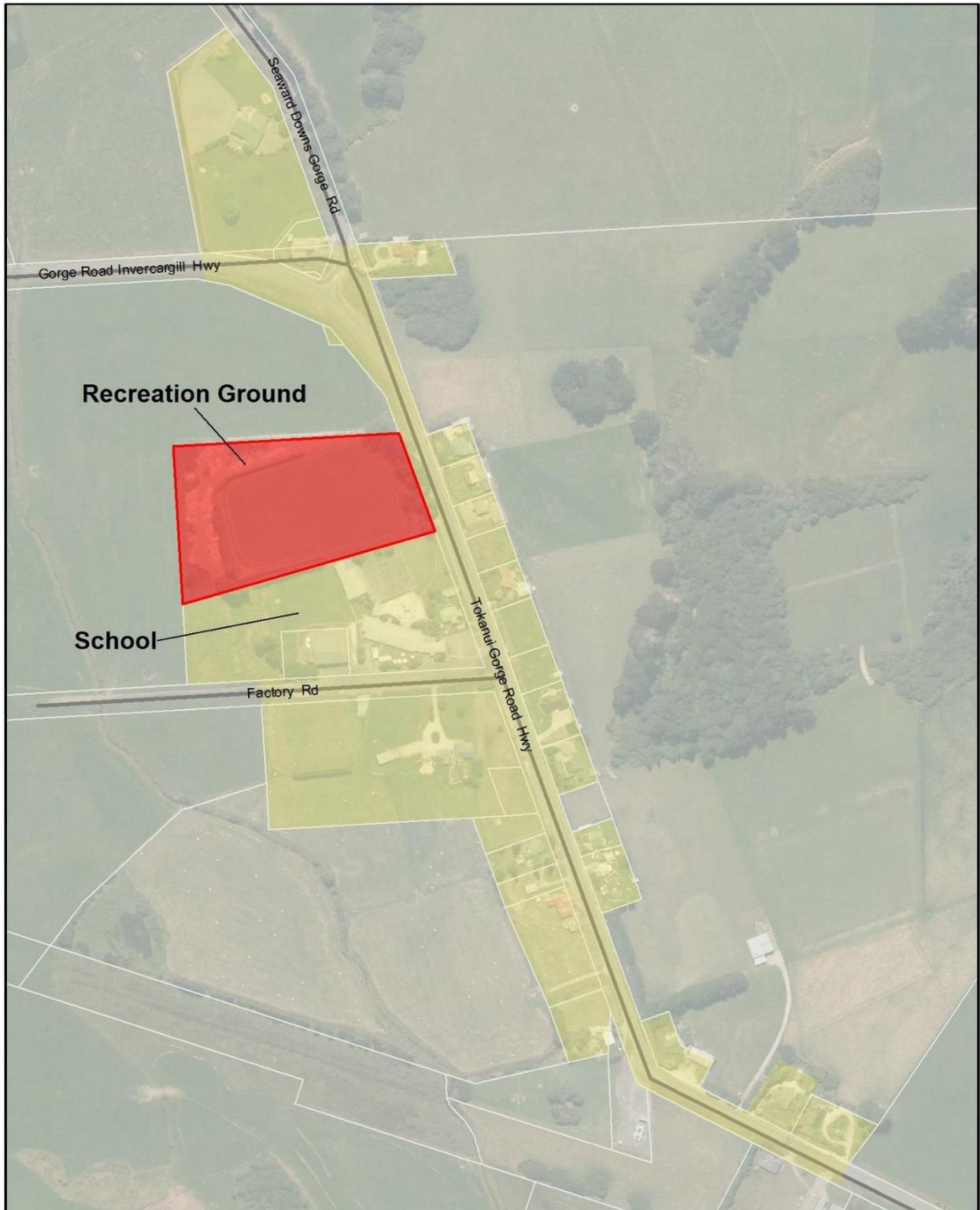


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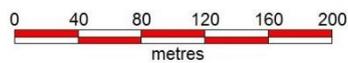
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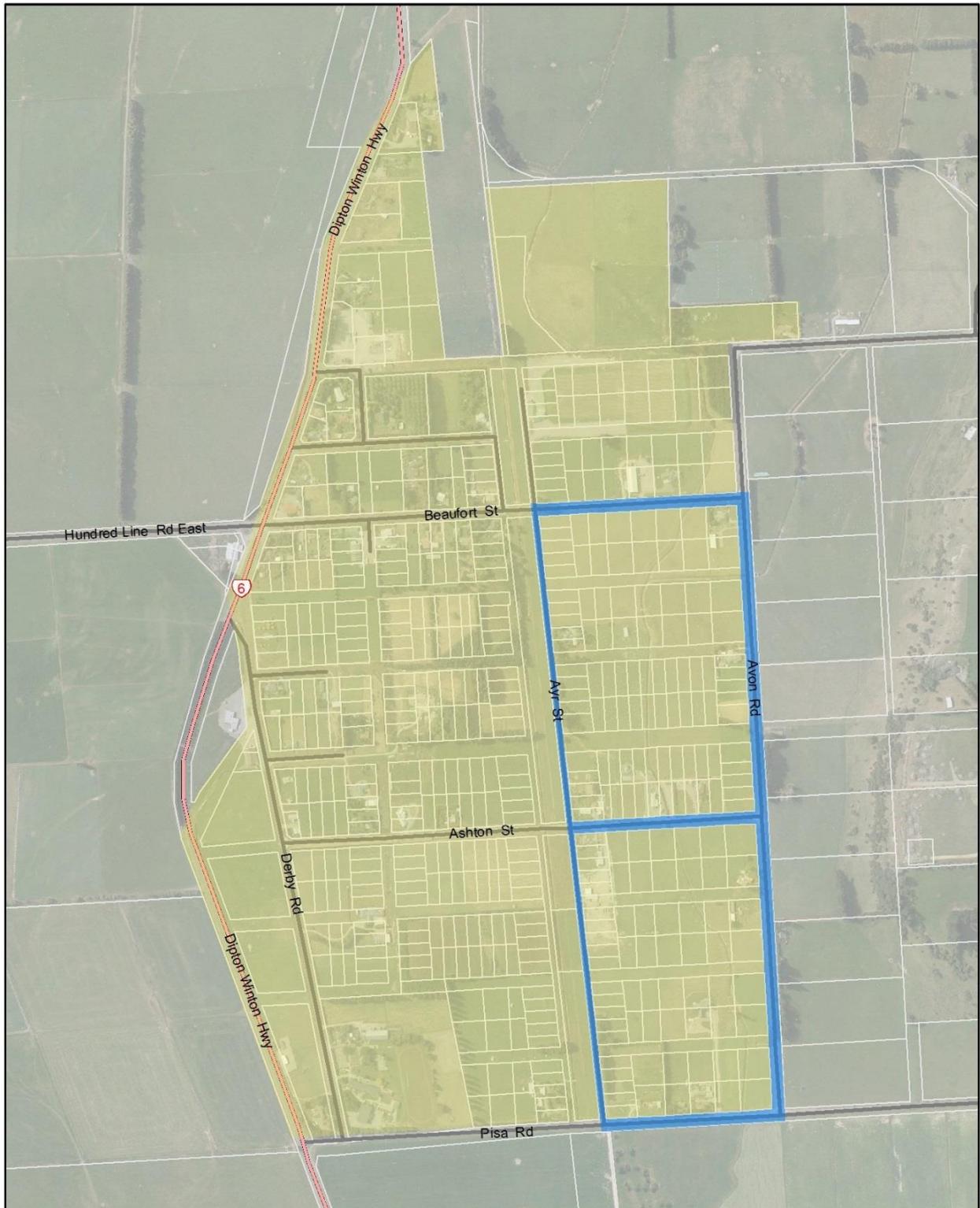


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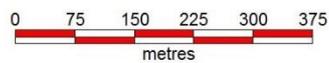
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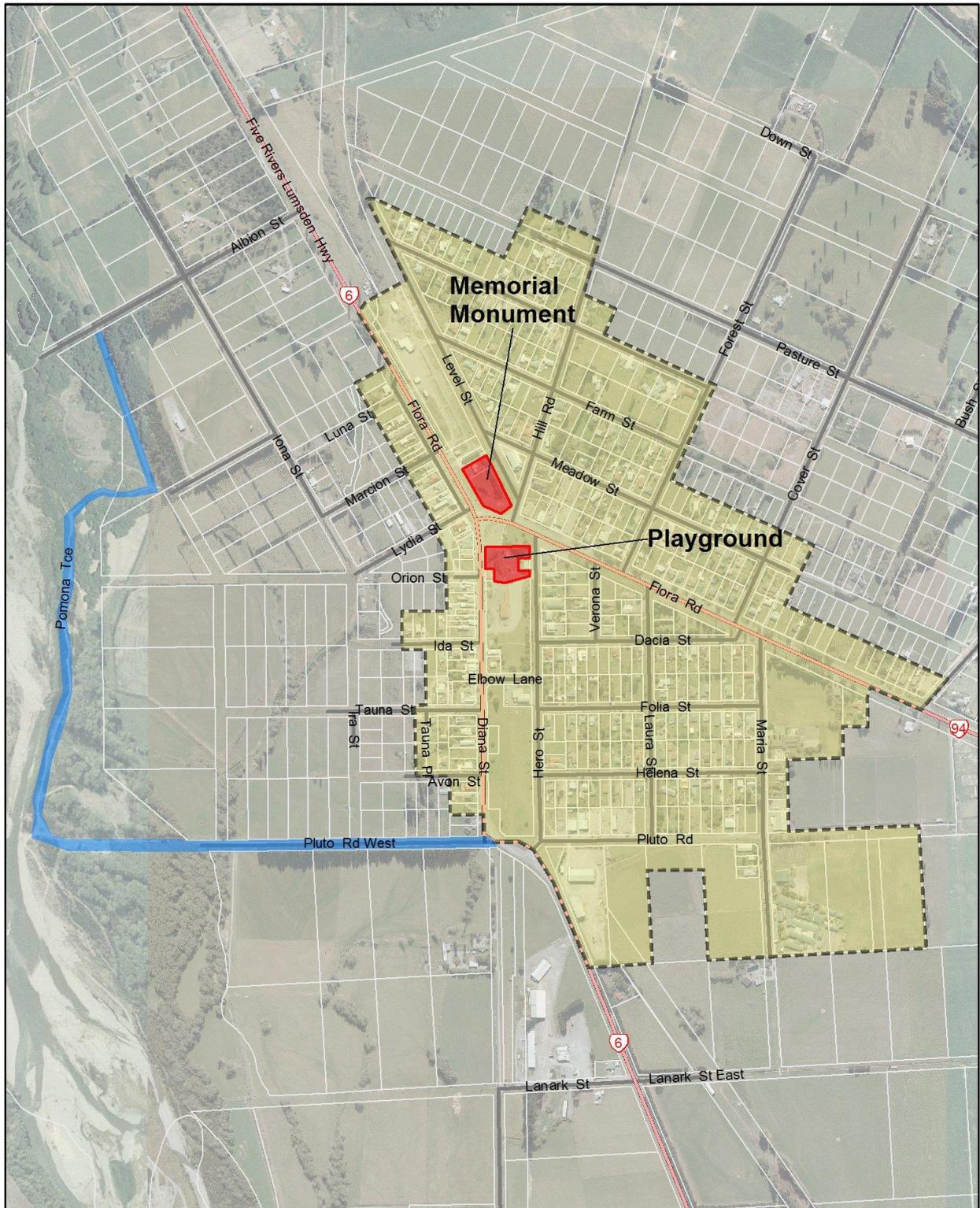


