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RECOMMENDATIONS

SECTION I

The Toowoomba Regional Council Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan represents an opportunity for Council to maintain and build upon the Region's diversity of sporting facilities and recreation parks for locals and visitors.

Implementation of the recommendations outlined in this Strategy will require strong leadership, appropriate resources from Council and a commitment to making some difficult decisions.

The dominant theme that came through the range of consultation processes and analysis is that Council and the community are facing some significant costs in maintaining the current level of provision, let alone building more facilities. In essence, the focus of the Plan is to upgrade the existing facilities in outlying communities while looking to develop new large multi-use facilities in Toowoomba and near surrounds.

One of Council's key requests in the development of this Plan was the need to ensure it was realistic and achievable for the community and Council. As a result, a number of unactioned recommendations that were included in the sport and recreation plans of former Council's have not been included in this Plan as they would have created a long list of unrealistic community expectations. Similarly, the Plan includes a number of facility requests from the community and sporting clubs. While many of these requests have not been included in the recommendations they are listed in the Appendix and/or within the body of the document. In this regard, these requests may still, ultimately, be funded by Council and/or the State Government as priorities change or additional funds (from clubs, Council or the State Government) arise.

While this Plan presents a key guiding vision for Council, the Overlaying issue will be the capacity for Council and the community to fund it. Exact individual project timing will be dependant on the availability of necessary funding (be it from local clubs, Council, State or Federal Governments).

The Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan has been developed in conjunction with the Open Space Network Study. The two documents are inter-related and should be read together (where possible). For instance, the Open Space Network Study includes a snapshot of existing facilities and issues for every parcel of Council-owned open space, parks and sports facilities.

The recommendations of this study are detailed below and are grouped into four strategic areas. These are:

1. Viability of sport and recreation groups
2. Council policies, coordination and management arrangements
3. Maintenance and improvement of existing facilities and programs
4. New facilities, programs and initiatives.

Priorities are assigned for each action. A high recommendation should be undertaken as soon as resources allow while medium (in the next 5 years) and low priorities (in the next 5-20 years) are not as urgent. Indicative costs are provided for the total project cost (not necessarily Council's financial burden). More detailed costing should be undertaken for each project as its nears commencement.



Softball training at Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve

Viability of Sport and Recreation Groups

No.	Recommendation	Location	Priority	Activity Type	Facility Ownership	Potential Funding Sources
1	In conjunction with Sport and Recreation Services (Department of Communities), continue to deliver a sport and recreation conference (at least every two years). The aim of the conference should be to: • provide information and resource sharing • provide networking opportunities • open communication channels between Council, Sport and Recreation Services and sport and recreation groups • encourage education and training program co-ordination within the sport and recreation delivery sector • seek, reward and retain quality leaders and administrators. The forums could also provide a mechanism for Council and the community to monitor and evaluate policies affecting community-based organisations and help develop strategies to respond to emerging issues.	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	Sport and Recreation Services
2	Liaise with Sport and Recreation Services (Department of Communities) to improve: • knowledge of, and access to, funding opportunities • the co-ordination of an annual process for clubs to notify Council of changes to office bearers or their contact details. Details should be able to be made public to interested parties on Council's website. Further, Council should look to develop and use an email list to rapidly distribute information that may be of interest to sport and recreation organisations (e.g. announced funding programs, training opportunities).	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	
3	Develop a communication package from Council to inform club office bearers of key Council contacts, responsibilities and processes.	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	
4	Promote the quality range of sport and recreation facilities (State-wide promotion) and programs (local promotion) available in the Council area. For instance, outside shooting sport circles, few people know that Millmerran has one of the largest sporting shooters facilities in the State. At a more local level, a number of Crows Nest residents were not aware of the programs conducted at the Indoor Sports Centre.	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	Sport and Recreation Services

Council Policies, Coordination and Management Arrangements

No.	Recommendation	Location	Priority	Activity Type	Facility Ownership	Potential Funding Sources
5	Develop a consistent policy for fees, charges, maintenance and support mechanisms for community organisations/committees that reflects the income potential and community benefit of organisations. This policy needs to consider existing formal and informal arrangements and align them over time. It is important that any new maintenance arrangements are offered to sport and recreation providers rather than forced. (There are a number of community groups currently maintaining their facilities to an appropriate standard).	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	
6	Review annual budget allocations for sport and recreation purposes to ensure adequate funding is available for the development and management of facilities and program provision. Council funding should also be used to attract external funding from sources such as the Department of Communities. Additionally, Council should consider alternative funding arrangements to fund some of the new facilities and facility upgrades recommended in this Plan. For example, clear opportunity exists for Council to think outside its current policies to include approaches such as public/private partnerships.	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	User Groups Private Partners State and Federal Government
7	Council's <i>Matching Active Recreation Grants</i> budget allocation has not increased since it was first included in Council's budget in 2004. As this line item has proven very successful, Council should look to increase the amount available and ensure (at least) annual CPI increases. Further, the program should be reviewed with a goal of transforming the <i>Matching Active Recreation Grants</i> into a broader Council Grants Program for Sporting Groups. Once established this program should be widely promoted to all relevant organisations in the Region.	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	
8	Review and promote the achievement of the recommendations of this Plan annually and undertake a major review in five years.	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	
9	Council to review its role in rewarding outstanding sporting achievements across the Region. Council may take a more active role by supporting Sports Darling Downs (potentially allocating an Officer to sit on the executive and through sponsorship).	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	
10	Council to formalise and activate an Active Transport Reference Group to act as the lead advocate for cycling and pedestrian issues across the Region. Develop a Regional Cycle and Pedestrian Strategy.	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	
11	Continue to build upon existing partnerships with community organisations, Government Departments (Department of Communities, Queensland Health, Education Queensland) and professionals delivering recreation activity programs, information and advice to expand, target and promote appropriate programs (e.g. walking, community recreation, physical activity and school holiday programs).	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	
12	Ensure Council-wide acceptance that any future sport and recreation facility development or significant upgrades of existing facilities recognises the needs of residents with a disability (e.g. in wheelchairs).	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	
13	Look to promote more widely the existing showgrounds sites as potential venues for community sport and recreation activities.	Regional	High	Planning and delivery	n/a	

No.	Recommendation	Location	Priority	Activity Type	Facility Ownership	Potential Funding Sources
14	Encourage the continuation of effective communication channels with schools, particularly regarding continued community use of school facilities. Education Queensland's asset portfolio includes a range of facilities that can potentially be of benefit to the community. While many of the indoor sports halls being developed under the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution program will not be of particular benefit for club sport, they can play a role in provision of unstructured recreation opportunities particularly in outlying towns. Additionally, many primary schools have quality play opportunities.	Regional	Medium	Planning and delivery	Education Queensland	

Maintenance and Improvement of Existing Facilities and Programs

No.	Recommendation	Location	Priority	Activity Type	Facility Ownership	Potential Funding Sources
15	Asset management plans should be developed for all of Council's sport and recreation infrastructure across the Region. As identified in the snapshot Asset Condition Audit completed as a part of this Plan, many of these facilities are approaching the end of their existing useful life. This asset management plan will provide a program of works to maintain the asset in the most cost effective manner and will ensure that programmed maintenance, rather than reactive maintenance, is undertaken for all facilities. It is also important that the asset management plan reflects facility usage—Council should not pour valuable resources into facilities that are no longer required by the community.	Regional	High	Planning and Development	Council	
16	To commence asset maintenance upgrades, implement the recommendations included in the Asset Condition Audit.	Regional	High	Planning and Development	Council	
17	A number of sport and recreation facilities require Master Plans to guide future development. These facilities are listed below: • Wyreema Road Sport and Recreation Complex • Highfields (future) outdoor sports precinct • Highfields Aquatic Centre, Indoor Sport and Culture Precinct • Captain Cook Recreation Reserve • Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve • Rockville Park • Millmerran Recreation Reserve • Oakley sports precinct (rugby league, bowls and tennis) • Bridgman Oval • Gold Park • Errol Munt Sport Centre • Hodgson Vale Community Sports Club	Toowoomba Highfields Toowoomba Toowoomba Toowoomba Millmerran Oakley Pittsworth Toowoomba Yarraman Hodgson Vale	High	Planning and Development	Council (other than Oakley precinct that is private)	
18	Council to review the Sports Field Lighting Program across the Region.	Regional	Medium	Planning and Development	Council	
19	Continue to budget for and action the key recommendations contained within the Crows Nest and Rosalie Trails Master Plans (and key trails noted within the other existing Plans). Also, develop a Regional Trails Master Plan to guide networks across the Region (including particular consideration for a Highfields to Hodgson Vale trail along the escarpment).	Crows Nest Rosalie Regional	Medium Medium Medium (Regional Master Plan)	Outdoor Recreation	Council	Sport and Recreation Services Sport and Recreation Services

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20	Investigate the provision of alternative water sources for sporting facilities throughout the Region. Opportunities may include the use of recycled water in areas such as Pittsworth where steps are being taken to upgrade the quality of the recycled water so that it can be used for sports field irrigation. With ongoing drought conditions, it is imperative that, wherever possible, sports facilities are maintained as 'green oases'.	Regional (Pittsworth)	Medium	Sports Fields	Council	Sport and Recreation Services
21	Prioritise assistance to those organisations that have identified their needs in either this Plan or through other development plans lodged with Council or Sport and Recreation Services. A detailed list of upgrades is included below. Clearly, in many of the instances opportunities arise for joint funding between the clubs, Council and State Government.	Regional	Ongoing			
22	Develop lit cricket practice nets at Rockville Park	Toowoomba	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
23	Develop additional storage at Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve	Toowoomba	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Gambling Community Benefit Fund
24	Develop safety fencing along the back of the Nell E Robinson Park netball courts nearest to Carey Street	Toowoomba	High	Outdoor Courts	Council	
25	Develop a storage shed and covered area at the Nell E Robinson Park netball facility	Toowoomba	High	Outdoor Courts	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
26	Improve drainage at Kuhls Road and Kratzke Road ovals	Highfields	High	Sports Fields	Council	
27	Resurface the two ant bed and one grass court with synthetic courts at the Newtown Centrals Tennis Club	Toowoomba	High	Outdoor Courts	Council	Sport and Recreation Services
28	Resurface four tennis courts at Pittsworth with synthetic grass	Pittsworth	High	Outdoor Courts	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
29	Develop additional equipment storage at Kratzke Oval (erect a shed on the bottom oval and a demountable building on the top oval).	Highfields	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services Gambling Community Benefit Fund

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30	Upgrade the lighting at Ernest Peak Park to competition standard for cricket and rugby league	Toowoomba	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
31	Upgrade the clubhouse at Rockville Park. Review the need to either upgrade the clubhouse or demolish the clubhouse and rebuild it (investigate designs and costings as part of Master Plan).	Toowoomba	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
32	Develop additional storage and upgrade the amenities at Bridgman Oval (consider as part of Master Plan). Amenities upgrades should include an assessment of the showers in the changerooms that regularly flood the area when used	Pittsworth	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups
33	Upgrade the Oakey Federal Sports Field Complex (includes extensive clubhouse and field upgrades and realigning fields to meet relevant Australian Standards - consider as part of Master Plan)	Oakey	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
34	Enhance playing field lighting on the top oval at Gold Park	Toowoomba	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
35	Conduct a complete upgrade of the facilities at the Millmerran Recreation Reserve (field lighting, field surface, lit two net cricket practice facility and shade)	Millmerran	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
36	Develop a suitable cricket practice facility (lit three net complex) within Pittsworth (the preferred location is at Bridgman Oval (either replacement in the existing location or in the south east corner of the facility). Additionally, the cricket pitch at Bridgman Oval needs to be replaced	Pittsworth	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
37	Investigate opportunities to provide indented car parking along the western side of Boundary Road, Toowoomba (to assist in car parking during hockey fixtures and events)	Toowoomba	High	Sports Fields	Council Private (hockey facility)	
38	Liaise with the Toowoomba Motorcycle Club to investigate opportunities to upgrade the Club's existing facility but to also assess opportunities to expand the footprint of the current facility.	Toowoomba	High	Outdoor Sports	Private	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
39	Enhance the surface of the main arena at the Pittsworth Showgrounds to meet the needs of equestrian users	Pittsworth	Medium	Outdoor Sports	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services

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40	Extend the football clubhouse at the Nell E Robinson Park (include appropriate disabled access)	Toowoomba	Medium	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
41	Enhance car parking opportunities at Harristown Park	Toowoomba	Medium	Sports Fields	Council	
42	Upgrade the amenities facilities at Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve	Toowoomba	Medium	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups
43	Develop a lit multi-purpose court at Wylahra Grove community centre	Millmerran	Medium	Outdoor Courts	Private	User Groups Gambling Community Benefit Fund/ Sport and Recreation Services
44	Develop four additional hard courts at the Nell E Robinson Park netball facility	Toowoomba	Medium	Outdoor Courts	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
45	Develop additional lighting and water points at the Captain Cook Recreation Reserve BMX facility (consider as part of Master Plan)	Toowoomba	Medium	Outdoor Sport	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
46	Assist the Bunkers Hill Primary School to completely enclose the indoor sports hall and investigate opportunities to guarantee appropriate community access	Westbrook	Medium	Indoor Sports	Education Queensland	Education Queensland
47	Irrigate Kuhls Road Oval (investigate options of reusing the decommissioned bore on site and develop additional equipment storage)	Highfields	Medium	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services Gambling Community Benefit Fund
48	Extend, irrigate and light the bottom oval at Gold Park. Additionally, consider appropriate treatment of the bank between the top and bottom ovals (consider as part of Master Plan)	Toowoomba	Medium	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services

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49	Develop a synthetic javelin run-up and additional shade at the O'Quinn Street Oval	Toowoomba	Medium	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Gambling Community Benefit Fund/ Sport and Recreation Services
50	Investigate opportunities to provide additional formalised car parking at the 'bottom' of the Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve off Kearney Street	Toowoomba	Medium	Sports Fields	Council	
51	Investigate opportunities to develop a permanent unisex toilet at Jubilee Park	Toowoomba	Medium	Outdoor Sport	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
52	Resurface two of the existing tennis courts at the Clifton and District Tennis Club	Clifton	Low	Outdoor Courts	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
53	Replace the grandstand and extend the clubhouse at Gold Park (consider as part of Master Plan)	Toowoomba	Low	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
54	Develop playing field lights at Bridgman Oval (consider as part of Master Plan)	Pittsworth	Low	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
55	Develop additional skinned diamonds, tiered seating facing the main touch fields and a deck extension off the western side of the touch clubhouse at Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve (consider as part of Master Plan)	Toowoomba	Low	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
56	Upgrade the facilities at the Southbrook Recreation Reserve (remove unnecessary buildings, replace tennis lighting and repair the clubhouse)	Southbrook	Low	Sports Fields	Council	Sport and Recreation Services
57	Enhance car parking opportunities at Rockville Park (consider as part of Master Plan)	Toowoomba	Low	Sports Fields	Council	
58	Enhance car parking opportunities at Middle Ridge Park	Toowoomba	Low	Sports Fields	Council	
59	Develop tiered spectator seating on the western side of the Captain Cook Recreation Reserve BMX facility (consider as part of Master Plan)	Toowoomba	Low	Outdoor Sport	Council	User Groups

No.	Recommendation	Location	Priority	Activity Type	Facility Ownership	Potential Funding Sources
60	Upgrade the Crows Nest cricket ground surface	Crows Nest	Low	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
61	Council has developed a number of skate parks across the Region. Most of these facilities are very well used and key youth hubs. However, with this use comes the need for regular maintenance and upgrades. Many of the skate parks require concrete extensions to limit erosion and soil (and rocks) being washed into the facility. Andrews Street Park (Toowoomba) - construct additional seats and shade nearer the skate facility Cambooya Skate Facility - consider providing additional skate elements Captain Cook Skate Facility (Toowoomba) - move (or remove) the grind rail in the 'landing zone' at the eastern end nearest the picnic facility - look to expand the park to the south - develop a permanent shade structure over the facility Chalk Drive Skate Park (Toowoomba) - replace the coping on the small spine - ensure the ends of all coping are capped - develop elements on the northern side - replace the damaged signage Clifton Skate Facility - consider providing additional skate elements Crows Nest Skate Facility - fix the moveable elements to the slab - consider rebuilding the facility as a concrete facility East Creek Skate Facility (Toowoomba) - ensure all coping is appropriately capped - ensure smooth transitions between concrete slabs Harlaxton Park (Toowoomba) - construct additional seating in the shaded area Highfields Skate Facility (also see Recommendation 82) - extend the concrete at the top of the park nearest the indoor centre and construct a low curb to hold back the crusher dust - look to extend the facility toward the aquatic centre - construct additional seating near the skate facility	Regional	High	Outdoor Recreation	Council	

No.	Recommendation	Location	Priority	Activity Type	Facility Ownership	Potential Funding Sources
	Hillview Park (Toowoomba) - remove this facility Kingsthorpe Skate Facility - construct additional seats and shade - consider removing the pipe fence along the edge of the skate facility Meringandan Skate Facility - construct additional seating and shade nearer to the skate facility Millmerran Skate Facility - re-align in-ground irrigation to avoid over-spray onto skate area Oakey Skate Facility - backfill erosion at each end of the facility - consider constructing an additional concrete run-off at the southern end of the facility Pittsworth Skate Facility - backfill erosion and extend concrete run-off pads - consider a small extension to the eastern side of the facility to limit the potential impact of falling off the highest fun box Quinalow Skate Facility - turf the newly established gravel area near the skate facility Wine Drive Park (Toowoomba) - develop additional shaded seating near the skate facility - consider expanding the skate facility in the medium-to long-term Wyreema Skate Facility - construct shade, additional seating and a water point - liaise with youth to investigate relocating dirt jumps nearer to the skate facility Yarraman Skate Facility - extend concrete over dirt patches on highway side of the facility - construct additional shade and seating - at the town end of the facility extend the concrete to link with the existing concrete path.					
	Additionally, opportunity exists to further develop the northern side of the Chalk Drive facility with additional skate elements and lighting. This facility should function as Council's regional skate destination. Finally, given the high use they receive, Council should develop a Regional Skate Strategy (and conduct a complete audit of all of its skate facilities to ensure highest safety standards are maintained).		Medium High			Sport and Recreation Services

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62	Each Council pool is considered a key recreation facility at its location. Council should consider a range of upgrades across the pool network. Council is currently enhancing the sustainability of its pools its pools via the Sustainable Pool Strategy. Cecil Plains Memorial Pool (no immediate upgrade requirements) • upgrade changerooms and kiosk • convert the pool to wet deck Clifton Municipal Pool: • upgrade pool heating (to be completed as part of Sustainable Pools Strategy) • enhance walk-in access into the pool for elderly users • upgrade the changerooms • develop additional recreation elements Crows Nest and District Pool • develop walk-in access into the pool for elderly users • provide additional shade at the pool • develop a hydrotherapy pool (low - unless private funding can be raised to fund the majority of the project) Highfields Aquatic Centre • semi-enclose the pool (and move to year-round operation) • construct a large covered barbecue area • develop an additional learn-to-swim pool on the area toward the existing skate facility Jondaryan Shire War Memorial Pool (see Recommendation 87) Millmerran Olympic Pool • upgrade changerooms and kiosk • develop a learn-to-swim/hydrotherapy pool Milne Bay Aquatic Centre • rebuild changerooms • resurface flooring Pittsworth Civic Pool (see Recommendation 84) Yarraman Recreation Centre • upgrade the amenities building • develop a hydrotherapy pool	Regional Cecil Plains Clifton Crows Nest Highfields Oakey Millmerran Toowoomba Pittsworth Yarraman	High Medium Low Medium Medium Medium High Medium Low Medium Medium Medium High Low High High High Medium Low	Aquatic	Council	Many of these projects will not attract Sport and Recreation Services support (according to current guidelines). Council should look to one-off Federal Government Grants, Queensland Health and private partners to assist fund a number of these items.

New Facilities, Programs and Initiatives

No.	Recommendation	Location	Priority	Activity Type	Facility Ownership	Potential Funding Sources
63	Develop a skate park in Westbrook	Westbrook	High	Outdoor Recreation	Council	Sport and Recreation Services
64	Develop an off-road criterium racing circuit. A quality development can be achieved at Freyling Park. However, Council should also consider opportunities to develop the track at a site with synergies with other sports (e.g. aquatics). Alternate sites may include a greenfield site on Nelson Street or the Wyreema Road complex (depending on further investigations into the development of a second pool within Toowoomba).	Toowoomba	High	Outdoor Sport	Council	Sport and Recreation Services
65	Develop at least one multi-field sports precinct in the short-term. Detailed investigations will be required to ascertain the order in which Council develops the three key sites—State Government-owned land in Charlton, the Council-owned Wyreema Road site and Education Queensland-owned site in Highfields. It is highly likely that, ultimately, Council will need all three sites developed for sport. Detailed investigation/feasibility should include a multi-criteria assessment concerning a range of issues such as access to electricity and water, noise and traffic flow concerns, land suitability for sports fields and tenure opportunities. The investigation should be followed by a detailed Master Plan. Master Plan and develop site 1 Master Plan and develop site 2 Master Plan and develop site 3	Regional	High High Medium Low	Outdoor Sport	Council Education Queensland	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services Developer Contributions Federal Government Education Queensland
66	Consider opportunities for future sporting field planning and development at the Toowoomba Airport if the airport is to be relocated. This would be an ideal location for future facility development (and would augment the Captain Cook Recreation Reserve).	Toowoomba	High	Sports Fields	Council	
67	Investigate opportunities to develop a four court indoor sports facility within the Region. Council should look for a site where the ongoing maintenance and management is not Council's responsibility. Three sites that should be considered are St Mary's College (where only two additional courts can be constructed), USQ and PCYC. It should be noted that the Toowoomba City Council has previously determined not to support the development of any additional indoor courts within the City until the St Mary's site has been fully developed as four courts. Depending on the preferred location, this recommendation may, ultimately, need to be reconsidered.	Toowoomba	High	Indoor Sport	Private	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services Federal Government
68	Investigate opportunities to develop a two court indoor sports facility in Pittsworth. While the development has previously been proposed at the Pittsworth Rugby League grounds, more appropriate sites may be at the Pittsworth State High School (where greater use is expected) or an extension at the existing site.	Pittsworth	High (investigate) Medium (construct)	Indoor Sport	Education Queensland or Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services

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69	Secure private land to the west of the Pittsworth Rugby League Grounds for sport and recreation purposes to allow this facility to expand.	Pittsworth	High	Outdoor Sport	Private	
70	Develop an informal use BMX facility in Oakey on Council-owned land.	Oakey	High	Outdoor Recreation	Council	
71	Assist the relocation of the Toowoomba Company of Archers to the Toowoomba Clay Target Club site at Charlton.	Charlton	High	Outdoor Sport	Private	
72	Investigate opportunities to develop a second pool within Toowoomba. This pool should be the Region's premier competition pool (10 lane 50m) and aquatic facility. Council should consider developing this facility as a public/private partnership.	Toowoomba	High (investigate) Medium (construct)	Aquatic	Private (or Council)	Sport and Recreation Services Private Partner Federal Government
73	Develop a regional standard synthetic athletics facility in Toowoomba. Potential locations should be investigated, however, Council's preference should be to develop the site where the ongoing maintenance and management is not Council's responsibility. Concordia College has expressed interest in developing the facility and this proposal has strong merits.	Toowoomba	High (investigate) Medium (construct)	Sports Fields	Private	User Groups (dependent on location) Sport and Recreation Services
74	Investigate opportunities to extend the clubhouse at Captain Cook Recreation Reserve to provide a canteen, storage area and viewing area for BMX (consider as part of Master Plan).	Toowoomba	High (investigate) Medium (construct)	Outdoor Sport	Council	User Groups Gambling Community Benefit Fund
75	Assist the Oakey Golf Club with forward planning by identifying and assessing potential sites for relocation nearer to Oakey.	Oakey	Medium	Outdoor Sport	Private	
76	Work with the Toowoomba Hockey Association to develop a master plan for the site. Once adopted, look to light the grass playing fields, develop a second water based pitch and construct a building containing grandstand seating, changerooms, offices, canteen and gymnasium.	Toowoomba	High (investigate) Medium-High (construct)	Sports Fields	Private	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
77	Work with the Toowoomba Tennis Association to ascertain the possibility of developing up to three additional courts at the southern end of the James Street facility.	Toowoomba	Medium (investigate)	Outdoor Courts	Council	
78	Ensure hard to locate sport and recreation activities are protected from encroaching residential development via appropriate Planning Scheme mechanisms. Investigate the feasibility of developing a motorsport precinct within the Region.	Regional	High	Outdoor Sport	Council	

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79	Develop a clubhouse at Middle Ridge Park	Toowoomba	High	Sports Fields	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services
80	Investigate opportunities to develop a six court community squash facility. Council's preference should be to develop the site where the ongoing maintenance and management is not Council's responsibility. Potential sites may include the PCYC or USQ.	Regional	High (investigate) Medium (construct)	Indoor Sport	Council	Sport and Recreation Services Private Partner Federal Government
81	Determine the long-term need for a velodrome within Toowoomba. If required, identify whether the existing site is appropriate or whether an alternate site (potentially adjoining the criterium track or future pool) is more suitable. If the velodrome can be removed from the Commonwealth Oval site look to develop this land as a future lit baseball and football facility.	Toowoomba	Medium (investigate) Low (construct)	Outdoor Sport	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services Federal Government
82	Investigate sites for the relocation of the Highfields skate facility to allow expansion of the Aquatic Centre. Ideally, the skate facility should remain within or near to the existing community precinct (e.g. southern side of O'Brien Road) (consider as part of Master Plan and Regional Skate Strategy). Additionally, Council should consider the development of a BMX facility adjoining the new skate facility	Highfields	High (investigate) Medium (construct)	Outdoor Recreation	Council	Sport and Recreation Services
83	Develop sport and recreation and physical activity programs and services targeted at young females in rural towns such as Oakey, Crows Nest and Yarraman.	Regional	Medium	Physical Activity	Council	
84	Investigate opportunities to redevelop the Pittsworth Civic Pool on Council land adjoining the skate park. This process will require developer contribution (sale of existing site).	Pittsworth	Medium	Aquatic	Council	Sport and Recreation Services Private Contribution
85	Extend the Highfields Fitness and Recreation Centre by one court toward the temporary library facility. This change will require alterations to the existing internal roadway.	Highfields	Medium	Indoor Sport	Council	Sport and Recreation Services
86	Investigate opportunities to create an inner-city sport and recreation precinct by forming connections between the Milne Bay Aquatic Centre, Police-Citizens Youth Club and Toowoomba Tennis Association facility in James Street.	Toowoomba	Medium		Council and Private	

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87	Rebuild the Jondaryan Shire War Memorial Pool at the existing site (to include a 50m outdoor pool, learn-to-swim pool and leisure water).	Oakey	Medium	Aquatic	Council	Sport and Recreation Services Federal Government
88	Develop a terrain park at Jubilee Park adjoining the mountain bike facilities. The facility would be used for mountain bike and unicycle trials and parkour activities. (This development would be the first of its kind in the State).	Toowoomba	Medium	Outdoor Sport	Council	Sport and Recreation Services
89	Investigate opportunities to establish a Regional Academy of Sport within Toowoomba (potentially in conjunction with the review of the Wyreema Road site Master Plan). Discussions should be held with the Queensland Academy of Sport and successful regional academies such as the Northern Inland Academy of Sport based at Tamworth.	Toowoomba	Low-Medium	Planning and delivery	Council	
90	Construct a synthetic rectangular playing field as a pilot trial for future sporting field development in the Region	Toowoomba	Low-Medium	Field Sports	Council	User Groups Sport and Recreation Services

PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES

SECTION 2

Purpose

The focus of the Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan as highlighted in the Project Brief was to:

“assess current and future usage patterns and identify opportunities for sport and recreation facility, programs and services development....provide a balanced response to the demands of existing and future community needs”.

Outcomes

In addition to the wider purpose, the following outcomes were listed in the Project Brief:

1. development of a twenty year sport and recreation plan highlighting areas of priority and including a realistic and achievable action plan and estimated budgetary allocations
2. identification of future prioritised facility development (both new facilities and upgrades of existing facilities) based on demand and sustainability for the region
3. identification of preferred management systems for sport and recreation facilities
4. identification of potential sites for future sport and recreation development.

Having a kick at the Pittsworth Rugby League Ground



BACKGROUND RESEARCH

SECTION 3

Existing Plans and Studies

The study team was provided with a range of strategic plans that have been prepared over recent years.

Each report was reviewed for recommendations relating to matters that are relevant to the development of the Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan.

A brief summary of each is reported below.

Corporate Plan (2009-2014)

The Corporate Plan is the over-arching document guiding Council decision-making and processes across a five-year period.

The Plan includes a range of goals, outcomes and strategic actions and a brief assessment of local and regional issues.

While sport and recreation do not receive significant coverage in the Plan, under the *Community Goal* a key outcome (1.2) is *a community involved in sport and recreational activities*. The two strategic actions proposed to address this outcome are:

- 1.2.1 - Strategically plan for and provide facilities that enable community participation in sport and recreation activities
- 1.2.2 - Collaborate with external agencies to encourage physical activity in the community.

The assessment of local and regional issues notes that the community values quality sport and parkland and that Council is committed to encouraging individuals and the community to participate in sport and recreation activities. Finally, the assessment highlights the importance of the Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan in identifying future facility requirements.

These strategic actions have been addressed in the development of this Plan.

Toowoomba 2050 Community Plan (draft)

This Plan represented an opportunity for the community to contribute input into the future directions of Toowoomba City.

The Plan is presented in two parts - Vision and Outcomes and Draft Action Plan.

The Vision and Outcomes include two elements relevant to the development of the Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan:

- Outcome Area 5 - A City of Green
- Outcome Area 8 - Healthy and Active People.

A list of actions have been prepared to achieve within these outcome areas. Relevant actions for Outcome Area 5 include:

- Develop an overall green space plan with a balance of bushland, landscaped areas, greenbelts and street trees
- Ensure provision of an abundance of quality highly accessible parks and gardens with facilities for informal recreation.



Relevant actions for Outcome Area 8 include:

- Initiate and coordinate an annual sport and recreation conference for the region for the development of clubs, volunteers, coaches and professionals and raise awareness of programs, issues and funding opportunities
- Involve people of all ages and levels of ability in the planning and provision of sport and recreation facilities and programs to ensure the community's needs are addressed
- Working with stakeholders, develop a Sport and Recreation Plan for the City
- Develop a Council Sport and Recreation Policy
- Investigate the development of multi-purpose facilities
- Improve the recreation and physical activity options in the City
- Ensure a good maintenance standard of all formal and informal recreational infrastructure
- Investigate options for the improvement of transport links to and between existing and future facilities with a view to encourage the safe use of non-motorised transport, such as cycling
- Encourage joint use of facilities
- In consultation with user groups, further develop environmentally responsible informal recreation opportunities on the escarpment and in local bushland parks
- Review and revise pathway/cycleway signage and linkages into the escarpment with a view to improve awareness of, and access to walking and cycling opportunities in escarpment and bushland parks
- Further promote the benefits of sport and recreation.

It is pleasing to see the detailed list of actions included to enhance sport and recreation provision. However, this document remains in draft form as it was superseded by Council amalgamations. If Council prepares a Regional Community Plan many of these recommendations can be transferred across the Region.

Sport and Recreation Plans (pre-amalgamation)

A number of the former Councils have previously prepared sport and recreation-related plans. Key recommendations from these plans and the status of these recommendations are listed in the table below. Additionally, the Appendix includes a complete list of all former recommendations.



Table 1: Key actions from existing Sport and Recreation Plans

Plan	Key Actions	Action Status
Jondaryan Shire Sport and Recreation Plan	Facilitate discussion between tenant clubs at Oakey Rugby League Grounds, Oakey Bowls Club and Oakey and District Tennis Association, focusing on improving relationships, sharing of resources and strategic forward planning	Not actioned
	Assist Oakey Golf Club with forward planning by identifying and assessing potential sites for relocation nearer to Oakey and determine Council's level of resource commitment to ensuring the ongoing existence of a golf course in the Shire	Various sites close to Oakey were investigated, but no further action taken
	Implement planned pedestrian/cycle networks	Requires a Regional approach
	Investigate the feasibility of providing recycled water from Council's sewerage treatment plant to sporting facilities at the Oakey Rugby League Grounds, Oakey Federal Sports Fields and Lorrimer Street Field as well as signature parks (Rotary Park)	Requires a Regional approach
	Ensure Council is involved in discussions with Toowoomba City Council regarding the development of Department of State Development land at Charlton for future sport and recreation provision	This may no longer be a preferred option
	Develop a skate facility in Westbrook	Not actioned. However, portable skate ramp purchased and moved around the District
	Continue to support the Bunkers Hill State School proposal for development of a community indoor sports facility on school grounds	Initial construction will be completed in 2010 using Federal Government funding. Building will still require additional construction (e.g. solid walls)
	Ensure hard to locate sport and recreation activities are protected from encroaching residential development via appropriate Planning scheme mechanisms	Requires a Regional approach
	Facilitate partnerships to develop a range of physical activity programs for target groups	Energise program has been rolled out on a Regional basis
	Develop sport and recreation and physical activity programs and services targeted at young females in Oakey	Partially completed
	Facilitate discussions to re-establish a netball program in Oakey	Not actioned
	Develop and trial an information and communication package that aims to improve clarity of roles and responsibilities of Council, Sport and Recreation Qld and Community Organisations.	Partially completed

Plan	Key Actions	Action Status
Crows Nest Shire Sport and Recreation Plan (2005)	Encourage the Cabarlah Sports Ground Committee to work jointly with Council to develop a business and master plan to guide the future management and development of this key asset	Not actioned
	Investigate the feasibility of extending the reclaimed water supply to the Crows Nest Town Square and Crows Nest Bowls Club	Not actioned
	Work with the Ravensbourne Sporting Association to develop a master plan for the Ravensbourne Recreation Reserve to guide its future development	Major works have been achieved
	Using the two existing master plans prepared for Crows Nest Town Square develop a single agreed plan and implement	Substantially completed
	Develop Desired Standards of Service (DSOS) for the open space network	Not actioned
	Once the DSOS has been agreed, classify all public open space and analyse the network for deficiencies	Not actioned
	The 20ha Reis Road site should be Council's next sporting facility development in Highfields. Initially, Council should: • agree on the management arrangements for the site. The management structure should be independent of the sporting facility users. • concurrently seek expressions of interest for the development of a licensed club that will have the development and maintenance of the sporting facilities on the site as part of its constitution. It may be that a licensed club is the preferred manager. • develop a master plan that will guide the development of the site over time. • priority sports to be located on the site are lawn bowls and soccer.	Not actioned
	Install field lighting to sporting fields in Highfields in the following order: • Kratzke Road – lower fields (match standard) • Kuhls Road sports field (training standard) • Kratzke Road – upper field (training standard)	Substantially completed
	Investigate the joint management of the swimming pool and indoor sports centre at Highfields	Complete
	Facilitate the development of a National Seniors Group in the Shire, but initially focussed on Crows Nest township	Not actioned

Plan	Key Actions	Action Status
Rosalie Shire Sport and Recreation Facility Needs Study (2006)	Facilitate the reshaping and resizing of community organisations with the Yarraman community as a model for other communities by: - exploring and focusing the collective resources and priorities of the community - facilitating a regular forum for all community, sport and recreation groups in Yarraman focusing on improving relationships, sharing of resources and strategic forward planning - increasing the utilisation and standard of Yarraman facilities by initiating a cooperative program of planning and development. The development of a master plan for Errol Munt Sport Centre incorporating the desired level of facilities should be an outcome of this process - developing a Community Plan for Yarraman - consolidating the various organisations in Yarraman under one peak body	Not actioned
	Assess the use, recreation need and value of Boodua Picnic Grounds and develop a concept and management plan for its future	Not actioned
	Improve operational procedures and minor access issues to the Goombungee multi-purpose courts by: - reviewing processes for booking multi-purpose courts to improve ease and awareness - placing a sign with booking details near the facility - negotiating a better location for storage of the tennis net and investigate temporary seating options. Review the use of the tennis shed and its availability - investigating safer night access to the courts. This may include installing a new gate, providing a safety security light that can guide users or improving the location of the nets or light switches	Partially completed
	Investigate the best means to provide shade over the Kingsthorpe skate park and install shade	Not actioned
	Identify a site for a local park that can meet the needs of visitors and locals in Peranga. It is preferable to develop a play space near the Hall and Bowls club rather than developing a new site that is removed from existing community activities	Not actioned
	Undertake a master plan of Errol Munt Sport Centre. The master plan should include planning for formed walking circuits, linkages across the creek and layout for building and infrastructure for sporting club needs	Not actioned
	Investigate the revenue options that Council has to increase the level of resources it has for the maintenance, development and management of community sport and recreation facilities	Requires a Regional approach
	Undertake the following: review play equipment provision and provide additional elements or when replacing items ensure that a mix of age appropriate and challenging elements are incorporated	Largely incomplete
	Research and develop a financial assistance policy and program for community organisations	Requires a Regional approach
Clifton Shire Sport, Recreation and Facility Needs Plan (2003)	Ensure Clifton pool opening hours reflect community demand	Complete
	Improve user satisfaction by reducing wind and sun exposure at the Clifton Pool	Complete
	Investigate opportunities to partner with neighbouring Shires in the delivery of sport and recreation opportunities and services in order to increase utilisation of facilities	Not actioned
	Seek external funding opportunities to assist clubs to improve use of facilities	Not actioned - considered to be outside Council's resource realities
	Develop a plan for Maintenance and improvements at the Recreation Reserve	Not actioned - control lies with Management Board

Plan	Key Actions	Action Status
Cambooya Shire Sport and Recreation Needs Study (2003)	Establish the Cambooya Shire Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee	Not actioned
	Be proactive on working with neighbouring Councils to achieve better coordination and cooperation in planning and management for sport and recreation initiatives	Largely incomplete
	Promote a Shire-wide Just Walk It campaign	Not actioned
	Consider the preparation of master plans for strategic sport and recreation sites in the shire	Not actioned
	Develop the Greenmount BMX facility	Not actioned
	Conduct improvements in Barton Park	Largely complete
	Secure funding for the development of a skate park in Wyreema	Complete
	Finalise work on the Hodgson Vale BMX area	Complete
	Develop a master plan for the Hodgson Vale Community Sports Club	Not actioned
Pittsworth Shire Sport and Recreation Needs Study (2004)	Supply of Open Space land is low and Council needs to address future needs and supply	Not actioned
	Identify and construct new walking paths around Pittsworth	Construction in progress
	Youth do not have many activities to interest them after school or school holidays - provide drop in centres that would house internet facilities, activities, dance floor and place for youth to meet and be supervised	Not actioned
	Provision for expansion of an indoor sports facility in the longer term	Not actioned
	New planning for future sports precincts at Bridgman Oval and Rugby League grounds to ensure provision is noted in the new Integrated Planning Scheme	Master Plan completed for Rugby League grounds
	Council should further develop expertise to assist clubs to seek grants	Not actioned

Additionally, consultants have developed detailed trails master plans for both Rosalie (2006) and Crows Nest (2004 and 2006). Consultants also prepared a Recreation Needs Study for the City of Toowoomba in 1996. This document is now superseded. The trails master plans were prepared by one of Australia's premier trails planners. There is potential to develop a quality network of trails across the Region.

It is worth noting that of the eight former Councils that amalgamated only Toowoomba City Council and Millmerran Shire Council did not have current (or somewhat current) sport and recreation plans to guide decision-making.

It is of concern, that many of the recommendations listed in the table above have not been actioned - despite these being those of highest importance. For this Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan to be a key future document it is important that Council adopts the Plan and looks to allocate suitable resources (both human and financial) to drive its implementation.

Toowoomba City Centre Master Plan (2009, draft)¹

This Master Plan will ultimately provide a clear strategy for the future development of the Toowoomba City Centre.

In terms of the Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan, it is worth noting that the City Centre Master Plan includes a key principle that the city centre should be *a centre of parks and gardens* and include a network of revitalised waterways, parkland, recreation spines and green boulevards.

The City Centre Master Plan also notes the potential to redevelop the Milne Bay Aquatic Centre and remove the car parking on the southern side of the PCYC. The Sport and Recreation Plan does not necessarily agree with either of these proposals. Firstly, while the Milne Bay Aquatic Centre may require some upgrades the focus for Council should be to develop a new (additional) Regional aquatic facility at an alternate site within Toowoomba. The existing facility can remain in its current form and supplement the opportunities provided at a new facility. Secondly, the car parking at the rear of the PCYC building plays an important role when large events are staged at the PCYC. If the PCYC is considered the preferred location for the development of a Regional indoor sport facility, adjoining car parking will be imperative. It is unrealistic to expect PCYC users to walk from an underground car park on Victoria Street across Herries Street and through a number of 'independent pavilions'.

The Plan does not address opportunities to (potentially) develop an inner city sporting precinct by connecting the Milne Bay Aquatic Centre, Police-Citizens Youth Club and James Street tennis facility.

Toowoomba Cycle and Pedestrian Strategy (2002)

Council's Toowoomba Cycle and Pedestrian Strategy (TCPS) provides a plan of action to improve walking and cycling conditions in Toowoomba through the development of facilities and programs. The vision for the TCPS is:

- Toowoomba is a cycle and pedestrian friendly city with a network of accessible, integrated, convenient and safe shared paths, on-road cycleways and crossing treatments.
- Facilities are in place to support people cycling and walking such as signage, bike parking, drink fountains, toilets and showers.
- People of all ages and capabilities are more informed of travel options available and choose to cycle and walk some of their trips, knowing they are contributing to a cleaner environment

and at the same time improving their own health.

While keen cyclists would suggest that Toowoomba City Council was tardy implementing this Plan, some achievements have been made.

Council now needs to consider developing a Regional Cycle and Pedestrian Strategy.

Wyreema Road Sport and Recreation Complex Study²

The development of this study was commissioned soon after Toowoomba City Council purchased the 62 hectare site for future sport and recreation provision.

The key features of the final concept plan included:

- a main playing field (oval) with high level lighting and major grandstand containing spectator facilities, offices, gymnasium, amenities and storage
- four additional multi-purpose ovals
- provision for an aquatic centre on an adjoining property
- regional tennis centre
- four outdoor multi-purpose courts
- regional football facility (soccer)
- passive recreation nodes and walking trails.

With other potential sites now available for the development of sports facilities (including State Government-owned land at Charlton and Education Queensland land at Highfields), the Wyreema Road concept plan will need to be revisited as part of a wider feasibility investigation. It should be noted that the regional tennis centre is no longer required (as it is being constructed at the University of Southern Queensland).

¹ *urbis*, 2009

² GHD, 2005

Pittsworth Leagues Club Recreation Area Master Plan³

The Leagues Club complex is the most heavily used multi-sport facility in Pittsworth. Existing tenants include junior and senior rugby league, junior and senior football (soccer) and junior cricket.

The key recommendations in the Plan include the 'extension' of the Leagues Club facility into Council-owned parkland on Stanley Street and the acquisition (by Council) of additional land adjoining the western boundary of the site.

The ultimately envisaged facility (estimated to cost approximately \$6m) includes two full size lit rectangular fields, up to four half size rectangular fields, two indoor courts, office space, amenities, gymnasium, playground and significant roadworks and car parking.

If Council determines that the Pittsworth State High School site is the preferred location for an indoor sports facility, the Leagues Club master plan should be revisited.

Jondaryan Shire Aquatic Facility Needs Analysis and Master Plan⁴

This Master Plan identified a high demand and high level of user commitment for the establishment of a multi-activity aquatic facility on the site of the existing pool. The final proposed facility includes an 8 lane 50m pool, solar heated learn-to-swim pool, leisure water, kiosk, changerooms, picnic area and appropriate amenities. Indicative costs for these works are almost \$4m.

None of these works have been advanced since the Master Plan was prepared and Council needs to determine its intent with regard to redeveloping this site.

Toowoomba Regional Council Benchmarking Survey⁵

This survey aimed to provide the newly amalgamated Regional Council with a snapshot of community perceptions across thirty-eight service areas.

Key findings (that relate to the development of this Plan) include:

- satisfaction with the development and maintenance of parks and open spaces was the most highly scored element in the survey
- satisfaction with the development and maintenance of sporting facilities was moderate
- younger residents are, generally, more satisfied with parks and open space
- people living in built up areas are more satisfied with both parks and open space, and sports facilities than those in rural areas
- residents in Millmerran were the most satisfied with parks, open space and sport facilities, while residents in Rosalie rated their satisfaction with sporting facilities as low.



Existing glimpses across the Pittsworth Leagues Club grounds

South East Queensland Regional Plan (2009-2031)⁶

The South East Queensland Regional Plan is the Region's key document for ensuring sustainable growth and change. The Plan includes a number of regional policies that may influence the development of this Sport and Recreation Plan.

Policy 3.7 Outdoor Recreation states its principle as *provide a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities to meet priority community needs, while protecting other regional landscape values*. One of the programs listed to achieve this policy is to *identify planned investment in outdoor recreation infrastructure and services by state and local government...*(3.7.4). It is encouraging that the State Government has noted the importance of funding outdoor recreation infrastructure and Council should look for State Government assistance in funding applicable projects identified in this Plan.

Policy 6.3 Healthy and Safe Communities has a principle of *develop healthy and safe environments that encourage community activity, participation and healthy lifestyles, and prevent crime*. One of the actions identified to meet this policy is *provide adequate and appropriate community greenspace for outdoor recreation, built spaces and facilities for recreation and sport, and community facilities and spaces to enable community activity and healthier lifestyles*. Similarly, Policy 10.8 Social Infrastructure notes the need to *Plan and coordinate the effective and timely provision of social infrastructure*. This policy has a range of actions that identify the importance of planning and developing a range of community facilities in sequence with growth.

The Open Space Network Study identifies current and future land requirements for recreation and sport while this Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan notes necessary actions for further developing the range of sport and recreation opportunities.

³ *Leisure Futures, 2007*

⁴ *Leisure Futures, 2006*

⁵ *Debbie Wuoti Consultancy Services, 2008*

⁶ *Department of Infrastructure and Planning, 2009*

Additionally, the Regional Plan outlines that Highfields is Toowoomba's primary growth front while Westbrook is the area's only Identified Growth Area. The Plan notes the importance of additional infrastructure to meet the needs of future residential development in Westbrook. Both the Open Space Network Study and Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan note necessary infrastructure for areas of key growth.

Towards Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland⁷

Towards Q2 is the State Government's 2020 vision for the State. The document encapsulates five ambitions for communities in every Queensland region. The two ambitions of most relevance to this Plan are:

- Green: we want to protect our lifestyle and environment
- Healthy: we want to make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people.

The key Green outcomes include:

- protecting more areas as National Park (State Government)
- protecting green space as part of regional planning processes throughout the State (State Government)
- providing recreational facilities to enable Queenslanders to experience our great outdoors (State Government)
- developing a full statewide inventory of all land held for public recreation (State Government)
- prioritising the establishment of parks, nature reserves and other public recreation spaces as land is developed (Local Government).

The Government's has also pledged to continue to roll out new programs in the community and the workplace to encourage and support people to live healthier lives (Health ambition).

These high level goals have been considered in the development of this Regional Strategic Plan.

⁷ Department of Premier and Cabinet, 2008

Demographics and Population

Understanding population size, growth and demographic characteristics is fundamental to responding to community needs and providing sport and recreation facilities and programs. Spatial and demographic variations in the population, such as concentrations of older residents or youths, may impact on sport and recreation facility provision or management arrangements. Estimated population projections also assists in quantifying likely future demand and in prioritising land/facility developments.

