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DISCLAIMER

In preparing this Strategy, ROSS Planning has relied upon information from many people including council officers, state sporting organisation officers, regional school sport officer, Queensland School Sports officers and State Government departmental officers. ROSS Planning greatly appreciates the input from all these people and has taken the information that has been provided in good faith.

Prior to significant facility upgrades or new facility development more detailed planning (including facility asset management and maintenance considerations) should be undertaken. Importantly, as facilities become more higher performing (e.g. move up to high-level venues) they can 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.



Background

Introduction

The Wide Bay Burnett Recreation and Sport Strategy was developed in 2010 as a supporting document for the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan. The local councils adopted the Strategy and have implemented many of the recommendations to-date.

Having undertaken the bulk of the key recommendations from the 2010 Strategy, the need existed for a review and update of this earlier work. Additionally, it was recognised that outdoor recreation continues to grow in popularity and this demand should be reflected in the 2018 Strategy.

The reader will quickly note that the coastal parts of the Region have different strengths than the inland areas. The coastal areas, with their high populations, accommodation and transport options can support facilities that have high capital and operational expenses e.g. aquatic centres, indoor centres, multi-field sport complexes and synthetic surfaces. The inland local governments have strengths in the noisy, difficult-to-locate sports (e.g. shooting), animal sports (e.g. campdraft and rodeo) as well as nature-based recreation. While no need for high-level infrastructure has been identified for Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council currently, this may change over time as the community continues to develop infrastructure and organisational capacity. Understandably, the recommendations in the Strategy reflect these differences.

Importantly, this Strategy is a partnership approach with many recommendations outlining the need for close collaboration between councils, keen local organising committees and the peak state bodies. There have been a number of peak bodies highlight a preference for high-level events being conducted in South-East Queensland where population (and participant) bases are more dense. In comparison, there are others that espouse sharing high-level events across the State (and even a preference for activities in regional areas). Where this preference exists, short-term goals should include securing these 'more easily achieved' activities. For those peak bodies that indicate a preference for events to be conducted in South-East Queensland, there should be some attempt made to highlight the attractive nature of the Region. However, unnecessary energy should not be wasted in prolonging these pursuits where it becomes obvious that contracts (or promises) exist for state-level events to remain in South-East Queensland, rather these activities should continue to focus on the infrastructure requirements to hold regional- and zone-level events. In addition, where an activity has the participation rates and organisational capacity to facilitate state- or higher-level events, this has been captured in this Strategy in the hope that these peak bodies may reconsider their allocation of events in the future. In these instances the infrastructure requirements for these events have been identified as a lower priority within the implementation plan.

The Strategy largely focuses on sports and outdoor recreation activities that are a common part of the lifestyle for residents of the Region. It is recognised that the list included is not exhaustive. The 2018 Strategy has built upon the 2010 Strategy by providing a wider range of sports and outdoor recreation activities. Likewise, future iterations of the Strategy may build upon this 2018 Strategy and include emerging activities such as kite surfing and stand-up paddleboarding. This will be particularly important as formal governing bodies and various levels of events are established in these merging activities.

Defining 'high-level'

The 2010 Strategy considered opportunities for 'regional-level' facilities. This level of facility is one capable of attracting participants from across the Wide Bay Burnett Region and possibly (on occasion) from outside the Region. While the development of facilities of this status brought events and economic benefits to each individual council, the majority of the impact is coming from and staying within the Region. The 2018 Strategy looks to build upon this original study and has sought to understand the need for 'high-level' facilities.

High-level facilities are those that can accommodate regional-level events and activities (as described in the 2010 Strategy) but importantly can, where needed, *also* attract events from outside the Region (by hosting state and potentially national championships).

In order to host these 'high-level' events, there are specific facility and support infrastructure requirements outlined by the individual peak bodies and regional bodies. The Strategy has detailed these requirements as a key guide for future planning. Importantly, a facility being developed at a high-level does not preclude it from hosting regular local-level events. Indeed, it is this regular local use that ensures sustainability (and viability) of the facility. The development of more quality facilities will assist to maintain and to grow local playing bases (with participants drawn to attractive venues).



Guiding principles

In order to ensure a realistic approach to recommendation development, a range of guiding principles have been considered:

- ❑ there is clear and demonstrated demand for the proposed facility development
- ❑ the facility will be sustainable as a result of both local- and high-level usage
- ❑ the proposed development is consistent with identified regional needs and peak body planning
- ❑ the event takes advantage of any natural or competitive edge for the Region
- ❑ recommendations have the potential to create economic benefit for the Region.

Additionally, it is worth noting that there are a number of venues (and activities) that may not currently have the infrastructure to meet the requirements of a high-level facility. However, they may be supported to host occasional high-level events through the provision of bump-in infrastructure (and equipment). The provision of bump-in infrastructure is supported where this can be achieved without unnecessary facility damage resulting from heavy vehicles.

Importantly, the Strategy highlights the importance of councils within the Wide Bay Burnett Region not competing amongst themselves to develop similar types of high-level facilities (nor to seek to host the same events).

Further, the Strategy recognises that the development, management and delivery of high-level infrastructure will be a collaborative approach between the State Government, councils and strong forward-thinking local committees. While this document sets the framework for future infrastructure development it is imperative that local clubs and management committees are provided the tools required to ensure suitable facility management and planning. Ultimately, the successful promotion, use and upgrade of facilities will largely fall on these groups.

Strategy structure

The Analysis and Future Directions that follow this Background section have been arranged to provide ease of reference for the reader. Each sport (activity) has been allocated within a logical grouping :

| | |
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|  | aquatic/ water-based sports |
|  | court sports |
|  | field sports |
|  | indoor sports |
|  | equestrian sports |
|  | other outdoor sports |
|  | motor sports |
|  | shooting sports |
|  | nature-based activities |

Recommendation

- ❑ Department of Housing and Public Works (Sport and Recreation) and local councils continue to work collaboratively to provide workshops, presentations and resources to facility managers (and management committees) that assist to ensure capacity building for infrastructure management

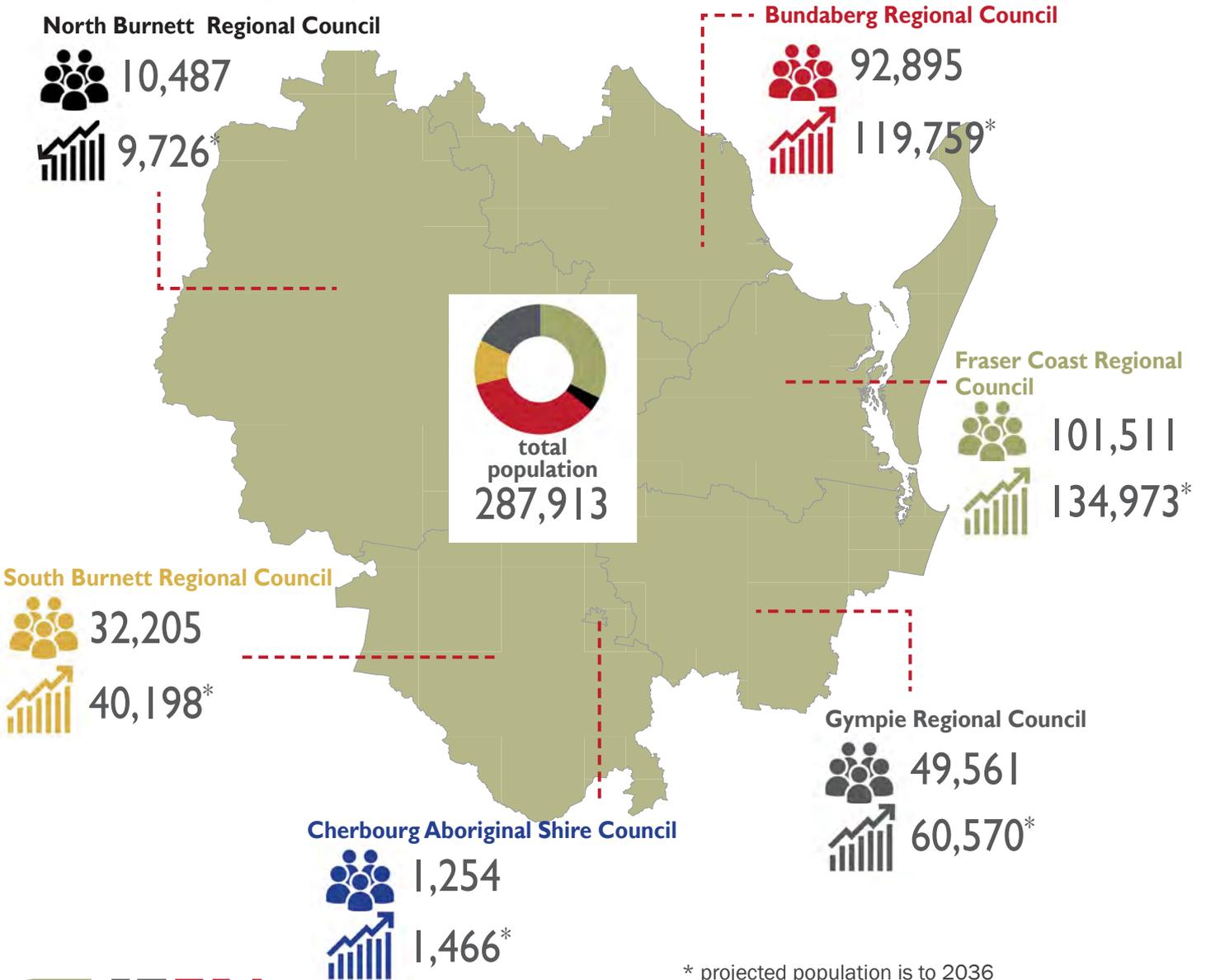
Demographic considerations

The aim of this Strategy is to investigate those sports and nature-based recreation activities that have identified a need to develop high-level infrastructure that continues to (or begins to) facilitate high-level events in the Region. As a result, a detailed demographic analysis of the Wide Bay Burnett Region is not considered an important part of the analysis. Rather, this page presents a snapshot of population changes for the six local government areas from the Region.

It is clear that much of the population growth is forecast for the three coastal councils. These council will continue to be the focus for high-level traditional formal sports. In comparison, the hard-to-locate and large land area sports can be sought for the inland councils.

While the focus of the Strategy is to identify the need for and opportunities to develop high-level infrastructure, the facilities will also play a key role in hosting local-level participation. For many sports and outdoor recreation activities, young people represent a large proportion of users. By 2036, an extra 7,700 young people (aged 24 years and below) are expected to reside within the Region indicating sustainability of existing and new facilities.

With the thrust of the Strategy to develop infrastructure to deliver competitions that attract competitors from both across and outside the Region, it is noted that the South-East Queensland population is expected to be nearing 5 million by 2036 (and represent an increase of more than 70,000 new residents each year). With a majority of membership for many sports centred on the south-east corner of the State, this suggests that high-level events will continue to grow in participant number resulting in even greater need for the development of appropriate infrastructure across the Region..



Trends considerations

There is little doubt that the traditional sporting codes will continue to conduct high-level events at state- and national-levels. These events will require the development of appropriate infrastructure and be highly sought after by councils and relevant tourism agencies. However, there also trends influencing participation and subsequent high-level event provision.

From extreme to mainstream

There has been a recent rise in adventure, extreme and alternative sports that are proving particularly popular with younger generations. These sports typically involve complex and advanced skills and often have some element of inherent danger and thrill-seeking. Examples include freestyle BMX and rock-climbing. These sports are also characterised by a strong lifestyle element and participants often obtain cultural self-identity and self-expression through their involvement. International associations for adventure sports are working hard to obtain inclusion in Paralympic and Olympics events (with both skate boarding and rock climbing included as exhibition sports in the 2020 Olympic Games)

While participation rates in some mainstream and organised sports have held constant (or slightly) declined over the past decade, extreme and action sports have risen in both demand (participation) and supply (industry). These sports are gaining popularity among large segments of Generation Y who connect to a counter-culture of adventure and freedom of expression. At this point, however, solid longitudinal participation data in these sports and activities remains scant.

Diversification of sport

Road cycling, mountain biking and eco-tourism activities are all growing as non-traditional activities, while modified sports such as T20 cricket and 7s rugby are burgeoning. Changes are placing additional pressure on councils with regard to playing field capacity, facility flexibility and need to plan for additional demand.



Lengthening seasons

Clear move toward year-round sport (lengthening seasons and providing 'off-season' alternatives)

This lengthening further impacts opportunities for hosting high-level events as accessing facilities at multi-use venues requires strategic allocation to avoid clashes. Additionally, lengthening of seasons and hosting high-level events can also place additional capacity pressures on sporting facilities.

Sport precinct provision

Acknowledged benefits of developing dedicated multi-use sports precincts (rather than single-field facilities)

Large flexible-use sites provide opportunities for shared use of infrastructure and maintenance requirements and enhanced ability to attract funding given the range of users. However, it is also important to recognise that some sports expect high quality 'single use' venues when considering potential hosts for high-level events. Regardless, with careful planning, these larger facilities (e.g. Fraser Coast Sports Precinct and Across the Waves Sports Club) are important in attracting high-level events that often require large numbers of playing fields and courts.

Investment in outdoor recreation

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

Aquatic/water-based sports



Canoeing

Queensland Canoeing is the peak body for a range of watercraft-based sports and activities. They have indicated that there are six priority disciplines for the Region:

- canoe sprint
- canoe marathon
- ocean racing
- canoe polo
- sea kayaking
- recreation canoeing.

High-level facility attributes

Only club- and state-level events are currently conducted throughout Queensland. Facility attributes for state-level events are detailed below:

- canoe sprint - 1km flat water buoyed course of 8 to 9 lanes, amenities for competitors and spectators, spectator viewing areas
- canoe marathon - flat water (river or lake) with access to a circuit for races between 12.5km and 26km
- ocean racing - suitable water access, amenities, wash down and parking
- canoe polo - two pools with minimum dimensions of 33m x 23m, changerooms and amenities, spectator areas
- sea kayaking - suitable water access, amenities, wash down and parking
- recreation canoeing - suitable water access, amenities, wash down and parking.

For most high-level canoe events, amenities and parking areas suitable for 200-250 patrons is sufficient.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

No Queensland Canoeing formal canoe sport events have been held in the Region to-date. Indeed, it is rare for events to be taken from the south-east corner of the State. However, Queensland Canoeing has recognised the importance of hosting events in regional areas and is particularly interested in opportunities for canoe marathon events.

The Region is a popular location for recreation canoeing with a range of notable venues:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Sandy Strait | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Wuruma. |

High-level competition and events

Queensland Canoeing indicate that the most likely high-level events that could be attracted to the Region include:

- State Schools Marathon Canoe Championship - approximately 150 competitors, 1-day event
- State Marathon Canoe Championship - approximately 250 competitors, 2-day event

Canoe sprint events could potentially be attracted to the Region (on a rare occasion) if a suitable facility was identified.

Recommendations

- Given the high-level infrastructure already available, promote the Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre as a potential venue for canoe sprint events
- Identify a preferred site for canoe marathon events through close liaison with Queensland Canoeing

Supporting action

- Where boat ramps and non-powered watercraft launching access points are developed, include craft wash down facilities, suitable car parking (including large areas for long vehicles and for trailer turn-around), amenities and appropriate non-powered watercraft pontoons





Dragon boating

High-level facility attributes

As the peak body for the sport, Dragon Boat Queensland outline that the facility expectations for high-level events include:

- flat water course of at least 500m and 6 lanes wide (that allows for races of up to 2,000m)
- relatively deep water
- boat launching areas for both dragon boats and safety boats
- limited impacts from wind and tidal movement/current
- suitable nearby accommodation for large patron numbers (at least 2,000)
- amenities and catering options to service 2,000 patrons
- large car (and trailer) parking areas.



Wide Bay Burnett Region

Existing high-level facilities

The facilities at Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre are appropriate for hosting the State Championships. Indeed, the 2016 event was conducted at this venue. However, as many competitors prefer competing in South-East Queensland, nominations for this event were much lower than when it is undertaken at the usual location at Lake Kawana.

High-level competition and events

- State Championships - approximately 1,500 competitors, 2-day event (generally held at Lake Kawana)
- National Championships - approximately 3,000 competitors, 5-day event (hosted by Dragon Boat Queensland at Lake Kawana)

The majority of regattas are conducted at Lake Kawana. This facility has a purpose-built course and significant spectator areas. Additionally, the extensive accommodation available in the nearby coastal areas makes this an attractive venue for events.

Considerations

The Region has five strong local clubs that now conduct their own Greater Wide Bay Regional Regatta Series. This Series requires only local-level facilities.

While the 2016 State Championships were conducted in the Region, Dragon Boat Queensland has a preference for retaining this flagship event in the south-east corner of the State (where membership is concentrated). Indeed, Dragon Boat Queensland is actively seeking a suitable facility at the Gold Coast as a second high-level South-East Queensland option. If this development was to be achieved, any opportunity to host higher-level events in the Region would diminish even further.

Recommendation

- Dragon boating is not considered a target sport for high-level infrastructure for the Region



Rowing

High-level facility attributes

In order to host high-level events, Rowing Queensland indicates that venues require:

- 2,000m x 8-lane buoyed course
- adequate changerooms and toilets
- umpire and officials' rooms
- large boat shed
- first aid area
- catering facilities
- spectator areas
- access to transport and accommodation options.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre is a quality facility that regularly hosts high-level events. However, in recent times, the requirements of pumping out the toilets (up to three times each day) has become cost-prohibitive for event organisers.

High-level competition and events

There are a number of feature championships conducted by Rowing Queensland each year:

- Queensland Schools Championship Regatta - 780 competitors, 3-day event
- Queensland State Championship Regatta - 500 competitors, 3-day event
- Queensland Masters Championship Regatta - 325 competitors, 2-day event
- Central Queensland Schools Championship Regatta - 230 competitors, 2-day event

The Queensland Schools Championship tends to be alternated between the Bucca and Rockhampton rowing facilities (with the Centre not hosting the State event hosting the Central Queensland event).

The State Championship has previously been allocated to the high-level facilities across the State (including the Bucca facility). However, the recent development of facilities at the Wyaralong Rowing Centre will see this event conducted here for the foreseeable future. Hosting the event at this facility has resulted in a competitor increase of up to 40%.