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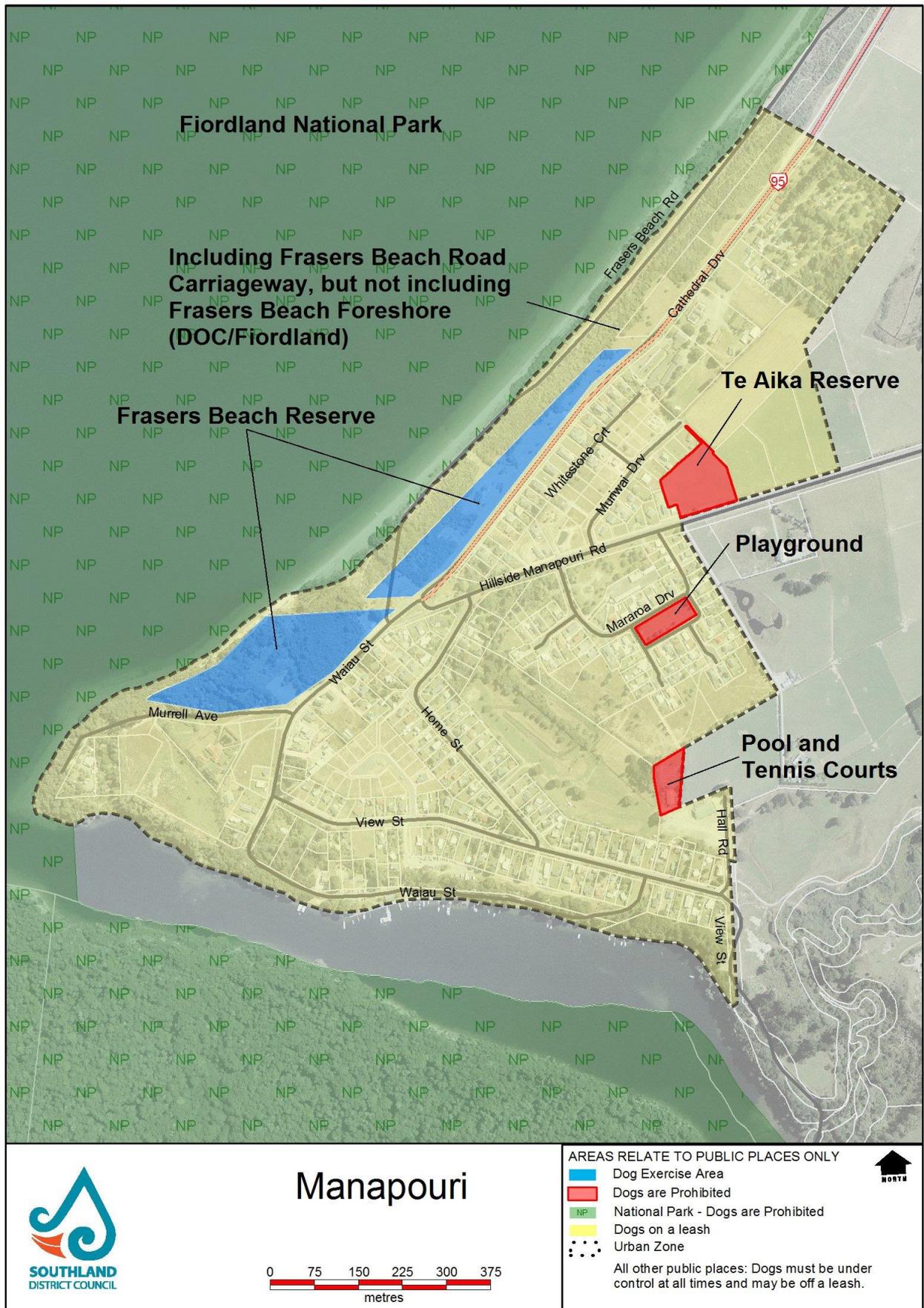
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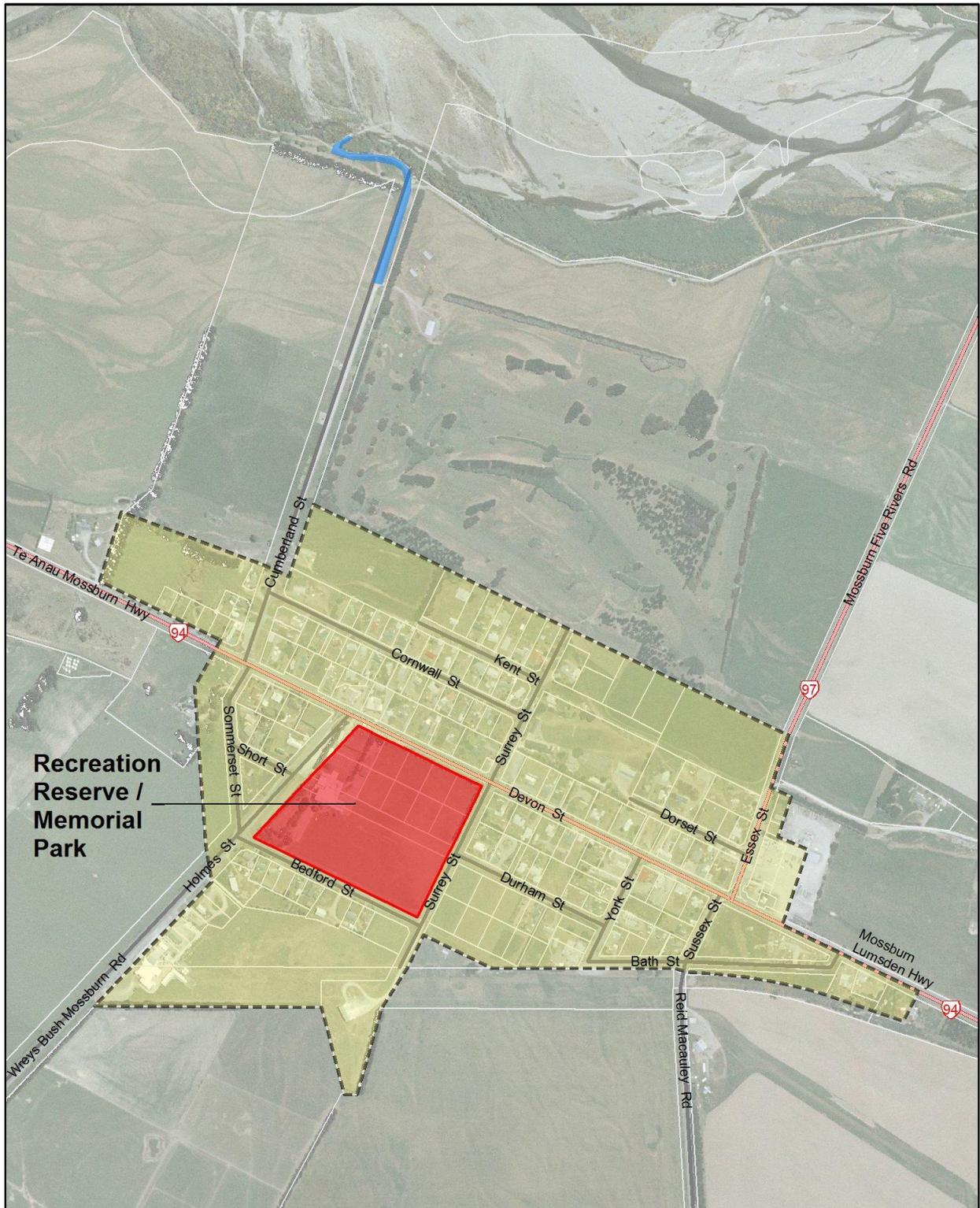
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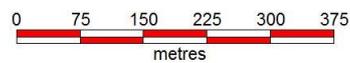