Toowoomba Regional Council covers an area of approximately 1.3 million hectares and includes the major towns of Toowoomba, Crows Nest, Kingsthorpe, Oakey, Pittsworth, Westbrook and Highfields. The population in 2006 was 151,297 people.

Projected population growth for the Toowoomba Regional Council area is significant, however, most of the growth is projected in small pockets of the Region. By 2031, the population is expected to reach approximately 228,461 people, an increase of around 77,000 people. Most of this growth is projected to occur in Toowoomba and neighbouring communities of Highfields and Westbrook. A more detailed analysis of population projections has been included in the Open Space Network Study.

Using the State Government's Population and Information Forecasting Unit's medium series population predictions, the changes to the different age cohorts between 2006 and 2031 are shown in Figure 1. The decrease in people aged 0-24 and the significant increase in those aged 65+ should guide Council in the planning of appropriate facilities and programs. By 2031, it is projected that more than one-fifth of the population of the Council area will be over 65 years of age.

A summary of the population characteristics for each urban centre can be found on the following pages¹. The following stand out characteristics are noted:

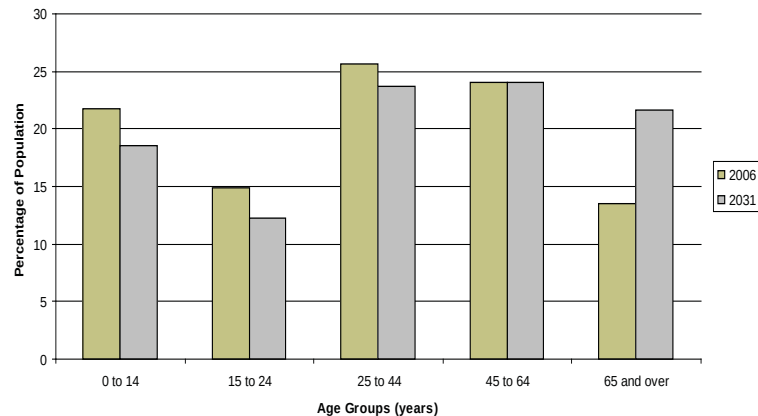
- much higher proportions of older people are found in Crows Nest (31.1% over 65 years) and Clifton (22.5% over 65 years). There are also a high proportion of lone households in these towns and people who need assistance with core activities. It would appear that these three characteristics are inter-related
- there is a large concentration of people who identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in Oakey (9.1%) and Goombungee (5%)
- high concentrations of family households in Westbrook, Highfields and Gowrie Mountain (all more than 90% of all households), with an even higher proportion of young family units in Westbrook
- there are a high proportion of low income households in Yarraman, Crows Nest, Millmerran and Clifton
- motor vehicle ownership is very high across the region.

The aging of the population is an important consideration for sport and recreation planning. An older population is more likely to seek unstructured recreation and physical activity pursuits such as walking, swimming and social clubs. The significant proportion of people in this cohort (65+ years of age) will put pressure on Council to implement and continue to extend its footpaths and trails network particularly linking residential areas with parks and senior-orientated venues.

With an older population and a high proportion of low income earners, the provision of low cost and easily accessible recreation and physical activity opportunities is imperative across the Region.

Figure 1: Change in the population composition to 2031

Source Population and Housing Fact Sheet, August 2009



Notes for tables:

Number of people was taken from PIFU information.

All other statistics are based on ABS 2006 Basic Community Profile (Release 1) cat no: 2069.0.30.001.

* The median age and mean household size were calculated by averaging the reported statistics of each census collection district making up the area. Whilst not precise, it provides a point of comparison across the chosen areas.

¹ Demographic Statistics for Toowoomba include the areas of Cotswold Hills, Glenvale and Torrington. However, number of people is for Toowoomba alone.

¹ 2006 Australian Bureau of Statistics (Census of Population and Housing)

Table 2: Demographic characteristics for urban centres

Characteristic	Cambooya	Clifton	Crows Nest	Gowrie Junction	Highfields	Kingsthorpe	Meringandan	Millmerran
Number of People#	1,290	1,066	1,712	1,417	6,528	1,472	1,473	1,223
Age Profile								
Aged 0 to 4	8.4%	6.8%	5.3%	7.7%	8.3%	8.2%	9.1%	8.0%
Aged 5 to 14	20.1%	15.7%	11.6%	19.8%	19.8%	17.6%	21.1%	13.1%
Aged 15 to 24	12.1%	10.0%	7.1%	13.3%	10.6%	12.8%	9.2%	10.6%
Aged 25 to 44	30.1%	20.6%	18.6%	31.5%	26.6%	28.4%	31.7%	23.6%
Aged 45 to 64	21.5%	25.3%	26.4%	23.5%	24.9%	25.8%	22.6%	25.3%
Aged 65 to 74	5.9%	10.3%	15.1%	3.1%	6.1%	5.5%	4.2%	9.5%
Aged 75 and over	1.9%	11.2%	16.0%	1.0%	3.7%	1.8%	2.1%	9.9%
Median Age*	32	41	51	33	35	34	32	39
Ethnicity and Cultural Diversity								
Identifies as Indigenous	3.4%	3.6%	1.0%	2.1%	1.2%	4.3%	1.9%	3.9%
Born in Australia	91.7%	85.2%	86.3%	91.7%	86.8%	89.3%	87.1%	90.5%
Born elsewhere	5.5%	9.4%	9.8%	6.3%	9.5%	6.0%	9.4%	5.0%
Speaks only English at home	97.3%	93.6%	96.0%	97.2%	95.9%	95.3%	95.2%	96.1%
Speaks language other than English at home	1.2%	2.0%	2.4%	1.0%	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.5%
Household Composition and Income								
Family households	80.1%	73.0%	67.9%	92.8%	90.1%	79.5%	85.7%	67.6%
Lone person households	16.1%	25.2%	29.7%	6.4%	8.9%	18.5%	11.3%	29.7%
Other households	3.8%	1.8%	2.4%	0.8%	1.0%	1.9%	3.0%	2.7%
Mean Household Size *	2.8	2.5	2.2	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.1	2.4
Household income under \$350 per week	12.9%	22.8%	27.7%	5.0%	6.5%	12.8%	5.7%	20.0%
Household income under \$500 per week	20.8%	33.7%	41.9%	9.1%	11.1%	19.6%	13.2%	28.5%
Family Composition								
Couples without children	31.9%	41.9%	50.3%	28.1%	37.3%	39.2%	37.5%	45.8%
Couples with children	48.3%	39.1%	30.4%	62.4%	56.0%	46.8%	53.0%	38.7%
One parent families	18.5%	16.6%	18.1%	8.3%	6.5%	13.0%	8.8%	13.0%
Other families	1.3%	2.4%	1.3%	1.2%	0.2%	0.9%	0.7%	2.5%
Highest level of Schooling								
Year 12 or equivalent	31.6%	27.6%	25.9%	37.7%	46.7%	28.2%	39.1%	24.8%
Year 10 or equivalent	37.4%	36.7%	34.4%	38.4%	33.2%	43.9%	38.0%	40.8%
Year 8 or below	12.0%	16.3%	25.5%	5.5%	6.3%	10.9%	6.0%	19.4%
Did not go to school	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.4%	0.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%
Other Characteristics								
People needing assistance with core activities	4.2%	10.4%	12.0%	1.9%	2.4%	4.1%	3.1%	6.4%
Males undertaking volunteer work	7.0%	11.3%	12.6%	10.4%	11.6%	7.0%	9.1%	10.9%
Females undertaking volunteer work	12.1%	17.3%	18.7%	13.0%	15.6%	11.2%	11.9%	15.4%
People undertaking volunteer work	19.1%	28.6%	31.3%	23.4%	27.2%	18.2%	21.0%	26.2%
Dwellings with an internet connection	62.7%	48.8%	43.9%	74.1%	78.7%	61.7%	72.2%	41.4%
Dwellings with no motor vehicle	3.9%	9.1%	10.3%	0.0%	1.4%	0.6%	1.3%	9.5%
Dwellings with one or more motor vehicles	96.1%	90.9%	89.7%	100.0%	98.6%	99.4%	98.7%	90.5%

Table 2 (cont): Demographic characteristics for urban centres

Characteristic	Oakey	Pittsworth	Toowoomba'	Westbrook	Wyreema	Yarraman	TRC	Qld
Number of People#	4,666	2,928	96,226	2,289	1,020	1,349	151,297	3,891,568
Age Profile								
Aged 0 to 4	7.4%	7.8%	6.6%	11.1%	10.9%	6.5%	6.9%	6.6%
Aged 5 to 14	16.4%	14.3%	14.0%	19.3%	19.5%	14.5%	15.1%	14.1%
Aged 15 to 24	13.0%	12.9%	16.3%	10.8%	13.0%	10.7%	14.5%	13.8%
Aged 25 to 44	25.8%	22.7%	24.9%	35.3%	32.8%	21.1%	25.2%	28.2%
Aged 45 to 64	22.6%	23.7%	23.2%	19.3%	18.4%	25.6%	24.4%	25.0%
Aged 65 to 74	7.8%	9.2%	7.3%	2.7%	4.5%	12.6%	7.2%	6.6%
Aged 75 and over	7.0%	9.3%	7.8%	1.5%	0.8%	9.1%	6.7%	5.7%
Median Age*	37	39	35	30	30	42	36	36
Ethnicity and Cultural Diversity								
Identifies as Indigenous	9.1%	2.5%	3.1%	2.7%	2.1%	3.1%	2.9%	3.3%
Born in Australia	87.3%	90.2%	84.3%	91.1%	91.5%	84.0%	85.8%	75.2%
Born elsewhere	6.0%	6.1%	10.1%	5.8%	6.9%	10.1%	9.1%	17.9%
Speaks only English at home	89.8%	95.4%	91.0%	96.7%	97.6%	94.3%	92.3%	86.4%
Speaks language other than English at home	2.3%	2.0%	4.4%	1.8%	0.7%	2.0%	3.4%	7.8%
Household Composition and Income								
Family households	75.8%	75.5%	68.2%	91.6%	87.7%	68.8%	72.6%	72.7%
Lone person households	20.7%	22.4%	27.4%	6.9%	9.9%	27.4%	23.8%	22.8%
Other households	3.5%	2.1%	4.5%	1.5%	2.4%	3.8%	3.6%	4.5%
Mean Household Size *	2.6	2.6	2.4	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.5
Household income under \$350 per week	17.2%	16.6%	18.1%	4.7%	6.2%	24.8%	16.8%	15.1%
Household income under \$500 per week	24.4%	24.1%	23.9%	8.9%	11.8%	39.6%	22.9%	20.6%
Family Composition								
Couples without children	39.9%	42.3%	39.8%	31.7%	31.3%	46.9%	39.8%	39.2%
Couples with children	38.1%	43.9%	40.9%	62.0%	54.1%	38.3%	43.7%	43.3%
One parent families	20.9%	12.7%	17.3%	6.3%	13.3%	12.9%	14.9%	15.9%
Other families	1.2%	1.1%	2.0%	0.0%	1.4%	2.0%	1.6%	1.7%
Highest level of Schooling								
Year 12 or equivalent	23.5%	28.9%	42.8%	40.5%	38.2%	22.7%	40.2%	45.9%
Year 10 or equivalent	36.7%	37.9%	31.2%	40.2%	38.9%	36.9%	33.2%	29.9%
Year 8 or below	17.1%	17.8%	11.1%	4.8%	8.1%	19.6%	11.4%	8.2%
Did not go to school	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.5%	0.5%
Other Characteristics								
People needing assistance with core activities	8.3%	5.3%	5.3%	1.7%	2.1%	8.7%	4.9%	4.2%
Males undertaking volunteer work	7.7%	10.9%	9.6%	8.0%	5.8%	11.4%	10.2%	8.4%
Females undertaking volunteer work	12.6%	16.4%	13.5%	10.6%	10.5%	16.0%	14.1%	11.9%
People undertaking volunteer work	20.3%	27.3%	23.1%	18.7%	16.2%	27.5%	24.3%	20.3%
Dwellings with an internet connection	45.1%	47.4%	58.0%	77.4%	65.5%	42.7%	59.2%	64.8%
Dwellings with no motor vehicle	8.4%	6.6%	10.0%	2.0%	0.0%	10.6%	7.8%	8.2%
Dwellings with one or more motor vehicles	91.6%	93.4%	90.0%	98.0%	100.0%	89.4%	92.2%	91.8%

Trends in Sport and Recreation

Sporting Trends

Councils face an increasing trend to develop and re-develop sporting fields to a higher level in order to increase carrying capacity. Upgrades such as field lighting and irrigation allow training and competition times to be extended and increases the ability of fields to cope with the resulting wear and tear. Given the current water challenge facing most of Queensland, this strategy may conflict with the requirement to reduce water consumption.

A number of sporting clubs have reported a decrease in membership over recent years. Many perceive that the increasing occurrence of shift work is resulting in clubs struggling. In fact, it may be that shift workers continue to be members of clubs, however, traditional male sports such as rugby league and rugby union may struggle to field teams when shifts clash with weekend fixtures.

A number of the sporting clubs in the Toowoomba Region note that their facilities require significant upgrades to make them attractive to current (and potential new) members and to allow the clubs to bid to host higher level events. A number of these facilities are owned by Council and the users will be looking to Council to assist to meet these costs. Even where the facility is not directly provided by Council, there is likely to be some pressure on Council to financially contribute.

Many of the Region's sporting clubs are struggling to attract volunteers. In fact, many clubs are driven by one or two key people.

At a national level, the Australian Sports Commission's *Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey* (ERASS) has noted that AFL, football (soccer), outdoor cricket, touch and lawn bowls have all experienced participation increases between 2001 and 2008. In contrast, martial arts and tennis have suffered the greatest decreases in participation. A comparison of ERASS reports across recent years shows that in Queensland, a wider range of sports have enjoyed growth. These include AFL, basketball, cricket, football (soccer), gymnastics, hockey, lawn bowls, netball and touch. Similar to national findings, tennis participation has decreased while in Queensland participation in martial arts has remained relatively constant.

The ERASS findings appear well supported within the Toowoomba Region where there is currently a high need for additional indoor sports facilities, year-round football fields, large ovals for AFL and cricket and an expansion to the existing hockey facilities. Interestingly, a regional tennis facility is being developed in Toowoomba in 2010 yet ERASS figures suggest that tennis participation is decreasing. However, the Toowoomba Tennis Association notes membership increases in recent years with this trend expected to continue.

Recreation and Physical Activity

Factors such as age, gender and family lifestage can impact on the type of activities and frequency with which people recreate. For example, current trends¹ show :

- walking is the single most frequently undertaken activity across the Queensland population (39.7%)
- along with walking, aerobics/fitness (23.6%), swimming (14.2%), cycling (10.2%) and running (9.7%) are in the top five activities for the Queensland population.
- there is substantially higher participation in informal, unstructured activities than in organised sports
- older people are more likely to participate in informal, unstructured activities with young people being more likely to

- engage in organised sports
- women, older adults, married people (or those in de-facto relationships), people in lower income households and obese people are less likely to participate in sufficient physical activity.

¹ Australian Sports Commission, *Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport*, 2008

The Play Experience

To an adult, play is a way to pass time, with no immediate useful product. To a child however, play is doing something interesting or enjoyable that they are in control of. Through play, children can be anyone, at any place, at anytime.

To a play-planner, play is the outcome of a sophisticated interaction between the physical setting, the play opportunities and the child users. When carefully planned, a play facility instantly delivers benefits to the delight of the child users. It can also have wider benefits such as promoting the child's physical, emotional and social competencies, or by providing a community asset for either active or passive enjoyment. Children at play should be seen as an integral component to any public park facility.

What, Where and How do we Play?

The criterion of a successful play experience is whether children want to return. Play experiences need to incorporate many or all of the following characteristics:

- Physical form—the play area needs to be adapted to the physical landscape (rocks, trees, and gullies) and supplemented by man-made variations (mounds, bridges, platforms). It can beneficially reflect the local sense of place or identity.
- Child and adult participants—consider the local demographics within the user groups. There is a need to offer separate areas for different age groups (2-5 years, 5-12 years, and 12+ years), while providing for active adult supervision or for adult passive watching.
- Safety—the play area should be accessible to all, including the physically challenged and supervisors with prams. The design must incorporate safety standards to prevent traumatic events, but still provide challenge and invitation to explore.
- Invitational design—this tends to be subtle, so that children spontaneously move between play opportunities - exploring and discovering, using their imaginations to create new uses for infrastructure or loose parts (water, sand and leaves), interacting with each other and utilising rhythm, movement, co-ordination and balance. Open-ended designs with graduated support built into them are of high play value.

When an area for play cannot deliver on the four points above, then the users will be less than satisfied and may not want to return.

A Play Experience versus a Playground

A play experience is, or should be, vibrant and exciting - whereas a playground is just part of the infrastructure that is provided. The difference is somewhat like that between a mountain bike ride and a stationary bicycle. More importantly, a play experience does not innately require the installation of structured play equipment. Interesting and interactive places to play and explore may be created by designing magical and evocative landscapes. This may include sculpting the earth or utilising the natural contours, planting (for example, vegetated tunnels, mazes or forests) and/or utilising various textures and materials such as creative paving patterns (stepping stones, steps, edgings for balancing). A play space may incorporate interesting views or vistas, showcase art or innovation (mobiles and alternate energy sources), sculptural park furniture, landscape structures or buildings.

Play experiences may incorporate elements such as:

- storytelling/sculpture trees
- labyrinth/mazes/tunnels of plants
- hidey holes
- mist water play
- meandering paths
- meeting places

- water jets
- musical play.

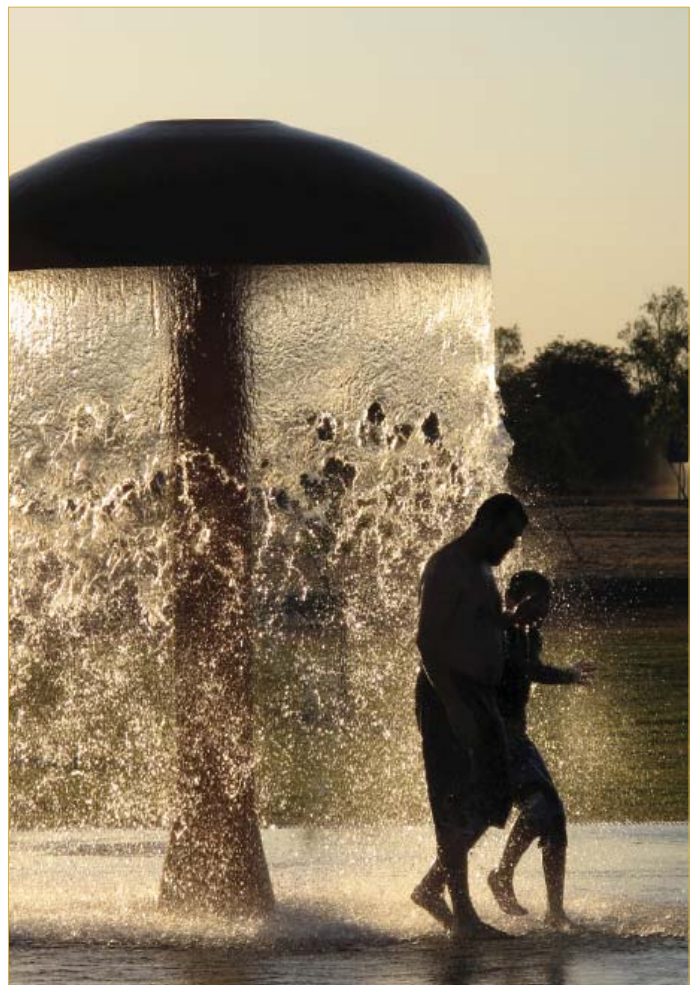
The common characteristic in all of these elements is that the infrastructure suggests (but never dictates) how it is to be used. Moreover, each element can be used in many ways—common sense says that a toddler will use a mist water play area quite differently to a twelve year old child.

Such unstructured play needs to complement and be integrated with other recreational facilities to encourage active recreation for children, youth and adults. Examples include:

- basketball courts/hoops
- play structures/equipment
- cycling/pedestrian networks and skill development trails/circuits
- attractive open space areas for ball games etc
- water play parks
- surfaces and markings for games such as hopscotch and handball
- swings for all ages including adults
- flying foxes/climbing walls
- fitness stations/training equipment.

Much of the formal play across the Toowoomba Region is plastic, kit style playgrounds that do not meet many of the criteria for good, engaging play as described above. While this style of equipment is important as a basic level of provision to all residents, some playgrounds should go to the next level and offer a greater play experience.

The images on this page show various forms of play experience, quite different from the traditional playground.



COMMUNITY NEEDS AND DEMAND

SECTION

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An extensive program of consultation was undertaken with community members, groups and clubs across the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

A range of tools and techniques were used to engage target groups and the general community, ensuring all interested people had multiple opportunities to comment during the development of the Strategy. The consultation program included:

- general community—community forums in many key towns, open space preferences survey, household surveys and submissions
- young people—consulted through activities in school classrooms, bmx demonstrations and discussions with providers/key stakeholders (e.g. school principals)
- sporting groups—sport club specific survey, a sports forum and interviews/discussions
- major facility providers—interviews and discussions with key facility managers
- other key stakeholders—interviews and discussions with various agencies, Councillors and Council staff.

Council Consultation

Councillors

Each Councillor was given the opportunity to have a one-on-one discussion (with the consultants) regarding the development of this Plan. Generally, similar comments were received and are summarised below.

- important to establish a hierarchy of parks so that important parks receive higher levels of maintenance and can be the focus for embellishment
- every town should have a feature park, but not every town needs small local parks. In some rural areas where the average house block is large, small local parks are unnecessary
- consider park rationalisation (disposal) appropriate if all revenue raised is channelled back into park and sport upgrades. Also important to consider how Council acquired the land (e.g. was the land bequeathed)
- should develop a uniform sports field management and maintenance approach across the Region. However, this should be *offered* to clubs rather than *forced* upon them. (It is perceived that a number of clubs maintain their own facilities well, particularly in some of the rural areas)
- consider private partnerships as a means of achieving large capital projects
- happy to see more community events in Parks (one Councillor noted that within Toowoomba the Showgrounds should be the focal point for events, rather than Council parks)

A number of one-off suggestions were also received from Councillors and are listed below:

- to ensure a long-term sustainable approach Council should revisit the possibility of using recycled water (purple pipe)

Southbrook Sports Ground Clubhouse



- scheme) at sports complexes and key parks
- more funds should be allocated to bushwalking tracks and formal walking and cycling paths
- need to ensure that Council accepts quality land from developers as parkland contribution not “left over dregs” such as creeks and drains
- skate parks are important facilities for youth (Westbrook desperately needs one)
- parks should be “relevant” for the local community rather than Council worry about the quantity of parks
- consider the development of a community squash facility
- clear need to reconsider the delivery of sport and recreation across Council. Additional resources will be required to appropriately service the entire region.

Council Staff

Interviews and discussions were held with a number of Council staff throughout the development of this Plan. For ease of reference, the comments below have been grouped into areas of responsibility/branches.

Parks and Recreation

- look to see more events in Parks and to methods to raise revenue (e.g. coffee and food vans) so that the Branch can re-invest into park development
- Carnival of Flowers is clearly very important to Toowoomba and while it is unlikely that additional resources can be found within Council's current (and short-term) budget, it is possible to have park development ‘re-prioritised’ as a necessary service
- a number of local parks are over-embellished (local parks do not need barbecues and/or toilets)
- Council needs to offer a range of play experiences across the parks network
- strong belief that a number of playgrounds do not meet current Australian Standards
- need to develop a Parks Shade Strategy for the Region
- Council has opportunities to change some of its maintenance practices - not all parks need to have manicured lawns. Some areas can be treed with grass left to grow
- with limited additional staff and maintenance equipment; and further education of existing staff, Council could take control of the maintenance of all Council-managed sports facilities.

Strategic Planning and Infrastructure

- the park classification system should include undeveloped open space
- Ballin Drive detention basin - proposed basin that will hold back water during flood events
- Garnett Lehmann Park detention basin - proposed embankment (approximately 3m high) that has the potential to have permanent ponded water
- needs to be recognised that East and West creek function primarily as stormwater courses and have secondary roles as public open space.

Property

- Council has commenced a process of identifying all Council owned and managed land across the local government area. One of the aims of this process is to identify potential parcels of land that may be considered for rationalisation (disposal). It is important that the recommendations in the Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan align with those from the Council rationalisation process.

Sports Tourism

Council has recently employed a Sports Tourism Officer on a six month pilot trial. Achievements (at the time of publishing) have included:

- attracting, launching and assisting the City Golf Club host the 2009 Queensland PGA Golf Championships. This event has been guaranteed for at least the next three years
- attracting the Queensland Country Water Polo Championships
- assisting with the coordination of the Cycle Queensland 2009 road-cycling event.

While there is no budget allocated to this position, the Officer is looking to assist clubs and groups attract and conduct large events. Future initiatives are likely to include:

- assisting Regional School Sport providers to attract State and National events and ensure suitable media coverage is gained
- ensuring a sport/sport tourism page is included in the next edition of the *Toowoomba and Surrounds Destination Guide*
- assisting Sports Darling Downs where required
- seeking future National University Games.

To meet many of the objectives for sports tourism it is essential that the Region boasts a range of high quality facilities.

Tourism and Events

- parks are very important sites for events
- staff are keen to increase the usage of parks by events while maintaining a balance with traditional park values
- additional infrastructure will be required to attract key events (e.g. Queens Park power upgrades and additional water points)
- Council needs a stronger framework for assessing potential events - a hierarchical process that considers issues such as exclusivity and commerciality. This approach should help Council to charge event managers more appropriate facility hire according to the size and nature (commercial or community) of the event. These funds may be able to be channeled back into event sites in an effort to ‘co-invest’ in facility provision and upgrades.

District Service Managers

Discussion were held with each District Service Manager to discuss issues with current and future provision of parks and sport. Comments from these discussions have been considered and are included in the recommendations. A number of District Service Managers also attended relevant community forums and provided additional comment at this opportunity.

Park Operations Workshop

Given the ‘on-the-ground’ lead role they play in sport and recreation provision, a workshop was conducted for key operational staff from Council's Parks and Recreation Branch. Key issues raised are summarised below:

- Toowoomba city has a wide range of quality sport and recreation opportunities
- the design and development of detention basins (where they are to become future public areas) needs to include detailed discussions with park staff. Those that are well-designed (e.g. Alderley Street detention basin) can function as quality public parkland. In contrast, those that are poorly designed should no longer be considered public spaces (e.g. Water Street detention basin-former Wilf Gowlett Oval). Parks staff would like to be heavily involved in the future development of detention basins on Ballin Drive and in Garnett Lehmann Park
- a number of the sports facilities on Council land outside Toowoomba City are poorly maintained and/or have embellishments such as lighting that do not meet Australian

Standards

- a number of pre-amalgamation Councils have acquired or accepted inappropriate bushland areas. Many of these areas have poor access and pose a significant threat during fire events
- senior parks staff should have more input in the development assessment process
- perception that Council, in general, does not value parks and allocate resources accordingly. The Parks and Recreation Branch “has a cupboard full of master plans that have never had anything achieved”. Parks seem to get good publicity during the Carnival of Flowers and then struggle to receive appropriate resources outside these times. The Branch has ceased its annual roll-out of Parkland Development Master Plans as it has become evident that they were raising community expectations only to miss out during budget deliberations
- Parks staff are happy to see events in parks. However, it is important that permanent infrastructure is developed to support such events. Maintenance after events can also be a major concern with areas of damage in Queens Park caused by Easterfest operations still evident during the Carnival of Flowers
- Friends groups can be a valuable resource for Council. However, these groups require clear direction, need to be better resourced by Council and should have direct supervision from Council staff. Also, Council should acknowledge and reward Friends groups for the assistance they offer.

General Community Consultation

Two main consultation channels were used to get community input into the Strategy.

Firstly, open invitation meetings were held in:

- Cambooya
- Cecil Plains
- Clifton
- Crows Nest
- Goombungee
- Greenmount
- Highfields
- Hodgson Vale
- Kingsthorpe
- Millmerran
- Oakey
- Pittsworth
- Toowoomba North
- Toowoomba South
- Westbrook
- Yarraman.

These meetings were spread over the local government area to maximise the opportunities that people had to attend a meeting.

The second method was a community survey that was posted to 3,000 random households.

Community Meetings

Cambooya Community Meeting

Key Points

- *sports were often cyclic in nature*
- *park are not well used, nor attractive to use*

Cambooya has a range of sports facilities, however, their use tends to wax and wane. The area requires a Council champion to be the driver of sports promotion and development and to help coordinate groups and activities.

Some concern was raised that the existing local Council resources may be lost through amalgamation. Currently, residents are happy with Council processes because they have local staff to contact.

The three long-standing clubs (tennis, bowls and campdraft) in Cambooya want additional Council support.

Additional suggestions included:

- developing camping at the Recreation Reserve (would require water, power, upgrade the bottom toilets and fencing)
- more paths
- developing a pool.

Cecil Plains Community Meeting

Key Points

- *limited play and picnic opportunities*
- *pool is a key facility*

In addition to the two key issues noted above attendees highlighted the importance of opportunities for local youth to ride motorbikes. At present, the preferred location for riding is at the town dump.

While the park along the main street (Henry Stuart Russell Park) is well-used throughout the year, the play equipment and ovals located at the school are the most heavily used facilities. If Education Queensland ever stopped this community use after hours the town would have very limited sport and recreation opportunities for young people.



Cecil Plains Memorial Pool

The Council sport and recreation reserve (rodeo grounds, horse paddock and bmx track) are rarely used. If access to the school grounds after hours was stopped, this site should be redeveloped as a playing field.

The river is a key play area for youth and should be further developed as a family picnic area.

Clifton Community Meeting

Key Points

- *Clifton Recreation Reserve is a good model of sports facility management*
- *most sports providers worked cooperatively*

Whilst this workshop was designed to be a community meeting, people who attended generally represented specific local sport organisations. As such, much of the discussion focused on sport opportunities and facility needs.

The Clifton Recreation Reserve was considered a high-quality facility and demonstrated how Clubs could work together and collocate harmoniously. Access to water at the Reserve was seen as an issue to be addressed in the future.

The previous Council saw its role as drawing groups together and providing them with the resources to make decisions autonomously. Council communication since amalgamation has focussed on Toowoomba City facilities and issues instead of being representative of the whole new Toowoomba Regional Council area.

With amalgamation, some thought there was opportunities to further promote quality facilities (e.g. the Clifton Recreation Reserve and Clifton Golf Course) to a broader population base.

Some clubs are good at accessing grants, many others were put off by the application process and lack volunteer resources to apply for funds. Many wanted to know more about grants, when they were available and tips on how to apply.

Crows Nest Community Meeting

Key Points

- *providing safe spaces for children and young people*
- *promotion of activities is important*

Two community meetings were facilitated at Crows Nest over the course of this project and attendance was poor at both meetings.

There were just three attendees between the two meetings. Due to the small sample size caution has been taken in reviewing this data.

There was concern regarding how Council operated in the area and more could be done to engage with the local community, particularly in decision-making processes. The future of Council's role was unknown and there were some fears that service from Council would continue to decrease.

Community involvement was seen as the vital link in having successful programs and services. It was thought that locals did not know about the indoor centre, nor participate in programs offered there because of lack of local input and ownership.

Parks in the town were not designed for young people or families. It was thought there was a genuine lack of facilities for youth - spaces to hang out with friends and to play.

Council has invested in the community centre, Centenary Park and in walkways. However, these facilities were not being used effectively primarily because the designs did not encourage/facilitate use. There is a lack of good pedestrian connections, seating in parks, shade and picnic facilities.

It was thought that physical activity promotion was important. Crows Nest is aging yet there were few informal activities for older people. Promotion was considered equally important as having the 'right people' facilitating the activities. There was some opportunities to tap into existing social networks in Crows Nest to rectify this situation.

The pool was considered one key facility where additional activities could be offered to increase use. This may require significant upgrades and promotion. A hydrotherapy pool may also need to be considered, given the demographics of Crows Nest.



Crows Nest Indoor Sports Centre

Goombungee Community Meeting

Key Points

- *prefer to invest in a few parks and have quality facilities*
- *improve access to the Goombungee Pool*

Understanding the fluid nature of the population and its demographic characteristics was considered crucial to plan for the future sport and recreation needs of the area.

Participants agreed that there was an abundance of land available for sport and recreation. However, limited Council resources hindered the standards able to be reached as these resources were spread thinly across the area. In the future, participants preferred to see fewer parks that were better maintained and offered more opportunities to residents. This included opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, as it was the general opinion that many parks catered for toddlers and small children. Older children (and youth) had limited opportunities available.

The pool at Goombungee is on Education Queensland land. Participants stated there were many restrictions to accessing the pool and wanted Council to look at options to increase community access. Heating of the pool was also considered important.

Due to Goombungee's location relatively close to Toowoomba, most families involved in sport were serviced in Toowoomba. Some sports were offered locally, however, it was thought that most of these were struggling to keep up with red tape and maintenance matters. It was suggested that Goombungee was small enough to form one committee that was in charge of all sport, recreation and cultural activities. This, potentially, could assist in the lack of volunteers (or one or two volunteers having to be on multiple committees) and to improve the governance capacity of the organisations.

Greenmount Community Meeting

There were no attendees at the scheduled Greenmount meeting. A second round of community consultation was arranged with meetings conducted in Cambooya and Hodgson Vale.

Highfields Community Meeting

Key Points

- *development of a multi-sport complex*
- *development of additional play and picnic opportunities*

Attendees clearly noted the need to re-evaluate the current use of Kratzke Road and Kuhls Road Ovals with a view to develop a new multi-sport complex. Ideally, the facility would be developed as a joint initiative with Education Queensland (adjoining the proposed future high school). This school has the potential to be one of the key community hubs for Highfields.

Other than the skate park, there are limited play opportunities for youth in the area. Additional shaded playgrounds and a bmx dirt track are required. Also, the town requires more concrete pathways that link key community facilities.

Council needs to recognise that many people have chosen to live in Highfields for the larger blocks and wide open spaces. Recent small block developments with small pocket parks have the potential to significantly detract from the Highfields 'feel'. Also, Council appears to have accepted large amounts of unusable creek land and drainage as open space. There are some areas of Highfields with no access to a decent developed park.

The Friends of Peacehaven Park have made a number of advancements to the Park since it began operations in 2006. Additionally, the group has plans to see the park developed as one of the key parks in the Region. However, to achieve this significant

Council support is necessary. Future considerations include the development of 'play' opportunities for youth (e.g. archaeological digs, hand pumps and a tree house), enhanced signage, construction of a bore and the potential expansion of the park by purchasing the land at the front of the park on Kuhls Road.

Council should also look to offer additional assistance with the development and promotion of Frankie's Scrub.

Council should consider developing Highfields Ridge Estate Reserve commensurate with its semi-rural setting. Any development should consider suitable natural materials and dispersed facilities. Ideally, the facility could be developed to allow low impact horse riding with a concrete path also developed to provide for walking and cycling. Additional planting at the site should include native grasses, shrubs and trees rather than exotic species.

Hodgson Vale Community Meeting

Key Points

- *Hodgson Vale Community Sports Centre is a good facility, well-located and celebrated*

Additional requests included:

- upgrading the Hodgson Vale Community Sport Centre fields
- increasing use of the Sports Centre
- improving disabled access in parks
- upgrading the tennis club
- ensuring facilities are available for the increase in young families in the area.

Kingsthorpe Community Meeting

Key Points

- *a path network exists and is well used but requires extension and improvement*
- *Recreation Grounds is a quality facility*

Attendees thought there was a good range of sport and recreation facilities available, however, a lack of sport and recreation providers and/or users of the facilities. Most families travelled to Toowoomba for their sporting needs, especially considering the high school aged students went to school there (or alternatively in Oakey).

Some attendees thought Kingsthorpe was a 'Bed & Breakfast' where residents only slept and had breakfast - all other activities are conducted in the nearby urban centre of Toowoomba. This was believed to hinder the growth and community spirit of the town.

The skatepark was seen as a quality community asset, with some attendees noting that young people from Oakey often travelled to Kingsthorpe to use the park.

Whilst Council has done a good job installing pathways, more work was needed to complete circuits and develop engineering solutions for 'problem' areas. Rosalie Walk was very well used with requests to extend the walk to the recreation area and to increase lighting along the paths.

Young families were well-represented at the meeting. Requests from this group were:

- improve fencing and shade at playgrounds, particularly at the Village Green and provide picnic facilities (gazebos) here
- modify the bollards on Rosalie Walk so that bikes towing buggies can fit through them
- install exercise equipment, potentially at the southern end of Rosalie Walk
- extend the Rosalie Walk to the western side of town
- providing access to drinking water, especially at the Recreation Reserve

- more appropriate signage for car parking, especially at the Village Green where there is a conflict between car and pedestrian use
- continue to maintain, with the view to improving, current facilities.

Other issues and ideas raised at the meeting included:

- develop a four hole golf course (currently the community has money to invest in a driving range, however, it was thought there was more demand for a course over a driving range)
- develop a learn-to-cycle circuit at the Recreation Reserve.

There was debate over having access to an abundance of parkland versus smaller amounts of parkland with higher quality facilities.

Millmerran Community Meeting

Key Points

- *quality range of community facilities exist*
- *opportunities to extend pedestrian/cycleways*

Attendees were generally pleased with the range of community facilities available in Millmerran. Additionally, facility maintenance was considered to be of an appropriate standard.

Facilities such as the indoor sports centre, pool and tennis facility were all highly regarded. However, it was noted that additional court lighting is required at the tennis facility. Additionally, the indoor sports centre should be improved with the inclusion of indoor cricket nets as this may increase patronage.

Recent developments at Back Creek Park and Factory Dam are a credit to Council. When fully developed, these two facilities will service the community well. Additional facilities such as barbecue, play equipment, shade and signage directing to the toilets in Lions Park are necessary at Back Creek Park. Factory Dam requires modern play elements for younger children (e.g. climbing net).

Millmerran has a large proportion of recreational walkers. A concrete walking/cycling loop around Saleyards Road would be well used.

The Showgrounds are heavily used throughout the year for a range of community events. Ideally, lighting would be provided on the main arena to further increase the range of opportunities.

Yarramalong Weir is a popular recreation site, however, additional facilities such as picnic settings and barbecues are required.

Where possible, Council should assist the Bowls Club in negotiations with their landowner (RSL Brisbane) in regards to future tenure, appropriate rent and ongoing maintenance requirements.

Oakey Community Meeting

Key Points

- *established walking circuits are well liked*

A range of 'good' and 'bad' items were identified at the meeting.

GOOD

- skate park
- existing walking circuits, especially through Gordon Park and along the creek
- Park at Brymaroo
- Arthur Shooter Park and Gordon Park
- Quinalow Pool (although access is sometimes an issue)
- the range of services and programs to get people active including the after school athletics program and energise program
- communication with Council is mostly good, Council tries to let the community know about local events.

BAD

- community access to Quinalow Pool
- lack of public toilets at Arthur Shooter Park and Gordon Park
- lack of vehicle access into key areas of Gordon Park (for people with mobility impairments)
- facilities at Brymaroo Pony Club (poor plumbing, dirt floor at canteen, state of day yards)
- condition of the Oakey Pool (including lack of heating)

PRIORITIES

- continue to develop walking tracks, and circuits where possible. In particular, connect Arthur Shooter Park track to Gordon Park. Council to investigate options to purchase additional land along the river

Oakey Skate Park



- install bike activities (such as dirt bike jumps) at Brymaroo
- a regional school holiday program that allows young people to travel to all parts of the new Regional Council area
- activities at the pool for older people.

Pittsworth Community Meeting

Key Points

- *Council support is very good*
- *Town has a range of opportunities, though a number could do with a spruce up*

Pittsworth has a strong culture of walking and cycling and Council has commenced the development of key pathway loops. This construction needs to continue until the whole town is linked. It is important that paths are wide enough for multiple users (and people with prams or wheelchairs).

The town needs a key park with a range of play and picnic facilities for families. Given its size, Rotaract Park would be appropriate but it is a little too far from the centre of town.

The skate park is heavily used by young people and families. However, seats, tables and shade are required near to the skate facility.

Opportunity exists to further develop Pioneer Village as a community facility. Appropriate embellishments would include seating and picnic facilities in the treed area on the western side of the facility, a croquet lawn and memorial rose/shrub beds.

Memorial plantings may also be appropriate at the cemetery (along the fence line on Storey Street). However, the development of any community plantings (that will eventually become Council responsibility) need to recognise the potential for ongoing maintenance issues.

The tennis club is looking to upgrade four of the courts with a synthetic grass surface while leaving one as a hard court. The club is keen to apply for funding through the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund. If this is unsuccessful, the club will apply through the State Government's Minor Facilities Program.

Toowoomba North and South Community Meetings

Despite scheduling two meetings at each of the Toowoomba locations, no-one attended the meetings.

Westbrook Community Meeting

Key Points

- *development of a skate and bmx facility*
- *finalisation of the indoor sport facility at the school*

Five key sport and recreation priorities were identified at this meeting:

- development of a skate and bmx facility is a 'must' - the youth were 'promised' a facility two years ago and the mobile skate park gets massive use in the 2 weeks it is in the town but a permanent facility is clearly warranted
- completing the indoor sport facility at the school - a covered indoor facility is being built as part of the Building the Education Revolution funding program. However, to become a key community facility this facility will need walls
- developing pathways - an off-road pathway is required from the town to the school. In addition, pathway links are required throughout the town (and potentially linking with Toowoomba). Opportunity may exist to use inmates from the nearby correctional centre to complete these works
- developing quality parks - presently there are only two developed parks in Westbrook. In the new estates, parcels of drainage are being provided as park but they have no shade, no

facilities and can be dangerous after rain

- there are a large number of local youths playing club sport in Toowoomba. If a suitable playing field was available in town, opportunity exists to develop a junior sports club (such as football).

Yarraman Community Meeting

Key Points

- *good network of walking tracks, however, they are not promoted or well-used by residents*
- *Errol Munt Sports Centre is an excellent facility as it geographically well-located with all sports located in one precinct*

The community meeting was well attended by a range of people representing a cross-section of the community. However, it is noted that representation from young families was largely missing.

Generally, participants agreed there was a good range of sport and recreation facilities available in Yarraman, however, many were not being well utilised. Errol Munt Sports Centre is the home of most of the sports in the town, however, many Clubs that existed have since folded. Errol Munt also boasted many of the key recreation activities for the town - the multi-purpose courts, skate park, playground, barbecues and pool. Access to drinking water and shade at the skate park was considered an important development for the future of the Centre.

Improving and increasing safe walking opportunities was seen as the most important investment to be considered. Many tracks have already been developed around town - varying from 2km circuits to 15km circuits. Many residents were not aware of the circuits and some were in poor condition and required upgrades. Some people thought that if exercise stations were installed then more people would use the tracks.

Promotion was seen as the key to increasing the sport and recreation activities undertaken by residents. There was some discussion concerning the lack of interest by many people to get involved and innovative promotion would be required.

The pool was seen as an asset to the community and hub during summer. Some residents requested a year-round hydrotherapy pool.

Community Survey

A community survey was distributed by mail to 3,000 random households. Unfortunately, a poor response rate (83 returns) was achieved. More than half of these responses were received from Toowoomba households.

The intent of the questionnaire was not to act as a representative sample survey but to provide interested residents with an opportunity to contribute their opinions to the study.

The survey guided responses by asking for feedback on:

- likes and dislikes of existing sport and recreation opportunities in the Region
- suggestions for changes, new facilities or programs
- level of satisfaction with:
 - parks and reserves
 - community, sport and recreation facilities
 - range of activities and programs for target groups.

The results may indicate the views of a cross section of the Region and when considered in the context of the wider community consultation strategy, provide insights into the needs of the community. However, the findings may not be representative of each locality or community within the Region and care should be taken to not generalise the results.

Likes, Dislikes and Improvement Opportunities

The following were the most frequently liked aspects (in order):

- variety of sport available (Toowoomba responses)
- well maintained facilities (Toowoomba responses)
- Queens Park.

The aspects disliked were more varied, with the five most frequently cited being (in order):

- limited opportunities, have none (responses from outside Toowoomba)
- too expensive to join clubs or gyms
- lack of shade
- limited footpaths or walking opportunities (responses from outside Toowoomba)
- limited car parking at sports facilities.

Though numbers were very small for some towns, the most frequently cited improvement priorities are noted below:

- more free or cheap opportunities for people to be active
- increase shade in local parks
- develop an additional pool in Toowoomba
- improve bush walking tracks (responses from Highfields and Crows Nest)
- improve publicity/advertising of existing programs and opportunities.

Satisfaction Ratings

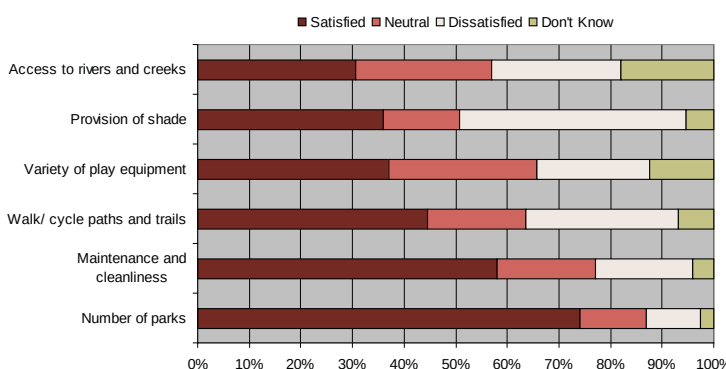
Satisfaction levels can provide a guide to where Council may need to refocus or prioritise its resources. Respondents were asked questions regarding their satisfaction with several aspects of the Region's parks, sport and recreation facilities and activity program provision.

Figure 2 shows those aspects of parks and reserves that residents were least satisfied with were:

- access to rivers and creeks (not surprising given the limited number across the Region)
- provision of shade
- variety of play equipment.

The number of parks and maintenance and cleanliness were the most satisfactory aspects of parks and reserves.

Figure 2: Satisfaction with aspects of sport and recreation



A number of community, sport and recreation facilities and services are provided across the Region and respondents were asked to rate their satisfaction with these (see Figure 3). The level of dissatisfaction is highest with walking paths/trails and aquatic centres.

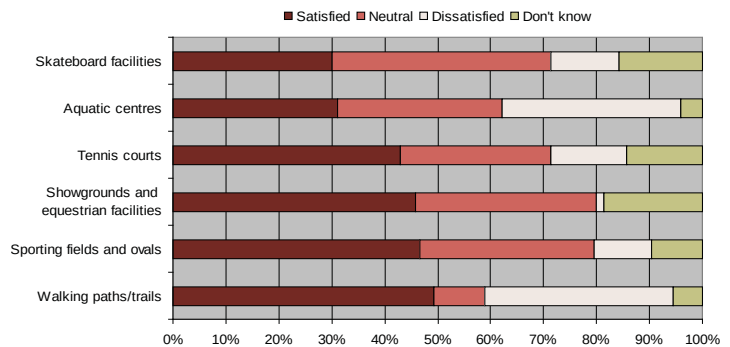
Given the large number of respondents from within Toowoomba, the finding regarding dissatisfaction with aquatic centres is not surprising. A number of respondents from Toowoomba noted the difficulties trying to get appropriate access to the Milne Bay Aquatic Centre.

