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Acronyms used in the Strategy

AKAQLD	Australian Karting Association of Queensland
AERA	Australian Association of Endurance Riders
APRA	Australian Professional Rodeo Association
ATHRA	Australian Trail Horse Riders Association
BIEDO	Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation
BMX	Bicycle Motocross
BNT	Bicentennial National Trail
CAMS	Confederation of Australian Motorsport
CSM	Complete Sports Marketing Pty Ltd
DERM	Department of Environment and Resource Management
DSS	Desired Standard of Service
HBSLP	Hervey Bay Sports and Leisure Park
ICS	Infrastructure Charges Schedule
IPA	Integrated Planning Act 1997
LG	Local Government
LGAQ	Local Government Association of Queensland
MQ	Motorcycling Queensland
NASR	National Association of Speedway Racing
NPAQ	National Parks Association of Queensland
NRA	National Rodeo Association
PCYC	Police Citizens Youth Club
PFTI	Plan for Trunk Infrastructure
PIP	Priority Infrastructure Plan
QAFL	Queensland Australian Football League
QAPSA	Queensland Amateur Pistol Shooting Association
QORF	Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation
QPW	Queensland Parks and Wildlife
QRA	Queensland Rifle Association
QRL	Queensland Rugby League
QRU	Queensland Rugby Union
QT	Queensland Transport
QWI	Queensland Water Infrastructure
RTO	Regional Training Organisation
SC	Steering Committee
SCRC	Sunshine Coast Regional Council
SEQROC	South East Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils
SLSSPA	Surf Life Saving
SPA	Sustainable Planning Act 2009
SRS	Sport and Recreation Services (Department of Communities)
SSO	State Sporting Organisation
WBBROC	Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils
WBBRSS	Wide Bay Burnett Regional Recreation and Sport Strategy
WBSRC	Wide Bay Burnett Sport and Recreation Council (a proposed body)

DISCLAIMER

SECTION

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In preparing this Strategy, ROSS Planning has relied upon information from many people and organisation—Council Officers, Council Staff, officers of State Government Departments, State Sporting Organisations and various individuals Associations with sport and recreation across the Wide Bay Burnett Region.

ROSS Planning appreciates the input from all these people and has taken the information that has been provided in good faith. There have not been the resources to allow extensive checking of the data, but we believe that through consultation on the drafts, that any significant errors will have been noted and corrected.

The consultant team have inspected most sport facilities. Some remote facilities though have not been inspected and we have relied on the knowledge and advice of others in that regard. Recreation facilities are more difficult to inspect e.g. it has not been necessary to undertake the long distance walks to understand the recreation experience that they provide.

Many of the recommendations will need further research to understand their feasibility. Compliance with urban planning regulations have not been specifically sought. Checks for contaminated land, acid-sulfate soils or other hazards have not been undertaken.

Prior to any significant facility upgrade or expansion it will be necessary for funding bodies to understand how the facility is to be managed. Generally, as centres become higher performing (e.g. move up to regional standard) they become more complex and more expensive to manage. Consequently, management needs to become more professional. In some cases, volunteer management may need to be replaced by salaried management, at least in part.

No asset condition audits have been undertaken and no lights have been tested for compliance with Australian or other Standards. All facilities have been assumed to be fit-for-purpose.



INTRODUCTION

SECTION

Over the next 25 years, the Wide Bay Burnett is expecting a population increase in the order of 180,000 people and it is important that the lifestyle infrastructure is in place to support this population.

In supporting the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan, this Strategy seeks to identify the region's recreation and sport requirements for the future. The identification of these needs will assist Councils within the Region to plan for future land and facility provision in areas that will have the population to sustain them.

One thing that is apparent is that the coastal parts of the Wide Bay Burnett have different strengths than the inland areas. The coastal areas, with their high populations, accommodation and transport options can support regional level facilities that have high capital and operational expenses e.g. aquatic centres, indoor centres, multi-field sport complexes and artificial hockey fields. The inland local governments have strengths in the large area, noisy and dangerous sports (e.g. shooting and motor sports), animal sports (campdraft and rodeo) as well as nature based recreation.

This Strategy focuses on a range of regional level sport and recreation facilities (not local level and not State or higher level facilities). Regional, as used in this Strategy, means serving the needs of the Wide Bay Burnett or a significant proportion of it. Despite their ability to host regional level competitions most facilities also host local level competitions on a regular basis. Regional level competitions may, in many instances, be held only a few times per year. The local level competition is important for the viability of the facility.

In many instances the move to regional level facilities, from local level facilities, will see an increasing specialisation and higher costs. Sharing the facility with other sports, whether in the same season or the off-season becomes less likely. Turf maintenance levels, and thus costs, are increased. Surfaces and lighting are often required to meet higher standards. Off field facilities, for players as well as spectators, have to be bigger and better to meet the standards determined by State Sporting Organisations.

Protecting the Region's assets such as its natural landscape and open spaces whilst also providing opportunities for the Region's residents and visitors is a challenge faced by all Councils in Queensland.

With a significant amount of its assets already existing, it is an exciting time for the Region with many opportunities presenting themselves.

Of key focus is the natural environment which provides a diverse source of potential for recreational activities and needs to be investigated further to understand its impact on the Region, now and in the future.

The Region also loves its sport and has achieved a great deal in this area. However, to continue its standing within Queensland and Australia, it is important that State Sporting Organisations seek to implement solid planning frameworks with the assistance of the State and Local Governments, encouraging a coordinated approach to sport development and infrastructure.



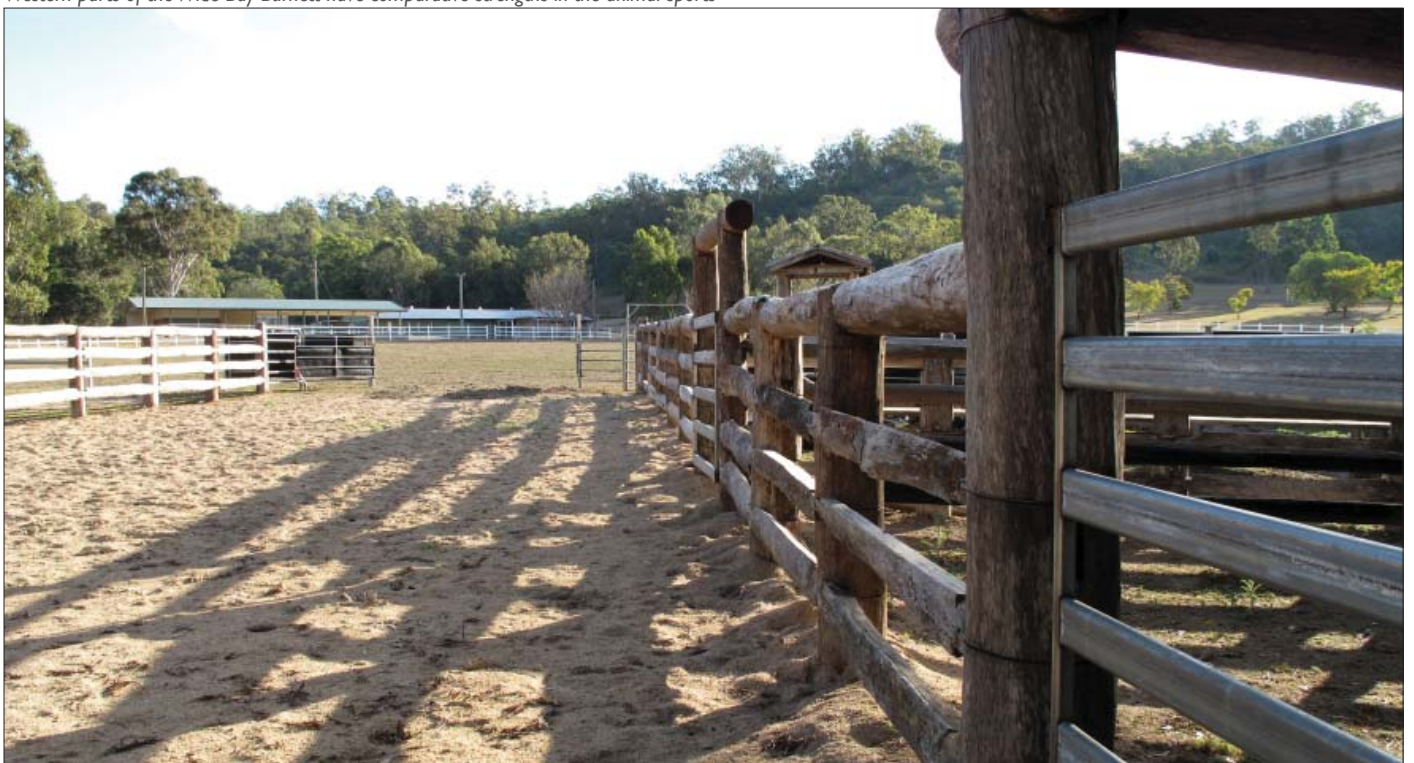
This Strategy attempts to provide realistic and achievable recommendations to ensure that the Region meets its recreational and sporting expectations by accommodating for its large population growth and requirement for better planned infrastructure.

Importantly, this Strategy is a partnership approach and each recommendation identifies a lead agency and key partners to drive the implementation of the action. This Strategy will not achieve its potential if its recommendations are attempted to be implemented by one organisation alone.

Regional level Strategies such as this, require the cooperation and collaboration of each stakeholder to firstly investigate the feasibility of each recommendation and then address the challenges and opportunities to implement a long-term sustainable future for the Region.

A coordinated approach to the future of Wide Bay Burnett recreation and sport is within reach.

Western parts of the Wide Bay Burnett have comparative strengths in the animal sports



RECOMMENDATIONS

SECTION 2

At the end of each discussion of a sport or recreation activity recommendations have been made. These are not repeated here.

However, through the course of the study, it became apparent that some broad recommendations need to be made and these appear below.

On the basis of available information, including population projections, the recommendations made in this report are expected to meet the needs of the sports that have been reviewed, through to 2031. However, these recommendations should be reviewed from time-to-time as things do change and new recommendations developed to meet the changed environment.

Recommendation 2.1

For the most part, State Sporting Organisations have little or no forward facility planning. They are reactive and rather than driving their sports, they wait for local groups to develop clubs or upgrade facilities. There are some exceptions to this but this level of planning is the norm.

Local governments often have to fund these facilities, at least in part. Local governments would appreciate knowing whether the State Sporting Organisation believes that the facility is needed and what competition standard is appropriate. Resources are tight and they cannot be wasted on over-building complexes that are beyond the needs of local groups or the Sport's governing body.

Sport and Recreation Services, as a key funding body of State Sporting Organisations should require the State Sporting Organisations to develop state-wide facility plans.

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners
2.1.1 The development of state-wide facility plans by State Sporting Organisations, should be a requirement of Sport and Recreation Services funding.	SRS	SSOs

Recommendation 2.2

A number of the activities in this study are undertaken on private freehold land. While the title is often held by a not-for-profit association, there is no restriction upon its sale.

This study is not aware of any imminent sales but if this were to occur, then particular opportunities could be lost.

As urban values increase, then it may be more valuable for an owner to sell the land than to continue to lease it. This has occurred in Brisbane where many private tennis facilities were sold off. Brisbane City Council has had to build tennis centres and lease them to overcome the shortfall in provision.

Local governments need to be aware which centres are on private



land and understand whether the owners need incentives to maintain the provision of the facility. Local Governments may be able to support the owners to avoid any sale.

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners
2.2.1 Local Governments need to identify and record which facilities are on private land.	LGs	
2.2.2 Local Government need to identify if the privately owned facilities require support or resources to remain viable.	LGs	

Recommendation 2.3

The Wide Bay Burnett has many outdoor recreation opportunities. This study has reviewed a limited number of these.

The development of an Outdoor Recreation Strategy would help local governments identify and prioritise the opportunities that will bring the best economic return to the Wide Bay Burnett region.

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners
2.3.1 Develop a Wide Bay Burnett Regional Outdoor Recreation Strategy.	WBBSRC	BIEDO, LGs, SRS

Recommendation 2.4

This report has used guiding principles in making its recommendations (see Section 3).

It is likely though that the recommendations do not always align with the aspirations of local groups who may want to develop higher level facilities, despite the regional logic to the contrary.

This will be a difficult test for both local and State governments in balancing the aspirations of local groups with the regional needs of the Wide Bay Burnett. At times, groups will pressure for facility developments outside those recommended in the Strategy. If these are funded, then the recommendations may need to be revisited.

It will be necessary to continue the Steering Committee (or establish a similar body) to keep this project alive and directed and avoid, as far as possible, development of facilities that do not meet a regional need.

The WBBSRC will consider the balance between Regional and local sport and recreation needs to foster continuous participation.

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners
2.4.1 Formalise the Steering Committee into an on-going Wide Bay Burnett Sport and Recreation Committee (WBBSRC) (which will report to WBBSRC) to oversee and support implementation of the Strategy.	SRS	SC, WB-BROC
2.4.2 Review the recommendations of the study every 12 months and update it as required.	WBBSRC	Lead Agencies

Recommendation 2.5

This report has not explored how the recommendations are to be funded. Local governments need to be aware of relevant funding and opportunities and potential local government contributions required. Local Governments will need to consider regional funding opportunities, whether each local government will fund facilities within their area and when it is appropriate to co-fund for higher level facilities.

It is unlikely that any funds could be received through infrastructure charges for the higher level facilities considered in this report.

State Government may provide grants towards some infrastructure over time but this is usually only part of the cost. The remainder is often met by local clubs and/or the relevant Local government.

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners
2.5.1 Wide Bay Burnett Sport and Recreation Committee to develop a regional funding strategy.	WBBSRC	LGs, SSOs, SRS

Recommendation 2.6

As discussed in Section 7, hard-to-locate and noisy sports suffer from a regular cycle of displacement, usually the result of residential development occurring too close to the activity.

Every time an activity is displaced, significant investments, often by the local and State governments, as well as the organisation's members, is lost.

Further, each time the activity is displaced, it is usually located at a distance further from where the users live.

Planning Schemes have the potential to protect these investments. Also, within current statewide planning directions, opportunities exist to capture the interests of state agencies in state planning instruments (such as Statutory Regional Plans and State Planning Policies). The development of a State Planning Policy for Noisy and Hard-to-Locate Sports, in particular, could be a powerful tool to outline state interests and protect noisy and hard to locate sports.

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners
2.6.1 Local governments, when reviewing or drafting new planning schemes, include provisions to protect existing and potential sites for noisy and hard-to-locate sporting facilities.	LGs	
2.6.2 Develop a state planning policy to identify and protect noisy and hard-to-locate sporting interests.	SRS	LGs, LGAQ, DIP

Recommendation 2.7

To ensure that sufficient land is identified, and secured, for future populations, each local government should develop an open space plan for their area.

An open space plan will support a Priority Infrastructure Plan and an Infrastructure Charges Plan. An appropriate Desired Standards of Service will be established through the open space plan that will yield sufficient land for parks and sporting fields for the new populations.

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners
2.7.1 Local government to develop open space plans, including the development of a Desired Standards of Service.	LGs	SRS, DIP
2.7.2 WBBSRC to review open space planning to ensure that sufficient land will be captured for regional level facilities	WBBSRC	LGs, SRS

Recommendation 2.8

The Wide Bay Burnett needs to compete against other areas, such as the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Brisbane, to secure events.

This Strategy has identified many events that Wide Bay Burnett clubs can apply to host. This list should be reviewed by relevant Tourism Promotion, or Events Promotion staff in each local government, with a view to assisting local clubs and organisations apply for the events.

The preferred approach, is the establishment of a Wide Bay Burnett Events Strategy (resourced with one or two staff) that identifies key events and, working with local organisations, secures them for the Wide Bay Burnett.

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners
2.8.1 Establish a Wide Bay Burnett Events Strategy which identifies existing key events and potential opportunities and helps secure them for the region.	WBBROC	WBBSRC, LGs, RTOs, LTOs, SSOs

Recommendation 2.9

The concept of a sports training camp for elite and up-and-coming athletes has been raised a number of times during the course of the study.

Such a facility would involve accommodation and access to sporting fields or similar. Access to a gymnasium, and perhaps exercise science equipment would be beneficial. A location near an airport may be beneficial but this would need to be weighed against the benefits that other locations may yield.

The competitive edge for such a facility would involve the warm winter climate and the attractive beaches and natural areas of the region.

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners
2.9.1 Undertake an initial scoping report for the training camp concept with a view to moving to a feasibility study if the results are positive.	WBBSRC	WBBSRC, LGs, SSOs



Fishing at Mundubbera

Definition

A definition of what constitutes a *regional facility* is essential for this strategy (Figure 1). The definition that has been adopted for this Strategy is:

A regional sport and recreation facility is one which regularly attracts, or is capable of attracting, participants from across the Wide Bay Burnett area, and possibly beyond.

It will often have specialist components which differentiate it from other facilities catering to the same activity. It will generally be a single-purpose facility with activity specific infrastructure of a high standard; be capable of accommodating spectators; is not constrained by adjacent landuses or local planning instruments and is easily accessed by the general public.

For some sports, all or most of the facilities are capable of fitting the definition of regional as outlined above. The facility requirements between local, district and regional competitions are negligible. These sports include:

- horse racing
- golf
- lawn bowls.

However, for each sport there is usually a specific requirement for holding a regional competition that has been set by the State Sporting Organisation (SSO). As an example, to hold a regional tennis competition a facility requires twelve courts, preferably of the same surface type among other things. A full-bore rifle shooting range requires at least 20 shooting bays to hold a regional level competition as well as other requirements relating to officials, competitors and spectators.

Finally, some sports may be codependent upon other facilities. For example, many water sport events require access to a dam or lake.

Planning Types

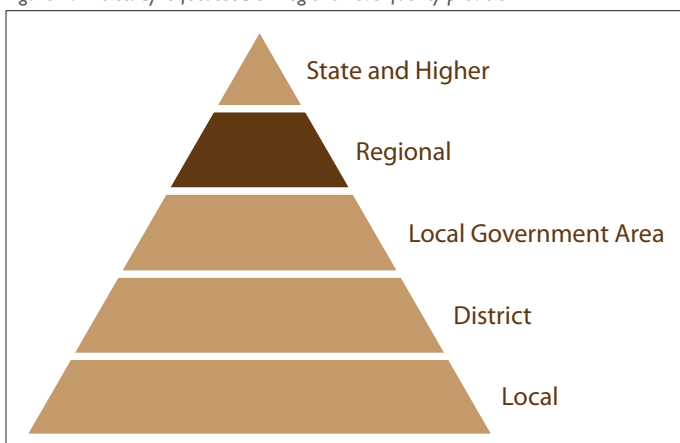
Different types of plans or strategies are referenced in this document. A definition of each type is offered here so that readers can understand what is being discussed.

Priority Infrastructure Plans

Priority Infrastructure Plans (PIPs) are central to infrastructure planning, and must be included in SPA-compliant Planning Schemes. PIPs enable Local Governments to indicate areas where development is preferred and what development infrastructure is required, based on a combination of Local and State Government policies, infrastructure efficiencies and market demands.

The PIP is an important tool for ensuring that future infrastructure requirements are known and planned for in a timely manner. Of importance to social infrastructure planning in this mechanism are Desired Standards of Service (DSS) and Plans for Trunk Infrastructure (PFTI);

Figure 1: This study is focussed on regional-level facility provision



- DSS are statements regarding the standard to which the Local Government Authority aims to deliver the infrastructure in question, and
- PFTIs identify the trunk level infrastructure required to service the existing urban area and areas that can service 10–15 years of growth. PFTIs are based on explicit development parameters expected for the next 10–15 years in the Local Government Area and the DSS.

In the move toward new planning legislation all Regional Councils will develop a Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP) to link with their new planning schemes which will be developed over time.

Infrastructure Charges Plan

Priority Infrastructure Plans (PIPs) are generally supported by financing mechanisms called Infrastructure Charges Schedules (ICSs). These mechanisms were introduced by the Integrated Planning Act 1997 and carried into the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and allow for recouping the cost of the trunk (shared) infrastructure identified in the plan, based on a user pays system.

Open Space Plan

Open Space Planning is where resources, demands and methods of bridging gaps in the open space network are identified. This is primarily focused on provision of space or land, of appropriate size and configuration to meet changing needs over time. This Plan will also consider how the land is developed and embellished between different community needs for recreational and sporting uses.

Sport and Recreation Plan

A Plan that assesses a community's needs for sport and recreation

programs, services and facilities. A sport and recreation plan generally focuses on urban areas needs and is quite broad ranging in its scope.

Outdoor Recreation Strategy

An outdoor recreation strategy is generally focussed on natural area or semi-natural area recreation opportunities (and sometimes sporting opportunities).

Guiding Principles

In making recommendations, the Strategy has used the following Guiding Principles:

1. the activity takes advantage of any natural or competitive advantage of the region
2. the recommendation is likely to have a positive economic impact on the region, including securing new or additional events
3. there is a clear and demonstrated need for the facility
4. the facility will be sustainable, in part through significant local and district usage
5. the skills to manage the facility are available, or likely to be readily available, in the community
6. the development is consistent with local, regional and Queensland government plans and the plans of the relevant State Sporting Organisation
7. the activity, in terms of participation, is not in decline.

Wondai Rifle Club



Existing Plans and Studies

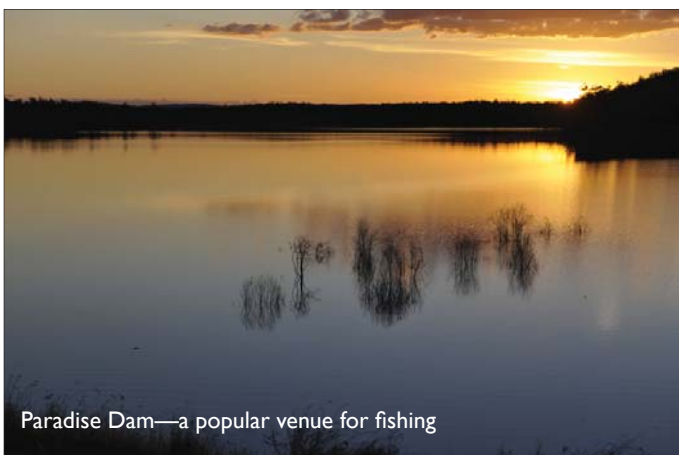
The study team was provided with a range of strategic plans and similar that have been prepared over the last eight years or so. The documents were:

1. Biggenden Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006
2. Bundaberg City Council/Burnett Shire Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy 2006
3. Burnett Shire Walk and Cycle Plan For a Mobile Community 2004
4. Cherbourg Aboriginal Council Sport and Recreation Plan 2006
5. Cooloola Shire Open Space and Recreation Plan 2007
6. Eidsvold Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006
7. Fraser Coast Regional Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2006
8. Gayndah Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006
9. Hervey Bay City Council Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2003
10. Hervey Bay Sport and Recreation and Community Facilities Plan (draft 2006)
11. Kilkivan Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2002
12. Kingaroy Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2007
13. Kolan Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2004
14. Maryborough City Council Sport and Recreation Plan 2006
15. Monto Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006
16. Mundubbera Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006
17. Murgon Shire Recreation and Open Space Plan 2001
18. Proposed Imbil Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility
19. South Burnett Regional Council—Wondai Area Recreation and Open Space Plan
20. Tiaro Shire Sport and Recreation Facility and Social Development Plan

The 1999 Isis Shire Sport and Recreation Facility Plan was also made available but this Plan was too old to add any value.

Each report was reviewed for recommendations relating to facilities that are currently considered to be a regional standard, or have the capability to reach that standard.

All the reports outlined above were prepared prior to the amalgamation of the 21 Wide Bay Burnett Councils into six. Council Officers have pointed out that the priorities, in some cases, may now have changed as the LGs are taking a broader view and being less parochial.



Paradise Dam—a popular venue for fishing

Biggenden Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006

The Biggenden Shire Sport and Recreation Plan was prepared concurrently with sport and recreation plans for Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto and Mundubbera.

Each plan focussed upon local issues to the Shire and regional issues across all five separate local government areas, as they were then.

The regional issues summary and recommendations is duplicated in each plan. The summary below is thus relevant to all former Shires.

The reports noted that the North Burnett has particular strengths in water-based activities and the potential to develop events using these facilities.

A major issue across the region¹ is that four of the original five local governments are expected to have population declines while the other, Mundubbera, will barely increase with only 50 extra people expected to live in the old shire in the five years to 2011.

Regionally focussed facility recommendations in the Plan include:

1. capitalise on water-based outdoor recreation opportunities at:
 - Paradise Dam
 - Lake Cania
 - Lake Monduran
 - Mingo Crossing
 - Lake Waruma (if land is transferred to Council)
2. Mt Perry is to be the focus for mountain bike events
3. Scamper's Grounds to be the focus of large events such as 7-side cricket and soccer
4. designate the Eidsvold Showgrounds as the facility for new equestrian events at the regional, and wider catchment. A rationale is provided and this includes synergy with the new RM Williams Australian Bush Centre, building on existing facilities and events.
5. do not develop any more 50m pools.

Bundaberg City Council/ Burnett Shire Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy 2006

The Bundaberg and Burnett Shires combined to prepare a Regional² Sport and Recreation Strategy in July 2006. The two Shires were aware of their close links so the Strategy considered cross-boundary issues. The Shires were also aware that because of their larger populations, other communities used their facilities and/ or they were capable of sustaining higher level facilities.