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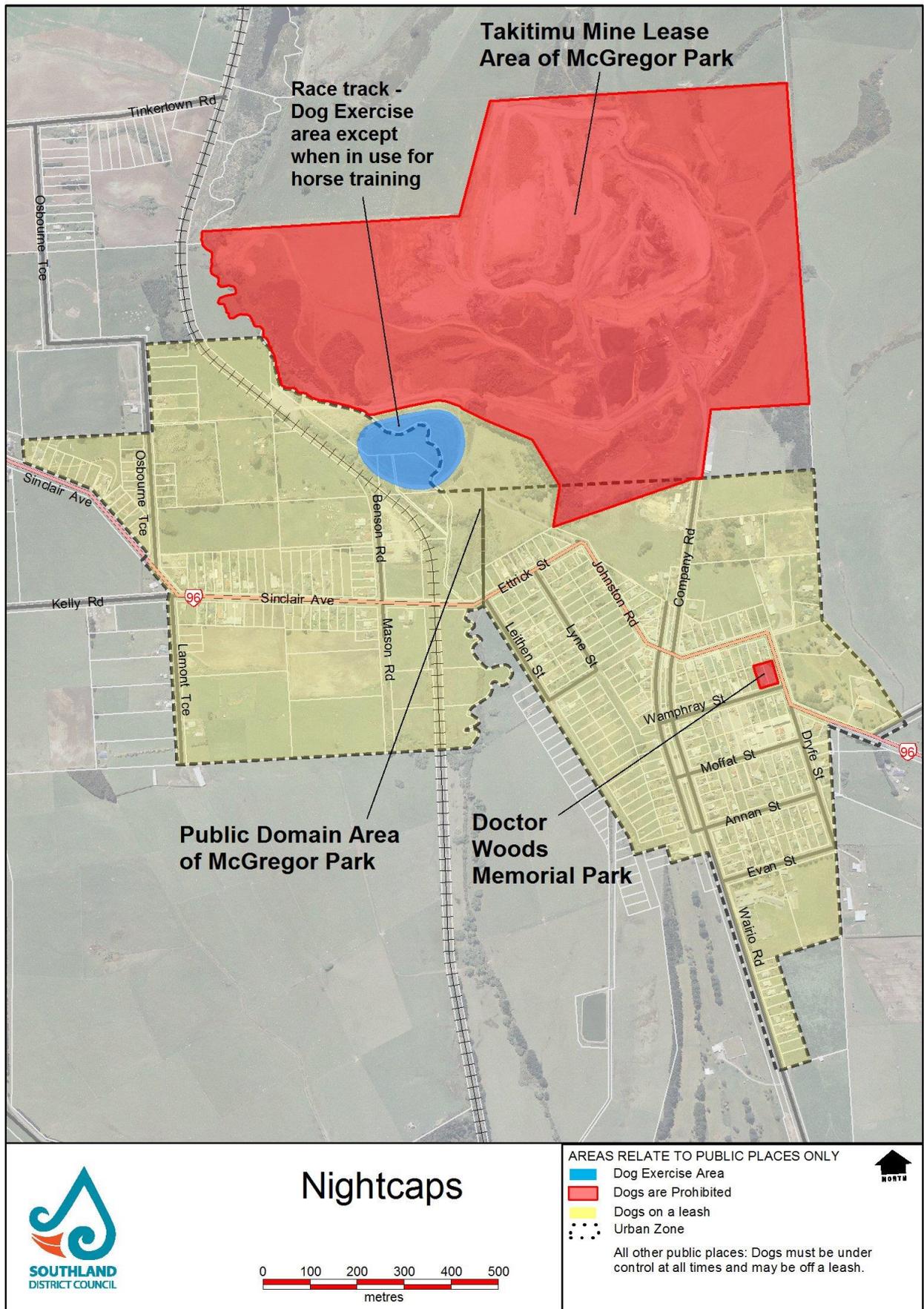


