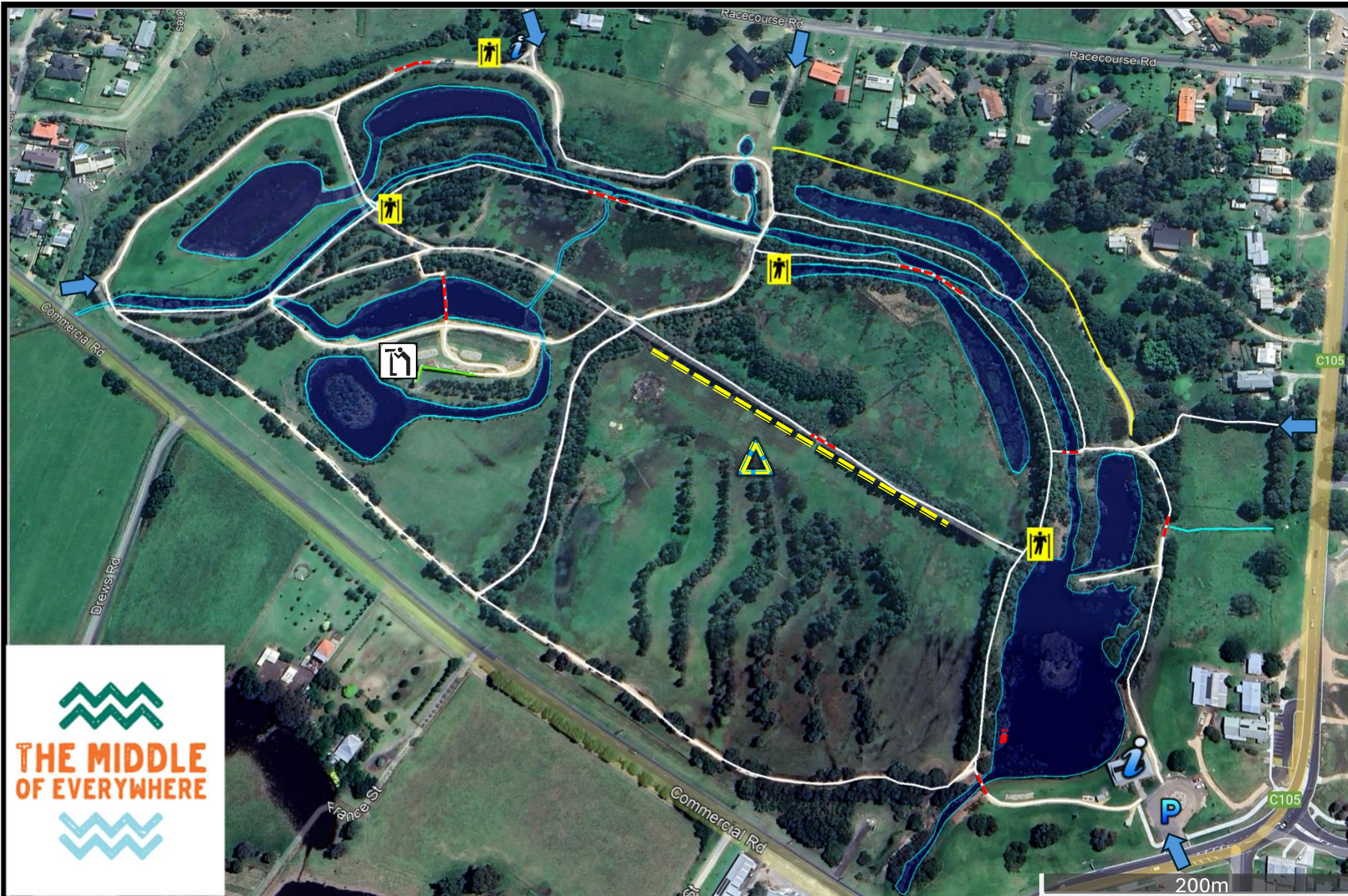


# HEYFIELD WETLANDS - VISITOR MAP



FROM RACECOURSE TO WETLAND

## Welcome to Heyfield Wetlands

27-HECTARES OF CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS ON THE THOMSON RIVER (CARRAN CARRAN) FLOODPLAIN WHICH PLAY THE IMPORTANT ROLES OF:

- Filtering water**  
The Wetlands capture and clear stormwater runoff before it flows into the Thomson River. Stormwater Control can also be internationally recognised Ramsar listed Clippard Lakes.
- Wildlife refuge**  
Large freshwater wetlands like these are rare due to land clearing and urbanisation. They are a valuable home for birds, fish, frogs, turtles and insects.
- Community enjoyment**  
This is a great place to enjoy walking and garden together for public events. Whilst groups can book other ways to learn about wetland plants and animals and help plant a tree.

**46 WILDS PLANTED**  
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TREES, UNDERWATER PLANTS AND MORE. THE WETLANDS HAVE BECOME A COMMUNITY FAVOURITE. WE'VE TAKEN A BIG STEP AND WE'VE TAKEN THE NEXT STEP.

**Then and now**

**Pre 1996**  
In the early 1990s a race track was built on the floodplain. The site was used for horse racing and a large area of the floodplain was cleared.

**Since 2007**  
In the early 2010s a team of ecologists and planners worked with the community to create a wetland. The site was planted with native plants and animals, and a walking track was built.

**Did you know?**  
The Latham's Snipe (*Chalcidophaps indica*), is a ground-dwelling migratory bird that travels to Japan and Siberia to breed, then heads back to Australia in the warmer months.

### LEGEND

- Walking Track .....
- Bridges/Board Walks .....
- Excersite® Exercise Spaces.....

- Viewing Platform.....
- Old Heyfield Racecourse Structures...
- Wetland Ponds.....

- Information Centre.....
- Wetlands Entrances .....

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