

Sport And Recreation Strategy 2018 - 2028





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Introduction

What is the Sport and Recreation Strategy?

The Sport and Recreation Strategy (the Strategy) aims to guide and structure the provision of sport and recreation programs and infrastructure across the Bundaberg Region between 2018 - 2028. The Strategy will enable Council to develop opportunities for the community to participate in, and lead more active and healthy lifestyles. Additionally, it will assist local community sport and recreation organisations to identify community needs and develop facility plans that will provide the best opportunity to access financial support through future funding opportunities.

The Strategy provides Council with the detail to increase their understanding of the community's current and likely future sport and recreation needs and supports the provision, management, development and delivery of sport and recreation by:

- ▼ identifying current and projected sport and recreation needs
- ▼ providing a planned and coordinated approach for the future provision, management and development of sport and recreation facilities
- ▼ clarifying the role of Council and other stakeholders (e.g. community clubs and groups, the private sector, and government authorities) in the provision of sport and recreation opportunities
- ▼ providing a prioritised range of tasks and actions that Council and other stakeholders can undertake over the next ten years to maximise residents' access to sport and recreation opportunities
- ▼ providing a spatial representation of Council's sport and recreation facilities and services
- ▼ clarifying Council's role with the provision of foreshore, river and water stored infrastructure including boat ramps, jetties etc.

Overall, the Strategy will enable Council to achieve its goal to become "A safe, active and healthy community"¹ through the following key strategies (identified in Council's Corporate Plan 2014-2019):

- ▼ plan, provide and maintain, or facilitate, a range of leisure, physical activity and recreation services
- ▼ provide facilities to help meet basic community needs
- ▼ facilitate a range of leisure, physical activity and recreation programs to help meet basic community needs
- ▼ engage the community and develop key partnerships that support social planning, community programs and information to enable active participation in all aspects of community life and activity
- ▼ advocate for a better quality of life for the community through relevant, affordable services, programs and facilities.

Scope/ Limitations of the Strategy

The Strategy focuses particularly on Council and community based sport, parks and leisure facilities and the sport and recreation activities that they support. Commercial recreation facilities and operators that service the Region have also been included in the Strategy.

Whilst the Strategy endeavours to enhance the range and effectiveness of sport and recreation activities and facilities within the Region, the following points are covered in more detail by other Council plans and strategies:

- ▼ broad open space planning and provision, such as parks that are primarily for passive/contemplative use, bushland and conservation areas
- ▼ cultural and heritage facilities, programs and services, such as libraries, cinemas and arts and cultural places and spaces
- ▼ community events
- ▼ home-based or private recreation activities and pursuits.

¹ Bundaberg Regional Council Community Plan 2031

Strategy inputs and outputs

The development of the Strategy has been informed by relevant local strategies and plans and an effective community engagement process to ensure a current assessment of residents' priorities and needs.



Defining key terms

For ease of reference throughout the Strategy, key terms described below have been split between *activities* (what is undertaken) and *spaces* (where the activities are undertaken).

Spaces



Recreation park

Settings for passive recreation and social activities. Parks provide a range of embellishments such as play equipment, kick-about areas, picnic facilities, formalised walks, gardens, landscaped areas, access to water bodies and car parking.



Sports facilities

Designed to primarily support a range of active recreation activities for training and competition. These sports parks are designed to accommodate the playing surface and infrastructure requirements of specific sports. Sports facilities are further broken down into a number of categories.

Traditional sports parks

Sports facilities that cater to traditional field and courts sports



Lawn sports and golf

Sports that are often associated with large clubs such as bowls clubs, croquet and golf.



Aquatic facilities

Council owned and private swimming pools



Hard-to-locate

Sports that are too noisy for the urban areas or require large amounts of space to function efficiently



Indoor facilities

Provide opportunities for sports indoor, often court sports



Surf Life Saving Clubs

Activities



Sport

A range of structured activities capable of achieving a result requiring physical exertion and skill, that is competitive or training for competition.

Recreation

Recreation is further categorised as passive or active recreation.



Passive recreation

A range of unstructured activities and social interactions undertaken for enjoyment, relaxation, physical and mental health. Passive recreation can be undertaken in all forms of open space (parks and natural areas) and may include walking, cycling, children's play, picnicking, fishing, kayaking and relaxing in nature.



Active recreation

Active recreation refer to organised forms of passive recreation activities such as Park Run, yoga and pilates, gym workout and group fitness.

Benefits of sport and recreation

Sport and recreation is one avenue that can help to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of the community and have far reaching social, economic, environmental and health benefits for the Region.



Social

- ▼ sport and recreation clubs are the hub of community life, especially in villages/rural towns
- ▼ creates opportunities for, and promotes volunteering
- ▼ provides a vehicle for inclusion, drawing together people of different races, religion and culture
- ▼ contributes to social capital
- ▼ fosters community pride
- ▼ provides a sense of belonging
- ▼ active kids learn better and are more likely to enjoy school
- ▼ binds communities and families through shared experiences
- ▼ contribute to lifelong learning and develops leadership skills.



Economic

- ▼ contributes to the local economy. Healthy workers are more productive and take less sick days
- ▼ eases pressure on the health system
- ▼ economic growth through business investment, employment, major events and tourism.



Environmental

- ▼ helps to sustain the environment through protecting open space and natural areas.



Health

- ▼ provides work/life balance
- ▼ contribute to higher levels of self-esteem and self-worth
- ▼ improves mental health and reduces stress
- ▼ can help to reduce television or computer screen time
- ▼ can help to prevent cardiovascular disease, diabetes and some cancer
- ▼ reduces obesity
- ▼ promotes a healthy, active lifestyle
- ▼ tones and strengthens the body.



Park Run, Queens Park, Bundaberg

Community engagement summary

The Bundaberg Region has three distinct communities- urban, coastal and hinterland, each with their own distinctiveness and sport and recreation preferences. To help Council understand the role sport and recreation facilities play in the social fabrics of these communities, a wide community engagement strategy was adopted to ensure all interested people had multiple opportunities to comment during the development of the Strategy.

Engagement with the general community and user groups (sporting clubs and community groups) involved various key methods:



Community workshops

- ▼ 1 x Gin Gin
- ▼ 1 x Childers
- ▼ 2 x Bundaberg City.



Community survey (online and hard copies were available)

Throughout the community engagement period Council received 370 community surveys. Of these respondents:

- ▼ 56% of respondents were aged between 30 and 49 years old
- ▼ 59% were females
- ▼ 60% were from Bundaberg City
- ▼ 20% were from the coastal towns
- ▼ 18% were from the hinterland areas.

Sport and recreation club surveys and interviews

A total of 51 sport and recreation clubs and 10 associations (some of which spoke on behalf of their affiliated clubs) were consulted with throughout the Strategy.



School chats and surveys

Children from grades 2 and 5 were interviewed about their recreation patterns, while high school students were asked to complete a simple survey about their sport and recreation preferences. Schools include:

- ▼ Bundaberg and Gin Gin State High Schools
- ▼ Shalom College
- ▼ 5 primary schools.



Additional stakeholders

Additional community engagement activities included:

- ▼ Sport and recreation providers (YMCA, PCYC, aquatic facility lessees and some commercial providers)
- ▼ State Sporting Organisations
- ▼ Queensland School Sport.



Bundaberg Hockey Association, Hinkler Park, Bundaberg



Bundaberg Rowing Club, Bundaberg

The Bundaberg Region... at a glance

Context

Located on the sub-tropical central coast of Queensland, the Region's climatic conditions make it possible to enjoy the diverse range of natural resources and facilities across the coastal, urban, rural and natural environments and participate in sport and recreation activities throughout the entire year.

Approximately 6,449km² in size, the area incorporates four main towns, Bundaberg; Childers; Bargara; and Gin Gin. Bundaberg is the Region's major service centre, commercial and industrial hub and complements surrounding towns and rural areas. To ensure the diverse needs of the community are met, the Region has been divided into three overarching community paradigms to reflect the different values based on community profile, geographical influences and population trends.

City paradigm



Bundaberg city is the major activity centre in the Bundaberg Region, its urban structure is similar to many other regional centres across Queensland, providing a strong economic base for the Region.

The desired sport and recreation outcomes and key attributes of the city paradigm are:

- ▶ a highly walkable open space network
- ▶ a diverse range of settings
- ▶ variety and choice of sport and recreation opportunities
- ▶ equitable geographic spread of recreation spaces
- ▶ connected open spaces by corridors (linear parks) and off-road cycle and pedestrian paths
- ▶ clusters of open space nodes that complement surrounding land uses, such as schools and community facilities.

Coastal paradigm



The coastline is one of the major scenic assets of the Bundaberg Region and includes the towns of Bargara, Burnett Heads, Innes Park, Coral Cove, Elliott Heads, Woodgate, Buxton and Moore Beach Park. It in itself provides a high level of scenic and recreation value to residents and visitors.

The desired sport and recreation outcomes of the coastal paradigm are:

- ▶ a linear recreation spine along the coastline
- ▶ safe off road access to the spine from surrounding streets
- ▶ high quality recreation nodes along the spine offering a range of experiences and opportunities
- ▶ ancillary infrastructure to support use (bench seating, water bubblers and bins, etc.)
- ▶ communities are connected by this linear spine
- ▶ embellishments and design of the parks are environmentally responsive and responsible.

Hinterland paradigm



The hinterland is primarily a rural-based economy. There are a number of small villages in the hinterland area and two significant towns, Childers and Gin Gin. These towns are important social nodes of the hinterland area.

The desired sport and recreation outcomes of the hinterland paradigm are:

- ▶ develop high-quality recreation spaces in key towns
- ▶ recreation nodes should complement surrounding opportunities and be clustered around schools and retail areas
- ▶ attractive, well-designed and embellished spaces for residents and visitors, in particular, passing tourists
- ▶ sport and recreation opportunities should be co-located
- ▶ neighbourhood level sports facilities are also important as these will be used by residents in rural areas near the towns.

The local community¹

An individual's preference to participate in sport and/or recreation activities and their level of participation is influenced by their stage in life. Understanding the Region's demographic variations, such as age, household composition and income and employment patterns is fundamental to responding to, and planning for the future provision of the Region's sport and recreation spaces, facilities and programs.

Population.....

Population **92,897**



Female



Male

Median age **45**

less than 14 years

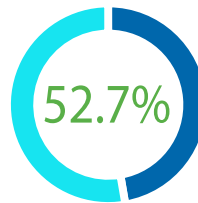
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25 to 44 years

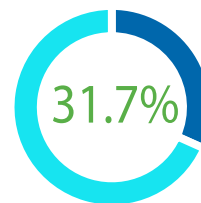
45 to 64 years

65 years plus

Employment.....



full-time work



part-time work



unemployed

Income.....

Median weekly personal income

\$490

Median weekly household income

\$973



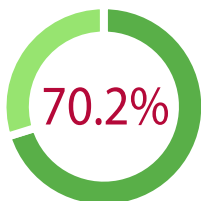
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Access to 1 or more motor vehicles

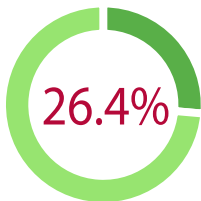
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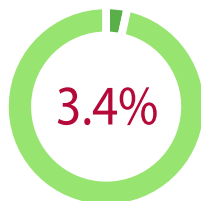
Household.....



family household



single household



group household

Internet.....

Households with access to the internet

76.2%



¹ This information in this section is derived using the 2016 Census of Population and Housing, General Community Profile (Catalogue number 2001.0) for the Bundaberg LGA

Sport and recreation in the Bundaberg Region

Council's role

Bundaberg Regional Council is committed to providing quality community places, spaces and facilities that promote and support residents in living a safe, active and healthy lifestyle. To achieve this, an integrated approach across key Council departments will be required.

As Council will take on a number of roles and partnerships during the planning, delivery and ongoing maintenance of the sport and recreation facilities and programs, Council must be clear about its roles and the roles of others. This will ensure that everyone remains focused on their responsibilities, maximises efficiencies (financial and time) and fosters partnerships that benefit both sport and recreation clubs and the community. Council's role in the delivery of sport and recreation facilities, programs and opportunities can be defined as:

Service Provider

Delivering services to meet community and sport and recreation clubs needs. This is achieved via:

- ▼ Responsive, consistent and timely community consultation
- ▼ Providing quality sporting grounds that are leased or under user agreements with sporting clubs
- ▼ Providing a range of recreation parks for all age groups and abilities across the Region
- ▼ Delivery of physical activity programs such as Be Active, Be Alive
- ▼ Education workshops for the community (governance, maintenance etc).

Strategic Partner

Co-operating and forming strategic partnerships with government, industry, business and/or community by:

- ▼ Developing strategic plans (Park and Open Space Strategy, master plans) to ensure everyone involved has the same vision and knows how to achieve it
- ▼ Developing working relationships with local community groups
- ▼ Ongoing relationships with state and federal government departments:
 - Department Housing and Public Works
 - Queensland Health
 - Department of Transport and Main Roads
 - Department of Education.

Funder

Council provides regular funding opportunities for other organisations (particularly sport and recreation providers), to assist in their delivery of services. These funding programs include:

- ▼ Young people in sport
- ▼ Sport Championships Funding Program
- ▼ Community Grants (Sport, Community Events)
- ▼ Micro Grants.

Regulator

To ensure consistency across user groups, Council has created a number of local laws and policies to regulate activities on Council owned/managed land:

- ▼ Local Laws
 - LL4 Local Government Controlled Areas Facilities and Roads
 - LL6 Bathing Reserves
- ▼ Policies
 - GP-3-067 Community Financial Assistance Policy
 - OP-3-067 Hire of Council Venues, Facilities and Parks Policy
 - GP-3-071 In-Kind Equipment Loan Governance Policy
 - GP-3-133 Water and Sewage Utility Charges Concessions for Sporting Organisations Policy.

Council achievements

Facilitator

Council is the main promoter of the Region and strives to bring together groups and interested parties with similar interests. This is often done via:

- ▼ Community events (eg. Australia Day, New Years Eve Celebrations, fun runs etc)
- ▼ Have Your Say opportunities on park upgrades or developments and plans via workshops and surveys
- ▼ The annual MOVE it Sport/ Health/ Fitness Expo.

Advocate

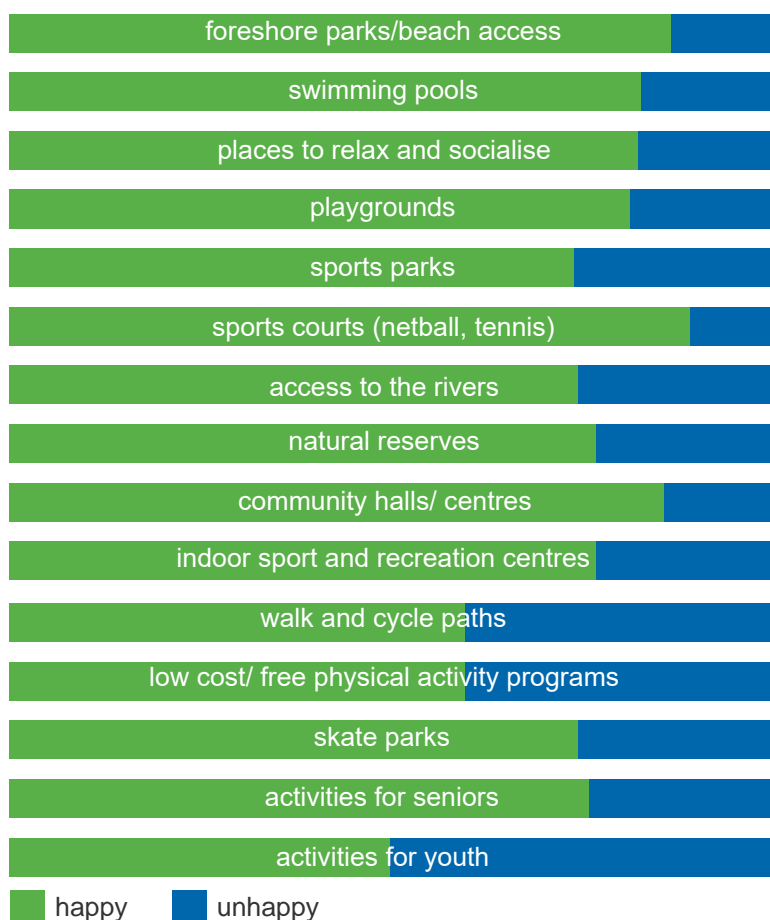
Making sport and recreation related representations and promoting actions to government, industry, business and the community.

- ▼ Support organisations by assisting with their applications for funding attracting sporting events to the Region
- ▼ Promotion of other organisations' physical activity programs (eg. YMCA and/or PCYC)

Since the adoption of the previous Sport and Recreation Strategy 2010 and Open Space, Biodiversity and Landscape Character/Scenic Amenity Planning Study 2011, Council has achieved many significant outcomes in sports facility planning, physical activity programming and recreation opportunities for all ages and ability. These achievements are recognised over the page.

During the development of this Strategy, residents were asked if they were happy with a prescribed list of sport and recreation facilities and opportunities in the Region. Overall, residents are pleased with the quality and range of sport and recreation facilities, especially the foreshore parks/ beach access, sports courts (netball and tennis) and community halls/ centres.

Activities for youth, walk and cycle paths and low cost/ free physical activity programs were the only areas to receive unhappy responses over 26%. Interestingly, those that were unhappy with the physical activity programs made additional comments, noting that they were happy with the actual programs but the times of activities did not meet their individual needs.



Sports facilities

- ▼ Construction and operation of:
 - Bundaberg Super Park (synthetic athletics track and netball facility)
 - Bucca Rowing Facility
 - Bundaberg Multiplex (PCYC)
 - Bundaberg Recreation Precinct
- ▼ Upgrades to Norville Swimming Pool to a regional standard
- ▼ Numerous sporting facility upgrades
- ▼ Flood recovery of many flood affected sporting facilities (eg. Hinkler Park)



Encouraging physical activity

- ▼ Promotion of spaces and places
 - Water-based recreation (boat ramps and Water Trails of the Wide Bay Burnett brochure)
 - Popular Parks Guide
 - Coral Coast Pathways brochures
 - 10 Popular Rides in the Bundaberg Region Guide
 - Enjoy Our Natural Spirit: Natural areas in Bundaberg brochure
- ▼ The very successful and popular Be Active, Be Alive program
- ▼ Move It Expo
- ▼ Australia Day Awards (Senior and Junior Sport Award, Community Award)
- ▼ Previous Bundaberg Regional Sport Awards program between 2013 and 2015

Recreation

- ▼ Boreham Park upgrade (Research Award PLA)
- ▼ Construction of four fenced dog off-leash parks
- ▼ Walking trails
 - Coastal Pathway
 - Riverside Boardwalk
 - Barolin Nature Reserve Hiking Trail
 - Baldwin Environmental Park walk/cycle link
- ▼ Opening of Gin Gin Nature Park
- ▼ Outdoor fitness nodes with an online user guide
- ▼ Pump track (Avoca)
- ▼ Numerous recreation park upgrades to destination standard (eg. Christsen Park, Bargara)



Administrative

- ▼ Bundaberg Regional Sport and Recreation Advisory Group
- ▼ Resources to support modern sports and recreation organisations
 - Modern Club Management Kit
 - Healthy Choices Catering Guide for Community Organisations
- ▼ Development of key planning documents
 - Bundaberg Regional Council Multi Modal Strategy 2012
 - Open Space, Biodiversity and Landscape Character/Scenic Amenity Planning Study 2011
 - Bundaberg Regional Council Signage Guideline 2016



Current supply of sport and recreation facilities and opportunities

The Bundaberg community has access to a wide range of sport and recreation facilities, providing numerous opportunities for physical activity in a variety of environments.

Snapshot

Sport	11	68	1	1	1
	high quality sports parks	sport parks overall	recreational precinct	multi-purpose centre	mountain bike park
	5	200	25+	3	
	swimming pools	free physical activities	commercial fitness providers	private indoor sports facilities	

Recreation	1	15	120	7	2*
	botanic garden	key destination recreation parks	playgrounds	skate parks	pump tracks
	10	8	4	5	19
	natural area parks	fitness nodes	dog off-leash parks	patrolled beaches	boat ramps
	25	140	131	10	17
	km of coastal pathways	km of shared paths	km of pedestrian paths	popular bike rides	basketball courts (13 half, 4 full)



Off-leash dog park, Daph Geddes Park, Bundaberg

* 1 asphalt track in Houston Drive Park, 1 grass track in Boreham Park

Sports facilities

Overall, there are **76** sports facilities (approximately 479ha) that provide a variety of traditional and nontraditional sporting opportunities to the Region's residents (and visitors).



Council's Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) sets a desired standard of service for trunk sports park at 1.6ha/1,000 people. This is further broken down into neighbourhood (0.6ha/1,000 people) and regional sports parks (1.0ha/1,000 people). Just under half (32) of the Region's sports facilities are considered trunk infrastructure, creating a provision rate of 1.2ha/1,000 people. This slight deficiency in trunk sports parks is being complimented by the non-trunk sports facilities in the Region.

Overall, the needs of the sporting community are being met with the majority of sport and recreation clubs (79% from the sport and recreation club survey) stating that their current number of playing fields/ ovals/ courts were suitable to their needs.

Site audits also identified that a number of sports parks, particularly along the coast, were not being used or leased by sporting clubs, despite a number of clubs looking for a home ground/ training facility.



Bundaberg City

Consistent with the city paradigm's vision, the majority of the Region's regional/ high quality sports facilities are located throughout Bundaberg City. A number of the sports associations have a centralised competition facility, complemented by individual club home grounds for training. However, many clubs have the expectation that these home grounds should have the same facilities (albeit smaller in scale) as the central facility.

A list of the associations and their centralised competition facility are listed below:

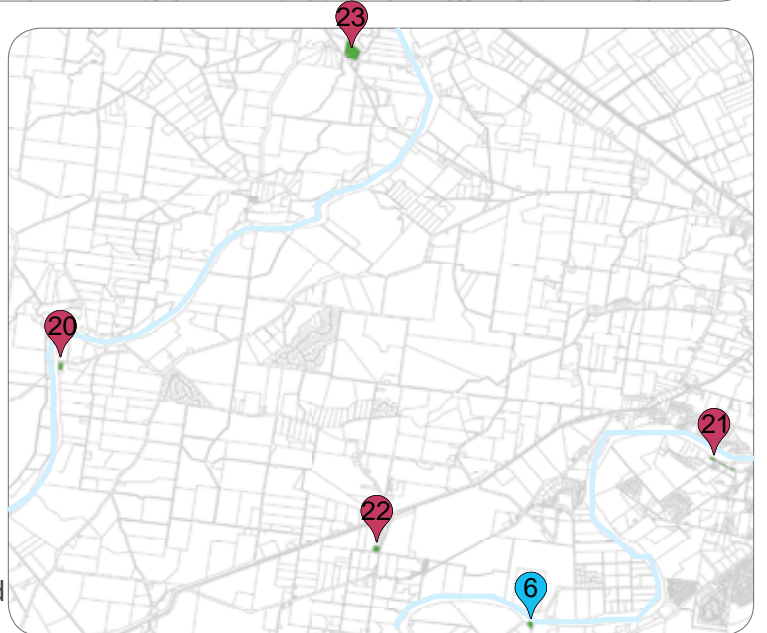
- ▼ Bundaberg Basketball Association
- ▼ Bundaberg Cricket Association: Kendall Flats and Salter Oval
- ▼ Bundaberg Football Association: Martens Oval
- ▼ Bundaberg Hockey Association: Hinkler Park
- ▼ Bundaberg Netball Association: Bundaberg Super Park
- ▼ Bundaberg Touch Football Association: Greg Duncan Field
- ▼ Bundaberg Rugby Union: The Waves Sports Complex
- ▼ Bundaberg Softball Association: Clayton Road Reserve
- ▼ Bundaberg Rugby League Association (to an extent): Salter Oval.

Some of the sports facilities have the ability to attract regional, and in some instances, state events to the Region. Additionally, the Bundaberg Multiplex has been identified as a premier gymnastics venue by Queensland Gymnastics.

There are three aquatic facilities in Bundaberg City, two owned by Council and one private facility. An extensive refurbishment of Norville Park's 50m swimming pool was recently undertaken to upgrade the pool to a standard fit to host regional titles.



