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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scenic Rim Regional Council Sport and Recreation Plan is an opportunity for Council to maintain and enhance the Region's diversity of sporting facilities, parks for locals and visitors, play spaces for children and young people, pedestrian/cycle paths and access to natural areas for recreation.

Implementation of the recommendations outlined in this Plan will require strong leadership, appropriate resources from Council and a commitment to making some difficult decisions. It will also require support from external organisations and community groups.

There is a good range of facilities but minor enhancements are desired to improve the experience or attract additional players. The dominant theme that came through the range of consultation processes and analysis is that there is a range of facility improvements that will enhance sport and recreation in the Region.

Implementation of the recommendations outlined in this Plan will continue the good results that Council and the community have achieved over many years.

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 2-5 years) and low priorities (when resources allow) are not as urgent. However, should resources become available, in most cases projects can be brought forward. Prioritisation is often about spreading the available resources rather than the actual timing of the need.

Viability of sport and recreation groups

#	Recommendation	Priority	Indicative Budget
1	<p>Facilitate a program of education and training for sport and recreation groups across the Scenic Rim, focusing on identified training needs. Training and club development should initially focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding and grant applications (e.g. forums to advise about grant opportunities and others to concentrate on grant writing techniques) • insurance, club governance and committee management (e.g. workshops to assist Clubs develop risk management procedures and other policies to ensure good Club operational procedures are employed) • advertising and marketing (e.g. workshops assisting Clubs to think outside the square and develop new marketing and advertising strategies to strengthen the Club) • strategic and business planning (e.g. workshops focusing on the preparation of club development plans and strategic plans). <p>Contact should be made with Sport and Recreation Services (Department of Communities) to explore the full range of available opportunities, including funding options.</p>	High and Ongoing	<p>\$10,000</p> <p>(note: Assistance from SRS may be possible)</p>
2	Liaise with Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services) to improve the coordination of an annual process for clubs to notify changes to office bearers or contact details. Details should be able to be made public to interested parties in the form of a communication package (also see Recommendation 19).	High and ongoing	\$5,000 and staff time
3	Continue to work and develop partnerships with community organisations and professionals delivering recreation activity programs, information and advice to expand and target appropriate new programs (e.g. green prescriptions, walking programs)	High	\$20,000
4	<p>Selwyn Park is a major sports precinct for the community of Beaudesert. However, a more strategic view of the precinct should occur for it to function well in the future. The following recommendations are made in relation to this site:</p> <p>1. Facilitate regular forums for the Selwyn Park Management Committee focusing on improving relationships, sharing of resources and strategic forward planning. The Committee should be expanded to include bowls and tennis in the first instance.</p> <p>2. Increase the effectiveness of Selwyn Park by initiating a cooperative program of planning and development. The development of a master plan incorporating the desired standard of facilities should be an outcome of this process. The master plan should recommend to achieve more efficient and effective use of land resource as well as look for opportunities to cater for the future sport demand.</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Staff time and resources</p> <p>\$35,000</p>
5	<p>Pilot an annual forum for key community based sport and recreation organisations. The forums should aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>The forum could be delivered in partnership with Sport and Recreation Services 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 organisations and help develop strategies to respond to emerging issues.</p>	Medium and ongoing	\$3,000 and staff time
6	<p>In recent years, Council has developed (or been involved in the development of) a number of master plans. It will be important that the high priorities of these plans be actioned. Master plans completed (or in the process of being completed) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronation Park, Boonah • Jubilee Park, Beaudesert • Youngman Family Park, Tamborine Mountain • Bicentennial Park, Boonah. 	Ongoing	Not costed

Council policies, coordination and management arrangements

#	Recommendation	Priority	Indicative Budget
7	<p>Council's Leasing Policy is not well known or promoted in the community. The Policy provides a guideline for Council and the community organisation about each parties roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>To fulfil Council's commitment to this Policy, a thorough Asset Condition Audit of all relevant facilities should be undertaken. The Asset Condition Audit should include all buildings (clubhouses, amenities blocks), field surfaces, and ancillary assets (lighting, picnic facilities). It will form the base for Council's Asset Maintenance Plan for these facilities (Recommendation 19 and 21). This information will help inform the recommended review of the Policy (Recommendation 13).</p>	High	\$30,000 to 50,000, however, much of the audit may be possible to complete internally. External funding should also be considered.
8	<p>Council currently has the opportunity to have greater involvement in the future management and/or operation of two new regional facilities: the recreation elements of Wyaralong Dam, and the development of a regional trail bike facility near the Dam.</p> <p>It is recommended Council keep abreast of each of these initiatives and also undertake research on potential management options that best suit these experiences.</p>	High	Staff time and resources
9	<p>Conduct a complete review of Council's resourcing of sport and recreation service provision. Additional qualified personnel are required to deliver sport and recreation services, to implement this Plan, and to coordinate ongoing development of sport and recreation opportunities. Additionally, the functions of the leasing officer, community development officers and parks personnel need to be reviewed to avoid duplication of services across Departments and to ensure that community sport and recreation providers can come to one person in Council.</p> <p>There is potential for Council to seek funding (up to \$52,000 per annum for three years) from the Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services) to employ a qualified Local Sport and Recreation Coordinator.</p> <p>The Coordinator would also 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 allowing) helping with key grant applications.</p>	High and ongoing	\$52,000 pa for three years
10	<p>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.</p> <p>Council funding should also be used to attract external funding from sources such as the Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services).</p> <p>Additionally, Council should consider alternative funding arrangements to fund some of the new facilities and facility upgrades recommended in the Plan. For example, opportunity exists for Council to think outside its current policies to include approaches such as public-private partnerships (eg PCYC) and alternative management models for significant infrastructure (eg management of recreation activities at Wyaralong Dam).</p>	High	Staff time and resources
11	<p>Council already assists community organisations apply for funding and this initiative is valued. Council should continue, and promote, the use of it's personnel, to identify potential funding sources and assist community organisations to prepare appropriate applications.</p> <p>Liaise with Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services) to improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Further, Council should continue to use the email list developed to rapidly distribute information that may be of interest to sport and recreation organisations (e.g. announced funding programs, training opportunities).</p>	High and Ongoing	Staff time and resources
12	<p>Extend the life of the Steering Committee put together to guide the development of this Plan to review the achievement of the recommendations of this Plan annually and to undertake a major review in five years.</p>	High and ongoing	Staff time and resources

#	Recommendation	Priority	Indicative Budget
13	<p>Following the Audit (see Recommendation 7), consider a review of all existing policies, especially the Community Leasing Policy, relating to the delivery of sport and recreation to develop a consistent policy for fees, charges, maintenance and support mechanisms. The Review must reflect the income potential and community benefit of organisations. This review needs to look at formal and informal arrangements and align them over time. Fees to use Council facilities, e.g. swimming pools also should be reviewed.</p> <p>The Review should also consider how to promote greater use of existing (and future) community facilities. Previously, lease documentation and the policy framework have restricted dual and multi-use of sport facilities.</p>	High	Staff time and resources
14	<p>Much of the infrastructure in parks is old, unsuitable for the people who would use it, or there is duplication of infrastructure in nearby parks. This is particularly so for playground equipment. As a result, it is believed that there are significant savings that could be made by improving asset replacement procedures. This will also result in creating opportunities (play and picnicking opportunities in particular) that residents and visitors want, thus increasing usage and pride in these spaces. Council officer input must occur. At the time the assets are due to be replaced, officers should question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the current and likely future use of the asset to gauge if it should be replaced in the first instance if there is duplication of assets in nearby open spaces, could an alternate asset be a better option is there a variety of play and picnic opportunities in the area what infrastructure will best cater for this community. <p>Over time, asset management plans should be developed for all open space areas so that a program of works can be developed to maintain the asset in the most cost effective manner. The Audit, however, is unlikely to make recommendations about which assets should be retained.</p>	Medium	Not costed
15	<p>Outdoor recreation is extremely important not only to Scenic Rim residents but also to tourists and visitors. An Outdoor Recreation Strategy should be developed and should include reference to camp site areas. The Strategy should be linked with the Tourism Strategy (Council), the South East Queensland Outdoor Recreation Strategy (State) and the Active Trails Strategy (State).</p> <p>Consultation with a number of key stakeholders will be important in developing this Strategy, these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEQ Council of Mayors State agencies including: Department of Infrastructure and Planning and the Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services) SEQ Water tourism bodies (local, regional and state) recreation interest bodies such as Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF), local bicycle user groups (BUGs) and outdoor education facility managers National and State agencies responsible for the management of parks and forests. 	Medium	<p>\$40,000 to 80,000</p> <p>External funding should be sought to action this recommendation. Refining the scope of this project will determine likely budget required</p>
16	<p>A number of significant recreation trails have been proposed for the area including: the Boonah to Ipswich Trail (incorporating the Fassifern Rail Trail); Tamborine Mountain Trails and the Logan to Beaudesert Trail. Each of these trails provide opportunities for increased economic benefits for the Region, however, advice regarding the action of these initiatives is required.</p> <p>A Recreation Trails Plan could form part of the Outdoor Recreation Strategy (see Recommendation 15) or could be developed separately. The Strategy will help guide Council regarding costs, design, feasibility and priorities for trails development.</p> <p>The development of the Strategy may not be the responsibility of Council, however, Council will need to be actively involved in all stages to ensure the Strategy aligns with other strategic goals.</p>	Medium	<p>\$30,000 - 60,000</p> <p>External funding should be sought to action this recommendation</p>

#	Recommendation	Priority	Indicative Budget
17	<p>Promote the ability for clubs to seek and use Council's Community Grants program to subsidise applications to Sport and Recreation Services' Infrastructure Program (Minor).</p> <p>Under the Community Grants program, applicants must have one-quarter of the total project cost while Sport and Recreation Services will contribute up to three-quarters of the project cost. Budget permitting, Council may consider providing 50% of the contribution of the club (one-eighth of the total project cost) subject to the club providing the same, and being successful in their final application.</p> <p>This process ensures clubs take responsibility for projects by financially contributing, but the majority of project costs (7/8s) are still borne by Council and the State, minimising the operational impact on the club. As an example, by contributing \$5,000 under this system, Council would see the completion of a significant community project to the value of \$40,000. To ensure the equity and transparency of this process, it is recommended that Council invites clubs to submit proposals for their consideration under this scheme. Submissions should be evaluated against criteria to determine which project(s) will be supported.</p> <p>In preparing for Council's capital works budget, consideration should be given for funding/leveraging opportunities.</p>	Medium and Ongoing	Budget to be allocated
18	A Physical Activity Strategy will provide additional information for Council and the community to deliver specific non-formal activity related strategies and investigate collaborative approaches to the development and execution of programs locally. The Physical Activity Strategy will tie together a number of National and State targets in relation to tackling such areas as obesity, healthy eating and other initiatives to improve general health and well-being of individuals and communities. Council should partner with Queensland Health in the first instance to investigate options to action this recommendation.	Medium	\$30,000 - 45,000 External funding should be sought.
19	<p>Develop and trial an information and communication package that aims to improve clarity of roles and responsibilities of Council, the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Sport and Recreation Services and community organisations (using information from Recommendations 2 and 5). This should cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> land tenure options and facility management and maintenance requirements feedback and reporting procedures between Council and community groups available funding programs and helpful funding application hints. <p>Information should then be delivered through a range of mediums and forums (Recommendation 2).</p>	Low	Staff time and resources

Maintenance and improvement of existing facilities and programs

#	Recommendation	Priority	Indicative Budget
20	<p>Walking and cycling are likely to continue to increase in popularity, so too will the demand on Council to provide safe, quality connections and meandering paths. Council, in conjunction with local community groups, should undertake (in house) a walkability and bikeability audit using available free national resources. Throughout the consultation process much information has been provided by communities for this plan and should also be included in the walkability and bikeability audit.</p> <p>This audit can be used to then develop a Walk Cycle Strategy. The Strategy will prioritise connections for both on-road and off-road opportunities. This will also guide budget and grant applications. The Strategy should also look at regional opportunities such as cycle connections to Wyaralong Dam etc.</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>\$5,000 plus staff time</p> <p>\$50,000</p>
21	Using the Asset Condition Audits (see Recommendation 7) develop a 10-year maintenance plan (capital works budget) to ensure that programmed maintenance, rather than reactive maintenance, is undertaken for all facilities.	High	Staff time and resources
22	<p>Access to, and quality of, community pools were a focus from the consultation undertaken. The following recommendations in relation to the community pools are proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beaudesert - create areas for picnicking and socialising around the pool. Add water play elements. Boonah - repaint pool surface. Look at options to increase footprint area around the pool to improve spectator features such as seating, shaded grassy areas. Rathdowney - no major upgrades required. Canungra - consider adding water play elements, consider more shade. Tamborine Mountain - improvements to heating in the short term. In the long term the Tamborine Mountain Pool will be located at the Long Road Sports Complex, using money raised from selling the pool site will help fund the new pool. 	High	Not costed

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#	Recommendation	Priority	Indicative Budget
29	<p>Assistance to those organisations that have identified their needs in either this Strategy or through other development plans lodged with Council or Sport and Recreation Services should be supported. In particular, encourage and support the following groups to obtain external funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to recycled water at Everdell Park • development of new cutting and western performance facilities at Josephville • Beaudesert Golf Club to upgrade irrigation systems • Beaudesert Pony Club to increase safe storage capacity • Develop a clubhouse at RS Willis Park for Beaudesert Junior and Senior Rugby League • Upgrade courts and lighting at Mavor Park • Extend rifle range at Spengler Road • Build clubhouse facility at Everdell Park (Rugby Union) • Upgrade tennis courts, increase field 2 size, upgrade major clubhouse and improve ingress/egrees and car parking at Selwyn Park • Upgrade field surface and lighting at Beechmont's Graceleigh Park • Undertake recommendations from the Coronation Park Master Plan, Boonah • Upgrade field and disability access to facilities at Moriarty Park, Canungra • Resurface netball courts at Boonah, with potential to expand to an eight court facility. <p>Note: improvements requested by organisations at Selwyn Park should not be actioned until a master plan has been undertaken.</p>	A mix of high, medium and ongoing	Not costed
30	The park at Peak Crossing, near the bridge, should be developed to cater to the needs of local residents, this should include play equipment and some feature for youth. The existing picnic facilities and toilets should also be upgraded and located near the play.	High	\$30,000
31	Work with the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association to investigate opportunities to fund Stage Two of the Long Road Sports Complex development.	Medium	Staff time and resources
32	<p>Additional land for sport purposes will be required in Beaudesert, Boonah and Kooralbyn. Council's community development personnel and planning personnel should work to seek opportunities to meet this demand. The following suggestions are made, however, more appropriate options may be possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaudesert - seek opportunities to gain flat, open land along Spring Creek as part of developer contributions • Boonah - consider developing land at Dugandan Flats for field sports • Kooralbyn - look at options to reclaim land for recreation and informal sport around the lagoon. 	Medium	Developer contributions
33	There is a lack of suitable signage to identify parks as well as to navigate through larger parks. Developing a signage strategy with the specific aim of identifying the location of recreation parks to people travelling along the major roads and highways as well as to present a unified identity of Parks across the Scenic Rim. There are few signs pointing to local parks in the community.	Medium	\$30,000 (est)

New facilities, programs and initiatives

#	Recommendation	Priority	Indicative Budget
34	<p>Facilitate partnerships to develop a range of physical activity programs for target groups. These should take advantage of existing physical activity programs and partnerships and target groups of high need. Facilities that should be encouraged to be used include local parks, swimming pools and walking tracks. The following programs are recommended in the first instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An active adults program and a program for older adults in Boonah, partnering with the Boonah Just Walk It group and other community service organisations A 'Mums and Bubs' program in Beaudesert Activate 'Just Walk It' groups in Canungra, Rathdowney, Tamborine Mountain, Kooralbyn and Beechmont Develop an after school program in Beaudesert. <p>The success (or otherwise) of these initiatives will help inform Council which programs should be supported in the long-term.</p> <p>Council should partner with other agencies including Queensland Health, Beaucare and local community groups to deliver this recommendation.</p>	High and ongoing	\$60,000
35	<p>Develop a range of regular youth activities, events and school holiday programs that are delivered across the Region using local facilities and service providers (e.g. BMX/skate skills development; youth adventure camps/come and try programs). Council should look at a range of opportunities to deliver these programs, they may be delivered by Council in the first instance but with the view to establish partnerships with other stakeholders to look towards long-term options of providing these opportunities.</p>	High	\$20,000
36	<p>Equestrian activities in the Scenic Rim are popular; however, attention should be given to ensure their long-term viability. The following initiatives are supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beaudesert - to develop a secondary hub (the first being the Beaudesert Showgrounds) for equestrian activities at the old depot at Josephville. Boonah - support the Boonah Showgrounds to upgrade equestrian facilities. Kooralbyn - work with the Kooralbyn Equestrian Club and Kooralbyn Resort administrators to encourage long-term tenure at the site. Support the Club to upgrade facilities to a 3 star husbandry track standard. Wyaralong Dam - horse trails will be developed as part of the Wyaralong Dam Recreation Master Plan, this will present opportunities for equestrian providers to use this area as a base. A number of community groups have expressed interest in the use and management of these facilities. 	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>High</p> <p>Medium</p>	Not costed
37	<p>Activity equipment for active adults should be installed at Coronation Park, Boonah State High School, Junior Chamber Park, Long Road Sports Precinct and Graceleigh Park.</p> <p>Equipment in Selwyn Park should also be considered, however, this is a long-term recommendation and only supported when the Park has better network connections (paths) into key activity areas.</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>\$60,000 - 90,000</p> <p>Not costed</p>
38	<p>The recreation needs of young people in this Region are not well serviced, particularly in Beaudesert where there is a large proportion of young people. Council needs to actively pursue the identification of an appropriate facility to offer activities for youth. Council should seek involvement from PCYC and investigate opportunities to open a centre in Beaudesert. The centre will go a way to fulfilling the indoor centre needs of the adult community as well.</p> <p>If a centre is feasible for Beaudesert, Council should actively assist in supporting the venture through identification of land options, building design and so on.</p> <p>The Centre should be centrally located. Ideally, a skate facility should be nearby (potentially a new facility), have outdoor areas, indoor courts, and a range of other rooms for the delivery of sport and recreation opportunities.</p>	High	Not costed
39	<p>Work with schools to improve planning and communication channels, particularly around improving community use of school facilities and contribution of schools to maintenance and improvement of Council owned and community managed facilities.</p>	High	Staff time and resources
40	<p>Additional indoor courts are required at Boonah to supplement existing facilities. Council should work with the Boonah Show Society in delivering their proposal for a two-court, multi-purpose centre (also see recommendation 24).</p>	<p>Planning stage - High</p> <p>Development Stage - Medium</p>	Not costed

#	Recommendation	Priority	Indicative Budget
41	<p>Scenic Rim will continue to be a popular home for hard-to-locate activities that have been (or are likely to be) affected by urban encroachment in other parts of South East Queensland. The following is a list of existing examples of how the Scenic Rim has benefited (or will) from these activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wyaralong Dam Recreation Master Plan identifies a number of outdoor recreation opportunities that will be located on the SEQ Water site. The mountain bike tracks, horse and pedestrian trails and other recreation activities will provide new opportunities in the area. 2. The SEQ Council of Mayors have recently invested in land for the purpose of developing a regional trail bike facility. This facility will go some way in meeting demand from local riders. 3. Gold Coast Kart Club are seeking land to build an international kart facility. The Club are negotiating land options currently. 4. Canungra Hang and Paragliding Club uses a number of sites to launch from across the ranges. <p>Protecting these activities in the future will be important. Council should consider a number of planning scheme amendments that aim to protect these interests, including developing a precinct for these activities.</p>	High	Not costed
42	Encourage and seek shared use of fields, club facilities and resources between sport and recreation organisations amongst others (e.g. schools, community hall management groups).	High	Staff time and resources
43	Investigate and trial different delivery strategies for outlying communities (e.g. bus for one off events; deliver activities from other town centres).	Medium	Staff time and grants
44	<p>Ensure the open space network meets the needs of the current and future population and provide clear forward direction for parkland provision. Review existing open space plans and coordinate the consolidation of these plans to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure that standards for Council parks (size, quality, location and embellishment) are included in the Planning Scheme to ensure adequate provision of open space and appropriate park embellishments, particularly for emerging residential areas around the Scenic Rim. • develop a park infrastructure asset register and parkland service performance criteria to ensure appropriate and cost effective management and servicing. 	Medium	Staff time
45	<p>Community halls provide spaces for many sport and recreation pursuits. A review of all community halls in consultation with hall management committees should occur and must consider (amongst others):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • usage • asset condition • proximity to other community halls • expertise of management • costs impacting on management's ability to maintain operations (eg public liability insurance) • social benefit indication. <p>Based on the outcomes of the review, establish a set of desirable outcomes and performance criteria for hall usage and management. This should be reviewed and updated bi-annually to ensure Council's understanding of issues and costs impacting on hall management committees remains current.</p> <p>Develop strategic options for consolidation, rationalisation or reuse of community halls, or changes to the management of community halls. Ensure funding/grant support for facility improvements reflects these priorities and plans.</p>	Medium	Staff time and resources

OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

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Scenic Rim Regional Council engaged the services of ROSS Planning to develop a 10 year sport and recreation plan for the local government area.

Scenic Rim Regional Council is young due to the realignment of local government area boundaries in 2008. Scenic Rim is an amalgamation of Beaudesert and Boonah Shire Councils with some amendments: a portion of the northern part of Beaudesert Shire (Jimboomba, Flagstone area is now part of Logan City Council), the area of Tamborine Mountain that was once part of Gold Coast City Council is now part of the Scenic Rim, and areas of Harrisville and Peak Crossing that were part of Ipswich City Council are also now part of Scenic Rim. A map of the area is shown at Figure 1.

Prior to amalgamation, each area 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. pool entry 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, Scenic Rim 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, many are starting to cite these differences and are calling for equitable treatment.

Sport and recreation is important to Council and to the communities that make the Scenic Rim. Council has a number of existing plans that delve into this area. The Boonah Shire Sport and Recreation Plan, completed in 2005 is the most recent and much of the information presented in that Plan is relevant. However, most other planning work undertaken by Council (incorporating the former local government areas) is either no longer appropriate or requires review. It is now an opportune time to reassess the sport and recreation opportunities across the Region and develop one coordinated approach for the future.

Figure 1: Map of Scenic Rim



Objectives

The objectives of this project, as established in the Project Brief issued to consultants, was:

1. “to enhance the quality of life for residents of, and visitors to Scenic Rim through the ongoing improvement of sport and recreation opportunities including facilities and participation program, services and opportunities
2. to provide a vision, strategy, rationale and plan for sport and recreation development and use for the next ten (10) years
3. to ensure that new sport & recreation facilities complement existing and future population structures and land users
4. to ensure that the community is well informed in relation to the types of sport and recreation opportunities available within the region
5. to ensure a diverse and equitable provision of sport and recreation opportunities are provided and protected for the Scenic Rim
6. to provide a plan which is consistent with the provisions of the new Integrated Planning Act (now Sustainable Planning Act 2009) and the Council’s Corporate and Strategic Plans”.

Study Approach

The above objectives have driven the approach used to deliver this Scenic Rim Regional Sport and Recreation Plan.