Consequently, a number of recommendations were made that relate to regional level facilities and these are summarised below:

- establish, in Bundaberg, one high quality athletics oval instead of multiple lower quality facilities
- assist Bundaberg Clay Target to relocate, possibly to Kolan Rifle Range or similar (Note: this is currently in progress)
- review the needs of equestrian sports
- identify appropriate trail bike riding areas
- develop a walk and cycle path between Bundaberg and Bargarra
- consider the relocation of the Bundaberg Racecourse or alternatively, consider additional sport and recreation uses on the site
- various facility and club upgrades including:
 - Across the Waves—Australian Rules and various softball clubs (Frank Coulthard Complex)—upgrade lighting and canteen facilities
 - Bundaberg Amateur Cycling Club—upgrade lighting

- Bundaberg Cricket (Juniors, Seniors, Veterans)—field resurfacing and amenities upgrade (Kendalls Flats)
- Bundaberg Netball Association—conversion of grass to hard courts, disability access and training wall
- Bundaberg Rowing Club (City facility)—new administration, training and storage facility
- Bundaberg Rugby Football Club, Bundaberg Cricket Association and Bundaberg Rugby Club (Salter Oval)—lighting to outer fields
- Football Bundaberg—replace unsafe grandstands
- Rovers Hockey Club—lighting of grass fields (Hinkler Park)
- Western Suburbs Rugby League & Western Suburbs Softball Club (Jubilee Park)—lighting upgrade and ground improvements.
- establish the feasibility of the PCYC developing a dedicated Gymnastics facility
- Bundaberg Netball Association should consider whether the Association should be split across two sites given the high levels of utilisation of the existing facility
- various configurations were being considered for the Bundaberg SuperSports Park at the time of the study including significant tennis facilities and a large indoor sport complex with multiple courts.

Burnett Shire Walk and Cycle Plan For a Mobile Community 2004

This report discussed opportunities for local and higher level trails. One of the key trails discussed is the Coastal Trail which is partly in place and will be developed over a number of years.

The report also discusses the potential for a rail trail between Bundaberg and Gin Gin, and possibly extending to the National Trail, using disused rail infrastructure.

Three options for a multi-modal path linking Bundaberg and Bargarra are discussed.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Council Sport and Recreation Plan 2006

Cherbourg, being only a small community of a little over 1,000 people is unlikely to have built facilities that are of a regional standard, and that is reflected in the recommendations. The community's proximity to Bjelke Petersen Dam, the Wondai State Forest and Barambah Creek are its possible areas for regional level provision.

Cooloola Shire Open Space and Recreation Plan 2007

The Plan was developed in 2007 and looked at sport, recreation and open space needs. Recommendations or comments that concern facilities or events at a regional level include:

- develop a new, contemporary aquatic complex in Gympie
- upgrading boat ramps and support infrastructure, particularly at Tin Can Bay
- Albert Park to remain as the premier showfield in the LG
- develop a master plan for One-Mile sportsfields and consider adding extra land to the complex
- secure land for the development of an integrated shooting complex and off-road motorcycle facility (and other motor sports)
- establish a new netball court facility and develop a 12-court facility with lighting, the minimum needed for State level competitions
- develop a master plan for the racecourse and showground noting the site's use for equestrian training and potential for greater sporting use of the inner track

¹ The term "regional" in the context of this Plan means the five old Council areas of Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto and Mundubbera

² Again, "Regional" in this context refers to the two Shires

Eidsvold Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006

The summary for regional facilities written up under the Biggenden Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006 was also reproduced in this Plan. Additional recommendations in the Plan were aimed at local level facilities.

Fraser Coast Regional, Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2006

This Strategy considered “Regional” in the context of the four funding Shires—Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Tiaro and Woocoo, though the definition used aligns well with that used in this Strategy.

The report identified over twenty facilities considered to be regional. In considering the final recommendations the report considered the viability of the facilities, recognising that regional standard facilities are generally expensive to sustain given the extra facilities (e.g. grandstands) and high quality finishes that are required.

These relevant recommendations include:

- continue developing Maryborough Park (now Maryborough Showground and Equestrian Park) as a nationally significant equestrian facility
- continue to enhance the Hervey Bay Foreshore for sailing, outrigger canoeing and surf life saving
- consider the feasibility of Eskdale Park being upgraded to a regional level facility catering to rugby league and rugby union
- extend the Hervey Bay PCYC by one or two courts to make it a regional level indoor sport centre
- investigate the feasibility of establishing a regional level campdraft facility in Tiaro
- continue to develop Newtown Oval and Walkers Road Reserve as regional sport facilities
- investigate the feasibility of establishing a motor sport precinct in the Fraser Coast Region
- establish the Maryborough Hockey Centre as the regional centre for hockey
- establish Raward Road Reserve as the regional level facility for AFL
- continue to develop the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex as the regional facility for shooting sports
- continue to develop the Maryborough Cycling Velodrome as the regional level cycling facility
- develop a regional level BMX facility in Maryborough
- develop a regional level netball complex within the proposed Western Sports Complex at Hervey Bay
- maintain Wide Bay Gymnastics Centre as the regional facility
- investigate the feasibility of a regional athletics complex in the Fraser Coast Region.

Gayndah Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006

The summary for regional facilities written up under the Biggenden Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006 was also reproduced in this Plan. Additional recommendations in the Plan were aimed at local level facilities.

Hervey Bay City Council Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2003

This Strategy’s vision is to achieve a well balanced and well linked range of quality open space and recreation opportunities to the Hervey Bay community. Although it is an old strategy from 2003, its desired outcomes remain valid and align well to the VBBRRSS focussing on the following principles in relation to recreation and open space:

- effective planning

- effective use
- high quality
- community involvement
- resourcing provision
- access
- minimal impact on surrounding land uses
- effective management
- public safety.

Hervey Bay Sport, Recreation and Community Facilities Plan (draft 2006)

The purpose of this Plan (not formally adopted by Council) was to provide a practical action-oriented plan to deliver equitably distributed built facilities for sport, recreation and community purposes in Hervey Bay over the next 15-20 years. The Plan was an expansion of the previous Sports Facility Plan developed by Council in 2003.

The Plan addressed sport and recreation facility needs in the Hervey Bay area. However, the following recommendations may prove to be regionally significant:

- assist with the installation of lighting at relevant sport and recreation parkland to cater for night competition
- continue to encourage and identify opportunities, and negotiate with property developers to contribute to the provision of land and/or facilities for sport, recreation and community purposes
- continue negotiations with developers to secure parcel of land and existing building on Tooth & Halcro Streets, Point Vernon for community purposes
- ensure future facility development considers collocation of user groups and infrastructure
- complete a feasibility study into the progressive construction and ongoing management of a multi-purpose youth facility at Urangan. Example activities include skate park facilities, BMX track and dirt jumps, indoor rock climbing, cycle and walking path networks.
- consider seniors and youth activity spaces in the Torbanlea Recreation Reserve Master Concept Plan and the proposed Burrum Heads Sportsground Master Concept Plan (e.g. Bocce Court)
- investigate venue and facility management opportunities in consideration of Master Concept Plans over Hervey Bay Sports and Leisure Park (HBSLP) Raward Road and Walker Road
- complete a Master Concept Plan for the Burrum Heads Sportsground to identify specific needs and ensure sustainable development of the site
- progressively implement the HBSLP, Raward Road Recreation Reserve and Walkers Road Recreation Reserve Master Concept Plans with the view of establishing high standard sporting precincts
- support Hervey Bay Netball Association in their need to secure a suitable location for facility expansion to include grass and asphalt courts, storage, amenities and other support infrastructure
- encourage more indoor recreation groups and community organisations to use the Community Recreation Centre/PCYC by expanding the hours of operation to accommodate more users and provide an additional playing court, improved acoustics, power, storage and a retractable/portable stage
- acquire land to develop Western Sports Complex as per recommendations in the Fraser Coast Regional Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy
- any extensions to the current HBSLP Master Concept Plan to consider the construction of a multi-purpose shared facility to accommodate Dance and Calisthenics
- implement lighting recommendations highlighted in Master Concept Plans for the HBSLP, Raward Road and Walkers Road
- address the need for support infrastructure at major sporting precincts

- complete a feasibility study into the current and future requirements for outdoor event, entertainment, cultural and performance space in Hervey Bay and the supporting infrastructure required to meet these needs. Incorporate an audit of the level of usage and type of events conducted at existing open space and parkland.

Kilkivan Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2002

This 2002 Plan is now quite old and some of the recommendations have probably been completed. Some that may still be significant for this Strategy include:

- the Plan noted the importance of retaining recreational access to the State Forests in the Shire
- a significant section—107 kilometres—of the Bicentennial Trail passed through the old Kilkivan Shire and is still an active facility
- Tansey Showground required improved camper facilities to encourage camping on the grounds during events.

Kingaroy Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2007

Recommendations that may be regionally significant in this Plan include:

- redevelopment of Memorial Park Aquatics Centre
- development of a rail trail from Nanango to Wooroolin
- protecting the future of the Kingaroy Showground and the equestrian activities that take place within.

Maryborough City Sport and Recreation Plan 2006

This 2006 Plan made the following recommendations that concern facilities and events that may be regionally significant:

- undertake a feasibility study to consider options for the redevelopment of the aquatic centre

- Undertake a master plan for Maryborough Park (now called Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park) and develop a strategic plan for the next ten years
- negotiate acquisition of additional land surrounding the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park
- undertake a feasibility study for a new indoor sport and recreation centre with a minimum of two courts
- work with the BMX Club to secure them new land and develop a State level facility
- continue to work with neighbouring Councils to develop regionally significant facilities including:
 - future relocation of motor sports
 - consolidation of shooting sports
 - enhancement of equestrian facilities at Maryborough Park
 - development of the hockey grounds
- Encourage and facilitate communication and strategic partnerships to optimise planning and future development outcomes for Eskdale Park.

Kolan Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2004

This Plan was developed in-house following the success of an earlier Plan. Extensive consultation was undertaken. Most recommendations though are focussed on local-level facilities—and recommendations are only made until June 2005.

Of the recommendations, none are of regional significance though there is mention of developing a new 50m pool at some point in the future.



Monto Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006

The summary for regional facilities written up under the Biggenden Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006 was also reproduced in this Plan. Additional recommendations in the Plan were aimed at local level facilities.

Mundubbera Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006

The summary for regional facilities written up under the Biggenden Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2006 was also reproduced in this Plan. Additional recommendations in the Plan were aimed at local level facilities.

Murgon Shire Recreation and Open Space Plan 2001

This Plan is now quite old and in need of an update. Many of the recommendations have been completed or are no longer relevant. Some that may still be relevant include:

- explore potential walking trails e.g. to Barrambah Creek, to Cherbourg and Bjelke Petersen Dam, and to Wondai
- protect recreation usage of State Forests as much as possible
- in conjunction with Sunwater, develop a visitor management plan for Bjelke Petersen Dam and adjacent State Forests

Proposed Imbil Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility

This feasibility study examined the viability of a multi-purpose facility that met National (Equestrian) Standards to be located on land in Imbil.

The study found that while there are no other covered arenas in the Mary Valley or Gympie Region (the closest in the Wide Bay Burnett being at Maryborough), the demand for the facility would be mainly local with only the occasional regional or higher level event utilising the facility.

Financially, it was found, the facility would need ongoing subsidies as it would have insufficient revenues to cover its operating costs.

The recommendation was that a National level facility would not be viable but a local level facility, with a much lower capital cost, may meet the local need and be viable and should be considered further.

South Burnett Regional Council—Wondai Area Recreation and Open Space Plan

This Plan was undertaken over the period of Council amalgamations which is why, despite being a South Burnett Regional Plan, it only looks at the Wondai area (the old boundaries of the Wondai Shire Council).

Regional level recommendations relevant to this Strategy include:

- undertake a feasibility study for a rail trail from Nanango to Murgon
- develop walking trails in the Wondai State Forest
- investigate options for an off-road motorcycle facility.

Tiaro Shire Sport and Recreation Facility and Social Development Plan

This Plan was developed in 2003 and had a three year time-frame. There were no recommendations for sport and recreation that are considered to be of regional significance.

Population Growth

To align with the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan, the high series population projections prepared by the Queensland State Government have been used.

Across the region, the population will increase from an estimated 264,000 in 2006 to nearly 436,000 in 2031. This represents an estimated increase of 172,000 people over the 25 years or 2.0% p.a. Data for each local government area is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Projected populations across the Wide Bay Burnett Region

LG	Estimated		Projected			
	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Bundaberg (RC)	87,898	97,694	107,056	116,697	128,057	141,324
Fraser Coast (RC)	89,479	106,368	122,228	137,313	152,699	168,160
Gympie (RC)	43,945	49,823	54,783	59,315	63,868	68,511
North Burnett (RC)	10,756	11,305	11,868	12,436	13,025	13,670
South Burnett (RC)	30,778	33,804	36,164	38,252	40,273	42,248
Balance of Wide Bay-Burnett SD	1,225	1,342	1,473	1,614	1,762	1,918
TOTAL	264,081	300,336	333,571	365,627	399,684	435,831

Figure 2 is a graphical presentation of the data in Table 1 for the years 2006 and 2031. It shows the estimated 2006 population and the projected 2031 population. The local government areas of Bundaberg and Fraser Coast in 2006 were similar in size. Over the next 25 years the Fraser Coast Regional Council is expected to be the most populous. The Fraser Coast Regional Council will grow by over 78,000 people while the population residing within the Bundaberg Regional Council will increase by a still significant 53,400. Gympie Regional Council and South Burnett's populations are estimated to increase by 24,500 and 11,470 respectively. North Burnett is expected to experience very little population growth (estimated at 2,914) as will Cherbourg (shown as Balance of Wide Bay Burnett in Figures 2 and 3).

Figure 2: Estimated 2006 and 2031 populations by LG

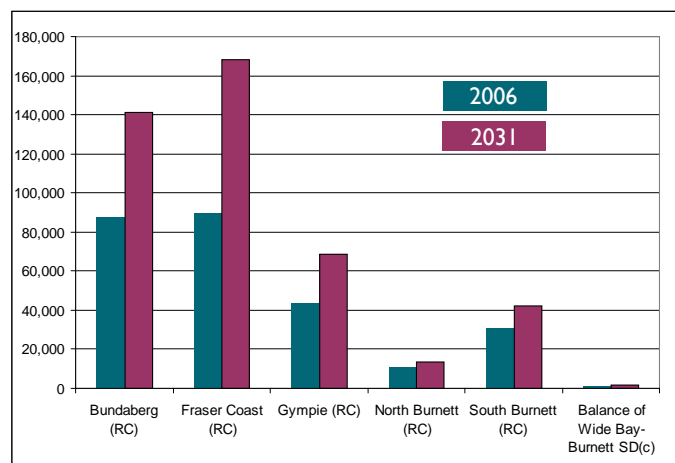
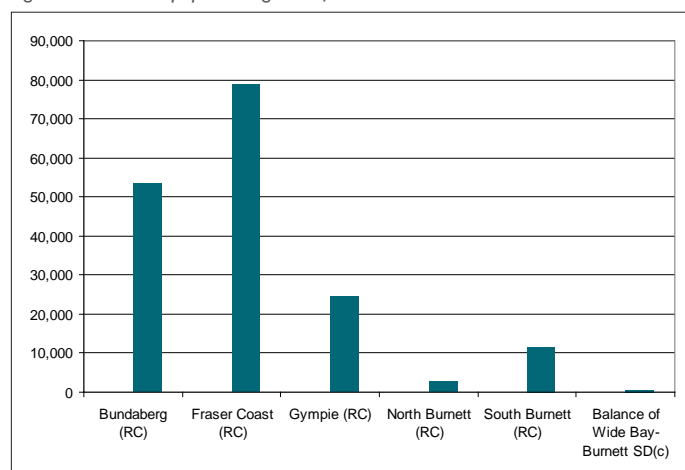


Figure 3: Estimated population growth from 2006 to 2031



Median ages across the study area are shown in Table 2. At the 2006 census the median age of the Wide Bay Burnett population was 42 years which is some 6 years older than the Queensland population's median age of 36.

Over the 25 years to 2031 the median age is expected to increase to 48 years (Queensland 41).

At census time in 2006 the Fraser Coast Regional Council had the highest median age at 43 years, though by 2031 the North Burnett Regional Council will have the oldest population with an estimated median age of 50 years.

Table 2: Median Ages 2006 and 2031 (projected)

LG	2006 Median Age	2031 Median Age §
Bundaberg	41	47
Fraser Coast	43	45
Gympie	41	46
North Burnett	42	50
South Burnett	40	46
Wide Bay Burnett	42	48
Queensland	36	41

§ based on medium series

As the population projections were developed ahead of the Local Government amalgamations, it is possible to get some insight into the towns that are likely to experience the major growth within the newly formed regional Local Governments.

The results are set out in Table 3. As you can see, over three quarters (77%) of the growth to 2031 will occur in the four former LGs of Hervey Bay (63,144 new residents), Burnett (28,890 new residents), Cooloolo (20,709 new residents) and Bundaberg with 19,228 new residents.

It is these areas that will be the major drivers for new regional level facilities, and the areas that will have the populations to sustain them.

Naturally, they will also be the areas where it is logical to site many of the facilities, if land and the community capacity is available.

The total population as shown in Table 3 is slightly lower than shown in Table 1. It is believed that while both series are the "high series" the differences may stem from the projections having been undertaken at different times and the fact that Cherbourg's population projections have not been included with the data forming Table 3.

Table 3: Population increase projections to 2031 based on the former LGs

Former LG	Population increase to 2031 (est)	2031 Population (est)
Hervey Bay (C)	63,144	118,301
Burnett (S)	28,890	56,739
Cooloolo (S)	20,709	58,852
Bundaberg (C)	19,228	67,803
Maryborough (C)	8,643	35,860
Tiaro (S)	5,841	11,467
Kingaroy (S)	4,673	17,635
Nanango (S)	3,704	13,224
Isis (S)	3,615	10,269
Woocoo (S)	3,077	6,694
Wondai (S)	2,320	6,948
Kilkivan (S)	1,833	5,497
Kolan (S)	1,692	6,512
Murgon (S)	772	4,440
Gayndah (S)	694	3,641
Biggenden (S)	580	2,190
Monto (S)	548	3,125
Eidsvold (S)	387	1,293
Perry (S)	369	824
Mundubbera (S)	337	2,598
Cherbourg	Not Stated	Not Stated
TOTAL	171,056	433,912

Youth program at the Maryborough Small-Bore Rifle Club



This section reviews trends in a number of areas that affect, in some way, the provision of sport and recreation opportunities.

State Health Trends

This section examines the health trends at a State level, which are likely to be similar at the regional level.

The trends show the changes in health status and to highlight some of the difficulties Association with changes in data collection protocols.

When comparing health profiles over time it is important to recognise the change in the availability and consistency of data collection. The types of health variables assessed in the National Health Survey have changed between 1995 and 2001. This is due to changes in health priorities in the Australian population, advances in epidemiological research into determinants of health, availability of accurate measures and political focus on certain health issues. Therefore, the comparability of health data over time for the State is restricted by the availability of consistent data.

This section examines data from the three National Health Surveys in 1995, 2001 and 2005. Unfortunately, this comparison can only be conducted at a State level due to limited availability of local level data and differences in collection methods. However, this state comparison remains valuable as it shows trends in health status and changes in focus of health determinants. Appendix 1 shows the definitions of terms used in Table 4.

Table 4 Health Indicators and behaviours among the Queensland population in 1995, 2001 and 2005 (% of Qld population)

Health Indicators and Behaviours	1995	2001	2005
Self-assessed health: fair or poor (15+years)	17%	19%	17%
Smokers (18+years)	25%	24%	23%
Physical inactivity (15+years)	66%	70%	71%
High health risk due to alcohol consumed (18+years)	9%	12%	14%
1 or less serves of fruit per day*	n/a	48%	48%
1 or less serves of vegetables per day*	n/a	18%	19%
Obese males (15+years)	11%	17%	20%
Obese females (15+years)	11%	17%	16%
Mental and behavioural disorders	7%	10%	13%
Self-assessed very high psychological distress levels (18+years)	n/a	12%	11%

*includes those people who reported not eating fruit or vegetables. n/a—data sets not available.

Based on the three National Health Surveys that have been conducted the concentration of health issues in Queensland has changed over time. The proportion of smokers and people reporting psychological distress are the only two health indicators that have improved over time. Physical inactivity, high health risk due to alcohol consumption, obesity and mental and behavioural disorders have steadily increased over the past decade in Queensland. These trends are reflected across Australia with obesity now considered to be at epidemic proportions in the Australian population.

A new focus in health data collection is the consumption of fruit and vegetables. The proportion of Queenslanders consuming less than one serve of fruit per day has remained at too high a level since 2001 and similar trends are seen for vegetable consumption, although at a lower concentration.

Physical Activity

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

- walking is the single most frequently undertaken activity across the Queensland population (36.2%)
- along with walking, aerobics/ fitness (17.7%), swimming (13.7%), cycling (8.7%) and running (6.2%) are in the top five activities for the Queensland population.
- there is substantially higher participation in informal, unstructured activities than in organised sports
- older people are more likely to participate in informal, unstructured activities with young people being more likely to engage in organised sports
- women, older adults, married people (or those in de-facto relationships), people in lower income households and obese people are less likely to participate in sufficient physical activity.

Table 5 provides details of the top 10 activities for Queenslanders and the difference between 2001 and 2007.

Sport Registrations

Registrations from each sport, as reported to Sport and Recreation Services (Department of Communities) was sought. It was hoped that the registrations would show trends within sports, at least in Queensland.

Unfortunately, the data is very unreliable. The data that appeared to have some reliability is shown in Table 6. Data that was clearly wrong has not been used. Even so, we would caution against using any of the data for any critical planning functions.

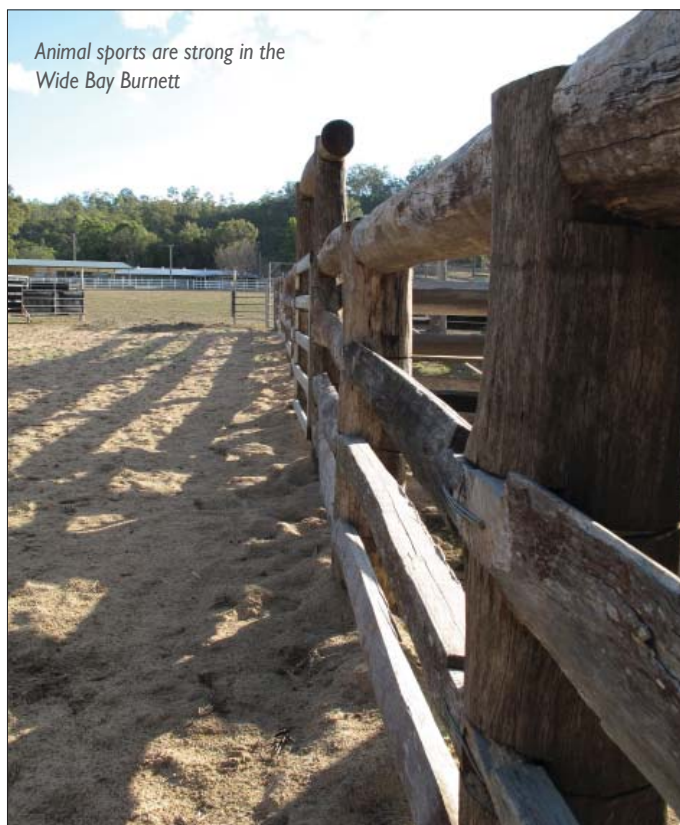


Table 5: Participation by Queenslanders in sport and recreation

Activity	Total Participation Rate		% change 2001-2008
	2001	2007	
Walking (other)	28.8	33.0	23.7%
Aerobics/fitness	13.0	20.2	68.4%
Swimming	16.0	12.0	-18.6%
Cycling	9.5	9.7	10.6%
Running	7.2	7.6	14.8%
Tennis	9.2	5.8	-31.2%
Walking (bush)	5.3	5.7	16.6%
Golf	8.2	5.6	-26.2%
Football (outdoor)	3.7	4.2	23.9%
Netball	4.1	3.2	-15.4%

Table 6: Registration statistics for selected activities as collected by the Department of Communities

Organisation	“2006 Total Participants”	“2007 Total Participants”	“2008 Total Participants”
AFL Queensland Ltd	69796	67967	67967
AUSSI Masters Swimming In Australia (Queensland Branch) Inc	1455	1314	1314
Australian Trail Horse Riders Association Queensland Branch	650	0	610
Baseball Queensland Inc	5725	5725	5725
BMX Queensland Inc	2288	2947	2947
Bowls Queensland	51457	50811	50811
Equestrian Federation of Australia (Queensland Branch) Inc	2924	2918	2511
Football Queensland Ltd	63399	69445	68692
Golf Queensland Ltd	74,513	74400	75400
Hockey Queensland Inc	13830	13994	14338
Motorcycling Queensland	22937	5374	5956
Queensland Amateur Pistol Shooting Association Ltd	1907	3563	1737
Queensland Athletics Association Ltd	4529	19380	19830
Queensland Basketball Inc	20900	0	20375
Queensland Clay Target Association Inc	2406	0	2686
Queensland Cricket Association Ltd	82325	0	35504
Queensland Cyclists Association Inc	2613	2663	2663
Queensland Futsal Association Inc	11217	26775	16102
Queensland Gymnastics Association Inc	27370	0	27340
Queensland Little Athletics Association Inc	12766	0	0
Queensland Netball Association Inc	36214	34210	33580
Queensland Polocrosse Association Inc	931	1149	1149
Queensland Rifle Association Inc	2662	2894	2985
Queensland Rugby Football League Ltd	52187	0	55818
Queensland Rugby Union Ltd	50805	0	21841
Queensland Softball Association Inc	8725	7529	7823
Queensland Swimming Association Inc	25897	18455	11722
Queensland Target Sports Inc	292	249	220
Queensland Touch Association Inc	73932	0	0
Queensland Volleyball Association Inc	4414	0	3330
Queensland Water Polo Inc	6100	2375	2692
Rowing Queensland Inc	4397	0	3920
Royal Queensland Lawn Tennis Association Ltd	20776	0	19666
Surf Life Saving Queensland	9379	0	16906
The Pony Club Association of Queensland Inc	11838	12669	10862
The Queensland Yachting Association Ltd	14321	17836	24482

Sporting Trends

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

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

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

Many of the Wide Bay Burnett's sporting clubs are struggling to attract volunteers (as is the case for many sporting clubs in remote areas). In fact, many clubs are driven by one or two key people.

Given the size of the Wide Bay Burnett region, compared to South East Queensland, travel costs and travel time are more of an issue. Wide Bay Burnett teams travelling to regional and state events face longer transit times than most areas in South East Queensland. Long road travel is frequent. Even for teams competing in local events, travel can be an issue. The QRL teams can be travelling several hours each weekend—a big ask to play club fixtures.

Value of Sport and Recreation Events

Economic impact in sporting events can be defined as the net change in an economy resulting from a sport event.