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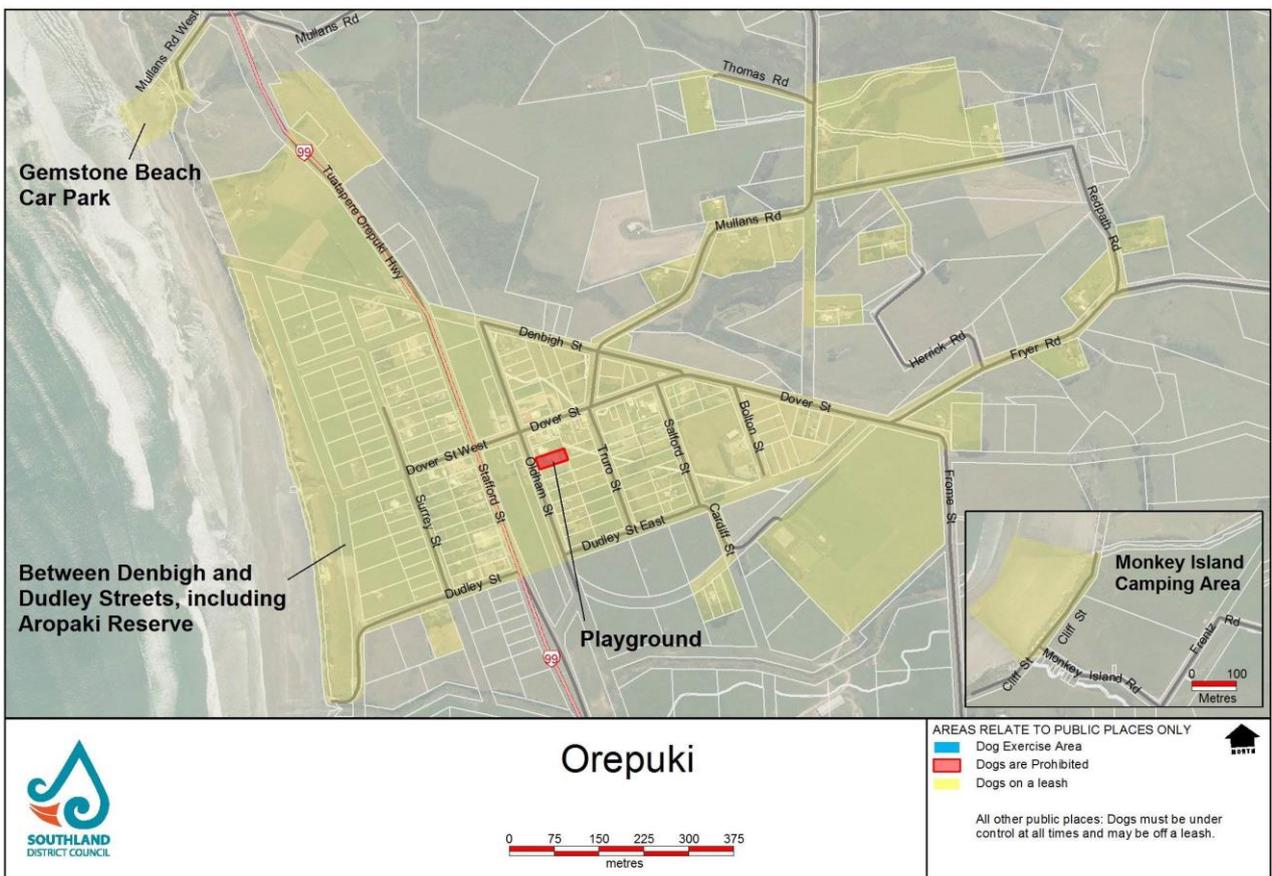
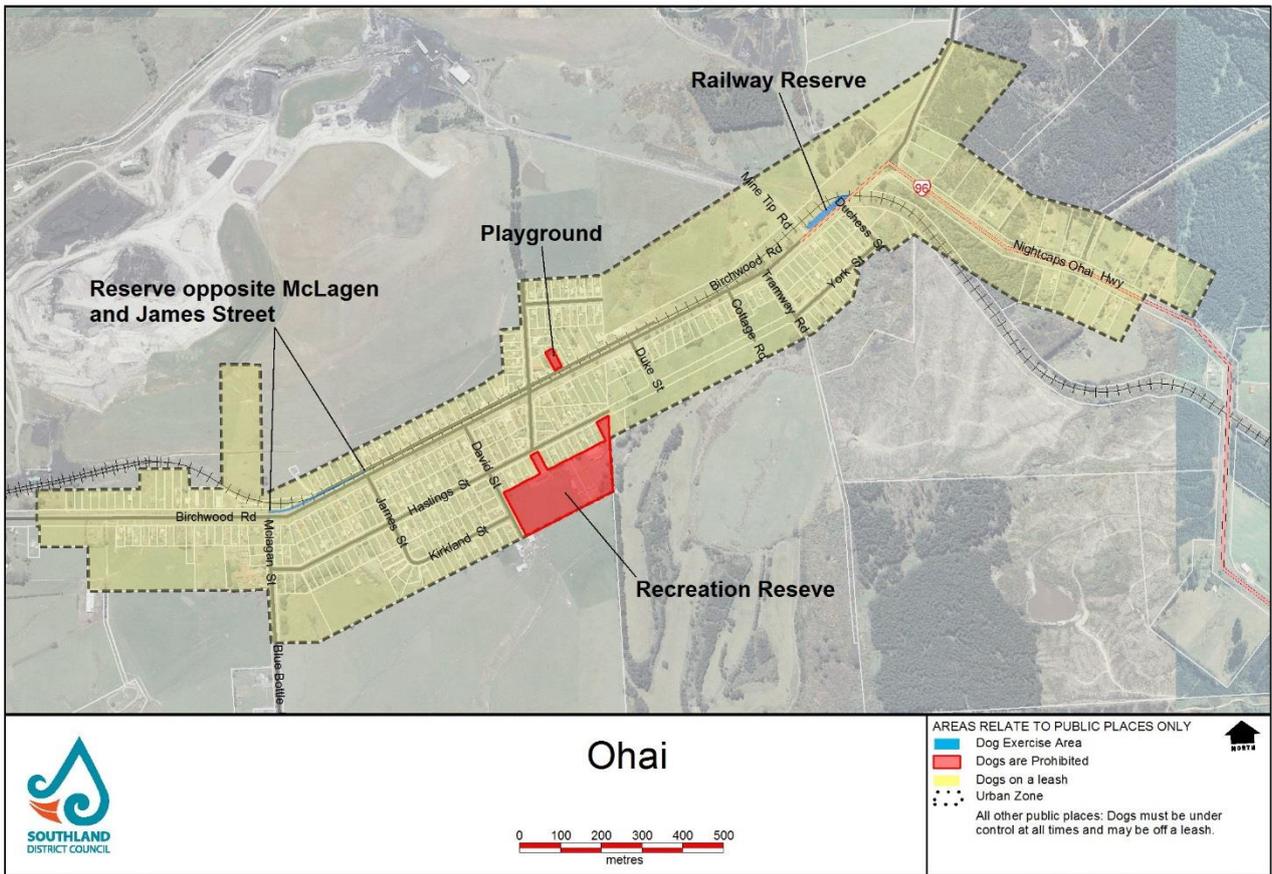
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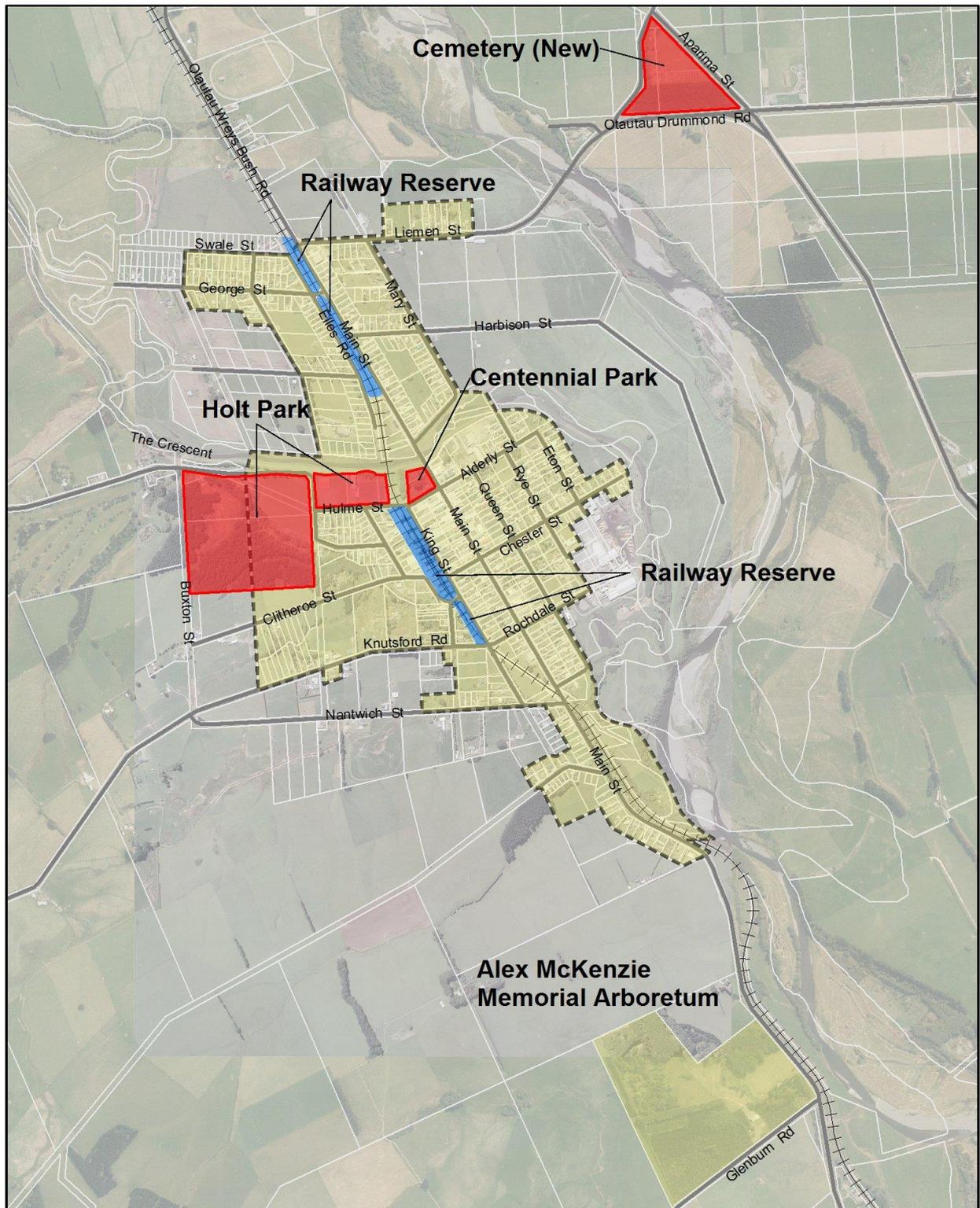
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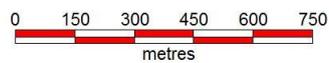
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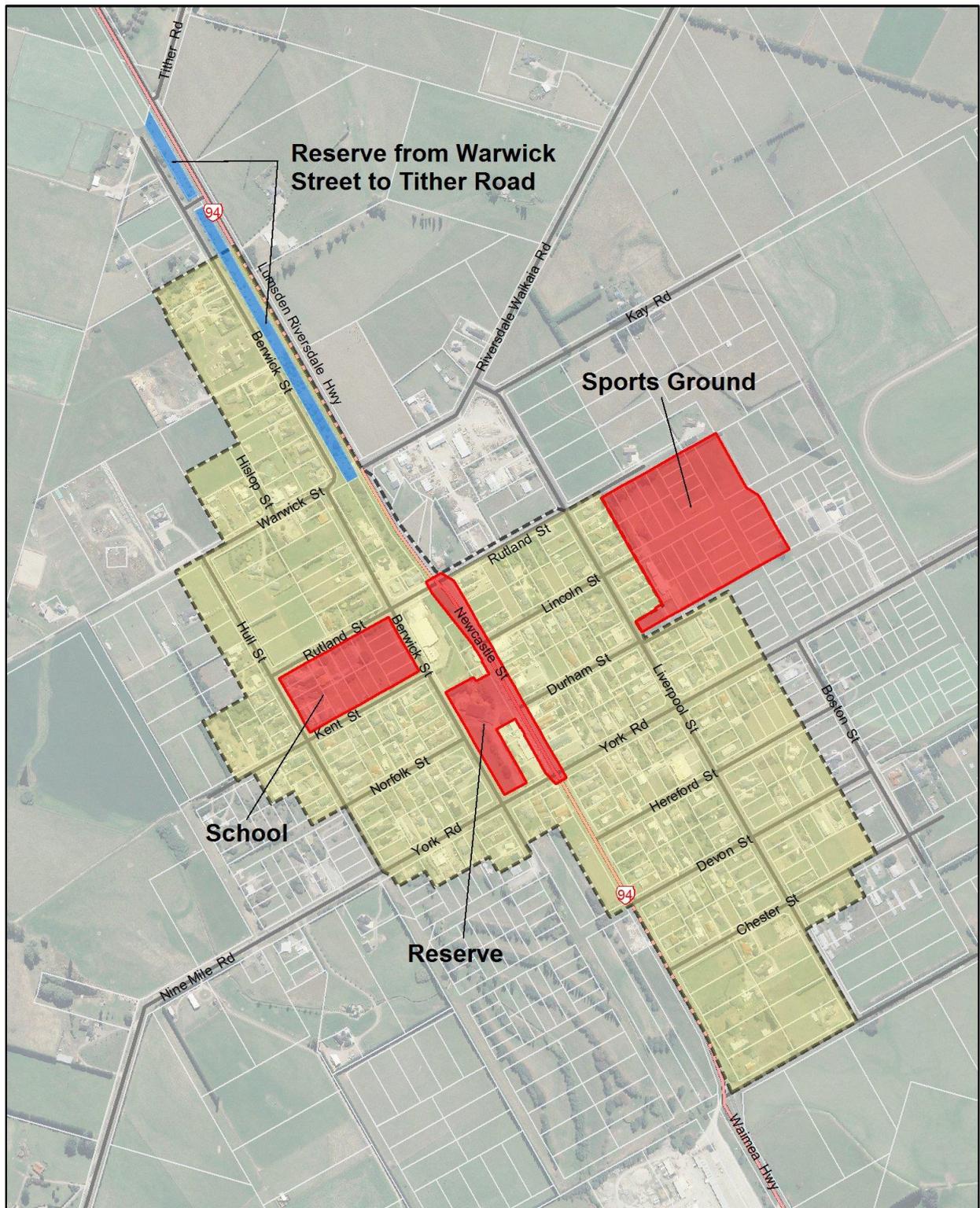