Bundaberg City



Sports facilities between Bundaberg City and Hinterland areas



traditional sports parks

- 1 Brothers sports fields (AFL, rugby league, cricket, football, netball, softball)
- 2 Bundaberg Rowing Club (rowing)
- 3 Bundaberg Super Park (athletics & netball)
- 4 Bywash Park (cycling)
- 5 Clayton Road Reserve (softball & AFL)
- 6 Daph Geddes Park (remote control racing)
- 7 Greg Duncan Field (touch football)
- 8 Drinan Park (tennis & cycling velodrome)
- 9 Farthing Park (football)
- 10 Hinkler Park (hockey and cricket)
- 11 John Cullen Recreation Reserve (football)
- 12 Jubilee Park (rugby league)
- 13 Kendall Flat (cricket)
- 14 Martens Oval (football)
- 15 Native Park (rugby league)
- 16 Queen Street Reserve (football)
- 17 Rotary Park (tennis)
- 18 Salter Oval (cricket and rugby league)
- 19 The Waves Sports Complex (rugby league, football, rugby union & tennis)
- 20 Bucca Rowing Reserve (rowing)
- 21 Sandy Hook Reserve (all water sports, including motorised)
- 22 South Kolan Recreation Reserve (rugby league)
- 23 Tegege Combined Sport and Recreation Club



aquatic facilities

- 1 ANZAC Park Olympic Pool
- 2 Bundaberg Swimming Academy
- 3 Norville Park Swimming Pool



lawn sports and golf

- 1 Across the Waves Bowls Club
- 2 Brothers Bowls Club
- 3 Bundaberg Bowls Club
- 4 Bundaberg Croquet Club
- 5 Bundaberg Golf Course
- 6 Burnett Bowls Club
- 7 East Bundaberg Sports Club
- 8 Oakwood Park Golf Course
- 9 Sunnyside Croquet Club



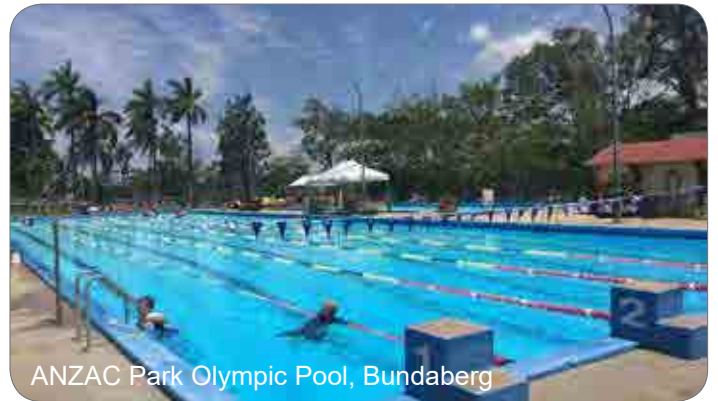
hard to locate

- 1 Bundaberg Clay Target Club
- 2 Bundaberg Racecourse
- 3 Go cart track
- 4 Recreational Precinct
- 5 Remote control car track
- 6 Rum City Motocross Park



indoor sports facilities

- 1 Bundaberg Basketball
- 2 Bundaberg Multiplex



ANZAC Park Olympic Pool, Bundaberg



Gymnastics area at the Bundaberg Multiplex, Bundaberg



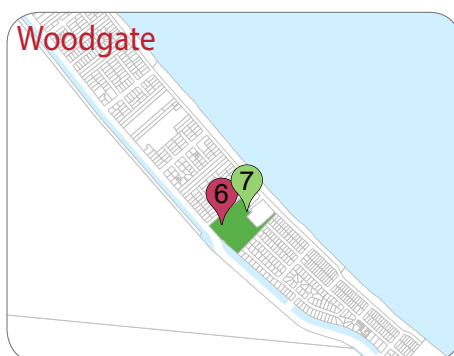
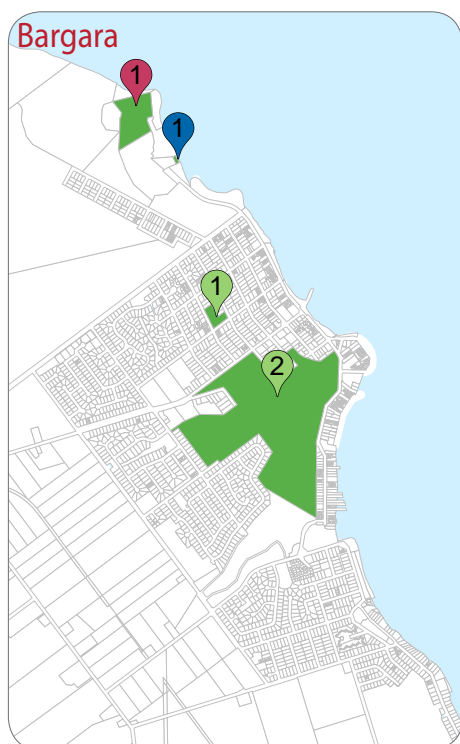
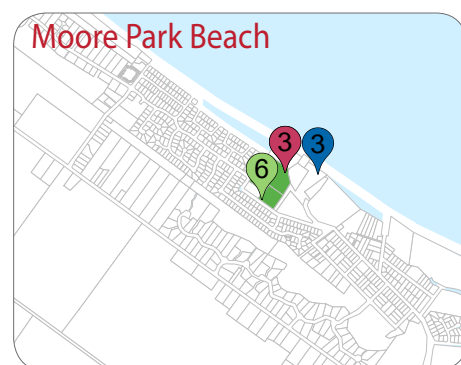
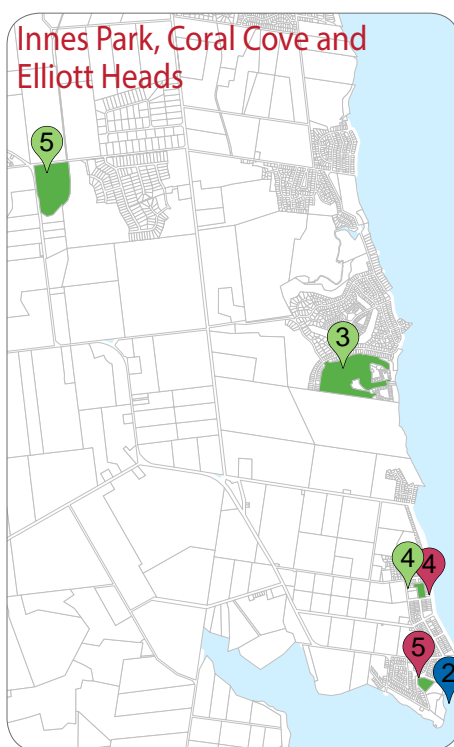
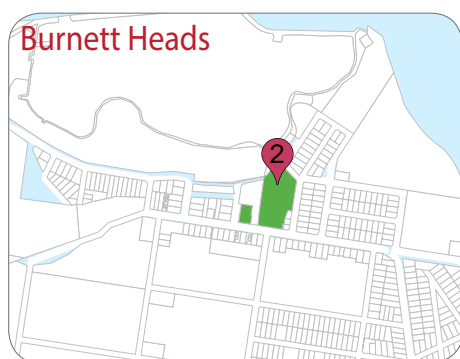
Across the Waves Bowls Club, Bundaberg

Coastal towns

There are 14 facilities that provide sporting opportunities along the coast. Of the 6 traditional sports parks, Bargara Sports Complex is the only sports park currently being used by sporting clubs. Despite, some sporting clubs looking for new training facilities, it is believed that the coastal sports parks are located too far away from Bundaberg City. The standard of the playing fields also varies. Surface rehabilitation will be required if a club chooses to relocate to any of the under utilised sports parks.

Issues do arise with lighting, particularly at the Bargara Sports Complex due to turtle conservation. Despite this, the Bargara Sports Complex is heavily used by the local sporting clubs (football and little athletics) and the local community. There are ongoing discussions with Bargara State School regarding a partnership between Council and the Department of Education and Training to establish the venue as a shared facility.

There are 3 Surf Life Saving Clubs (SLSC) along the coast. While Bundaberg and Elliott Heads SLSCs are of a high standard, Moore Beach Park SLSC is markedly run down (and largely unusable).





traditional sports parks

- 1 Bargara Sports Park, Bargara (football & athletics)
- 2 Jack Norgate Oval, Burnett Heads (no current users)
- 3 Moore Park Beach Oval, Moore Park Beach (no current users)
- 4 Seagulls Park, Elliott Heads (no current users)
- 5 Springfield Green Park, Elliott Heads (no current users)
- 6 Woodgate Recreation Reserve, Woodgate (no current users)



lawn sports and golf

- 1 Bargara Bowls Club, Bargara
- 2 Bargara Golf Club, Bargara
- 3 Coral Cove Golf Club, Coral Cove
- 4 Elliott Heads Bowls Club, Elliott Heads
- 5 Innes Park Golf Club, Innes Park
- 6 Moore Park Beach Bowls and Sports Club, Moore Park Beach
- 7 Woodgate Bowls Club, Woodgate



surf life saving club

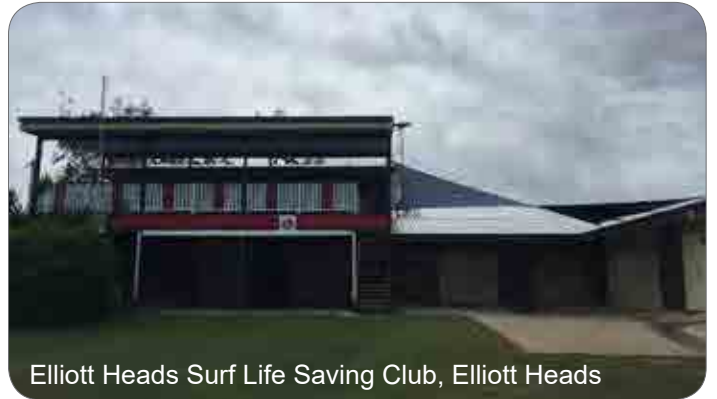
- 1 Bundaberg Surf Life Saving Club, Bargara
- 2 Elliott Heads Surf Life Saving Club, Elliott Heads
- 3 Moore Park Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Moore Park Beach



Bargara Sports Complex, Bargara



Bundaberg Surf Life Saving Club, Bargara



Elliott Heads Surf Life Saving Club, Elliott Heads



Moore Park Beach Oval, Moore Park Beach



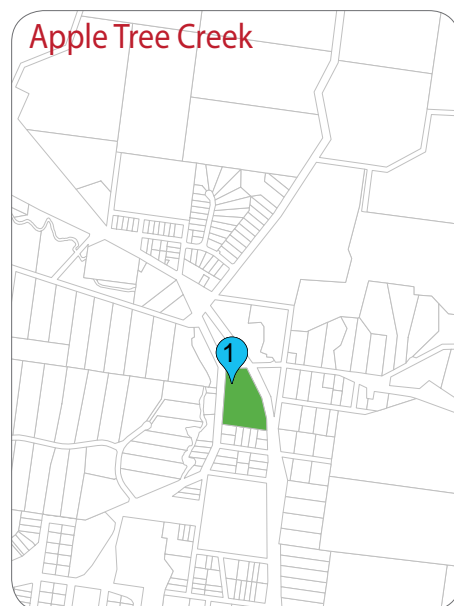
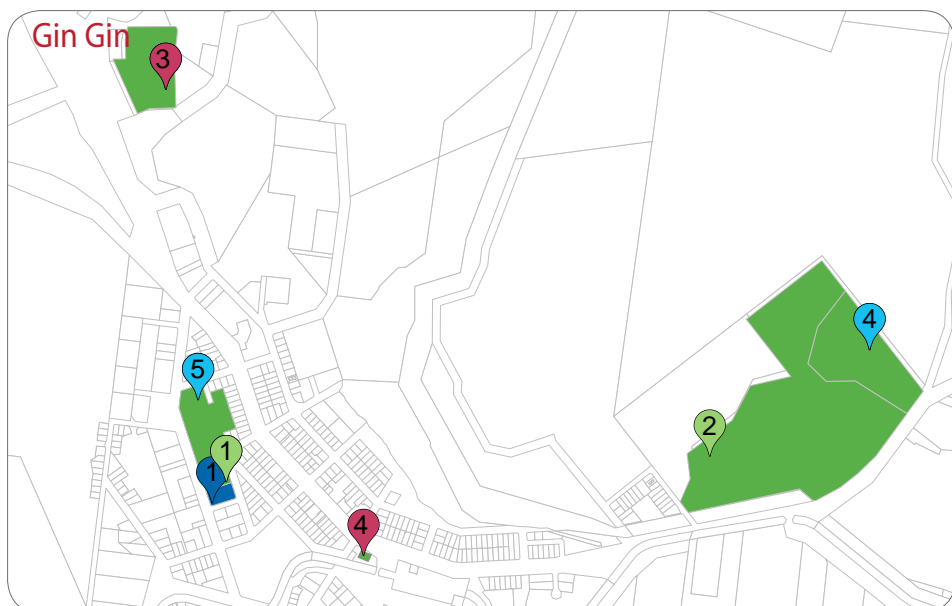
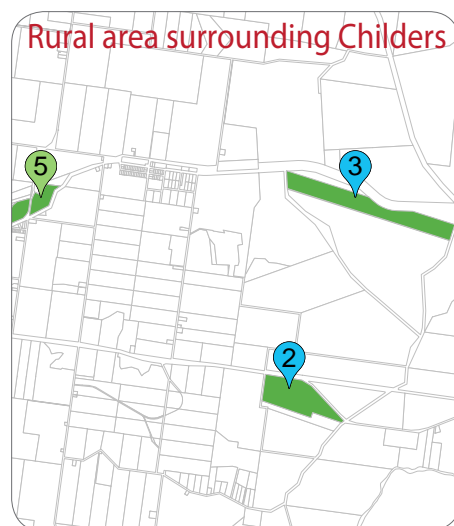
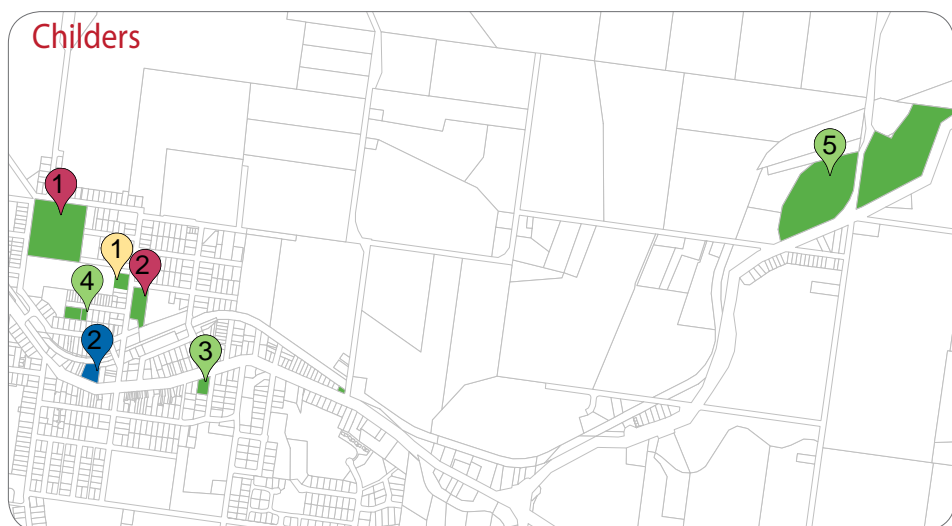
Jack Norgate Oval, Burnett Heads

Hinterland towns

As the two regional hubs, Gin Gin and Childers provide sporting opportunities for those living in town and surrounding areas. Unlike many of the sporting facilities in Bundaberg City, the sports parks in the hinterland area are shared between numerous sporting codes.

While traditional sports remain popular among local residents, membership numbers in hard-to-locate sports (shooting, motor sports, horse sports) are often higher. As such, the hard-to-locate sports facilities in the hinterland area are of a high standard, especially the Childers Rifle and Pistol facility and Gin Gin Recreation Reserve.

Both swimming pools are regularly used by local residents, however, the opening hours and lack of heating at the Isis War Memorial Swimming Pool is an ongoing issue for users.





traditional sports parks

- 1 Childers Showgrounds, Childers (athletics, cricket, rugby league & show society)
- 2 Childers Tennis Complex, Childers (tennis)
- 3 Gin Gin Recreation and Sportsground, Gin Gin (athletics & rugby league)
- 4 Gin Gin Tennis Complex, Gin Gin (tennis)



aquatic facilities

- 1 Gin Gin Swimming Pool, Gin Gin
- 2 Isis War Memorial Swimming Pool, Childers



lawn sports and golf

- 1 Gin Gin Bowls Club, Gin Gin
- 2 Gin Gin Golf Club, Gin Gin
- 3 Isis Bowls Club, Childers
- 4 Isis Croquet Club, Childers
- 5 Isis Golf Club, Childers



hard to locate

- 1 Apple Tree Creek Recreation Reserve, Apple Tree Creek
- 2 Childers Aerodrome, Childers
- 3 Childers Rifle and Pistol Club, Childers
- 4 Gin Gin Equestrian Facility, Gin Gin
- 5 Gin Gin Showgrounds, Gin Gin



indoor sports facilities

- 1 Childers Indoor Sports Complex, Childers



Gin Gin Equestrian Facility, Gin Gin



Childers Showgrounds, Childers



Childers Rifle and Pistol Club, Childers



Isis War Memorial Swimming Pool, Childers



Gin Gin Showgrounds, Gin Gin

Current challenges/ issues



Provision of sports parks

From a standards perspective, Council is slightly below the desired standard for trunk sports park (1.6ha/1,000 people). By 2026, the estimated population of the Bundaberg Region will be 109,798 people. As the population grows, this deficiency will continue to increase without additional trunk sports park development.

The LGIP has identified land for one future regional sports park (along Thabeban Road, Norville) and one future neighbourhood sports parks (Ashfield Sports Park). Despite these additional sports parks, Council will remain slightly deficient in trunk sports parks.

Just under half of sports facility are categorised as trunk sports parks. The other half of the Region's sports facilities are either located on State land (not managed by Council) and/or private land, or considered specialised sports (eg. shooting, equestrian and showground facilities). Community halls also play an important role in the provision of sport opportunities, many being used by commercial martial arts clubs, yoga, pilates, zumba, fitness gyms/ classes and personal trainers. When all these additional facilities are included into the overall assessment, the Region and community are well supplied with sports facilities and opportunities for participation.

There are a number of schools in the Bundaberg Region with high quality sporting facilities that are not being used outside of school hours. The exceptions are Shalom College and St Luke's Anglican School that already hire their facilities to sporting clubs and community organisations. There is opportunity for Council to establish partnerships with these schools, and others, and develop shared facilities and/or user agreements.



Covered playing courts Shalom College, Bundaberg



Tenure agreements and new/upgraded infrastructure requests

A range of tenure options have been developed by Council to accommodate the wide variety of community organisations. The ones most appropriate to sport and recreation clubs are:

- ▼ lease agreements
- ▼ permit to occupy.

The majority of sporting clubs are on a ten to 20 year lease agreement, where they pay Council an annual administration fee and other charges in accordance with the lease.

It became evident during consultation that many of the sporting clubs were unaware of their organisations' responsibilities and the processes involved when improving or doing work to the leased facility. Many had previously applied for funding without consulting Council to see if the infrastructure was allowed, or understanding the ongoing maintenance and finance cost of the desired infrastructure.

In addition to understanding their tenure agreements, sports clubs should have a Club Development Plan (or Business Plan). Any club that is serious about sustainability and future development should have a blueprint that shows the direction that it wishes to take.

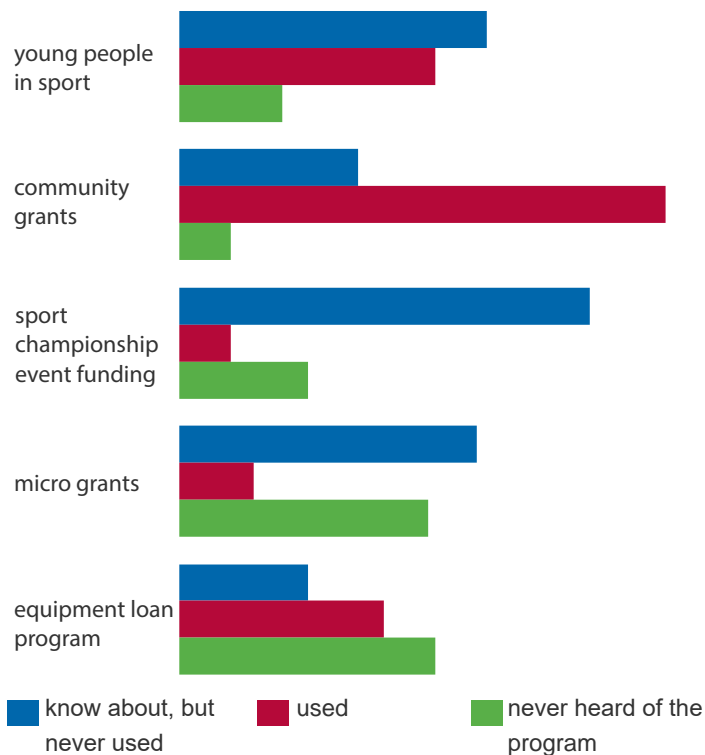
The plan should also justify why new and/or upgraded infrastructure is required and how the club plans to contribute financially to the development. Without a Club Development Plan (or similar) the club is likely to sway in different directions as volunteers change over time.

Half of the sports clubs that were consulted with (interview and club survey) had a club development plan. An additional quarter intend to develop one in the next twelve months.

Funding

Council offers a range of financial and other resources to assist sport and recreation clubs in the provision of projects, programs and events. Offered a couple of times each year, the resources are exhausted each round.

Just under two-thirds of sports clubs had used/ applied for Council's Community Grants: Sport and Recreation grant. Although many of the sports clubs knew about the other grant options, they had not applied for them.



A range of funding opportunities are also offered by Department of Public Works and Housing (formerly National Parks, Sport and Racing). The most popular program was the "Get Started Vouchers", with two thirds of the Region's sport and recreation clubs taking advantage of the funding opportunity to reduce membership fees.

Many of the sport and recreation clubs had heard about the other funding opportunities, however, only a few had actually used and/or applied for them.

Club membership

Half (50.3%) of the community survey respondents participated in organised sport. Participation trends identified by the Region's sport and recreation clubs are relatively consistent with the national and state participation trends:

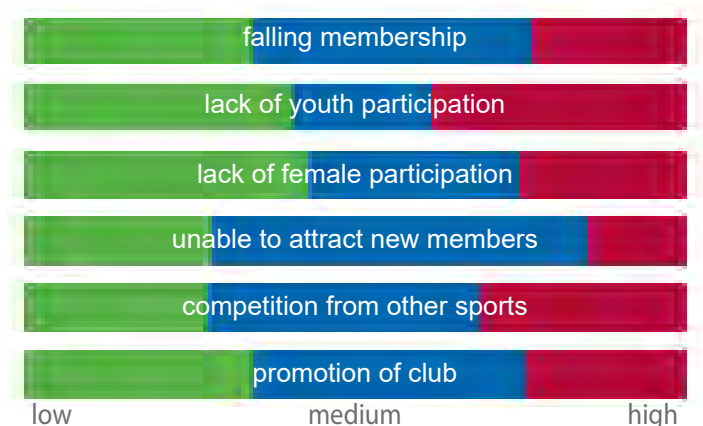
- ▼ **increase** in junior (male and females) memberships
- ▼ **slight increase** in senior male memberships
- ▼ **decline** in senior female memberships.

Two thirds of clubs are confident that membership numbers will continue to increase over the next three years. This is further supported by the fact that only a fifth of the clubs rated *falling membership* as an issue of high concern. Others believed that their membership numbers will remain the same.

The two main areas of concern for some clubs regarding membership were:

- ▼ lack of youth participation
- ▼ competition from other sports.

A summary of the other areas of concern is presented below.





Maintenance and volunteers

The cost of, and resources required for the maintenance of sports facilities is an ongoing issue for three quarters of sporting clubs (71.8%).

The actual cost of maintaining the facility was only identified as an high issue for a third of the sporting clubs. More were concerned with the declining number of volunteers and inability to attract new ones to assist and the impact this would have on their ability to maintain the facility.

Most of the sporting associations employed a grounds person on a casual to full-term basis, depending on what they can afford. However, the ongoing cost of water was identified as a major financial burden for some associations. Since consultation, Council has adopted the Water and Sewage Utility Charges Concessions for Sporting Organisations Policy which will result in greater concessions for local sport and recreation organisations.