Discussions with the facility Manager highlighted that the facility is currently at (or above) capacity.

The result for walking paths/trails is interesting. This aspect scored highest in both satisfaction and dissatisfaction ratings and reflect the different perceptions from within Toowoomba (where people appear, generally, content) and outside Toowoomba (where people expect better provision).

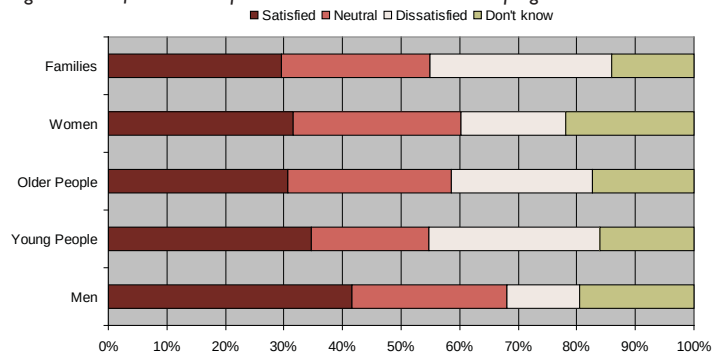
Many respondents were also pleased with the provision of sporting fields and ovals and showgrounds and equestrian facilities.

Figure 3: Satisfaction with sport and recreation facilities



Respondents were also asked to determine their level of satisfaction with the range of sport and recreation activities and programs for specific target groups. Figure 4 shows that respondents were somewhat nonplussed with provision as evidenced by the relatively even proportion of neutral, dissatisfied and satisfied results. It is interesting to note, that significant numbers of respondents were either neutral or didn't know their satisfaction level. This result may reflect the finding that one of the most disliked aspects in the Region is the lack of information and promotion of available opportunities.

Figure 4: Satisfaction with sport and recreation activities and programs



Youth Consultation

BMX Demonstrations and Workshops

An innovative approach to engaging the young people of the Region involved a high energy entertainment event at four locations, with youth surveys and open discussions.

To encourage a good turn out at the workshops, professional BMX freestyle rider Tim Wood presented an extreme BMX demonstration and workshop while ROSS Planning staff conducted the consultation. The four locations chosen were Chalk Drive skate facility (Toowoomba), Captain Cook skate facility (Toowoomba), Highfields and Yarraman skate facilities.

Good attendances were attained at each of the workshops.

During the workshop and demonstration the youth were encouraged to complete a short survey. As an enticement to complete the survey, prizes were offered resulting in a very high participation rate. Tim and the ROSS Planning team also engaged the youth in a broad ranging group discussion at the conclusion of the demonstration.

In addition, surveys were distributed at a youth expo and skate event conducted by Council in Millmerran.

The survey and group discussion canvassed a broad range of topics including:

- positive and negative aspects of sport and recreation in the Region
- youth needs and aspirations
- necessary improvements.

A summary of the survey and discussion results for each location is included below. Additionally, Tim's recommendations with regard to the four facilities is detailed in each section.

BMX Demonstration at the Captain Cook Recreation Reserve Skate Facility



Chalk Drive Skate Facility

Youth at this facility were keen for Council to consider further developing the facility as the premier skate facility in the Region. Appropriate development may include additional street elements on the open northern side of the park, repairs to the vert ramp and lighting for evening use.

Tim's recommendations:

- Vert ramp - replace the steps and place caps on the posts at the start of the steps, etch and re-paint the surface, replace all coping, replace the buckled sheet on the southern side and fill the drain holes in the floor (they are very dangerous and could potentially cut riders' fingers off)
- replace the coping on the small spine
- ensure the ends of all coping are capped
- develop elements on the northern side
- replace the damaged signage.

Captain Cook Skate Facility

The users at this facility were, generally, very happy with the facility. The only two requests were for Council to consider extending the facility slightly toward the soccer fields and providing additional seating.

Tim's recommendations:

- move (or remove) the grind rail in the 'landing zone' at the eastern end nearest the picnic facility
- look to expand the park to the south.

Highfields Skate Facility

The key priorities for the youth at this venue were for an extension of the facility toward the aquatic centre and to reduce the number of rocks spilling into the area.

Tim's recommendations:

- extend the concrete at the top of the park nearest the indoor centre and construct a low curb to hold back the crusher dust
- look to extend the facility toward the aquatic centre
- construct additional seating near the skate facility
- ensure users feel 'welcome' as they pass through the indoor sport centre.

Yarraman Skate Facility

The youth at the Yarraman workshop were notably younger than those at the other three events. These users suggested that the facility required additional seating and shade. Further, it was noted that Yarraman lacked play opportunities.

Tim's recommendations:

- extend concrete over dirt patches on highway side of the facility
- construct additional shade and seating
- at the town end of the facility extend the concrete to link with the existing concrete path.

Millmerran Skate Facility (Youth Expo)

The surveys distributed by Council at the youth event conducted at the Millmerran skate facility identified a range of issues for youth.

The favourite areas to recreate or hang were (in order):

- pool
- skate park
- indoor sports centre
- football field
- Back Creek/Back Creek Park
- parks in general.

The key reasons these places were preferred was because they were "fun" and good places to "meet and socialise with friends". In addition, the pool was also appreciated as it was an escape from the heat and it was considered safe.

The youth tended to meld their answers together for the final three questions *name the 3 worst recreation or sporting places, what do you think should be done to make them better and what is the most important thing Council should do to improve sport and recreation for young people.*

An analysis of the responses to these questions suggests that:

- the playing surfaces at the cricket and football fields need to be upgraded
- the development of a community motorbike track would be well-received
- the older youth perceive there is little for them to do in parks
- additional facilities are required in Lions Park (e.g. replace the slide)
- additional play facilities are required near the skate park at Factory Dam
- the skate park could be expanded
- the town needs to offer a wider range of sports (e.g. netball, dance)
- additional play facilities such as slides and a diving board should be developed at the pool.



Scenes from the Yarraman skate park BMX demonstrations

School Playshops

Discussions were held with a range of primary and secondary schools across the Region. The aim of these sessions was to develop a snapshot of participation trends for youth. The difference between 'sport' and 'recreation' was explained and the students were asked four questions.

The questions were:

- whether they were involved in club sports (outside the school system)
- what existing sport and recreation they enjoyed in their area
- what sport and recreation they thought was missing
- what sport and recreation they would develop for the community if each won Gold Lotto.

To provide results that could be compared across the Region, in primary schools Year 4 or 5 classes were targeted while in secondary schools Year 9 or 10 classes were spoken to.

Participation in Club Sport (Primary)

Approximately 46% of the students surveyed participated in club sport outside the school sport system. The three classes with the lowest club participation came from Greenmount, Clifton and Goombungee State Schools (that each had approximately 20%). Given the somewhat limited club sport opportunities in these towns these results are not surprising. The three highest participation rates were identified at Highfields, Crows Nest and Fairview Heights State Schools (each over 60%). These results reflect the large range of sporting opportunities available in Highfields and Toowoomba (and the popularity of sports such as tennis and swimming in Crows Nest).

Interestingly, unlike many regional communities, participation by girls was as wide ranging as for boys. In fact, in areas such as Highfields, Pittsworth and Yarraman girls were involved in more sports than boys.

In general, football (soccer) and rugby league are the preferred sport for boys, followed by swimming, tennis and cricket. The highest rating sports for girls included swimming, netball, dance and gymnastics.

Given the importance that the Region places on equestrian sports it is interesting that very few of the youth surveyed were involved in equestrian sports.

A snapshot of the range of sports played across the area is presented in the table below. The table indicates the range of sports participated in by boys and girls and compares results from schools within and outside the Toowoomba Statistical District. The table clearly shows that fewer formal sporting opportunities are available as one moves away from the more heavily populated areas. A complete list of each of these sports is included in the Appendix.

Table 3: Number of different sports played (primary)

Area	Primary Girls	Primary Boys
Within Toowoomba Statistical District	16	17
Outside Toowoomba Statistical District	10	9

Participation in Club Sport (Secondary)

Compared with primary school students, fewer (less than 44%) of the secondary youth surveyed are involved in formal sport outside the school system. This finding is in-line with most areas in Australia where drop-off from formal sport begins in the 13 to 15 years age bracket as many face additional time pressures from part-time work, increased study load and relationships.

Very limited participation in formal sport was identified at high schools in Yarraman and Crows Nest High Schools. It is worth noting

that in both instances there were no females involved in formal sport in either class.

Rugby league is a popular sport for males in Millmerran and Pittsworth while soccer is popular in Oakey. In Toowoomba, males' preferences are split across rugby league, rugby union and football. Across the seven schools visited there was limited formal sport participation by females. In Oakey, females participated in football, rugby league, equestrian and dance, while basketball and dance were the preferred sports in Pittsworth. Within Toowoomba, female participation was noted in hockey, karate and basketball and in Millmerran one female played competition netball (although had to travel to Toowoomba to participate).

The table below compares the range of sports participated in by males and females and compares results between areas within and outside the Toowoomba Statistical District. The result for females within the Toowoomba Statistical District is considered an anomaly. Clearly, there are a large number of formal sporting opportunities available within the area and while there may be additional pressures or recreation opportunities for young people in and near Toowoomba (e.g. going to the movies with friends) the result for Toowoomba is not considered reflective for young females.

Table 4: Number of different sports played (secondary)

Area	Secondary Females	Secondary Males
Within Toowoomba Statistical District	3	8
Outside Toowoomba Statistical District	6	5

Sport and Recreation Likes

PRIMARY and SECONDARY—In towns with pools and skate parks, these are favourites for youth. In addition to local pools and skate parks, children in Highfields and Toowoomba enjoy key regional parks such as Queens Park and Picnic Point. In rural communities, many young people enjoy motorbike riding.

Secondary students in Oakey and Yarraman noted that in terms of sport and recreation facilities they liked "nothing".

Sport and Recreation that is Missing

PRIMARY—The youth in Westbrook are very keen to see a skate park developed in the town. Across the rural areas many students indicated that they would like to see a legal motorbike track established. The development of play opportunities for older children (e.g. climbing nets and basketball half courts) was requested throughout the Region while the need for appropriate shade was also regularly noted.

SECONDARY—Similar to the results from the primary students, secondary students across the region are seeking additional play for older youth (e.g. climbing nets and basketball half courts). Also, the need for a motorbike facility was requested.

In Millmerran, Yarraman and Oakey the youth are seeking more formal club sport opportunities.

Gold Lotto—Developing Sport and Recreation for the Community

This is a fun discussion and gives the students a chance to think a little daringly. (At the end of the discussion, it is explained that some of the ideas may be a little far-fetched and unlikely to attract resources).

Responses from the primary students reflected each of the items

that they indicated as currently missing from the areas listed above. Additionally, the need for access to water play or a water park was a common response while the development of additional parks with “large playgrounds” was also suggested.

Secondary students were also keen to see the development of a water park (water play). In addition, students in Oakey and Yarraman would like to see indoor sports centres developed. In Pittsworth, youth would like to see the existing indoor facility replaced with a “real indoor facility”. The development of a motorbike park was noted in 5 of the 7 secondary schools visited.

Principal (School) Survey

School principals were given the opportunity to comment on sport and recreation issues as they affected their school and youth in the Region. Often school principals (particularly in smaller communities) have a good sense of the needs of their local community.

Thirty-two schools responded to the survey.

The following is a summary of the responses received.

School Use of Community Facilities

All responding schools make use of some community sports facilities.

For Toowoomba schools, primary and secondary school sport are played on many of Council's sporting facilities (e.g. Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve, Captain Cook ovals and Middle Ridge Park). A number of schools also conduct programs at Milne Bay Aquatic Centre. Private facilities such as Willows Squash and Fitness and the Toowoomba Hockey Club are also used for school sport.

Those schools located outside Toowoomba tend to use the community pool and/or indoor sports centre (where they exist). Council playing fields (e.g. Kratzke Road and Kuhls Road ovals) are also used by some schools.

Satisfaction Rating and Suggested Improvements

More than half of the schools were satisfied (53.1% satisfied and 6.3% totally satisfied) with the level and quality of Council's sport and recreation facilities available. However, suggestions to improve Council provided sport and recreation facilities/programs included:

- reduced fees for accessing facilities (Toowoomba schools)
- development of a multi-court indoor facility
- development of a large multi-field complex
- development of an additional pool within Toowoomba
- access to year-round fields
- development of a synthetic athletics track.

Community Use of School Facilities

Almost all of the schools indicated that they made their sporting facilities available for community use. These facilities include tennis courts, cricket practice nets, outdoor basketball and netball courts and sporting fields.

Concerns or barriers to public access and community use include:

- poor condition of school facilities/overuse of fields
- security and vandalism
- collection of keys, access outside school hours and booking processes.

Proposed School Facilities

Sport and recreation facilities (that may potentially be of benefit for the community) planned by schools in the next five years are shown in the table below. A number of schools indicated that the proposals were dependent on securing funding.

Table 5: Proposed school developments

School	Proposed Development
Bunkers Hill State School	Covered sports shed
Centenary Heights State High School	Indoor sports hall upgrade
Christian Outreach College	Indoor sports hall
Concordia Lutheran College	Synthetic athletics facility (with grandstand and lighting)
Crows Nest State School	Upgrade indoor sports hall
Darling Heights State School	Upgrade indoor sports hall
Fairview Heights State School	Indoor sports hall, cricket practice nets
Harristown State High School	Upgrade cricket oval (new turf wicket, lighting and seating)
Highfields State School	Indoor sports hall, oval upgrade
Meringandan State School	Indoor sports hall
Pittsworth State High School	Multi-purpose indoor sports facility
Rangeville State School	Indoor sports hall
Sacred Heart School (Toowoomba)	Indoor sports hall
St Mary's College (Toowoomba)	Installation of nets in the indoor centre to allow for futsal
Toowoomba Christian College	Three new ovals, indoor sports hall
Toowoomba East State School	Indoor sports hall, oval upgrades
Toowoomba Grammar School	Aquatic centre
Wilsonton State School	Extend sports hall
Yarraman P-10 State School	Covered sports shed

Many of the indoor sports halls are being developed in 2010 under the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution funding program. Unfortunately, most of these buildings are being constructed with insufficient run-off around courts and limited storage space. As a result, they will be of minimal use for community groups. Additionally, the development of one court facilities does not aide sports such as basketball, netball and futsal to schedule fixtures or run larger carnivals.

Bunkers Hill State School indoor hall under construction



Student Travel Path Improvements

A number of schools identified the need for new bikeways and/or bikeway upgrades in the vicinity of the schools. Schools nominated the following issues to be addressed:

Table 6: Recommended path improvements

School	Location	Bikeway Issues
Bunkers Hill State School	Westbrook	Safe link with Westbrook required
Centenary Heights State High School	Toowoomba	Bike lane on Ramsay and South Streets. Pedestrian crossing on Ramsay Street near Anderson Park
Clifton State School	Clifton	Footpaths in Tooth Street
Crows Nest State School	Crows Nest	Currently no bikeways to the school
Fairholme College	Toowoomba	No streets near Fairholme have designated bike lanes. - definitely needs to be addressed
Fairview Heights State School	Toowoomba	Bridge Street requires improved bike access
The Glennie School	Toowoomba	Bikeways required on Herries and Vacy Streets
Gowrie State School		Require links along Old Homebush Road and key routes north, south, east and west
Harristown State High School	Toowoomba	Stephen Street only has bike access on the northern side so a crossing is required. Access from the south and west is poor
Highfields State School	Highfields	Safe access along the full length of Kuhls Road
Meringandan State School	Meringandan	Need a bikeway on the southern route from the school on Shirley Street
Ryeford State School	Ryeford	Given the remote location, all students travel by bus or car
Toowoomba Christian College	Highfields	Given the highway location bikeway may not be feasible. However, cycling may be an option if lights are installed on the New England Highway at the school exit
Toowoomba East State School	Toowoomba	Crossing treatments needed on the corner of Arthur and Mary Streets and across Lindsay Street to Queens Park
Wyreema State School	Wyreema	Link from the school to Obst Park on Wyreema Road

In this question, Concordia Lutheran College also noted the need for a traffic free criterium track for cycling and human powered vehicles.

Issues for Young People

Schools identified a range of key needs and issues for young people and the wider community. The table below summarises the needs outlined by location.

Table 7: General issues for young people

Location	Need/Issue
Toowoomba	Synthetic athletics facility Multi-field complex Multi-court indoor facility Squash courts
Clifton, Jondaryan and Meringandan	Limited sport opportunities in the town. Travel required to access sport
Crows Nest	Recreation Centre is too far out of town
Gowrie	Public recreation facilities are in poor condition
Highfields	Biggest issue is growth and forward planning. Highfields has outgrown the existing facilities and Council needs to plan and develop now to avoid playing catch up
Westbrook	Skate park
Yarraman	Cost of travel to access sport

Active Adult Consultation

With the aging of the population, it is increasingly important to hear the views of older members of communities. Two representative groups were selected to discuss local issues for active adults.

Toowoomba Senior Citizens Club

The Toowoomba Senior Citizens Club offers a range of regular recreation and physical activity opportunities including tai chi, yoga, square dancing and indoor bowls.

Discussions with members suggest that a number of Council facilities play a key role in providing physical activity for older active adults. A number of members regularly recreate in areas such as Queens Park, Webb Park, Lake Annand and Laurel Bank Park.

While no members are involved in walking groups, most walk regularly. Of primary concern is the need for well maintained (and level) concrete walking paths with suitably spaced seats and water points.

Additionally, the need for an additional hydrotherapy pool in the City was identified by the group.

Crows Nest Senior Citizens

The workshop coincided with a Senior Citizens weekly get together. The group was relatively active with people undertaking nine sport and recreation activities regularly or semi-regularly. It was noted that many participants did not undertake any designated physical activity outside the Club. Activities included:

- indoor bowls
- outdoor bowls
- golf
- cricket (social)
- table tennis
- squash
- swimming
- walking
- tennis.

Access to the pool, gym and walking circuits generated the most conversation. Only one person regularly frequented the pool as many believed it was a place for young people only.

Most people identified Hartman Walk as a quality facility. Additionally, around town, there were a number of requests to improve footpaths links. These included:

- additional circuits in Hartman Park
- continue linking the path along the highway to residential areas
- improve the pedestrian links (particularly across highways) in the town centre (western side of Centenary Park and crossing to Australia Post).

Although many have lived in Crows Nest for a long time, a majority of the attendees did not know about the indoor centre, nor the services it offered.

The group also thought that the population characteristics warranted a dedicated space for seniors. The Senior Citizens Association has written to Council to request access to a facility at limited or no cost but a resolution has yet to be achieved.



Indoor Bowls at the Toowoomba Senior Citizens Club

Sporting Group Consultation

A range of methods were used to develop a clear picture of the current and future needs and aspirations of the sporting groups in the Region. Consultation involved four sport-specific forums, club surveys and interviews.

Sport-Specific Forums

Generally, these forums tried to avoid discussing individual club issues (as each organisation had been given a survey) and focussed more on higher-level sporting issues such as maintenance, management and tenure issues and perceived Council support for sporting endeavours.

Toowoomba

The Toowoomba forum was very well attended with a range of quality high-level discussions ensuing.

The key issues raised are summarised below:

PLAYING FIELDS

- the Region requires a large multi-field sports complex that encourages shared use. However, in many instances shared use of playing fields is not realistic (due to overuse and length of season) - sharing of ancillary facilities such as clubhouses, car parks and changerooms should be a focus
- if development of additional playing fields is not feasible would Council consider assisting schools to light playing fields for club training purposes
- the Region requires a home for athletics. While there is a synthetic track at the Glennie School, the track is too small and does not have enough area to cater for a number of concurrent field events or spectators. O'Quinn Street is a quality grass facility and could be upgraded to a synthetic facility. However, it is unlikely that Council would have the resources to adequately maintain such a facility

INDOOR SPORT

- a number of indoor sports (particularly basketball and futsal) will struggle to grow without the development of a large multi-court facility. There are currently a large number of one court facilities (at schools) and more being built in the near future. However, these courts have limited run-offs and storage and are often not accessible (or useful) for community sport. The Toowoomba Basketball Association previously employed a Development Officer. However, with no courts available to allow expansion this position has been terminated

MOTOR SPORT

- motor sport is fragmented in the Region. There are a number of single-use facilities and many of these fear urban encroachment. While the individual clubs may not currently embrace the concept, Council should plan for a long-term motor sport precinct similar to Ipswich or Warwick

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- volunteer numbers continue to dwindle and any opportunity to limit volunteer duplication (such as shared management of a large facility) should be encouraged
- any future planning of sports facilities should include a thorough car park investigation as a number of current Council facilities (e.g. Rockville and Harristown Parks) have significant restrictions
- while the development of the Regional Tennis Centre is considered a positive for the sport in the Region, smaller clubs (e.g. Adventurers Tennis Club at Middle Ridge Park) do not want to be 'forced' by Council to relocate to the Regional Centre or James Street facility
- Council and the regional sporting community should look

to opportunities for public/private partnerships. There are developers that would be keen to develop quality club complexes that would compliment playing fields, courts or pools the Region should look to develop an Academy of Sport model such as the Northern Inland Academy of Sport based in Tamworth

- any assistance that Council or the State Government could provide to encourage more open management and decision-making at Clive Berghofer Stadium would be well-received by a number of groups
- important that this Plan (once adopted) guides development rather than ad hoc political decision-making
- while the development of new facilities is clearly warranted, Council must not resource new facilities at the cost of decreased maintenance or ceasing development at existing facilities

INDIVIDUAL SPORT COMMENTS

- AFL and cricket agreed that the clubhouse at Rockville Park is in poor condition and detracts from what could be a quality facility. Rockville Park also needs cricket practice nets
- Toowoomba Hockey Association is the home of hockey for the Region. The facility requires significant upgrades to continue to meet the growing needs of the sport and would like to see joint Association and Council funding applications developed.

Highfields

The Highfields and District Sport and Recreation Association has worked closely with Council and the State Government to lead the planning of sports facilities in the area. Key outcomes identified by the group are listed in the table below:

	1-3 years	4-6 years	7-10 years
Minor	Upgrade surface at Kratzke Road AFL field	Develop a cycleway to Toowoomba	
	Irrigate Kratzke Road and Kuhls Road fields	Develop a walking trail linking Toowoomba, Crows Nest and Spring Bluff	
	Develop storage facilities at Kratzke Road and Kuhls Road fields	Develop opportunities for triathlon	
	Install lights on the top oval at Kratzke Road	Construct sealed car parking at Kratzke Road top oval and Kuhls Road	
		Develop traffic calming around Kratzke Road and Kuhls Road facilities	
Major	Develop a regional sporting complex (20ha site Reis Road)	Liaise with Education Queensland in regards to the development of playing fields and indoor sport development at the new high school site	Cabarlah showgrounds development
		Develop a BMX track	Develop a new aquatic centre
		Develop a squash centre	Develop a new indoor sports facility

With both Kuhls Road and Kratzke Road currently being used at capacity, the development of a new multi-field sports complex is a key priority for the area.

As the Kuhls Road and Kratzke Road facilities are both stormwater detention basins, they are regularly water-logged after rain events (particularly Kuhls Road). Council should look at opportunities to improve drainage at these sites.

Additional comments raised at the forum included:

- the indoor sports centre is being used at capacity. An extension to this facility (at least one court) is required in the short-term
- cycling opportunities could be enhanced by simple measures such as increased sweeping of road edges

- Highfields is a preferred location for holding triathlon events and training
- Kuhls Road sports complex requires a master plan to guide future development
- Crows Nest cricket ground requires an upgrade (practice nets, playing surface and boundary fence).



'Hill Sprints' at Kratzke Oval

Oakey

Representatives at this forum identified a range of 'good' and 'bad' considerations:

GOOD

- there is a range of quality community-managed sports facilities available
- sports community will fight to ensure the range of sports and the facilities available in Oakey continue
- former Jondaryan Sport and Recreation Plan is still relevant and priorities should be included in the Toowoomba Regional Plan
- growth of soccer in Oakey is an encouraging sign for other Clubs just 'hanging in there'
- most of the smaller surrounding townships have some 'sport land' which is an important community asset even though there is limited use and the cost of maintaining them is high for the community (e.g. Mt Tyson Recreation Reserve)
- new 'community' sports facilities that are being built at schools present an opportunity for the community. The Oakey community would like a Council Officer to assist in establishing sports/recreation programs at the new indoor sports centres at schools (otherwise it is feared they will not be made accessible to the community)

BAD

- many buildings at sports facilities are in poor condition (club houses, amenities blocks, player changerooms) also access to sewerage, water and electricity can be problematic
- lack of facilities to hire to support physical activity opportunities such as martial arts, dance
- lack of safe and legal venue for people to ride motorbikes
- the pool in general - design of the facility and quality of the pool water needs attention
- lack of an indoor centre in Oakey (squash court is currently on the market)
- soccer is starting to outgrow current two fields and both the fields and the clubhouse need upgrading
- lack of coordination and cooperation between tenant clubs (for example the clubs at the Showgrounds)
- there may be too much land in Oakey for parks, spreading resources (Council and community) too thinly across them
- there are a range of team sports available but limited individual sports

RECOMMENDATIONS

- general support for sharing facilities, however, there were fears this may jeopardise growth of some sports and create conflict when seasons overlap
- more effective community partnerships with Schools, including access to their fields
- to target more indigenous funding to get local indigenous kids involved in sport
- upgrade old National Fitness Centre hall, however, debate whether this is needed with all the new school halls being developed
- a new pool needs to be developed.

Pittsworth

Membership

- soccer has had significant and consistent growth over the past seven years
- cricket is having some growth (new team this season)
- AFL is aiming to have a senior team within 4 years
- declining membership (and volunteers) a massive burden/issue at Southbrook. The Recreation Reserve runs on three people, who are aging and not sure whether they are able to continue the

upkeep on the facility. They recognise the importance of having a local facility but would like help in increasing its use

Competition

- many sports are part of the Toowoomba home and away competition
- cricket conducts its own competition and use a variety of local facilities

Facilities

- soccer share rugby league facilities as a sub-lessee
- amenities block at Rugby League grounds requires upgrading (suitable for all tenant sports to use)
- some smaller communities lack facilities available for sport, such as Wylahra Grove. Wylahra Grove would like:
 - storage facility
 - external lighting
 - multi-purpose courts
 - beach volleyball courts
 - picnicking facilities
- cricket use public ovals as well as private (school) ovals. There is major differences in quality of ovals across the playing district. Storage and additional cricket practice nets are a high priority for cricket
- golf club is self-funded and have a 30 year lease with Council for the majority of the course. The club house and car park are on freehold land owned by the Club. The Golf Club would like to explore options to access recycled water
- rugby league:
 - additional land is needed to meet community demand and growth, land to the west is zoned as 'recreation' and ideally it would be a great Council investment to secure this land
 - would like access to recycled water for irrigation
 - need to consolidate car parking areas to maximise functional spaces
 - ultimately would like many more sports to relocate to the facility to create a real multi-use sports complex
- Bridgman Oval needs:
 - additional storage (clubs currently use changerooms to store assets)
 - canteen upgrade
 - toilet upgrade (currently no disabled access to toilets)
 - sports lighting in the long-term
 - lighting in general public areas (car parking and around buildings)
- Southbrook Reserve - complete overhaul of facilities and extra lighting required

Governance

- want help from Council to access and apply for grants
- nearly all sports present at the workshop indicated that their sports depended on a few long-term committee members
- there was some concerns about future communication with Council and the impacts this may have on sport provision locally
- maintaining and attracting volunteers is a major issue
- cost of insurance continues to be a problem for many sports

General Community Facilities and Open Space

- Youth should be commended on their use and upkeep of the skatepark

Priorities

- additional land is needed for sport - Bridgman Oval is over-capacity in terms of space and the rugby league facility is privately owned
- develop a master plan Bridgman Oval - promoting consolidation of shared facilities.

Sport and Recreation Organisation Survey

A survey was sent to all known sport and recreation groups in the local government region. Prior to this, most groups were contacted so that they were aware that the Strategy was being prepared.

After the initial closing date, emails were sent to those clubs that had not submitted surveys while at community meetings, it was stressed that they should be returned.

Ultimately, 126 surveys were returned for a response rate approaching 50%. It should be noted that the surveys were only one aspect of consultation with sport clubs. Many meetings were held with individual groups and four Sport-Specific Forums were conducted. These consultation events, and others, have helped shape the recommendations.

A detailed summary of the club survey results is included in the Appendix.

Membership

Almost 70% of clubs noted membership increases across the last three years. Similarly, 73% of clubs predict increases in the next three years.

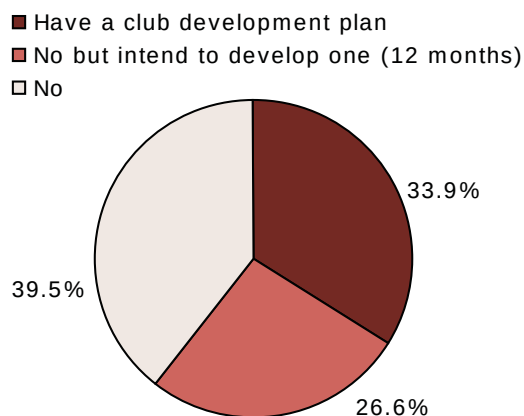
Interestingly, while 24% of clubs noted membership decreases in recent years only 7% expect decreases to continue in coming years.

Planning

This question asked clubs about the status of their planning. Two basic plans that all clubs should have were used as surrogate indicators for all planning.

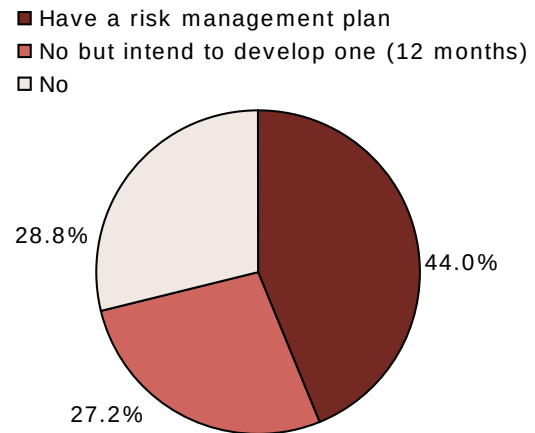
Asked about whether the club had a Club Development Plan, nearly 40% said they did not, almost 34% said that they did and approximately 27% were planning to develop one within a year (see Figure 5).

Figure 5: Does your Club have a Development Plan?



When asked whether the club had a Risk Management Plan slightly more said yes than compared to a Club Development Plan (see Figure 6). In this case, almost 29% said that they did not have a Risk Management Plan and 44% said that they did.

Figure 6: Does your Club have a Risk Management Plan?



For both plans, the level of planning is disappointing. Without a Club Development Plan the organisation is likely to lurch in different directions as volunteers change over. The Club Development Plan gives direction to the organisation and membership.

A Risk Management Plan can protect the organisation, its executive and members, and the public from harm. It is a basic Plan for good governance recommended for all clubs, especially if the club has its own facilities.

Land Tenure

Of the Clubs that responded, 50% used Council land, 5% leased directly from the State Government and 25% owned their land. The remainder either hired a facility (e.g. a swimming club) or did not have a facility.

Adequacy of Facilities

This question asked respondents about the facilities that they used (where relevant). Additionally, the question required clubs to consider whether the facility would be adequate in coming years. Interestingly, most clubs note that their existing facilities were inadequate to cater for future growth.

Table 8 has selected the more significant facilities, or those shared with several groups, where shortfalls in adequacy were noted. The User Comment is the description of issues given by the respondents.

A number of these facilities may fall to Council to lead the upgrade. However, a few are likely to be the responsibility of the user groups.

The community will be facing significant upgrade works over coming years if all these facilities are to be upgraded to the level expected.

Additional results from this survey have been included in the Appendix.

Table 8: Selected comments where facilities are considered inadequate

Facility	Location	User Comment
Bridgman Oval	Pittsworth	Limited storage and clubhouse does not meet health standards. Only one cricket net and it requires repair
Captain Cook Recreation Reserve (BMX)	Toowoomba	Develop appropriate ancillary facilities such as canteen and storage. Construct shade covering over the starting platform
Commonwealth Oval	Toowoomba	Requires additional field space for baseball and football
Commonwealth Oval Velodrome	Toowoomba	Surface is rough, aging and should be replaced
Oakey Federal Sporting Fields	Oakey	Requires numerous upgrades - clubhouse, changerooms, parking and irrigation
Gold Park	Toowoomba	Heavily used. Grounds, canteen, internal roads, field lighting and storage all require improvements. Opportunity to develop additional field space on lower oval
Harristown Park	Toowoomba	Requires additional formalised parking
Highfields Fitness and Recreation Centre	Highfields	Limited opportunity for expansion with only two courts
Hodgson Vale Community Sport and Recreation facility	Hodgson Vale	Requires air conditioning, additional changerooms and cricket oval upgrade
Jubilee Park (Mountain Bike)	Toowoomba	Construction of permanent unisex toilet facility
Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve	Toowoomba	Amenities and canteen upgrades. Additional skinned softball diamonds and seating on the bank overlooking the main touch fields
Kratzke Road Sports Complex	Highfields	Oval surface is poor and receives high demand for use. Parking, toilets and storage is inadequate
Kuhl's Road Sports Complex	Highfields	Limited fields in poor condition, inadequate clubhouse and poor drainage
Middle Ridge Park	Toowoomba	Clubhouse is required
Millmerran Football Grounds	Millmerran	Complete upgrade required - field lighting, surface upgrade, additional shade and grandstand upgrade
Millmerran Olympic Pool	Millmerran	PA system is inadequate and the toilet facilities are outdated
Nell E Robinson Park (football)	Toowoomba	Requires a third field, more changerooms and fencing
Nell E Robinson Park (netball)	Toowoomba	Develop 4 additional lit hard courts, safety fencing around courts on Carey Street, terracing, covered area and storage shed
O'Quinn Street Oval	Toowoomba	Construct a synthetic javelin approach and additional shade structures
Pittsworth Basketball Association (Show Pavilion)	Pittsworth	Dust, no changerooms and no storage
Pittsworth Leagues Club	Pittsworth	Additional field space required to cater for all users. Development of additional amenities block, irrigation system and gymnasium.
Pittsworth Tennis Facility	Pittsworth	Look to upgrading the courts to synthetic grass
Rockville Park	Toowoomba	Requires additional storage, cricket practice nets, extensive clubhouse renovations and additional parking
South Toowoomba Bowls Club	Toowoomba	Would like to purchase the Gold Park easement at the rear of the bowls club
Toowoomba Bridge Club	Toowoomba	Additional car parking required
Toowoomba Hockey Association	Toowoomba	Water based field is being overused and requires additional spectator facilities. Sand based field should be replaced now. Grass fields require significant maintenance, training lights, shade and additional amenities
Toowoomba Showgrounds	Toowoomba	Electricity supply to stables is inadequate. Opportunities to develop facilities for cycling and motorsport
Toowoomba Tennis Association (James Street)	Toowoomba	Construction of up to three additional courts
USQ (Steele Rudd Oval - Little Athletics)	Toowoomba	Poor track condition, discus throws over the track, no storage, no canteen and limited car parking
Water St Stadium	Toowoomba	Unsafe floor and poor changerooms

Issues

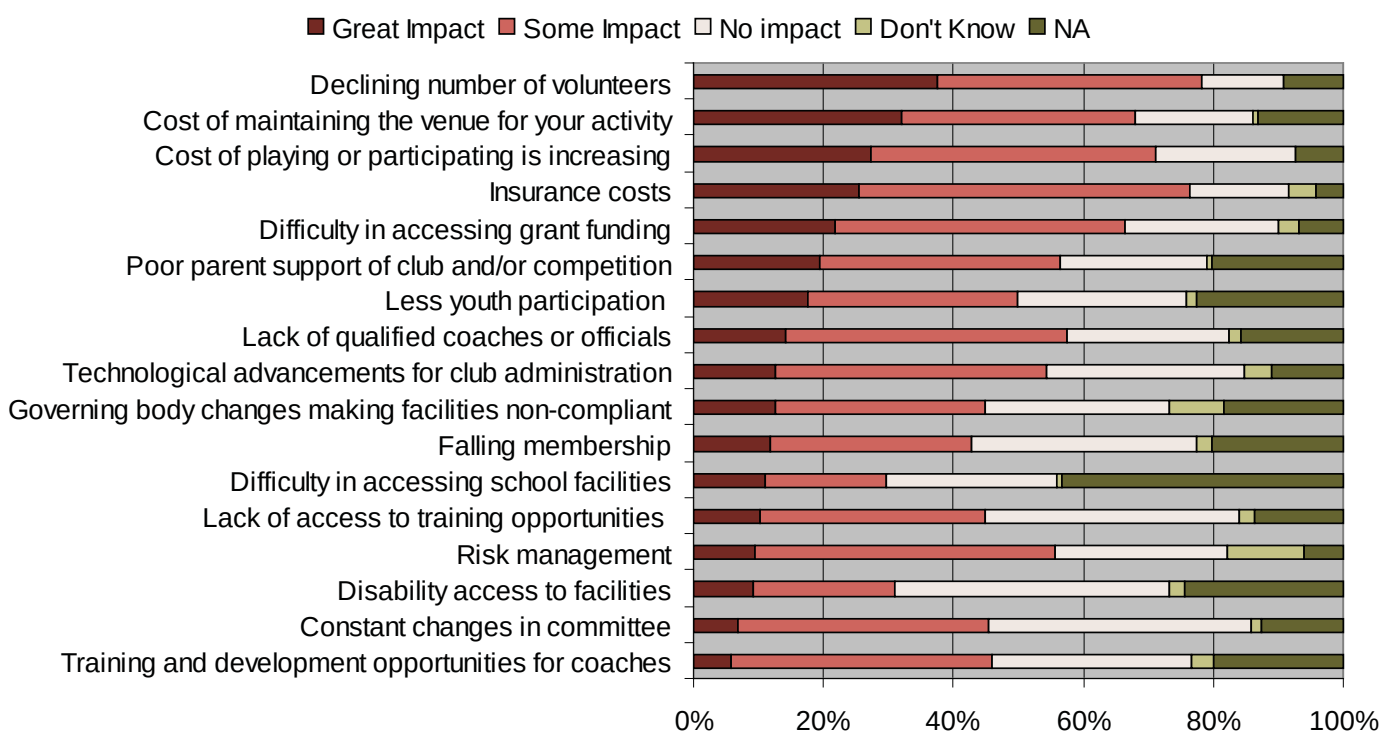
A range of issues that may affect clubs in the Region were listed and the respondents were asked to rank them from having a “great impact” through to “no impact” with the option of “don’t know” where relevant.

The results are shown in Figure 7 below. Issues have been ordered with those having the greatest impact listed first.

Four of the first five issues relate directly to financial capacity—“Cost of maintaining the venue for your activity”, “Cost of playing or participating is increasing”, “Insurance costs” and “Difficulty in accessing grant funding”.

However, the issue causing the greatest impact was “Declining number of volunteers”. If “Great Impact” and “Some Impact” are combined then this is an issue for more than 80% of respondents. If this result is taken in the context of the issues clubs also face with regard to facility maintenance costs, it highlights that Council should have some success encouraging organisations toward multi-use facilities where opportunity may exist to share financial and volunteer burdens.

Figure 7: Issues affecting clubs



Sport and Recreation Organisation Interviews

Commonwealth Oval User Group

While this group is no longer an incorporated body, the user groups still meet throughout the year to discuss management, development and event timing issues. The group has overseen the collation of a detailed Development Plan that is updated every 2-3 years.

A wide range of facility advancements have been achieved at the complex in recent years. Key achievements have included the development of a large clubhouse, upgrade and re-opening of the velodrome and lighting the football and baseball fields.

Additional works proposed by the users include:

- provision of additional lit football and baseball diamonds on the velodrome site. (However, the cycling community still consider the velodrome a key priority)
- provision of additional car parking
- provision of shade structures throughout the facility
- replacing the field lighting control box that limits views across the fields
- provision of both permanent and portable tiered seating
- removal of trees along the eastern perimeter of the football field
- provision of tiered seating along the eastern bank.

Gold Park Management Committee

The Gold Park Management Committee includes representation from the sports of AFL, junior and senior rugby and an independent representative.

The facility is very heavily used between February and September each year when the two fields are used five afternoons/evenings each week for training with competition every weekend. While the complex does not have a permanent summer tenant, the main field is used for school AFL in the latter part of the year. The committee is also looking to establish an Oztag competition to run from the end of the winter sporting season up until Christmas.

Development plans for the facility include:

- upgrading the main field lighting to competition standard for AFL
- extending the bottom field to accommodate a second full size AFL field (and smaller rectangular fields) and upgrading the lighting on this oval to training standard
- replacing the grandstand
- installing irrigation on the lower field
- developing appropriate amenities facilities on the bottom oval
- extending the building out toward the main field.

The committee has been pleased with the tenure-related discussions it has had with Council. Council's proposal to offer a licence over the fields (with the committee responsible for maintenance) and a commercial lease over the clubhouse was well-received.

In February 2009, the facility hosted a Queensland Reds pre-season trial match that attracted almost 7,000 spectators. Queensland Rugby were very pleased with the event and opportunity exists to attract similar events every three to four years.

Harristown Park User Group

The Harristown Park User Group comprises representatives from AFL, cricket and local residents. The group meets semi-regularly to discuss scheduling and development initiatives.

A range of upgrades have been achieved in recent years and the facility now runs well. The two outstanding facility requirements are an extension to the oval for AFL purposes (if possible) and the development of formalised car parking (potentially nose-in parking along Sybil and Talbot Streets).

Heritage Oval Management Incorporated (HOMI)

HOMI is the booking agent for the Heritage Oval clubhouse and field and assists the two key users (Toowoomba Cricket and Toowoomba Bears Rugby Club) in planning and development.

HOMI received appropriate Council support when a large interstate 20/20 match was conducted at the Oval in early 2007. This event was a huge success with the gates closed when the spectator areas filled to capacity. It is envisaged that a similar match may be attracted to the City in coming years. If this eventuates, Council support will again be sought.

Kearney's Spring Management Committee (KSMC)

KSMC has been the peak body working with Council to see the ongoing development and management of the complex for many years. The Committee is an incorporated body and includes representatives from the two key user groups – Toowoomba Softball and Toowoomba Touch Associations.

In recent years KSMC has worked well as a group and continues to meet up to four times each year. The Committee seeks Council and State Government funding for facility upgrades with a complete overhaul of the amenities facility currently the highest priority project.

While KSMC has enjoyed a positive internal working environment recently, communication from (and interaction with) Council has dropped off markedly in recent years. Being the most heavily used sport facility in the Region, KSMC would like to see a Council representative attend each of their Committee meetings. This would help to ensure that Council is well aware of the development priorities and could work toward a proactive rather than reactive approach to management, maintenance and development.

Cecil Plains Memorial Pool

Given the extreme summer temperatures, the Cecil Plains Memorial Pool is the key community hub in warmer months. The facility includes a 6 lane 25m pool with shade and covered grandstand, covered wading pool and amenities building.

With most of the facilities in appropriate condition, Council's biggest issue with this facility is upgrading the changerooms and kiosk.

Clifton Municipal Pool

The Clifton Pool is a key community asset for the area and is one of the few enclosed 25m pool facilities in the Region. Additional developments required at the facility include heating the pool, enhancing disabled access to the pool, upgrading the changerooms and providing additional recreation elements such as a playground and/or half court basketball.

Crows Nest and District Pool

The facility provides a range of aquatic opportunities such as swimming lessons, swimming club activities and aqua aerobics.

To further enhance the use of the pool, Council may consider developing ramp access into the pool, enhancing shade at the facility and (in the long-term) developing a hydrotherapy pool.

Highfields Aquatic Centre

This facility is only open during the warmer swimming season and includes an 8 lane 25m pool (with solar heating to be installed in 2010) with covered grandstand, toddler's pool and water slide, beach volleyball court, half court basketball court and barbecue area. The learn-to-swim programs are at capacity (and with long waiting lists) and the facility is very popular for casual use.

Plans for the site include semi-enclosing the pool (and moving to

year-round operation), developing an additional learn-to-swim pool (on the site of the existing beach volleyball court) and constructing a large covered barbecue area (on the half court basketball court).

Jondaryan Shire War Memorial Swimming Pool

Use of this facility waned for sometime before a new lessee was appointed. Since this change, facility usage has increased substantially and the facility, is, once again, considered a key community asset. As identified in the Master Plan prepared in 2007, the site requires significant changes (upgrades and replacement). If Council can secure funding, the site could be redeveloped to include both a 50m pool and leisure water.

Millmerran Olympic Pool

This facility includes a 50m 6 lane pool with grandstand and shade structures at each end, small wading pool with water play, clubhouse, kiosk and amenities. The pool is heavily used throughout the warmer months with attendances of up to 15,000 visits per season. The site also hosts the annual Millmerran Open Swimming Carnival and regular school events.

The key development required at the site is a complete upgrade of the amenities and kiosk. Additionally, long-term plans include developing a learn-to-swim/hydrotherapy pool at the southern end of the complex. Potentially, this pool could have year-round access and a wheel chair ramp.

Milne Bay Aquatic Centre

The complex is very heavily used with the learn-to-swim programs at capacity (and with long waiting lists). While the site is currently the home to most regional swimming carnivals and a large number of school events, limited parking is a major issue. When events are conducted at the Centre, casual users have significant difficulties finding parking and the Centre fields regular complaints.

Pittsworth Civic Pool

The facility includes a 7 lane 50m pool with grandstand, covered wading pool, amenities, shade structures and swimming clubhouse.

The pool is very well used during the swimming season (from the week before the September holidays through to the week before Easter).

While there are a number of improvements that could be considered for the current facility, Council emphasis should be on relocating the pool. A new pool complex should include a 50m pool, covered 25m square pool and a wading pool. Ideally, such a facility would also include a hydrotherapy pool, however, this is likely to be a long-term goal.

Yarraman Recreation Centre (Pool)

The facility includes a heated 25m pool and covered wading pool. Additional facilities include amenities, covered picnic area and small grandstand seating.

In addition to social swimming, the centre conducts a swimming club, stroke correction and learn-to swim programs.

Key facility requirements include an upgrade to the amenities building including conversion of showers to hot water and development of a hydrotherapy pool

AFL Queensland (Darling Downs)

Membership

AFL continues to show strong growth in the Region. Playing numbers in Highfields, in particular, have increased significantly with junior

membership almost doubling in recent seasons.

Facilities

The key issue influencing planning and development of AFL in the Region is the lack of quality field space. In the 2009 season, it was difficult to schedule weekend fixtures with limited fields available. Similarly, conducting the secondary school competition (in terms 3 and 4) can be very difficult as these matches clash with the cricket season and fields with turf wickets are unavailable for AFL.

Ideally, AFL Queensland would like additional fields available in the winter playing season with two fields available year-round.