The study approach used has been to:

- inspect facilities where sport and recreation is undertaken
- inspect parks and walking paths
- meet with sport and recreation clubs in the Region
- meet with various community groups
- meet with Council Officers and Councillors interested in the Plan
- develop a draft Sport and Recreation Plan.

Information from sport and recreation providers across the Region are the views of these organisations. It is important they are represented accordingly. However, it must be noted that they are not the views of Council, the consultant or the Steering Committee charged with developing this Plan.

At this point, the draft Sport and Recreation Plan will go on public display. Submissions will be received and amendments made where the Steering Committee and the consultants agree that it improves the Plan.

The final sport and Recreation Plan will then be presented to Scenic Rim Regional Council for adoption.

BACKGROUND RESEARCH

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Literature Review

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 Sport and Recreation Plan.

A number of documents were reviewed as part of the development of this Plan. These included:

- Scenic Rim Corporate Plan 2009-2014
- Scenic Rim Operational Plan 2009-2010
- Boonah Shire Ten Year Sport and Recreation Plan 2005
- Tamborine Mountain District Sport and Recreation Complex Master Plan
- Beaudesert Shire Recreation Plan 1995
- Wyaralong Dam Project Draft Recreation Master Plan
- Beaudesert Local Government Area Urban Open Space Strategy
- Beaudesert Town Outline Structure Plan
- Bromelton Outline Structure Plan.

Information in these documents has been considered in all stages of developing this Plan. In addition, a number of smaller documents and supporting information has been considered including trends in sport, recreation and physical activity.

Scenic Rim 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.

Sport and recreation do not receive significant coverage in the Corporate Plan, however, under the heading of *Community Development and Well-Being* a key outcome is “*our communities are vibrant and healthy; we have a strong sense of pride and a feeling of belonging within our region; we celebrate our heritage; and have access to diverse cultural and leisure opportunities*”. There are six strategic actions proposed to address this outcome, ones relating to sport and recreation are:

- build the community’s capacity to respond to their needs and aspirations while also delivering programs and supporting events that promote active participation across all sections of our community
- identify, plan and respond to the sport, recreation and leisure needs of our region by providing and maintaining appropriate facilities and open space, and supporting a range of programs that will foster a healthy and active community
- deliver public health and safety risk management initiatives, education and healthy lifestyle programs that promote and support a safe and healthy living environment.

Methods to measure these strategies is achieved by:

- surveying residents satisfaction with facilities and services offered by Council
- Council’s capital investment in community development facilities per capita.

Boonah Shire Ten Year Sport and Recreation Plan

The Boonah Shire Ten Year Sport and Recreation Plan was completed by Strategic Leisure in 2005. The Plan provides a comprehensive list of recommendations to increase and improve access to a range of sport and recreation opportunities for the former local government area. The plan also includes an assessment of open space. Much of the information recorded in the Boonah Plan has been used as a base for the consultation component of this Plan.

Tamborine Mountain Sport Planning

Over many years, the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association in conjunction with the local community and Council have investigated (and now funded) the development of the Tamborine District Sport and Recreation Complex (Long Road Sports Complex). The Tamborine Mountain District Sport and Recreation Complex Master Plan was prepared by John Wood Consultancy in July 2007 and follows many years of planning in relation to land determination and options. The vision for this proposal is for 'a high quality, attractive sport and recreation park which will become a major focus for sporting, recreational and social activities for the Tamborine Mountain community'. The site is approximately 15 hectares and when completed will include:

- joint-use clubhouse
- aquatic centre
- adventure playground and skate facility
- 3 senior fields and 2 junior fields
- 1 AFL/cricket oval (shared with one senior field)
- 4 hard courts and 2 grass courts
- car parking
- walking tracks.

Beautesert Shire Recreation Plan

The Beautesert Shire Recreation Plan (1998, Sinclair Knight Merz in conjunction with EDAW) was intended to direct the future planning, development and management of recreation opportunities within Beautesert Shire. By identifying the existing and future recreation needs and available resources within the Shire, twelve broad strategies were recommended:

1. Informal recreation opportunities to meet existing and future needs.
2. Encourage formal sport facilities to meet existing and future needs.
3. Provide accessible, formal and informal recreation and social opportunities for young people.
4. Encourage optimum utilisation of existing recreation infrastructure, including school-based facilities.
5. Encourage the establishment of suitable facilities for walking, jogging and cycling.
6. Encourage the establishment of horse and pony riding trails.
7. Encourage suitable nature-based recreation, tourism and eco-tourism opportunities in areas with natural values.
8. Encourage better management of recreational activities in areas with environmental values.
9. Encourage water based and land based water enhanced recreation opportunities on and along the banks of existing waterways.
10. Foster a high level of community awareness of opportunities.
11. Encourage the community to become involved in the planning and management of opportunities.
12. Encourage better coordination between land management agencies in planning, developing and managing existing recreation resources, particularly the natural areas in the southern parts of the Shire.

As a consequence of the age of the Beautesert Recreation Plan and the amalgamation in 2008, the Plan is no longer relevant as many areas previously in Beautesert Shire Council are not part of the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Wyaralong Dam Recreation Master Plan

Wyaralong Dam is under construction at the time of writing. The recreation master plan for Wyaralong Dam, by Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (2009), concentrates on accommodating a range of sport and recreation opportunities for South East Queensland - both water and land-based. These include a range of trails for cycling, mountain bike riding, horse-riding and pedestrian use, kayaking and canoeing (and other non-motorised water-based activities), orienteering and rogaining, fishing, bushwalking, picnicking and camping.

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 assist in quantifying likely future demand and in prioritising land/facility developments.

Scenic Rim Regional Council covers an area of approximately 425,400 hectares and includes the major towns of Beaudesert and Boonah and Tamborine Mountain and the smaller townships of Canungra, Rathdowney, Kalbar, Aratula, Kooralbyn, Peak Crossing and Harrisville. The population in 2006 was 32,907 people.

Projected population growth for the Scenic Rim Regional Council area is significant, however, most of the growth is likely to occur in small pockets of the Region. Using the State Government's Population and Information Forecasting Unit's medium series population predictions by 2031, the population is expected to reach approximately 71,042 people, an increase of around 38,000 people. It is anticipated that this growth will occur mainly in Beaudesert and Kooralbyn and may be partly attributed to the significant industrial development at Bromelton.

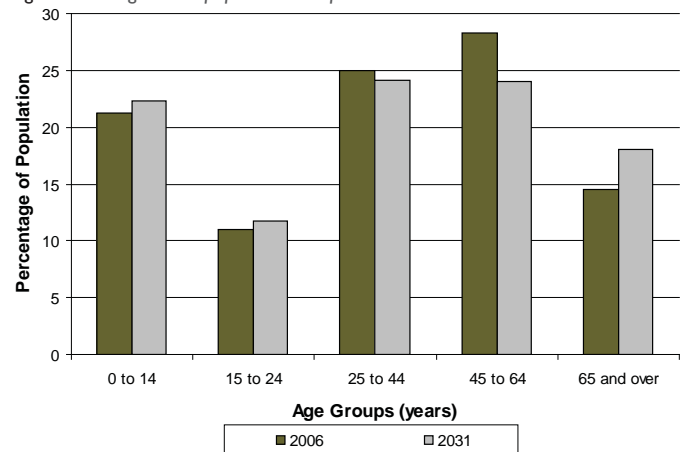
The anticipated changes to the different age cohorts between 2006 and 2031 are shown in Figure 2. There is a slight decrease in the number of children and young people and an increase in those aged 65+ years. This should guide Council in the planning of appropriate facilities and programs. By 2031, it is projected that almost one-fifth of the population of the Council area will be over 65 years of age.

Ageing 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-oriented 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.

A summary of the population characteristics for the region can be found in the Table 1.

Figure 2: Change in the population composition to 2031



Source: Population and Housing Fact Sheet, August 2009

Table 1: Demographic profile for Scenic Rim Regional Council local government area

Characteristic	Beaudesert	Tamborine (and surrounds)	Boonah	Kooralbyn	Canungra	Kalbar	Scenic Rim Local Govt Area	QLD
Number of People	4,723	6,529	2,281	1,081	724	713	32,431	N/A
Age Profile								
Aged 0 to 4	5.8%	5.3%	6.2%	5.9%	6.3%	9.4%	5.9%	6.6%
Aged 5 to 14	16.0%	13.1%	12.9%	13.4%	17.9%	13.8%	15.2%	14.1%
Aged 15 to 24	12.1%	8.3%	11.0%	10.3%	11.2%	11.7%	10.5%	13.8%
Aged 25 to 44	24.1%	21.7%	19.1%	23.4%	27.4%	24.9%	24.2%	28.2%
Aged 45 to 64	24.0%	34.0%	23.9%	32.6%	26.3%	24.3%	28.9%	25.0%
Aged 65 to 74	8.5%	10.9%	11.0%	9.5%	6.6%	9.6%	8.7%	6.6%
Aged 75 and over	9.4%	6.9%	15.9%	4.9%	4.1%	6.5%	6.6%	5.7%
Median Age*	39	46	46	42	35	36	40	36
Ethnicity and Cultural Diversity								
Identifies as Indigenous	6.5%	0.8%	1.4%	0.6%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	3.3%
Born in Australia	85.8%	68.3%	85.4%	69.8%	80.5%	87.0%	80.5%	75.2%
Born Elsewhere	8.2%	26.1%	7.8%	24.5%	15.9%	7.3%	14.1%	17.9%
Speaks only English at home	93.5%	90.4%	93.1%	89.5%	95.6%	93.4%	92.5%	86.4%
Speaks language other than English at home	2.0%	5.0%	1.8%	6.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.7%	7.8%
Household Composition and Income								
Family households	68.0%	74.6%	66.0%	72.3%	74.6%	73.2%	76.3%	72.7%
Lone person households	29.2%	22.7%	32.2%	23.6%	22.4%	24.9%	21.6%	22.8%
Other households	2.7%	2.6%	1.8%	4.1%	3.0%	1.9%	2.1%	4.5%
Mean Household Size *	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5
Household income under \$350 per week	25.4%	16.1%	26.4%	21.3%	19.1%	24.2%	17.6%	15.1%
Household income under \$500 per week	33.6%	23.0%	38.2%	33.9%	27.6%	29.5%	25.3%	20.6%
Family Composition								
Couples without children	39.9%	51.2%	48.4%	51.1%	38.8%	44.6%	44.5%	39.2%
Couples with children	36.5%	34.2%	35.3%	35.0%	40.3%	36.4%	41.1%	43.3%
One parent families	21.0%	14.4%	14.5%	12.3%	20.9%	17.4%	13.3%	15.9%
Other families	2.7%	0.2%	1.8%	1.6%	0.0%	1.5%	1.1%	1.7%
Highest level of Schooling								
Year 12 or equivalent	30.4%	49.8%	31.6%	40.6%	40.3%	37.6%	37.7%	45.9%
Year 10 or equivalent	34.4%	30.1%	30.3%	34.0%	30.4%	33.9%	34.0%	29.9%
Year 8 or below	17.3%	4.9%	21.3%	6.1%	8.4%	16.6%	11.7%	8.2%
Did not go to school	0.4%	0.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Other Characteristics								
People needing assistance with core activities	6.3%	4.1%	6.6%	6.2%	3.9%	4.2%	4.7%	4.2%
Males undertaking volunteer work	10.1%	11.8%	12.2%	8.6%	8.6%	12.4%	10.8%	8.4%
Females undertaking volunteer work	15.0%	16.3%	17.3%	10.4%	12.0%	18.0%	14.9%	11.9%
People undertaking volunteer work	25.1%	28.2%	29.4%	19.0%	20.6%	30.4%	25.7%	20.3%
Dwellings with an internet connection	42.7%	72.4%	42.6%	67.2%	59.3%	49.6%	59.7%	64.8%
Dwellings with no motor vehicle	11.4%	2.8%	14.0%	3.2%	5.9%	6.5%	4.7%	8.2%
Dwellings with one or more motor vehicles	88.6%	97.2%	86.0%	96.8%	94.1%	93.5%	95.3%	91.8%

Source: ABS 2006 Basic Community Profile (Release 1) cat no: 2069.0.30.001. The figures are an aggregate of the census collection districts that most closely align with the boundaries of these areas.

*The median age and mean household size for each area was calculated by averaging the reported statistics of each census collection district making up the area. Whilst not precise, it provides a point of comparison to that of the Region and Queensland.

Trends in Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity

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 the sporting clubs in the Scenic Rim 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 Scenic Rim Region where there is currently a high need for additional indoor sports facilities and year-round access to fields.

Recreation and Physical Activity

Factors such as age, gender and family lifestyle 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:

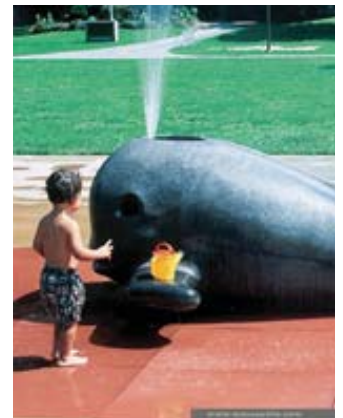
- **Physical form**—the play area needs to be adapted to the physical landscape (rocks, trees, and gullies) and supplemented by man-made variations (mounds, bridges, platforms). It can beneficially reflect the local sense of place or identity.
- **Child and adult participants**—consider the local demographics 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 recreation 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 Scenic Rim 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.

Physical Activity

Physical activity is defined as any bodily movement produced by the muscles that result in energy expenditure. The National Physical Activity Guidelines specify the minimum amount of physical activity required to maintain a healthy lifestyle:

For adults:

- think of movement as an opportunity, not an inconvenience
- be active every day in as many ways as you can for at least 30 minutes
- enjoy some additional vigorous activity for extra health and fitness.

For older adults:

- be active everyday for at least 30 minutes, doing a range of physical activities that incorporate fitness, strength, balance and flexibility.

For children aged 0 to 5 years:

- physical activity should be encouraged since birth – floor based movements
- toddlers and pre-schoolers should be physical for a least three hours through out the day
- children aged 2 – 5 years should spend no more than one hour per day watching television or using other electronic media, while children younger than 2 years of age should not partake in any at all.

For children aged 5 to 12 years and adolescents:

- at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity every day
- children aged 5 – 12 years should not spend more than two hours a day watching television or using other electronic media.

There is accumulating evidence on the physical, economic, social and environmental benefits of a physically active community.

Physical Benefits

Physical inactivity accounts for approximately 8,000 deaths per year in Australia, making it the third largest modifiable risk factor contributing to disease and injury in women and fifth in men. Physical activity directly impacts on all of the major anatomical systems and minimises the risk of arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions, asthma, cancer, cardiovascular health, diabetes mellitus, injury prevention and control, mental health and obesity.

Economic Benefits

Economically, there a huge cost saving associated with physical activity. Strong evidence also suggests that community based physical activity interventions are important and cost effective way of reducing chronic disease compared to pharmaceutical intervention or no intervention at all. In 2006-07 the estimated direct cost of physical inactivity in Australia was \$1,494 million.

Social Benefits

Participation in physical activity provides specific social benefits, especially for children and older adults. Some benefits include;

- increased social cohesion
- improved social/community networks and social capital
- improved family and community connectedness and,
- some evidence for reductions in perceived and objectively measured crime rates.

Environmental Benefits

A person's neighbourhood and the availability of well connected footpaths and bicycle paths impacts on their physical activity participation. Focusing on active transport, environmental benefits include;

- reduction in air pollution and green house gases
- reduction in stress on road and infrastructure
- improvement of local neighbourhoods.

As levels of participation continue to decline it is important governments recognise the community benefits associated with physical activity and adopt a whole-community approach to promoting it.


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CONSULTATION

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Extensive consultation was undertaken to understand the wants, needs and desires for sport and recreation in the community.

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 Plan.

Broadly, consultation was undertaken with:

- general community
- young people—consulted through activities in school classrooms, bmx demonstrations and discussions with providers/key stakeholders (e.g. school principals)
- sport and recreation providers—sport club specific survey, three sports forums and interviews/discussions
- major facility providers—interviews and discussions with key facility managers such as the swimming pool managers
- other key stakeholders—interviews and discussions with various agencies, Councillors and Council staff.

In addition, the results of the consultation undertaken for the Scenic Rim Social Plan pertinent to this Plan have been included.

Results of the consultation undertaken are detailed below.

Consultation relating to the whole of the local government area is found at the beginning of this chapter; however, the remainder of the consultation has been organised between the major areas of the Region.

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.

- partnerships are likely to be very important for the future provision of sport and recreation across the Region
- there is a preference to concentrate on higher level of facilities in centralised areas, this includes sports facilities as well as parks
- the cost of maintaining many parks is excessive when considering some have limited use. Councillors (generally) would be prepared to consider park rationalisation if the revenue raised is channelled back into park and sport facility upgrades
- parks should be “relevant” for the local community rather than Council worrying about the quantity of parks
- walking tracks and the development of trails are important to local community and tourists
- each town is different with differing characteristics, values and priorities and it will be important for Council to consider and appreciate this
- it is assumed that motorbike ownership by young people is high, however, Council is unsure what role it should play in providing

facilities/opportunities for this activity. This includes concerns over regulating illegal trail bike riding

- the development of Wyaralong Dam will go a long way to address future recreation needs of the area
- natural areas in the Region provide many recreation opportunities
- there is a desire to have a common policy to deal with management/tenure of land used for sport and recreation, this policy needs to be fair and equitable across the Region and needs to consider different features/needs of towns
- some areas require more land to accommodate the demand for sport
- most of the maintenance of existing sports facilities is charged to community organisations
- opportunity is there to increase cooperation and coordination between clubs and sports.

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

- in some areas there are few public owned community facilities and thus rely heavily on the private sector
- there is competition between many sports in (and across) the region
- generally, the equestrian sports work well together and positively promote the Scenic Rim
- private organisations provide a lot of the recreation opportunities in the Region
- 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
- more training may be needed for community organisations so that succession plan occurs and that these organisations can be self-sustaining in the long term
- prefer to support Clubs that can demonstrate they have ability to manage facilities to a high standard and are able to financially contribute to any proposed facility upgrades.

Council Officers

Interviews and discussions were held with a number of Council staff throughout the development of this Plan.

Sports Organisations

Extensive consultation was conducted with sport and recreation providers. Much of the detailed and qualitative information from these discussions can be found in Appendix One. The purpose of the consultation was to identify:

- membership details and trends
- current usage of facilities
- levels of satisfaction with existing facilities
- essential facility needs
- ranking of issues affecting the organisation.

This section, however, summarises the key issues that sport and recreation providers faced.

Membership Trends

Very interestingly, that there was a even split between growth, static and decline of membership across all the respondents. There were few consistent messages from Clubs when asked about membership details and plans for the future. Some Clubs have been active in trialling new ways to encourage membership while others continued using tried and tested means.

Other aspects that respondents reported as influencing their membership trends were:

- members wanted better facilities
- clash of seasons between sports
- cost of participating (although it is noted that the vast majority of respondents just cover costs to keep membership as low as possible).

Facility Use, Satisfaction and Needs

The use of facilities, satisfaction with facilities and future facility needs was a major focus for sport and recreation providers. Significantly more information can be found in Appendix One.

More than half of the respondents indicated that existing facilities did not meet their future needs in providing quality sport and recreation opportunities (see Figure 3). Ancillary facilities such as club houses, storage areas, toilets and access to the facilities were often more urgent for the respondents to focus on than playing surfaces, new fields and so on. The costs associated with the high priority upgrades required varied greatly between respondents.

Issues for Clubs

The sporting and recreation organisations were asked to respond to a number of statements to indicate the impact that a specific issue has on their club. The results are shown in Figure 4.

The number one issue for sport and recreation providers surveyed for this Plan was the ongoing costs of maintaining the venue for their activity. This was followed by difficulty in accessing grant funding and the declining number of volunteers.

Another matter that Clubs felt passionately about relates to a perception that providers in other communities have better (different) support from Council. However, many recognised that this assumption was based on rumours and the quality of facilities in other communities without a firm understanding of the nature of the associated organisation.

There was a diverse response regarding the need and interest in training for executive, volunteers and officials.

Only a small portion of the respondents indicated having a club strategic plan, club development plan or risk management plan.

Figure 3: Satisfaction with facilities

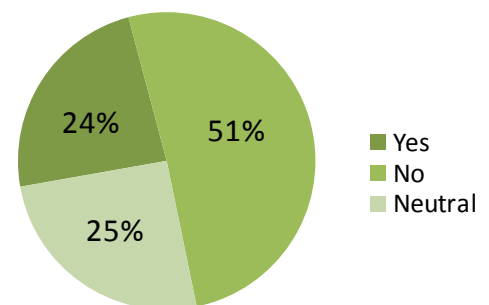


Figure 4: Issues affecting sport and recreation providers



General Community

As the Scenic Rim Social Plan was developed at the same time as the Sport and Recreation Plan, consultation with the general public happened simultaneously. This included community surveys, forums, individual interviews and workshops with small groups. The purpose was to gain a greater understanding of the current and emerging issues facing the Region. Feedback about the present strengths and weaknesses concerning sport and recreation are summarised below:

- there is limited (in some cases non-existent) public transport services within the Region. This is promoting the use of private motor vehicles, creating busy and unsafe streets for pedestrians and cyclists, especially on weekends. Also, many young and elderly people do not have access to a motor vehicle
- the demographic variations in population growth around the Region are affecting volunteer numbers. Many of the community and sporting groups rely on volunteers but with residents commuting to Logan, Brisbane or the Gold Coast many do not have the time
- facilities within the Region do not cater for the ageing population or activities are limited to those that provide a courtesy bus service
- lack of entertainment and activities for young adults
- towns and schools have good sporting facilities but they are not utilised to their full potential or have limited access
- there is a lack of knowledge of what sport, recreation and physical activities are available in resident's local towns or when events are held in neighbouring towns
- residents acknowledge they are surrounded by a picturesque environment and wish to embrace their surroundings via physical activity.

More information on the consultation relating to individual community can be found under each community heading in this chapter.

Young People

School Visits

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 three 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 would develop for the community if each won Gold Lotto.

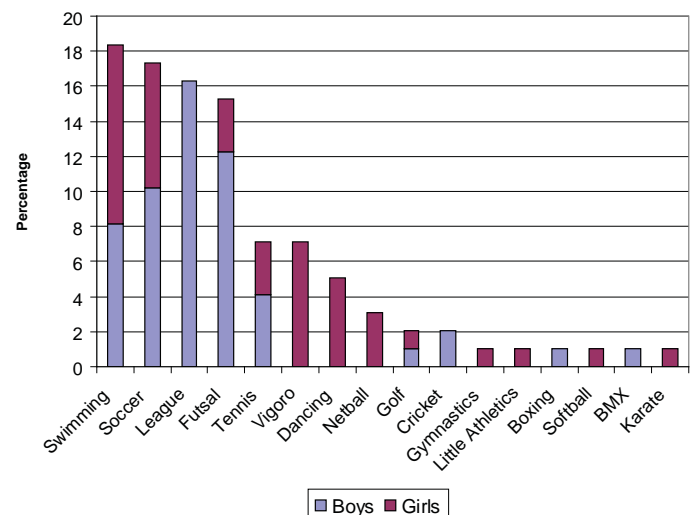
To provide results that could be compared across the Region, in primary schools, Year 4 or 5 classes were targeted while in secondary schools Year 9 or 10 classes were spoken to.

