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Your reference

Our reference S18.1/BNC-Donview

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Dear Mr O'Brien

FORESTRY - DONVIEW CENTRE

As promised, I give below the information on the layout of the Donview Centre. The attached plan refers.

Panel 1 is an introductory panel, with a map of the forest, divided by colour to the four main stages - establishment - thicket - thinning - felling.

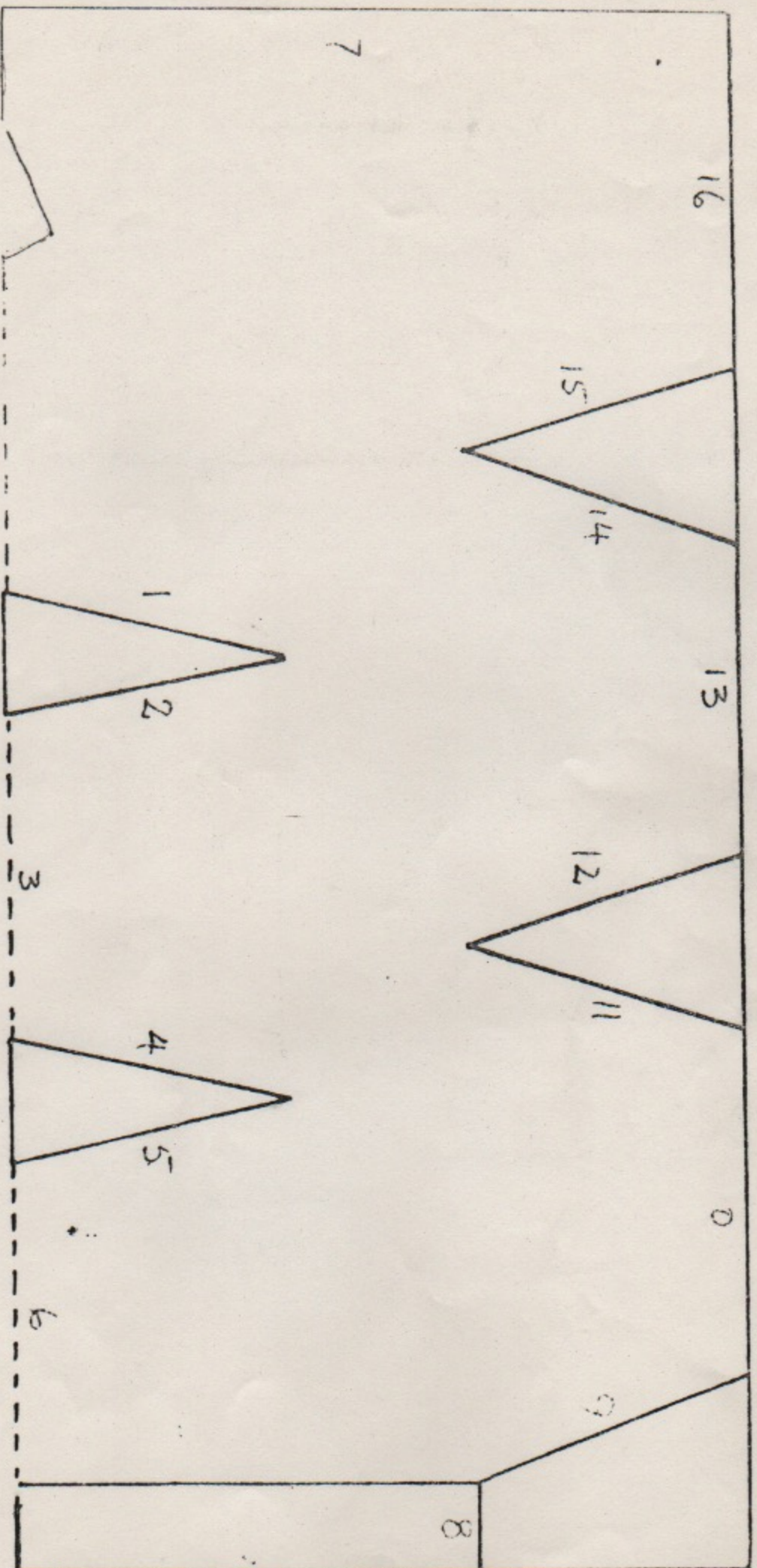
Panel 2 deals with fencing and ploughing, panel 3 with plants and planting, panel 4 with weeding and fertilising, panel 5 with forest protection, panel 6 with crop improvement, panel 7 (the east gable) is an exhibit on identification of tree species by the various parts. Panel 8 describes the walks outside the Donview Centre and is a small panel acting as a fill in. The next whole panel is panel 9 on thinning, panel 10 on cutting down the trees, panel 11 on extraction and hauling the wood to roadside, panel 12 on clear felling the final crop. Panel 13 is entitled "And so to market" and deals with the haulage and ultimate use of timber, while panel 14 is entitled "Back to square one" and talks about preparing the site for restocking by planting.

Panel 15 is entitled "For your enjoyment" and deals with some photographic excerpts from the forest walks in the vicinity, and 16 is entitled "Forests and the landscape" and deals with the main principles of landscaping plantations to harmonise with the countryside. This brings us right up to the west gable where there will be three pen and ink drawings depicting the life and times of previous dwellers and inhabitants of the Bennachie range. These comprise the fort dwellers, the granite workers and the squatters.

I have not yet had agreement from Mr Paterson about the numbered posts, or indeed any comment on the minutes of our meeting but will let you know if anything exciting occurs.

Yours sincerely

R J R Marnie
District Officer



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Scale: 3 cm to 1 meter