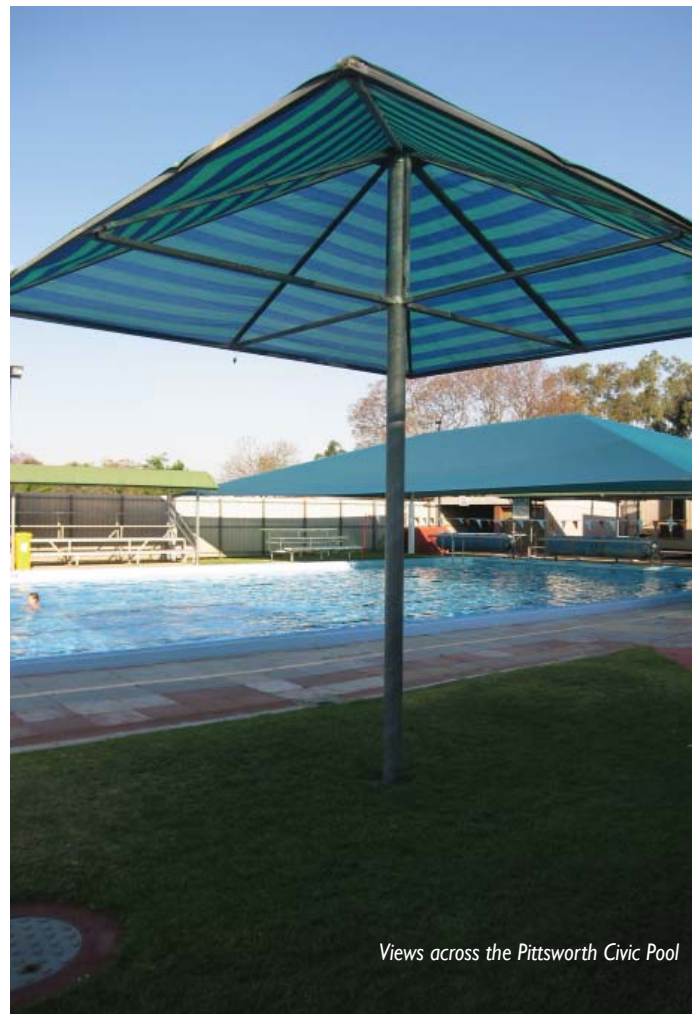
Rangers Baseball Association

Membership

Recent successes have seen growth in player numbers. With limited field space available at Commonwealth Oval, the Association is turning players away from t-ball. Similarly, the Association is keen to conduct a rookie ball competition for Under 12's, however, it cannot be conducted as there is simply no room available for fixtures.

Development Initiatives

The Association would like to see the velodrome area developed to mirror the top oval.



Views across the Pittsworth Civic Pool

Toowoomba Basketball Association

Membership

In recent years, the Toowoomba Basketball Association has seen slight increases in both junior and senior playing ranks. However, the Association has chosen to cease membership development initiatives until additional suitable court space can be secured.

Facility

Water Street Stadium, the 'home' of basketball in Toowoomba, is in very poor condition. The facility includes only one court, the existing playing floor is unsafe and the toilet and changeroom facilities are largely inadequate.

The Association also conducts fixtures from three Toowoomba private school facilities.

Development Initiatives

The Association would like to work with Council and the State Government to develop a new four-court indoor facility in the City. The Association has held preliminary discussions with the University of Southern Queensland concerning opportunities to develop additional courts and a 'home' for basketball adjoining the Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre.

Pittsworth Basketball Association

Basketball is one of the key sports played in Pittsworth and the Basketball Association maintains strong playing numbers. However, the indoor sports facility (Show Pavilion) is in desperate need of upgrades (or more sensibly replacement).

The floor has been sanded back as far as it can be before replacement. As a result, the Association lacquers the floor four times each year to try and maintain its thickness. Additionally, as an 'unsealed' facility, dust pours into the building whenever it is windy. During the playing season, the Association pays to have the floors cleaned three times each week. Finally, the facility has no changerooms and the existing toilet facilities are aged.

The Association would like to work with the Pittsworth State High School and Council to develop a two-court community facility on the schools' grounds.

Toowoomba BMX Association

Membership

Since the inclusion of BMX in the 2008 Olympics, BMX has seen significant membership increases across the State. These increases have been mirrored in Toowoomba where the membership has risen to 85.

Facility

The lit track is used two nights each week for training and once each fortnight for club competitions. Additionally, the Association conducts one or two open full day carnivals each year. Four hundred riders attended the fifth round of the State Shoot Out conducted in Toowoomba in 2009.

As an open community facility, the track attracts youth riding bikes every afternoon and each weekend.

Council Relationship

The Association was very excited by the keen interest that a number of the former Toowoomba City Councillors showed in BMX operations – attending regular competitions and carnivals. However, since amalgamation the Association is disappointed that it

has not "heard from any of the new Councillors". The Association's relationship with Council staff continues to be positive.

Development Initiatives

While the track is of a relatively high standard the Association is being held back due to lack of suitable ancillary facilities. Ideally, the Association would like a 'club' facility that included suitable storage, viewing area and, most importantly, a canteen. The Association lacks a regular income stream as it does not conduct a canteen for club training and events and is unlikely to attract a State Championship with the existing limited ancillary facilities. The Association would like to discuss with Council and fellow Captain Cook Recreation Reserve users opportunities to extend (at ground level and/or at second level) and redevelop the existing clubhouse.

Additional Association initiatives include:

- development of in-ground irrigation for track watering
- erection of one additional light pole
- development of seating along the western edge of the track.



The Toowoomba BMX facility

Toowoomba Cricket Incorporated

Membership

In recent years, the Association has seen slight increases in senior membership and strong increases in junior membership.

Facilities

The Association is excited at the additional opportunities available now that Heritage Oval has recently been lit.

Every Council cricket facility is currently used for fixtures. In addition, a number of school fields are used for both junior and senior weekend fixtures. While sufficient fields with turf wickets are available, further large fields with synthetic wickets are required.

While the Association appreciates the need for shared and multi-use facilities, scheduling difficulties arise at the start and finish of each season where winter tenants exist.

Council Relationship

The Association has a strong working relationship with Council staff and has formed some links with a number of Councillors. With a large number of quality fields required to meet fixture requirements, the Association pays almost \$20,000 per annum in Council field fees. While the Association understands the requirements for field fees, they are keen to see Council adopt a uniform approach across the recently amalgamated areas.

Development Initiatives

To ensure the long term sustainability of the sport, the Association is keen to assist Council investigate opportunities for as many fields as possible to be connected to water supplies other than town water.

The Association would like to see the development of a number of large fields with synthetic wickets if a new multi-sport greenfield site is established.

Football Queensland (South West)*Membership*

Football continues to enjoy steady growth in the Region. However, an influx of new members is expected in 2010 with the staging of the World Cup.

Facilities

The greatest issue facing the sport is the lack of appropriate fields. Many fields have concrete or turf cricket wickets in the centre, while the few year-round football fields are heavily over-used.

Ideally, the sport needs a home with up to three fields available year-round. Football only 'switches off' for six weeks each year.

To overcome field availability issues, the Association has commenced running programs at alternate times such as Monday nights and Sundays.

Middle Ridge Park is a quality lit facility but requires a clubhouse.

Football Toowoomba*Membership*

Football Toowoomba is the peak governing body for football in the Toowoomba area. A total of eighteen clubs make up the Football Toowoomba community. Of these, thirteen are located within the Toowoomba Regional Council area. Total membership is almost 3,000 with the majority of members being juniors (approximately 2,400).

The Association experienced a large jump in membership after the 2006 World Cup. With another World Cup to be conducted in 2010, Football Toowoomba are planning for a membership increase of up to 10%.

Facilities

The limited number of fields available in the Region was the primary reason for the development of the Football Toowoomba Strategic Plan. Given the lack of fields, the Association has looked to mid-week fixtures to ease pressure on weekend field space. While this has proven successful in terms of fixture scheduling it has decreased available training opportunities.

Council Relationship

Football Toowoomba has worked hard to actively develop positive relationships with Council staff and Councillors. Additionally, the Association has encouraged individual clubs based at Council facilities to do likewise.

Development Initiatives

Football Toowoomba has actively planned for the future growth and development of the sport and in 2009 prepared a Strategic Plan (2009-2016).

One of Football Toowoomba's key goals is to enhance football infrastructure and ultimately develop a 'home' for football in the Region. Ideally, the Association would like to see the development of purpose-built football fields and a large clubhouse at a Greenfield site.

Alternatively, the development of a clubhouse and additional access to field space at Captain Cook 8 would be advantageous.

The Association is looking to develop a summer soccer competition and is keen for five lit fields to be available for football year-round. Two fields are already available at Nell E Robinson Park with three additional fields required.

West Wanderers Football Club*Membership and Facility*

The Club has experienced rapid growth in playing numbers in recent years. This increase, combined with the fact that the two fields at this site are the only two public football fields available year-round, has seen the Nell E Robinson fields heavily used.

Development Initiatives

The Club would like to develop a third field on the existing grass netball courts. Additionally, the Club is looking to develop a building alongside the existing clubhouse to act as an additional changeroom, office space and storage.

St Albans Football Club

Since its relocation to Middle Ridge Park, the Club has enjoyed steady growth in playing numbers. While the facility boasts quality playing surfaces and excellent field lighting, the lack of a suitable clubhouse facility is limiting ongoing club growth. The Club would like to work with Council and the State Government on developing an appropriate clubhouse as a key priority.

In addition, the Club would like to see the development of further sealed car parking to the east of the existing entrance to the Park.

Toowoomba and District Raiders Football Club

The Club continues to enjoy steady growth. However, due to a lack of suitable facilities within the City, club teams are forced to train and play at a number of separate venues across the City.

The Club is keen to see the development of a new home for football with a number of year-round fields available.

Toowoomba Hockey Association

Membership

The sport of hockey is very popular in the area and numbers continue to increase. This increase has seen the Association employ its own Coaching Director (a small subsidy is received from Hockey Queensland for this role), Development Officers and full-time Administrator.

Facilities

The Toowoomba Hockey Association provides the only synthetic hockey opportunities in the Toowoomba Regional Council area. While the water-based pitch has recently been upgraded, the sand-based pitch is due for replacement.

To overcome pitch allocation issues, fixtures are conducted on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. In essence, this leaves three evenings available for five clubs and representative teams to train.

Council Relationship

Toowoomba City Council contributed to the development of the original water-based facility. Since this time, Council has had no input into the further development of the facility. Discussions with Council (since amalgamation) have indicated that no Council assistance is likely while the Association has governance ties with a private club (with poker machines and TAB facilities).

Development Initiatives

Ideally, the sand-based field would be replaced and relocated further to the east (and converted to water-based) to allow for grandstand seating, canteen, offices and gymnasium between the pitches. This would allow for the existing building facing the water-based field to be removed and replaced with additional car parking. Further, a third water-based pitch will be required in the medium-term. All synthetic fields will need to be lit to competition standard.

Toowoomba Netball Association

Membership

The Association has maintained a stable membership over 1,000 in recent years. Additionally, the Association facilities host more than 1,000 primary school players during the school sport term (only 200 of these users are members).

Facilities

The primary netball season is conducted during the winter playing season. The Nell E Robinson netball facility is heavily used. Fixtures are conducted on Saturdays with regular representative matches on Sundays. School fixtures are also conducted two or three times each week with additional school carnivals conducted throughout the year. Finally, club and/or representative training is conducted daily.

Senior netball fixtures are conducted one night each week at the three indoor courts at University of Southern Queensland.

Council Relationship

The Association is disappointed that it has had no contact from any of the new Councillors, in contrast to the regular visits from previous Councillors. However, communication and assistance from Council's technical staff continues to be appropriate.

Development Initiatives

Ultimately, the Association would like the Nell E Robinson facility to include eighteen hard courts (all lit) and eight grass courts (full size courts with appropriate run-offs on the existing site containing twelve smaller courts). Additional initiatives include:

- large covered extension at the front of the canteen and across to the clubhouse
- additional dugouts on the western side of the complex
- additional storage shed
- ball wall for practice
- tiered seating on the bank facing the main courts.

Selection trials at the Nell E Robinson Park netball facility



Downs Rugby Limited

Downs Rugby Limited (established in late 2009) is the peak body for junior and senior rugby across the Region.

Membership

2008 saw a large increase in junior numbers and these playing numbers have been maintained throughout the 2009 season. Many of the junior players also play school (Greater Public School (GPS)) rugby for two of the private boys schools in Toowoomba. These schools do not release players to play club rugby during the GPS season and, thus, forces changes to the structure of fixtures for the teenage rugby competitions. Three separate competitions are conducted for this age group - a seven-week competition before the GPS season kicks off, a carnival-based competition during the GPS season and a Sunday competition that is conducted after the GPS season.

Senior numbers have also increased in recent years. As an example, three years ago the Association did not conduct a C Grade competition. These days the C Grade competition is very strong and Downs Rugby is considering establishing a D Grade competition to provide an additional opportunity for seniors. Downs Rugby is keen for every senior club to aim to provide at least four teams (currently U19, C, B and A Grades).

Facilities

In essence, there are limited fields to meet existing requirements with obvious short falls if predicted growth continues. For instance, the Toowoomba City Bears Rugby Club had 21 teams in the 2009 season. However, their home ground at Heritage Oval has one field. Similarly, the Highfields Rugby Club has experienced rapid growth in recent years and yet shares a small facility (with poor drainage) with another winter tenant.

Council Relationship

Currently, interaction with Council is based on liaison with individual clubs. However, with changes in the structure of rugby in the Region, it is hoped that the Downs Rugby Board may form a closer working relationship with Council.

Development Initiatives

Downs Rugby Limited would like to see the development of a new greenfield site with up to five lit fields. If designed correctly, these fields could include cricket wickets with full-size rectangular fields positioned either side of the wickets. Such a facility could host all Downs Rugby Carnivals, could attract regular State Titles and could host international touring teams.

The vision is for rugby to be played as a club-based all day event. For instance, the U6 match may kick off first thing on a Saturday morning with games progressing through to A Grade late in the afternoon. This club family approach would require additional recreation facilities (such as playgrounds) to be constructed at some venues.

Queensland Rugby League (South West Region)

Rugby League is a very popular sport in the Region and continues to enjoy annual membership increases. However, the availability of appropriate facilities is a key concern. While the country-based clubs have suitable homes, the City-based clubs face significant facility difficulties.

A number of opportunities exist to overcome field space issues. Firstly, there are a number of quality existing fields (including school facilities) that could be used for training if field lights were erected. Potentially, Council could assist schools to light fields for community

uses. Additionally, the development of a large site could accommodate both the training and competition needs of the City-based clubs.

With a significant number of sport development officers based in the Region, opportunity exists to develop a 'Sports House' as the administrative hub for sport in the Region.

Toowoomba Rugby League

Toowoomba Rugby League is the peak body governing rugby league in the Region. The Association is very concerned at the long-term future of the Toowoomba-based clubs. Newtown and Souths Rugby League Clubs no longer have 'homes', while Brothers Rugby League Club no longer own their home and Valleys Rugby League Club are land-locked in a residential area.

The Association is keen to see the development of a large multi-field complex where the four clubs can be assured of long-term futures and co-exist. Opportunities may exist for the development of public-private partnerships at a greenfield site.

Toowoomba Junior Rugby League

The Toowoomba Junior Rugby League has recently developed a Management Plan to guide future planning and development. While a number of short term actions were identified to improve the internal workings of the group, one of the key long term actions was to enhance opportunities for playing field development and facility sharing.

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Queensland Branch) (SSAA)

In 1988, SSAA purchased a large site on the outskirts of Millmerran for the development of a multi-discipline shooting complex. The site now includes 200m, 500m and 1000m rifle ranges, down-the-line, skeet and sporting clays shot gun facilities, single action range and rendezvous range. In addition, the complex includes a number of ancillary facilities including six demountable accommodation buildings, large pavilion, four dams and obstacle course.

The facility is heavily used by a range of users and has recently become the home of SSAA Toowoomba. Queensland Police also often use the facility for training.

Council Relationship

SSAA has always found the Council very approachable and have received significant assistance. SSAA allow Council staff to store (park) heavy machinery in the shooting compound when they are working on roads in the area. Council had previously found that machinery was badly vandalised when left near roads overnight.

Given the quality of the facility, SSAA would like to see the facility included in any of Council's sport-related advertising or promotion.

Squash

Anecdotally, the sport of squash is struggling as private facilities are sold and redeveloped for alternate purposes. Currently, local squash fixtures are split between three facilities - two in Toowoomba (a private school and private fitness centre) and one in Oakey (a private facility that is currently for sale). A four court Council-owned squash facility is also located at Crows Nest with a two-court community-owned facility located in Millmerran.

It is a serious concern that a continued decrease in the number of available courts could quickly see the demise of the sport. It would appear that the development of a community multi-sport facility with six courts is required to ensure the ongoing provision of squash opportunities.

Tennis Queensland (South Region)

Membership

As a whole, tennis is growing across the Region at a rate of 5% to 10% per annum. However, growth in junior numbers is more pronounced than in senior playing ranks.

Facilities

The Regional Tennis Facility being constructed at the University of Southern Queensland will include twelve lit plexi-cushion tournament courts (the same surface used at the Australian Open and Brisbane International tournaments). The development is a partnership between Council, State Government (Department of Communities), Tennis Queensland, Toowoomba Tennis Association and University of Southern Queensland.

The Regional facility will be able to host pro tour events, Australian money events, International junior events and a range of regional and state carnivals.

Development Initiatives

There are eight Tennis Queensland affiliated clubs within the Toowoomba Regional Council area. A brief summary of the facility requirements at these clubs is listed below.

Facility	Facility Requirements
Cecil Plains Tennis Club	Quality facility
Clifton & District Tennis Club	Resurface two courts
Highfields Fitness and Recreation	Quality indoor facility
Newtown Centrals Tennis Club	Significant upgrades required - fencing, lights, clubhouse, court resurface to synthetic
Pittsworth Tennis Club	Resurface courts as synthetic grass
Range Tennis Club	Need lighting to all courts
Ravensbourne Sporting Association	Quality facility
Toowoomba Tennis Association	Look to construct additional courts

Toowoomba Tennis Association

Membership

The Association continues to enjoy steady growth in both junior and senior playing ranks.

Facilities

The Association owns the nine court facility at James Street. The courts and amenities are well-maintained.

Development Initiatives

With the existing courts being used to capacity, the Association would like to work with Council to develop at least two additional courts at the rear of the property. The Association understands that this land has been earmarked for future stormwater mitigation purposes but it would like to discuss possible design options (including using the courts to hold water during flood events).

Queensland Touch (South West)

Membership

Touch in the South West Queensland Region has shown steady growth over the past three years. While numbers within Toowoomba have been strong for some time, it is encouraging to see communities outside the City embracing the sport. Millmerran now conducts a regular community touch competitions and schools from Clifton and Pittsworth are competing in regional school events.

Facilities

The 'home' of touch in the Region is Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve. There are just enough fields at this complex to attract large carnivals and events. For instance, Toowoomba recently applied to host the Junior State Cup. This 3-day event attracts approximately 150 teams with up to 7,000 people attending the venue each day. The area would attract significant economic benefit from such a carnival. Unfortunately, the application was unsuccessful. Assistance from Council's Sports Tourism Officer would greatly enhance the quality of applications such as this.

While this facility is recognised as one of the best in Queensland, the toilets and amenities need to be significantly enhanced. The existing toilets are dated and more toilets are required (particularly for females) during carnivals.

The touch facilities in Millmerran require significant upgrades with both the field surface and lighting in poor condition.

Toowoomba Touch Association

Membership

In recent years, the Association has enjoyed steady growth in senior playing ranks (5% per annum) and significant junior increases (15% and 8% in the last two years).

Facility

During the winter playing season touch training occurs three mid-week nights and Sundays each week while fixtures are conducted on Saturdays. In contrast, during the summer season training loads are decreased while fixtures are played three mid-week evenings with representative matches played on Sundays.

The Association hosts regular carnivals such as State Primary and Secondary School Championships and the State League Carnival. In 2009, the Association also bid for the multi-day Junior and Senior State Cup that attracts approximately 150 teams. Unfortunately, this bid was unsuccessful with the inclement June weather conditions given as the primary feedback. Toowoomba Touch Association will work with Council's Sports Tourism Officer when preparing future bids.

Council maintenance of the fields is of a high standard with regular watering and mowing and an appropriate turf maintenance routine. Additionally, the Association rotates use around the fields to ensure suitable loads.

Development Initiatives

The key facility priorities for the Association are:

- constructing grandstand seating along the bank overlooking the main fields
- Constructing a deck extension toward the west off the clubroom
- Constructing an additional storage area near the clubroom.

Toowoomba Volleyball

The Association bases its operations at the indoor sports facility at Harristown State High School. This facility adequately caters for regular weekly training and fixture requirements.

The Association has worked hard to secure ongoing rights to the highly competitive senior schools cup that attracts in excess of 100 teams each year. While this event can be hosted using the existing courts located in Toowoomba, the development of an additional large multi-court facility would be advantageous.



Junior touch at Kearney's Spring Recreation Reserve

Additional Consultation

Regional School Sport

The Region conducts regional trials (and competitions) across a range of primary and secondary sports. Additionally, the Region hosts regular State and National Championships. In many instances, quality facilities are available for these purposes. However, the following facility gaps have been identified:

- a high quality indoor facility with a minimum of four courts (and four changerooms)
- AFL facility with multiple fields
- 50m competition pool (with suitable ancillary facilities such as spectator seating, changerooms and parking)
- competition standard synthetic athletics facility
- additional squash courts (however, it is recognised that enthusiasm for this sport may be waning outside the school system and any future facility would possibly need to be developed and managed by Council).

Secondary School Sport

Toowoomba Secondary School Sport is conducted in terms 1 and 2 each year. In recent years, the competition has been split across Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with a lack of field space one of the key reasons for the change.

With a number of schools having suitable indoor sport facilities, the availability of indoor courts across the City is adequate. However, in terms of school sport, the City lacks football (soccer) fields and cricket ovals (with synthetic cricket wickets).

Primary School Sport

Scheduling primary school sport fixtures currently causes little difficulties. However, with Harristown State High School beginning to voice concerns over its fields being over-used for school carnivals during the athletics season, it is now time that Toowoomba looked to develop a regional athletics venue.

Also, the development of a large multi-court indoor sport facility would reduce the travel burden of schools sending students to a number of one court facilities for school sport.

Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services - South West Region)

The Department is keen to see Council invest further in the development of sport and recreation. There is a perception that some areas of the Region (such as Toowoomba and Oakey) are lagging in the delivery of enough quality facilities.

The Department would encourage Council to offer a uniform approach to field maintenance/management across the Region while also considering modern trends such as year-round field usage, long-term tenure and private/public partnerships. Additionally, the Department is keen for the further development of the Jubilee Park mountain bike facility through the construction of a multi-purpose terrain park for mountain bike and unicycle trials riding and parkour activities. The Department has also recently held discussions with the Pittsworth and District Campdraft Association. The Association is keen for a complete overhaul of their facilities. Finally, the Department would like Council to consider developing a synthetic rectangular field as a trial for the Region.

Toowoomba Police-Citizens Youth Cub (PCYC)

PCYC has enjoyed huge growth in recent years. Five years ago, the facility had one permanent staff member and two casuals. In 2009, the facility attracted up to 9,500 visits each month and required thirteen permanent staff, forty-one casuals and seventy volunteers. Additionally,

PCYC also conducts the City's cycle safety program that includes two permanent staff and a range of casuals.

PCYC understands that the Region requires a new four court indoor sport facility and would like their venue considered as a potential site. Preliminary plans have been developed that include four courts raised to the level of the existing facility. The facility would need to extend slightly into the Council car park area. This proposal has clear benefits with existing staff and expertise already on-site. Additionally, PCYC has a proven record of offering a wide range of successful community programs and such a venue would create an inner city sports precinct that includes the James Street tennis facility and Milne Bay Aquatic Centre.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

The University of Southern Queensland is one of the largest providers of community sport in the Region. USQ is the 'home' to a large number of clubs (e.g. University Cricket Club, University Rugby Club and Toowoomba South Little Athletics Centre). Additionally, USQ offers a range of social sport and recreation opportunities through its tennis courts and large indoor sport facility.

The University is the site of the Regional Tennis Facility that is being constructed in 2010. Further, USQ is keen to be the home of regional indoor sport by developing up to four additional courts adjoining the existing facility.

St Mary's Old Boys Association (SMOBA)

SMOBA manage the two-court community indoor sports facility located on the St Mary's College grounds. This facility was developed as a joint initiative between the Old Boys Association, Council and the State Government.

The facility is fully booked between 5.30pm and 7.30pm each weeknight. However, outside these times some vacancies exist.

While the school does not require any additional courts for their use, the Association would be keen for Council to consider a two-court extension to the existing facility (as per previous Council decisions) if it is determined that the Region requires a four-court facility. However, it is important to note that the Association is not prepared to (financially) contribute significantly to this project. Rather, contribution would be via provision of land and ongoing management and maintenance.

Sports Darling Downs

Sports Darling Downs has been assisting talented local sportspeople for eleven years. In this time, the group has distributed more than \$400,000 predominantly to athletes but also to coaches, umpires, administrators, schools and sporting associations. All funds distributed by the group are sourced by fundraising and sponsorship.

Council's support of this group has been limited. From 2000 to 2007, a Council Officer was an active member of the executive committee but Council has never sponsored the group or provided administrative services. In contrast, the Ipswich City Council, Gold Coast City Council and Logan City Council actually conduct the sportstar of the year functions (one of the primary functions provided by Sports Darling Downs) as a Council community service obligation. Yet, the funds distributed by Sports Darling Downs are far greater than any of these Councils and are delivered to a larger number of award winners.

Sports Darling Downs would like Council to take a more active role in its operations (particularly now that the new Regional Council area covers much of the Sports Darling Downs coverage).

Toowoomba Bicycle Users Group (TBUG)

TBUG is the lead advocacy group for road cycling in the Toowoomba area. The group worked closely with Council in the development of the Toowoomba Cycle and Pedestrian Strategy.

TBUG have identified a number of priorities to improve opportunities for cycling in the City:

- formalise and activate an Active Transport Reference Group
- Council employ a Cycling Officer (Active Transport Officer)
- Council to reduce the speed limits to increase safety (moving towards the European urban standard of 30kph)
- Council to encourage relevant engineers (Council staff) and Councillors to attend Department of Main Roads' training courses for cycling and pedestrian design
- designing the City as a 'shared zone' with priority to pedestrians and cyclists (this includes building appropriate end-of-journey facilities, particularly safe-secure bike parking)
- adapting road signage, including Bicycle Awareness Zone signs, to suit Toowoomba road conditions.

TBUG notes that a number of Queensland Councils have commenced employing Cycling (Active Transport) Officers. Brisbane City Council has six staff in these roles, Gold Coast City Council and Sunshine Coast Regional each have two; Redlands City Council and Moreton Regional Council each have one while Cairns Regional Council, Townsville, Logan and Ipswich City Councils all have a 0.5 role.

Friends Groups

Friends of the State Rose Garden

The Friends group has a strong working relationship with Council. While a number of Council's maintenance staff were apprehensive at the inception of the Rose Garden concept, they are now heavily involved.

The Friends group has developed a number of elements in the Park via fundraising initiatives - upgrades that are unlikely to have been achieved without the work of this community group.

Future development work planned includes:

- constructing an underground tank to hold bore water
- developing a barbecue/picnic node
- considering opportunities for instigating self-guided tours.



Newtown State Rose Garden

Friends of the Escarpment Parks

This Friends group has a membership approaching fifty with a nucleus of twenty active members. The group works predominantly in Council bushland areas conducting activities such as planting and weed removal. Additionally, the group maintains a community nursery and conducts community awareness programs and activities for Council's Bushcapades.

Council and the Friends group work well together with Council staff providing clear guidance and regularly assisting with activities. Unfortunately, since amalgamation limited contact with Councillors has been achieved.

Regular Park Users/Event Organisers

Queens Park Craft Bazaar

The Queens Park Craft Bazaar is conducted by the St. Vincents Hospital monthly. All proceeds are used to purchase new medical equipment for the hospital.

The craft bazaar is located in the treed area of the park off Lindsay Street. The site has excellent parking and all stall holders are responsible for providing their own power. The bazaar organisers bring adequate bins for rubbish collection.

Organisers have also been very happy with the support they have received from Council.

Lions Club of West Toowoomba

Since 2008, the Lions Club of West Toowoomba have conducted their annual Christmas Wonderland (light display) in the Botanical Gardens (Queens Park). The 2008 event attracted approximately 45,000 visitors across nineteen nights.

To ensure the ongoing success of this event (at this venue), the Lions Club are helping to fund an upgrade to the power supply in this area of the Park.

The Lions note the exceptional cooperation and support they have received from Council in the development of this event.

Webber Brothers and Moscow Circuses

While Council are generally approachable and assist where possible, Queens Park requires additional power boxes (outlets) and additional water taps if it is to continue as a key event facility.

University of Southern Queensland Shakespeare in the Park

The University conducts an annual production (theatre) in Queens Park. In previous years these have been conducted in the treed area to the west of the playing field off Lindsay Street.

From 2010, the productions will be held in the amphitheatre adjoining Frog's Hollow. This area will have a new stage, better access to electricity and public toilets and, thus, reduced hire costs.

Council has been very supportive to-date and the University was pleased to be involved in discussions regarding the re-design of the amphitheatre.

Easterfest

In terms of infrastructure requirements, Easterfest is by far the largest event conducted in Queens Park. Much of this infrastructure is brought into the Park by the event organisers.

Additional infrastructure upgrades that would assist Easterfest include additional sewer mains and additional power boxes. Also, the event organisers are keen for Council to limit the number of

permanent structures (such as buildings and power poles) in the Park as they reduce available areas for tents and portable stages.

Easterfest's relationship with Council has improved markedly in recent times. Previously, there were a number of Councillors (and Council staff) against the event being conducted in Queens Park. These days, the event receives a, generally, positive vibe from Council with appropriate support. In addition to sponsorship for the event in the Park, in 2010 Council is also sponsoring Easterfest activities in the City.

Easterfest organisers were pleased that they were invited to be a leading contributor in the discussions with Council regarding the future of the amphitheatre.

Girl Guides (Darling Downs Region)

A number of Girl Guides groups use huts situated on Council parkland. Generally, these groups have secured appropriate leases with Council and work hard to maintain their facilities to a high standard.

Council has always supported well the endeavours of these groups. The Regional Association will be looking to Council to assist them to remove a badly vandalised guide hut (that is no longer required for guide purposes) from Empress Street Park.

Scouts Australia (Darling Downs Region)

Six of the eighteen scout groups within the Darling Downs Region have their facilities located on Council parkland. All of these groups operate under Council leases. However, in a number of cases these leases have lapsed and need to be renewed.

Council's dealings with these groups have, generally, been very positive and in return the groups maintain their facilities to a high standard. Without Council allocating land for the development of scouts groups, many would simply not exist as they could not afford to purchase their own sites or pay commercial lease fees.

While the groups receive rebated general rates it would be appreciated if Council could reassess these rebates with a view to decreasing them further if possible. For instance, where sites have access to toilets the rates are significantly higher (and somewhat prohibitive).

Interest Groups

Cultural Diversity Network

The Network is looking to encourage its members into using public facilities such as parks. For example, they conduct regular social events such as picnics in parks. The Network would like Council to consider developing larger barbecue and social gathering areas (e.g. shelters and gazebos) to further encourage half to full day use by multi-cultural groups. Further, the Network would like additional information on where they can enquire about park availability and park bookings.

A significant number of members have become involved in basketball and play in social football (soccer) competitions. The Network is looking to work with the PCYC to develop a formalised school holiday program targeting multi-cultural youth.

Disability and Community Care Services Queensland (South West Region)

The Department has identified a number of opportunities to make existing facilities more accessible and to develop new facilities with appropriate accessibility.

While access at the Milne Bay Aquatic Centre is, generally, appropriate

access issues remain at a number of rural pools (e.g. Crows Nest). Additionally, the Department is keen to see the development of additional all abilities playgrounds throughout the region (with Newtown Park and Wine Drive in Toowoomba identified as key sites at this stage).

PCYC have proven to be very good partners in the provision of inclusive sport opportunities. The Club has run a number of programs during Disability Action Week and is looking to enhance the range of inclusive activities and programs it offers.

The Department is keen to provide education sessions targeted at Council community service staff to raise their understanding of key issues (particularly in the areas of recreation and community integration) for people with a disability.

Local Resident with a Disability

It is reported that there is a distinct lack of opportunities for people in wheelchairs to participate in 'mainstream' fitness opportunities. For instance, none of the gymnasiums in Toowoomba offer machines that are designed to be wheelchair-friendly. Similarly, there is no public pool in the area with a functioning hoist. Council's 'premier' fitness facility, Milne Bay Aquatic and Fitness Centre, promotes that it has opportunities for all, yet the fitness area is upstairs (and, hence, not accessible for people in wheelchairs).

There are a number of local residents (in wheelchairs) who regularly travel to Brisbane to access fitness opportunities at venues such as the Brisbane Sporting Wheelies and Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Council needs to ensure the fitness needs of residents in wheelchairs are recognised. Any future facility planning or significant upgrades to existing Council-managed facilities should consider the needs of *all* potential users. For example, if an extension to the Highfields Fitness and Recreation Centre is undertaken, the provision of wheelchair-friendly fitness equipment should be considered.

Sports Land Assessment

As previously indicated, this Plan was developed in conjunction with the Open Space Network Study that analysed the current and future land requirements for sport and recreation.

The Open Space Network Study identified that at a Council-wide level, there was currently an over-supply of land for sport. However, much of this over-supply was a result of most small rural towns each having at least one large sporting field. In the more populated eastern side of the Council-area, a significant lack of sport land was identified. In fact, by 2031, the Central Planning Zone (that includes Toowoomba City and the surrounding urban centres) requires an additional 135.73ha. Further, the Open Space Network Study provides a breakdown of sport land requirements across each of the Planning Sectors and the key localities.

The table below has been derived from the Open Space Network Study and clearly indicates the need for additional sports land, particularly in the Central Planning Zone.

Table 9: Sports Parks requirements

Open Space Type	Land required 2006 (ha)	Land required 2031 (ha)	Gap 2006 (ha)	Gap 2031 (ha)
Sports Parks (Council-wide)	226.95	342.69	37.65	-78.09
Sports Parks (Central Planning Zone)	182.79	280.60	-37.93	-135.73

The Open Space Network Study also provides descriptions of each classification and hierarchy for sport (Table 10), desired standards of service for land type (Table 11) and indicative sports field embellishments (Table 12).

Table 10: Description of classifications and hierarchy for sport

Classification	Hierarchy	Description (Definition)
Sports Parks	Public Sport (Class 1 to Class 4)	Parks that primarily cater for a variety of formal sporting activities through provision of a range of training and competition infrastructure. These parks include: • facilities specifically for undertaking competitive, organised activities • ancillary facilities for clubs or organisations to support sporting activities (such as canteens, clubhouses, storage facilities) • free, unrestricted access to the public at times when formal sport is not being undertaken. For the sake of the open space analysis, Toowoomba's existing classification system has been employed. An overview of this system, from existing Council documentation, is: Class 1 - facilities that could host State Standard events. Factors such as quality of playing surface, amenities and canteen availability and lighting standards (where lights are provided) have been considered Class 2 - facilities that could comfortably host Regional Competitions, particularly for junior events. Playing surfaces must be of good quality with amenities available Class 3 - facilities that are suitable for local senior fixtures but may not have the quality of playing surface or amenities of a Class 2 facility Class 4 - facilities are small fields only suitable for junior fixtures or community sport. It is proposed that all future sports parks should either be Class 1 or Class 2 - this (roughly) equates to District or Regional level facilities.
	Private Sports	These facilities are defined in the same manner as Public Sports Parks, however, will not be included in Council's open space system as they are privately owned. Whilst not all private sport facilities will be captured by ROSS Planning, we will use available information on private sport parks so Council can consider: • the opportunities they provide to the community • their broader value if they are also publicly accessible.
	Specialised Sport	Parks provided for sporting activities where: • the land and facility requirements result in provision of high level provision of sport, for example the Gabba or Skilled Stadium • the nature of the activity precludes free, unrestricted access to members of the public. Specialised sports include motocross/motorcycling, state level equestrian, golf, shooting, car racing, model aeroplanes, lawn bowls, and field archery/bow hunting. As it is likely that some specialised sport parks in the Toowoomba Region are also privately owned, ROSS Planning will record this information and share with Council at draft stage.

Table 11: Land characteristics (Desired Standards of Service)

Embellishment	Sports Parks	
	District (Class 2)	Regional (Class 1)
Minimum size of open space (ha)	A minimum of 3ha. This is sufficient to boast 2 fields/1 oval collocating plus room for ancillary facilities (club house, toilets, car parking).	Minimum of 6ha. This is sufficient to allow for four fields/2 ovals plus room for ancillary facilities (club house, toilets, car parking).
Shape of land	To maximise the area available for playing fields, a square or rectangular shape is considered most efficient.	
Minimum desired flood immunity for parks	Free of hazards. 90% of land above Q20. Fields/ courts above Q50. Built facilities above Q100.	Free of hazards. 90% of land above Q20. Fields/ courts above Q50. Built facilities above Q100.
Maximum desired grade	1:50 for all playing surfaces.	1:50 for all playing surfaces. Laser levelling to a maximum gradient of playing surface 1:100.
Road frontage and visibility	Approximately 50% of the park perimeter to have direct road frontage.	

Table 12: Indicative embellishments for sports parks

Park Element	Embellishment Detail	
	District	Regional
Courts/fields	2 rectangular fields minimum, with capacity for additional facilities/courts as required.	4 rectangular fields minimum, with capacity for additional facilities/courts as required.
Goal posts/line marking	Yes	
Irrigation	Main field as a minimum	
Field/court lighting	Ensure lighting is possible if demand emerges	
Spectator seating	Earth mounds, or as required	
Tap/bubbler	Yes, located near activity areas and canteen/ clubhouse area	
Club facilities	Yes, minimum of toilet/ change room, canteen, storage and administrative/ office space.	
Landscaping	Trees/shade provision for spectators, landscaping of boundaries to buffer noise/light spill to any surrounding properties	
Feature paving/ concrete stencilling	Possibly at key entry areas or high use zones	
Internal roads	Yes	
Bus pull-through	Yes	
Bus parking	Yes	
Car parking	Yes, minimum of 100 spaces for a 2-field complex or 12 per court.	Yes, minimum of 200 spaces for a 4-field complex
Bike racks	Yes	
Fencing/bollards, lock rail	Yes	
Lighting	Yes	
Pedestrian pathway access network	Yes	
Public artwork	Possibly	
Signage	Yes, including internal directional signage.	
Recreation activity areas (e.g. play spaces, fitness circuits, hit up walls)	Depending on the size of the park and proximity to adjacent residents. Minimum level of provision equivalent to that of a local recreation park.	

FACILITY CONDITION AUDIT

SECTION 5

An important part of any plan that includes existing facilities is to establish the adequacy of those facilities to service both current and long-term requirements. As such, Howell Facilities has undertaken a strategic condition assessment of a small range of Council-owned facilities to determine the condition of the assets and develop a strategic condition assessment. (It is important to note that this assessment was not conducted across Council's entire suite of sport and recreation facilities).

The assessment aimed to:

- establish the condition of the facilities and remaining useful life;
- establish any limitations existing facilities may have on future service delivery;
- identify any current maintenance issues that are required to ensure safe operation in the short term;
- identify preventive, statutory and condition-based maintenance tasks for the current 10 year horizon;
- identify any current accessibility issues, CPTED issues, environmental improvements and other valid enhancements;
- broadly identify indicative costs for rectification works.

The basis of the assessment included:

- visual inspections only. No detailed or diagnostic testing was undertaken
- where internal access was not available an estimate has been provided based on the external presentation
- costs are for budget guidance only and will be subject to detailed scoping of work
- no provision has been made for project management or administration.

The complete Condition Audit is included in the Appendix.

Assessment Results

Facilities were given a rating against a range of condition and performance parameters while the remaining useful life of the facility was also described.

From the assessments noted above, current maintenance requirements were costed. Current maintenance costs have been broken down into backlog maintenance (required to bring the facility up to an appropriate operating standard) and condition-based maintenance (maintenance identified through regular inspections). Table 13 outlines the current maintenance requirements for the twelve facilities assessed. A further breakdown of these costs has been provided to Council in a spreadsheet under separate cover.

Table 13: Current maintenance requirements for selected facilities

Location	Sub-location	Backlog Maintenance	Condition-based Maintenance 2009	Total (Immediate Maintenance Requirement)
Captain Cook Recreation Reserve	Soccer Clubhouse	\$5,940	\$9,050	\$14,990
	McGregor Street Toilets	\$500	\$1,400	\$1,900
Rockville Oval	AFL Clubhouse	\$4,850	\$15,590	\$20,440
West Wanderers Soccer Club	Clubhouse	\$4,450	\$6,300	\$10,750
Cambooya Recreation Reserve	Brockhurst Oval – Clubhouse	\$650	\$7,050	\$7,700
	Brockhurst Oval - Amenities	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Pony Club – Store	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
	Pony Club – Bar	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
	Pony Club – Kitchen/ Awning	\$5,400	\$2,050	\$7,450
	Pony Club – Clubhouse/Broadcast Box	\$800	\$8,100	\$8,900
	Pony Club – Toilets	\$0	\$2,250	\$2,250
Bridgman Oval	AFL Clubhouse	\$6,300	\$7,300	\$13,600
Millmerran	Broadcast Box	\$7,000	\$4,600	\$11,600
	Amenities	\$4,550	\$17,600	\$22,150
	Kiosk	\$1,150	\$900	\$2,050
	Bar	\$0	\$3,300	\$3,300
	Cricket Clubhouse	\$850	\$1,750	\$2,600
Nell E Robinson Netball	Clubhouse	\$2,600	\$7,200	\$9,800
	Amenities	\$1,000	\$2,600	\$3,600
	Garage	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kratzke Oval	Clubhouse	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Kuhls Road	Clubhouse	\$6,950	\$2,200	\$9,150
Goombungee Sport & Recreation Complex	Clubhouse	\$2,750	\$2,200	\$4,950
Oakey Federal Park Sports Complex	Clubhouse and Changerooms	\$301,500	\$0	\$301,500
	Lawnmower Shed	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Yarraman Sports Precinct	Tennis Clubhouse	\$800	\$7,800	\$8,600
	Cricket Clubhouse	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
	Cricket Shelter	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
	Soccer Changerooms	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
	Swimming Pool	\$2,250	\$33,150	\$35,400
TOTALS		\$1,269,290	\$142,390	\$1,411,680

Also, the maintenance requirements for the twelve facilities were further extrapolated across the next ten years. These results are shown in Table 14.

Table 14: Maintenance requirements (next 10 years)

Year	Annual Maintenance
Backlog	1,269,290
Year 1	181,690
Year 2	28,700
Year 3	59,400
Year 4	35,100
Year 5	210,650
Year 6	131,870
Year 7	72,300
Year 8	118,500
Year 9	170,750
Year 10	254,550
TOTAL	2,532,710

Summary

Detailed assessment of each open space area can be found in the Appendix. Some broad comments concerning the asset portfolio are:

- much of asset inventory was installed 10 to 15 years ago and is nearing the end of its useful life
- many of the assets are in poor condition
- basic condition-based maintenance requirements e.g. painting, are not keeping pace
- some assets are very rarely used e.g. some toilets. These and associated assets should be removed and not replaced
- some shortcomings regarding health and safety (e.g. playground shade, accessible facilities)
- provision of unsuitable facilities (e.g. inadequate sports lighting). Facilities should either meet Australian Standards or should be removed to avoid risk to Council.

One of the key aims of this project is to manage Council's resource requirements in maintaining and developing the open space network. However, Council will need to remove unnecessary (and damaged) facilities and see to backlog maintenance as a priority.

MOVING FORWARD

SECTION 6

New Regional Outdoor Sports Complex

This Plan clearly notes the need to develop a new regional outdoor sports complex offering a range of (predominantly) field sport opportunities to meet the needs of both the existing and predicted future users. Further, the Open Space Network Study has identified a current deficiency in developed sports land with this deficiency predicted to increase (as the population grows) unless additional facilities are developed.

The new facility proposed in Highfields will service this growing area (and the northern side of Toowoomba) well, however, it should not be considered the new regional facility.

There is limited Council-owned land suitable for consideration as a future regional outdoor sports facility. In 2002, Toowoomba City Council purchased a 62 hectare site on the southern side of the City (Wyreema Road) to service Toowoomba's future field sport requirements. Toowoomba City Council had also previously contemplated the City Golf Club site (Council-owned land) as a potential site for sports field development. However, the significant golf club developments and success in attracting the Queensland PGA Championship from 2009 to 2011 (and hopefully beyond) make this an inappropriate site to consider as potential future sports fields. If, as noted in the recommendations, Council chooses to relocate the airport, this land could be developed as additional sports fields and form a large precinct with the Captain Cook Recreation Reserve.

Since 2003, Toowoomba City Council had identified a parcel of State Government-owned land (Department of State Development) on the Warrego Highway at Charlton as a key site for future sports field development. Initial discussions between Council and the Department highlighted the potential for Council to be offered a long-term lease over the site (at peppercorn rent) or alternatively for Council to be offered the site for purchase at a much reduced rate. However, recent State Government departmental changes have seen the land transferred to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning. This Department is now considering future uses of this land. The land is zoned rural and, as such, cannot be developed for industrial purposes and the Department may be looking to dispose of the land. Development of the site for sport would create an ideal buffer between the future industrial area and the encroaching development to the east.

Table 15 (overleaf) provides a brief assessment of the three most likely sites for the development of a future regional outdoor sports facility.

Rugby league field at the Millmerran Recreation Reserve



Table 15 - Assessment of Potential Regional Sports Facility Sites

	Wyreema Road	Airport site	State Govt land, Charlton
Size	62 ha	62ha	64ha
Shape/slope/ existing vegetation	Appropriate shape. Some areas of slope and significant vegetation	Slightly skinny at eastern end. Level with no vegetation	Ideal shape. Relatively level with almost no vegetation
Location in respect to growth areas	Close to Westbrook (Identified Growth Area)	Links with growth to the north of the City	Links with growth to the north of the City
Location in respect to open space connections	Planned open space along creek corridor forms connection	Site adjoins Captain Cook Recreation Reserve and through to Black Gully	No connections (although adjoins existing sports facility)
Adjoining land considerations	Limited residences near to the site	Adjoining residences currently subjected to airport noise	Adjoins shooting complex, future industrial area and low density housing
Acquisition considerations	Council-owned	Requires airport relocation	Likely acquisition yet to be determined

Given the need for current shortfalls in outdoor field space to be addressed in the short-term, this Plan recommends Council conduct a detailed multi-criteria investigation across the sites at Wyreema Road, Charlton and Highfields (lower level provision) to determine which site(s) should be developed first. It is likely, that in the long-term a number of regional-like facilities will be required.

A number of sporting clubs currently based on privately-owned land are looking to 'invest' in new homes on Council-controlled land. Funds from these groups (State and Federal Governments) could be used to help Council develop sites faster than if it was to fund the development alone (or only in combination with the State Government).

The airport site represents an opportunity for Council to ensure adequate land is available for sport and recreation provision into the future. This site has many favourable attributes and could form a large precinct with direct links to the Captain Cook Recreation Reserve. However, with the relocation of the airport some time in the future, this development is a long-term prospect. Regardless, Council staff involved in the planning and provision of sport and recreation facilities should be involved in ongoing discussions regarding the future use of the airport site.

Field Management and Maintenance - Land Tenure

Toowoomba Regional Council has been formed through the amalgamation of eight local government areas.

Prior to amalgamation each local government had their own approach to the provision of sport and recreation in their communities. These differences include:

- sport and recreation policy—e.g. leasing of community land, support to organisations
- fees and charges e.g. field hire fees
- maintenance of facilities e.g. grass mowing
- subsidies e.g. payment (or part payment) of electricity
- access—free or subsidised use of facilities.

