

## Outdoor recreation analysis

The South Burnett includes a wide range of natural open space assets including rivers, creeks, lakes, extensive bushland, State Forests, Conservation and National Parks. The Killivan to Kingaroy rail trail forms a green corridor winding through part of the LGA. Together, these areas have the potential to provide an array of outdoor recreation experiences. The Plan highlights the opportunity to embrace outdoor recreation as a key form of recreation that is becoming increasingly popular and sought after.

The natural setting of Council's open space network and the opportunities it provides for interaction with the natural environment is highly valued by the majority of residents that completed the community survey. Dams, lakes, rivers, creeks, the rail trail and State and National Parks are some of the most popular places to recreate. It is no surprise that the vast majority of the top eight most popular activities that residents participate in while visiting the LGA's open space network can be categorised as outdoor recreation. The top activities were:

- » walking
- » recreation swimming
- » gardening
- » playing in the park
- » bushwalking
- » fishing
- » recreation cycling
- » canoe/kayaking
- » golf
- » arts and crafts
- » running.

Council already promotes outdoor recreation opportunities available in the LGA and partner on initiatives of WBBROC, such as the *Water Trails of the Wide Bay Burnett* brochure.

This Plan recommends investigating opportunities to promote and build upon the existing outdoor recreation activities. In particular, master planning of the KKRT, BP Dam and Lake Boondooma as well as opportunities to provide additional non-motorised access to waterways, identify and promote bushwalking and walking trails and to further embed partnerships with managers of State and National Parks are all key aspects.

### Level of impact

Each outdoor recreation activity has a potential level of impact on the natural area it occurs in. The level of impact of each activity has been determined through industry research and by assessing the level of infrastructure required for each, as well as the likely ongoing impact of the activity on a site. This categorisation should be used as a guide only, and should not be considered in isolation to a natural area's unique ecological and biodiversity values.

Level of impact	Description
Low	When undertaken on a designated facility (i.e. bushwalking on a designated track) these activities have a relatively low level of impact on the natural area and typically require a low level of landscape modification
Medium	Medium impact activities may have a relatively low impact, however, may require vegetation clearing or low level infrastructure to support its use (e.g. camping)
High	High impact activities are those that affect a large area and are intensive in nature. These activities often cause environmental impact including erosion. They often require vegetation clearing or extensive infrastructure to support its use (e.g. four wheel driving)



The table below summarises the level of impact of the outdoor recreation activities available throughout the South Burnett. It also summarises the 'providers' of each form of outdoor recreation (or facilities that provide access to the opportunity).

Activity	Level of impact	Currently provided in the South Burnett			
		Council	Department of Housing and Public Works <sup>#</sup>	SunWater	Private
bushwalking	low	●	●	●	●
picnicking	low	●	●		●
nature study	low	●	●		●
bird watching	low	●	●		●
photography	low	●	●		●
sight seeing	low	●	●	●	●
camping	medium	●	●		●
horse riding (endurance and trail)	medium	●	●		●
recreational cycling (mountain bike touring)	medium	●	●		
downhill mountain biking	medium	●	●		
trail running	low*	●	●		
geocaching	medium*	●	●		
canoeing and kayaking	low^	●	●	● <sup>^</sup>	●
fishing	low^	●	●	● <sup>^</sup>	
boating, waterskiing and jet skiing	medium to high	●		● <sup>^</sup>	
motor/trail bike riding	high		●		●
four-wheel-driving	high		●		●
outdoor recreation events	low to high	●	●		

<sup>#</sup> formerly the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing

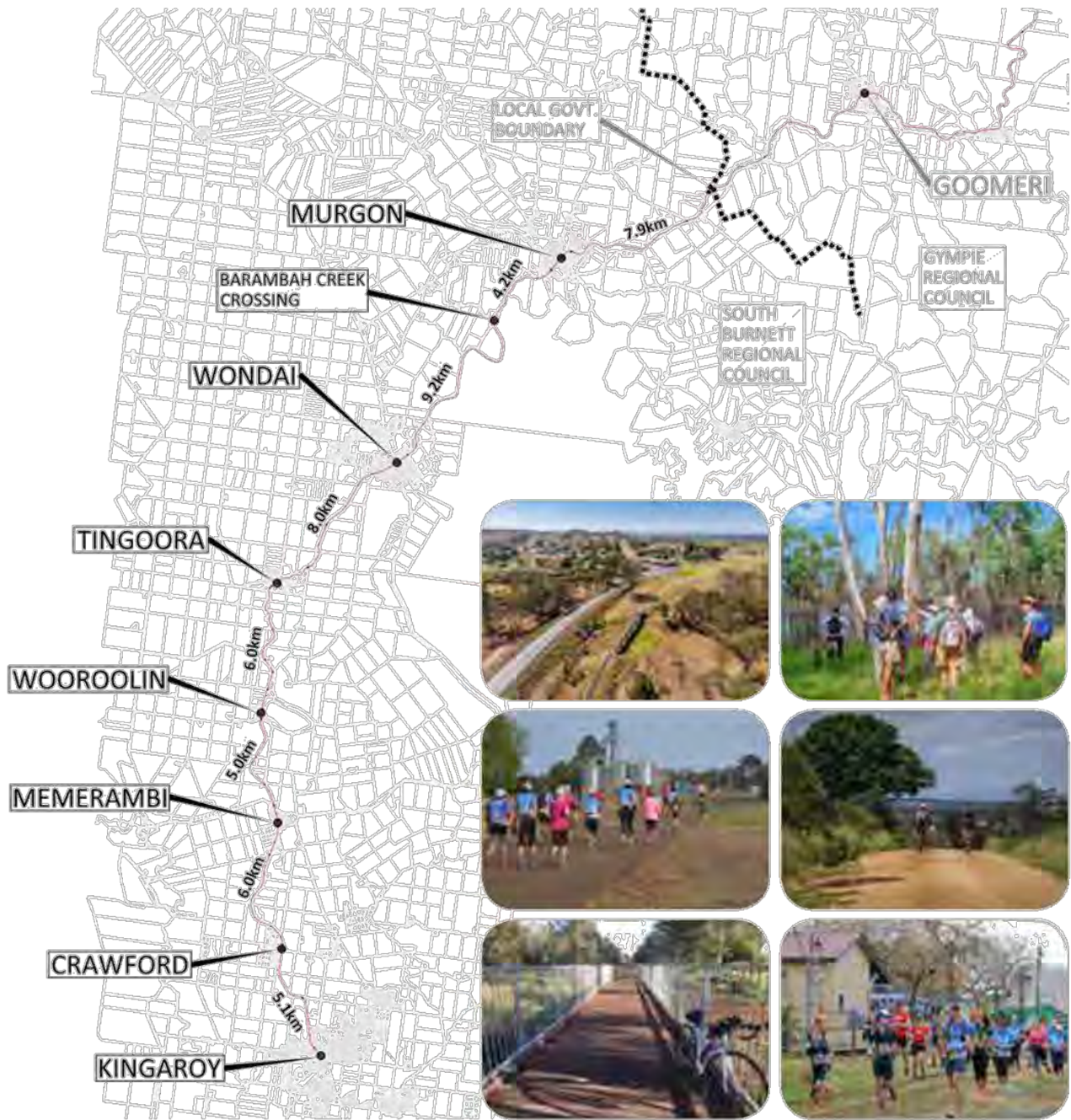
\* when undertaken as individuals or small groups i.e. not events

^ when access to the water body is by formal ramp or launch point



# Kilkilvan to Kingaroy Rail Trail

The Kilkilvan to Kingaroy Rail Trail is part of the Theebine to Kingaroy rail corridor which is 131km long and has the potential to connect to the Brassall Bikeway, Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT) and Bicentennial National Trail.



# Brisbane Valley Rail Trail

The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT) is now the longest rail trail in Australia extending for 161km, following the disused Brisbane Valley rail line from Wulkuraka near Ipswich to Yarraman.

At its southern end, the BVRT passes through the villages of Benarkin and Blackbutt before terminating at Yarraman. Benarkin and Blackbutt are located within the South Burnett local government area.

Keen rail trail users have identified routes extending further north from Yarraman to connect with Nanango and then Kingaroy, making it possible for rail trail users to connect from the BVRT to the Killkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail (KKRT).

These connecting routes are currently under investigation.

Map sourced from Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads





## Future direction of outdoor recreation in South Burnett

The community and Council aspire to continue being a community that respects and values the natural environment. It also acknowledges the need to balance recreation and conservation values to ensure the sustainability of the natural environment.

The following guiding principles have been developed to guide the future provision and management of outdoor recreation within the South Burnett:

- » the conservation prioritisation of natural areas be considered in determining appropriate levels of activity
- » determine the carrying capacity of each natural area to host sustainable outdoor recreation activities prior to permitting the activity (including the identification of restricted sensitive areas)
- » outdoor recreation activities are managed to take account for seasonal conditions and sensitivities
- » outdoor recreation activities are to include only low maintenance infrastructure
- » outdoor recreation should utilise previously disturbed areas/bushland reserves where possible to prevent further impact.

### Priority actions

Council-wide	Partner with Gympie Regional Council to develop a master plan for the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail to leverage the recreation, social, tourism and economic benefits of this asset and ensure pragmatic, effective and efficient development, embellishment, activation, promotion and sustainability for the long term
Council-wide	Continue to investigate funding to connect the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail and the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail
Council-wide	Leverage opportunities to promote and connect other opportunities (e.g. Mt Wooroolin and Wooroolin wetland) with the rail trail experience
Council-wide	Develop master plans for BP Dam (Lake Barambah) and Boondooma Lake focussed on identifying current and potential future outdoor recreation activities to develop these sites into outdoor recreation leisure and adventure areas
Council-wide	Review the location and type of tourist attraction and drive signs across the LGA and develop a detailed plan for replacement and upgrade, carefully considering replacement with the most appropriate tourist attraction signs
Council-wide	Collaborate with WBBROC to develop a walking trails network across the LGA and related promotion including print, online, and potentially a digital application (app)
Council-wide	Foster a strong relationship with land managers of State and National Parks to identify, develop and promote outdoor recreation opportunities available in the LGA
Kingaroy	Install direction and information signage to encourage and promote walking and mountain bike trails at Mt Wooroolin
Wondai	Support the South Burnett Mountain Bike Club's efforts to develop mountain bike trails at McEuen Forest and formalise a mountain bike trail connection with the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail
Ficks Crossing	Establish improved access to the waterway (e.g. floating pontoon) to allow for fishing and non-motorised boat access (and tie-up)



## Sport analysis

Council currently manages sports parks in towns and villages that provide a variety of traditional sporting opportunities for the South Burnett's residents (and visitors).

### Membership

Two relevant surveys (community and sports club) were available to the community during the project's engagement phase. Just under one half of community survey respondents participated in organised sport. Participation trends identified by the sports clubs were generally consistent with the national and state participation trends with junior participation increasing since 2014, while senior participation held steady (or declined).

Optimistically, over two thirds of the sports club respondents predict an increase in membership over the coming years as a result of local club promotion efforts and introduction of social competitions to attract new members. In regards to membership, the main areas of concern for clubs were lack of female participation and lack of youth participation.

### Quality sports parks

Two thirds of community survey respondents rate the quality of sport facilities as either *above average* or *great*. This was reflected by the sporting club with consistently two thirds of respondents to the club survey rating facilities as satisfactory or exceeding the club's needs. Clubs were provided with a list of facilities most commonly found at the Council's sports parks and asked to indicate whether the facilities that they used were suitable for their requirements. The facilities the clubs identified as not suitable included toilets, changerooms and spectator facilities including shade, seating and water. In Council-wide type analyses (such as this Plan) it is common for clubs to report their primary issue to be a lack of fields/ovals/courts available for use. However, in a positive outcome for Council, the majority of respondents indicated that the number of playing fields/ovals was suitable. The main concerns for clubs were themed around ancillary facilities such:

- » shade, seating and water
- » public toilets
- » canteen facilities
- » changerooms
- » storage.

Current and future desired facility improvements (provided in survey responses) were also themed around ancillary facilities. Simple improvements and/or new infrastructure requests included:

- » shade for players and officials
- » better quality changerooms and toilets
- » storage facilities
- » basic clubhouse upgrades.

	Exceeds needs	Suitable	Not suitable	Not required
Seating/shade/water	5%	38%	52%	5%
Public toilets	6%	50%	39%	5%
Canteen facilities	3%	46%	34%	17%
Changerooms	0%	40%	33%	27%
Storage	0%	53%	33%	14%
Lighting standards	0%	56%	30%	14%
Maintenance of buildings	0%	64%	28%	8%
Facilities provided (e.g. chairs / tables / stage)	5%	54%	27%	14%
Clubhouse	0%	54%	26%	20%
Spectator area	8%	54%	23%	17%
Car parking	8%	68%	22%	2%
Number of playing fields/ovals /courts	1%	56%	17%	25%
Access and circulation	3%	74%	15%	9%

## New/upgraded infrastructure requests

Sporting clubs had mixed responses when asked who they contacted at Council regarding new/upgrading infrastructure and/or maintenance issues. Additional clarity should be provided by Council on its website and in other promotional material to increase awareness of what assistance is available from Council and the most appropriate section/Officer.

A Club Development Plan (or Business Plan) is a key tool to guide future planning for clubs. Any club that is serious about sustainability and future development should have a blueprint that shows the direction that it wishes to take. The plan should also justify why new and/or upgraded infrastructure is required and how the club plans to contribute financially to the development. Just under one half of South Burnett's sports clubs that responded to the survey indicated that they have a development plan. This level of planning could be improved and should be encouraged. Without a Club Development Plan (or similar) the organisation is likely to lurch in different directions as volunteers change over time. The Club Development Plan gives direction to the organisation and membership.

To prevent future ad-hoc development, Council should encourage clubs to prepare development plans, with assistance provided regularly by the State Government. Club Development Plans can then become requirements within Council's community grant and funding process.

## Specialised sports

### Aquatic facilities

Two thirds of community survey respondents rate the quality of aquatic facilities as *very good* or *great*. Perhaps even more encouraging, only 10% of respondents consider these facilities as *below average* or *poor*.

Key comments regarding the existing aquatic facilities included:

- » need for longer opening hours
- » complete maintenance in winter months
- » too many swimming pools for geographic area costing ratepayers a lot compared with usage.

Clearly, each of these suggestions is related to Council's ability to resource the aquatic facilities and what Council accepts as a suitable level of community service obligation.

It is important to note that Council owns and manages (currently via contract) the pools at Kingaroy, Nanango, Murgon and Wondal. The pools at Blackbutt and Proston are owned by Education Queensland with Council funding management and supervision.

Council needs to undertake structural investigations of the swimming pools to determine: the condition of these assets, whether extension of the life of the assets is possible (and the costs involved), the cost to replace the pools when they reach the end of their asset lives and the ongoing maintenance costs year-on-year. This factual information will provide the basis for an informed conversation with the community regarding the level of service Council can afford to provide within existing budget constraints. Alternate methods to provide community access to pools (e.g. community bus) should also be investigated.

### Indoor sport

Council owns the indoor sporting facility housing the South Burnett PCYC. Operations and programs at the PCYC are managed by the Queensland Police Citizens Youth and Welfare Association (PCYC). The PCYC services the entire South Burnett as well as the nearby Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council area and is open weekdays and closed on weekends and public holidays. PCYCs' have a strong focus on providing youth services using sport and recreation as an effective community development tool. A diverse range of activities are offered at the PCYC catering for all ages.

Responses from PCYC program providers, Council staff and respondents to the community survey indicated that the PCYC was not supported by the broader South Burnett community as well as it could be, with travel distance from other towns and villages cited as the main barrier. Interestingly the time to travel to Murgon from Wondal and Kingaroy is comparable, or less than, travel times required to access indoor sporting facilities in larger urban centres and cities.

With ample space in the facility and potential for extension of hours, if warranted, there is opportunity for Council to facilitate additional complementary sub-tenants at the PCYC to increase utilisation and create a hub for youth outreach services (or similar).

Basketball and netball in Kingaroy currently access the indoor sports hall at the local high schools with the full support of the current Principals. Access to these facilities provides an all-weather venue for training and competition for basketball, and training venue for netball.

It is recommended that Council develop and maintain a strong working relationship with the high schools in the South Burnett to identify opportunities for community use of school facilities, and support local clubs and schools to make suitable arrangements.



## Master plans

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

Given the number of existing users, the range of facilities and identified need for upgrade, simple master plans are proposed for the sport grounds at Bjelke-Petersen Recreation Reserve, Murgon and Wondai sports grounds. It is important to point out that master planning of these sites can be completed quickly and inexpensively, provided open and honest communication with users and adherence to sport dimensions and safety distance occurs.

Extensive user group consultation and further site analysis should be the cornerstone for these planning activities.

## Attracting events

During consultation, a number of sporting club representatives expressed a desire to attract more frequent regional- and State-level events and carnivals to the LGA. There are clear economic benefits that can be gained from hosting events of this nature. However, this Plan highlights that seeking to attract events for traditional sports is not a preferred directive.

State sporting organisations indicated that there are currently no traditional sports with a high enough level of infrastructure to attract events. Additionally, the proximity of the LGA to larger centres at Toowoomba and on the coast (Bundaberg and Hervey Bay), as well as Ipswich and South East Queensland make it unlikely for traditional sports to hold major events in the LGA.

With few clubs experiencing significant membership growth, there is little demand for higher levels of infrastructure (particularly if this is only being sought in an effort to attract events). Rather, the Plan recommends that Council supports non-traditional sporting groups (e.g. gliding) that have suitable existing facilities and are seeking to attract (or to continue hosting) state and national events.

## Hard To Locate Sports (HTLS)

South Burnett will recognise the opportunities available for Hard To Locate Sports (HTLS) within the region. Hard to Locate Sports are defined as sports/recreation activities which do not traditionally or easily fit within an urban environment due to noise, dust, visual impact, or safety risks that are inherent in the activity.

Council will support a diverse range of accessible HTLS opportunities relevant to the targeted needs of the community and will support partnerships and external investment in existing facilities and future opportunities and precincts where they are deemed sustainable and appropriately located. Council encourages and supports HTLS to co-locate with compatible activities and facilities where possible.



Rugby League, Bjelke-Petersen Recreation Reserve

## Future direction of sport in the South Burnett

The community and Council aspire to be a healthy and active community that has access to a diverse range of places, spaces and activities that encourage and enable healthy lifestyle choices.

The following guiding principles have been developed to guide the future provision and management of sport within South Burnett:

- » ensure maximisation of facilities (formal and informal activities)
- » base decision-making on sound data and demand
- » master planning of key sports parks to ensure there is a demonstrated need for infrastructure upgrades
- » provide ongoing support and education to sport and recreation clubs
- » ensure ancillary facilities reflect the needs of participants, officials and spectators.

### Priority actions

Council-wide	Commission a structural investigation of Council owned public swimming pools ('pool proper') in Kingaroy, Nanango, Murgon and Wondai to identify the remaining life of the assets and options for extension of the asset lives, to enable a conversation with the community regarding long-term replacement
Council-wide	Create incentives to encourage clubs and organisations to provide updated details for the community directory
Council-wide	Promote opportunities for sport and recreation organisations to access the range of club administration, coaching and officiating education and grant writing workshops available
Council-wide	Provide support to non-traditional sports currently attracting state and national titles
Council-wide	Partner with and support sport and recreation organisations to provide improved shelter, seating and access to water for spectators
Kingaroy	Support the redesign and reconstruct the Kingaroy netball courts including car parking areas
Kingaroy	Support the South Burnett Rugby League to light an additional field at Bjelke-Petersen Recreation Reserve for use by both rugby league and touch football
Kingaroy	Support Senior Soccer to upgrade field lighting and provide female-friendly facilities
Kingaroy	Support Kingaroy Tennis to upgrade court light fittings
Kingaroy	Support Senior Soccer to upgrade field lighting on two fields and develop female-friendly amenities
Kingaroy	Support Australian rules football to upgrade field lighting and develop female friendly amenities
Nanango	Support Nanango Netball Club with further redevelopment of courts and facilities
Murgon	Investigate opportunities for suitable additional tenants at the South Burnett PCYC to enhance utilisation and program delivery
Murgon	Upgrade training lights on one field and irrigation on playing fields
Wondai	Support the Shooting Complex to upgrade targets to meet current safety and competition standards
Kumbia	Refurbish two tennis courts (consider marking one as multi-sport)



## Community halls and activity spaces

While community halls and indoor activity spaces do not fall ‘under the banner’ of parks and open space, they do provide key areas for recreation and socialisation. In smaller towns and villages, a well-programmed community hall can play an important role as the indoor sport and recreation hub. The term ‘community hall’ used here refers to halls owned by Council and halls owned by churches, schools, not-for-profit and private organisations.

Of particular note is the increasing use of community halls for activities including pilates, yoga and aerobics classes and various forms of martial arts including karate and judo for example. Various forms of dancing are also taught and practiced in halls such as the dance academy operating from the Nanango Showgrounds pavilion for example.

In the South Burnett, many older community halls are reaching the end of the asset’s useful life and require either major maintenance (at considerable cost), complete replacement, disposal (usually selling for private use) or demolition. This latter option is typically an emotional decision for users and the broader community to process due to memories made at these venues and the role the facilities played in creating social connections in the community. A range of social changes have contributed to changed use of community halls and has impacted on the number, size and distribution of halls in towns and villages.

Residents of towns and villages in the South Burnett have access to a community hall in most cases, with residents on rural properties required to travel into population centres. Anecdotally, the activities offered at different halls across the South Burnett draw people from across the area, for example residents of Cherbourg travel to Proston to participate in line dancing - a 40 minute drive each way.

Council has invested significant capital funds to ensure that residents in most towns and villages have access to high quality community halls. The cost to maintain and operate these facilities is considerable, with a key challenge being partial cost-recovery through hire fees and charges. Hire fees for Council owned halls varies across the local government area and can directly impact use of halls for recreation activities. Free or very low-cost access will not necessarily result in increased activation of community halls.

### Activating existing facilities

Council is keen to have the existing network of community halls, libraries and community centres as vibrant and busy community recreation and event facilities. Currently, it appears that many of these facilities are largely under-utilised and there is no central role within Council driving this desire for well-activated spaces.