The Masters Championship has been held at Coomera for many years. However, the rowing facilities were damaged as a result of Tropical Cyclone Debbie in 2017. The event will be hosted at the Wyaralong facility until it can be transferred back to Coomera.

Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended:

- upgrade the facilities and amenities at the Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre.

Queensland Rowing indicate that the poor amenities (sewage capacity) at the venue is a major concern that is holding the facility from continued growth (and attracting further events). While the course is ideal, the spectator facilities are appropriate and the accommodation is advantageous, the need to regularly pump out the toilet system is costly. Further, the facility would also prosper from an upgraded launch area



Recommendation

- Improve the sewerage system and the boat launch area at the Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre

Supporting action

- Once the sewerage system and boat launch area are enhanced, promote the Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre as a venue for hosting high-level events, training camps and touring rowers





Sailing

High-level facility attributes

Australian Sailing (Queensland Region) outline that the key determinants of a high-level facility include:

- an attractive natural environment to sail on (including suitable access points)
- high quality race management technology and equipment including start and safety boats and marker buoys
- administration and briefing rooms
- quality amenities and changerooms
- ample fenced trailer and car parking
- superior food and beverage services
- spectator areas.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The Hervey Bay Sailing Club includes high-level facilities for trailer launch and dinghy/off-the-beach events.

The Maryborough Sailing Club also has the facilities required for high-level trailer launch events.

The Hervey Bay Boat Club has the capacity to host yacht events. However, as a commercial entity, gaining access for events of this nature are difficult.

High-level competition and events

- Queensland and Australian Championships are conducted across a wide range of classes. Most events are two days in duration and attract up to 100 competitors
- Over Easter in 2018, the Hervey Bay Sailing Club hosted the A-Class State Championships attracting approximately 100 competitors
- In November 2018, the Hervey Bay Sailing Club will host both the National and World Championships in Foiling A-Class Catamarans. These events will last for thirteen consecutive days (in total) and attract 150 competitors

Considerations

The Region is recognised as having clear potential to attract more frequent state, national and international events. The support provided by local regatta organisers and the Fraser Coast Regional Council has helped to secure the current events.

Recommendation

- Ensure open land remains available for boat rigging adjacent to the Hervey Bay Sailing Club (and consider removing the public toilet in this location)

Supporting action

- Liaise with Australian Sailing regarding the range of high-level events that could be attracted to the existing facilities. Provide suitable support where necessary





Surf Life Saving

High-level facility attributes

Surf Life Saving Queensland advise that board riding is the only sport discipline that requires a venue with waves. All other disciplines can be conducted in open still water and pools.

High-level facility requirements include:

- For pool-based disciplines, FINA-compliant pools are required (e.g. 50m long and 2m flat bottom depth)
- Limited infrastructure is required for beach activities. Temporary marquees and dongas are moved onto the beach and foreshore as required.

With State (and regional) events attracting large competitor and spectator numbers, access to a range of suitable accommodation options is essential.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

Hervey Bay and Bundaberg (Bargara) are both considered quality locations for high-level events. In 2017, Hervey Bay hosted the State Youth Championships while Bargara hosted the State Surf Rescue Championships in 2018.

While Rainbow Beach has a quality surf environment, requirements for significant accommodation, limit the range of high-level events that can be attracted.

High-level competition and events

- State Endurance Championships - 550 competitors, 1-day event
- State Interbranch Championships - 250 competitors, 2-day event
- State Board Riding Championships - 200 competitors, 3-day event
- State Surf Rescue Championships - 140 competitors, 3-day event
- State Youth Championships - 1,600 competitors, 3-day event
- State Open and Masters Championships - 1,650 competitors, 3-day event.

Considerations

Surf Life Saving Queensland looks to rotate high-level events around suitable locations. The two largest events, the Youth Championships and Open and Masters Championships, are contracted out on three-year terms. The Sunshine Coast is set to host the Youth event while the Gold Coast has the rights to the Open and Masters event.

The Moore Park Surf Life Saving Club is looking to construct a large two storey facility. This building will meet the future needs of club members and may also assist the Club to attract high-level events. Additionally, Surf Life Saving Queensland is seeking to establish a regional headquarters (for administration, training and equipment storage) within the Bundaberg area. There is potential that any future development at Moore Park may be able to accommodate this regional facility.



Recommendation

- Ensure that infrastructure constructed at the Moore Park Surf Life Saving Club meets Surf Life Saving Queensland expectations for high-level events. Infrastructure requirements include separate beach access for pedestrians and vehicles, power upgrades, additional amenities and water points, administration and meeting areas within the main building. (Also investigate potential for the SLSQ regional headquarters to be included within this development).
- Continue to upgrade the facilities at the Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club (investigate development of a second storey to ensure a quality venue for high-level events is maintained)

Supporting action

- Continue to support surf life saving events being hosted in Hervey Bay and Bargara. Liaise with Surf Life Saving Queensland in an endeavour to secure a contract for the Youth Championships once it is next available



Swimming

High-level facility attributes

Swimming Queensland notes the following facility inclusions are required for high-level facilities looking to host long course events:

- 50m pool (preferably with 8 lanes)
- preference for a warm-up pool
- fully automated timing systems
- changerooms
- preference for shade for marshalling, timekeeping and recording.

It should be noted that regular short course events are also conducted in 25m pools.

Given the high quality facility and availability of accommodation, all state-level short and long course events will continue to be hosted at Chandler (Brisbane) for the foreseeable future.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The facilities that meet Swimming Queensland requirements for high-level events in the Region include:

- Gympie Aquatic Recreation Centre
- Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre
- Maryborough Aquatic Centre
- Norville Park Pool (Bundaberg)
- Anzac Park Olympic Pool (Bundaberg) (only 6 lanes)

Facilities with 50m pools but no warm-up pools include:

- Gayndah Swimming Pool (only 6 lanes)
- WJ Lang Memorial Olympic Pool (Kingaroy) (only 7 lanes)
- Munduberra Swimming Pool (only 6 lanes)
- Murgon Swimming Pool (only 6 lanes).

Additionally, the Wide Bay Regional Swimming Association has the ability to allocate regional events to facilities at its own discretion. While swimming clubs can host invitation carnivals and mini meets in 25m pools.

High-level competition and events

There are a range of club-based events currently hosted in the Region. (It should be noted that regional school sport trials are not conducted in the Wide Bay Region. Rather, paper nominations are used to determine selection in the regional primary and secondary school teams).

Current high-level events include:

- Wide Bay Long Course Championships - approximately 400 competitors, 3-day event
- Wide Bay Short Course Championships - approximately 400 competitors, 2-day weekend event

As noted above, State-level events will continue to be hosted at Chandler (Brisbane).



Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended four key actions for swimming:

- 3 new facilities
- 1 new warm up pool.

New facilities

1. Maryborough - facility upgrades at the Maryborough Aquatic Centre include complete demolition and rebuild on the 50m pool, changeroom and amenities upgrades, provision of a timing booth and water play development
2. Bundaberg - the facilities at Norville Park Pool were upgraded in 2017 to ensure the facility remains suitable for regional-level events. Improvements included installation of wet decks, new starting blocks, automated timing and electronic timing scoreboard
3. Gympie - the Aquatic Recreation Centre was opened in early 2017. This modern facility includes a 50m outdoor pool, 25m indoor heated pool, changerooms and amenities, gymnasium, water play areas and canteen

Warm up pool

1. Kingaroy - no warm up pool has been developed at the Kingaroy venue. There appears little demand for construction of this nature



Recommendation

- With quality facilities available in Bundaberg, Gympie, Hervey Bay and Maryborough, there appears little demand for an additional 50m pool in the Region in the medium- to long-term





Triathlon

High-level facility attributes

Triathlon Queensland outline that the key determinants of a high-level facility include:

- access to a suitable open water swimming environment
- large flat grassed area that can be established as a transition area
- additional area for race administration
- community (and council) support for interruptions such as road closures
- access to a wide range of accommodation alternatives
- quality spectator viewing opportunities.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

Hervey Bay is one of the preferred venues for hosting triathlons. Additionally, Bargara has been considered for high-level events. However, limited accommodation in the immediate area is considered an issue.

High-level competition and events

- Club Championships - 900 competitors (targeted at grass roots level athletes), 1 to 2-day event
- State Series (17 rounds) - 400-900 competitors depending on location and whether a long or short distance event is offered, 1-day events. Hervey Bay hosts one round annually
- All Schools - 700 competitors, 1-day event. Conducted at Lake Kawana
- Super Sprint Weekend - 300 competitors, 2-day event. Conducted at Runaway Bay - however, the facility is at capacity
- Queensland School Sport 11-12yrs Girls and Boys Aquathlon - 300 competitors, 1-day event. Will continue to be conducted in Hervey Bay in 2018
- Queensland School Sport 13-19yrs Girls and Boys Triathlon Championships - 400 competitors, 3-day event. Will continue to be conducted in Hervey Bay in 2018
- additional events conducted by commercial operators.



Considerations

The larger coastal communities in the Region are well-positioned to host regular high-level events. While Hervey Bay is already a recognised location, opportunity may exist to attract events to Bargara (accommodation options in Bundaberg are likely to be required).

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level triathlon may become apparent if participation and competition increases

Supporting actions

- Continue to promote Hervey Bay as a venue for high-level triathlon events
- Liaise with Triathlon Queensland regarding the potential for Bargara to host high-level events. Provide suitable support where necessary





Water polo

High-level facility attributes

To host high-level events, Water Polo Queensland outline the following requirements:

- access to two 50m pools with minimum 2m depth (preferably at the one venue)
- changerooms and amenities
- administration area.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are no facilities in the Region with two 50m pools at the one venue.

High-level competition and events

- State Junior Championships (U12, U16, U20) - 600 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 4-5 concurrent games
- State Junior Championships (U14, U18) - 600 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 4-5 concurrent games
- Queensland Country Championships - 240 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 2 concurrent games

Considerations

There are currently no clubs nor schools involved in Water Polo Queensland events.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level water polo may become apparent if regular participation and competition is established and achieves growth

Supporting action

- If additional pool development is planned for in the Region (particularly if a second pool was ever sought at one of the existing facilities with a 50m pool) ensure close liaison with Water Polo Queensland regarding opportunities to activate the sport in the Region (and facilities required to attract high-level events).



Court sports



Basketball

High-level facility attributes

Basketball Queensland developed a State Facility Plan in 2017. The Plan includes a facility hierarchy that identifies:

- ❑ **State-level facility** - at least 6 sprung timber floor courts (preferably 8 courts), supporting infrastructure to reflect a large facility, access to at least 80% of court hours in peak competition times
- ❑ **Regional-level facility** - 3 to 5 sprung timber floor courts and supporting infrastructure, access to at least 50% of court hours in peak competition times
- ❑ **District-level facility** - 2 sprung timber floor courts and supporting infrastructure.

Interestingly, there are very few venues in Queensland that meet the requirements of a state-level facility. Indeed, the recently developed Coomera Indoor Sports Centre and the Gold Coast Sport and Leisure Centre are the only venues with more than five courts.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The 2-court facilities at Kingaroy State High School (South Burnett) and Shalom College (Bundaberg) have sprung timber floors and would be considered district-level facilities.

There are no facilities in the Region that meet the requirements for a regional-level facility. Hervey Bay PCYC is a 3-court facility with rubber floors, while Bundaberg Multiplex has one court with timber floor and three courts with rubber flooring.

High-level competition and events

State Championships are conducted for U12, U14, U16 and U18 for males and females. Separate venues are required for the U14 event, while the U12, U16 and U18 events bring males and females together at the one championship. The championships attract up to 600 players and are played over 4 or 5 days. Given at least 6 courts are required to run each event, it is common for matches to be split between two nearby venues (e.g. University of Sunshine Coast Stadium and Caloundra Indoor Stadium).

Basketball Queensland conduct two senior competitions - the Queensland Basketball League (QBL) and the Southern Basketball League (SBL). The QBL is the highest level senior representative basketball competition conducted in the State. Bundaberg has previously fielded a team in this competition, however, currently the nearest teams are based in Gladstone and the Sunshine Coast. The Southern Basketball League is restricted to teams in the south-east corner.

Without a team in the QBL, Basketball Queensland notes that there is no clear pathway for talented local juniors to aspire to.

A Central Queensland Districts Tournament is also held for junior players and attracts teams from Bundaberg, Emerald, Gladstone, Hervey Bay, Maranoa and Rockhampton.

Regional School Sport trials for primary school is a 2-day event that attracts 110 competitors and requires a 2-court venue. The secondary school trial (for 15-19yrs boys and girls) attracts 140 competitors, is conducted on one day and also requires a 2-court venue.



Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended the construction of a new 4-court facility in Bundaberg and additional courts at the Hervey Bay PCYC.

Construction of the Bundaberg Multiplex (incorporating the PCYC) was recently completed. With three courts with rubber flooring and a show court with sprung timber flooring and retractable seating, the venue will prove attractive for local competitions (and potentially Central Queensland junior fixtures). However, with only one sprung timber floor it cannot attract high-level events.

The Hervey Bay PCYC facility now includes three courts with rubber flooring. The development of a new indoor sport facility is proposed in a later stage of the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct project. There is potential for this facility to become the regional home of basketball if it is developed with at least three courts (with suitable run-offs) and sprung timber floors. This direction is supported by Basketball Queensland's State Facility Plan.

Gympie Regional Council has floated the need to develop a multi-court indoor sport facility to meet local demand for some time. There is some potential that a future facility could be established with suitable inclusions to meet expectations of a regional-level facility.



Recommendations

- As more detailed design begins for the potential indoor sports facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct, ensure at least 3 sprung timber floor courts are included such that the facility can be developed as the regional home for basketball
- Investigate the construction of either a local-level (1-2 court) or regional-level (minimum 3 court) indoor sports facility within Gympie (depending on infrastructure construction at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct)



Netball

High-level facility attributes

In order to host high-level events, Netball Queensland indicates that venues require:

- 20 hard courts for State Age Championships, 16 hard courts for Queensland Cup, 16 hard courts for Primary Schools Cup
- adequate changerooms and toilets
- umpire and officials' rooms
- medical area
- covered teams' areas
- access to wifi
- spectator areas
- additional area for catering, sponsor and merchandise facilities.

These carnivals attract large participant and spectator numbers. Therefore, nearby access to suitable accommodation options is essential.

The Queensland School Sport events require a minimum of 3 (preference for 4) indoor courts. These events are far smaller in terms of competitor and spectator numbers than the Netball Queensland events.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

With 22 hard courts, the netball facility at Bundaberg is large enough to host all of the high-level carnivals. There are no other netball facilities within the Region with at least 16 hard courts. Bundaberg is also the only location with access to at least three quality indoor courts.

High-level competition and events

There are a number of feature championships conducted by Netball Queensland each year:

- State Age Championship (12U to 15U) - 2,500 competitors, 4-day event
- Queensland Cup (over 18 event) - 1,500 competitors, 3-day event
- Primary Schools Cup - 1,000 competitors, 2-day event
- Queensland School Sport 10-12yrs girls State Championships - 150 competitors, 4-day event
- Queensland School Sport 13-15yrs and 16-19yrs girls State Championships - 300 competitors, 4-day event

Regional School Sport trials:

- Primary - 60 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 2 courts
- Secondary (15yrs and 19yrs) - 115 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 4 courts



Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended:

- upgrade of the Bundaberg netball facility to a regional standard. (Since the 2010 Strategy was developed, the netball facility has been relocated to the Bundaberg Super Park. Staged development has resulted in the venue now having 20 hard courts).

The netball facility in Bundaberg has been developed in such a way that it can now bid for all levels of event. (The Queensland Primary Schools Cup will be conducted at the facility in September 2018). A second high-level facility is also planned for the Region. The Fraser Coast Sports Precinct includes a 20-court netball facility. Eight courts are due for completion in 2018, with development of the remaining twelve courts being a longer-term proposition.

Bundaberg will be hosting the 2019 12yrs Queensland School Sport Netball Championship at the Multiplex facility.

Recommendation

- There is no support for additional outdoor court development at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct (unless courts are required to meet exceptional growth at Association-level)

Supporting action

- Given the quality of the existing infrastructure, support the Bundaberg Netball Association in negotiations with Netball Queensland in order to attract high-level events to the facility





Squash

High-level facility attributes

Squash Queensland indicate the following attributes for a high-level facility:

- minimum of 4 high quality courts (free from damage and well-lit)
- showers and amenities for players
- canteen
- quality viewing areas for spectators and umpires.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are three venues within the Region with the capacity to host high-level events:

- Bundaberg has a 7-court facility (making it one of the largest squash facilities in the State). The courts are in excellent condition. However, the Centre is no longer affiliated with Squash Queensland and is therefore ineligible to host Squash Queensland (and Squash Australia) events
- Gympie has a 4-court facility. However, like the Bundaberg Centre, it is not affiliated with Squash Queensland
- Maryborough has a 5-court facility. The facility managers have not sought to host any events through the expression of interest process for a number of years

High-level competition and events

- State Junior Individual and Teams Championships - 350 competitors, 7-day event. Requires at least 6 courts
- State Open Championships - 300 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 4 courts
- State Closed Championships - 200 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 4 courts
- Queensland School Sport 10-19yrs State Championships - 400 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 6 courts
- National Junior Open Championships - 300 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 4 courts
- National Junior Closed Championships - 200 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 4 courts
- Australian Open - 360 competitors, 5-day event. Requires at least 6 courts
- Oceania Junior Championships - 600 competitors, 9-day event. Requires at least 4 courts
- Regional School Sport trial (19yrs) - 25 competitors, 1-day event. Requires at least 4 courts

Considerations

Squash Queensland is committed to rotating high-level events across the State to suitable host centres (there is clearly no South-East Queensland preferred hosting 'rights'). With seven high quality courts and appropriate support facilities, the Bundaberg Squash Centre has the capacity to host all of the high-level events listed below. Additionally, this Centre has a track record of conducting successful events such as its annual Rum City tournament. The facility in Gympie also has the capacity to host many of the high-level events. If these two facilities were to become affiliated with Squash Queensland they would both be well-regarded as host centres.

With five courts, the Maryborough Squash and Fitness Centre has the capacity to host many of the high-level events. The current managers appear reluctant to host and/or to undertake the expression of interest process.

