





State Facilities Plan





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The Little Athletics Queensland State Facilities Plan provides all stakeholders in the little athletics community with a clear direction for future facility planning and development. It provides an analysis of existing provision and demand, projects future need and highlights key facility gaps and opportunities.

The Plan provides a snapshot of facility requirements in order to ensure a hierarchy of facilities across the State with the capacity to host all levels of little athletics. Importantly, there is no expectation for every centre to be looking to develop high-level facilities in order to host carnivals and championships. The focus for centres will continue to be providing for local athletes at an attractive venue.

One of the key considerations highlighted in the Plan is the vast differences in the delivery models undertaken by individual centres. Some centres conduct competitions on weekends while others prefer mid-week competitions. Some centres host regular training and coaching while others host little use outside a weekly competition. Importantly, the Plan encourages centres to continue developing facilities (and providing programs) that meet the needs of their local-level members.

In planning activities such as this one, it is common for sports facility demand to be determined using either a population standards model (e.g. 1 facility per 10,000 residents in a catchment) or a participation and capacity model (e.g. 1 facility per 150 competitors). Whilst these 'mathematical-type' approaches can be useful when planning new facilities in greenfield sites, they are not an accurate approach for planning for existing facilities as they do not necessarily reflect the popularity of a sport in a particular location given historical preferences (quite simply athletics is more popular in some locations than others), quality of facilities provided and quality of coaching and programs (product) provided.

Further, defining a 'facility' for little athletics (and athletics) is not straightforward. While a 5-lane 200m grass track might be a completely appropriate 'facility' for a small remote centre, the same 'facility' would be completely unworkable for a very large metropolitan centre. Therefore, to try and identify a model using facility per competitor or facility per resident catchment is not a worthwhile assessment activity. Rather, individual consultation has been undertaken with each centre and supported by detailed discussions with Little Athletics Queensland officers and inspections of many of the centre facilities.

In reality, funding future facility development will fall upon local centres, councils and the Queensland State Government. Therefore, it has been a key consideration of the Plan to provide realistic and achievable outcomes. The Plan has identified a small number of existing centres where re-location is considered a preferred outcome. A number of these proposed relocations are a result of difficulties with existing facilities (e.g. Toowoomba South) or where higher quality nearby facilities have become available or are under construction (e.g. Hervey Bay).

The Plan also highlights existing communities (missing links) where opportunity exists to establish or re-establish a little athletics centre (e.g. Chinchilla). Finally, demand for new centre development given population projections has also highlighted future areas for consideration (e.g. Flagstone). Actions relating to relocations and new centre establishment (or re-establishment) are included in the adjoining table.

To guide development of existing and new centres, the Plan includes a hierarchy that articulates indicative facility inclusions at centre-, regional- and state (and beyond)-level. It is important to note, that these benchmarks should only be considered as a guide with ultimate facility development reflective of the manner in which the centre operates, availability of space and land attributes and access to necessary funding and resources. To assist centres, the Plan recommends that Little Athletics Queensland prepare a simple facility development template that centres can complete to guide facility planning and development.



Action	Priority	Lead	LAQ's role
Liaise closely with key stakeholders from identified centres where potential relocations have been identified. Boyne Tannum Centenary (longer-term) Hervey Bay Redlands Souths Texas Toowoomba South	High	LAQ Identified centres	Strategic direction
Prepare a simple facility development plan template that centres can complete to guide facility planning and development. Encourage the centres to use the State Facilities Plan as a guiding tool and for facility planning to become a standing agenda item at centre committee meetings	High	LAQ	Provider
Prepare a list of potential new centres and include promotion and establishment processes in relevant staff work programs. Aura (Caloundra South) Chinchilla Coomera Flagstone Forest Lake (or Springfield-Springfield Lakes) Millmerran Oakey Ripley Yarrabilba	High	LAQ New centre committees	Provider Strategic direction Partner
Where new centres are forecast, liaise closely with relevant council officers to ensure suitable locations (including opportunities at local education facilities) are investigated	High	LAQ Councils	Strategic direction Partner
Encourage new centres to use the centre-level facility benchmarks (hierarchy 1) as a guide to facility requirements. LAQ staff to work closely with all new committees and landlords (generally councils and education facilities) to ensure suitable facility planning and development is undertaken	High	LAQ New centre committees Councils	Strategic direction Partner