This comes about because the activity, or event, causes a range of spending decisions. These spending decisions involve competitors and their families, local and other government spending and the host club, among others. The net result will be employment and tax revenue.

The economic impacts of expenditure are composed of direct, indirect, and induced effects. Direct effects are the purchases needed to meet the increased demand of visitors for goods and services. Indirect effects are the ripple effect of additional rounds of re-circulating the initial spectators' dollars. Induced effects are the increase in employment and household income that result from the economic activity fuelled by the direct and indirect effects (Dawson, Blahna, & Keith, 1993)¹.

There are many studies that attempt to quantify the impact of sporting events. Measuring the impact of a sporting event is very difficult and is often too subjective. The field is not sufficiently advanced, or coordinated, that consistent methods of measuring the impact have been agreed and modelled. The modelling between the published studies is quite different. Differences abound in what expenditure is included, the cost allocated to it, and the treatment of indirect and induced effects. Many of the studies have been conducted by public agencies that may have contributed funding, with a consequent focus on good news.

Studies tend to concentrate on the positive economic aspects of sport and recreation events. There are positive and negative social aspects to events but these, no doubt because of an even greater problem of measurement, are rarely considered, or even measured.

Some of the positive social benefits may include:

- increased exposure for the host town, region and club
- opportunities for local competitors to compete at a higher level
- skills transfer to local competitors, officials and administrators
- broadened social networks
- increased community pride.

Negative social impacts may also flow, often the result of too much alcohol after events.

Despite this, most people would agree that the benefits from sport and recreation events, overall, is positive, and often very positive. Some statistics include:

- Ipswich City Council estimates that the Ipswich Motorsport Precinct brings \$33.3 million into the local economy each year



¹ Dawson, S. A., Blahna, D. J., & Keith, J. E. (1993). *Expected and actual regional economic impacts of Great Basin National Park. Journal of Park and Recreation Administration, 11(4), 45-59*

- In 2004, the Gold Coast Indy was estimated to bring more than \$50 million into the Gold Coast economy
- Tamworth City Council has preliminary estimates that the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre will bring more than \$10 million into the local economy, and
- in 2002-03 a Central Queensland University Study estimated that the value of recreational fishing on the three dams—Bjelke Petersen, Fairbairn and Boondooma—was more than \$3.3 million to the local economy .

Events in the Wide Bay Burnett

While there are a number of events held in the Wide Bay Burnett, by and large, they are driven by local community groups and not the local governments of the region. Some of these events are:

- Bundy Thunder
- Kilkivan Horse Ride
- Thundercross (Mount Perry)
- Rainbow Bay Fishing Classic
- Toyota Classic (fishing— Fraser Island)
- Bay to Bay (Sailing)
- Bundaberg International Air Show.

By and large these events use existing venues, often trucking in additional support infrastructure such as toilets and canteens. The events are making use of an existing facility which, presumably, is about the correct size for local needs. Facilities built to cater to one event, often have spare capacity that cannot be used by local organisations and its maintenance is a drain on resources.

This Strategy has listed many events that could be attracted to the Wide Bay Burnett with little or no upgrade to facilities.

These events are held regularly and Wide Bay Burnett needs to aggressively seek its fair share. Wide Bay Burnett has to compete with other attractive destinations such as the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Brisbane, Capricornia, Cairns etc.

To make the most of the available opportunities the Wide Bay Burnett needs to develop a Sport and Recreation Events Strategy (and possibly a Secretariat) that pro-actively seeks events and is a catalyst in getting them off the ground.

Wide Bay Burnett's approach to sport and recreation events to date has been passive and fractured. The approach, to realise the maximum benefit, needs to be turned around. The Wide Bay Burnett should promote itself to sport and recreation event decision-makers as one region with the skills and venues to deliver successful events.

7STANES

7Stanes is an example of a region, establishing a competitive advantage with other regions, and then developing the idea to a successful conclusion.

The 7stanes are eight mountain biking centres spanning southern Scotland. The 7stanes mountain bike trails offer everyone, no matter how experienced, some of the world's best mountain biking stretching from the heart of Dumfries and Galloway to the Scottish Borders.

The project is managed by Forestry Commission Scotland in partnership with a range of local Tourist Boards, National Heritage Associations and similar. The Forestry Commission provided the land for the project as well as some of the £2 million funding. 7Stanes is estimated to bring 400,000 visitors to the region with a significant economic benefit to the local economies—nearly £17 million expenditure creating the equivalent of 430 jobs.

Near to all the 7stanes trails there is a range of accommodation options, food and hospitality, bike shops and others. These facilities make the visitors stay in 7Stanes memorable while also adding revenue to the local economies.

7Stanes is a great example of:

- establishing an area's comparative sport and recreation advantage
- developing a marketing concept around that comparative advantage
- and then cooperatively developing, marketing and managing the site successfully.

The Wide Bay Burnett could develop concepts similar to 7Stanes.

With the wide range of natural areas available across the Wide Bay Burnett there needs to be an assessment of which outdoor sport and recreation activities are the most unique, or most marketable, to attract visitors to the region to enjoy these areas.

The process of establishing the region's outdoor recreation comparative advantage should happen as part of the development of an Events Strategy. The Events Strategy will also address the many other aspects that need to be pulled together to bring an idea to fruition.

NOISY SPORT PROTECTION

SECTION 7

Any facility, unless it is protected from the encroachment by other uses or users is at risk of being forced to relocate because of conflict between the users.

This often requires a role for local government in dispute resolutions, finding a new location and possibly compensation payments. Local governments' most effective tool for offering protection to noisy sports (and hard-to-locate sports) is through their planning schemes. In fact, this is probably the only realistic method available. Legislation from the State government is unlikely and widespread purchase of adjacent land is prohibitively expensive.

Ipswich Planning Scheme

The Ipswich City Council's Planning Scheme is an example of how this can be done.

The Ipswich Planning Scheme has taken action to protect the Willowbank Motor Sport Complex and the Tivoli Raceway. The Willowbank Motorsport Complex occupies 183ha of land and has a 6km noise buffer.

Part 11.4.10 of the Ipswich Planning Scheme is the relevant section. An extract from this section states:

11.4.10A

“(1) The provisions of this section apply to land identified by Map OV8 as constrained, principally by noise impacts, owing to proximity to either the Tivoli Raceway or the Ipswich Motor Sports Precinct (at Willowbank).

(2) The land identified by Map OV8, if inappropriately developed, would compromise the integrity of the operation of the raceways or affect the amenity of new residents.

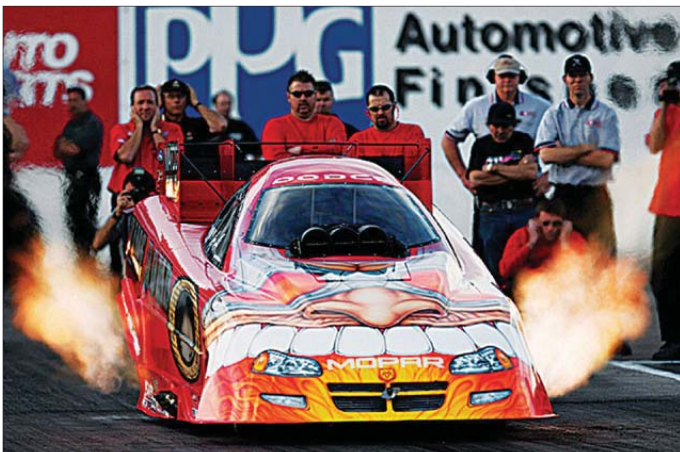
(3) In some cases, further information will need to be submitted to the local government, such as a noise assessment, for consideration as part of the development assessment process.

(4) Further information on the requirements for a noise assessment are contained in Planning Scheme Policy 2—Information Local Government May Request.

(5) Development applications within the Buffer Areas may be referred to the operators of the relevant motor sports venues for comment and advice, prior to their determination by the local government.

(6) Applicants submitting development applications within these areas are encouraged to liaise with the operators of the respective raceways prior to lodgement of a development application.”

Further information is provided for both the Willowbank Motor Sport Complex and the Tivoli Raceway. An extract from the Specific Outcomes for the Ipswich Motor Sport Precinct (Willowbank) Section 11.4.10C states:



“The Willowbank Motor Sport Complex Buffer is categorised into two types as identified on Map OV8—

(a) a Primary Area, in which there are likely to be major impacts on residential amenity and therefore major concerns about residential activities; and

(b) a Secondary Area, in which there are likely to be less, but still significant, impacts on residential amenity.

In order to protect residential amenity, reconfigurations which create additional lots and intensification of housing on existing lots are avoided unless an acceptable level of residential amenity can be achieved through—

(i) siting and design of dwellings [e.g. by construction with appropriate noise attenuation, including sound absorptive materials and other measures such as insulation, air conditioning and sealing of windows (such as double glazing) and doors, with openings generally oriented away from the noise source];

(ii) maximising separation from the noise source, and using intervening vegetation and topography to enhance buffering effects; and

(iii) the submission of a written acknowledgment from the owner/applicant at the time of lodging a development application of the likely impacts on residential amenity”.

Local government planning schemes are used to protect all manner of investments—e.g. noxious industry, airports, commercial centres. However, sporting infrastructure, despite the significant investment by local governments, state governments and the user clubs, is generally not recognised as investments in local government planning schemes. Whereas the planning scheme protects other approved uses on land, and thus the investments made in them, they routinely fail to protect lawful use of the land by sporting groups.

As Ipswich City Council has shown, it is possible to protect investments in sporting infrastructure and it is recommended that Wide Bay Burnett local governments review their planning schemes to protect noisy and hard-to-locate sporting activities from further forced relocations.

Recommendations 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 on page 8 are relevant to matters discussed in this section and readers are referred to them.

INVENTORY

SECTION 8

Facilities have been inventoried in six logical groups, being:

1. outdoor sports
2. field sports
3. indoor sports
4. aquatic sports
5. court sports
6. recreation activities.

The Project Steering Committee was a valuable source of reference in developing the inventory. While many of the facilities were visited during the course of the study, time and other resources has not allowed a visit to all facilities.

The study has focussed on sports and recreation activities that are a common part of the lifestyle of the current residents of the Wide Bay Burnett region.

The key outdoor sports across the Wide Bay Burnett are:

- athletics
- cycling sports
 - bmx
 - mountain bike
- equestrian sports
 - campdrafting
 - horse racing
 - rodeo
 - equestrian (showjumping, dressage and eventing)
 - polocrosse
- golf
- lawn bowls
- motor sports
 - motocross
 - speedway
 - karting
- shooting sports
 - clay target
 - pistol
 - rifle

The key field sports across the Wide Bay Burnett region are:

- AFL
- cricket
- football (soccer)
- hockey
- rugby league
- rugby union
- softball
- touch football.

The key indoor sports that are considered in this Strategy for the Wide Bay Burnett region are:

- basketball
- futsal
- gymnastics



- table tennis
- volleyball.

The key aquatic sports that are considered in this Strategy for the Wide Bay Burnett are:

- canoeing
- rowing
- sailing
- surf life saving
- swimming
- water polo.

The key court sports that are considered across the Wide Bay Burnett are:

- netball
- tennis.

The key recreation activities that are considered across the Wide Bay Burnett are:

- fishing
- horse trail riding
- rock climbing and abseiling
- walking and/or cycle trails.

Several other sports were repeatedly contacted to be part of the study but failed to provide sufficient, or any detail. These sports included:

- triathlon
- velodrome cycling
- volleyball
- water skiing/ jet skiing.

Velodrome Cycling is a low participation sport with most riders preferring road or criterium circuits. It is unlikely that any new velodromes will be built in the Wide Bay Burnett. Opportunities for criterium circuits may need to be pursued. These can be integrated into any new parkland development.

The needs of volleyball are captured in the recommendations for indoor basketball. New indoor facilities of a regional standard are needed at Bundaberg and Hervey Bay.

Finally, water skiing and jet skiing generally use lakes, dams and rivers. It is unlikely that any new facilities will be created specifically for the sport, though new dams may offer opportunities. Maintaining access to existing facilities is often the major issue with the sport as increasing pressure on water space can force out the noisy and fast sports. It is known that the State Water Skiing championships were held on Bjelke Petersen dam several years so, presumably, this venue meets regional standards. Sandy Hook (Bundaberg) is a dedicated water ski venue and, presumably, also meets the needs of regional level competition.

The sport of triathlon did provide limited information. Triathlons are generally events that use existing facilities. Triathlon's main concerns were with amenities (toilets and change facilities) and these can be "bumped" in for events.

Definitions

The analysis for sports featured in this section identify various recommendations for each specific sport. The definitions of the column titles are detailed below:

Lead Agency

The Lead Agency is the organisation that is responsible for the facilitation and coordination of action and reporting of outcomes. The Lead Agency may or may not be responsible for funding.

Partners

Partners are organisations that will assist and provide support to the lead agency in order to progress actions and achieve outcomes. Partners may or may not be responsible for funding.

Land Issues

This column considers whether a new site is required for the stated purpose. It should be noted that "new sites" may or may not be already owned or controlled by the relevant local government. This information is aimed at providing planning directions for local government consideration.

This study has not chosen or assessed specific sites. Further investigations from local governments, landowners and key stakeholders is needed in this regard.

8.1 ATHLETICS

Athletics in Queensland is governed by two State Bodies being, Queensland Athletics and Queensland Little Athletics.

For the purposes of this Strategy, consultation occurred with both Bodies.

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

The regional facility standards as stipulated by Queensland Athletics and Queensland Little Athletics are:

- 400m running track with a minimum of 6 lanes (300m is a minimum for Little Athletics but 400m preferred)
- long jump pit
- high jump area
- javelin, discus and shot put areas
- male and female toilets
- one sports trainer area to meet first aid requirements
- space for spectators (around the track)
- judging area for track races (a tiered seating stand or photo-finish booth).

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are 10 identified athletics facilities that generally meet the regional facility definition in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. These venues are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

The Wide Bay Burnett Region is part of both the Little Athletics, School Sport and Queensland Athletics Competitions.

The Region actively participates in local, zone, district, regional, school and inter-club competitions.

Events and competitions that could be attracted to Clubs/venues in the area include the following:

- State Cross Country Championships - up to 500 competitors over 2 days. Available annually (on a 5 year rotation) through an allocation by Education Queensland

- Regional Cross Country Championships - up to 500 competitors over one day. Available annually through allocation by the Regional Athletics office
- Regional Athletics Championships - up to 700 competitors over 2 days. Available annually through allocation by the Regional Athletics office
- Regional Little Athletics Championships - unknown competitors over 2 days available annually (on a 5 - 8 year rotation) through a nomination to Queensland Little Athletics
- Little Athletics Central Coast Regional Championships - 340 competitors over a 2 day weekend. Available annually in February through an allocation by the Regional office
- Little Athletics Central Coast Regional Relays - 230 competitors over a 2 day weekend. Available annually in November through an allocation by the Regional office.

Capacity

Albert Park (Gympie), as a complex, is at or near capacity. Council is aware of this and has considered options to relieve the pressure.

The preferred solution is to acquire additional land at One-Mile Sports Complex (it has been identified) and with the additional land available, relocate all the cricket (except for major matches) to One-Mile sports complex. This would take pressure off the site and athletics would not be constrained.

Bundaberg Regional Council has identified a new site near the Bundaberg Airport and set the land aside for a synthetic athletics track.

Athletics tracks across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Albert Park - Gympie	Gympie Regional Council	Albert Park, Bruce Highway, Gympie
Burrum District Little Athletics Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Torbanlea Reserve Burrowan Rd, Torbanlea
Gayndah	North Burnett Regional Council	Gayndah Sports Grounds, Spencer St, Gayndah
Gin Gin Athletics	Bundaberg Regional Council	Gin Gin Sport & Recreation Grounds, Bruce Highway, Gin Gin
Hervey Bay Athletics Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Cnr Dundowran Rd & Lower Mountain Road, Hervey Bay
Isis Athletics	Bundaberg Regional Council	Childers Sports Ground, Ridgeway St, Childers
Tinana Recreation Reserve (Maryborough Amateur Athletics)	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Jock Anderson Oval, Gympie Road, Maryborough
West Bundaberg Athletic Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Kuorikoski Oval, University Drive, Bundaberg West
Eidsvoll Little Athletics Centre	North Burnett Regional Council	R33 Off Burnett Highway, Eidsvoll
Cooloola West Little Athletics Centre	Gympie Regional Council	Goomeri School Oval, Moore St, Goomeri
Bundaberg Little Athletics Centre	Bundaberg Regional Council	Thabeban State School, Goodwood Road, Bundaberg
South Burnett Little Athletics	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy State High School, Mant St, Kingaroy

Notes

Queensland Athletics and Queensland Little Athletics has not recommended any specific facility enhancements, upgrades or the establishment of new facilities. However, generally speaking, facilities requiring upgrades include long jump pits, discuss and shot put throwing areas.

A gap analysis has demonstrated there is no tartan track between the Sunshine Coast and Townsville. Bundaberg has recently expressed an interest in the construction of a new tartan track and would be the logical choice for the establishment of a new track due to existing strong club and location between the two existing centres. The location of the new track would be at the Agro-Trend site.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.1.1 Construction of a new synthetic Athletics facility at Bundaberg	Bundaberg Regional Council	Queensland Athletics	New site has been identified near the airport and has been set aside



8.2 AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

The Queensland Australian Football League (QAFL), as the governing body for AFL in Queensland, has determined the following Regional Facility Standards:

- a grassed oval of 165m length and 135m width (preferred)
- an additional grassed area large enough for warm up drills
- space between the boundary and the fence line (or other structure)
- shaded area for teams not participating
- goals
- two changerooms and showers (each changeroom able to fit 25 people) and provide enough space for strapping and massage
- water supply
- a minimum of 100 lux lighting across the field
- qualified medical personnel and supporting infrastructure for first aid and medical requirements
- seating and shade for spectators
- a canteen
- spectator toilets
- car parking
- fencing (or similar) for crowd control.

AFL prefers not to share its facility with cricket as the pitch is restrictive.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of regionally significant venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for AFL. These are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

AFL in the Wide Bay Burnett region covers various levels of competition. These include club, interclub, regional and State competitions. Schools in the region also play in school based competitions.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region can attract the following events:

- State Country Championships (Under 14s & Under 16s) - 200 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually and selected through an application process
- State Country Selection Trials for Seniors - 50 competitors over one day. Held every second year and is selected through alternation against opposing regions
- Queensland League Game - 50 participants over one day. Can be held on application to the League and dependant on availability and standard of facilities. This event has the potential to attract significant spectator numbers
- State Schoolboys - 200 competitors over 5 days. Available by application and dependant on facility standards and availability
- AFL Training Camp - 50 competitors over 3 days. Can be held on application to the League and dependant on availability and standard of facilities. This event has the potential to attract significant spectator numbers.

Capacity

Frank Coulthard Oval in Bundaberg may face capacity issues in the next 5—10 years. Adjacent land is owned by the Crown (in part) and it is not known if any will be available to expand in the current location. Council needs to hold discussions with DERM in this regard. This complex is also home to softball in Bundaberg and this group would like to expand by one diamond so the discussion needs to cover both requirements.

Fraser Coast Regional Council is developing a second oval, on existing land, at Walkers Road Recreation Reserve (and this will also be shared with cricket).

Significant AFL venues across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Maryborough AFL - Ocean Reef Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Cnr Banana St & Cardigan St, Maryborough	1 oval, a small clubhouse
Across the Waves - Frank Coulthard Oval	Bundaberg Regional Council	Cnr Thabeban Rd & Ritchie St, Bundaberg	1 oval and a clubhouse
John McMullen Complex	Gympie Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Gympie	1 oval and clubhouse (partial lighting)
Lyle Vidler Oval	South Burnett Regional Council	Cnr Youngman St & River Road, Kingaroy	1 oval, lights and a clubhouse
Raward Road Recreation Park - N.E. McClean Oval	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Raward Road, Torquay	1 oval, lights and a clubhouse
Walkers Road Recreation Reserve - Keith Dunne Oval	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Walkers Road, Urangan	1 oval and a clubhouse (partial lighting)
Brothers Sports Club - Faircloth Oval	Bundaberg Regional Council	Faircloth Avenue, Bundaberg	1 oval with small clubhouse

Notes

AFL Queensland has recommended the following facility upgrades/ enhancements for the Region:

- Ocean Reef Park at Maryborough needs to upgrade its changerooms as they are currently in an unacceptable condition
- the Keith Dunne Oval at Walkers Road Recreation Reserve needs an upgrade to its visitor changerooms as they are currently too small and can only fit eight players
- Bundaberg requires lighting at both Brothers Sports Club and at Across the Waves to accommodate night training and matches.

AFL Queensland has determined a likely need for the establishment of an AFL Club in Toogoom or Craignish area as population grows. AFL Queensland has advised that there are two growing schools nearby and there will be a new team in the area that will require a base. Most of the school competitions could be run there and the Regional office for AFL could also be based there.

AFL Queensland has also advised that a new ground in Bundaberg will be required in the next seven years based on the population growth in the Region and the growth in AFL participation.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.2.1 Set land aside in Bundaberg for a new AFL oval	Local clubs	BRC, QAFL	New site required if DERM do not allow the extension of Frank Coulthard Oval
8.2.2 Upgrade to change rooms at Ocean Reef Park at Maryborough	Local clubs, QAFL	FCRC	No
8.2.3 Visitor change room upgrade at Keith Dunne Oval at Walkers Road Recreation Reserve	Local clubs, QAFL	FCRC	No
8.2.4 Lighting installed at Brothers Sports Club and Across the Waves	Bundaberg Regional Council	QAFL	No

8.3 BASKETBALL

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Basketball Queensland has determined the following regional standard facility standards:

- a minimum of 3 indoor courts (however, depending on age, 4 courts would be preferred)
- sufficient lighting to conduct games safely
- spectator seating for 40+ is desirable

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are nine venues identified as basketball facilities in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. These venues are detailed in the table below.

None of these facilities currently meet a regional standard though Fraser Coast Regional Council has received funding to construct an additional court at Hervey Bay PCYC to make three courts in total.

Regional Competition or Events

Each Association conducts its own club competitions. These competitions are structured to meet the needs of the Association taking into account the number of competitors, the number of officials and the court availability.

Bundaberg Basketball also competes in the Central Queensland Development Competition for Juniors which includes other centres (Rockhampton, Gladstone and Yeppoon). Bundaberg Juniors also compete in the Queensland Junior State Championships.

Bundaberg is a long-time participant in the Queensland Basketball League which is a senior representative competition played against major centres in Queensland (Cairns to the north, Gold Coast to the South and Toowoomba to the West).

The Wide Bay Burnett Region can attract the following events and competitions:

- Under 12 Boys & Girls State Classic - 500 competitors over 4 days. Available annually through a tender to Basketball Queensland
- Under 14 Girls State Classic - 300 competitors over 4 days. Available annually through a tender to Basketball Queensland
- Under 14 Boys State Classic - 400 competitors over 4 days.

- Available annually through a tender to Basketball Queensland
- Under 16 Girls State Classic - 400 competitors over 5 days. Available annually through a tender to Basketball Queensland
- Under 16 Boys State Classic - 400 competitors over 5 days. Available annually through a tender to Basketball Queensland
- Under 18 Boys & Girls State Classic - 500 competitors over 4 days. Available annually through a tender to Basketball Queensland
- Australian Junior Championships - 250 competitors over 7 days. Available every second year through a tender to Basketball Queensland

Capacity

Indoor facilities in Bundaberg (Bundaberg Regional Council) and Hervey Bay (Fraser Coast Regional Council) are at capacity. Both facilities need more capacity as a matter of urgency.

Basketball Queensland has advised that the Bundaberg Basketball facility is in desperate need of upgrading. This facility currently has one indoor court and two (low quality) outdoor courts (which are rarely used).

The indoor court is a high standard capable of hosting Queensland Basketball League games. Although there are existing facilities in Maryborough and Hervey Bay, New facilities are warranted in both of these areas due to the growth in population and basketball participation. There is currently a basketball club in Maryborough that is not affiliated to Basketball Queensland, however, it is understood that there are no plans to upgrade the existing facility.

Indoor sport and recreation venues where basketball is played across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Bundaberg Basketball	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bundaberg	1 indoor court, 2 outdoor
Cherbourg	Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	Cherbourg	1 indoor court
Hervey Bay PCYC	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Hervey Bay	2 indoor court (soon to be 3 courts)
Kingaroy High School Major Indoor Sports Complex	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy	2 indoor court
Maryborough Basketball Association	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Maryborough	1 indoor court and 2 outdoor courts
Mount Perry	North Burnett Regional Council	Mount Perry	1 indoor court
Shalom College	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bundaberg	1 indoor court
South Burnett PCYC	South Burnett Regional Council	Murgon	1 indoor court
The Pavilion	Gympie Regional Council	Gympie Racecourse, Gympie	1 indoor court, 1 covered

Notes

North Burnett Regional Council is currently constructing a single court facility in Archer Park, Mundubbera.

Once the third court is completed at Hervey Bay PCYC it will allow the local basketball association to re-enter the regional league.

Gympie Regional Council is applying to the Federal Government for funds towards a Youth Centre on Tozer Park. While the funds have not been approved yet, the design envisages a single indoor court that may be suitable for basketball.

Comment

Basketball is played in indoor centres where other sports such as netball, futsal and volleyball are also played. Any provision of indoor centres need to take these other sports into account. The Wide Bay Burnett has a low level of provision of indoor sports.

A new 4-court complex at Bundaberg has long been identified. Hervey Bay (Fraser Coast Regional Council) will receive a third court (due for completion in December 2010) but is likely to find that additional courts are required in coming years. Similarly the one-court facility at Maryborough may need to be replaced with a 3 or 4-court facility in the future.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.3.1 Construction of a new 4 court indoor facility at Bundaberg	Local clubs	Basketball Queensland, Bundaberg Regional Council	New site required and has not been identified. It will be in Bundaberg
8.3.2 Construction of additional indoor courts at Hervey Bay PCYC	Fraser Coast Regional Council	PCYC, Basketball Queensland	Requires investigation

8.4 BMX

BMX is governed by BMX Queensland as the State Body. BMX has experienced a large growth since entering the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

BMX Queensland has detailed policy and procedures regarding the management of events that covers requirements for hosting an event.