To this point, Toowoomba Regional Council has accepted many of these discrepancies but, over time, these will need to be made uniform.

The community is aware of the differences and has accepted that existing arrangements needed to continue as amalgamation progressed. However, a number are starting to cite these differences and are calling for equitable treatment.

Benchmarking

Recent benchmarking clearly shows that a myriad of Council maintenance and management models exist across Australia.

In southeast Queensland, there is a current move for Councils to lease the footprint of buildings to users, while permits to occupy are offered for the sporting fields surrounding buildings.

A range of fees and charges are used across Australia depending on Council's position on sporting facilities being provided as a community service obligation. However, it is interesting to note that most Councils researched have fees associated with the use of sporting facilities.

A number of Councils have based fees on recovering a set percentage of Councils' maintenance costs. These percentages range from ten to twenty-five percent. The Australian Capital Territory has gone further by factoring in both maintenance and management costs into its recovery program.

It is interesting to note that Council (or the Government in the case of the Australian Capital Territory) is responsible for field maintenance for every Council outside Queensland assessed in this benchmarking research. By comparison, there are a number of Councils within Queensland where users are required to maintain sporting fields (particularly where leases apply).

In most instances, where buildings are leased, lessees are required to conduct all maintenance. Where leases are not in place, Councils tend to conduct most maintenance with users responsible for interior maintenance and cleaning. It is difficult to summarise rates systems for the Councils investigated. Rates vary from \$0 (rates fully subsidised) through to users' paying full rates. There are also vast differences in those rates and charges applicable to users (e.g. water rates, water consumption charges, sewerage charges, garbage collection charges, other statutory charges). In essence, Council's position on sport and recreation provision as a community service obligation determines the level of applicable rates and charges.

As previously noted, a range of models currently exist across the Region. These are clearly divergent enough that significant consultation with Councillors and, ultimately sporting users will be required to develop and enact a new Council-wide model for sports facility management and maintenance.

A Councillor workshop will be required to determine to what degree Council views sport and recreation provision as a community service obligation. This philosophy will determine to what extent a user pays system is considered and, subsequent, levels of subsidy for rates and charges.

It is recommended that Council consider adopting a tenure policy for sport that includes offering users a permit to occupy (licence) over playing fields and the ancillary facilities (such as clubhouse, changerooms and storage) associated with these fields. Potentially, a range of lengths of permit may be possible (from one season to five years with five year option). Leasing sports fields to users is not recommended.

Sporting groups only require use of playing fields at those times booked for use. Outside these times, Council should be free to conduct maintenance or make the fields available for additional users and the general public.

Council could consider adopting a process of charging users for field hire (on a set per field per season basis) based on recovering a proportion of all Council field maintenance costs (likely to be between 10 and 25% recovery). If Council assumes all maintenance of playing fields, significant resources will be required. Cost recovery will assist Council in resource allocation.

Additionally, Council should consider adopting alternate (special case) arrangements where public/private partnerships are developed or where sporting groups sink significant funds (e.g. in excess of \$500,000) into facility development. In each of these instances, granting long-term tenure may be appropriate.

Planning and Tenure

The level of club development planning across the Region is quite low. About one club in three, responding to the survey, has a Club Development Plan with a further 26% looking to develop one on the next twelve months. This leaves almost 40% of clubs without a Club Development Plan and no intention to develop one. As such, these clubs have no formal, documented plan of *where they are going and how they intend to get there (or even know that they have arrived)*.

For the viability of clubs, for the management of volunteers, and in assisting source grant funds, the level of Club Development Planning must be increased.

Allied to the issue of planning is land tenure. Land tenure is important for organisations, particularly in accessing grants, or loans from financial institutions. Toowoomba Regional Council needs to know how the Club intends to use the land before it accedes to any request to grant land tenure.

Prior to any land being granted, Council needs to insist that a comprehensive Club Development Plan, and others as relevant (e.g. an asset management plan and/or a risk management plan) are developed and lodged with Council as part of the request.

Transition Planning

Given the significant resources required for Council to assume all field maintenance, and for a shared maintenance approach to be adopted for buildings associated with playing fields, Council will require significant transition planning.

To obtain buy-in from sporting groups, Council should adopt an open approach to changes and conduct sporting group information sessions throughout the Region clearly articulating Council's proposed new policy and any ramifications for users.

Implementing a new tenure model will require planned negotiation. Groups seeking tenure of a facility for the first time can easily be

offered one of the new permits. Where existing leases/licences expire, groups can also be offered new permits. However, Council will need to negotiate with those users currently holding leases (particularly where more than five years remain on the lease). While Council may be able to show breaches by the lessee in a number of these leases, this is likely to be politically unpalatable. Rather, Council should conduct open negotiations and espouse the benefit groups will see from Council taking a more active approach to field and building maintenance. However, if Council finds a particularly resistant group, it may be prudent to let the existing conditions remain until the group recognises that their sporting 'neighbours' are reaping the rewards of a new policy.

Once Council has fully implemented the new policy for one to two years, it will be important that Council reviews the outcomes of the new policy. Council should see an improvement in the quality and sustainability of playing fields and buildings associated with fields (with all maintenance up-to-date and future works identified and planned).

Education Queensland Facilities

Opportunities for sport and recreation groups to access school facilities can help reduce the demand or need to duplicate certain infrastructure, such as cricket practice nets or fields. It may be opportune for Council to help assist community sport and recreation clubs to negotiate "community use of school facilities" agreements, thus, decreasing or delaying the need to provide particular facilities.

Council has previously been successful developing community facilities at Harristown State High School and St Mary's College. 'Guaranteeing' community access in areas such as Cecil Plains (where the best facilities are on Education Queensland land) and at the new high school being developed in Highfields is essential.

APPENDICES

SECTION 7

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Multi-purpose court at Errol Munt Sports Centre - Yarraman



APPENDIX 1

SCHOOL CONSULTATION (RANGE OF SPORTS)

Appendix 1—School Consultation (Range of Sports)

This table highlights the range of club sports played by students as identified during school visits.

SCHOOL CONSULTATION - RANGE OF CLUB SPORTS

Different Club Sports Played (primary)

Area	Primary Girls	Primary Boys
Within Toowoomba Statistical District	Rugby League Soccer (football) Touch Softball Hockey Netball Basketball Tennis Swimming Golf Pony Club Dance Gymnastics Martial Arts Boxing Cheerleading	Rugby League Rugby Union AFL Soccer/football Touch Cricket Baseball Softball Hockey Tennis Swimming Golf Pony Club Gymnastics Martial Arts Boxing Calf-riding
Outside Toowoomba Statistical District	Soccer/football Athletics Netball Basketball Tennis Swimming Pony Club Dance Martial Arts Boxing	Rugby League Rugby Union Soccer/football Cricket Athletics Basketball Tennis Swimming Martial Arts

Different Club Sports Played (secondary)

Area	Secondary Girls	Secondary Boys
Within Toowoomba Statistical District	Hockey Basketball Martial Arts	Rugby League Rugby Union Soccer/football Touch Cricket Martial Arts Boxing Futsal
Outside Toowoomba Statistical District	Rugby League Soccer/football Netball Basketball Pony Club Dance	Rugby League Soccer/football Cricket Tennis Martial Arts

APPENDIX 2

SPORT ORGANISATION SURVEY DETAIL

Appendix 2—Sport Organisation Survey Detail

This table shows responses provided in the sport and recreation organisation survey .The order of the tables are:

- adequacy of facilities over the next 5 years
- essential facility upgrades.

ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS

Organisation	Level of Use	Description of Issues	Adequacy for 5 years
Academy Basketball Inc	Highfields Fitness and Recreation	The standard of maintenance and cleanliness is not always satisfactory. Another court is also required.	y
	Centenary Heights High School	The courts require re-marking and there is not ample room for officials in the playing court vicinity.	y
AFL Darling Downs	Rockville Park	Parking, clubhouse and Access to ground.	n
AFL Darling Downs Juniors	Rockville Park	Parking and clubhouse repair	n
Alford Park Tennis Club	Tennis club		y
All Stars Basketball Club	Water St Stadium	Inability to gain access	n
	Concordia College	Outdoor court and unsafe	n
All Stars Softball Club	Kearney's Spring	Paying for grounds if closed and lights being fixed and out of use.	y
Brothers Toowoomba Junior Rugby League	Home facility		y
	Kratzke Oval	The parking, toilet facilities, shade and spectator facilities are inadequate at Kratzke Oval, which limits its long term suitability for Brothers.	y
Brymaroo Rodeo, Pony Club & Campdraft Committee Inc	Rodeo grounds	Aged plumbing, inadequate stabling, dusty facilities.	n
Cambooya Bowls Club Inc	Cambooya Bowls Club	The facility is adequate, however would benefit from a general refurbishment. The sun shading in the playing area requires replacement and the green is in need of maintenance.	y
Cambooya Community Hall Committee	Cambooya Community Hall		
Capt Cook Sports Complex	BMX track	Open to elements, expensive to maintain, no additional facilities, no clubhouse, inadequate storage, poorly lit track and car park.	n
Clifton & District Tennis Association Inc	Clifton & District Tennis Association Inc		y
Clifton Amateur Swimming Club	Clifton Pool	Water temperature too cold	n
Clifton Golf Club	Golf course	Water	y
Clifton Indoor Bowls Club	F E Logan Hall	The facility is adequate, however the floor requires sanding and the tables are difficult for members to move.	n
Crows Nest Golf Club	Golf course	Require funding to purchase a new fairway mower.	n
	Clubhouse	Upgrade kitchen	n

ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS

Organisation	Level of Use	Description of Issues	Adequacy for 5 years
Crows Nest Indoor Bowls Club	St Lukes Lutheran Church Hall 1/week 2.5 hrs		
Crows Nest Indoor Sports & Recreation Centre Inc	Crows Nest Indoor Sports Centre 2/week 6 hrs		y
Crows Nest Pistol Club Inc	Crows Nest Pistol Club Inc 1/week 3-4 hrs	Security of tenure is limited as leases can only be established for 5 year terms.	y
Darling Downs Bridge Club	Down Under Room 3/week	The facility is adequate now and for future, however improvements could be made by lowering the ceiling, upgrading the kitchen and installing air conditioning.	y
Darling Downs Golf Association	City Golf Club 2/month		y
Darling Downs Rugby Union	Gold Park 3/week 2-6 hrs	Grandstand is dangerous and there are not enough dressing sheds.	n
	Heritage Oval 3/week 2-6 hrs	Enhance the lighting and clubhouse location.	y
	Kuhls Road 3/week 2-6 hrs	Enhance the lighting and improve drainage. It is a swamp after rain.	n
Downs Rugby Ltd	Gold Park 6/week 4 hrs	Gold Park is a multi-use facility that is over utilised.	n
	Heritage Oval 3/week 4 hrs	Heritage Oval is not adequate for rugby.	n
	University of Southern Queensland 8/week 4 hrs	University Ovals are a multi-use facility that is over utilised.	n
Drayton Bowls Club Inc	Drayton Bowls Club 5/week 2 hrs	The hall is limited in space the bowling green requires maintenance.	y
Fairholme College (Clubs)	Fairholme College 7/week 4 hrs	The College facilities require upgrading and/or expansion.	y
Garden City Raiders Football Club	O'Quinn Street Ovals 5/week 3 hrs	The toilets are located in an area that has limited supervision which creates a safety risk. There is also limited seating.	y
	Captain Cook Reserve 1/week 6 hrs	This facility is adequate, however lacks seating.	y
	Baker Street Oval, University of Southern Queensland 1/week 2 hrs	This location is lacking in facilities required for the club's activities, and the lighting is poor.	y
Gold Park Sporting Club Inc	Gold Park Daily (weekdays) 4 hrs	Nil	y
	Weekend (fixtures)	Nil	y

ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS

Organisation	Level of Use	Description of Issues	Adequacy for 5 years
Goombungee - Haden Agriculture, Horticulture & Pastoral Society Inc	Goombungee Showgrounds	Nil	y
Goombungee Indoor Bowls	Goombungee Hall	No disabled toilet	y
Gowrie Little Plain Community Centre	Hall	Need TLC	
	Tennis	No issues	y
Highfields & District Little Athletics	Highfields State School (07 to 09)	No canteen, no toilets, limited storage, ground average.	y
	Kratzke Road Sports Field	Ground uneven, no storage.	y
Highfields Netball Association (1)	Indoor Centre	Availability. Not big enough	n
	Kuhls Rd	Needs to be 4 courts	n
	Mary Mackillop	Needs to be 4 courts	n
Highfields Netball Association (2)	Highfields Fitness and Recreation	The opportunity to expand this competition is limited due to only 2 courts being available.	n
	Kuhls Road Facilities	Future adequacy of this facility is limited due to lack of courts available.	n
	Kratzke Road	There are limited facilities available and due to the multi-use of this venue, competition for availability is high. The wind is an issue, as is the proximity to amenities.	n
Highfields Football Club	Kuhl's Road Sports Field	Need rainwater tanks on clubhouse for field irrigation.	y
Highfields Lions AFL Club	Kratzke Oval	The oval surface is poor and is required to be of a higher standard to ensure reduce risk of injury to players.	n
	Kratzke Road Clubhouse	There is increasing demand for these shared facilities, and maintenance is an issue.	n
	Kratzke Road Canteen	The hygiene and cleanliness of the shared canteen is not always of a satisfactory standard.	n
Highfields Redback Rugby Union	Kuhl's Road Sports Field	The clubhouse is inadequate and there are not enough fields. The existing fields are in sub-standard condition	n
	Kratzke Road AFL Oval	This facility is used as a result of limited space available at Kuhl's Road Sports Field. Use of this facility is temporary.	n

ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS

Organisation	Level of Use	Description of Issues	Adequacy for 5 years
Hodgson Vale Community Sport & Recreation Club	Tennis courts		
	Hall	The addition of a changeroom would be beneficial.	y
Holy Name Tennis Club	7/week	High rates	y
Kingsthorpe Recreation Reserve Management Committee	2/year	Nil	y
Kingsthorpe School of Dance	4/week 3.5 hrs	Holes in floor; nails protruding, splinters, broken furniture, broken doors.	n
Kooroongarra Tennis Club	1/month	Fence needs repair	y
Laurel Bank Croquet Club Inc	3/week 5 hrs	Town water supply to the facility will reduce costs and time impacts of buying water. Kitchen and toilets also require upgrading.	n
Millmerran Auto Club Inc	1/month April-August	The track requires a layer of gravel. Additional spectator seating and electricity is also required at the site.	y
Millmerran Golf Club	1-2/week	Maintains own facility	y
Millmerran Junior Rugby League	2/week 1/month	Facilities require improvement due to increased membership and safety.	y
Millmerran Ladies Bowls Club	2/week 6 hrs	Nil	y
Millmerran Swimming Club Inc	weekly	The current PA system is inadequate, and the toilet facilities are outdated.	y
Milne Bay Aquajets Club Darling Downs Regional Swimming Assn	2/year		y
	Fairholme		y
	Harristown		y
Mount Tyson Tennis Club Inc	As required	Some renovations are needed, however the facility is adequate.	y
Newtown Swimming Club	2/week 5-6 hrs	Needs to be extended to 25m.	n
Nobby Cricket & Recreation Club Inc	3/week	Drive half an hour to use indoor pool for winter.	n
Nobby Indoor Bowls	2/week	The club owns the facility improvements - pitch, wicket, clubhouse and shed.	y
Northern Brothers Diggers Cricket (Junior)	8 hrs/day in season	Hall needs an upgrade	y
	6-8 hrs/week	No training nets or storage.	y
	6 hrs/week	Needs concrete to run ups on 2 middle nets	y

ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS

Organisation	Level of Use	Description of Issues	Adequacy for 5 years
Northern Brothers Diggers Cricket Club	Rockville Park 10 hrs/week Sept - March	The club requires storage shed and also practice facilities.	y
	Captain Cook Ovals 10 hrs/week Sept - March	The bowlers run-up area requires investigation for maintenance.	n
Oakey & District Tennis Assn Inc	Oakey and District Tennis Club 4/week 3 hrs	Nil	
Oakey Agricultural Pastoral and Rodeo Inc	Showgrounds All year	Lack of amenities.	n
Oakey Soccer Club Inc	Oakey Federal Sporting Field 4/week	The facility is not adequate for the club's increasing numbers and numerous facility improvements are required eg clubhouse, changerooms, car parking and irrigation.	n
Pittsworth & Millmerran Junior Cricket Association Inc	Bridgeman Oval 2/week 4 hrs	This facility is not adequate as it has only one cricket net which requires repair and increased security.	n
Pittsworth Basketball Association	Show Pavilion 3/week 4 hours	Dust, no change rooms, no storage.	y
Pittsworth Bowls Club	Pittsworth Bowls Club 5/week 16 hrs	A synthetic green would reduce the costs associated with green maintenance, and a permanent greenkeeper is unaffordable for the club. The kitchen and dining areas also require upgrade.	y
Pittsworth Judo Club Inc	Pittsworth Judo Club 2/week 2-4 hrs	The facility is limited in adequacy due to no wheelchair/pram accessibility, no external lighting and no internal toilet facilities or insulation.	y
Pittsworth Leagues Club	Leagues Club 5/week	Soccer and cricket ovals need improvement.	y
Pittsworth Millmerran Junior AFL Club	Bridgeman Oval 3/week 3 hrs	The is a lack of storage and the clubhouse does not currently meet health standards.	y
Pittsworth Tennis Club Inc	Pittsworth Tennis Club 4/week	The club wishes to pursue upgrading the courts to synthetic grass surface.	y
Pittsworth Vikings Soccer Club	Leagues Club 2/week 4 hours	Grounds need upgrade. More fields needed. More water for grounds and more parking.	n
Queensland Rugby League South West Division	Clive Berghofer Stadium 4/week	Unable to have full use for representative teams	n
Quinalow & District Swimming Association	Quinalow State School 6-7/week	The Association is hoping to undertake facility improvements including building a clubhouse/kiosk facility.	y
Range Tennis Club	Range Tennis Courts 7/week 5 hrs	The clubhouse requires renovating, and the courts require upgrading.	y
Rangers Baseball Club	Commonwealth Oval 5/week	Lighting at entrance steps.	y

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Organisation	Level of Use	Description of Issues	Adequacy for 5 years
Rangers Junior Rugby Union Football Club Inc	Gold Park Sports Club	Interchanging goal posts for AFL is an issue and the canteen requires upgrading.	y
	Weekend up to 5 hrs		y
Ravensbourne Sport & Recreation Association	Ravensbourne Sport and Recreation Association Tennis Courts	The facility is adequate, however requires boundary fencing to deter campers.	y
Saints Basketball Club	St Mary's	Difficult to access	n
	Water St Stadium	Poor floor. No access due to competitions.	n
Saints Rugby Club Inc	University of Southern Queensland	The facility is adequate, however the installation of an irrigation system would be beneficial.	y
South Toowoomba AFL	Harristown Park	Parking (need nose in on Sybil St)	n
South Toowoomba Bowls Club	Home facility	Would like to purchase land at rear (currently Gold Park easement).	y
South Toowoomba Hawks Sporting Club	Harristown State High School	No canteen/building or toilets near ovals.	y
South Toowoomba Junior Rugby Union Club	Gold Park	Car parking of the lower oval is a safety issue due to the large volume of traffic of players in the area, the grounds, canteen, access and storage require upgrading.	n
South West Region Tennis Queensland	Toowoomba Tennis Assoc	The development of 3 additional courts and refurbishment of ancillary facilities, would make the facility an SFAG centre.	y
	Newtown - Centrals	There are limited suitable facilities at this venue, which requires major refurbishment and the installation of toilets.	n
Southbrook Sports Club Inc	Range Tennis Club	The club requires refurbishment of basic ancillary facilities and court lighting.	y
	Southbrook Sports Club	The facility will require an upgrade of toilet and canteen facilities, as well as storage.	
Sporting Shooters Association Oakey Branch	SSAA Oakey Branch	The facility requires improvements to remain suitable.	n

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Organisation	Level of Use	Description of Issues	Adequacy for 5 years
St Alban's Sports Club Inc	Daily in season	Excessive vehicle access on fields impacts on the quality and safety of the playing surface, the canteen structure is temporary and a permanent facility is required. Field lighting is limited to one side of the complex, however lighting of all fields would be advantageous.	y
Tennis - Adventurers Tennis Club	6-7/week	Nil	y
The Glennie School	6/week	The track requires re-painting, with 2 lanes currently inadequate for use.	y
	7/week	The pool requires painting.	y
	5/week	Only 2 tennis courts have lighting which limits usage opportunities.	y
Toowoomba Aeromodellers Association Inc	7 days	The club has no formal tenure and lacks watering facilities to maintain the strip. The club is anxious that it may have to relocate in 2 yrs.	y
Toowoomba and District Showjumping Club	1/fortnight 3-8hrs	Lack of irrigation so ground hard at times, no day stalls near our arena	y
Toowoomba Basketball Association	6/week 5-8 hrs per day	Floor is unsafe, changerooms are poor; scoreboard is not up to standard and there is no PA system	n
	2/week 3 hrs per day	Floor is slippery, stage at the end is unsafe, limited access due to school requirements and volleyball.	n
	3/week 4-5 hrs per day	Limited use even with regular bookings.	y
	1/week 2 hrs	Backboards and floor are below standard.	n
Toowoomba Bowls Club Inc	4-5/week 18-20 hrs	Nil	y
Toowoomba Bridge Club	Daily at least 4hrs	More car parking required	n
Toowoomba Central Little Athletics	4 hrs/week		y
Toowoomba Clay Target Club Inc	2/week 4-8 hrs	The upper level of the clubhouse is not accessible, and will require upgrading or replacement.	y
Toowoomba Cricket Incorporated	2/week	Curators are paid by TCI or clubs	y
	2/week	Average covering and small fields	y
	2/week	Access can be difficult	y

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Organisation	Level of Use	Description of Issues	Adequacy for 5 years
Toowoomba Croquet Club	Croquet lawns	Nil	y
Toowoomba Cycling Club Inc	Velodrome	The circuit surface is rough and ageing, and requires replacement.	y
Toowoomba East Junior AFC	Rockville Park	Car Parking, ground is good but building/kitchen/change rooms are sub-standard.	n
Toowoomba Endurance Horse Riders Association	Brymaroo Campdraft and Rodeo Grounds	The facility is adequate, however requires additional rain water tanks and more shade.	y
Toowoomba Hockey Association	Water Base	Better fencing, overuse as the only facility providing for hockey in the region, more shade required, better spectator viewing required.	y
	Sand base	Needs replacement now, without upgrade unable to host any major State Championships or Australian Hockey League Games.	n
	Grass fields	Maintenance (coring and general maintenance), lighting for training, shade, lack of amenities.	y
	Green Park	The track surface requires upgrading.	
Toowoomba Kart Club Inc	Jubilee Park	Nil	y
Toowoomba Mountain Bike Club Inc	Toowoomba Showgrounds	Nil	y
Toowoomba Netball Association	Nell E Robinson Park	Another 4 hard surface courts and lit, 4 indoor courts (too costly).	y
Toowoomba Police Citizens Youth Club	Toowoomba Police Citizens Youth Club		y
Toowoomba Polocrosse Club	Bernborough Park	Most of the infrastructure is in need of repair.	y
Toowoomba RSL Sub-Branch Inc	Soliders Memorial Hall	The facility is in need of repair.	n
Toowoomba Rugby Football League	Clive Berghofer Stadium	Parking, cost of facility hire, sometimes difficult to work with the Ground Trust.	n
Toowoomba Show Grounds Royal Agricultural Society of QLD	Toowoomba Show Grounds	The electricity supply to the stables is not sufficient.	y
Toowoomba Softball Association	Kearney's Spring	Toilets and canteen need upgrading. More diamonds required.	y

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Toowoomba South Little Athletics	USQ Steele Rudd	No storage, no canteen and too expensive to conduct committee meetings at the site. Very poor track condition (discuss throws over the running track). No recovery area, limited parking, no spectator facilities.	n
Toowoomba Table Tennis Association	Hall	No disabled access, no showers, not big enough for large tournaments, poor spectator facilities & parking	y
Toowoomba Tennis Association	TTA	Facilities are owned by the Association and are well maintained.	y
Toowoomba Touch	Kearney's Spring	Public appearance and vandalism	y
Toowoomba Triathlon Club	Highfields Sport Centre	The pool is only 25m which creates limitations.	y
	Milne Bay	The facility is aged and poorly supervised and the water quality management is of concern.	n
	Toowoomba Regional Council roads	Roads require sweeping more frequently than present.	y
Toowoomba Valleys Rugby League Football Club/Junior Division Incorporated	Herb Steinhilber Oval	The oval lighting is ageing and in poor condition, as is the clubhouse which requires renovation, or preferably renewed.	n
Toowoomba Volleyball Association	Harristown State High School Gyms	Nil	y
Torrington Tennis Centre	Torrington Tennis Centre	The courts require upgrading to meet Tennis Australia Standards.	y
USQ Soccer Club	Baker St Oval	No water to the pitch, lack of grass coverage.	n
Warriors Softball Club Inc	Kearneys Spring Sporting Complex	The facility requires renovating.	y
Wattles Junior Rugby League	Platz Oval	The facility is adequate and will continue to be, if the current level of maintenance is ongoing.	y
West Toowoomba Bowls Club Inc	West Toowoomba Bowls Club	Disabled access is inadequate and the kitchen and toilets require upgrading.	y
West Toowoomba Croquet Club Inc		The existing amenities are not accessible by members in a wheelchair, and a kitchen upgrade is also necessary.	y
West Wanderers Football Club	Nell E Robinson Park	Need a third field, need more changerooms, need fencing.	y
Westbrook Indoor Bowling Club	Westbrook Hall	Levelling of the hall floor would be beneficial to players.	y
Western District Cricket Club (Toowoomba) Inc	Captain Cook Ovals	Sight screens are required to eliminate background interference.	y
Willowburn Sports Club Inc	Commonwealth Oval and velodrome	The facility is limited as it has one field.	y
Wylahra Grove Junior Sports and Recreation Association	Wylahra Grove Community Hall	Have to pay rent to the Progress Committee.	n

ESSENTIAL FACILITY UPGRADES

Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Academy Basketball Inc	Ancillary facilities	A separate area is required for meeting/training space and also designated administration space. The meeting space could be a shared resource with other users. Storage is also required.	High
AFL Darling Downs	Clubhouse upgrade	Demolish, upgrade, toilets canteen hot water	High
	Car parking (and parking policy)	Not enough spaces. Can't get close enough with supplies and equipment	High
AFL Darling Downs Juniors	Car parking	Currently inadequate	High
	Clubhouse upgrade	Aged. Issues with plumbing and hygiene in the canteen	High
Alford Park Tennis Club	Resurface courts		Medium
All Stars Basketball Club	Improve floor at Water St	Not to standard	High
	More training facilities	Grow the club, train indoors	High
Brothers Toowoomba Junior Rugby League	Access to Council fields with lights	Substantial growth in player numbers in recent years. If trend continues will outgrow club facilities.	High
	Access to cheap recycled water for irrigation	Assistance needed for cheap water alternatives for irrigation. Irrigation is a major expense.	High
	Additional playing fields	The club is experiencing growth in junior membership and needs to expand the competition. The playing fields available now are not able to cope with this growth, and additional facilities are required. Additional facilities will also provide increased security of tenure should the agreements with clubs currently leasing private land not be renewed.	High
Brymaroo Rodeo, Pony Club & Campdraft Committee Inc	Undercover area needs cementing	Less dusty	High
	Plumbing upgrade	Facilities unreliable	High
	No stabling for equestrian events	Containment issues and safety consequences	Low
Cambooya Bowls Club Inc	Improved accessibility	The clubhouse is currently not to required standard.	High
	Sun shade replacement	The existing shade structure is starting to fail, and requires replacement to continue sun safety practises.	High
	Painting	The clubhouse (external) requires painting so that the venue remains inviting to members and visitors.	High
	Private Ownership	If the land the bowls club is situated on was gifted to the club, rather than leased from Council, cost savings would be made on annual lease fees.	High
Clifton & District Tennis Association Inc	Clubhouse upgrade	The clubhouse requires painting to maximise its life cycle and remain inviting to potential members.	High

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Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Clifton & District Tennis Association Inc	Seating and shade	The existing timber seating is failing and safety is of concern. Shade provision will cater for and promote spectators.	High
Clifton Amateur Swimming Club	Need new lane ropes	Old ones are in disrepair	High
Clifton Golf Club	Air condition clubhouse	Member's request	Medium
Clifton Indoor Bowls Club	New golf carts	Our members need motorised carts to keep them playing	High
	Floor sanding	The floor of the supper room would be an improved playing surface if sanded.	High
	Storage	Aged members of the club find it difficult to store mats in the currently available facility, and a more user friendly storage system would be highly beneficial.	High
Club Bikeline	Criterion course	Increase participation, safety, conduct school competitions and local, state, national and international competitions	High
Crows Nest Golf Club	Kitchen upgrade	For functions and meals	High
	Fairway mower	To keep course in good condition	High
Crows Nest Indoor Sports & Recreation Centre Inc			
Crows Nest Pistol Club Inc	Various facility works	The provision of solar power and refrigeration would be beneficial to members and visitors attracted by events. Also, increase provision of facilities for the Western Star events by developing camping sites, sealing pedestrian paths, landscaping works and additional seating.	High
Crows Nest Senior Citizens	Hall rental should be free	Assisting older ages	High
Darling Downs Bridge Club	Facility upgrade	Funding applications have been submitted to undertake lowering of the ceiling, install air conditioning and upgrade the existing kitchen, however this facility remains adequate.	Medium
Darling Downs Golf Association	Purchase equipment	The Association is required to purchase new equipment as the existing equipment is redundant.	High
Darling Downs Rugby Union	Greenfield to develop a new future.	To build a vibrant multi-sports complex to meet the needs of more teams.	High
Darling Downs School Sport Board	4 Court Indoor Facility	Regional competitions are held across 2-3 centres which becomes difficult and expensive to host.	Medium
	Tartan Athletic Track	This facility would cater to the growth trends and a 400m track is required.	High
	50m Pool Complex	A 50m pool complex is required to host state championships, with adequate spectator facilities.	High
Downs Rugby Ltd	Greenfield Site - 60 acres	This facility will promote growth of the club and enable state title events to be hosted.	High

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Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Drayton Bowls Club	Office Space	The existing office is limited in space and requires expansion.	Medium
	Bowling Green	Major maintenance is required on the back green.	High
	Equipment replacement	The freezer room and computer technology require replacement.	Medium-High
Fairholme College (Clubs)	Additional playing fields	Additional playing fields in close proximity to the College will facilitate the current needs for training and competition.	High
Garden City Raiders Football Club	New playing fields	Due to the increased use of existing playing fields currently available, the field condition is poor and greatly damaged by the end of season. This demand for playing fields will increase as membership is anticipated to also increase.	High
Gold Park Sporting Club Inc	Field extension and improved accessibility	There is a short supply of fields for existing demand for junior training and fixtures. Stairs joining field 1 and field 2 would ensure safe access between fields.	High
	Children's playground	New playground facilities are required as the existing facilities are not of adequate safety or supervision standards. It is believed that the installation of newer equipment near spectator facilities will promote family atmosphere.	High
	Field 1 grandstand	A preliminary investigation of the current grandstand indicates that is not structurally sound, and therefore it would be more cost effective to demolish the existing grandstand and replace it with new materials.	Medium
	Field lighting upgrade	Upgrading of field lighting will ensure that Australian Standards are met for all tenant sports, on all fields available, and participation opportunities will therefore increase.	Medium
	Field 2 changeroom facilities	There are currently no changeroom facilities within this vicinity and existing facilities are inadequate.	Medium
Goombungee - Haden Agriculture, Horticulture & Pastoral Society Inc	Extension of irrigation system	Irrigation is currently limited to field 1 only. The extension of the system to field 2 will permit greater use of this field also, therefore reducing impact on field 1.	High
	Cattle yards / pound yards	The installation of yards will assist with animal control and the increase the safety of visitors.	High
	Provide disabled toilet	For whole community	High
Goombungee Indoor Bowls	Upgrade kitchen	Tank outlet to the sink	High
	New kitchen	Outdated	High
	Hall needs ceiling lined	Cold in winter	High
	Hall needs painting outside	Never been done	High
Gowrie Little Plain Community Centre	Storage	Equipment	High
	Grounds	Upgrade surface for running	High
	Grounds	Safety nets for discus and runway for javelin	High
Highfields & District Little Athletics			

ESSENTIAL FACILITY UPGRADES

Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Highfields Netball Association (!)	Minimum 4 courts together	In 2010 all juniors will play at Highfields - desperately need a venue	High
	10 courts together	Need room to grow and host carnivals	Medium
	4 indoor courts	The ultimate so we could place irrespective of weather	Low
	Additional courts	To facilitate existing training and competition, at least 1 additional court is required at the Highfields Fitness and Recreation facility. Alternatively, a facility comprising 3-4 courts, club rooms and meeting spaces would meet the association's requirements, and create opportunity for growth that is currently inhibited due to increasing demand on existing facilities. Outdoor winter netball is not viable due to climate.	High
Highfields Lions AFL Club	Re-surface oval	Re-surfacing the oval will ensure that the safety of players is maintained.	High
	Storage facility	A storage facility would eliminate the need to store equipment in the clubroom, which is limited in function.	High
	Shade structure and seating	Improved shade will ensure the safety of spectators and make attending games more enjoyable.	Medium
Highfields Redbacks Rugby Union	Traffic calming	This road is situated between the main field and the training field, and creates significant risk to younger players and spectators, pedestrians and cyclists. The installation of traffic calming devices would reduce this risk.	High
	Kuhl's Road - Additional playing fields	Additional playing fields on the western side of the facility are required to facilitate current and future growth.	High
	Extended clubhouse facilities and car parking	The existing co-use clubhouse provides limited storage space, and lacks the opportunity to develop club identity (memorabilia displays etc). Improved car parking would be beneficial to all tenant club members, spectators and visitors.	High
	Greenfield Site - Multipurpose sports complex (20 hectares)	A facility of this magnitude would permit all football codes to coexist and share limited facilities and equipment. Such a facility would also present an opportunity to host regional events.	Medium
Highfields Soccer Club	Install rainwater tanks	Irrigation	High
	Extend canteen	Only 2 people at a time can work there	Medium
	Referee's Room	Need a changeroom	High
Hodgson Vale Community Sport & Recreation Club	Air conditioning	Air conditioning is required to ensure that the facility remains suitable for all users, all year eg yoga, ballet, hirers.	High
	Change room	There is currently a lack of facilities for the sport and recreation users of the all, eg cricketers, ballet, yoga	High
	Cricketer oval upgrade	The upgrade of the cricket oval will ensure the safety of players and improve the quality of facilities available.	High
Holy Name Tennis Club	Fully developed		
Kingsthorpe School of Dance	Dance floor fixed/ replaced	Keep students from injury and tearing clothes and shoes. (Also for other community events).	High

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Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Kooroongarra Tennis Club	New cisterns for toilets	Aged	Medium
Laurel Bank Croquet Club Inc	Kitchen and toilet upgrades	The refurbishment of the kitchen and toilet facilities will ensure that the facility remains adequate, hygienic and of an acceptable standard.	High
Millmerran Auto Club Inc	Track works	The track requires a layer of gravel to ensure the facility remains adequate.	High
	Spectator seating	Installing more seating at the facility will encourage and appropriately accommodate spectators.	Medium
	Electricity supply	Installing electricity will allow easier canteen operations, and reduce the need to replace generator batteries, which are frequently stolen.	High
Millmerran Golf Club	Upgrade toilets and septic	Aging and becoming unserviceable. Cannot handle crowds.	High
	Upgrade clubhouse	Aging, construction of existing building does not allow for successful renovation	Medium
Millmerran Junior Rugby League	Grandstand and carpark	Upgrading of these facilities is required to accommodate growth in membership.	High
	Upgrade of lighting and poles	The field lighting and poles require upgrading for continued use for training.	High
	Field upgrade	The grounds are subject to increased traffic and require top dressing, weed control and irrigation.	High
	Shade provision	Shade structures are required for spectator's sun protection.	High
	Toilet cisterns	The current toilets are not of required capacity.	High
Millmerran Ladies Bowls Club	Equipment purchase	Office equipment such as fax, photocopier, computer and printer will limit the reliance on members' personal equipment.	High
Millmerran Swimming Club	PA system	The current inadequacy of the PA system presents a safety issue, as only the speakers from the clubhouse function, and therefore communication throughout the facility is reduced. An operational PA system is also required during events, to call races and for other announcements.	High
	Upgrade toilet facilities	Works to upgrade the toilet facilities would complement recent facility improvement works.	Medium
Milline Bay Aquajets Club Darling Downs Regional Swimming Assn	Toowoomba Milline Bay Aquatic Centre	A storage facility would enable equipment to be stored at one venue, and a recording room would prolong the life of computers and other equipment, which is currently used outdoors.	High
	Toowoomba Milline Bay Aquatic Centre	A roof over the 50m pool would ensure the success of swimming carnivals, and events could be held year round despite inclement weather.	Medium

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Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Mount Tyson Tennis Club Inc Mount Tyson Tennis Club Inc	Improved accessibility	The clubhouse requires a ramp or similar, to permit wheelchair access for attendees at private functions, and the general public.	High
	Replace verandah and steps	The verandah requires replacement to minimise future safety hazards.	Medium/High
	Upgrade windows	The existing louvres and screens require replacement to ensure security, safety and visibility.	Medium/High
Newtown Swimming Club	25m indoor heated pool		High
Nobby Cricket & Recreation Club Inc	Improve entrance	The current access to the grounds is subject to damage during inclement weather, and creates a safety hazard.	
	Bowling Machine	A bowling machine will permit coaching clinics to be held and assist junior members' batting skill development	
Northern Brothers Diggers Cricket (Juniors)	Lit nets at Rockville Park	Lit nets to offset training times.	High
	Storage shed at Rockville Park	For roller, covers, mowers, training equipment etc	High
	Upgrade Captain Cook nets	Lighting would be good. Run ups are dangerous	High
Northern Brothers Diggers Cricket Club	Training nets	There are currently no training nets at Rockville Park, which would be highly beneficial to the club.	High
	Storage facility	The existing clubhouse contains no storage at Rockville Park.	High
	Training nets	The bowlers run up area at Captain Cook Oval requires more concrete.	High
Oakley Agricultural Pastoral and Rodeo Society	Lighting around rodeo arena		High
	New toilet block at Greenwood Hall		High
	Change rooms and toilets	The existing facilities do not meet current needs, and do not cater the mixed gender membership and visitors.	High
Oakley Soccer Club Inc	Canteen	The current canteen is unhygienic and requires pest control.	High
	Field development and lighting	The club's membership increase has created a need for greater field usage which may be facilitated by the installation of lighting and irrigation.	High
	Car park lighting	Lighting in the car park will increase safety and surveillance.	High
Pitsworth/Milmerran Junior Cricket Club	Additional practice net and lighting	There is currently only one practice net available, however at least one additional net will greater service the club's training needs, as will lighting of these facilities.	High
	Bridgeman Oval - upgrade pitch	The pitch condition is poor and requires upgrading to ensure the safety of players and ongoing suitability for training purposes.	High

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Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Pittsworth Basketball	New facility		High
	New backboards	Safety issues	High
Pittsworth Bowls Club	Synthetic Green	A permanent greenkeeper is unaffordable to the club and there is increasing difficulties in retaining volunteers, therefore a synthetic green would be highly advantageous.	High
	Kitchen and dining upgrade	An upgrade to the kitchen and dining facilities would be of benefit during social functions and private functions when the venue is hired.	High
Pittsworth Judo Club Inc	Internal toilet facilities	The tennis club has toilet facilities, however it is dark during evenings which creates safety concerns.	High
	External lighting	There is currently no external lighting at the facility which is of great concern with regard to security and safety.	High
	Improved accessibility	There is a single entry point which does not permit access via wheelchair or prams, which is not appropriate with regard to current standard compliance and meeting members needs.	High
	Insulation	The facility is subject to extremes in varying weather conditions, and insulation would assist to regulate the inside temperature for the safety and comfort of members and spectators.	High
Pittsworth Leagues Club	Gym	Better training facilities for players and fitness opportunities for the general public. Current facilities not catering for growing amount of patrons	High
	Amenities block		High
	Irrigation system		High
Pittsworth Millmerran Junior AFL Club	Clubhouse renovation	The clubhouse requires renovating, which will be beneficial to the club and other users of the venue.	Med
	Canteen	The canteen does not currently meet Toowoomba Regional Council health and safety standards, and is a major source of revenue for the club.	High
	Storage facility	The changerooms are currently used for storage which is not practical or safe.	High
	Lighting	The growth of the club has created a need to increase training and games, which may be facilitated through installing field lighting for night use.	Medium
Pittsworth Tennis Club Inc	Re-surface courts with synthetic grass	Easier on the body	High
	Repair clubhouse roof	Damaged iron and sagging trusses	Medium
	Re-surface courts with synthetic grass	Players have requested re-surfacing of the courts with a synthetic grass to reduce impact and therefore injuries.	High
	Clubhouse roof replacement	The roof of the clubhouse requires attention, to reduce further damage to the remaining structure and internal fittings.	Medium/High
Pittsworth Vikings Soccer Club	Adopt the master plan		

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Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Queensland Rugby League South West Division	Field lighting on all school and Council fields	Field lighting of all facilities available will ensure that all affiliate clubs have ample space to train teams and also accommodate representative teams.	High
	Development of a new facility	The development of a sports precinct with 2 fields fully dedicated to rugby league games only will ensure that all clubs can play at one venue.	Medium
Quinalow & District Swimming Association	Build clubhouse/kiosk	The storage shed is at capacity with equipment. A clubhouse/kiosk facility will provide the opportunity to relocate fridges/freezers and collect admission fees.	High
	Portable stairs	The club requires a set of portable stairs to enable easier entry/exist of the pool for members and community, as required.	High
Range Tennis Club	Replace synthetic grass	The existing synthetic grass is wearing and requires replacement to ensure the risk of injury to players is reduced.	Medium
	Sight screens at courts	The installation of sight screens around the courts will provide improved visibility and will also act as a wind break.	High
	Renovate Clubhouse	The clubhouse is aged and requires upgrading to ensure the comfort of players and to make the club inviting.	Low
	Grandstands	Will promote better spectator attendance and can be used for both sports.	Medium
Rangers Baseball Club	Extend the high fence on the western boundary	This is a safety issue and will reduce the number of balls going onto the train tracks.	Medium
	Development Plan implementation	The Gold Park development plan implementation to develop bottom ovals with lighting, change rooms, irrigation and canteen facilities will greatly benefit the club.	High
Rangers Junior Rugby Union Football Club Inc	Rebound wall	A wall for players to hit balls against would be advantageous to players for training and practice.	Medium
Ravensbourne Sport & Recreation Association	More courts	Sport is growing	High
Saints Basketball Club	New facility	There is currently insufficient facilities available to host carnivals at one location, and existing facilities at Gold Park are aged and in need of replacement/repair. The new facility should feature a 10,000 seat grandstand, lighting to the main field and 6 additional playing fields.	High
Saints Rugby Club Inc	Extension to oval	Good lighting but field is too small for seniors	High
	Extension to clubhouse	Great facility but becoming too small	Medium
South Toowoomba AFL	Ground irrigation	Surface a risk management issue	High
	Clubhouse improvements	Growth in membership	High
South Toowoomba Bowls Club	All weather greens and cover	Provide year-round usage and maintain year-round participation	Medium
	New venue	Only club without an oval and facilities on Council grounds. Yet we are very large and competitive.	High

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Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
South Toowoomba Junior Rugby Union Club	Car parking and pedestrian pathways	The car park area is unsafe due to the volume of junior players and visitors to the lower ovals, designated pedestrian pathways would reduce the risk exposure to the club and volunteers.	High
	Secure storage	The club currently uses storage containers to store equipment, which cannot be insured. Permanent storage facilities are required.	High
	Canteen and grandstand	The kitchen requires modernising as it is obsolete.	Medium
South West Region Tennis Queensland	Additional courts	An additional 3 courts would make this facility a 12 court venue, and if combined with the regional tennis facility at the University of Southern Qld, major events could be hosted across the 2 venues.	Medium
	Court surface upgrade	The resurfacing of 3 courts to a suitable playing standard will ensure the club remains viable.	High
	Lighting	Lighting of the courts will increase participation and provide the opportunity to further develop the club.	Medium
Southbrook Sports Club Inc	Replace storage shed	To provide secure and safe storage for boxing equipment, adequate storage is required.	High
	Target upgrade	An air operated turning target on the pistol range will enable the facility to host additional events, raising revenue sources, and also further develop the skills of members.	High
Sporting Shooters Association Oakey Branch	Build 100m range	The establishment of a 100m range will enable the facility to host additional events, raising revenue sources, and also reduce the requirement for members to travel to access such a facility.	High
	Facility upgrades	Upgrades are required to the canteen, changerooms and clubhouse, to enable training sessions to be held and increase the adequacy of facilities.	High
	Car park	An expansion of the existing car park will reduce the need for parking in the playground area, which is unsafe.	Medium
The Glennie School	Synthetic track upgrade	This track services multiple users, and is the only one of its kind in the Western area. As such an upgrade is of significant importance.	High
	New facility	Due to the lack of formal tenure on state government land, a new facility of 5-10 acres may be required in the event of relocation.	High
Toowoomba Aeromodellers Association Inc	Showjump and dressage arenas need better surface	Attract more riders	Medium
	Our own dressage trailer and equipment		Medium
	Improved cross country jumps and surface		Medium

ESSENTIAL FACILITY UPGRADES

Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Toowoomba Basketball Association	New floor at Water St (or new venue)	Current venue is unsafe, has pieces missing and raised areas.	High
	New changerooms and showers	No referee facilities. Unable to have male and female away teams.	Medium
	Access to more courts	Currently unable to meet the need of members and QBA teams	Medium/High
Toowoomba BMX Club		Unable to grow	
	Canteen area	Need a steady source of income	High
	Shade cover over staging slab	Protection from the elements	High
	Seating area	Provide viewing for families	Medium
	Outdoor barbecues	Provide for families	Medium
Toowoomba Bowls Club Inc	Track upgrades and modification	Keep track to high standard	High
	Improved accessibility	Improved disabled access to bowling greens will ensure the club is maintaining equity to all members and visitors.	High
	Lighting	Lights to one green will enable evening bowls events to be held, inviting the community to participate in the club.	Medium
Toowoomba Bridge Club	Building extension to seat extra members and increase car parking	Increase in aging population in Toowoomba and surrounds would generally increase our membership.	Low
Toowoomba Centrals Little Athletics	Synthetic javelin runway	Improve safety	Low
	More shade structures	Sun safety	Low
Toowoomba Clay Target Club Inc	Disabled access to toilets	The existing facilities do not allow wheelchair access.	High
	Target throwing machines	Replacement of the machinery is required, due to wear and tear.	Medium
Toowoomba Cricket Incorporated	Synthetic pitch fields	Not enough big fields	High
	Turf pitches	Would like more turf so that lower grades can play on turf	Medium
	Lighting on fields	Introduce day/night or 20/20 to encourage more participation	High
Toowoomba Croquet Club	Water	Water is required to maintain the lawns to a suitable standard.	