Council has previously run workshops to educate and assist clubs on maintenance procedures and volunteer management, unfortunately the attendance rate at these workshops was low.



Year-round aquatic facilities

The community survey results show strong support for a year-round aquatic facility. Just over three-quarters of respondents indicated that they were happy with the current aquatic facilities and their services, however, many would prefer to see extended opening hours and some aquatic centres open all year-round (particularly Norville Park Swimming Pool and Isis War Memorial Swimming Pool). It is important to note that the Bundaberg Swimming Academy (privately owned) is open all year.

Council has done previous planning work on the feasibility of a new aquatic facility in Bundaberg City or surrounding suburbs. If a new aquatic facility was developed, preferably, one of the existing facilities would need to be decommissioned.

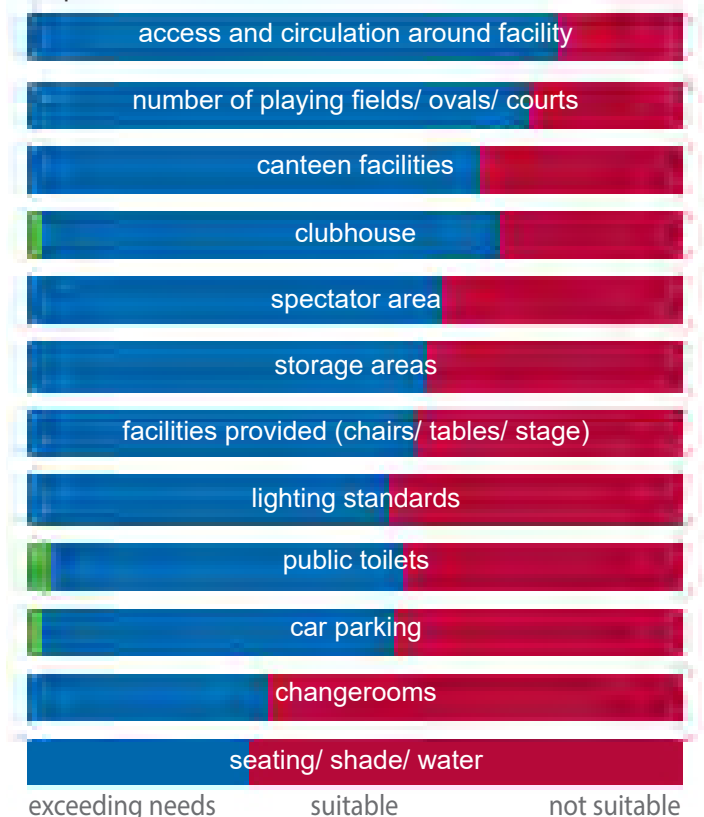


Quality sports facilities

The quality of sports facilities varies across the Region. Over two thirds (69%) of community survey respondents were happy with the quality of the Region's sports facilities. However, this appreciation is not necessarily shared by the sporting clubs using them. Clubs were provided with a list of facilities most commonly found in the Region's sports parks and asked to indicate whether the facilities that they used were suitable for their requirements. The number of playing fields/ ovals/ courts, canteen facilities and clubhouses were suitable to most clubs needs, however, the vast majority of clubs indicated that the following facilities were not suitable:

- ▼ seating/ shade/ water
- ▼ changerooms
- ▼ lighting standards.

As stated previously, many of the sporting clubs, particularly for traditional sports, have a centralised competition facility (eg. Martens Oval for football (soccer)). It is important to note, that many of the comments regarding the quality of the changerooms, ancillary infrastructure and lighting standards are referring to the club's home ground/ training facility rather than the central competition venue.



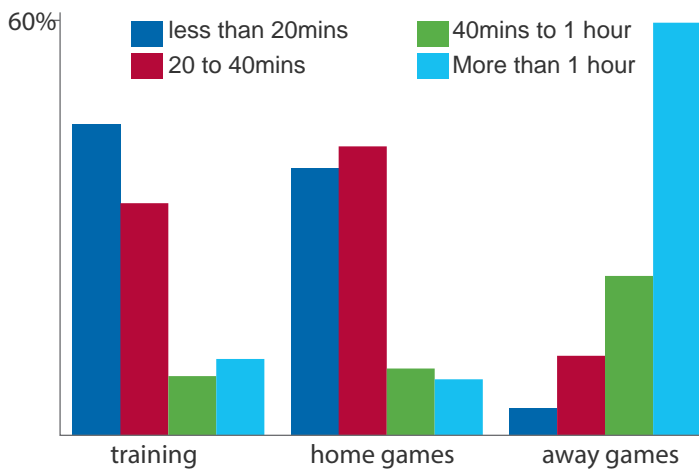


Travelling distance to sports parks

With most of the Region's sports facilities located in Bundaberg City, the distance that hinterland residents have to travel to participate in particular sports codes was identified as an issue during community engagement.

While traditional fields sports are well catered for in the hinterland towns, there are limited to no facilities that support court sports such as netball, basketball and volleyball. As such, people are forced to travel into Bundaberg City to participate. The indoor sports facility in Childers is currently under utilised.

Interestingly, the above concerns were not reciprocated in the community survey results for willingness to travel to sport. The time people are prepared to travel for training, competition and away games did not differ between those living in Bundaberg City, coastal towns and hinterland areas.



Velodrome, Drinan Park, Bundaberg

Recreation facilities

The quality of recreation parks and facilities around the Bundaberg Region are of a high standard. Supporting a variety of passive and active recreation opportunities, it is no surprise that over 75% of community survey respondents were happy with the range of recreation facilities and the opportunities provided across the Region. These facilities include:

- ▼ foreshore parks/ beach access
- ▼ places to relax and socialise
- ▼ playgrounds
- ▼ access to the rivers/ waterways
- ▼ natural bushland parks
- ▼ skate parks.

Walk and cycle paths received the lowest satisfaction rating at 60%.

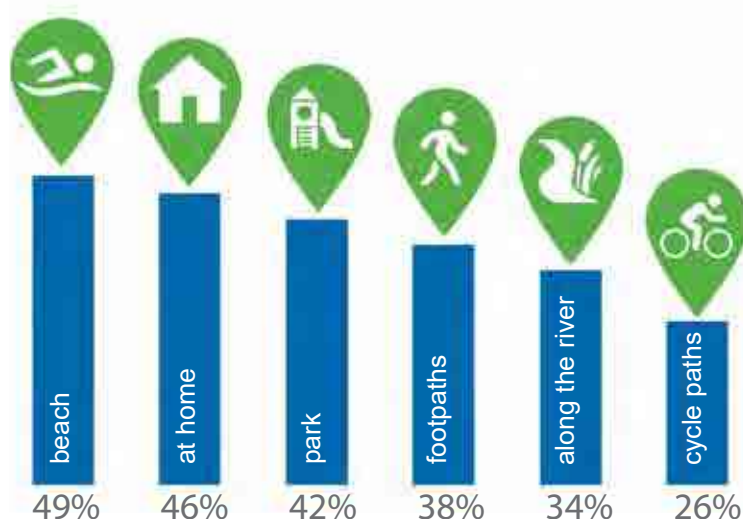
Recreation parks and facilities are also well distributed across the Region. Each of the four main towns have at least one destination recreation park and skate park that provide a space where community celebrations are held, family and friends gather and socialise, and different cultures and age groups can mix.

The desired standards of service for open space, set in the Bundaberg Regional Council Planning Scheme, specify that residents in urban areas should be within a walkable distance (0.5km) of trunk open space. While not all residents are within 0.5km of trunk recreation open space, community survey results identified that 81% of respondents drove to recreation parks.

Complementing the Region's recreation parks are a number of natural area parks with diverse and relatively unknown ecosystems ready to be explored. In many of these areas Council has developed, or is developing management plans to effectively balance environmental and recreation values. These natural area parks offer low impact activities such as bushwalking, nature appreciation and bird watching. Mountain biking tracks and facilities are available in Cordalba State Forest, a popular location for Bundaberg mountain bike enthusiasts.

Most popular places to recreate

Community survey respondents were asked to identify their preferred spaces and facilities to participate in passive and active recreation activities. Overall, the beach was the most popular place to recreate², followed by the home and parks. A summary of the top 6 responses is presented below.



² The beach is consistently identified as one of the top 5, preferred places to recreate regardless of the respondents locality.

Bundaberg City



destination recreation parks

- 1 Alexandra Park
- 2 Alexandra Park West
- 3 Boreham Park
- 4 Bundaberg Botanic Gardens
- 5 Bundaberg North Lions Park
- 6 Lake Ellen Heritage Park
- 7 Queens Park
- 8 Riverside Parklands



skate parks and pump tracks

- 1 Boreham Park
- 2 Central Park, Walla Street
- 3 Houston Drive Park



boat ramps

- ✦ Bundaberg North Lions Park, Kalkie and Sandy Hook Reserve



natural areas

- 1 Baldwin Environmental Park



dog off-leash

- 1 Daph Geddes Park
- 2 Edina Street Park



fitness node

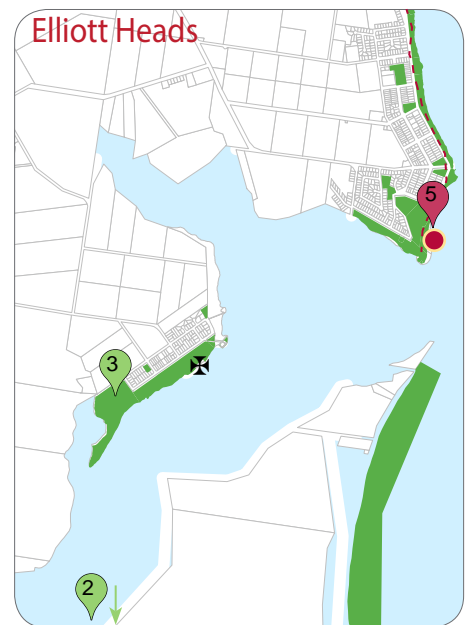
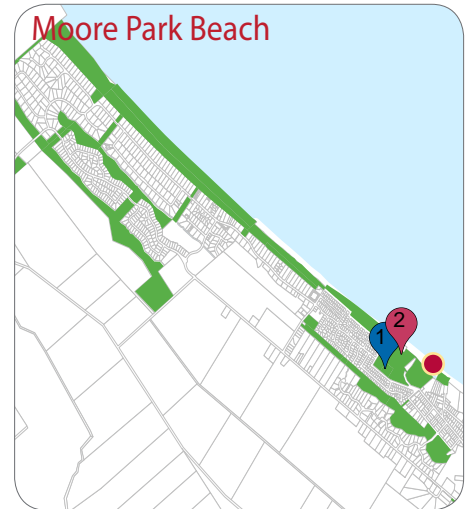
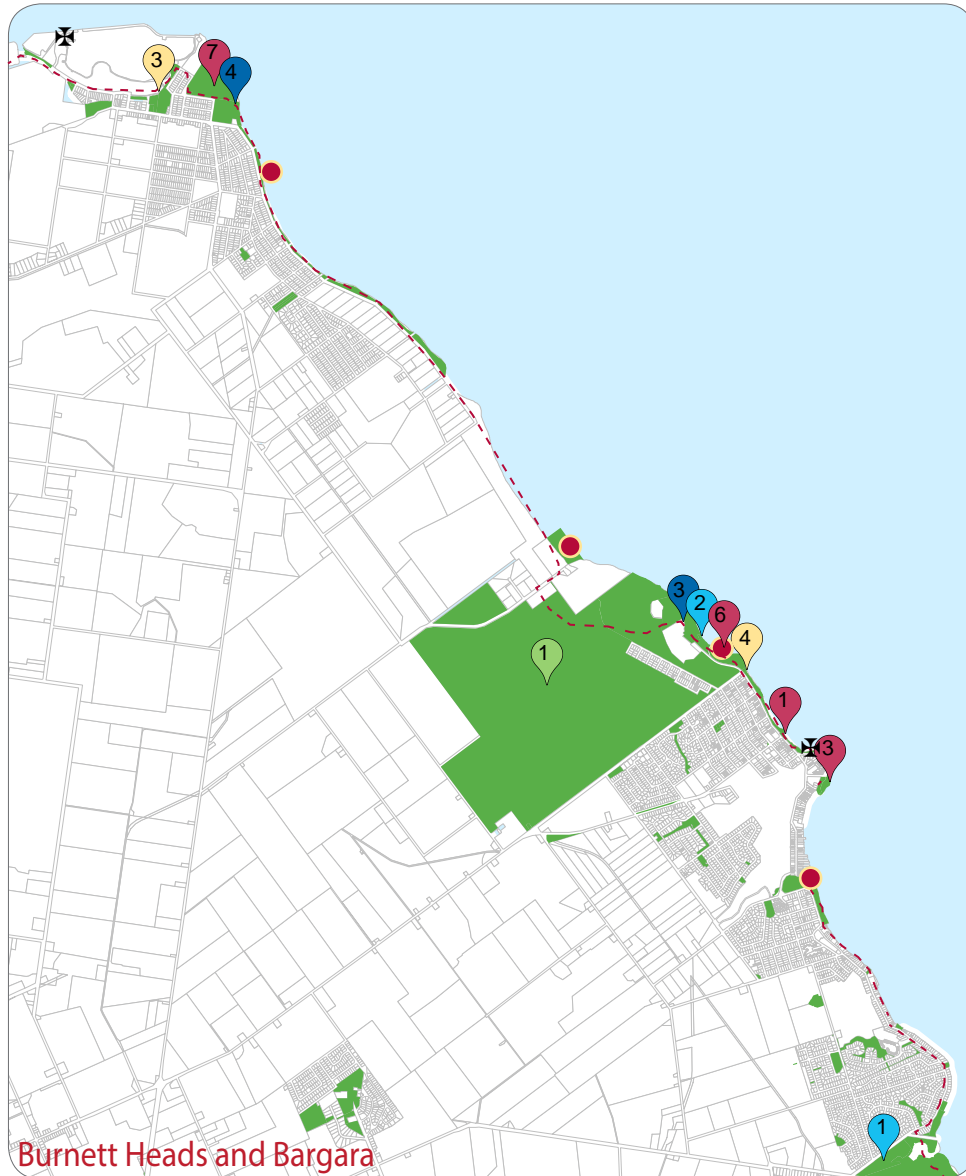
- 1 Boreham Park



key walk and cycle routes

- Riverside Boardwalk, Baldwin Environmental Park, Queens Park

Coastal areas





destination recreation parks

- 1 Bargara Foreshore Reserve, Bargara
- 2 Bob Neilsen Park, Moore Park Beach
- 3 Christsen Park, Bargara
- 4 Innes Park Reserve, Innes Park
- 5 Life Savers Park, Elliott Heads
- 6 Neilsen Park, Bargara
- 7 South Head Parklands, Burnett Heads
- 8 Woodgate Recreation Reserve, Woodgate



natural areas

- 1 Barolin Nature Reserve, Bargara
- 2 Vera Scarth-Johnson Wildflower Reserve, Coonarr
- 3 Riverview Environmental Reserve, Elliott Heads



dog off-leash

- 1 Mary Kinross Park, Bargara
- 2 Neilsen Park, Bargara



skate parks and pump tracks

- 1 Bob Neilsen Park, Moore Park Beach
- 2 Innes Park Reserve, Innes Park
- 3 Neilsen Park, Bargara
- 4 South Head Parklands, Burnett Heads
- 5 Woodgate Recreation Reserve, Woodgate



fitness node

- 1 Barolin Point, Coral Cove
- 2 Innes Park Reserve, Innes Park
- 3 Light House Park, Burnett Heads
- 4 Schuhkraft Walk Park, Bargara
- 5 Woodgate Recreation Reserve, Woodgate



boat ramps

- ✘ Bargara Boat Ramp, Bargara
- Burnett Heads Harbour Boat Ramp
- Innes Park Esplanade, Innes Park
- Riverview, Elliott Heads
- Strathdees, Rubyana
- Walkers Point, Woodgate



patrolled beaches

- Elliott Heads Beach
- Kellys Beach, Bargara
- Mon Repos Beach, Mon Repos
- Moore Park Beach
- Neilsen Park, Bargara
- Oaks Beach, Burnett Heads



key walk and cycle routes

- Coastal pathway and Coast to Bargara State School



Oaks Beach, Burnett Heads

Hinterland areas



destination recreation parks

- 1 Gin Gin Community Recreation Reserve, Gin Gin
- 2 Millenium Park, Childers
- 3 Pioneer Park, Childers



skate parks and pump tracks

- 1 Childers Skate Park, Childers
- 2 Gin Gin Community Recreation Reserve, Gin Gin



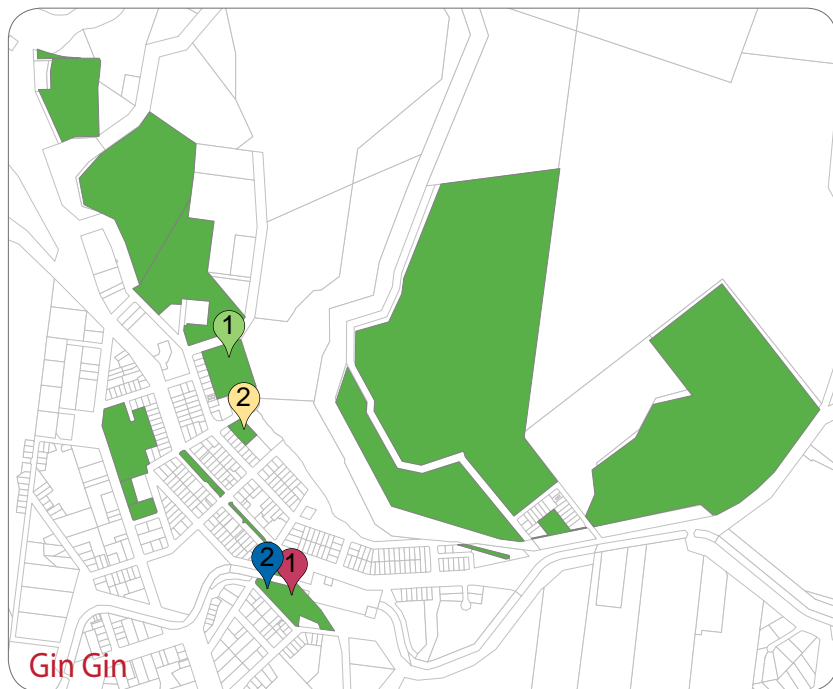
natural areas

- 1 Gin Gin Nature Reserve
- 2 Helm Scrub
- 3 Russo Environmental Park



fitness node

- 1 Childers Showgrounds, Childers
- 2 Dear Street Park, Gin Gin



Gin Gin Community Recreation Reserve, Gin Gin

Current challenges/ issues



Connecting off-road cycle and pedestrian paths

Walking and cycling (road and recreation) are popular activities among the Region's residents. However, the lack of connectivity and safe off-road paths was consistently mentioned throughout the community engagement process.

The missing cycle link between Bundaberg City and Bargara continues to be hot topic among cyclists and the community. The Department of Transport and Main Roads identified the upgrade as a major project yet reiterate that it is not a priority now or into the near future.

As the volume of traffic increases along Bargara Road, there are growing concerns about the safety of the shared path connecting Bargara to Bargara State School.

Both the coastal pathway and Riverwalk are highly valued by the community receiving many positive comments and appreciation during consultation.



Barriers to using recreation parks

Half of the community survey respondents experienced no barriers to using the Region's recreation parks. Those that did identified the following barriers:

- ▼ lack of toilets - 22%
- ▼ lack of parking - 18%
- ▼ poorly maintained/ unclean - 16%.

The lack of shade over the new playgrounds across the Region was also a consistent message.

Driving was the preferred mode of transport when visiting recreation parks, which may explain why car parking is an issue for some respondents. While the lack of toilets was identified as the most common barrier, the corresponding comments were focused on the opening hours of the toilet facilities rather than the quantity and quality.



Variety of play opportunities for different age groups

Young children and teenagers felt that there was a lack of variety of play opportunities around the Region, particularly east Bundaberg and Kalkie. Those that had visited the new playgrounds in Gin Gin and Bargara liked the challenge and risk associated with the new equipment. Many children were excited about the opening of the pump track at Avoca and wanted to see more similar tracks around the Region.

While the Region's skate parks were popular locations to gather, but many felt they were too run-down and outdated. Skate parks today need to cater for a variety of users (scooters, bikes and skate boards) and skill levels. Others wanted to see lighting at the skate parks so that they could use them during the evening when it is not too hot.



Pump track, Houston Drive Park, Bundaberg



Skate park, South Head Parklands, Burnett Heads



Boat ramps

The Region's waterways play an important role in the provision of recreation activities, particularly recreational boating and fishing. The Region currently has 19 public boat ramps. A recent study by GHD³ identified the three most popular ramps in the Region:

- ▼ Bundaberg North Lions Park, Bundaberg (Burnett River)
- ▼ Harbour Esplanade, Burnett Heads Boat Harbour
- ▼ McIntosh Avenue, Elliott Heads (Elliott River).

The Study identified two primary issues regarding the public boat ramps in the Region:

- ▼ accessibility - users often found it difficult to use a number of the existing facilities under a wide range of tide or weather conditions. The launch and retrieval of boats at some sites was further restricted by the rocky shorelines
- ▼ facilities capacity - overcrowding was often experienced at certain facilities, particularly on "flat weather days". While other sites are available and/or offer suitable launching conditions, the lack of sufficient parking for car-trailer units was seen as a deterrent.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has adopted a long term strategy to seek to provide access to an all-tide, sheltered facility, within one-hour drive time where practical. There are currently four all-tide, open-water access facilities in the Region, with at least one being within a one-hour drive of the main population areas, however upgrades of these facilities are required to meet current and future shortfalls (access and capacity).

As such, the Study recommends upgrading four of the Region's existing boat ramps to improve access and usage capacity and one new facility be developed at Elliott Heads.



Sandy Hook Reserve, Bundaberg



Burnett Heads Harbour Boat Ramp, Burnett Heads



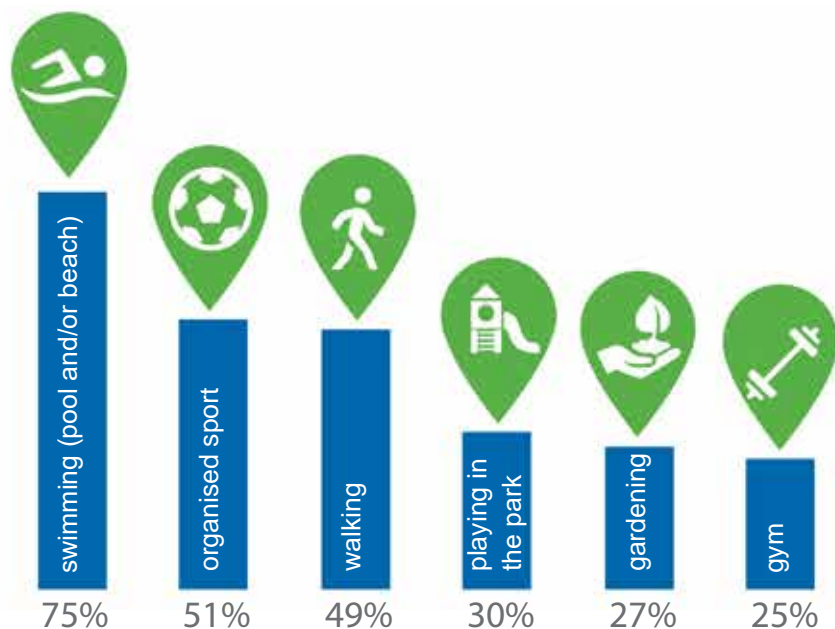
Bundaberg North Lions Park Boat Ramp, Bundaberg

³ GHD, Report for Department of Transport and Main Roads Queensland Recreational Boating Facilities Demand Forecasting Study

Physical activity opportunities

The Bundaberg community and visitors have access to a diverse range of sport and recreation facilities that provide an abundance of opportunities for participation in physical activity.

Community survey respondents were asked if they participated in any sport and recreation activities. Nearly all (96%) of the respondents participated in at least one activity. Swimming was by far the most popular activity participated in. Of those that swam, just over half preferred to swim in a swimming pool. Participation in organised sport was the second most popular activity. A summary of the top 6 responses is presented below.



Be Active Be Alive

Since commencing in 2012, Council's Be Active Be Alive continues to be a highly successful physical activity program that offers over 160 free fitness activities in parks and aquatic facilities across the Region.