Introduction and purpose

Little Athletics Queensland recognises that its members and volunteers deserve access to quality facilities in order to enjoy their little athletics experiences. Additionally, the ongoing growth of the sport depends on the provision of facilities suitable for all levels of competition (and training) including local-, regional- and state-level. For this reason, in late 2017, ROSS Planning was engaged to prepare a State Facilities Plan. The Plan will become the key guiding document for facility-related decision-making for both Little Athletics Queensland and the centres. It will link capacity standards with existing and future demand and clearly identify those centres currently based at inappropriate facilities.

In essence, the project will address:

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- ideally, what would the facilities look like for each centre (and are there suitable regional-, state- and national-level facilities available across the State)?
- what actions are required to move toward preferred facility outcomes?

Backed by evidence-based directions and rigour, the Plan will be an important tool for facility managers (predominantly councils and education facilities), providing clarity and guidance relating to facility planning and development initiatives. The Plan will also provide impetus for ongoing discussions between centres and their facility managers and ensure targeted resource allocation.

For ease of interpretation, the detailed analysis for the Plan has been presented alphabetically by region.

Delivery of athletics in Queensland

There are two key pathways for participation in athletics in Queensland - association-based system and school-based system. Within the association-based system there are two peak bodies: Little Athletics Queensland (LAQ) and Queensland Athletics (QA).

Association-based delivery

In 2017, there were more than 23,000 registered athletes between LAQ and QA¹. Additionally, there are tens of thousands of parents, officials, volunteers and coaches involved in the sport each week.

For LAQ, participation is based on a traditional 'club-based' model with athletes meeting weekly at their home venue to undertake competition. A majority of centres also provide some form of training (coaching) on a regular basis at the home venue. The 'club' approach is not as strong in QA (particularly in South East Queensland) with athletes travelling to key venues to train where their preferred coach is based rather than being linked to a geographical club location. Additionally, athletes attend competitions at various high-level facilities conducted by facility managers and peak bodies rather than being bound to club-based competitions.

Clear representative pathways exist for both association-based systems. For LAQ, athletes compete at centre level; can undertake regional-level participation in relays, individual events and multi-events; and depending on results can qualify for state-level championships. Additionally, athletes in the U13 and U15 age groups have an opportunity to compete at a national-level annually. Finally, LAQ also conducts a range of high-level carnivals open to all athletes (e.g. Spring and Summer Carnival). For QA, athletes can compete at regular weekly meets and carnivals, State Championships (in individual events, relays and multi-events) and can qualify for National Championships (and higher honours) in individual events and multi events.

The Plan focuses on little athletics centres and their facilities. However, the need for higher-level facilities to meet QA demand and to ensure venues are available for higher-level little athletics carnivals has also been considered.

School-based delivery

Athletics remains one of the core sports offered to all children in the Queensland school system. As the peak body, Queensland School Sport (through its Primary School and Secondary School Track and Field Committees) oversees the representative pathway for athletics. Opportunity exists for students aged 10 to 19 years to represent school sport districts, regions and potentially Queensland.

In the vast majority of cases, the facilities used for school district, regional and state events are also used for LAQ and QA training and competition.

It is recognised that there will be a number of dual-registered young athletes included in these figures





Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (QSAC)

The Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (located at Nathan in Brisbane) is a focus point for high-level athletics training and competition. The venue includes two international standard athletics facilities (a 48,500 seat main stadium and a 2,100 seat State Athletics Facility). It is one of only two locations in Australia with access to two adjoining synthetic facilities of this nature.