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Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Toowoomba Cycling Club Inc	Closed road circuit	Council approval for this facility has been obtained, however there has been limited progress to date. Increased traffic creates greater safety risk to riders and increases the need for this facility.	High
Toowoomba East Junior AFC	Kitchen/canteen	Currently unhygienic and lack of regular hot water	High
	Toilets	No hand washing and no disabled access	High
	Changerooms	Working showers and general update	Med
Toowoomba Endurance Horse Riders Association	Rain water tanks and trees	Additional water tanks will assist during events to ensure horses remain hydrated, and the planting of trees will provide shade for spectators.	High
Toowoomba Hockey Association	Urgent replacement of sand base field	To continue to provide Club games. To attract State Championships and National League Games	High
	Parking	Cater for growth	High
	Amenities/office space	To provide facilities for clubs to be able to conduct business. To provide areas for coaching staff. Player's comfort - toilet facilities within a reasonable distance of all fields.	Medium
	Increased playing area	To cater for increase in junior hockey. Presently land-locked and should land adjoining the fields become available we need to be able to acquire it.	Medium
Toowoomba Kart Club Inc	Develop new facility	The existing site of the facility is in an area that is proposed for rural residential development, as such a new facility is proposed. An open, untreed site that is flat to undulating, provides opportunity for the development of a legal safe driving facility. It is further proposed that ancillary facilities such as canteen, toilets and office space is included in the new development.	Medium
Toowoomba Mountain Bike Club Inc	Unisex amenities	Permanent unisex toilet facilities at Jubilee Park will reduce the provide cost savings to the club, associated with hiring toilet facilities for events.	Low
Toowoomba Netball Association	Fencing around courts on Carey St	Health and Safety Issue	High
	Equipment Shed	Primarily for goal post pads and balls	High
	Brick wall for ball work	Training option	High
	Terracing the hill	Greater spectator facilities	High
	Hard surface and light four more courts	Greater pull for State Events	Medium
	Extra carparking	Every Saturday and every carnival cars spill over all the streets and footpaths	Medium
	Cover 3 or 4 courts	Give greater flexibility in times and allow for weather	Low
	Purchase 25 seater bus	Transport teams to Brisbane weekly	Low

ESSENTIAL FACILITY UPGRADES

Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Toowoomba Police Citizens Youth Club	Develop new facility	Toowoomba is in need of a multisport stadium that is available for community use.	High
Toowoomba Polocrosse Club	Changeroom upgrade	The existing changeroom and shower facilities are in disrepair and in an unsafe and therefore unusable condition, making the refurbishment of high priority.	High
	Canteen extension	The current canteen has insufficient space and need to be extended.	Medium
	Site fencing	There is a lack of adequate site fencing at present.	Medium
Toowoomba RSL Sub-Branch Inc	New facility	There is an increasing need to better service the aged and ex-service community, and it believed that this can be achieved through the establishment of a new facility. It is proposed that the facility will be a multi-purpose facility and will house a number of compatible sporting/recreation activities, an RSL Memorial Club, dining and entertainment facilities, retail shopping and a tower for commercial and residential units. Potential sites have been identified.	High
Toowoomba Rugby Football League	New multi-field facility		High
Toowoomba Show Grounds Royal Agricultural Society of Qld	Equestrian facility upgrade	The Society will not be competitive in attracting major events if existing facilities are not upgraded.	High
	Develop motor sport/cycling track	Cannot start until facility is built.	High
Toowoomba Softball Association	Develop new skinned diamonds	Hold more games in shorter time, extra competitions, hold National and International games	Medium
Toowoomba South Little Athletics	Competition Facility (decent track, storage facilities, permanent discuss nets, spectators seating and shade, recovery and cool down facilities	To comply with food hygiene standards. Ensure the safety of athletes. Purchase and store the necessary equipment. To allow the sport to grow. To be able to host carnivals. To host education and training opportunities.	High
Toowoomba Table Tennis Assoc	Disabled access	To make available for disabled people	Low
	Car parking	Allow more close to facility	Medium
	Showers and hot water	For players to refresh	Low
	Spectator seating	Allow more to watch	Low
	International court size	Allow major tournaments	Low

ESSENTIAL FACILITY UPGRADES

Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
Toowoomba Tennis Association	2 new courts at James Street. (Currently land locked by the West Creek Development)	To have a facility for running national events and to provide for increasing numbers of players.	Low
	New fencing	A number of our fences are starting to get old, tired and holes developing. They need to be replaced to improve the facility.	Medium
	Rain water tanks (need to put them on Council land outside our lease)	Need to install tanks to provide water for the courts to reduce the wear of the sand-filled synthetic grass courts and help make the courts last longer.	High
Toowoomba Touch	Security fencing	Vandalism	High
	Seating	Spectator requirements	High
Toowoomba Triathlon Club	Aquatic facility	The existing aquatic facility is inadequate and requires replacement or major refurbishment, to accommodate existing population.	High
	Cycling park	Council has recognised the importance of a cycling track, which would increase safety to members.	High
Toowoomba Valleys Rugby League Football Club/Junior Division Incorporated	Clubhouse renovation	The clubhouse is 37yrs old and requires continual maintenance. The clubhouse is a necessity to the club for income generating purposes, however it requires renovating or renewing.	High
	Field lighting	The costs associated with the existing field lighting is significant and not sustainable.	High
	New changeroom facilities	The existing shower and toilet facilities are inadequate and in poor repair due to age.	High
	Outside "Can Bar"	This facility improvement will assist the club to meet liquor licensing requirements and provide additional revenue opportunity.	High
	New facility	The club is highly successful in junior coaching, and the Darling Downs region lacks a suitable facility, that meets Tennis Australia standards. The prevalence of professional practices in tennis threatens the long term success of the club.	High
USQ Soccer Club	2 fields	Spread training load. Juniors will be a part of the club from 2010.	
		New field will offer better surface and playing lights. Will require a number of changerooms, referee rooms and first aid room.	High
Warriors Softball Club Inc	Facility renovation	The canteen and toilet facilities require upgrading with new paint and flooring to remain of adequate standard during state and national championships, when hosted.	High
Wattles Junior Rugby League	Canteen upgrade	There is an issue with mice accessing the kitchen and appliances (stove and hot water system) creating hygiene management issues.	High

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Organisation	Description	Rationale	Priority
West Toowoomba Bowls Club Inc	Improved accessibility	The facility is not equipped for wheelchair access and mobility impaired patrons.	High
	Upgrade kitchen	Modern kitchen facilities will enhance service quality and assist to meet regulations.	High
	Upgrade toilet facilities	The toilets require an urgent upgrade.	High
West Toowoomba Croquet Club Inc	Clubhouse renovation	The existing clubhouse is small and lacks suitable secure storage space. The existing toilets are not compliant for wheelchair accessibility, and the kitchen is not compliant for catering, which is a source of revenue.	High
Westbrook Indoor Bowling Club	Levelling of floor	The levelling of the Westbrook Hall will provide improved facilities to members.	High
Western District Cricket Club (Toowoomba) Inc	Sight screens at venues	Sight screens would be highly beneficial to the club, for the purpose of increasing player safety. Transportable screens would be of greatest benefit so that they could be relocated as required, between Captain Cook, Middle Ridge Park and Harristown Park.	High
	Additional facilities	The former Endeavour Farm in Middle Ridge has been identified as a potential venue that may accommodate 2-3 turf wickets, which would create opportunities attract and host large events, with follow on economic benefit to the region.	Medium
Willowburn Sports Club Inc	Additional playing fields	The additional soccer and baseball fields are required to sustain current interest and member base.	Medium
Wylahra Grove Junior Sports and Recreation Association	Multi-purpose tennis court	Area is growing and the community needs an area to enjoy the outdoors. If juniors show promise they can then go into Millmerran to join teams in competition.	High
	Half size soccer field, half size beach volleyball court, half size badminton court, half size basketball court		High
	Outdoor squash court		Medium
	Shaded area with table and chairs, bbq area and fenced in play area		Medium
	Irrigate soccer field, extend storage area		Low

APPENDIX 3

SPORTS
FACILITIES LIST

Appendix 3—Sports Facilities List

This table highlights the Region’s Council and State Government-owned sports facilities. (It should be noted that this table has been taken from a complete facility audit conducted by Council Officers).

SPORTS FACILITIES LIST

Facility Type	Facility Name	Location	Sports	No. of Courts/ Fields	Comment
Outdoor Courts	Cambooya Recreation Reserve	Cambooya	Tennis	2	Lit synthetic courts
Outdoor Sports Fields	Cambooya Recreation Reserve	Cambooya	Pony Club		
Outdoor Sports Fields	Cambooya Recreation Reserve	Cambooya	Cricket	2	Middle of pony field, the three large fence posts with taps close to pitch make it impossible to play cricket
Aquatic	Cecil Plains Memorial Pool	Cecil Plains	Aquatic Activities		6 lane 25m pool and wading pool
Indoor Sports Facilities	Clifton Indoor Sports Complex	Clifton	Netball/basketball/volleyball		1 court facility
Aquatic	Clifton Municipal Pool	Clifton	Aquatic Activities		Covered 25m pool and wading pool
Outdoor Sports Fields	Clifton Recreation Ground	Clifton	Rugby League/soccer	1	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Clifton Recreation Ground	Clifton	Polo/polocrosse	2	
Outdoor Courts	Clifton Tennis	Clifton	Tennis	6	2 synthetic grass, 2 hard courts, 2 ant bed. Ant bed not lit
Outdoor Sports Fields	Nobby Recreation Ground	Clifton	Cricket	1	Synthetic cricket pitch
Outdoor Courts	Nobby Recreation Ground	Clifton	Tennis	1	Abandoned ant bed tennis court
Outdoor Sports Fields	Crows Nest Cricket Oval	Crows Nest	Cricket	1	Clubhouse and oval in poor condition
Indoor Sports Facilities	Crows Nest Indoor Sports Centre	Crows Nest	Range of activities	1	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Crows Nest Pool	Crows Nest	Aquatic Activities		25m outdoor and wading pool
Indoor Sports Facilities	Crows Nest Squash Courts	Crows Nest	Squash	4	
Outdoor Courts	Crows Nest Tennis Courts	Crows Nest	Tennis	2	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Crows Nest Rugby League Club	Crows Nest	Rugby League	1	
Outdoor Courts	Goombungee Sport and Recreation Complex	Goombungee	Tennis	2	1 lit court, 1 unlit court
Outdoor Sports Fields	McMahon Park	Gowrie Junction	Soccer	1	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Gowrie Junction Field Open Space	Gowrie Junction	Multi Sport	1	Field has been prepared but requires levelling, seeding and maintenance program
Outdoor Courts	Haden Tennis Courts	Haden	Tennis	1	Bitumen court

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Facility Type	Facility Name	Location	Sports	No. of Courts/ Fields	Comment
Outdoor Sports Fields	Garveys Sports Ground	Haden	Multi Sport	1	
Aquatic	Highfields Aquatic Centre	Highfields	Aquatic Activities		25m pool and leisure pool with slide
Indoor Sports Facilities	Highfields Fitness & Recreation	Highfields	Basketball/netball/tennis/futsal	2	Quality indoor facility but minimal space around courts
Indoor Sports Facilities	Highfields Fitness & Recreation	Highfields	Gym		
Outdoor Sports Fields	Kratzke Road	Highfields	AFL/cricket	1	No cricket wicket developed
Outdoor Sports Fields	Kratzke Road	Highfields	Rugby League	1	
Outdoor Courts	Kratzke Road	Highfields	Tennis/netball/basketball	2	Hard courts
Outdoor Sports Fields	Kuhls Road	Highfields	Rugby Union/soccer	1	Lit rectangular field with some drainage issues
Outdoor Sports Fields	Kuhls Road	Highfields	Soccer/cricket		Additional area for small sided games and one synthetic cricket wicket
Outdoor Courts	Kuhls Road	Highfields	Netball	3	2 bitumen courts and 1 grass court
Outdoor Courts	Michael Park	Highfields	Tennis	1	Court needs repainting or resurfacing
Outdoor Sports Fields	Jondaryan Cricket Oval	Jondaryan	Cricket	1	Synthetic pitch poor outfield
Outdoor Courts	Kingsthorpe Sports Complex	Kingsthorpe	Tennis	2	Synthetic grass
Outdoor Courts	Kingsthorpe Sports Complex	Kingsthorpe	Basketball	1	Bitumen court
Outdoor Sports Fields	Kingsthorpe Sports Complex	Kingsthorpe	Cricket	1	Synthetic cricket pitch ripped
Outdoor Courts	Gagen Park	Kulpi	Tennis/basketball/netball	2	Lit hard courts
Outdoor Sports Fields	Gagen Park	Kulpi	Athletics/cricket	1	Running track on grass and synthetic cricket wicket
Outdoor Courts	Tom Volp Park	Meringandan	Tennis/basketball/netball	1	Lit hard court
Outdoor Sports Fields	Tom Volp Park	Meringandan	Cricket	1	Poor field condition
Outdoor Sports Fields	Meringandan Lilyvale Sports Oval	Meringandan	Cricket	1	Concrete cricket pitch
Outdoor Sports Fields	Millmerran Recreation Reserve	Millmerran	Rugby League	1	Poor field condition and poor lighting
Outdoor Sports Fields	Millmerran Recreation Reserve	Millmerran	Cricket	1	Synthetic wicket with picket fencing
Indoor Sports Facilities	Millmerran Sports Centre	Millmerran	Basketball	2	Quality indoor courts
Indoor Sports Facilities	Millmerran Sports Centre	Millmerran	Gym		
Aquatic	Millmerran Olympic Pool	Millmerran	Aquatic Activities		6 lane 50m pool and wading pool

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Facility Type	Facility Name	Location	Sports	No. of Courts/ Fields	Comment
Aquatic	Jondaryan Shire War Memorial Pool	Oakey	Aquatic Activities		50m pool, learn to swim pool and wading pool
Outdoor Sports Fields	Oakey Federal Park Sports Complex	Oakey	Multi Sport		Undeveloped land zoned Open Space
Outdoor Sports Fields	Oakey Federal Park Sports Complex	Oakey	Soccer	1	Poor lighting
Outdoor Sports Fields	Oakey Federal Park Sports Complex	Oakey	Cricket	1	Facility in poor condition
Outdoor Sports Fields	Oakey Rugby League Club	Oakey	Rugby League	1	Lit field with quality ancillary facilities
Outdoor Courts	Oakey Tennis Centre	Oakey	Tennis	4	4 lit synthetic grass
Outdoor Sports Fields	Oakey Bowls Club	Oakey	Bowls	2	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Peranga Reserve	Peranga	Multi Sport		
Outdoor Sports Fields	Bridgman Oval	Pittsworth	AFL/athletics	1	Quality field
Outdoor Sports Fields	Pittsworth Leagues Club	Pittsworth	Rugby League	1	Quality lit facility
Outdoor Sports Fields	Pittsworth Leagues Club	Pittsworth	Soccer/cricket	2	2 soccer fields with synthetic cricket wicket between
Aquatic	Pittsworth Civic Pool	Pittsworth	Aquatic Activities		50m pool and learn to swim pool
Outdoor Courts	Quinalow Recreation Reserve	Quinalow	Tennis	1	Lit hard court
Outdoor Sports Fields	Quinalow Recreation Reserve	Quinalow	Cricket	1	Synthetic cricket pitch ripped, slab uneven
Outdoor Sports Fields	Quinalow Recreation Reserve	Quinalow	Soccer	0.5	Half soccer field with goal at one end
Outdoor Courts	Ravensbourne Tennis Court	Ravensbourne	Tennis	2	Two quality lit synthetic courts
Outdoor Courts	Southbrook Sports Ground	Southbrook	Tennis	2	Two ant bed courts
Outdoor Sports Fields	Southbrook Sports Ground	Southbrook	Cricket	1	Facility in poor condition
Outdoor Sports Fields	Anderson Park	Toowoomba	Cricket/soccer	2	Quality fields
Outdoor Sports Fields	Nell E Robinson Park	Toowoomba	Soccer	2	Quality lit fields
Outdoor Sports Fields	Nell E Robinson Park	Toowoomba	Netball	16 grass 14 hard courts	Quality Regional facility
Outdoor Sports Fields	Ernest Peak Park	Toowoomba	Cricket/rugby league	1	Training lights for rugby league
Outdoor Courts	Range Tennis Club	Toowoomba	Tennis	4	Synthetic grass

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Facility Type	Facility Name	Location	Sports	No. of Courts/ Fields	Comment
Outdoor Sports Fields	Toowoomba East Bowls Club	Toowoomba	Bowls	2	Greens
Outdoor Sports Fields	Toowoomba Croquet Club	Toowoomba	Croquet	2	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Toowoomba Athletic Oval	Toowoomba	Rugby League/soccer	1	Premier facility
Indoor Sports Facilities	Toowoomba Table Tennis Club	Toowoomba	Table Tennis		
Outdoor Sports Fields	Blue Mountain Reserve	Toowoomba	Cricket	1	Junior facility only
Outdoor Sports Fields	Commonwealth Oval	Toowoomba	Soccer	1	1 lit full-size field and additional space for small sided games
Outdoor Sports Fields	Commonwealth Oval	Toowoomba	Baseball	1	Quality lit skinned facility
Outdoor Sports Fields	Commonwealth Oval	Toowoomba	Velodrome		Full size velodrome with spectator facilities. Track in poor condition. Grass within used for soccer
Outdoor Sports Fields	Harristown Park	Toowoomba	Cricket/AFL	1	Quality facility lit for AFL
Outdoor Sports Fields	O'Quinn St Park	Toowoomba	Athletics	1	Quality Regional grass facility
Outdoor Sports Fields	Kearneys Spring Recreation Reserve	Toowoomba	Touch Football	17	Very high level facility - well embellished
Outdoor Sports Fields	Kearneys Spring Recreation Reserve	Toowoomba	Softball	4 skinned diamonds	Very high level facility - well embellished
Outdoor Sports Fields	Freyling Park	Toowoomba	Multi Sport		Undeveloped
Outdoor Sports Fields	Wagner Park	Toowoomba	Cricket	1	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Middle Ridge Park	Toowoomba	Soccer	3	2 lit for soccer
Outdoor Sports Fields	Middle Ridge Park	Toowoomba	Cricket	1	Quality turf facility
Outdoor Courts	Middle Ridge Park	Toowoomba	Tennis	2	Lit hard court facility
Outdoor Sports Fields	Laurel Bank Park	Toowoomba	Croquet	2	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Newtown Park	Toowoomba	Cricket	3	Synthetic wickets
Outdoor Courts	Newtown Park	Toowoomba	Tennis	3	2 ant bed, 1 grass
Outdoor Sports Fields	Newtown Park	Toowoomba	Croquet	4	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Norman Park	Toowoomba	Dog Obedience/rugby league	1	Lit for training
Outdoor Sports Fields	Laurel Bank Park	Toowoomba	Croquet	2	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Martin Klein Park	Toowoomba	Cricket	1	Synthetic pitch
Outdoor Courts	Martin Klein Park	Toowoomba	Tennis	3	Synthetic grass courts

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Facility Type	Facility Name	Location	Sports	No. of Courts/ Fields	Comment
Outdoor Sports Fields	Heritage Oval	Toowoomba	Rugby Union	1	Quality lit venue
Outdoor Sports Fields	Heritage Oval	Toowoomba	Cricket	1	Premier cricket facility - lit for night matches
Outdoor Sports Fields	Willowburn Oval	Toowoomba		1	No longer used for sport due to erosion
Outdoor Sports Fields	Rockville Oval	Toowoomba	AFL/cricket	1	Premier AFL field
Outdoor Sports Fields	Gold Park	Toowoomba	Rugby Union/AFL	2	Top oval is developed and lit, bottom oval needs further upgrades and possible extension
Indoor Sports Facilities	Toowoomba Basketball Stadium	Toowoomba	Basketball	1	Facility is in poor condition
Aquatic	Milne Bay Aquatic Centre	Toowoomba	Aquatic Activities	1	Indoor 25 metre heated pool, leisure pool and hydrotherapy pool, outdoor 50m pool and grandstand
Outdoor Sports Fields	Groom Park	Toowoomba	Cycling		Learn-to-ride facility
Outdoor Courts	Groom Park	Toowoomba	Tennis	2	Bitumen Courts
Outdoor Courts	Groom Park	Toowoomba	Beach volleyball	1	
Outdoor Sports Fields	James Street Tennis Courts	Toowoomba	Tennis	9	Synthetic grass courts
Outdoor Sports Fields	Queens Park	Toowoomba	Cricket	4	2 synthetic and 2 concrete
Outdoor Sports Fields	Queens Park	Toowoomba	AFL		Junior fields on cricket areas
Outdoor Sports Fields	Toowoomba City Bowls Club	Toowoomba	Bowls	1.5	
Outdoor Sports Fields	Captain Cook Recreation Reserve	Toowoomba	Cricket/soccer	5	5 turf cricket fields with a large number of soccer fields configured around the site
Outdoor Sports Fields	Captain Cook Recreation Reserve	Toowoomba	BMX		Quality lit Regional facility
Outdoor Courts	Centenary Park	Westbrook	Tennis/basketball/netball	2	Quality lit facility
Outdoor Courts	F E Obst Park, Wyreema	Wyreema	Tennis/netball	2	Lit synthetic courts
Outdoor Sports Fields	F E Obst Park, Wyreema	Wyreema	Cricket	1	Poor condition
Outdoor Sports Fields	Errol Munt Sports Centre	Yarraman	Cricket/rugby league	1	Poor condition
Outdoor Sports Fields	Errol Munt Sports Centre	Yarraman	Soccer	2	Lack of ancillary facilities
Outdoor Sports Fields	Errol Munt Sports Centre	Yarraman	Tennis/netball	4	Lit hard courts
Outdoor Sports Fields	Errol Munt Sports Centre	Yarraman	Netball	2	Grass courts unmarked, hoops
Outdoor Sports Fields	Errol Munt Sports Centre	Yarraman	Beach Volleyball	4	Beach volleyball

APPENDIX 4

SPORTS CLUBS/
ASSOCIATIONS

Appendix 4—Sports Clubs/Associations

This list has been compiled using the Department of Community's (Sport and Recreation Services) contact database.

SPORTS CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS

Location	Club/Association
Back Plains	Back Plains Indoor Bowling Club
Boodua	Boodua Indoor Bowls Club
Bowenville	Bowenville Cricket Club
	Bowenville Tennis Club
Brymaroo	Brymaroo & District Pony Club
	Brymaroo Rodeo & Campdraft Committee
	Brymaroo Tennis Club
Cabarlah	Borneo Barracks Golf Club
	Cabarlah Pony Club
Cambooya	Cambooya Bowls Club
	Cambooya Campdraft & Gymkhana Association
	Cambooya Pony Club
Cecil Plains	Cecil Plains Tennis Club
Clifton	Clifton & District Amateur Swimming Club
	Clifton & District Tennis Association
	Clifton Bowls Club
	Clifton Bowls Club (Ladies Section)
	Clifton Golf Club
	Clifton Indoor Bowls Club
	Clifton Recreation Oval Management Board
	Farmers Arms Darts Teams
	SEALS Aquatic Club
Cooyar	Cooyar Indoor Bowls Club
Crows Nest	Crows Nest - Goombungee & District Rifle Club
	Crows Nest & District Amateur Swimming Club
	Crows Nest & District Bowls Club
	Crows Nest & District Ladies Bowling Club
	Crows Nest & District Pony Club
	Crows Nest Amateur Fishing Club
	Crows Nest Darts Club
	Crows Nest Golf Club
	Crows Nest Indoor Bowls Club
	Crows Nest Indoor Sports & Recreation Centre
	Crows Nest Pistol Club
	Crows Nest Rugby League Football Club
	Crows Nest Squash Club
	Crows Nest Table Tennis Assn
	Crows Nest Tennis Club

Location	Club/Association
Crows Nest	Crows Nest/Emu Creek Cricket Club
Darling Downs/South West	Darling Downs & South West Qld Cricket Assn
	Darling Downs Aero Club
	Darling Downs Australian Football League
	Darling Downs Bridge Club
	Darling Downs Croquet Association
	Darling Downs District Rifle Association
	Darling Downs Field Archers
	Darling Downs Golf Association
	Darling Downs Indoor Bowling Association
	Darling Downs Inline Hockey League
	Darling Downs Interdistrict Netball
	Darling Downs Junior Australian Football League
	Darling Downs Junior Rugby Union
	Darling Downs Rugby Union
	Darling Downs Rifle Club Inc
	Darling Downs Sailing Club
	Darling Downs School Sport
	Darling Downs Soaring Club
	Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Association Inc/ Lone Eagle Flying School
	Downs & District Bowls Association
	Downs & District Ladies Bowling Assn
	Downs Blind Bowlers
	Downs Four Wheel Drive Club
	Downs Motorcycle Sporting Club
Goombungee	Downs Polo Association
	Downs Speedway Club Ltd
	Golden West Tenpin Bowling Association
	South West Qld Touch Association
	South West Region Tennis Queensland
	Toowoomba & District Darts Association
	Toowoomba & SWQ Raiders
	Goombungee & District Pony and Hack Club

SPORTS CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS

Location	Club/Association
Goombungee	Goombungee & District Swimming Club
	Goombungee Golf Club
	Goombungee Indoor Bowls Club
	Goombungee Ladies Tennis Group
	Goombungee Social Cricket Club
Highfields	Highfields & District Little Athletics
	Highfields Amateur Swimming Club
	Highfields District Sport & Recreation Association
	Highfields Fitness & Recreation Centre
	Highfields Football Club
	Highfields Redbacks Rugby Club
	Highfields Junior Rugby Club
	Highfields Lions AFL Club
	Highfields Netball Association
Hodgson Vale	Hodgson Vale Community Sport & Recreation Club
Jondaryan	Jondaryan Cricket Club
Kulpi	Kulpi Cricket Club
	Kulpi Senior Tennis Club
Millmerran	Millmerran & District Shooting Club
	Millmerran Amateur Swimming Club
	Millmerran Auto Club
	Millmerran Bowls Club
	Millmerran Commerce & Progress
	Millmerran Golf Club
	Millmerran Junior Rugby League
	Millmerran Ladies Bowls Club
	Millmerran Memorial Sportsman Club
	Millmerran Pony Club Inc
	Millmerran Squash Club
	Millmerran Swimming Club
	Millmerran Tennis Club
Mount Tyson	Mount Tyson Tennis Club
Nobby	Nobby & District Fishing Club
	Nobby Cricket & Recreation Club
	Nobby Indoor Bowling Club
Oakey	Oakey & District Amateur Swimming Club

Location	Club/Association
Oakey	Oakey & District Bowling Club Inc
	Oakey & District Junior Australian Football Club
	Oakey & District Pony Club
	Oakey & District Tennis Assn
	Oakey Agricultural Pastoral & Rodeo Society
	Oakey Bears Cricket Club
	Oakey Golf Club
	Oakey Gymnastics Club
	Oakey Indoor Sports Social Club
	Oakey Junior Rugby League
	Oakey Ladies Bowling Club
	Oakey Senior Rugby League Football Club
	Oakey Soccer Club
	Oakey Touch Association
	Sporting Shooters Association Oakey Branch
Peranga	Peranga & District Ladies Bowling Club
Perseverance	Perseverance Aquatic Club
Pittsworth	Pittsworth & District Amateur Swimming Club
	Pittsworth & Millmerran Junior Cricket Association
	Pittsworth Amateur Basketball Assn
	Pittsworth Bowls Club
	Pittsworth Golf Club
	Pittsworth Indoor Bowls Association
	Pittsworth Indoor Sports Centre
	Pittsworth Judo Club
	Pittsworth Junior Rugby League Football Club
	Pittsworth Ladies Bowling Club
	Pittsworth Leagues Club
	Pittsworth Little Athletics Centre
	Pittsworth Millmerran Junior AFL Club
	Pittsworth Rifle Club
	Pittsworth Rugby League Football Club
	Pittsworth Senior Rugby League Football Club
	Pittsworth Sprint Committee
	Pittsworth Tennis Club
	Pittsworth Touch Football Club

SPORTS CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS

Location	Club/Association
Pittsworth	Pittsworth Vikings Soccer Club
Quinalow	Quinalow & District Darts Association
	Quinalow & District Swimming Association
	Quinalow Cricket Club
Ravensbourne	Ravensbourne Sport & Recreation Association
Southbrook	Southbrook Sports Club
Toowoomba	Academy Basketball
	Aces Softball Club
	Adrenalin Climbing Gym
	Adventurers Tennis Club
	AFL Darling Downs League
	AFL Darling Downs Juniors
	Alford Park Tennis Club
	All Stars Basketball
	All Star Gymnastics
	All Stars Softball Club
	Allstars Softball Club
	Apache Netball Club
	Barracudas Swimming Club
	Basketball Toowoomba
	Bikeline Cycling Club
	Brothers Toowoomba Junior Rugby League
	City Golf Club Incorporated
	Coolaroo Football Club
	Devils Softball Club
	Dodgers Sports Club
	Dominoes Netball Club
	Downlands College - Soccer Club
	Drayton Bowls Club
	Drayton Indoor Bowling Club
	Drayton Sharks Touch Club
	Eagles Basketball Club
	Fairholme Athletics Club
	Flyers Swimming Club
	Football Toowoomba
	Garden City Raiders Football Club
	Garden City Soccer Club
	Gold Park Sporting Club
	Heritage Oval Management
	Holy Name Tennis Club
	IADOM - Boxing Club
	Kearney Springs Indoor Bowling Club
	Killer Bees Boxing Club

Location	Club/Association
Toowoomba	Laurel Bank Croquet Club
	Laurel Bank Indoor Bowling Club
	Metropolitan East Toowoomba Cricket Club
	Milne Bay Aquajets Club
	Newtown Hockey Club
	Newtown Junior Rugby League Football Club
	Newtown Rugby League Football Club
	Newtown Swimming Club
	North Toowoomba Bowls Club
	North Toowoomba Ladies Bowling Club
	Northern Brothers Diggers Cricket Club
	Northern Brothers Diggers Junior Cricket Club
	Northern Suburbs Hockey Club
	Past High Hockey Club
	Range Runners Orienteering Club
	Range Tennis Club
	Ranger Junior Rugby Union Club Toowoomba
	Rangers Baseball Club
	Rangers Junior Rugby Union Football Club
	Rangeville Hockey Club
	Red Lion Hockey Club
	Rockville Rovers Soccer Club
	Royals Touch Club
	Russell St Uniting Indoor Bowling Club
	Saints Basketball Club
	Saints Rugby Club
	Saints Touch Club
	Senior Citizens Indoor Bowling Club
	South Toowoomba Australian Football Club
	South Toowoomba Bowls Club
	South Toowoomba Hawks Soccer
	South Toowoomba Junior Rugby Union Club
	South Toowoomba Ladies Bowling Club
	Southern District Magpies Cricket Club
	Southern Suburbs Junior Rugby League

SPORTS CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS

Location	Club/Association
Toowoomba	Southern Suburbs Rugby League Football Club
	Sporting Shooters Association Toowoomba Branch
	St Alban's Sports Club
	St Anthony's Junior Rugby Union
	St Ursula's College - Soccer Club
	The Glennie Athletics Club
	The Glennie Gymnastics Club
	The Glennie Swimming Club
	Toowoomba Aeromodellers Association
	Toowoomba Amateur Radio Model Aero Club (TARMAC)
	Toowoomba Basketball Association
	Toowoomba Bears Junior Rugby Union
	Toowoomba BMX Club
	Toowoomba Bowls Club
	Toowoomba Bridge Club
	Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club
	Toowoomba Central Little Athletics Centre
	Toowoomba Chargers Gridiron Club
	Toowoomba City Bowls Club
	Toowoomba City Rugby Club
	Toowoomba Clay Target Club
	Toowoomba Company of Archers
	Toowoomba Cougars AFL
	Toowoomba Cricket
	Toowoomba Croquet Club
	Toowoomba Cycling Club
	Toowoomba Dressage
	Toowoomba East Junior Australian Football Club
	Toowoomba Endurance Horse Riders Association
	Toowoomba Golf Club Limited
	Toowoomba Hash House Harriers
	Toowoomba Hockey Assn
	Toowoomba Indoor Bowling Assoc
	Toowoomba Junior Rugby League
	Toowoomba Kart Club
	Toowoomba Marching Association

Location	Club/Association
Toowoomba	Toowoomba Masters AUSSI
	Toowoomba Motor Cycle Club
	Toowoomba Motorcross Club
	Toowoomba Mountain Bike Club
	Toowoomba Netball Association
	Toowoomba Police Citizens Youth Club
	Toowoomba Polocrosse Club
	Toowoomba Preparatory School Soccer Club
	Toowoomba Riding For Disabled
	Toowoomba Rifle Club
	Toowoomba Rugby Football League Ltd
	Toowoomba Scottish Country Dancers
	Toowoomba Second Division Rugby League
	Toowoomba Show Grounds Royal Agricultural Society of QLD
	Toowoomba Softball Association
	Toowoomba South Little Athletics
	Toowoomba Table Tennis Assn
	Toowoomba Tennis Association
	Toowoomba Tigers Australian Football Club
	Toowoomba Touch Association
	Toowoomba Triathlon Club
	Toowoomba Turf Club
	Toowoomba University Cougars AFL Club - Juniors
	Toowoomba Valleys Rugby League Football Club
	Toowoomba Valleys Rugby League Football Club (Junior Division)
	Toowoomba Volleyball Association
	Toowoomba Weightlifting Association
	Toowoomba White Pointers Fencing Club
	Torrington Junior Tennis Club
	Torrington Tennis Centre
	University of Southern Queensland Australian Football Club
	University Southern Queensland Student Guild
	USQ Cricket Club

SPORTS CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS

Location	Club/Association
Toowoomba	USQ Firebirds Softball Club
	USQ Rugby Union Club
	USQ Soccer Club
	USQ Swimming
	Warriors Softball Club
	Wattles Junior Rugby League
	Wesley Indoor Bowls Club
	West Juniors Cricket Club
	West Toowoomba Bowls Club
	West Toowoomba Bowls Club Ladies Section
	West Toowoomba Croquet Club
	West Wanderers United Soccer & Sporting Club
	Western District Cricket Club (Toowoomba)
	Willowburn Sports Club
Westbrook	Westbrook Indoor Bowling Club
	Westbrook Sports Club
Wylahra Grove	Wylahra Grove Junior Sports Association
Wyreema	Wyreema Tennis & Sports Club
Yarraman	Blackbutt-Yarraman Junior Rugby League
	Yarraman & District Indoor Bowls Club
	Yarraman Bowls Club
	Yarraman Cricket Club
	Yarraman Ladies Bowls Club
	Yarraman Netball Club

APPENDIX 5
RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM
PREVIOUS PLANS

Appendix 5—Recommendations from Previous Plans

This table includes the recommendations and priorities from the Councils that had Sport and Recreation Plans prepared before amalgamation. The *comments column* includes feedback from Council Officers or from observation.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-JONDARYAN

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Provide support to the volunteer organisation and club sector to ensure the long term viability of sport and recreation provision in Jondaryan Shire	Facilitate a program of education and training for sport and recreation groups across the Shire, focusing on identified training needs. Training and club development should initially focus on: -strategic and business planning -funding and grant applications -club governance and committee management -risk management -volunteer management -advertising and marketing Contact should be made with Sport, Recreation and Racing to explore the full range of available opportunities, including funding options.	High and Ongoing	Partially completed
	Pilot an annual forum for Jondaryan Shire community based sport and recreation organisations (potential opportunity to share forums with adjoining local governments). The forums should aim to: -promote information and resource sharing -provide networking opportunities -open communication between Council and sport and recreation groups -encourage education and training program co-ordination within the sport and recreation delivery sector -seek, reward and retain quality leaders and administrators. The forums could be delivered in partnership with Sport, Recreation and Racing and should provide a platform to co-ordinate the delivery of information for the benefit of both community and Council. The forums could also provide a mechanism for Council and the community to monitor and evaluate policies affecting community based organisations and help develop strategies to respond to emerging issues.	Medium/ Low and Ongoing	Not actioned
Ensure a strong working relationship across government sectors and between community based organisations	Liaise with Sport, Recreation and Racing to improve: -knowledge of, and access to funding opportunities -the co-ordination of an annual process for clubs to notify Council of changes to office bearers or their contact details. Details should be able to be made public to interested parties. Develop a communication package from Jondaryan Shire Council to inform club office bearers of key Council contacts, responsibilities and processes. Develop partnerships with community organisations, Government Departments (Sport, Recreation and Racing, Queensland Health, Education Queensland) and professionals delivering recreation activity programs, information and advice to expand and target appropriate new programs (e.g. walking, community recreation and physical activity programs).	High	Regional approach required
		High	Regional approach required
		Ongoing	Regional approach required

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-JONDARYAN

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Ensure an appropriate level of resources is allocated and that planning and coordination are undertaken to achieve optimal sport and recreation outcomes	Establish an internal Council working group to coordinate sport and recreation delivery across Council. This group should: -review recommendations in this Plan and co-ordinate resources for implementation -facilitate coordination and liaison with community groups. This should include development of clear guidelines, linked to appropriate officers, identifying areas of responsibility and contact details. These would then be regularly updated and circulated to community groups. -jointly develop and promote policies/ performance criteria to promote sharing and multi-use of facilities where appropriate, ensuring a united and consistent approach across Council. Multi-use outcomes and performance criteria should be embedded in leasing agreements -financial assistance and support policies for community sport and recreation groups.	High	Regional approach required
	Consider the establishment of a dedicated position or new role focusing on sport and recreation development and youth development. If a new role is developed, ensure an integral performance measure is the successful implementation of this Plan.	Medium	Not actioned
	Review annual budget allocations for sport and recreation purposes to ensure adequate funding is available for the development and management of facilities. Council funding can also be used to attract external funding from sources such as Sport, Recreation and Racing.	Medium	Regional approach required
	Investigate the revenue options that Council has to increase the level of resources it has for the maintenance, development and management of community sport and recreation facilities. Options that could be considered are a one-off charge, introduction of a levy and changes to current fees and charges.	Medium	Regional approach required
	(Toowoomba City Council has a unique maintenance model for sport and recreation facilities. User groups pay Council a seasonal booking fee based on the existing level of facility embellishment, in return for Council maintaining the facility).		
Ensure that community, sport and recreation programs are available to meet existing needs	Develop a clear set of definitions to assist in planning and management of open space.	Medium	Regional approach required
	Adopt the Open Space Standards detailed in Section 6.3 as guidelines for future parkland development. Use this information in future updating of the Planning Scheme.		
	Ensure Council-wide agreement on open space provision (e.g. the provision of 'undeveloped pockets of trees and long grass' in Westbrook).		
Ensure Council policies protect and encourage maximum utilisation of assets	Pursue training opportunities for relevant officers in Park Planning and Design (e.g. CPTED principles).		
	Provide greater prioritisation for activity programs for youth (e.g. holiday programs and events for young people). This should be linked to any new position or role for sport and recreation and youth development.	Medium	Regional approach required
	Encourage the continuation of effective communication channels with schools, particularly regarding continued community use of school facilities and contribution of schools to maintenance and improvement of Council owned and community managed facilities.	Ongoing	Regional approach required

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-JONDARYN

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Maintain a high standard of community facilities and services and improve these to cater for the needs of residents and visitors	Facilitate discussion between tenant clubs at the Oakley Rugby League Grounds, Oakley Bowls Club and Oakley and District Tennis Association, focusing on improving relationships, sharing of resources and strategic forward planning. Increase the effectiveness of these groups by initiating a co-operative program of planning and development. The development of a master plan (and management plan) for the entire complex incorporating the desired standard of facilities should be an outcome of this process. Additionally, this process may involve the relocation of other sporting groups such as the Oakley Soccer Club and Oakley Junior and Senior Cricket Clubs to this site. Over time, develop the areas in accordance with the master plan. Assist the Oakley Golf Club with forward planning by identifying and assessing potential sites for relocation nearer to Oakley and determining Council's level of resource commitment to ensuring the ongoing existence of a golf course in the Shire. (Assess the feasibility of the Federal Sports Grounds, Lorrimer Street cricket field and adjoining properties as a potential site). Alternatively, Council may choose to assist the Oakley Golf Club to upgrade its existing facility.	High	Not actioned
Encourage and support sport and recreation organisations in applying for grants from external funding sources to develop and improve facilities and opportunities	Consider making future budget allocations to subsidise applications to Sport, Recreation and Racing's Minor Facilities Program.* Prioritise assistance to those organisations that have identified their needs in either this Plan or through other development plans lodged with Council or Sport, Recreation and Racing, in particular: -Oakley (Senior and Junior) Rugby League – development of an irrigation system, upgrading existing lighting to competition standard and lighting additional ovals to training standard -Oakley Soccer Club – upgrade (or replace) the existing clubhouse and upgrade the irrigation system. Alternatively, assist the club to relocate -Oakley Pony Club – assist the club to upgrade existing day stables, further develop the arena with a sand base and develop an appropriate amenities area -Oakley Bears Cricket Club – upgrade the existing clubhouse, provide irrigation to the field, repair and upgrade the existing cricket practice nets -Toowoomba Polocrosse Club – upgrade cattle yards and wash bays -Mt Tyson Recreation Reserve – replace the synthetic on the cricket wicket at Ken McIntyre Oval -Centenary Park – upgrade the field space within Centenary Park (aerate and top soil)	Medium and Ongoing	Partially complete Not actioned Not actioned Not actioned Not actioned Not actioned Not actioned
Continue the implementation of a well designed and connected pedestrian and cycle network for residents and visitors	Implement planned pedestrian/ cycle networks with priorities focusing on the needs of recreational walkers, young and older people accessing facilities and services (e.g. complete links with key parks/ open space, improve the crossing of barriers, create short circuits near key community facilities e.g. hospital and retirement homes). Develop a rolling Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) program for funding the construction of pedestrian/ cycle networks.	High and Ongoing	Regional approach required

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-JONDARYAN

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
	Introduce and implement appropriate standards for pedestrian/ cycle network planning, including assessment of safety and design criteria (e.g. minimum width; and Queensland Transport and Austroad design guidelines as indicated in Section 6.4).	High	Regional approach required
	Continue the development of pedestrian/ cycle opportunities in the Shire by initially focussing on: -developing the trail along Oakey Creek linking the Waterbird Habitat, Gordon Park and Arthur Shooter Memorial Scout Park. (This may require Council to actively negotiate easements or resume land from landholders). -providing seating and shade along the network for less mobile walkers -increasing lighting, seating and water points along key paths (e.g. along Oakey Creek) -investigating and planning for long-term options of pedestrian/ cycle links extending from Oakey to new residential areas to the east (e.g. along Hamlyn Road and Oakey 4AK Road) -providing a pedestrian/ cycle pathway loop around Westbrook (include a link to Bunkers Hill State School) -providing a pedestrian/ cycle pathway loop within Centenary Park -providing a culvert crossing over the stormwater drain in Station Street (Jondaryan) to continue the off-road pedestrian access. (Currently, pedestrians are forced to walk on a busy road around the stormwater drain) -providing pedestrian links between Glenvale, Torrington and Gotswood Hills.	Ongoing	Regional approach required
Improve parks, sporting and recreation facilities to meet a diverse range of user group needs and have safe and quality embellishments	Investigate the feasibility of providing recycled water from Council's sewerage treatment plant to sporting facilities at the Oakey Rugby League Grounds, Federal Sports Fields and Lorrimer Street Field as well as signature parks (e.g. Rotary Park). Implement if feasible.	High (investigate) Medium (implement)	Regional approach required
	Continue to be guided by Council's Five Year Funding Program for capital and maintenance upgrades and consider including the following additional park improvements in the Program: -provide larger, family/ group shelters (e.g. 2-3 tables with seats under each) in appropriate parks (e.g. Centenary Park, Arthur Shooter Memorial Scout Park) -replace poorly designed and located shelters in parks (e.g. Jaycees Park, Borobi Park, Grant Park) -provide play equipment that appeals to a range of users (e.g. play opportunities for older children at Jondaryan Hall Park) -continue to provide water points in high use areas -enhance facilities and infrastructure for "grey nomads" and other visitors (e.g. Lions Park) - install directional and informative signage along major walkways as they are developed.	Medium and Ongoing	Partially complete
	Consider improving the access to McCaffrey Airfield by upgrading Mason's Road.	Medium	Not actioned
	If the Oakey Soccer Club is prepared to relocate, consider land banking the Federal Sports Fields, until such time that future demand warrants development for sport and recreation. (Alternatively, the site may be appropriate for the relocation of the golf course).	Medium	Not actioned (with Club growth no longer appropriate)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-JONDARYAN

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Ensure that community, sport and recreation facilities are available to meet youth needs	Ensure Council is involved in discussions with Toowoomba City Council regarding the development of Department of State Development land at Charlton for future sport and recreation provision.	High	May no longer be preferred
	Develop a skate facility in Westbrook (preferably in Westbrook Park). When developed, invite a skate mentor to conduct demonstrations and workshops to increase skills levels and encourage ownership.	High	Not actioned. However, portable skate ramp purchased and moved around the District
	Continue to support the Bunkers Hill State School proposal for the development of a community indoor sports facility on the school grounds.	High	Initial construction will be completed in 2010 using Federal Government funding. Building will still require additional construction (e.g. solid walls)
	Develop recreational standard BMX facilities in Oakey and Westbrook.	Medium	Not actioned
	Building on the success of the Charlton Speedway, Toowoomba Clay Target Club, Darling Downs Soaring Club and Toowoomba Aeromodellers Association, continue to encourage hard-to-locate sport and recreation activities to develop facilities in Jondaryan Shire.	Medium	Regional approach required
	Ensure hard-to-locate sport and recreation activities are protected from encroaching residential development via appropriate Planning Scheme mechanisms.		
	Investigate the feasibility of developing a site in the Shire for recreational use of motorbikes.		
	Facilitate discussions with Education Queensland (Oakey State High School), Sport, Recreation and Racing and existing indoor sport and recreation providers to evaluate the feasibility of developing additional indoor sport opportunities for the community based at the High School.	Medium	BER funding will provide 2 indoor halls in Oakey
	Work cooperatively with sporting clubs to assist their promotion to the Shire's youth.	Medium	Regional approach required
	Encourage and seek shared use of fields, club facilities and resources between sport and recreation organisations amongst others where appropriate (e.g. schools, community hall management groups).	Ongoing	Regional approach required
Ensure that sport, recreation and physical activity programs are available to meet community demand and population changes	Development of new facilities, buildings or acquisition of equipment should only occur when other possibilities have been exhausted.		
	Facilitate partnerships to develop a range of physical activity programs for target groups (e.g. walking groups, men's health program, and young mum's program). These should take advantage of existing physical activity programs (e.g. those offered by Goondir and Oakey Health Services) and partnerships and target groups of high need (e.g. indigenous people). Facilities that should be encouraged to be used include local parks, sporting club facilities, swimming pool and walking tracks.	High	Energise program has been rolled out on a regional basis
	Develop sport, recreation and physical activity programs and services targeting young females in Oakey. Facilitate discussions to re-establish a netball program in Oakey.	High	Not actioned
	Develop programs to be delivered at locations in the Shire other than Oakey to ensure inclusive participation across the Shire.	Medium	Energise program has been rolled out on a regional basis
	Develop a range of regular youth activities, events and school holiday programs that are delivered across the Shire using local facilities and service providers (e.g. BMX/ skate skills development; youth adventure camps/ come and try programs).	Medium	Energise program has been rolled out on a regional basis