To encourage more people across the Region to become physically active, the program divides the activities into six categories to cater to a variety of needs and activity preference. The six categories include:

- ▶ Pool activities
- ▶ Lite and Easy
- ▶ Fitness for Life
- ▶ Pump Your Heart
- ▶ Mind and Body
- ▶ Run in the Park.



Memorial Park, Childers

Demand for sport and recreation

General trends in sport and recreation

Being active in the outdoors has always been a big part of the Australian culture. In a region like Bundaberg, where the climate allows residents (and visitors) to enjoy participation in sport and recreation activities all year-round, understanding what type of sport and recreation activities people want to participate in, is important as Council looks to develop strategies, programs and facilities to support and encourage people to live healthy lifestyles.

Population growth and change

- ▼ by 2026 an additional 10,400 people will be residing in the Bundaberg Region
- ▼ majority of growth will occur in the Bundaberg City area and along the coast between Bargara and Elliott Heads
- ▼ demographics moving to the Region will be a mix of families and retirees.

An ageing population will have different sport, fitness and recreation needs, behaviours and preferences than young adults and families.

With many retirees moving to the Region for the climate and quality of life, it is expected that they will continue to engage in passive recreation activities such as walking, cycling and golf further into their old age.

The affordable lifestyle is also an attraction for young families.

Those with children will be looking for sporting opportunities, quality playgrounds and safe cycling/pedestrian networks that provide connectivity to key destinations (schools, shopping centres and parks).

Individualised activities

- ▼ preferring passive and active recreation activities over formal sport
- ▼ want to be physically active when it is convenient
- ▼ more concerned with individual results and personal bests than competition.

As society is becoming more convenience orientated, people are less willing to commit time to training and competition days. The result is a rise in individualised active and passive recreation activities such as running, walking, cycling and yoga.

It is believed that people are becoming less competitive and instead are more concerned about beating their personal best.

This trend may see an increase in participation and demand for more programs similar to Park Run, pilates and martial arts.

Time fragmentation

- ▼ less free time
- ▼ less time to spend on recreation and sport
- ▼ seeking opportunities to play sport that fit into a busy schedule
- ▼ seeking facilities with flexible operating hours.

People are constantly juggling work and family commitments. With 52% of the Bundaberg community working full-time and 70% of the households being family households, a proportion of the community will be struggling to find time to participate in sport and recreation activities.

Those with a competitive nature, that are not interested in individualised activities, turning to non-organised sports such as beach volleyball, park touch football and street/park cricket.



Informal play at Turtle Park, Bargara Foreshore Reserve, Bargara



Technology

- ▼ rise of social media as the main means of communication for sporting clubs
- ▼ increasing use of Smartphone Apps for personal fitness
- ▼ WiFi access in parks to increase visitation.

Technology remains one of the main contributors towards decreased physical activity and increased sedentary behaviour. However, there are also increasing expectations of technology within open spaces including WiFi access in key parks, promoting existing geocaching and by using QR codes on tracks and signage.

Changes in technology for recreation are also bringing about an increasing divergence of outdoor recreation activities. Participants are able to map their route, record their times and upload digital images of their experience. This allows them to compete and compare results with past and future users (Strava, Map My Ride/Run etc).

A current trend in the fitness sector is the use of social media to build and foster sporting communities, such as Facebook groups. Many clubs now use Facebook as their main source of communication. This often makes it difficult for councils to communicate with clubs or for residents to find information on local clubs. This may not be an issue for the Bundaberg Region where only 7% of community survey respondents said that they didn't know where/how to find information on the local sporting clubs.



Sharing of facilities

- ▼ sports codes are extending their seasons toward year round activity
- ▼ councils and state government like to encourage shared use of sports facilities.

With many sports extending the lengths of pre-season and season fixtures, sharing of field space is becoming more difficult. While providers strive to maximise the use of community resources, the reality is that shared use of ancillary facilities rather than fields (e.g. clubhouses, carparks) may be a more appropriate goal.

A number of Bundaberg sporting clubs share facilities. With many clubs struggling to maintain their playing fields and ancillary facilities, the sharing of facilities means that they do not have to maintain them in the off-season. Issues arise when pre-season training conflicts with the other competition season, however, none of the clubs consulted with identified this as an issue.



Spoilt for choice

- ▼ increasing variety of sport and recreation opportunities
- ▼ extreme sport and recreation is becoming more affordable
- ▼ sports are now available all-year round.

The variety of sport and recreation activities available can be overwhelming. In the Bundaberg Region alone, residents can participate in martial arts, traditional sport, equestrian, shooting, yoga, pilates, motor sports, remote control activities, water based sport, just to name a few.

Just under half of community survey respondents said that they did not experience any barriers to participating in sport. Those that did, noted that they would like to see clubs host more "come-and-try" days (13%).

As individuals become more affluent, the proportion of income spent on goods and leisure increases. As people spend more money on recreation and associated equipment, an increase in outdoor and passive recreation activities, previously offered by commercial operators, has been observed (eg. stand-up paddle boarding, canoe and kayaking). Despite cost being a barrier to participation in organised sport, participants appear more prepared to make a one-off investment in equipment for passive recreation that they can use at their convenience.



Play expectations

- more challenging and imaginative play
- bringing risk back into play
- connection with nature.

Open space planning is beginning to take a new direction. While people still value their local recreation park and the green escape they provide, many contain the 'kit playground', often described as boring, lacking in creativity and too safe. There is a growing trend towards more challenging and imaginative play for all age groups at the one location.

Mega parks are a new type of park being developed more frequently. They generally feature multiple play areas to cater for different ages, gardens, water play areas and lagoons, large open grassy spaces, shady picnic spots and kilometres of shared paths and boardwalks to explore. High tree house structures, sky walks and natural elements are introducing risk back into play, enabling children to develop an awareness of limits and boundaries.

Nature play is an emerging trend particularly in urban environments, where access to nature is not as readily available as it is in Bundaberg.

Awareness of the benefits of children's contact with nature is also growing, with many councils embracing the concept of developing nature play spaces within their parks and bushland reserves.

Christsen Park and Gin Gin Community Recreation Reserve offer a wide variety of play elements for people of all ages. A nature play park is also proposed for the Botanic Gardens.



Tenure agreements

Councils provide facilities that can be leased to sport, recreation and community organisations for the purpose of delivering a range of activities and programs that offer a variety of community benefits. The most common tenure options include:

- lease - appropriate if the community organisation requires extensive use of the land, and plans to make improvements and/or develop infrastructure.
- permit to occupy - a non-exclusive form of tenure suitable where a community organisation wishes to use land or facilities.

Depending on the individual council and their resources (financial and/or staff), the fees and charges, roles and responsibilities of the users and council vary significantly. Moreton Bay Regional Council and Logan City Council recently reviewed their community leasing policy and procedures. A summary of both is provided below.

	Bundaberg Regional Council	Moreton Bay Regional Council	Logan City Council
Lease agreement term	10 years	5 years over buildings 3 year sports field permit	5 years
Fees and charges			
annual administration fee	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal
Council issued rates	Lessee	Council	Lessee
remission on water	Yes	Yes	Yes
remission on waste	Yes	Yes	Yes
remission on sewerage	Yes	Yes	Yes
remission on electricity	No	No	Yes
Responsibilities			
building maintenance	Lessee	Council	Lessee
field maintenance	Lessee	Council	Lessee
ancillary infrastructure (goal posts, grandstands etc)	Lessee	Lessee	Lessee

Toowoomba Regional Council has taken a different approach. Council is responsible for all the maintenance of the sports facilities at a cost. Every oval/field in Toowoomba is classified under a hierarchy system from 1 to 5 (1 being the highest) depending on the quality of the field and required maintenance. A seasonal permit field fee is then assigned to each hierarchy. For example, Clifton Recreation Reserve has six ovals, ranging in hierarchy from 1 to 3. If a club chooses to use oval 1 (hierarchy 1) and oval 2 (hierarchy 3) for the season, it would cost them approximately \$3,000, however the club is not required to do any maintenance.

Future direction

Vision for sport and recreation facilities and physical activity

The visions for sport and recreation facilities and physical activity sets the desired direction for opportunities within the Bundaberg Region. The visions reflect the community's aspirations and Council's objectives.

The vision for **sport** in the Bundaberg Region is:

“Bundaberg is a Region of sporting opportunity, with diverse and quality facilities for an active and healthy community”

The vision for **recreation facilities** and **physical activity** in Bundaberg Region is:

“Residents (and visitors) of Bundaberg are aware of and have access to a diverse range of recreation facilities that create opportunities for physical activity and ensure a great quality of life for all ages and abilities”

Guiding principles

The guiding principles outlined below describe the overarching intention for the provision and management of sport and recreation facilities and physical activity opportunities for Council. These principles have helped to guide and shape the individual recommendations presented in the Strategy. They can be further altered to ensure any new policies or policy reviews are in accordance with the desired outcomes of the Region's vision for sport and recreation facilities and physical activity.

Quality planning

Council will ensure a strategic approach to the provision of sport and recreation facilities and physical activity opportunities. Facilities will be fit-for purpose and, once developed, adaptive management practices (i.e. regular audits) will be undertaken.

When planning for sport and recreation facilities and physical activity opportunities, consideration will be given to the desired standards of service, community need and demand and Council resources (financial and staff). Not all activities and expectations will be accommodated (nor need to be accommodated) across all areas of the Region.

Importantly, planning for sport and recreation facilities and physical activity opportunities will be a collaborative Council approach and will include input from Parks, Sports and Natural Areas, Community Care, Community Development, Information Services and Roads and Drainage.

Enhancing existing provision

Council has limited resources to maintain and upgrade the vast amount of sport and recreation facilities, and open space, it already manages. Rather than look to purchase and develop significant additional lands to meet demand, the focus will be on upgrading existing facilities and improving the functionality of currently undeveloped or under-serviced sport and recreation facilities.

Acquisition of new land will only be considered where specified by the LGIP.

Adequately resourced

Council will identify and allocate resources for the provision of sport and recreation facilities and physical activity opportunities in a strategic, efficient, transparent and equitable manner in line with Council's capacity to fund.

Partnerships

Council will work closely with other key land managers (e.g. PCYC; YMCA; Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy; private providers) to ensure an integrated approach to sport and recreation facilities and physical activity opportunity management.

Attractive

Council will ensure that sport and recreation facilities are designed and effectively maintained to an appropriate quality to encourage the community to value them and to foster high levels of use.

Adaptable

Council will ensure that multi-use facilities offer a diversity of choices that reflect the varied needs of the community.

Accessible and connected

Council will strive to develop well-linked and accessible locations that enhance opportunities for health and well-being for all.



Sports facilities

Open space provision

The Bundaberg Region is slightly undersupplied with land for sporting facilities now and into the future. By 2026, 176ha of land for trunk sports parks is required to meet Council's desired standard of service (1.6ha/1,000 people) and expected population change. Council currently has 114ha of land for trunk sports parks. The LGIP has identified the development of two future sports park, approximately 28ha in total. An additional 32ha is required to close the gap by 2026, preferably between east Bundaberg and the coast, the main growth corridor.

From a needs-perspective, the community is well supplied with sporting facilities (private, commercial and council owned/ managed), with some Council owned/ managed sports parks not being used by formal sporting clubs. However, a number of sports parks are nearing capacity, particularly The Waves Sports Complex, Thabeban Road, and Martens Oval. Engagement with the sporting clubs and associations that use the sports parks identified that the facilities, particularly car parking, were at capacity on game days (mainly Saturdays) and key training times (throughout the winter sporting season).



Rotary Park, Bundaberg

Master plans

Master plans are important tools to guide facility decision-making. They are particularly important for sports facilities where changes in club officials can alter former preferred directions.

Salter Oval is the Region's premier sports facility, home to Bundaberg Rugby League and Bundaberg Cricket Association. Bundaberg Cricket also use Kendall Flats for their junior competition. The high and ongoing costs required to maintain two facilities is forcing Bundaberg Cricket to look for an alternative venue for their senior competition. Discussions between Queensland Cricket and Queensland AFL regarding the shared use of Kendall Flats were ongoing during the development of this Strategy. If Bundaberg Cricket relocates to Kendall Flats, Salter Oval will be available during the summer season and would make an ideal home ground for Rugby Bundaberg (Rugby Union), who are currently seeking their own facility.

As two different sporting codes will be sharing Kendall Flats and significant field and infrastructure upgrades will be required, it is recommended that a master plan be developed for the site.

Additional sites that should be considered for master plans include:

- ▼ Martens Oval
- ▼ Drinan Park (velodrome and Bundaberg Tennis Association)
- ▼ Salter Oval and Jubilee Park, as a precinct
- ▼ Bundaberg Recreational Precinct
- ▼ Norville Park Swimming Pool and surrounding parklands (including a feasibility analysis component)
- ▼ Isis War Memorial Swimming Pool (including a feasibility analysis component).

Indoor sport

The need for a regional level indoor court facility was previously identified in the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Recreation and Sport Strategy 2010. Bundaberg and Hervey Bay were noted as the preferred locations.

The Bundaberg Multiplex (incorporating the PCYC) includes three courts with rubber flooring and a show court with sprung timber flooring and retractable seating. While the venue will prove attractive for local competitions (and potentially Central Queensland junior fixtures), with only four courts (one court with sprung timber floor) it cannot attract high-level events, unless the event is split over two venues (eg. Shalom College).

It is not recommended that Council pursue the development of an indoor sports facility as solely a Council project. Rather, many councils have seen the benefit in co-developing indoor sports facilities with local high schools. In such an arrangement, the school may have user rights during school hours, with community user groups holding tenure over the facility at alternate times. This approach could reduce the capital burden for Council and remove any ongoing management resources.

Bundaberg Basketball Association currently uses the facilities at Shalom College (two indoor courts) for their district competitions and events. Opportunity may exist for Council to work with Shalom College and further develop the facility to a standard suitable for conducting district and regional competitions.

Use of school facilities

In 2015, the Department of Education, Training and Employment developed the Community Use of School Facilities - Policy to encourage community use of state school facilities.

A number of schools in the Region already open their facilities for community use. Just under 10% of community survey respondents said it was too difficult to get their children or themselves to sporting facilities for training. This was also identified as a common barrier among teenagers. A number of respondents believed that it would be more convenient if clubs used school sportsgrounds for training, as children could go straight from school or after school care services could escort them there. Many martial arts providers use school halls to conduct their activities, and feel their presence at the school helps attract new members.

Council is currently in discussions with the Department of Education and Training about the shared development and use of Bargara State School's sportsground. If successful, Council could consider other partnerships with local schools, particularly in the hinterland areas.



Bundaberg Multiplex, Bundaberg

Meeting community/sport groups expectation

Council has a role in providing facilities that benefit the community through increasing participation and encouraging active, healthy lifestyles, and to build the capacity of volunteers to offer improved opportunities for all.

The demand analysis identified that 50% of community survey respondents participated in organised sport, and the majority were happy with the number and quality of sports facilities around the Region. However, some sporting groups believed that a number of infrastructure upgrades, or new infrastructure were required to improve the functionality of their sports park.

There is currently no policy or document that specifies the level of embellishments and infrastructure for Council owned and managed sports facilities. The Planning Scheme identifies what types of facilities and embellishments can be funded under developer contributions, however, lacks specification about change rooms, canteen facilities, storage, clubhouses and complementary services (first aid room, umpires room etc).

The development of a sport park typology would specify what type of infrastructure is appropriate for neighbourhood and regional sports park (appendix D).

Aquatic facilities

Generally accepted provision rates for aquatic facilities by local governments are¹:

Town/village facilities

- ▼ provision rate of 1:20,000 people
- ▼ typically may include a 25m outdoor lap pool, small water play area and associated basic ancillary facilities.

District major facilities

- ▼ provision rate of 1:50,000 people
- ▼ typically may include an outdoor 50m lap pool, outdoor program pool, water play area (optional) and associated ancillary facilities the reflect the expected use of the venue.

Regional facilities

- ▼ provision rate of 1 local government area (where the LGA has a population base of at least 100,000)
- ▼ typically may include an outdoor 50m lap pool, spectator seating, indoor 25m sports and activities pool, significant water play area, and extensive ancillary facilities.

With an estimated population of 103,400 by 2026, Bundaberg, from a standards perspective should have:

- ▼ 3 town/village facilities (Gin Gin, Childers and coastal area)
- ▼ 2 district major facilities
- ▼ 1 regional facility.

The Region currently lacks a high quality regional facility. Although this standards approach indicated an additional facility is required along the coast, with the beach already being one of the most popular places to recreate this is not considered a feasible outcome. Rather, it is recommended that Council develop a regional aquatic facility on the eastern side of Bundaberg City to also service the coastal towns. The facility should be designed to meet relevant FINA standards.

¹ There are no overarching standards for the provision of aquatic facilities. The above standards were derived via a benchmarking exercise of similar local government areas.

Recreation facilities

Passive and active recreation

While adult participation rates in sport appear to be steady across the Region, participation in passive and active recreation activities is increasing. Consistent with national and state sporting trends, walking is the most popular activity that residents enjoy.

Council recognises and supports this growing trend. Implementing the Multi Modal Pathway Strategy will see the existing footpath and shared path network expanded to provide greater connectivity and opportunities for safe active transport. With an ageing population and desire to continue to attract visitors, it is important that the network includes complementing infrastructure, such as bench seats, water bubblers and bike racks to allow users to rest. Directional and information signage will promote areas of recreation, scenic and/or cultural importance.

Park Run is currently conducted in Queens Park, Bundaberg and Neilsen Park, Bargara and growing in popularity. Run entirely by volunteers, Council should work with organisers to ensure there is minimal conflict between casual path/park users and Park Run participants. A picnic table where organisers marshal participants or distance markers along the course are simple infrastructure requests that would assist in the weekly operations of Park Run.



Barolin Nature Reserve, Mon Repos

Outdoor recreation activities

Council is responsible for the management of ten natural areas. With assistance from Landcare Groups, the reserves are home to many native plants and animals, and refuge for a number of threatened and endangered species. Fronting popular lakes, rivers, beaches and estuaries, many of Council's natural areas also support low-impact recreation.

The natural setting of Council's recreation facilities and the opportunities they provide for interaction with the natural environment is highly valued by the majority of residents that completed the community survey. With the beaches, coastal reserves/foreshore parks, areas along the river and bushland being some of the most popular places to recreate.

Popular outdoor recreation activities participated in include:

- ▼ swimming in the ocean/ river/ creek
- ▼ fishing
- ▼ bushwalking
- ▼ mountain biking
- ▼ canoe/ kayaking.

While it is not recommended that Council develop an outdoor recreation strategy, the above low impact activities and supporting embellishments should be considered when reviewing the natural areas plans of management.

Rail trails

The re-development of disused rail corridors into rail trails is increasing in popularity.

Consultation identified the need for more outdoor recreation opportunities. The formalised redevelopment of the North Bundaberg to Mt Perry railway line, connecting Bundaberg to Gin Gin would create a shared use rail trail spanning approximately 45km for non-motorised recreation users, which include walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders.

The Watawa Recreation Trail and Boolboonda Rail Trail and Tunnel are two popular rail trails west of Gin Gin. It would be ideal to link and combine the three trails into one, however, the disused rail corridor transverses over a number of private properties, limiting and/or restricting public access.

Play

Children at school visits expressed that the existing play was 'boring' and only catered for younger children and toddlers. Many wanted to see larger, more risky play activities such as flying foxes, climbing nets and giant slides, similar to those recently installed at Christensen Park, Bargara and Gin Gin Community Recreation Reserve, Gin Gin. Water play was also consistently mentioned as a preferred opportunity.

With the beach being the most frequented space to recreate (and largely functioning as a local recreation park for many), it is not recommended that Council start adding challenging play equipment to all their recreation parks.

Instead, a number of popular recreation parks could be upgraded to become destination parks for the surrounding suburbs, similar to Boreham Park. This should be further investigated as part of the Parks and Open Space Strategy review.

A natural play playground is proposed for the Botanic Gardens. As youth will be the most common users of the park, it is recommended that Council engage with the local schools to get an understanding of what play experiences children are looking for.

It was identified during consultation that the youth of Elliott Heads and surrounding areas would like to see a teenage play area developed along the foreshore. To ensure the area is a desired and popular location for teenagers to hang and socialise, Council should engage their Youth Committee and local teenagers to ensure they are involved in the design process.

The installation of WiFi into key destination parks and skate parks will also add to the play experience, especially for the youth.

Skate parks

As noted throughout the Strategy, lack of activities for youth is a concern. Skate parks are considered quality facilities to develop for youth - they are hard-wearing and require limited maintenance. Additionally, they not only provide an activity space for users but also an area for youth to socialise (particularly when suitable ancillary facilities such as covered seating, bubblers and power are provided).

The skate park in Central Park, Bundaberg is outdated and needs to be upgraded as a high quality wheeled action sport precinct (catering for scooters, BMX and skate boards). Ideally, it would be great to develop a smaller scale precinct next to the recently developed pump track in Houston Drive Park, Avoca. This development could be a smaller scale version of Memorial Park, Gladstone.

The other skate parks around the Region are also outdated and in need of upgrade. It is recommended that Council develop a Skate and BMX Facility Strategy to guide the future skate park development and maintenance for the next 10 years.



Memorial Park, Gladstone Regional Council

Physical activity and programming

Physical activity programs

Council currently conducts the extremely successful Be Active Be Alive program. The program is a free community based activity program with a variety of fitness activities conducted in the aquatic facilities and parks across the Region. Despite the variety of activities available, community members felt that the times were not appropriate for those that work as many occurred between 9am and 5pm. Others also noted that the program was limited as it primarily targeted older adults.

Programs like Be Active Be Alive are a great incentive to get people active. The range of activities available should accommodate all ages and also target specific demographics. It is recommended that Council trial sessions at alternative times (but also accepts that the classes are extremely popular and can not necessarily meet the needs of everyone).

Council is only one provider of physical activity programs. Personal trainers and fitness groups can often be seen in the parks, while the YMCA, PCYC, Heart Foundation and aquatic centres all provide physical activity programs and classes to the general community. Unfortunately, it is often difficult to access information on these programs, despite Council's Sport and Recreation Directory, on Bundy Region Connect.

There is opportunity for Council to promote the advantages of registering with Bundy Region Connect, this could be done annually when expression of interests are sent out for the Be Active Be Alive program and the Move It Expo. A new category within the directory called "Physical Activity Programs" should also be developed for easy reference.

Performing arts/events in open space

Bundaberg's residents clearly enjoy being outdoors and are enthusiastic supporters of outdoor markets and community events.

Council recognises the importance of open space as an event space and supports the delivery of a range of events including:

- ▼ Childers Festival
- ▼ New Years Eve and Australia Day celebrations
- ▼ Colour me happy - Colour Run
- ▼ The Great Botanic Garden's Scavenger Hunt.

Observations during site inspections and discussions with Council's Youth Advisor and students, identified that Bundaberg has a large number of young musicians and artists and that the community enjoy relaxing with live music in the background. There is opportunity to further activate a number of popular recreation parks by informally embracing the performing arts. An area of a busy park could be designated as a 'busking area' on certain days, particularly on weekends. Musicians would have to register with Council and bookings would be required.



Active transport programs

The Bundaberg Region is flat, with ideal conditions for cycling and walking. With a relatively active community and passionate cycling clubs, there is opportunity for Council to develop partnerships with the local clubs and primary schools to trial/ reactive similar programs to the previous Active School Travel Program. Schools can apply to be part of the program and Council can select schools based on criteria. Kalkie and Bargara State School's would be ideal schools to trial the program due to their location near existing cycle paths (and their enthusiastic teaching staff).

The program could be rolled out as part of Walk2School Day or Ride2School Day. Some schools in Queensland currently run Walking, Wheeling Wednesdays, where children are encouraged and rewarded for using active transport. The benefits of the program are that children develop independence and both parents and children overcome any perceived safety concerns.

Council, in partnership with cycling clubs could also run workshops on bike maintenance and safety. The City of Gold Coast runs 'Riding with the Gals' days to improve their confidence. Council's Cycling Reference Group could also be the driving force behind such programs.



Pump track, Houston Drive Park, Bundaberg

Administration

Information sharing

Information sharing was consistently identified as an ongoing issue by Council, sport and recreation clubs and associations and the general community.

With many of the sporting clubs preferring to use Facebook as their main source of communication, it is often difficult for Council to get in contact with them, as the clubs perceive that there is no need to update their email or contact details.