Participation in Club Sport

More than 50% of students surveyed participated in club sport outside the school sport system. Not surprisingly, primary school aged students had higher participation levels across many sports. This coincides with national and State trends. Many reported that their parents drive them to nearby towns or outside the local government area (to Gold Coast, Logan or Ipswich) to be part of their chosen sport.

Interestingly, unlike many regional communities, participation by girls was as wide ranging as for boys. In general, rugby league, futsal

Figure 5: Participation distribution across sports by sex



and football (soccer) are the preferred sports for boys, followed by swimming, tennis and cricket. Girls, on the other hand, had a much more equal spread of sporting interests. Swimming, football (soccer) and vigoro were amongst the most popular, followed closely by dance, futsal, tennis and netball.

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

Another important finding from the in-class survey was the decline in formal sport played by high-school aged students, particularly for girls. 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.

A snapshot of the range of sports played across the area is presented in Figure 5.

Sport and Recreation Likes

In towns with pools and skate parks, these are favourites for young people. In addition to local pools and skate parks, many young people enjoy riding their bikes and motorbikes (or quad bikes). A staggering 63% of students surveyed owned a motorbike or quad-bike, even though there is not a formal club or facility available for them to ride legally in the public domain.

Students also accessed many of the outdoor recreation facilities and natural settings. Swimming at water holes or lakes, bush walking, fishing and rock climbing were all activities that were commonly suggested by students as activities they actively enjoyed.

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).

Free-to-use activities at local parks were deemed the most appropriate way to improve sport and recreation. A focus on the upgrades of facilities in parks was around more challenging play for people of all ages. Many students also wanted more pathways for walking and cycling and shade in parks.

In Boonah, the primary school aged students focused on access to the community pool at the high school and the wish to have more water play elements. The high school students wanted to have a gym with cardio equipment.

At Tamborine Mountain, the students collectively agreed that they would prefer to invest in the local pool, to have more shade and to increase its operating season.

Beaudesert students focused more on improving the facilities in parks and running free activities and events.

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.

Nine schools responded to the survey. The following is a summary of the responses received.

School Use of Community Facilities

75% of responding schools make use of some community sports facilities. The exceptions were school in rural areas where the school grounds were the only sports facilities in each of the towns.

The range of use of community sports facilities varied, however, many of the school depended on fields and courts outside their grounds for school sport.

Satisfaction Rating and Suggested Improvements

Less than half of the schools were satisfied (42% satisfied and no respondents reporting they were 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:

- upgrading of field and court surfaces
- development of a multi-court indoor facility
- development of a cycling/running track in (or near) Beaudesert
- development of new pool at Tamborine Mountain (50m/8lane)
- access to courts (tennis, basketball) at Tamborine Mountain (currently use private facilities at motels)
- more promotion of sport and recreation facilities and opportunities.

Community Use of School Facilities

Almost all of the schools indicated that they made their sporting facilities available for community use. These facilities include pools, tennis courts, cricket practice nets, outdoor basketball and netball courts (or multi-purpose courts) and sporting fields/ovals.

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
- Education Queensland risk management policies.

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 Table 2. A number of schools indicated that the proposals were dependent on securing funding. Additional sport and recreation capital items may be built at schools across the Region, this list has solely been based on the information supplied by respondents and access to the limited information available from the internet.

Table 2: Proposed new sport and recreation facilities to be built at schools

School	Proposed Development
Rathdowney State School	Indoor sports hall New Resource Centre
Mount Alford State School	New hall and long jump pit
Tamborine Mountain State High School	Indoor multi-purpose court
Maroon State School	Resource centre
Veresdale Scrub State School	Hall
St Mary's, Beaudesert	Hall
Canungra State School	Multi-purpose hall
Beaudesert State School	Multi-purpose hall/sports centre
Aratula State School	Multi-purpose hall
Boonah State School	Multi-purpose hall
Kalbar State School	Multi-purpose hall
All Saints School	Multi-purpose hall

Many of the above facilities are being developed in 2010 under the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution funding program.

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 issues in Table 3 to be addressed.

Table 3: Path recommendations to improve student travel to school

School	Bikeway Issues
Mutdapilly State School	There are no walk/cycle opportunities in Mutdapilly.
Beechmont State School	A new path is needed from McGinnes Estate to Graceleigh Park and also from "The High Country" to Graceleigh Park.
Beauesert State High School	From the High School to the town centre (Brisnae Street/ Helen Street) and at the back of the school property a new path is needed along Birnam Street.
Tamborine Mountain State High School	More off-road bike ways are needed particularly along Holt Road, Hartley Road and Long Road.
Rathdowney State School	Extend the footpath from Maryann's Gully to the school. Extend path north along Mount Lindsay Highway. Install a pedestrian crossing across the Highway near the Memorial Grounds.

Issues for Young People

Schools identified a range of key needs and issues for young people and the wider community. Table 4 summarises the needs outlined by location.

Table 4: Issues for young people as indicated by schools

Location	Need/Issue
Beauesert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No indoor venues Lack of dedicated volunteers to run events Lack of government assistance
Tamborine Mountain (and surrounds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of lighting and access to fields/recreation area at night Transport costs for students to be involved in sports
Rathdowney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skate/rollerblade/bike circuit. Lighting at the Memorial Grounds to encourage extended use at night
Beechmont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A skate park
Mutdapilly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of recreation opportunities for children in this area. Event such as Blue Light Discos would be popular.

BMX Demonstrations and Workshops

An innovative approach to engaging the young people of the Region involved a high energy entertainment event at three 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 three locations chosen were Beaudesert, Boonah and Canungra skate facilities.

Good attendances were attained at each of the workshops. Over 220 people attended the displays across the three events. This was an overwhelmingly positive response from the community.

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.

Overall, there were some consistent themes from the discussions and from the survey results. This primarily being that local skate facilities and pools were consistently seen as the most important sport and recreation opportunities for young people. Therefore, access to, and improvements of, these facilities were commonly cited as the most important message the young people wanted Council to acknowledge and plan for.

More information about the feedback from young people at each of these events can be found in the consultation for each town.

Key Stakeholders

Sport and Recreation Services (Department of Communities)

Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) is responsible for developing and supporting opportunities for Queenslanders to participate in sport and active recreation. Much of the agency's portfolio is the administration and management of grants for sport and recreation.

At a local level, advisors from SRS offer advice and support for local government. Information from advisors regarding issues and priorities to be addressed in this Plan include:

- access to, and promotion of, outdoor recreation within the Scenic Rim
- needs to be coordination of a regional outdoor recreation strategy between Councils in the region
- Council's ability to plan and fund opportunities should be explored, a lack of resources may eventuate in projects being delayed or potentially not actioned at all
- hard-to-locate sports are looking for opportunities, the demand is within the local government area as well as from outside (Gold Coast)
- equestrian sports and activities have historically been important and this trend is thought to continue
- maintenance and management of existing facilities is important and should be addressed through a condition audit
- Council's communication and policies relating to leasing and land tenure should reflect best practice
- there may be un-met sport and recreation demand at Logan and the Gold Coast that potentially could be met in the Scenic Rim
- access to pools are important to communities and it is not known what future upgrades/intentions Council has to improve this
- SRS can offer training and workshops locally but needs to know what Clubs and providers need

Figure 6 :Tim Wood display at Boonah



- it is not known what specific sport and recreation needs exist for specific groups such as Indigenous peoples
- walk and cycleway linkages and connections should be improved to encourage active transport
- access to physical activity opportunities should be addressed through a Physical Activity Strategy
- Council should assist in the facilitation of community access to schools
- Council should identify how this Plan will be measured, reviewed and evaluated.

Regional Sport School

School sport for Scenic Rim is divided between two different Education Queensland Regional Sport Districts - Metropolitan West (Ipswich) and South Coast (Gold Coast). Some schools within Scenic Rim are not covered by a school sports district. The divide between the school sport districts potentially reflect how families travel, however, it means an inconsistent approach to school sport provision across the local government area.

In June/July 2010, Education Queensland propose to realign their boundaries to fit in with the changes to local government areas. Whilst this will go some way in improving communication between Council and Education Queensland in relation to education matters, it is not yet known if these boundary changes will affect the regional school sport districts.

Queensland Health

Queensland Health aims to support Queenslanders to attain a healthier lifestyle and address preventable acute and chronic health conditions.

In the Scenic Rim Region, the Health Promotion Team services consist of development and implementation of health programs in collaboration with government and non-government sectors. Additionally, the team advocates for health promotion practice and influence partnerships and collaborations to support population health outcomes.

A number of partnerships with the Scenic Rim Regional Council and other physical activity providers exist. For example, a walking circuit network is being developed in partnership with the Council. Stainless plate distance markers have been created for placement every 200m on designated walking circuits in Boonah, Beaudesert and Canungra. A series of walking maps are being developed to complement these circuits. A signage network will be added in the future. The team is contributing to the development of the Sport and Recreation Plan and the Social Health Plan. Other initiatives have included:

- work with Beaudesert Council – pedometers are in the Beaudesert Library available for Beaudesert residents to loan
- with Boonah (West Moreton Public Health Unit) to get the 10,000 Steps program started.

In order for the Scenic Rim Council to assist in achieving the Towards Q2: Tomorrows Queensland target to 'cut by one-third obesity, smoking, heavy drinking and unsafe sun exposure' by 2020, Council may need to investigate opportunities for providing incidental activity for its residents and visitors. Achievement of this target requires physical activity action and a key area that would provide effective outcomes in the future are related to the physical environment. Areas that stand out are where there are connectivity issues between town centres and areas of interest and residential areas. Generally, walking paths could be made safer and more attractive encouraging people to use them. Additionally, using Councils assets and open spaces to get people moving through activity programs and events is a low cost effective way to promote community cohesiveness and healthy living.

Beaurecare

Beaurecare is a not-for-profit organisation that supports and aims to maximise disadvantaged peoples quality of life. Services provided include: child care, family support, youth development, community development and support services for the frail aged and people with a disability.

Factors constraining people's access to sport and recreation locally are considered: the lack of public transport and the cost. Additionally, it is not known how existing sport and recreation opportunities provide for the culturally diverse profile of the region, in particular in Beaudesert.

Beaurecare have recently undertaken a survey to assess the sport and recreation demands for Kooralbyn. The results from this body of work can be found in the consultation section for Kooralbyn (see page 38).

Queensland Water Infrastructure - Wyaralong Dam

The proposed Wyaralong Dam will provide additional sport and recreation opportunities in the area. Discussions with the project management of the construction and consultation process, Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI), occurred in relation to the range of opportunities that are likely to be provided and any foreseen difficulties for the future. All elements in the Recreation Master Plan (see page 13) will be implemented in the construction stage of the project. Of the total budget, \$4million has been allocated for recreation components. Of this amount, \$3million will be spent on construction and \$1million spent on operational and maintenance whilst the Dam remains in the care of QWI.

Opportunities exist in relation to ongoing management, once the project management team vacate the site. The Dam will be ultimately owned/managed by SEQ Water, however, Council will be invited to be part of discussions to be involved in the decision making processes. It will be important that Council actively engages with QWI in relation to the ongoing management of the facility, especially in relation to the formal recreation components of the Plan. This may require detailed investigation into tenure and management models that Council has not been part of previously.

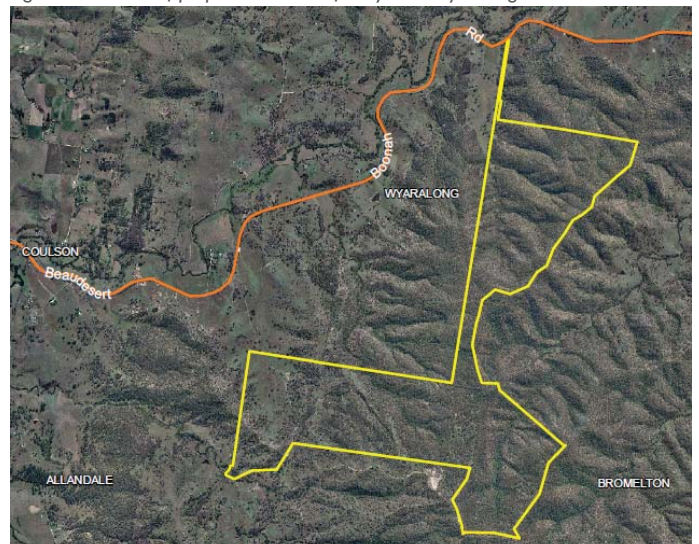
SEQ Council of Mayors - Proposed Trail Bike Facility

The Queensland Government and South East Queensland (SEQ) local governments have committed to spend up to \$4 million (including cost of land) to build the first south east Queensland dedicated trail bike facility near Wyaralong Dam, Beaudesert. The SEQ Council of Mayors, through the SEQ Trail Bikes Taskforce, has supported this initiative. The State has committed \$1.5million worth of land and a further \$1million to develop the site while the Council of Mayors (SEQ) will make a capital contribution to get the site operational.

Off-road trail bike riding is a legitimate recreation pursuit that is becoming increasingly popular in Queensland, however, illegal trail bike riding is a major issue in suburbs throughout Queensland and especially the south east, and this new facility will give people a place to ride their motorbikes legally. The facility is located near Wyaralong Dam (currently under construction) and its proposed activities are expected to attract significant visitors and economic impact to the Region. The site is 745 hectares of terrain suitable for trail bike riding. The location of the land can be seen as Figure 7.

The project is currently being scoped and the State Planning Regulation is being developed with operations expected to commence in June 2011. An expression of interest process is currently underway for the management of the facility.

Figure 7: Location of proposed trail bike facility near Wyaralong Dam



Beauesert

Beauesert Community Feedback

From the broad consultation undertaken with the community of Beauesert the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- an improved regional and local public transport system that provides regular connecting services to Browns Plains, other major towns in the region and facilities around Beauesert is required
- develop cycling, walking and pony trails along the old railway line
- improve the existing footpaths and cycle paths and ensure that they capture the surrounding scenery
- connect walkways between facilities and schools
- establish a Police Citizens Youth Committee (PCYC) or Drop In Centre for the youth
- re-establish Boystown for basketball and other youth based activities
- there is need for a sport and recreation centre that is affordable and can be used by the whole community
- community organisations need to work more closely with service clubs
- there is need for a community board or newsletter to make people aware of what's going on in the community and neighbouring towns
- the Beauesert Pool should be heated and opened all year round
- develop bike jumps and dirt tracks for youth
- install a skate park that is designed by local young people
- build a basketball court in the park.

Beauesert BMX Display

Young people were provided a number of opportunities to have a say in the development of this Plan, one of which was a BMX display and workshop at Beauesert Skate Facility. Young people that attended were also asked to be part of a survey, the results are presented below.

The following is a snapshot of where the survey recipients at the Beauesert Skate Facility came from:

- Beauesert (21)
- Rathdowney (1)
- Outside the LGA or not listed (5)

It was noted that the average age of participants at this event was much higher than those at the Canungra and Boonah displays. In addition, there was limited female involvement and less participation from the broader community at this event compared to the others conducted. Whilst there was in excess of 70 people at the event we received only 27 acceptable replies to the survey. It was also noted that many of the young people involved in the display cited facilities and events outside the local government area as there favourite places to go and participate in sport and recreation.

Favourite sport and recreation facilities:

- Beauesert skate facility (43%)
- facilities outside Scenic Rim (21%)
- Beauesert pool (17%)
- football (9%).

Worst facilities:

- Beauesert pool (33%)
- Beauesert skate facility (27%)
- parks in Beauesert (13%).

Suggested improvements or priorities for Council to consider:

- upgrade Beauesert skate facility (39%)
- turn lights back on at skate facility (29%)
- more dirt bike jumps (13%)
- more activities for young people (13%).

Beauesert Sports Forum

All known sport and recreation providers in the region were invited to one of three sports forums. This section summarises the results from the forum held at Beauesert.

Positive aspects of sport and recreation in Beauesert:

- variety of sport available
- accessibility of sport (cost effective)
- some excellent facilities (such as cricket at Glen Eagle)
- some sharing of facilities and knowledge between organisations
- many clubs are experiencing growth in membership, particularly juniors.

Negative aspects of sport and recreation in Beauesert:

- lack of one hub for sports to collocate, share resources and promote their sports
- lack of support from businesses, often means regional events are given to other towns
- lack of continuity of volunteers
- many facilities no longer meet changing needs of society eg girls changerooms for soccer, grandstands are generally old, canteens not meeting health regulations
- lack of land for expansion (how do new sports get introduced)
- pool facility is open only half the year, has lack of space and ancillary features
- lack of action regarding trails plan from Council and State
- Jubilee Park is not seen as a safe, family-friendly location.

Priorities that organisations wish to be considered in the development of the Sport and Recreation Plan:

- there is a need for cycling opportunities (on and off road)
- recognise the sports tourism potential of the town/region and find a way to help develop these opportunities
- would prefer some rationalisation of land if it means better facilities being available
- more regional events
- need home for motorbike riders
- hope to have more communication and increased assistance from Council
- upgrade Jubilee Park.

Figure 8: Local participation at the Tim Wood display in Beauesert



Sport and Recreation Providers

There is a range of sport and recreation opportunities in Beaudesert. Many of these are coordinated by formal clubs, associations and private organisations.

Table 5 summarises the key points from the consultation with Beaudesert sport and recreation providers.

Table 5: Summary of consultation with Beaudesert Clubs

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Beaudesert and District Cricket Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everdell Park (regional cricket facility) Selwyn Park Beaudesert State High School 	130 junior members and 80 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of facility at Everdell Park (land to east) Access to water for irrigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting of fields Major upgrades to clubhouse and canteen facilities
Beaudesert Bowls Club	Selwyn Park	190 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve access to the club, in particular car parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light second green.
Beaudesert Cutting and Western Performance Club		200+ members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a Centre at corner of Mount Lindesay Highway and Josephville Road. Land tenure and the infrastructure development have an estimated cost of \$2million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On going development of the Centre
Beaudesert Golf Club	Beaudesert Golf Course	240 playing members and 120 social members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irrigation to fairways. Coaching and development opportunities for juniors 	
Beaudesert Horse and Pony Club	Beaudesert Showgrounds	30 families (15 - 20 juniors) and 8 instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional storage facilities 	
Beaudesert Junior and Senior Rugby League (including touch football)	Willis Park	200 junior members and 50 senior members. Touch has approximately 350 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a club house (including toilets and changerooms) More spectator seating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More shady areas for spectators
Beaudesert Little Athletics	St Marys School	110 junior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term tenure at a suitable site If BLA stays at St Mary's the following issues/upgrades are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access to toilets (closer to oval) storage nets around discus circles more shade to have the running track levelled additional long jump approach. 	
Beaudesert Netball Club	Mavor Park	120 junior members and 80 to 90 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade of five old courts Install lights on unlit courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade of court lighting New amenities block Upgrade canteen. Formalise car parking area
Beaudesert Pistol Club	Glen Eagle Pistol Ranges	50 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overhead buffer system at 50 metre range 	

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Beaudesert Pool		General public plus 300 learn-to-swim students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade to heating • Ancillary features of a community pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undercover pool
Beaudesert Race Club	Beaudesert Racecourse	95 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation of tenure arrangements with DERM and Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed upgrades for the future include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – additional stables – additional tie up stalls – improvements to sewerage system – improve fencing – refurbish the grandstand
Beaudesert Rifle Club	Tabragalba Rifle Range	14 junior members and 105 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure long term tenure at site • Extend range by 200 metres to increase opportunities across shooting disciplines offered • Build a clubhouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase electronic targets and clay throwers • Upgrade the access road
Beaudesert Rodeo Association	Beaudesert Showgrounds	15 members (event attracts 5,000 - 6,000 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of tenure limits funding opportunities the Association can apply for 	
Beaudesert Rugby Union Association	Everdell Park	80 - 100 junior members and 25 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New clubhouse including changerooms • Additional toilets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting of fields • Storage facilities
Beaudesert Scout Group	Beaudesert Scout Den	50 junior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More storage space • Upgrade of the back steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More shade outside • Upgrade to kitchenette
Beaudesert Show Society	Beaudesert Showgrounds	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional seating around the main ring • New amenities at the caravan park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the caravan park
Beaudesert Soccer Club	Selwyn Park	40 junior members and 150 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field 2 (Stratford Field) to be extended to meet regulations • Install lights on Field 2 • Fence Field 1 • Upgrade clubhouse and changeroom facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redesign car parking areas and entry points to Selwyn Park
Beaudesert Swimming Club	Beaudesert Pool	110 junior members and 6 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to all season pool 	
Beaudesert Tennis Club	Selwyn Park	50 junior members and 70 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurface courts 5 and 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace fencing of courts
Selwyn Park Sporting Management Association (representing Beaudesert and District Cricket Association and Beaudesert Soccer Club)	Selwyn Park fields	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrades to changerooms, clubhouse and canteen 	

Details from the consultation can be found at Appendix One.

Boonah

Boonah Community Feedback

From the broad consultation undertaken with the community of Boonah the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- improve public transport system around Boonah connecting facilities and provide access to other regional towns
- establish a major sporting facility
- need a community health organisation that promotes exercise programs
- develop incentives for people to train and encourage local fitness groups
- reinstate the gym
- improve walking and cycling opportunities
- coordinate free activities in the park
- more parks and open space particularly beside Teviot Creek
- work on completing the Ipswich to Boonah Trail
- re-negotiate the operational times of the community swimming pool to allow access inside school hours
- utilise the Community Centre more as it is already a social hub for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Boonah BMX Display

The following is a snapshot of where the survey recipients at the Boonah Skate Facility came from:

- Boonah (21)
- Outside the LGA or not listed (13)
- Kalbar (8)
- Aratula (2).

This was a very popular event with considerable patronage from the broader community. Over 110 people attended the display and workshop, approximately 80 of which were young people.

Favourite sport and recreation facilities:

- Boonah skate facility (33%)
- Boonah pool (11%)
- Coronation Park (10%)
- Moogerah Dam (8%)
- Maroon Dam (5%)
- Beaudesert skate facility (4%)
- Kalbar BMX track (4%)
- Soccer (4%)
- Springleigh Park (4%).

Worst facilities:

- Boonah skate park (28%)
- Boonah pool (20%)
- tennis courts (8%)
- Kalbar BMX (8%)
- squash courts (5%)
- playgrounds in Boonah (5%)
- no bike paths (5%).

Suggested improvements or priorities for Council to consider:

- improvements to skate park (36%)
- more activities (9%)
- build a local, community pool (8%)
- activities in school holidays (8%)
- more cycling and walking opportunities (8%)
- more technical clinics, competitions and activities at the skate park (6%)
- keep up maintenance of the dirt bike track (6%)
- build a skate facility in Kalbar (4%)
- keep the pool open longer (4%).

Figure 9: Local participation at the Tim Wood display in Boonah



Boonah Sports Forum

All known sport and recreation providers in the region were invited to one of three sports forums. This section summarises the results from the forum held at Boonah.

Positive aspects of sport and recreation in Boonah:

- Coronation Park - a hub for sport and recreation for Boonah and because of its geographic location in the town
- having access to a pool
- the Boonah airfield
- access to natural areas (scenery) in particular Lake Moogerah, Maroon Dam and Dugandan Lagoon
- the proposed Wyaralong Dam and access to new recreation opportunities (such as mountain bike riding)
- the general community support for sport and recreation activities and the strong volunteering culture of Boonah
- looking forward to access to the new hydrotherapy pool (note: mixed understanding of what hydrotherapy pools are designed for and capable of being used for).