The host organisation is responsible for providing track and ancillary facilities to the standard detailed below:

- adequate accommodation for 500 families (within a reasonable distance of the track)
- grandstand seating is preferred for spectators. If not available, a viewing area to accommodate 1500 spectators and an area allocated for VIPs
- parking for 500 cars
- proshops
- toilet facilities
- catering for 2000 people
- first aid station
- competition track meeting appropriate competition standards which is maintained during the event (water supply)
- an air conditioned building for scoring
- lighting for night race meets and events
- shaded staging area to accommodate 60 riders at a time
- starting area (including starting gate)
- announcing area
- information booth
- electricity
- water outlets
- a 20inch starting gate.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are three regionally significant venues identified as BMX facilities used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. These venues are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

The BMX competition structure in the Wide Bay Burnett Region is based on clubs organising internal club competitions or clubs competing against each other.

There are four BMX zones in Queensland, with the Wide Bay Burnett Region covered by the BMX Central Zone.

Within the Region, there is potential to attract Zone and State Championships.

- Zone Championships - 180 competitors over a 2 day weekend. Available annually through a bidding process
- State Championships - 900 competitors over a period of one week. Available annually through a bidding process

Capacity

There are no known capacity issues at any of the BMX venues.

However, Maryborough BMX is on private land. This land is prime land and the owner, in coming years, may well decide to sell or develop the site. At that time, there may be a call upon Fraser Coast Regional Council to assist to find a new venue.

Notes

Subject to meeting the minimum facility standards, a Zone and State event can be allocated to a suitable venue. BMX Queensland has not made any recommendations in relation to new facilities but has determined that all existing BMX facilities require regular enhancements and upgrades to maintain standards.

Although a lot of the support infrastructure can be brought in for an event, it is beneficial to have some permanent infrastructure as this will cut down event costs.

Recommendations

There are no specific regional facility recommendations for BMX at this time.



Regional BMX facilities across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Bundaberg BMX	Bundaberg Regional Council	Takalvan St, Bundaberg
Maryborough BMX	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Gympie Rd, Tinana
One Mile Oval	Gympie Regional Council	Byron St, Gympie

8.5 CAMPDRAFT

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

The Australian Campdraft Association has determined its regional standard facilities as follows:

- a safe cut-out camp and arena
- cattleyards with loading and unloading facilities
- scanning facilities and holding areas
- camping facilities (including power and water supply)
- amenities
- lighting for the arena and the surrounds
- grandstand for 50-200 spectators
- bar and canteen area.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

Due to the nature of the sport, nearly all campdraft facilities hold regional competitions. Known campdraft facilities in the study area are listed in the table below.

Unlike many facilities, most campdraft facilities only hold one or two competition events each year. Some may double as rodeo grounds or find some other use but for the most part, they are little used.

Regional Competition or Events

In Campdraft, the competitors (members of the Australian Campdraft Association) compete as individuals at various events and different venues. There is also an opportunity for people to obtain progressive points for the end of year zone and national championships.

In the Wide Bay Burnett Region there are 19 Committees that can organise competitions whenever they wish. Any members of the Australian Campdraft Association can participate in these events.

Each Committee, on average, would run 2 events per year that would attract 200-500 competitors over a 1-3 day period.

The Region also has the opportunity to host the Australian Campdraft Association National Finals. This event would attract 400-600 competitors over 4-5 day period once a year (April). The event is available through an application process from the Committee to the Australian Campdraft Association.

Known campdraft facilities across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Bancroft	North Burnett Regional Council	Bancroft
Burrandowan (private)	South Burnett Regional Council	Chapingah via Kingaroy
Eidsvold	North Burnett Regional Council	Eidsvold
Gayndah	North Burnett Regional Council	Gayndah
Gin Gin	Bundaberg Regional Council	Gin Gin
Goomeri	Gympie Regional Council	Goomeri
Gunalda	Gympie Regional Council	Gunalda
Gympie	Gympie Regional Council	Gympie
Imbil	Gympie Regional Council	Imbil
Kilkivan	Gympie Regional Council	Kilkivan
Kumbia	South Burnett Regional Council	Kumbia
Manumbar	Gympie Regional Council	Manumbar
Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Maryborough
Monto	North Burnett Regional Council	Monto
Mount Perry	North Burnett Regional Council	Mt Perry
Mulgildie	North Burnett Regional Council	Mulgildie
Mundubbera Showgrounds	North Burnett Regional Council	Mundubbera
Nanango	South Burnett Regional Council	Nanango
Proston	South Burnett Regional Council	Proston
South Burnett Western Performance Centre	South Burnett Regional Council	Nanango
Tansey	Gympie Regional Council	Tansey
Teebar	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Teebar
Widgee	Gympie Regional Council	Widgee

Notes

The Australian Campdraft Association has indicated that the three biggest Campdraft events are held at Monto, Proston and Kilkivan. These three venues are most likely to hold National Finals and would benefit from upgrades to meet National Standards. Enhancements to other facilities could include upgrades to arena fences, surfaces, toilets, showers, power and water supply.

There are land issues at Monto with extra land required for camping during events but unfortunately the site is land locked.

No new facilities are required.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.5.1 Upgrade facilities at Monto, Proston and Kilkivan	Local organisations	LGs	No

8.6 CANOEING

Canoeing in Queensland has eight disciplines. For the purposes of this Strategy, Queensland Canoeing as the State Sporting Organisation, has identified three priority disciplines for the Region, being:

1. Canoe Polo
2. Recreational Canoeing
3. Sprint Canoeing

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Regional facility standards as set by Queensland Canoeing are:

Canoe Polo

- a swimming pool with minimum of 33m length and 23m width
- change rooms and amenities for participants
- lighting would be preferable to accommodate night time matches

Recreational Canoeing

- access to waterways, lakes and the ocean front coastline
- toilets

Sprint Canoeing

- 1km, 9 lane course
- buoyed course (100 metres minimum)
- amenities for 200 competitors
- space for spectators around the perimeter of the course.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of regionally significant venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for Canoeing. These venues are:

- Any 50 metre pools in the Region
- Bjelke Peterson Dam
- Boondooma Dam
- Borumba Dam
- Bucca Weir
- Lake Cania
- Lake Monduran
- Lenthalls Dam
- Mary River
- Mingo Crossing
- Paradise Dam
- Susan River Homestead
- Yabba Creek.

Regional Competition or Events

Canoe Polo

Canoe Polo is a developing sport, particularly within schools and juniors. Canoe Polo will be a priority for Queensland Canoeing in the future.

There are a number of events and competitions that could be attracted to the Region if the facilities were made available and met the required standard.

- South East Queensland Canoe Polo Championships - 100 competitors over 2 days. Available annually through agreement between the committee and the Club
- Queensland Canoe Polo Championships - 160 competitors over 2 days. Available annually through agreement between the committee and the Club

Recreational Canoeing

Recreational canoeing is not structured by competitions, however, there has been over 60,000 canoes and kayaks purchased in Queensland as evidence of its popularity. In recent years there has been a particularly rapid growth in sea kayaking.

There are a number of recreational canoeing clubs and organisations that provide structured activities and tours under qualified guides and leaders.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region offers many opportunities for recreational canoeing due to its beautiful natural environment.

Sprint Canoeing

There is currently one sprint canoeing club in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. It is expected that another Sprint Canoe club will be formed in Bundaberg in the next 5 years.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region may be able to attract the Queensland Sprint Canoe Championships which has approximately 200 competitors over a 2 day period. This event is available annually through a State Body assessment and decision.

Notes

Generally, subject to meeting the minimum facility standards, a regional event can be allocated to a suitable venue. Specifically, Queensland Canoeing has made the following recommendations in relation to future facility enhancements:

Canoe Polo

- Access to 50 metre swimming pools for training and matches (preferably in Maryborough, Hervey Bay or Bundaberg)

Recreational Canoeing

- Define canoe and kayak trails for usage
- Provide inland waterway access points e.g. Mary River Sprint Canoeing
- Develop Start and Finish weatherproof huts with power and internet access.

Recommendations

There are no specific regional facility recommendations for Canoeing at this time.



8.6 CRICKET

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Queensland Cricket has determined its regional standard facilities as follows:

- four cricket ovals (a minimum of 2 turf wickets and 2 artificial wickets)
- a minimum of two changerooms and four toilets and showers (meeting disability standards)
- lighting is not a compulsory requirement but can increase playing time and usage of the facility
- shade and seating is not compulsory but preferred for spectators at regional events
- canteen facilities
- located in a single high quality facility.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

The significant cricket venues across the Wide Bay Burnett are listed in the table below.

Of these, the ones that meet Queensland Cricket's definition of a regional level facility in terms of the number of ovals in the location, are:

- Salter Oval, Bundaberg
- Kendall Flats, Bundaberg
- Walkers Road, Hervey Bay, and
- One Mile Oval, Gympie.

Scampers, at Mundubbera, hosts an annual cricket event on its six artificial wicket complex but it is more social/ tourist focussed, though it is fiercely contested all the same.

Regional Competition or Events

Cricket in the Wide Bay Burnett region covers various levels of competition including club zone competitions, representative competitions between the zones and representative intrastate competitions. Schools also run their own local competitions within school time and representative sides are chosen to play in a Wide Bay Carnival and intrastate carnival.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region can attract the following cricket events:

- Wide Bay Representative Fixtures - 240 junior and 60 senior competitors (5 teams) over 5 days during the season. Available 5x per season and it is available on a rotation basis with each Region having an opportunity to host
- State Association's Junior Age Group Championships (U12 - U16) - 150 competitors over 5 days in December. Available annually through a submission to Queensland Cricket. Selection is based on suitable venues, facilities and costing
- Queensland Primary Schools Regional Trials - 150 competitors over 3 days in October. Available annually through a rotational allocation
- Queensland Primary School State Championships - 250 competitors over 4 days. Available annually through an Application to Education Queensland and allocated to an appropriate venue
- Queensland Secondary School Trials - 70 competitors over one day. Available annually as designated
- Queensland Secondary State Championships (15 boys, 15 girls & Opens) - 250 competitors over 3-4 days. Available annually through an application process and allocated by Education Queensland



Significant cricket venues across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Salter Oval	Bundaberg Regional Council	Takalvan St, Bundaberg	4 turf wickets
Kendalls Flats	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bridge St, Bundaberg	4 turf wickets and 4 artificial wickets
Newtown Oval	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Cnr Ariadne & Frank St, Maryborough	3 turf wickets
Walkers Road Recreation Reserve	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Walkers Road, Urangan	2 turf and 2 artificial wickets
Albert Park	Gympie Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Gympie	2 turf wickets
One Mile Oval	Gympie Regional Council	Byron St, Gympie	3 turf wickets and 2 artificial wickets
Lyle Vidler Oval	South Burnett Regional Council	Youngman St, Kingaroy	1 turf wicket
Murgon & District Cricket Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Murgon	2 turf wickets
Raward Road Recreation Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Hervey Bay	1 turf wicket
Scampers	North Burnett Regional Council	Mundubbera	6 artificial wickets plus 1 at Archer Park

Capacity

Salter Oval and Kendalls Flats are currently meeting the needs of cricket in the Bundaberg area. Capacity constraints are most obvious in Fraser Coast and Gympie Regional Councils.

Fraser Coast Regional Council is currently building a new cricket field at Walkers Road Reserve, which will be the last oval built at the site as there is no more land. The other regional cricket venue at Raward Road Recreation Park is at capacity. Fraser Coast Regional Council requires a new sporting area to cope with growth across a range of sports. It does not necessarily have to be built to regional cricket standards as Hervey Bay already has a regional facility but if the opportunity allows then it may be worth pursuing.

Gympie Regional Council has an opportunity to add to One Mile Sports Precinct and create a regional and higher level facility, while also taking pressure off Albert Park.

The annual 7-aside cricket competition is a one-day, all-day event that utilises the six scampers grounds and Archer Park (where the finals are played under lights). To meet demand North Burnett Regional Council intends to construct an additional oval on the Scampers Grounds (the land is available) in 2010.

Notes

Queensland Cricket has recommended the following facility upgrades/enhancements for the Region:

- an additional turf wicket at Hervey Bay (Walkers Road) – one turf was recently lost to another sport and due to expected growth in the area; an additional turf is a priority for cricket. In addition, the installation of lighting would provide increased opportunities and an upgrade to the changeroom facilities would be beneficial to meet required standards
- the installation of lighting at Salter Oval (outside ovals) and Kendalls Flats in Bundaberg would be beneficial to increase playing time and introduce night training and matches
- One Mile Oval at Gympie has a lot of potential and is worthy of consideration for an upgrade to meet Regional and State standards. Council is also very supportive of the facility providing one full time staff member and one part time staff member to maintain the grounds.

Queensland Cricket has indicated a need for more cricket facilities in Hervey Bay to cater to local demand. Queensland Cricket is open to sharing facilities with other sports (in particular AFL due to the seasons and the similar facility requirements).

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.6.1 Installation of lighting at Walkers Rd Recreation Reserve, Hervey Bay	local clubs	Fraser Coast Regional Council	No
8.6.2 Upgrade to change room at Walkers Rd Recreation Reserve, Hervey Bay	local clubs	Fraser Coast Regional Council	No
8.6.3 Upgrade at One Mile Oval, Gympie to meet Regional and State standards.	Gympie Regional Council	One Mile Sports Association, Gympie Cricket Association	Additional land may be required
8.6.4 Construct an additional oval at Scampers Ground	North Burnett Regional Council	local clubs	No



8.7 EQUESTRIAN

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Equestrian Queensland has determined its regional facility standards as:

- a minimum of five arenas (40m x 80m)
- change rooms and amenities for 250 riders
- holding areas or stables for approximately 300 horses
- lighting over the arena would be preferable
- first aid area
- space for spectators.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of regionally significant locations in the Wide Bay Burnett Region currently utilised for Equestrian. These are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

The region hosts many regional, state and national equestrian championships and events.

Capacity

The Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park is located on a large site with significant spare capacity. Fraser Coast Regional Council has a continuing capital works program that expands and improves the facility to ensure that it remains an outstanding equestrian facility.

Notes

Equestrian Queensland has not recommended any facility improvements or enhancements in the future as the organisation is currently undertaking this planning (and will be released at a later date).

It is noted that many showgrounds and similar complexes across the study area (e.g. Gympie) could easily be upgraded, if required, to accommodate a regional level facility as much of the support infrastructure is in place.

Bundaberg Pony Club and Bundaberg Riding for the Disabled are relocating to a shared complex on the Agrotrend site and have long term ambitions to develop a covered arena.

Of the facilities listed in the table below Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park is capable of hosting all equestrian disciplines and has the capacity to meet the region's needs.

Recommendations

There are no specific regional facility recommendations for Equestrian at this stage.



Significant equestrian facilities in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Dundowran Equestrian Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Lower Mountain Road, Dundowran
Eidsvold Showground	North Burnett Regional Council	Eidsvold
Gin Gin Showground	Bundaberg Regional Council	Gin Gin
Kingaroy Equestrian Group	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy
Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Maryborough West

8.7 FISHING

SUNFISH QLD is the State recognised body representing its members on the future of recreational fishing. Its members include the Australian Underwater Federation Queensland Inc, the Queensland Amateur Fishing Association Inc, the Queensland Game Fishing Association Inc, the Freshwater Fishing and Stocking Association of Queensland Inc, the Australia National Sportfishing Association and the Blue Fin Fishing Club.

SUNFISH QLD has regional branches including one at Fraser Coast. For the purposes of this strategy, consultation occurred with the Fraser Coast regional branch.

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Recreational Fishing prefers the following facilities at or near regional fishing locations:

- accessible boat ramps
- fish cleaning tables
- toilets
- diversity of fish species.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of regionally significant locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for fishing. These are detailed in the table below. A number of these locations are dams and may have more than one access point e.g. Paradise Dam with Mingo's Crossing and the Main Wall.



Regional Competition or Events

There are numerous and regular competitions and events conducted in the Region. These are generally organised by individual clubs. Larger events attract fishers from across the State and Nationally.

Significant fishing locations

Venue	LG	Location
Carlo Point	Gympie Regional Council	Rainbow Beach
Bjelke Peterson Dam	South Burnett Regional Council / Cherbourg Aboriginal Council	Cherbourg
Boondooma Dam	South Burnett Regional Council	Proston
Borumba Dam (Lake Borumba)	Gympie Regional Council	Imbil
Crab Creek Public Boat Ramp	Gympie Regional Council	Toolara Road, Tin Can Bay
Hervey Bay	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Hervey Bay
Great Sandy Marine Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council, Gympie Regional Council, Bundaberg Regional Council	Hervey Bay, Great Sandy Strait, Tin Can Bay Inlet and Fraser Island
Great Sandy National Park	Gympie Regional Council	Cooloola
Inskip Recreation Area	Gympie Regional Council	Rainbow Beach
Lake Monduran	Bundaberg Regional Council	Monduran
Lenthalls Dam	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Halfway between Torbanlea and Maryborough, Benaraby
Paradise Dam	North Burnett Regional Council	Biggenden
Snapper Creek Boat Harbour	Gympie Regional Council	Snapper Creek, Tin Can Bay
Lake Cania	North Burnett Regional Council	Cania
Bucca Weir	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bucca
Mary River	Fraser Coast Regional Council	River Heads
Yabba Creek	Gympie Regional Council	Imbil
Lake Gregory	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bundaberg
Fraser Island	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Fraser Island
Bargara and local beaches	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bundaberg

Notes

Maintaining, and perhaps improving access at all dam sites would seem to be important for the sport.

At all the sites mentioned in the table, an audit should be undertaken to establish whether:

- accessible boat ramps are available (where relevant)
- fish cleaning tables and running water are provided
- public toilets and amenities are provided.

Where appropriate, these may need to be upgraded or constructed in coming years.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.7.1 Undertake an audit of all boat ramps and identify priorities for future upgrades (Queensland Transport has commenced this project).	QT	LGs	No
8.7.2 Develop a Regional Dam Facilities Audit and Improvement Plan	LGs	Sunwater	No
8.7.3 Encourage opportunities for increased access for recreational fishing and specifically regionally significant locations,	LGs		No

8.8 FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

Football is governed by Football Queensland as the State Body and oversees the two disciplines of football and futsal.

Futsal is a growing participation sport and has recently been amalgamated under the banner of Football Queensland. Futsal is coordinated through competitions throughout the State and although not yet as structured as football, is seen as a rapidly growing sport which all football players are being encouraged to play in their off-season.

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Regional facility standards for football (soccer) as set by Football Queensland are as follows:

- a standard football field
- a minimum of 4 change rooms
- lighting suitable for night matches (if required)
- first aid facilities
- seating for 1,000 spectators preferred
- suitable warm up areas (quality playing surface).

Futsal is still developing and can basically be played in most venues/locations (a smaller version of football). It is preferable to play futsal indoors and can most commonly be seen at venues which also accommodate netball, volleyball and basketball. In terms of regional standards, suitable venues are selected on a case-by-case venue.

On occasion, futsal can also be played outdoors but preference is indoors. Facility standards are as follows:

- a pitch 25m x 15m (minimum)
- minimum ceiling height of 4m.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of regionally significant venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for Football. These venues are detailed in the table below. There are many others but they are smaller than those listed.

In addition, facilities such as Salter Oval and Across the Waves in Bundaberg, Eskdale Park in Maryborough and Stafford Park in Hervey Bay which are regularly used for high level rugby league and rugby union matches, could also meet the definition of regional level facility as set down by Football Queensland.

Regional Competition or Events

Football in the Wide Bay Burnett Region covers local competitions, school competitions and regional competitions.

There are a number of events that could be attracted to the Region including:

- Talent Identification Event - 200 competitors over a 3 day period. Available annually through an allocation to a venue that meets the required standards and support infrastructure
- Development Tournaments (Under 12 years) - 120 competitors over 5 days. Available annually through an allocation to a venue that meets the required standards and support infrastructure
- Subject to meeting the minimum facility standards, a regional event can be allocated to any suitable venue.



Regional, or near regional, football (soccer) venues across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Federation Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Cnr Banana St & Cardigan St, Maryborough	4 senior fields (2 fields with lighting), 2 junior fields and a clubhouse
Hervey Bay United Soccer Club Inc	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Tavistock Street, Hervey Bay	2 fields with lighting and a clubhouse
Martens Oval	Bundaberg Regional Council	Miller St, Bundaberg	5 fields (2 with lighting) of varying size and a clubhouse
One Mile Oval	Gympie Regional Council	Byron St, Gympie	2 fields with lights
Hervey Bay Sports and Leisure Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Cnr Tavistock & Boundary Rd, Hervey Bay	3 fields with lights

Capacity

Martens Oval (Bundaberg) is a busy site and is approaching its capacity. It has no room to expand on the current site. Additional land for football is likely to be needed in coming years but Council has not started to look at this point.

At the two complexes in the Fraser Coast Regional Council area there are no capacity issues at Federation Park Maryborough but the Hervey Bay Sports and Leisure Park is approaching capacity and a new site for football (and other sports) needs to be developed. The new capacity is to meet local level facilities, not regional level. The site is likely to be outside Hervey Bay as there is not the land available in Hervey Bay to meet the need.

Notes

Football Queensland has recommended an upgrade to Federation Park in Maryborough. It is currently being used as a central facility for talent identification training in the zone. The facility requires lighting, shade areas, spectator seating, dressing room upgrades and parking. In relation to the establishment of new facilities, Hervey Bay is experiencing rapid growth and the current facilities cannot deal with the demand. Additional facilities in this area would be beneficial.

Futsal is becoming increasingly popular and requires indoor facilities in the major population areas to cater for the demand. These facilities can be shared with other indoor sports such as basketball, volleyball and netball.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.8.1 Upgrade of facilities at Federation Park in Maryborough	local Clubs	Football Wide Bay, Fraser Coast Regional Council	No

8.9 GOLF

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

There are 14 District Golf Associations in Queensland. The Wide Bay Burnett Region is covered by two of these being the Sunshine Coast & South Burnett District Golf Association and the Wide Bay District Golf Association.

Golf Clubs across the region are a mix of privately owned and public facilities. Some private facilities are open to the public while others (e.g. resort courses) are not. All District Associations have the facilities to hold Regional level events. The District Association does not set standard facility requirements as all member clubs already meet minimum requirements.

Golf courses across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Bargara Golf Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bargara
Biggenden Golf Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Biggenden
Blackbutt Golf Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Blackbutt
Boonooroo Golf Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Boonooroo
Bundaberg Golf Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bundaberg
Burru District Golf Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Howard
Coral Cove Country Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bundaberg
Craignish Country Golf Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Craignish
Eagles Nest Golf Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Urangan
Eatonvale Golf Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Tinana
Eidsvold Golf Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Eidsvold
Fraser Lakes Golf Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Hervey Bay
Gayndah Golf Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Gayndah
Gin Gin Golf Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Gin Gin
Goomeri Golf Club	Gympie Regional Council	Goomeri
Gympie Golf Club	Gympie Regional Council	Gympie
Hervey Bay Golf Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Pialba
Innes Park Country Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bundaberg
Isis Golf Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Childers
Kilkivan Golf Club	Gympie Regional Council	Kilkivan
Kingaroy Golf Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy
Maryborough Golf Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Maryborough
Monto Golf Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Monto
Mount Perry Golf Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Mount Perry
Mundubbera Golf Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Mundubbera
Murgon Golf Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Murgon
Nanango Golf Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Nanango
Oakwood Park Golf Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bundaberg
Proston District Golf Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Proston
Rainbow Shores Golf Club	Gympie Regional Council	Rainbow Beach
Wondai Golf Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Wondai
Kumbia Golf Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Kumbia
Tin Can Bay Golf Club	Gympie Regional Council	Tin Can Bay
Blackbutt Golf Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Blackbutt

Minimum requirements are:

- a playable golf course (9 holes and 18 holes)
- club house
- spectator areas
- catering facilities
- amenities.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are 33 identified golf courses in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. These venues are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

Each of the Clubs affiliated to the District Associations hold its own club level competitions (one per week to five times per week).

Each Club has an annual Open Day where it will host members throughout the District.

The District Association holds numerous annual competitions in senior and junior divisions (18 hole courses are generally required).

Although there is no direct link between the District Association and the schools throughout Wide Bay Burnett, schools use these facilities and the 2007 Queensland State Secondary Schools Golf Championships were held at Kingaroy, Wondai and Nanango Golf Courses,

Events and competitions that could be attracted to Clubs in the area include the following:

- Wide Bay Senior Open/Closed - 240 competitors maximum over a 2 day weekend. Available annually and allocated to an established 18 hole club on a four year rotation.
- Wide Bay Junior Open/Closed - 150 competitors over one day. Available annually and allocated to an established 18 hole club on a four year rotation.
- Wide Bay 3 Ball Ambrose - 200 competitors (18 hole), 120 competitors (9 hole) over one day. Available annually and allocated to all District Association Clubs on a rotational basis
- Wide Bay Mixed and Medley Fourball Best Ball Event - 120 competitors. Available annually and allocated to District Association 9 hole Clubs on a rotational basis
- Inter Association Teams Event - 56 competitors over 2 days. Hosted by each District Association on a rotational basis
- Queensland Indigenous State Championships - 100 competitors over 3 days. Available annually on an allocation from Golf Queensland
- Queensland State Senior Match Play Championships - 100 competitors for 4 days. Allocated by Golf Queensland. The next event will be held at Kingaroy in 2010.
- Sunshine Coast and South Burnett District Golf Association - 100 competitors over a weekend. Allocated by the District Association. The event will occur in Kingaroy in 2011.
- Closed Championship of Queensland - 200 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available by application and subject to a qualifying criteria.

Notes

Golf Queensland has recommended general upgrades and enhancements to existing facilities rather than the establishment of new facilities.

Specific recommendations for South Burnett Clubs include¹:

- Murgon Golf Club - New amenities around the course, storage sheds and renovations of the clubhouse, existing amenities and shade
- Kingaroy Golf Club - New amenities around the course, storage sheds and renovations of the clubhouse, existing amenities and shade
- Wondai Golf Club - New amenities around the course, machinery shed and outdoor shade
- Nanango Golf Club - New amenities around the course, machinery shed and outdoor shade
- Kumbia Golf Club - New amenities around the course, machinery shed and outdoor shade.