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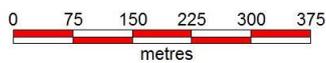
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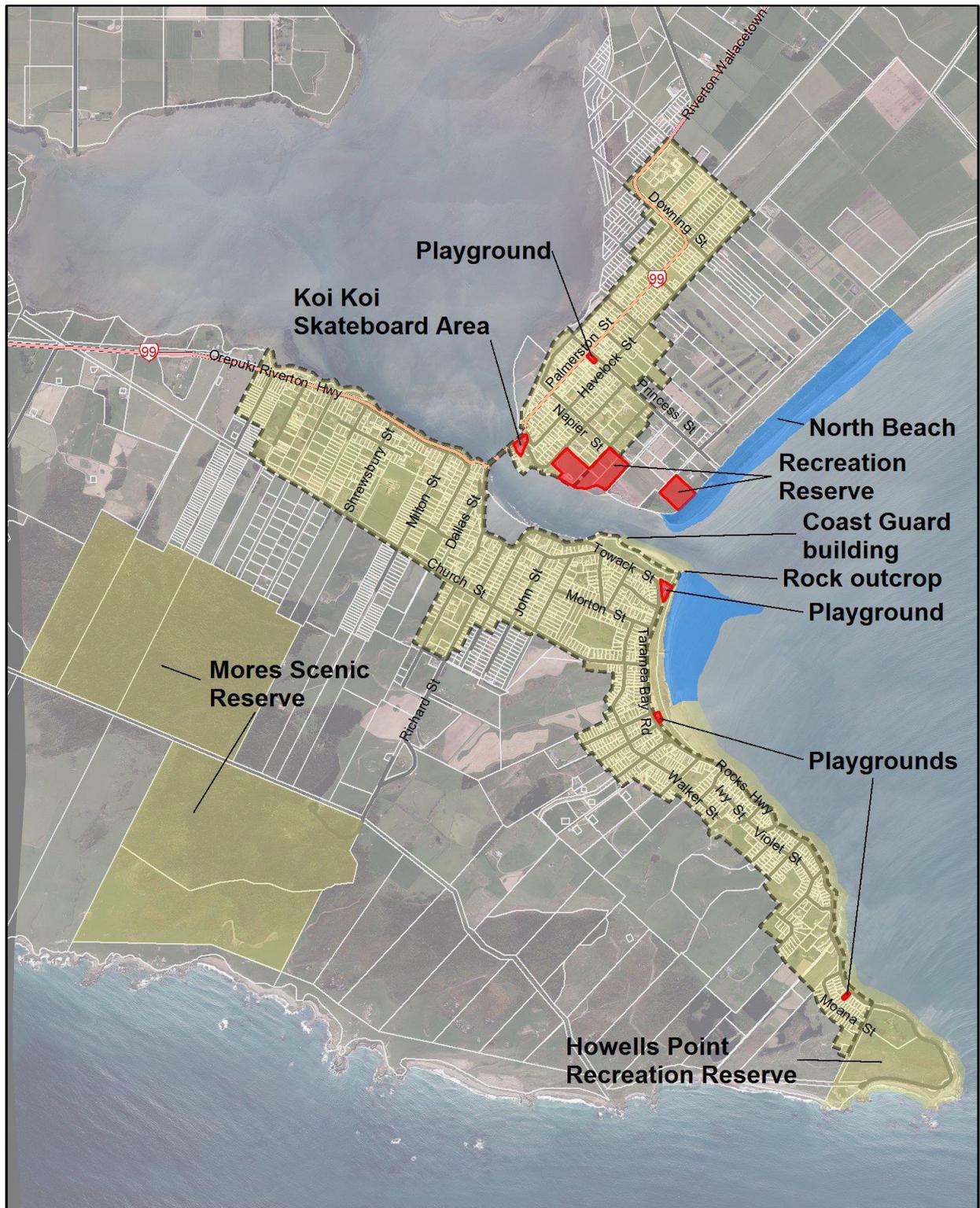


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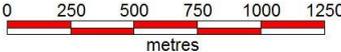


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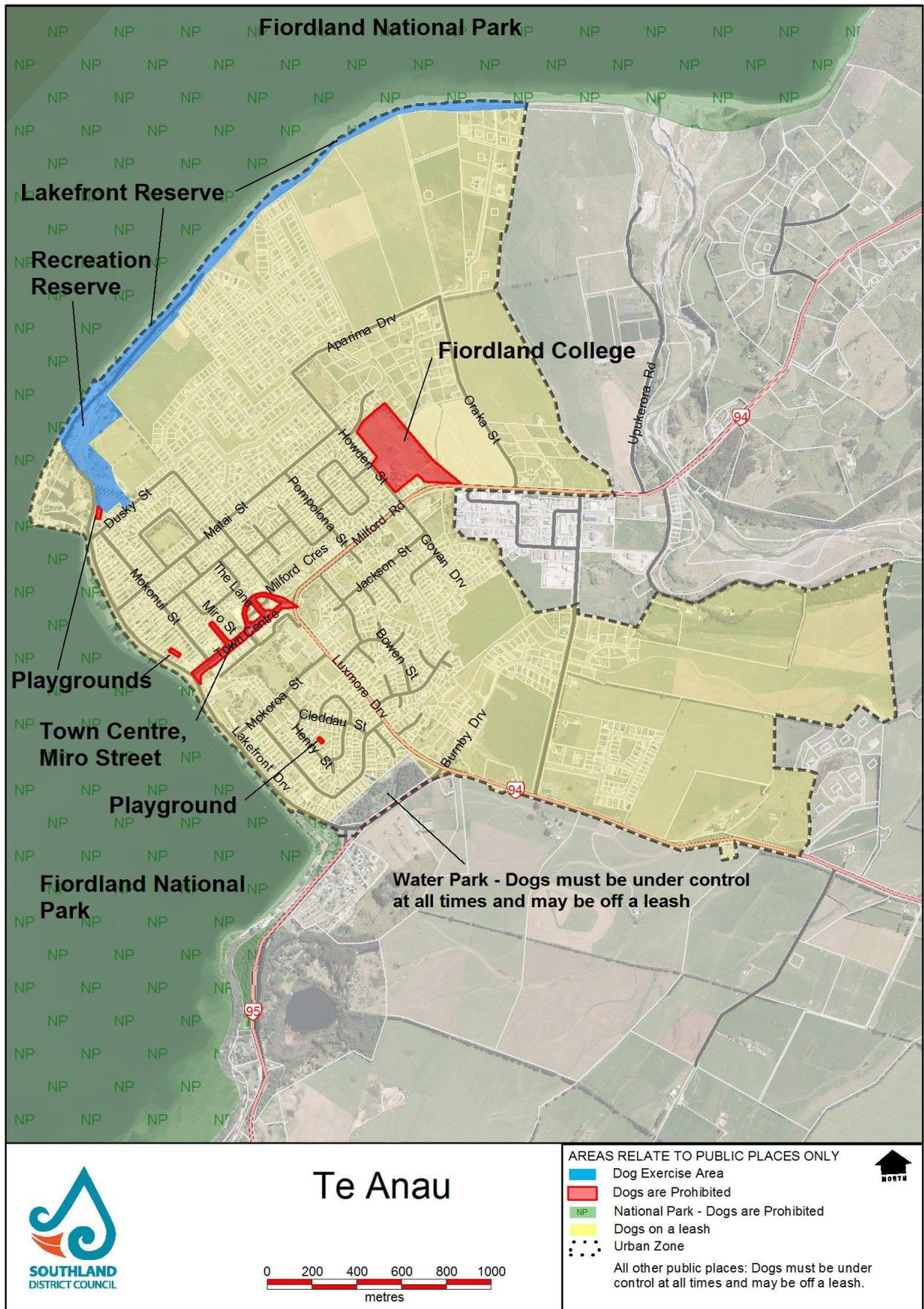