Negative aspects of sport and recreation in Boonah:

- scared airfield will be forced to close (relocate) as development in the town increases
- access to the pool at Boonah State High School
- increased costs of maintaining venues and burden on volunteers
- ageing community
- technology hindering growth of clubs
- fear of changes/unknown repercussions from amalgamation
- unsure of who is appropriate person in Council to talk to about issues (want clearer information).

Priorities that organisations wish to be considered in the development of the Sport and Recreation Plan:

- ensure access to Wyaralong Dam, including on-road cycling access from Boonah to the Dam
- build a community pool, bigger with more ancillary features (water play, barbecues etc)
- improve Coronation Park (configuration of fields, upgrade of playing surface, lights, more walkways, new toilets)
- improve communication with Council
- fairer lease conditions across the Region.

Sport and Recreation Providers

There is a range of sport and recreation opportunities in Boonah. Many of these are coordinated by formal clubs, associations and private organisations. Table 6 summarises the key points from the consultation with Boonah sport and recreation providers. Additional information can be found at Appendix One.

Table 6: Summary of consultation with Boonah Clubs

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Boonah Bowls Club	Boonah Bowls	60 playing members and 150 social members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs to green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade around greens • Purchase and install water tanks
Boonah Pool Lessee	Boonah Community Pool (Boonah State High School)	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repainting of the pool surface 	
Boonah Gliding Club	Boonah Airfield	145 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage and resurfacing of airstrip at the north-eastern end • Marker cones for the taxiway 	
Boonah Golf Club	Boonah Golf Course	250 to 260 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New gaming room (Club is currently finalising this upgrade) • Upgrade of the kitchen • A new mower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New storage shed (buggy storage) • New tractor for venue maintenance

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Boonah Just Walk It Group	Boonah	30 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council should conduct regular maintenance on grass verges and trim the trees along footpaths Council should consider installing a footpath along the park side of Hoya Road 	
Boonah P & C Association (Boonah State High School)	Boonah State High School facilities	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of outdoor gym and fitness equipment near oval (Macquarie Street side) Additional shade (natural and shade structures) and seating at the Boonah Community Pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synthetic running track
Boonah Show Society	Boonah Showgrounds	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace three buildings, including the main show office/pavilion, with a large indoor multi-purpose centre (two stage development) Replace main arena 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting of main arena
Boonah Soccer Club (also facilitates Futsal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronation Park Boonah State High School Indoor Centre 	120 junior members and 30 senior members for football. Futsal have approximately 220 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronation Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new toilets additions to the Sporting Complex (clubhouse) to include a gym facility and referee room resurfacing (including levelling) of the fields lighting of fields improve the car parking area purchase mobile grandstands install irrigation system additional shade storage facilities (current project) Boonah State High School Indoor Centre, it would be beneficial to increase number of courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronation Park just meets needs of the Club, ideally the Club would like to have four senior FIFA fields and two junior fields. It is difficult to achieve this at Coronation Park whilst sharing the facility. One option the Club would like to consider is a relocation to Dugandan Flats
Boonah Swimming Club	Boonah Community Pool (Boonah State High School)	85 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating for spectators Painting of the pool (it is noted this has been scheduled) Clubhouse facility for the Swimming Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More shade
Boonah Tennis Association	Coronation Park	64 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting of courts Resurface courts 1 and 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade to kitchen/canteen area
Broken Paddle Canoe Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boonah Community Pool Dugandan Lagoon Moogerah Dam Maroon Dam 	20 junior members and 15 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage facilities for canoes 	
Fassifern Cricket Association	Coronation Park	60 junior members and 18 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrades to playing surfaces Additional spectator facilities Additional cricket nets Additional storage facilities 	
Fassifern Horse and Pony Club	Boonah Showgrounds	75 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiating access and tenure at Wyaralong Dam Recreation Facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of cross-country course and facilities at Wyaralong Dam
Fassifern Little Athletics	Boonah State High School	105 junior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access to toilets 	
Fassifern Netball Club	Boonah Showgrounds	150 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All courts require resurfacing (extremely unsafe) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional 3 courts
Fassifern Sporting Shooters Association	Fassifern Shooting Range	100 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major upgrades required 	

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Fassifern Vigoro Association	Coronation Park		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional cricket practice nets Upgrade of oval, including laser levelling to improve the drainage of the oval Additional storage facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade car parking areas to improve access to these areas (drainage) Additional shade Additional seating Relocate toilets closer to the ovals
Flying Tigers Ultralight Club	Boonah Airfield	10 junior members and 50 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage and resurfacing of airstrip at the north-eastern end Marker cones for the taxiway 	

Tamborine Mountain

Tamborine Mountain Community Feedback

From the broad consultation undertaken with the community of Tamborine Mountain, Eagle Heights and the surrounds, the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- access to an indoor swimming complex, consisting of a small therapeutic pool and a large pool for swimming lessons and for general use, that can be used all year round
- indoor sporting complex that provides facilities to promote physical activity
- promote the rainforest walks, especially among the older community
- need to fill in gaps on the footpaths to encourage increased physical activity
- more cycling, walking and horse riding trails
- support volunteers to increase awareness within the community
- need someone to engage and involve people in the Sixty and Better Program
- a community centre to act as a place where volunteers can gather and organise events
- shade needed over the Tamborine Mountain skate facility
- develop a youth group that participates in activities around the town
- develop a way in which Middle Park's facilities can be used to their full potential.

Tamborine Mountain Sports Forum

Many residents in this area are looking forward to the opening of the Long Road Sport and Recreation Complex. The first stage includes field and oval development for cricket, football and soccer, tennis and netball courts. They are keen to commence seeking funds for Stage Two as soon as possible (pool, mountain bike facility, BMX track, skate facility and lighting to fields).

Currently, Geissman Oval is the main hub for sport and recreation. Touch football and soccer run from this facility. Lighting at Geissman Oval is needed.

Tamborine Mountain State High School is building a new sports hall. It is not known what access will be available for the community to use.

The communities that make this area want to be recognised as a communities with their own identity. The demographic profile, culture of the community and priorities are seen to be different to towns like Beaudesert and Boonah.

More off-road walking tracks linking key areas - but not to the detriment of the natural and scenic values of the Mountain. It was also considered important to develop a safe pedestrian (and cyclist) connection between local schools and the Long Road Sport and Recreation Complex.

The Vonda Youngman Community Centre was also raised as an important venue for sport and recreation. Participants thought it was, generally, a good venue and well utilised. It is an ideal location for gymnastics, however, the work involved with the set up and pull down makes it difficult for the organisation (Tuesday and Thursdays).

Figure 10: Gymnastics at the Vonda Youngman Centre



Sport and Recreation Providers

All known sport and recreation providers in the region were invited to have input into the development of this Plan. Many of the opportunities available are coordinated by formal clubs, associations and private organisations.

Table 7 summarises the key points from the consultation with sport and recreation providers in the Tamborine Mountain area.

Table 7: Summary of consultation with Tamborine Mountain Clubs

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club	Tamborine Mountain Bowls	50 playing members and over 100 social members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of clubhouse Improve access to water (currently trucking in water) 	
Tamborine Mountain Croquet Club	Tamborine Mountain Bowls	14 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase playing times Offer gateball as new sport option 	
Tamborine Mountain Eagles Soccer Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geissman Oval North Tamborine Primary School North Tamborine High School St Bernards Primary School <p>Tamborine Mountain Eagles Soccer Club will relocate to Long Road Complex in 2010</p>	160 junior members and 20 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is assumed the facilities at Long Road Complex will meet future needs of the organisation 	
Tamborine Mountain Gymnastics	Vonda Youngman Community Centre	80 members (mostly juniors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of space to have equipment set up permanently places strain on coordinators and the equipment 	
Tamborine Mountain Sports Association representing the following organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamborine Mountain Cricket Club Tamborine Mountain Bushrats Junior Rugby League Club Tamborine Mountain Eagles Soccer Club Tamborine Mountain Netball Club Tamborine Mountain Croquet Club Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Tamborine Mountain Tennis Club Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club Tamborine Mountain Chess Club 	Long Road Sports Complex (currently under construction)	9 member organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage One of the development of the Long Road Sports Complex is underway. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clubhouse cricket fields football fields rugby league fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage two of the Long Road Sports Complex includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aquatic centre netball courts tennis courts skate facility BMX track adventure playground
Tamborine Mountain Swimming Pool	Tamborine Mountain Swimming Pool	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options for a all-season pool (cover existing pool or relocate) Upgrades to pool heating 	

Additional information from the consultation with sport and recreation providers from this area can be found at Appendix One.

Tamborine Village

Tamborine Village Community Feedback

From the broad consultation undertaken with the community of Tamborine the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- there is a lack of safe walking and cycle paths
- Middle Park is the hub of formal sport with the facilities at the Hall being more recreation focused
- residents usually choose to travel to Tamborine Mountain, the Gold Coast (Nerang), Beaudesert or Logan for their sporting pursuits
- develop a way in which Middle Park's facilities can be used to their full potential.

Sport and Recreation Providers

Table 8 summarises the key points from the consultation with sport and recreation providers in Tamborine Village.

Table 8: Summary of consultation with Tamborine Village Clubs

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Tamborine and District Citizens Association (Sport and Recreation Sub Committee)	Hope to use Middle Park in the future	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure land at Middle Park is available for formal (traditional) sport in the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have a suitable facility to offer sports such as football, little athletics and netball from Middle Park
Tamborine Hall Committee	Tamborine Hall grounds and surrounds	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community meeting space Youth space 	
Tamborine Pony Club	Middle Park	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Clubhouse facility Horse accommodation Fencing Upgrades to road (entrance) Access to bore water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting Power Shelter (spectator)
Tamborine and District Riders Association	Middle Park	38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports Pony Clubs priorities 	

Additional information regarding the consultation with sport and recreation providers can be found at Appendix One.

Canungra

Canungra Community Feedback

From the broad consultation undertaken with the community of Canungra the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- a proper pony club association as there is no real place for horse sports at the moment
- more sporting fields but there is limited accessible land available
- Canungra pool is popular
- it is positive that the majority of sport and recreation facilities are located in one area: showgrounds, skate facility, fields and pool.
- the skate facility should be extended
- Moriarty Park field needs top dressing
- many families travel to nearby cities for sport for their children
- dog ownership is high - walking is not always seen as safe.

Canungra BMX Display

The following is a snapshot of where the survey recipients at the Canungra Skate Facility came from:

- Canungra (10)
- Outside the LGA or not listed (5)
- Boyland (2)

Figure 11: Tim Wood and local participants at the Canungra Skate Facility



- Wonglepong (1)
- Tamborine (and surrounds) (1).

Although the population base in Canungra is much smaller than other towns with a skate facility, the attendance at the display was very good with approximately 35 young people and 15 adults.

Favourite sport and recreation facilities:

- Canungra skate facility (34%)
- Tamborine Mountain skate facility (20%)
- facilities outside Scenic Rim (10%)
- Beaudesert skate facility (10%)
- Lions Park at Canungra (7%)
- bush walks in area (5%)
- Tamborine Mountain pool (5%)
- Canungra pool (5%).

Worst facilities:

- Canungra skate facility (45%)
- Canungra pool (14%)
- Tamborine Mountain skate facility (9%)
- Canungra Bowls Club (9%).

Suggested improvements or priorities for Council to consider:

- upgrade the Canungra skate facility (65%)
- provide more clinics and free activities on weekends or school holidays (20%).

Sport and Recreation Providers

Table 8 summarises the key points from the consultation with sport and recreation providers in Canungra.

Table 8: Summary of consultation with Canungra Clubs

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Canungra Owls Soccer Club	Moriarty Park	150 junior members and 40 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top dressing of the field • Making complex compliant with disability standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing perimeter fencing • Building a kick wall
Canungra Hang Gliding Club	Headquarters are in Canungra but Club has tenure to use three facilities in the Scenic Rim	160 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a clubhouse and storage facility • Investigate options to secure land tenure for sport 	
Canungra Pool	Canungra Pool	n/a		
Canungra Sports and Recreation Reserve Ground (rodeo association, campdraft association, rugby league and pony club operate from the facility)	Showgrounds	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek assistance for cost of maintenance 	
Moriarty Park Committee	Moriarty Park	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade around the fields • Additional seating for spectators • Small upgrades to the clubhouse and amenities to improve access • Upgrade the skate facility including erecting a shade structure (currently seeking grants for this work) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council should consider adding more water play elements to the pool

Additional information regarding the consultation with sport and recreation providers can be found at Appendix One.

Kalbar

Kalbar Community Feedback

From the broad consultation undertaken with the community of Kalbar the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- transport that meets the needs of the community
- develop Kalbar showgrounds into a multi-purpose sports facility
- need a hall that caters for indoor sports and recreation
- get fit groups that do morning classes in the park.

Sport and Recreation Providers

Table 9 summarises the key points from the consultation with sport and recreation providers in Kalbar. Additional information from the consultation can be found at Appendix One.

Table 9: Summary of consultation with Kalbar Clubs

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Kalbar Show Society	Kalbar Showgrounds	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build a new administration building.	
Fassifern Auto Club	Formerly used the Kalbar Showgrounds	35 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find a new site to run Club activities and build a suitable facility.	

Rathdowney

Rathdowney Community Feedback

From the broad consultation undertaken with the community of Rathdowney the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- need public transport into Beaudesert
- upgrade sporting facilities and yards at the Rodeo grounds
- incorporate education about physical activity into morning playgroups
- create an exercise program at the local pool
- reduce the restrictions on using school facilities after hours.

Sport and Recreation Providers

All known sport and recreation providers in the region were invited to one of three sports forums. This section summarises the results from providers from the Rathdowney area.

- Rathdowney has a hub of sport and recreation at the Memorial Ground
- the pool is located at the School and the community strongly supports/patronises it
- would like to see a gymnasium built
- the cost of maintenance of the Memorial Ground affects Clubs, with a lot of pressure coming back to a few committed volunteers
- need some help fixing up yards/fields
- would like lights to be installed at the Memorial Ground.

KROP and Kalbar Lions Club

Apart from the activities located at the showgrounds, tennis is the only formal sport activity available in Kalbar. Whilst there is no formal competition played at the courts, social tennis remains to be “popular” (up to 12 people per week on a Wednesday). The tennis courts require urgent attention. The fencing does not meet safety standards and pose a significant risk to Council and the community. Shade over the playground at the Civic Centre Park is also considered a high priority.

Local service groups and businesses are prepared to volunteer and contribute to the development (and action) of these priorities.

In the long term, the community would like Council to consider investigating opportunities to develop a multi-purpose indoor sports hall at the showgrounds.

Figure 12: Rathdowney Memorial Grounds



Figure 13: Rathdowney tennis courts



It is noted Council makes an annual financial contribution to the pool.

Beechmont

From the broad consultation undertaken with the community of Beechmont the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- access to public transport is problematic
- connections to high scenic value area such as Rosin Lookout and the Denham Scenic Reserve are important
- the main street needs to have proper pedestrian crossings
- more footpath and cycling tracks that connect local services and the school are needed
- open the community centres and school facilities to the public
- combine all the hall committees into one overall committee to make it easier to use the hall for social occasions
- need a facility that can act as both a community centre and an indoor sporting facility
- establish a Police Citizens Youth Committee that can organise activities for young people
- build a BMX track
- access to a heated swimming pool that can be used all year round
- more Council funding to sporting clubs
- make arrangements with rural land owners to allow recreation activities on their land
- make parks more dog friendly.

Sport and Recreation Providers

The Beechmont Community Sports Association is an umbrella organisation representing the following sport and recreation groups:

- Beechmont Junior Soccer Club
- Beechmont Cricket Club
- Beechmont Tennis Club
- Canungra and District Hang Gliding Club
- Beechmont Horse Riders Club
- Beechmont Netball Club
- Beechmont Anzac Committee
- Beechmont State School
- Beechmont State School P & C
- Beechmont Fire Brigade
- Beechmont Hall Committee.

The Association leases Graceleigh Park from Council and manages it on behalf of its members.

The Association would like the following improvements actioned:

- level the surface of the field
- install new walk/cycle paths
- install lighting on the field
- construct new change rooms
- install some activity equipment for older adults.

Figure 14: Graceleigh Park, Beechmont



Kooralbyn

Kooralbyn Community Feedback

From the broad consultation undertaken with the community of Kooralbyn the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- improve transport system between Kooralbyn and Beaudesert
- need a public swimming pool or make arrangements with the school, once theirs is built, so that the general public can use it
- need more physical activity facilities
- encourage better (more) use of the community hall
- to have more activities in the park.

Sport and Recreation Survey

Beaucare (in conjunction with Council) surveyed residents regarding sport and recreation opportunities in Kooralbyn. The survey was developed to respond to the withdrawal of many sport and recreation opportunities on the closure of the Kooralbyn Resort which provided access to golf, lawn bowls, tennis, polo, horse riding, aviation and swimming activities.

125 responses were collected and collated but it was noted that many respondents represented the views of whole households. Key outcomes from the survey results were:

- the most popular response was for field and court space suitable for rugby league, soccer, hockey, basketball, netball and volleyball
- need for an indoor space for sport and recreation was the second most popular response
- access to a swimming pool was third most popular response
- young people indicated a need for skate facilities
- older respondents indicated that they wanted safe places to walk.

Access to toilets, drinking water and shady areas were also seen as very important ancillary features of sport and recreation spaces.

Beaucare also reported that there was a lack of a unified response from key community organisations in the town as many factions existed. There was concern that, over time (without mediation), this situation could deepen. This, in turn, may have an impact on the community as it grows and as the demographic profile changes.

Also noted was that the Kooralbyn International School is building a pool and hall. The community is eager for these facilities to be accessed by the general public, however, there is some concerns this will not be the case.

Sport and Recreation Providers

Consultation occurred with the Kooralbyn Equestrian Club. Below is a snapshot of the interview (further information can be found at Appendix One):

- over 200 participants use the facility each year
- grounds are sub-leased from the Kooralbyn International School
- Club offers cross country, dressage and showjumping events
- cross country course has two star rating but Club would like to have a three star rated course
- tenure is major issue for the Club.

Figure 15: Sign at golf course at Kooralbyn Resort



Harrisville/Peak Crossing

Harrisville and Peak Crossing Community Feedback

From the broad consultation undertaken with the communities of Harrisville and Peak Crossing the following key points and community recommendations were raised:

- there is a lack of sporting opportunities for girls
- the football oval could be changed into a multi-sports complex
- a very good playground exists but needs someone to run it. (Harrisville)
- the play opportunities (and public toilets) in Peak Crossing (Peak Mountain View Park) are limited and in poor state of repair

These communities were part of Ipswich City Council's local government area prior to amalgamations in 2008 and are now part of Scenic Rim. Located on the outskirts of each of these local governments there has been some concern by members that it is difficult to get attention and service delivery.

Walking paths were also recommended, in particular in Peak Crossing, along Flinders Street from Churchbank Weir Road to Faulkners Road.

Sport and Recreation Providers

Two formal sports exist: rugby league and lawn bowls, both of which are in Harrisville.

Rugby league is very popular (260 members) and the Club has worked hard to improve facilities and run the association in a more professional manner. Many kids travel from Boonah to participate in this sport.

Bowls has limited membership (40 members) and struggles to keep the facilities in good condition.

More information from these sport and recreation providers can be found at Appendix One.

Figure 16: Harrisville Bowls Club



Figure 17: Lions Rotary Park, Harrisville



Figure 18: Fassifern Rugby League Club, Harrisville



Other Areas

Sport and Recreation Providers

Table 10 summarises the key points from the consultation with sport and recreation providers in the outlying communities. Additional information can be found at Appendix One.

Table 10: Summary of consultation with Clubs in outlying communities

Organisation	Facilities Used	Membership	High Priorities	Long-term Priorities
Australian Trail Horse Riders Association (ATHRA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaudesert Showgrounds • Boonah Showgrounds • Private properties 	50 junior members and 600 senior members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a sand-based arena at Beaudesert Showgrounds • development of recreation trails at Wyaralong Dam (under construction) 	
Aratula Community Sports Centre	Aratula Community Sports Centre (currently under construction)	10 active members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of one court indoor facility at Aratula (currently under construction) 	
Gold Coast Kart Club	Currently finalising purchase of land at Josephville	300 current members, however, expect dramatic increase once facility functional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building international kart facility (CIK and CAMS approved) at Josephville site, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – driver training course – international driving complex – ancillary facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second international course
Lake Moogerah Water Ski Zone	Lake Moogerah	40 family groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving road access to the Dam is required 	
Maroon Sport and Recreation Association	Maroon Sport and Recreation Reserve	no formal membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of maintenance of the facility is major burden to the Association 	

Figure 19: Maroon Recreation Reserve



Figure 20: Play and picnic facilities at Moogerah Dam



Figure 21: Moffatt Oval, Aratula



Figure 22: Lions Park, with cricket oval in background, Warrill View



SPORT, RECREATION
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This section provides a snapshot of existing sport and recreation facilities in the Scenic Rim Region, providing an analysis of their current status and identification of relevant issues and opportunities.

More detailed information on the tenant organisations has been provided in the previous section and in Appendix One.

It is noted that a complete open space assessment was not part of this project as much of this work has already been completed as part of other studies. However, observations regarding the quality of the open space network have been included.

Generally, many facilities are in fair to good condition but there are several across the region that are ageing and, as a result, will require upgrades in the near future.

Public Sport and Recreation
Facilities

Beautesert

Sports Parks

Table 11: Sports parks in Beautesert

Park Name	Description
Selwyn Park	Selwyn Park is Beautesert's major sports area. It is home to cricket, soccer, tennis and bowls. There are two large multi-purpose fields, two bowls greens and six tennis courts.
Mavor Park	Mavor Park is home to netball and contains 8 courts, club house and amenities.
RS Willis Park (privately owned)	Rugby league and touch football are played at RS Willis Park. The park is privately owned.
Beautesert Showgrounds (privately owned)	The Showgrounds located on Albert Street include a main arena and a variety of show pavilions including the Drynan Pavilion. Other sport and recreation activities that occur at this facility include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">pony clubcutting and western performancerodeosgymnasticscamping.

Figure 23: Grandstand at Selwyn Park



Park Name	Description
Beaudesert Raceway (privately owned)	The raceway has a grass and sand track, grandstands and club facilities. The facility is well-maintained.
Everdell Park	Home to cricket and rugby union, Everdell Park features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two grass wicket cricket fields, one jointly used as a senior rugby union field • cricket practice nets • two club houses • amenities • storage areas.
Beaudesert Golf Course (private)	A privately owned 18 hole golf course.
Black Dragon Martial Arts Centre (privately owned)	A privately owned/managed martial arts centre.
Beaudesert Rifle Range (State)	Rifle range with basic amenities.
Beaudesert Pistol Club (privately owned)	Located at Glen Eagle, the Club boasts an indoor pistol range, 2 x 25m outdoor ranges, and 1 x 50m range.

In relation to sports areas, Beaudesert may require additional land to meet demand. Ideally, this should be centrally located and flat to accommodate a wide range of uses. Many of the existing opportunities are coordinated on private or state (Education Queensland, private school or privately owned) land and there are concerns regarding the long-term tenure and viability of these sports if tenure arrangement change. It is not uncommon for specialised sports such as bowls, golf, horse racing, showgrounds to be coordinated in such a manner; however, more uncommon for traditional junior field sports such as rugby league and little athletics.