With a large proportion of the community on Facebook and 76% of households having access to WiFi, it is recommended that Council develop a dedicated Bundaberg Regional Council Sport and Recreation Facebook page. The relevant officer in charge of the page would be able to communicate with clubs, share messages and notifications and keep the community informed about sport and recreation opportunities across the Region. Council would also be able to store resources and handbooks for clubs on the page, making it a one-stop-shop for sporting clubs.

Clubs would also be able to share information about events and sign-on days with Council.

A similar resource should also be developed for the Region's recreation parks. There are a number of high quality recreation parks around the Region offering a variety of play experiences, natural settings and picnic/ social gathering opportunities. The resource should allow users to search by different categories such as:

- ▼ locality
- ▼ play embellishments
- ▼ experience
- ▼ picnic facilities.

Community leasing

While sporting clubs pay a minimal fee to lease Council's sporting facilities, many of the clubs are struggling with the ongoing cost of maintenance. As such, many ancillary sporting facility assets (eg. changerooms, clubhouses, grandstands etc) are in poor condition and run down. It is acknowledged that Council has conducted numerous workshops to educate clubs, with little attendance rates. However, if the Region wants to attract regional and state sporting events, the infrastructure at key sports facilities needs to be of a high standard.

As such, it is recommended that Council undertake a review of its tenure arrangements, particularly focussing on community leasing policies.

Management plans

Council has developed a number of management plans for local reserves and natural areas.

As people reconnect with nature and participation in outdoor recreation increases, additional pressures will be placed on Council's natural reserves to fulfil this need.

While the primary purpose for many natural reserves will continue to be for environmental conservation and protection, recreation is becoming a popular secondary purpose. When it is time to review Council's land management plans, it is recommended that the recreation opportunities of the reserves be investigated to ensure the environmental and recreation values are being balanced and managed sustainably.

Some councils are beginning to combine their individual management plans into an overarching plan for recreation parks and sports parks. It is recommended that Council follow this approach and ensure that the guiding principles from this Strategy are reflected upon in the management plans to present a consistent vision for sport and recreation.



Baldwin Environmental Park, Bundaberg

Action Plan

The Sport and Recreation Strategy represents an opportunity for Council to maintain and build upon the diversity of sport and recreation facilities and physical activity opportunities for residents (and visitors).

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

The dominant theme that came through the range of engagement processes and analysis is a direction to maintain and upgrade the existing network without necessarily focussing on building more facilities.

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

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

- ▼ Council policies, coordination and management arrangements
- ▼ Communication and promotion
- ▼ Programs and initiatives
- ▼ New facilities and improvements to existing facilities.

Priorities are assigned for each action. A high recommendation should be undertaken as soon as resources allow while medium (in the next 5 years) and low priorities (in the next 5-10 years) are not as urgent.

Council policies, coordination and management arrangements

Action No.	Action	Priority	Responsibility
1	Review the achievements of the Sport and Recreation Strategy annually and report progress to Council	Ongoing	BRC
2	Continue discussions with the Department of Education and Training regarding the development of a shared sports park at Bargara State School. This model could be further implemented across other Council and school partnerships.	High	BRC, EQ
3	Review Council's existing tenure arrangements. It is preferable for the management of all sport and recreation organisations and facilities to be the responsibility of a single Council unit.	High	BRC
4	Develop a <i>Community Leasing Policy</i> . Elaborate on Council's existing 'Guidelines for Tenure of Community Land and Facilities' and include information regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ roles and responsibilities in relation to buildings and sportsgrounds maintenance ▼ new, upgrades and/or alterations to anything in the lease, licence or permit area ▼ fees and charges. 	High	BRC
5	Develop a "project planning" form that must be completed by sports clubs if they wish to apply for new infrastructure and/or upgrades. <p>A letter of commitment from Council for funding opportunities, particularly external funding, should only be provided if the sporting club has completed the form and can show that they have the ability to, and understand future maintenance requirements.</p> <p>The form can also be used as a supporting tool for Development Applications.</p> <p>Information to be provided in the form includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ the project's ability to increase participation in physical activity and/or enhance club efficiency ▼ consideration of the potential community benefits of the project compared to the financial cost (cost benefit analysis) ▼ the alignment of the project with Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy and strategic vision ▼ adherence to the relevant state sporting organisation's guidelines and requirements ▼ ongoing viability of the project ▼ the club's ability to deliver the project and maintain the asset/s ▼ a site plan ▼ basic project budget (site costs, construction costs, fees, etc). 	High	BRC
6	Review Council's Community Financial Assistance Policy GP-3-067 section on 'Community Grants Program: Sport and Recreation' to include a statement that ensures any applications requesting new, upgrades and/or alterations to anything in their lease, licence or permit area include a "project planning" form.	High	BRC
7	Review Council's resource allocation (funding). Consider establishing a matching grants budget line item to assist organisations seeking State and Federal funding.	High	BRC

Action No.	Action	Priority	Responsibility
8	Review the Parks and Open Space Study 2012 to reflect Council's new Planning Scheme, the community's changing recreation and sporting needs, and Council priorities.	High	BRC
9	Develop a <i>Playground Strategy</i> to guide future playground development and maintenance over the next 10 years (potentially could be developed as a component of the Parks and Open Space Study review).	High	BRC
10	Develop a <i>Shade Policy</i> to establish Council's position on shading of play equipment and allied infrastructure within sport and recreation parks, reserves and natural areas.	Medium	BRC
11	Review the <i>Multi Modal Pathway Strategy: Connecting our Region 2012</i> to reflect changing recreation and participation trends. Consider the use of Strava data (and heat maps) to understand popular routes and routes in inappropriate locations.	Medium	BRC
12	Review Council's management plans for the natural areas to ensure the growing trend in outdoor recreation activities and environmental values are balanced, managed and planned sustainably.	Medium	BRC
13	Develop a <i>Skate and BMX Facility Plan</i> to guide future skate park development and maintenance over the next 10 years.	Medium	BRC

Communication and promotion

Action No.	Action	Priority	Responsibility
14	Maintain an up to date Sport and Recreation contact directory'	Ongoing	BRC
15	Council should assist sport and recreation clubs to develop Club Development Plans by providing appropriate resources (Action 19). Club Development Plans can become requirements within the proposed Community Leasing Policy (Action 4) and the Project Planning form (Action 5)	Ongoing	BRC, SRS
16	Undertake user satisfaction surveys at key recreation parks to determine visitation, user satisfaction and supply gaps. Potential exists to use QR codes on temporary signage and/or via Council's "Sport and Recreation in Bundaberg" social media account (Action 20)	Ongoing	BRC
17	Install directional and information signage at key point of interest and sport and recreation facilities. Design and specifications should be consistent with Council's <i>Signage Strategy 2016</i>	Ongoing	BRC
18	Develop the Bundaberg Regional Council "Sport and Recreation in Bundaberg" social media account to become the centralised home of "sport and recreation". The account will offer sporting clubs and the community a 'one-stop shop' that includes a comprehensive database of sport and recreation clubs and links to their social media accounts or web pages; information about upcoming events and activities; promotion and advertising of professional development opportunities; information packages about responsibilities, processes and club development and latest sport and recreation news across the Region.	High	BRC
19	Develop a user-friendly page on Council's website dedicated to sport and recreation club development. The information on the page should provide resources and links to help educate sport and recreation clubs and increase awareness on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ available funding opportunities ▼ club manual (including guidance on facility usage, maintenance and development, club management) ▼ sport park typology and embellishment standards A link to the page should also be provided and regularly promoted on Council's "Sport and Recreation in Bundaberg" social media account (Action 18)	High	BRC
20	Develop a user-friendly page on Council's website dedicated to the Region's recreation parks. The information on the page should be presented in a manner that allows users to search on a variety of factors, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ locality ▼ embellishments ▼ activities. 	High	BRC

Programs and initiatives

Action No.	Action	Priority	Responsibility
21	Continue Council's role in creating local environments that support active, healthy communities and lifestyles.	Ongoing	BRC
22	Continue to facilitate physical activity programs (eg. Be Active, Be Alive) and community programs and events (eg. Move it Expo)	Ongoing	BRC, Community
23	Continue to discuss with all levels of government the importance of the future cycle link between Bundaberg City and Bargara	Ongoing	BRC, State and Federal Government
24	Provide 'Smoking Prohibited' signage at sport and recreation facilities as per legislation	High	BRC, QLD Health
25	Investigate the feasibility of opening Norville Park Swimming Pool and Isis War Memorial Swimming Pool year round	Medium	BRC
26	<p>Liase with Shalom College to investigate a future partnership regarding the existing (and potential expanded) indoor sports facility. Issues to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ community access ▼ management ▼ maintenance ▼ funding. 	Medium	BRC, Shalom College, Community
27	Promote Cordalba State Forest as a key mountain bike destination for the Region.	Medium	BRC, QLD DHPW, BNBT, Bundaberg Mountain Bike Club
28	Investigate a partnership with education institutions (eg. Education Central Queensland University, TAFE and high schools) to ascertain potential for students to play a more integral role as community sport and recreation volunteers.	Medium	BRC, TAFE, CQU, EQ and Independent Schools
29	Upgrade Nita Cunningham Park as destination recreation park with a variety of play opportunities for those living on the eastern side of the Bundaberg City.	Medium	BRC
30	<p>In partnership with local cycling clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ trial a program similar to the previous Active School Travel Program with interested schools ▼ develop programs to educate people and promote popular bike riders around the Region, improve rider confidence and develop bike maintenance skills (similar to the City of Gold Coast's "Riding with Gals" program). 	Low	BRC, EQ, Local Cycling Clubs, Cycle Reference Group, Community
31	Work with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to ensure that supporting infrastructure/embellishments such as picnic tables, bench seats and fish cleaning tables are included when implementing the recommendations from the Queensland Recreational Boating Facilities Demand Forecasting Study 2017	Low	BRC, QLD TMR

New facilities and improvements to existing facilities

Action No.	Action	Priority	Responsibility
32	Undertake a feasibility study of the Bundaberg to Gin Gin section of the North Bundaberg/ Mt Perry railway line into a shared use rail trail. Include a concept map that strategically extends the rail trail between Gin Gin and Mt Perry, linking the Watawa Recreation Trail and Boolboonda Rail Trail and Tunnel, and investigate what other councils have done regarding access onto private land	High	BRC, QLD TMR, QLD DNRME
33	Develop a master plan for Bundaberg Recreational Precinct, considerations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ larger riding area for the Bundaberg Horse and Pony Club ▼ shared clubhouse and canteen for users ▼ new and insulated ceiling at the Bundaberg Table Tennis Association building ▼ new clubroom facility (small building) and seating area at the Bundaberg Cart Track. 	High	BRC, Stakeholders
34	Prepare a master plan and feasibility study for Drinan Park as a precinct, considerations to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ demand for a regional/ central coast velodrome and supporting infrastructure and ongoing costs/ feasibility ▼ additional seating and shade at the tennis facility ▼ improved car parking ▼ perimeter fencing 	High	Bundaberg Cycling Club, Bundaberg Tennis, BRC
35	Develop a master plan for Kendall Flats, consideration to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ the possible relocation of senior cricket to the facility ▼ sharing of facilities between cricket and AFL 	High	AFLQ, AFL Bundaberg, Cricket QLD, Bundaberg Cricket
36	Develop a master plan for Martens Oval, considerations to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ new and separate changerooms for males and females ▼ new grandstands ▼ upgrade amenities to allow all access ▼ construct shade structures around the facility 	High	Football Bundaberg
37	Develop a master plan for Norville Park Swimming Pool and surrounding park. Considerations to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ portable shade structures ▼ upgrade changeroom facilities ▼ construct a storage facility ▼ construct a zero-depth water play area ▼ playground/exercise equipment and embellishments 	High	BRC
38	Develop a master plan for Isis War Memorial Swimming Pool, considerations to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ solar heating ▼ upgrade the grandstand ▼ more shade 	Medium	BRC
39	Develop a master plan for Salter Oval and Jubilee Park as a precinct, considerations to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade of training lights at Jubilee Oval ▼ upgrade amenities block ▼ upgrade changeroom facilities ▼ potential relocation of Bundaberg Cricket Association, creating opportunity for Rugby Bundaberg 	Medium	BRC, Bundaberg Cricket, Bundaberg Rugby League, Judo, Western Suburbs Rugby League
40	Investigate potential sites for Beach Volleyball Courts	Medium	BRC

Action No.	Action
<p>The actions contained within this section of the Strategy do not commit Council nor organisations to their implementation, however the Strategy does support Council and the community to seek grant funding and other investment opportunities to implement them.</p>	
<p>Bundaberg City</p>	
41	<p>ANZAC Park Olympic Pool</p> <p><i>Depending on the outcomes of the Norville Park Swimming Pool Master Plan and the proposed new Regional Aquatic Centre, the site can be rationalised and converted it into parklands, potentially with free water play. Until then, it is recommended that little upgrades such as the following be made to the facility:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade changeroom facilities and ensure they are all-accessible
42	<p>Brothers Sports Fields</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade/seal car parking ▼ construct shade structures around the ground ▼ upgrade changeroom and amenities facilities
43	<p>Bundaberg Basketball Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade/ fix outside playing court (court 3) ▼ upgrade the current changerooms to make them more female friendly ▼ upgrade electrical board/ system
44	<p>Bundaberg Clay Target Club facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ construct shade structure over the shooters areas ▼ develop an additional olympic trap layout to attract State competitions ▼ improve the visibility of the entrance ▼ formalise the pathway to the facility
45	<p>Bucca Rowing Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ construct an indoor rowing facility/ training area ▼ improvements to the launch/slipway area ▼ increase boat shed storage (included in the Land Management Plan) ▼ continue to promote the facilities at the Reserve to clubs and schools outside of the Region to increase usage ▼ investigate opportunities to improve the sewerage system at the Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre ▼ once the sewerage system is enhanced, promote the Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre as a venue for hosting high-level events, training camps and touring rowers
46	<p>Bundaberg Rowing Reserve (Club)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ continue to work with both rowing clubs during the implementation and construction of the Bundaberg Riverside Masterplan's "Rowers Precinct"
47	<p>Bundaberg Super Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ construct more shade structures around the athletics facility ▼ redesign the changerooms at the netball facility for more privacy
48	<p>Bywash Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ promote the criterium track to the general community
49	<p>Clayton Road Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ work with the user groups when the land to the west (identified as future regional sport in the LGIP) of the Reserve is in early planning stages ▼ resurface the outer and inner fields to make them safer for users (softball) ▼ upgrade lighting to an appropriate training standard (softball) ▼ develop a fence in between the playing fields and the road (softball)
50	<p>Daph Geddes Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ investigate building a safety fence or rail around the track

Action No.	Action
51	<p>Greg Duncan Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ construct new grandstands ▼ construct shade structures around the ground ▼ installation of solar panels ▼ upgrade changerooms ▼ upgrade lights and light poles
52	<p>Hinkler Park (Hockey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade player dugouts ▼ construct a new grandstand with shade ▼ new building to act as a storage facility and uniform shop <p>Hinkler Park (Cricket)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ new storage facility
53	<p>John Cullen Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ extend the clubhouse ▼ construct seating around the facility
54	<p>Jubilee Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade the lighting at the facility to increase training capacity
55	<p>Martens Oval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ new and separate changerooms for males and females ▼ new grandstands ▼ upgrade amenities to allow all access ▼ construct shade structures around the facility
56	<p>Native Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade the amenities block
57	<p>Queens Park Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ work with Bundaberg Park Run organisers to upgrade or develop new picnic facilities in a location that will also benefit the operation of Park Run (eg. covered picnic shelter near the start/finish location) ▼ insert distance markers along the route
58	<p>Queen Street Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade amenities block ▼ upgrade and level field 2 ▼ install lights to a training standard on field 2
59	<p>Rotary Park (Bundaberg and District Junior Tennis Association)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ construct two hot shot courts ▼ new lighting ▼ formalise the entrance to the facility
60	<p>Sunnyside Croquet Club facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade the clubhouse to allow all access ▼ upgrading of lawns (new watering system, laser levelling and top dressing) ▼ upgrade the kitchen
61	<p>The Waves Sportsgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ work with Across the Waves Sports Club to ensure all future developments are consistent with their Master Plan for the existing and future site. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - upgrade changeroom facilities and amenities facilities - upgrade lighting on one field for night games - construct more spectator seating - additional playing fields

Action No.	Action
Coastal areas	
62	<p>Bargara Sports Complex</p> <p><i>If negotiations continue to redevelop the facility at Bargara State School:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ prepare a master plan for the site in partnership with the Department of Education and Training <p>Alternatively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade the quality of the oval and running track ▼ construct a storage facility ▼ upgrade canteen/ club building
63	<p>Bundaberg Surf Life Saving Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ construct shade structures over the lawn ▼ activate the clubhouse
64	<p>Jack Norgate Oval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ wait for the open space analysis if the Open Space Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it would be ideal to maintain the land for future sporting opportunities, however an analysis of the surrounding demographics, and significant upgrades to the field and ancillary infrastructure are needed - the facility could be redeveloped as a large open space for informal use, however, South Heads Parklands is less than 500m away ▼ investigate ways to attract sporting clubs to the facility.
65	<p>Moore Park Beach Oval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ continue to develop the oval as an informal parcel of open space ▼ investigate a partnership with Moore Park Beach State School if there is demand for neighbourhood sports park in the future
66	<p>Moore Park Beach Surf Life Saving Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ develop a new clubhouse/ facility near the storage shed - high priority
67	<p>Elliott Heads Surf Life Saving Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ new storage facility ▼ construct more car parking spaces
68	<p>Seagulls Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ maintain as informal recreation
69	<p>Seagulls Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ maintain as informal recreation
70	<p>Woodgate Recreation Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ maintain as informal recreation

Action No.	Action
Hinterland area	
71	<p>Apple Tree Creek Sports Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ construct a boundary fence around the facility ▼ construct internal fencing within the facility
72	<p>Childers Showgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ more storage facilities ▼ upgrade the canteen facility ▼ upgrade changeroom facilities ▼ provide training standard lighting on the run-up to cricket practice nets ▼ upgrade the main grandstand
73	<p>Gin Gin Showgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade lighting
73	<p>Gin Gin Recreation and Sportsground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade the Gin Gin Little Athletics' clubhouse and storage area by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - upgrading the canteen - install a shade structure off the existing clubhouse ▼ erect a perimeter fence ▼ upgrade the terraced seating/ retaining wall along the eastern side of the football field ▼ formalise the car park and internal road
74	<p>Isis Ski Gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ develop a second course on the existing site (on private land) ▼ more shade structures ▼ a new judging tower ▼ storage space ▼ funding for solar power
75	<p>Tegege Recreation Precinct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Improve access to Tegege Hall ▼ Upgrade car parking facilities

Appendix

Appendix A: Document review

Appendix B: Community consultation summary

Appendix C: Sports parks audit with sport and recreation club survey results

Appendix D: Sports parks typology

Appendix A: Document review

BRC Community Plan 2031

Bundaberg Region 2031 is a document that defines and strategically plans the Region's community future vision to become vibrant, progressive, connected and sustainable.

Those that participated in the consultation phase of the Plan ranked the level of importance of sport and recreation facilities, places to meet, youth facilities and services and senior facilities and services. 70% of the community rated sport and recreation as either important or critical. To ensure Council continues to provide sport and recreation opportunities to the community, the following catalysts are proposed:

- ▼ the creation of public precincts, green spaces and community gardens in our major population centre
- ▼ quality public transport options and multi-purpose pedestrian and cycle ways to link major population centres within our region, and multi-purpose community hubs on the coast and in the hinterland.
- ▼ a wide variety of sporting, recreational and cultural facilities, including facilities that make better use of our existing coast, river and dam waters, and the development of purpose-built community facilities as signature recreational landmarks.

The Sport and Recreation Strategy aims to develop quality recreation and sporting facilities that offer a variety of opportunities to the community. Already, Council has been embracing its natural assets to provide picturesque and popular spaces for passive recreation (eg. Coastal Path, Riverwalk). Footpaths and cyclepaths continue to be an ongoing issue, particularly in the City.

BRC Corporate Plan 2017 – 2021

The Plan outlines Council's vision, to become a strong, sustainable and vibrant region, connected in vision and spirit, over the next years. In order to achieve this vision a number of outcomes and strategies have been proposed. Those relevant to sport and recreation include:

- ▼ provide facilities, parks, open spaces, services, and programs that promote and support our community's safety and physical well-being
- ▼ manage and maintain Council owned buildings, facilities and assets that support and facilitate social connectedness and community life
- ▼ support and facilitate community programs, networks, projects and events that promote social connectedness; and active and healthy community life

- ▼ connect our people, places and industries by maintaining and improving road transport, pathway and drainage networks
- ▼ promote and foster community engagement and protection of our regional environments and natural areas.

It is important that the vision, principles and actions of the Sport and Recreation Strategy align with the above strategies.

Bundaberg Riverside Master Plan 2015

The master plan seeks to activate, connect and create an Iconic Riverside. The Master Plan aims to enhance the existing recreation opportunities along the river by:

- ▼ works to ANZAC Park:
 - refurbishing ANZAC Park Pool and adding a water play facility
 - infrastructure that supports fishing and passive water based recreation activities
 - development of gateway parks
 - relocation of Bowls Club and expand ANZAC Park, natural greening and amphitheatre
- ▼ greening Quay Street to make it more appealing to pedestrians and cyclists
- ▼ installation of supporting infrastructure that attracts and encourages people to the Precinct.

The Riverside was identified as a popular location to participate in recreation activities during community consultation and the proposed upgrade will only enhance passive recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. While demand for water play was consistently mentioned throughout the consultation phase, Council needs to make a decision of where the water play needs to be developed, as they are expensive to construct and maintain. Three options were discussed during the development of this Strategy:

- ▼ Norville Park Swimming Pool
- ▼ Proposed Regional Aquatic Centre
- ▼ ANZAC Park (as per Riverside Master Plan).

The ideal location would be ANZAC Park, from an economic and tourist perspective, however flooding and car parking will be ongoing issues. If the water park is developed at ANZAC Park, it would be recommended that the swimming pool be rationalised.

Burnett Heads Town Centre Local Plan 2017

A significant growth area, the Plan provides strategic recommendations for the future development of the Burnett Heads Town Centre and its immediate surrounds (Zunker Street, between Moss and Paul Mittelheaser Streets).

During the consultation phase of the Plan, the community identified that they would prefer to see more infrastructure that supports passive recreation in the area. These included:

- ▾ landscaping that provide lots of natural shade
- ▾ widened footpaths
- ▾ supporting infrastructure water bubblers with dog bowls, shaded seating and bike racks.

Community Financial Assistance Governance Policy

The policy applies to six programs within Community Financial Assistance including:

- ▾ Young People in Sport
- ▾ Micro Grants Program
- ▾ Special Events Grant Program
- ▾ Community Grants Program (Sport and Recreation)
- ▾ Sport Championships
- ▾ Partnerships and sponsorships.

The policy outlines the objective of the programs, who is eligible, funding allocation and assessment and approval process.

According to the sporting clubs consulted with, two thirds had used the Community Grants Program, one third had used the Young People in Sport and a quarter used the Equipment Local Program. Most of the clubs had heard about the programs but never used them. Promotion of the programs or program changes may be required to better benefit the clubs in the Region.

Social Development Action Plan 2014-2017

A strategic document, the Plan will govern Council's community development work and focus. Community development aims to provide individuals and groups within the Region with the skills they need to effect change in their own communities.

A series of actions and community outcomes were developed as part of the Plan. Those relevant to sport and recreation include:

- ▾ create platforms such as workshops and grant programs that provide community groups and individuals the opportunity to gain the skills, knowledge and resources required to plan and deliver projects
- ▾ enhance networking, partnerships and communication between Council departments in planning and delivery of community programming and activities
- ▾ use multiple mediums when promoting programs, events and activities that are culturally appropriate and relevant to the target audience
- ▾ identify and promote accessible and available facilities to people and groups that need them
- ▾ raise awareness of the different Council departments and how to navigate and utilise available Council services, resources and facilities at a variety of forums
- ▾ create awareness of existing services through ongoing promotion and administration of the Bundy Region Connect Online Community Directory
- ▾ encourage local business to participate and support community programs and events
- ▾ increase accessibility of both Council and non-council grants and sponsorships through provision of free community grant writing and sponsorship workshops
- ▾ facilitate community activities that engage young people and promote an active and healthy lifestyle
- ▾ support community groups and agencies to promote and enhance the local strengths of Bundaberg through financial assistance programs
- ▾ promote and facilitate platforms where identified community champions can share stories, history and knowledge on specific groups and peoples.