QSAC is heavily used for training at all levels throughout the year. Additionally, it hosts the full range of events across both the associationand school-based systems:

- - regional relays and championships
 - state carnivals and championships
- □ QA
 - regular shield meets
 - state championships
 - national series meets
- □ School sport
 - individual school carnivals
 - inter-school carnivals (e.g. Greater Public Schools and Associated Independent Colleges)
 - district school carnivals
 - regional school carnivals
 - State school championships.

It should also be noted that venues such as Townsville Sports Reserve, Barlow Park (Cairns) and the Griffith University (Gold Coast) also host state-level (and above) events on occasion.







Understanding facility demand

State-wide participation

In 2017, there were 100 LAQ centres operating across the State. This represents participation of more than 13,000 little athletes. Additionally, QA report a 2017 athlete membership base of 10,000. With almost 5,000 QA participants age-appropriate for little athletics there will be a number of young athletes dual-registered between the two organisations.

Participation in athletics (particularly junior athletics) is far greater than this number with more than 100,000 school students involved in athletics carnivals each year (yet not members of either peak association).

The Australian Sports Commission's AusPlay survey results for 2017 indicates that in Queensland more than 50,000 children and 128,000 adults were involved in organised athletics throughout the year. However, it is important to note that for the purposes of the survey 'athletics' includes both track and field and jogging and running. The large participation in organised running activities such as Parkrun account for much of the differences between the QA and LAQ membership and the AusPlay results.

Participation trends

Between 2014 and 2017, LAQ membership decreased from 14,609 to 13,282. Across this time period, QA report a membership increase of more than 2,000 participants (from 7,805 to 9,980). However, QA note that a large component of this increase is registrations related to road running. Indeed, across this four year span, the number of Under 14 athletes increased by only 4 while open and masters membership increased by almost 1,700 (accounting for the bulk of the increases).

It is somewhat difficult to interpret what these participation trends mean for facility planning and development. For many years, LAQ have seen participation wax and wane depending on Olympic cycles (with peaks in Olympic years before a slight drop-off). Participation in 2016 (an Olympic year) was notably higher than 2017. A number of centres are predicting significant increases in the coming season given the success of the recent Commonwealth Games (and notable success in athletics). As the Plan highlights, there are very few centres expecting any further decreases in membership.

There is also potential that recent membership decreases may be a result of current facility standards. While there are many centres operating at venues with quality facilities, there are also those with inappropriate facilities such as tracks with significant humps and hollows, worn uneven grass long jump and triple jump approaches and/or aged amenities. In these instances, implementation of the high priority facility actions indicated in the Plan are likely to see a return to higher levels of participation.

Importantly, LAQ is confident that the sport includes a range of quality products. A recent centre survey undertaken by LAQ highlights general satisfaction of the existing little athletics 'climate'. Not to rest on its laurels, LAQ is currently reviewing future product delivery such as regional boundaries and regional event delivery. This review will sit alongside the State Facilities Plan as a key guiding package to ensure renewed enthusiasm and membership growth in the sport.











Forward planning

LAQ's 2017-2019 Strategic Plan highlights a range of key performance indicators under four key goals:

- 1 Athlete participation, programs and services (increase athlete participation through the provision of quality programs and services)
- 2 Centre support and development (increase the capacity of centres to deliver high-quality activities)
- ☐ 3 Marketing and communication (improve the marketability of little athletics and communication with all stakeholders)
- 4 Governance and internal capability (ensure best practice governance and enhance internal organisational capacity).

While the importance of ensuring appropriate facilities and a quality product can indirectly be attributed across the four goals, it is most clearly linked to Goal 2. This goal highlights the importance of regularly visiting centres, identifying areas of growth, developing this Plan and articulating venue requirements for centres. LAQ clearly understands the key links between the provision of attractive facilities, retaining a quality little athletics product and maintaining and growing a strong membership base.

Whilst most sports facility planning approaches simply look at state-wide participation rates and then apply this as a blanket approach across all areas (centres), this Plan has included direct contact with everyone of the 100 centres across the State. The Plan reflects the individual nuances of each centre and locality. As the Plan identifies, the delivery of little athletics is flexible and centres have melded the product to ensure best-fit for their local communities. In some instances, this may involve weekend competitions, while others prefer mid-week night competitions; others provide training opportunities on most days, while some include training as part of the weekly competition. Regardless, the individual centre-based facility demand analysis undertaken for the Plan ensures tailored approaches important to each centre.