## Future direction of community halls and activity spaces in South Burnett

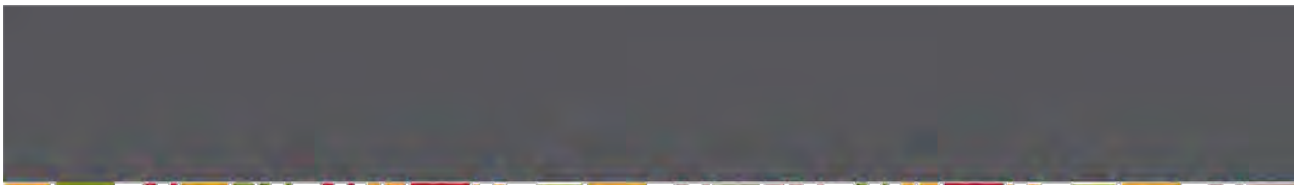
The community and Council aspire to be a vibrant and engaged community that has access to a diverse range of places, spaces and activities.

The following guiding principles have been developed to guide the future provision and management of community halls and activity spaces within the South Burnett:

- » assist to promote existing activities and opportunities
- » encourage greater use of existing facilities
- » base decision-making on sound data and demand.

### **Priority actions**

Council-wide	Investigate opportunities to increase community access and programming at community halls and centres (particularly where it encourages socialisation for older residents)
Council-wide	Target promotion of Council's grants for services and programs to private providers of physical activity and fitness classes to encourage use of community halls (for all ages)
Council-wide	Expand the role of the libraries as community centres and activity spaces. (Consider after-school activities for children, activities for the unemployed, activities for those not interested in traditional sport and parents caring for very young children/infants)
Council-wide	Provide in-principle support to not-for-profit community groups applying for grants and funding to improve facilities such as halls (not owned by Council) and services that provide sport and active recreation benefits for residents



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## Section six - Community - town and village priorities

Kingaroy  
Nanango  
Murgon  
Wondai  
Blackbutt  
Key issues  
Villages

Benarkin  
Kumbia  
Maidenwell  
Memerambi  
Wooroolin  
Tingoora  
Hivesville  
Proston

## Kingaroy

Kingaroy is the administrative centre of the LGA. With a 2016 population of 10,020 people, limited future growth is projected.

With a median age of 37, Kingaroy's population is only slightly older than Queensland's median age of 35. However, the proportion of children aged 0 to 14 years is slightly higher than the Queensland figures, suggesting there are a number of young families in the area. This is further supported by the fact that there are four primary schools and three high schools in the town.

Kingaroy's central business district is located 'centrally' in the town and includes the town's main sporting grounds, community and cultural facilities, retail and administrative services. Upgrades to the Kingaroy CBD are being considered that include activation of the area with improved vehicle and pedestrian movement as well as furniture to create an enhanced community meeting place.

Residential areas surround the CBD to the north, west and south with agricultural and industrial activities directly to the east.

Overall, Kingaroy is an active town and offers a variety of recreation and sporting opportunities to residents and visitors. The main sporting hub of the LGA, there is a large sporting precinct including a variety of field sports and tennis courts, showgrounds, a private golf course, netball courts and a public swimming pool adjacent the town's main recreation park and community event space.

Memorial Park, located a city block to the west of the CBD, is a key community asset and a popular location for informal recreation and community events. Swimming for sport and leisure at the pool located at the corner of the park is also popular. A well designed and shaded playground for toddlers through to pre-teens is a popular feature at the park with large shelters, tables and chairs and toilets in close proximity. The park is well shaded by trees with open areas and internal paths make it highly accessible.

Apex Park and Lookout, Mt Wooroolin and Carrol Nature Reserve also provide opportunities for recreation, with netball facilities being located at Rotary Park.

The recently developed Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail provides a recreation corridor extending north, and is fast becoming a popular recreation facility with an all weather sealed surface attracting walkers and cyclists, individually and in groups.

Further development of Kingaroy's recreation and sport parks is required to ensure the needs of the community are met, as well as extension of the town's walk and cycle pathway network to support these popular activities. Overall, Kingaroy's open space network is well established for the existing and future population.



### Snapshot

Current population (2016)	10,020
0 - 14 years	21.7%
15 - 24 years	13.2%
25 - 34 years	12.7%
35 - 44 years	11.6%
45 - 54 years	11.4%
55 - 64 years	11.5%
65 years and over	18.2%
Median age (2016)	37
Households with children	56.6%
Unoccupied private dwellings	10.7%
Do not have a motor vehicle	7.1%

In addition to Kingaroy's open space network, residents and visitors have the opportunity to participate in a number of outdoor recreation activities, offered by the surrounding natural areas:

- » Bjelke-Petersen Dam (Lake Barambah)
- » Boondooma Dam (Lake Boondooma)
- » Gordonbrook Dam
- » Ficks Crossing
- » State and National Parks.

## Recreation and sport in Kingaroy

Map ID	Reserve name	Current classification	Activity
Recreation parks			water
8	O'Neill Square	Town	walking, cycling, resting, trail head
4	Memorial Park	Regional	playground, picnicking, walking,
6	Bjelke-Petersen Recreation Reserve	Local	walking, cycling, exercise stations
18	River Road Park	Local	playground, informal sport
17	Lions Park	Local	playground, picnicking, walking, cycling
12	APEX Park	Local	playground, picnicking, lookout
16	Senior Citizens Park	Local	picnicking, nature appreciation, bird watching, walking, cycling
3	Earle Park	Local	undeveloped
15	Youth Park	Local	wheeled recreation device facility
9	Rotary Park	Local	picnicking
10	Adermann Park	Local	playground
13	Carew Park	Local	undeveloped
14	Carroll Nature Reserve	Local	nature appreciation, bird watching, walking
2	Mt Wooroolin	Local	nature appreciation, bird watching, walking, mountain bike riding, sight seeing
Sports parks			
6	Bjelke-Petersen Recreation Reserve	Town	rugby league, cricket, touch football, tennis, football (soccer), football (Australian rules)
9	Rotary Park	Town	netball
Specialised sports			
-	WJ Lang Memorial Olympic Pool	Aquatic	swimming, learn to swim
7	Kingaroy Showgrounds	Showgrounds	motor sports, equestrian, community halls
20	Kingaroy Soaring Club	Private	gliding
21	Kingaroy Golf Club	Private	golf
-	Kingaroy Pistol Club	Private	pistol shooting
Community facilities			
-	Kingaroy Town Hall	Community facility	indoor bowls, various
-	Kingaroy Town Common Hall	Community facility	yoga, various
-	Kingaroy Satellite Cinema	Private	squash
School facilities			
-	Kingaroy State High School	Education	netball, basketball, futsal, volleyball
-	St Mary's Catholic College	Education	futsal



## Access to experiences

The open space network in Kingaroy offers a number of experiences and activities for residents and visitors. Creating supportive environments for these opportunities is also an important ingredient to facilitating increased use and value of the open space network.

The experiences in the table adjacent are provided in Kingaroy and surrounding areas.

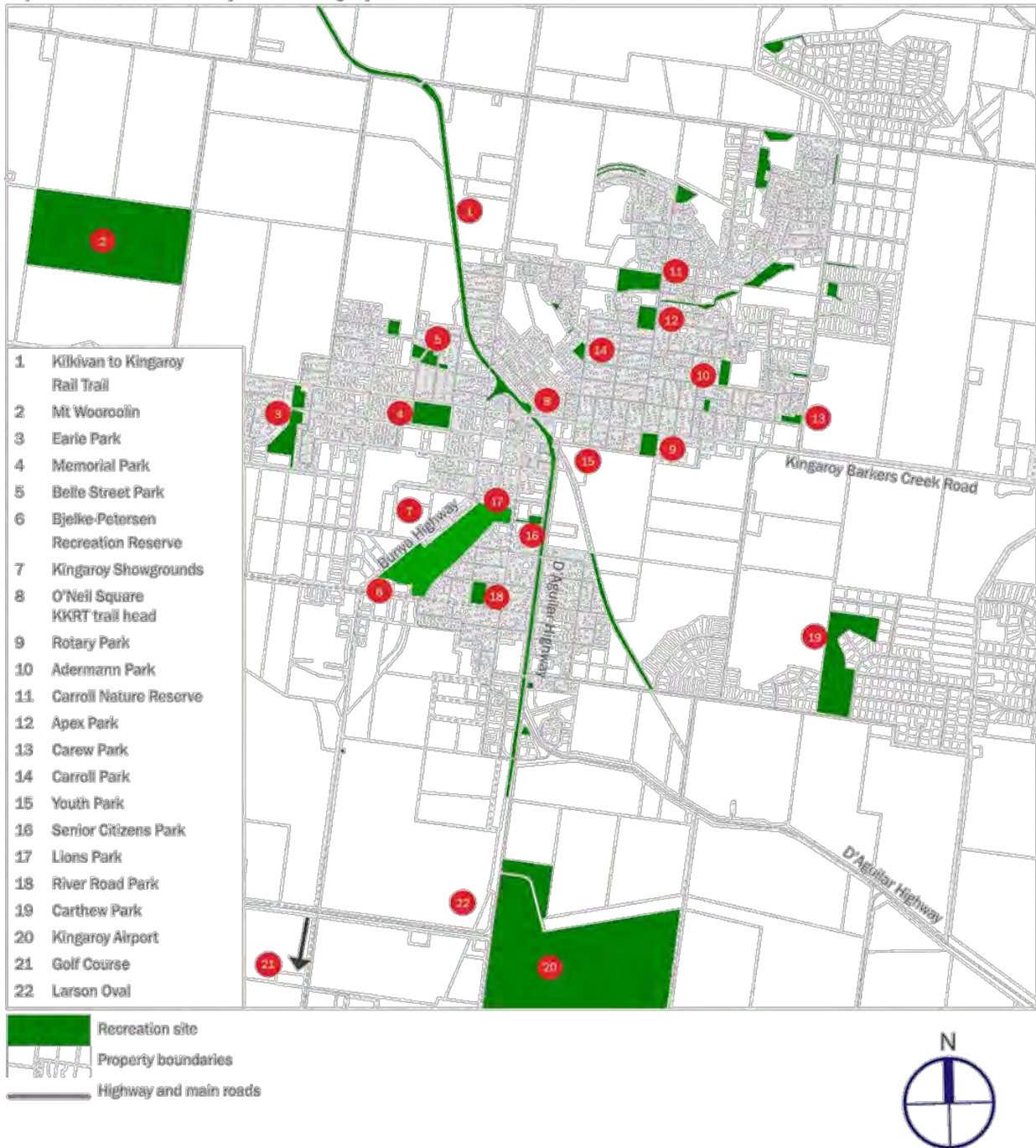
Residents have access to a variety of sport and recreation experiences. However, site inspections identified a lack of infrastructure to support informal recreation, such as connecting pathways, signage, and bench seats along walk cycle routes. Despite this, residents continue to be physically active and participate in a number of organised informal recreation activities.

Activity/ Experience	Supporting embellishments/facilities	
Water based	Aquatic facility	●
Access to nature	Undeveloped green space	●
	Natural areas	●
Escape, break-out and recreation areas	Lookout	●
	Shaded seating areas	●
	Formal/structured gardens	
Comfort/safety	Public toilets	●
	Signage	
Indoor recreation/ community meetings	Community halls	●
	Indoor sports hall	
	Indoor community space	●
Outdoor recreation	Bushwalking	●
	Mountain biking	●
	Wheelchair friendly activities	●
Picnics	Covered gazebos to cater for large groups	●
	Table, seats and shade	●
	BBQ facilities (electric)	●
Playgrounds	Toddler	●
	Young children	●
	Youth	
Sport	Fields/ovals/courts (Council)	●
	School fields/ovals/courts (for public use)	●
	Horse friendly facilities	●
	Private	●
Activities	Skate park	●
	BMX track	●
	Outdoor fitness equipment	●
Walking and cycling	Footpaths	●
	Shared paths/cycleways	●
	Bicycle parking	
Cultural/ community events	Open space for markets	●
	Open space for events	●



# Kingaroy

Map 2. Recreation sites and key localities in Kingaroy





## Use and values

Kingaroy’s open space network is well used with two-thirds (66%) of survey respondents using the network once a week or more.

Consistent with State and national trends, walking remains the most popular activity participated in at 51% of respondents; 80% when combined with bushwalking. Other popular activities included:

- » swimming (recreation not club) 39%
- » gardening 36%
- » playing in the park 31%
- » fishing 27%

Of those surveyed, 43% also participated in organised sport.

Interestingly, the most popular place to recreate was at home (50%) followed by:

- » local footpaths 43%
- » swimming pool 41%
- » parks 37%
- » rail trail 34%

South Burnett’s dams, lakes and surrounding natural areas were also important places for recreation (between 20% to 30% of respondents).

Respondents were also asked to note their favourite open space in the LGA. Kingaroy residents’ favourite locations were:

- » Memorial Park 35%
- » APEX Park 10%
- » Mt Wooroolin 10%
- » Killkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail 7%
- » Bjeike-Petersen Dam/Lake Barambah 6%

The majority of respondents (90%) rated the importance of open space as either important or very important and valued their surrounding open space because:

- » it allows people to spend time with their family and friends
- » the natural setting and interaction with nature
- » place to unwind and relax and exercise
- » close to home.

The majority of respondents also believed that open space should be a high or very high priority for Council. If given the opportunity to improve open space network, Kingaroy survey respondents would support/improve/develop:

- » more community events in public parks
- » provision of places/facilities for young people
- » shade across all parks and pathways
- » improved picnic facilities and facilities at water bodies
- » infrastructure development along the rail trail
- » enhancement of Senior Citizens Park (“duck pond park”)

- » upgrade of the swimming pool
- » walk cycle track connection and upgrade of Mt Wooroolin
- » upgrade APEX Park lookout
- » access to sport facilities for social use.

Respondents were also in favour of rationalising small, under utilised parks in favour of larger quality town parks. They would also like to see Mt Wooroolin activated to reduce undesirable behaviour.

When asked if they had experienced any barriers to using open space, the top five responses were:

- » lack of shade
- » they are poor maintained and/or unclean
- » lack of connectivity between walk/cycle paths
- » there is a lack of variety/boring
- » there is a lack of toilets.

Respondents were asked to rate the quality of the LGA’s sport and recreation facilities.

	poor quality	neutral	great quality	don't know
Aquatic facilities	10%	23%	60%	7%
Sportsfields	8%	31%	48%	13%
Equestrian facilities	18%	10%	4%	68%
Playgrounds	9%	29%	54%	8%
Skate parks	18%	22%	28%	32%
Natural bushland	14%	21%	52%	13%
Places to relax and socialise	20%	27%	43%	10%
Community hall / centre	13%	24%	45%	17%
Activities for youth	40%	24%	16%	20%
Activities for seniors	18%	17%	24%	41%
Low cost/free activities	39%	20%	17%	24%

If respondents were in charge of the provision of open space over the next 10 years, the top three priorities identified include:

- » more community events in public parks
- » provision of places/facilities for young people
- » shade across all parks and pathways.

## Analysis of open space

### Land for recreation open space

Kingaroy has a range of recreation parks that provide a range of activities for all ages. However, younger children are seeking more challenging play opportunities while older youth need the skate park to be in a safer location, and generally more shade within parks and an improved path system.

Council has invested in a number of master and concept plans to guide contemporary development of recreation parks. To ensure implementation of these plans it is recommended they are reviewed by the community and Council and formally adopted to allow appropriate budget and resource allocation.

Improved connectivity through additional pathways will support activation of recreation parks, and additional directional and information signage and promotion is recommended to assist residents and visitors discover and explore the opportunities on offer.

### Land for sport open space

Kingaroy has an adequate supply of land for outdoor sporting purposes. Some sports have expressed the need for 'home' grounds and these can be accommodated within existing grounds. New arrangements for collocation will require facilitation by Council to ensure equitably access for training and competition. Additional field and court lighting, upgrades or refurbishment of ancillary facilities and provision of spectator facilities will be a key requirement to support participation in sport. The exception to this is Kingaroy netball courts which require redevelopment in the near future.

Access to local high school indoor sport facilities is filling the need for indoor sport, and the PCYC in Murgon is a comparatively short driving distance providing additional opportunities. There is an opportunity for activity providers to arrange 'outreach' expansion of programs to other towns and villages in the LGA (e.g. gymnastics).

## Community facilities

It is not necessarily Council's role to be a provider of activities. However, Council should take a more active role in recognising and promoting the activities that are currently undertaken by private providers particularly within community facilities.

Council facilities such as the town hall, town common hall, showground halls and library should also be further promoted as areas available for indoor community activities.

Kingaroy Airport is a certified airfield with the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA) for Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) services. Council is obliged under the Commonwealth Government's Aerodrome Local Ownership Plan (ALOP) to maintain and operate the Kingaroy Airport as an airport. Strategically, Council needs to retain certification of the airport for current commercial use, and for RPT or further commercial opportunities in the future.

When considering state and national gliding competitions and events, development at the Kingaroy Airport needs to occur without impacting the primary purpose of the airport.

## Access and experiences

While there are a range of sport and recreation opportunities currently available for residents and visitors, enhanced promotion and activation are required. For example, the town is well-suited as a base to access outdoor recreation opportunities and yet activities such as mountain biking, bushwalking and kayaking have historically received very limited resourcing or attention.

Additionally, greater emphasis is required on the provision of directional and interpretive signage. Areas such as Mt Wooroolin, Apex Park Lookout and Carroll Nature Reserve are well-suited to interpretive signage such as flora and fauna species and other points of interest. As the walk/cycle network continues to be developed across the town, directional signage should be installed so that users understand how far it is to key areas such as the central business district, key sport and recreation facilities and other community facilities.



Memorial Park



Bjelke-Petersen Recreation Reserve



River Road Park

## Kingaroy priority actions

Town-wide		Memorial Park	
K1	Develop and maintain strong working relationships with high schools in Kingaroy to support and facilitate continued use of indoor sport court facilities by local sport clubs	K9	Upgrade the dog off-leash area with improved fencing, seating, shade, water and agility equipment. Consider segregated areas for small and large dogs
K2	Actively promote and encourage use of the South Burnett PCYC, supporting community-based solutions (e.g. car pooling to activities)	K10	Identify core infrastructure requirements for community events (e.g. power, water) and make improvements to facilitate easier access for this purpose
K3	Rationalise Adermann Park	K11	Construct internal pathways connecting play nodes, toilet, shelters, water bubblers and entry gate(s) to improve access
Aquatic Centre		Kingaroy Airport	
K4	Within the life of this Plan, Council's public swimming pools will be at the end of their useful asset lives. In the next 3-5 years Council needs to investigate the feasibility of replacing its public pools in Kingaroy, Nanango, Murgon and Wondai in consultation with the community and with a clear picture of the probable capital cost of replacement and ongoing operations year-on-year	K12	Develop clear terms of reference for the Kingaroy Airport Working Group including appropriate Council staff and representatives of the Kingaroy Soaring Club to identify options for redevelopment of facilities at the Airport to support ongoing success of the club, and that contributes to economic benefit to the South Burnett LGA
K5	Commission suitably qualified engineers to undertake a detailed and 'intrusive' investigation of the structural integrity of Council's public swimming pools, and provide a report on the remaining life of pool structures and associated plant and equipment. Include concrete testing of pool structures and balance tanks, intrusive CCTV inspection of in-ground pipe work and pool leak testing. The report should include recommendations to cost effectively extend the life of existing assets	K13	Recognise and support the Kingaroy Soaring Club's efforts to regularly attract and secure state and national events to Kingaroy and leverage these events to promote broader attractions of the South Burnett region
K6	Develop a high level concept plan for redevelopment of WJ Lang Memorial Pool prior to works on the amenities, offices and kiosk, to allow a strategic approach to incorporation of potential future changes to the facility	K14	Develop a high level concept plan over land adjacent the Kingaroy Airport to cater for location/potential relocation of motor sports
K7	When redeveloping the amenities, offices and kiosk for the WJ Lang Memorial Pool consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» orientation of the kiosk to allow a serving window directly facing Memorial Park (preferably in clear sight of the playground)</li> <li>» access to the pool from Memorial Park</li> <li>» consideration and orientation of facilities to accommodate potential future experiences including water-play and leisure pool</li> </ul>	Lions Park	
Kingaroy Golf Club		K15	Remove old existing signage. As the playground equipment reaches the end of its useful life, remove it and create a rest stop with basic all ages play equipment e.g. swings, as well as information and promotion signage encouraging visitors to explore the South Burnett
K8	Support the Kingaroy Golf Club to apply for external funding for improvements including upgrading of greens, irrigation system and refurbishment of the clubhouse (e.g. internal painting)	Mt Wooroolin	
		K16	Install directional and information signage to encourage and promote walking and mountain bike riding on existing trails
		K17	Incorporate allowance for widening of the verge (on Haly Street and Mt Wooroolin Road) in any civil works to allow off-road walking and mountain bike riding to Mt Wooroolin

Bjelke-Petersen Recreation Reserve		APEX Park	
K18	Continue to implement the 'Town Common Master Plan' including recommendations from this Plan	K33	Clear vegetation currently impeding the views from APEX lookout
K19	Identify core infrastructure requirements for community events (e.g. power, water) and make improvements to facilitate easier access for this purpose	K34	Provide simple directional signage to direct people from either end of APEX park e.g. playground to lookout; lookout to playground.
K20	Identify locations for spectator shade and seating, and access points for drinking water	K35	Construct an accessible pathway to connect the car park to the toilet building
K21	Light an additional field to accommodate rugby league and touch football training	K36	Consult with residents in Farr and Mcdiarmid Streets regarding an additional small car park at the western entry to the park prior to design and costing
K22	Investigate the collocation of junior cricket with football (soccer) or alternative sites for junior cricket including use of school facilities	<b>Senior Citizens Park</b>	
K23	Assess the condition of the toilets and canteen at the rugby league/touch football fields and tennis courts to determine if refurbishment or replacement is warranted	K37	Remove timber BBQs and park furniture at the end of its useful life
K24	Support the tennis club to develop a court lighting design using contemporary technology (e.g. LED), cost the design and support the tennis club to apply for external funding to replace light fittings	K38	Install park benches with arms to support sitting and standing by older aged people
K25	Support football (Australian rules) to develop unisex or female friendly amenities and upgrade field lighting for training purposes	K39	Construct pathways to accommodate mobility scooters and connect pathways to bench seating locations
K26	Support the Senior Soccer Club to develop female/unisex change rooms including accessible toilets and showers, baby change facility and lockable shower cubicles	<b>Carroll Nature Reserve</b>	
K27	Support the Senior Soccer Club to upgrade to LED lights on two training fields	K40	Install simple directional signage at key locations to guide people through the site
<b>Netball Courts</b>		K41	Replace the property boundary fence
K28	Support the redesign of netball courts (in accordance with Netball Australia specifications) to include required run off clear space at sides and end lines, resolve drainage issues and accommodate lighting and for at least one court, shade and spectator seating.	K42	Consider establishment of a 'Friends of Carroll Nature Reserve' group to assist Council to control weeds and plant native endemic specie
K29	Install low (500mm) fencing to prevent balls rolling into car parks and nearby roads. Fencing should not prevent access by residents for casual use	<b>Youth Park</b>	
K30	Review/redesign the car park including entry and exit. Grade the unsealed car park in the short term to limit water pooling and potential damage to courts and consider sealing in the medium to long term	K43	Investigate and secure tenure of the land that the Youth Park is constructed on
K31	Work in partnership with netball to co-fund refurbishment of the clubhouse, toilets and changerooms, particularly measures to increase security.	K44	Collaborate with the South Burnett CTC to develop a transparent agreement with Council regarding cleaning of the Youth Park and repairs and maintenance of assets, for the benefit of users
<b>Rotary Park</b>		<b>Carew Park</b>	
K32	In consultation with the Rotary Club, rationalise electric BBQs at Rotary Park to a maximum of two	K45	Investigate the development of a green space with the members of the Carew family and other community organisations.
		<b>Earle Park</b>	
		K46	Investigate the development of a green space in partnership community organisations.
		<b>Community Halls</b>	
		K47	Provide support to not-for-profit community groups applying for grants and funding to improve facilities (not owned by Council) and services that provide sport and active recreation benefits for residents.