Long Term Asset Management Plan 2016-2026

The plan ensures that the delivery of services from infrastructure is provided in a financially sustainable manner. In regards to sport and recreation, the main demand drivers are focused around cycling and pedestrians.

Personal health – walking: recreational walking is a popular and growing exercise for inhabitants – especially the mature and elderly. The demand on Council to provide safe quality footpaths will increase in the future, requiring more funding than allocated.

Personal health – cycling: recreational cycling is a popular and growing exercise and participants vary from the serious sportsmen and woman to families. The demand on Council to provide safe quality cycleways will increase in the future, requiring more funding than allocated.

The lack of quality and connectivity of footpaths and cycleways around the Region was consistently identified as a barrier to recreation opportunities throughout the development of this Strategy. The Plan identifies a number of tasks to be completed by particular timelines; these tasks may need to be reviewed to ensure that the level of service provided to the community is meeting community demand.

Sandy Hook Reserve Master Plan 2007

Completed prior to amalgamation, the Master Plan provides opportunity and direction for the sustained development of the reserve, while balancing social and environmental values.

The Master Plan's vision is for the reserve to become a multi-purpose aquatic reserve, where passive recreation is preferred over motorised. The Master Plan proposes four zones:

- ▼ Zone 1: non-motorised
- ▼ Zone 2: motorised
- ▼ Zone 3: nature reserve
- ▼ Zone 4: water zone.

It was originally thought that the Bundaberg Rowing Club and Shalom College Rowing Club would relocate to the reserve, but both preferred to stay in the City (a new location is now proposed in the Riverside Master Plan).

The LGIP has classified the reserve as a regional sports park. Council may need to review the Master Plan as the original vision was for passive recreation to be the primary use. With increasing trends in nature based recreation, the recommendations for Zone 3: nature reserve should also be reviewed to meet demand.

Appendix B: Community consultation summary

Community survey

Total respondents: 370

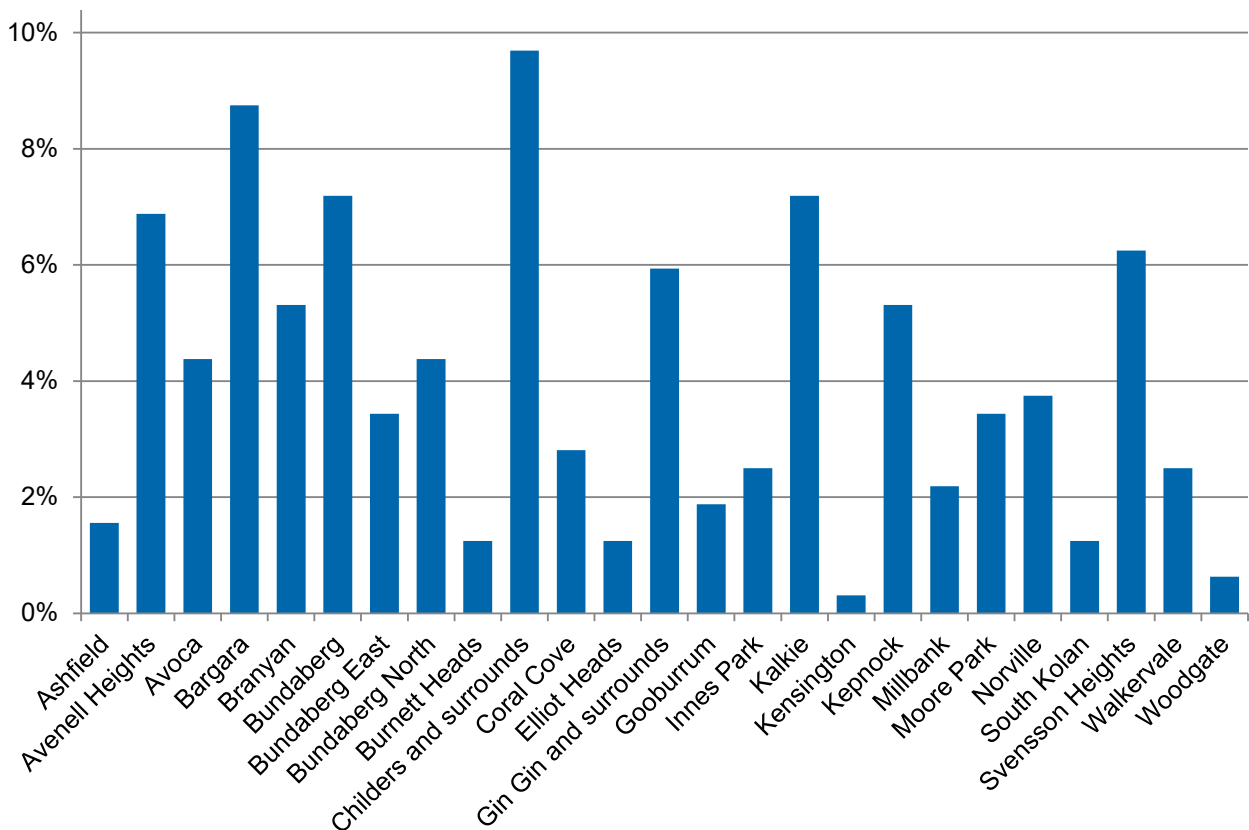
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Male: 41.3%
 Female: 58.8%

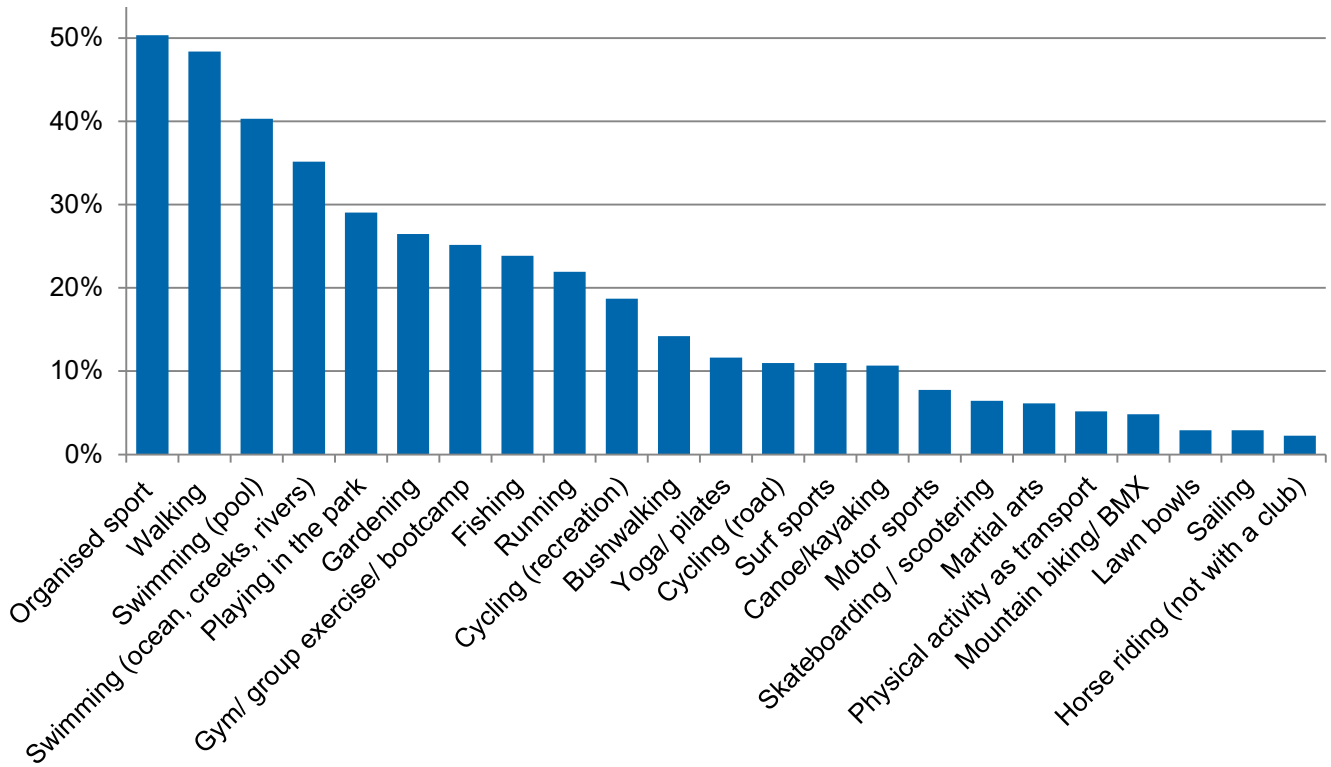
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Under 19 years: 5.0%
 20 to 24 years: 3.4%
 25 to 29 years: 5.0%
 30 to 34 years: 10.0%
 35 to 39 years: 15.9%
 40 to 44 years: 14.0%
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 50 to 54 years: 7.2%
 55 to 59 years: 5.0%
 60 to 64 years: 5.3%
 65 years and older: 13.1%

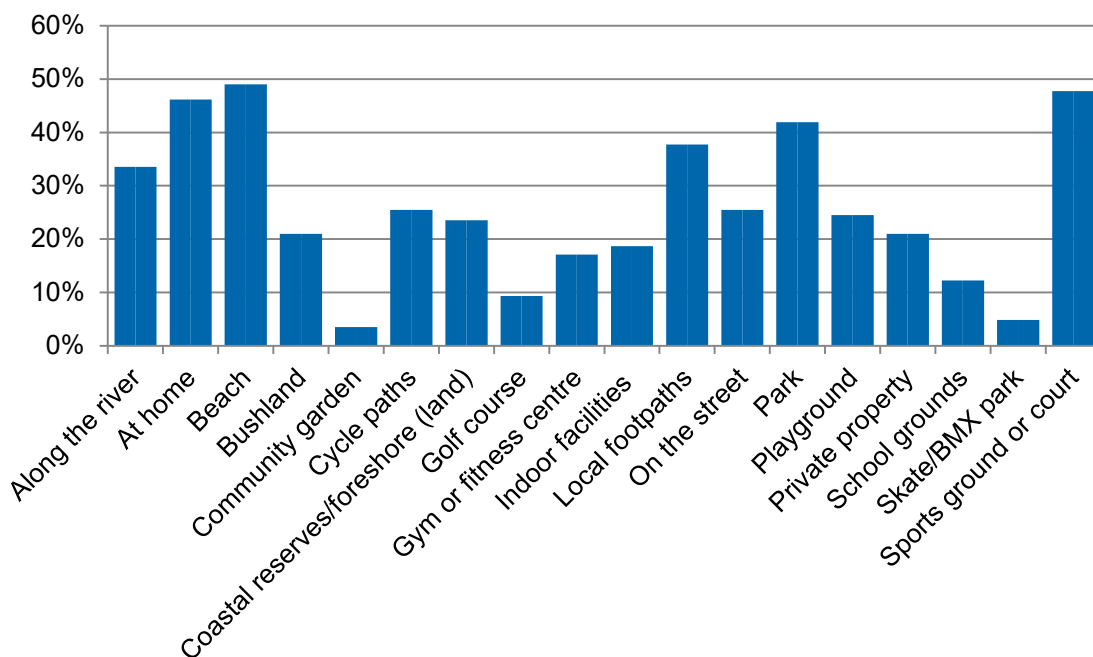
Q1: Which area in the Bundaberg local government area (LGA) do you live?



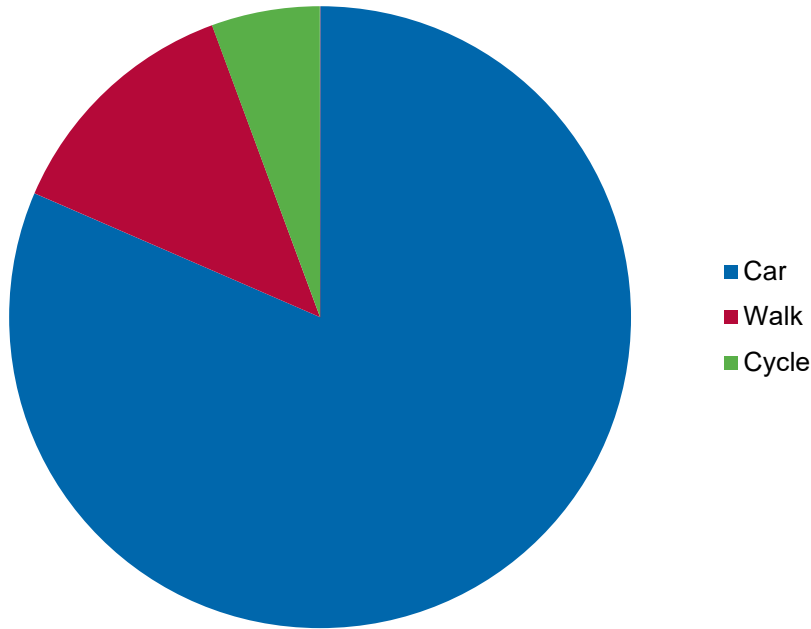
Q2: Do you participate in any recreation and sporting activities



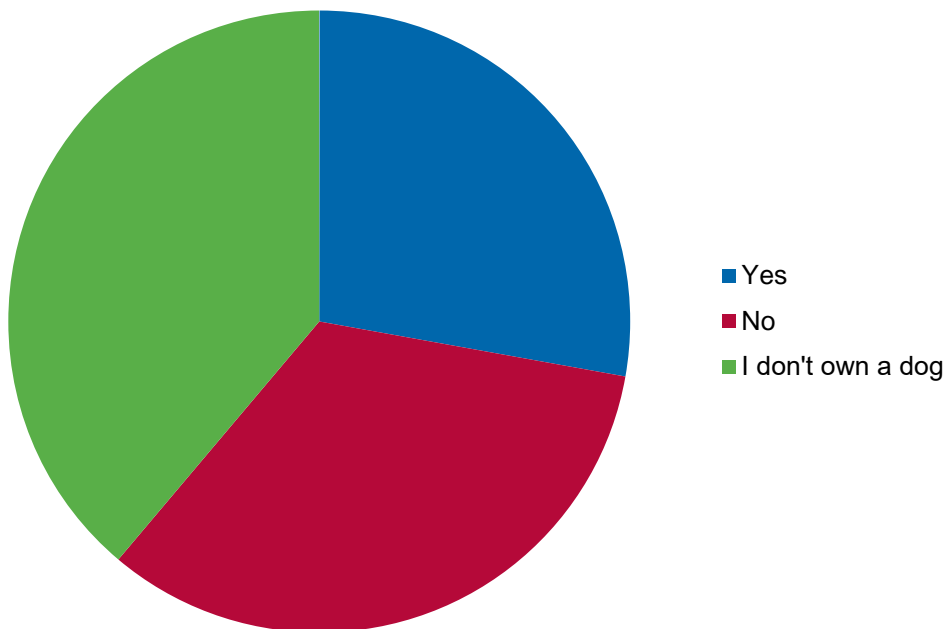
Q3: At which open spaces or facilities do you recreate or play sport?



Q4: Most often, how do you get to parks and playgrounds within the Bundaberg Region?



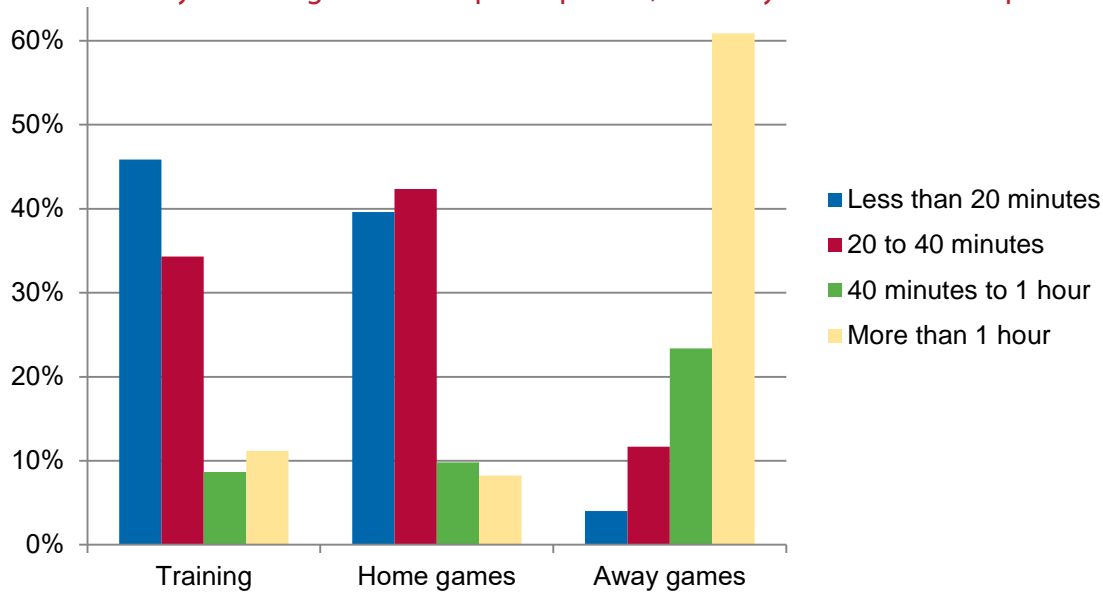
G5 and 6: If you own a dog, do they visit the park/beach with you?



Favourite place to take your dog:

- 73% BEACH most popular location (Elliott Heads, Moore Park Beach, Innes Park, Neilsen, Burnett Heads, Rifle Range, Archies, Woodgate and Coonarr Beach were all popular responses)
- 18% PARK (Boreham Park was the only park mentioned by name)
- 3% BUSHLAND, DOG PARK & RIVER

Q7: How far are you willing to drive to participate in, or take your child/ren to sport?



Q8: Have you experienced any barriers using the parks and/or participating in recreation activities within the Bundaberg Region?

Choices	%
No, I have not experienced any barriers	49%
There is a lack of toilets	22%
There is a lack of car parking	18%
They are poorly maintained / unclean	16%
There is a lack of variety	13%
I can't take my dog	10%
Participation in recreation activities is too expensive	8%
I can't find information on them	7%
I don't feel safe there	6%
They don't cater for my mobility needs	5%
They are too crowded	4%
They don't appeal to me	3%

Summary of open ended responses:

- ▼ There are no aquatic centres open all year round in the Region
- ▼ Isis War Memorial Swimming Pool is not open all year round
- ▼ There is a lack of shade in some parks and water tablets
- ▼ There is a lack of off-road bicycle paths around the area
- ▼ Lighting along popular walks
- ▼ Lack of car parking to cope in peak periods at the parks, particularly on the weekends
- ▼ ANZAC Park Swimming Pool can become very crowded and parking becomes an issue
- ▼ There are no end-of-trip facilities for cyclists, especially in the Bundaberg City
- ▼ The skate parks are out-dated and poorly maintained
- ▼ Children would like a water park.

Q9: Have you experienced any barriers to participating in sport within the Bundaberg Region?

Choices	%
No, I have not experienced any barriers	49%
Participation in sport is too expensive	24%
There is a limited range of sporting fields/ courts/ facilities provided	15%
Sporting clubs don't have "come try" days to see if I and/or children like the sport	14%
Too difficult to get children and/or myself to different locations on game and training days	9%
No, just not interested in playing sport	8%
They are poorly maintained / unclean	8%
There is a lack of variety	6%
I can't find information on them	4%
They don't cater for my mobility needs	3%

Summary of open ended responses:

- ▼ there are no aquatic facilities open all year round in the Region
- ▼ not enough dedicated cycle paths
- ▼ participation in sport is becoming very costly, especially if you have more than 2 children participating
- ▼ would be great to have a big come try day where you can find out information on each sport. Who the clubs are, where they train, play and how far away games are so as a parent you can potentially commit to a sport with your children.
- ▼ getting myself/ or children to training is often hard if you work, would be great if children/ junior teams trained at school grounds after school
- ▼ Moore Park Beach SLSC is falling down. Need a new building
- ▼ clubs should stop competing against each other
- ▼ currently as Bundaberg doesn't have an adequate and suitable cycling velodrome facility that's not even close to a regional level it is heavily impacting on development, progression and family life, to find the basic needs we are having to travel greater distances to Brisbane to gain access to suitable facility with all the requirements we need, between Rockhampton and Brisbane there isn't any regional standard facility to cater for our needs
- ▼ too many sports competing against each other. Too much focus on seniors and not enough on juniors, that's where the numbers are
- ▼ it is a struggle to find information on what sports are available for kids and adults.

Q10: Are you happy with the following recreation and sporting facilities / opportunities in the Region?

Facilities and opportunities	Yes	No	Don't know
Foreshore parks/beach access	79%	13%	8%
Swimming pools	73%	16%	10%
Places to relax and socialise	72%	16%	12%
Playgrounds	66%	16%	19%
Sportsfields/ovals	60%	22%	18%
Sports courts (netball, tennis)	58%	7%	35%
Access to the rivers	57%	20%	23%
Natural bushland parks	54%	17%	29%
Community halls/centres	54%	9%	37%
Indoor sport and recreation centres	51%	16%	33%
Cycle and walk ways	51%	35%	14%
Low cost/free physical activities/programs	40%	27%	33%
Skate parks	37%	13%	50%
Activities for seniors	33%	11%	55%
Activities for youth	31%	32%	37%

Summary of open ended responses:

- ▼ there is a lack of safe off-road cycle paths around the Region and between Bundaberg and Bargara
- ▼ swimming pools are not open all-year round
- ▼ there is a lack of connecting footpaths
- ▼ skate parks are run down. They could also have more shade and lights on timers for the youth to use
- ▼ physical activity programs run by Council are great, but times are often inconvenient and the program should run all year round
- ▼ there is a lack of shading in the parks around the Region
- ▼ many of the pools and sports parks changerooms, regardless of sporting code, are outdated, rundown and in poor condition
- ▼ more natural bushland parks could be redeveloped with walking, cycling paths
- ▼ the foreshore parks, coastal walkway and riverwalk are great assets to Bundaberg
- ▼ Council are doing a good job upgrading some of the parks in the Region, unfortunately many of the local parks are too rundown or boring for children.

Q11: Please provide any additional comments/concerns you may have about sport and recreation in the Bundaberg Region.



- ▼ need heated spa pool with access for people with disabilities and heated swimming pool so that people with arthritis can exercise all the year to keep moving to avoid being hospitalised
- ▼ shade protection needed at Norville Park Swimming Pool
- ▼ a good network of bicycle paths would be great
- ▼ an indoor pool
- ▼ forest and bushland for public access
- ▼ playgrounds should be fenced and shaded. Childers needs better playgrounds especially as we have lots of tourists passing through
- ▼ there is an old squash court in Childers that could be better utilised for squash or maybe an indoor cricket/ volleyball/ beach volleyball
- ▼ more sports programs for younger children. More involvement into helping sports ie Softball. Bike parks & playgrounds west side of town.
- ▼ seems to be a lot available for the youth, less for the adults who want to stay fit and try new things
- ▼ I think there is sufficient activities to choose from but I think better community awareness needs to happen as it's not always clear what's on and there doesn't seem to be a central place whether online or in the paper of where the spots clubs/activities are held
- ▼ the Botanic Gardens are a great asset to the community but under promoted. I bet many people don't even know they are. Same with Baldwin Environmental Park. They are great for walking and a change from the beach.
- ▼ bike path between Bundaberg and Bargara
- ▼ the Region is looking really good at the moment. Especially the coastal towns
- ▼ Council does a great job, especially with the parks. The swimming pools, at least one, should be open all year round
- ▼ the Be Active be Alive program is fantastic. The only issue for me is that it is not on all year round. Aqua aerobics should be all year round
- ▼ I look forward to the coastal walkway being extended
- ▼ making a safe cycleway between Bargara and Bundaberg should really be fast tracked
- ▼ would suggest an upgrade to ANZAC Pool
- ▼ would be great to see Council support things like paddle board hire etc
- ▼ regional areas are more difficult for competitive sport due to travel and limited staff coaching and support.
- ▼ heated pool in Childers
- ▼ Council make it very difficult for personal trainers - fees, limited venues, no toilets, at parks.
- ▼ there is no where for the teenagers to just chill unless at the pool or at the skatepark which not all like to do.
- ▼ more low cost activities for children, teenagers in Childers, especially in the school holidays"
- ▼ as a regular user of Queens Park for Parkrun, it would be great to see it pushed up the priority list for cleanup after heavy rain and flooding. It would also be great to have a permanent shade structure and table that could be utilised when gathering there on a Saturday. Council parks and gardens staff should be congratulated on the way they maintain the parks and gardens though!
- ▼ nowhere to legally ride enduro bikes
- ▼ the parks and playgrounds in the area are great. Would be great if you could search for a park based on facilities (bbqs, toilets, playgrounds designed for a certain age).
- ▼ Parkrun is amazing and needs support. Tables and shelter sheds on both sides would be amazing. Also it would be awesome to have some permanent shelter in Queens Park for Parkrun.
- ▼ I enjoy participating in the Bundaberg Parkrun but feel that the area near the start line could use some extra tables/seating and even shaded areas would be great.
- ▼ bike path connecting Bargara to Bundaberg would be an amazing investment in community safety by keeping cyclists off Bargara Road and contribute thousands to tourism and recreation by connecting Bundaberg to;
 - The Port Marina
 - Burnett Heads Lighthouse
 - South Head Parklands,
 - Kath Neilson Park,
 - Mon Repos Turtle Centre,
 - Mon Repos Parkland,
 - Neilson Park,
 - Bargara's Turtle Playground and shops,
 - Kellys Beach,
 - Mary Kinross Park.
 - Windermere Park,
 - Turtle Cove Park
 - Innes Park
- ▼ Council has done a great job. Clubs need more support (not particularly financial) but on governance and how to run a Club. Don't know if that is Council or the Queensland head clubs.

