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Gathering at Narara

23rd May 2010

Welcome

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Flow of today's session

- Welcome, Housekeeping, Musical Pairs
- Quiet Reflection time - Photos of the land
- Vision
- History, Opportunity, Background, Philosophy
- Questions and comments
- Lunch and walk around the land
- 2.30/3pm depart Narara (latest)

Photos of the land

– taken out for website upload

www.maps.google.com

'Research Rd Narara' and click on 'Satellite'

Gosford Horticultural Research Institute



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**You must give birth to your images.
They are the future waiting to be born.
Fear not the strangeness you feel.
The future must enter you long before it
happens.
Just wait for the birth, for the hour of new
clarity.**

Rainer Maria Rilke

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Vision

We will research, design and build a stylish, intergenerational, friendly, demonstration ecovillage, near the coast and Sydney blending the principles of ecological, social and economic sustainability - good health, business, caring and sharing and other options that may evolve for our well being.

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Our project:

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History

- Ecovillage launch Nov 2006
- Set up Incorporated Association
- Looked at over 100 properties
- Feb 2008 visited this Narara site
Dave said: *'THIS is the Ecovillage'*
- Joint ventured with a friendly developer and set out a process to move forward
- The GFC and our developer's company went under

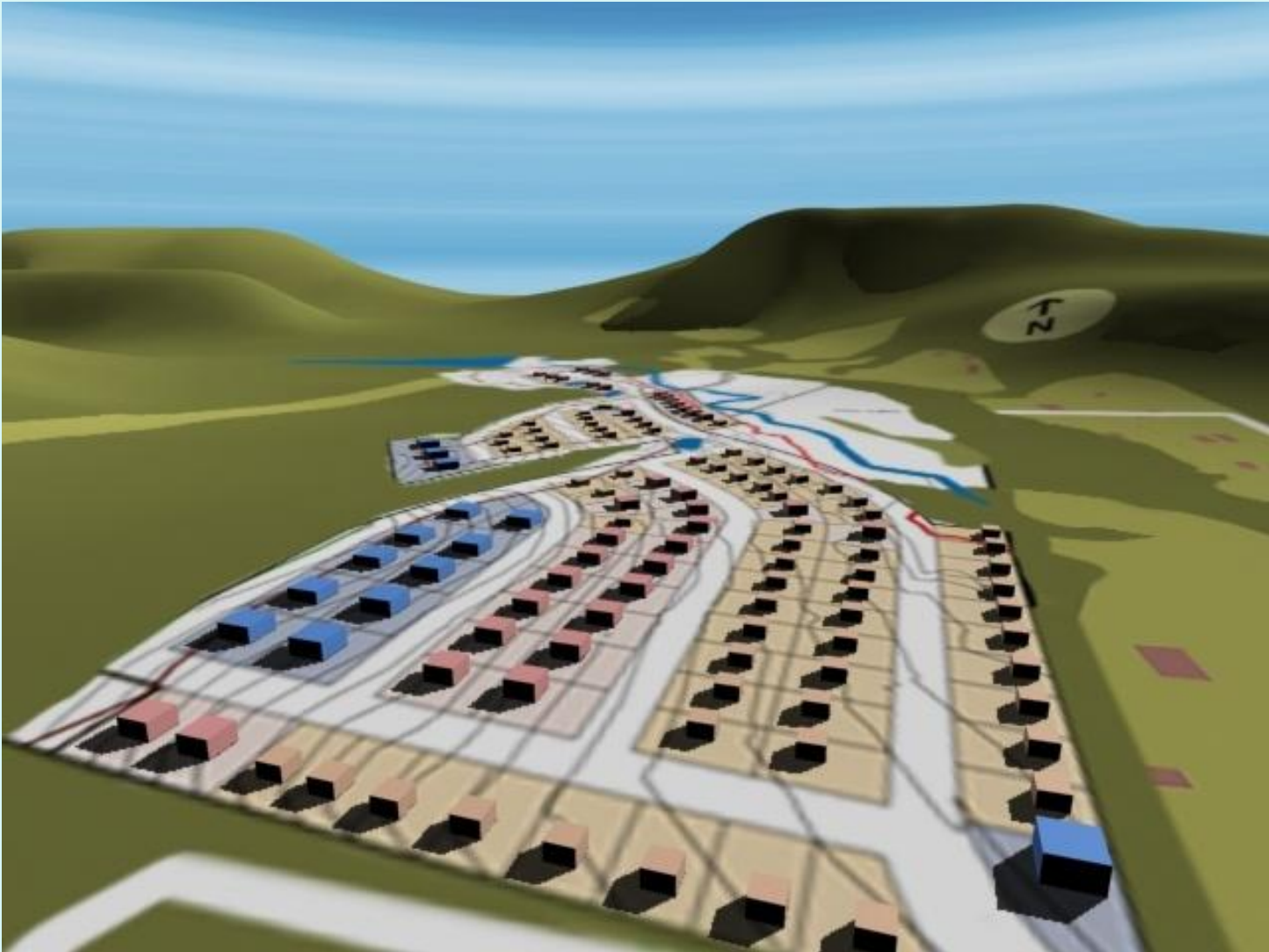
Opportunity Now

- Back on market with a new valuation, new agent, new sales process about to start
- We are talking to several developers
- Developers need us (cash, presales – 70%?) because banks don't like them as much since the GFC
- We need a developer - expertise, risk taking, guidance
- U.S.A.....DVD showing the power of a JV
- Various paths going forward: -> [us], us **with** developer, us **and** developer (diff π /return implications)

Background

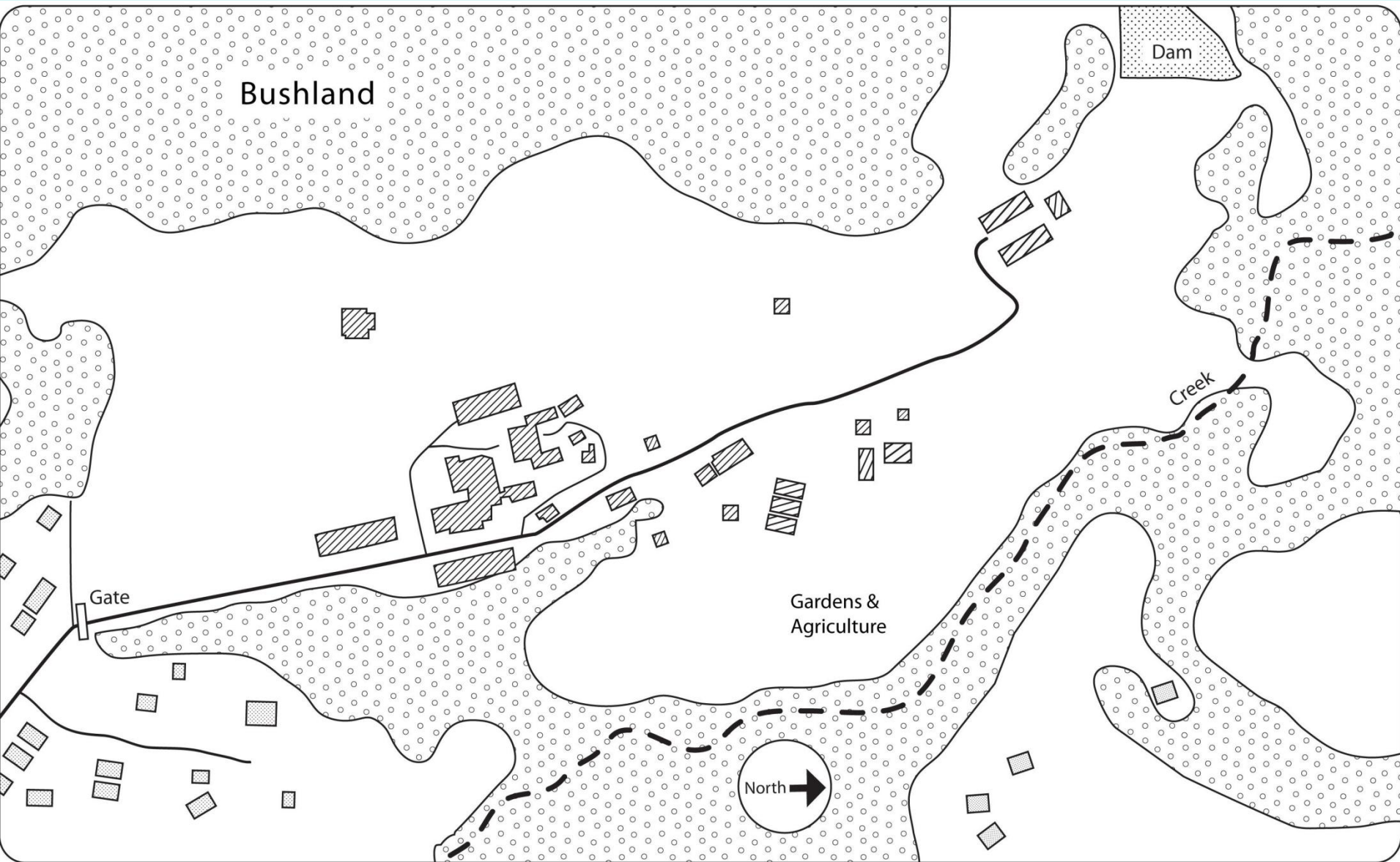
- The site is approx 63ha of which ~ 12 ha of land is zoned 2(a) to enable residential development.
- There is a site-specific Devt Control Plan (DCP) with guiding principles/master plan for a Development Application for 118 lots
- We would prefer a mix of housing from studio apartments through townhouses to single family dwelling → diversity, housing affordability, inclusiveness,