Memorial Park, Kingaroy



Lyle Vidler Oval, Bjelke-Petersen Reserve, Kingaroy



# Nanango



Located on the D’Aguilar Highway, Nanango has a history of timber-felling, farming and mining, and is the fourth oldest town in Queensland. With a population of 3,599 (as at the 2016 Census) Nanango is the LGA’s second largest township.

Overall, the Nanango community is predominantly older, with a median age of 48, 3 years older than the South Burnett’s median age of 45, and 5 years older than Kingaroy’s median age of 37. Compared to the South Burnett (at 50.7%), Nanango has a lower proportion of families with children (48.7%), this is further reflected by two primary schools and single high school.

Similar to the South Burnett’s population trend, Nanango’s population is ageing, with limited growth predicted. The future planning of recreation and sport in the town will need to cater for both the youth and elderly, two different niches. Youth will require access to higher impact activities such as organised sports, interesting play elements that cater for a variety of ages and hang out spaces. The older population will prefer low impact activities such as walking and supporting infrastructure (bench seating, shade and formalised walking paths).

Nanango offers a variety of recreation and sporting opportunities for residents and visitors. There are sport fields and courts, playgrounds, walking tracks, skate park, aquatic centre, showgrounds, golf course, motor sport facility and community halls. A number of State Forests and National Parks are in close proximity to Nanango, most notably the Bunya Mountains to the south-west providing outdoor recreation opportunities for residents.

Recently upgraded, the main street of Nanango is pedestrian friendly and features many historic references and points of interest.

**Snapshot**

Current population (2016)	3,599
0 - 14 years	17.9%
15 - 24 years	10.0%
25 - 34 years	8.9%
35 - 44 years	9.3%
45 - 54 years	13.0%
55 - 64 years	14.4%
65 years and over	26.3%
Median age (2016)	48
Households with children	48.7%
Unoccupied private dwellings	12.7%
Do not have a motor vehicle	7.1%



## Recreation and sport in Nanango

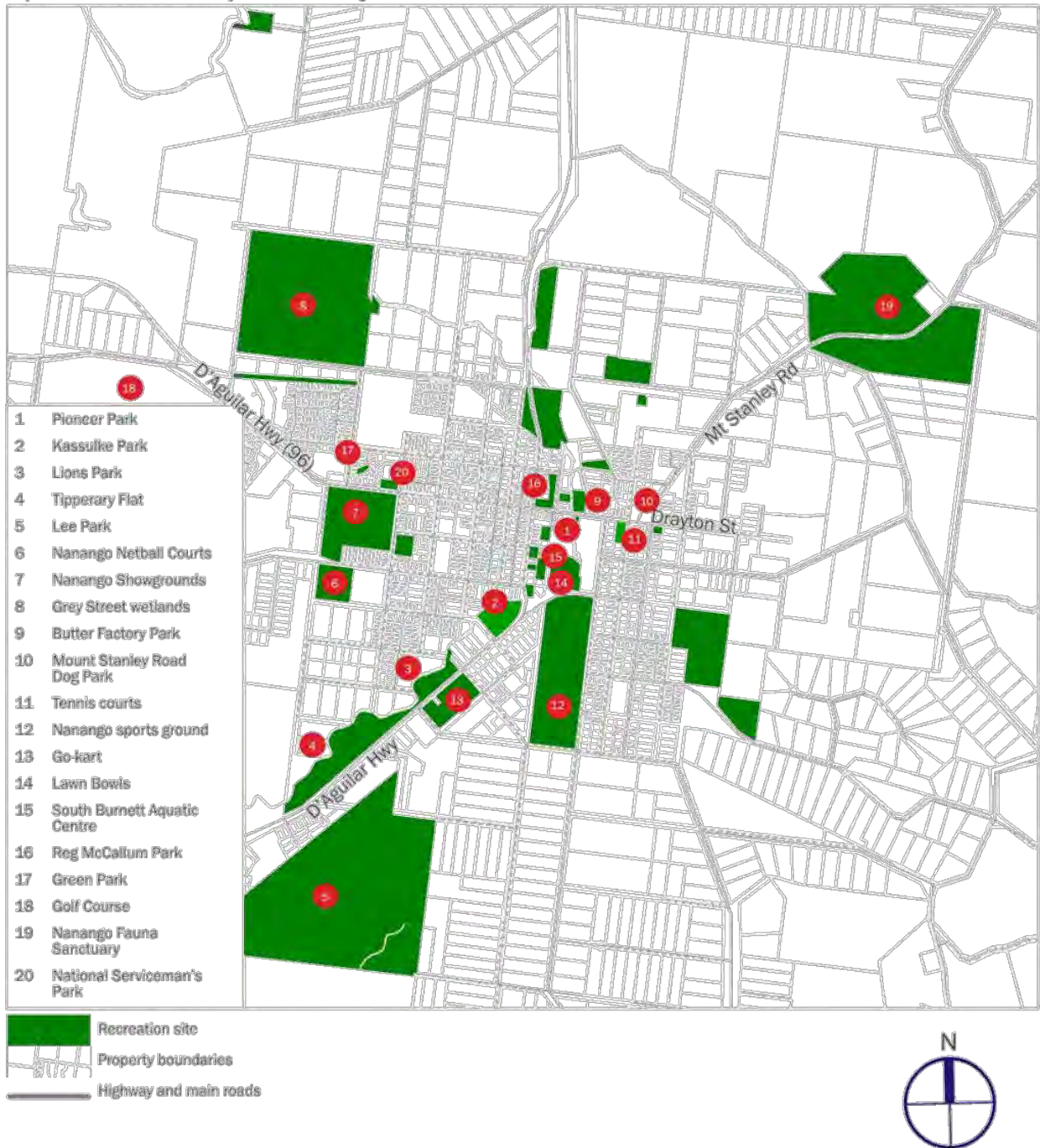
Recreation and sport is well catering for in Nanango with a range of Council and privately provided opportunities available.

Map ID	Reserve name	Current classification	Activity
<b>Recreation parks</b>			
1	Pioneer Park	Town	wheeled recreation devices, picnicking, playground, nature appreciation
3	Lions Park	Local	playground, picnicking, tourist stop
9	Butter Factory Park	Local	playground, children's bike track, bmx, fishing
16	Reg McCallum Park	Local	rest
19	Mt Stanley Road Dog Park	Local	dog off-leash
17	Green Park	Local	playground
4	Tipperary Flat	Local	walking, bushwalking, cycling
20	National Serviceman's Park	Local	memorial
<b>Sports parks</b>			
12	Nanango Sports Ground	Local	cricket, football (soccer), dog obedience
6	Nanango Netball Courts	Local	netball
2	Kassulke Park	Local	rugby league
<b>Specialised sports parks</b>			
18	Nanango Golf Club	Private	golf
15	South Burnett Aquatic Centre	Aquatic	swimming, learn to swim
7	Nanango Showground	Showgrounds	equestrian, markets, dance (hall)
11	The Burnett Courts	Tennis	tennis
-	Burnett Equestrian Group Grounds	Private	equestrian
14	Nanango Bowling Club	Private	lawn bowls
5	Lee Park / Nanango Race Club	Private	equestrian, horse racing
13	Go-kart	Private	go-kart
<b>Community facilities</b>			
-	Nanango Cultural Centre	Community facility	indoor bowls, meetings
-	Nanango Blue Light Disco	Private	disco, skating
-	Nanango Darts Club	Private	darts, playgroup
-	Nanango Squash Courts	Private	squash, fitness
<b>School facilities</b>			
-	Nanango High School	Education	potential for indoor court sports



# Nanango

Map 3. Recreation sites and key localities in Nanango



## Access to experiences

The open space network in Nanango offers a number of experiences and activities for residents and visitors. Creating supportive environments for these opportunities is also an important ingredient to facilitating increased use and value of the open space network.

The following experiences are provided in Nanango and surrounding areas.

Activity/ Experience	Supporting embellishments/facilities	Activity/ Experience	Supporting embellishments/facilities
	Aquatic facility		
Access to nature	Undeveloped green space	Playgrounds	Toddler
	Waterways		Young children
	Natural areas		Youth
Escape, break-out and recreation areas	Lookout	Sport	Fields/ovals/courts (Council)
	Shaded seating areas		School fields/ovals/courts (for public use)
	Formal/structured gardens		Horse friendly facilities
	Library		Private
Comfort/safety	Public toilets	Activities	Skate park
	Signage		BMX track
Indoor recreation/ community meetings	Community hall		Outdoor fitness equipment
	Indoor sports hall	Walking and cycling	Footpaths
	Indoor community space		Shared paths/cycleways
Outdoor recreation	Bushwalking		Bicycle parking
	Mountain biking	Cultural/ community events	Open space for markets
	Fishing facilities		Amphitheatre/gazebo/stage
	Camping		Open space for events
	Wheelchair friendly activities		
Picnics	Covered gazebos to cater for large groups		
	Table, seats and shade		
	BBQ facilities (electric)		



## Use and values

Overall, open space and recreation is rated as a high priority for Nanango residents (that completed the survey). Approximately 84% indicated this should be a *high to very high* priority for Council, while 72% noted that it was a *high* priority for themselves and their family.

Just over 56% of Nanango respondents visited the open spaces in the area at least once a week. The most popular open spaces to visit were:

1. Pioneer Park 53%
2. Lions Park 47%
3. local footpaths and at home 35%
4. local roads for walking and cycling 29%
5. park 24%

The top five activities that respondents participated in while visiting the open space include:

1. swimming (recreation not club) 56%
2. walking 50%
3. playing in the park and fishing 44%
4. gardening 39%
5. horse riding 28%

Under half of the respondents indicated that they participated in organised sporting competitions within the LGA.

Consistent with the most popular activities and open space to visit, the residents valued the following attributes of the open space network:

- » they are close to my home
- » they appeal to the whole family
- » then encourage social interaction with the community
- » they allow me to spend quality time with my family
- » they provide me with a place to exercise
- » the interaction with the natural environment
- » the natural setting.

Respondents were asked what their favourite open space/park within the South Burnett was and why. Memorial and Apex Parks in Kingaroy, BP Dam and Butter Factory Park were popular places. Many liked the children’s bike track at Butter Factory Park and the variety of play equipment in Memorial and Apex Parks (flying fox), while others preferred the natural environment and water-based recreation activities provided at BP Dam.

Despite 56% of respondents visiting the open space network at least weekly, some experienced a number of barriers to using the open space. The most common barriers were:

- » they are poorly maintained and/or unclean 39%
- » no public access to sports grounds (football) 39%
- » there is no shade 33%.

Residents were asked to rate the quality of open space and recreation opportunities across the LGA.

	poor quality		great quality
Aquatic facilities	22%	50%	22%
Sports parks	28%	22%	50%
Equestrian facilities	22%	11%	17%
Playgrounds	44%	44%	11%
Skate parks	33%	33%	11%
Natural bushland	22%	17%	50%
Places to relax and socialise	33%	28%	33%
Community hall / centre	50%	22%	11%
Activities for youth	67%	0%	11%
Activities for seniors	33%	22%	11%
Low cost/free activities	61%	17%	6%

It should be noted that the Nanango Cultural Centre is an excellent venue, particularly for town the size of Nanango.

When residents were asked their opinion on what the top three open space priorities should be for Council over the next ten years, priorities included:

- » new/upgraded playgrounds
- » provision of places/facilities for young people
- » more community events in public parks

Respondents also noted the following open spaces in Nanango that they would upgrade:

- » Nanango Showgrounds for equestrian activities
- » Nanango netball courts
- » Pioneer Park.



## Analysis of open space

### Land for recreation open space

Overall, Nanango residents are well supplied with land for recreation. However, the quality and variety of embellishments within these parks is a growing concern among residents and users. Consistent with the results from the community survey, school visits also highlighted that the existing recreation parks did not meet school children's recreation needs. The dirt bmx track is located in a stormwater overflow and separate to the skate park located at Pioneer Park. Pioneer Park's play equipment is only suitable for toddlers and young children.

The creation of three recreation hubs in Nanango would provide separate spaces for the older youth and younger children. Pioneer Park has the opportunity to be developed as a space to cater for older children and teenagers with an upgraded wheeled recreation device facility, dirt bmx track, hang-out areas, and walk and cycle trails throughout the park. It is also recommended that the dog park is relocated from Mt Stanley Road to Pioneer Park, to increase its accessibility and the socialisation benefits of the facility. Lions Park should continue to cater for Nanango's toddlers and young children, along with Butter Factory Park, catering primarily for toddlers and preschool aged children.

The wetland area adjacent to Grey Street and Mount Stanley Nature Reserve are located in close proximity to residential areas in Nanango, however neither have been enhanced to provide informal recreation opportunities for residents. Simple developments such as directional signs and/or recreation paths connecting them to town, picnic facilities and bench seats could activate these spaces.

Green Park is a small 'pocket park' with a play unit for toddlers. Responses to the community survey indicated that this park is not valued, therefore rationalisation is proposed. Once the dog park is relocated to Pioneer Park, rationalisation of Mt Stanley Road Park is also proposed.

### Land for sporting facilities

Nanango is well supplied with land for sporting facilities. The Nanango sports ground provides good local facilities for football (soccer) and cricket although improved irrigation is required to maintain turf to a safe standard. The toilets and change rooms at the sports grounds require refurbishment. Rugby league is well catered for at Kassulke Park with plans to develop a mini-mod field in the future for training and juniors. Burnett tennis courts are in good condition with serviceable amenities and clubhouse.

During development of this Plan the Nanango netball courts were identified as requiring urgent works, preferably reconstruction. Having secured a range of funding from different sources, the netball courts are in the process of being replaced. Ancillary facilities such as the clubhouse and toilets also require refurbishment.

Nanango Showgrounds provide facilities for a range of equestrian pursuits, as well as dance in its large hall, community markets, and host community and commercial events. The showgrounds has excellent facilities and is a well-managed and maintained site. Further development of the site has been planned and is recommended in this Plan.

As well as equestrian sports, other specialised sporting activities that are popular in Nanango included golf and lawn bowls.

### Access to experiences

As previously mentioned, Nanango is lacking a variety of play experiences. *New/upgraded playground* and increasing the provision of *places/facilities for young people* were identified as the top two priorities respondents would focus on if they were in charge of Council's open space network planning. The upgrade of Pioneer Park as the older youth park and Lions Park and Butter Factory Park as the toddler and younger youth park will ensure that a variety of play experiences are provided and are age-appropriate for the desired users.

Nanango Showgrounds provides an excellent facility to hold community events. Upgrades to the showgrounds should include additional facilities and services that support community events, such as arena lighting.

Swimming is popular particularly during warmer months, and the hydrotherapy pool is used for learn-to-swim and other programs. All year access to the facility is valuable to users from across the LGA. A relatively new facility, it is recommended that attendance figures are recorded to inform annual operational and service reviews.

## Nanango priority actions

Town-wide		South Burnett Aquatic Centre	
N1	Develop and maintain a strong working relationship with Nanango High School to support and facilitate potential future use of indoor sport facilities by local sport clubs	N13	Implement an accurate method to record the number of visits to the South Burnett Aquatic Centre to inform annual operational and service reviews
N2	Rationalise Green Recreation Reserve	<b>Tipperary Flat</b>	
N3	Rationalise unnamed and undeveloped open space (Lot 90 SP 122591)	N14	Install signage to indicate the distance, time to walk, and markers along the pathway circuit
N4	Rationalise Mt Stanley Road Park after relocation of the dog off-leash facility to Pioneer Park	<b>Showgrounds</b>	
<b>Pioneer Park</b>		N15	Support the Nanango Showgrounds to seek external funding to light the main arena to facilitate sporting and community events
N5	Develop an overall concept plan for Pioneer Park including the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» upgraded play node incorporating inclusive elements (paths, sensory garden, tactile)</li> <li>» expand existing skate park</li> <li>» USB recharge points in shelters</li> <li>» circuit of walk/cycle trails throughout the park</li> <li>» off-leash dog area</li> <li>» directional, distance and information signs</li> <li>» gate/bollards to restrict vehicle access</li> <li>» planting plan to create additional shade, define entries and boundaries and create outdoor rooms</li> </ul>	N16	Support the Nanango Showgrounds to seek external funding to reorient the smaller arena to accommodate additional equestrian activities and events
N6	Commence planting additional shade trees throughout the park at key locations where people gather	<b>Nanango Netball Courts</b>	
<b>Butter Factory park</b>		N17	Redevelopment of existing grass courts
N7	Construct a pathway to connect the park with the footpath across the road in front of the school	N18	Work in partnership with netball to co-fund refurbishment of the canteen, toilet and change rooms sufficient for local use
N8	Remove the dirt bmx pump track from the drainage reserve adjacent Butter Factory Park	<b>Burnett Courts</b>	
N9	Construct an additional shelter with tables and chairs inside the fenced park area	N19	Liaise with the club to arrange a pedestrian gate to remain unlocked to provide public access to a tennis court for social games
N10	Plant shade trees within the fenced park area and along the creek bank to the rear of the park and install bench seating where people fish	<b>Nanango Cultural Centre</b>	
<b>Mt Stanley Road park</b>		N20	Promote the Cultural Centre as a key venue for recreation activities, meetings, social functions, training courses and wet weather training and exercise
N11	Remove the cricket nets	<b>Nanango Sports Ground</b>	
N12	Relocate the dog park to Pioneer Park	N21	Design and seek external funding for upgrades to the clubhouse to achieve appropriate changerooms, toilets, canteen and storage facilities
		N22	Support the sport clubs at the Nanango sports ground to seek external funding to upgrade the irrigation system for playing fields
		<b>Kassulke Park</b>	



N23	Support South Burnett Rugby League to apply for funding to develop a mini-mod field at Kassulke Park
<b>Lions Park</b>	
N24	Develop Lions Park into a feature recreation park with an extended playground for toddlers and young children up to 8 years of age. Ensure embellishments area included to support parents and carers comfort and safety
<b>Mt Stanley Nature Reserve</b>	
N25	Install directional signage to guide people to visit the wetlands at Grey Street and Mt Stanley Nature Reserve. Install bench seating at sight seeing locations

**Priority actions**  
 Refer to council-wide actions contained in the *Implementation Plan* as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.





# Murgon



Murgon the South Burnett's third largest town, with an estimated population of 2,378 as at the 2016 Census. It is located near the north-eastern side of the LGA and is the closest town to the neighbouring Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council area. Many of the 1,249 residents living in Cherbourg access sport and recreation opportunities in Murgon and planning needs to take this into consideration.

Despite a median age (44 years) higher than the Shire (37 years) average, Murgon is family friendly and boasts diverse and good quality outdoor sport facilities as well as the only indoor sport facility in the LGA.

The town's nine-hole golf course, sports ground with three turf cricket wickets also accommodating rugby league, soccer and touch football, tennis courts, swimming pool, skate facility, recreation parks and the South Burnett PCYC offer a range of formal and informal opportunities for residents and visitors.

The town is located within easy driving distance to Bjelke-Petersen Dam (Lake Barambah) providing water-based outdoor recreation activities such as boating, kayaking and fishing as well as bushwalking, picnicking and mountain bike riding, for example.

There are a range of services based in Murgon that use sport and recreation activities as a tool to engage youth and build the capacity of individuals and the community. There is an opportunity to improve coordination between these services, potentially through collocation.

An ageing community, residents will be seeking low impact recreation activities and complimentary infrastructure. Future planning needs to include consideration of walk and cycle pathways to support independent non-motorised transport.