- ▼ Moore Park Beach Surf Life Saving clubs needs a massive upgrade, it is falling down.
- ▼ there is a real need for a regional class cycling Velodrome here within the Bundaberg area, Currently Bundaberg's facility is old and outdated and unsuitable for the growing needs as well as the current and future needs of the region as a whole. We are primly situated as the old velodrome in this region spanning from outer northern Brisbane to Rockhampton in North
- ▼ dirt bike riders, mainly enduro riders are poorly represented with no where to ride. We have a motorcross club, but no club for trail riding/enduro riding
- ▼ Bundaberg is doing fine but the outer rim (Avondale) is struggling for outdoor sports facilities
- ▼ Tegege is a part of Bundaberg Regional Council but question 1 did not include any area north of the Kolan river. We are forgotten!
- ▼ a waterpark, as per Hervey Bay, would be welcome addition to the region
- ▼ public transport is a big issue, especially for those outside of Bundaberg
- ▼ bring back simple activities to get the youth and older generation away from technology
- ▼ the playground is not suitable for young children, under 5.
- ▼ I would love to see more edible trees and shrubs and even a community garden. Give the excess to those families struggling. All sports cost a lot of money. Why cant there be something for the children and teenagers that utilises the showgrounds and equipment there
- ▼ please bring more out to Gin Gin.
- ▼ less flashy and more diverse and using natural areas would be great. Need facilities adjacent and accessible.
- ▼ Council is doing a great job in their parks. I love all the new upgrades including the bbq and picnic facilities. The walking paths are of great quality. Maybe the one along the riverbank in Bundaberg could be promoted more. Many people don't know about all the work that has recently been done there
- ▼ there is no pathway along Gahans Road for school children. There has been no upgrade in 20 years of the park on Gahans Road
- ▼ build a bike course
- ▼ I walk the nearby roads for most of the week at 4pm and find the system satisfactory. Dogs can be a problem and magpies can also be a concern.
- ▼ when promoting activities in Gin Gin also be mindful that many people do not have access to the internet or mobile coverage .
- ▼ Bargara needs a multi-purpose sporting facility. Soccer, rugby, netball etc. Well overdue considering the growing population in costal Bundaberg and the tourism the area provides
- ▼ the latest eco-tourism initiatives that are revitalising areas and adding a boost to the economy are rail trails. Bundaberg is well placed for these with the old Bundaberg - Mt Perry rail line or the old Cordalba - Dallarnil line. A lot of history is along that line that is being lost (or now bulldozed for the Isis mill line).
- ▼ Sport need to be available for the youth to participate in or health reasons but also to further their sporting capabilities. Charging a fee to train at the athletics track for an Australian Representative is an necessary additional cost to the already expensive costs that are required to maintain Australian Team Standards.
- ▼ I really appreciate the effort this councils goes to to help sporting & leisure clubs. I think it does a lot more than many other councils
- ▼ upgrade Martens oval to State level
- ▼ kayak hire and paddle boarding hire availability would be beneficial.
- ▼ the North Bundaberg History Walk information could not be found on the Bundaberg Council website. Rather than the QR code, visual info boards or ones like at Boolbunda Tunnel would be more appropriate and user friendly. History walks/self guided tours and relevant information at respective sites
- ▼ just salter oval need more backing and I believe a Council turf qualified bloke and a apprentice could have the place looking a treat!
- ▼ mountain biking unfortunately is not catered for in this town
- ▼ treat Childers the same as Bundy and the community sports will grow!
- ▼ I think it would be great to have a large covered outdoor area in a park eg. Botanic Gardens where people enjoy activities such as Tai Chi, Yoga, Dancing etc That is definitely lacking in Bundaberg where we need to be out of the sun (and rain)
- ▼ more footpaths and roads sealed to the kerb needed at Bargara.
- ▼ need a map of suitable creeks and rivers to swim in.
- ▼ there is always room for improvement but BRC do a good job in this area.
- ▼ high priority should be given to linking Burnett Heads to Elliott Heads via continuous coastal pathway
- ▼ It is dying due to the fact people are time poor and think it is to dear for kids to get into. Governments should be trying to support every club in town to help get kids into sport.
- ▼ facilities need to be where the population growth is happening. This will encourage further growth.
- ▼ more sports moved together in a super sports area would allow kids / families to play more sports


- ▼ Cordalba mountain trails are fantastic. I have friends from Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast that travel up regularly to ride the trails as they are some of the best around.
- ▼ we need better sports fields, especially for soccer with a state league team now
- ▼ upgrade of existing parks, in particular those intended specifically as a small neighbourhood facility, is required.
- ▼ a minimal depth water play park would be a good addition to the region.
- ▼ Council should do more in applying funding to secure state sporting carnivals to be held in the Bundaberg region, as another piece of the economic development strategy to bring external dollars into businesses in the BRC area. Fraser Coast Regional Council as an example seem to go after and are able to secure many more large sporting events to be conducted in Hervey Bay in particular.




Appendix C: Sports parks audit with sport and recreation club survey results

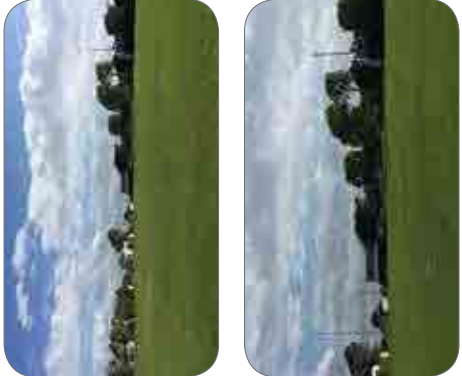

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<p>Hinterland area</p> <p>Gin Gin Sportsgrounds</p>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Gin Gin Little Athletics ▶ Gin Gin Football Club ▶ Gin Gin Hawks Rugby League Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Internal road ▶ Informal carpark <p>Athletic facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 1 x athletics facility (grass track, (synthetic grass long jump run-up, throwing circles and cages) ▶ portable shade structures ▶ storage shed (3 x roller doors) and canteen ▶ storage container <p>Football / Rugby league facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ storage containers x 2 ▶ large canteen ▶ clubhouse and changerooms ▶ public toilets and old changerooms ▶ bar ▶ portable grandstands ▶ terraced seating/ retaining wall ▶ training lights ▶ score board. 	<p>Overall the facility meets the needs of the user groups.</p> <p>Gin Gin Hawks Rugby League Club use the facility for training and competition games, while Gin Gin Football Club use it for training purposes only.</p> <p>Site inspections and discussions with users identified the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ the absence of shade near the Gin Gin Little Athletics clubhouse/storage area ▶ poor condition of the canteen (little athletics) ▶ lack of fencing around the facility means that kangaroos and wild pigs often wander on the fields during training ▶ terraced seating/ retaining wall is in a poor condition ▶ the building with the bar, public toilets and old changerooms is run down ▶ old score board ▶ car park becomes very wet and boggy after rain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ upgrade the Gin Gin Little Athletics clubhouse/ storage area by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - installing a shade structure off the building - upgrading the canteen. ▶ erect a fence around the perimeter of the facility ▶ upgrade the terraced seating/ retaining wall along the eastern side of the football field ▶ formalise the car park and internal road.
<p>Gin Gin Recreation Grounds</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Gin Gin and District Pony and Horse Club ▶ Gin Gin Field Archers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Clubhouse ▶ Public toilets ▶ Storage sheds ▶ Barrel racing area ▶ Show jumping ▶ Pole bending area ▶ Cross country area. 	<p>Great facility. Very pro-active club.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ support the Club in their endeavour to attract Cross Country events and their potential relationship with the Gin Gin Golf Club.



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<p>Gin Gin Showgrounds</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Gin Gin Show Society ▶ Casual campers ▶ Gin Gin Campdraft ▶ Australian Defence Forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Rodeo/main arena ▶ Public toilets ▶ Community hall 	<p>Facility is available for hire. Types of users are restricted due to cattle and horses. Requests were made for better lighting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ work with the Gin Gin Show Society to further promote the facility. Look for alternative uses.
<p>Gin Gin Swimming Pool</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Gin Gin Swimming Club ▶ General community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 25m outdoor pool, 6 lanes ▶ shaded grandstand ▶ children's water play ▶ canteen ▶ new changeroom facility 	<p>Great local swimming pool that services the surrounding community. Facility runs community events.</p>	<p>NIL</p>

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<p>Childers Showgrounds</p>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Isis District Little Athletics Centre & Isis District Athletics Club ▶ Isis Devils Rugby League Club ▶ Isis Cricket Club ▶ Isis District Pastoral Agricultural and Industrial Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ cattle yards ▶ main arena (rugby league/ cricket oval) ▶ grandstand, with changerooms, bar and canteen underneath ▶ cricket practice nets x 2 ▶ storage shed x 3 ▶ throwing circles ▶ long jump pits and run-up ▶ exercise equipment ▶ community hall ▶ public toilets (new) 	<p>Despite the large amount of user groups, there is minimal, to no conflict, among users. The facility is meeting the clubs' needs, however, a number of issues were identified during consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ main grandstand is in need of upgrade, starting to look old and feel run down ▶ changeroom facilities are old ▶ no lighting near the cricket practice nets ▶ additional storage is required for all the user groups ▶ canteen is old and does not allow the clubs' to run efficiently ▶ competition standard lighting for night rugby league games ▶ promotion of the outdoor exercise equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ more storage facilities ▶ upgrade the canteen facility ▶ upgrade changeroom facilities ▶ provide training standard lighting on the run-up to cricket practice nets ▶ upgrade the main grandstand
<p>Isis War Memorial Swimming Pool</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Isis Swimming Club ▶ general community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 25m swimming pool, 6 lanes ▶ shaded grandstand ▶ changerooms ▶ canteen ▶ toddler/ wading pool ▶ grassed area. 	<p>Very popular facility, regularly used by the community. Issues identified during consultation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ layout of the facility is ad-hoc and crowded. Would like to redevelop and add more space. Potential land behind/ adjacent to the existing site. ▶ opening hours don't always meet the needs of the community. ▶ big push for a year-round, heated swimming pool ▶ more shade around the facility. 	<p>It is recommended that Council develop a master plan and feasibility study for the facility. Considerations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ solar heating ▶ upgrade the grandstand ▶ more shade ▶ use of additional land (adjacent/behind) ▶ changeroom upgrade.


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<p>Isis Ski Gardens</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Waterski Bundaberg ▶ Casual skiers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ covered communal area with BBQ ▶ launching pontoon ▶ informal road ▶ spectator area 	<p>On private land, the Club is a successful ski club. The Club currently hosts competitive slalom, trick & jump ski events but would like an additional dam to develop a second course. Caloundra has the only facility in Queensland that can host international events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ develop a second course on the existing site (on private land) ▶ more shade structures ▶ a new judging tower ▶ storage space ▶ funding for solar power
<p>Apple Tree Creek Sports Ground, Apple Tree Creek</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Isis District Horse and Pony Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ clubhouse, storage underneath ▶ main arena, with timber fencing ▶ basic training lighting ▶ informal car park ▶ a number of aluminium grandstands with no shade cover 	<p>The pony club has its own clubhouse, toilets, canteen, storage, chairs, tables at the clubhouse. Shaded seating around the oval would be appreciated. Access can be a problem in wet weather and after floods. Fencing is an ongoing safety issue for the Club</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ construct a boundary fence around the perimeter ▶ construct an internal fence within the facility.





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<p>Coastal areas</p> <p>Bargara Sports Complex, Bargara</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bargara Football Club ▶ Bargara Little Athletics Club <p><i>The actual future of the facility is unknown. There is a strong push by Council and the Department of Education to redevelop the existing oval at Bargara State School into a shared facility between Council and State.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ grass athletics track ▶ throwing circle and cage ▶ long jump pit and synthetic turf run up ▶ covered shelter ▶ small clubhouse ▶ shipping containers for storage x 4 ▶ public toilets and changerooms ▶ tennis courts ▶ training lights 	<p>Local facility, located on the water. Unfortunately, the Complex's location limits the use of lighting throughout the year. This is an ongoing issue for the football club. Other issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ no hot water in clubhouse ▶ storage facilities are not weather proof ▶ quality of the field is an issue, use waste water ▶ kitchen in the clubhouse is small ▶ not enough room in the clubhouse ▶ public toilets and changerooms are run down. 	<p>If the sports oval at Bargara State School are not developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ upgrade the quality of the oval and running track (levelling) ▶ construct a storage facility ▶ upgrade canteen/ clubhouse building <p>If the sports complex is to be redeveloped at Bargara State School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ prepare a master plan for the site in partnership with the Department of Education and Training
<p>Bundaberg SLSC, Bargara</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bundaberg SLSC ▶ general community ▶ tourists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ large clubhouse, with function area ▶ coffee shop ▶ storage area for boats 	<p>Great building and popular club. The club runs a coffee shop out of the clubhouse. Issues identified during consultation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ shade is a concern for the club ▶ increasing cost of electricity, club looking to invest in solar panels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ activate the clubhouse ▶ shade over the grass in front of clubhouse





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<p>Jack Norgate Oval, Burnett Heads</p> 	<p>NIL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ training lights ▶ playing oval/ field ▶ public toilets 	<p>Not being used/ leased to a sporting club. The facility is perceived to be too far out of the Bundaberg City.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ wait for the open space analysis of the Open Space Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it would be ideal to maintain the land for future sporting opportunities, however an analysis of the surrounding demographics, and significant upgrades to the field and ancillary infrastructure are needed - the facility could be redeveloped as a large open space for informal use, however, South Heads Parklands is less than 500m away ▶ investigate ways to attract sporting clubs to the facility.
<p>Moore Park Beach Oval, Moore Park Beach</p> 	<p>NIL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ training lights ▶ playing oval/ field ▶ public toilets 	<p>Not being used/ leased to a sporting club. The facility is perceived to be too far out of the Bundaberg City.</p>	<p>Continue to develop as an informal parcel of open space. Ideally, Council should partner with Moore Park Beach State School and investigate the shared use of facilities.</p>




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<p>Moore Park Beach SLSC, Moore Park Beach</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moore Park Beach Surf Lifesaving Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clubhouse informal car park storage shed grassed area in front of clubhouse 	<p>The clubhouse is significantly run down and not weather proof. Holes can be seen in the walls and ceiling.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> build a new clubhouse back towards the storage shed - high priority. potentially develop as a Master Plan as part of the Moore Park Beach Foreshore Upgrade project.
<p>Elliott Heads SLSC, Elliott Heads</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elliott Heads Surf Lifesaving Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> large clubhouse shaded viewing deck informal car park grassed area in front of clubhouse 	<p>The clubhouse has recently been upgraded, as such the Club felt the facility met their needs, however, some issues were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lack of car parking on the weekends, particularly with upgrades to the parklands more storage space is required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> construct a new storage shed develop more car parking spaces.
<p>Seagulls Park, Elliott Heads</p>	<p>NIL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> playing oval/ field 		<p>Maintain as informal recreation</p>
<p>Springfield Green Park, Elliott Heads</p>	<p>NIL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> playing oval/ field 		<p>Maintain as undeveloped open space</p>
<p>Woodgate Community Park, Woodgate</p>	<p>NIL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> training lights playing oval/ field 		<p>Maintain as informal recreation</p>



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<p>Bundaberg City and surrounding suburbs</p> <p>Across the Waves AFL and Bundaberg Softball</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Across the Waves AFL Club ▶ Bundaberg Softball Association (and clubs) 	<p>AFL facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ oval ▶ relatively new changerooms ▶ clubhouse/ canteen/ licenced area ▶ lighting (training standard) ▶ informal car park ▶ caretaker <p>Softball facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ diamonds x 3, all with fencing ▶ basic lighting ▶ clubhouse/ canteen with shaded seating area ▶ public toilets 	<p>Users feel that the softball grounds are terrible and not looked after, as a result, too many injuries occur due to poorly maintained grounds.</p> <p>A perimeter fence between the property and local road would reduce the number of balls required to be retrieved during training and competition games.</p> <p>The parcels of land to the west of the facility have been marked as a future regional sports park by the LGIP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ (softball) resurface the out and inner fields to make them safer for users ▶ (softball) upgrade the lighting to an appropriate training standard for safety issues ▶ develop a fence between the playing fields and the road ▶ work with the user groups when the land to the west of the facility is in early planning stages.
<p>ANZAC Park Olympic Pool</p>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fairymead Swimming Club ▶ Bundaberg Triathlon Club ▶ general community ▶ commercial physical activity providers ▶ disability groups ▶ scuba diving schools ▶ local primary schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 50m pool with 6 lanes ▶ hoist in the shallow end ▶ deep in areas of the pool ▶ changeroom facilities x 2 ▶ canteen ▶ grassed area ▶ lights ▶ warm-down, learn-to-swim pool ▶ toddler pool 	<p>Discussion with the lessee and community survey results identified that there is a strong “community connection” to the pool.</p> <p>Pool structure is sound, however, the changerooms have no roof and need to be refurbished. Large numbers of people with mobility issues use the pool, but the ancillary facilities don’t support them.</p> <p>Parking to use the facility is an ongoing issue.</p> <p>Bundaberg Riverside Masterplan suggests refurbishing the pool and adding water play.</p>	<p>The location of the Pool makes is an ideal place for a water park due to its proximity to parkland, the river and the City. However, parking issues will continue to increase.</p> <p>It is recommended that little upgrades such as the following, be made to the pool. Depending on the outcomes of the Norville Park Swimming Pool Master Plan and the proposed new Regional Aquatic Centre, the site can be rationalised and converted it into parklands, potentially with free water play. Upgrades include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ upgrade the changeroom facilities and ensure they are all-accessible.





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<p>Brothers Sports Fields</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Affiliated Brothers Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rugby league - netball - Australian football - cricket - football (soccer) - softball. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ netball courts x 2 ▼ field x 1 ▼ oval x 1 ▼ smaller training fields ▼ cricket practice nets x 3 ▼ shipping containers ▼ clubhouse ▼ lighting, standard varies across fields ▼ changerooms/ canteen ▼ informal car parking (behind BMX club) ▼ aluminium grandstands, uncovered 	<p>There are a number of sporting codes using the Fields, interestingly, field sharing was not an issue. Issues did include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ informal car park that makes access difficult after rain ▼ lack of proper/ up-to-standard, canteen facilities ▼ run-down changeroom facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ upgrade/ seal car park around the ground ▼ upgrade changeroom and amenity facilities ▼ work with AFL to ensure and encourage the proposed relocation to Kendall Flats
<p>Bundaberg Basketball Association</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Bundaberg Basketball Club (and clubs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ 4 courts, only 2 are usable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - indoor court x 1 - outdoor court x 3 (2 are covered) (however only 1 are usable) ▼ canteen ▼ administration office ▼ informal car park. 	<p>A busy facility, used everyday by clubs and schools for either training or competition games. Issues identified during site inspections include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ outside court #3 is unusable and unsafe. The surface is uneven, raised and cracking in areas. It was never repaired after the floods ▼ there is a lack of ventilation in the indoor facility ▼ the electrical board is below the floodline and due for upgrading ▼ changerooms and toilets (outside) are rundown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ improve outside court #3 ▼ upgrade current changerooms to make them female friendly ▼ upgrade the electrical board/system ▼ upgrade the outdoor toilets.



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<p>Bundaberg Clay Target Club</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Bundaberg Clay Target Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ clubhouse ▼ spectator area ▼ informal car park ▼ trap layouts 	<p>The Club is currently one of the best facilities in Queensland for clay target shooting. However, there are still a number of improvements that could be made around the facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ more shade for shooters ▼ another olympic trap layout for larger events ▼ signage to promote the facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ improve the visibility to the facility ▼ formalise the pathway to the facility ▼ construct shade structures over the shooters area ▼ develop an additional olympic trap layout
<p>Bundaberg Multiplex (PCYC)</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ PCYC members ▼ general public ▼ affiliated sporting organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ indoor multi- purpose courts x 3 ▼ 24/7 fitness centre ▼ boxing area ▼ dedicated gymnastics centre 	<p>Amazing, new facility that offers a variety of sport and recreation activities for a variety of ages. Only real issue with the facility is the type of flooring material used on the multi- purpose courts. Another issue is that clubs do not want to become affiliated with the PCYC in order to run their league/ competition at the Multiplex.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ continue to work with the PCYC to promote the types of activities available at the facility and ensure it is used to its full potential.





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<p>Bundaberg Recreation Precinct</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bundaberg Horse and Pony Club ▶ Bundaberg Table Tennis Association ▶ The Obedience Dog Club of Bundaberg ▶ Bundaberg Active Riders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ community facilities/buildings x 6 ▶ State Emergency Service area ▶ equestrian area (covered) ▶ main show ring ▶ canine area ▶ cattle area ▶ grassed open space ▶ internal road network 	<p>A number of users, not all were consulted with during the project. Their issues included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ larger area for riders ▶ adequate club house and canteen ▶ run down community facilities ▶ lack of space and shade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ prepare a master plan for the Precinct, considerations for the master plan include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - larger riding area for the Bundaberg Horse and Pony Club - shared clubhouse and canteen for all users - new and insulated ceiling in the Bundaberg Table Tennis Association building - more storage - more shade (nature and built) around the Precinct
<p>Bundaberg Remote Control Track</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Coral Coast Radio Control Car Club of Bundaberg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ speedway track ▶ small buildings as clubhouse and administration building x 2 ▶ viewing/ driving deck x 1 	<p>The facility's buildings are severely run down and unsafe and there is nowhere for spectators and drivers to sit during competitions.</p> <p>Fencing and the quality of the track is an ongoing issue, particularly for safety reasons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ new small building with viewing platform on top ▶ spectator seating area ▶ public toilet

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<p>Bundaberg Rowing Club & Bucca Rowing Reserve</p>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Bundaberg Rowing Club ▼ Shalom College Rowing Club 	<p>Bundaberg Rowing Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ clubhouse ▼ boat sheds/ storage ▼ launching pontoon ▼ carpark <p>Bucca Rowing Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ clubhouse ▼ canteen/ kitchen ▼ dining area ▼ accommodation ▼ launching pontoon ▼ fitness area ▼ boat storage area 	<p>Bundaberg Rowing Club</p> <p>Despite the high quality Bucca Rowing Reserve, club members prefer to train at the Rowing Club. Unfortunately, both club's are running out of storage space. The Bundaberg Riverside Masterplan has recommended the relocation of the Rowing Club to the west of its existing site. Previous planning, identified opportunity for the Rowing Club to relocate to Sandy Hook Reserve.</p> <p>Bucca Rowing Reserve</p> <p>Great regional facility that attracts users from all over the state. There is a lack of overall promotion of the facility. Some club members have the perception that it is too far away from the City and prefer to train in Bundaberg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ continue to work with both rowing clubs during the implementation and construction of the Bundaberg Riverside Masterplan's "Rowers Precinct" ▼ work with the Bundaberg Rowing Club to promote Bucca Rowing Reserve and increase usage ▼ develop an indoor rowing facility/ training area a Bucca Rowing Reserve.