Gympie Regional Council advises that a new private course has just been approved at Imbil.

Comment

While Golf Queensland has not recommended any new facilities, obviously a number of facilities will be required to accommodate population growth in coming years. There is no set standard to determine the number of golf courses that will be required. In an attempt to establish an approximate ratio the population of Bundaberg and Hervey Bay was divided by the number of 18-hole courses giving ratios of 1:12, 143 and 1:11,031 respectively. Indicative area for each course in the order of 45-50ha.

Over the next 25 years approximately 180,000 people will enter the study area to live. For many of these, access to a golf course will be important. As the settlement patterns have not been determined it is not known where these people will be settled. In some towns, particularly the smaller towns, some additional population may not mean the need for a new course as there is existing capacity at the existing course.

Using Table 3 as a guide to where that population may go (and this could change), new courses may be needed at:

- Hervey Bay area—up to five courses for the extra 63,000 people
- Bargara area—two to three courses for the extra 29,000 people
- Gympie area—one to two courses for the extra 21,000 people
- Bundaberg area—one to two courses for the extra 19,000 people.

Other towns have less people and whether they need a new course will be determined by spare capacity at existing venues.

¹ No information was provided for other clubs

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.9.1 Plan for the development of new golf courses as required to cater for future population growth	Golf Clubs	LGs, Golf Queensland	New sites required
8.9.2 Audit golf clubs to identify facility needs to cater for future facility demand	Golf Clubs	LGs, Golf Queensland	No

8.10 GYMNASTICS

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Gymnastics Queensland as the governing body for Queensland has determined its regional facility standards as follows:

- an 800m² indoor facility with a ceiling height of eight metres
- changerooms (male and female)
- a judges' meeting room
- cafeteria/ canteen
- sufficient lighting for competition
- designated first aid area
- space for 800 spectators.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are four dedicated gymnastics facilities across the Wide Bay Burnett, and these are detailed in the table below. As these facilities were not open for inspection during the study it is not known if they meet regional competition standards.

Other gymnastics clubs exist and they use multi-purpose spaces (e.g. PCYCs and Showground Pavilions).

Regional Competition or Events

Gymnastics operates under numerous structures ranging from elite to recreational participation and competition. There are eight disciplines in Gymnastics described as:

- Mens Artistic Gymnastics (MAG)
- Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG)
- Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG)
- General Gymnastics (GG)
- Sport Aerobics (AER)
- Trampoline Sports (TRP)
- Sports Acrobatics (ACR)
- Cheerleading (CHL)

Competitions that can be hosted by the Wide Bay Burnett Region include the following:

- Regional WAG available annually and allocated to a region and bid for by a club
- Regional MAG available annually and allocated to a region and bid for by a club
- Regional TRP available annually and allocated to a region and bid for by a club
- Regional CHL available annually and allocated to a region and bid for by a club.

Capacity

Maryborough Gym Sports has approached Council about a new facility. No action has been taken to date. A new site would be required as there are drainage issues on the current site.

The Hervey Bay PCYC Gymnastics Centre is not at regional standard only having a floor area around 430m². However, there are site constraints and the facility could not be expanded.

Gympie Gymnastics Club have applied to Council to expand their building at Tozer Park. However the site is steep and there may be problems with expanding given the steep drop off.

The Murgon PCYC has recently converted the roller skate space into a small gymnastics area.



Dedicated gymnastic facilities across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Gympie Gymnastics Club	Gympie Regional Council	Tozer Park, Bachelor Rd, Gympie (near State High)
Hervey Bay PCYC Gymnastics Centre	Fraser Coast Regional Council	O'Rouke Street Pialba
Maryborough Gym Sports	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Walton St, Maryborough
Wide Bay Gymnastics Centre	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Walkers Rd Recreation Reserve, Urangan

Notes

Gymnastics Queensland has recommended general upgrades to existing facilities for future provision of events. New facilities have been recommended at Maryborough and Bundaberg to accommodate future growth in population and participation.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.10.1 Construct a new dedicated facility in Bundaberg that meets regional standards	Local Gymnastics	Gymnastics Queensland, Bundaberg Regional Council	New site required and has been identified in Lester Street, Bundaberg
8.10.2 Construct a new dedicated facility in Maryborough that meets regional standards	Local Gymnastics	Fraser Coast Regional Council	New site required

8.11 HOCKEY

Regional Standard Facilities

Hockey Queensland is the State Sporting Organisation responsible for the sport in Queensland.

Regional facility standards, as set down by Hockey Queensland are:

- a minimum of one artificial playing surface and a minimum of three grass playing fields
- at least two changerooms
- a minimum of three rooms used as tournament offices
- lighting to competition standard
- first aid, medical and drug testing room
- viewing areas for spectators
- a canteen and bar area.

Regional Competition or Events

There are four hockey Associations across the Wide Bay Burnett region, namely:

- Bundaberg Hockey Association
- Gympie & District Hockey Association
- Hervey Bay Hockey Association
- Maryborough & District Hockey Association.

Competitions include local club competitions, Association competitions, Regional competitions and Hockey Queensland (State) competitions.

There are a number of events that may be attracted to the Wide Bay Burnett Region and these are detailed below.

The State Championships are held annually and have the potential to attract between 200 and 400 competitors over a three to five day period. This event has the potential to attract significant economic impact to the area and is allocated to an organisation by Hockey Queensland subject to appropriate facility standards.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region may also have the opportunity to host an International Test Series Match which can attract many spectators. This event is allocated by Hockey Australia and subject to satisfying guidelines and the payment of a host fee.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

Of the four Associations listed, three have artificial surfaces while the fourth has that as its aim.

In the Wide Bay Burnett there are three venues that broadly meet the requirements of a regional level hockey facility (Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg) and Bundaberg has the potential to hold State level events.

Hockey Queensland has advised in its State Facility Plan that it would seek to improve the support infrastructure facilities at Hervey Bay and install an artificial surface that can be used for other sports as well as hockey.

Gympie requires additional support infrastructure and the artificial turf requires an upgrade. Gympie has a sand surface and although it is acceptable, would preferably require an upgrade to a wet/dry surface to ensure that it can attract regional level events in to the future.

Bundaberg and Maryborough both have acceptable artificial surfaces but would require improved support infrastructure in the future to continue to attract events.



Hockey Association facilities in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Bundaberg Hockey Association	Bundaberg Regional Council	Hinkler Park, Thornhill St, Bundaberg	1 x wet artificial surface and 5 x grass fields
Gympie & District Hockey Association	Gympie Regional Council	Ramsey Park, Cnr Power & Woolgar Sts, Gympie	1 x sand artificial surface and 4 x grass fields
Hervey Bay Hockey Association	Fraser Coast Regional Council	McFie Park, Tavistock St, Hervey Bay	4 x grass fields
Maryborough & District Hockey Association	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Woodstock St, Maryborough	1 x wet artificial surface and 3 x grass fields

Capacity

The existing complexes are not at capacity yet. All complexes have spare land available to add additional artificial surfaces if and when they get to that point. It would be expected that an existing grass field would be converted to artificial grass to meet the need.

Notes

There is an opportunity for hockey in the Wide Bay Burnett Region to increase its exposure and move forward in regards to facility development by establishing a second artificial field in Maryborough. A second artificial field will open up opportunities to secure State, National and International matches. There are only a few Associations in the State with two artificial fields in the one complex.

While the Hervey Bay Hockey Association is keen to install an artificial hockey surface, it is felt that, on balance, a second field at Maryborough offers greater benefits to the region, and to the promo-

tion of hockey and should be the first priority. Perhaps in the future, when capacity at the second field at Maryborough has been reached, then an artificial surface at Hervey Bay can be considered.

Gympie & District Hockey Association needs to upgrade its field, preferably to a contemporary surface such as a wet-dry surface.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.11.1 Establish a second artificial field in Maryborough	Maryborough and District Hockey Association	Fraser Coast Regional Council	No
8.11.2 Upgrade Gympie & District Hockey field to a contemporary surface such as wet-dry surface	Gympie and District Hockey Association	Hockey Queensland	No

8.12 HORSE RACING

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

The racing calendar for Wide Bay Burnett facilities in the 2009/10 year is shown below.

Club	Meetings in 2009/10
Gympie Turf Club	8
Bundaberg Race Club	7
Nanango Race Club	6
South Burnett Race Club	3
Gayndah Jockey Club	2
Burrandowan PRC	1
Eidsvold Race Club	1
Kumbia Race Club	1
Monto Race Club	1
Mount Perry Race Club	1
TOTAL	31

Queensland Racing will not allow the development of any further racing venues, and perhaps, over time, some existing facilities will fold. Consequently, there is no need to provide additional racing venues across the Wide Bay Burnett.

It should be noted that Gympie, Bundaberg and Nanango Racing Clubs have Strategic Club Status with Queensland Racing.



8.13 HORSE TRAILS & ENDURANCE

For the purposes of this Strategy, consultation occurred with the Australian Trail Horse Riders Association Queensland Branch (ATHRA) and the Australian Endurance Riders Association (AERA).

ATHRA represents its members in relation to horse trail riding, access and participation. Its members can enjoy regular, safe organised trail rides through an affiliated club. There are also other clubs (non-ATHRA) operating in the study region that are not currently under the ATHRA banner.

AERA represents its endurance rider members who can participate at all levels depending on their confidence, experience and skill. Open level members can compete in endurance rides to gain points. Whilst non-competing members can simply enjoy the ride and gain confidence. AERA use numerous different trails throughout Queensland and any of the best sites are in the Wide Bay Burnett Region.

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Horse trails in the Wide Bay Burnett use the existing natural environment to provide diverse opportunities for the riders.

Horse trail and endurance riding can occur where there is access to the land. To participate in a trail ride, it is best to join an affiliated club which can organise the access and ensure that arrangements are made (such as relevant approvals and risk management strategies) prior to the commencement of the ride.

Trail and endurance riding requires an accessible track through diverse scenery. To assist and support the riders the following facilities are desirable:

- large areas for horse containment and camping,
- amenities (showers and toilets)
- barbecue facilities.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of locations in the Wide Bay Burnett Region currently utilised for horse trail and endurance riding. These are detailed in the table below.

Venues used by ATHRA and AERA for horse trail and endurance riding in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Amamoor State Forest	Gympie Regional Council	Amamoor
Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Maryborough
Eidsvold Showgrounds	North Burnett Regional Council	Eidsvold
Imbil Showgrounds	Gympie Regional Council	Imbil
Widgee Showgrounds	Gympie Regional Council	Widgee
Bicentennial National Trail	North Burnett Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council, Fraser Coast Regional Council, Gympie Regional Council	Various
State Forests	Various	Various
Beaches	Wide Bay Burnett Coastal	Coastal LGs across Wide Bay Burnett
Showgrounds	All	many of the towns across the Wide Bay Burnett
Brisbane Valley Rail Trail	South Burnett Regional Council	Blackbutt (to Linville)



Generally, a permit to traverse is required for horse riding in state forests, forest reserves and timber reserves. In conservation parks, forest recreation areas and resource reserves regulatory notices and signage will indicate where and how horse riding is allowed. Horse riding is not allowed in National Parks (Environment Protection Authority—Operational Policy, Visitor Management—Horse Riding).

Regional Competition or Events

Endurance riding can be competitive, whereas horse trail riding is generally a non-competitive activity. Events are generally organised by members of an organisation such as ATHRA.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region currently attracts the following Horse Trail events:

- Killkivan - 1,000 participants over 2-3 days (ride one day). Allocated to a club/organisation
- Kin Kin - 100 + participants over 2 days. Allocated to a club/organisation
- Monto Cattle Drive - 100 participants over 2 days. Allocated to a club or organisation
- general trail riding - 30 + participants over 2-3 days (occurring bi-monthly) and 7 day camps (occurring annually). Organised by the local club as well as smaller rides of approximately 15 participants over 1 day. Occurring monthly and organised by the local club
- Kandanga 1000 - one day event which occurs annually from Imbil Showgrounds.

Endurance Riding Events in the Wide Bay Burnett Region include:

- the Imbil Australian Championships - over 2 days
- the Imbil Faraway event - over 4 days
- the Eidsvold Walkabout series - over 2 days
- the Widgee Walkabout Series - over 2 days

Endurance rides also encourage significant visitation numbers to the area with the Imbil Australian Championships being one of the most popular events attracting over 400 competitors.

Notes

ATHRA has recommended the following facility enhancements to meet future growth in participation:

- amenities and facilities (similar to Charlie Morlands camping area in Conondale National Park) to be established or made available in areas around or near Monduran Dam, Paradise Dam, Mingo Crossing and the Goodnight Scrub State Forest. Include a separate paddock for horses
- base camp within Bania State Forest, marshalling and water supply points and other forestry camps
- strong links to the Bicentennial National Trail and maintenance of tracks.

AERA has indicated that showgrounds in general could be improved to accommodate additional participants and campers. This could include more toilet and shower facilities and access to power.

Safe access to State Forests could also be improved by providing access through the forest rather than along busy roads. An example would be to allow access along the Imbil to Brooloo disused rail line.

South Burnett Regional Council is undertaking a feasibility study on a walking, cycle and horse trail along the disbanded railway from Kingaroy to Theebine. This trail serves the needs of a number of recreation disciplines so is likely to be very well supported.

Fraser Coast Regional Council is currently undertaking a feasibility study for the Maryborough to Hervey Bay Rail Trail.

Opportunities also exist at Paradise Dam (including Mingo Crossing) and Monduran Dams for horse trails that need to be explored.

The Queensland Government is considering the sale of State Forests—it is understood that it is the sale of the trees and not the land. Some groups have expressed concern about continuing access. However, the following information from the Forestry Plantations Queensland website would appear to allay those concerns—“Existing public access to State Plantation Forest lands will continue after the sale of the state’s plantation forest manager Forestry Plantations Queensland.

In its statements regarding the sale, the Queensland Government has reiterated a guarantee that current public access rights to these lands will remain.

Forestry Plantations Queensland currently manages recreation in State Plantation Forests for activities including walking, cycling, horse riding, motorcycling, car rallies, photography and filming, sled racing and military training exercises.

Members of the public are required to obtain a permit if involved in a commercial activity, an organised group activity, or a competitive event.

Visitors to the forests not involved in these activities may enter a State Plantation Forest without obtaining a permit.”

With the cancellation of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam, numerous options are now open for single use and multi-use trails in the Mary Valley. The Mary Valley Renewal Team is currently working with all levels of government and the local community in developing strategies to best utilise the available space and current assets. The Mary Valley is unique in its appeal to a wide variety of users, especially equine. The Mary Valley provides excellent potential for the development of recreational assets in the Wide Bay Burnett area and a clearer direction with specific outcomes will be available when decisions are made about the future of the state owned land.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.13.1 Upgrades to amenities and facilities at Monduran Dam	LGs	Stakeholders	No
8.13.2 Upgrades to amenities and facilities at Paradise Dam, Biggenden	LGs	Stakeholders	No
8.13.3 Upgrades to amenities and facilities at Paradise Dam, Mingo Crossing	LGs	Stakeholders	No
8.13.4 Upgrades to showground facilities across the Region for camping	LGs	Stakeholders	No
8.13.5 Investigate opportunities to access the old rail line between Imbil and Brooloo	AERA	GRC, DERM	No
8.13.6 Where possible link existing trails to the BNT to assist with connectivity	LGs	Stakeholders	New sites may be required
8.13.7 Progress feasibility studies for the Kingaroy to Theebine Rail Trail and the Maryborough to Hervey Bay Rail Trail	SBRC, FCRC	Stakeholders	New sites may be required
8.13.8 As part of the feasibility study being undertaken by South Burnett Regional Council, investigate the feasibility of a Murgon - Cherbourg Trail and a spur to Bjelke Peterson Dam	LGs	Stakeholders	New sites may be required

BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL TRAIL

Of major significance to the Region is the Bicentennial National Trail. The Bicentennial National Trail is the longest marked, non-motorised, self-reliant multi-use trekking route in the world, stretching an extraordinary 5,330 kilometres from Cooktown in tropical North Queensland, to Healesville in Victoria.

The BNT is being used by people involved in all sorts of activities as well as horse riding and bush walking for which it was initially established. Now camping and fishing, fossicking, canoeing, bird watching, orienteering, survival training, mountain bike riding, and travelling in horse drawn vehicles are just some of the activities being pursued along its length.

The Trail has not been designed for any form of motorised transport such as four-wheel-drive vehicles or trail bikes as it passes through areas of private property and government reserves that do not allow vehicular access.

Notes

The Bicentennial National Trail is an important natural recreation land use for the Region. Already supported well by some Local Governments, this trail provides a noteworthy opportunity for tourism and visitation to the Region.

Issues facing the Trail, as identified by the regional coordinator of the Bicentennial National Trail include:

- lack of access and confusion about access
- continuity of the Bicentennial National Trail
- water supply along the Bicentennial National Trail due to drought
- maintenance of the Bicentennial National Trail and infrastructure
- conflict with other users
- financial support for Bicentennial National Trail enhancements and resources (e.g. guidebooks).

It is recommended that Wide Bay Burnett Local Governments work together with Federal, and State Government and land owners to establish mechanisms to:

- support and promote responsible and safe use of the Trail and to keep the corridor open
- establish markers along the Bicentennial National Trail
- assist groups to maintain the Bicentennial National Trail and its infrastructure.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.13.9 Support and promote responsible and safe use of the Bicentennial National Trail	Local BNT representatives	BNT, DERM, Land Holders, South Burnett, North Burnett, Gympie, Fraser Coast Regional Councils	No
8.13.10 Establish markers along the Bicentennial National Trail	Local BNT representatives	BNT, DERM, Land Holders, South Burnett, North Burnett, Gympie, Fraser Coast Regional Councils	No
8.13.11 Assist groups to maintain the Bicentennial National Trail and its infrastructure	Local BNT representatives	BNT, DERM, Land Holders, South Burnett, North Burnett, Gympie, Fraser Coast Regional Councils	No
8.13.12 Investigate alternative routes for the BNT	LGs	BNT, DERM, Land Holders, South Burnett, North Burnett, Gympie, Fraser Coast Regional Councils	New sites may be required

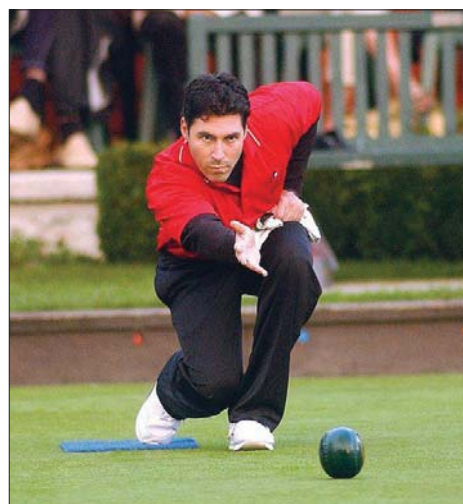
8.14 LAWN BOWLS

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Queensland Bowls has determined that a regional standard facility requires a lawn bowls green which runs true and is in good condition. There are no requirements at this stage regarding the number of greens. As competition levels increase, undercover synthetic greens with lighting and portable spectator stands are preferred.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are over 300 Lawn Bowls Clubs in Queensland and the Wide Bay Burnett Area has 43 of these (see the Table below). Lawn bowls facilities tend to have a variety of land tenures from freehold to



Lawn Bowls facilities in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Across The Waves Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	20 Thabeban Rd, Bundaberg South
Bargara Bowls/Sports Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Whalley Rd, Cnr Tanner St, Bargara
Biggenden Bowls Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Cnr Edward & Mary Sts, Biggenden
Binjour Bowls Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Burnett Highway, Via Gayndah
Boonooroo-Sandy Straits Bowls Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	125 Eckert Rd, Boonooroo
Brothers Bundaberg Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	130 Takalvan St, Bundaberg
Bundaberg Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Quay St, Bundaberg
Burgowen Bowls Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	4 George St, Torbanlea
Burnett Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Cnr Mulgrave & George Sts, Bundaberg
Burrum Heads Bowls Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Burrum Heads Rd, Burrum Heads
Cooloola Coast Bowls Club	Gympie Regional Council	4463 Gympie Rd, Tin Can Bay
Doon Villa Bowls Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	297 Lennox St, Maryborough
Durong Bowls Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Chinchilla Rd, Durong
East Bundaberg Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Eastgate St, Bundaberg
Eidsvold Bowls Club	North Burnett Regional Council	5 Esplanade, Eidsvold
Elliot Heads Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	94 Welch St, Elliot Heads
Gayndah Bowls Club	North Burnett Regional Council	12 Meson St, Gayndah
Gin Gin Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	37 Somerset St, Gin Gin
Goomeri Bowls Club	Gympie Regional Council	57 Moore St, Goomeri
Gympie Bowls Club	Gympie Regional Council	1 Bowlers Drive, Gympie
Hervey Bay Bowls Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	11-17 Denman Camp Rd, Scarness
Imbil Bowls Club	Gympie Regional Council	59 Yabba Rd, Imbil
Isis Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	46 Churchill St, Childers
Isis Cent Mill Bowls Club Inc	Bundaberg Regional Council	Kevin Livingstone Drive, Cordalba
Kandanga Bowls Club	Gympie Regional Council	Hasthorpe Park, Kandanga
Kilkivan Bowls Club	Gympie Regional Council	21 Crescent St, Kilkivan
Kingaroy Bowls Club	South Burnett Regional Council	141 Youngman St, Kingaroy
Maryborough Bowls Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	506 Kent St, Maryborough
Monto Bowls Club	North Burnett Regional Council	33 Airport Rd, Monto
Moore Park Sports Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	33 Club Ave, Moore Park
Mundubbera Bowls Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Seligmann Ave, Mundubbera
Murgon Bowls Club	South Burnett Regional Council	103 Macalister St, Murgon
Nanango Bowls Club	South Burnett Regional Council	2 Henry St, Nanango

Venue	LG	Location
Proston Bowls Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Murphys Way, Proston Heights
Rainbow Beach Bowls Club	Gympie Regional Council	Turana St, Rainbow Beach
Services Memorial Maryborough Bowls Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	216-220 Lennox St, Maryborough
Tansey Bowls Club	Gympie Regional Council	Gayndah Rd, Burnett Highway, Tansey Via Goomeri
Tantitha Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Cnr George & Tantitha Sts, Rotary Park, Bundaberg
The Albert Bowls Club Inc	Gympie Regional Council	River Road Gympie
Tin Can Bay Bowls Club	Gympie Regional Council	Kidd St, Tin Can Bay
Urangan Bowls Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Dayman St, Cnr Margaret St, Urangan
Wondai Country Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Bunya Highway, Wondai
Woodgate Bowls Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Esplanade, Woodgate

Council land. The tenure can sometimes affect the investment into clubs and also the viability and capacity of clubs.

Regional Competition or Events

The Region hosts competition at all levels including intra-club, inter-club, district, regional, State and National.

Although regional competition can be held at most clubs dependant on meeting required competition standards, those clubs in the major metropolitan areas would generally be classed as capable of holding Regional, State and National Standard competitions as determined by Bowls Queensland. It is these clubs that have sufficient participant and volunteer capacity, plus the required facility standards, to host the larger events.

Currently, the region hosts annual junior State events and Senior Test events. These events usually attract approximately 30 competitors each over a 3-4 day period. Clubs apply to host these events through an Expression of Interest process to the State Body.

Capacity

Local government representatives are not aware of any capacity issues at any lawn bowls facility. However, the Kingaroy Bowls Club would like to sell its freehold site and move to Council owned land. It is understood that this move is designed to free up capital to construct a more modern facility.

Notes

Lawn Bowls is experiencing a decline in membership across the State and is looking for solutions to assist Clubs maintain their viability. In some cases this has required merging of Clubs, especially in areas with low population bases and low participant numbers.

A move to synthetic surfaces can also reduce operational costs and volunteer requirements, which does also assist viability.

Bowls Queensland expect that there will be no additional requirement for new sites in the short term and the addition of new lawn bowls greens should only be recommended where the population base can sustain a Club's viability.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.14.1 Where possible and where demand is demonstrated, Clubs to upgrade existing facilities to higher standard	Clubs	LGs, Bowls Queensland	No

In the longer term, there may be a need for more clubs given the population growth. This is not clear though given the decline in the sport. Regardless, any required land will be obtained through the development processes.

Bowls Queensland recommends that Clubs continue to upgrade current facilities where appropriate and where there is demand. Each Club operates independently and as such, facility improvements would largely depend on the Club and its capacity.

8.15 MOTORSPORT

Motorsport is defined as the collection of sport which primarily involves the use of motorised vehicles for racing.

For the purposes of this Strategy, the focus has been on the following motor sport disciplines as they are the most important in the study area:

- motorcycle racing (motorbikes)
- speedway (cars)
- karting (karts).

Consultation has occurred with the following motor sport governing bodies:

- Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS)
- Motorcycling Queensland (MQ)
- Australian Karting Association of Queensland (AKAQLD)
- National Association of Speedway Racing (NASR).

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

In general, motorsport facility standards are assessed on a case-by-case basis should a club or organisation wish to nominate for an event. Generally, most ancillary facilities such as toilets, amenities and catering can be bumped in to the site as required. However, this is a costly exercise and the clubs may benefit from permanent infrastructure at the venues.

Higher quality facilities are required for higher level competition and each governing body has detailed technical specifications in relation to facility standards for State and higher level competition.

There are four track-based motocross clubs in the Region. These clubs are:

- Hervey Bay Mini Bike Scramble Club
- Central Burnett Motorcycle Club (Mundubbera)
- Kingaroy and District Motorcycle Club
- Rum City Motorcycle Club.

There are three kart clubs in the Wide Bay Burnett Region and each club consistently organises ten events per year. These clubs are:

- Cooloola Coast Kart Club
- Bundaberg Kart Club
- Fraser District Kart Club.

The South Burnett Kart Hire (Nanango) does not have an affiliated club.

There are four speedway clubs in the region:

- Bundaberg Speedway Sedan Club
- Gympie Saloon Car Club
- Maryborough Sporting Car Club
- South Burnett Speedway Club.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of regionally significant venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for Motorsport. These are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

Motorcycle Racing

Motorcycle clubs in the Wide Bay Burnett Region compete at various levels of competition including the South East Queensland Series, internal club competitions and club versus club competitions.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region has the potential to attract the following events and competitions:

- Sunshine State Series - 400 competitors. Available annually through an application process
- Thundercross - 300 competitors. Available annually through and application process
- SEQ Junior - 450 competitors. Available annually through an application process
- Queensland Championships. Available annually through an application process

It is expected that there would be approximately 2.5 spectators per competitor for these types of events. Previous events have demonstrated significant economic impact in the hosting community.