## Snapshot

Current population (2016)	2,378
0 - 14 years	12.7%
15 - 24 years	11.9%
25 - 34 years	9.2%
35 - 44 years	10.1%
45 - 54 years	13.5%
55 - 64 years	12.2%
65 years and over	24.8%
Median age (2016)	44
Households with children	49.6%
Unoccupied private dwellings	13.9%
Do not have a motor vehicle	9.8%



The mural was a collaborative effort of the South Burnett PCYC, independent arts coordinator Olivia Everitt and artists Bronte Naylor and Kane Brunjes

Murgon mural

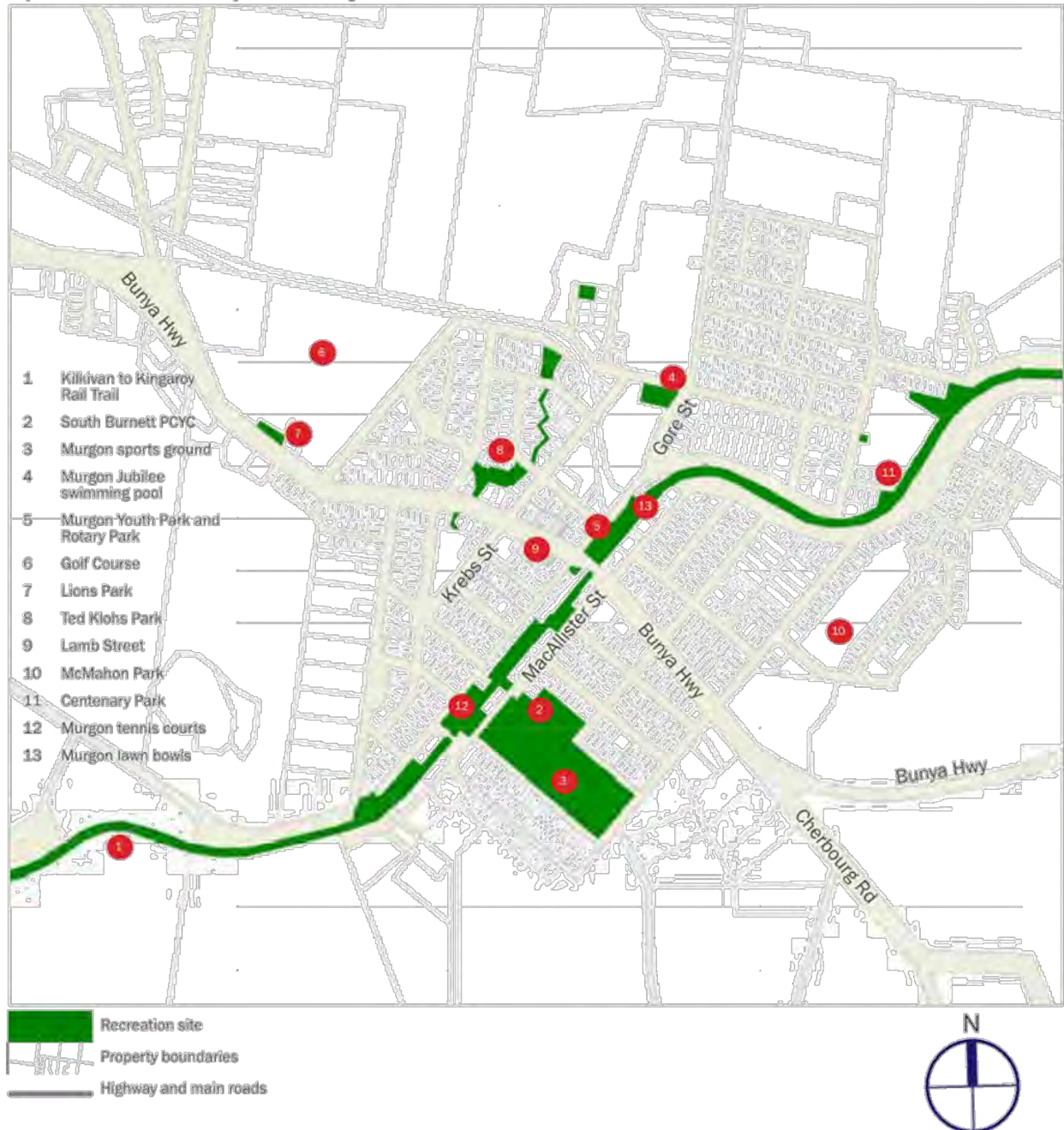
## Recreation and sport in Murgon

Map ID	Reserve name	Current classification	Activities
<b>Recreation parks</b>			
1	Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail	Regional	walking, cycling, community events, horse riding (Murgon to Kilkivan)
5	Murgon Youth Park and Rotary Park	Town	wheeled recreation device node, playground, picnicking, community events
7	Lions Park	Local	playground, picnicking,
8	Ted Klohs Park	Local	escape, nature appreciation, walking
5	Old Rotary Park	Local	play
9	Lamb Street	Local	escape, community events
11	Centenary Park	Local	
10	McMahon Park	Local	playground, escape, walking
<b>Sports parks</b>			
3	Murgon Sports Ground (showground)	Town	rugby league, cricket, touch football, football (soccer)
<b>Specialised sports parks</b>			
2	South Burnett PCYC	Indoor	aerobics, basketball, bike education, dance, gymnastics, personal training, gym, squash, futsal, boxing, yoga, volleyball, physical activity and health programs
12	Murgon Tennis Club	Private	tennis
6	Murgon Golf Club	Private	golf, nature appreciation, walking
13	Lawn Bowls Club	Private	lawn bowls
4	Murgon Jubilee Swimming Pool	Aquatic	swimming, aquatic programs
<b>Community facilities</b>			
-	Murgon Town Hall	Town	indoor activities, meetings



# Murgon

Map 3. Recreation sites and key localities in Murgon



## Access to experiences

The open space network in Murgon offers a number of experiences and activities for residents and visitors. Creating supportive environments for these opportunities is also an important ingredient to facilitating increased use and value of the open space network.

The following experiences are provided in Murgon and surrounding areas.

Activity/ Experience	Supporting embellishments/facilities	Activity/ Experience	Supporting embellishments/facilities
Water-based recreation	Boat ramps	Picnics	Covered gazebos to cater for large groups
	Jetties		Table, seats and shade
	Natural swimming holes		BBQ facilities (gas)
	Aquatic facility		
Access to nature	Undeveloped green space	Playgrounds	Toddler
	Waterways		Young children
	Natural areas		Youth
Escape, break-out and recreation areas	Lookout	Sport	Fields/ovals/courts (Council)
	Shaded seating areas		School fields/ovals/courts (for public use)
	Formal/structured gardens		Horse friendly facilities
	Library		Private
Comfort/safety	Public toilets	Activities	Skate park
	Signage		BMX track
Indoor recreation/ community meetings	Community building		Outdoor fitness equipment
	Indoor sports hall	Footpaths	
	Indoor community space	Shared paths/cycleways	
Outdoor recreation	Bushwalking	Bicycle parking	Cultural/ community events
	Mountain biking	Open space for markets	
	Fishing facilities	Amphitheatre/gazebo/stage	
	Camping	Open space for events	
	Wheelchair friendly activities		





### Use and values

A community survey was distributed around Murgon (and the entire South Burnett). The number of completed surveys from Murgon residents was almost the same as Nanango, showing an interest in contributing to this Plan and future development of the South Burnett.

Overall, Murgon’s residents have a range of places to support them to be physically active. Walking was recorded as the most popular activity among all age groups, especially senior residents. Swimming for recreation and gardening completed the top three activities residents participated in.

Participation in organised sport, especially at the Murgon sports grounds, PCYC, and tennis courts, is relatively high in Murgon. The junior rugby league competition is strong. Discussions with school children identified that the majority of those that played some form of organised sport, did so at the facilities mentioned earlier.

The PCYC is well supported by the Murgon community, however support from residents of other towns and villages in the South Burnett is not strong. The travel distance (time and fuel cost) was the barrier most identified by people at the community workshops and respondents to the community survey. The range of programs on offer at the PCYC and the active presence of the manager in the community are commendable. Increased utilisation of the PCYC could be enhanced by collocating complementary services in the building, such as the South Burnett CTC, for example.

Murgon Youth Park and Rotary Park have been well developed into a youth space and is well used by the community, especially due to its location adjacent to the school. This ‘hub’ of play experiences creates an environment where children and youth of all ages can play at the same time. Park users require access to toilet facilities to enhance use.

The Murgon Jubilee Swimming Pool is a valued local asset, especially during the summer months. Ancillary facilities were recently updated at the facility and the pool structures, while older, remain in good condition currently. Many children travel from Cherbourg to use the Murgon swimming pool.

A large proportion of Murgon’s parks are connected by the KKRT providing a well-connected and safe walking and cycling corridor between residential areas, health services, school and sport and recreation opportunities.

Residents noted the beauty of the surrounding natural area and the many outdoor recreation opportunities they offered. Improved maintenance at Ficks Crossing was a common comment provided by community survey respondents.



Murgon Golf Club



Murgon Tennis Club

## Analysis of open space

### Land for recreation open space

Murgon is well supplied for land for recreation purposes. Focussing on development of a well-embellished recreation park has resulted in Youth Park and Rotary Park that attracts regular use. Investigations to provide access to well-managed amenities will help complete this area and further enhance its use. Other recreation parks in Murgon are either ageing or predominantly undeveloped and rationalisation of some of these will allow Council to continue the success of its focussed approach to developing key 'feature' recreation parks. McMahon Park is currently relatively undeveloped, however, it is well located and in the longer term will contribute to a well-connected network of diverse opportunities in the town.


### Land for sporting facilities

With access to a quality outdoor fields at Murgon sports ground, indoor courts at the South Burnett PCYC, tennis courts being upgraded and a swimming pool, residents have access to a range of indoor and outdoor sporting opportunities. Targeted upgrades are required at the sports ground to support current sporting activities, including irrigation and lighting.

### Community facilities

The PCYC provides a range of indoor sport, recreation, physical fitness and personal development programs and activities to residents of Murgon and the South Burnett. Greater promotion of the activities and profiling instructors/teachers, as well as dispelling the perception that the travel distance is too great may encourage broader support for this community asset. In a practical sense, collocation of suitable services may enhance utilisation of the PCYC.

## Priority actions

<b>Town-wide</b>		<b>Murgon Jubilee Swimming Pool</b>	
M1	Develop a high level concept plan over McMahon Park recognising that development is proposed in the long term (10+ years)	M8	Implement an accurate method to record the number of visits to the Murgon Jubilee Swimming Pool to inform annual operational and service reviews
M2	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages	<b>South Burnett PCYC</b>	
<b>McMahon Park</b>		M9	Investigate options and identify criteria for potential additional tenants to enhance utilisation and program delivery and uptake
M3	Seek feedback from the community on the McMahon Park master plan, incorporate changes and present to Council for formal adoption	M10	Develop a promotional campaign for the South Burnett PCYC advertising the scope of programs on offer and dispelling the 'travel distance' paradigm
M4	Implement the McMahon Park master plan in stages	<b>Murgon Sports Ground</b>	
<b>Lions Park</b>		M11	Upgrade the irrigation system for playing fields
M5	As the playground equipment reaches the end of its useful life, remove it and create a rest stop with basic all ages play equipment, eg swings	M12	Upgrade lighting to training standard on one field for 'large' ball sports
<b>Youth and Rotary Parks</b>		 <b>Priority actions</b> Refer to council wide actions contained in the <i>Implementation Plan</i> as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.	
M6	Investigate access to toilet facilities to service the park. Consider CPTED and management considerations to minimise vandalism and misuse		
M7	Continue implementation of the Youth Park concept plan		

# Wondai



Wondai has a population of 1,973 and is located approximately 16km (15 minutes drive) south from Murgon. A school provides education for students from primary to year 10. Some students travel to Kingaroy or Murgon for schooling.

Wondai sports ground, golf course, netball and tennis courts, showgrounds and recreation parks provide a good range of structured and unstructured recreation activities. In addition, specialised sports including shooting and equestrian are very well catered for by the South Burnett Shooting Complex and the Wondai Showgrounds.

Recreation parks vary in embellishment and condition. Similar to Murgon, Council has focussed on development of key 'feature' parks and increased use is evidence of the success of this approach. A number of undeveloped parks could be rationalised.

Wondai's swimming pool is ageing and further investigation is required to provide Council with information on which to base the future of this facility, particularly given the close proximity of the Murgon swimming pool. Similarly the skate park adjacent the pool is older and lacks interest for youth. While it is shaded, it lacks other support facilities and could be better located.

Wondai residents are fortunate to have access to the KKRT as well as McEuen and Wondai State Forests for walking and mountain bike riding; individually or joining organised club activities. Ficks Crossing, Boondooma Dam (Lake) and Bjelke-Petersen Dam (Lake Barambah) are also short distances from town providing water- and land-based outdoor recreation activities.

## Snapshot

Current population (2016)	1,973
0 - 14 years	17.6%
15 - 24 years	9.5%
25 - 34 years	8.5%
35 - 44 years	8.4%
45 - 54 years	11.7%
55 - 64 years	11.9%
65 years and over	30.5%
Median age (2016)	49
Households with children	49.8%
Unoccupied private dwellings	10.9%
Do not have a motor vehicle	6.1%

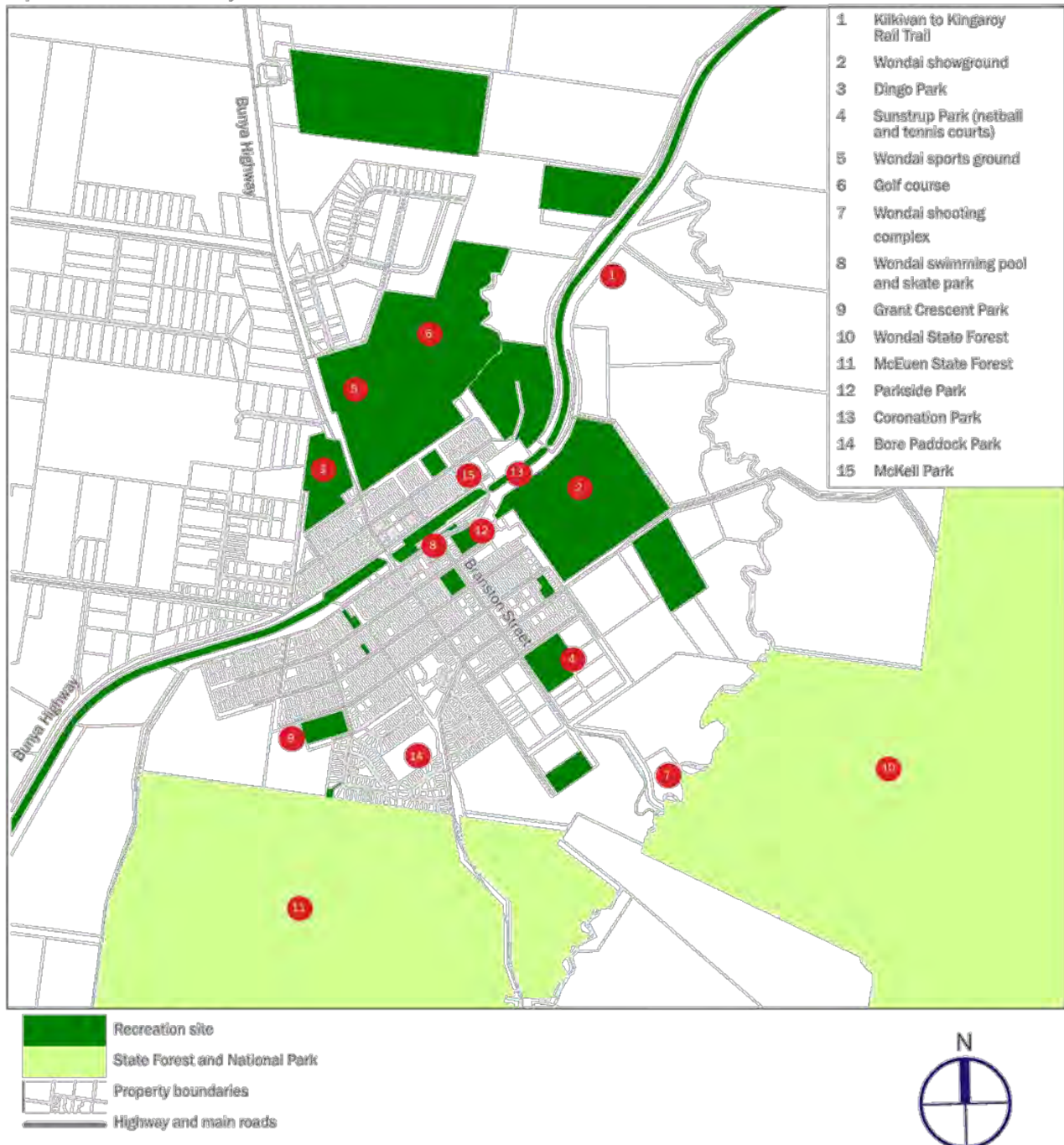
## Recreation and sport in Wondai

ID	Reserve name	Current classification	Activity
<b>Recreation parks</b>			
1	Coronation Park	Town	playground, community events, picnicking, walking, escape, public art appreciation
2	Grant Crescent park	Local	escape
3	Parkside Park	Local	undeveloped
4	Dingo Park	Local	playground, picnicking, nature appreciation
5	Bore Paddock Park	Local	playground, exercise equipment, walking
6	McKell Park	Local	playground, community events, picnicking, walking, escape, public art appreciation
<b>Sports parks</b>			
4	Wondai sports ground	Town	rugby league, motor sport, football (soccer), cricket
5	Sunstrup Park	Town	tennis, netball, cricket
<b>Specialised sports parks</b>			
6	Wondai Swimming Pool	Aquatic	swimming, aquatic programs, wheeled recreation device node adjacent
7	Wondai Golf Club	Private	golf
8	Wondai Showgrounds	Showgrounds	equestrian
9	South Burnett Shooting Complex	Private	shooting
<b>Community facilities</b>			
10	Wondai Memorial Hall	Community facility	indoor activities, meetings



# Wondai

Map 4. Recreation sites and key localities in Wondai



## Access to experiences

The open space network in Wondai offers a number of experiences and activities for residents and visitors. Creating supportive environments for these opportunities is also an important ingredient to facilitating increased use and value of the open space network.

The following experiences are provided in Wondai and surrounding areas.

Activity/ Experience	Supporting embellishments/facilities		Activity/ Experience	Supporting embellishments/facilities	
Water-based activities	Aquatic facility	●	Picnics	Covered gazebos to cater for large groups	●
Access to nature	Undeveloped green space	●		Table, seats and shade	●
	Waterways	●		BBQ facilities (electric)	●
	Natural areas	●	Playgrounds	Toddler	●
Escape, break-out and recreation areas	Lookout			Young children	●
	Shaded seating areas	●		Youth	
	Formal/structured gardens	●	Sport	Fields/ovals/courts (Council)	●
	Library	●		School fields/ovals/courts (for public use)	
Comfort/safety	Public toilets	●		Horse friendly facilities	●
	Signage	●		Private	●
Indoor recreation/ community meetings	Community hall	●	Activities	Skate park	●
				BMX track	
Outdoor recreation	Bushwalking	●		Outdoor fitness equipment	●
	Mountain biking	●	Walking and cycling	Footpaths	●
	Fishing facilities			Shared paths/cycleways	
	Camping	●		Bicycle parking	
	Wheelchair friendly activities		Cultural/ community events	Open space for markets	●
		Amphitheatre/gazebo/stage		●	
		Open space for events		●	

## Use and values

Wondai residents provided opinions and insights when responding to the community survey and workshops, particularly school students, sport club administrators and residents. The number of completed surveys from Wondai was relative to its population size, compared with the number of responses from larger towns.

Overall, Murgon's residents have a range of places to support them to be physically active. Consistent with other towns in South Burnett, walking was recorded as the most popular activity among all age groups, especially senior residents. Swimming for recreation and gardening completed the top three activities residents participated in. The popularity and extent of the Wondai Garden Expo is evidence of this activity's popularity.

Participation in organised sport is relative to the population size and age groups, however ageing facilities in need of better maintenance impacts on participants enjoyment of sport. Discussions with school children identified that the majority of those that played some form of organised sport, played either rugby league, football (soccer) and netball.

Dingo Park has been well developed with a playground and picnic facilities located to complement the natural water feature and area shaded by trees to the rear of the park. Removal of old exercise stations, and relocation of the skate park from beside the pool, when the current facility is no longer useful, will further enhance this area. Development of a dirt bmx track could also be considered. Additional bench seating to allow residents and visitors to wander through the park and rest at key locations would encourage use.

Residents noted the outdoor recreation opportunities available to them in the surrounding State Forests, particularly for mountain bike riding. A new club has been formed and is growing quickly and steadily, providing opportunities for people from across the South Burnett to participate. Like Murgon, Wondai is in close proximity to Ficks Crossing and Bjeike-Petersen Dam (Lake Barambah) and therefore a range of water- and land-based outdoor recreation activities.

While the Wondai Swimming Pool is ageing, it remains a valued recreation location for residents, and current management has an impressive range of programs activating the facility. Council needs to commence detailed analysis of the cost of this facility in the medium-long term future.

## Analysis of open space

### Land for recreation open space

Wondai has a diverse range of sporting and recreation parks providing a broad scope of recreation opportunities. Most of the sport and recreation facilities and park embellishments in Wondai are ageing and due to the population size and limited growth, some of the undeveloped recreation parks can be rationalised. This will allow Council to focus on development of a well-embellished recreation park, such as Dingo Park.

### Land for sporting facilities

With access to outdoor fields at Wondai sports ground, netball and tennis courts at Sunstrup Park, shooting at the South Burnett Shooting Complex, golf, showgrounds and a swimming pool, residents have access to a range of sporting opportunities. The South Burnett PCYC is located only 10 minutes drive away providing indoor sporting opportunities as well. Targeted upgrades are required at the sports ground to support current sporting activities, including irrigation, lighting and upgraded amenities.

### Community facilities

Similar to all towns and villages in the South Burnett, the Wondai Memorial Hall is under-utilised and further activation of this indoor space would contribute to additional recreation opportunities, particularly (but not only) for preschool and older aged people. With access to the South Burnett PCYC in Murgon, Wondai is well serviced by community facilities.

## Wondai's priority actions

Town-wide	
W1	Rationalise Parkside Park
W2	Rationalise Grant Crescent Park
Dingo Park	
W3	Remove the old exercise stations and timber amphitheatre
W4	Develop nature play opportunities for children utilising the natural features of the park
W5	Install up to four bench seats in locations throughout the treed parts of the park for rest, escape and nature observation
Skate Park	
W6	Toward the end of its useful life (within the next 3-5 years) investigate suitable sites for replacement of the skate park using siting checklists contained in published skate facility guides
Sunstrup Park	
W7	Assess the condition of the courts annually and undertake repairs to extend the life of the courts
W8	Install a large shelters and seating for participants and spectators
W9	Develop a fenced dog off-leash park on part of the park ensuring it does not impact on use of the cricket oval
Wondai Sportsground	
W10	Support the Wondai Sportsground Association to investigate sustainable irrigation options including safe use of treated wastewater to support improve playing surfaces
W11	Support the Wondai Sportsground Association to upgrade field lighting to support training during evenings for 'large' ball sports

Wondai Swimming Pool	
W12	Implement an accurate method to record the number of visits to the Wondai Swimming Pool to inform annual operational and service reviews
South Burnett Shooting Complex	
W13	Support the organisation to apply for external grants to fund upgrade of targets to required standards
McEuen State Forest	
W14	Support the South Burnett Mountain Bike Club to apply for external funding to develop mountain bike trails
W15	Create a trail connecting the KKRT with McEuen State Forest to facilitate rail trail users exploring mountain bike trails in the State Forest
Coronation Park	
W16	Plant additional shade trees to create a shaded and cool park environment in the long term
Bore Paddock Park	
W17	At the end of its useful life, review park embellishments including play and picnic facilities at Bore Paddock Park and consider limiting development to walking tracks and bench seating
McKell Park	
W18	Plant additional shade trees to create a shaded and cool park environment in the long term

**Priority actions**

Refer to council-wide actions contained in the *Implementation Plan* as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.

# Blackbutt



Blackbutt is a small town that is located in the south-eastern most corner of the South Burnett. Travellers from SEQ pass through Benarkin and Yarraman (Toowoomba Regional Council LGA) before reaching Blackbutt.

A key feature of Blackbutt is the continuous parkland created by Les Muller Park, the trail head for the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, and the showgrounds, to the north of the highway passing through town.