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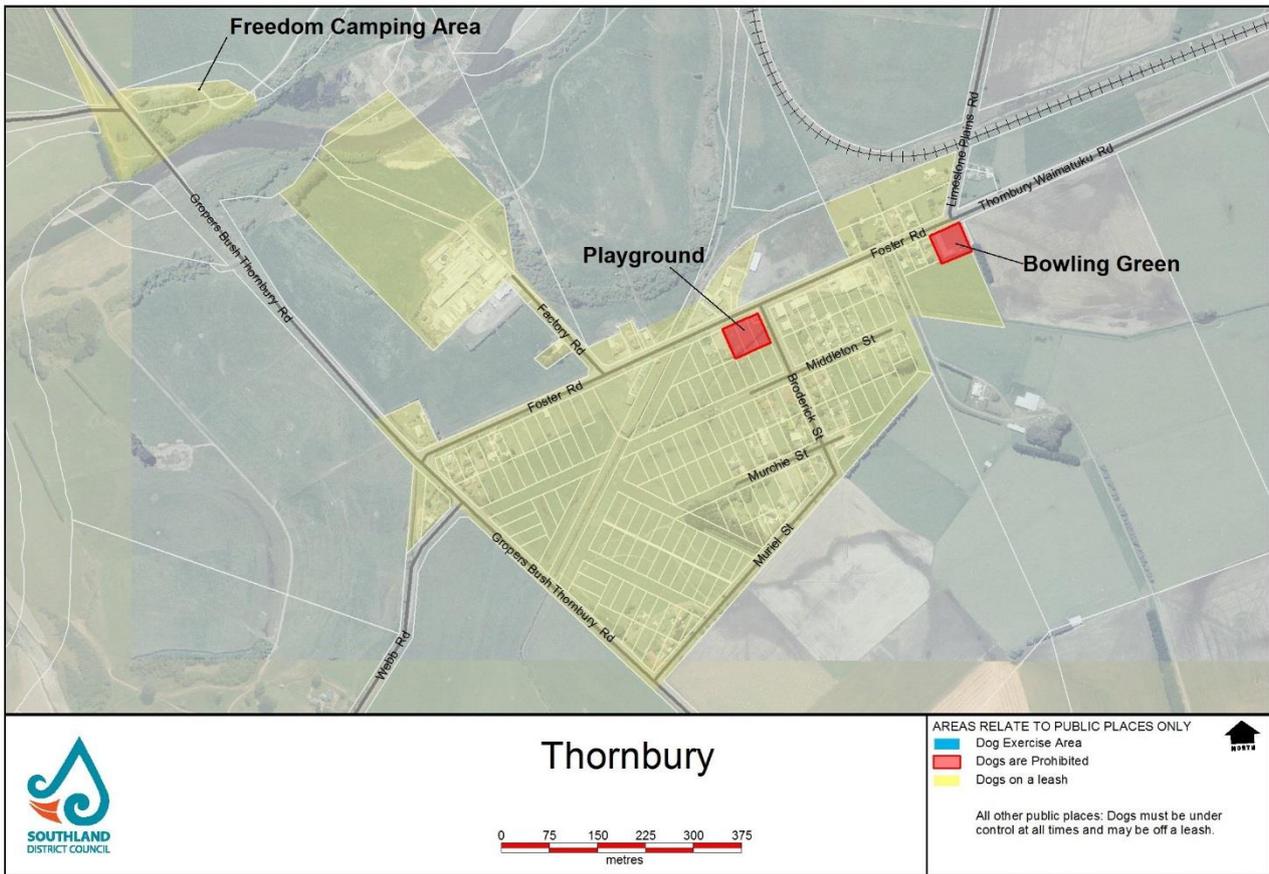
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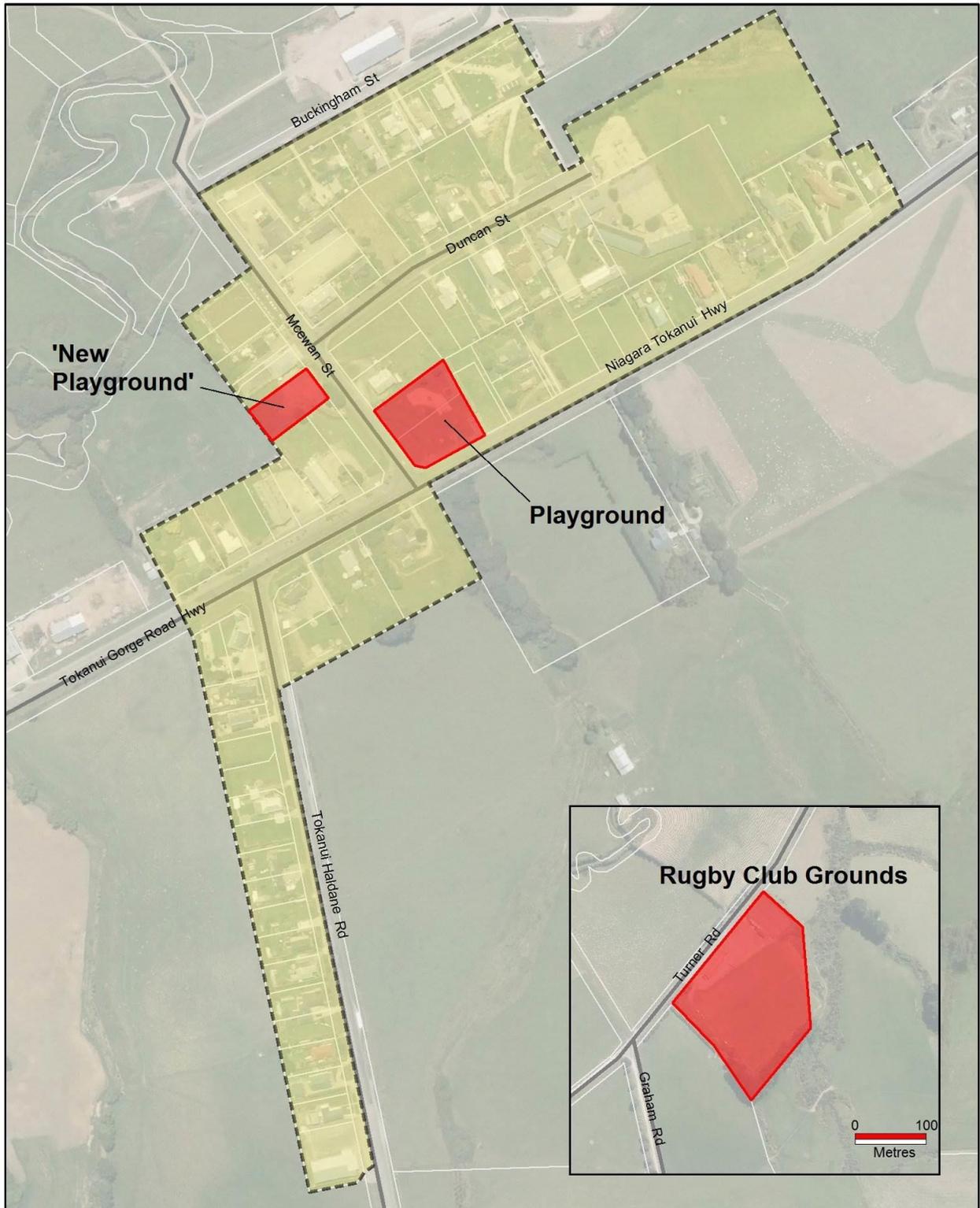
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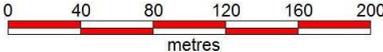
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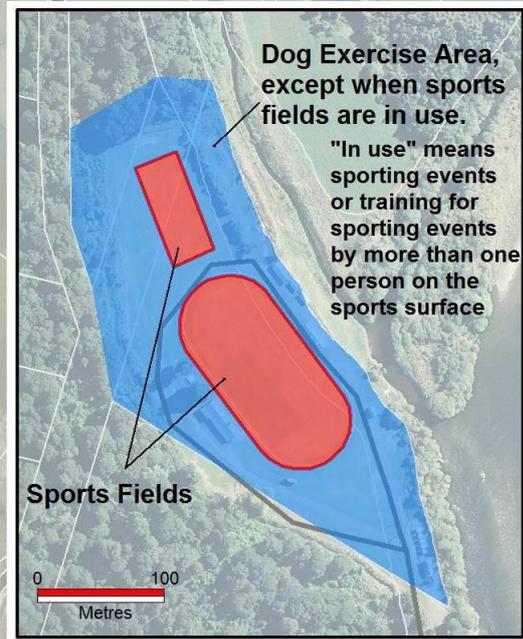
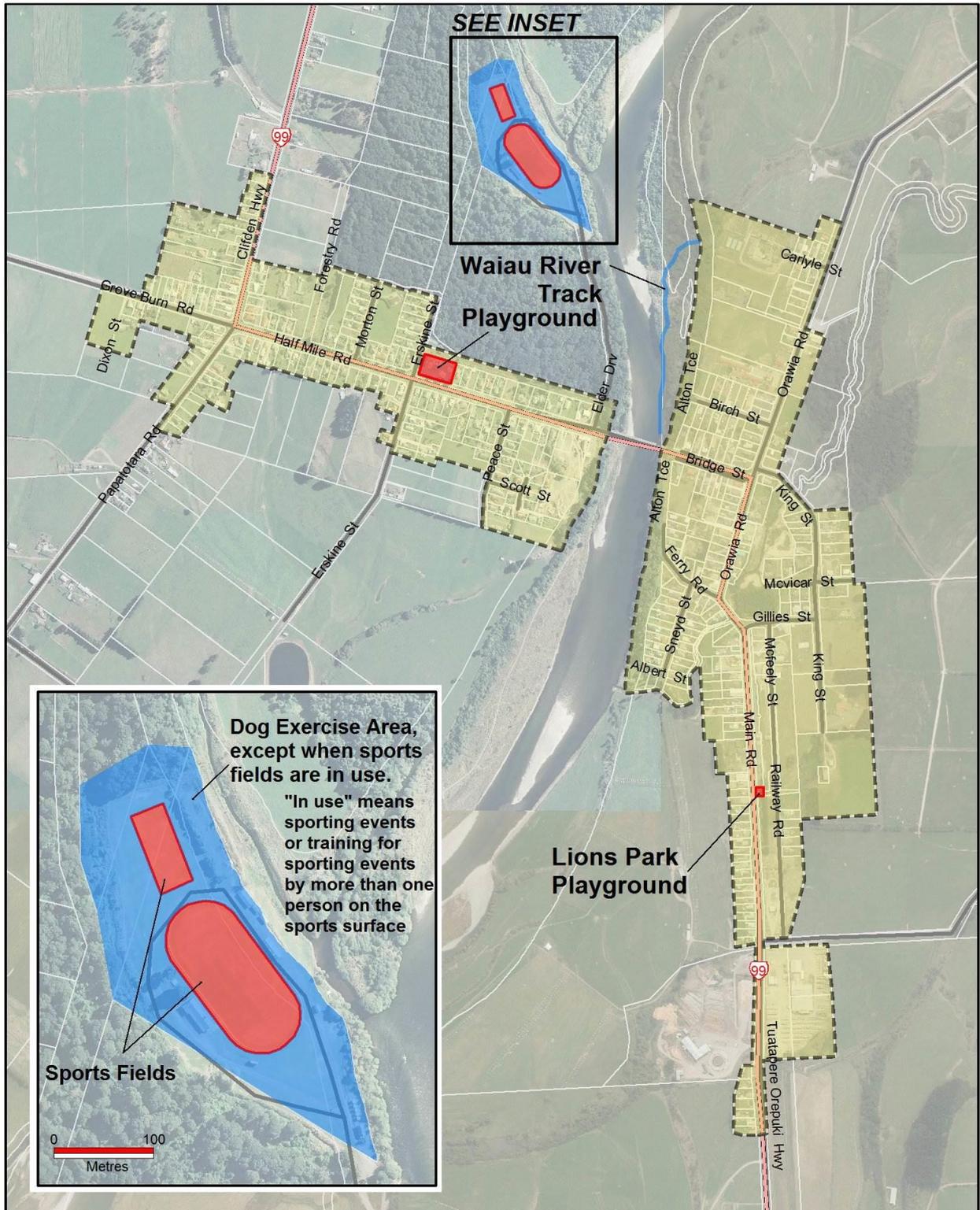