Significant motorsport venues in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Action Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Maryborough	dirt track (also known as flat track)
Bundaberg Kart Track	Bundaberg Regional Council	University Drive, Branyan, Bundaberg	karting
Cooloola Coast Kart Club	Gympie Regional Council	Runge Rd, Gympie	karting
Maryborough Speedway	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Maryborough	karting
South Burnett Kart Hire	South Burnett Regional Council	Nanango	karting
Hervey Bay Motocross	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Dundowran Rd, Hervey Bay	motocross
Kingaroy Motocross Track	South Burnett Regional Council	Eden Vale South Road, Kingaroy	motocross
Mundubbera Motocross	North Burnett Regional Council	Sandersons Lane, Mundubbera	motocross
Rum City MCC	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bingera Weir, Bundaberg	motocross
Kingaroy Showground	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy	speedway
Mothar Mountain	Gympie Regional Council	Gympie	speedway
Maryborough Speedway	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Gympie Rd, Tinana	speedway
Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Maryborough West	street car sprints (events only)

Speedway

Speedway in the Wide Bay Burnett Region is conducted in all the club tracks.

Karting

Karting in the Region is generally run by the three clubs who each hold 10 karting meets per year. Other Clubs from around Queensland can attend these events.

Cooloola Kart Club hosted a State Dirt Championship this year (2009) and its facility is capable of hosting a National Championship.

One State Dirt Championship and one State Bitumen Championship is held each year through an application process. Championships are allocated to venues that have sufficient facility standards.

Notes

Recommendations from CAMS, MQ, AKAQLD and NASR include the upgrade of supporting infrastructure such as amenities and ablutions at existing facilities to support current and future events.

- Motorcycle Racing - MQ has also determined a need for the establishment of a new motocross facility at Gympie and a regional standard bitumen road racing circuit.
- Karting - AKAQLD has recommended significant facility improvements to the Fraser District Kart Club at Maryborough to deal with population growth and encourage additional events to be hosted there in the future. AKAQLD has also advised that the Cooloola Coast Kart Club and the Bundaberg Kart Club have both indicated a need for lighting for the provision of night time events.
- Speedway - Despite numerous requests, National Association of Speedway Racing did not provide any input to this study.



General

CAMS identified the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park as an opportunity for future development. The current road system could be upgraded to cater for motor sport events and driver training. CAMS also see an opportunity to develop the land between Action Park and the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park as a motor sport precinct catering for numerous disciplines. It is understood that the land is currently a mixture of crown and freehold tenure. It has been noted that a facility similar to Morgan Park in Warwick (a large multi-sport complex of approximately 150ha) would be beneficial for the Region and would alleviate some of the pressure on land and the requirement for noisy and hard-to-locate sports.

Consultation with the State Government's Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation provided that a newly formed motorsport organisation (Fraser Coast Motor Park Inc.) had conducted a feasibility study for the development of a the Fraser Coast Motor Park (the Motor Park) in the Fraser Coast Regional Council area.

The Motor Park aims to consolidate existing and disparate motor sport activities on the Fraser Coast in to one, purpose-built modern facility. It has the potential to attract major events and provide an educational institution for young drivers.

The Motor Park is expected to comprise a fully integrated motor sport and driver education facility, featuring:

- international competition standard dragstrip
- Speedway
- karting track
- motocross track
- club car circuit
- driver training centre (including skidpan)
- 4WD and industrial vehicle training course
- operations centre, trackside offices and public amenities

There is also potential to further develop the facility to include a number of other elements to the site including:

- automotive trade
- retail merchandising outlets
- historical car and motorsport museum
- corporate event and function centre
- on-site tourist accommodation

The Motor Park Feasibility Study demonstrated a significant economic impact estimated at \$13 million per year for the Region. The Motor Park is currently investigating a suitable site (100 hectares) between Maryborough and Hervey Bay. The State Government is also investigating a 15,000 hectare site between Maryborough and Hervey Bay to identify suitable short, medium and long term uses for a site (the Churchill Study) along Churchill Mines Road. In addition to motor sport, other industries are also being considered for the site including mining, manufacturing, aviation, marine and food processing industries.

The suitable land uses will be determined by the State Government and no decision has been made as yet. However, given the pressure that will come upon the existing motorsport centres as urban expansion accommodates the growing population, it makes significant planning sense to be looking at a large centre catering to many different motorsport disciplines that is well buffered, and protected through local planning instruments from residential encroachment (the cycle of constant relocation of hard-to-locate sports facilities must be broken if the community is going to have easy access to these facilities).

Many sites need to be investigated. However, QWI indicated that some land will be isolated by the realignment of the Bruce Highway south of Gympie and that this may be suitable for a motocross facility. The final answer on this site will not come until the end of May when the land sale process, following the discontinuation of the Traveston Crossing Dam, is finalised.



Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.15.1 Establish a new motocross facility in the Gympie area	Gympie Regional Council	SCRC, LGs, DIP	New site required
8.15.2 Identify and establish a purpose built Motor Park within the Wide Bay Burnett region including a regional standard bitumen road racing circuit and consider the incorporation of a 4WD park	WBBSRC	LGs, local stakeholders	New site required
8.15.3 Improve the facilities at the Fraser District Kart Club at Maryborough	Fraser District Kart Club	Stakeholders	No
8.15.4 Installation of lighting at the Cooloola Coast Kart Club	Cooloola Coast Kart Club	Stakeholders	No
8.15.5 Installation of lighting at the Bundaberg Kart Club	Bundaberg Kart Club	Stakeholders	No
8.15.6 Continue investigations into relocation of the Kingaroy Speedway	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy Speedway	New site has been identified
8.15.7 Undertake an audit and improve facilities (including access to water at Mundubbera Motocross)	Mundubbera Motocross	North Burnett Regional Council	No

8.16 MOUNTAIN BIKING

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Mountain Biking in Queensland is governed by Mountain Bike Australia. Mountain Bike Australia has determined its regional standard facilities as detailed below.

Cross-Country Discipline

- 6-7km course

Cross-Country Marathon

- 60km course (minimum)

Downhill Discipline

- 1.5-2km with an elevation drop of 150+ vertical metres
- vehicle access to the top (start) of the course

Four-Cross Discipline

- 400-500m course, wide enough for 4 riders on a slightly descending course with 4-5 straights.

Generally, supporting infrastructure for events and competitions is brought onto the site. The Event Village requires enough space to hold the support infrastructure (approximately the size of a football field) and additional space for car parking.

First aid personnel must have access to the entire course at all times during an event.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of regionally significant locations in the Wide Bay Burnett Region currently utilised for Mountain Biking. These are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

Mountain Biking events are organised by members of Mountain Bike Australia as part of a club or a private organisation/company. Some events are organised outside of the Mountain Bike Australia umbrella.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region currently attracts the following mountain bike events:

- Downhill at Traveston Crossing - up to 300 competitors over a weekend every 1-3 years and organised by a club consortium
- Cross Country at Traveston Crossing - 200 competitors over a weekend every 1-3 years and organised by a club consortium
- Mount Perry Gold Rush Mountain Bike Festival - 3 events organised by Grindin Gearz, Warwick (private organisation).

The Wide Bay Burnett has the potential to attract the following mountain bike events:

- Endurance Mountain Bike Event - up to 500 competitors over a weekend. Available every 1-3 years and organised by a club consortium
- Club Events - up to 100 competitors on weekends. Unlimited availability depending on capacity of Club to organise event.

Notes

Mountain Bike Australia has indicated that the main issues facing mountain biking is not the built facilities but the access to the natural environment. Mountain Bike Australia has recommended the following in relation to facility/venue enhancements:

- upgrades to current suburban facilities (include short tracks such as short cross country and four cross)
- parks should establish cycling facilities (for learners) such as sealed roads and dirt tracks
- establish tracks in places where people already mountain bike
- provide access close to where people live.

In the Wide Bay Burnett keeping access to the existing tracks is required as well as exploring new opportunities. The threat of legal litigation keeps many areas off-limits, as their owners are not willing to take the risk of allowing access. Addressing this area of the legal milieu would open up many areas for this sport.

The Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group are identifying new routes in the Wongi Wongi State Forest.



Regularly used mountain bike facilities/ locations in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Garapine	Gympie Regional Council	"Garapine", a private property but the track is leased from the owner by the Gravity Mountain Bike Club Inc.
Mount Perry	North Burnett Regional Council	Mount Perry
Nanango State Forest	South Burnett Regional Council	Nanango

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.16.1 Develop policies which support appropriate levels of increased access to venues within the region	WBBSRC	DERM, Local Governments, local organisations, QORF	No

8.17 NETBALL

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Netball Queensland is the State Sporting Organisation responsible for the sport of netball in Queensland.

Regional facility standards, as set down by Netball Queensland, are the same as the State standards and include:

- a minimum of 24 netball courts (with at least 12 hard surface and the remainder grass)
- extensive amenities capable of handling a large crowd
- lighting on a minimum of twelve courts (preferably those with the hard surface)
- viewing areas for spectators (around perimeter of 3.05m)
- an area for the erection of approximately 40 tents.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There is only one regionally significant venue in the Wide Bay Burnett Region— Bundaberg Netball Association facilities in Quay Street, Bundaberg (Daph Geddes Netball Park). This facility has 10 hard courts and nine grass courts. While not quite meeting the regional facility definition it is close and has the room to expand to meet the requirements.

No other facility across the Wide Bay Burnett comes close to meeting the definition and should not be upgraded as there is not the local demand to sustain the facilities.

Regional Competition or Events

Netball in the Wide Bay Burnett Region provides for various levels of competition including local club competitions, regional competitions and state competitions through representative teams and statewide school competitions. There is also a Regional Academy in Wide Bay. The Wide Bay Burnett Region has the potential to attract the following events:

- Feeling Good Carnival (State Competition) - 1,200 competitors over 1.5 days (weekend). Available annually through a nomination from the Association which is assessed and allocated by the Board.
- State League Match - has the potential to attract large numbers of spectators but would require an indoor facility suitable to host such an event.

Notes

Netball Queensland has recommended that Bundaberg Netball Association is upgraded as the venue currently has ten hard surface courts and nine grass courts and can be easily upgraded. The Bundaberg area is also experiencing growth in participant numbers.

It is also recommended that a new local facility is established at Gympie to accommodate future growth and to assist in the attraction of events. The existing facility is at capacity and Council has made a preliminary decision to construct new courts at Tozer Park.



Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.17.1 Upgrade the Bundaberg Netball Association to regional standards	Bundaberg Netball Association	Netball Queensland, Bundaberg Regional Council	No

8.18 POLOCROSSE

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Polocrosse Queensland has determined the following regional facility standards:

- a field of play measuring 146.5m long and 55m wide (goalposts measuring 2.5m wide at each end)
- sufficient amenities
- stabling yards for horses
- lighting is preferred but not compulsory
- space for 2000 spectators per day
- fully fenced grounds (1 playing field per 10 teams)

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are three venues identified as Polocrosse facilities in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. These venues are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

Queensland Polocrosse has six Zones throughout Queensland and the Wide Bay Burnett Region is covered by two of these Zones.

Competitions in the Region are mainly at Club and Zone level.

Each Club in the region will hold one carnival per year and each Zone will hold one Zone Carnival per year.

Polocrosse Queensland has not identified any additional events or competitions that could be attracted to the area.

Notes

Polocrosse Queensland has not recommended any facility upgrades or the establishment of new facilities in the Region

Recommendations

There are no specific regional facility recommendations for Polocrosse at this time.



Polocrosse venues across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Tansey Showground	Gympie Regional Council	Tansey
Eidsvold Polocrosse	North Burnett Regional Council	Burnett Highway, Eidsvold
Monto Polocrosse Grounds	North Burnett Regional Council	Airport Park, Monto

8.19 ROCK-CLIMBING & ABSEILING

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Climbing and abseiling has received a recent increase in popularity and in the past there has been lack of coordination in relation to governing of the activity.

In order to support and further the interests of climbers, a group of climbers formed the Australian Climbing Association in 2005.

The Australian Climbing Association acts as the preeminent national climbing society providing an avenue for members to share information from all climbing disciplines. Its charter includes providing education and training, lobbying, providing representation for climbers and reinvigorating cliffcare and rebolting initiatives.

There are essentially three types of climbing:

- Abseiling and Top Rope
- Natural/Free Climbing
- Sports Climbing

Each of these disciplines have their own needs. However, the main issues facing all climbers is access to land and cliff faces, development of climbing areas, insurance and environmental responsibility.

Climbing and abseiling does not have specific regional facility standards and relies on diversity and difficulty of route to encourage more climbers to participate. Although there is no specific database of routes, many routes can be found on the Australian Climbing Association website.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are 5 identified locations for climbing in the Wide Bay Burnett Region at the following locations:

- Cania Gorge National Park
- Brooyar State Forest
- Mount Walsh National Park
- Maidenwell (near Nanango)
- Glastonbury (near Widgee).

Notes

The Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Tourism Pty Ltd prepared a report titled “High Impact Activities in Parks - Best Management Practice and Future Research” which provides further detail into the impacts of climbing and other recreational activities in parks.

In summary, the report recommends that relevant land managers take a proactive approach to develop future climbing areas. This can be achieved by understanding the needs of climbers, understanding the impact of climbing on the parks and also working closely with climbing organisations and communities to deliver solutions that meet the needs of all park users. Some National Parks manage climbing appropriately, others dismiss climbing as a legitimate land use activity and this ignorance can lead to further issues in the long term.

The report also recommends that further research be undertaken to understand in greater detail, the ecological impacts of such activities and the concerns of land managers.



Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.19.1 Investigate improved access for rockclimbing and abseiling as part of the development of an Wide Bay Burnett Regional Outdoor Recreation Strategy (refer Recommendation 2.3)	QORF	WBBSRC, LGs, State Government	No

8.20 RODEO

For the purposes of this strategy, consultation occurred with the National Rodeo Association (NRA) and the Australian Professional Rodeo Association (APRA).

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

NRA as the governing body responsible for Amateur Rodeo in Australia and APRA is the governing body for Professional Rodeo in Australia. Both NRA and APRA advised that rodeo requires the following facility standards for its regional competitions:

- a competition arena (minimum 60m length and 30m width) (prefer 75m x 75m for professional competitions)
- an 1800mm height stock proof fence surrounding the arena (minimum)
- warm up areas
- adequate toilet and shower facilities for competitors
- lighting is compulsory for night time events
- first aid provisions
- stock proof yards and adequate water facilities for the animals
- vehicle parking
- stables for competition animals preferable but yards accepted.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

Rodeo is a sport where the facility, if it is suitable for an event, automatically is a regional level facility i.e. it will attract competitors from a wide geographic area.

Like campdrafting, the facility is generally only used once or twice per year for rodeo events.

Known locations where rodeos are held are shown in the table below.

low. As rodeos may be held irregularly, other venues may also be used from time to time and may not appear in the list below.

Temporary facilities can also be set up, and removed, quite quickly so some rodeos may in fact be held in general areas (e.g. a showground) and not in a recognised rodeo facility.

Regional Competition or Events

NRA provides a professional office to manage events in accordance with the Association rules and animal welfare. NRA works with committees in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. Committees have at least one annual event and are responsible for the grounds, catering, advertising, and all costs Association with the events. There are numerous events throughout Queensland each year and regular NRA competitions are held in the Wide Bay Burnett Region in places such as Gympie, Murgon, Kingaroy, Hervey Bay, Goomeri, Mary Valley and Maryborough.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region also forms part of a State and National competition for APRA and NRA. APRA competitions are regularly held at the Showgrounds in Bundaberg, Gayndah, Nanango, Kingaroy and also at the Captain Creek Sport and Recreation Grounds. NRA competitions are regularly held at the showgrounds in Gympie, Murgon, Kingaroy, Hervey Bay, Goomeri, Mary Valley and Maryborough. From a professional rodeo perspective, the following key events are held in the Region:

- Gayndah Rodeo - 196 competitors over one day. Conducted annually at State and National level
- Nanango Rodeo - 202 competitors over one day. Conducted annually at State and National level
- Kingaroy Rodeo - 214 competitors over one day. Conducted annually at State and National level
- Bundaberg Rodeo - 220 competitors over one day. Conducted annually at State and National level

Known locations where rodeos are being held

Venue	LG	Location
Bundaberg Showground	Bundaberg Regional Council	Walker St, Bundaberg
Burrandowan (private)	South Burnett Regional Council	Chapingah via Kingaroy
Captain Creek Sport and Recreation Grounds	Bundaberg Regional Council	111 Murphy Road, Agnes Waters
Eidsvold Showground	North Burnett Regional Council	Burnett Highway, Eidsvold
Gayndah Showground	North Burnett Regional Council	Arthur St, Gayndah
Goomeri Showground	Gympie Regional Council	Cnr Moore & Laird St, Goomeri
Gympie Showground	Gympie Regional Council	Exhibition Rd, Gympie
Kilkivan Showground	Gympie Regional Council	Kilkivan
Kingaroy Showground	South Burnett Regional Council	Youngman St, Kingaroy
Kumbia Showground	South Burnett Regional Council	Kumbia
Manumbar Showground	South Burnett Regional Council	Manumbar
Mary Valley Showground	Gympie Regional Council	Edward St, Imbil
Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Maryborough
Monto Showgrounds	North Burnett Regional Council	Cnr Flinders & Oxley Street, Monto
Mount Perry Showground	North Burnett Regional Council	Mount Perry Rd, Mount Perry
Mundubbera Showground	North Burnett Regional Council	Mundubbera
Murgon Showground	South Burnett Regional Council	Macalister St, Murgon
Nanango Showground	South Burnett Regional Council	Nanango
Nanango Equestrian Centre	South Burnett Regional Council	Racecourse Road, Nanango
Teebar Sportsground	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Brooweena
Widgee Showground	Gympie Regional Council	Gympie Woolooga Rd, Widgee
Wondai Showground	South Burnett Regional Council	Baynes St, Wondai

- Gympie Rodeo -322 competitors over one day
- Murgon Rodeo - 130 competitors over one day
- Kingaroy Rodeo - 620 competitors over one day
- Goomeri Rodeo - 303 competitors over one day
- Mary Valley Rodeo - 306 competitors over one day
- Maryborough - 51 competitors over one day.

Notes

NRA has recommended that the Kingaroy Showgrounds should be upgraded as it is experiencing a growth in participation and growing its horse industry. Kingaroy has two amateur rodeos per year which are run successfully providing fund-raising opportunities for local organisations.

NRA has determined that whilst current facilities in the region are adequate, enhancements and upgrades will attract additional events and encourage increased patronage for users such as campdraft and equestrian participants.

APRA has indicated that the Gayndah, Bundaberg and Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park would benefit from upgrades to the arenas and spectator access. APRA has also recommended improved arena lighting. The establishment of new facilities are not required.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.20.1 Upgrade to Kingaroy Showgrounds including arenas, spectator access and arena lighting	Kingaroy Show Society	Stakeholders	No
8.20.2 Upgrade to Gayndah Showgrounds including arenas, spectator access and arena lighting	Gayndah Show Society	Stakeholders	No
8.20.3 Upgrade to Bundaberg Showgrounds including arenas, spectator access and arena lighting	Bundaberg Regional Council	Stakeholders	No
8.20.4 Upgrade to Maryborough Showground and Equestrian Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Stakeholders	No



8.21 ROWING

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Rowing Queensland has determined its regional facility standards as follows:

- 2000 metre x 8 lane buoyed course
- a boatshed with ample storage and first aid room
- an amenities complex including toilets, kitchen and catering facilities
- meeting and dining facilities
- nearby support infrastructure (e.g. transport, accommodation).

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There is one regionally significant venue currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for rowing. This facility, at Bucca Weir, Bundaberg is known as the Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre. It is an internationally recognised facility for training and competitions. The facility includes all required components as determined by Rowing Queensland and also has a dedicated accommodation centre which includes a 96 bed dormitory.

Regional Competition or Events

There are numerous and regular competitions and events conducted in the Region. These are generally organised by individual clubs.

Bucca Weir hosts State School Championships on a shared rotational basis with Rockhampton.

Historically, Bucca Weir also hosts annual Open State Championships.

In 2000, prior to the Sydney Olympic Games, the Australian Rowing Squad conducted a training camp at the facility.



View along the Bucca Weir course



Notes

The Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre is sufficient for current and expected future levels of usage and additional investment at the facility is not required. However, minor improvements to the facility such as additional amenities, boat ramps and pontoons may enhance the experience for participants and encourage current events to remain at the facility.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.21.1 Construct additional facilities and amenities at the Bundaberg Rowing Club	Bundaberg Rowing Club	Stakeholders	No

8.22 RUGBY LEAGUE

Desirable Regional Facility Attribute

Queensland Rugby League (QRL) has determined its regional facility standards as follows:

- a minimum of 3 football fields (2x match and 1x training)
- 4 change rooms and toilets
- 2 x referees' rooms (1x male & 1x female)
- scoreboard (preferably electronic)
- area suitable for announcers
- 200 lux lighting (preferred)
- shaded/ covered spectator seating for 300
- fenced playing area
- fenced grounds and area for ticket office
- car parking for 6x buses
- canteen
- medical/first aid room
- accommodation for 150 people.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

Across the Wide Bay Burnett, QRL has advised that there are numerous venues utilised by rugby league however, only five venues actually meet or could meet the requirements of a regional level rugby league facility. These are:

1. Across the Waves (Bundaberg)
2. Albert Park (Gympie)
3. Salter Oval (Bundaberg)
4. Eskdale Park (Maryborough)
5. Stafford Park (Hervey Bay).

Details for each are listed below.

Regional Competitions and Events

Rugby League in the Wide Bay Burnett covers various levels of competitions including club, league (Bundaberg, Fraser, Burnett, Northern Districts), schools (Primary and Secondary), regional and representative.

Events that could be attracted to the area if the facilities are deemed suitable include the following:

- Region versus Region (e.g. Central versus Sunshine Coast) - available through nomination
- National Rugby League trial games - available through nomination
- State Carnival (Under 13 - Under 16) - Available every 6 years on a rotational basis through nomination

Capacity

Gympie Regional Council will review the allocation mix at Albert Park when cricket is relocated—most likely to One Mile Ovals.

Within the Fraser Coast Regional Council, Stafford Park is at capacity and new space needs to be found, as it does for other local level field sports e.g. cricket and soccer. In designing any new space regional standard requirements should be taken into account and adopted if will not add dramatically to the overall cost.



Regional level rugby league facilities

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Across the Waves	Bundaberg Regional Council	Thabeban Rd, Bundaberg	Four fields with lights
Albert Park	Gympie Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Gympie	Two field complex with lights, grandstand and perimeter fencing.
Salter Oval	Bundaberg Regional Council	Takalvan St, Bundaberg	3 field, lighting and grandstand
Eskdale Park	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Albert St, Maryborough	2 fields, grandstand and lights
Stafford Park (Hervey Bay Sports & Leisure Park)	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Tavistock St, Hervey Bay	2 senior fields, 2 junior fields with lights and perimeter fencing

Notes

Queensland Rugby League has advised that regional level facility enhancements or upgrades should occur in Bundaberg. This is due to:

- the proximity to transport
- the existing facilities
- participant numbers
- local resident views and opinions
- Council views and opinions
- Bundaberg is seen as the main rugby league hub in the Region
- other major centres will require significant work to obtain the required standard leading to increased costs

Queensland Rugby League also recommended a rugby league precinct (that could also be used for other sports) that would cater for camps. There would be a requirement for fields, support infrastructure and accommodation on the proposed site. It is understood there were facilities similar to this in the past but they have been run down and not used as often due to lack of maintenance.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.22.1 As part of an initial scoping report, investigate the development of a training camp (precinct) concept. Refer Recommendation 2.9	WBBSRC	LGs, SSOs	New site may be required
8.22.2 Undertake general upgrades of facilities at Eskdale Park.	Fraser Coast Rugby League	DERM, FCRC (stakeholders)	Nil

8.23 RUGBY UNION

Desirable Regional Facility Attribute

Queensland Rugby Union Ltd (QRU) have set out the desired facility standards for regional level rugby union matches (see Queensland Rugby Union Ltd Facility Standards 2009).

The standards are extensive and it is understood that new facilities may be given time to meet some of the less critical aspects but that over time, would be expected to comply fully.

The regional level facility standards (e.g. QCRU Country Championships) are:

Lighting

Minimum standard of 200lux (Semi-Professional Competition). Supported by Australian Standards AS 2560.2.3-2002

Playing Fields

- field complies with International Rugby Board (IRB) Law I 'The Ground'
 - surface
 - playing enclosure
 - required dimensions
 - goal posts and cross bar
- irrigation system
- field quality
 - coverage (percentage and depth)
 - surface hardness (substructure)

Dressing Rooms

- minimum of two Dressing Rooms
- minimum floor space of each Dressing Room (excluding wet space) not less than 30m²

Medical Room

Compliance with ARU Safety Directives (minimum standards):

- regularly cleaned
- equipped with adequate lighting (angle poise light)
- running water
- first aid equipment
- telephone
- cleanliness to be defined by Local Authority / State Government health regulations

Other

The guideline also sets standards for car parking, shade, food and spectator seating, public toilets as well as water management.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

Across the Wide Bay Burnett there are three venues that meet some of the requirements of a regional level sport facility and could potentially be upgraded to meet others. These are:

1. **Albert Park (Gympie)**—Albert Park is used for a variety of sports including, touch football, athletics and cricket.
 Albert Park, according to QRU, is not really suitable to hold regional level competitions for rugby union although it has held state level competitions in the past and it is acknowledged that Albert Park is the only facility in Gympie that currently caters for rugby union. QRU noted one of the fields has a gradient and a cricket wicket in the middle. The other field is five metres too short in length. The site floods on occasion and there is currently insufficient space for a clubhouse.
2. **Walkers Road Recreation Reserve (Hervey Bay)**—Walkers Road rugby union fields have received significant financial assistance for facility upgrades in the past five years. A master plan for the site indicates the provision of lighting to the two fields, a clubhouse, car parking for 100 cars and spectator seating. These developments are required to improve the facility to a State standard.
3. **Salter Oval (Bundaberg)**—Salter Oval which is owned by Bundaberg Regional Council has an agreement with Bundaberg Rugby League who manages the use of the facility in conjunction with Bundaberg Cricket. This leaves little opportunity to utilise the facility for regular Rugby Union competition, however, the standard of facility is suitable to host a regional and state level event.