Facility hierarchy

A tiered approach to facility hierarchy has been developed to assist LAQ, centres and facility managers (predominantly education facilities and councils) in determining current and future facility requirements. Importantly, given that some centres have more than 500 members whilst many others have less than 30, the Plan does not include a single hierarchy for local-level (centre) facilities. Instead, it outlines a facility benchmark to guide track and field facility requirements for different sized centres.

Similarly, it would be simpler to allocate a 'strict' facility tier type to participant numbers (e.g. a centre with 250 members requires at least 3 concrete shot put circles). However, this approach is not reflective of the manner in which centres run their operations. For instance:

- centres offer between 4 and 6 events each week (depending on the facilities available and the size of the centre)
 some centres conduct a shorter program on a mid-week afternoon whilst others use lights or compete on weekends in order to spread the competition over a longer time period
- some centres conduct their competitions with smaller numbers in more groups whilst others combine age groups to create fewer groups with larger numbers
- □ some centres provide training (coaching) opportunities on every day of the week while others may not provide anything in addition to the weekly competition.

Importantly, none of these approaches are necessarily 'right or wrong'. It is what the centre is offering as best-fit for that individual community.

Regardless, the provision of a facility hierarchy (and facility benchmarks for local-level) can be used as an indicative guide for facility development decision-makers.

Hierarchy 1 - Centre-level facility benchmarks

Hierarchy 1 facilities are the bases for weekly centre activity. Given their importance to the delivery of little athletics across the State, this Plan has largely focussed on Hierarchy 1 facility considerations.

As noted previously, it is not possible to allocate a single standard expectation for this hierarchy. Some associations are small enough that they can operate well with a single grass throws circle, single grass LJ/TJ approach and 5-lane 200m track, while other very large associations may be based at full IAAF standard facilities. Regardless, the facility inclusions should reflect the centre's preferred operating model and provide opportunities for potential growth. Tracks should be well grassed and largely free from humps and hollows, level areas should be provided for high jump and javelin and throws areas should provide a suitable throwing surface and large enough landing area to ensure safety. Where lighting is provided it should be to a minimum 75 lux (for training purposes) and 200 lux (for competitions).

Importantly, all facilities require suitable ancillary facilities to meet the needs of participants, volunteers and spectators. Suitable access to nearby amenities is a key requirement for local-level facilities (particularly given that the vast majority of little athletics participants are young children). In many instances, needing to travel more than 300m to access a toilet may be too far if a young athlete needs to make it to the toilet in a hurry.

Ensuring suitable storage areas is a key consideration for little athletics facilities. Items such as high jump mats and hurdles are very bulky and can quickly fill smaller equipment sheds and containers. For most centres, the provision of a three-bay shed with extra height opening roller doors will provide sufficient room for two sets of flop mats and two sets of scissor mats, full set of hurdles and all other equipment. For large centres and centres with mowers, tractors or gators, larger sheds (or multiple sheds) will be necessary.

Some centres will run a canteen, while others may simply bring eskies and use a barbecue. Others may choose not to offer a canteen at all. Where food preparation is undertaken it should meet necessary local government hygiene requirements.

Suitable car parking is also a key consideration. Unlike many sports, little athletics relies very heavily on volunteer participation from parents and carers. As a result, it is unusual for participants to be 'dropped off' resulting in the need for significant car parking. Clearly, the amount of car parking required will be proportional to the size of the centre. Centres generating car parking requirements for up to 100 vehicles (e.g. up to 150 athletes) will generally find adequate on-road spaces in adjoining streets. Larger centres will require specific off-road car parks. Further, facilities that host carnivals such as district school events or regional little athletics events may require access to areas for overflow parking during the event. Unlike team sports where there is significant vehicle movement at the end and beginning of each round of fixtures, for weekly little athletics competitions, the bulk of vehicles will arrive and leave at similar times (further highlighting the need for suitable parking areas).