A master plan (incorporating a management plan) will go a way to providing options to improve the use of land for sport in this precinct. It is recommended that the jurisdiction of the Selwyn Park Management Committee be extended to incorporate Beaudesert Bowls Club and Beaudesert District Tennis Association. The master plan and management plan should incorporate discussions with a broad range of sports that may also benefit from relocating to this facility, especially Little Athletics. Recreation components such as walking paths and play opportunities (potentially even exercise equipment) should be considered in the master plan design.

As one of the key growth areas in the Scenic Rim, Beaudesert will need to consider the range of social infrastructure for residents. From the consultation undertaken, there is a lack of support services and recreation opportunities for young people, particularly those not interested in formal sports. A youth precinct may be one option. Council could explore possibilities with the PCYC to establish a centre, especially given the growth and lack of existing options. The PCYC (or like centre) would also provide a facility for indoor sport. There is no like facility in the region and would go a way to alleviate the pressure on existing facilities (such as the Drynan Pavilion).

Figure 24: Beaudesert Showgrounds



Figure 25: Everdell Park



Figure 26: Beaudesert Bowls Club



Recreation Parks

Table 12: Recreation parks in Beaudesert

Park Name	Description
Jubilee Park	Jubilee Park is Beaudesert's premier recreation park. It houses the swimming pool, museum and library. The Park is highly planted with a range of recreation elements including the skate facility, picnic facility, play opportunities and so on. A large drain runs through the park limiting connectivity between the different sides. The location of the skate facility is not ideal, however, due to the significant investment placed in this location, it is unlikely it will be relocated in the short term. A master plan is currently being completed for this park.
Davidson Park	Located near the CBD, Davidson Park is a linear shaped park along the railway line. It has two tiers and is embellished with some play and picnic facilities. Much of the infrastructure in this Park is old and the Park generally requires attention.
Muriel Drynan Park	Muriel Drynan Park has high scenic value. There is basic play and picnic equipment located in the park under the shade of trees. Council's plant depot is located in the corner of the park.
Nev Spillane Park	A local park with basic play equipment and seating. Shade is provided by trees on site.
Jaycees Park	Jaycees Park is a substantial sized park on Albert Street. There is significant play and picnic opportunities, however, many of which are without shade. Much of the play is designed for small children and there is a lack of interesting elements across age cohorts.
Lions Bicentennial Park	Connecting with Jubilee Park, Lions Bicentennial Park offers many recreation opportunities in the form of walking tracks and picnic facilities.

Figure 27: Jubilee Park



Figure 28: Davidson Park



Figure 29: Play at Muriel Drynan Park



Park Name	Description
Dick Westerman Park	This Park is located near the tourist information centre. Significant planting offers a scenic environment setting. Walkways meander through the Park and connects to the information centre. Embellishments include picnic facilities, bins, barbecues, toilets and basic play.
Tullamore Way - Quota Park	A local park set in a semi-natural area. The built infrastructure is located at the front of the Park and includes basic play equipment and picnic facilities.
Central Park	This is an undeveloped park with no park assets.
Il-Bogan Park	A small Park near the Beaudesert Raceway. This Park serves as a rest stop and has basic picnic facilities and public art.
Nindooinbah Dam	There is poor visibility, access or signage to Nindooinbah Dam and surrounding park area.
Junior Chamber Park	A good sized Park with basic play and picnic facilities. Whilst there are a number of shady trees in this Park, the play areas are without shade.

Overall, there is a good array of recreation parks across the town, however, much of the infrastructure in these parks is dated or unsafe. More diversity between parks is required to offer residents more play and open space options.

Path connections are also important. There is little evidence of a coordinated approach to installing walking paths across Beaudesert. In the first instances linking schools with key residential areas and retail precincts are a priority. On- and off-road cycling opportunities should also be considered.

Figure 30: Il-Bogan Park



Figure 31: Dick Westerman Park



Figure 32: Nev Spillane Park



Boonah

Sports Parks

Table 13: Sports parks in Boonah

Park Name	Description
Coronation Park	Coronation Park is Boonah's major sporting precinct. The main field areas are used for vigoro, cricket and soccer. Tennis, squash and the hydrotherapy pool (under construction at time of writing) are also located in the Park.
Dugandan Park	Located along Teviot Brook, Dugandan Park is used for cricket (turf wicket).
Boonah Bowls Club (privately owned)	A two-green bowls facility with club house.
Boonah Golf Course (privately owned)	A nine-hole golf course with club house facility.
Boonah State High School (private)	The community pool and indoor court are located at the Boonah State High School.
Boonah Showgrounds (privately owned)	The showgrounds include a main arena, small arena and variety of show pavilions. Fassifern Horse and Pony Club run from this venue, as do Boonah Girl Guides and Fassifern Netball. The netball courts are in poor condition and require attention.
Boonah Aerodrome	Grass airstrip in good condition, club house and hangars. Ultralight and gliding clubs located here as well as commercial flying school.
Boonah Squash Courts (privately owned)	The Boonah Squash Club forms part of the Coronation Park precinct. It is a three-court venue with canteen and pro-shop facilities.

The Coronation Park/Showgrounds Precinct is the hub of the majority of sport and recreation in Boonah. The model has worked well in the past, however, the precinct needs many upgrades to continue providing an appropriate level of sporting facility. The Master Plan for Coronation Park (2009) identifies a number of upgrades including:

- realignment of soccer fields
- lighting of fields/ovals
- spectator facilities such as shaded viewing areas and toilets
- improvements to the path network
- landscaping.

In the past, there have been two major partnerships with Boonah State High School to deliver sport and recreation opportunities in terms of a community hall/indoor court and an aquatic centre. These initiatives have greatly benefited the Boonah community, however, have caused some concerns regarding use. The demand for the indoor court is increasing and the proposal by Boonah Show Society to build a two-court facility will provide additional options to the facilitation of existing sports and widen opportunities for additional sport and recreation opportunities in the future.

Figure 33: Coronation Park



Figure 34: Boonah Golf Course



Figure 35: Boonah Showgrounds



The development of the new hydrotherapy pool at Coronation Park will result in two separate public pool infrastructure assets being located in different areas. There is some concern about the long-term sustainability of the hydrotherapy pool as a stand-alone facility. In the long term, the community may benefit from an aquatic centre being established. This would incorporate the hydrotherapy pool and the former Boonah pool site, freeing up the community demand on the High School's pool.

Recreation Parks

Table 13: Recreation parks in Boonah

Park Name	Description
Coronation Park and Apex Park	In addition to the sporting uses of the Park listed above, Coronation Park also offers a range of recreation opportunities including the skate facility and the extensive walking tracks throughout the site. While the skate facility is well located and supported, the walking paths are in varying states of repair and much of the path network requires replacing.
Bicentennial Park	Located adjacent to the visitor information centre, Bicentennial Park is an informal park with picnicking areas and walking tracks. A main feature of the Park is the lookout. A master plan is currently being completed for this Park.
Springleigh Park	Springleigh Park is Boonah's most popular recreation park with a range of play and picnic opportunities for families. The range of play equipment is good, however, there is opportunity to extend the range to offer more opportunities across a broader range of age cohorts.
Rotary Park	Located near the CBD, Rotary Park is a small urban park with a range of play opportunities primarily designed for small children. Toilets are also located in the park.
Toby Slatter Memorial Park (Lions Park)	There is a range of play equipment located in this Park with limited signs of use.
Elliot Park	Entrance statement to Boonah with limited recreation value.

There is significant duplication of play equipment in the recreation parks in Boonah. Springleigh Park is Boonah's premier recreation park and provides a range of opportunities. It is recommended development continues to occur in this park, especially focussing on providing a range of play and picnicking attractions for all age cohorts. Bicentennial Park and the Tony Slatter Memorial Park should offer more natural recreation opportunities. Rotary Park requires some upgrades and should continue to be have a play and activity focus for children.

Boonah is an ageing community. Recreation opportunities for active older adults needs to be considered. Walking is likely to be a popular activity. Council has gone a long way in providing safe walking opportunities, however, there are several gaps in this provision. A walkability audit, possibly in conjunction with the Boonah Just Walk It group, will provide Council with a prioritised list of upgrades and future connections to explore.

Halls also provide venues for the delivery of recreation (and sport) opportunities, particularly dance related activities in Boonah.

Figure 36: Public art in Coronation Park



Figure 37: Springleigh Park



Figure 38: Bicentennial Park



Tamborine Mountain

Sports Parks

Table 14: Sports parks in the Tamborine area

Park Name	Description
Long Road Sports Complex (under construction at time of writing)	Currently under construction. Stage one will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clubhouse cricket fields football fields (soccer) rugby league fields. Stage Two will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aquatic centre netball courts tennis courts skate facility BMX track adventure playground walking paths.
Tamborine Mountain Sports Centre	This precinct incorporates the Tamborine Mountain Pool, (25 metre), bowls club (two lit greens and club facility) and triathlon club (club house only).
Tamborine Mountain Sports Centre Geissman Oval Vonda Youngman Centre	Geissman Oval is a one field park used for soccer and scouts. The complex also boasts a natural amphitheatre and picnic/play areas. A skate facility is located in one corner of the park with the Vonda Youngman Centre beside it.
Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds (privately owned)	A privately owned showground facility.
Tamborine Mountain Golf Course (privately owned)	A nine hole golf course.

The development of the Long Road Sports Complex is visionary and will meet the needs of the current and anticipated future population of Tamborine Mountain.

Recreation Parks

There are several recreation parks in this area, these include:

- Holt Park
- Guaranda Park
- Rosser Park
- George Barth Park
- Jack Bartle Park
- Millet Park
- Doughty Park
- Eagle Heights Park
- Justins Lookout

The parks are generally well distributed across the area, are well maintained and patronised by the community and visitors. Play equipment in most instances has been located in shaded areas. Picnic and toilet facilities are well placed in terms of access from parking areas and to the play opportunities. Most of the parks have bollard or log and rail fencing to keep vehicles out of the parks.

Limitations of the open space system in this area relate to their connectivity. There are few instances where pathways connect key destination areas. This may be due to the spread out nature of development, especially on the Mountain and at Eagle Heights, however, some attention to explore options for walking and cycling should be considered.

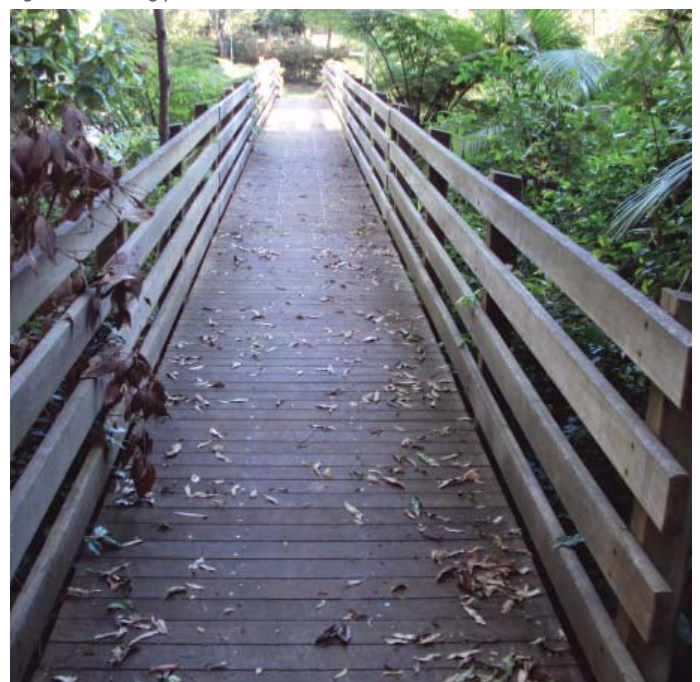
Figure 39: Development of Long Road Sports Complex



Figure 40: Tamborine Mountain Bowls



Figure 41: Walking paths at Tamborine Mountain



The national parks (Tamborine National Parks and Tamborine Forest Reserve) also offer recreation opportunities. There is a good array of walks offering options for people of all abilities. Promotion of these assets in conjunction with local parks needs to occur.

Tamborine Village

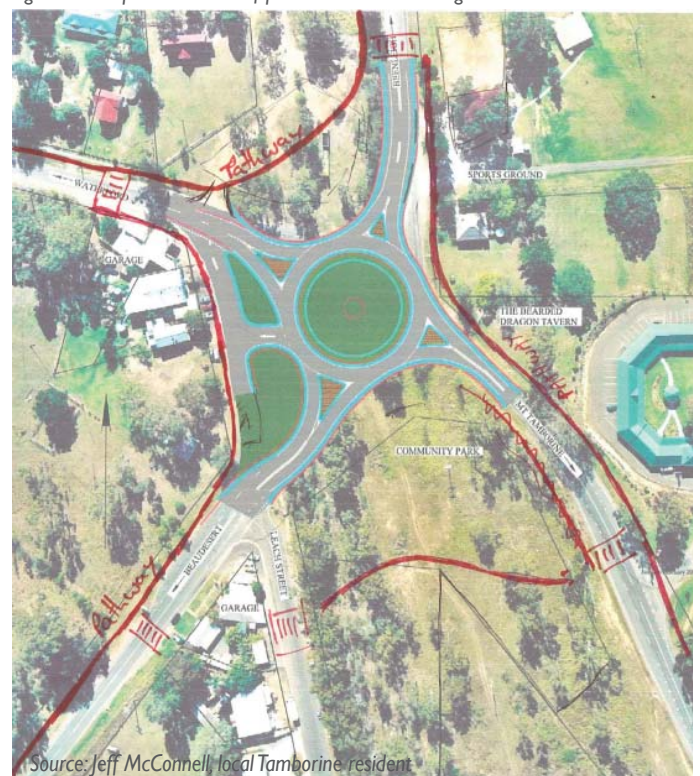
Middle Park is the primary location of formal sport in Tamborine Village and is likely to meet much of the sport land demand in the future. However, improvement will be necessary. Middle Park is home to local equestrian clubs (horse and pony club and the endurance riders). Two overgrown (unusable) netball courts, space for an oval and the former cricket clubhouse are also located here. A skate facility is located on the highway side of Middle Park, as is toilet and picnic facilities.

The Hall Grounds also offer sport in terms of tennis, however, this site is more focussed on recreation provision.

The development of the Long Road Sports Complex is visionary and will meet some of the sporting needs of the current and anticipated future population. It is likely that residents of Tamborine Village will continue to be pulled in a variety of directions for different sporting pursuits (Logan, Gold Coast, Beaudesert and Tamborine Mountain) depending on a variety of social influences (such as work, education etc). Land at Middle Park should be protected to ensure that when the population demands field/oval sport can be developed at this site.

Generally, there is a lack of connection between key community assets in Tamborine. Local residents have developed a walk/cycle plan shown at Figure 42.

Figure 42: Proposed location of paths in Tamborine Village



Source: Jeff McConnell, local Tamborine resident

Canungra

Sports Parks

Table 15: Sports parks in Canungra

Park Name	Description
Moriarty Park	Moriarty Park is Canungra's central sport and recreation park. The main field is used for soccer, cricket and athletics. Adjacent to the fields is the community centre, two lit tennis courts, 25 metre community swimming pool, skate facility and basketball hoop (grass base). The skate facility is small and without shade.
Canungra Sport and Recreation Reserve	Sport and recreation activities at the Reserve include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canungra show• rugby league• rodeo• campdrafting• pony club• camping.
Canungra Bowls Club	The bowls club consists of one green and a small club house.
Canungra Golf Course (privately owned)	Australian Defence own a nine-hole golf course.

The provision of sporting infrastructure by Council and the Canungra community should be applauded. Not only is the infrastructure well-maintained but also well-patronised by the community. Minor improvements to the facilities will see the continued success of these facilities:

- additional shade and spectator seating at Moriarty Park
- extension of the Canungra skate facility
- shade and installation of water play elements at Canungra pool
- disability compliant access to toilets, dressing room facilities at the community centre at Moriarty Park.

Recreation Parks

Table 16: Recreation parks in Canungra

Park Name	Description
DJ Smith Memorial Park	Located in the centre of Canungra, this park is well-utilised and embellished with picnic and play facilities.
Lions Park	A recreation park in a semi-natural setting with picnic facilities.

A number of other publicly accessible open spaces are located in Canungra. These are not embellished with the exception of a possible path connection and fencing.

Figure 43: Moriarty Park



Figure 44: Rodeo arena at Canungra Sport and Recreation Reserve



Kalbar

Sports Parks

Table 17: Sports parks in Kalbar

Park Name	Description
Kalbar Showgrounds (State Government owned)	The showgrounds are used for show purposes as well as for soccer.A BMX facility is located on the southern side of the showgrounds.

Sport is played at the Showgrounds and at the Kalbar State School. Improvements will be required if the show grounds continue to be the primary area for sport and recreation.These include upgrades to buildings, upgrades to fields (including lighting) and additional ancillary facilities for players and spectators.

Recreation Parks

Table 18: Recreation parks in Kalbar

Park Name	Description
Engelsberg Memorial Park	Engelsberg Memorial Park has a significant sandstone memorial, toilets, picnic table and wood barbecue.
Kalbar Civic Centre Park	This is a small park located behind the Civic Centre.Whilst the road frontage and visibility into the park is limited, its location in relation to shops and residential areas is good. There is a fenced play area, barbecue, toilets and two tennis courts.The tennis courts are in a very poor state and require urgent attention.The school has new tennis courts, however, there has been demand from the community to repair the community courts.
JEC Pennell Park	Well landscaped with shade around the edges, this Park has a half basketball grass court, rotunda and basic play equipment.

Generally, these three parks offer a satisfactory range of opportunities. Due to its location, Kalbar Civic Centre Park is likely to continue to be Kalbar’s prime recreation node.As such, the level of embellishment and the standard of facilities at this Park need to be at a higher level. Currently, the tennis courts are unsafe, the range of play is limited,as is the access and visibility into the Park. Council will need to work with interested community groups and members to decide the future of this Park.There is significant potential for the community to be involved in the process, design and installation of park elements.

Figure 45: Kalbar Showgrounds



Figure 46: Civic Centre Park



Figure 47: Engelsbury Memorial Park



Figure 48: JEC Pennell Park



Rathdowney

Sports Parks

Table 19: Sports parks in Rathdowney

Park Name	Description
Rathdowney Memorial Ground	Facilities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 unlit bowls green• 2 tennis courts• 2 ring showground facility with basic lighting, the main ring has a soccer field in it.
Rathdowney Community Pool (Education Queensland)	A 25 metre community pool is located at Rathdowney State School.

The Rathdowney Memorial Ground provides a hub for sport for this community. The community maintains the facility to a high standard, however, has indicated that it will be difficult to maintain this standard in the long term due to the ageing community and lack of active volunteers. A review of the management and maintenance programs across all community sporting facilities, such as the Rathdowney Memorial Ground, should occur ensuring the long term viability of sport in outlying regions plus equality of support for all community sport and recreation providers.

Recreation Parks

Table 20: Recreation parks in Rathdowney

Park Name	Description
Collins Park	This is the main recreation park at Rathdowney with picnic facilities, toilets and basic play equipment. Additional play elements are required to make it more appealing for a variety of age groups.
Captain Logan Lookout	A scenic amenity park with picnic facility and bin.
EM Tilley Park	Located out of town, this park is designed as a rest stop for tourists with toilets, picnic tables and wood barbecues.

Collins Park should be the primary focus for recreation opportunities for Rathdowney.

Figure 49: Bowls Club at Rathdowney Memorial Ground



Figure 50: Playground at Rathdowney Memorial Ground



Figure 51: Captain Logan Park (lookout)



Beechmont

Graceleigh Park is the primary sport and recreation park for Beechmont. Located between Beechmont State School and Back Creek on Beechmont Road, the Park is well positioned. The Park boasts a multi-purpose field area with concrete pitch, club house, two lit tennis courts with small club house, memorial, picnic and play areas along the Creek.

A number of user groups utilise Graceleigh Park including:

- Beechmont Junior Soccer Club
- Beechmont Cricket Club
- Beechmont Tennis Club
- Canungra and District Hang Gliding Club
- Beechmont Horse Riders Club
- Beechmont Netball Club
- Beechmont Anzac Committee
- Beechmont State School
- Beechmont State School P & C
- Beechmont Fire Brigade
- Beechmont Hall Committee.

Recently, Council has been working with relevant groups and the community about the construction of a community hall at Graceleigh Park. Due to the nature of development and the topography of Beechmont, Graceleigh Park acts as a central and multi-purpose community space.

Recently, Council has been requested to install play equipment at the old Beechmont State School site. As this site is close to Graceleigh Park, preference is given to upgrading facilities at Graceleigh Park in the first instance.

Walk and cycle connections in this area are also required. Due to the challenging topography and the (in many instances) narrow roads, engineering solutions may need to be sought to provide better pedestrian access throughout Beechmont. Priority path networks include:

- along Beechmont and Binna Burra Roads
- between Graceleigh Park and Rosins Lookout
- along Back Creek between Graceleigh Park and Denham Scenic Reserve.

Kooralbyn

Inspections of the existing facilities at Kooralbyn Resort were undertaken and the following was noted:

- Tennis: 8 hard courts with lighting and fully fenced. Generally, these facilities are in disrepair.
- Golf and Bowls: mini golf area, 18 hole golf course, bowls green and clubhouse. Generally, these facilities are in disrepair.
- Polo: 2 polo fields, cross country course and rodeo arena.
- Equestrian: stables, yard and old restaurant. Generally, these facilities are in disrepair.

All sports facilities are located within the Kooralbyn Resort area which is currently under receivership. This provides a high level of uncertainty for the community. The Resort is locked with signs prohibiting community access. The exception is the equestrian facilities used by the Kooralbyn Equestrian Club who have a month-by-month arrangement.

General public recreation areas are lacking in Kooralbyn as the resort serviced much of this demand. The International School is in the process of building a pool, however, the community is not aware whether this will be available outside school hours for community use.

Council should monitor the situation of the Kooralbyn Resort and work with future interested parties to ensure the community has access to sport and recreation opportunities in the future.

Figure 52: Play in shade at Graceleigh Park \



Figure 53: Equestrian facilities at Kooralbyn



Figure 54: Near picnic area at Boomerang Lagoon at Kooralbyn



Another opportunity Council should consider is acquiring land for a multi-purpose sport and recreation area. The area should be in a central location, with some flat areas for ball sports, picnic and play opportunities. One option could be to drain part of the lagoon and increase the land footprint around it to accommodate for more recreation area.

Harrisville/Peak Crossing

Sports Parks

Table 21: Sports parks in Harrisville

Park Name	Description
Hayes Oval (privately owned)	Hayes Oval is home to Fassifern Rugby League. The main field is lit and there are excellent ancillary facilities available.
Harrisville Bowls (privately owned)	Bowls green and club facility in poor condition.

Recreation Parks

Table 22: Recreation parks in Harrisville and Peak Crossing

Park Name	Description
Lions Rotary Park	This Park is fenced with basic play, barbecues and picnic facilities. More shade over the play area is needed.
Unnamed Park, Harrisville	Adjacent to Harrisville School, this Park is well located with basic play, BMX track, toilets and barbecues. A memorial and the QCWA building are located in this park.
Peak Mountain View Park, Peak Crossing	Picnic facilities and a BMX track are located in an unnamed park in Peak Crossing.