Across the Waves (Bundaberg) is used for junior level matches as it is not the correct size for senior and larger football competitions.

Regional level rugby union facilities

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Across the Waves (Rugby League Grounds)	Bundaberg Regional Council	Thabeban Rd, Bundaberg	Four fields with lights suited to junior games
Albert Park	Gympie Regional Council	Bruce Highway, Gympie	two field complex with lights, grandstand and perimeter fencing.
Walkers Road Recreation Reserve	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Walkers Road, Urangan	two fields with lights and warm up fields
Salter Oval	Bundaberg Regional Council	Takalvan St, Bundaberg	main field, warm-up fields, lighting and grandstand with perimeter fencing

Regional Competitions and Events

Senior Clubs across the Wide Bay Burnett play in either the:

- Sunshine Coast Rugby Union Competition
 - Fraser Coast RUFC
 - Gympie Rugby Club
- Bundaberg and District Rugby Union Competition
 - Alloway Falcons RUFC
 - Bundaberg Barbarians RUFC
 - East Coast Buccaneers RUFC
 - Isis Crushers RUFC
 - Maryborough Mudcrabs RUC
 - St Luke's Old Boys RC.

Junior clubs play in two competitions:

- South Central Junior Rugby Competition
 - Bundaberg JRUFC
 - East Coast Buccaneers
 - St Luke's JRC
 - Hervey Bay JRUFC
 - Maryborough JRC
- Sunshine Coast and District Rugby Union
 - Gympie JRUFC

There is no set roster in relation to regional and state events across Queensland. Generally, events are gained through a bidding process. The Wide Bay Burnett Region may wish to nominate for Queensland Country Representative fixtures, Queensland Reds open training and possible trial games. There is also the opportunity to attract school and junior state championships and carnivals to the area.

Capacity

Gympie Regional Council will review the allocation mix at Albert Park when cricket is relocated—most likely to One Mile Ovals.

Walkers Road Recreation Reserve, as mentioned previously, is at or near capacity. There is no room for expansion and given that the facility is multi-sport, it has very little rest or maintenance time.

Notes

Queensland Rugby Union has recommended that upgrades and enhancements should occur in Hervey Bay (Walkers Road) as it has already received significant government investment over the past five years and has a master plan for future developments. Hervey Bay is also the main growth area in the Region. QRU has indicated that to ensure the ground quality is retained to a high standard, an option may be to relocate other sports to another site.

QRU also recommended that new facility developments should occur in Bundaberg as existing facilities cannot accommodate regular local (i.e. not regional) usage due to capacity issues.

Recommendations

There are no specific regional facility recommendations for Rugby Union at this stage though it is likely that additional grounds in Hervey Bay will be required in coming years.



Wide Bay Burnett rugby action

8.24 SAILING

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Sailing utilises the existing natural environment and does not require a field of play or built facility to participate or compete. Sailing, however, relies on the ancillary facilities that support participation and competition such as access, boat ramps, boat sheds, ablutions and amenities.

Yachting Queensland has determined that Regional Standard Facilities require at least male and female toilets and showers, night time security fencing and lighting and parking (trailers and cars).

Spectators must also be able to view the competition and therefore, it would be beneficial to incorporate and provide accessible spectator areas along the river bank or foreshore.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for Sailing. These are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

Sailing in the Wide Bay Burnett region covers various levels of competition. These include club, inter-club, regional, state and national (class) competitions.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region can attract the following events:

- Sabat Class (Junior) - 50 competitors over a 2-3 day weekend. Available annually through a bid to the Association.
- 125s Class - 25 competitors over Easter (Regatta). Available annually through a request from the Association.
- Aus 125s - 45 competitors over 10 days (new year). Available every 5-6 years through a request from the Class.
- Other Class - in fleets of 10 or 20 over a weekend. Available annually through a request from the Class.
- Trailer Yachts - 60 competitors over a long weekend. Available annually.

Major sailing locations in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Bundaberg Sailing Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Port Bundaberg
Snapper Creek Boat Harbour	Gympie Regional Council	Snapper Creek, Tin Can Bay
Hervey Bay Yacht Squadron	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Boat Harbour Drive, Urangan
Maryborough Sailing Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Walker St, Maryborough (Scarness Beach)
Hervey Bay Sailing Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Esplanade, Torquay

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.24.1 Upgrade to Hervey Bay Sailing Club amenities.	Hervey Bay Sailing Club	Stakeholders	No

Bundaberg Sailing Club



Capacity

The Hervey Bay Sailing Club has some issues with car and trailer parking for events but there is no site-level solution.

Notes

Yachting Queensland has advised that additional public jetties in Hervey Bay would satisfy the needs of visiting competitors who need to moor their yachts. Hervey Bay Sailing Club clubhouse should also be improved to cater for more events and regattas.

Most buildings that support Sailing in the region require maintenance, access to the beach is a common issue and amenities such as shower facilities should be considered to improve personal security.



8.25 SHOOTING SPORTS

There are many shooting sports and given the differences in the disciplines and events, and the fact that there is often a different peak body, the sports do not normally share the same facilities.

The disciplines considered in this study are:

- pistol shooting
- rifle shooting
- clay target (sporting clays)

For the purposes of this study, consultation occurred with Pistol Shooting Queensland, the Queensland Rifle Association, the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia, Queensland Clay Target Association and Queensland Sporting Clays.

Licensed shooting ranges in the Wide Bay Burnett



All licensed shooting venues in the Wide Bay Burnett are shown in the table below.

Venue	LG	Location
Biggenden Rifle Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Rifle Range Road, Biggenden
Bundaberg and District Range Association	Bundaberg Regional Council	11 Heales Rd, Meadowvale, Bundaberg
Bundaberg Burnett Rifle Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Childers Rd/Bruce Highway, Bundaberg
Bundaberg Clay Target Club & Bundaberg Gun Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Hinkler Airport, Childers Rd, Bundaberg but being relocated to Charlie Triggs Crescent Detention Basin
Bundaberg Smallbore Rifle Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Gillens Creek Rd, Clayton via Bundaberg
Burnett River Pistol Club Range	North Burnett Regional Council	Old Mundubbera Rd, Gayndah
Central Burnett Gun Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Durong Rd, Mundubbera
Childers Sporting Clays	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bootharh Rd, Horton
Fraser Coast Shooting Complex	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Churchill Mines Rd, Burgowan (Dundathu)
Gympie Clay Target Club & Gympie Smallbore & Silhouette Rifle Club	Gympie Regional Council	Banks Pocket Rd, Gympie
Gympie Kilkivan Rifle Club	Gympie Regional Council	Kilkivan Rifle Range, Bligh St, Kilkivan
Gympie Pistol Club	Gympie Regional Council	Belvedere Rd, Gympie
Gympie Sporting Clays & Gympie Field and Game Association	Gympie Regional Council	Sexton Rd, Sexton
Isis Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Bootharah St, Horton via Childers
Kingaroy Clay Target Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Cooyar & Aerodrome Rds, Kingaroy
Maryborough Clay Target Club & Maryborough Gun Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Demaine St, Island Plantation, Maryborough
Maryborough Rifle Range	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Walker St, Maryborough
Monto Rifle Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Monto Rifle Range, Rifle Range Rd, Monto
Mundubbera Smallbore Rifle Club	North Burnett Regional Council	Jack Parr St, Mundubbera
South Burnett Pistol Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Redmans Rd, Kingaroy
South Kolan Small Bore Rifle Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	34 Ruths Road, South Kolan
Sporting Shooters Association Eidsvold Branch	North Burnett Regional Council	Rubbish Dump Rd, Eidsvold
Sporting Shooters Association Imbil Branch	Gympie Regional Council	Imbil
Sporting Shooters Association Tin Can Bay Branch (Range 1)	Gympie Regional Council	Tin Can Bay Rd, Tin Can Bay
Sporting Shooters Association Tin Can Bay Branch (Range 2)	Gympie Regional Council	Amamoor Creek Rd, Amamoor Creek
The Last Frontier Range	Gympie Regional Council	Anderleigh Rd, Gunalda
Tiaro & District Sports Club Range	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Old Gympie Rd, Tiaro
Wondai Rifle Club	South Burnett Regional Council	Wondai Rifle Range, Rifle Range Rd, Wondai

The Fraser Coast Shooting Complex is the only facility that accommodates a number of different shooting sports—pistol, clay target and rifle shooting. It would be one of the sites considered in determining a regional level shooting complex.

However, there are issues with the site. The site is owned by the crown and is leased to the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex Inc, through Fraser Coast Regional Council, until 2015. However, approval is being sought for a coal mine on the boundary of the site, and potentially over some of the site. The shooting templates also extend outside the site onto the area likely to be mined.

The mine may or may not proceed. However, until that is determined, there are clouds over the long term viability of this complex. Fraser Coast Regional Council are aware of the developments and have engaged consultants to help them with planning on the site.

Pistol Shooting

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Regional level competition in the sport of pistol shooting are called zone championships.

The zone that covers the Wide Bay Burnett extends from Gympie to Mackay and further west so is larger than the study area.

Pistol Shooting has fifteen disciplines under its banner which encompass different facility requirements and standards.

From a zone perspective, a range complex requires:

- 3 x 10 bay 25m ranges with turning target systems
- 1 x 20 bay 50m range
- 1 x 20 bay indoor 10m air pistol/air rifle range

Supporting facilities are also required and these include:

- male and female toilets (with wheelchair access)
- shower and camping/caravan facilities would be preferred
- lighting of ranges and sheds is required
- a space for spectators 3-5m wide behind the shooters.

To improve opportunities for hosting additional and higher level competitions, other requirements and standards include:

International 1920 Match

- 1 x 50m range
- 1 x 25m falling plate range
- 1 x 25m moving target range (wider safety template needed)

Small Bore and Big Bore Metallic Silhouette

- Small Bore Silhouette: 1 x 4 position 100m range
- Big Bore Silhouette: 1 x 4 position 200m range.

Regional Competition or Events

Pistol Shooting in the Wide Bay Burnett region covers all levels of competition. These include club, inter-club, zone, state, national and international competitions.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region has attracted numerous pistol events in the past:

- Bundaberg Pistol Club has hosted the State Championship International 1920, the Central Zone Championships ISSF and Services Annual Open Shoot
- Fraser Coast Pistol Club has hosted the Maryborough Masters Games
- South Burnett Pistol Club hosts an Annual Open Shoot.

The Wide Bay Burnett Region can attract the following Pistol events:

- Central Zone Championships - approximately 45 competitors over 2-3 days on a weekend. Available annually in various

disciplines and 2-3 times per year in other disciplines. Allocated by the Zone Management Committee through an application process

- State Championships - between 30-150 competitors depending on the discipline over a 3 day weekend. Available once every 3 years. Allocated by nomination and State Body Board approval.

Notes

Pistol Shooting Queensland as the Governing Body for Pistol Shooting in Queensland has made a number of recommendations regarding future facility improvements for the venues in the Region. From a Statewide perspective, Pistol Shooting Queensland believes it would be beneficial to the sport to provide opportunities for higher level events in the Wide Bay Burnett Region.

Bundaberg Pistol Club would benefit from the establishment of a 20 bay indoor pistol facility and the erection of another 25m turning target range to enable the Club to host Zone Championships in all disciplines and State Championships in some disciplines. Bundaberg Pistol Club has always attracted large participant number for its events.

Fraser Coast Pistol Club would benefit from adjustment to their turning target ranges through the provision of dividing walls and an additional 10 bay turning target range. The targets themselves would also require an upgrade. Additionally, the 50m range requires an upgrade and the 10m air pistol range would need to be expanded to cater for a Zone level event. To enable the hosting of Zone level events, the Isis Small Bore Rifle and Pistol Club would require an indoor air pistol range and a 50m range. An additional 25m turning target range would also be beneficial.

Pistol Shooting Queensland is not aware of the Gympie Pistol Club's facility requirements but it is understood that it would need significant investment to upgrade the facility to host Zone level events. Due to the uncertainty of ongoing tenure at its current location, Gympie Regional Council is not encouraging upgrades to this facility. The solution may rest in a proposed relocation to a multi-discipline complex within Curra State Forest.

The South Burnett Pistol Club has insufficient land for expansion. However, the upgrade of its current buildings and the construction of an air pistol facility would allow the Club to cater for its regular Open Shoot and some limited Zone events. Alternatively, a new facility that could cater for higher level events and allow for expansion is needed.

High standard pistol shooting facilities are in demand in the Region and the current facilities at Bundaberg, Isis and Fraser Coast Clubs have room for expansion and could be developed into facilities to cater for the higher level competitions and events.

Comment

Council's must look to keep existing facilities—it is the cheapest option and the least disruptive to clubs. Solutions to noise issues include town planning regulation (as discussed in Section 7), baffles, mounds, controlling use times etc.

Recommendations - Pistol Shooting

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.25.1 Construction of a 20 Bay indoor pistol facility at the Bundaberg Pistol Club	Bundaberg Pistol Club	Pistol Shooting Queensland, Bundaberg Regional Council	No
8.25.2 The construction of another 25m turning target range at the Bundaberg Pistol Club	Bundaberg Pistol Club	Pistol Shooting Queensland, Bundaberg Regional Council	No
8.25.3 Construction of dividing walls and an additional 10 bay turning target range at the Fraser Coast Pistol Club	Fraser Coast Pistol Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	No
8.25.4 Upgrade to the 50m range and the 10m air pistol range at the Fraser Coast Pistol Club	Fraser Coast Pistol Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	No
8.25.5 Upgrade to targets at the Fraser Coast Pistol Club	Fraser Coast Pistol Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	No
8.25.6 Construction of an indoor air pistol range, a 50m range and an additional 25m turning target range at the Isis Small Bore Rifle and Pistol Club	Isis Small Bore Rifle and Pistol Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	No
8.25.7 Upgrade to the current buildings and the construction of an air pistol facility at the South Burnett Pistol Club	South Burnett Pistol Club	South Burnett Regional Council	No
8.25.8 Relocate Gympie Pistol Club to a new multi-discipline complex within Curra State Forest	WBBROC, Gympie Regional Council	Sunshine Coast Regional Council	New site required



Rifle Shooting

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Rifle shooting encompasses two disciplines which have different facility requirements and standards.

Small Bore Rifle

Small Bore Rifle Shooting is an Olympic discipline which has a number of different events including:

- 50 metre prone
- 50 metre three position (stand, kneel and prone)
- 10 metre air rifle.

A Small Bore range complex requires:

- 1 x 20 metre air rifle range
- 1 x 100 metre small bore rifle range
- electronic targets (preferred).

Full Bore Rifle

Full Bore Rifle Shooting is a Commonwealth Games discipline and has a number of different events including:

- traditional target
- F - Class (scoped rifle)
- match rifle
- service rifle
- field and rim fire class.

A Full Bore rifle range complex requires:

- 1 x 1200 yards rifle range (also allowing for shorter range capacity e.g. 1000 yards, 1100 yards)
- electronic targets (preferred).

Regional Competition or Events

Rifle Shooting in the Wide Bay Burnett region covers different levels of competition. These include club, inter-club and zonal.

Intra-club and club competitions occur regularly and can be conducted and organised every week depending on the club.

Each club will also organise one weekend shoot per year where any member of the QRA can attend and participate.

Zonal competitions (including clubs from within the same zone) may occur up to four times per year on a rotational basis.



Capacity

The Fraser Coast Shooting Complex is at capacity (no more ranges can be added) and is under threat from an adjacent mining proposal.

The Maryborough Rifle Range is on Department of Defence Land which is likely to be sold eventually leaving the club without a range. Council has not identified a new site and it is possible that the Club could combine with another existing club.

Notes

Facilities for shooting are sufficient to deal with current demand, however, population growth and development are placing pressure on some clubs which is likely to force some relocations and a need for additional ranges and/space for shooting in the future.

In general, existing facilities in the Wide Bay Burnett Region are sufficient to host local and zonal events as required, however, general upgrades to existing facilities would improve the experience for participants and could assist in attracting more events in the future.

Possible enhancements to facilities could include:

- installation of electronic targets to ranges
- shade/cover over the shooting line for shooters
- improved or new amenities and support infrastructure.

Recommendations - Rifle Shooting

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.25.9 Relocate Gympie Smallbore and Silhouette Rifle Club to a new multi-discipline complex within Curra State Forest	WBBROC, Gympie Regional Council	SCRC	New site required

Clay Target

The Wide Bay Burnett Region covers two Queensland Clay Target Association zones, namely the South East Zone and the Western Zone.

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

The Queensland Clay Target Association has identified its regional facility standards as detailed below:

- a minimum of three layouts (includes trap)
- clubhouse
- showers and toilets
- shade
- kitchen/ catering facilities
- space for camping (if possible).

Regional Competition or Events

Generally, Clay Target Shooting in the Wide Bay Burnett Region involves local, Zone and State level competition.

Inter-club competition occurs on occasion and regular club shoots (open to any members of the State Body) are often organised.

Zone competitions are coordinated once per year by the Association and hosted by a Club. Clubs are allocated the hosting of the competition based on meeting facility requirements.

Capacity

The Maryborough Clay Target Club & Maryborough Gun Club are in the Maryborough Airport precinct and may need to relocate. No new site has been found. A possible solution may be found on land near the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex.

Notes

Facilities at Kingaroy, Bundaberg, Gympie and Maryborough are currently suitable venues to host Zone events, however, it is noted that participation rates are increasing and Clubs are struggling to extend their facilities due to unavailability of additional land. It is understood that Kingaroy has the capacity to host State level events but it is unfortunately geographically challenged in terms of being able to access more land for extensions.

The Central Burnett Gun Club wants to add additional traps and they have the land for this.

In the future, it is recommended that new facilities investigate the needs of all shooting disciplines through a shooting complex model to assist with the sharing of resources and to mitigate future land availability issues.

Recommendations - Clay Target and Sporting Clays (SSAA)

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.25.10 Relocate Gympie Clay Target Club to a new multi-discipline complex within Curra State Forest	WBBROC, Gympie Regional Council	SCRC	New site required
8.25.11 Investigate collocation of other SSAA branches within Gympie Regional Council area to a new multi-discipline complex within Curra State Forest	WBBROC, Gympie Regional Council	SCRC	New site required

Overall Shooting Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.25.12 Undertake a comprehensive needs assessment of all shooting disciplines within the Wide Bay Burnett Region (and South East Queensland Region) to identify and establish a purpose built shooting facility to cater for all disciplines of the sport and meet the needs of all stakeholders.	WBBROC	SEQROC, WBBSRC, SEQ Council of Mayors, DIP, DERM, SSOs, SRS	New site required

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Sporting Clay facility requirements for regional standard competitions and events are detailed as a range approximately 50-100m in length and toilet facilities.

Regional Competition or Events

Generally, Sporting Clay Shooting in the Wide Bay Burnett region provides for local competitions every month. There is one Queensland team selection event held in the region each year. The 2009 State Titles were held in Gympie in August.

Competitions available to the Region include:

- Queensland Team Selection Shoot - 50-60 competitors over one day. Available annually through an acceptance to run the event.
- Queensland Titles - 60-70 competitors over a two day weekend. Available every 4 years and bid for by the Region.
- Nationals - 200-300 competitors over a two day weekend. Available every ten years through allocation to State and bid by a Club
- Worlds - 600-800 competitors over one week. Available every 15 years and allocated to a Country and bid by a State and a Club,

Notes

The Cooloola Range Complex Association Incorporated was formed in December 2000 to represent all shooting clubs currently holding a lease or temporary tenure at the Araluen Range Complex situated at Banks Pocket and Belvedere Roads, Gympie.

Two of the leases at the Araluen Range will expire in June 2011, currently with no option to renew. The site cannot be expanded to meet current safety standards and is in close proximity to residential development.

The Cooloola Range Association Incorporated represents its members by working with relevant stakeholders including Council and DERM to find a tenure solution for the future. The preferred site for a new multi-discipline range has been identified within Curra State Forest.

Gympie Regional Council is supportive of the proposed arrangement and is committed to working closely with the Association, the State Government and other potential stakeholders to progress this matter.

8.26 SOFTBALL

Regional Standard Facilities

Softball Queensland has determined its regional facility standards as:

- the number of softball diamonds is dependant on the number of teams playing (between 4-10 diamonds)
- one male and one female changerooms
- umpire facilities (separate male & female)
- approximately 530 lux (infield) and 320 lux (outfield) is preferred
- covered first aid area/room.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are three main facilities used for softball in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. These are detailed in the table below.

Of these, only the Hervey Bay Softball Association's facilities are at regional standard.

Regional Competition or Events

There are three district softball Associations in the Region (Bundaberg, Maryborough and Hervey Bay). All Associations conduct club fixtures on a weekly basis throughout the summer. Hervey Bay also conducts a winter season and is looking to start a mens night competition.

All the Associations host the local school competitions at the various levels (district, regional and state) in a variety of formats.

Each Associations also hold carnivals throughout the season. These are usually held over a 2-day period.

The following events could be held in the Wide Bay Burnett Region:

- Under 15 Female State Championships - 320 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually through an application and usually awarded on a rotational basis.
- Under 15 Male State Championships - 280 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually through an application and usually awarded on a rotational basis.
- Under 17 Female State Championships - 280 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually through an application and usually awarded on a rotational basis.
- Under 17 Male State Championships - 220 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually through an application and usually awarded on a rotational basis.
- Under 19 Female State Championships - 220 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually through an application and usually awarded on a rotational basis.
- Under 19 Male State Championships - 200 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually through an application and usually awarded on a rotational basis. Open Women's State Championships - 280 competitors over a 3-day weekend. Available annually through an application and usually awarded on a rotational basis.

- Open Mens State Championships - 300 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually through an application and usually awarded on a rotational basis.

Capacity

The Hervey Bay Softball Association moved to their current site in 2006. There is no room to expand but there is no demand either.

Bundaberg Softball would like a fourth diamond. There is land adjacent but it is Crown land and Council needs to hold discussions with DERM to establish if it would be available.

Notes

Softball Queensland has advised that the Maryborough and Bundaberg Associations require upgraded facilities to cater for all competitions.

Hervey Bay and Bundaberg have held State Championships in the past and Hervey Bay has had significant facility improvements in recent years. Maryborough requires a significant facility improvement. An improvement to lighting levels at all facilities will increase opportunities for all facilities.

Softball Queensland has also discussed the potential growth in softball participation and has determined that new facilities need only be for social competitions at the local level—no further regional level facilities are required.

Softball Queensland is currently mapping its growth areas to understand future trends. It is also understood that a new group is being established in Kingaroy.

Recommendations

There are no specific regional facility recommendations for Softball at this stage.



Significant softball facilities in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Bundaberg Softball	Bundaberg Regional Council	Clayton Road, Bundaberg	3 diamonds
Maryborough Softball	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Searle St, Maryborough	2 diamonds
Hervey Bay Softball Association	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Raward Road Recreation Park	4 diamonds with lights

8.27 SURF LIFE SAVING

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Surf Life Saving utilises the existing natural environment and does not require a built facility to participate or compete.

For carnivals and competitions, there is generally two arenas set up in the water (the size depends on the type of carnival) and a minimum of one beach sprint track and two beach flags arenas. Surf Life Saving relies heavily on the ancillary facilities that support participation and competition such as access, equipment sheds, storage areas (generally parkland), nearby accommodation, parking, ablutions and amenities. There is an option to bump in additional requirements, such as grandstands for larger competitions.

Surf Life Saving Queensland has determined that Regional Standard Facilities require a first aid room that meets Surf Life Saving Queensland standards and guidelines as a minimum.

Spectators must also be able to view the competition and therefore, it would be beneficial to incorporate and provide accessible spectator areas along the beach.

State level competitions are generally hosted at clubs demonstrating sufficient beach size, parking, club workforce, facilities, amenities, accommodation, accessibility, storage area (parkland) local government support (financial and in-kind).



Surf Lifesaving clubs in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location
Bundaberg Surf Lifesaving Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Fred Courtice Drive, Bargarra
Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club	Fraser Coast Regional Council	The Esplanade, Torquay
Rainbow Beach Surf Life Saving Club	Gympie Regional Council	The Esplanade, Rainbow Beach
Moore Park Surf Life Saving Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	I Surf Club Drive, Moore Park Beach
Elliott Heads Surf Life Saving Club	Bundaberg Regional Council	Elliott Heads

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for Surf Lifesaving. These venues are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

Surf Life Saving Clubs in Queensland are involved in various levels of competition including:

- local carnivals (between 2-4 clubs)
- Branch Premiership Series (regional series comprising 3 events)
- Open Carnivals (open to all competitors and can be conducted anywhere in the State)
- Branch Championships (Regional)
- North Australian Championships (restricted to Clubs between Hervey Bay and Port Douglas)
- State Championships (State)
- Australian Championships (National)
- Secondary School Surf League
- Regional, State and National Performance Camps and High Performance Squads (Developmental).

Surf Life Saving events have the potential to attract hundreds of participants and additional support staff and spectators.

The Wide Bay Burnett region can attract and host numerous events including:

- Wide Bay Capricorn Junior Championships - 500 competitors over one weekend. Available annually and is rostered throughout the Regions (average every 2 years in Wide Bay).
- Wide Bay Capricorn Senior Championships - 300 competitors over one weekend. Available annually and is rostered throughout the Regions (average every 2 years in Wide Bay).
- Queensland Surf Rescue Championships - 150 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually through an Expression of Interest process.
- Queensland IRB Racing Championships - 400 competitors over a weekend. Available annually through an expression of Interest process.
- Queensland Junior Championships - 150 competitors over a 3 day weekend. Available annually through an Expression of Interest process.
- Queensland Interbranch Championships - 200 competitors over one day. Available annually through an Expression of Interest process.
- Individual Rounds of IRB Racing Premiership Series - up to 1,000 competitors over one or two day weekend (6 carnivals held each season). Available through an Expression of Interest process.
- Individual Open Carnivals - up to 1,000 competitors over one or two day weekend (6 - 10 carnivals held each season). Available through an Expression of Interest process.
- Open Endurance Carnival - up to 500 competitors over one day weekend (1-2 carnivals held each season). Available through an Expression of Interest process.