Finally, it should be recognised that many council's are developing sporting facilities on former landfill sites. While these often large open spaces may provide suitable land area for development, it is important that centres recognise the potential that these sites can greatly impact opportunities for (and cost of) infrastructure development - particularly for items such as field lighting, discus cage supports and buildings such as canteen and amenities.

The benchmark table provided on the adjoining page should be considered as a guideline only. Depending on how centres operate, varying facility inclusions may be required.





Hierarchy I - Centre-level facility benchmarks (guidelines only)

Element	Centre membership				
	Up to 50	51-150	151-300	301+	
Track	5-lane 200m (with 100m straight or separate area)	8-lane 400m	8-lane 400m with opportunity for front and back straight events	8-lane 400m with opportunity for front and back straight events (and potential extra straight)	
Long jump/triple jump	Single approach (grass)	Two approaches (grass or synthetic)	Two approaches (synthetic)	Four approaches (potentially dual-ended synthetic)	
High jump	Single approach (grass)	Two grass (or synthetic) approaches	Three grass (or synthetic) approaches	Four grass (or synthetic) approaches	
Discus ¹ /shot put ²	One concrete circle for each	One concrete circle for each	Two concrete circles for each	Two concrete circles for each	
Javelin ³	One grass approach	One grass approach	Two grass (or synthetic) approaches	Two grass (or synthetic) approaches	
Lighting ⁴	Minimum 75 lux for trainin	Minimum 75 lux for training and 200 lux for competition across all track and field event areas where provided			
Amenities	2 pedestals	4 pedestals	8 pedestals	10 pedestals	
Storage ⁵	2 bays	2 to 3 bays	3 to 4 bays	4+ bays	
Canteen ⁶	Non-essential	Small servery	Medium servery	Large servery	
Parking	Approx. 30 spaces	Approx. 90 spaces	Approx. 180 spaces	200+ spaces	
Spectators	Shaded spectator seating near each event site and finish line. However, ideally, most spectators are assisting as age marshals and at event sites				
Others	Level grassed area for tiny tots and game-based development activities Covered area for marshalling, games and coaching activities				

- 1 Preference for a discus landing area of at least 50m in length. While this will be sufficient for the vast majority of throwers, it is not uncommon for 40m+ throwers to skid the discus beyond 50m and for occasional throwers to throw further than 50m
- 2 Preference for a shot put landing area of at least 16m in length. While this will be sufficient for the vast majority of throwers, it is not uncommon for 10m+ throwers to roll the shot beyond 16m and for occasional throwers to throw further than 16m
- 3 Preference for a javelin landing area of at least 50m in length. While this will be sufficient for the vast majority of throwers, it is not uncommon for 40m+ throwers to slide the javelin beyond 50m and for occasional throwers to throw further than 50m
- 4 Lighting is clearly not an essential inclusion at all facilities. While lit fields provide opportunities to train and compete in a more comfortable climate, and broadens the scope of operating times for the centre, reaching suitable lighting levels across all event areas requires multiple light poles and is a costly exercise. The standards outlined above are based on guidance provided by the IAAF. There are currently no Australian Standards specifically designed for athletics. Australian Standard AS2560 Sports Lighting provides clear standards for a number of sporting codes (but not athletics). AS2560.2.3 provides lighting specifications for the football codes and may be considered the 'closest' sport to athletics of those that have an Australian Standard. Minimum lux levels for the football codes are 50 lux for training and 100 lux for club competition. Centres considering lighting their facilities, should consult with specialist sports field lighting designers regarding best-fit designs for their venue
- 5 Largely dependent on the number of bulky items such as high jump mats, hurdles, tractors and/or mowers
- 6 Many centres will function with a simple servery with pre-packaged items rather than a 'traditional' canteen (or with no canteen or servery at all). This is completely a centre decision

Centre facility functions

Hierarchy 1 facilities can function in a number of ways depending on facility inclusions:

- □ LAQ centre training and weekly competition
- □ LAQ regional relays and championships
- $\ \square$ LAQ inter-centre events and carnivals
- ☐ District and regional school events.