Other areas

Aratula

Aratula Recreation Reserve (incorporating Moffatt Memorial Oval) is located beside the school. There is a small fenced playground here, an oval with some basic lighting and a single tennis court. Generally, the site has poor visibility and access. The one-court Aratula Indoor Centre will be built at this location.

A Main Roads rest area is also built in what may be the road reserve along the Cunningham Highway. The rest area seems to be a popular stopping point for tourists and has toilets and picnic facilities.

Rosevale

Rosevale Pioneer Park - located beside the cemetery and memorial, this Park has limited recreation opportunities with the exception of an old wood barbecue and picnic shelter.

Roadvale

Roadvale Park is adjacent to the Roadvale School and access is via the school ground. It is used primarily by the school.

Warrill View

Lions Park (also known as JF Burnett Park) has toilets, gas barbecue, basic play and cricket oval with concrete wicket.

Maroon (and Maroon Dam)

Centenary Park is located adjacent to the School, it has an oval, tennis courts and play equipment. Most of the park assets require upgrading. HG Slatter Park is located near Maroon Dam. It features a boat ramp, barbecues and picnic areas. HG Slatter Park is owned by Council whilst Maroon Dam is under the control of SEQ Water. The Maroon Outdoor Recreation Centre is also located at the Dam.

Mount Alford

Bowman Park is a well presented park with wood barbecues, toilets, basic play without shade, 1/2 basketball court and BMX jumps.

Lake Moogerah Dam

There are many recreational elements at Lake Moogerah including toilet facilities (old), picnic facilities (most of which are old), barbecues and play equipment (some of which is relatively new). The water sports (waterskiing and jet-skiing) coordinated from the Dam are privately run. Yarramalong Recreation Centre, Camp Moogerah and the lake Moogerah Caravan Park are also located here.

Figure 55: Rosevale Pioneer Park



Figure 56: Rugby league field at Maroon



Figure 57: Picnic facilities at Maroon Dam



Open Space

This section provides some basic information to assist Council in making decisions about the current and future provision of open space in the Scenic Rim.

Council should strive to provide an open space network that:

- provides recreation and sporting parks in line with current and emerging community needs
- provides a diverse range of activity opportunities and landscape settings to encourage healthy lifestyles and maximise opportunities for engagement in physical activity
- provides safe, attractive places and equitable and convenient access to recreation, sport and open space infrastructure
- ensures spaces and facilities support the ongoing viability of community user groups and have capacity to adapt to changing needs over time.

The vision for open space across the Scenic Rim is to be:

“An active and healthy community which has the opportunity of recreating in a diverse range of quality urban parkland settings and playing sport in quality facilities with equitable and convenient access”

This is based on the Scenic Rim Regional Council's Urban Open Space Plan currently being finalised (John Wood Consultancy, 2010). Draft Guiding Principles from this plan are outlined below that describe Council's intentions through the provision and management of open space.

1. “Parkland values: The parkland network encompasses a range of values such as environmental, economic, cultural, scenic amenity, social, historical, recreational, sporting, flood-way management and access and connectivity. These values vary from park to park and are important considerations in the planning, design and management of open space. Where a particular value reflects the prime purpose of a park, it is reflected in the park type i.e. environment, recreation, sport, or community facility.
2. Community involvement in provision of sport and recreation opportunities: Council will provide a range of means for the community to become involved in the planning and provision of sport and recreation opportunities.
3. Effective planning for sport and recreation opportunities: Council will ensure that provision of sport and recreation opportunities reflects community needs, Council resource constraints and requirements of State and Federal Governments.
4. Sustainable Use: Council will ensure that the type and level of recreational or sporting activities proposed are compatible with the long-term management of the values, other users of each area and surrounding land uses.
5. Quality sport and recreation opportunities: Council will ensure that sport and recreation facilities are designed and maintained to an acceptable quality, commensurate with the nature and use of that facility.
6. Resourcing the provision of sport and recreation opportunities: Council will identify and allocate resources for the provision of sport and recreation opportunities in an efficient, effective manner (subject to funding availability), and will encourage and support entrepreneurial arrangements to provide sport and recreation facilities where appropriate.
7. Effective use of sport and recreation facilities: Council will encourage multiple use of sport and recreation areas and facilities except where groups have assumed full responsibility for maintenance, or there are well established safety or management reasons for single purpose or restricted use.
8. Effective management of sport and recreation facilities and events: Council will encourage management arrangements which

maximise the use of contiguous areas, relieve pressure on volunteers and facilitate broader site planning.

9. Access to recreation and sport opportunities: Council will ensure that all new and, where feasible, all existing sport and recreation facilities can be safely and conveniently accessed by all existing and potential users including those who are mobility challenged.
10. Minimal impacts on surrounding land uses: Council will ensure that sport and recreation opportunities have minimal impacts on surrounding land uses.
11. Public safety at sport and recreation facilities: Council will ensure that Council controlled sport and recreation facilities are safe for public use and that lessees are fully aware of their responsibilities in this regard.
12. Co-operation with other providers of sport and recreation opportunities: Council will work in partnership with State Government Agencies, Local Governments, and with private and business interests to ensure that the SRRC community has access to a full range of sport and recreation opportunities.
13. Information about sport and recreation activities and programs: Council will ensure information is made available to inform residents and visitors of the recreational and sporting opportunities available within the SRRC area.
14. Promotion of SRRC area as a destination for sport and recreation activities: Council will encourage and assist the establishment and promotion of the SRRC as a key destination for selected sport and recreation activities and events.”

Council will ensure information is readily available to residents and visitors. Promotion of open space must also consider events and activities that occur in the public open space.

It should be realised that when considering specific parks, not all of these principles will necessarily apply, and in fact some may be mutually exclusive. In these situations it may be necessary for Council to consider the accommodation of competing and/or conflicting users by means of time and spatial zoning and perhaps reservation of some areas for specific uses for safety or management reasons.

Asset Maintenance and Replacement

Generally, Council's parks are in fair to good condition. However, a number of facilities have passed their useful life and require replacement. Whilst some areas would benefit from removal of unsightly elements, Council must be careful to ensure well-used elements are replaced. Failure to replace them will result in a slow and continual erosion of open space and community values.

A detailed audit of park assets is required. This should assess the safety, condition and the remaining useful life of each park asset. A schedule of maintenance should then be developed to address the backlog, with priorities, timeframes and reporting processes established.

Funding should then be allocated for asset replacement. Council would also benefit from an asset management system for park assets, ensuring funding is allocated for capital replacement over the life of the assets.

Design and Facilities

A successful play area, that children and adults alike can enjoy and cherish, relies as much on the space in which the play experience is located to create a 'sense of place', as it does on the facility design. During open space inspections the following general observations were made:

- a number of parks have significant capacity for increased

- development
- the majority of parks have attractive mature trees
- seating and playgrounds often do not make use of natural shade
- many seats are poorly positioned, with little consideration for the potential comfort or actions of users (amenity, views, child supervision requirements)
- in some parks signage is missing, old or unreadable
- some parks are being used inappropriately as shortcuts to nearby destinations by vehicles or to access private backyards. In some instances this is degrading the park asset and regardless, is a liability risk for Council
- in newer subdivision areas, park access tends to be provided from cul-de-sacs, drastically reducing opportunities for casual surveillance and limiting awareness of opportunities.

Any upgrade to the open space system should seek to link the open space areas together to strengthen the value of the asset. For many people, their recreation is linear and they like to move through the park system. While it is can be difficult to rectify any gaps in the existing network, new open space areas obtained in future developments should link to existing areas, as much as possible.

Path Networks

The main barriers that prevent people from participating in walking and cycling include:

- lack of connections/linkages between streets and open spaces
- lack of pathways within parks, open spaces and streets
- isolated parks and open spaces where people feel unsafe
- parks and open spaces lacking aesthetic appeal
- poor quality pathways and roads that are poorly maintained
- lack of facilities (toilets, seats, shade, drinking water, parking) provided in parks and along pedestrian/cycle paths
- heavy traffic with limited or no pedestrian and cycle crossings
- lack of on-road bicycle lanes and unsafe road conditions.

Scenic Rim Regional Council should aim at developing the proposed pathway systems to address these barriers. It should be noted that, wherever possible, paths should be developed to be all-weather (concrete) and wide enough to cater for a range of users including pedestrians, people in wheelchairs/mobility scooters, bicycles, scooters and those with other general mobility issues.

Other inclusions when developing a path network include shaded seats at regular intervals, water taps/bubblers and both directional and informative signage.

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoors Queensland, the Peak body for outdoor recreation in the State, defines Outdoor Recreation as activities that:

- are undertaken outside the confines of buildings
- do not involve organised competition or formal rules
- can be undertaken without the existence of any built facility or infrastructure
- may require large areas of land, water and or air
- may require outdoor areas of predominantly unmodified natural landscape.

Outdoor Recreation provides significant and well researched benefits to the health and wellbeing of individuals, communities, the environment and the economy.

The 2007 South East Queensland Outdoor Recreation Demand Study (SEQORDS) investigated the nature and extent of participation in outdoor recreation activities by the residents of South East Queensland.

The study identified large numbers of people currently participating in a variety of outdoor recreation activities in a range of settings

from somewhat natural to totally natural indicating that there would be a lot more demand on these areas in the future as activities become more popular and the population in south east Queensland continuing to grow rapidly.

With increased demand, it is important that the Region continues to look after its natural assets and although access should be increased in some areas to enhance participant experiences and attract new people to the area, appropriate management and protection needs to be the priority.

In such a beautiful area as this, encroachment can occur quite quickly if it is allowed and natural sites can become 'not-so-natural'. The ability to maintain the Region as an outdoor recreation playground with a variety and diversity of settings is a challenge, but one that should be strived for.

The Scenic Rim has a vast array of opportunities for all people that enjoy outdoor recreation from climbing mountains and hang gliding to fishing at the dams. Already, there are thousands of people that will travel to the area for these reasons alone. In fact, it is what makes this Region, one of a kind in South East Queensland.

Home to eight World Heritage Listed National Parks and two, nearly three dams, this Region is a hidden gem of action and adventure that should be fostered long into the future.

The Scenic Rim's tourism department is in the process of developing its strategic plan and a key outcome will be linking future opportunities to existing assets of which the Region has many and should not be wasted. With many more opportunities being identified, Council must be in a position to deal with this demand in a planned and coordinated manner.

The recent announcement of the very first dedicated trail bike facility to the region is another example of the myriad of activities that the Region is capable of hosting that other regions cannot. With trail bike participation continuing to rise, this can only be a good decision for the region.

Recreation Trails

The Scenic Rim has been a focus of the investigation of many new regional recreation trails. These include:

- Boonah to Ipswich Trail (incorporating the Fassifern Rail Trail)
- Tamborine Mountain Trails
- Bethania to Beaudesert Trail.

Each of these trails provide opportunities for increased economic benefits for the Region.

In addition, a number of smaller trails currently exist across the Region. Many of these are provided along road reserve or in State or national parks.

APPENDIX ONE:
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Aratula Community Sports Centre

Membership

There are 10 active members of the Aratula Community Sports Centre. Membership is currently low as a facility is not yet available.

Facilities

A new one court indoor sports centre is being built in Aratula. It is proposed the facility will be used for futsal, basketball and netball.

Tennis is currently the only active Club offering sport in Aratula.

Moffatt Park is also used for sport and recreation in Aratula. It is used socially for cricket (20/20) and vigoro.

Australian Trail Horse Riders Association (ATHRA)

Membership

ATHRA has a large member base of approximately 650 people (600 senior members and 50 junior members). Membership, however, has decreased over the past three years by 450 (there were approximately 1,100 senior members and 100 junior members in 2006/07). The Beaudesert Branch has approximately 150 members.

Facilities

ATHRA does not have a home base but rather uses a variety of facilities across the region, including many private properties. Both the Beaudesert and Boonah show grounds are hired on a monthly basis. A sand-based arena at Beaudesert is seen as the most important facility upgrade required for this sport.

It does not need permanent facilities due to the nature of the sport. It enjoys facilities that connect community hubs. The proposed development of recreation trails at Wyaralong Dam will be popular for many equestrian trail riders.

Activities

ATHRA coordinates a number of horse-riding events and camps each year. It has a junior development program for young riders. ATHRA supports the Festival of the Horse and provides stewards free of charge to the Festival.

Beaudesert and District Cricket Association

Membership

The Association has 130 junior members and 80 senior members across the Region. The Association has indicated that the senior membership has shown a slight decrease and the junior membership has been fluctuating over the past few years.

Facilities

The Association has advised that there are three facilities the cricket community utilises within the Region. These include:

- Everdell Park
- Selwyn Park
- Beaudesert High School.

The District facility for cricket is Everdell Park. The Association leases one oval and a clubhouse from Council and the other oval and clubhouse is leased from Council by the Beaudesert Rugby Union Club. Both the Association and the Rugby Club have an informal agreement that they can use each others facilities when required.

The Association has approached Council expressing an interest to utilise the vacant land to the east of the venue. Although Council has not yet provided a decision on this matter, the Association is interested in progressing this matter.

The main issue for the Association is access to water. The highest priority for the Association is water storage facilities and it is currently pursuing a grant through Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund. If possible, the Association would also like to access effluent water.

Other needs identified by the Association include:

- upgrade the clubhouse facility
- refurbish the canteen
- upgrades to lighting.

Activities

The Association is involved in various levels of participation with Senior and Junior competitions held regularly. The Association also conducts regular coaching weeks and hosts a number of carnivals.

As it would like to host more carnivals in the future, the development of additional ovals would ensure that it competes with other venues.

Beaudesert Bowls Club

Membership

The Beaudesert Bowls Club has a steady membership of 110 male and 80 female players.

Facilities

The facility incorporates two grass bowling greens (one with lights) with perimeter shaded seating and a large clubhouse and is owned by the Club. The facility regularly used on most days of the week and at least one night each week.

In regards to facilities, the Clubs main issue is related to access. The current access to the Club is through a small gateway on Hopkins Street and is used by all users of the site including Selwyn Park for soccer and cricket.

The Club has advised that the current access point and the car park can get very crowded and a solution to this problem would be to change the entrance point for the bowls club to a point directly in front of the clubhouse. This would require some works to the ground and may also require some kerb work.

The addition of lights on the second field would also assist the Club to run more night time events and competitions.

Activities

The Club conducts numerous activities such as regular intra and inter club competitions, pennants, carnivals, super-challenge and social/barefoot bowls. The Club would like to organise more social/ barefoot bowls events but would require the installation of lights on the second field.

Although there is access to training and development opportunities for the Club, the travel required to get to the venues can be challenging for volunteers. Investigating opportunities for better access to training and development would have long-term benefits for all clubs.

Beaudesert Cutting and Western Performance Club

Membership

The Beaudesert Cutting and Western Performance Club has over 200 financial members. Many members are based in the Scenic Rim, however, some travel from outside the district to participate in Club activities. Irrespective of the issues surrounding equestrian activities recently (equine influenza), the Club has grown by approximately 25% over the past three years.

The Club is affiliated with the National Cutting Horse Association of Australia and the Australian Quarter Horse Association.

Facilities

Currently, the Club is forced to hire community or private facilities to host competitions, events and workshops as they do not have their own facility. The Club hires the Beaudesert showground facility for their activities, and have used several other (private) sites in the area.

The Club is seeking assistance from Council in securing tenure over land near town (20 acres on the corner of Mount Lindesay Highway and Josephville Road (former Main Roads depot that is zoned for open space). The process has been time-consuming and restricts the Club in actively pursuing other ventures that depend on tenure, such as applying for grants.

The following is a list of facility needs to get the Club established at the Josephville site:

- access to water and electricity
- improvements to road access and perimeter fencing
- 2 arenas (one covered, lit arena (80mx40m) and one outdoor)
- horse accommodation
- toilets/showers
- cattle yards
- day yards
- office and canteen
- car parking.

The Club owns some facilities (such as trail event bridge, trail event gate, PA equipment, portable grandstand etc) which will be relocated to the new site.

It is estimated that approximately \$2million of infrastructure upgrades will be required. The Club has established a Business Plan that provides background information and a guide to realise the Club's vision.

Activities

The Club facilitates at least 12 meets per year, predominantly between October and February. The Club is primarily a training club to improve equestrian handling for its members. Club days occur on a monthly basis. Current events/activities include:

- Cutting
- Showmanship at halter
- Best presented
- Hunter in hand
- Hunter under saddle
- Hunt seat equitation
- Western pleasure
- Western horsemanship
- Ridden and led trail
- Reining.

In addition to the activities listed above, the Club provides training and education workshops.

The Club would like to reintroduce western riding, barrel racing and team penning to the activities offered to members. The Club would also like to explore options to sub-lease or hire the proposed facilities to like-minded equestrian clubs.

Beaudesert Golf Club

Membership

The Beaudesert Golf Club has approximately 240 playing members, 185 of which are men. There are approximately 120 social members of the Club.

Facilities

As the course receives recycled water from Council, part of the course is closed on Monday and Tuesdays for applying the non-potable water. Priority improvements to the course relate to lack of irrigation to the fairways. The Club is currently investigating options to improve the quality of water and maintenance of the irrigation systems. This includes options to fund the upgrade.

The club house was opened in 1991 and there are few major improvements required at this point.

Activities

The golf course is used on a daily basis. Semi formal rounds are played on Wednesdays for Veterans, Thursdays for Ladies, Friday for mens, Saturday is an open competition and Sunday is a social day.

The Club is about to reintroduce the Beaudesert Amateur Open and would like to have this as an annual event again.

The Club coordinates coaching and golf for students through local secondary schools. It would like to increase the juniors coaching programs to attract more younger players.

The Club has a licensed bar (in fact the liquor licence extends across the whole of the course) and is open from 7am to midnight. Due to the location and level of services offered by the Club the clubhouse is a popular venue for private events such as weddings.

The Club relies heavily on volunteers. However, the Club does employ some staff to help with greens keeping, bar and kitchen activities. The cost of maintaining the grounds alone is in the order of \$100,000 per annum, this excludes volunteer labour which would be valued between \$100,000 - 200,000. The Club cannot afford a permanent manager, however, would like to look at alternative management options to decrease pressure on committee members and volunteers.

One strategy the Club is actively employing is to target more social members. This is achieved through increasing the restaurant opening times (currently only serves meals on Friday evenings) and through attracting more social events (such as rock'n'roll nights etc).

Beaudesert Horse and Pony Club

Membership

The Beaudesert Horse and Pony Club has a membership of approximately 30 families (15 – 20 juniors) and 8 instructors. There has been a slight decrease in membership over past three years. This may be a result of the closure of much of the dairy industry in the region, financial burden and the equestrian influenza outbreak.

Facilities

The Beaudesert Horse and Pony Club is based at the Beaudesert Showgrounds. They have a five-year lease arrangement which allows them to run Club events on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Any additional use of the facility results in a hire arrangement needing to be entered with the Show Society. The tenure arrangement in place restricts the Club's development in terms of facility enhancements.

The main improvement needed to the grounds is additional storage.

Activities

The Horse and Pony Club aims to increase member's skills and understanding of flat-work, dressage, jumping and polocrosse. Major events for the Club include an Easter camp that attracts approximately 160 juniors and two gymkhana events.

In the future, the Club would like to add showjumping and dressage events to its programs.

Beaudesert Junior and Senior Rugby League

Membership

The Rugby League Club coordinates junior and senior league competitions as well as touch football. Membership for juniors is approximately 200 (grown by approximately 50 members in the past three years), senior membership stays relatively static at 80 members. Touch football is a relatively new activity coordinated by the Club and has approximately 350 active participants.

Facilities

Willis Park is the home of league and touch football. Facility upgrades required include:

- a club house (including toilets)
- more spectator seating
- shade.

Lack of amenities is a major disadvantage to the Club with the Club requiring permission to use facilities owned by another organisation.

Activities

Over winter, RS Willis Park is used daily for rugby league training and competition. Touch football operates from October to March.

Beaudesert Little Athletics

Membership

Beaudesert Little Athletics (formerly Tamborine Little Athletics) has approximately 110 junior members. Membership has increased from 75 members three years ago.

Facilities

Beaudesert Little Athletics use the oval at St Mary's School (closest to Mount Lindesay Highway). The Centre have been using the School's facility for approximately 5 years. The facility includes:

- 8 lane grass track
- long jump pit (with 2 approaches)
- throwing circles (discus and shot put)
- mini grandstand
- small storage container.

Improvements needed for the future include:

- access to toilets (closer to oval)
- storage
- nets around discus circles
- more shade
- to have the running track levelled
- additional long jump approach.

Long term tenure and cooperation between the Centre and the School has created some uncertainty about the future location of the

Centre. Ideally, the Centre would prefer to be located on public land where tenure arrangements can be sought. One option the Centre would like to explore (with Council) is the open space land that is likely to be available from the Boys Town development.

Activities

The Centre operates from September to March and coordinates training and competitions on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Beaudesert Netball Club

Membership

Netball in Beaudesert attracts 80-90 senior members and 120 junior members. In general, the last few years have maintained a fairly steady membership base for juniors and a slightly decreasing membership in its seniors.

Facilities

The Netball Club uses Mavor Park which has eight netball courts with lights, a clubhouse, a separate amenities building and informal parking. A recent grant allowed the club to develop its 6 court facility into an eight court facility. Council also assisted with the upgrade of one court.

The facility is leased from Council and the Club maintains its own facilities that can be quite difficult. The Club also highlighted that there appears to be some inconsistency between towns and clubs in relation to maintenance arrangements for Council owned facilities.

In terms of improvements to the facility, the Club sees its priority as completing the upgrade on the remaining courts (five courts), installing lights on courts without them and upgrading existing lights.

In the future, the toilets will require an upgrade and perhaps a change in location (due to safety reasons). The canteen could benefit from a refurbishment and the car park would be more useful if it were made formal.

Activities

The Club runs a number of activities including junior and senior league competitions, representative training and matches and school competitions and carnivals. The Club would like to run more carnivals but need additional volunteers to assist.

Access to training and development opportunities for the Club would be appreciated as sometimes, those clinics that are offered are difficult to get to.

Beaudesert Pistol Club

Membership

Membership at the Beaudesert Pistol Club has remained at approximately 50 members for several years. There are only very small fluctuations in the membership between years (3 – 4 people).

Facilities

The facilities at Glen Eagle include:

- an indoor pistol range
- 2 x 25m outdoor ranges
- 1 x 50m range.

The Club has worked hard to provide top quality facilities to its members. The only upgrade required is an overhead buffer system at the 50m range, this is required for increased safety.

The Club owns the land freehold and has been at this site for approximately 33 years.

Activities

Regular Club activities occur on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. The Club would like to host a Queensland Title in the future.

Due to consistency of key personnel in the Club, committee succession planning is seen as an important issue for the Club to consider.

Beaudesert Race Club

Membership

The Race Club has approximately 95 members and has shown an increase over the last few years.

Facilities

The Race Club is used every day except Sunday for general horse racing business and functions. The facility is owned by the Department of Natural Resources and leased through Council to the club.

The Club is currently in negotiation with Queensland Racing and Council regarding the tenure and management arrangements for the facility. This may see some significant changes to the facility in the future.

Proposed upgrades for the future include:

- additional stables
- additional tie up stalls
- improve sewerage
- improve fencing
- refurbish the grandstand
- general repairs.