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-JONDARYAN

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Improve access to sport and recreation activities for outlying communities	Investigate and trial different delivery strategies for outlying communities (e.g. buses for one-off events; deliver activities from other town centres).	Medium/ Low	Not actioned
Increase the outcomes and value of obtaining external funding by Council and the community	If a dedicated position or new role focusing on sport and recreation development and youth development is established, this position should seek external grant funding for initiatives in this Plan and others and could assist the community to access grants by supplying information, training in grant writing and (time permitting) helping with key grant applications.	Medium	Not actioned
Improve communication channels with Council and awareness by community organisations of their roles and responsibilities	Develop and trial an information and communication package that aims to improve clarity of roles and responsibilities of Council; Sport, Recreation and Racing and community organisations. This should cover: -leasing and facility management and maintenance -feedback and reporting procedures between Council/ community groups to ensure communication is two-way -available funding programs and helpful funding application hints. Information should then be delivered through a range of mediums and forums.	High and Ongoing	Regional approach required
Support promotion of community activities, events and festivals	Expand the web-based calendar of community events to include regular sport and recreation activities, program information, dates and contacts. Expand the community contacts database to include information on: -available facilities and hire arrangements -regular activities and programs.	Medium	Not actioned
Provide information on sporting and recreation opportunities in the Shire	Provide practical assistance in promoting existing sport and recreation facilities (i.e. public and private), through regular inclusion in promotional and information packages.	Medium	Regional approach required
	Develop a pedestrian/ cycling brochure promoting use of Council's parkland. The brochure should include: -map of the network -parkland attractions, sport and recreation sites, key nodes and location of facilities and amenities -information on distances between nodes. The brochure should be widely distributed across the Shire and made available to new residents and at tourist information points.	Medium	Regional approach required
	Continue to distribute a New Residents' Package that includes information on local sporting clubs (and how to join) and expand on the presentation and promotion of other sport and recreation opportunities available in the Shire (e.g. Library/ notice board). This action should consider the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse people in the Shire.	Medium	Regional approach required
	Include the promotion of other physical activity programs (such as Queensland Health's 'Just Walk It' program) into Council and community information resources and ensure these are available to the broad community as well as those most likely to benefit (e.g. General Practitioners, aged facilities, schools, commercial fitness providers).	Medium	Regional approach required

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-CROWS NEST

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Provide support to the volunteer club sector to ensure long term viability of sport and recreation provision in Crows Nest Shire Provide support to the volunteer club sector to ensure long term viability of sport and recreation provision in Crows Nest Shire	Trial a semi-annual forum for community based sport and recreation organisations, particularly in Crows Nest (as Highfields has the HDSRA). The forums should aim to: -Promote information and resource sharing -Provide networking opportunities -Open communication between Council and sport and recreation groups -Encourage education and training within the sport and recreation delivery sector The forums will provide a platform to coordinate the delivery of information for the benefit of the community. Facilitate a program of education and training for sport and recreation groups across the Shire, focusing on identified training needs. Training and club development should initially focus on: -Volunteer management and retention -Advertising and marketing -Risk management.	Short	Not actioned
Ensure a strong working relationship across government sectors and between community based organisations	Liaise with Sport and Recreation Queensland to develop and coordinate an annual process for clubs to notify changes of office bearers or contact details ensuring that the details can be made public. Updated details should be posted to Council's web site. Develop a communication package from Crows Nest Shire Council to inform new office bearer of key Council contacts and processes.	Short	Not actioned
Maintain a high standard of community facilities and services and improve these to cater for the growing needs of residents and visitors	Encourage the Cabarlah Sports Ground Committee to work jointly with Council to develop a business and master plan to guide the future management and development of this key asset.	Short /Medium	Not actioned
Maintain a high standard of community facilities and services and improve these to cater for the growing needs of residents and visitors	Develop a schedule of maintenance and include the following improvements to Council's facilities and parks: -Undertake soil and turf maintenance at the Highfields skate park, specifically ensuring that a level surface is maintained between the concrete edge and turf for patron safety. -Include 'bush' walking track maintenance and weed control along pathways in the park maintenance schedule. Ensure that urban footpaths are maintained to a standard that facilitates walking for recreation and fitness. -Work with sporting organisations to identify appropriate shade strategies (natural or artificial structures) for sporting ovals and assist and support implementation. -Level the floor in the change rooms of the Highfields Swimming Pool (VH&S issue).	Ongoing	Partially complete

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-CROWS NEST

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
	Investigate the feasibility of extending the reclaimed water supply to the Crows Nest Town Square and Crows Nest Bowls Club. Implement if feasible.	Short (investigate) Medium (implement)	Not actioned
	Work with the Ravensbourne Sporting Association to develop a master plan for the Ravensbourne Recreation Reserve to guide its future development.	Short /Medium	Major works have been achieved
	Using the two existing master plans prepared for Crows Nest Town Square develop a single agreed plan and implement. Town Square has the potential to be the community hub of Crows Nest and to be attractive enough to stop travellers and encourage them to spend some time in the town.	Short /Medium	Substantially complete
	The master plan should consider some gardens/water features or other elements that will appeal to the active aged and encourage them to walk to the park and meet with others.		
	Improve the Crows Nest Skate Park with ramps and jumps suited to all roller sports. Landscape the facility to improve the aesthetics.	Medium	Not actioned
	Consider an advanced ramp park facility in Highfields either attached to the existing skate park facility or at a separate location.	Long	Not actioned
	The planned redevelopments of the Crows Nest RSL Hall are supported.	Ongoing	
	Prioritise assistance to those organisation who have identified their needs in either this Plan or through other development plans lodged with Council or Sport and Recreation Queensland, in particular: -Crows Nest Pony Club – new shed for the storage of chemicals	Short and ongoing	
	Develop Desired Standards of Service (DSOS) for the open space network. The DSOS should reflect the type, quantum, spatial distribution, design and development standards of open space across the Shire.	Short	Requires regional approach
	Once the DSOS has been agreed, classify all public open space and analyse the network for deficiencies.	Short	Requires regional approach
Encourage and support sport and recreation organisations in applying for grants from external funding sources to develop and improve facilities and opportunities.			
Ensure the open space network meets the needs of the current and future population			

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-CROWS NEST

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Ensure that sport and recreation facilities are available to meet community demand	The 20ha Reis Road site should be Council's next sporting facility development in Highfields. Initially, Council should: -Agree the management arrangements for the site. The management structure should be independent of the sporting facility users. -Concurrently seek expressions of interest for the development of a licensed club that will have the development and maintenance of the sporting facilities on the site as part of its constitution. It may be that a licensed club is the preferred manager. -Develop a master plan that will guide the development of the site over time. -Priority sports to be located on the site are lawn bowls and soccer. Install field lighting to sporting fields in Highfields in the following order: -Kratzke Road – lower fields (match standard) -Kuhls Road sports field (training standard) -Kratzke Road – upper field (training standard)	Short / medium and ongoing	Not actioned
	Continue the development of walking opportunities in the Shire by: -Progressively implementing the recommendations of the Trails Strategy -Developing a plan for linking and upgrading the footpath network in Crows Nest with particular emphasis on providing paths to destination (e.g. Town Square) and allowing for circuits -Providing seats and shade for less mobile walkers.	Short / ongoing	Partially complete
	Undertake a feasibility assessment for an indoor heated training pool/hydrotherapy pool with one of the aged care providers in Crows Nest.	Short (assessment) Medium (development)	Not actioned
	Recognise the Kleinton landfill site as a possible location for a regional equestrian centre. In establishing the site as a regional equestrian centre Council should: -Develop appropriate management arrangements given that a regional equestrian centre will be capable of appealing to many equestrian disciplines. -Develop a master plan for the site to guide its development and ensure compatibility with ongoing landfill operations. -Relocate the Cabarlah Pony Club to this site which could be staged as operations at the site allow.	Medium/ long	Not actioned
Ensure that sport and recreation facilities are available to meet community demand	Facilitate the development of a motocross facility to serve a regional need for off-road motorcycling. Toowoomba Shire Council should be encouraged to assist in any proposed development.	Medium	Not actioned

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-CROWS NEST

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Ensure Councils assets are protected and well utilised	Investigate the joint management of the swimming pool and indoor sports centre at Highfields. Depending upon the management arrangement agreed for the swimming pool; investigate appropriate methods for the provision of a covered, heated learn-to-swim pool. The pool would free up space in the main pool and provide a high source of revenue.	Short	Complete
	Consider appropriate management arrangements for Kuhl's Road and Kratzke Roads as the facilities become dedicated to individual sports. Unless Council is seeking the users to develop capital infrastructure the most suitable management may be through the Highfields Indoor Sport and Recreation Centre that will coordinate bookings and collect hire fees.	Medium	Complete
	Encourage and seek shared use of fields, club facilities and resources between sport and recreation organisations. Development of new facilities, buildings or acquisition of equipment should only occur when other possibilities have been exhausted.	Ongoing	Requires regional approach
Provide information on sporting and recreation opportunities in the Shire.	Develop a Trails Brochure promoting use of Council's parkland. The brochure should include: -Map of the track network -Key connection points -Parkland attractions, key nodes and location of facilities and amenities Information on distances between nodes The brochure should be widely distributed across the Shire and made available in the New Residents kits. Include in the kits information on local sporting clubs (and how to join) as well as sport and recreation opportunities available in the Shire.	Short and ongoing	Not actioned
Provide information on sporting and recreation opportunities in the Shire.	Name the sporting ovals after local (deceased) sporting identities or other significant local criteria.	Ongoing	
Support community based groups in encouraging greater participation in sport, recreation and physical activities	Facilitate the development of a National Seniors Group in the Shire, but initially focussed on Crows Nest township. The National Seniors group would organise activities and mobilise the active (and not-so-active) to participate.	Short	Not actioned

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-ROSALIE

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Provide support to the volunteer organisation and club sector to ensure the long term viability of sport and recreation provision in Rosalie Shire	In conjunction with Sport and Recreation Queensland facilitate a program of education and training for community sport and recreation groups across the Shire, focusing on identified training needs. Training and club development should initially focus on: -strategic and business planning for clubs -volunteer management -risk management -club governance and committee management. To improve efficiency adjacent Councils, where appropriate should be approached to collectively develop the training program.	Short and Ongoing	Not actioned
Provide support to the volunteer organisation and club sector to ensure the long term viability of sport and recreation provision in Rosalie Shire	Pilot an annual forum for key community based organisations (e.g. Progress Associations, School Parent and Citizen Associations), management committees and other sport and recreation group. The forums should aim to: -promote information and resource sharing -provide networking opportunities -open communication between Council and sport and recreation groups -encourage education and training program coordination within the sport and recreation delivery sector -seek, reward and retain quality leaders and administrators -provide subsidised training resources/ courses to allow residents to develop/ extend their skills allowing them to provide sports coaching and recreation activity sessions. The forum could be delivered in partnership with Sport and Recreation Queensland and should provide a platform to coordinate the delivery of information for the benefit of both community and Council. The forum could also provide a mechanism for Council and the community to monitor and evaluate policies affecting community based organisation and help develop strategies to respond to emerging issues.	Medium/ Long	Not actioned
Provide support to the volunteer organisation and club sector to ensure the long term viability of sport and recreation provision in Rosalie Shire	Facilitate the reshaping and resizing of community organisations with the Yarraman community as a model for other communities by: -exploring and focusing the collective resources and priorities of the community -facilitating a regular forum for all community, sport and recreation groups in Yarraman focusing on improving relationships, sharing of resources and strategic forward planning -increasing the utilisation and standard of Yarraman facilities by initiating a cooperative program of planning and development. The development of a master plan for Errol Munt Sport Centre incorporating the desired level of facilities should be an outcome of this process -developing a Community Plan for Yarraman. This will also help the community to understand the resources needed and level of commitment for the ongoing maintenance of projects once completed -consolidating the various organisations in Yarraman under one peak body. There appears a need for the whole community and all organisations to commit collectively to undertaking only a couple of key town projects (at anyone time) and accept that a maintenance program needs to be included as part of the overall project.	Short and Ongoing	Not actioned

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Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Ensure a strong working relationship across government sectors and between community based organisations	Develop strategic partnerships with community organisations and professionals delivering recreation activity programs, information and advice to target new programs. These programs should focus on locality needs, such as older adults in Yarraman and youth in the south-east corner. Ideas include: Yarraman – walking program, Kingsthorpe Youth Centre – school holiday adventure program, Gowrie Junction – new medical centre with green prescriptions. In conjunction with Sport and Recreation Queensland facilitate a grant writing training package that may include: -information sheets on funding programs available -Council and other contacts for advice and information -helpful application tips and how to measure success of projects.	Ongoing	
Encourage and support sport and recreation organisations in applying for grants from external funding sources to develop and improve facilities and opportunities	Prioritise assistance to those organisations who have identified their needs in either this Plan or through other development plans lodged with Council or Sport and Recreation Queensland, in particular: -Bowenville – Tennis court resurfacing and repair -Brymaroo – Pony Club – new/ upgrade of dressage arena -Cooyar – replace indoor bowls mats -Goombungee – Community Netball – provision of storage facility near multi-purpose court for tennis nets and posts -Goombungee – Public Hall – disabled toilet -Goombungee Showgrounds – Pony and Hack Club – club shed with facilities for organising events and storing equipment including jumps -Goombungee – Sport & Recreation Complex Management Committee – skate park for Goombungee -Gowrie Junction – Federation Sport and Recreation Hall – insulation -Gowrie Little Plain – upgrade clubhouse and tennis court surface to meet 'older' user needs -Kulpi – tennis court resurfacing or repair -Quinalow Recreation Reserve – water tank, pump and electricity upgrades for Hall and tennis court lighting upgrade. An additional tennis court long term -Yarraman – Swimming Pool – upgrade seating and paving -Yarraman – Errol Munt Sport Centre – lights, toilet block with change rooms and storage shed for football fields and cricket and electricity and upgrade of grounds for events.	Short	Not actioned
		Ongoing	Partially complete

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Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Maintain a high standard of community facilities and services and improve these to cater for the needs of residents and visitors across the Shire and for specific localities	Develop a rolling asset maintenance and improvement program for parks. This should initially focus on: -provision of shade over play equipment (e.g. extra shade trees and or shelters at McMahon Park and Bicentennial Park) -strategic provision of rubber under-surfacing of high use children's playgrounds (fall and high wear points can be initially targeted) -provision of basic park infrastructure (e.g. water; seating, shelter) -develop standard criteria for installation of directional signage for parks and amenities.	Medium	Partially complete
	Boodua: -Assess the use, recreation need and value of Boodua Picnic Grounds and develop a concept and management plan for its future.	Short	Not actioned
	Cooyar: -Monitor the community use of school facilities and continue to support this arrangement by assisting with possible maintenance and upgrade works.	Ongoing	
	Goombungee: Improve operational procedures and minor access issues to the Goombungee multi-purpose courts by: -reviewing processes for booking multi-purpose courts to improve ease and awareness -placing a sign with booking details near the facility -negotiating a better location for storage of the tennis net and investigate temporary seating options. Review the use of the tennis shed and its availability -investigating safer night access to the courts. This may include installing a new gate, providing a safety security light that can guide users or improving the location of the nets or light switches.	Short	Partially complete

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	Gowrie Junction: -Develop the new Gowrie–Biram Road oval with infrastructure such as amenities, lighting, cricket nets and pitch when a level of use and commitment by users is ascertained.	Medium/ Long	Not actioned
	Gowrie Junction: -Assist the Hall management committee to improve the temperature control (heating and cooling) in the Gowrie Junction Federation Community Sport and Recreation Hall (GJSRH) to increase utilisation. This may also help improve the acoustics of the venue.	Medium	
	Kingsthorpe: -Investigate the best means to provide shade over the Kingsthorpe skate park and install shade.	Short	Not actioned
	Kingsthorpe: - Assist the Kingsthorpe Youth Centre to: -install lighting and a path to toilet from the Youth Centre -provide lighting to the soccer field near the Youth Centre -construct a disability ramp to the Youth Centre. This may encourage the use of the Centre by those with mobility issues (e.g. over 50's group).	Medium	
	Peranga: -Identify a site for a local park that can meet the needs of visitors and locals. It is preferable to develop a play space near the Hall and Bowls club rather than developing a new site that is removed from existing community activities.	Short	Not actioned
	Quinalow: - Assist the Quinalow Progress Association/ Hall management committee to: -have the tennis courts to be available for casual public use -review their public liability insurance coverage to ensure it is suitable and affordable.	Short	Complete
	Yarraman: - Undertake a master plan of Errol Munt Sport Centre. The master plan should include planning for formed walking circuits, linkages across the creek and layout for building and infrastructure for sporting club needs. - This planning should occur once additional land is secured. - Develop the park in accordance with the master plan over time.	Short (planning)	Not actioned
	Yarraman: Undertake an upgrade to the Yarraman Swimming Pool, plant and surrounds focusing on the needs of older adults (e.g. access, heating) and improving the community's involvement in the operations and programming. Consider the hours of operation during summer to encourage evening use for community events and exercise programs.	Medium	Not actioned
	Yarraman: Undertake a review of the Yarraman Showground to improve its viability, such as finding alternate uses (e.g. hard-to-locate activities).	Long	Not actioned

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Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Ensure that Council and the community can afford to maintain the level of facilities and services and meet changing community expectations	Investigate the revenue options that Council has to increase the level of resources it has for the maintenance, development and management of community sport and recreation facilities. Options that could be considered are a one off charge, introduction of a levy, increase in rates, changes to current fees and charges	Short	Requires regional approach
Ensure a high standard of aquatic facilities and improve over time to cater to the needs of users	Consider the longer term development and upgrades of Council and school-community pools within a Shire-wide aquatic feasibility study focusing on the affordability and sustainability of operations. Investigate the opportunity to develop targeted occasional activity programs and events that are low cost yet will increase underutilisation at pools (e.g. older adults program – Yarraman; Quick dip at Quinalow pool fun day).	Medium/ Long	Not actioned
Ensure that community sport and recreation facilities are available to meet youth and children's needs	Undertake the following: -review play equipment provision and provide additional elements or when replacing items ensure that a mix of age appropriate and challenging elements are incorporated (e.g. Gowrie Junction – climbing net or wall, dirt jump ramp or skate) -construction of a dirt BMX track (informal use) at the Kingsthorpe sportsground precinct (e.g. near front of tennis courts or on the light-horse area) -review the development of youth play spaces at the Goombungee Sport and Recreation Complex and Pioneer Park and consider development of a skate or dirt jump track as well as replacement of play equipment over time	Short (planning)	Not actioned
Develop and implement a well designed and connected walk and cycle network for residents and visitors	Develop and implement planned walk and cycle pathways and seek relevant funding with priorities focusing on the needs of recreational walkers and young people accessing youth facilities (i.e. complete links with key parks/ open space, improve the crossing of barriers, create short circuits near key community facilities such as schools and residences). These pathways should complement the Rosalie Shire Trails Master Plan recommendations. Suggestions from the consultation include: -Gowrie Junction – circuit linking the Gowrie-Biram Road, Treeline Drive and Hayden Road -Meringandan West – safe path through the new sub-divisions to link the school, residential areas and Lilyvale Oval -Quinalow and MacLagan – investigate safe path/ track for walkers and horse and bike riders to connect these towns -Quinalow – investigate footpath along Progress Street and Myall Road -Yarraman – circuit around Errol Munt Sport Centre and linking with proposed Heritage and Weir Trail.	Short planning Medium/ long implement	Requires regional approach

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-ROSALIE

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Ensure a high standard of sport and recreation facilities and improve over time to cater to the needs of participants and spectators across the Shire and for specific localities	Develop a rolling asset maintenance and improvement program for major multi-use sports fields and courts including: -Bowenville – tennis courts surface -Kingsthorpe Sports and Recreation Reserve -Kulpi – tennis courts fencing and field conditioning -Meringandan West – Lilyvale Oval -Quinalow Recreation Reserve -Yarraman – Errol Munt Sport Centre. This should initially focus on developing an annual maintenance regime for fields and courts improving their surface condition to encourage increased use, ownership and commitment. This level of maintenance is unlikely to be able to be undertaken by clubs and Council support should be provided by an annual budget allocation of a minimum of \$50,000.	Short	Partially complete
	Investigate the need for and possible installation of a stage in the Gowrie Junction Federation Community Sport and Recreation Hall.	Long	Not actioned
	Investigate the facility development options that would support local golfing activities on the western unallocated area of Kingsthorpe Recreation Reserve.	Medium/ Long	Not actioned
	Plan and develop a centralised multi-purpose community facility (shared community building with an undercover area) in Kingsthorpe. Management should be by an existing community organisations (i.e. do not create another organisation). This community facility should be located at the existing sportsground precinct. This is seen as a long-term action which would also include the relocation of the youth centre activities to this site as well the inclusion of the Over 50's group.	Long	Not actioned
	Continue the planning and securing of funds to develop a community facility at Meringandan West which does not duplicate neighbouring town indoor sport or recreation facilities at Highfields and Gowrie Junction.	Short (planning)	Not actioned
	Errol Munt Sport Centre: Acquire extra land/ road frontage to expand the existing (football) sports fields and facilities. This will allow for the development of a clubhouse, amenities, storage and multi-purpose courts and initial provision of lighting to main field.	Short	Not actioned
	Assist the Yarraman community to coordinate a (social) walking program that focuses on older active adults.	Medium	

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Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Ensure assistance and resources are allocated equitably and fairly to community organisations providing sport and recreation opportunities	Research and develop a financial assistance policy and program for community organisations. This should include application guidelines and administrative processes. The program assessment priorities and outcomes should be strategically focused on target groups, capital works and to help develop participation programs and meet the needs within a community. The program should be: -accessible to all Shire based community, sport and recreation organisations -funded by Council with annual budget of a minimum of \$15,000 -structured to be supplemented by other funding opportunities (e.g. Sport and Recreation Queensland grant schemes) -supported by clear application guidelines and eligibility criteria -assessed on Shire-wide established merit based criteria with an initial focus on improving field and court surface quality and support facilities that increase utilisation and participation -evaluated and reviewed annually. Any existing in-kind, donation or other financial assistance programs and their budgets would be rolled into this program.	Short	Requires regional approach
	Develop a Festival and Events Support Policy to guide Council's financial support of festivals and events: -review the Shire's calendar of festivals and events. Develop an understanding of community investment and recognise the economic and social benefits of events and festivals -establish performance criteria for Council support, providing a focus on select events that provide a return to the Shire socially, environmentally as well as economically -develop the policy to link support to performance (e.g. tiered funding with ongoing term budget support of approved major events). This recommendation can be undertaken as part of the establishing a financial assistance policy and program.	Short	Requires regional approach
	Review Council's lease/ use agreement policies with a view to: -developing alternative and more efficient models of management for existing providers -improving awareness of policies and procedures -clarifying roles and responsibilities -including performance measures and development requirements in agreements. Involve key Council Officers (e.g. Community Development Officer) in the granting and renewal processes.	Short	Requires regional approach
Ensure Council policies protect and encourage maximum utilisation of assets	Continue to develop a detailed understanding of the Shire's population and changes to ensure planning is based on sound data, especially with major growth in the south east corner and generally an ageing of the population across the Shire	Ongoing	Requires regional approach

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-ROSALIE

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Ensure the open space network meets the needs of the current and future population and visitors and provide clear forward direction for parkland provision	Undertake an Open Space Strategy that includes protecting and enhancing access to the natural attributes of the Shire. This Strategy should include: -identification of the types of open space that need to be acquired, disposed, modified and/ or enhanced across the Shire. It is recommended that Council undertake the analysis so that the quality of the network, as well as the quantum, is ensured as quantity is not the primary issue for Rosalie Shire -identification of open space for the development of picnic and visitor stops (e.g. Mt Storey, Kingsthorpe Lookout, Cooby Creek, Swinging Bridge – Cooyar) ensuring quality experiences for the future."	Medium/ Long	Completed in 2010
	Develop a park infrastructure asset register and parkland service performance criteria to ensure appropriate and cost effective management and servicing.	Short and Ongoing	Requires regional approach
	Investigate and develop facilities to encourage tourism and increase visitors' lengths of stay and promote these. These could include: -caravan and motor home waste water points -coordinated walking / cycle trails as proposed and prioritised by the Rosalie Shire Trails Master Plan -continued investigation and development of a bird trail (e.g. linking with Crows Nest and Wambo Shires).	Ongoing	Requires regional approach
Ensure viable development and effective management of community halls	Undertake a review of all (Council and Community owned/ managed) community halls in consultation with hall management committees, considering (amongst others): -usage -asset condition -proximity to other community halls -expertise of management -costs impacting on management's ability to maintain operations (e.g. public liability insurance) -social benefit indication. Based on the outcomes of the review, establish a set of desirable outcomes and performance criteria for hall usage and management. Identify those halls that are critical to the social fabric of the community and which may benefit from Council assistance. This should be reviewed and updated biannually to ensure Council understands issues and costs' impacting on hall management committees remains current.	Medium and Ongoing	Not actioned - requires regional approach
	Link financial and maintenance support for community halls (e.g. assistance with insurance costs) to desired outcomes and performance criteria.	Short and ongoing	Requires regional approach

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-ROSALIE

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Improve community access to school facilities which could decrease demands on Council and the community for provision	Improve planning and communication channels with schools, particularly around improving community use of school facilities and linking information sharing through existing school channels (e.g. expand school newsletters to be broader community newsletters in smaller towns and rural areas, such as Quinalow). Investigate the negotiation of formal agreements with schools (especially in Yarraman, Cooyar and Quinalow) to maintain and increase the level of community use. Continue to assist in the operation of Goombungee and Quinalow school—community pools.	Ongoing	Requires regional approach
Ensure community structures remain relevant and viable and respond to changing community needs	Volunteer based community structures require intervention to prevent total collapse and loss. Council should play an active role in providing assistance with the coordination, facilitation, information and advice on improving the viability of community organisations. A range of strategies could be developed such as: -organisations be assisted by Council to develop a framework for a number of groups to consolidate under one umbrella organisation. Proactive consolidation should strengthen the viability of the numerous community-based volunteer groups across the Shire -organisations be encouraged to undertake forward planning and supported to undertake an assessment of their structure and operations to decrease costs and improve viability and services -develop a management structure and business plan for community based facilities that could be collectively managed, improving the viability and resource effectiveness and efficiency (e.g. all community halls/ centres under one umbrella structure with local operational sub groups).	Short	Requires regional approach
Improve communication channels with Council and awareness by community organisations of their roles and responsibilities	Develop and trial an information and communication strategy that aims to improve clarity of roles and responsibilities of Council/ community organisations, key Council contacts, policies and processes. This information could relate to: -leasing and facility management and maintenance -feedback and reporting procedures between Council and community groups to ensure communication is two-way -sharing of information and knowledge of resources to improve the condition of facilities -informing new office bearers of changes or initiatives -inclusion of self help kits that may assist in a range of administrative and governance issues (e.g. tips for finding the best insurance, helpful hints on organising a community event, how to organise an activity or training session for your community). Information should then be delivered through a range of mediums and/ or a travelling forum. Coordination could be undertaken with Sport and Recreation Queensland and delivery of their programs and services.	Short	Requires regional approach

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-ROSALIE

Strategy / Issue	Actions	Priority	Comments
Provide information on sporting and recreation opportunities in the Shire	Improve the coordination of promoting community activities and facilities. This is especially relevant to the communities of Gowrie Junction, Kingsthorpe and Meringandan West. Strategies could include: -linking community groups -improve coordination of a local events calendars or improve distribution/promotion of these calendars.	Short	Requires regional approach
Continue to improve the awareness and development of positive visitor experiences across the Shire	Improve directional, identification and interpretative signage across the Shire for parks and sport and recreation facilities.	Short	Requires regional approach
	Improve the collective development and promotion of themed visitor experiences (e.g. Goombungee Heritage Trail).	Ongoing	Requires regional approach
	Support improvements to existing tourism features and visitor destinations so that they are a quality experience (e.g. MacLagan Memories Museum, Yarraman Heritage Centre).	Ongoing	Requires regional approach
	Investigate opportunities for increasing recreation attractions and tourist destinations within the Shire, especially in the south-east corner (e.g. accommodation, access to recreation activities and facilities' (passive and active) such as picnicking, fishing, bird watching and horse trail rides).	Ongoing	Requires regional approach

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-CLIFTON

Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Ensure supervision and safety of Clifton Pool are in accordance with appropriate industry standards	Become familiar with Royal Life Saving Society Australia (RLSSA) Guidelines of Safe Pool Operation. Review levels of supervision provided at Clifton Pool in light of the guidelines Ensure pool supervisor(s) meets minimum qualifications for: -RLSSA Pool Lifeguard Award -First Aid -Plant Operator Certificate Review safety and emergency procedures. Develop appropriate plans and communicate these to pool users through: -signs at the pool -written advice to pool user groups	Short	Complete
Identify condition and maintenance issues which may impact on the life of the pool	Engage a consultant to undertake a Condition Audit and maintenance plan for Clifton Swimming Pool	Medium	Complete
Ensure opening hours of the pool reflect community demand and allow a variety of activities to occur	Conduct a review of opening hours, taking into consideration levels of supervision required and times of peak demand Use lane rope(s) to set aside space for lap swimming at all times during public opening hours. Trial one lane initially.	Short	Complete
Ensure all user groups are treated equally	Adopt a consistent pricing strategy applicable to all user groups	Short	Complete
Improve user satisfaction by reducing wind and sun exposure	The capital and operational cost of developing an indoor pool is not considered warranted given the size of the Shire. An architect should be engaged to investigate options for shade and shelter structures (eg a tension membrane enclose) and prepare a sketch plan	Medium	Complete
Investigate opportunities to partner with neighbouring Shires in the delivery of sport and recreation opportunities and services in order to increase utilisation of facilities	Liaise with Cambooya and Warwick Shire Council to co-fund the development of sport and recreation programs (eg Tai Chi for the elderly) or coaching clinics. This could be coordinated with the assistance of the Healthy Shire Working Committee. Work with SRQ Warwick and Toowoomba officers to run an information sharing and education forum for sport and recreation clubs in Clifton and Cambooya Shires and Allora. This forum could: -provide information on available grants -assist clubs in grant applications -provide networking opportunities for clubs to coordinate applications and share resources	Short	Not actioned
Seek external funding opportunities to assist clubs to improve use of facilities	Encourage and support clubs and committees in applying for grants from external funding sources in order to develop and/or improve facilities as identified in this plan: -automated irrigation and signage at Clifton Golf Course -shade at Nobby Cricket and Recreation Reserve and Clifton Recreation Oval -upgrade of lighting and fence at Clifton Tennis association facility -improved drainage of the green and Clifton Bowling Club	Short	Considered outside Council's resource realities

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-CLIFTON

Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Develop a plan for maintenance and improvements at Recreation Reserve	Support the Recreation Oval Management Board to develop a 3 to 5 year plan for maintenance at Recreation Reserve. This should be: -based on user groups needs -an assessment of the condition of the facility	Short	Not actioned - Current management appropriate
Clarify any financial and/or environmental benefit to Council of developing an 18 hole golf course at "Clyde Bank"	Council should not provide financial support to the development of a golf course at "Clyde Bank" unless there are clear and quantifiable economic and/or environmental advantages to Council.	n/a	Not actioned - not supported
Monitor the ongoing financial security of clubs and organisations	Encourage amalgamation of sport and recreation organisations where appropriate to ensure long term viability and sharing of resources should the viability of organisations come under threat.	Ongoing	
Maximise the long term viability of sport and recreation infrastructure by avoiding duplication of assets	Clifton Shire has an abundance of community halls. Council should not accept the transfer of privately owned halls to Council in the future, if offered.	n/a	Continuing
Provide a range of opportunities for camping and fishing based on the Shire's natural assets	Retain Passmore Road Reserve as a predominantly natural, basic bush camping facility by: -installing signage on road side -including educational information about appropriate behaviour and litter removal from site. This could have similar themes to Qld Parks and Wildlife Service camping guidelines -adding on-site facilities such as barbeques and tables is not recommended in order to retain the undeveloped integrity of the site -increasing maintenance (rubbish removal and mowing) around peak use periods Address land ownership and management issues at Pratten Road reserve with a view to improving its accessibility and presentation	Ongoing	Complete Complete Acknowledged Complete Not actioned
Provide a range of opportunities for camping and fishing based on the Shire's natural assets	Install a fence in Centenary Park to create a barrier between the children's playground and the road Connect the northern end of the walkway through Elsie Jones Park to existing footpaths	Medium	Complete Complete

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-CAMBOOYA

Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Administration, Management and Maintenance Practices			
Improve Council's Planning and management of sport, recreation and open space in Cambooya Shire	Implement the Cambooya Sport and Recreation Needs Study, and recommended Sport and Recreation Policy which embraces the principles of social equity, access, sustainability, facility consolidation/multi-use and partnerships with the community neighbouring Local Government Authorities. Reflect principles of the Sport and Recreation Needs Study in Council's Corporate Plan, new Planning Scheme and budget processes	Immediate (Ongoing)	Requires regional approach
Appoint appropriate personnel to coordinate, manage, plan and promote sport and recreation in Cambooya Shire	Review staffing resources with a view to creating a position for, or appointing a new individual as, Sport and Recreation Development Officer (SRDO), with the responsibility to coordinate implementation of the study recommendations, together with coordination of general sport, recreation and open space planning and management issues. Liaise with SRQ and adjoining Councils to determine feasibility appointing a SRDO responsible for a number of shires in the region	Immediate	Requires regional approach
Ensure the Sport and Recreation Needs Study is a flexible and dynamic strategy which is responsive to the community's changing needs over time	Conduct a review of the Sport and Recreation Needs Study within 2-3 years of adoption by Council (ie by the end of 2006) and every 2 years thereafter; to ensure that recommendations are advancing and consistent with community needs, Council resources and available funding.	High	Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan will supersede
Review outputs and recommendations of the Sport and Recreation Needs Study for applicability and relevance preparation of Council's new Planning Scheme	Consider recommendations of the Sport and Recreation Needs Study in preparation of Council's new Planning Scheme	Immediate	Requires regional approach
Council to take a more proactive approach in the planning and management of sport, recreation and open space resources	Establish the Cambooya Shire Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee Ensure that Council maintains an active role in the provision and development of sport, recreation and open space resources through land use planning, management, maintenance and advocacy/support for local clubs Consider membership with the Active Australia Local Government Network Liaise with SRQ and Eastern Downs Regional Organisation of Councils (EDROC) to determine opportunities for participation in regional forums on sport and recreation planning Encourage local entrepreneurs and the private sector to work in partnership with Council and the State Government to provide a range of sport and recreation settings in Cambooya Shire that meet community needs	Immediate High Low	Requires regional approach
Ensure maintenance of parks and reserves is adequate and consistent with an overall Shire vision	Direct public requests for maintenance to a single point of contact within Council Identify existing parks and reserves which require maintenance and carry out necessary works	Immediate (Ongoing)	Requires regional approach

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-CAMBOOYA

Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Prioritise actions and endeavour to meet sport and recreation needs, within the scope of available funding	Structure expenditure for sport and recreation projects (including maintenance) considering priority actions identified in this report Ensure Council officers keep up-to-date on available funding sources to advance sport and recreation initiatives Assist community groups and clubs to access funding sources	Immediate (Ongoing)	Requires regional approach
Support a cooperative planning approach between Cambooya Shire Council, surrounding Councils and the State Government to better regional outcomes for sport and recreation	Be proactive in working with neighbouring Councils to achieve better coordination and cooperation in planning and management for sport and recreation initiatives across the region. These efforts should focus on: -coordinated marketing and planning of events in the region (sport, recreation, tourism); -planning for regionally significant facilities (ie Aussie Rules venue and Mt Peel); -lobbying for improved education, training, coaching and skills development for local sporting clubs in communities outside Toowoomba; -forward planning for sport and recreation facilities (to minimise duplication) -identification of sporting clubs within the region in need of a new venue that could be accommodated in Cambooya Shire -advancing planning for regional trail and cycle networks; and -achieving consistent and compatible policies and practices	Immediate (Ongoing)	Requires regional approach
Regional Identity and Profile			
Enhance Cambooya Shire's regional profile and identity through sport and recreation initiatives	Encourage the development of new and enhanced sport and recreation opportunities in the Shire, with a particular focus on: -nature-based recreation -heritage-based recreation -outdoor education; and -equestrian-based sporting activities and events. Be proactive in the promotion and marketing of Cambooya Shire's natural, heritage, recreational and sporting assets throughout the region, to attract more sport and recreation activities and events into the Shire.	Immediate (Ongoing)	Requires regional approach
In response to local and regional leisure demands, provide and protect suitable settings for low impact nature-based recreation activities	Establish a network of trails to provide linear recreation areas for non-motorised activities including horse riding, bush walking and mountain biking, together with nature appreciation Support the recreational trail network Establish connections to outdoor recreation settings and trails in neighbouring Local Government Areas Prepare and distribute informative and interpretive materials on nature-based recreation opportunities (eg signage, trail guides) Minimise impacts on adjacent land uses through appropriate planning, management and monitoring mechanisms Promote Cambooya Shire's nature-based recreation assets to local residents and the regional community Investigate strategic open space linkages within the Shire, and connections with the surrounding region for public recreation access	High - Medium	Requires regional approach

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-CAMBOOYA

Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Protect and promote features of historic significance to provide opportunities for heritage-based recreation and outdoor education	Preserve and enhance sites of historic significance across the Shire, including buildings, monuments and local parkland (eg Steele Rudd and Federations Parks) Improve existing parkland resources and provide additional reserves to achieve better diversity in open space and recreation settings Prepare and distribute interpretive and educational materials to add meaning and value to key sites Integrate outdoor education opportunities with nature-based recreation and heritage settings across the Shire Collaborate with key stakeholders to identify opportunities and needs for outdoor education facilities - allocate/purchase of suitable land to meet local, district and regional needs Collaborate with key stakeholders to develop and deliver outdoor education programs as required Promote the recreational and educational values of Cambooya Shire's local history to residents and the regional community	High-Medium	Requires regional approach
Encourage the development of Cambooya Shire as an important base for the equine industry within the Darling Downs Region	Support ongoing improvement and investment in the Shire's existing facilities for equestrian-based sport and recreation Identify in conjunction with Toowoomba City and other neighbouring Councils the region's short, medium and long term needs for supply of venues for equestrian sports (ie competition, training and stabling) Encourage private investment in the development of venues for equestrian-based sport and recreation Be proactive in hosting equestrian-based festivals, activities and sporting events	High	Requires regional approach

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Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Community Awareness, Education and Involvement			
Achieve a high level of community awareness of sport and recreation facilities, programs and services	Compile a Cambooya Shire Sport and Recreation Directory (in booklet form) for residents and visitors detailing facilities available and relevant contact details. The booklet should be free of charge. Ensure it is widely available to the public through the Council office, local stores, services stations, accommodation providers and schools, Distribute copies to all sport, recreation and community groups, and provide a 'downloadable' version of the directory on Council's web page. Also supply the directory to new residents to the Shire. Include a regular feature in "On Our Selection" and Council's website on different parks within the Shire. Review the directory on an annual basis to ensure it is kept up-to-date Raise community awareness of available activities through local publicity initiatives (eg Council office, Council newsletter, community noticeboards, internet). Develop a web page that features sport and recreation activities on Council's internet site. The page should provide a regularly updated "calendar of events". Encourage greater coverage of sport and recreation activities in Cambooya Shire. Promote town-based facilities and activities to residents in rural areas. Local new Community Noticeboards in the key centres to promote local activities, events and attractions. Noticeboards should be easy to read and located in prominent locations (eg outside school grounds, local store, major parks).	Immediate	Requires regional approach
Cambooya Shire Council to provide more accessible and responsive support/advisory services to local sport and recreation organisations	Encourage community awareness of the Sport and Recreation Needs Study Encourage local clubs and residents to express issues, needs and planning priorities for sport and recreation across Cambooya Shire. This should be facilitated through Council's existing consultation, support and information dissemination processes, and include input from other key stakeholders as appropriate eg SRQ Advisors Direct local clubs to available information and support networks, when assistance is required with preparation of funding grant submissions to develop/improve their facilities	Immediate High	Requires regional approach
Raise awareness on training and support available to local sport and recreation clubs	Promote education and training programs available to local sport and recreation clubs through "On Our Selection", Council's internet site, school newsletters and local newspapers.	Medium-Low	Requires regional approach
Public transport services are required to enhance sport and recreation participation levels in Cambooya Shire and the surrounding region	Encourage support for a voluntary transport system in the Shire, such as use of school buses for "on demand" travel (ie outside school hours), to access community facilities/events in Cambooya Shire or elsewhere in the region (eg trial a special service in school holiday periods to key facilities in Toowoomba City such as Milne Bay Aquatic Centre). If warranted, articulate public transportation gaps in Cambooya Shire to Queensland Transport, as part of any future Integrated Transport Plan for the Downs region.	High	Requires regional approach

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Encourage residents to participate in sport, recreation and physical fitness programs through a range of "Get Active" initiatives	Promote a shire-wide "Just Walk It" campaign, with assistance from the Heart Foundation and regional health bodies. Encourage the establishment of walking groups in major communities and provide regular updates of their progress on "On Our Selection" and Council's website. Encourage a program of "Come and Try" days in partnership with local sporting clubs, with events promoted to all communities. Encourage and support community groups to prepare a booklet documenting short and long distance walks within the Shire. Maintain a watching brief on the need for "Get Active" participation initiatives in Cambooya Shire, with guidance from lead agencies (eg SRQ, health organisations) to increase community participation rates and wellbeing, and to support local sporting organisations.	Immediate (Ongoing)	Requires regional approach
Local schools to have an important role to play in delivering the "Get Active" message to young people	Encourage local schools to participate in the Get Active Queensland Schools Program. Encourage local schools to conduct "Come 'n' Try" days for students, with the assistance of local sporting clubs. Work with SRQ to encourage all local schools in Cambooya Shire to develop a School Physical Activity Policy.	High	Requires regional approach
Multi-use, Consolidation and Duplication of Facilities			
Review use of existing and planned areas to ensure provisions for multi-user arrangements are being implemented, where possible	Promote the establishment of multi-use facilities under leases and master plans. Where appropriate, review facility leases/agreements to include provisions that the lessee be required to allow for other compatible uses of the same facility.	High	Requires regional approach
Recognise the strategic importance of key multi-use sport and recreation precinct within the shire by undertaking forward planning to guide future site development to meet community needs	Consider the preparation of master plans for strategic sport and recreation sites in the shire, with assistance from local clubs, management committees and residents. Seek State Government funding to support the process. Priorities include: -Hodgson Vale Community Sports Club -FE Obst Oval, Wyreema -Lucy Street Precinct in Cambooya (Recreation Reserve, Tennis Club, Skate Park) Maintain dialogue with SRQ regarding clubs from outside the shire looking to relocate to a new venue	High/Medium	Not actioned
Develop strategies to address under-utilised sport and recreation facilities	Consult with community stakeholders to assess the longer term viability of under-utilised sport and recreation facilities, considering possible rationalisation of land, conversion to a different land use or upgrades to promote use for sport and recreation purposes. Priorities are: -Greenmount Recreation Reserve -Greenmount Memorial Hall -Grass netball courts at Wyreema -BMX area and basketball court and Cambooya (located behind tennis courts) -BMX area at Hodgson Vale Seek Council resolution on the future use of these facilities	High	Not actioned

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Minimise duplication of sport and recreation facilities	Avoid future facility duplication through the development assessment process Do not support the construction of new facilities if it is economically viable and physically possible to modify or enhance the existing facilities to provide the same result (ie Council to encourage multi-use initiatives).	High	Requires regional approach
Encourage optimum use of sport and recreation facilities on school grounds	Encourage local schools to permit greater public use of their sport and recreation facilities in non-school hours.	Immediate	Requires regional approach
Nature-based Recreation and Open Space Planning			
Investigate strategic open space linkages within the Shire, and connections with the surrounding region for public recreational access	Where possible, identify and develop linear open space links along strategic corridors, which provide convenient and safe recreational trail connections between natural attractions, parkland and activity nodes for non-motorised modes (bushwalking, mountain biking, horse riding). Consult with community stakeholders throughout the region (eg mountain biking, bushwalking and equestrian clubs, ecotourism groups and regional tourism agencies) to establish user needs, to inform the trail network planning process. Liaise with the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (Environment Protection Agency) to identify possible linkages with the South East Queensland Regional Trails Network and other strategic links. Identify, maintain and enhance regionally significant open space elements and recreational corridors through cooperative planning efforts with adjoining Councils and the State Government. Determine joint management strategies for regionally significant open space elements and recreational corridors that cross shire boundaries. Minimise fragmentation of significant open space systems and corridors (both local and regional) through planning practices. Liaise with State Government to negotiate public access to Crown land and easements as open space links. Lobby surrounding Councils to prepare a regional trails strategy.	High/Medium	Requires regional approach
Improve existing parkland resources and provide additional reserves to achieve better diversity in open space and recreation settings	Undertake targeted improvement works on key parkland reserves including playground equipment replacement, shade covers, seating and landscaping etc.	Immediate	Partially complete

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Water-based Sport and Recreation			
Facilitate adequate access to, and encourage the provision of water-based sport and recreation opportunities	Liaise with Clifton Shire Council to lift restrictions on use of Clifton Swimming Pool for school groups from Cambooya Shire. Undertake schedule of actions outlined in Strategy 9 - improve access to swimming pools in surrounding Local Government Areas in short term (subsidised administration fees, public transport) and ongoing needs assessment and feasibility investigations for pool construction in medium-long term (if appropriate). Monitor opportunities for partnerships with local schools/Education Queensland in advancing this project. Monitor regional trends and swimming pool projects. Ensure that the community is informed of Council actions and investigations.	Immediate Staged implementation	Complete
Walking and Cycling			
Provide pathways and access tracks within all major communities for local access, fitness and recreational purposes	Provide safe and connective multi-use pathway networks within urbanised community coinciding with future residential development and guided by community access priorities. Establish walking circuit tracks in urbanised communities, coinciding with future residential development and guided by community access priorities. Pro-actively seek State Government funding to assist with establishment of the local networks eg Traffic Improvement Development Scheme (TIDS), SAFEST (defining and promoting safe pedestrian and cycling routes to schools).	Immediate-High (ongoing)	In progress
Raise the Shire's profile through regional bikeway connectivity and the hosting of regional cycling events.	Facilitate cycle and pedestrian access between Toowoomba City and Cambooya Shire as opportunity presents, guided by the Toowoomba Cycle and Pedestrian Strategy (2002). Articulate priorities for regional cycle access to the Department of Main Roads, where preferred routes are located on State Controlled Roads. Encourage the conduct of road cycling events in Cambooya Shire - liaise with the Toowoomba Cycling Club and Cycling Queensland to identify event requirements and upcoming opportunities.	High	Requires regional approach