It is also important to note that there are a small number of centres based at IAAF-certified facilities (such as the Cairns centre at Barlow Park, West Bundaberg at the Bundaberg Super Park athletics facility and the University of Sunshine Coast Centre at the university athletics facility). While these facilities host centres, they are also (potentially) capable of hosting high-level events such as QA meets and LAQ State Championships.



Hierarchy 2 - Regional-level facility expectations

Hierarchy 2 facilities are those facilities appropriate for hosting regional levels events such as LAQ regional relays and regional championships. Here again, there are wide variances in what facilities will be required to host each regional-level event. Currently, half of the 12 regional championship events are actually smaller than a number of weekly centre competitions. Centres such as Deception Bay, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Jimboomba and University of the Sunshine Coast each have over 400 members whilst all four of the of the winter regional championships and the Central Coast and Downs and South West regional events attract 300 or fewer competitors. As a result, in most instances the facilities listed as hierarchy 1 facilities for centres of 300+ will be appropriate for most regional events. In fact, a number of regions prefer to rotate their regional events between centres with the capacity to host and simply hire-in any additional requirements (such as port-a-loos and shade for marshalling areas).

Regional-level facility expectations				
Facility requirements	Facility functions	Examples		
□ 8-lane 400m track □ Four □/TJ approaches (potentially synthetic) □ Up to four grass (or synthetic) HJ approaches □ Two concrete SP circles □ Two concrete DIS circles □ Two grass (or synthetic) JAV approaches □ Minimum of 10 pedestals □ Canteen with large servery □ Minimum of 200 car parking spaces (over 500 spaces required for the larger regional events)	□ LAQ centre training and weekly competition □ LAQ regional relays and championships □ LAQ inter-centre events and carnivals □ District and regional school events	☐ Albert Park (Gympie) ☐ Glynis Nunn-Cearns Oval (Toowoomba) ☐ Brian Johnston Athletics Track (Ashmore, Gold Coast)		







Hierarchy 3 - State-level (and beyond) facility expectations

Hierarchy 3 facilities are capable of hosting all levels of little athletics events (and the majority of QA events). These facilities meet IAAF Class 2 certification (as a minimum).

As noted in the hierarchy 1 description, there are currently three centres basing their weekly operations at facilities of this nature. Further, with more facilities at this level recently constructed, under construction or planned for construction across the State it is likely that additional centres will relocate to these higher-level venues. Assuming suitable facility access and tenure arrangements can be established, centres being based at high quality facilities is considered a positive approach helping to ensure a quality product.

It is important to note, however, that the establishment of venues at this level does not necessarily mean that they will host high-level events. For these types of events, the provision of a suitable venue is only one consideration when assessing potential hosts. Issues such as a suitable range of accommodation and access to transport (particularly airports) are also key items for deliberation. The reality is, that the vast majority of state-level (and beyond) events will continue to be conducted in South East Queensland given the current concentration of members, access to suitable venues, accommodation and transport alternatives.



Facility requirements	Facility functions	Examples
□ 8-lane 400m track □ Four LJ/TJ synthetic approaches □ Two synthetic HJ fans □ Two concrete SP circles □ Two concrete DIS circles with permanent cages □ Two synthetic JAV approaches □ Lighting to at least 200 lux □ Photofinish booth □ Administration and announcing area □ Officials' room □ Both amenities and changeroom facilities □ Large canteen □ Minimum of 800 car parking spaces within walking distance	□ LAQ centre, regional and state events □ QA local shield meets, state championships, national series meets, national championships and area meets □ District, regional and state school events □ Inter-school carnivals	□ Barlow Park (Cairns) □ Townsville Sports Reserve (Townsville) □ University of Queensland (St Lucia) □ Griffith University (Gold Coast)
Additional facilities required for QA events: steeple chase water jump hammer cage		





Facility demand

Methods of assessment

As previously noted, it is common for sports facility demand to be determined using either a population standards model (e.g. 1 facility per 10,000 residents in a catchment) or a participation and capacity model (e.g. 1 facility per 150 competitors). Whilst these 'mathematical-type' approaches can be useful when planning new facilities in greenfield sites, they are not an accurate approach for planning for existing facilities as they do not necessarily reflect the popularity of a sport in a particular location given historical preferences (quite simply athletics is more popular in some locations than others), quality of facilities provided and quality of coaching and programs (product) provided.