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<p>Bundaberg Super Park (Netball and Athletics)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bundaberg Netball Association (and clubs) ▶ Bundaberg Athletics Club 	<p>Netball facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 20 hard courts, 2 grass courts ▶ large clubhouse with changerooms, canteen, administration, first aid, umpires room and public toilets ▶ storage shed ▶ separate coffee area ▶ covered seating areas in front of clubhouse and between courts ▶ carpark <p>Athletics facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ synthetic running track ▶ large clubhouse with canteen, changerooms and public toilets ▶ throwing circles and nets ▶ long jump pits ▶ lighting ▶ spectator areas ▶ carpark 	<p>The Bundaberg Netball Association and the Bundaberg Athletics Club were both extremely happy with their new facilities, except for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Netball - the layout of the changerooms, some members felt they did not provide enough privacy ▶ Athletics - not enough shade around the facility ▶ both - car parking (however, this was being upgraded during the development of the Strategy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ construct more shade structures around the athletics facility ▶ redesign the changerooms at the netball facility for more privacy
<p>Bundaberg Swimming Academy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fairymead Swimming Club ▶ general public ▶ participants in swimming classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ indoor 25m lap pool ▶ outdoor heated 25m lap pool ▶ indoor hydrotherapy pool ▶ outdoor heated water park ▶ canteen/ kiosk 	<p>Private facility, it is the only aquatic facility open year-round. The facility offers a number of learn to swim, swim squad (children and adult) and aqua programs.</p>	<p>NIL</p>

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<p>Greg Duncan Field</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bundaberg Touch Association ▶ Football (soccer) training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ touch fields x 10 ▶ aluminium grandstands ▶ clubhouse with canteen, administration and covered social area ▶ public toilets ▶ changeroom facilities ▶ lights ▶ informal car park ▶ BBQ area ▶ playground 	<p>A large facility, with a well-designed clubhouse (canteen, kitchen and administration area). The changerooms are outdated and run-down compared to the rest of the facility.</p> <p>Shade and seating around the facility is also an issue.</p> <p>Lighting around the facility also needs to be upgraded.</p> <p>The Association is also keen to install solar panels on the clubhouse to reduce electricity costs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ construct new grandstands around the facility, preferably with shade covers ▶ construct shade structure around the facility ▶ installation of solar panels ▶ upgrade changerooms ▶ upgrade lights and light poles
<p>Bywash Park</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Coral Isle Cyclists ▶ general public (walkers and cyclists) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ criterium, approximately 900m 	<p>The club uses the criterium on Sundays for Club rides. Overall, it appears that the community do not know that the actual criterium track exists. Promotion of the facility as a great place for families and those looking for somewhere safe to ride is required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ promote the criterium track to the general community
<p>Daph Geddes Park</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Coral Coast Radio Control Car Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ track on the old netball courts ▶ viewing/ racing platform ▶ public toilets? 	<p>No fencing between the track and spectators.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ investigate building a safety fence or rail around the track



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<p>Drinan Park (cycling and tennis)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bundaberg Cycling Club ▶ Bundaberg Tennis 	<p>Cycling facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ velodrome ▶ clubhouse ▶ canteen ▶ covered spectators area ▶ central lighting ▶ public toilets ▶ informal carparking ▶ perimeter fencing <p>Tennis facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ clay courts x 11, all lit ▶ clubhouse 	<p>Cycling facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ track does not meet standards (not banked enough) ▶ the track is ageing ▶ the closest velodromes are located in Rockhampton and Brisbane, suggesting that there is a demand for one along the central coast <p>Tennis facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ car parking can be an issue during peak periods, spilling out onto the street ▶ seating desperately needs replacing with most being 40+ years old and in poor condition ▶ shade is needed for tournaments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ prepare a master plan and feasibility study for Drinan Park, considerations to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demand for a regional/central coast velodrome and supporting infrastructure and ongoing costs/ feasibility - additional seating and shade at the tennis facility - improved car parking - perimeter fencing
<p>Farthing Park</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ United Park Eagles Football Club 			

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<p>Hinkler Park</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bundaberg Hockey Association ▶ North Bundaberg Cricket Club 	<p>Hockey facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ synthetic field ▶ grass fields x 2 (training) ▶ large clubhouse ▶ storage/ canteen building ▶ spectator areas ▶ lighting to competition standard <p>Cricket facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ training field ▶ practice nets x 3 ▶ small clubhouse/ building 	<p>Bundaberg Hockey Association has recently had their field redone as it was destroyed in the 2015 floods. Overall the hockey facility is in a great condition. Simple issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ run down player dugouts ▶ lack of storage space ▶ lack of shaded spectator areas <p>North Bundaberg Cricket Club were happy with their facility by noted that the public toilets were located too far away from the main training area and practice nets. Storage was also identified as an issue.</p>	<p>Hockey facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ upgrade player dugouts ▶ construct a new grandstand with shade ▶ new building to act as a storage facility and uniform shop <p>Cricket facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ new storage facility
<p>John Cullen Recreation Reserve</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Diggers Football Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ clubhouse ▶ training field x 1 ▶ lights to a training standard ▶ public toilets ▶ informal car parking 	<p>The main issue for the Club is the ongoing costs of water. Other issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ the size of the clubhouse. The clubhouse house is currently running at capacity, 6 nights a week as the Club lets other community organisations use the facility ▶ safety in the current car parking area is an ongoing concern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ extension of the clubhouse ▶ upgrade and formalise carpark
<p>Jubilee Park</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Western Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ clubhouse ▶ playing field ▶ changerooms ▶ practice nets x 3 	<p>Lighting is the biggest issue for the Club. Only a section of the field is lit, meaning the all junior training must be completed before dark.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ upgrade the lighting at the facility

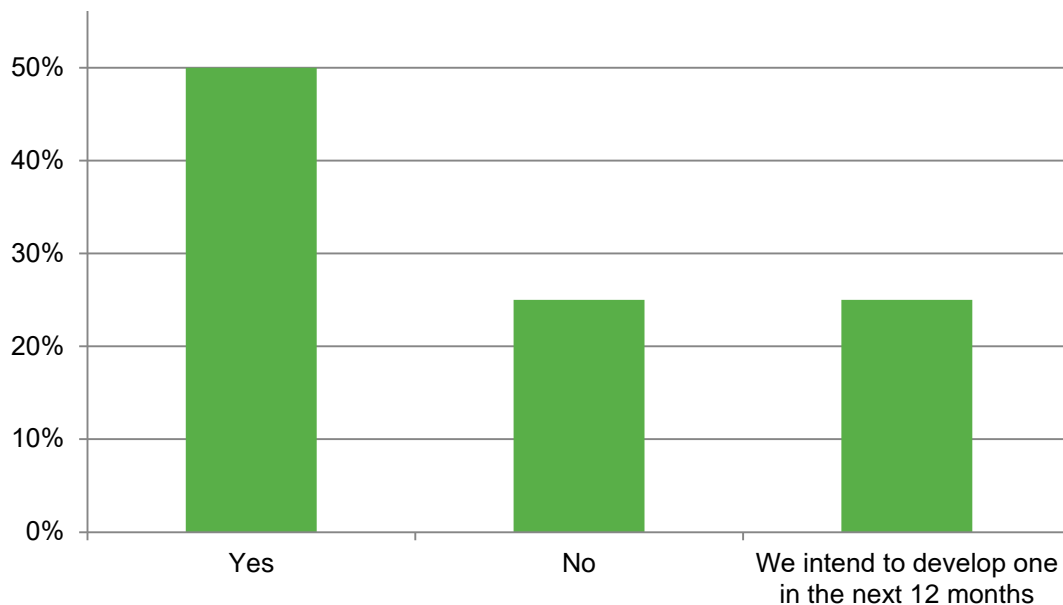
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<p>Kendall Flats</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Bundaberg Cricket Association (Junior) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ ovals x 8 ▼ clubhouse ▼ storage buildings x 1 ▼ public toilets ▼ changerooms ▼ carpark 	<p>Large facility, used by junior cricket. During the development of this Strategy, discussions were being held between QLD Cricket and QLD AFL about relocating Bundaberg Cricket Association (senior) and sharing the facility. If this was to occur and additional turf wicket would be required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ prepare a master plan for Kendall Flats
<p>Martens Oval</p>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Bundaberg Football Association ▼ Alloway Football Club are also using the facility for training until they have a home ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ fields x 10 (ranging from senior to junior sized fields) ▼ clubhouse x 2 ▼ changerooms x 2 - one per each club ▼ bar ▼ canteen ▼ public toilets ▼ grandstand ▼ bench seats ▼ kiosk ▼ referee and first aid room ▼ storage shed ▼ fenced perimeter 	<p>Overall, the facility is run-down. Development over the years appears ad-hoc with too many buildings for one facility.</p> <p>Issues identified during consultation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ ageing changerooms ▼ unsafe grandstand ▼ rundown amenities and public toilets, all access is required ▼ shaded spectator seating around the facility ▼ lack of car parking ▼ lack of security. <p>As one of the fastest growing sports in Queensland and Bundaberg, work needs to be done at the facility to support future growth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ prepare a master plan for Martens Oval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new and separate changerooms for males and females - new grandstand over field 2 - upgraded amenities for all-access - construct shade structure around the facility.

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<p>Native Park</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Eastern Suburbs Magpies Rugby League Football Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ field x 1 ▶ informal field (not being used) ▶ storage shed 	<p>No comment</p>	
<p>Norville Park Swimming Pool</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fairymead Swimming Club ▶ general public ▶ local schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 50m outdoor swimming pool, 8 lanes ▶ learn to swim pool ▶ toddler pool ▶ changerooms and toilets ▶ kiosk ▶ grassed open space ▶ formalised carpark ▶ storage sheds ▶ portable shade structures 	<p>The facility has recently undergone some major upgrades and is now capable of hosting regional events/ carnivals. Though storage for the local swimming club and the condition of the changerooms are ongoing issues at the facility. There is also a strong push from the community to open the facility all year round.</p> <p>The addition of a zero depth water play area was also discussed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Prepare a master plan and feasibility study for Norville Park Swimming Pool, considerations should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - upgraded changerooms - additional storage - zero-depth water play - shade structures - incorporating the surrounding open space - open all year round
<p>Queen Street Reserve</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bingera Football Club ▶ Burnett Cutters Rugby League Football Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ fields x 2 ▶ training lights on both fields (standards vary) ▶ clubhouse ▶ public toilets ▶ informal carpark 	<p>The amenity facilities continue to be an issue for the clubs as the toilets can not cope with the ongoing use.</p> <p>The second field at the facility is in a poor condition, even for training standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ upgrade toilet block ▶ level, upgrade and light field 2

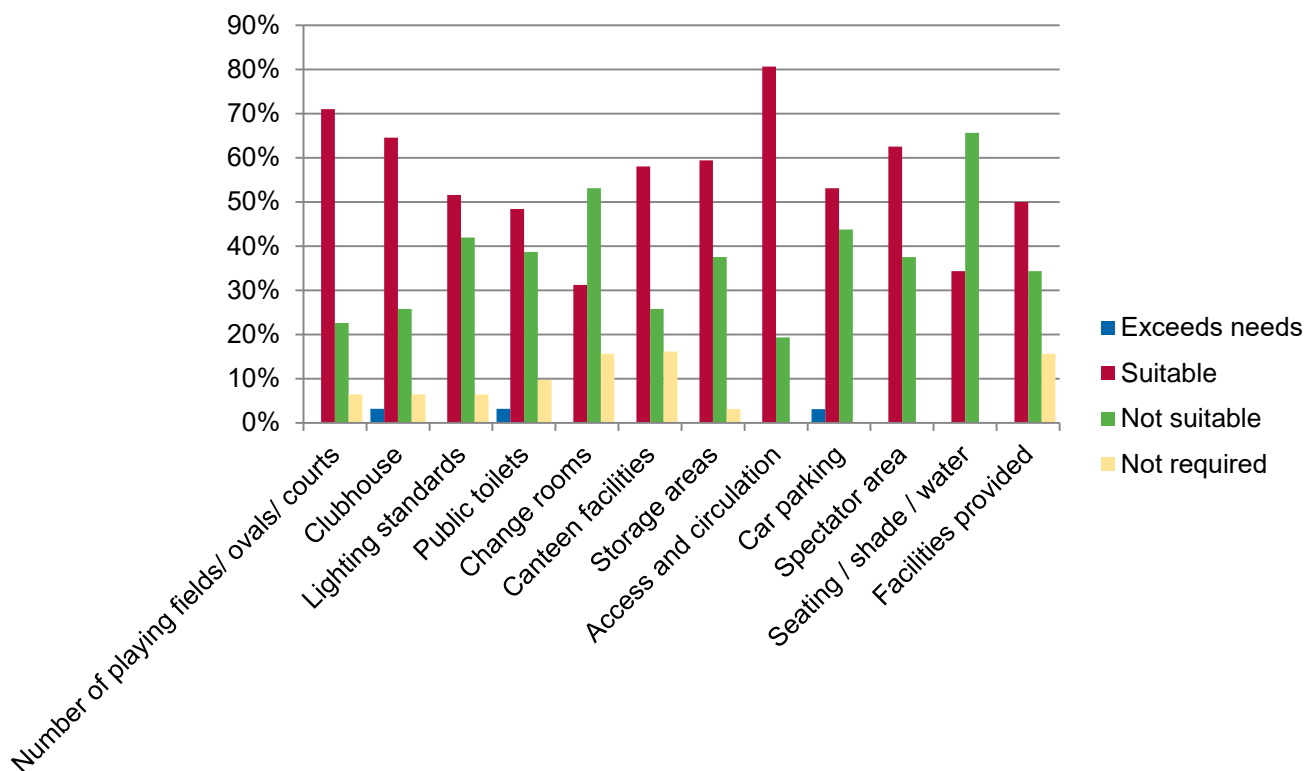
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<p>Rotary Park</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Bundaberg and District Junior Tennis Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ 7 x synthetic grass courts ▼ clubhouse ▼ informal car park 	<p>The facility is currently running below capacity, however a number of upgrades could potential increase membership number and attract more youth and families to club.</p> <p>Current issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ poor quality lighting ▼ not enough courts for events or programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ develop two new hot shot courts ▼ upgrade lighting ▼ formalise the entrance to the facility
<p>Salter Oval</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Bundaberg Cricket Association (Senior) ▼ Bundaberg Rugby League 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ ovals (1 premier oval, 2 x ovals) ▼ clubhouse x 2 (cricket and rugby league) ▼ QLD Rugby League administration building ▼ public toilets ▼ changerooms x 2 (cricket and rugby league) ▼ canteen ▼ licenced bar ▼ perimeter fencing ▼ formal car park 	<p>Bundaberg Rugby League plays all of the home games at Salter Oval during the winter season.</p> <p>Cricket is looking at relocating to Kendall Flats as Salter Oval is too expensive to maintain.</p> <p>Ideally, Rugby Bundaberg could take over cricket's lease, as the play in the off season to rugby league.</p>	<p>Prepare a master plan for Salter Park, especially in Cricket relocate to Kendall Flats</p>
<p>Sandy Hook Reserve</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Sandy Hook Ski Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ large clubhouse ▼ storage area ▼ boat ramps ▼ canteen/ social area ▼ public toilets 	<p>No comment</p>	

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<p>The Waves Sports Complex</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Rugby Association ▶ Across the Waves sporting clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bowls clubs - tennis - football - rugby union - rugby league 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ fields x 4 ▶ bowling greens ▶ practice nets ▶ bocce club ▶ tennis courts ▶ clubhouse ▶ grandstand ▶ changeroom facilities ▶ canteen ▶ storage facilities 	<p>Club has a 10 year master plan to guide future planning and development at the facility. As a popular club/ facility, additional playing fields are required. The 10 year plan states that an additional 2 fields, with a new amenity building and on-site parking area.</p> <p>The parcel of land across the road from the facility has been identified as a future regional spots park in the LGIP.</p>	<p>Work with Across the Waves to develop the 10 year Master Plan. Opportunity to develop a new public/private partnership.</p>
<p>Queens Park (recreation park)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Park Run ▶ general public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ informal walking paths ▶ open space ▶ picnic facilities 	<p>Park Run is a popular event in Bundaberg, with another starting in Bargara. The organisers identified a number of issues with the current location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ lack of supporting infrastructure new marshalling areas ▶ signage/ distance markings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ work with Bundaberg Park Run organisers to upgrade or develop new picnic facilities in a location that will also benefit there running of Park Run (eg. covered picnic shelter near start/finish locations) ▶ insert distance markers along the route.

Do you have a club development or business plan?



Are the current facilities provided to your club suitable to your requirements?



Is the cost of, and resources (volunteers, finances) required for the maintenance of your Facility/ Reserve an issue for your club?

65% Yes

35% No

Summary of comments:

- ▼ consideration on rates a priority - Alternative of other councils and their infrastructure is that they have no charges for facilities as the clubs are actually providing facilities to the community without expenditure from Council
- ▼ lower operational costs = Lower player fees.
- ▼ cost of electricity has increased this year. The club is looking towards installing solar panels to reduce this cost.
- ▼ we have subleased our clubhouse and grounds to other sports to help generate extra income which we now need to extend our clubhouse to accommodate these, also with council now extending the amount of free water for grounds will also help.
- ▼ assisting with water allocation to keep our fields playable
- ▼ assisting with upgrades to public toilets
- ▼ assisting with council rates charges and bin/rubbish collection - the rubbish collection is an ongoing issue with teams visiting our area from many different locations, next year we will have visiting teams from all over the state of Queensland, this is why we would like extra assistance with rubbish removal/collection and extra water allocation
- ▼ with maintenance, the club has a small committee, however they are very hard workers. We have some fabulous volunteers in the club who would be willing to keep the upkeep of the facility to a high standard
- ▼ support for community groups/organizations like Impact who can provide volunteers for general unskilled facility maintenance and upkeep
- ▼ a central hub of event organisers who can assist in running and publicising regional tournaments.
- ▼ a review of water access charges.
- ▼ publicity of sporting clubs via online medium and dedicated community notice boards

Potential issues on your club?

	High	Medium	Low	NA
Falling membership	19.4%	35.5%	29.0%	16.1%
Lack of youth participation	35.5%	19.4%	38.7%	6.5%
Lack of female participation	22.6%	29.0%	38.7%	9.7%
Unable to attract new members	12.9%	48.4%	25.8%	12.9%
Competition from other sports	29.0%	38.7%	25.8%	6.5%
Cannot accommodate growing demand (too many people wanting to play)	6.5%	9.7%	51.6%	32.3%
Lack of facilities to accommodate the needs of the club	28.1%	37.5%	31.3%	3.1%
Lack of qualified coaches or officials	12.9%	51.6%	25.8%	9.7%
Lack of training and development opportunities for coaches/officials	9.7%	35.5%	45.2%	9.7%
Lack of access to training opportunities for volunteers and committee members	3.2%	29.0%	54.8%	12.9%
Lack of risk management knowledge/processes	9.7%	29.0%	54.8%	6.5%
Cost of maintaining the venue for your activity	34.4%	21.9%	37.5%	6.3%
Increasing insurance costs	43.8%	15.6%	34.4%	6.3%
Cost of playing or participating is increasing	37.5%	43.8%	15.6%	3.1%
Declining number of volunteers	38.7%	38.7%	16.1%	6.5%
Poor parent support of club and/or competition	25.8%	22.6%	35.5%	16.1%
Same people volunteering/no new volunteers	45.2%	29.0%	16.1%	9.7%
Disability access to facilities	15.6%	25.0%	50.0%	9.4%
Difficulty in accessing grant funding	12.9%	45.2%	35.5%	6.5%
No knowledge of/access to technological advancements for club administration (e.g. developing internet sites)	9.7%	19.4%	67.7%	3.2%
Constant changes in committee	3.2%	25.8%	64.5%	6.5%
Promotion of club	22.6%	38.7%	32.3%	6.5%

Has your club heard of the State Government’s “Get in the Game” funding and Council’s Financial Assistance Programs?

		Know about funding program, but have not applied before	Have used the funding program	Never heard of the funding program	Would like more information about the funding program
State government	Get Started Vouchers for parents and children	19.4%	67.7%	9.7%	12.9%
	Get Going Clubs Program - up to \$7,500 for projects that improve participation opportunities	25.0%	56.3%	9.4%	18.8%
	Get Playing Places and Spaces Program - up to \$150,000 to help improve facilities	45.2%	25.8%	16.1%	29.0%
	Get Playing Plus Program - up to \$1,500,000 to help improve infrastructure	58.1%	9.7%	16.1%	32.3%
	Female Facilities Program - up to \$500,000 to help develop female facilities	60.0%	10.0%	20.0%	26.7%
	Get Planning Program - up to \$100,000 to develop sport and recreation planning infrastructure documents	45.2%	3.2%	32.3%	35.5%
Council	Young People in Sport - up to \$500	38.7%	32.3%	12.9%	25.8%
	Community Grants: Sport and Recreation - up to \$5,000	22.6%	61.3%	6.5%	16.1%
	Sport Championship Event Funding - up to \$5,000	51.6%	6.5%	16.1%	45.2%
	Micro Grants - up to \$1,000	37.5%	9.4%	31.3%	37.5%
	Equipment Loan program (BBQ Trailer, Waste and Recycle Bins, Portable Grandstands)	16.1%	25.8%	32.3%	45.2%

Appendix D: Sports park typology

Neighbourhood sports park

Description and intent

Neighbourhood sports parks act as training venues for the vast amount of sporting clubs around the Region. In some instances, they act as a facility for club fixtures, particularly in the hinterland area (Childers Showgrounds and Gin Gin Sportsground).

Supporting buildings provided at neighbourhood sports parks allow clubs to effectively operate and include basic clubhouses with amenities (showers/toilets), small canteen/BBQ area, storage, first aid area and an external communal area. Lighting is that of a training standard only, with competition fixtures played at a centralised regional sports park or during daylight hours.

Design considerations

The following elements should be considered when designing and developing neighbourhood sports parks:

- ▼ undertake a basic site master plan to set the direction for the facility
- ▼ internal path network to allow for connections within and to land adjacent to the facility
- ▼ maximise trees and natural shade around fields and courts (although careful tree selection for court areas is important to avoid issues associated with root invasion and limb, leaf or seed fall)
- ▼ long benches and spectator areas should be placed under shade trees where possible. Shaded spectator grass mounds can also provide good viewing areas
- ▼ hard surfaces should be minimised by developing the minimum number of sealed parking bays, and providing turf/unsealed overflow parking (for popular training nights)
- ▼ consideration to be made regarding noise and light spillage with regards to its impact on surrounding land uses
- ▼ all field and court orientation to be north-south (or as close to as possible)
- ▼ facility to include a small clubhouse with basic infrastructure that is suitable for a variety of uses. Clubhouse to be centrally located where possible. Internal spaces to include:
 - amenities (1 to 4 showers/toilets)
 - basic canteen/BBQ area
 - first aid area
 - internal storage (approximately 20m²)
 - external communal area (preferably covered)
- ▼ flexible design to allow for multiple current (e.g. summer and winter sporting season) and future uses of the open space
- ▼ design consideration to allow for potential alternative events and temporary uses (circus, festivals, event registration area)
- ▼ consider collocating with local recreation parks to provide a variety of experiences at the one location.

Additional considerations

If a club wishes to develop new, or upgrade any of the sport parks existing infrastructure, permission must be obtained from Council. The club is required to complete and lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) form (action #) detailing the proposed project.

Regional sports park

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- ▼ hard surfaces should be minimised by developing the minimum number of sealed parking bays, and providing turf/unsealed overflow parking (for bigger games and events)
- ▼ internal road and parking layout to accommodate bus drop-off and turn around
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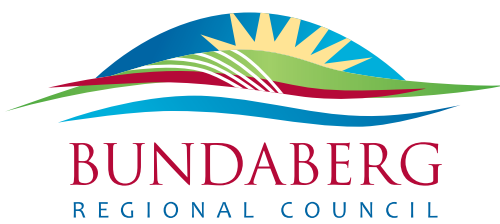
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- ▼ recreation/activity area to consider the users of sports when designing nodes (e.g. play for spectators/children). These should ideally be clustered together and located under natural shade (where possible)
- ▼ complementary commercial opportunities could be considered at the facility (physiotherapy, personal trainers etc.)
- ▼ provision of adequate signage especially within large, multiple use regional sports parks (e.g. directional and information signs)
- ▼ create additional landscape amenities such as entry planting, feature landscaping, or earth mounds to increase visual amenity.



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