All of the high-level squash events are multi-day and attract significant competitors and spectators. With Squash Queensland keen to conduct these events in regional areas, there is potential for clear economic benefit to the Region.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level squash may become apparent if participation and competition increases

Supporting actions

- With a quality five-court facility available, liaise with the Maryborough Squash and Fitness Centre management to appreciate their thoughts on hosting high-level events. Provide support for the expression of interest process if required
- With a quality seven-court facility available, liaise with the managers of the Bundaberg and Gympie Squash Centres (and Squash Queensland) to understand their reservations with being affiliated with Squash Queensland and ensure that the potential benefits of hosting high-level events are clearly appreciated





Tennis

High-level facility attributes

Tennis Queensland outline that high-level facilities require:

- 12 courts of the same surface with suitable playing area (36.6m x 18.3m)
- player showers (approximately one male and one female shower for every four courts)
- minimum 350 lux lighting across all courts (and preference for at least one showcourt at 1,000 lux)
- spectator viewing areas for all courts and grandstand seating for the showcourt/s
- large car parks
- officials' rooms and amenities'
- match day office
- canteen facility

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are currently no facilities within the Region that meet all of the requirements of a high-level facility.

- Tennis Bundaberg includes 11 clay courts
- Gympie Tennis Association includes 10 hard courts
- Gympie Queens Park Tennis Club includes 8 synthetic grass courts
- Hervey Bay Tennis Association includes 12 synthetic grass (but only 8 are lit to a suitable standard)
- Kingaroy Tennis Association includes 8 synthetic grass courts and 2 hard courts
- Maryborough and District Tennis Association includes 11 hard courts and 5 synthetic grass courts

High-level competition and events

There are a wide range of events that can potentially be attracted to a high-level facility:

- Pro Tour Event - up to 128 competitors (qualifying and main draw), 7-day event
- Australian Money Tournament - up to 128 competitors (qualifying and main draw), 7-day event
- Junior Development Event - up to 200 competitors, 2-day event
- Regional Junior Finals - up to 120 competitors, 2- to 3-day event
- State Junior Finals - up to 100 competitors, 3- to 4-day event
- Queensland School Sport 10-12yrs Girls and Boys State Championships - up to 150 competitors, 4-day event
- Queensland School Sport 13-19yrs Girls and Boys State Championships - up to 150 competitors, 4-day event
- Regional School Sport trial (primary) - 30 competitors, 2-day event. Requires at least 6 courts
- Regional School Sport trial (19yrs) - 30 competitors, 1-day event. Requires at least 6 courts



Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended that with future upgrades the Maryborough and Hervey Bay facilities should include a consistent surface type. Both facilities remain as mixed surface facilities.

As noted above, none of the existing facilities meet the requirements to host high-level events. However, Fraser Coast Sports Precinct planning includes provision of up to twenty courts (including two showcourts). It will be important that at least twelve of these courts are of the same surface (preferably hard courts).



Recommendations

- To meet Tennis Queensland requirements, construct a twelfth clay court at the Tennis Bundaberg facility through the Drinan Park master plan process
- Erect quality lighting on the remaining four courts at the Hervey Bay Tennis Association
- Construct at least twelve hard courts at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct. Discuss potential for funding assistance from Tennis Queensland





Volleyball

High-level facility attributes

Volleyball Queensland indicate that a high-level facility requires:

- at least 4 (up to 15 courts) depending on the individual event
- appropriate free zones around courts (free from court-level obstacles, ceiling fans and lighting)
- clear space of 7.5m above courts
- clear space of 5m around court perimeters
- floors can be either sprung timber or synthetic rubber
- change rooms and amenities for players
- administration area
- canteen
- car and bus parking
- quality spectator viewing opportunities.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

It has been some time since a high-level volleyball event was conducted in the Region. However, the development of the Bundaberg Multiplex provides an opportunity for the Region to host events requiring up to four courts.

High-level competition and events

- Primary Schools Cup - over 1,000 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 40 outdoor grass courts (slightly smaller than full-size courts)
- Junior Schools Cup - 2,000 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 20 courts
- Intermediate Schools Cup - 2,000 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 20 courts
- Senior Schools Cup - 1,500 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 20 courts
- State Championships - 700 competitors, 2-day event. Requires at least 12 courts
- Grand Prix (3 rounds) - 150 competitors each round, 2-day event. Requires at least 4 courts.
- Queensland School Sport 12-15yrs Girls and Boys State Championship - 150 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 4 courts
- Queensland School Sport 16-19yrs Girls and Boys State Championships - 200 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 4 courts
- Regional School Sport trial (15yrs and 19yrs) - 130 competitors, 1-day event. Requires at least 4 courts

Considerations

Volleyball Queensland is committed to promoting and growing the sport in regional areas. The recently developed Grand Prix series is currently conducted at the Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba and Gold Coast. Opportunity exists to expand the event and include additional regional areas such as Bundaberg and Gladstone. Further, the National League is expanding from six to ten rounds from 2018. This will provide the Queensland Pirates with five home rounds. Volleyball Queensland is looking to host at least two of these rounds in regional areas. Toowoomba and Bundaberg have been earmarked as preferred locations at this stage.

Recommendation

- At this point, there appears little demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level volleyball in the short- to medium-term. However, detailed design of the proposed indoor sports centres at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct and within Gympie should include liaison with Volleyball Queensland regarding demand for volleyball venues for high-level events

Supporting actions

- Liaise with Volleyball Queensland regarding the potential for Bundaberg to host high-level events such as the 12-15yrs and/or 16-19yrs School Sport events, Grand Prix series and Queensland Pirates home rounds. Opportunity may also exist for larger tournaments to be hosted across the City combining courts at the Multiplex and school facilities



Field sports

Archery

High-level facility attributes

The South Queensland Archery Society outlines that different facilities are required for each of the four disciplines for high-level events:

- Field - 24 targets spread across a large natural area
- Target - 30-50 targets (at 3m centres) with ranges out to 90m (+50m overshoot area)
- Clout - 2 clout fields with 180m range (+50m overshoot area)
- Indoor - 30 targets with range out to 25m.

High-level venues also require:

- fenced off areas to restrict public access
- suitable amenities
- canteen facilities
- administration area
- car parking.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are no venues in the Region with access to suitable facilities for high-level events. However, it should be noted that the Gympie Field Archers have been allocated the 2019 State Titles and will be looking to upgrade their facilities in order to host this event.

High-level competition and events

- South Queensland Field Championships - 80 competitors, 2-day event
- South Queensland Target Championships - 90 competitors, 2-day event
- South Queensland Target (Short Range) Championships - 90 competitors, 1-day event
- South Queensland Clout Championships - 50 competitors, 1-day event
- South Queensland Indoor Championships - 80 competitors, 2-day event



Considerations

All of the existing South Queensland Championship events are held at either Belmont Shooting Complex or Samford Valley Target Archery facility. Further, Archery Australia has recently relocated its Centre of Excellence and High Performance program to the Belmont facility.

While a number of archers have identified that they would like to travel to areas outside Brisbane on occasion for high-level events, the range at Hervey Bay is not wide enough to cater for the target requirements.

Recommendations

- Construct additional targets at the Gympie Field Archer's facility to ensure a minimum of 24 targets. Additional safety fencing will also be required





Athletics

Athletics in Queensland is currently governed by Queensland Athletics and Little Athletics Queensland. At a national-level, there has been a strong move in recent years for the two 'sports' to merge. Despite State and Federal Government implying this merger as a 'must' and the two bodies generally supporting the concept, this outcome is yet to be achieved.

High-level facility attributes

For high-level little athletics events the following facility standards are required:

| State-level little athletics requirements | |
|---|---|
| Playing surface | Supporting facilities |
| 8-lane 400m track (synthetic) | ample toilets for participants and spectators |
| 2 x shot put areas | canteen |
| 2 x discus areas with cages | car parking |
| at least 1 x javelin sector with synthetic approach | spectator areas |
| 2 x long/triple jump synthetic approaches and pits | |
| 2 x high jump areas | |

Queensland Athletics advise that regular interclub events require each of the facility requirements listed above with a number of key additions:

| Athletics inter-club event requirements | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Playing surface | Supporting facilities |
| steeplechase water jump | |
| provision of a cage suitable for hammer | |
| photofinish equipment is essential | |

Facilities suitable for Queensland Athletics interclub events are also generally appropriate for state- and national-level events for both little athletics and athletics. For large state events such as the State Secondary School Championships and Little Athletics Queensland State Championships, significant spectator facilities are required.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The synthetic athletics facility developed in Bundaberg is the highest-level venue for the Region. It hosts regular regional little athletics events and an annual Carnival open to athletes of all ages. There is a wide range of additional grass facilities that also have the capacity to host regional-level school and little athletics events.

High-level competition and events

A range of school and little athletics events are currently conducted throughout the region.

Central Coast Region Little Athletics Championships

- 300 competitors
- 2-day weekend event
- Allocated to centres with appropriate facilities on-rotation

Central Coast Region Little Athletics Pentathlon

- 140 competitors
- 1-day event weekend event
- Allocated to centres with appropriate facilities on-rotation

Little Athletics Queensland Spring Carnival

- 450 competitors
- 1-day event mid week event
- Conducted at the Bundaberg facility

Queensland School Sport Primary Regional Athletics Trials

- 450 competitors
- 1-day mid-week event
- Rotated around districts

Queensland School Sport Secondary Regional Athletics Trials

- 500 competitors
- 1 day mid-week event
- Rotated around districts

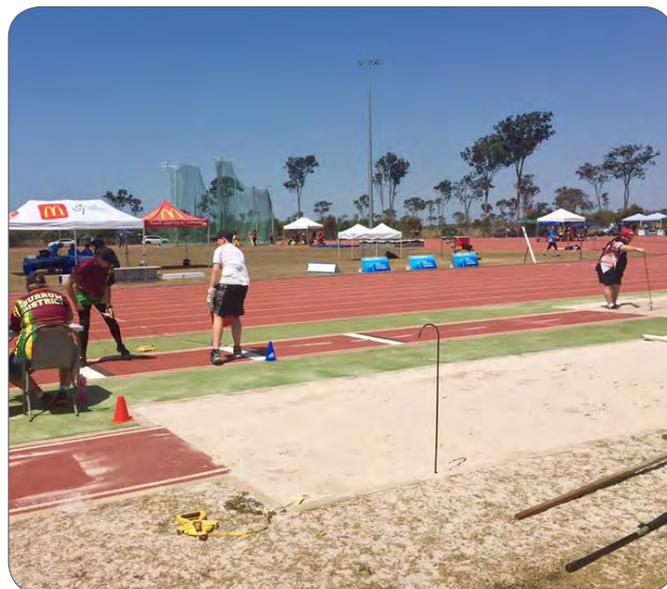


Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended the construction of a synthetic athletics facility in Bundaberg. This project received significant funding support and was officially opened in 2013. This facility should continue as the key venue for athletics for the Region. However, the site requires additional shaded spectator areas given the large numbers that attend regular events.

With Queensland Athletics preferring to focus events in South-East Queensland and Little Athletics Queensland content for regional-level events to be hosted at quality grass facilities, there does not appear any demand for a second synthetic facility into the medium- to long-term.

As an alternate to development of a full synthetic facility, existing grass facilities can be enhanced through the development of synthetic approaches for javelin and the jumps events (as has been achieved at facilities such as the Hervey Bay Little Athletics facility and the Tinana Recreation Reserve in Maryborough).



Recommendations

- Construct additional shaded spectator areas at the Bundaberg athletics facility
- Construct synthetic long jump/triple jump approaches at Albert Park (Gympie)





Australian Football League

High-level facility attributes

In 2012, AFL published the Preferred Facility Guidelines for State, Regional and Local Facilities. This document clearly articulates specific facility expectations. For the purposes of this Strategy 'regional' has been used as the benchmark guideline as this would allow for all junior state championships, masters events and irregular AFL pre-season trials and AFLW matches (albeit with requirement for some additional facilities to be bumped in).

To host higher-level championships, AFL Queensland outline the following requirements:

- access to at least two quality fields
- four changerooms
- coaches boxes and player interchange benches
- interchange for stewards/umpires and officials
- umpires rooms
- scorer/timekeeper box
- medical room
- doctor's room
- strapping rooms for each changeroom
- amenities
- storage
- canteen/kitchen area
- suitable spectator areas.

Given the competitor (and spectator) numbers attracted to many of the high-level events, significant accommodation is required. Additionally, locations near to airports provide ease of access for players, officials and families. Talent scouts also attend events such as the U16 State Championships. These visitors prefer direct flights from major cities and attractive coastal locations.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are no venues in the Region with access to more than one full-size field at a single venue.

High-level competition and events

- Regional School Sport trial (primary boys) - 80 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 1 field
- Regional School Sport trial (primary girls) - 60 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 1 field
- Regional School Sport trial (secondary) -100 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 1 field
- State Championships (separate events for U12, U14, U16) - 300 competitors, 4- to 5-day event
- State Schools Championships (10-12yrs boys) - 200 competitors, 4-day event
- State Schools Invitational Carnival (10-12yrs girls) - 150 competitors, 1-day event
- State Schools Championship (13-15yrs boys and 13-16yrs girls combined event) - 350 competitors, 4-day event
- National Masters Championships - 1,200 competitors - 7-day event
- National U15 Kickstart and U15 All Nations Cup (female) - 200 competitors, 7-day event
- National U16 Diversity Championships (male) - 200 competitors, 7-day event
- National U18 Diversity Championships (male) - 200 competitors, 7-day event



Considerations

The 2010 Strategy included four AFL-specific recommendations:

- ❑ identify land for a new AFL oval in Bundaberg (the recently completed Sport and Recreation Strategy for Bundaberg Regional Council recommends that Kendall Flats becomes the venue for AFL growth in the Bundaberg area)
- ❑ changeroom upgrade at Ocean Reef Park in Maryborough (complete)
- ❑ visitor changeroom upgrade at Walkers Road Recreation Reserve (complete)
- ❑ installation of lighting at Brothers Sports Club and Across the Waves (both now lit to training standard).

AFL Queensland is committed to sharing the AFL 'content' across the State. Indeed, they have created content (events) to boost the sport in a number of instances. The development of a high-quality two-field venue at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct is viewed as an ideal opportunity to create a home for AFL in the Region.

AFL Queensland will commit to providing feature content at this venue once development is confirmed.

Recommendations

- ❑ Construct a quality 2-field AFL facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct. Develop a memorandum of understanding (commitment) for hosting feature events and activities at the venue
- ❑ Prepare an infrastructure master plan for AFL facilities at Kendall Flats (Bundaberg) that reflects the need for the site to have the ability to host regional- and state-level carnivals





Baseball

High-level facility attributes

To host high-level multi-day championships, Baseball Queensland outline the following requirements:

- ❑ access to 2-3 quality diamonds that meet relevant playing requirements. (Junior events can be co-hosted at softball facilities)
- ❑ accommodation and transport (nearby airports) opportunities.

Feature events such as hosting touring teams from Japan or Team Australia international matches require additional infrastructure such as grandstand seating and quality lighting.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

Quality local-level facilities are available in Gympie.

- ❑ Baseball Queensland indicate that one of the key hindrances for growth and development in the sport, is the wide range of poor facilities (and poor facility planning more generally).

High-level competition and events

- ❑ Little League and Junior League State Championships - approximately 200 competitors, 4-day event. Requires a minimum of 3 diamonds
- ❑ Senior State Championships - up to 90 competitors, 2-day event. Requires up to 2 diamonds

Additional events include high performance training programs and a growing women's program.

Considerations

While coastal areas with unique attractions (such as turtle egg laying and hatching) are considered ideal drawcards for feature events and touring teams, the reality is that there is only one baseball facility in the entire Region. Until such time as demand for the sport of baseball increased dramatically, there appears no scope for additional facility development.

Recommendation

- ❑ Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level baseball may become apparent if participation and competition increases





Bowls

High-level facility attributes

Bowls Queensland has an annual Expression of Interest process for clubs (and districts) that are keen to host high-level events. For the first time in 2019, the District and State Championships - the flagship events - will also be open to potential hosts.

Facility expectations for high-level events vary depending on the event. However, typical requirements include:

- high quality greens (can be either grass or synthetic at the discretion of the Competition Committee)
- nearby access to an airport with regular flights
- significant local accommodation
- ground transport options
- suitable club facilities (meals and catering etc).



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The 2018 State Junior Championships were held in Bundaberg across two facilities. With a number of quality greens available at clubs, local airports, extensive accommodation and ground transport opportunities available in Bundaberg and Hervey Bay, these areas are well-positioned to host high-level events. While Albert Park in Gympie is a quality bowls facility, lack of an airport in town limits capacity for high-level events.

While the largest events tend to be conducted on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, Bowls Queensland is keen to see some of the smaller events such as the State Mixed Pairs and Junior State Championships hosted outside the south-east corner.

High-level competition and events

- State Mixed Pairs - 16 competitors, 2-day event. 1 green
- State Multi-disability Championships - 100 competitors, 4-day event. Requires 3 greens
- State Pennants - 200 competitors, 2-day event. 4 greens
- State Junior Championships - 60-100 competitors, 6-day event. Requires 4 greens (for singles)
- State District Championships - 700 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 12 greens
- State Championships - 700 competitors, up to 14-day event. Requires at least 12 greens

Considerations

The 2010 Strategy indicated that clubs upgrade existing facilities where demand is demonstrated. Bowls Queensland highlight that the quality (and quantity) of greens is only one of the considerations when assessing bids to host events. Regular flights, accommodation and ground transport are also highly valued. As a result, it is suggested that Hervey Bay and Bundaberg continue to look to attract events. While facilities such as Albert Park (Gympie) have two quality greens, lack of a passenger airport would stifle opportunities for events.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level bowls may become apparent if participation and competition increases

Supporting action

- Fraser Coast Regional Council and Bundaberg Regional Council to continue to work with clubs to establish interest in further bids to host high-level events



Bowhunting

High-level facility attributes

The Australian Bowhunters Association indicates that the following facilities are required to host high-level events:

- 4 range field facility
- administration area
- canteen
- amenities (including showers)
- camping areas (and nearby accommodation options if National Titles are being hosted).