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This Plan has also identified vast differences in the delivery models undertaken by individual centres. As noted earlier, some centres conduct competitions on weekends while others prefer mid-week competitions. Some centres host regular training and coaching while others host little use outside a weekly competition.

The development of this Plan has involved inspection of many centre facilities combined with consultation with representatives from each centre. As a result, the facility demand assessments recognise and reflect the individual nuances of each centre (rather than rely upon standards and capacity modelling).









Over-arching facility demand considerations Survey results

A facility survey was distributed to every centre to appreciate centre activities and facility demand perceptions. 87 surveys were completed (87% of centres). Non-respondents were sent reminders on multiple occasions (over a five month period) and were eventually called to complete the surveys over the phone.

Membership expectations

- □ It is exciting to see that less than 5% of respondents note expectations of membership decreases across the next 3 years (despite many of the centres experiencing decreases in recent years). Almost 50% are predicting membership to remain steady whilst more than 45% are predicting increases. Key reasons for these predictions include:
 - impacts from the 2018 Commonwealth Games
 - local population increases
 - planned facility upgrades
 - strong committees
 - targeted promotion.

Development plans

□ It is concerning that almost 80% of centres do not currently have a development (or business) plan. This may mean that the centre can be somewhat rudderless jumping from one decision or priority to the next as committee personnel change. This is of particular concern where the lack of clear direction stifles necessary facility upgrades.

Facility suitability

Respondents were asked to rate the suitability of a range of facilities at their venues. Thirteen different facility types were included in the list (e.g. track, discus, LI/TJ, canteen).

☐ Not a single one of the 13 facility types was considered more not suitable than suitable

- ☐ Toilets were considered the most unsuitable of the facility types with 32.6% indicating not suitable while more than 60% rated toilets as suitable or exceeds needs
- More than 40% of respondents did not have access to a clubhouse or lighting (although this was also not a regular request for facility development for those centres currently without)

Considered together, these facility suitability results reflect an overall positive state of play with regard to facility provision.

A simple comparison between suitability ratings for centres based at a council facility against centres based at an education facility highlights a number of key findings:

- usuitability of all track and field events facilities was similar (indicating that whether a centre is based at an education facility or council facility they can develop the competition facilities required to meet requirements)
- centres based at education facilities were particularly pleased with their access to amenities, suitable storage and parking
- centres based at council facilities were particularly pleased with their access to canteens, clubhouses and facility lighting.

Facility improvements

Respondents listed their top 3 facility improvements. The findings below represent these top 3 priorities being combined. The 5 most frequent responses were:

□ LJ/TJ approaches (new and upgrades)
 □ DIS/SP facility development
 □ Installation of lights
 □ Provision of additional storage
 □ Toilet upgrades (updates)
 33%
 24%
 23%
 □ Toilet upgrades (updates)

As an indication of survey validity, these facility priorities largely reflect those facilities identified as suitable/unsuitable from an earlier question in the survey (and findings from facility inspections).

Offering training (coaching)

☐ Almost 80% of centres provide some form of training (coaching) in addition to the regular competition. This indicates the need for flexible well-planned facilities. For example, it is far easier to teach the basics of ☐ and ☐ using the length of the pit (and having six or more athletes always active) rather than having only one or two athletes at a time using the traditional run-ups.

Hosting carnivals

□ 60% of respondents indicated that they had conducted higher-level carnivals, highlighting that many have appropriate facilities.

Discussing facility development

In a positive sign for facility development, 80% of respondents had undertaken discussions with their landlords and almost two thirds noted this as a positive experience (many centres listed the facility upgrades achieved or being planned for through these negotiations).