Despite being a small town, Blackbutt offers the community a variety of recreation experiences, including:

- » a local recreation park with a playground, shelters, picnic facilities and access to Council administration and library
- » youth skate park
- » tennis courts (not Council owned/managed)
- » showgrounds (private)
- » community hall
- » swimming pool (managed by Council/owned by Education Queensland).

Discussions with students and staff at the school, and residents who attended the community workshop, highlight a number of key issues and directions for consideration:

- » participation in organised sport is not high
- » children prefer to ride horses and trail bikes on private property
- » families travel to Nanango or Kingaroy to play competition sport or to access more exciting recreation parks
- » when the shade over the skate park was removed (destroyed in bad weather), use of the skate park declined due to heat and exposure
- » the swimming pool is not well patronised by residents and is a cost burden
- » activation of the community hall has commenced with 'yoga by DVD' and other innovative practices.

**Snapshot**

Current population (2016)	836
0 - 14 years	16.2%
15 - 24 years	6.3%
25 - 34 years	7.5%
35 - 44 years	8.4%
45 - 54 years	11.6%
55 - 64 years	17.2%
65 years and over	32.7%
Median age (2016)	55
Households with children	63.4%
Unoccupied private dwellings	10.4%
Do not have a motor vehicle	2.5%

## Blackbutt's priority actions

Recreation	
BL1	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages
BL2	Plant additional shade trees in Les Muller Park to enhance the appeal of this park and create a visual cue leading residents and visitors along the corridor of park, trail head, skate park, museum, community hall and showgrounds
BL3	Construct a hard shade structure over the Blackbutt skate park and install a shelter with seats and USB recharge stations
School facilities	
BL4	Implement an accurate method to record the number of visits to the Blackbutt pool to inform annual operational and service reviews

**Priority actions**

Refer to council-wide actions contained in the implementation Plan as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.



# Blackbutt

Map 5. Recreation sites and key localities in Blackbutt





Les Muller Park



Blackbutt tennis



Blackbutt skate park

# Benarkin

## Snapshot

Current population (2016)	51
0 - 14 years	24.8%
15 - 24 years	10.4%
25 - 34 years	7.7%
35 - 44 years	11.2%
45 - 54 years	7.7%
55 - 64 years	19.0%
65 years and over	19.1%
Median age (2016)	41
Households with children	73.8%
Unoccupied private dwellings	25.5%
Do not have a motor vehicle	4.1%

## Priority actions

Refer to council-wide actions contained in the *Implementation Plan* as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.

Benarkin is located on the far south-eastern side of the South Burnett LGA. The small village includes a public school, a small number of shops and services. The village lies adjacent to the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and the Bicentennial National Trail with overnight camping facilities at the First Settlers Park.

Recreation options available for residents and visitors have a predominantly outdoor recreation focus:

- » First Settlers Park provides a small range of covered, ageing play opportunities and a picnic node
- » walking, mountain bike riding, horse riding opportunities on the BVRT and Bicentennial National Trail
- » motor and trail bikes, and four wheel driving
- » Benarkin State Forest provides opportunities for nature appreciation, bird watching and approved recreation activities including use of tracks and trails.

## Benarkin's priority actions

Village-wide	
BE1	Liaise with the local principal to 'activate' (outside school hours) the opportunities available at the school for local residents. Consider funding support to the school for upgrades to play or sport facilities available for community use
BE2	Rationalise the old and ageing playground from First Settlers Park at end of useful life and consider replacement with a new nature play area that aligns with master plans for the rail trail
BE3	Upgrade picnic facilities and shelters at First Settlers Park

Map 6. Recreation sites and key localities in Benarkin





## Kumbia

### Snapshot

Current population (2016)	294
0 - 14 years	17%
15 - 24 years	9.3%
25 - 34 years	9%
35 - 44 years	11%
45 - 54 years	12.7%
55 - 64 years	15.4%
65 years and over	14.3%
Median age (2016)	51
Households with children	48.5%
Unoccupied private dwellings	15.5%
Do not have a motor vehicle	2.4%



### Priority actions

Refer to council-wide actions contained in the *Implementation Plan* as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.

Kumbia is located 32km south-west of Kingaroy, at the foothills of the Bunya Mountains. The statistics highlighted in the adjacent table have been sourced from the 2016 Census data for the 'suburb' of Kumbia. Residents of Kumbia and the surrounding district indicate that approximately 1,500 people access the village regularly.

Kumbia State School provides primary education to approximately 80 children in the school's catchment area. The school includes large open space play areas and a modern covered playground.

Kumbia's residents and visitors have access to a range of play and recreation opportunities including tennis courts, sports ground, community hall, racecourse and a playground. The sports ground may benefit from a community driven planning process to develop a simple concept plan to guide increased use and facility improvements (once demand is demonstrated through increased use).

Apex Park is small park and includes a basic children's playground that is fully fenced and a public toilet. The park has also been approved by Council for overnight camping for people travelling with motor homes and caravans. There are conflicts between these uses, particularly vehicle movement on an internal road within the park that crosses between the playground and toilet. Redesign of the park is proposed to separate people (particularly children) from vehicle movements within the park. Alternatively, consideration could be given to relocating the overnight camping to the sports grounds. Access to toilets would need to be resolved if this option was progressed. As this is a 10 year plan, it is also worthwhile liaising with the school principal regarding community use of school facilities, now and in the future.

A short drive away, outdoor recreation opportunities are available at the Bunya Mountains and include walking, nature appreciation and bird watching, for example.

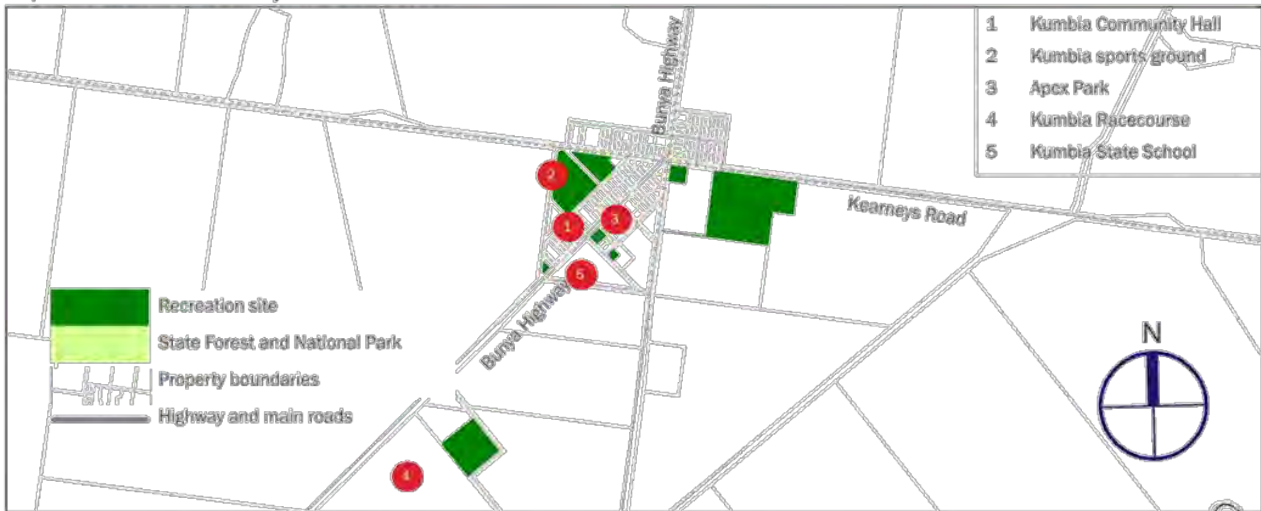
Residents in Kumbia are currently in the process of forming a community committee to distribute funds generated due to the Coopers Gap AGL wind farm. It is expected these funds will assist with projects identified in this Plan.

## Kumbia's priority actions

Village-wide	
KU1	Liaise with the local principal to 'activate' (outside school hours) the opportunities available at the school for local residents. Consider funding support to the school for upgrades to play or sport facilities available for community use
KU2	Refurbish two tennis courts (consider marking one as a multi-sport court)
KU3	Engage the community to collaborative redesign APEX Park to separate internal pedestrian paths of travel from vehicle movements, particularly between the playground and toilet
KU4	As an alternative to KU3, consider relocating the overnight motor home and camping to the sports ground
KU5	Support the Race Club to seek external funding for upgrades to ancillary facilities
KU6	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages
KU7	Support the community to drive development of a single concept plan over the sports ground including a walking/cycling track



Map 7. Recreation sites and key localities in Kumbia



# Maidenwell

## Snapshot

Current population (2016)	199
0 - 14 years	9.9%
15 - 24 years	11.4%
25 - 34 years	4.7%
35 - 44 years	11.8%
45 - 54 years	13.3%
55 - 64 years	24.1%
65 years and over	24.6%
Median age (2016)	54
Households with children	31%
Unoccupied private dwellings	23.3%
Do not have a motor vehicle	0%

## Priority actions

Refer to council-wide actions contained in the Implementation Plan as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.

Maidenwell is located in the southern part of the LGA and has a small population of 199 people. Maidenwell is ageing with a median age of 54 years. Almost half the population are over 55 years old.

Maidenwell is located on the intersection of the Bunya Highway and the Kingaroy-Cooyar Road. Its close proximity to Coomba Falls and the Bunya Mountains make it a destination for outdoor recreation enthusiasts, as either passersby or to obtain supplies. A master plan has been developed for visitor facilities at Coomba Falls.

A master plan has also been developed to guide upgrades and further development of the sports ground and village centre, with the community actively seeking external funding with the support of Council. It is recommended that these efforts are continued.

## Maidenwell's priority actions

Village-wide	
MA1	Support the Maidenwell Community Committee to continue to implement the Maidenwell master plan as funds become available
MA2	Implement the Coomba Falls master plan
MA3	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages

Map 8. Recreation sites and key localities in Maidenwell



# Memerambi

## Snapshot

Current population (2016)	272
0 - 14 years	22.7%
15 - 24 years	9.4%
25 - 34 years	8%
35 - 44 years	17.1%
45 - 54 years	10.8%
55 - 64 years	11.5%
65 years and over	20.1%
Median age (2016)	39
Households with children	60.6%
Unoccupied private dwellings	10.3%
Do not have a motor vehicle	5%

## Priority actions

Refer to council-wide actions contained in the *Implementation Plan* as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.

Memerambi is a small village of 272 people located on the Bunya Highway just under 10km north of Kingaroy. A primary school existed in the village until 2006.

The recently constructed KKRT travels through Memerambi, running parallel with the Bunya Highway and a trail head with embellishments including a toilet, interpretive signs and a sheltered bench seat draw passers by to investigate further. A small general store is located across the road from the KKRT trail head.

Further planning of the KKRT is recommended by this Plan to leverage the recreation, social, tourism and economic benefits of this asset. Memerambi should be included in this planning.

## Memerambi's priority actions

Village-wide	
ME1	Plant shade trees on both sides of the KKRT corridor
ME2	Consider development of a small recreation area node near the trail head at Memerambi in conjunction with the KKRT master planning process

Map 9. Recreation sites and key localities in Memerambi



## Wooroolin

### Snapshot

Current population (2016)	315
0 - 14 years	17.3%
15 - 24 years	8.5%
25 - 34 years	6.6%
35 - 44 years	13.4%
45 - 54 years	20%
55 - 64 years	15.1%
65 years and over	19.0%
Median age (2016)	48
Households with children	50%
Unoccupied private dwellings	9.7%
Do not have a motor vehicle	0%



### Priority actions

Refer to council-wide actions contained in the *Implementation Plan* as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.

Wooroolin's population is 315 people and the village is located almost 18km from Kingaroy and 13km from Wondal. The Wooroolin State School caters for 42 primary aged students.

The recently constructed KKRT travels through Wooroolin, running parallel with the Burya Highway passing along the south-eastern flank of the village. Wooroolin Wetlands is the dominant natural feature of the village and walking trails and bird hides provides opportunities for nature observation.

Dalton Park is located adjacent the KKRT and includes toilets, shade trees, a fenced playground and caravan parking. A master concept plan has been developed over Dalton Park to guide future embellishment. The Grand Hotel Wooroolin looks over the KKRT and Dalton Park and cafes and stores are located directly across the highway.

Further planning of the KKRT is recommended by this Plan to leverage the recreation, social, tourism and economic benefits of this asset. Wooroolin should be included in this planning.

### Wooroolin's priority actions

Village-wide	
W01	Liaise with the local principal to 'activate' (outside school hours) the opportunities available at the school for local residents. Consider funding support to the school for upgrades to play or sport facilities available for community use
W02	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages
W03	Identify two locations around the perimeter of the Wooroolin wetlands to construct simple access points for launching non-motorised water craft (kayak/canoe) when conditions are suitable
W04	Install directional and information signage to assist visitors navigate the walking tracks and bird hides at the wetlands
W05	Investigate the construction of a boardwalk in the Wooroolin Wetlands



Map 10. Recreation sites and key localities in Wooroolin



# Tingoora

## Snapshot

Current population (2016)	273
0 - 14 years	17.7%
15 - 24 years	10.7%
25 - 34 years	7.6%
35 - 44 years	11.4%
45 - 54 years	11.8%
55 - 64 years	13.5%
65 years and over	27.3%
Median age (2016)	50
Households with children	41.9%
Unoccupied private dwellings	19.2%
Do not have a motor vehicle	0%

## Priority actions

Refer to council-wide actions contained in the implementation Plan as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.

Tingoora has a population of 273 people and the village is located 22km from Kingaroy and 7km from Wondai. Tingoora has a primary school with approximately 30 students.

Similar to Wooroolin, the recently constructed KKRT travels through Tingoora, running parallel with the Bunya Highway passing along the south-eastern flank of the village. A sports ground (cricket oval) is located adjacent the KKRT and includes a basic amenities building with water tank, shade trees and a small shelter (dug out). Tingoora residents are 8km by walking or cycling from Wondai.

The Tingoora Hotel looks over the KKRT and sports ground from the slope above and is a prominent land mark in this otherwise small village.

Further planning of the KKRT is recommended by this Plan to leverage the recreation, social, tourism and economic benefits of this asset. Tingoora should be included in this planning.

## Tingoora's priority actions

Village-wide	
T1	Plant shade trees on the KKRT corridor between the Bunya Highway and Hoares Road, and additional trees on the perimeter of the sports ground.
T2	Repurpose the oval for use by unmanned aerial vehicles and drones due to its location outside of flight paths. At the end of its useful life, remove the cricket nets and dugout at the sports ground

Map 11. Recreation sites and key localities in Tingoora



# Hivesville

## Snapshot

Current population (2016)	169
0 - 14 years	11.5%
15 - 24 years	6.3%
25 - 34 years	9.5%
35 - 44 years	7.0%
45 - 54 years	14.6%
55 - 64 years	23.6%
65 years and over	27.8%
Median age (2016)	56
Households with children	43.1%
Unoccupied private dwellings	8.9%
Do not have a motor vehicle	4.3%

Hivesville's population is 169 people and the village is located 33km from Murgon and 11km from Proston. No school is located at Hivesville.

Residents currently use the sports ground for a range of recreation activities (e.g. walking, tai chi, social sport games) and markets, rather than structured competition sport. A relatively new amenities building at the sports ground serves the needs of recreation users and visitors attending the markets. It is recommended that part of the sports ground is planted with trees to repurpose this area into a recreation park, rather than sports park, and reduce maintenance in the longer term (i.e. slashing, mowing and trimming).

The Hivesville Hall was sold by tender and purchased for private use in early 2017. A public toilet is located across the road from the hall and is reported to be well used by travellers passing through the town.

With a median age of 56 years and over and half the community aged 55 years or older, there is very limited need or demand for additional sport and recreation facilities in the village as those provided are deemed sufficient for the current and future projected population.

## Priority actions

Refer to council-wide actions contained in the *Implementation Plan* as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.

## Hivesville's priority actions

Village-wide	
H1	Investigate the feasibility of a community bus to transport residents to larger towns to access sport, recreation and other services
H2	Repurpose the sports ground (cricket oval)

Map 12. Recreation sites and key localities in Hivesville





## Proston

Proston is a small village located in the north-west of the LGA, geographically close to Lake Boondooma. About 20% of Proston's population is aged between 0-24 years and over a third of the 379 residents are aged 65 years and older. As with other villages in the South Burnett, residents from surrounding rural properties visit Proston regularly and therefore the population size being serviced by this village is larger than the Census data presents.

For its size and population, residents in Proston have access to a range of recreation opportunities and facilities including: a new and large community hall, men's shed, golf course, lawn bowls, showgrounds, a recreation park adjacent to the community hall that includes a playground, picnic facilities, dirt bmx pump track, and walk and cycle trails. Nearby Conservation Parks and Lake Boondooma provide access to further outdoor recreation opportunities.

Proston State School (prep to year 10) caters for approximately 110 students and school facilities include a 25m 6 lane swimming pool that is accessible by the village residents. While the pool facility is owned by Education Queensland, Council funds a pool manager to facilitate public access.

Activation to increase use of the community hall and provide recreation opportunities for all ages is recommended.

### Snapshot

Current population (2016)	379
0 - 14 years	13.9%
15 - 24 years	6.2%
25 - 34 years	5.1%
35 - 44 years	9.2%
45 - 54 years	15.10%
55 - 64 years	15.9%
65 years and over	34.6%
Median age (2016)	55
Households with children	34.5%
Unoccupied private dwellings	13.0%
Do not have a motor vehicle	5.7%

### Priority actions

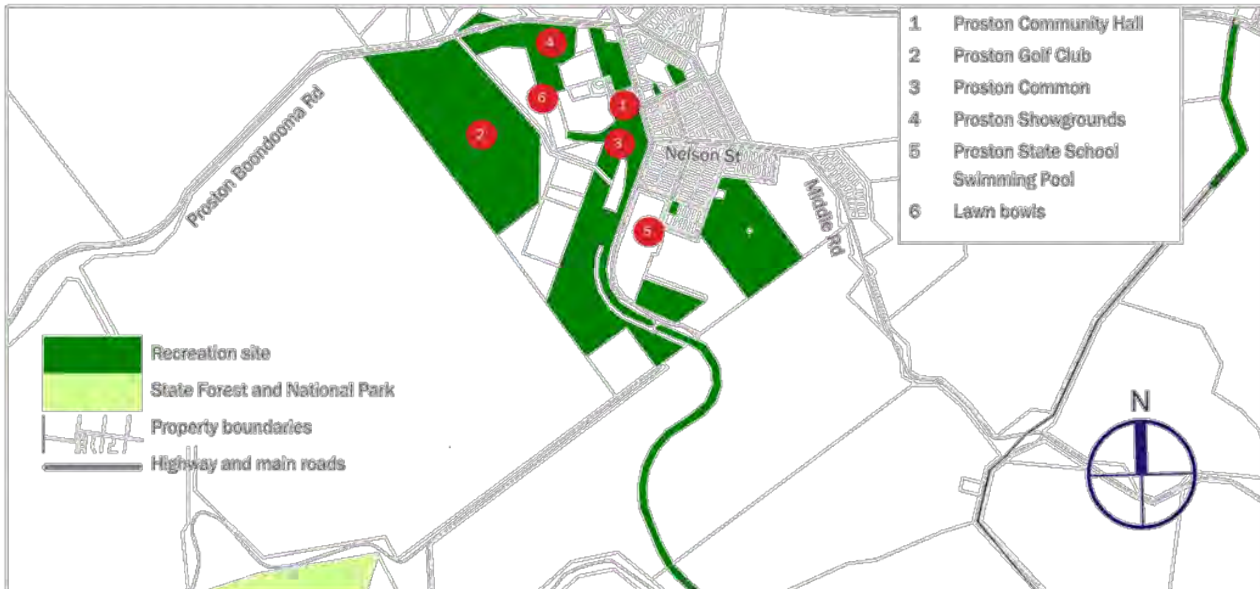
Refer to council wide actions contained in the *Implementation Plan* as these apply to all towns and villages in the South Burnett.

### Proston's priority actions

Village-wide	
P1	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages
P2	Implement more accurate methods to record the number of visits to the Proston pool to inform annual operational and service reviews
P3	Investigate the feasibility of a community bus to transport residents to larger towns to access sport, recreation and other services



Map 13. Recreation sites and key localities in Preston







## Section seven - Local Government collaboration

South Burnett Regional Council shares its boundaries with five separate local government areas. With stretched human and financial resources, opportunities for cross-council collaboration can assist to 'share the load' in developing and promoting quality sport and recreation products for residents and visitors.

The area has been proactive in networking and discussing sport and recreation issues and opportunities through the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils' Sport and Recreation Committee. As key outcomes, this group has prepared the Water Trails of the Wide Bay Burnett brochure and interactive webpage and led the development of the Wide Bay Burnett Sport and Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Strategy. Given this cross-council collaboration has proven successful in recent years, it augurs well for potential sub-regional collaboration between South Burnett Regional Council, North Burnett Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (that are all concurrently undertaking council-wide sport and recreation planning activities),

Preference for collaborative projects focuses on those sports and recreation activities where:

- » there is already one key feature facility located between the three councils (and no demand for duplication)
- » opportunity exists to attract regular patronage from outside the region.

The list of sports and recreation activities included below is not restrictive. As community sport and recreation preferences change, or as funding becomes available through additional sources, officers from the three councils can discuss potential additional opportunities.

### Boxing

The Eldsvold Boxing Club has recently been re-formed with the development of a quality training facility. In a collaborative approach, the Club is being registered through South Burnett PCYC (Murgon) and the intention is for boxers to be able to train from the two venues. Further opportunity may exist for training and fights to also include the Gayndah Amateur Boxing Club and the recently established boxing group in Cherbourg.

### Gliding

The Kingaroy Soaring Club is considered one of only three high-level gliding fields in Queensland suitable for hosting State and National Championships. Any future interest or expressed demand for additional gliding facilities in the Burnett area should be re-directed to the Kingaroy facility.

### Motocross

The Central Burnett Motorcycle Club facility (located in Mundubbera) is a well regarded venue in a natural setting. The facility hosts regular motocross training and successful events and is centrally located within the Burnett area. The development of any additional facility for motocross is not supported.

### Rail trails and mountain biking

Clear cross-council collaboration exists where trails travel from one council to another. The development of the Killivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail is an example of a quality joint project between South Burnett Regional Council and Gympie Regional Council. Similarly, North Burnett Regional Council is partnering in an investigation of a potential Inland Rail Trail in a project being led by Gladstone Regional Council.

While not focussed on collaborations between the three Burnett councils, further opportunity exists to investigate a rail trail between Bundaberg Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council (North Bundaberg to Mount Perry) and for extension of the Killivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail.