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are three venues in the Region with access to suitable facilities for high-level events:

- Gympie Field Archers (hosting a state-level event in 2019)
- Saxon Archery Club (Bundaberg) (hosting a state-level event in 2018)
- Wide Bay Archers.

High-level competition and events

- Central Queensland (C Branch) events - up to 100 competitors, 2-day events
- State events - between 100 and 300 competitors depending on location, 2-day events
- National events - approximately 400 competitors, 3- to 10-day event depending on format.



Considerations

The Australian Bowhunters Association (and its member branches) endeavour to move high-level events between locations with suitable facilities. Currently, there are three facilities within the Region hosting events up to State level.

Recommendations

- Upgrade the amenities at the Wide Bay Archers facility to ensure that it remains suitable as a venue for high-level events





Cricket

High-level facility attributes

Queensland Cricket outline that recommended facility provision for regional-level (tier 4) facilities includes:

- three turf playing fields (five pitches in each block)
- six high quality synthetic practice nets
- turf practice nets
- one field lit to 500 lux (centre wicket)/300 lux (outfield)
- sight screens
- covered training area
- player changerooms
- umpire changerooms
- first aid/medical room
- clubroom with social area
- canteen/kitchen
- storage
- sheltered spectator area
- scorer's area
- dedicated car parking
- amenities.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There is no single venue in the Region currently capable of hosting high-level events. However, there are a range of multi-field cricket venues spread across the Wide Bay Burnett Region:

- One Mile Sports Complex (Gympie) - 4 turf wicket fields, 1 synthetic wicket field
- Newtown Oval (Maryborough) - 3 turf wicket fields
- Walkers Road Recreation Reserve (Hervey Bay) - 2 turf wicket fields, 2 synthetic wicket fields (an additional junior size turf wicket field will be developed in 2018)
- Salter Oval (Bundaberg) - 4 turf wicket fields
- Kendall Flats (Bundaberg) - 4 turf wicket fields and 4 synthetic wicket fields
- Murgon Cricket ground (Murgon) - 3 turf wicket fields.

Katzorke Park (Scampers Grounds) in Munduberra includes seven fields with concrete wickets. The fields and ancillary facilities are all in very poor condition. However, the facility is only used for the annual 2-day 7-a-side cricket carnival that attracts teams from across southern and central Queensland.



High level competition and events

A range of club-based and school-based regional and state-level events are available to the Region:

- ❑ Regional School Sport trials (primary) - 120 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 4 fields (preferably with turf wickets)
- ❑ Regional School Sport trials (14yrs and 19yrs boys, 15yrs girls) - 80 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 3 fields with turf wickets
- ❑ Queensland Primary School State Championship (boys and girls separate events) - approximately 200 competitors, 5-day events
- ❑ Queensland Secondary School State Championship (separate events for 14yrs boys, 19yrs boys and 15yrs girls) - approximately 200 competitors, 4-day events
- ❑ Queensland Cricket State Underage Championships (separate events for U13, U15, U17 and U19 males and U13, U16 and U18 females) - approximately 180 competitors, 5-day events.



Considerations

The 2010 Strategy outlined four cricket-related recommendations:

- ❑ installation of lighting at Walkers Road Recreation Reserve (Hervey Bay). In 2018, the premier cricket field at the Walkers Road facility will be lit to 300 lux. The project is a joint initiative between Council, State Government, the association and Queensland Cricket
- ❑ upgrade the changerooms at Walkers Road Recreation Reserve (Hervey Bay). This is yet to be achieved
- ❑ upgrade One Mile Oval (Gympie). A master plan was adopted for One Mile Sports Complex in 2016. The Plan includes significant upgrade to the cricket facilities such that ultimate development includes 5 turf wicket fields, 2 synthetic wicket fields, new cricket practice facilities and clubhouse
- ❑ construct an additional oval at Scampers Ground. There are now a total of seven fields available at this site as an additional field has been developed since 2010.

As one of the few sports where multiple fields are not necessarily required at the one venue to attract high-level events (although it is preferred), it is suggested that Gympie Regional Council, Fraser Coast Regional Council and Bundaberg Regional Council each continue to develop the existing venues at One Mile Sports Complex, Walkers Road Recreation Reserve, Newtown Oval and Kendall Flats (respectively) as sites (and towns) capable of hosting high-level cricket championships.

While three turf wickets are available at the Murgon and District Cricket Club facility, the wicket blocks and outfielders require significant upgrades (and enhanced irrigation) before the facility can be considered for higher-level events.

Recommendations

- ❑ Gympie - construct a new wicket and cricket practice facility in the short-term and an additional turf wicket field in the longer-term (in accordance with the approved master plan)
- ❑ Hervey Bay - construct an additional turf wicket field for juniors and upgrade the changerooms at the Walkers Road Recreation Reserve (in accordance with the facility concept plan)
- ❑ Bundaberg - develop a facilities master plan for Kendall Flats (Bundaberg) that reflects the need for the site to have the ability to continue to host regional- and state-level cricket carnivals
- ❑ Murgon - install irrigation at the Murgon and District Cricket Club





Croquet

High-level facility attributes

Croquet Queensland advise that four lawns are preferred for state- and national-level events. Depending on the length of matches through competition days, it is not uncommon for matches to carry on until the early evening. Thus, it is preferable for hosts venues to have lights capable of hosting tournament play.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

Facilities with the capacity to host tournaments include:

- Bundaberg Croquet Club - 4 lawns (unlit) and clubhouse
- Hervey Bay Croquet and Mallet Sports Club - 4 lawns (2 lit) and clubhouse
- Point Lookout Croquet Club (Maryborough) - 4 lawns (unlit) and clubhouse.

High-level competition and events

A range of Croquet Queensland sanctioned events are conducted each year:

- State Championships in Association (men's singles, women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles)
- State Championships in Golf (men's singles, women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles)
- State Championships in Gateball (doubles, teams)
- State Championships in Ricochet.

The majority of the state-level tournaments are 2-day events and attract up to 30 competitors.

It is rare for tournaments to be taken outside South-East Queensland. Many players are older and have difficulty travelling longer distances to attend events.

Considerations

There are currently three venues in the Region with the capacity to host state-level events. However, with a clear preference for events of this nature to be conducted in South-East Queensland, no croquet-related recommendations have been proposed.

Recommendation

- Light the lawns at the Bundaberg Croquet Club



Football (soccer)

Governance of football in the Region is split between Football Wide Bay and Football South West Queensland (both under the direction of Football Queensland).

High-level facility attributes

Preferred facilities for zone-level facilities (capable of hosting high-level multi-day championships) include:

- minimum of 3 quality full-size fields (each with 2 technical areas with seating for 10 people)
- all fields lit to at least 50 lux (training) and 150 lux (games)
- permanent chain wire fence around the main playing field
- scoreboards
- 2 changerooms for each field
- referees' changerooms and amenities
- public toilets
- administration area
- kitchen and canteen
- covered viewing area
- social/community room
- storage
- utilities areas
- large car parking areas.

There may also be instances where infrequent high-level feature matches (such as A-League trial games) may be available. For these events, a single field stadium is required with covered grandstand seats, changerooms with doctors' rooms and strapping rooms and lighting of at least 200 lux.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are a number of venues with at least three quality full-size fields (e.g. Federation Park, Maryborough; Sports and Leisure Park, Hervey Bay; Fraser Coast Sports Precinct, Hervey Bay; Martens Oval, Bundaberg; One Mile Sports Complex, Gympie). However, there are currently no facilities in the Region with all of the components to meet expected high-level requirements. As a result, it has been some time since a state-level Football Queensland event was conducted in the Region.

The facilities at Salter Oval would be appropriate if a feature match was to be conducted in the Region.

High-level competition and events

Football Queensland has recently announced a move away from traditional State Championship events in preference for carnivals and development programs being conducted each year for each age group. These events will be conducted at zone level and are expected to attract up to 200 participants.

Additional high-level events include:

- Regional School Sport trial (primary) - 150 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 2 fields
- Regional School Sport trial (secondary) - 300 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 4 fields at the one venue
- State Primary Schools Championship - (10-12yrs girls and boys) - 350 competitors, 4-day event (this event will be conducted in Hervey Bay in 2018)
- State Secondary Schools Championship (13-15yrs girls and boys) - 320 competitors, 4-day event
- State Secondary Schools Championship (16-19yrs girls and boys) - 320 competitors, 4-day event.

The Fraser Coast also hosted a Joeys Mini 'World Cup' Carnival in 2018. The event was conducted at the Tavistock Street precinct.

Considerations

The development of up to 10 high quality fields at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct will provide an opportunity to promote the Region as a venue capable of hosting large multi-field multi-day carnivals.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level football may become apparent if participation and competition increases

Supporting action

- Work closely with Football Queensland to ensure that the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct is recognised as a venue capable of hosting regular championships, carnivals and development camps





Hockey

High-level facility attributes

In order to host high-level events, Hockey Queensland indicates that venues require:

- multiple fields with at least one synthetic field (the number of synthetic fields required is dependant on the individual event)
- technical benches for each field
- adequate changerooms and toilets (no expectation of two changerooms for each field)
- umpires' room
- officials' room
- medical room
- access to wifi
- spectator areas
- catering (and bar) facilities.

As some of the State-level championships attract large numbers, suitable accommodation is required (and access to a nearby airport is also preferred).

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

High-level facilities are located in:

- Bundaberg (1 synthetic field and 3 grass fields, with adjoining availability for more grass fields)
- Gympie (1 synthetic field and 3 grass fields, with adjoining availability for more grass fields)
- Hervey Bay (1 synthetic field and 4 grass fields, with adjoining availability for more grass fields)
- Maryborough (1 synthetic field and 6 grass fields).

Each of these venues have previously conducted high-level events. Associations are required to bid to host events. However, Hockey Queensland looks to ensure that every Association (with suitable facilities) has an opportunity to host an event within a three-year cycle.



High-level competition and events

There are a number of feature championships on the Hockey Queensland annual calendar:

- ❑ Regional School Sport trial (primary) - 100 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 2 fields (at least 1 synthetic field)
- ❑ Regional School Sport trial (secondary boys) - 50 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 1 synthetic field
- ❑ Regional School Sport trial (secondary girls) - 50 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 1 synthetic field
- ❑ U13 State Championships (boys and girls) - 960 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 1 synthetic and 3 grass fields
- ❑ U15 State Championships (boys and girls) - 960 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 1 synthetic and 3 grass fields
- ❑ U18 State Championships (boys and girls) - 600 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 2 synthetic fields
- ❑ Masters Women's State Championships - 1,200 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 2 synthetic and 3 grass fields (although some leeway exists in the required number of synthetic fields)
- ❑ O35s Men's State Championships - 350 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 3 synthetic fields
- ❑ O40 and O50 Men's State Championships - 900 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 1 synthetic and 3 grass fields
- ❑ O60 Men's State Championships - 120 competitors, 2-day event. Requires at least one synthetic and 1 grass field
- ❑ Festival of Hockey (Open State Championships) - 400 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 3 synthetic fields (preference for one venue otherwise split between venues)
- ❑ Queensland School Sport 10-12yrs girls and boys State Championship - 300 competitors, 4 days. Requires at least 1 synthetic field
- ❑ Queensland School Sport 13-19yrs girls State Championship - 150 competitors, 4 days. Requires at least 2 synthetic fields
- ❑ Queensland School Sport 13-19yrs boys State Championship - 150 competitors, 4 days. Requires at least 2 synthetic fields

Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended:

- ❑ the development of a second synthetic field at Maryborough (yet to be undertaken and potentially not a priority if a regional home is developed at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct)
- ❑ the development of a synthetic field at Gympie (completed in 2010/2011).

Hockey is well-provided for in the Region. Each of the four existing venues have suitable facilities for attracting a number of higher-level events.

The development of a new regional home for hockey has been ear-marked as a future stage of the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct. The potential site identified sits outside the existing boundary currently being developed but has quality road frontage. With opportunities for the development of additional synthetic fields at the Maryborough facility, further investigation should be undertaken to ascertain whether any new hockey facilities at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct should simply replace the facilities in Hervey Bay (if relocation is deemed warranted) or whether an even higher-level facility is required. Importantly, one of either the Maryborough or Hervey Bay facilities should include two synthetic fields to ensure that a venue from the Region is capable of hosting the widest range of higher-level events (and potentially the Festival of Hockey if the two venues were used concurrently).

Recommendations

- ❑ Construct a second synthetic field at the Maryborough hockey facility
- ❑ In the medium- to long-term, determine the feasibility of establishing a new hockey venue in Hervey Bay at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct. Depending on developments undertaken at the Maryborough facility in the meantime, a new facility in Hervey Bay could either include one or two synthetic fields with additional grass fields



Oztag

High-level facility attributes

Queensland Oztag report that the facilities required to host high-level events include:

- 9 full-size rectangular playing fields (capable of holding 18 oztag fields)
- extensive amenities (including access to portable toilets)
- large (or multiple) canteens
- extensive car parking
- game day office
- referees' area.

The state tournaments attract large numbers of competitors and spectators. As a result, significant nearby accommodation options are required.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are no oztag-specific facilities in the Region suitable for hosting high-level events. The playing fields in the Tavistock Street precinct in Hervey Bay have the capacity to host an event. However, this venue is already recognised as the home of a large state touch championship and Queensland Oztag perceive some level of conflict also using the venue for their events.

High-level competition and events

- Junior State Cup - 2,500 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 15 oztag fields
- Senior State Cup - 2,400 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 18 oztag fields
- All Schools - 2,500 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 15 to 18 oztag fields
- Super series tournament - 1,500 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 12 oztag fields.

Currently, all high-level events are conducted at the Sunshine Coast Stadium. The Queensland Oztag office is located on the Sunshine Coast, the Sunshine Coast is somewhat central for the event attendees and offers a suitable range of accommodation opportunities. Additionally, the Stadium (and adjoining school) provide a large number of playing fields with multiple canteens and amenities.



Considerations

While all high-level oztag events are well-established at the Sunshine Coast Stadium, if Queensland Oztag were considering hosting an event in a more regional centre, opportunities may exist in Hervey Bay (either the Tavistock Street precinct or future Fraser Coast Regional Sports Precinct).

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level oztag may become apparent if participation and competition increases

Supporting action

- Liaise with Queensland Oztag to establish whether any of the future high-level events could potentially be hosted outside the Sunshine Coast. Consider Hervey Bay as a suitable alternative





Rugby league

High-level facility attributes

Queensland Rugby League indicate that high-level facilities need to include:

- 2 full-size fields with an additional field as a warm-up area
- preference for at least one field to be lit
- 4 changerooms (that meet NRL Facility Guidelines of at least 45m² each) and amenities
- referees' rooms
- medical/first aid area
- announcer's booth
- match office
- scoreboards
- fenced playing areas
- fenced facility with ticket booths
- significant car and bus parking
- covered seating for 500-1,000 spectators.

The National Rugby League Preferred Facility Guidelines document provides a detailed list of facility expectations at local-, regional- and state-level.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

Being one of the more popular sports, rugby league is played at a number of venues across the Region. However, Queensland Rugby League suggest that the only facilities meeting all of the expectations for a high-level venue are Salter Oval in Bundaberg and Eskdale Park in Maryborough. Stafford Park (Hervey Bay) and the Kingaroy Rugby League Club meet many (but not all) requirements.

High-level competition and events

- Regional School Sport trial (11yrs boys) - 90 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 1 field and a warm-up area
- Regional School Sport trial (12yrs boys) - 100 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 1 field and a warm-up area
- Regional School Sport trial (12yrs girls) - 50 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 1 field and a warm-up area
- Regional School Sport trial (15yrs and 18yrs boys) - 170 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 2 fields and a warm-up area
- Regional School Sport trial (15yrs girls) - 40 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 1 field and a warm-up area
- U14 and U16 Boys and Girls State Junior Championships - 280 competitors, 4-day event
- 11-12yrs Boys Queensland School Sport Championship - 250 competitors, 6-day event
- 11-12yrs Girls Queensland School Sport Championship - 160 competitors, 4-day event
- 10-11yrs Vic Jensen Carnival - 180 competitors, 5-day event
- 14-15yrs Boys Queensland School Sport Championship - 250 competitors, 4-day event
- 14-15yrs Girls Invitational Carnival - 160 competitors, 2-day event
- 16-18yrs Queensland School Sport Championship - 250 competitors, 4-day event

Irregular Intrust Super Cup matches may also be attracted to the Region and in recent years have been conducted at Stafford Park, Salter Oval and Archer Park Mundubbera. While these matches are likely to attract significant spectators, they require significant infrastructure (such as broadcast towers and additional toilets). For the match in Mundubbera, the concrete cricket wicket had to be removed from the playing field.



Considerations

In addition to the existing high-level facilities, there is potential for further high-level venues to be established in the Region. The Fraser Coast Sports Precinct includes the development of a four-field rugby league facility (in the medium-term). Additionally, the Kingaroy Rugby League Club has recently completed a master planning process that identifies ultimate development as two full-size fields, additional warm-up area and high-level ancillary facilities.

It is preferable to have a smaller number of high-level facilities for each sport spread across the Region in order to not dilute the regularity of hosting high-level events at an individual facility. However, rugby league is a popular sport in the Region and each council looks set to establish a home/s for rugby league within their boundary.

Recommendations

- Upgrade the field lighting, changerooms and amenities at Eskdale Park (Maryborough)
- Re-develop the field layout at the Kingaroy Rugby league facility to include two full-size fields and a half field all lit

Supporting action

- As more detailed planning is undertaken, re-evaluate the demand for a four-field rugby league facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct





Rugby union

High-level facility attributes

Queensland Rugby Union advocate that high-level facilities need to include:

- at least 5 full-size fields with at least one field lit to competition standard
- at least 4 changerooms (preference for more)
- referees' rooms
- medical/first aid area
- announcer's booth
- match office
- significant car and bus parking
- canteen and meals area
- spectator amenities.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are no facilities in the Region meeting all of the requirements for a high-level facility (as there are no individual sites with access to at least five full-size fields). However, opportunity also exists to attract the Queensland Country Carnival and any of the three Queensland Rugby Football Schools Union events that only require two fields. Salter Oval (Bundaberg) hosted the Country event in 2017 and these events could also potentially be hosted at Walkers Road Recreation Reserve (Hervey Bay).