- Hervey Bay Masters Carnival - 200 competitors (1 carnivals held each season in Hervey Bay). Available all competitors in the State. Held annually in Hervey Bay.
- Pool Rescue Championships - up to 200 competitors over one or two day weekend (1-2 carnivals held each season). Available annually (in the region through rotation) and through an Expression of Interest process for the State level event.

Capacity

The Hervey Bay SLSC would like to expand their facility and there are some foreshore issues that need to be resolved.

Gympie Regional Council has funds to make improvements to the first-aid and amenities buildings of the Rainbow Beach SLSC. Planning approval is being sought.

Notes

Hervey Bay SLS Club has plans to upgrade its clubhouse to a second level and extend the current ground floor space due to increase in membership and requirements for additional training areas and storage spaces.

Elliott Heads SLS Club is currently upgrading its facilities primarily due to the age of the building but also due to increased membership. Elliott Heads is not suitable for major carnivals due to the topography.

Bundaberg Surf Lifesaving Club (Bargara) is currently planning the construction of a new gear and equipment storage shed with capacity for boat and trailer storage.

Moore Park Surf Life Saving Club requires a new gear and equipment storage shed to replace an unsafe facility.

New future developments for surf life saving would depend on the needs of the individual coastal communities. Woodgate Beach may be a possible new development depending on the population growth of the community.

Recommendations

There are no specific regional facility recommendations for Surf Life Saving at this time.



8.28 SWIMMING

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Swimming Queensland has determined its regional level facility standards to be as follows:

- 25 metre pool with 8-10 lanes at an appropriate depth (heated to 30 degrees in winter)
- warm-up pool (18m or more in length)
- fully automated timing system
- amenities (including 3 toilets for females and 2 toilets for males)
- lighting for afternoon and night meets
- shade for marshalling, timekeeping and recording.

Swimming Queensland indicated that a 50m pool is not required until State level competitions are being held.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for swimming competition. These venues are detailed in the table below.

Note: other facilities (e.g. Wondai, Mundubbera, Biggenden) in the Region are utilised at the discretion of the District Association

Regional Competition or Events

There are a number of competitions structures in the Wide Bay Burnett Region including club, district, regional and school.

Generally, State championships are held in Brisbane and National Championships are held in other major cities throughout Australia.

The Region can attract the following swimming events:

- Wide Bay Long Course Championships—450 competitors over 3 days. Available annually through a decision by the District Association
- Wide Bay Long Short Championships—220 competitors over 2 days. Available annually through a decision by the District Association
- Wide Bay Relay Championships—200 competitors over 3 days. Available annually through a decision by the District Association



Regional swimming pools (or near regional) in the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Gayndah Swimming Pool	North Burnett Regional Council	Gayndah	50m outdoor swimming pool with 6 lanes. No warm-up pool
Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Raward Road Recreation Park, Hervey Bay	50m outdoor pool (8 lanes), 25m heated outdoor warm-up pool and an indoor 15m lap pool
Kingaroy (Memorial Park) Swimming Pool	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy	50m outdoor swimming pool with 7 lanes. No warm-up pool
Maryborough Swimming Centre	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Maryborough	50m outdoor pool (8 lanes) and 25m heated outdoor warm-up pool
Mundubbera Swimming Pool	North Burnett Regional Council	Mundubbera	50m outdoor swimming pool with 6 lanes. No warm-up pool
Murgon Swimming Pool	South Burnett Regional Council	Murgon	50m outdoor swimming pool with 6 lanes. No warm-up pool
South Burnett Aquatic Centre	South Burnett Regional Council	Nanango	25m indoor swimming pool with 8 lanes. No warm-up pool
Norville Pool	Bundaberg Regional Council	Norville, Bundaberg	50m outdoor pool and 25m outdoor warm-up pool
Gympie Pool	Gympie Regional Council	Gympie	50m outdoor pool with 7 lanes. No warm-up pool

Capacity

The Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre is heavily used but is capable of meeting demand for regional level events.

The Maryborough Aquatic Centre requires redevelopment.

Notes

Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre is the only facility that meets regional competition standard without an upgrade. Queensland Swimming has made the following recommendations in relation to facility enhancements:

- Maryborough Swimming Centre—requires an upgrade to its support facilities such as the amenities block, spectator seating. Maryborough is the biggest priority for swimming in the Region.
- Gympie Pool—requires an extra lane as it is only 7 lanes and cannot be used for regional or state competitions. A warm up pool would also be desirable.
- Bundaberg—needs a new facility/complex with a 50m pool, a 25m pool, automatic timing, additional amenities and parking. Norville Pool does not currently meet regional level facility standards due to shallow depth warm-up pool (that cannot have starting blocks). Bundaberg is a key location in the Region being close to transport and a central point between Rockhampton and Brisbane
- Kingaroy—requires a warm up pool
- Murgon—requires a warm up pool and requires an expansion to 8 lanes. The facility already has automatic timing and a 25m pool would increase this facility to competition standard.
- Nanango—requires a warm up pool.

Fraser Coast Regional Council and Gympie Regional Council are known to be looking at upgrades to their swimming complexes in the future. Swimming Queensland supports the upgrades and has given direction to the requirements to host regional level events.



Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.28.1 Construction of a new facility in Maryborough	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Sport and Recreation Services	None known
8.28.2 Construction of a new facility in Bundaberg	Bundaberg Regional Council	Sport and Recreation Services	New site required
8.28.3 Construction of a new facility in Gympie	Gympie Regional Council	Sport and Recreation Services	Preferred site is Tozer Park
8.28.4 Construction of a new warm up pool for Kingaroy	South Burnett Regional Council	Sport and Recreation Services	No

8.29 TABLE TENNIS

For the purposes of this Strategy, consultation occurred with Table Tennis Queensland and the manager of the Bundaberg and District Table Tennis facility.

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

There is one regionally significant table tennis facility in the Wide Bay Burnett Region being the Bundaberg and District Table Tennis facility based at Kendalls Road in Bundaberg.

Regional Competition or Events

Competition in the Wide Bay Burnett Region includes club, district, regional and school level.

The Bundaberg and District Table Tennis facility is also capable of hosting smaller National Championships.

Notes

The Bundaberg and District Table Tennis facility is sufficient for current and expected future levels of usage and major additional investment at the facility is not required. However, minor improvements to the facility such as additional amenities, may enhance the experience.



8.30 TENNIS

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Under Tennis Queensland's Facilities Development Strategy, all Regional Tennis Centres are expected to be capable of hosting Pro Circuit and/or Australian Money Tournaments (AMT) that attract national and international quality participants. Tennis Australia has a Venue Hosting Requirement document which provides further detail.

Regional Standard Facilities for Tennis are detailed below:

- a minimum of 12 courts (all with the same playing surface). Courts are required to be the minimum International Tennis Federation (ITF) full size (36.6m x 18.3m) and surfaces with natural grass, natural clay or an ITF classified acrylic playing surface (plexipave or plexicushion preferred)
- one toilet/shower per 4 courts (both male and female), amenities and lockers
- minimum lighting of 500lux for all match courts and one court to maintain a lighting level of 1000 lux
- first aid/medical room desirable
- space for spectators specifically required around one or two show courts (erection of temporary grandstand)
- shade structures by each court
- clubhouse (including a players lounge 80m²), a pro-shop and kitchen/canteen.
- a tournament office with good vision over the courts would be ideal
- car parking for 4-6 cars per court.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for tennis. More significant venues are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

Tennis in the Wide Bay Burnett Region provides various levels of competition including

- internal club competitions
- inter-club competitions
- school zone trials
- school State and National Championships
- Junior Masters Circuit and finals
- local Open tournaments
- Optus Junior Tour
- National Open championships
- Optus Junior National Championships
- Australian Money Tournaments
- ITF Junior Circuit Tournaments
- Pro Circuit Tournaments



There are a number of events that could be attracted to the region including:

- Pro Circuit Tournament - 150 competitors over 9 days. Available annually by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements
- Australian Money Tournaments - 100 competitors over 5 days. Available annually by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting facility standards and venue hosting requirements
- National Open Tournaments - 150 competitors over 3 days. Available annually by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements
- Optus Junior Tour Tournaments - 100 competitors over 3 days. Available annually by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements
- Local Open Tournament - 100 competitors over 3 days. Available annually by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements
- Junior Masters Circuit Tournament - 100 competitors over 3 days. Available annually by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements
- Junior Masters Circuit - Regional Finals Tournament - 100 competitors over 3 days. Available every 5 years by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements
- Primary School Zone Trials - 200 competitors over 2 days. Available annually by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements

Significant tennis facilities across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Bundaberg & District Tennis Association Inc	Bundaberg Regional Council	Powers St, Bundaberg	11 clay courts
Gympie Tennis	Gympie Regional Council	Cartwright Rd, Gympie	10 hard courts
Hervey Bay & District Tennis Association Inc	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Colyton St, Torquay	4 hard courts and 8 grass courts
Maryborough & District Junior Tennis Association	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Anzac Park, Maryborough	6 grass courts, 5 hard courts and 5 clay courts

- Primary School State Championships - 100 competitors over 4 days. Available every 10 years by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements
- Secondary School Zone Trials - 200 competitors over one day. Available annually by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements
- Secondary School State Championships - 100 competitors over 4 days. Available every 10 years by application to Tennis Queensland / Tennis Australia. Selection will be based on meeting required facility standards and venue hosting requirements

Capacity

The Hervey Bay & District Tennis Association Inc courts are heavily used and the site cannot be expanded. It is likely that an additional tennis complex will be required in coming years.

Notes

Tennis Queensland has a National Facilities Blueprint providing strategic direction for the future of its facilities. Tennis Queensland prefers to utilise existing facilities for future development rather than establish new facilities. Tennis Queensland has advised that:

- Bundaberg & District Tennis Association could be a potential Regional Tennis Centre. The facility requires upgrades both on and off the court to reach the standard of a Regional Tennis Centre. It has held a Pro Circuit recently but will require upgrades to continue to attract similar events in the future
- Hervey Bay & District Tennis Association could be a potential Regional Tennis Centre for the Region. Additional courts and upgrades to existing courts and support facilities would be required. It is not clear whether the Club has the ability to expand over its current leased boundaries.
- sub-regional tennis centres could also be established at Maryborough, Gayndah and Childers depending on support from Council and the tennis community.

In addition, the Fraser Coast Tennis Association is a newly formed organisation based at Dundowran Road, Hervey Bay. The Association has expressed its interest at developing its current two court facility to a regional standard facility. Tennis Queensland has received a draft proposal from the Association; however, further investigation is required.



Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.30.1 In future upgrades, Hervey Bay and Maryborough should decide on a consistent surface for its courts.	Clubs	LGs, Tennis Queensland, SRS	Expansion of current sites may be required

8.31 TOUCH FOOTBALL

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Queensland Touch Association has determined its regional facility standards as follows:

- minimum of four touch football fields under lights (each field to measure 70 m x 50 m)
- parking for 100 + vehicles
- clubhouse including toilet and shower facilities
- PA system
- canteen
- shade
- seating (permanent/ portable)

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for touch football. These are detailed in the table below.

Regional Competition or Events

The Wide Bay Burnett Region hosts local to State level touch football competition.

The Queensland State Cup was held in Bundaberg in May 2009 and is also set to host the 2010 Queensland State Cup. Depending on future facility upgrades, Bundaberg has the potential to host the Queensland State Cup each year into the future.

The Queensland Junior State Championships will be held Maryborough in 2010.



Notes

In general touch football can successfully share its facilities with other sports, due to the ease in setting up a field of play.

The region also boasts two purpose built facilities for touch at Bundaberg and Maryborough (Maryborough shares its support infrastructure with a soccer club). General upgrades to these facilities are required to ensure that they continue to attract events and provide good experiences for participants.

Touch football facilities across the Wide Bay Burnett

Venue	LG	Location	Description
Bundaberg Touch Fields	Bundaberg Regional Council	Greg Duncan Fields, University Drive, Bundaberg	10 x touch fields with access to another 3 fields (6 under lights), clubhouse playground, portable grandstand, carparking.
Hervey Bay Touch Association Inc	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Hervey Bay United Soccer Club, Tavistock St, Torquay	4 x touch fields with lights and access to amenities.
Childers Touch Association	Bundaberg Regional Council	Childers Showgrounds, Ridgeway St, Childers	2 x touch fields with lighting, grandstand, toilets, canteen, limited car parking.
Gayndah Touch Association	North Burnett Regional Council	Gayndah Sports Complex, Gayndah	4 x touch fields with lights. old clubhouse.
Gin Gin Touch Association	Bundaberg Regional Council	Gin Gin Recreation Reserve, Rangeview Rd, Gin Gin	2 x touch fields with lighting, grandstand, toilets, canteen, limited car parking.
Gympie Touch Association	Gympie Regional Council	Albert Park Sports Complex, River Rd, Gympie	2 x touch fields with lights, administration building with canteen.
Kingaroy Touch Association	South Burnett Regional Council	Kingaroy Cricket and Rugby League Grounds	5 x touch fields with lights and access to clubhouse.
Maryborough Touch Association	Fraser Coast Regional Council	Maryborough West Soccer Club, Sydney St, Maryborough	5 x touch fields, canteen toilets, administration building.
Mundubbera Touch Association	North Burnett Regional Council	Archer Park, Mundubbera	2 x field with light and amenities

8.32 WALKING

Walking, for the purposes of this study, has focussed on long-distance trails. In a number of cases these trails may also be used by cyclists and horse riders but are not available to powered vehicles.

There are a number of long distance trails across the region including:

- Fraser Island Great Walk (90km long)
- Hervey Bay Foreshore
- Coastal Pathway—eventually linking Burnett Heads to Elliot Heads
- Bicentennial National Trail
- Lenthalls Dam
- Wooroolin Wetlands
- Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay Foreshore
- Bargara Turtle Trail
- Various National Parks (e.g. Great Sandy National Park, Cania, Mount Walsh, Burrum Coast, Bunya).
- Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (Blackbutt - Linville)
- Maryborough to Hervey Bay Rail Trail

These walks are a mix of urban and natural environments. All are suited to walking and some to bicycles and some to horses. Generally, horses cannot be ridden in national parks.

Two Great Walks are proposed by the State Government:

1. the Conondale Range Great Walk—a 60km walk through the Conondale Range in the Upper Mary Valley
2. the Cooloola Great Walk—a 90km path linking the Noosa North Shore to Rainbow Beach via the eastern high dunes, the upper Noosa River and Poona Lake.

Wide Bay Burnett local governments are also proposing a number of long distance trails:

- Bundaberg Multimodal Trail linking Bundaberg with Bargara
- Rail Trail from Kingaroy to Theebine (Update: going to feasibility in 2010)
- Maryborough to Hervey Bay Rail Trail (Update: proposed route being assessed in early 2010).

Notes

It is recommended that all trails, identified by local governments and the State government, are established if they are feasible. Trails require an ongoing commitment to maintenance. The Rail Trail from Blackbutt to Linville is perhaps the easiest to put in as the trail is already there (i.e. the old railway) though all the support facilities need to be added.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.32.1 Construction of a long distance trail from Bundaberg to Bargara	Bundaberg Regional Council	Stakeholders	New sites may be required
8.32.2 Conduct audit of National Park walking tracks and where a need is identified, develop new walks	National Parks Association of Queensland	Queensland Parks and Wildlife	No
Refer also to the Horse Trail Recommendations at Section 8.13 (page 54)			



8.33 WATERPOLO

Currently, waterpolo does not have any registered clubs, Associations or local competition structures in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. However, waterpolo is a large participation sport within schools in the area.

The state body for waterpolo, Waterpolo Queensland, aims to increase participation and enhance development in the Region indicating that it would be interested in sharing multi-use aquatic facilities in the future.

Desirable Regional Facility Attributes

Regional facility standards as set by Waterpolo Queensland are:

- a minimum of 25m length (prefer 35m), 20m width (prefer 25m) and 1.8m depth (prefer 2m).
- changeroom facilities
- 150 lux lighting suitable for night time matches and competitions
- first aid and medical facilities
- space for approximately 100 spectators
- a pool temperature of 24 degrees.

Wide Bay Burnett Facilities

There are a number of venues and locations currently used in the Wide Bay Burnett Region for waterpolo. These venues are:

- Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre
- Kingaroy (Memorial Park) Swimming Pool
- Maryborough Swimming Centre
- Murgon Swimming Pool
- South Burnett Swimming Pool
- Norville Pool

The Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre and the Norville Pool at Bundaberg are international standard waterpolo facilities.

Recommendations

Recommendation	Lead Agency	Partners	Land Issues
8.33.1 Construction design of new pools should consider the needs of waterpolo	LGs	Stakeholders	New sites may be required

Regional Competition or Events

There are a number of events and competitions that could be attracted to the Region if the facilities were made available and met the required standard.

- Under 14 State Championships - 350 competitors over 3-4 days. Available every 4-5 years through a nomination process
- Under 16 State Championships - 300 competitors over 3-4 days. Available every 4-5 years through a nomination process
- Under 18 State Championships - 300 competitors over 2-3 days. Available every 4-5 years through a nomination process.
- Queensland Country Championships - 250 competitors over 2-3 days. Available every 4-5 years through a nomination process.

Notes

Generally, subject to meeting the minimum facility standards, a regional event can be allocated to a suitable venue. Although existing facilities in the region can accommodate waterpolo if required, it is mainly access issues that prevent waterpolo utilising facilities. Generally, swimming is the primary client of these facilities and it is often found that swimming pool developments do not take into account the needs of waterpolo.

Waterpolo Queensland has recommended that future facility developments merely consider the needs of other aquatic sports. It is also recommended that existing pools install bulkheads which provide the opportunity to increase activity and diversity of pool usage.

Waterpolo Queensland cited the Atherton Swimming Pool as a good example of a multiuse aquatic facility which installed a mini bulkhead and found a significant increase in its revenue due to increased patronage and multiple user groups accessing the facility. Waterpolo Queensland has also recommended a new 50m pool in Maryborough in the future which will cater for waterpolo and other sports.



LAND REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 9

Much of the land requirements for future sport or recreation open space will be acquired by local governments through their Plans for Trunk Infrastructure¹.

Each local government will establish their own Desired Standard of Service, but a typical standard is in the order of:

- Recreation Parks—3ha per 1,000 residents
- Sporting Parks—2ha per 1,000 residents
- Community Facilities—0.2ha per 1,000 residents.

Community facility land is used for swimming pools and indoor centres as well as scouts and activities of a similar nature.

It is not possible to set a benchmark for regional sport land. Typically, a local government buys or receives land for field and court sports, as well as recreation parks, that is initially developed for local level sport. Over time, usually where a tenant club is proactive and has a vision, the facility may develop to a higher level that can and does host regional level competition. In other cases, typically where the activity is not a field sport, e.g. a specialised sport facility such as a motorcycle or shooting complex, the land will need to be purchased, leased or held in trust, to meet the need. Given their regional nature, not all local governments will require these facilities so there is no benchmark for land requirements.

While additional land will be required to cope with population growth it is not possible to say how much land will be required from the work undertaken for this report (which has focussed on regional level sport). An assessment needs to be undertaken of the existing supply before quantities can be determined, which is work usually undertaken as part of an open space plan. There may already be an excess of land that can be used for the new population, or the opposite may apply, with insufficient land being available and extra land needing to be acquired².

Linear open space can be ideal for walking and cycle paths and an allowance needs to be made for this. Often, much of this open space is along drainage lines and where there is sufficient width than this can be a satisfactory location. However, not all paths can be located in these locations so extra land for these paths will be required.

Each local government will determine their own Desired Standards of Service (DSS) for open space. The DSS will typically describe the size, shape, slope and other criteria deemed necessary for functional land. The following criteria are typical for field and court sports:

- be at least 8ha in size as this allows for efficient development of infrastructure, adequate buffers and adequate space for competitions. There is no limit to maximum size
- have at least 75% of the area directly facing a road
- have adequate space for car and bus parking
- be relatively flat to minimise the earthworks required to provide level playing fields

¹ All land in Cherbourg is publicly owned

² Any extra land required to service the needs of existing residents cannot form part of the Infrastructure Charge



- if the site is a closed landfill, then have some virgin areas for facilities
- have most land above Q20 flood levels
- be connected to other open space areas and residential areas through walkways or cycleways
- be clear of vegetation, or have the ability to be cleared. Land that cannot be cleared because of a planning or statutory constraint, is not suitable
- have soils that offer adequate drainage.

The above standard does not take into account areas of land for specialised sport which need to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

In this study a number of large area sport activities have been identified. These include:

- golf courses—nine to twelve courses, mainly in the coastal communities at 30ha each
- major shooting complex. The size will vary with the activities located within it, the shape of the land and its topography. However 200-300ha may be an appropriate starting point
- major motor sport complex—100-150ha with suitable adjacent landuses.

Summary of Land Requirements

The following information has been prepared to assist planners understand the *approximate* amount of open space that is required to meet growth.

This study has dealt with regional level facilities however there has been interest in knowing how much land will be required to meet population growth.

The point has been made before, but is repeated again, that *this can only be known if a detailed open space plan is undertaken*. A detailed open space plan would assess the current supply of open space (which may be in surplus, in deficit, or correct), reviews the quality of the open space and its accessibility, determines a Desired Standard of Service for open space supply that reflects the vision of the Council and the resources to maintain open space, and then makes recommendations on future acquirers.

With these qualifiers the following amounts of sporting open space may be required to meet future populations using a DSS of 2.0ha/1,000 residents for sporting open space.

Local Government Area	Additional land (possibly) required for new population to 2030 (ha)‡	Approximate area required to service the 2030 population (ha) ‡
Fraser Coast Regional Council	161	345
Bundaberg Regional Council	107	283
Gympie Regional Council	45	129
North Burnett Regional Council	6	27
South Burnett Regional Council	23	84
Cherbourg Aboriginal Council	Not Known	Not Known

‡ Subject to an analysis of current supply

Additional land may be required in some cases for regional level facilities. Some of this land requirement may be satisfied by land acquired

through the development process and included in the table above. An open space plan must be developed by each Council so that it understands where and how the land required to meet growth is coming from. This report is only highlighting the demand.

The following table summarises *new land requirements* for regional facilities (i.e. for cases where land is not already available).

Recommendation	LG	Approximate size (ha)
8.2.1 AFL	BRC	4.0
8.3.1 Basketball	BRC	1.1
8.6.3 Cricket	GRC	4.0
8.9.1 Golf	BRC, FCRC, BRC	270-360 (usually provided privately)
8.10.2 Gymnastics	FCRC	0.6
8.15.1 Motocross	GRC	12.0
8.15.2 Motorsport	Not Determined	100-150
8.22.1 Rugby League	Not Determined	3.0-5.0
8.25.8 Shooting Sports	Not Determined	200-300
8.28.2 Swimming	BRC	1.5

Hervey Bay has a significant and urgent need to acquire a significant parcel of land for sport. However the need is at the local level (for cricket and field sports) rather than at the regional level hence it is not recognised in the recommendations or the above table.

Protection

Protecting the existing facilities is important. In a number of cases, facilities are on private land that could be sold at any time (e.g. the Kingaroy Showground). Local governments need to be aware of this possibility, and to head off potential sales by working with the owners on solutions or transfers.

The Department of Defence owns the site that is leased by the Maryborough and District Rifle Club and the Maryborough Small Bore Rifle Club. The Department is currently constructing new ranges for its own military purposes at a number of sites across South East Queensland. Once these ranges are operational, the Range at Maryborough will be disposed of. This is one example of a government department intending to sell land to the detriment of local sport. There may be others.

Protection from encroachment, as discussed in Section 7, is also essential if the cycle of displacement is to be stopped. The result of displacement is that leisure facilities are located further from where people live, years of facility development are wasted, volunteers in the Club feel that their efforts have been wasted and they lose interest. In most cases, the Club and the local government have seen the potential situation (conflict between residents and the sport) arising for many years before it comes to a head but fail to take any action. When it becomes untenable, the sport club is forced to relocate.

Appendix I: Health Data Definitions

Health Indicators/ Behaviours	Definition
Self-Assessed Health: Fair or Poor	Respondent's general assessment of their own health, against a five point scale from excellent to poor – 'fair' or 'poor' being the two lowest in the scale.
Smokers	Respondents aged 15 years and over who reported undertaking regular (or daily) smoking at time of interview.
Physical Inactivity	Respondents who reported no exercise two weeks prior to the interview through sport, recreation or fitness (including walking). Excludes incidental exercise undertaken for other reasons such as work or domestic duties.
High Health risk due to alcohol consumed	Respondents estimated average daily alcohol consumption in the seven days prior to interview (based on number of days and quantity consumed). Alcohol risk levels were grouped according to NHMRC risk levels for harm in the long term, with 'high risk' defined as a daily consumption of more than 75ml for males and 50ml for females. Dosage is based on pure alcohol content.
Obesity	Using self reported height and weight, Body Mass Index (BMI) was calculated and grouped into categories (to allow for comparison against WHO and NHMRC guidelines) obese was categorised as a BMI of 30.0 or greater.
Mental & Behavioural Disorders	Respondents were asked whether they had been diagnosed with any long term health condition (a condition which has lasted or is expected to last for 6 months or more).
Self-Assessed very high psychological distress levels	Derived from the Kessler Psychological Distress Scale-10 items (K-10), which is a scale of non-specific psychological distress based on 10 questions about negative emotional states in the 4 weeks prior to interview. 'Very high' distress is the highest level of distress category (of a total of four categories).
GP Services per 1,000 head of Population	GP services data: supplied by Health Insurance Commission, 2001/02. It includes the total number of active GP's in the Ipswich area. Population data: estimated from the Resident Population, ABS, mean of 30 June 2001 and 30 June 2002 populations.
Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage	The Index summarises census variables at a CCD level that are considered indicators of disadvantage (i.e. low income, high unemployment, low education levels). A low score indicates high levels of disadvantage. A high score signifies the lack of disadvantage rather than high advantage.