Mountain bikers are key users of rail trails. Where mountain bike parks (natural areas where mountain bike trails are planned and developed) can be established adjoining (or near to) rail trails there is clear scope for high levels of usage. The works undertaken by South Burnett Regional Council and the South Burnett Mountain Bike Club in the McEuan State Forest should be further encouraged and are expected to see this facility become a popular venue for training and events.



As new mountain bike facilities are developed in the area, the councils should take a collaborative approach to ensure that these mountain bike opportunities are included in the relevant promotional publications updated regularly by Organised Grime.

## Speedway

The Kingaroy Speedway (located within the Showgrounds) is a high-quality venue that hosts Australia's largest modified sedans race each year - a 3-day event attracting up to 150 competitors. There are no other speedway facilities in the Burnett area. With the popularity of the Kingaroy facility, the development of any new speedway facilities is not supported.

## Additional considerations

Opportunities for cross-council collaboration extend beyond the planning and development of new facilities.

### ***Reduced rates and subsidies***

There is potential for councils to offer each other reduced rates (or subsidies) for asset usage where it is appropriate to do so. For instance, there is no public pool within Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council. However, a quality pool is located in Murgon (only 7km from Cherbourg yet owned by South Burnett Regional Council). As recognition of the popularity of this pool for Cherbourg residents, the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council has made contributions in the past toward the maintenance of the Murgon facility. Similarly, if (for example) South Burnett Regional Council was due to host a swimming event and all of its 50m pools were out-of-action for some reason, North Burnett Regional Council may make the Mundubbera or Gayndah pools available at a significantly reduced rate.

### ***Joint sponsorship***

Councils may consider joint sponsorship of activities and events that have potential for economic benefit across the Burnett area. For example, Bicycle Queensland conducts a number of multi-day cycle touring events. There may be potential to attract (or establish) an event within the Burnett (or Wide Bay Burnett) Region if a collaborative approach, including joint sponsorship arrangements, was undertaken.

Similar to the manner in which the Australian Campdraft Association conduct 'The Big 3' with events conducted on three consecutive weekends in Warwick, Condamine and Chinchilla, scope may exist to conduct fishing or skiing events across a number of locations throughout the Burnett area on consecutive weekends. Here again, would be an opportunity for joint collaboration and sponsorship that creates economic benefit across council areas.

### ***Travel distances***

While the Plan highlights key facilities that should not be duplicated and potential opportunities for facility-sharing, the reality is that the area covered by the three councils is particularly large. There is more than 5 hours drive time between the southern and northern ends of the North and South Burnett Regional Council boundaries. While it may seem a little inequitable that a gliding enthusiast in Biggenden is encouraged to travel to Kingaroy, limited resources dictate the importance of careful planning and development.



# Section eight - Implementation plan

## Council-wide

Operational matters

Rail trail

Lakes, dams and waterways

Community partnerships and activation

Community capacity building

Kingaroy

Nanango

Murgon

Wondai

Blackbutt

Villages

Benarkin

Kumbia

Maidenwell

Memerambi

Wooroolin

Tingora

Hivesville

Proston





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

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

The dominant theme that came through the range of engagement processes and analysis is a direction to maintain and upgrade the existing network without necessarily focussing on building more facilities. There is limited population growth across the South Burnett. As a result, population-related demand for additional facilities is very limited. In essence, the focus of the Plan is to embrace the quality open space facilities that Council (and the community) has achieved - to further activate existing open spaces through programming and tailored facility upgrades and embellishment.

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

The recommendations of this study are detailed below and are grouped by planning area - Council-wide first followed by each of the localities within the LGA. This allows interested readers easy access to those actions most directly related to them.

Priorities are assigned for each action. A high recommendation should be undertaken as soon as resources allow while medium (in the next 5 years) and low priorities (in the next 5-10 years) are not as urgent. The information provided is designed as a flexible guide—changes in user priorities or earlier opportunities for funding may alter development.

A project leader is assigned for each action. This indicates the responsible party to take action, form a project team and drive the project to its successful completion. It is recommended that project leaders identify other groups and individuals in the community for assistance and support to achieve projects identified in the Plan.

The term 'rationalise' has been used in recommendations contained in the implementation plan. For the purpose of this plan and depending on the land tenure, this may include re-purposing as an alternate use, 'planting out' with trees to reduce maintenance, sale of the land or returning the land to the State. Where open space parcels are undeveloped, are poorly located, are attracting regular anti-social behaviour and/or are not providing recreation opportunities desired by the nearby catchment (and are thus sitting idle), opportunities may exist to rationalise the land.



Action No.	Action		Project Leader
<b>COUNCIL-WIDE</b>			
Operational matters			
CW1	Investigate opportunities to establish a new position to oversee planning and development of sport and recreation	High	SBRC
CW2	Ensure that the Sport, Recreation Infrastructure and Strategic Plan informs Council's future Operational Plans and Budgets, recognising that the lead role for implementation of recommendations requires allocation to the most appropriate officer with the most relevant skill set/area of responsibility	High	SBRC
CW3	Engage operational staff in compiling an accurate list of park assets and embellishments, and utilise their knowledge to identify gaps in available information e.g. year of construction, cost of construction/replacement and remaining life of the asset, to inform the upcoming Parks and Open Space, and Building and Other Structures asset management planning processes. These tasks could potentially be commenced during months when vegetation control reduces (i.e. winter)	High	SBRC
CW4	Develop a campaign to promote specific destinations within the South Burnett to increase awareness and access to existing recreation and outdoor recreation opportunities to residents and potential visitors	High	SBRC
CW5	Develop a campaign to encourage community, sport and recreation organisations to update contact information via Council's website to ensure the Council's Community Directory is updated annually	High	SBRC
CW6	<p>Council has developed master or concept plans for a number of recreation parks. These plans have not been formally adopted by Council and consequently implementation to date has been inconsistent. Develop a simple process (online and hardcopy form) to seek community feedback on existing master/concept plans, collate community feedback and present it with master/concept plans for Council consideration and formal adoption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Memorial Park, Kingaroy</li> <li>» Kingaroy Town Common</li> <li>» Mt Wooroolin, Kingaroy</li> <li>» Blackbutt Rail Trail Head</li> <li>» Bore Paddock, Wondai</li> <li>» Butter Factory, Nanango</li> <li>» Dingo Creek Park, Wondai</li> <li>» McMahon Park, Murgon</li> <li>» Proston Common/Railway Park</li> <li>» Dalton Park and trail head, Wooroolin</li> <li>» Coomba Falls</li> <li>» Ficks Crossing</li> </ul>	High	SBRC
CW7	<p>Develop a shade tree planting program by undertaking a planning process to identify open spaces (particularly recreation and sport parks) and walking routes/circuits in each town that require shade. Identify suitable species (preferably native endemic) to reduce this barrier (lack of shade) to participation in recreation and physical activity.</p> <p>When nature strips or groupings of trees are mulched, this may also contribute to reduced vegetation control (slashing, mowing and trimming). Consider CPTED principles during planning.</p>	High	SBRC



Action No.	Action		Project Leader
COUNCIL-WIDE (cont)			
CW8	Apply Universal Design principles to guide design of parks including embellishments, buildings, internal pathways and playground equipment	High	SBRC
CW9	Consider development of a Walk and Cycle Strategy for the towns of Kingaroy, Nanango, Murgon, Wondai and Blackbutt. Community engagement will be an essential part of the process to identify suitable routes for shared paths (walk and cycle), footpaths and on-road cycle lanes to overcome barriers to active transport and connecting people to key destinations. Routes through open space and parks should help form the network	High	SBRC
CW10	Conduct a detailed audit of the number and location of public toilets throughout the LGA to determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» adequate provision of public toilets</li> <li>» the location minimises anti-social behaviour</li> <li>» cost effectiveness to provide and maintain</li> <li>» the needs of users are being met.</li> </ul> Consider using a ranking system to assist prioritise refurbishment/upgrade or rationalising including: environmental sustainable design, crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), accessibility, efficiency, maintenance and features	High	SBRC
CW11	Undertake a structural investigation of Council owned public swimming pools ("pool proper") in Kingaroy, Nanango, Murgon and Wondai to gather factual information on the current asset condition, remaining life and potential remedial work that can be undertaken to extend the life of assets in the short-medium term. Use the report to assist the community understand the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions. Use the report as evidence-based information to guide Council decision making.	High	SBRC
CW12	Develop a Signage Strategy identifying the style and best locations for name, information, direction, interpretation and wayfinding signage to support independent and confident navigation to sport and recreation parks by residents and visitors. <p>Standardise park signage across the region including park naming signs, park directional signs and walk/cycle opportunity signs</p>	Medium	SBRC
CW13	Conduct an information session for councillors, the executive team and senior officers regarding modern play opportunities (consider undertaking site visits of modern play nodes in nearby councils e.g. Toowoomba, Bundaberg or Hervey Bay)	Medium	SBRC
CW14	Identify locations and plan necessary infrastructure (fixed or portable) to support community events across the region (e.g. outdoor wedding ceremony on creek bank, family reunion picnic, family activity day, corporate Christmas party). Investigate a partnership approach with service clubs to provide support to community events	Low	SBRC
CW15	Investigate the feasibility and delivery options (Council/private) to provide a community bus (21-28 seat) to transport residents from villages to larger towns to access pools, sport and recreation opportunities (e.g. skate parks)	Low	SBRC
CW16	In recognition of the value to the community, provide support in-principle support to not-for-profit community groups applying for grants and funding to improve facilities (not owned by Council) and services that provide sport and active recreation benefits for residents	Ongoing	SBRC



Action No.	Action	Project Leader
COUNCIL-WIDE (cont.)		
Policies		
CW17	Investigate options and implement a system to develop a new, or improve content and maintenance of an existing, Community Directory for the South Burnett to allow residents and visitors to find out about activities and events in the area and how to participate	SBRC
CW18	Amend the <i>Community Grants Program Policy</i> to require community, sport and recreation organisations to update contact details for the Community Directory to be deemed eligible to apply.  Council could require online registration of organisations' expression-of-interest to receive the application form, simultaneously updating the Community Directory details required.	SBRC
CW19	Encourage qualified sports coaches and fitness instructors/personal trainers to apply for Healthy Communities Sponsorship funding under Council's <i>Community Grants Program Policy</i> to provide fun and engaging physical activity programs in Council's parks and community halls. Funding could be used for portable equipment, marketing, portable signage and relevant insurances, to 'kick-start' establishment/ expansion of small businesses. Aim to initiate privately run programs in different towns across the LGA	SBRC
CW20	Proposed new policy (or local law) - <i>Community and Commercial Use of Council Land</i> – to guide individuals and groups on issues such as: approval and building on Council land, donating structures/assets to Council (Rotary, Lions etc.), lease, licence or permit to occupy agreements between Council and sporting bodies, welfare organisations, churches, commercial business (e.g. using an open space area for bootcamp, yoga/ pilates, marketing or promotional purposes)	SBRC
CW21	Proposed new policy - <i>Public Art in Open Space</i> – to activate parks and open spaces via murals, light projections on buildings, sculptures (including those that can be incorporated in play nodes as recreation elements). Ensure the policy provides rigour around matters including risk assessment (eg finger entrapment, climbing and fall zones etc), intellectual property, and community awareness of the need to decommission the artwork (asset) at the end of its useful life	SBRC
CW22	Clarify the process for sport, recreation and community organisations to obtain support letters from Council when seeking external funding for projects, particularly for facilities and infrastructure proposed for construction on Council owned or managed land. Ensure the process includes identifying and consulting internal Council stakeholders to ensure projects supported align with Council's adopted strategic, master, operational and other relevant plans.	SBRC
CW23	Encourage and support a diverse range of accessible HTLS opportunities relevant to the targeted needs of the community and support partnerships and external investment in existing facilities and future opportunities and precincts where they are deemed sustainable and appropriately located. Encourage and support HTLS to co-locate with compatible activities and facilities where possible.	SBRC



Action No.	Action	Project Leader
COUNCIL-WIDE (Cont)		
Rail Trail		
RT20	<p>Partner with Gympie Regional Council to develop a Master Plan for the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail to leverage the recreation, social, tourism and economic benefits of this asset. Ensure the following elements are included in the scope of the master planning process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» clearly identify and articulate the 'point(s) of difference' that contribute to the uniqueness of the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail</li> <li>» identify current and potential future private providers of accommodation, cafes, restaurants, bars, camping and recreation and tour activities and opportunities, to support use of the rail trail</li> <li>» identify complimentary activities and recreation opportunities in close proximity to the rail trail, to extend and expand visitor's overall experience</li> <li>» identify trail heads, 'recreation nodes' and key embellishments to support access and use of the trail without over development risking deterioration of the 'naturalness' of the recreation experience being sought</li> <li>» develop a consistent approach for signage identifying locations for trail head, regulatory, warning, behavioural, information, interpretive, promotional and temporary signs</li> <li>» marketing and promotion including identification of target markets, branding, brand awareness and mobile marketing systems</li> <li>» identify indicators and measures that will allow Council to transparently communicate the economic benefit of the rail trail to the community</li> </ul>	SBRC
RT21	Continue monitoring use of the rail trail by counters and cross-reference gathered data with condition assessments of segments to identify maintenance priorities and potential locations for embellishments and signage (refer to master plan recommendation)	SBRC
RT22	Create a succinct (maximum four pages) fact sheet for entrepreneurial people stepping-out the process to apply for Council approval to operate accommodation, cafes, restaurants, bars, recreation and tour activities to support use of the rail trail, and include reference to other approval agencies e.g. liquor licensing	SBRC



Action No.	Action	Project Leader
COUNCIL-WIDE (cont)		
Lakes, dams and waterways		
LDW1	<p>Develop a Bjelke-Petersen Dam/Lake Barambah Master Plan focussed on increasing outdoor recreation opportunities including water- and land-based opportunities, particularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» development of a network of tracks and trails for lookouts/sightseeing, walking/ bushwalking, mountain bike riding and trail running as well as complimentary activities (nature appreciation, bird watching, additional picnic areas etc.)</li> <li>» identification of locations for adventure activities including rock climbing for example</li> <li>» identification of commercial opportunities including guided tours and activities (e.g. adventure camps, corporate team building, youth personal development)</li> </ul>	SBRC
LDW2	<p>Thoroughly and systematically review the location and type of tourist attraction and drive signs across the LGA and develop a detailed plan for replacement and upgrade, carefully considering replacement with the most appropriate tourist attraction signs from those available. The overarching goal of the project should be to make it as easy as possible for locals and visitors to navigate to outdoor recreation opportunities (tourist destinations). Implementation is likely to be prioritised and progressive over a number of years and operational budgets. Approach Sunwater and the Queensland Department of Environment and Science (formerly National Parks) to partner with Council on this project and co-fund relevant signage.</p>	SBRC
LDW3	<p>Develop a Boondooma Dam Master Plan focussed on increasing outdoor recreation opportunities including water- and land-based opportunities, particularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» development of a network of tracks and trails for lookouts/sightseeing, walking/ bushwalking, mountain bike riding and trail running as well as complimentary activities (nature appreciation, bird watching, additional picnic areas etc.)</li> <li>» identification of locations for adventure activities including rock climbing for example</li> <li>» identification of commercial opportunities including guided tours and activities</li> </ul>	SBRC
LDW4	<p>Investigate installation of a non-motorised boat launching facility at Ficks Crossing to support kayaking/canoeing and other water-based recreation activities</p>	SBRC
LDW5	<p>Provide basic facilities for day users at Gordonbrook Dam, restrict access to the water and install signs with clear health notices (e.g. water quality), as well as regulatory and information signage (eg advising people to remove rubbish when they leave).</p>	SBRC
LDW6	<p>Implement the Coomba Falls master plan</p>	SBRC

Action No.	Action	Project Leader
COUNCIL-WIDE (cont)		
Community, partnerships and activation		
CPA1	<p>Collaborate with user groups to develop master plans over the following sports grounds to ensure a planned approach to future development, avoid ad hoc development and support applications for external funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Bjelke-Petersen Recreation Reserve</li> <li>» Wondai sports ground</li> <li>» Murgon sports ground.</li> </ul> <p>Ensure sport court and field dimensions including run off clear areas and safety zones are included in master plan layouts.</p>	Sports Clubs
CPA2	Collaborate with the WBBROC to develop a regional database of qualified sport coaches (including contact details and school term availability) for distribution to schools to support local principals' implementation of the Sporting Schools program (Australian Sports Commission)	SBRC WBBROC
CPA3	Collaborate with the WBBROC to develop a promotion campaign (website, print and digital application) for tracks and trails within the region, particularly the Bicentennial National Trail (BNT), Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT), Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail (KKRT) and additional walking, mountain biking and horse riding trails throughout the region	SBRC WBBROC
CPA4	Partner with TAFE Queensland and local high schools to investigate completion of Certificate II in Sport and Recreation by senior students (years 11 and 12), coordinating practical components with primary schools (Sporting Schools Program) and local recreation and sport clubs/organisations e.g. PCYC, public swimming pools etc. Include qualified students in the database for primary schools, as a resource and to provide youth employment opportunities	SBRC
CPA5	Liaise with Education Queensland and local principals to 'activate' (outside school hours) the sport and play opportunities available at schools in smaller villages for local residents	SBRC
CPA6	Continue to activate the open spaces throughout the LGA by hosting and supporting community events	SBRC
CPA7	Educate sport and recreation organisations regarding the range of available funding opportunities and Council's role in facilitation of quality grant submissions	SBRC
CPA8	Support golf clubs in the South Burnett to incorporate sustainable design elements into golf course development, upgrades and operations such as waterwise strategies, water reuse and renewable energy sources, for example	Golf Clubs
CPA9	Support and encourage sport clubs to compile Development Plans detailing governance, membership, participation, land tenure, and facility development goals for the next 3-5 years	Sport Clubs
CPA10	Support showground management committees to access and leverage external funding by assisting them to secure appropriate land tenure and governance arrangements	Showground Committees



Action No.	Action	Project Leader
COUNCIL-WIDE (cont)		
Community capacity building		
CAP1	Identify and promote resources (potentially via links on Council's website) that support community organisation's capacity building, particularly in the following focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» improving volunteer recruitment and training</li> <li>» volunteer roles and delegation of tasks</li> <li>» leadership succession</li> <li>» financial management</li> <li>» securing grants and other funding</li> <li>» updating technology</li> <li>» development or business planning</li> <li>» risk planning and management</li> <li>» governance models and arrangements.</li> </ul>	SBRC
CAP2	Consider collaborating with key stakeholders, such as sport, recreation and community organisations, South Burnett CTC, high schools and employment agencies (to name some), to hold an annual event(s) aimed at increasing awareness about and encouraging volunteering as well as connecting organisations with potential volunteers	SBRC
CAP3	Consider promotion and use of <i>Volunteering Queensland</i> ( <a href="https://volunteeringqld.org.au/">https://volunteeringqld.org.au/</a> ) in the South Burnett as a means to connect potential volunteers with organisations that require volunteers	SBRC
CAP4	Promote resources available through the Australian Sports Commission ( <a href="https://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/clubs">https://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/clubs</a> ) particularly the <i>Club Health Check</i> and other club development tools and resources, and the Queensland Government sport and recreation resource website ( <a href="https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/clubs-organisations/">https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/clubs-organisations/</a> )	SBRC
CAP5	Collaborate with health promotion agencies and media outlets in the South Burnett to promote <i>Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines</i> , highlighting each of the guides applicable to age brackets and distinct groups (e.g. older adults, families), and promote current activities available in towns and villages	SBRC
CAP6	Maintain awareness of increasing pressures on the administration of community-based sport organisations as accountability increases. Investigate and remain open-minded about options for governance models for community sport organisations, including amalgamation of complementary incorporated organisations and the potential of corporate structures and/or 'umbrella' governance arrangements for multiple activities/sports. Facilitate connections and positive discussions between groups if/when required	SBRC

Action No.	Action	Project Leader
<b>KINGAROY</b>		
Town-wide		
K1	Develop and maintain strong working relationships with high schools in Kingaroy to support and facilitate continued use of indoor sport court facilities by local sport clubs	SBRC
K2	Actively promote and encourage use of the South Burnett PCYC located at Murgon, supporting community-based solutions (e.g. car pooling to activities)	PCYC
K3	Rationalise Adermann Park	SBRC
Aquatic Centre		
K4	Within the life of this Plan, three of Council's four public swimming pools will be at the end of their useful asset lives. In the next 3-5 years Council needs to investigate the feasibility of replacing its public pools in Kingaroy, Nanango, Murgon and Wondai in consultation with the community and with a clear picture of the probable capital cost of replacement and ongoing operations year-on-year, and how these costs will impact rates.	SBRC
K5	Commission suitably qualified engineers to undertake a detailed and 'intrusive' investigation of the structural integrity of Council's public swimming pools, and provide a report on the remaining life of pool structures and associated plant and equipment. Include concrete testing of pool structures and balance tanks, intrusive CCTV inspection of in-ground pipe work and pool leak testing. The report should include recommendations to cost-effectively extend the life of existing assets.	SBRC
K6	Develop a high level concept plan for redevelopment of WJ Lang Memorial Pool prior to works on the amenities, offices and kiosk, to allow a strategic approach to incorporation of potential future changes to the facility	SBRC
K7	When redeveloping the amenities, offices and kiosk for the WJ Lang Memorial Pool consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» orientation of the kiosk to allow a serving window directly facing Memorial Park (preferably in clear sight of the playground)</li> <li>» access to the pool from Memorial Park</li> <li>» consideration and orientation of facilities to accommodate potential future experiences including water-play and leisure pools</li> </ul>	SBRC
Kingaroy Golf Club		
K8	Support the Kingaroy Golf Club to apply for external funding for improvements including upgrading of greens, irrigation system and refurbishment of the clubhouse (e.g. internal painting)	SBRC
Memorial Park		
K9	Upgrade the dog off-leash area with improved fencing, seating, shade, water and agility equipment. Consider segregated areas for small and large dogs	SBRC
K10	Identify core infrastructure requirements for community events (e.g. power, water) and make improvements to facilitate easier access for this purpose	SBRC
K11	Construct internal pathways connecting play nodes, toilet, shelters, water bubblers and entry gate(s) to improve access	SBRC