High-level competition and events

- Regional School Sport trial (secondary) - 50 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 1 field and a warm-up area
- Queensland Junior State Titles (U12, U13, U14, U16) - over 800 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 5 fields
- Queensland Country Carnival - 150 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 2 fields
- 11-12yrs Queensland Rugby Football Schools Union - 250 competitors, 4-day event. Requires 2 fields
- 14-15yrs Queensland Rugby Football Schools Union - 250 competitors, 4-day event. Requires 2 fields
- 17-18yrs Queensland Rugby Football Schools Union - 250 competitors, 4-day event. Requires 2 fields



Considerations

Queensland Rugby Union are committed to hosting the Queensland Country Carnival in regional areas (as highlighted by Bundaberg hosting in 2017). As an event requiring only two fields (one match field and one warm-up field), this should be a target event for the Region.



Recommendation

- ❑ Upgrade the amenities at the Walkers Road Recreation Reserve to include at least four quality changerooms to service rugby union

Supporting action

- ❑ Continue to promote to Queensland Rugby Union opportunities for the Region to host events (particularly the Queensland Country Carnival)



Softball

High-level facility attributes

Softball Queensland advocate that high-level facilities need to include:

- 4-8 quality diamonds (each with 2 dugouts and appropriate fencing extending beyond 1st and 3rd base)
- access to changerooms
- centrally located first aid marquee
- player and spectator amenities
- canteen
- office space
- internet access
- covered spectator areas are preferred for at least the main diamond.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The Hervey Bay softball facility includes four quality diamonds and suitable ancillary facilities. The facility is hosting the 13-19yrs girls School Sport State Championships in 2018. The Bundaberg and Maryborough facilities do not have enough diamonds to host high-level events.

High-level competition and events

- Regional School Sport trial (primary) - 120 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 3 diamonds
- Regional School Sport trial (secondary) - 45 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 2 diamonds
- U15 State Championships (girls) - 200 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 5 diamonds
- U15 State Championships (boys) - 150 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 4 diamonds
- U17 State Championships (girls) - 200 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 5 diamonds
- U17 State Championships (boys) - 150 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 4 diamonds
- U19 State Championships (girls) - 150 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 4 diamonds
- U19 State Championships (boys) - 150 competitors, 3-day event. Requires 4 diamonds
- Open State Championships (women) - 270 competitors, 3 or 4-day event. Requires 6-8 diamonds
- Open State Championships (men) - 270 competitors, 3 or 4-day event. Requires 6-8 diamonds
- 10-12yrs girls School Sport State Championships - 165 competitors, 4-day event. Requires 4 diamonds
- 10-12yrs boys School Sport State Championships - 100 competitors, 4-day event. Requires 3 diamonds
- 13-19yrs girls School Sport State Championships - 150 competitors, 4-day event. Requires 4 diamonds
- 13-19yrs boys School Sport State Championships - 100 competitors, 4-day event. Requires 3 diamonds



Considerations

With limited available adjoining land, expansion for the sake of attracting high-level events at the Bundaberg and Maryborough facilities does not appear warranted.

Recommendations

- ❑ Undertake minor facility upgrades at the Hervey Bay softball facility (provision of additional shade for spectators, players and officials; enhanced drainage)
- ❑ Ascertain whether local demand is such that the construction of a clubhouse at the Hervey Bay softball facility is necessary. If a clubhouse is considered a 'local' necessity, ensure that it is also designed to meet any requirements for hosting high-level events (internet access, office space etc)

Supporting action

- ❑ Continue to promote the Hervey Bay softball facility as a venue capable of hosting many of the State Championship events





Touch football

High-level facility attributes

Queensland Touch Football outline that high-level facilities require:

- between 4 and 20 quality playing fields (depending on the event sought)
- showers and amenities
- spectator viewing areas
- large car parks
- officials' rooms and amenities
- match day office
- canteen facility.

Given that a number of the larger events attract significant player and spectator numbers, access to suitable transport options and accommodation alternatives is essential.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are currently two key facilities within the Region that meet the requirements of a high-level facility.

- the Bundaberg touch facility includes 10 fields and access to another 2 fields on adjoining land
- the Tavistock Street sporting precinct in Hervey Bay provides access to up to 21 fields.

Both Bundaberg and Hervey Bay offer locations with an airport and a wide range of accommodation options.

With 6 fields, Albert Park in Gympie has the capacity to host the smaller of the high-level events. Planned improvement of the ancillary facilities will improve this facility.

High-level competition and events

- Regional School Sport trial (primary) - 140 competitors, 2-day event. Requires 2 fields
- Regional School Sport trial (secondary) - 230 competitors, 1-day event. Requires 4 fields
- Queensland All Schools - 5,000 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 18 fields
- Bundaberg Cup - 500 competitors, 2-day event. Requires at least 6 fields
- Queensland Junior State Cup - 3,500 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 20 fields (5yr contract with 5yr extension for this event to be conducted in Hervey Bay)
- Queensland Junior State Championships - 500 competitors, 3-day event. Requires at least 6 fields
- Queensland School Sport 10-12yrs Girls and Boys State Championships - 360 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 4 fields (to be conducted in Bundaberg in 2018).
- Queensland School Sport 13-15yrs Girls and Boys State Championships - 360 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 4 fields
- Queensland School Sport 16-18yrs Girls and Boys State Championships - 360 competitors, 4-day event. Requires at least 4 fields



Considerations

The Tavistock Street sports precinct in Hervey Bay is considered an ideal location for hosting the Junior State Cup. As a result, Hervey Bay has had its current 5 year contract extended for another 5 years by Queensland Touch Football. The facilities at the Bundaberg touch facility are also of high quality and Touch Football Queensland will continue to look favourably upon event bids for this venue.

It will be important to consider the impact on hosting high-level touch events if any future sport (or facility) relocations are proposed from the Tavistock Street precinct to the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct.



Recommendations

- Appropriate infrastructure is available at the Tavistock Street Precinct (Hervey Bay) for hosting the Junior State Cup. Liaise with Touch Football Queensland regarding the potential impact on hosting arrangements if the construction of the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct alters the availability of playing fields
- Upgrade the changerooms at Albert Park (Gympie) in accordance with the master plan
- Upgrade the lighting at the Bundaberg touch facility to 150 lux and construct additional shaded areas

Supporting action

- Continue to support the Hervey Bay and Bundaberg touch facilities in high-level event bids and hosting arrangements



Indoor sports

Boxing

High-level facility attributes

Boxing Queensland is the peak body overseeing competitive amateur boxing in the State and notes the following facility inclusions are required for high-level facilities:

- large conference room or hall
- changerooms and amenities for competitors
- access to catering
- access to a bar.

It is important to note that boxing events (tournaments) are generally not conducted at boxing gyms. As identified above, community halls and conference-style venues are preferred locations.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are many venues capable of hosting boxing tournaments spread across the Wide Bay Burnett Region. In 2017, tournaments were hosted by the Hervey Bay PCYC Boxing Club (at the Beach House Hotel) and the Bundaberg Boxing Club (at the Civic Centre). Each of these venues were appropriate and the tournaments are scheduled to be repeated in 2018 (although the Bundaberg tournament may be transferred to the Multiplex facility if suitable arrangements can be secured).

High-level competition and events

All Boxing Queensland state-sanctioned events are conducted in South-East Queensland to reflect that fact that more than 80% of all registered amateur boxers reside in the area.

Details of the two tournaments conducted in the Region in 2017 are listed below:

- Hervey Bay tournament (invitational) - 60 boxers, 0.5-day weekend event
- Bundaberg tournament (belt event) - 100 boxers, 1-day weekend event



Considerations

Given that boxing tournaments can be conducted at any suitable conference-style venue, there is no need for any future facility development across the Region specifically targeting high-level boxing.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level boxing may become apparent if participation and competition increases





Gymnastics

High-level facility attributes

Gymnastics Queensland notes that a high-level facility (regional events) requires the following elements:

- minimum 816m² (34m x 24m) field of play area with ceiling height of at least 8m
- changerooms
- first aid area
- canteen
- judges and officials area
- suitable area for at least 800 spectators (tiered seating preferred)
- significant car parking.

State Club Championships require a floor area of more than 1,600m² and expanded spectator facilities in addition to the facility inclusions listed above.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

It is important to note that regional- and state-level gymnastics events are not necessarily hosted at gymnastics venues. Rather, events are conducted at large open indoor sports spaces (such as the Caloundra Indoor Stadium that hosts the State Club Championships yet is not a home venue for gymnastics).

There are currently two Wide Bay Burnett venues recognised by Gymnastics Queensland as suitable for hosting high-level events. The Bundaberg Multiplex facility includes a purpose built gymnastics facility in addition to a 3-court indoor sports space and an additional single court with tiered seating. This facility has the capacity to host both regional- and state-level events and hosted the 2017 Mens Artistic Gymnastics Grand Prix Event.

The recently expanded facility at the Wide Bay Gymnastics Club (in Hervey Bay) is now suitable for hosting regional-level events.

High-level competition and events

The Gymnastics Queensland regions divide the Wide Bay Burnett area into two - the Sunshine Coast region extends north to Hervey Bay while the Central Queensland region includes Bundaberg and the areas to the west.

Potential events that could be hosted in the Region include:

- Regional Championships (separate events for both Sunshine Coast and Central Queensland) - 200 competitors (Sunshine Coast) and 160 competitors (Central Queensland), 2-day event
- Club Invitationals (separate events for both Sunshine Coast and Central Queensland) - 215 competitors at each, 2-day event
- Mens Artistic Gymnastics Grand Prix - 90 competitors, 1-day event. Held outside of Brisbane on occasion
- State Club Championships - 1,000 competitors, 5-day event. Held at Caloundra Indoor Stadium in recent years given the large open spaces (and significant council support).

Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended the construction of high-level gymnastics facilities in Bundaberg and Maryborough. The Bundaberg facility has been constructed as Stage one of the Multiplex building and was completed in early 2017. This site has already hosted a feature gymnastics event and will continue to be the focus for high-level events for the Region.

No new facility has been developed in Maryborough since the 2010 Strategy. Rather, the construction of the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct is well-advanced. Later stages of this project include the development of a multi-court indoor sport and recreation facility. (At the time of preparing the Strategy, the PCYC and gymnastics facilities currently based in Hervey Bay were not being relocated to this venue pending further investigation). However, if the facility is well-designed, there is potential for it to become a second venue for high-level gymnastics events with equipment bumped-in as it is currently at the Caloundra Indoor Sports Stadium.

Recommendation

- Ensure suitable infrastructure (in-line with that indicated for high-level events in this Strategy) is included in detailed designs for the proposed indoor sports facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct

Supporting action

- Continue to promote the Bundaberg Multiplex as the preferred site for high-level gymnastics events for the Region. Work with Gymnastics Queensland to secure regular events





Table tennis

High-level facility attributes

Table Tennis Queensland indicate that high-level facilities require:

- minimum of 8 high quality tables with suitable playing area around each table (at least 20 tables are required for the Queensland Schools State Finals)
- showers and amenities for players
- canteen
- quality viewing areas for spectators, umpires and referees.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There is only one Table Tennis Club in the region. The facility at Bundaberg is well-managed, has eight tables and applies for (and hosts) regular high-level events.

It is important to note that high-level events are often conducted at large multi-court indoor sport venues with tables and playing area dividers bumped-in to the facility.

High-level competition and events

- Queensland Junior Championships - 80 competitors, 4-day event. Requires a minimum of 8 tables
- Queensland Open Championships - 100 competitors, 3-day event. Requires a minimum of 8 tables
- Queensland Closed Championships - 75 competitors, 4-day event. Requires a minimum of 8 tables.
- Queensland Veterans Championships - 150 competitors, 5-day event. Requires a minimum of 8 tables
- Queensland Schools Championships (Regional Division - Bundaberg) - 80 competitors, 1-day event. Requires a minimum of 8 tables
- Queensland Schools Championships (State Finals) - 300 competitors, 1-day event. Requires a minimum of 20 tables (and is hosted in Brisbane at a large indoor sports centre with tables brought in)
- National Junior Championships - 250 competitors, 8-day event. Requires a minimum of 20 tables (and is hosted at a large indoor sports centre with tables brought in)
- National Senior Championships - 300 competitors, 7-day event. Requires a minimum of 25 tables (and is hosted at a large indoor sports centre with tables brought in)
- National Veterans Championships - 500 competitors, 8-day event. Requires a minimum of 40 tables (and is hosted at a large indoor sports centre with tables brought in)



Considerations

Bundaberg Table Tennis is well-regarded as a host venue for high-level events. Additionally, the development of the Bundaberg Multiplex and potential multi-court indoor sport facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct may provide an opportunity to attract the larger national-level events.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level table tennis may become apparent if participation and competition increases

Supporting actions

- Support the Bundaberg Table Tennis Club to regularly host high-level events
- Liaise with Table Tennis Queensland regarding the potential to host national-level events at the Bundaberg Multiplex
- As more detailed design begins for the potential indoor sports facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct, ensure discussions with Table Tennis Queensland regarding facility inclusions such that the facility can host national-level events



Equestrian sports

Campdraft

High-level facility attributes

The Australian Campdraft Association outlines that the facility expectations for high-level events include:

- a quality cut-out camp and arena (preferably lit)
- cattleyards for at least 600 head with suitable loading ramps
- scanning facilities and holding areas
- camping facilities (with power and water) for approximately 1,000 patrons
- extensive amenities
- covered spectator viewing areas
- bar and canteen areas.

To be eligible to host the National Finals, the same range of facilities are required albeit with expectations of more 'polish' and more extensive facilities to cater for almost twice as many patrons as the regular events. Many of the regular events are hosted in remote locations with less facilities than those listed above. However, for the National Finals there is an expectation for access to internet/mobile phone coverage for live scoring and for a facility capable of hosting a sit down presentation dinner for more than 200 attendees.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

A number of the venues across the Region host successful local events (e.g. Burrandowan, Gin Gin, Kilkivan, Kumbia, Preston, Manumbar, Monto, Mulgildie, Mundubbera, Nanango and Tansey). However, the peak body for campdraft notes that only four high-level events are conducted annually at well-established venues (none of which are in the Region).

High-level competition and events

There are currently four high-level events conducted in Queensland each year - Paradise Lagoons, Warwick, Condamine and Chinchilla. The Condamine, Chinchilla and Warwick events are considered the 'Big 3' and are conducted on three consecutive weekends to limit travel expectations for competitors.

The National Finals are allocated to different high-level facilities each year after an Expression of Interest process, with many committees upgrading their facilities for the purpose of hosting the event. The Finals attract over 1,000 first round runs and are conducted across four days.

At the time of developing the Strategy, there were nine local events included in the Australian Campdraft Association competition calendar for the Region. Local events are generally conducted over two days and attract competitors from afar across approximately 600 first round runs. Most local committees organise one or two events each year.



Considerations

The Region is a popular equine sports area and has the capacity amongst the existing venues to attract the National Finals (depending on access to suitable cattle numbers). However, such an exercise would require a strong and committed local organising committee, substantial council support and significant sponsorship. The Kumbia Campdraft Association has expressed a clear interest in attracting this event by 2023 if facility up[grades can be achieved.

Additionally, sports such as team penning are increasing in popularity with local events currently held in Gympie. There are no Team Penning Australia affiliated associations based in Queensland at present.

Recommendation

- Undertake a range of facility upgrades at the Kumbia campdraft facility - increase the sand profile at the arena to make it an all-weather facility, construct a larger office and construct additional amenities

Supporting action

- Interested councils should liaise closely with local campdraft organising committees to assess the desire to (bid to) host the National Finals. If a suitable committee(s) and venue(s) are identified, work closely with the Australian Campdraft Association to ensure a quality bid





Endurance horse riding

High-level facility attributes

Queensland Endurance Riders highlight that events require a loop of 10km and 40km linked with a suitably large staging point that allows for car and float parking, camping, event administration and vet check areas.

Preference exists for tracks that do not involve road crossings (and thus the need for costly traffic management plans, SES and police assistance) and include a range of natural terrain.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

While there are a number of quality local-level rides conducted by clubs, none of the existing set-ups are considered high-level.

High-level competition and events

- ❑ State Championships - 150 competitors, 3-day event. Recently conducted at Imbil from a site adjoining the Imbil State Forest (160km ride in 5 legs completed within 24hrs)
- ❑ Quilty (National Championships) - 300 competitors, 3-day event (160km ride in 5 legs completed within 24hrs)

It is important to note that the Queensland Endurance Riders have a preference for sharing the State Championships between suitable locations. However, unlike most sport state championships, local clubs (rather than Queensland Endurance Riders as peak body) actually conduct the event. As a result, State Championships are not 'allocated' to venues they are 'sought' by interested local clubs and Queensland Endurance Riders then assess the suitability of the facility and potential organising committee.

Considerations

The key issues for local endurance ride committees are gaining access to suitable tracks and trails and receiving local support to minimise the impact of burdens such as traffic management. With a preference to rotate the State Championships between quality venues, opportunity exists to conduct this event within the Region, if a local committee shows interest in conducting the event.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level endurance horse riding may become apparent if participation and competition increases

Supporting action

- If a local club (organising committee) shows a keen interest to attract the State Championships to the Region provide support with event management planning and the bid process





Equestrian

High-level facility attributes

Equestrian Queensland note that the facility requirements for high-level events are dependent on each individual discipline. However, the following standards would suit a range of disciplines:

- minimum of 5 arenas (80m x 40m) with quality surfaces (may require sand or grass depending on the discipline). Preferable to have at least one lit arena
- changerooms and amenities for 250 competitors
- stabling for up to 300 horses
- first aid, official and judges areas
- designated spaces for spectators (preferably covered).

The majority of high-level events are conducted at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre (QSEC). Not only is QSEC centrally located for the largest concentration of competitors, it also offers a wide range of quality facilities. Generally, those high-level events that are not conducted at QSEC (such as the State Eventing Championships) remain hosted within the south-east corner of the State.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park is the feature equestrian facility for the Region. It provides facilities for a wide range of disciplines and is large enough to cater for simultaneous events. More recently, some event organisers have noted concerns with the arena surfaces and stabling arrangements (both quality of individual stables and the total number of stables) at the venue.