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Youth Sport and Recreation			
Encourage and motivate young people to participate in sport and recreation, through affordable and accessible initiatives targeting their unique needs	Plan youth-oriented settings in major communities through facility modification and development, including the following major projects: -Wyreema Skate Park -Bicycle Training Facility at Wyreema -Cambooya Youth Space -Greenmount Feature Park and Walking Circuit Projects -Hodgson Vale BMX area and improvements at the Lions Park Support the conduct of regular youth events. Empower young people to take a lead role in event organisation. Be proactive in encouraging local clubs, volunteers and other service providers to conduct activity programs and themed weeks in partnership with Council, particularly during school holiday periods. Ensure that young people are involved in planning and decision making processes for new youth projects. Ensure youth participation activities and events are effectively promoted to reach target audience.	Immediate Medium High High Immediate (ongoing)	Complete Not actioned Not actioned Not actioned Not actioned
Supporting Infrastructure and Design Considerations			
Enhance the quality, safety and standard of all sport and recreation facilities, including supporting infrastructure	Provide consistent treatments to landscape elements and facilities within parks and sport/recreation reserves: -develop design guidelines to ensure structures in open space areas maintain a consistent standard; and -develop planting guidelines for parks, reserves and streetscapes within the townships Establish a system for reporting, monitoring and recording on the condition of infrastructure. Implement the principles of "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED) when undertaking new sport and recreation infrastructure projects, particularly those catering for youth needs.	High/Medium	Requires regional approach
Implement disabled access provisions at Council and non-Council sport and recreation facilities	Incorporate disabled access provisions into parks and sport/recreation facilities when modifications are taking place, in accordance with Australian Standards. Incorporate disabled and aged design considerations into the provision of future parks and sport/recreation facilities to comply with Australian Standards	High	Requires regional approach
Ensure facilities are clearly identifiable and easy to locate	Develop guidelines for signage in open space/recreation areas Ensure sport and recreation facilities are well signed and clearly identifiable from approach routes	Medium-Low	Requires regional approach
Enhance access for recreational horse riding throughout the Shire	Recognise the recreational value of casual horse riding in rural and rural residential parts of the Shire, by considering implementation of a policy addressing the development and maintenance of local roads, to ensure that they are clear of obstacles and regularly maintained/slashed to optimise horse access.	Medium	Requires regional approach

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Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Greenmount and East Greenmount			
Improve existing parkland resources and provide additional reserves to achieve better diversity in open space and recreation settings	Conduct small scale improvements to sport and recreation facilities at Bicentennial Memorial Park to provide more usable facilities for local residents, including upgraded cricket practice nets and improved basketball court (including fencing on the western side to limit impacts on adjoining residences). Establish Bicentennial Memorial Park as a Feature Park serving Greenmount and the surrounding district - consider improvements to enhance the attributes of the Park such as: -provision of upgraded playground and picnic facilities -provision of a town/district map -enhanced pedestrian access and visibility into the site -security lighting; and -interpretive information on local history Work in partnership with the Greenmount Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee to assess the feasibility of upgrading the hall to provide an important focal point catering for social, youth, recreation, cultural and other community activities/events. Promote Greenmount's local parks in Council's newsletter and website.	High	Substantially complete
Walking paths and bikeways are desired by all age groups in Greenmount township	Support staged implementation of the Greenmount "Loop" walking circuit. This will involve liaison with Queensland Rail to provide the short section along Pilton Street, parallel to the rail corridor. Investigate feasibility and community support for establishment of a scenic lookout/nature appreciation reserve at the "top of town" in the vicinity of Ramsay and Haldon Streets. Seek assistance from community, environmental and school groups to advance the project.	Immediate	Not actioned
Provide opportunities for informal recreation directed at Greenmount's youth population, in response to identified shortfalls in existing resource supply	Support the conduct of more regular youth events and programs in Greenmount. Seek resolution on the preferred option for the Greenmount BMX area, as follows: -Reinstatement of track/site clean-up in the current location at the top of Ramsay Street -Relocation to a more central and visible site within the township area Involve local youths in the decision making process for the Greenmount BMX area.	Immediate	Not actioned
Encourage the use of public facilities for maximum community benefit	Liaise with Greenmount State School to establish opportunities for increasing public use of their sport and recreation facilities in non-school hours Advise Greenmount State School on the relevant outcomes of this study, including community suggestions to provide a second set of goal posts on the school oval, to make the area more useable for social games and training purposes.	Immediate	Requires regional approach

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East Greenmount	Liaise with Emu Creek State School to establish opportunities for increasing public use of their sport and recreation facilities in non-school hours Advise Emu Creek State School on the relevant outcomes of this study, including community suggestions to provide cricket practice nets on the school oval, to make the area more usable for social games and training purposes. Promote Steele Rudd Park in Council's newsletter and website. Support the conduct of more regular youth events in East Greenmount (possible in conjunction with Greenmount residents)	High	Requires regional approach
Cambooya			
Recognise the "Lucy Street area" as the principal multi-purpose sport and recreation precinct in Cambooya	Undertake small scale improvements at the Cambooya Recreation Reserve - priorities include: -full replacement of perimeter fencing around main arena, -upgraded security and power supply to the site; and -provision of a slab beneath the covered shelter for community activities Prepare an overall master plan for the Lucy Street precinct in conjunction with local residents and sporting groups, incorporating the Tennis Courts, Recreation Reserve, Skate Park and Youth Space. Liaise with existing and potential tenants to confirm priorities for facility expansion, upgrades and development, and how these issues should be addressed in the master plan Conduct a feasibility study into the provision of a covered multi-purpose arena (ie upgrading existing arena) Staged implementation of the Master Plan, as appropriate	Immediate High Medium	Not actioned
Provide enhanced settings and participation opportunities for youth-oriented sport and recreation	Implement the Cambooya "Youth Space" Project. Encourage youth involvement in the planning and design stages to achieve ownership and pride in the project. Provide a covered shelter/gazebo next to the stake park for a youth meeting place. Encourage a program of "Come and Try" days in partnership with local sporting clubs in Cambooya, including more traditional activities such as lawn bowls. Ensure promotion targets participation by local youths. Investigate future action for the BMX area - upgrade or remove? Consult with local youths to ensure that preferred course of action is acceptable.	High	Not actioned
Encourage the use of public facilities for maximum community benefit	Liaise with Cambooya State School to establish opportunities for increasing public use of their sport and recreation facilities in non-school hours. Advise Greenmount State School on the relevant outcomes of this study, including community suggestions to provide a second set of goal posts on the school oval, to make the area more useable for social games and training purposes. Promote the Cambooya Hall for community purposes, including suitable indoor sport and recreational activities.	Immediate	Requires regional approach

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Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Improve existing parkland resources and provide additional reserves to achieve better diversity in open space and recreation settings	Conducted targeted upgrades of facilities at Cambooya Memorial Park, including: -replacement of some equipment, seating and BBQs; and -replace dilapidated public toilets with two disabled toilets - male/female Conduct small scale modifications to encourage greater use of Patterson Park. Priority improvements include: -establish a walking circuit track around the perimeter of park, with exer-sites and seating; -provide playground equipment catering for older children and youths; -enlarge the basketball court (with handball court line markings); -remove or relocate the handball wall; -provide more shaded seating; and -promote the park in Council's newsletter and website Consider implementation of "gateway" planting schemes along Lucy and Eton Streets. Investigate the need to provide a drinking water bubbler at Rolleston Park. As opportunity presents, undertake targeted and rehabilitation and landscaping works along the Hodgson Creek Corridor; to enhance environmental, recreational and nature appreciation values (particularly through the park settings). Determine long term requirements for new parkland coinciding with future residential growth in Cambooya. Promote Cambooya's local parks in Council's newsletter and website.	High	Largely unactioned
Consolidation of pathway network is desired by all age groups in Cambooya. Cyclist and pedestrian access to community facilities will ultimately result in greater facility utilisation	Establish additional shared cycle/pedestrian paths to enhance public accessibility to key activity nodes in Cambooya, including the school, sport and recreation facilities, residential areas, local shops and other community focal points.	Immediate	Limited works complete
Wyreema and Vale View			
Recognise the FE Obst Park as the principal multi-purpose sport and recreation venue in Wyreema	Consider preparation of an overall master plan for the FE Obst Park in conjunction with local residents. Liaise with existing and potential tenants to confirm priorities for facility expansion, upgrades and development, and how these issues should be addressed in the master plan Staged implementation of the Master Plan, as appropriate Support the establishment of a cricket club in Wyreema, following the implementation of improvement works.	High	Not actioned

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Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Improve existing parkland resources to achieve better diversity in open space and recreation settings	Conduct improvements at Baron Park including repair of public toilet and better implementation of CPTED principles - address safety concerns with landscaping and lighting strategies to promote enhanced public surveillance of the site. Ensure regular maintenance of Stratford Park is undertaken. Investigate “gateway” planting schemes along major approach routes into Wyreema (ie north and south approach along Umbiram Road). Promote Wyreema’s local parks in Council’s newsletter and website.	High-Medium	Not actioned
Provide opportunities for informal recreation directed at Greenmount’s youth population, in response to identified shortfalls in existing resource supply	Maintain dialogue with SRQ, Jondaryan Shire Council and the local community to secure funding for the development of a skate park, within Obst Park or another suitable site. Proceed with planning and construction phases as appropriate. Encourage youth involvement in the planning and design of the skate park to achieve ownership and pride in the project. Facilitate this process in conjunction with the Wyreema State School. Investigate a small scale bicycle training circuit in Wyreema for education and recreational use.	Immediate - High	Skate facility complete
Consolidation of pathway network is desired by all age groups in Wyreema. Cyclist and pedestrian access to community facilities will ultimately result in greater facility utilisation	Lobby Queensland Rail to upgrade the existing rail line crossing on Umbiram Road, to facilitate safer access for pedestrians and cyclists in Wyreema. Establish additional shared cycle/pedestrian paths to enhance public accessibility to key activity nodes in Wyreema, including the school, sport and recreation facilities, residential areas, the general store and community hall.	Immediate	Not actioned
Encourage the use of public facilities for maximum community benefit	Liaise with Wyreema State School to establish opportunities for increasing public use of their sport and recreation facilities in non-school hours. Regularly promote availability of Wyreema Hall for community purposes in Council’s newsletter and website, together with the local residents’ newsletter.	High	Requires regional approach
Upgrade existing facilities for outdoor sport and recreation	Support Wyreema Tennis Club to secure funding for priority improvements including: -upgrade tennis clubhouse, including paving, landscaping and more shade; and -upgraded security	High-Medium	

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Vale View	Complete the walking circuit on the southern side of Smith Creek and Federation Park to provide a circuit track. Provide a pathway connection along Drayton Connection Road from Federation Park to Vale View School. Consider the feasibility of providing a pathway/walking track connection between Wyreema and Vale View for improved pedestrian/cyclist accessibility. Establish recreational trail linkages between Vale View and surrounding communities. Establish cricket practice nets and a multi-purpose playing field as part of the Federation Park precinct, coinciding with population growth in the surrounding district. Liaise with Vale View State School to establish opportunities for increasing public use of their sport and recreation facilities in non-school hours. Promote Federation Park in Council's newsletter and website. Liaise with DMR to articulate priorities for cycle network connectivity between Vale View and Toowoomba City (eg Drayton Connection Road).	Immediate High Medium Medium Medium-Low Immediate Immediate Medium	Not actioned
Top Camp and Hodgson Vale			
Improve existing parkland resources and provide additional reserves to achieve better diversity in open space and recreation settings	Upgrade local recreation parks and rest areas to provide a more diverse range of informal and recreation settings: -Lions Park: enlarge basketball court and erect fencing on downhill side, seating and shade adjacent to the basketball court, shade over playground, new play equipment and exer-sites catering for older youths; walking track from Park to Community Sports Club. -Panoramic Park: establish recreational trail connections to the park to strengthen local access, erect signage on highway to improve awareness of park's location and promote in Council's newsletter and website. Coinciding with future rural residential growth, determine long term requirements for new parkland within the district. Promote Hodgson Vale's local parks in Council's newsletter and website.	High	Not actioned
Provide enhanced settings and participation opportunities for youth-oriented sport and recreation	Finalise work on the Hodgson Vale BMX area to provide a safe and useable facility for local residents. Promote the completions of works in Council's newsletter and website to raise community awareness. Provide a sealed area/circuit path for skating in the Lions Park. Maintain a watching brief on the need for a skate park facility at the Lions Park in Hodgson Vale. Should the above action proceed, ensure youth involvement in the planning, designing, construction and management stages to achieve ownership and pride in the project. Encourage a program of "Come and Try" days in partnership with local sporting clubs in Cambooya, including more traditional activities such as lawn bowls. Ensure promotion targets participation by local youths.	Immediate	Substantially complete

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Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Pathways, tracks and trails are desired by all age groups in the district for recreation, fitness and transportation purposes	Coinciding with future development, establish pathway and walkway track connections linking residential areas with local activity nodes. Key actions include: -Walking tracks through the park area from the established Panoramic Park to Carroll Road, and then via the wide road reserve of Carroll Road to the end of the existing road construction on the northern end of Carroll Road. -Complete the concrete pathway from Pendoma Drive to the tennis courts. -Provide a pathway to the Lions Park from Kearney Street to enhance local access to the site. Improve road verges to provide for safer access by walkers, cyclists and joggers. In assessing development applications for new rural residential subdivisions, require that appropriate easements are provided to enhance local accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. Liaise with DMR to provide a formalised crossing point on the New England Highway for cyclists and pedestrians accessing the Lions Park and Community Sports Club. Ensure planning for recreational trails in the district secures linkages with major community focal points (eg the Hodgson Vale Community Sports Club, Lions Park, Panoramic Park and equestrian venues), and cross-boundary links.	Immediate	Not actioned
Recognise the Hodgson Vale Community Sports Club as the principal multi-purpose sport and recreation venue in the district, particularly for field and court sports	Consider an overall master plan for the site in conjunction with the Facility Management Committee and local residents. Liaise with existing and potential tenants to confirm priorities for facility expansion, upgrades and development, and how these issues should be addressed in the master plan Staged implementation of the Master Plan, as appropriate	High	Not actioned

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXISTING PLANS-PITTSWORTH

Strategy / Issues	Actions	Priority	Comments
Implementation of Needs Study and Action Plans	The key strategies of the Pittsworth Shire Sport and Recreation Needs Study to be incorporated into Council's next Corporate Plan	High and Ongoing	Requires regional approach
	Establish a Sports, Recreation and Community Steering Committee to direct future strategies and involvement in sport, recreation and community activities	High and Ongoing	Not actioned
Integrated Planning Scheme	Ensure new IPA Plan addresses the shortage of open space areas and factors in future suitable spaces on the fringes of Pittsworth and provides links with trails and existing facilities	High	Requires regional approach
Establishment of Sports Precincts	Ensure the new IPA Plan addresses this position. Two areas to be examined for growth or realignment are: -Bridgeman Oval -Rugby League Complex	Medium	Requires regional approach
Walking Trails	A defined and safe concrete trail should be constructed over three years. It would also double as a bicycle track for school children. Council is currently developing a Tree Planting Plan that would link into walkways.	High	In progress
Youth Activities	Examine any vacant buildings in Yandilla Street that may be suitable and also, progress negotiations with Queensland Rail to acquire land adjacent to Council offices that run along railway to skate park. It needs to be in a visible area and be managed by Council's Youth Development Officer.	High	Consideration outside the scope of the Sport and Recreation Plan
Swimming Pool	Install a booster heater - electric heat pump system is more costs effective than gas. A structure over the pool would save heating costs.	Medium	Not actioned
Basketball Stadium	Investigate feasibility and viability of building an enclosed structure over the pool	Medium	Partially complete
	Investigate feasibility and cost of constructing an annex to the stadium	High	Not actioned
Shire Hall	Prepare a feasibility on the needs and costs of an improved or new cultural/community Centre	Medium	Consideration outside the scope of the Sport and Recreation Plan
Library	Consider increasing opening hours	High	Consideration outside the scope of the Sport and Recreation Plan
Tennis Club (Bridgeman Oval)	Consideration of larger premises could be linked to feasibility process for a new cultural/community centre	Medium	Consideration outside the scope of the Sport and Recreation Plan
	Construct new toilets and shower at club	High	Not actioned
Judo	Construct a practice wall	High	Not actioned
	Purchase floor mats to stage regional events at the stadium	High	
	Incorporate possible expansion in future plans for new facilities in the sport precincts	Low	
	Equipment storage	High (if successful with mats)	

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Rugby League Grounds	Construct a shade structure along the front of the club for both players and club members	High	Complete
Golf Club	Council to consider the Club's request to supply grey water at no cost, as soon as the new Council is sitting.	High	In progress
	Develop a plan to review the maintenance and operational procedures and costs	High	Not actioned

APPENDIX 6

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

The details provided below are based on the most recent information available. As grant schemes are reviewed on a regular basis the information should be checked for currency before developing an application.

Web addresses have been listed where possible to allow for ready checking of the latest details. Quite often application forms and other details can be downloaded from the websites.

The Queensland Government provides a program that helps search for available grants: www.qld.gov.au/grants/discoverbywizard.action

Some of the more useful websites that host links to, or detail information on available grants are listed below:

- Our Community – www.ourcommunity.com.au
- Australian Government Grants Link – www.grantslink.gov.au

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Queensland - Sport and Recreation Funding Programs

Subsidy / Grant	Aim/ Criteria	Further information/ contact																							
Sport and Recreation Active Inclusion Program	Supports communities by providing funding for activities and education to increase access to sport and recreation for individuals and groups facing barriers to participation within the community.	www.sportrec.qld.gov.au/ Funding/Newfundingprograms/ ActiveInclusionProgram.aspx																							
Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program	Provides funding to not-for-profit sport or recreation organisations, local governments, not-for-profit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, and Queensland State and Independent Schools towards the development or construction of infrastructure for participation in structured and unstructured sport or recreation. Various levels of contributions are available across three levels of projects as follows: <table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Total eligible project costs (\$)</th><th>Max. funding contribution (\$)</th><th colspan="2">Max. funding contribution (%)</th></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">1 (Minor)</td><td rowspan="2">Up to \$400,000</td><td>\$240,000</td><td>Councils</td><td>60</td></tr><tr><td>\$300,000</td><td>Other organisations</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>2 (Medium)</td><td>\$400,001 - \$1.25 million</td><td>\$240,001 - \$750,000</td><td>All eligible organisations</td><td>60</td></tr><tr><td>3 (Major)</td><td>Over \$1.25 million</td><td>\$750,001 - \$2 million</td><td>All eligible organisations</td><td>50</td></tr></table>	Category	Total eligible project costs (\$)	Max. funding contribution (\$)	Max. funding contribution (%)		1 (Minor)	Up to \$400,000	\$240,000	Councils	60	\$300,000	Other organisations	75	2 (Medium)	\$400,001 - \$1.25 million	\$240,001 - \$750,000	All eligible organisations	60	3 (Major)	Over \$1.25 million	\$750,001 - \$2 million	All eligible organisations	50	www.sportrec.qld.gov.au/ Funding/Newfundingprograms/ InfrastructureProgram.aspx
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Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan	Assists a cluster of local community organisations and councils by building their capacity through the employment of a Local Sport and Recreation Coordinator.	www.sportrec.qld.gov.au/Funding/ Newfundingprograms.aspx																							
State Sport and Recreation Organisation Program	Provides funding to state sport and active recreation organisations to promote and support the development of healthy and socially inclusive communities through sport and recreation activities and programs.	http://www.sportrec.qld.gov.au/ Funding/Newfundingprograms. aspx																							

Walk and Cycle Grant Schemes

Subsidy / Grant	Aim/ Criteria	Further information/ contact
Safe Walking and Pedalling Program (SWAPP)	This program (SWAPP) is aimed at school students who walk or cycle to and from school. It involves the review of the footpaths, bicycle paths and infrastructure children use within 3.2 km of a school. Rather than simply making children adopt a particular safe route to and from school, the program also aims to increase the number of walking and cycling trips taken by children.	Contact your local Queensland Transport road safety advisor who can work with local governments, local communities and schools to jointly prepare Safe Walking and Pedalling applications. www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Assistance_and_services/Grants_and_subsidies/Safe_walking_and_pedalling_program_swapp
Safe School Travel (SafeST) Subsidy Scheme	SafeST is a collection of programs, schemes and initiatives designed to improve transport safety for all children regardless of whether they walk, cycle or travel as passengers in buses or cars.	Contact your local Queensland Transport road safety advisor for more information. www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Assistance_and_services/Grants_and_subsidies/Safe_school_travel_safest_subsidy_scheme
Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS)	This scheme will fund dedicated bikeways, shared paths and on-road bike lanes on a 50/50 subsidy basis.	For further information on applying for funding, local government should liaise direct with your nearest Department of Main Roads district office
Regional Centres Program	A 50/50 subsidy for capital works such as central business districts revitalisation and enhancement of regional recreation and tourist facilities for centres with a population larger than 15,000. This subsidy can be used to help fund cycling infrastructure as part of larger projects.	www.lgp.qld.gov.au/?ID=101
Cycling Promotion Fund	Funding for programs and projects that will increase cycling as a transport or health/ recreational option.	www.cyclingpromotion.com
Federal - Roads to Recovery	Funding for roads in rural, regional and metropolitan areas focusing on renewal of local roads as an element of social and economic infrastructure. Funding can include the construction of cycle ways.	www.auslink.gov.au/funding/r2r/index.aspx
Federal – Australian Tourism Development Program	Funding for tourism projects in regional and rural areas. Cycling infrastructure such as paths and maps may be eligible. There are two separate categories: Tourism Projects and Integrated Tourism Development Projects.	www.ausindustry.gov.au
Federal – Investing in Our Schools Program	Funding for state and non-state school infrastructure according to school community priorities. The program looks at small scale projects which improve and enhance the infrastructure of schools in accordance with priorities identified by school communities, and as such end-of-trip cycle facilities may be eligible for funding under this program.	www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school_education#Investing_in_Our_Schools_Programme_2006
Federal - CycleConnect	Funding for the installation of secure bicycle parking at public transport nodes.	www.environment.gov.au/atmosphere/airquality/cycleconnect.html

Australian Government Grants

Subsidy / Grant	Aim/ Criteria	Further information/ contact
Community Heritage Grants (CHG) Program	Aims to preserve and provide access to locally held nationally significant cultural heritage collections across Australia. The program provides grant funding of up to \$10,000 for preservation projects, and preservation and collection management training through community based workshops. The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) Program is funded by the Australian Government through the National Library of Australia; the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; the National Archives of Australia; the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Museum of Australia.	www.nla.gov.au/chg
Living in Harmony Community grants program	The Australian Government's Living in Harmony initiative is primarily a community based education program. The objectives of the program are to develop more harmonious community relations to improve communication and understanding between people from diverse ethnic, religious and indigenous backgrounds and the wider community, and to address the issues of racism in the community.	www.harmony.gov.au/grants/index.htm

Community, Foundation and Trust based Funding

Subsidy / Grant	Aim/ Criteria	Further information/ contact
ANZ Charitable Grants	Each year funds are paid to charitable organisations or for charitable purposes in the community on behalf of Trusts administered by ANZ Trustees. Some are discretionary in nature whilst applications are accepted for others.	www.anz.com/aus/fin/trustees
Besen Family Foundation	The foundation seeks to encourage, nurture and assist in both the maintaining and also developing of important programs and projects and covers three broad areas of Arts and Culture, Health and Welfare, and Jewish Interests. It provides support mainly through financial grants. Some areas are restricted to Victorian projects though the Grants for Arts and Culture are open to not-for-profit organisations throughout Australia. Preference will be given to projects that are innovative and challenging.	www.besenfoundation.org.au
BlueCare Congregational Community Development Fund	Is an initiative of Blue Care and UnitingCare Queensland. The fund is designed to support Uniting Church congregations looking to establish innovative programs and services in their local community.	www.ucareqld.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1&Itemid=3
Communityhelp Grants Program	Supports local organisations that are working to make communities safer. Community organisations can apply to receive a grant of up to \$5,000 in the areas of crime prevention, injury prevention, emergency services or the environment.	www.nrma.com.au/pub/nrma/community/help-program/index.shtml
Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal - Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program	A small grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer approximately \$300,000 a year in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities.	www.frrr.org.au
Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal – Caring for Ageing in Rural Australia	Not-for-profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that directly benefit the ageing population in their community. Projects that help redress disadvantage caused by remoteness. Grants may range from \$100 up to \$10,000. From time to time this Program may identify priority areas for support.	www.frrr.org.au
Gambling Community Benefit Fund	Provides funds to strengthen the capacity of non-government organisations to provide community services and activities that benefit their local communities. The Fund provides one-off grants of up to \$30,000 to Queensland based not-for-profit community groups. The closing dates for the grant rounds are: 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December.	www.gcbf.qld.gov.au
Holden Community Support Program	Support may consist of a partnership, cash donation, or a donation 'in kind'. Donations 'in kind' include materials for fundraising events such as stickers for show bags and items for raffle prizes. It also includes one-off donations of larger objects that serve to assist education and technological innovation.	www.holden.com.au/www-holden/jsp/environmentcommunity/environmentcommunity.jsp?link=communitysupport&heading=guidelines
Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund	The Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund administers the community benefit levy paid by the Jupiter's and Conrad International Treasury Casinos. The Fund provides funds to community organisations that provide facilities or services of benefit to the community.	www.jccbf.org.au

APPENDIX 7

ASSET
CONDITION
AUDIT

This is an assessment of the maintenance and upgrade requirements across twelve of Council's sports facilities ONLY. It does not reflect the required works across the entire suite of Council facilities.

7th October 2009

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Dear Dion,

Re: Toowoomba Regional Council Sports Facilities Audit

Thank-you for inviting Howell Facilities to provide consultancy services for this important project. Please find our report herewith.

1.0 Background

Our understanding of the project is that ROSS Planning wish to engage the services of Howell Facilities to undertake facility condition assessments of a limited number of sports facilities within Toowoomba Regional Council area with a view to providing guidance on the condition of the facilities, remaining useful life, 10 year life cycle costs, and any significant maintenance and defects that might impact on Council over the next few years.

Costs have been estimated from industry experience, from generally accepted unit rates or through reference to Rawlinson's Australian Construction Handbook with sufficient accuracy to provide budget figures. These costs take into account a reasonable economy of scale i.e. it is envisaged that tasks identified for one particular trade will be grouped and performed by the same contractor at the same visit to site. Costs also take into account a premium for the remoteness of the location.

It should be noted that assessment was by visual inspection only and no diagnostic sampling or testing was undertaken.

This report should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Excel spreadsheet "Toowoomba Regional Council - Asset Easy" (provided electronically) for more detail of identified tasks. Part of this spreadsheet is appended to this report.

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2.0 Property Description

The twelve facilities that were assessed are described below:

2.1 Captain Cook Reserve

Soccer Clubhouse



Block construction with metal roof. Comprises clubroom, kitchen, kiosk, changerooms, male and female toilets and storage.

McGregor Street Toilets



Block construction with metal roof. Comprises male and female toilets and storage.

2.2 Rockville Oval

AFL Clubhouse



Block construction with metal roof. Comprises clubroom, kitchen, kiosks, changerooms, male and female toilets and storage.

2.3 West Wanderers Soccer Club

Clubhouse



Brick construction with concrete roof. Comprises clubroom, kitchen, changerooms, male and female toilets and storage. A demountable building has been hired by the club to assist with meeting space requirements. The club have also provided their own garage. The demountable and garage have not been assessed.

2.4 Cambooya Recreation Reserve

Brockhurst Oval – Clubhouse



Demountable building in use as a clubroom only.

Brockhurst Oval – Amenities



Metal structure with metal roof. Comprises male and female changerooms/showers/toilets.

Pony Club – Store



Two adjoining timber/metal framed structures, both metal clad, both with metal roof.

Pony Club – Bar



Timber frame, metal clad, with metal roof.

Community Kitchen



Metal/timber framed structure, metal clad, with metal roof.

Scout Den – Clubhouse/Broadcast Box



Timber framed structure, metal clad, with metal roof. Comprises ground floor clubroom/storage and first floor broadcast box.

Pony Club – Toilets



Blockwork construction with metal roof. Male, female and disabled toilets.

2.5 Bridgman Oval

AFL Clubhouse



Brick construction with metal roof. Comprises kiosk, changerooms and male and female toilets.

2.6 Millmerran

Broadcast Box



Timber framed construction, timber clad. Comprise ground floor storage and first floor broadcast box.

Amenities



Brick construction with metal roof. Comprises changerooms and male and female toilets. Labelling indicates presence of asbestos containing materials.

Kiosk



Metal framed metal clad structure with metal roof.

Bar



Timber framed structure, timber/metal clad, with metal roof. No services.

Cricket Clubhouse



Metal clad structure with metal roof. Clubroom facility only.

2.7 Nell E Robinson Netball



Clubhouse (right of photo)

Block/timber framed construction, with timber cladding and metal roof. Comprises ground floor offices, toilets and clubrooms, with first floor broadcast box.

Amenities (centre of photo)

Block construction with metal roof. Comprises kiosk, changerooms and male and female public toilets.

Garage (left of photo)

All metal structure, with metal roof.

2.8 Kratzke Oval

Clubhouse



Block construction, with metal roof. Comprises clubroom, kiosk, changerooms and male, female and disabled toilets.

2.9 Kuhls Oval

Clubhouse & Garages



Separate clubhouse and garage buildings of brick construction, with metal roof. Clubhouse comprises clubroom, kiosk, changerooms and male and female toilets.

2.10 Goombungee Sport & Recreation Complex

Clubhouse



Brick construction with metal roof. Comprises kiosk/clubroom, changerooms and male and female toilets.

2.11 Oakey Federal Park Sports Complex

Clubhouse



Clubhouse of brick construction with metal roof. Comprises clubrooms, kitchen and male and female toilets. First floor broadcast box.

Changerooms



All metal shed with metal roof. Showers not yet connected.

Lawnmower Shed



Timber framed structure with metal roof.

2.12 Yarraman Sports Precinct

Tennis Clubhouse



Timber/metal framed construction, timber clad with metal roof. Comprises clubroom and kitchen.

Cricket Clubhouse



Timber construction with metal roof.

Cricket Shelter



Timber construction with metal roof.

Soccer Changerooms



Demountable building. Changeroom facilities only.

Swimming Pool



Main building of block construction with metal roof. Comprises kiosk, changerooms and plant room. Metal shed housing water recycling unit.



Open air swimming and splash pools, along with shade sails, timber/metal shade structure, gazebo, and seating.

3.0 Rating the Facilities Condition

The Desired Condition Standards used for the assessment of the facility are indicated below. These Standards describe the performance and legislative requirements against five levels of service, and are generally derived against operational outcomes. Where the condition rating is below the desired standard then there would be a level of backlog/deferred maintenance required to bring the facility back to the desired standard.

Rating	Description	Condition and Performance Parameters
1	Excellent	Meets the requirements in all areas, and finish is without blemish. No outstanding issues and no reasonable expense is to be spared to maintain the highest standard possible. Critical or high profile asset to be in the best possible condition.
2	Good	Meets the requirements in most areas with minimal blemishes. No outstanding issues where a high standard is required but within the context of available funds. Asset to be in good condition operationally and aesthetically.
3	Fair	Meets requirements in key areas, some deterioration but fully compliant. Some outstanding work in non-critical requirements. Asset to be in reasonable condition, fully meeting operational and compliance requirements.
4	Poor	Meets requirements to a minimum level with a level of deterioration quite evident. Generally compliant but several problems outstanding. At a standard that needs intervention to meet functional operation with low standard for appearance. Needs to meet minimum compliance requirements before use.
5	Very Poor	Major problems and major deterioration evident. Does not meet minimal compliance requirements. Future use under consideration. At a standard that requires only Health & Safety to be addressed, maintained to meet minimum statutory requirements only. Generally applicable to assets not being used or in process of being disposed.

In assessing the condition of each of the facilities there are several factors that need to be considered such as the current levels of maintenance, aesthetics, utilisation, and functionality. These factors form the basis of the actual condition that can then be assessed against the predetermined condition standards above. The desired condition rating for the facilities in this report have been set at 3 - Fair.

4.0 Remaining Useful Life

4.1 Definition

The second issue for assessment is the remaining useful life of each asset. Condition is a key indicator of remaining useful life, which provides useful strategic information for planning/replacement purposes.

This report has adopted a rating system developed by Howell Facilities which is shown in the table below for the remaining useful life for assets. The application of these ratings is based on the premise that future levels of maintenance and utilisation patterns are similar to existing. Obviously each of the assets components have different design life which are aggregated over a larger group. For example a building may have a life of 20 years even though individual component lives are less.

Rating	Description	Remaining Useful Life
L4	Generally no limitation on future availability	> 20 Years
L3	Building in mid life period	10 – 20 Years
L2	Building approaching end of life and forward planning critical	3 – 10 Years
L1	Building at end of useful life, replacement well advanced	< 3 Years

Life cycle descriptions are meant to be an indicative measure only and are not final. They can be lengthened or shortened depending upon the intensity of utilisation and maintenance patterns that are often operationally asset specific. This assessment has focussed upon two specific measures:

- The current condition, that is the actual condition of the facility against the predetermined standard;
- The positioning of assets in their life cycle as determined by accepted industry life cycle expectations and current condition.

4.2 Actual Assessed Condition

The table overleaf shows the actual assessment of the present condition of the twelve facilities assessed against the desired standard and the estimated remaining useful life. It is based upon present usage patterns and current maintenance régime.

Facility	Location	Desired Condition	Actual Condition	Remaining Useful Life	Commentary and Strategy
Captain Cook Reserve	Soccer Clubhouse	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- Some external and internal finishes poor; - Toilets good; - Some graffiti; - Refrigerator blocking kiosk exit; - Suspended ceiling dirty; - Suggest repair and retain building.
	McGregor Street Toilets	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- Enamelled steel basins and urinal cistern poor; - Finishes generally good; - Suggest repair and retain building.
Rockville Oval	AFL Clubhouse	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- External finishes good; - Internal finishes generally poor; - Evidence of old graffiti on toilets; - Minor repairs required to doors, robe hooks, cabling and cupboards; - Fire extinguisher empty; - Suggest repair and retain building.
West Wanderers Soccer Club	Clubhouse	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- Repairs to external finishes and glazing required; - Some graffiti; - Repairs required to some internal fixtures and finishes; - Concrete floor paint finish throughout poor;

					- Suggest repair and retain; - Suggest extending clubhouse, and include disabled toilets.
Cambooya Recreation Reserve	Brockhurst Oval – Clubhouse	3 Fair	4 Poor	L2	- Clubroom facility only; - Poor internal and external finishes; - Room a/c poor; - Suggest repair and retain only if suitable for requirements.
	Brockhurst Oval - Amenities	3 Fair	2 Good	L4	- No issues; - Suggest retain facility.
	Pony Club – Store	3 Fair	5 Very Poor	L1	- Roof not waterproof; - Internal lighting poor; - External cladding poor; - Suggest replace facility.
	Pony Club – Bar	3 Fair	5 Very Poor	L1	- Old Store used as Bar; - Roof not waterproof; - External cladding poor; - Suggest replace facility.
	Community Kitchen/Awning	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- Large section of gutter missing; - Awning frame rusted in places; - Internal wall and floor finish poor; - Suggest repair and retain building; - Remove redundant shade structure adjacent and make good;
	Scout Den -	3 Fair	4 Poor	L1	Internal and external doors all very poor;

	Clubhouse/Broadcast Box				- Internal wall and floor finishes poor/very poor; - Sink and drainer poor; - Suggest repair and retain building (review and remove broadcast box if not required).
	Pony Club – Toilets	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- Paint finish to internal and external walls poor; - Paint finish to disabled toilet door poor; - Suggest repair and retain building.
Bridgman Oval	AFL Clubhouse	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- Many plumbing fixtures poor condition; - Paint finish to toilet doors poor; - External drain cover missing (minor OH&S issue); - Suggest repair and retain building.
Millmerran	Broadcast Box	3 Fair	4 Poor	L2	- Hazardous access to broadcast box; - Vandalised window; - No services; - Suggest repair and retain building if required.
	Amenities	3 Fair	4 Poor	L2	- Some asbestos external sheet cladding; - Poor/misleading toilet signage; - Poor external paint finish to fascia and gutters; - Large cracks in east and west elevations; - Engage Structural Engineer, remove asbestos and repair and retain building, if

					economically viable.
	Kiosk	3 Fair	2 Good	L4	- Minor refurbishments only required to fixtures and finishes; - Suggest repair and retain building.
	Bar	3 Fair	4 Poor	L2	- Poor paint finish to bar; - Poor fixed seating; - No services; - Suggest repair and retain for the near future, as a minimum.
	Cricket Clubhouse	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- Poor paint finish to external cladding; - TV aerial loose; - No internal access at time of inspection – assume internal all fair condition, based on external; - Suggest repair and retain building.
Nell E Robinson Netball	Clubhouse	3 Fair	2 Good	L4	- Some graffiti on external walls; - Minor repairs required to internal paint finishes and fixtures, which are otherwise excellent; - Minor refurbishments required to internal and external lighting; - Suggest repair and retain building.
	Amenities	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- Some graffiti on external walls; - Number of external doors in poor condition;

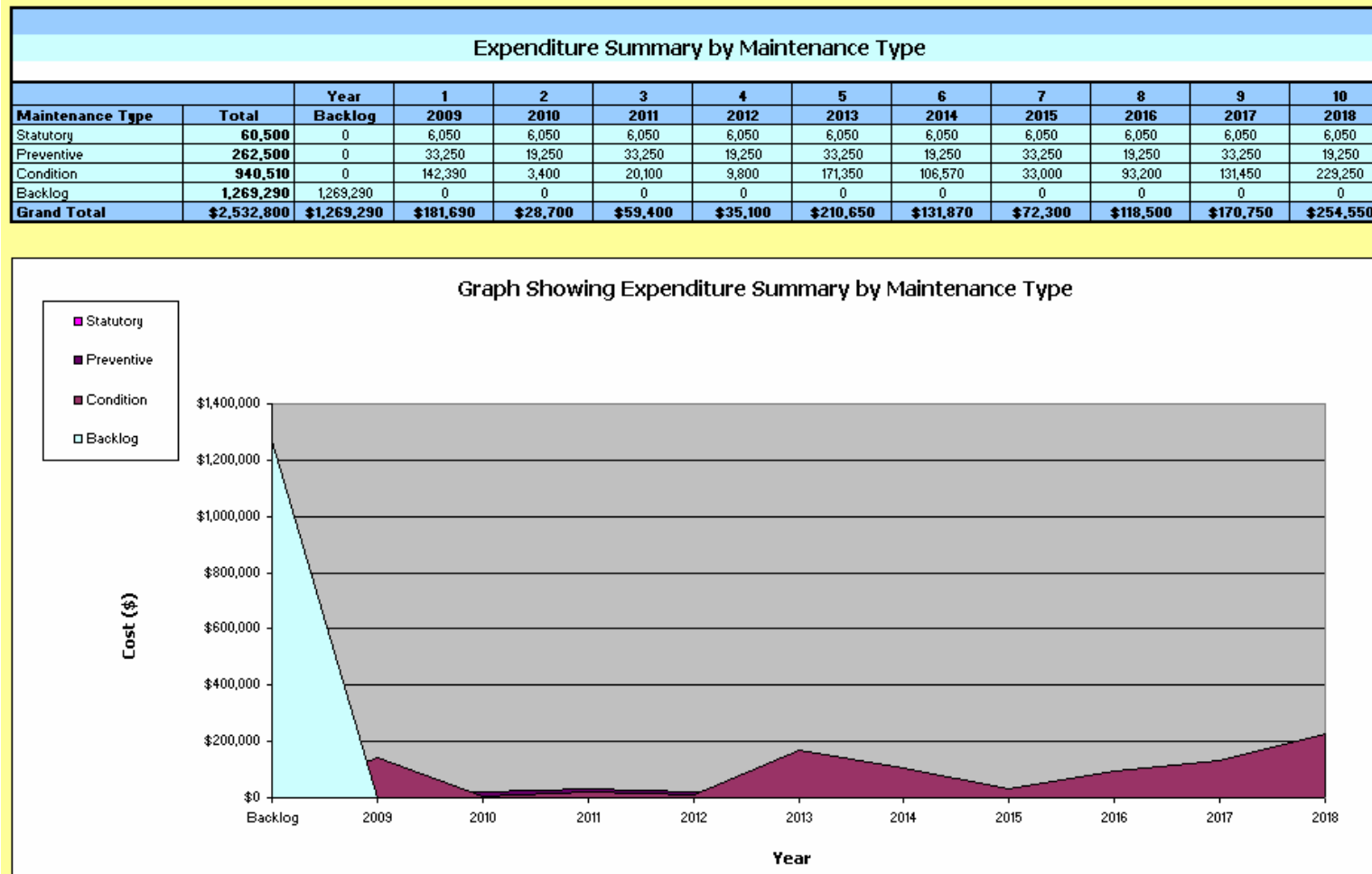
					- No access into Changerooms and Kiosk – assume fair condition based on remainder; - Suggest repair and retain.
	Garage	3 Fair	2 Good	L4	- All good condition; - Suggest retain building.
Kratzke Oval	Clubhouse	3 Fair	2 Good	L4	- Poor paint finish to awning and clubroom walls only; - Graffiti on plumbing door; - Minor refurbishments required to lighting and other fixtures; - Fire extinguisher missing; - Suggest repair and retain building.
Kuhls Road	Clubhouse & Garages	3 Fair	2 Good	L4	- Repairs to external lighting and downspouts required; - Poor paint finish to flagpole; - Poor paint finish to clubroom and changerooms; - Suggest repair and retain.
Goombungee Sport & Recreation Complex	Clubhouse	3 Fair	1 Excellent	L4	- Ceramic floor tiles stained by cleaners/groundskeepers chemical spill in Changeroom 1; - Minor graffiti/vandalism on external brick wall and female toilet sign; - All external doors generally poor (faded) paint finish; - Suggest repair and retain.

Oakey Federal Park Sports Complex	Clubhouse	3 Fair	5 Very Poor	L1	- Large cracks in many walls and floors; - All fixtures, finishes and services generally dated and in poor condition; - Engage Structural Engineer and redevelop building to include changerooms with showers.
	Changerooms	3 Fair	5 Very Poor	L1	- Currently galvanised steel shed, with showers not yet connected; - Include changerooms with showers in scope of redevelopment of main building.
	Lawnmower Shed	3 Fair	5 Very Poor	L1	- Very poor condition generally; - Replace building.
Yarraman Sports Precinct	Tennis Clubhouse	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	- External timber wall paint flaking in places; - Main club sign poor; - Rainwater tank stand in poor condition. Suggest replace tank and stand; - Paint finish to external bench in poor condition; - Internal faux timber wall finish dated but good condition; - Suggest repair and retain building.
	Cricket Clubhouse	3 Fair	5 Very Poor	L1	- Very poor condition generally, with no services; - Suggest replace building.
	Cricket Shelter	3 Fair	5 Very Poor	L1	Very poor facility generally, with no

					services; • Suggest replace building, in conjunction with replacement of Cricket Clubhouse.
	Soccer Changerooms	3 Fair	4 Poor	L2	• Demountable changeroom facility in poor condition, with very limited services; • No access to internals – assume poor condition; • Suggest replace with clubhouse.
	Swimming Pool	3 Fair	3 Fair	L3	• Recently refurbished swimming and splash pools and surrounds; • Much of the pool water treatment system is new and is in good/excellent condition; • Rust on most poolside seating requires treating/painting; • Paint finish to roof, roof truss and timber gazebo poor; • Some paint finishes poor, including the internal concrete floor; • Numerous minor refurbishments required including those to fixtures, showers, toilet door hinges, shed door and signage; • Suggest repair and retain facility.

5.0 Expenditure Summary

Below is a summary of maintenance costs over the next 10 years for the twelve facilities assessed, including backlog maintenance requirements.



5.1 Immediate Maintenance Requirements

The purpose of performing backlog (deferred) maintenance is to return the facilities to the desired operating condition/standard and control existing public liability exposure. The table shows the backlog maintenance requirements along with the condition-based maintenance requirement for 2009, which together total the immediate maintenance requirement to restore each location to the desired condition/standard.

Individual elemental costs can be found on the accompanying Excel spreadsheet "Toowoomba Regional Council - Asset Easy" (provided electronically). Part of this spreadsheet is appended to this report.

Location	Sub-location	Backlog Maintenance	Condition-based Maintenance 2009	Total (Immediate Maintenance Requirement)
Captain Cook Reserve	Soccer Clubhouse	\$5,940	\$9,050	\$14,990
	McGregor Street Toilets	\$500	\$1,400	\$1,900
Rockville Oval	AFL Clubhouse	\$4,850	\$15,590	\$20,440
West Wanderers Soccer Club Cambooya Recreation Reserve	Clubhouse	\$4,450	\$6,300	\$10,750
	Brockhurst Oval – Clubhouse	\$650	\$7,050	\$7,700
	Brockhurst Oval - Amenities	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Pony Club – Store	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
	Pony Club – Bar	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
	Pony Club – Kitchen/Awning	\$5,400	\$2,050	\$7,450
	Pony Club – Clubhouse/Broadcast Box	\$800	\$8,100	\$8,900
	Pony Club – Toilets	\$0	\$2,250	\$2,250
Bridgman Oval	AFL Clubhouse	\$6,300	\$7,300	\$13,600

Millmerran	Broadcast Box	\$7,000	\$4,600	\$11,600
	Amenities	\$4,550	\$17,600	\$22,150
	Kiosk	\$1,150	\$900	\$2,050
	Bar	\$0	\$3,300	\$3,300
	Cricket Clubhouse	\$850	\$1,750	\$2,600
Nell E Robinson Netball	Clubhouse	\$2,600	\$7,200	\$9,800
	Amenities	\$1,000	\$2,600	\$3,600
	Garage	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kratzke Oval	Clubhouse	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Kuhls Road	Clubhouse	\$6,950	\$2,200	\$9,150
Goombungee Sport & Recreation Complex	Clubhouse	\$2,750	\$2,200	\$4,950
Oakey Federal Park Sports Complex	Clubhouse and Changerooms	\$301,500	\$0	\$301,500
	Lawnmower Shed	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Yarraman Sports Precinct	Tennis Clubhouse	\$800	\$7,800	\$8,600
	Cricket Clubhouse	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
	Cricket Shelter	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
	Soccer Changerooms	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
	Swimming Pool	\$2,250	\$33,150	\$35,400
Totals		\$1,269,290	\$142,390	\$1,411,680

5.2 Condition-based Maintenance Costs

The total condition-based maintenance expenditure over the next 10 years (including 2009) for the twelve facilities assessed is **\$940,510**. Replacement peaks are significant in 2013 and 2018. Further detailed review of the specific condition-based tasks may allow works to be postponed or tackled earlier. This effectively smooths out the peaks in order to provide a more consistent level of maintenance, which is more manageable in terms of acquiring capital funding.

It should also be stressed that as replacements are condition-based, it is not unusual for start dates of activities to be put forward or back, following future re-assessment and in conjunction with whole of portfolio capital development planning.

5.3 Statutory and Preventive Maintenance Costs

The annual expenditure for compliance with Statutory requirements is **\$6,050**. The annual expenditure for Preventive maintenance differs from year to year, due to the 2 year cyclical nature of some of the preventive tasks. The mean annual preventive expenditure is **\$26,250**.

6.0 Summary

The condition of the facilities in the portfolio ranges from '1 Excellent' to '5 Very Poor', with a number of the buildings having reached the end of their useful life.

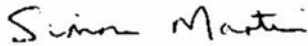
Backlog maintenance and condition-based maintenance requirements for 2009 to the value of **\$1,411,680** have been identified for the twelve facilities assessed. Any repairs should be carried out immediately, in order to bring the facilities back to an acceptable level and to avoid any mitigation, where the issue is OH&S related.

Replacement of facilities will require analysis of public and user requirement and current and prospective levels of usage, as it is clear that in some cases that there is an over or under-utilisation.

Details of recommendations and requirements, along with estimated costs, can be found in the accompanying Excel spreadsheet "Toowoomba Regional Council - Asset Easy" (provided electronically). Part of this spreadsheet is appended to this report.

We trust that this report is to your satisfaction and look forward to working with you again. Should any of the report need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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