Action No.	Action	Project Leader
KINGAROY (cont)		
Kingaroy Airport		
K12	Develop clear terms of reference for the Kingaroy Airport Working Group including appropriate Council staff and representatives of the Kingaroy Soaring Club to identify options for redevelopment of facilities at the Airport to support ongoing success of the club, and that contributes to economic benefit to the South Burnett LGA	SBRC
K13	Recognise and support the Kingaroy Soaring Club's efforts to regularly attract and secure state and national events to Kingaroy and leverage these events to promote broader attractions of the South Burnett region	Kingaroy Soaring Club
K14	Develop a high level concept plan over land adjacent the Kingaroy Airport to cater for location/potential relocation of motor sports	SBRC
Lions Park		
K15	Remove old existing signage. As the playground equipment reaches the end of its useful life, remove it and create a rest stop with basic all ages play equipment eg swings, as well as information and promotion signage encouraging visitors to explore the South Burnett	Lions Club
Mt Wooroolin		
K16	Install directional and information signage to encourage and promote walking and mountain bike riding on existing trails	SBRC
K17	Incorporate allowance for widening of the verge (on Haly Street and Mt Wooroolin Road) in any civil works to allow off-road walking and mountain bike riding to Mt Wooroolin	SBRC
Bjelke-Petersen Recreation Reserve		
K18	Continue to implement the 'Town Common Master Plan' including recommendations from this Plan	SBRC
K19	Identify core infrastructure requirements for community events (e.g. power, water) and make improvements to facilitate easier access for this purpose	SBRC User groups
K20	Identify locations for spectator shade and seating, and access points for drinking water	SBRC
K21	Light an additional field to accommodate rugby league and touch football training	SBRC
K22	Investigate the collocation of junior cricket with football (soccer) or alternative sites for junior cricket including use of school facilities	Junior Cricket +Football
K23	Assess the condition of the toilets and canteen at the rugby league/touch football fields and tennis courts to determine if refurbishment or replacement is warranted	Rugby league club+ Tennis club
K24	Support the tennis club to develop a court lighting design using contemporary technology (e.g. LED), cost the design and support the tennis club to apply for external funding to replace light fittings	Tennis club
K25	Support football (Australian rules) to develop unisex or female friendly amenities and upgrade field lighting for training purposes	Football (Australian rules)
K26	Support the Senior Soccer Club to develop unisex or female friendly change rooms including accessible toilets and showers, baby change facility and lockable shower cubicles	Senior soccer
K27	Support the Senior Soccer Club to upgrade to LED lights on two training fields	Senior soccer



Action No.	Action	Project Leader
KINGAROOY (cont.)		
Netball Courts		
K28	Support the redesign of netball courts (in accordance with Netball Australia specifications) to include required run off clear space at sides and end lines, resolve drainage issues and accommodate lighting and for at least one court, shade and spectator seating.	Netball club
K29	Install low (500mm) fencing to prevent balls rolling into car parks and nearby roads. Fencing should not prevent access by residents for casual use	Netball club
K30	Review/redesign the car park including entry and exit. Grade the unsealed car park in the short term to limit water pooling and potential damage to courts and consider sealing in the medium to long term	SBRC
K31	Work in partnership with netball to co-fund refurbishment of the clubhouse, toilets and changerooms, particularly measures to increase security.	Netball club
Rotary Park		
K32	Rationalise electric BBQs at Rotary Park to a maximum of two	SBRC
Apex Park		
K33	Investigate current legislation constraints to determine if vegetation currently impeding the views from Apex lookout can be cleared. If constraints exist to prevent vegetation clearing, investigate removal of the look-out structure	SBRC
K34	Provide simple directional signs from either end of APEX park e.g. playground to lookout and Carroll Nature Reserve; Carroll Nature Reserve and lookout to playground	SBRC
K35	Construct an accessible pathway to connect the car park to the toilet building	SBRC
K36	Consult with residents in Farr and Mcdiarmid Streets regarding an additional small car park at the western entry to the park prior to design and costing	SBRC
Senior Citizens Park		
K37	Remove wood BBQs and park furniture at the end of its useful life	SBRC
K38	Install park benches with arms to support sitting and standing by older aged people	SBRC
K39	Upgrade pathways to accommodate mobility scooters and connect pathways to adjoining footpaths, key destinations in close proximity and to bench seating locations	SBRC
Carroll Nature Reserve		
K40	Install simple directional signs at key locations to guide people through the site	SBRC
K41	Replace the property boundary fence	SBRC
K42	Consider establishment of a 'Friends of Carroll Nature Reserve' group to assist Council to control weeds and plant native endemic species	SBRC
Youth Park		
K43	Investigate and secure tenure of the land that the Youth Park is constructed on	SBRC
K44	Collaborate with the South Burnett CTC to develop a transparent agreement with Council regarding cleaning of the Youth Park and repairs and maintenance of assets, for the benefit of users	SBRC
Carew Park		
K45	Investigate the development of a green space with the members of the Carew family and other community organisations.	SBRC
Earle Park		
K46	Investigate the development of a green space in partnership community organisations.	SBRC
Community Halls		
K47	Provide support to not-for-profit community groups applying for grants and funding to improve facilities (not owned by Council) and services that provide sport and active recreation benefits for residents.	SBRC



Action No.	Action	Project Leader
<b>NANANGO</b>		
Town-wide		
N1	Develop and maintain a strong working relationship with Nanango High School to support and facilitate potential future use of indoor sport facilities by local sport clubs	SBRC
N2	Rationalise Green Recreation Reserve	SBRC
N3	Rationalise unnamed and undeveloped open space (Lot 90 SP 122591)	SBRC
N4	Rationalise Mt Stanley Road Park after relocation of the dog park to Pioneer Park	SBRC
Pioneer Park		
N5	Develop an overall concept plan for Pioneer Park including the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» upgraded play node incorporating inclusive elements (paths, sensory garden, tactile)</li> <li>» expand existing skate park</li> <li>» USB recharge points in shelters</li> <li>» circuit of walk/cycle trails throughout the park</li> <li>» off-leash dog area</li> <li>» directional, distance and information signs</li> <li>» gate/bollards to restrict vehicle access</li> <li>» planting plan to create additional shade, define entries and boundaries and create outdoor rooms</li> </ul>	SBRC
N6	Commence planting additional shade trees throughout the park at key locations where people gather	SBRC
Butter Factory Park		
N7	Construct a pathway to connect the park with the footpath across the road in front of the school	SBRC
N8	Remove the dirt bmx pump track from the drainage reserve adjacent Butter Factory Park	SBRC
N9	Construct an additional shelter with tables and chairs inside the fenced park area	SBRC
N10	Plant shade trees within the fenced park area and along the creek bank to the rear of the park and install bench seating where people fish	SBRC
Mt Stanley Road Park		
N11	Remove the cricket nets	SBRC
N12	Relocate the dog park to Pioneer Park	SBRC
Swimming Pool		
N13	Implement an accurate method to record the number of visits to the South Burnett Aquatic Centre to inform annual operational and service reviews	SBRC
Tipperary Flat		
N14	Install signage to indicate the distance, time to walk, and markers along the pathway circuit	SBRC

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<b>NANANGO (cont.)</b>		
<b>Showgrounds</b>		
N15	Support the Nanango Showgrounds to seek external funding to light the main arena to facilitate sporting and community events	Nanango Show Society
N16	Support the Nanango Showgrounds to seek external funding to reorient the smaller arena to accommodate additional equestrian activities and events	Nanango Show Society
<b>Nanango Netball</b>		
N17	Redevelopment of existing grass courts	Netball club
N18	Work in partnership with netball to co-fund refurbishment of the canteen, toilet and change rooms sufficient for local use	Netball club
<b>Burnett Courts</b>		
N18	Liaise with the club to arrange a pedestrian gate to remain unlocked to provide public access to a tennis court for social games	SBRC
<b>Nanango Cultural Centre</b>		
N19	Promote the Cultural Centre as a key venue for recreation activities, meetings, social functions, training courses and wet weather training and exercise	SBRC
<b>Nanango Sports Ground</b>		
N20	Design, apply for external funding and construct a new clubhouse with appropriate change rooms, toilets, canteen and storage facilities	Cricket, soccer and kennel club
N21	Support the sport clubs at the Nanango sports ground to seek external funding to upgrade the irrigation system for playing fields	Cricket + Soccer
<b>Kassulke Park</b>		
N22	Support South Burnett Rugby League to apply for funding to develop a mini-mod field at Kassulke Park	Rugby league club
<b>Lions Park</b>		
N23	Develop Lions Park into a feature recreation park with an extended playground for toddlers and young children up to 8 years of age. Ensure embellishments are included to support parents' and carers' comfort and safety	SBRC
<b>Mt Stanley Nature Reserve</b>		
N24	Install directional signage to guide people to visit the wetlands at Grey Street and Mt Stanley Nature Reserve. Install bench seating at sight seeing locations	SBRC



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<b>MURGON</b>		
Town-wide		
M1	Develop a high level concept plan over McMahon Park recognising that development is proposed in the long term (10+ years) and potentially beyond the life of this plan	SBRC
M2	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages	SBRC
McMahon Park		
M3	Seek feedback from the community on the McMahon Park master plan, incorporate changes and present to Council for formal adoption	SBRC
M4	Implement the McMahon Park master plan in stages	SBRC
Lions Park		
M5	As the playground equipment reaches the end of its useful life, remove it and create a rest stop with basic all ages play equipment e.g. swings	SBRC
Youth and Rotary Park		
M6	Investigate access to toilet facilities to service the park. Consider CPTED and management considerations to minimise vandalism and misuse	SBRC
M7	Continue implementation of the Youth Park concept plan	SBRC
Swimming Pool		
M8	Implement an accurate method to record the number of visits to the Murgon Swimming Pool to inform annual operational and service reviews	SBRC
South Burnett PCYC		
M9	Investigate options and identify criteria for potential additional tenants to enhance utilisation and program delivery and uptake	SBRC PCYC
M10	Partner with the South Burnett PCYC to develop a promotional campaign advertising the scope of programs on offer and dispelling the 'travel distance' paradigm	SBRC
Murgon Sports Ground		
M11	Upgrade the irrigation system for playing fields	Rugby league+ Cricket
M12	Upgrade lighting to training standard on one field for 'large' ball sports	Rugby league

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<b>WONDAL</b>		
Town-wide		
W1	Rationalise Parkside Park	SBRC
W2	Rationalise Grant Crescent Park	SBRC
Dingo Park		
W3	Remove the old exercise stations and timber amphitheatre	SBRC
W4	Develop nature play opportunities for children utilising the natural features of the park	SBRC
W5	Install up to four bench seats in locations throughout the treed parts of Dingo Park for rest, escape and nature observation	SBRC
Skate Park		
W6	Toward the end of its useful life (within the next 3-5 years) investigate suitable sites for replacement of the skate park using siting checklists contained in published skate facility guides	SBRC
Sunstrup Park		
W7	Assess the condition of the courts annually and undertake repairs to extend the life of the courts	SBRC
W8	Install a large shelter and seating for participants and spectators	SBRC
W9	Develop a fenced dog off-leash park on part of the park ensuring it does not impact on use of the cricket oval	SBRC
W10	Support the Wondal Sportsground Association to investigate sustainable irrigation options including safe use of treated wastewater to improve playing surfaces	Wondal Sportsground Association
W11	Support the Wondal Sportsground Association to upgrade field lighting to support training during evenings for 'large' ball sports	Wondal Sportsground Association
Wondal Swimming Pool		
W12	Implement an accurate method to record the number of visits to the Wondal Swimming Pool to inform annual operational and service reviews	SBRC
South Burnett Shooting Complex		
W13	Support the organisation to apply for external grants to fund upgrade of targets to required standards	Shooting sports
McEuen State Forest		
W14	Support the South Burnett MTB Club to apply for external funding to develop mountain bike trails	Mountain bike club
W15	Create a trail connecting the KKRT with McEuen State Forest to facilitate rail trail users exploring mountain bike trails in the State Forest	SBRC
Coronation Park		
W16	Plant additional shade trees to create a shaded and cool park environment in the long term	SBRC
Bore Paddock Park		
W17	At the end of its useful life, review park embellishments including play and picnic facilities at Bore Paddock Park and consider limiting development to walking tracks and bench seating	SBRC
McKell Park		
W18	Plant additional shade trees to create a shaded and cool park environment in the long term	SBRC

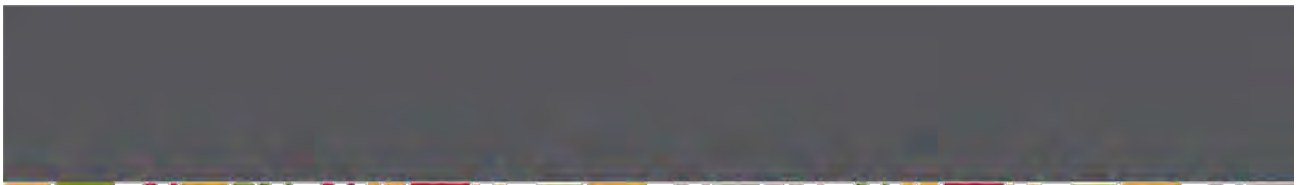
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<b>BLACKBUTT</b>		
Recreation		
BL1	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages	SBRC
BL2	Plant additional shade trees in Les Muller Park to enhance the appeal of this park and create a visual cue leading residents and visitors along the corridor of park, trail head, skate park, museum, community hall and showgrounds	SBRC
BL3	Construct a hard shade structure over the Blackbutt skate park, install a shelter with seats and USB recharge stations, and plant shade trees	SBRC
School facilities		
BL4	Implement an accurate method to record the number of visits to the Blackbutt pool to inform annual operational and service reviews	SBRC
<b>BEARBIN</b>		
Sport and recreation		
BE1	Liaise with the local principal to 'activate' (outside school hours) the opportunities available at the school for local residents. Consider funding support to the school for upgrades to play or sport facilities available for community use	SBRC
BE2	Rationalise the old and ageing playground from First Settlers Park at end of useful life and consider replacement with a new nature play area that aligns with master plans for the rail trail	SBRC
BE3	Upgrade picnic facilities and shelters at First Settlers Park	SBRC
<b>KUMBLA</b>		
Sport and recreation		
KU1	Liaise with the local principal to 'activate' (outside school hours) the opportunities available at the school for local residents. Consider funding support to the school for upgrades to play or sport facilities available for community use	SBRC
KU2	Refurbish two tennis courts (consider marking one as multi-sport)	SBRC
KU3	Engage the community to collaboratively redesign APEX park to separate internal pedestrian paths of travel from vehicle movements, particularly between the playground and toilet	SBRC
KU4	As an alternative to KU3, consider relocating the overnight motor home and camping to the sports ground	SBRC
KU5	Support the Race Club to seek external funding for upgrades to ancillary facilities	Race club
KU6	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages	SBRC
KU7	Support the community to drive development of a single concept plan over the sports ground including a walking/cycling track	SBRC

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<b>MAIDENWELL</b>		
Sport and recreation		
MA1	Support the Maidenwell Community Committee to continue to implement the Maidenwell master plan as funds become available	Maidenwell community committee
MA2	Implement the Coomba Falls master plan	SBRC
MA3	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages	SBRC
<b>MEMERAMBI</b>		
Sport and recreation		
ME1	Plant shade trees on both sides of the KKRT corridor	SBRC
ME2	Consider development of a small recreation area node near the trail head at Memerambi in conjunction with the KKRT master planning process	SBRC
<b>WOOROLIN</b>		
Sport and recreation		
W01	Liaise with the local principal to 'activate' (outside school hours) the opportunities available at the school for local residents. Consider funding support to the school for upgrades to play or sport facilities available for community use	SBRC
W02	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages	SBRC
W03	Identify two locations around the perimeter of the Wooroolin wetlands to construct simple access points for launching non-motorised water craft (kayak/canoe) when conditions are suitable	SBRC
W04	Install directional and information signage to assist visitors navigate the walking tracks and bird hides at the wetlands	SBRC
W05	Investigate the construction of a boardwalk in the Wooroolin Wetlands	SBRC
<b>TINGOORA</b>		
Sport and recreation		
T1	Plant shade trees on the KKRT corridor between the Bunya Highway and Hoares Road, and additional trees on the perimeter of the sports ground	SBRC
T2	Repurpose the oval for use by unmanned aerial vehicles and drones due to its location outside of flight paths. At the end of its useful life, remove the cricket nets and dugout at the sports ground	SBRC
<b>HIVESVILLE</b>		
Sport and recreation		
H1	Investigate the feasibility of a community bus to transport residents to larger towns to access sport, recreation and other services	SBRC
H2	Repurpose the sports ground (cricket oval)	SBRC



Action No.	Action	Project Leader
PROSTON		
Sport and recreation		
P1	Activate the community hall to increase use and provide recreation opportunities for all ages	SBRC
P2	Implement more accurate methods to record the number of visits to the Proston pool to inform annual operational and service reviews	SBRC
P3	Investigate the feasibility of a community bus to transport residents to larger towns to access sport, recreation and other services	SBRC





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## Age appropriate play elements

Below is a list a different play park assets that could be considered when trying to diversify the range of opportunities available.

### Toddlers (2-5 year olds)

- » climbing play structures
- » panels or themed elements e.g. kitchen, boat, train, fire truck, shop counter
- » swings
- » slides
- » spring rockers/animal riders
- » stepping stones

### Small children (5-8 year olds)

- » climbing play structures
- » swings
- » slide
- » natural climbers (e.g. rocks)
- » sensory equipment
- » climbing net
- » spinner
- » undulating small bike loop zone
- » balancing elements
- » spinner
- » panels or themed elements e.g. kitchen, boat, train, fire truck, shop counter
- » spring rockers/animal riders
- » tunnels

### Older children (8-12 year olds)

- » flying fox
- » rock climbing wall/natural climbers (e.g. rocks)
- » climbing nets
- » spinners
- » basketball hoop
- » skate facilities
- » BMX track
- » balancing elements
- » tunnels

### Youth (12-17 year olds)

- » skate facilities
- » BMX track
- » hangout spaces (e.g. outdoor table tennis/ping pong)
- » rock climbing wall
- » power lift bar and other stationary exercise equipment
- » basketball hoop

### Adults (18+ year old)

- » seating
- » shade
- » picnic and barbecue areas
- » outdoor exercise equipment (stationary and moving parts)

## Accessible Play Equipment

### Description and Intent

Accessible play equipment can be incorporated into playgrounds and be used where children of all abilities can experience fun and challenging play alongside their friends and family members. 'Play for all' spaces use a range of natural and built elements to encourage different types play experiences, such as active, exploratory, social and quiet play. Innovative approaches in the design and construction of these spaces create expanded opportunities for children with a disability.



### Design considerations

The following is a list of equipment that can be installed at playgrounds to enhance accessible play in playgrounds:

- » Accessible carousel: high backed merri-go-round where children can play together. Design allows for wheelchairs to be locked in.
- » accessible sand digger: can be operated and accessed by children in wheelchairs to help improve hand-eye coordination and motor skills and encourage imagination.
- » accessible sand pit: allows children to transfer from wheelchairs into the sand pit
- » all abilities swing seat: easy access swing for older children
- » choice boards: allow children of all abilities to communicate with each other and others
- » multi-use spinner/spinning disc: spinning dish that allows for multiple users at the one time. Users can transfer from a wheelchair to the spinning disc and can sit or lay on the disc.
- » sand table: custom designed san table allows access for all wheelchair types, allowing children to play with and mould sand
- » wheelchair accessible swing (Liberty Swing): Often referred to as a Liberty Swing, harnesses a child's wheelchair securely in the swing
- » accessible play facilities should include the following features:
  - adequate shading
  - rubber softfall and under surfacing that is wheelchair and pram accessible
  - access to a water fountain or bubbler
  - adequate toilet amenities
  - adequate access to disabled parking
  - connecting pathways accessible by wheelchair and prams



## Local recreation park

### Description and intent

Local recreation parks provide a range of recreation opportunities for local residents. These parks contain limited infrastructure, yet offer local community benefits.

Local recreation parks are intended to offer residents a complementary open space to their backyards. They are likely to attract users from a small catchment area (about 500m radius) and generally cater for short visits by individuals or small groups.

Local recreation parks will be centrally located to the catchment or as hubs along recreation corridors where such corridors exist. There are many cost and land efficiencies (such as from dual use of land and consolidation of embellishments) that can be gained by developing hubs along pathways that connect key community areas such as: residents to schools, retail hubs etc.

### Design considerations

The following elements should be considered when designing and developing a local recreation park:

- » park to be located in a residential area and easy for residents to walk and ride to
- » recreation facilities to be clustered in an activity area, ideally located under natural shade where possible
- » mix of 3 activity options, such as:
  - basic toddler play (spring toy, slide and swing)
  - rebound wall
  - path circuit
  - flat kick-about area
  - multi-generational equipment to service a range of age groups
  - multi-functional equipment which can be used for both play and exercise (e.g. parkour equipment, monkey bars)
- » picnic table and seats to be located where they can oversee and access the activity area (preferably under a shade tree), along the internal path
- » surveillance of the majority of the park should be available from adjacent properties and from the road
- » internal paths to connect to on-road pathway system and connect to the key activity area in the park. If the park can act as a short cut for pedestrians it may also encourage them to stop and utilise the buildings
- » embellishments in the parks complement those in nearby parks and be relevant to the local area's character and demographic
- » design and embellishment of parks reflect the demographic desires of the local catchment
- » landscape edge treatments in the form of screening shrubs will improve the aesthetics of the park, soften the edges and provide some buffering to nearby residents.



## Town recreation park

### Description and intent

Town recreation parks are larger sized open spaces providing a range of buildings and activity spaces for recreation. These parks have facilities to cater for large groups and are appealing to a wide range of users. Town recreation parks can service several suburbs depending on population density, and are well known destinations for those people living within their catchment. Ideally, town recreation parks are located near social infrastructure such as schools, community centres and halls.



### Design considerations

The following elements should be considered when designing and developing a town recreation park:

- » design should reflect a broad range of needs (i.e. something for all ages and abilities)
- » one main activity node which has clusters of activities for different age groups (i.e. park equipment designed for teenagers to be together, and near to the activity node for younger age groups). This helps separate the age cohorts but keeps all activities in one larger area to assist carers monitoring activities
- » activity area could include (in addition to those listed in the local recreation park type):
  - skate facility, climbing structure, outdoor table tennis
  - bike activity track/learn-to-cycle facility
  - outdoor exercise stations
  - all-abilities play (design and layout should seek to integrate all of the play buildings together to provide social inclusion and integration of all abilities)
  - gazebos for larger groups
  - unisex toilets
  - grouped picnic facilities
- » activity area to be ideally located under natural shade, however, may be supplemented by artificial shade
- » there should be clear sight-lines into the park from nearby road and other land uses, especially the main activity area
- » picnic areas located where they oversee the activity area
- » embellishments in the parks could be themed
- » if there are multiple town recreation parks in the same town each should have a range of (preferably different) recreation opportunities
- » amenities to be near road and active area for surveillance
- » pathways link areas within the park and externally
- » off-street car parking is required.