High-level competition and events

A range of events are conducted across each discipline annually. High-level events include:

- Queensland Eventing Championships - up to 350 competitors, 3-day event
- Queensland Dressage Championships - up to 250 competitors, 3-day event (usually conducted at QSEC)
- Queensland Vaulting Championships - up to 100 competitors, 2-day event (usually conducted at QSEC)
- Interschool Queensland State Championships - up to 300 competitors, 4-day event (usually conducted at QSEC)
- Interschool Queensland State Championships (combined training and eventing) - up to 150 competitors, 2-day event
- Showhorse Horse of the Year - up to 150 competitors, 2-day event
- Interschool Wide Bay Regional Championships - up to 100 competitors, 2-day event (formerly held at the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park will now be held at QSEC).



Considerations

The Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park remains the key venue for equestrian activities in the Region. The management team at the site acknowledge stabling issues (the stables currently meet industry guidelines but are not as attractive as those at QSEC) but are unaware of surface-related concerns.

The Adrian McClintock Park (Gympie Showgrounds) 2014 master plan includes the need to undertake a feasibility study for the development of an indoor arena at the site. This work has yet to be undertaken and no formal direction regarding the need for such a facility has been set. If this development ever comes to fruition, it is more likely to meet local demand rather than look to be established as a high-level facility.

Gympie Regional Council has attracted funding to develop a covered equestrian arena at the Kilkivan Showgrounds. The project includes an 80m x 40m covered arena with grandstand seating, access road upgrades, water and power upgrades, simple quarantine area and washdown/biosecurity area. The project is due for completion in mid-2019.

Recommendations

- ❑ Construct a covered equestrian arena (and associated facilities) at the Kilkivan Showgrounds
- ❑ Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park staff to discuss surface concerns with Equestrian Queensland and key event organisers. Undertake surface upgrades as required to ensure this remains a high-level facility
- ❑ Review the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park master plan and undertake stabling upgrades to reflect current expectations





Polocrosse

High-level facility attributes

Queensland Polocrosse Association have determined that high-level facility expectations include:

- minimum of 5 fields (146.5m x 55m) with quality grass surfaces (preferably with at least one lit field)
- changerooms and amenities for 2,000 patrons
- day yards for up to 200 horses
- canteen and bar
- fully fenced grounds.

Morgan Park in Warwick hosts all of the state-level and above events scheduled in Queensland. In 2019, the site will host the World Cup for the third time

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are currently three key providers of polocrosse in the Region - Monto Polocrosse Grounds, Eidsvold Showgrounds and Tansey Polocrosse Grounds. Each of these facilities is considered a quality local venue. Whilst they all host a successful annual carnival, Monto and Eidsvold do not have enough fields and none have suitable ancillary facilities to host higher-level events.

High-level competition and events

- National Championships biennial event (rotated between states) - up to 900 players, requires 7 fields
- State Championships (annual event) - up to 540 competitors, 3-day event, requires at least 5 fields
- Challenge Cup (biennial event) - up to 350 players, requires at least 3 fields.



Considerations

The Tansey Polocrosse Grounds has previously hosted the State Championship event. However, the development of more suitable facilities at Warwick and Bony Mountain (35km west of Warwick) has seen this event hosted at these venues more recently.

The Tansey facility has the potential to hold the Challenge Cup. However, the facility requires an upgraded amenities facility and additional power supply.

Recommendation

- Undertake amenities and power upgrades at the Tansey Polocrosse Grounds





Rodeo

The National Rodeo Association and the Australian Professional Rodeo Association have provided guidance for the Strategy.

High-level facility attributes

- preference for covered (or indoor) arenas
- competition area of at least 70m x 40m
- quality stock yards and stables for competition animals
- spectator grandstand seating for at least 2,000
- changerooms and amenities for competitors
- amenities, bar and canteen facilities for patrons
- parking areas for competitors (with large floats)
- large parking areas (and preference for access to public transport) for spectators.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are more than 10 rodeos conducted across the Region each year. These events attract between 30 and 300 competitors depending on the range of disciplines conducted and amount of prize money on offer.

The rodeo conducted at the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Centre in 2017 was successful and attracted approximately 2,500 spectators. None of the other venues within the Region are considered high-level.

It should also be noted that the new facility being developed in Kilkivan in 2018/19 could potentially host rodeo events.

High-level competition and events

- The National Rodeo Association hosts three rounds of national finals. In 2018, the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Centre will host Round 1 of this event
- The Australian Professional Rodeo Association offers a five-year contract to the preferred tenderers to host the National Final.

Considerations

There is a clear preference for high-level events to be conducted in indoor or covered arenas. In fact, the largest events (by spectator) in recent years have been conducted at Rod Laver Arena (home of the Australian Open Tennis) and Qudos Bank Arena at Sydney Olympic Park. However, both the National Rodeo Association and Australian Professional Rodeo Association note that there is always room within the annual calendars for additional local-level events should local organising committees be keen to drive such an initiative.

The recommendations regarding rodeo in the 2010 Strategy reflected local-level demand rather than the higher-level focus of this Strategy.

Recommendation

- Construct a covered equestrian arena (and associated facilities) at the Kilkivan Showgrounds

Supporting action

- Continue to promote the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Centre as the preferred location for feature rodeos



Trail horse riding

Wide Bay Burnett Region

Existing situation

The Australian Trail Horse Riders Association (ATHRA - Queensland branch) highlight that there are currently no active clubs in the Region. A club was formerly established in Cherbourg, however it has recently folded given a lack of volunteers to retain executive positions.

The Killkivan Great Horse Ride is a major drawcard event for trail horse riders. The event is very popular and attracts approximately 1,000 riders across the weekend of activities and various trail route options.

The recently established Killkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail is a popular trail that is expected to draw visitors from outside the Region as it becomes more widely recognised. However, horses are currently precluded from the Murgon to Kingaroy section of the rail trail as a result of former tick zoning. Given recent biosecurity legislation changes in Queensland, ATHRA is keen to review the use of this section of the rail trail for horses.

The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail is a 162km planned trail across the local governments of Ipswich City, Somerset and South Burnett. The Blackbutt to Linville section of the rail trail largely sits within the Region. Given its starting point in Ipswich (and proximity to highly populated sections of South-East Queensland), this is a heavily used multi-use recreation trail.



Considerations

Despite the lack of formal trail rider clubs in the Region, it is a recognised area for trail riding activities.

The Brisbane Valley Rail and Killkivan to Kingaroy rail trails have proven to provide quality recreation outcomes. A number of additional disused rail lines within the Region can be investigated for similar future development (Killkivan to Kingaroy extension to Theebine, Burnett River Rail Trail, Inland Rail Trail (Reids Creek to Taragoola), North Bundaberg to Mount Perry Rail Trail and continued development of the Mary to the Bay Rail Trail). It is important that support facilities such as suitable float parking and water points are also considered alongside trail development. Additionally, there has been a move more recently to hard surface sections of rail trails. While this may produce a more enjoyable experience for walkers and cyclists, it greatly diminishes the experience for horse riders. If there is suitable width in the rail trail (and desire exists to develop a hard surface trail) a section should always remain unsealed to ensure a quality link exists for horse riders.

Recommendations

- Continue to implement the Gympie Regional Council Tracks and Trails Plan
- Connect the Killkivan to Kingaroy and Brisbane Valley Rail Trails
- Continue to seek funding for the development of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail
- Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Inland Rail Trail
- Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Burnett River Rail Trail
- Undertake a feasibility study for development of the North Bundaberg to Mount Perry Rail Trail
- Construct rail trails where feasibility is identified

Supporting actions

- Avoid hard surfacing the full width of any future rail trail as this greatly diminishes the experience for horse riders
- Continue to establish float and car parking and water points in conjunction with future rail trail development

Other outdoor sports



High-level facility attributes

BMX Queensland has developed a detailed suite of selection criteria that outline the facility and host requirements for conducting high-level events. The host club is responsible for providing a track and ancillary facilities that meet the following expectations:

- racing track that meets all BMX Australia competition guidelines including adequate water supply; covered starting area, starting gate and staging area; and minimum 100lux lighting. Additionally, it is preferred that a 5m start hill is available
- standing viewing areas for 1,500 spectators and additional areas for marquees and grandstand seating
- catering and toilet facilities for 2,000 patrons
- car parking for 500 vehicles and separate area for 40 officials and VIPs
- air conditioned scoring building
- first aid area
- pro shop area
- announcer's area
- information booth
- local accommodation for 500 families.

For the past six years the State Titles have been conducted on alternate years (with the National Titles held in the alternate years) at the international facility at the Sleeman Sports Complex in Brisbane. This contract ends with the running of the 2018 State Titles. At this point, BMX Queensland will return to conducting the event annually and alternating between country hosts and South-East Queensland hosts.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

Quality facilities (that have previously hosted the State Titles) are located at Bundaberg and Maryborough. Infrastructure is bumped-in to ensure relevant facility expectations are met. These venues are included in the Central Queensland Zone.

The facility at Gympie is located within the Southern Queensland Zone and is a suitable local-level venue. It will be hosting one of the rounds of the Zone Shootout Series in 2018.

High-level competition and events

A range of BMX events are conducted each year at club, zone and state levels. High-level events include:

- Southern Queensland Zone Shootout Series (6 rounds) - up to 300 competitors, 1-day event
- Central Queensland Zone Titles - up to 300 competitors, 1-day event
- Southern Queensland Zone Titles - up to 500 competitors, 1-day event
- Country Challenge - up to 500 competitors, 1 or 2-day event
- City Championships - up to 500 competitors, 1-day event
- State Titles - approximately 1,500 competitors, 6-day event (with additional 1-day open pre-event).



Considerations

Quality BMX facilities exist in Bundaberg, Maryborough and Gympie. Given the range of high-level events available, opportunity exists to continue to host BMX events within the Region.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level bmx may become apparent if participation and competition increases

Supporting action

- Continue to support local BMX clubs in their endeavours to attract Zone, City/Country and State events. Assistance may include direct and in-kind sponsorship, liaison with BMX Queensland and event management support





Cycling

Cycling Queensland conduct events across two disciplines - track and road.

High-level facility attributes

All high-level track cycling events are conducted at Anna Meares Velodrome in Brisbane where the facilities include an indoor international standard timber track, spectator facilities and a range of high performance ancillary facilities.

Road cycling events tend to be hosted outside Brisbane given the difficulty associated with busy roads, rolling road closures and intersections. In essence, quality road cycling events require wide open roads, supportive council and police officers (and a riding community prepared to travel to compete in events).

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The Bundaberg velodrome hosts at least three carnivals each year that attract approximately 100 riders. While a number of these competitors come from outside the Region, the facility is considered a quality local facility (rather than a high-level venue).

While no high-level road races have been hosted in the Region in recent years, the limited traffic and wide open roads lend themselves to races of this nature (e.g. the Old Bruce Highway in the Mary Valley may be an attractive option). Additionally, coastal locations such as Bargara and Hervey Bay may prove attractive for competitors having to travel (predominantly from the south-east corner of the State).

High-level competition and events

While track events will continue to be conducted in Brisbane, opportunity may exist to attract road races to the Region:

- Queensland Junior Road and Para Road Championships - approximately 120 competitors, 3-day event
- Queensland Road Championship - approximately 250 competitors, 1-day event
- Queensland Criterium Championship - approximately 300 competitors, 1-day event
- Queensland Individual Time Trial Championship - approximately 250 competitors, 1-day event.



Considerations

There is currently only one velodrome in the Region. With a strong club based at the facility, opportunity exists to upgrade the quality of the infrastructure to provide for high-level local cyclists and to establish additional events.

The Region is well-positioned to attract high-level road races if a suitable organising committee is established.

Recommendation

- Prepare a master plan and feasibility study to construct a high-level outdoor velodrome in Drinan Park (Bundaberg)

Supporting action

- Interested councils to liaise closely with local cycling clubs and Cycling Queensland to identify preferred sites for future road racing state championships





Gliding

High-level facility attributes

Gliding Queensland recommend that the facilities required for a high-level venue include:

- grass runways with wide grass verges suitable for lining up multiple waiting gliders (grid patterns)
- open air space that provides for routes of between 200km and 600km
- low cost accommodation options (such as bunkhouses or camping).



Wide Bay Burnett Region

Existing high-level facilities

Kingaroy is one of only three high quality gliding fields in Queensland suitable for hosting State (and National) Championships. The airfield at Kingaroy has a quality grass runway, wide grass verges and accommodation. Additionally, the town has further accommodation options for those looking beyond the Soaring Club's accommodation (30-bed bunkhouse and 16 space caravan/camping area). Kingaroy is also considered close enough to the south-east urban areas such that travel is not a burden for the majority of competitors.

High-level competition and events

- State Championships - 50-70 competitors, 8-day event (to allow for inclement weather)
- National Championships - 70 competitors, 14-day event (to allow for inclement weather).

Considerations

The Kingaroy Soaring Club is a quality facility that has hosted both State and National Championships in recent years. The Club's bunkhouse is beginning to age and may require replacement in the longer-term. The availability of a low-cost accommodation option is a key point differentiating Kingaroy from other clubs and options to retain this feature should be investigated. The Soaring Club amenities facilities are also in need of significant upgrade.

Recommendations

- Identify options for redevelopment of facilities at the Kingaroy Airport to ensure the Soaring Club can continue to host high-level events





Golf

High-level facility attributes

Golf Queensland highlight that they seek the best venues for their events albeit with many of the events being rotated across the districts. High-level facility expectations include:

- quality 18-hole golf course (some events require two quality courses in close proximity due to large player numbers)
- changerooms and amenities
- catering.

Additionally, there is a preference for courses in locations with ample accommodation options and near to airports.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

High-level facilities in the Region include:

- Bargara Golf Course
- Bundaberg Golf Course
- Coral Cove Golf Course
- Hervey Bay Golf Course
- Maryborough Golf Course

These areas also have access to an airport and suitable accommodation opportunities.

High-level competition and events

Golf Queensland indicate that those events most likely to be attracted to the Region include:

- Queensland Amateur Championships (boys and girls) - 156 competitors, 4-day event (currently contracted with the Bargara Golf Club on a 5-year term)
- Queensland Womens Country Championship - up to 400 competitors, 3-day event (across two courses).

Queensland School Sport also conduct an annual State Championships (rotated between the regions):

- 10-19 years Golf State Championships (girls and boys) - over 150 competitors, 4-day event (conducted in Kingaroy in 2018)



Considerations

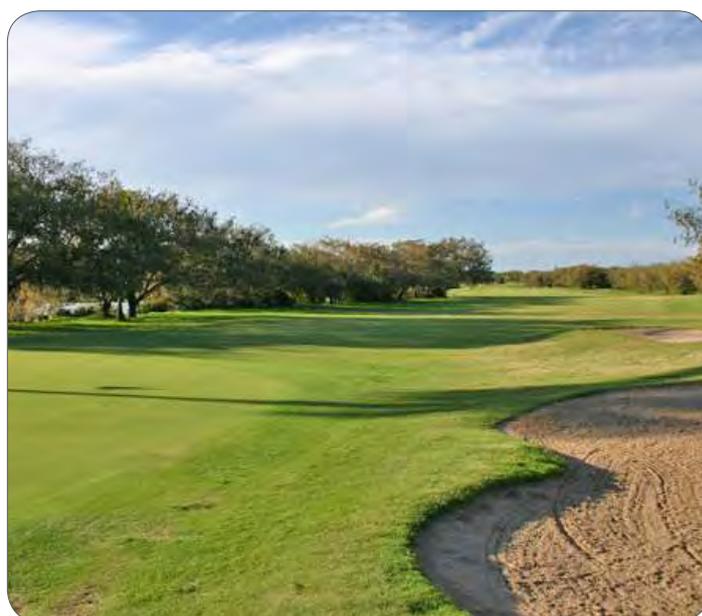
Golf Queensland have not recommended the development of any new courses in the Region. Rather, continued maintenance to existing courses is a preferred outcome.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level golf may become apparent if participation and competition increases

Supporting action

- Work closely with those Clubs looking to bid to host high-level golf events to ensure they are suitably planned and resourced



Motor sports¹



Motorcycle racing

High-level facility attributes

Preference is for facilities that can cater for a range of motorcycle disciplines. For instance, the Mick Doohan Raceway Facility in North Brisbane provides for speedway, motocross, dirt track and long track racing.

There are no specific facility regulations as such. Indeed, it is preferred that facilities have individual nuances and characteristics. As a guide, motocross tracks should be somewhere between 1,600m and 2,000m. Supercross tracks are much shorter than motocross tracks and are generally constructed in a temporary basis in stadiums and event centres. Generally, only supercross training is undertaken at traditional club facilities (and no specific track development is required).

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

High-level facilities are located at the:

- Hervey Bay Motocross facility
- Maryborough Action Park
- Maryborough Speedway

Each of these venues currently conduct high-level events in their relevant disciplines.

The motocross track at Munduberra is considered a high-level track. However, the ancillary facilities are poor. There are no road racing facilities within the Region.

High-level competition and events

There are a number of feature championships conducted by Motorcycling Queensland:

- Motocross - two rounds of State Championships - 200 competitors each round, 2-day events
- Motocross - Female State Championship - 120 competitors, 2-day event
- Motocross - Classic and Evolution Championship - 80 competitors, 2-day event
- Motocross - Post Classic Championship - 90 competitors, 2-day event
- Speedway - Sidecar Championship - 60 competitors, 1-day event
- Speedway - U16 125cc State Championship- 15 competitors, 1-day event
- Speedway - U21 250cc State Championship - 30 competitors, 1-day event
- Speedway - 500cc State Championship - 45 competitors, 1-day event
- Enduro - two rounds of State Championships - 100 competitors, 2-day event
- Moto-track - Modern Championship - 55 competitors, 2-day event
- Moto-track - Twin Shock Championships -30 competitors, 2-day event
- Track racing - Dirt and Long Track Championships - 110 competitors, 3-day event
- Road racing - 5 rounds of State Championships - 140 competitors each round, 2-day events
- Supermoto - State Championships - 50 competitors, 2-day event

1 - A regional difficult-to-locate sports facility strategy has identified no demand for high-level motor sport facilities within the Gympie LGA



Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended:

- ❑ the development of a motocross facility in the Gympie area (no facility development has been achieved. A difficult-to-locate study currently being undertaken has not identified demand for a facility of this nature)

The Region appears generally well supplied for high-level motorcycling facilities other than for road racing. However, it is important to note that the road racing facilities at Morgan Park in Warwick are considered the premier facilities for this discipline in southern Queensland and will continue to host most high-level events. The development of an additional road racing facility is not currently considered warranted.