Current proposed layout



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Current infrastructure and buildings



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What this could look like – thanks again Tom

- 1 Main Plaza with Village Hall (inc. admin & business centre)
- 2 Music & Theatre Plaza
- 3 Arts & Crafts Plaza (inc. artists' workshops & gallery)
- 4 Motorpool / Car Park

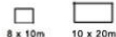
- 5 Workshop & light industry zone (inc. recycling, storage, machinery)
- 6 Gardens & Agriculture (inc. food market & storage, composting, sewage treatment)

- 7 Potential Water Quality Basins
- 8 Heritage Trail & Aboriginal Centre
- 9 Solar Farm
- 10 Village Green, tennis, sports
- 11 Camping area

- 12 International Accommodation
- medium to high density housing
●●●● cycle track to high school
●●●● cycle track to train station



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Other ideas: coffe shop, childcare centre, cycle shed, community hall & kitchen, notice board, bistro, B&B in houses, community accomm, gym, microsystem pool, housing centre, shops, amphitheatre, camp kitchen, BBQ



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Philosophy:

influenced by the work of
Corinne McLaughlin & Gordon Davidson

- Let's shift attention from what's dying to what's **being born**
- We are on a THRESHOLD – many old dysfunctional ways of doing things are clearly not working any longer. We are part of the **'Beginning Times'**
- **“Preserve the best and improve the rest”**
- Ecovillage is holistic - it's the whole orchestra!

Philosophy: (cont'd)

- Each of us is a very important 'instrument' with a unique purpose & function
- Think not of being 'extraordinary' (paralysing) but just '**extra** ordinary'let's tweak things - say 10%,20%?
- We are creating something special for our own lives that help others as well
- "Why not design what we want rather than adapt to what exists" LP

Philosophy: (cont'd)

- and for the Permaculturalists here today.....

“As the moldering garbage pile of old, limiting beliefs heats like a compost pile, you can smell the old odour of decay. The current upheaval is composting the old forms to nurture the growth of new forms carrying new light and vision” Corinne McLaughlin & Gordon Davidson

“Because we believe” Andrea Bocelli

‘Like stars across the sky

E per avvicinare

Tu dovrai vincere

We were born to shine’

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Questions/Comments
Closing Round