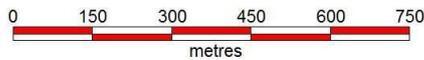
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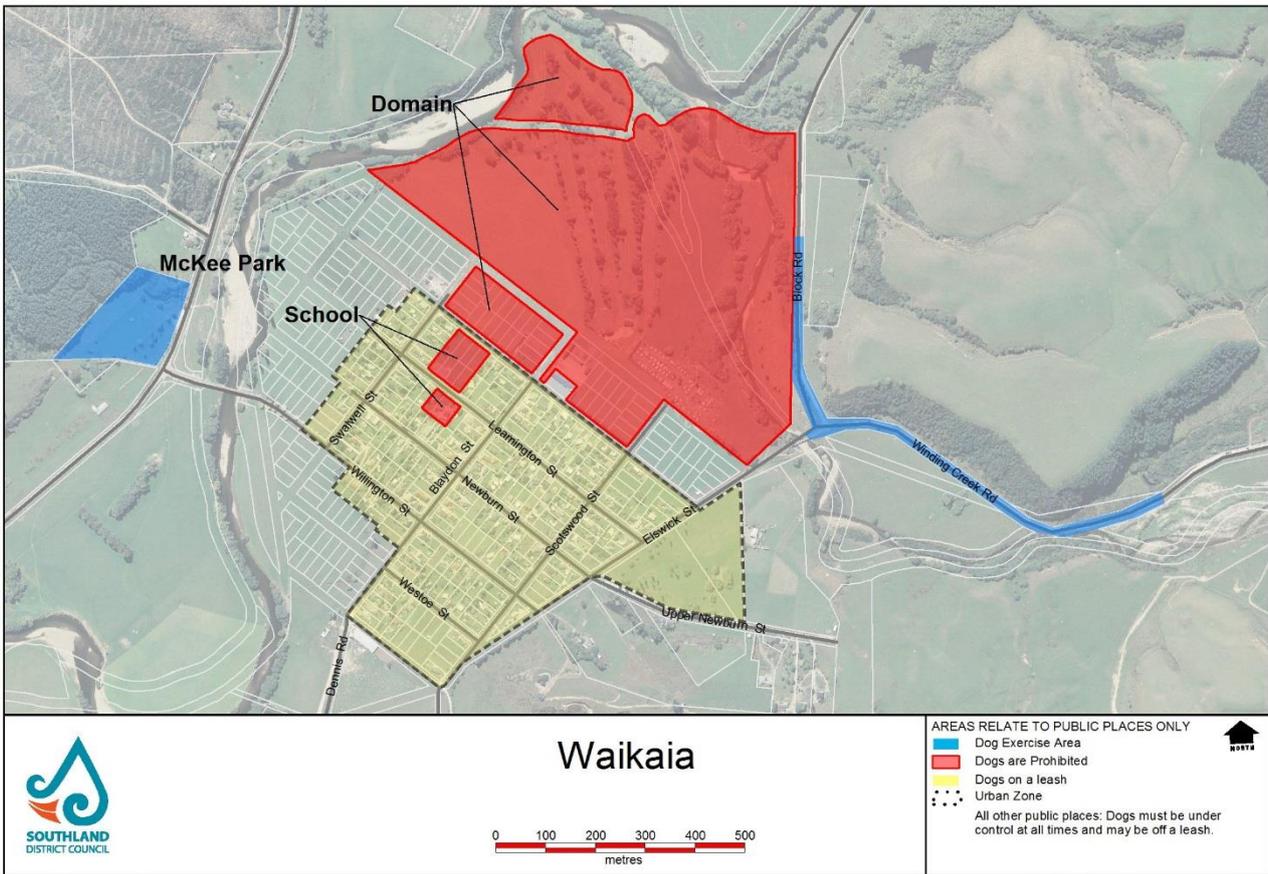


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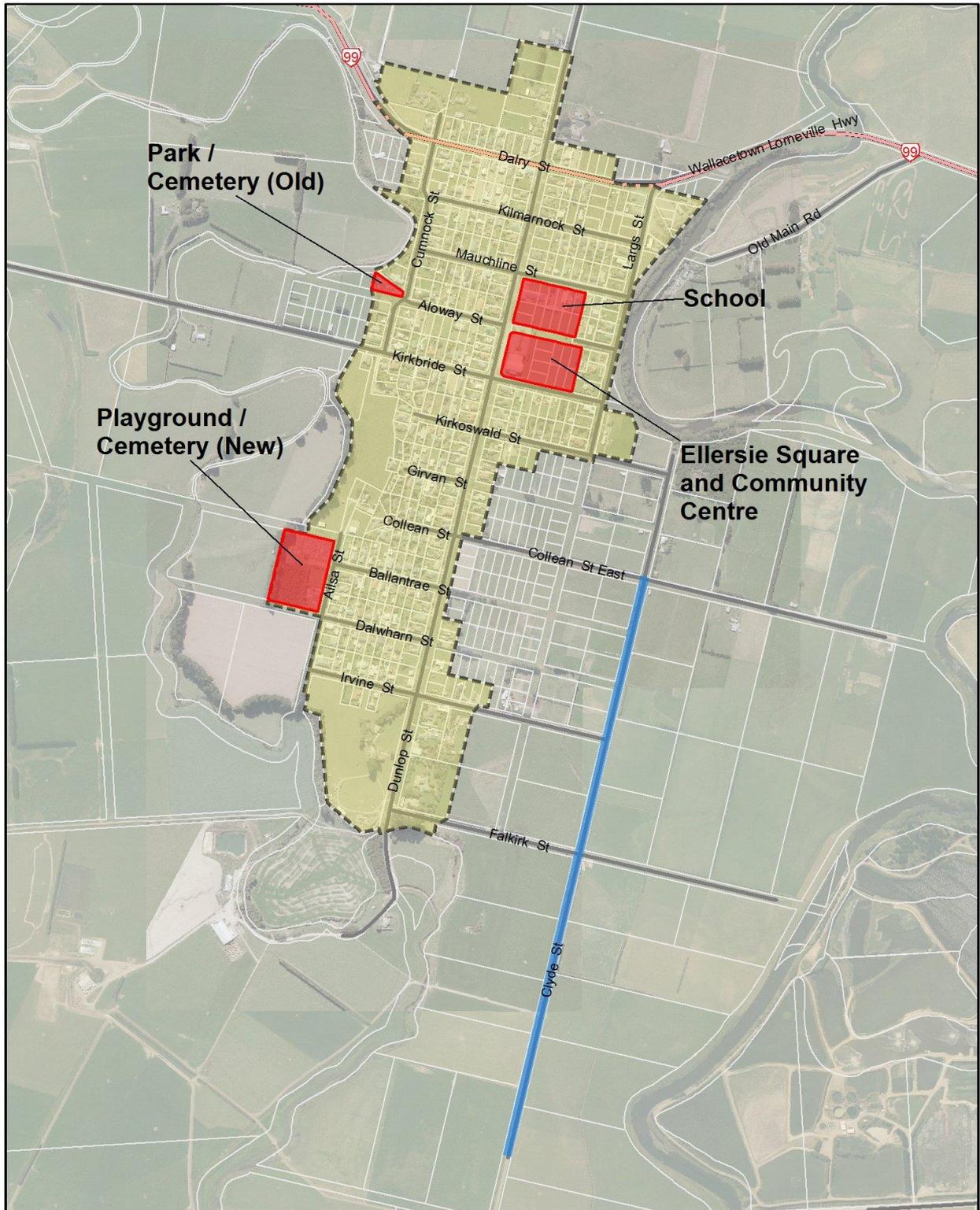


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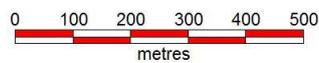


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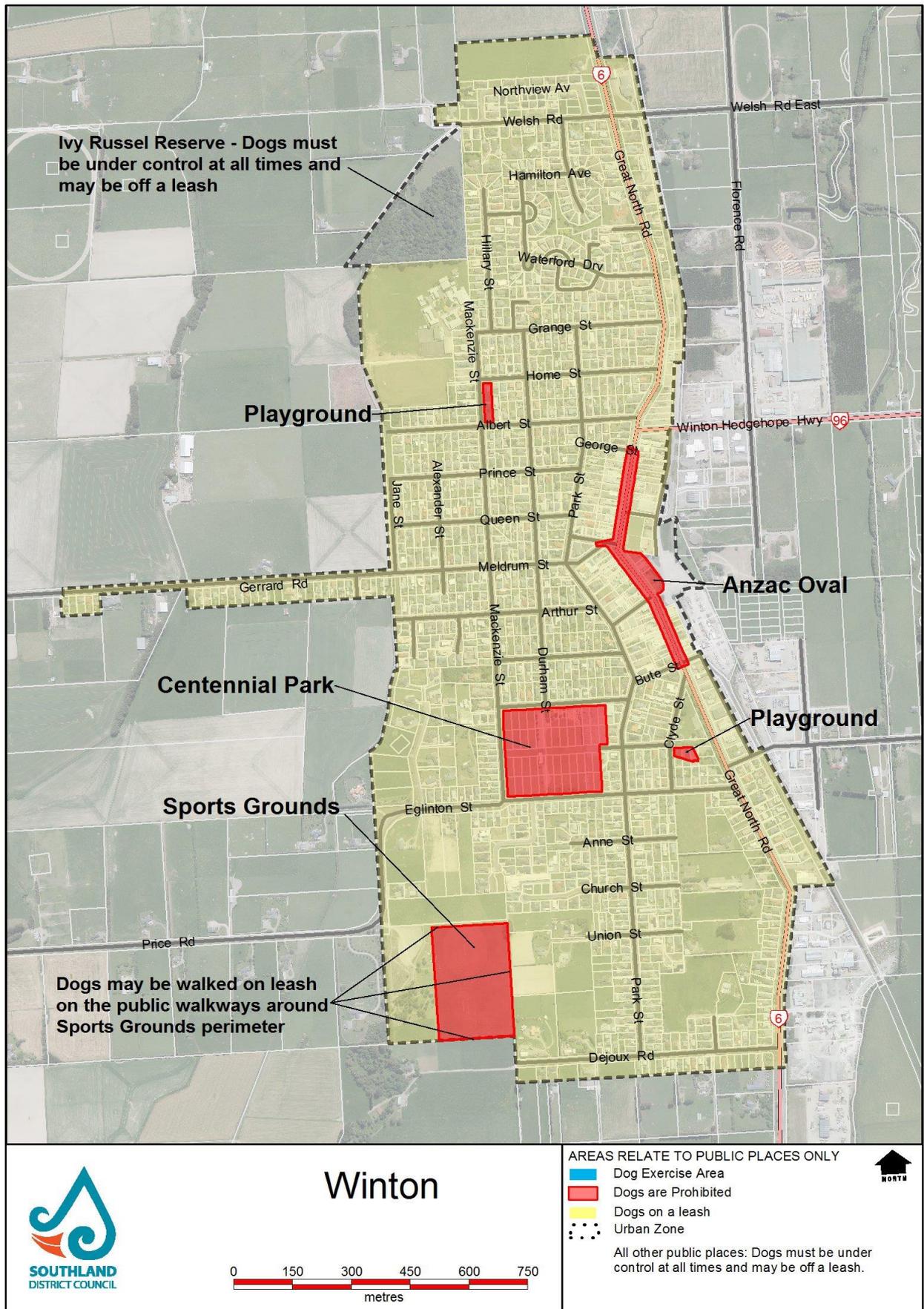