Activities

The club currently operates as a race club and horse training facility. The Club also conducts regular events such as race days and other non-racing functions and would like to host more events in the future.

Beaudesert Rodeo Association

Membership

The Rodeo Association is a not-for-profit organisation with approximately 15 members. The Rodeo is coordinated by a dedicated group of people and their large, annual event attracts around 5,000 – 6,000 people.

Facilities

The Association concentrates on organising one large rodeo event per year at the Beaudesert Showgrounds. The cost of hire of the facility and to bring the stock and equipment in is a major investment. The lack of grounds (tenure) results in the Association being limited in the funding it can attract to continue hosting the events.

The Association also hires the Boonah Showgrounds on a semi-regular basis.

Activities

The annual rodeo is the major focus and activity of the Association. Barrel racing at the Boonah Showgrounds is popular and the

Association would like to facilitate more clinics and events for people interested in these activities. These could include:

- Barrel racing days
- Monthly practice days
- Training seminars for juniors
- Stock sales (such as quarter horse sales).

Beaudesert Rifle Club

Membership

The Beaudesert Rifle Club has 105 financial members (including 14 junior members) showing a membership increase of approximately 25 members over the past three years.

Facilities

The Club leases the Tabragalba Rifle Range, Spengler Road, Tabragalba. The land is owned by the Department of Environment and Resource Management and has previously been subject to an investigation for a new dam. The current five year lease is valid until 2012 and the Club has been advised that they have first choice when it is due for renewal. The Club has been at the site for 43 years. Due to the lack of long-term security at the site, the Club is reluctant to invest significant money and time into upgrading the existing facilities for fear the lease will not be renewed. This comes as a result of the Department's seeming uncertain knowledge of their preferred options for the future use of the land.

The uncertain future of the site has held the Club back in terms of facility development. Currently, the Club uses an old shed as its clubhouse. The Club would like to build a new clubhouse and provide better facilities for its members and visitors. It is a beautiful site with lots of potential.

The Club is looking to extend its range length and purchase electronic targets and clay throwers to provide additional shooting disciplines. Until the tenure matter is finalised, permanent infrastructure would not be possible. However, the Club could invest in non-permanent infrastructure and general club development tools.

It is understood that the Club is responsible for maintaining the 1.2km access road to the range. The Club has advised that this is extremely expensive and unsustainable for a not-for-profit organisation.

Activities

The Club operates throughout the year and meet most Saturdays and Sundays. The Club has a number of disciplines for its members including:

- full bore
- .22
- shotgun
- sporting clays.

In terms of activities, the club also conducts safety courses for members and non-members and also conducts casual shoots for those wanting to try out the sport without becoming a member.

The shot gun contingent of the Club has become very popular with members, and, as such, the Club is about to split and form a sub-Club for members only interested in shot gun events. This will allow these shooters to be recognised separately by the relevant State/ National body. This diversity will make the Club very attractive to new participants.

The Club is about to trial a night shoot event with the view to eventually host one night-shoot per month.

Beaudesert Rugby Union Club

Membership

The Beaudesert Rugby Union Club has 80-100 junior members and 25 senior members. The senior membership remains fairly steady and the junior membership indicates slight fluctuations year to year.

Facilities

The Club is based at Everdell Park and leases one oval and a clubhouse from Council. The other oval and clubhouse is leased from Council by the Beaudesert and District Cricket Association. Both the Rugby club and the Association have an informal agreement that they can use each others facilities when required.

The clubhouse is an old condemned house and is now inadequate for the future needs of the Club. The Club's highest priority is the need for additional toilets and an upgrade to the change rooms. In addition, a clubhouse refurbishment, an upgrade to lighting and more storage would be beneficial for the long term future of the Club.

Activities

The Club takes part in regular junior and senior competitions.

Beaudesert Scout Group

Membership

Beaudesert Scouts has 50 current members. In 2006, membership was approximately 60 youth members.

Facilities

Most activities occur at the Scout Den. The Group has a 99 year lease with Council over this facility. Improvements required at the Den include:

- storage
- more shade outside
- upgrade of the back steps
- upgrade kitchenette.

Other facilities in the Region that the Group regularly uses include: Flanagans Reserve, Big Riggan and Moogerah Dam. The Group is eager to include the facilities at Wyaralong Dam when complete.

Activities

Scout activities at the Den occur on Tuesday and Friday evenings. The Group coordinate around 4 to 5 weekend activities (including camps) per year.

Future activities the Group are considering include:

- increasing use of the Den for like-minded community organisations
- fundraising at local markets.

Beaudesert Soccer Club

Membership

The Beaudesert Soccer Club has a steady membership base of 40 juniors and 150 seniors.

Facilities

The Club uses Selwyn Park for its training and home games. The facility is leased from Council and managed by the Selwyn Park Management Committee which has representatives from Beaudesert Cricket Club and Beaudesert Soccer Club.

There are two fields at Selwyn Park. One of the fields (field 1) is oval in shape and more suited to cricket. Field 1 also has lights and a grandstand. Field 2 (Stratford Field) is too narrow and does not have lights.

The site also has a Lawn Bowls Club and a Tennis Club, but these are managed independently to cricket and soccer who share the same facilities. The school adjacent to Selwyn Park also uses the facilities regularly.

Improvements suggested by the Club for the future include:

- increase field 2 width
- install lighting on field 2
- install new fence around field 1
- upgrade clubhouse and change facilities
- redesign car park and entry/exit points.

If the facility was improved, other sports could use the venue (e.g. rugby league and rugby union).

The Club has indicated that there are some inconsistencies between towns regarding maintenance arrangements with Council. A consistent and communicated approach to clubs in the Region regarding its policies would be beneficial.

Activities

The Club is very active conducting regular junior and senior matches and carnivals. The last junior carnival hosted by the Club attracted 290-300 players. The Club would like to hold more social competitions and carnivals but sometimes finds it challenging to encourage volunteers to help out.

In terms of training for coaches and officials, the Club appears to be well catered for. Additional training for administrators would be helpful, however, training should be more practical and hands on to get the benefit.

It is suggested that the Club has a long and successful history and as such, the Club would like progress a project to research its history and maintain heritage linkages in the town.

To assist in club development, investing in technology may also reduce the time required by volunteers to do tasks (such as communicating with members) and may assist with increased promotional activity through the development of a website and improved administrative systems.

Beaudesert Show Society

Facilities

The Showgrounds are privately owned and managed by the Beaudesert Show Society. The Showgrounds include a caravan park.

Improvements the Show Society would like to achieve include:

- additional seating around the main ring
- new amenities at the caravan park
- extend the caravan park.

Activities

The Beaudesert Show is a major local event attracting around 17,000 people through the gates across the show weekend in September.

The Show Society have invested significant resources in the upgrading and maintenance of the grounds. Whilst the Show occurs over one weekend per year, the grounds are used on a regular basis by a number of other community organisations. These include:

- Beaudesert Pony Club
- Beaudesert Cutting and Western Performance Club

- Beaudesert Rodeo Association
- Beaudesert Gymnastics (Drynan Pavilion).

In addition, a number of semi-regular/one-off hire of facilities occurs. Groups hiring the facilities must have their own public liability insurance which eliminates people wanting to hire facilities for private functions such as weddings, 21st celebrations etc.

Beaudesert Swimming Pool

The Beaudesert Pool is owned by Scenic Rim Regional Council and managed through a lease arrangement. The Beaudesert Pool consists of a 50 metre heated outdoor pool and a toddler's pool. The pool is open from September to March.

The pool is post war design with some upgrades required. The location of the skate facility in relation to the pool has caused some conflicts between users.

The pool managers coordinate the learn-to-swim program that is extremely popular (300 students). The swimming club coordinates squad and other activities.

There is significant school use of the pool as it is the only 50 metre pool in the area. The demand also comes from outside the local government area as schools are prepared to travel to get use of a 50 metre pool.

Beaudesert Swimming Club

Membership

Beaudesert Swimming Club has 116 members, 110 of which are juniors. The Club has grown slightly over the past three years.

Facilities

The Club is based at Beaudesert Pool and operates from September to March, Monday to Friday.

The facilities are considered to be excellent, however, members are disadvantaged as they do not have access to an all season pool. Any serious swimmers are often lost to Logan.

The location of the skate facility in relation to the Pool is seen as a major deterrent for many members and pool users in general.

Activities

The Beaudesert Swimming Club is an active Club that is well supported by the general public. Many swimmers perform well and compete at a state level.

Activities include squad training and stroke development, fitness training and hosting local and regional swim competitions (averaging two per year).

Beaudesert Tennis Club

Membership

The Beaudesert Tennis Club has approximately 70 senior members and 50 junior members. Membership has increased slightly over the past three years by approximately 20 members (10 seniors and 10 juniors).

Facilities

The Club uses the six tennis courts at Selwyn Park five nights a week. The Club has invested in court upgrades over the past few seasons, however, courts 5 and 6 require resurfacing. The fencing around the courts also will require replacing in the future. External financial contribution is required to complete desired facility upgrades.

Generally, the facilities are good. The majority of improvements required are the result of normal wear and tear associated with court facilities.

Activities

Competition tennis is played five nights a week (Monday to Friday). Coaching also occurs most weekdays. The Club is part of a inter-district competition.

Beaudesert Tennis Club would like to attract new members, particularly juniors. High quality facilities to host more competitions (internal and external) are seen an important component to realise this goal.

Beechmont Community Sports Association

Membership

The Beechmont Community Sports Association has clubs as its members. The Association acts as an umbrella organisation for its members by managing Graceleigh Park, assisting with lowering costs and as an advocacy body with a joint voice. The clubs under the Association include:

- Beechmont Junior Soccer Club
- Beechmont Cricket Club
- Beechmont Tennis Club
- Canungra and District Hang Gliding Club
- Beechmont Horse Riders Club
- Beechmont Netball Club
- Beechmont Anzac Committee
- Beechmont State School
- Beechmont State School P & C
- Beechmont Rural Fire Brigade
- Beechmont Hall Committee.

Facilities

The Sports Association leases Graceleigh Park from Council and manages it on behalf of its members. The members use the facility and conduct their own maintenance.

The facility is appropriate for its uses, however, a number of suggested improvements will enhance the experience for participants and would also increase participation numbers. Suggested improvements include:

- level the surface of the field
- install new walk/cycle paths
- install lighting on the field
- construct new change rooms
- install some activity equipment for older adults.

The Association has identified that the cost of maintenance is becoming more of an issue now that Council has ceased mowing the grass. The cost of liability insurance is also becoming more of an issue and now has to be paid by the Association, whereas it used to be paid by Council. (Note: since time of consultation, the issue of cost of insurance has been addressed by Council).

Activities

The Association does not conduct its own activities as such but supports its members to conduct its activities.

Improving the facilities would encourage additional participation and perhaps attract additional activities to the site.

Boonah Bowls Club

Membership

The Bowls Club has approximately 60 playing members and 150 social members. Membership has been declining over recent years.

Facilities

The facilities at Boonah Bowls Club include two greens and a clubhouse. One corner of one green is dropping and will require significant money to repair. Other priorities for the Club include shade around the greens and water tanks. Due to the Club having poker machines on site, the Club is not eligible to apply under some grant programs.

Activities

The Club coordinates bowls events on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of most weeks. In addition, croquet is played at the facilities on Tuesdays. Cards (bridge) is played in the clubhouse on Tuesdays.

The Club would like to promote private hire of the facilities as a way to increase promotions of the Club and increase its revenue stream. The Club is also in negotiation with a local School to facilitate a term of bowling for interested students.

Boonah Community Pool (Lessee)

A new lessee has recently taken over the operation of the Boonah Community Pool. The Pool is located on Education Queensland land (Boonah State High School) and is managed by a committee that has representation from the School, Council, Swimming Club and community.

As the Pool is on school property, community use is available outside school hours and during school holidays. The pool is open for community use between 5.30am to 9am and from 3pm to 6pm weekdays and open on weekends. There are approximately 100 students involved in learn-to-swim classes at Boonah.

Historically, there were issues with the water quality and community access to the pool. However improvements to both of these issues has occurred. High priority improvements needed include painting of the pool surface and some minor improvements to the aesthetics of the area.

Boonah Golf Club

Membership

The Club has consistently had approximately 250-260 members, 15 of which are juniors.

Facilities

The Golf course is open and used every day. Priorities for the Club in relation to facility improvements include:

- upgrading of the kitchen (high priority)
- surrounds mower (high priority)
- new storage shed (buggy storage)
- new tractor for venue maintenance
- new gaming room (Club is currently finalising this upgrade).

The Club owns the land freehold and its long-term vision is to develop another 9 holes.

Activities

Apart from normal Club activities (golf), the Club runs junior clinics for primary school-aged children and many social days. In the future, the Club would like to hold clinics for high-school aged players.

It would also like to extend the use of the Clubhouse facility to attract additional private hire income.

Boonah Gliding Club

Membership

There are approximately 145 members of the Boonah Gliding Club. Membership has stayed relatively stable over the past three years.

Facilities

Boonah airfield is the base of the club. Improvements required to the air field include:

- drainage and resurfacing of airstrip at the north-eastern end as some subsidence has occurred
- marker cones for the taxiway and airfield runway are required (safety).

Activities

Gliding is the primary activity of the Club who operate throughout the year.

Boonah Just Walk it

Membership

There are approximately 30 walkers registered with the group and 10 people walk on a regular basis. The average age ranges from 50-70 years old. Regular walker numbers tend to increase in the summer months.

Facilities

The group has three regular walking routes which take approximately 45 minutes to complete. The walks cater for all abilities and can be flexible and made longer and shorter distances.

In general, the group is happy with the condition of the walking tracks and the pedestrian footpaths but has identified a few matters that may improve the experience for walkers and could also encourage more people to participate. These improvements are:

- conduct regular maintenance on grass verges and trim the trees along footpaths
- install a footpath along the park side of Hoya Road.

Activities

The group conducts walks on a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday at 6am. There is no fee for the walks and on occasion, the group may travel to another location for some variety.

The group has a good relationship with Council and was very grateful to receive a donation for one of their breakfasts recently which is run every Christmas period and every July. Every two years, the group also has a breakfast with the Just Walk It group at Ipswich.

Boonah P & C Association (Boonah State High School)

The Boonah State High School P & C Association are currently eager to embark on a new sport and recreation project. The P & C Association are actively seeking opportunities to install an outdoor gym (8 outdoor gym pieces, 4 fitness based nodes, seats and softfall) on the Macquarie Street side of the oval. The outdoor gym will be publicly accessible outside school hours (9am to 3pm Monday to Friday during school terms).

The other priority relating to sport and recreation opportunities in Boonah include:

- upgrades to the community pool to incorporate more shade and seating elements. The P&C Association acknowledge that there is some community concern about access to the pool (difficulty to access during school times), however, this is usually down times for most community pools.
- a synthetic running track at the oval.

Boonah Show Society

Facilities

The Boonah Show Society manage the Boonah Showgrounds. The land is owned by the State Government and the lease agreement has no expiry date. The Show Society has been operating approximately 110 years. The Show Society own a separate lot/plan which is used as the caravan park.

Most of the buildings at the showgrounds are old and many require significant upgrading or complete replacement. The Show Society plan to replace three buildings, including the main show office/pavilion, with a large indoor multi-purpose centre. Preliminary plans for the indoor centre have been drawn and include:

- two courts (multipurpose: netball, basketball, futsal) and three indoor cricket nets
- a gymnasium
- multi-use activities areas
- dual use as additional pavilion space for show time use.

The courts, office, gymnasium and mezzanine floor are scheduled to occur in the first stage of development. The second stage will incorporate the bar, kitchen and dining hall.

In addition to the pavilion/multi-purpose indoor centre, the Show Society would like to replace the rodeo arena, this is also seen as a high priority for the Society. It would also like to complete the lighting around the main arena as a medium priority action.

Activities

The Show Society has a number of sub-leases/regular users including:

- Fassifern Netball Association
- Boonah Guides
- Fassifern Horse and Pony Club
- Boonah Rodeo Association
- Boonah State High School.

In addition there are a number of regular hirers of the facilities including caravan clubs, rodeo, Boonah Chamber of Commerce, Boonah Tourism Group and local service clubs.

The Society amended its Constitution to include sport and recreation as part of its core business. The Society would like to actively pursue and encourage more sport and recreation activities. The new multi-purpose indoor centre is one part to realising this vision.

The Show Society have been extremely active in preparing for its future. They have completed a number of planning exercises to

ensure the Society's longevity as well as continuing to offer a range of opportunities for the local communities. Planning undertaken by the Society includes a Strategic Business Plan, Land Management Plan, Community Sports Pavilion Proposal, and a draft Facilities Development Plan is under production.

Boonah Soccer Club

Membership

Boonah Soccer Club has approximately 150 members, 120 of which are juniors. Membership has remained relatively even over the past few years. The Club also facilitates the futsal competition in Boonah. There is approximately 220 futsal members.

Facilities

The Club uses two separate venues: Coronation Park and Boonah State High School Community Indoor Centre.

The facilities at Coronation Park only just meet the Club's needs. A master plan was completed in 2009 and goes part of the way to ease the pressure of field space for the Club. Ideally, the Club would like to have four FIFA sized senior fields and two junior fields. One option the Club would like to explore is the land at Dugandan flats which is believed to be under Council control.

Improvements the Club would like at Coronation Park include:

- toilets
- additions to the Sporting Complex (clubhouse) to include a gym facility and referee room
- resurfacing (including levelling) of the fields
- lighting of fields
- improvements of the car parking area
- mobile grandstands
- access to irrigation (recycled water preferable)
- additional shade
- storage facilities (Club is currently actively pursuing storage options).

The futsal competition runs three nights a week at the Boonah State High School facility. There is enormous community support for this activity and there is demand to increase the competition. The venue, however, is used to capacity (and there is limited opportunity for the Club to increase the hire times). There have been some minor conflicts in the programming of the facility between community use and school use. The Soccer Club is aware of the Show Society's plans for a two-court venue, and whilst the Club is excited and interested in this project, it is concerned the hire fees may affect membership.

Activities

Coronation Park facilities are shared between three Clubs. Boonah Soccer Club have access to the complex and grounds for six months per year (Easter to September). When there is a clash of seasons between the sports, Soccer uses the fields at Boonah State High School.

Boonah Swimming Club

Membership

The Swimming Club has approximately 85 members, most of which are primary school aged children.

Facilities

The Swimming Club operates at the Boonah Community Pool located at Boonah State High School. Ideally, Club members (and many community members) would like Council to consider building a 50m

pool at the old pool site (Elizabeth Terrace side of Coronation Park, adjacent to the hydrotherapy pool currently being built).

Facility improvements considered important to the school pool include:

- seating for spectators
- shade
- painting of the pool (it is noted this is expected to occur at the end of the season)
- clubhouse facility for the Swimming Club.

Activities

The Club meets on Friday evenings (6pm – 8pm). Community access to the pool is considered to be an ongoing issue for residents.

The Club is concerned about the lack of clarity around the roles and responsibilities of interested parties (school, Council and the Club).

Boonah Tennis Association

Membership

Membership of the Boonah Tennis Association has decreased to 64 members over the past three years (from 95 members). Junior membership is extremely low and it is assumed that the conflict in sign-on (and seasons) between tennis and soccer may attribute to the loss of juniors. There has also been some loss of mid-week lady players to the new regional tennis facilities at Ipswich.

The tennis season is between March and October.

Facilities

Boonah tennis courts are located on the eastern side Coronation Park. Lights are required for the courts to encourage more members. Courts 1 and 4 need resurfacing (artificial grass). The kitchen/canteen facilities are also inadequate.

The tennis facilities have broken into on several occasions and in 2009 the Association upgraded the security of the facility.

The Tennis Association has a lease agreement with Council, this is due for renewal and the Association is currently negotiating a new lease arrangement (5 years duration). The Club currently maintains all the facilities, however, Council supplies toilet paper to the toilets and mows the car park area near the club house (Coronation Park). The Association would like greater clarity around the roles and responsibilities of each party ensuring that it is a fair and equitable arrangement so that the Tennis Association is not treated worse than other like organisations.

Activities

The Association runs a mid-week competition. Unfortunately, the loss of members last year (2009) has meant that the Association could not fill this competition and the rules were modified to create a more flexible playing structure.

It is hoped that there will be sufficient juniors register in 2010 to form a Saturday morning competition.

The mid-week over 30s competition and Monday night social divisions are the two strongest activities for the Club.

Broken Paddle Canoe Club

Membership

This Club is relatively new (incorporated in 2002) and has 15 senior members and 20 junior members.

Facilities

The Club uses Boonah Pool, Dugandan Lagoon, Moogerah Dam and Maroon Dam. Boonah Pool and Dugandan Lagoon are used weekly and the dams are once approximately once for month.

The Club has grown and will soon require access to a public place to house kayaks, canoes and other equipment. Currently, the Club stores some equipment at the storage facility at the Boonah Pool (Education Queensland land) which it is sharing with the Boonah Swimming Club. Some equipment is stored at members homes due to lack of alternate options.

Activities

Current activities include canoe polo (novice, competition and elite), recreation flat water and white-water kayaking. In the future, the Club would like to introduce surf kayaking and sea kayaking.

Gold Coast Kart Club

Membership

The Gold Coast Kart Club has approximately 300 financial members. However, they believe this number will exceed 1,000 once a facility is operational.

Facilities

The Gold Coast Kart Club was located at Coomera and sold their land as urban encroachment started to affect the sport. The Club is financial as a result and is very interested in making the Scenic Rim their home. A number of properties were investigated and the Club is in the process of purchasing land at Josephville and submitting a development approval application with Council.

The first stage of development includes:

- purchase of land
- development approval
- course and facility design
- completion of the driver training complex
- completion of the international driving complex
- completion of ancillary facilities including: clubhouse, function area, canteen, amenities.

The second stage of development will focus on a second international driving complex.

It is envisaged that once complete, no other major facilities will be required for approximately 35 years.

Activities

When operational, the Club will host a monthly competition that will attract around 400 competitors. The facility will be open seven days a week from 7am to 5.30pm. The Club will employ a facility manager, grounds person and canteen staff. The Club is also looking at employing a booking and public relations person.

The Club is looking at possible partnerships, one of which being with Motorcycling Queensland.

Canungra Hang Gliding Club

Membership

The Club has approximately 160 members with around 60% of the membership base residing in the Scenic Rim. The Club is growing and in the past three years have increased its member base by 35.

Facilities

The Club owns one site (freehold) in Canungra, this site is used for a landing zone. As a high priority, the Club would like to build a clubhouse and storage facility at this site (zoned Rural Residential B) this year. This will allow for all the Club equipment to be centrally located and not rely on members to store equipment.

The Club leases another four sites which are used for launching. Located at Beechmont, Tamborine Mountain, Hinchliffe's and Flying Fox. Lease agreements exist between the individual landowners and the Club for use of these sites. The Tamborine Mountain site is State-controlled land, while all others are leased from private landowners.

Canungra and surrounds have some ideal attributes to support all-year gliding (hang and paragliding). The Club is concerned that urban encroachment seen in the area may jeopardise the future of the sport. To counteract this, the Club is actively looking at options to secure land to protect their interests and have commenced a land acquisition fund for members to contribute into for this purpose.

This is another example of the attractiveness of the Scenic Rim for 'hard-to-locate' activities, many of which have, or are feeling, pressure of potentially having to relocate.