Given the quality of the existing track, opportunity exists to establish a high-level motocross venue at Munduberra through a range of necessary ancillary facility upgrades.

Recommendation

- ❑ Provide mains electricity to the Hervey Bay Motocross facility
- ❑ Undertake a range of facility upgrades at the Munduberra motorcross facility (re-constructed pit area, upgrade to the access road and parking arrangements, covered areas for spectators and competitors and covered area at the start gate).

Supporting action

- ❑ If discussions with Motorcycling Queensland identify demand for any additional off-road motorcycling facility, there may be future scope for development within the plans for the Wide Bay Motor Complex (in Maryborough)





Speedway sedans

High-level facility attributes

Dirt or clay speedway tracks tend to be banked and between 400m and 500m. There is no set track length standard, although all tracks need to be ultimately sanctioned by Speedway Australia.

In addition to the track, high-level facilities require:

- large open pit areas
- toilets and showers for competitors
- car parking for competitors and officials
- large car parking (and preferably public transport) for the substantial crowds attracted to speedway events (many events attract at least 1,500 spectators)
- extensive canteen and bar facilities
- spectator amenities.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

High-level facilities are located at the:

- Gympie (Mothar Mountain)
- Bundaberg
- Maryborough
- Kingaroy (while this facility located within the Showgrounds does not host regular events, it does conduct the largest modified sedans race conducted in Australia).

High-level competition and events

There are a number of feature championships conducted annually:

- Junior sedans State Titles - 50 competitors, 1-day event
- Street stock State Titles - 80 competitors, 1-day event
- Super sedans State Titles - 100 competitors, 1-day event
- Production sedans State Titles - 100 competitors, 1-day event
- Modified sedans State Titles - 100 competitors, 2-day event
- Kings Royal State Titles - 140 competitors, 3-day event.

It is interesting to note that in 2018, four of these six events are being held in the Region (between Gympie, Maryborough and Kingaroy).



Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended continued investigation into the relocation of the Kingaroy speedway from within the Showgrounds. The Show Society is keen to retain the speedway track as a key drawcard within the venue and the Club is also keen to stay in the current location. Given the difficulties in identifying suitable land and the resources required for relocation, this is not considered a preferred approach.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level speedway sedans may become apparent if participation and competition increases





Karting

High-level facility attributes

Karting Queensland outline the following requirements for a high-level facility:

- quality racing surface of at least 1,000m in length and 8m wide with CIK (Commission of International Karting) specification kerbing and ripple strips
- large open pit areas
- covered grid area
- covered scales and technical inspection area
- air and water points
- room for movement of trailers, karts, pit crews etc
- large timing tower with clear views of the entire track
- toilets and showers for competitors
- canteen
- spectator viewing areas and amenities.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

None of the karting tracks within the Region meet the expectations for a high-level facility. However, Karting Queensland are committed to spreading the key events across the State where possible and both the Bundaberg and Cooloola (Gympie) facilities have hosted the State Championships (with Bundaberg hosting again in 2018).

The Bundaberg facility is considered a 'tight' venue with limited opportunities for movement around the track. The timing tower at the Cooloola facility does not provide views across the entire track.

High-level competition and events

- State Championships - 2 rounds each year - 120-150 competitors, 2-day event with additional 'unofficial' practice day on the Friday
- National Championships - over 200 competitors, 2-day event.

Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended:

- improving the facilities at the kart club in Maryborough. (In 2017 the facility was remodelled as a multi-purpose track. Kart racing has been included as one of the disciplines available. The facility has not hosted any high-level events for a number of years)
- lighting the Cooloola kart track (Gympie). (These works have not been achieved to-date but would further enhance the opportunities for racing at the facility)
- lighting the Bundaberg kart track. (These works have not been achieved to-date but would further enhance the opportunities for racing at the facility)

Recommendations

- Cooloola (Gympie) kart track - Relocate the control tower to provide views across the entire track and consider opportunities to light the venue for night racing
- Bundaberg kart track - Establish extra areas for pedestrian movement around the venue and consider opportunities to light the venue for night racing



Additional motor sports considerations

- The preference of peak bodies, councils and the State Government is for motor sport provision at larger venues providing for a range of disciplines and allowing shared use of ancillary facilities. Any future planning for motor sports development should reflect this preferred direction.



Shooting sports¹



Clay target

High-level facility attributes

Queensland Clay Target outline the following requirements for high-level facilities:

- For trap events: 10 down-the-line layouts
- For skeet events: 4 skeet layouts
- For ISSF: two layouts of 15 traps each
- Facilities also require electricity, toilets (and preferably showers), canteen/kitchen
- Open areas for camping are also preferred.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

None of the existing facilities meet the high-level requirements (e.g. the Maryborough Clay Target Club has three down-the-line layouts). The closest facility would be at Bundaberg where it may be possible to host an ISSF event (albeit at the expense of lengthening the event as there is only one layout available).

High-level competition and events

- Queensland State Trap Carnival – over 300 competitors, 3-day event
- Queensland State Skeet Carnival – over 100 competitors, 3-day event
- Queensland ISSF Carnival – 80-90 competitors, 3-day event

Each of these events are rotated between venues with the necessary facilities required to host the individual disciplines.

Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended relocation of the Gympie Clay Target Club to a multi-discipline facility within Curra State Forest. (While Council has provided in principle support for the development of a high-level multi-discipline shooting facility at the Curra State Forest, council officers continue to investigate potential freehold land options).

Recommendations

- Continue to support the construction of a high-level multi-discipline shooting facility within the Gympie area
- Construct an additional ISSF layout at the Bundaberg clay target facility to provide a venue within the Region capable of hosting the State Carnival for this discipline



Pistol shooting

High-level facility attributes

Pistol Shooting Queensland outline that a high-level pistol facility should include:

- For services: 50m range (minimum 3 x 6 target firing bays)
- For WA1500: 50m range (minimum 3 x 6 target firing bays)
- For action: 50m range with mover and falling plates
- For metallic silhouette small bore: preference for 200m range (minimum 20 firing bays)
- spectator areas

A high-level facility should also have access to electricity, amenities (including all-access facilities), showers and camping on-site.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

High-level facilities are located at the:

- Fraser Coast Shooting Complex
- Childers
- Kingaroy.

High-level competition and events

- Black Powder State Championship - up to 15 competitors, 2-day event
- Services and WA1500 State Championship - up to 25 competitors, 2-day event
- Action Pistol State Championship - up to 25 competitors, 2-day event
- Metallic Silhouette Small Bore - up to 40 competitors, 3-day event

Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended a range of local-level facility upgrades and the relocation of the Gympie Pistol Club to the proposed Curra State Forest site. (While Council has provided in principle support for the development of a high-level multi-discipline shooting facility at the Curra State Forest, council officers continue to investigate potential freehold land options).

Pistol Shooting Queensland highlight that the reality is that the facilities at Belmont are of such a high level that most feature events will continue to be hosted from the venue. Aiming to attract high-level events should not be the focus for facility development for the local clubs within the Region.

Recommendations

- Continue to pursue opportunities to upgrade the shooting facilities at the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex in conjunction with potential mining operations
- Continue to support the construction of a high-level multi-discipline shooting facility within the Gympie area

I - It is important to note that a noisy and difficult-to-locate sports facility strategy is currently being undertaken for Sunshine Coast, Noosa and Gympie Regional Councils. There are no high-level facilities planned within the Gympie LGA



Sporting clays

High-level facility attributes

Queensland Sporting Clays indicate that a high-level facility includes at least 6ha of land. The facility requires five firing stands and electricity. Additionally, facilities such as toilets, shower, canteen and camping areas are also beneficial.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The Fraser Coast Shooting Complex has a quality shooting layout. However, the facility requires electricity and with minimal toilet and shower facilities it has scope for further improvement.

The Childers and Gympie venues have also hosted high-level events, however, their facilities are somewhat below expectations to continue to host events of this nature. Rather, these two venues can continue to host local shoots without any significant infrastructure upgrades required, with the Fraser Coast venue further developed as the regional home for high-level events.

High-level competition and events

- Sporting Clays State Championships - up to 100 competitors, 1 or 2-day event
- Compak State Championships - up to 50 competitors, 1 or 2-day event
- Old Style State Championships - up to 50 competitors, 1 or 2-day event
- English State Championships - up to 50 competitors, 1 or 2-day event

Considerations

The Brisbane sporting clays facility has adopted an open range 'commercial' approach. The facility is open for public use (hire) on most days. This has not only resulted in significant increases in turnover but has also seen a doubling in membership over the past five years. Queensland Sporting Clays suggest that with facility upgrades, the facility at the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex could adopt a similar model.

Recommendations

- Continue to pursue opportunities to upgrade the shooting facilities at the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex in conjunction with potential mining operations
- Consider opportunities to include a sporting clay facility in any new multi-discipline facility in the Gympie area





Sporting shooters

High-level facility attributes

The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Queensland Branch) outlines the following high-level facility requirements:

- limited range (pistol calibre) 50m range (with 15-20 firing bays)
- black powder - 100m range (with 15-20 firing bays)

Additionally, a high-level facility requires electricity, amenities and showers, canteen/kitchen area, camping area and suitable spectator areas. Finally, venues must be easy to access for travelling competitors. A significant drop-off in competitor numbers has been observed in recent years where shoots are conducted in difficult-to-access areas.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Queensland Branch) indicate that the facility at Tin Can Bay is the only venue within the Region that meets the requirements for hosting high-level events. Tin Can Bay is hosting the Gallery Rifle State Championships in 2018.

High-level competition and events

- Air Rifle State Championships - 50 competitors, 2-day event
- Gallery Rifle State Championships - 50 competitors, 2-day event

Considerations

While the Tin Can Bay venue currently meets the requirements for one of the State Championship disciplines, future development at the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex and within the Gympie area may broaden the scope of quality venues.

Recommendations

- Continue to pursue opportunities to upgrade the shooting facilities at the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex in conjunction with potential mining operations





Target sports

Background

Queensland Target Sports (home of small bore rifle shooting) recommend that all high-level events will continue to be conducted at the sports base at Belmont (as it has done for more than 30 years). The recent addition of further quality facilities for the Commonwealth Games has further boosted this already attractive venue.

The Belmont facility includes a 50m range with 60 electronic target positions and 10m indoor range with 60 electronic target positions. There are no other venues that come near to this arrangement within the State. It would not be feasible for major facility upgrades to be undertaken at any of the small bore facilities within the Region.

High-level competition and events

- Queensland Cup - 120 competitors, 3-day event
- State Championships - 220 competitors, 4-day event (one of the days being practice)

Given the sports commitment to its 'base' at the Brisbane International Shooting Centre (Belmont), there are no recommendations regarding high-level small bore facility development.

Considerations

The sport remains committed to its 'base' at the Brisbane International Shooting Centre (Belmont), limiting scope for any significant high-level facility upgrades within the Region.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level target sport disciplines may become apparent if participation and competition increases





Nature-based activities and sports



High-level facility attributes

SUNFISH Queensland is the State's peak recreational fishing group and represents all the major Statewide fishing organisations and individual members.

SUNFISH Queensland highlight that key facility requirements for recreational fishing include:

- easily accessible, well designed boat and kayak facilities
- fish cleaning tables
- regulatory signage
- car and trailer parking
- amenities.



Wide Bay Burnett Region Considerations

Fishing is clearly a popular past-time for both locals and visitors to the Region. Ensuring suitable facilities are available to reflect this demand is an important consideration.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has recently overseen the development of the Queensland Recreational Boating Facilities Demand Forecasting Study (GHD, 2017). The report provides an analysis of boating requirements for each local government area. A summary of key outcomes is included below:

- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council - no boating facilities required
- South Burnett Regional Council - upgrade the western ramp and parking area at Bjelke-Petersen Dam
- North Burnett Regional Council - no additional boating facilities required
- Gympie Regional Council - no additional boating facilities required
- Fraser Coast Regional Council
 - Priority 1 - Beaver Rock (expand to four lanes and upgrade the car park), Poona Creek (develop a 2-lane ramp and 45 space parking area), Beelbi Creek (formalise a 1-lane facility and 15 space parking area), March Street Maryborough (replace the existing jetty with a pontoon)
 - Priority 2 - River Heads (acquire land to provide car-only parking for ferry users), South Street Maryborough (expand the facility to three lanes and 70 space parking area)
 - Priority 3 - River Heads (expand the parking area and expand the western ramp to four lanes), Lenthalls Dam (expand to two lanes and formalise 45 parking spaces)
 - Priority 4 - Power House Road Howard (acquire land to expand to 60 parking spaces and expand the existing ramp to three near all-tide lanes), Maaroom (formalise 45 parking spaces), Lions Park Burrum Heads (install a pontoon)

- Bundaberg Regional Council
 - Priority 1 - Burnett Heads Boat Harbour (develop an additional 20 parking spaces), Sthrathees Road Four Knots Point (if feasible, rebuild and widen the ramp and develop 45 parking spaces), Walkers Point Woodgate (add a floating walkway and develop 45 parking spaces)
 - Priority 2 - Elliott Heads (upgrade to two formal lanes, floating walkway and 45 parking spaces)
 - Priority 3 - McGills Road Kalkie (expand the ramp to four lanes and increase parking to 90 spaces)
 - Priority 4 - Sandy Hook (expand parking by 45 spaces), Booyan Ramp Moore Park Beach (if near all-tide access can be achieved widen ramp to two lanes and formalise 30 parking spaces).

Game fishing also has a strong presence in Hervey Bay. The local club hosts three events each year that attract competitors from across the State. Despite these events, the Hervey Bay area is still recognised as a largely untapped game fishing market. Having such close access to fishing grounds for both light and heavy tackle fishing, continued growth is projected. With a high quality marina, wide ranging accommodation and an airport, the city is well-prepared for this increasing market.

Recommendation

- The Wide Bay Burnett Regional Roads and Transport Group to consider including boat launching facilities for Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) funding. (Additional funding sources may also be sought by councils for construction of boat launching facilities).

Supporting actions

- For individual councils not identified by the Recreational Boating Facilities Demand Forecast Study as requiring infrastructure upgrades, local prioritisation for key locations is recommended
- Liaise with the Department of Transport and Main Roads regarding additional funding opportunities to undertake identified boat launching facility upgrades





Mountain biking

Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA) is the governing body for mountain biking in Queensland. MTBA oversee events across a range of competition disciplines including:

- cross country
- downhill
- four cross
- enduro
- observed trials.

High-level facility attributes

MTBA has published a summary of facility expectations for each of the mountain bike disciplines and requirements for hosting events

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- preferably within 90mins drive from a major airport (and with access to car hire services)
- range of accommodation options (minimum 1,000 beds)
- services and facilities at the location (e.g. supermarket, food options, medical services, tourist services, chemists, bike stores)
- local mountain bike club at the venue (with minimum 40 members)
- local hospital within 30mins drive
- range of on-site facilities - mains or generator power, adequate parking, bike wash down area, access to running water or tank, public amenities, internet coverage, staging area with offices (site sheds), crowd control fencing, security services, food and drink vendors, drug testing facility and secure toilet, shelter for riders at line ups.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS

- variety of terrain (e.g. sections of road, forest tracks, grass, earth or gravel, includes significant amounts of climbing and descending)
- wholly rideable even in difficult weather conditions
- Cross Country Olympic - 4km to 10km. Prefer a cloverleaf design for spectator viewing
- Cross Country Marathon - 60km to 160km (conducted over 1 to 3 laps maximum)
- Cross Country Point to Point - course must start at one point but finish elsewhere
- Cross Country Short Circuit - no more than 2km circuit with race duration of 30 to 60 minutes
- Cross Country Eliminator - 500m to 1,000m with obstacles such as trees, stairs, drops, bridges and wooden constructions

DOWNHILL EVENTS

- variety of terrain (e.g. narrow and broad tracks, grass and rocky tracks, fast and technical sections)
- 1,500m to 3,500m (2 to 5 minutes)

FOUR CROSS EVENTS

- moderate slopes with regular gradients (includes jumps, humps, banked turns, berms, dips and tables)
- wide enough to allow four riders side-by-side
- race duration between 30 and 60 seconds

ENDURO EVENTS

- mixture of narrow and wide, slow and fast paths and tracks over a variety of off-road terrain



Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are no mountain bike facilities in the Region capable of hosting high-level events.

High-level competition and events

MTBA hosts 32 national events each year. These events attract between 40 competitors (for observed trials) to over 500 competitors (for cross country). Most events are conducted across one to two days.

State-level events have only recently begun to be sanctioned by MTBA. In 2017, the state cross country event attracted almost 400 competitors. Private promoters also host regular events.

MTBA advise that national-level events are generally conducted in areas where there is a direct return on investment to MTBA through host fees (e.g. council or tourism entity pays a fee for MTBA to secure the event). Preference is to offer 3-year agreements to provide opportunities to grow the event and for the host region to leverage off the benefits that hosting a national event can bring.

Considerations

The 2010 Strategy recommended developing policies that support increased access to appropriate venues. In recent times, additional mountain bike access has been achieved at McEwan State Forest (Wondai), Cordalba State Forest (Bundaberg) and Vernon State Forest (Toogoom). Additionally, Gympie Regional Council continues to support the mountain bike facility at Victory Heights and is investigating options to re-zone the land in order to protect it long term for recreation purposes.

While this summary has focussed on high-level mountain bike sporting disciplines, mountain biking continues to grow as a preferred recreation activity. From a high-level perspective, long routes such as rail trails are particularly popular. As noted in the trail horse riding section rail trails such as the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail attract regular mountain bike use.

Further opportunities exist to develop additional rail trails and extend existing ones. In addition to these rail trail projects, the Wide Bay Burnett Principal Cycle Network Plan (Department of Transport and Main Roads, 2016) also indicates a number of potential on-road longer distance cycling tourism routes:

- Tin Can Bay Road (Gympie to the Cooloola Coast)
- D'Aguilar Highway (Nanango to Kingaroy)
- Bunya Highway (Murgon to Lake Barambah)
- Low volume roads (Maryborough to Gympie)
- Low volume roads (Bundaberg to Moore Park).

The Network Plan notes the importance of further planning to determine preferred routes and cycling facilities.