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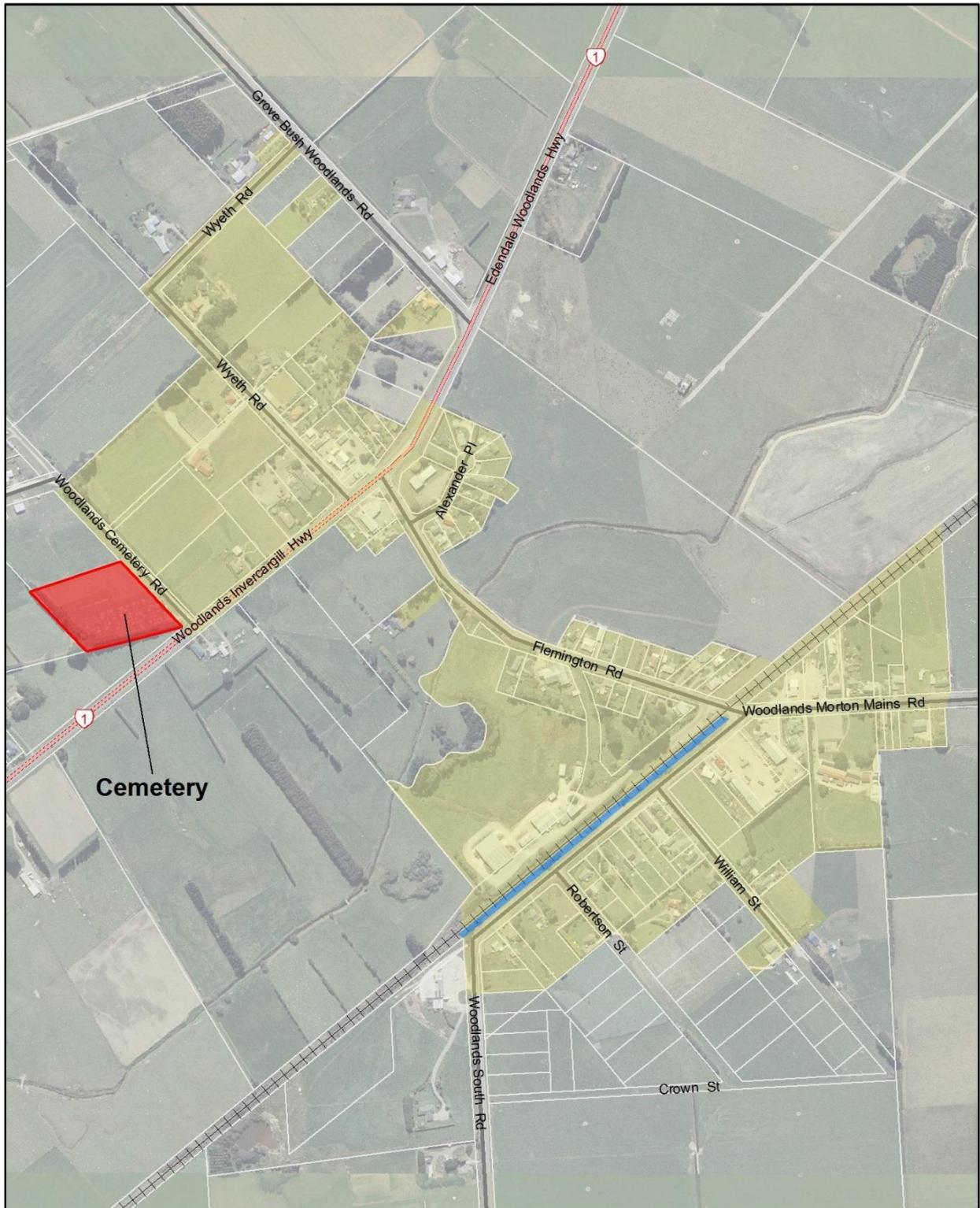
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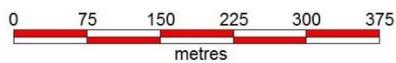
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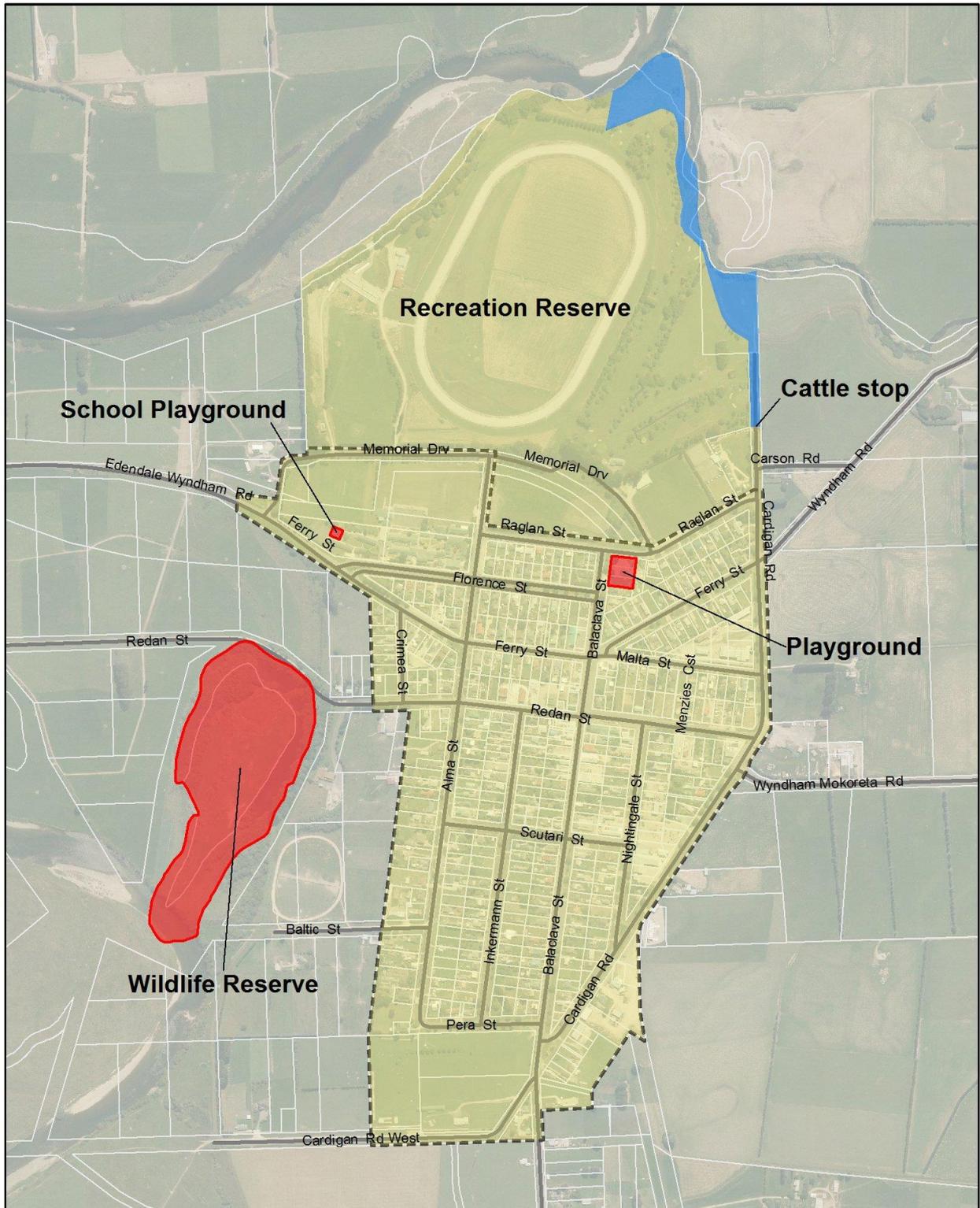


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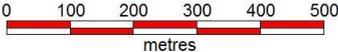




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