Activities

The Canungra Hang Gliding Club is one of the largest clubs in the town and largest hang/paragliding club in Australia. The Club operates throughout the year and members can fly on any given day. On average approximately 1/3 of the financial members fly most weekends. It is assumed that the Club supports over 15,000 flights per year.

The Club coordinates two large competitions per year. These events are sponsored by Council and attract around 200 people each. The results from these events contribute to the National ranking system for hang gliding and paragliding.

The Club also coordinates clinics for novice pilots (4/yr) and runs a comprehensive safety officers program.

Canungra Pool (Lessee)

The Pool is owned by Council and managed by a lessee (coordinated by Council). The pool coordinates the learn to swim activities and has over 50 students, it is noted the learn-to-swim program is at capacity due to the limited number of instructors available. The Canungra Swimming Club is strong with over 60 members. The pool is thought to be well used (and supported) by the community.

Canungra Owls Soccer Club

Membership

Membership has remained steady over the last few years with 40 senior and 150 junior members.

Facilities

The Club uses Moriarty Park every week night, most Saturdays and occasional Sundays throughout the season. The facility is excellent, but it is difficult to maintain due to overlap with cricket and soccer usage.

The Club has identified a number of improvements to the facility including:

- top dressing of the field
- a disabled ramp
- perimeter fencing
- kick wall.

The Club is also interested in being involved with the new Tamborine Mountain Sports Complex.

Activities

The Club competes in the Gold Coast Federation Competition and is not planning any additional activities at this stage.

Canungra Sports and Recreation Reserve Ground Inc. (Showgrounds)

Membership

All ratepayers and residents within a 9.6km radius of the sports ground are eligible for membership of the Canungra Sports and Recreation Reserve Ground Inc.

Facilities

The showgrounds are privately owned and managed by the Canungra Sports and Recreation Grounds committee (incorporating the Canungra Show, Rodeo, Campdraft etc).

The Committee has been very active in upgrading and maintaining the facilities to a high standard. These include: caretakers cottage, new amenities, pavilion, indoor covered area, additional rodeo ground (including lights), new five-bay storage facility and water storage tanks. The remaining priority improvements include upgrade of one toilet block and replacing the call-box that was recently damaged by a hot air balloon (insurance claim is being finalised).

The main issues identified by the Organisation include the cost of maintaining the venue and the declining number of volunteers.

Activities

The Show Society organise the annual show, rodeo and campdraft. The Grounds Committee organise rugby league, the pony club and temporary camping on site.

Fassifern Auto Club

Membership

The Fassifern Auto Club has approximately 35 members. Membership has been consistent over many years.

Facilities

Until recently, the Auto Club subleased an area of the Kalbar Showgrounds. DERM did not approve renewal of this lease and in 2010 the Club was forced from the property, leaving them without a facility to facilitate their sport. The Club has built a clubhouse, burnout pad and bought ancillary equipment essential for the sport.

The Fassifern Auto Club urgently require assistance/advice regarding options to relocate their sport. The Auto Club is concerned that any relocation may be a temporary fix due to the proposed development in the Region. The Club would consider nearly any location in the local government area and requires approximately 20 acres of land to establish a suitable facility.

Activities

The Fassifern Auto Club coordinate 4 meets per year. These events were extremely popular for motorsport enthusiasts.

The only currently planned activity is a swap meet. The Auto Club will hire Boonah Showgrounds for this event.

Fassifern Cricket Association

Membership

The Association has approximately 60 junior members and 18 senior members. The Association has indicated that both senior and junior membership has shown a slight decrease over the past few years.

Facilities

Fassifern Cricket Association is based at Coronation Park. It shares the facility with Fassifern Vigoro Association and Boonah Soccer Club. The three Clubs have shared use over the grounds and the Sports Complex (club facility).

Improvements to the grounds are considered the most important improvement needed, followed by spectator facilities, additional cricket nets and storage.

Activities

The Club is part of the local structured cricket competition. It also undertakes coaching clinics for the junior members and coordinates social matches throughout the season.

Fassifern Horse and Pony Club Inc

Membership

The Fassifern Horse and Pony Club has approximately 75 individual members. It is estimated that members are relatively even split between juniors and seniors. In 2006, it is estimated the Club had around 110 members.

Facilities

The Fassifern Horse and Pony Club are based at the Boonah Showgrounds where they have a clubhouse and dressage arena. The Club is also permitted to use the main showground ring if it is available on Club days.

Due to the nature of the agreement with Boonah Show Society, the

Club finds it difficult to comply with many grant applications due to not being able to provide documentation to prove long-term tenure. The agreement also states that assets built on site become the property of the Show Society. There have been some conflicts with programming in the past resulting in the Club either having to postpone or renegotiate event times.

The Fassifern Horse and Pony Club have expressed an interest in relocating to the Wyaralong Dam Recreation Facility and are in discussion with key stakeholders. This will enable the Club to establish a cross-country course while retaining the dressage arena and main club facility at the Boonah Showgrounds.

Activities

The Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month between February and October. The Club also runs three competitions per year and most years also host a Zone 3 training weekend.

Fassifern Little Athletics

Membership

The Fassifern Little Athletics Club has approximately 105 members. At the end of its third season, numbers have been increasing significantly year to year. Membership is expected to increase steadily over the next few years.

Facilities

The Club uses Boonah State High School every Friday afternoon for its activities. The relationship with the high school is excellent and the Club is very happy.

Access to toilets can sometimes cause an issue with the school toilets being locked every afternoon. Participants have been using the pool toilets but this does not appear to be an acceptable solution for the pool manager as it interferes with pool clients.

Activities

The Club would like to host more interclub competitions but access to a toilet is an issue for participants and would not be accepted by visiting clubs.

The Club has identified a declining volunteer base and difficulty in succession planning for new committee members.

Fassifern Netball Club

Membership

Fassifern Netball Club has approximately 150 members, a slight decrease from 160 from three years earlier. The drop of members over past few years has coincided with futsal being available in Boonah.

Facilities

The Netball courts are located within the Boonah showgrounds.

There are five courts, one of which is no longer usable as the surface condition is too poor/unsafe. All courts are asphalt and most of them have large cracks in the surface. Ideally, the Club would like eight courts. This would allow the Club to host regional competitions and to meet the demand from existing members. However, due to the use of the courts during the Boonah Show, any facility upgrades would mean the Show would not be able to use this hardstand area – a condition of the terms of the lease agreement between Netball and the Show Society.

Activities

Monday night is club night. The Club operates a social mixed competition in the off-season (October to December).

The Club is limited with the activities it runs due to the number and condition of the courts. However, this year the Club plans to invest more in promotional activities to increase its membership.

Fassifern Rugby League Club

Membership

The Fassifern Rugby League Club has approximately 260 members, 140 of which are senior members.

Facilities

The Fassifern Rugby League Club is based at Harrisville. The facilities are leased by the Club from a private landholder. A 99-year lease exists. Whilst meeting the league demand of Boonah and its surrounds, the Club is a new part of the Scenic Rim as it used to be part of the jurisdiction of Ipswich City Council.

Activities

Fassifern Rugby League Club competes in the Ipswich competition.

Fassifern Sporting Shooters Association

Membership

The Club has approximately 100 members. Membership has remained relatively static in recent years.

Facilities

The Club own their facility and do not require any significant upgrades when they finish building an additional range (currently have approval from the Weapons Licensing Branch).

Activities

The Fassifern Sporting Shooters Association coordinates small bore, pistol and rifle shooting events. The Club utilises the facility every weekend for these activities. The Club also coordinates a small bore night shoot once a week (mid-week).

Flying Tigers Ultralight Club Boonah

Membership

The Flying Tigers has approximately 60 members including 10 junior members. The Club has doubled in size over past three years.

Facilities

Boonah airfield is used on a weekly basis by the Club. Long term tenure is seen as a priority for the Club. The Club is concerned about tenure and are in negotiation with Council regarding their lease agreement. Proposed costs by Council for the annual lease fees are considered a problem for this not-for-profit recreation association.

Improvements required to the air field include:

- drainage and resurfacing of airstrip at the north-eastern end as some subsidence has occurred
- marker cones for the taxiway and airfield runway are required (safety).

Activities

The Club is solely focused on providing recreation aviation opportunities.

Harrisville Bowling Club

Membership

The Harrisville Bowling Club has approximately 40 members with membership remaining relatively static over past the three years.

Facilities

The green is in reasonable condition and meets the needs of the Club. Ideally a lit, artificial green would be preferred as it would decrease the financial burden on the Club to maintain the grounds.

The clubhouse requires significant works and the cost of maintaining this venue is a financial burden to the Club. The Clubhouse requires painting (inside and out) and repairs to the roof and ceiling.

Activities

There is one green and a clubhouse at the facility. The green is used approximately 4 times per annum. The Club is not of sufficient size to hold regular Club days and relies on surrounding Clubs to visit to host events.

The Club sponsors local schools and encourages them to come and learn the sport of bowls. It would like to be able to sponsor more school to participate in bowls, however, is not in a financial position to offer this service. The Club would like to apply for a grant to extend this invitation.

Kalbar Show Society

Facilities

The Kalbar Show Society are trustees of the land through a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) from the State Government. All responsibilities associated with the management of the Grounds is the responsibility of the Show Society.

The facility meets the basic needs of the Society, however, a new administration building is required.

Activities

The Kalbar Showgrounds are used more than half of the weekends of the year. The Show Society coordinate their main activity (the Kalbar Show) as well as facilitate the hire of the facility to other user groups, these include:

- soccer
- endurance riders
- caravan club events.

Until recently, the Fassifern Auto Club was based at the showgrounds and hosted four major auto events per year. The Auto Club's lease was not supported or renewed recently, forcing the Club to be evicted from this site.

Cricket was also played at the showgrounds. The Club no longer exist, however, was popular for ten years or so.

Kalbar KROP and Lions Club

Apart from the activities located at the showgrounds (see above), tennis is the only formal sport activity available in Kalbar. Whilst there is not a formal competition played at the courts, social tennis remains to be “popular” (up to 12 people per week on a Wednesday evening). The tennis courts require urgent attention. The fencing and lighting do not meet safety standards and pose a significant risk to Council and the community.

Shade over the playground at the park beside the Civic Hall is also considered a high priority.

Local service groups and businesses are prepared to volunteer and to assist to action these priorities.

Long-term, the community would like Council to consider investigating opportunities to develop a multi-purpose indoor sports hall at the Showgrounds.

Kooralbyn Equestrian Club

Membership

The Kooralbyn Equestrian Club attract over 200 participants for its events. There are four official events each year. There is no actual membership base but the Club (and its facility) is used a lot on a casual basis.

Facilities

The equestrian grounds are currently sub-leased from the school who lease the grounds from the bank (the resort is in receivership). The grounds currently cater for cross country, dressage and showjumping events.

The facility is very popular within Queensland and the cross country course is rated as a two star course. The course has the potential to get a rating of three star but more land is required and the bank will not allocate any additional land at this time. The nearest three star cross country course is in Warwick.

The club and the school are on monthly leases and insufficient tenure is the biggest issue for the club as they cannot progress any further until there is some more stability.

The club has indicated that they would like to work with Council to identify some land (approximately 80 acres) in order to achieve some permanency and encourage the hosting of additional events.

Activities

The Club attracts over 200 participants for its official events (cross country, dressage and showjumping) and has advised that participants really enjoy coming to the area.

Lake Moogerah Water Ski Zone Inc

Membership

The Zone is a not-for-profit Club, however, is privately run and operated, hence membership is limited. There are approximately 40 members (and their families).

Facilities

Club activities at Moogerah Dam occur most weekends. Whilst sport and recreation activities are based in the water, improvements are needed to access the dam. These include road repairs.

The major issue for the Zone is the restricting, and expensive, nature of the lease agreement with SEQ Water as they are treated as a ‘Commercial Enterprise’ even though they operate as a not-for-profit incorporated body. The Zone is responsible for a lot of maintenance at the Dam which is also very expensive.

Activities

The Zone actively pursues opportunities to host regional, state and national water skiing events. In 2011, the World Titles will be hosted in Queensland. There is potential that Lake Moogerah will be used as a training venue and potentially for a qualifier event for the World Titles.

Maroon Sport and Recreation Association

The community sport and recreation facilities at Maroon include 2 tennis courts, 2 cricket ovals and 1 vigoro oval. A social fishing club is also part of the Association. Currently, no formal sport is played at Maroon and the facilities are available for social use only. The Association maintains the facilities as best as possible, however, this cost is becoming a burden to the Association.

The Association did own the land freehold, however, transferred tenure to Council to avoid the high costs associated with insuring the venue.

The community is in decline, mainly due to the collapse of the dairy industry in the area. This also may eventuate in the closure of the Maroon School, Education Queensland reviews their decision of keeping the school open annually.

Moriarty Park

Membership

Moriarty Park is the hub for sport and recreation in Canungra. The Moriarty Park committee are responsible for the management and coordination of events at the site (with the exception of the pool which is now under Council's control).

Facilities

The Park includes the Canungra Pool, clubhouse, oval/field, tennis courts and skate facility. Moriarty Park neighbours the Canungra Showgrounds.

Improvements needed include:

- shade around the fields
- additional seating for spectators
- upgrades to the clubhouse and amenities to improve access
- upgrade the skate facility including erecting a shade structure (currently seeking grants for this work).

The Committee would also like Council to consider adding more water play elements to the Canungra Pool and more shade over the water areas.

Small projects the Committee would like to pursue include installing fans in the clubhouse and buying a new refrigerator.

Activities

The fields are used weekly for formal sport – cricket and soccer and more regularly for informal users. Interschool sport is played at this facility. The hall is used for a variety of sport and recreation activities, including activities for local seniors (coordinated through Wongaburra), a keep fit group, dance group and for hosting local sporting awards. The tennis facilities are hired for social use. A small social competition exists.

Rathdowney Soccer, Swimming and Grounds Committee

Membership

The Rathdowney Memorial Ground has approximately 60 senior members and 80 junior members.

Facilities

The Rathdowney Memorial Ground are used on a daily basis by local groups. Improvements to the yards are required as is lighting and access to water to the Ground.

The Ground has been developed from the hard work of volunteers, however, the burden of maintenance is becoming an issue for local volunteers who are ageing.

Selwyn Park Sporting Management Association

Membership

Selwyn Park Sporting Management Association represent Beaudesert Soccer and Cricket.

Facilities

Selwyn Park is a hub for sport and recreation in Beaudesert. It is used on a weekly basis. The grounds are considered to be in relatively good condition as a result of work by local volunteers and grants. Building upgrades are required, including new changerooms, upgrades to the clubhouse and canteen.

Activities

The individual Clubs are responsible for their activities.

Tamborine and District Riders Association

Membership

The Tamborine and District Riders Association has been operating for less than three months at time of interview and have 38 members.

Facilities

The Association use the Tamborine Pony Club facilities at Middle Park, Tamborine.

Activities

The Association meets on the last Sunday of each month. In addition, the Association run separate events, clinics and competitions. Most of these additional events are run from private properties or local facilities are hired.

In the future the Association would like to facilitate more dusk and evening events.

Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club

Membership

The Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club has 50 full playing members and over 100 social members. Membership has remained fairly steady over the last few years, however, female membership has declined slightly.

Facilities

The Club has a long term lease with Council and facilities include two good quality lawn bowls greens with lights and shaded seating around the perimeter and a large clubhouse with dining room, bar and gaming facilities. Croquet is also played at the Club.

All of the facilities have been afforded through its membership and usage of the facilities. The Club is currently seeking to extend the existing clubhouse and is negotiating terms and conditions with Council.

The Club is sustainable and financial. The main issue faced by the club is access to water. The Club's only access to water is by paying for water to be trucked in which can be very expensive. The Club would like to have easier access to water.

The Club has also indicated that it is important for Council to continue providing general (non-financial) support for the Club, so that it can remain sustainable and self-reliant.

Activities

The Club organises inter-club and intra-club competitions on regular occasions. It will host Premier League matches and social bowls two days a week. The Club is going well and is not looking to start new programs but would like to increase the number of full playing members.

A recent bus purchase will assist in encouraging more people to get to the club as transport is now provided.

Tamborine Mountain Croquet Club

Membership

The Tamborine Mountain Croquet Club has approximately 14 members. Over the past few years, this number has stayed fairly constant.

Facilities

The Club is based at the Tamborine Mountain Memorial Centre where the Bowls Club is the lessee. They use the facility 3 times per week and although the Club would like to use it more frequently, they are unable to due to the Bowls Club being at capacity and requiring use of the greens. The Club has a good relationship with the bowls club.

The Club has purchased special equipment that is suitable for the greens so that no damage is caused.

Using the facility at night is a good option but is expensive for players as they are required to pay \$6 per person for lights.

Activities

The Club would like to play modified croquet games such as 'gateball' but is unable to progress to these new activities because of lack of space and access to greens available.

The Club has indicated that it is interested in moving to the Tamborine Mountain development at Long Road and is a member of the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association.

The Club would like assistance with access to grants and funding.

Tamborine Mountain Eagles Soccer Club

Membership

The Soccer Club has a high membership with approximately 160 junior members and 20 senior members. The junior membership has seen a significant increase over the last few years whereas the senior membership has remained steady.

Facilities

The club uses Geissman Oval, the North Tamborine Primary and High Schools and St Bernards Primary School. Geissman Oval is used seven times a week and the schools twice a week during the season (8 months of the year).

As a member of the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association, the Club is expecting to use the new sports complex at Long Road once its first stage is completed (expected June 2010).

Activities

The Club competes in the Gold Coast Federation Competition and is not planning any additional activities at this stage.

Tamborine Mountain Gymnastics

Membership

The Club has a fluctuating junior membership of approximately 80.

Facilities

The Club uses the Vonda Youngman Community Centre three times a week for Gymnastics training. The facilities are excellent, however, the Club shares the facility with other users and so all of the gym equipment has to be set up and packed away weekly. It takes approximately 2 hours to set up and 2 hours to pack up.

The Club is required to pay for the time in the facility including the set up and pack up time and the constant moving of material can accelerate wear and tear on the equipment leading to the need for regular replacements.

The highest priority for the Club would be a dedicated facility or a facility which would decrease the requirement of constantly setting up and packing away equipment.

Activities

The Club provides recreation and squad gymnastics for males and females and also offers male and female artistic gymnastics. A dedicated facility may assist the club in providing more opportunities by having unlimited access to a facility.

Tamborine Mountain Sports Association

Membership

The Association acts as an umbrella organisation for all sports clubs on Tamborine Mountain, primarily to oversee the development of the Long Road Sports Complex and then operate it.

The Association currently has nine member clubs and Council is also a member. The Association is looking to commence discussions with other clubs in the near future to seek additional members. The current member clubs include:

- Tamborine Mountain Cricket Club
- Tamborine Mountain Bushrats Junior Rugby League Club
- Tamborine Mountain Eagles Soccer Club
- Tamborine Mountain Netball Club

- Tamborine Mountain Croquet Club
- Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club
- Tamborine Mountain Tennis Club
- Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club
- Tamborine Mountain Chess Club.

A study conducted in 2008 looked at the attitudes of Tamborine Mountain residents to the development of a sport and recreation complex at Long Road. The study surveyed over 600 residents. Of the 634 valid responses, 532 were in favour of the development, 30 were against the development and 72 were uncommitted.

Facilities

The Association is currently project managing the 15 hectare development of the Tamborine Mountain District Sport and Recreation Complex which will see a large sport complex developed to include activities for aquatic sports and recreation, field sports, courts sports, skating and BMX. The site is to be developed in stages with Stage One estimated to be completed in June 2010.

Stage One is expected to include the development of the clubhouse, cricket fields, football fields and rugby league fields. Stage Two will be reliant on additional funding being available and is expected to include the development of the aquatic centre, netball courts, tennis courts, skate park, BMX track and adventure playground.

The Association anticipates that a full-time grounds person will be employed to maintain high quality facilities. A dam and bores will provide access to water.

The facility will be officially opened in June/July 2010 with the first users to commence in the cricket season in September. At the time of writing, the development was progressing on track and due to be completed in June 2010.

Tamborine Mountain Swimming Pool

Membership

The Swimming Club is not operating currently. Previously, the Club had approximately 65 junior members.

Facilities

The pool, that is owned by Council and managed by a lessee, is only open six months of the year. The facility consists of a solar heated, six lane, 25 metre pool with lights. There is a chair lift and disabled access, a small children's play area and a small canteen.

Although the pool is solar heated, additional heating is required to maintain an appropriate temperature (29 degrees Celsius) which can be very expensive. Heating of the pool is extremely important for the older age groups who like to use the pool as a way of keeping active.

The Swim Club find it difficult to maintain momentum with swimmers as there is such a long period of time when the children are unable to train when the pool is closed. Children progress their skills and fitness to a certain level but due to the closure, they have to start their training all over again.

During the season, the pool operates from 6am to 6pm on weekdays, 8am to 6pm on a Saturday and 12 noon to 4pm on a Sunday. The lessee has identified an average of approximately 25,000 entries within a 6-month period.

Improvements could include a structure to cover the pool (roof and sides), which would assist with keeping the pool warm. This would mean that the pool could remain open for most of the year and not just six months. This improvement would also encourage additional users.

This is the only pool within a 45 minutes catchment drive and although there are four schools in proximity, there is no school with its own pool.

There is potential for users of the pool to move to the Tamborine Mountain District Sport and Recreation Complex when the aquatic facility is built (Stage Two of the development). This stage of the development is at least three years away with major fundraising required to commence works.

Activities

The pool is very popular with the general community. Activities at the pool include swimming lessons, Royal Lifesaving training, aqua aerobics and school swimming. The swimming club would like to start operating again, however, the need to build a structure to cover the pool and also open the pool for a longer season is evident.

Tamborine Pony Club

Membership

The Tamborine Pony Club have approximately 50 members.

Facilities

The Pony Club lease Middle Park from Council. A relatively new five-year lease has been approved, due to expire in 2014. A number of improvements are necessary at Middle Park, these being:

- a new club house
- horse yards
- fencing, particularly around the skate park
- upgrades to the access to the club facilities
- access to water (currently a bore exists on Council land)

Medium priority improvements required include:

- dressage arena
- shelter
- lighting
- power

Activities

The Pony Club meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. The Pony Club would like to coordinate dusk/evening events.

Tamborine and District Citizens Association

Membership

Tamborine and District Citizens Association is a community organisation charged to improve quality of life and opportunities for Tamborine Village residents. A sport and recreation sub-committee has been formed to try and encourage more sport and recreation activities in the village.

Facilities

Historically, soccer, little athletics and netball have been played at Middle Park. The Association would like to ensure Middle Park is available for these types of sport in the future.

Activities

The Sport and Recreation Committee is newly formed. At this stage no formal activities are provided by the group, however, a business plan has been prepared and discussions have occurred with the Pony Club as lessee, the local Councillor and Council Officers.

Tamborine Memorial Hall Committee

Facilities

Tamborine Hall Committee manage the hall and old school building. Also on site is two lit tennis courts and a playground.

Activities

The Hall offers through sub-hirers a range of sport and recreation opportunities, including:

- karate
- music club
- kick boxing
- yoga
- zumba.

The Committee has recently commenced monthly markets at this site, these have been extremely popular.

In the future, the Committee would like to offer:

- a space for young people to hang out
- community computers and associated training programs
- general community meeting rooms.