Recommendations

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support mountain bike sporting disciplines may become apparent if participation and competition increases
- Continue to implement the Gympie Regional Council Tracks and Trails Plan
- Construct the Bundaberg to Bargara multi-modal pathway
- Connect the Kilkivan to Kingaroy and Brisbane Valley Rail Trails
- Continue to seek funding for the development of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail
- Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Inland Rail Trail
- Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Burnett River Rail Trail
- Undertake a feasibility study for development of the North Bundaberg to Mount Perry Rail Trail
- Construct rail trails where feasibility is identified

Supporting actions

- Liaise with the Department of Transport and Main Roads regarding detailed infrastructure planning for on-road longer cycling tourism routes (identified in the Principal Cycle Network Plan)



Orienteering

High-level facility attributes

In order to host high-level events, Orienteering Queensland indicates that venues require:

- appropriate mapping
- natural environment with changing terrain
- suitable access to amenities and electricity.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

Orienteering Queensland has identified the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Centre as a preferred location for conducting high-level events. In fact, the 2008 national championships were held at this venue. However, there is currently limited local support making it difficult to set courses and conduct events.

High-level competition and events

- State Championships (U10 to masters) - 180 competitors, 2-day event
- National Championships (held on rotation) - over 1,000 competitors, 2-day event

Considerations

There is limited local interest (or investment) in orienteering.

Recommendation

- Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level orienteering may become apparent if participation and competition increases





Rock climbing, bouldering & abseiling

Wide Bay Burnett Region

Existing high-level facilities

Background

The Australian Climbing Association (Queensland) indicate that abseiling, rock climbing and bouldering are continuing to increase in popularity. Further, the inclusion of climbing in the 2020 Olympic Games is expected to result in an additional spike in participation.

Local-level climbing opportunities exist at Mount Walsh National Park (17 climbing routes), Indian Head (Fraser Island) (8 climbing/bouldering routes) and Coomba Waterhole (Maidenwell) (33 climbing routes). However, in terms of this Strategy, the two key locations are at Brooyar State Forest and Cania Gorge.

Considerations

Brooyar State Forest has more than 250 climbing routes. The area includes climbs/abseil areas with permanent bolts and is well signed. Additionally, a nearby campground provides for climbers looking for a multi-day experience. Finally, Brooyar State Forest is readily accessible from the heavily populated south-east corner of the State.

Cania Gorge represents a high quality climbing destination. There are currently almost 200 routes identified in this area that is typified by very hard (almost quartzite) sandstone faces. Local climbers have been in discussions with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service staff to identify important areas of cultural significance that should be avoided by climbers. With the area being quite a long distance from the nearest regional centre, it is considered a somewhat hidden climbing 'gem'. The nearby camping opportunities and stunning natural vistas position the area well as a future multi-day climbing venue of international significance.

Recommendation

- Commence discussions with the Australian Climbing Association (Queensland) and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service to identify any infrastructure upgrades required to facilitate promotion and activation of the climbing opportunities at Brooyar State Forest and Cania Gorge whilst recognising the importance of sustainable development





Walking

Background

Walking remains the most popular recreation activity in Queensland (and Australia). It is recognised that reported participation in walking tends to reflect short (local) walks of up to 30 minutes. For this Strategy, the focus is on longer-distance more 'iconic' walks likely to attract participants from outside the Region.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

There are a number of quality long-distance walking opportunities in the Region:

- Conondale Range Great Walk (with only a very small section located within the Region's boundaries)
- Cooloola Great Walk
- Fraser Island Great Walk
- Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay foreshore
- Burnett Heads to Elliott Heads coastal pathway
- Hervey Bay Esplanade Walk
- Cooloola Wilderness Trail
- Turtle Trail
- Coral Coast Pathway
- Rail trails (Brisbane Valley, Killkivan to Kingaroy, constructed sections of the Mary to the Bay)
- National Parks (e.g. Cania Gorge, Mount Walsh, Bunya, Burrum Coast, Great Sandy).

The Bicentennial National Trail runs through most of the local government areas within the Region. However, access to the trail has changed in recent times. It is no longer considered a publicly-accessible trail. Users now need to be Bicentennial National Trail members and purchase up-to-date trail route maps (Guidebooks).



Considerations

A wide range of quality long-distance walking opportunities already exist in the Region. These walks are generally well-promoted and well-recognised within the walking community. Additional rail trail development will provide further opportunities in the Regional walking network.

Recommendations

- Continue to implement the Gympie Regional Council Tracks and Trails Plan
- Connect the Killkivan to Kingaroy and Brisbane Valley Rail Trails
- Continue to seek funding for the development of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail
- Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Inland Rail Trail
- Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Burnett River Rail Trail
- Undertake a feasibility study for development of the North Bundaberg to Mount Perry Rail Trail
- Construct rail trails where feasibility is identified





Water trails

Background

In Queensland, participation rates for canoeing and kayaking are similar to more 'traditional' sports such as netball and cricket. These outdoor recreation activities appear to be increasing in popularity. For this Strategy, the focus is on longer-distance point-to-point paddling trails (rather than paddling locations such as dams and lakes) that are likely to attract participants from outside the Region.

Wide Bay Burnett Region Existing high-level facilities

The WBBROC has developed a detailed Water Trails of the Wide Bay Burnett brochure and associated interactive web page. The project has included all areas where water-related outdoor recreation activities are available. Key canoe/kayak trails highlighted include:

- Auburn River
- Burnett River
- Burrum River
- Elliott River
- Great Sandy Strait and Tin Can Bay
- Hervey Bay
- Kolan River
- Mary River
- Woodgate Beach.

Considerations

In 2015, Gympie Regional Council prepared a Canoe and Kayak Strategy (believed to be Australia's first). Council had recognised that the Region's waterways (particularly the Mary River) were a largely under-utilised resource. The Strategy identified that there were not enough developed 2WD accessible launch sites available to satisfy current and likely future demand.

The Waterways Project was recommended with a range of projects identified to provide opportunities for novice, intermediate and experienced paddlers. The majority of the proposed projects were along the Mary River (and its tributaries). Since the Strategy was adopted, Council has attracted State Government funding and (combined with Council funding) has developed five new launch points.

Recommendations

- Build upon the work undertaken by Gympie Regional Council and develop a Regional Canoe and Kayak Strategy

Supporting action

- Where boat ramps and non-powered watercraft launching access points are developed, include craft wash down facilities, suitable car parking (including large areas for long vehicles and for trailer turn-around), amenities and appropriate non-powered watercraft pontoons





Implementation plan

This Regional Sport and Recreation Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Strategy represents an opportunity for the councils of the Wide Bay Burnett to maintain and build upon the quality of infrastructure through clear planning and considered decision-making.

Implementation of the actions will require strong leadership, appropriate resources and a commitment to making some difficult decisions. Importantly, key stakeholders should ensure a coordinated approach to delivery of facility outcomes.

Priorities are assigned for each action. A high priority recommendation should be undertaken as soon as resources allow while medium (within 5 years) and low priorities (in the next 5-10 years) have longer timeframes attached to them. The information provided is designed as a flexible guide - changes in user priorities or earlier opportunities for funding may alter implementation.

| Sport | Recommendation | Priority | LGA |
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|  Aquatic/water-based sports | | | |
| Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Given the high-level infrastructure already available, promote the Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre as a potential venue for canoe sprint events | High | BRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Identify a preferred site for canoe marathon events through close liaison with Queensland Canoeing | Low | LGAs |
| Dragon boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Dragon boating is not considered a target high-level sport for the Region | n/a | |
| Rowing | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve the sewerage system and the boat launch area at the Bundaberg Rowing and Accommodation Centre | High | BRC |
| Sailing | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure open land remains available for boat rigging adjacent to the Hervey Bay Sailing Club (and consider removing the public toilet in this location) | High | FCRC |
| Surf Life Saving | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that infrastructure constructed at the Moore Park Surf Life Saving Club meets Surf Life Saving Queensland expectations for high-level events. Infrastructure requirements include separate beach access for pedestrians and vehicles, power upgrades, additional amenities and water points, administration and meeting areas within the main building. (Also investigate potential for the SLSQ regional headquarters to be included within this development) | High | BRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to upgrade the facilities at the Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club (investigate development of a second storey to ensure a quality venue for high-level events is maintained) | Medium | FCRC |
| Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> With quality facilities available in Bundaberg, Gympie, Hervey Bay and Maryborough, there appears no demand for an additional 50m pool in the Region in the medium- to long-term | n/a | |
| Triathlon | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level triathlon may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
| Water polo | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level water polo may become apparent if regular participation and competition is established and achieves growth | n/a | |

| Sport | Recommendation | Priority | LGA |
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|  Court sports | | | |
| Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> As more detailed design begins for the potential indoor sports facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct, ensure at least 3 sprung timber floor courts are included such that the facility can be developed as the regional home for basketball | Medium | FCRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate the construction of either a local-level (1-2 court) or regional-level (minimum 3 court) indoor sports facility within Gympie (depending on infrastructure construction at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct) | Medium | GRC |
| Netball | <input type="checkbox"/> There is no support for additional court development at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct (unless courts are required to meet exceptional growth at Association-level) | n/a | |
| Squash | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level squash may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
| Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> To meet Tennis Queensland requirements, construct a twelfth clay court at the Tennis Bundaberg facility through the Drinan Park master plan process | High | BRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Erect quality lighting on the remaining four courts at the Hervey Bay Tennis Association | High | FCRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Construct at least twelve hard courts at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct. Discuss potential for funding assistance from Tennis Queensland | Medium | FCRC |
| Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> At this point, there appears little demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level volleyball in the short- to medium-term. However, detailed design of the proposed indoor sports centres at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct and within Gympie should include liaison with Volleyball Queensland regarding demand for volleyball venues for high-level events. | Medium | FCRC, GRC |
|  Field sports | | | |
| Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Construct additional targets at the Gympie Field Archer's facility to ensure a minimum of 24 targets. Additional safety fencing will also be required | High | GRC |
| Athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> Construct additional shaded spectator areas at the Bundaberg athletics facility | High | BRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Construct synthetic long jump/triple jump approaches at Albert Park (Gympie) | High | GRC |
| Australian Football League | <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a quality 2-field AFL facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct. Develop a memorandum of understanding (commitment) for hosting feature events and activities at the venue | High | FCRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare an infrastructure master plan for AFL facilities at Kendall Flats (Bundaberg) that reflects the need for the site to have the ability to host regional- and state-level carnivals | High | BRC |
| Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level baseball may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
| Bowhunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the amenities at the Wide Bay Archers facility to ensure that it remains suitable as a venue for high-level events | Medium | FCRC |
| Bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level bowls may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |

| Sport | Recommendation | Priority | LGA |
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|  Field sports (cont.) | | | |
| Cricket | <input type="checkbox"/> Gympie - construct a new turf wicket field and cricket practice facility in the short-term and an additional turf wicket field in the longer-term (in accordance with the One Mile Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan) | High & Low | GRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hervey Bay - construct an additional turf wicket field for juniors and upgrade the changerooms at the Walkers Road Recreation Reserve (in accordance with the facility concept plan) | High | FCRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Bundaberg - develop a facilities master plan for Kendall Flats (Bundaberg) that reflects the need for the site to have the ability to continue to host regional- and state-level cricket carnivals | High | BRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Murgon - install irrigation at the Murgon and District Cricket Club | High | SBRC |
| Croquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Light the lawns at the Bundaberg Croquet Club | Low | BRC |
| Football (soccer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level football may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
| Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a second synthetic field at the Maryborough hockey facility | Medium | FCRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> In the medium- to long-term, determine the feasibility of establishing a new hockey venue in Hervey Bay at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct. Depending on developments undertaken at the Maryborough facility in the meantime, a new facility in Hervey Bay could either include one or two synthetic fields with additional grass fields | Medium-Low | FCRC |
| Oztag | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level oztag may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
| Rugby League | <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the field lighting, changerooms and amenities at Eskdale Park | High | FCRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Re-develop the Kingaroy Rugby league facility to include 2.5 lit fields | Medium | SBRC |
| Rugby Union | <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the amenities at the Walkers Road Recreation Reserve to include at least four quality changerooms to service rugby union | Medium | FCRC |
| Softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake minor facility upgrades at the Hervey Bay softball facility (provision of additional shade for spectators, players and officials; enhanced drainage) | High | FCRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ascertain whether local demand is such that the construction of a clubhouse at the Hervey Bay softball facility is necessary. If a clubhouse is considered a 'local' necessity, ensure that it is also designed to meet any requirements for hosting high-level events (internet access, office etc) | Medium | FCRC |
| Touch Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate infrastructure is available at the Tavistock St precinct for hosting the Junior State Cup. Liaise with Touch Football Qld regarding the potential impact on hosting arrangements if the construction of the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct alters the availability of playing fields | High | FCRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the changerooms at Albert Park (Gympie) | High | GRC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the lighting at the Bundaberg touch facility to 150 lux and construct additional shaded areas | High | BRC |

| Sport | Recommendation | Priority | LGA |
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|  Indoor sports | | | |
| Boxing | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level boxing may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
| Gymnastics | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure suitable gymnastics infrastructure (in-line with that indicated for high-level events in this Strategy) is included in detailed designs for the proposed indoor sports facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct | Medium | FCRC |
| Table tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level table tennis may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
|  Equestrian sports | | | |
| Campdraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a range of facility upgrades at the Kumbia campdraft facility - increase the sand profile at the arena to make it an all-weather facility, construct a larger office and construct additional amenities | High | SBRC |
| Endurance horse riding | <input type="checkbox"/> There is no demand for any additional infrastructure to support endurance horse riding in the medium- to long-term | n/a | |
| Equestrian | <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a covered equestrian arena at the Kilkivan Showgrounds <input type="checkbox"/> Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park staff to discuss surface concerns with Equestrian Queensland and key event organisers. Undertake surface upgrades as required to ensure a high-level facility <input type="checkbox"/> Review the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park master plan and undertake stabling upgrades to reflect current expectations | High High High | GRC FCRC FCRC |
| Polocrosse | <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake amenities and power upgrades at Tansey Polocrosse Grounds | Medium | GRC |
| Rodeo | <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a covered equestrian arena at the Kilkivan Showgrounds | High | GRC |
| Trail horse riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to implement the Gympie Regional Council Tracks and Trails Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Connect the Kilkivan to Kingaroy and Brisbane Valley Rail Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to seek funding for the development of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Inland Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Burnett River Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a feasibility study for development of the North Bundaberg to Mount Perry Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Construct rail trails where feasibility is identified | Ongoing High High High Medium Medium Ongoing | GRC SBRC GRC, FCRC NBRC NBRC BRC, NBRC LGAs |

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|  Other outdoor sports | | | |
| BMX | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level bmx may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
| Cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare a master plan and feasibility study to construct a high-level outdoor velodrome in Drinan Park (Bundaberg) | High | BRC |
| Gliding | <input type="checkbox"/> Identify options for redevelopment of facilities at the Kingaroy Airport to ensure the Soaring Club can continue to host high-level events | High | SBRC |
| Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level bmx may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
|  Motor sports | | | |
| Motorcycle racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide mains electricity to the Hervey Bay Motocross facility <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a range of facility upgrades at the Munduberra motorcross facility (re-constructed pit area, upgrade to the access road and parking arrangements, covered areas for spectators and competitors and covered area at the start gate) | High Medium | FCRC NBRC |
| Speedway sedans | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level speedway sedans may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
| Karting | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooloolo (Gympie) kart track - Relocate the control tower to provide views across the entire track and consider opportunities to light the venue for night racing <input type="checkbox"/> Bundaberg kart track - Establish extra areas for pedestrian movement around the venue and consider opportunities to light the venue for night racing | Medium Medium | GRC BRC |
|  Shooting sports | | | |
| Clay target | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to support the development of a high-level multi-discipline shooting facility within the Gympie area <input type="checkbox"/> Develop an additional ISSF layout at the Bundaberg clay target facility to provide a venue capable of hosting the State Carnival for this discipline | High Medium | GRC BRC |
| Pistol shooting, sporting clays, sporting shooters | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to pursue opportunities to upgrade the shooting facilities at the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex in conjunction with potential mining operations <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to support the construction of a high-level multi-discipline shooting facility within the Gympie area | High High | FCRC GRC |
| Target sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level target sport disciplines may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |

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|  Nature-based activities and sports | | | |
| Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> The Wide Bay Burnett Regional Roads and Transport Group to consider including boat launching facilities for Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) funding. (Additional funding sources may also be sought by councils for construction of boat launching facilities) | High | WBBROC |
| Mountain biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support mountain bike sporting disciplines may become apparent if participation and competition increases <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to implement the Gympie Regional Council Tracks and Trails Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Construct the Bundaberg to Bargara multi-modal pathway <input type="checkbox"/> Connect the Kilkivan to Kingaroy and Brisbane Valley Rail Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to seek funding for the development of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Inland Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Burnett River Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a feasibility study for development of the North Bundaberg to Mount Perry Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Construct rail trails where feasibility is identified | n/a Ongoing High High High High Medium Medium Ongoing | Ongoing BRC SBRC GRC, FCRC NBRC NBRC BRC, NBRC LGAs |
| Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand for any additional infrastructure to support high-level orienteering may become apparent if participation and competition increases | n/a | |
| Rock climbing, bouldering and abseiling | <input type="checkbox"/> Commence discussions with the Australian Climbing Association (Queensland) and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service to identify any infrastructure upgrades required to facilitate promotion and activation of the climbing opportunities at Brooyar State Forest and Cania Gorge whilst recognising the importance of sustainable development | High | NBRC |
| Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to implement the Gympie Regional Council Tracks and Trails Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Construct the Bundaberg to Bargara multi-modal pathway <input type="checkbox"/> Connect the Kilkivan to Kingaroy and Brisbane Valley Rail Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to seek funding for the development of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Inland Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a feasibility study for development of the Burnett River Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a feasibility study for development of the North Bundaberg to Mount Perry Rail Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Construct rail trails where feasibility is identified | Ongoing High High High High Medium Medium Ongoing | GRC BRC SBRC GRC, FCRC NBRC NBRC BRC, NBRC LGAs |
| Water trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Build upon the work undertaken by Gympie Regional Council and develop a Regional Canoe and Kayak Strategy | Medium | LGAs, WBBROC |



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