## Regional recreation park

### Description and intent

These open spaces are major recreation parks that offer a wide variety of opportunities to a broad cross-section of the population and visitors. They are large, embellished for recreation, are well-known amongst residents and are major destinations.

People are usually content spending several hours in these parks. Regional recreation parks offer unique experiences.



They are often used to host large community events such as carols in the park, Australia Day celebrations and other festivals. Regional parks offer exciting and no cost activities for residents and visitors.

### Design considerations

The following elements should be considered when designing and developing a regional recreation open space:

- » undertake a master plan of the park. This is likely to include a long-term vision that can take many years to activate (potentially 10-15 years). The master plan should be staged so that it can be rolled out as demand is generated (and as resources allow)
- » community input into the design of the park should occur (at master plan stage and as changes occur). This is important as the community will have specific thoughts and concerns regarding this level of park
- » design must consider all age groups, people of all abilities and different cultural backgrounds
- » detailed design is often required for specific elements
- » multiple activity nodes may exist. However, these nodes will be unique, not replicated within the park and will add to the overall quality and attractiveness of the park
- » potential to have some low key commercial activity such as kiosks, cafes, museums
- » potential to have an array of buildings that offer some community service such as a nursery offering free street trees, environmental education centres, community training rooms, libraries etc.
- » park to be located where people can access easily
- » park should preferably have a variety of settings, from natural areas to highly-embellished activity areas.





## Local sports park

### Description and intent

Local sports parks are small sports facilities that generally only cater to one sporting code (or one code per sporting season). They typically only include one field/oval. Local sports parks will not have surfaces or facilities at the same level as town sports parks (and will not necessarily meet state sporting body regulations).



### Design considerations

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

- » keep infrastructure at a basic level - amenity block (with no club facilities such as change rooms or canteen), informal car parking and potentially basic training standard lighting (depending on the sporting code)
- » maximise trees and natural shade around the fields and courts (although careful tree selection for court areas is important to avoid issues associated with root invasion and limb, leaf or seed fall)
- » long benches and spectator areas should be placed under shade trees where possible
- » consideration to be made regarding noise and light spillage with regards to its impact on surrounding land uses
- » all field and court orientation to be north-south (or as close to as possible)
- » consider development of simple play facilities to complement formal sports use.



## Town sports park

### Description and intent

Town sports parks and courts provide the vast majority of the venues for the region's training and club fixtures. A range of sports are catered for in these multi-use facilities including both field and court sports. Supporting ancillary facilities provided at town sports parks and courts allow clubs to effectively operate and include amenities, clubhouse, storage, lighting and car parking.



### Design considerations

The following elements should be considered when designing and developing town sport parks:

- » undertake a site master plan to set the direction for the facility
- » where possible, aim for sports facilities to meet state sporting organisation standards (for lower level competition and training)
- » internal path network to allow for connections within and to land adjacent to the facility
- » maximise trees and natural shade around fields and courts (although careful tree selection for court areas is important to avoid issues associated with root invasion and limb, leaf or seed fall)
- » long benches and spectator areas should be placed under shade trees where possible. Shaded spectator grass mounds can also provide good viewing areas
- » hard surfaces should be minimised by developing the minimum number of sealed parking bays, and providing turf/unsealed overflow parking (for bigger spectator games, if required)
- » consideration to be made regarding noise and light spillage with regards to its impact on surrounding land uses
- » all field and court orientation to be north-south (or as close to as possible)
- » facility to include clubhouse with basic infrastructure that is suitable for a variety of uses. Clubhouse to be centrally located where possible. Internal spaces to include:
  - amenities, change rooms and public toilets
  - kitchen/kiosk
  - first aid, massage/strapping areas
  - office and storage
  - social area
- » flexible design to allow for multiple current (e.g. summer and winter sporting season) and future uses of the open space
- » design consideration to allow for potential alternative events and temporary uses (circus, festivals, event registration area)
- » consider collocating with local/town recreation open space - especially in smaller communities to maximise land efficiencies.



## Appendix two: Outcomes of community consultation

### Council workshop excerpts

The following information is material copied from workshops with Council held during development of the plan to inform them of community consultation results that were emerging. Additional information (surveys completed, survey results etc.) may have been compiled after presentation of this material, therefore some statistics quoted in the Plan may not match those provided in this appendix.

## Outcomes of community consultation - Council workshop excerpts

### Where do people recreate?

- » 50% recreate at home
- » 43% on local footpaths (walk/cycle)
- » 41% at swimming pools
- » 39% use local roads (walk/cycle)
- » Parks (37%) and Rail Trail (34%)
- » Boondooma Lake
- » Private property
- » Playgrounds
- » Lake Barambah
- » Gym/fitness centre
- » National or state park/forest
- » Rivers and creeks (Ficks Crossing)

### Key barriers?

- » 33% of respondents reported no barriers
- » The remaining 67% reported the following:
  - » lack of shade (34%)
  - » poor maintenance or unclean (29%)
  - » lack of connectivity between walk/cycle paths (21%)
  - » lack of variety (20%)
  - » lack of toilets (16%)

### Travel and affordability

- » need for travel was raised
- » affordability of sport participation
- » perception that travel is less in other areas
- » perception that sport is 'cheaper' in other areas

### Highest value open spaces

- » spend quality time with family
- » natural setting
- » place to relax and unwind
- » interaction with natural environment
- » close to home
- » place to exercise
- » spend time with friends
- » appeal to the whole family

### Key upgrades?

- » more shade and shade trees
- » native plants / no annuals
- » Memorial Park, Kingaroy
- » dog off-leash area (fenced) – new and expanded
- » Fick's crossing
- » Boondooma and Bjeke-Petersen Dam

### Community use of schools

- » community access to school facilities varies
- » high school indoor courts valued
- » participation drops at age 14 particularly for females
- » database of sport coaches willing to work in area for active schools program
- » initiatives are school community specific e.g. bike riding
- » trend in declining sport skills (e.g. ball skills) and participation
- » budget impact by pools at Blackbutt and Preston

### Overall quality of opportunities

Percent of respondents rating very good and great:

- » Aquatic facilities 60%
- » Sport facilities 48%
- » Playgrounds 54%
- » Skate parks 29%
- » Natural bushland 52%
- » Places to relax and socialise 43%
- » Community halls/centres 44%
- » Activities for youth 17%
- » Activities for seniors 24%
- » Low cost/free physical activities/programs 17%

### Unnecessary parks/open spaces?

- » free camps – undermining revenue from clubs, commercial parks
- » Senior Citizens Centre ('duck pond park'), Kingaroy
- » Carew Park, Kingaroy
- » Ademann Park, Kingaroy
- » Autumn Park, Nanango
- » small under utilised 'pocket' parks

## Outcomes of sport club consultation - Council workshop excerpts

### Survey responses

- » 38 responses from broad spectrum of organisations including some arts/cultural
- » 71% of respondents have a lease/license or seasonal user agreement with Council
- » facilities are generally suitable except for shade, water and seating
- » 78% clubs reported that the 'same people volunteering/no new volunteers' was a high or medium issue
- » 63% groups offer social/casual competitions/ activities

### Membership

- » 71% of groups expect membership to increase over the next three years
- » 24% expect membership to remain the same
- » 5% expect membership to decrease
- » 55% reported 'falling membership' as an issue
- » lack of youth participation was a high or medium issue for 63% of clubs
- » lack of female participation was noted by 54%

### Facility improvements

- » Shade
- » Water security / irrigation
- » Field or court lighting
- » Toilet/change room upgrades/replacement
- » Use of sports grounds and tenure arrangement
- » Spare capacity at some fields and halls identified

### Relationships

- » 60% reported a good or very good relationship with Council
- » 82% reported a good or very good relationship with their peak body
- » 51% stated they did not receive any financial or training/education support from their peak body

## Key Findings - Council workshop excerpts

### Parks and playgrounds

- » Towns and villages have access to good/very good playground(s)
- » Broader range of age groups (5-12 years) catered for at some (e.g. climbing nets)
- » Evidence of 'ad hoc' development e.g. 3 x electric BBQs in one park
- » Quite a few parks and playgrounds are looking 'tired'
- » Lack of consistent signage and cross-promotion of parks and playgrounds
- » Opportunity to promote parks with different settings e.g. Carroll Nature Reserve, Mt Wooroolin

### Sport facilities

- » diverse range of opportunities within 30-40 minutes drive
- » lack of signage and directions – 'local knowledge'
- » Facebook pages, some websites, no Community Directory
- » varying condition of facilities reflecting organisation revenue, management and maintenance
- » facility maintenance and life of assets
- » water for irrigation and field lighting

### Natural areas and lookouts

- » Limited promotion to visitors
- » Mt Wooroolin – walk and mountain bike trails
- » Apex Park lookout – poor signage at playground end of park
- » Improved entry and internal signage to support exploration and navigation of Carroll Nature Reserve – interpretation and nature play - Hide 'n' Seek children's trail, 'Find the Fairies' trail

### Rail trail

- » Excellent facility with huge potential for outdoor recreation, nature-based and ecotourism
- » Use by locals and visitors increasing
- » Leverage economic benefits by supporting private investment in accommodation options, restaurants, cafés, bars, other recreation activities
- » Master planning to avoid ad hoc development and maintain 'point of difference'

### Walk and cycle

- » Most popular and participated in physical activities
- » Good pathway routes and circuits using internal park paths, footpaths and roads
- » PIP identifies 15 additional footpaths (1.5m wide) in Kingaroy, Nanango, Blackbutt, Kumbia and Proston
- » Consideration of shared paths (2.5m wide) and cycle ways to encourage active transport as well as exercise and recreation
- » Recommend additional planning for circuits
- » Residents and visitors don't see property boundaries

### Dams and water courses

- » Extensive opportunities at dams, lakes and natural water courses
- » Activation via private business is very positive e.g. fishing charters, competitions and kayaking
- » 'Get back to nature' / 'Returning to nature'
- » Opportunity to create outdoor recreation adventure parks – trails for walking, mountain biking, orienteering, regaining, ropes, slack line, rock climbing etc.

### National and state parks

- » Outdoor recreation opportunities
- » Partnership approach to offer extensive range of activities beyond what Council can offer
- » Range of settings and recreation experiences – different vegetation communities, trails, water features
- » Increase the number of overnight stays by providing an experience 'trail' through LGA

## Key Findings - Council workshop excerpts

### Challenges and opportunities

- » Current management capacity and resources are over-subscribed
- » Limited communication and promotion
- » Ageing assets and limited funds to renew/replace
- » Lack of planning resulting in ad hoc development and missed opportunities
- » Demographic realities particularly where growth is stagnant
- » Canvas for outstanding sport and recreation
- » commercial use permit system
- » programming and activation
- » walk and cycle paths and circuits
- » outdoor recreation – nature and ecotourism opportunities
- » shade trees and native plants (no annuals)

### Communication and promotion

- » What activities, where do they take place, when, who is welcome, how do I get involved?
- » Community Directory
- » Events – when, where, who, how much, food, parking, accommodation, kid friendly
- » Promotion – websites, Facebook, radio, community directory, Council events page

### Sporting facilities

- » Consistent lease, licence, seasonal agreements – clear policy applied consistently
- » Review grants and subsidies to ensure equity/proportion of community participating in sport
- » Council take increased role in asset condition assessments and maintenance
- » Reduce maintenance schedules on 'excess' sports grounds to reduce cost of service

### Parks and playgrounds

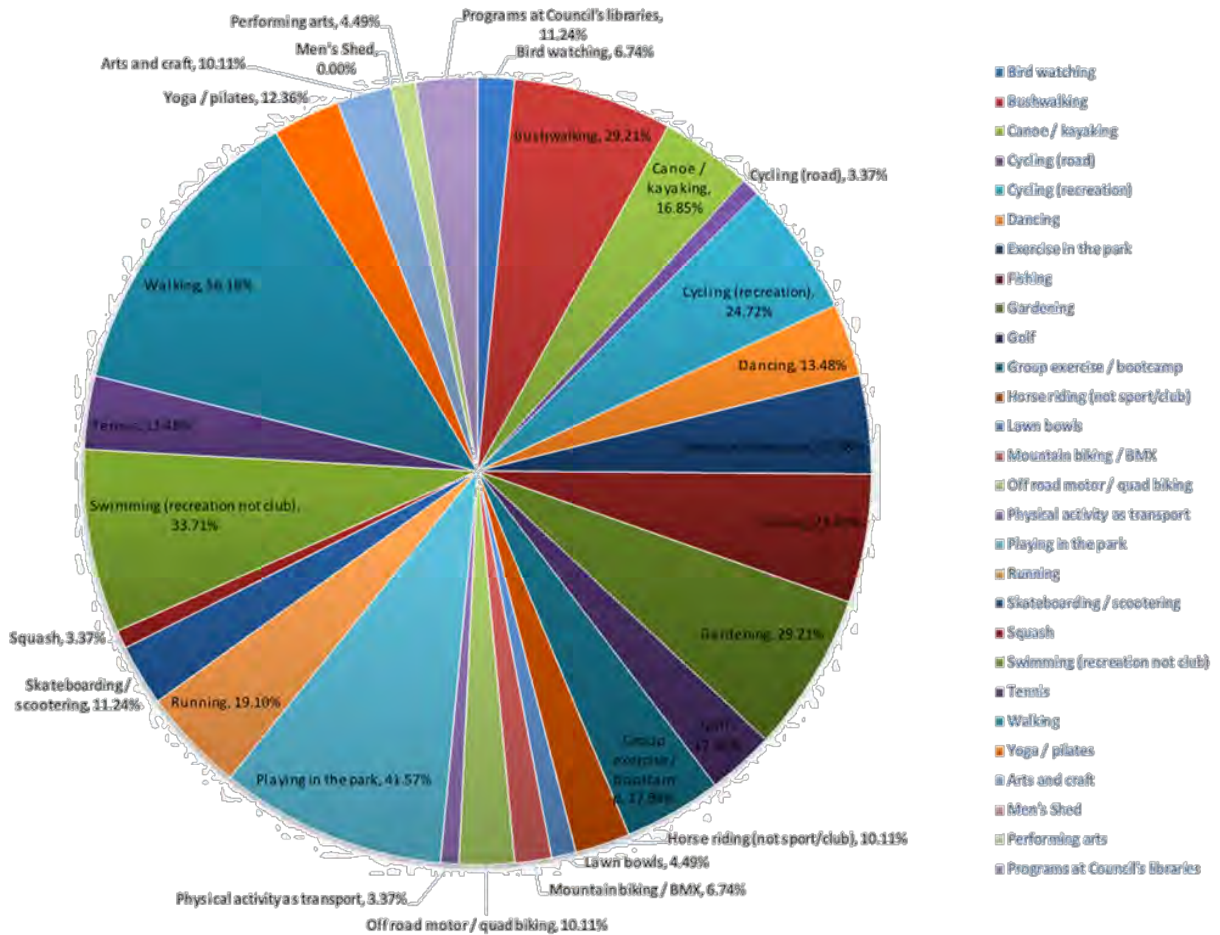
- » Establish a desired standard of service or needs based service for open space particularly sport and recreation parks
- » Establish the level of service (including embellishments) for parks and playground and communicate this to the community
- » Promotion of parks and playgrounds location and key facilities

### Outdoor recreation

- » Develop Master Plans identifying outdoor recreation opportunities for Lake Boondooma and Bjelke-Petersen Dam
- » Develop a brochure map detailing walk, cycle, mountain bike and rail trail opportunities across the LGA (hardcopy and pdf)
- » Partner with NPSR to identify authorised outdoor recreation opportunities and promote via website and hardcopy promotion materials



## 'What do you do for recreation/sport?' - Council workshop excerpts

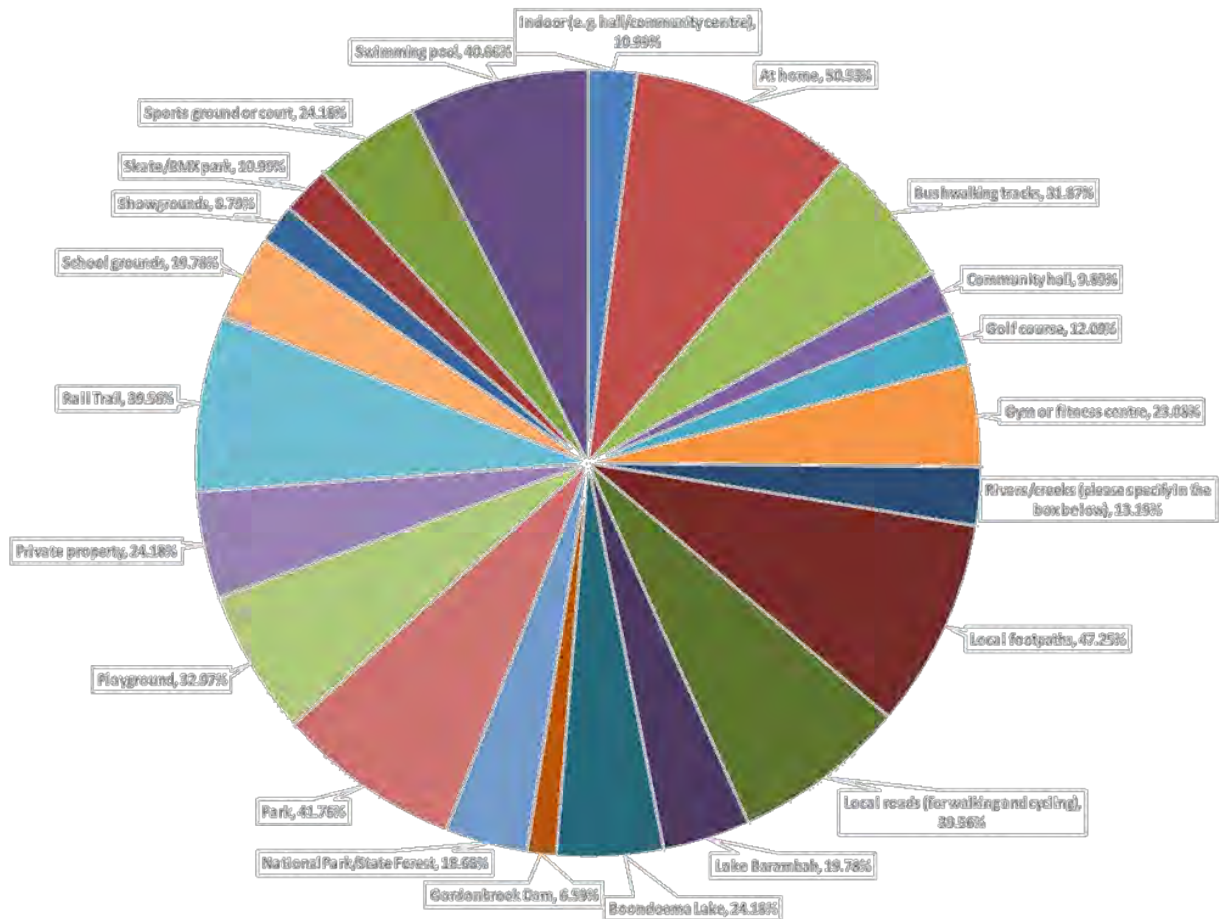


Summary of participation preferences as at November 2017





**‘At which parks, open space or facilities do you recreate?’  
- Council workshop excerpts**



Summary of park, open space and facility preferences as at November 2017

**How often do you visit? (from survey as at November 2017)**

- » 68.09% visit one or more times per week
- » 4.26% visit daily
- » 13.83% visit most days
- » 17.02% visit twice per week
- » 32.98% visit weekly
- » 3.19% visit fortnightly
- » 14.98% visit monthly
- » 12.77% visit rarely
- » 1.08% visit never

**Top three priorities (from surveys as at November 2017)**

- » Provision of places/facilities for young people
- » More community events in public parks
- » Improved quality of sports grounds/ovals/ courts



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**6.7 2022/2023 BUDGET - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - BLACK SUMMER BUSHFIRE****File Number: 15.02.2023****Author: Manager Community & Lifestyle****Authoriser: General Manager Finance and Corporate****PRECIS**

Review of the 2022/2023 Budget – Community - Black Summer Bushfire Project

**SUMMARY**

Under the *Local Government Regulations 2012* section 169, Council must prepare an annual budget each year. The information detailed in this report is for discussion of the 2022/2023 budget as it relates to the Community Development - Black Summer Bushfire Project.

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee recommend to Council;

That Council receive the proposed 2022-2023 budget update for the Community Black Summer Bushfire project and provide guidance for inclusion in the continued preparation of the full South Burnett Regional Council 2023-2024 annual budget.

**BACKGROUND**

The information detailed in this report is for discussion of 2022/2023 budget as it relates to Community Development - Black Summer Bushfire Project. This will also inform the 2023/24 budget as this project is funded over two financial years.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Blacksummer Bushfire Program - Projects**
2. **Project plan**



# Community Development 2023 Plan & Budget



## Quick re-cap of Black Summer Bushfire grant:

Total grant amount: \$1,600,000

### **Eligible Activities:**

Social Recovery and Resilience – Community development programs and activities to help affect individuals and communities to reconnect and support mental and physical well being and recovery from the immediate effects of the bushfire.

Economic Recovery and Resilience-projects that help the community (and not just an individual business) to recover from immediate economic impact of the bushfires by boosting employment and industries.

### **Project outcomes:**

A recovering South Burnett community that is more resilient to the impact of future bushfires and other natural hazards.

A local economy support emotional, social economic and physical well-being recovery needs of the South Burnett Community to build community resilience and capability.



## What is resilience and how do we measure improvements:

“the ability of groups of communities to cope with external stressors and disturbances as a result of social, political and environmental change”

There are two outcomes:

Bounce back – A community recovers to the point prior to the stressor

Bounce forward – A community recovers and moves to a forward point and can adapt to the change and shift into a new state after the stress.

*“Community Connection – Local Built” focuses on the “bounce forward” approach.*





# Social Recovery and Resilience Investment Stream



# South Burnett Regional Council Local Built Small Grants Program



- Round One of the Local Built Small Grants Program closed on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022. Eighteen local community organisations shared \$53,431.93.
- Round two of the Local Built Small Grants Program will open on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 with \$46,568.07 available.

**Budget: \$46,568.07**





## Show Society Grant Program

Aim: Local show grounds are used as alternate evacuation centers and gathering points to support community when in recovery.

South Burnett Regional Council is offering a grant program to the 6 local Show Societies that focuses on:

- Facilities Planning
- How to maximise financial viability
- Compliance /Planning requirements
- Understanding Native Title and other legislation

**Budget: \$50,000**