Queensland Athletics - preferred facility directions

As the key provider for track and field opportunities for adults and masters athletes and also delivering a range of products and pathways for junior athletes (from 12 to 19 years), Queensland Athletics plays a key role in driving facility demand across the State (alongside Little Athletics Queensland).

The clear preference for QA is for more athletes and coaches having access to training and competition at synthetic venues. Ideally, IAAF-certified facilities would be available in the majority of larger regional centres across the State, with a mix of local-level and higher-level synthetic venues available in South East Queensland. Where suitable access to a synthetic facility cannot be achieved, it is important that quality grass venues are available.

With quality venues now available in Cairns, Townsville and Bundaberg and a new facility under construction in Mackay, QA highlight the only missing links as Rockhampton and (potentially) Gladstone. Highlighting synergies between the two peak bodies, it is interesting to note that the little athletics centres in Rockhampton (and Yeppoon) and Gladstone have highlighted their desire for investigations into the development of a synthetic facility.

In South East Queensland, higher-level facilities exist at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, University of Queensland, Sports Super Centre (Gold Coast) and Griffith University (Gold Coast). While QSAC will remain the focus for high-level events (with its two facilities and high-level support infrastructure) regular events can continue to be provided at the other facilities.

Athletes and coaches in South East Queensland may also have access to a number of lower-level synthetic facilities based at schools (depending on the school's preferred access arrangements). While these facilities may include IAAF-certified track and field event areas, they do not necessarily have the required support infrastructure (photofinish facilities, official and administration areas, spectator seating, canteen and parking) for hosting higher-level events.

Facilities have been located at Nudgee College (Brisbane) and The Glennie School (Toowoomba) for many years. More recently, facilities have been constructed at Somerset College (Gold Coast) and Sheldon College (Redlands) with construction also shortly due to commence on facilities at Canterbury College (Logan) and Ormiston College (Redlands). There are also additional private schools in South East Queensland known to be seeking funding for the development of synthetic athletics facilities.

What does this mean for little athletics?

Assuming suitable access and tenure arrangements can be established, it would be preferable for a little athletics centre to be based at each of these synthetic facilities. While hire fees may appear restrictive at the higher-level venues, there are currently centres based at Barlow Park (Cairns), Bundaberg Super Park and the University of Sunshine Coast. Centres being based at private schools with synthetic facilities is also an attractive prospect. There are a number of centres currently in negotiation with private schools that have developed (or are planning) synthetic facilities.

Additional support from LAQ may be required to assist centres establish suitable access, tenure and management arrangements with synthetic facility managers.











Key directions

Continued focus on event facilities

It was pleasing to note that LJ/TJ approaches, suitable SP/DIS facilities and facility lighting were the top three facility priorities noted in the survey results. The reality is that it is these track and field event areas are where the actual sport of little athletics (athletics) is undertaken. These facilities need to be attractive and safe to ensure high levels of member retention and to provide an attractive product to potential new members.

While there is no doubt that support facilities such as canteens and clubhouses can also add to the quality of the facility, it is far more financially viable for centres to be focussed on upgrades such as synthetic jump approaches and permanent discus cages than it is to be chasing high-level canteens and clubhouses. Ultimately, parents and athletes are likely to be more impressed if the facility has quality track and field event areas rather than be concerned whether their burger was served from a barbecue under a shed awning rather than a commercial kitchen in a canteen.

Whilst the provision of quality spectator facilities (e.g. covered tiered seating) is a key component of sports facility planning, it is not a focus area for little athletics centre facility planning. The reality is that a really successful centre will not have many 'spectators'. It will have engaged parents and carers moving from event to event and helping out as age marshals, timekeepers, pit rakers etc.

Higher-level facilities

As previously noted, one of the outputs for the Plan was to identify whether each region had access to a suitable standard facility for hosting regional-level events. With two of the regional championships attracting less than 100 participants each, another four attracting less than 350 and yet four over 600 (indeed there are a number closer to 1,000 for regional relays) there are vast differences in the facility requirements for each regional event. Additionally, there are some regions where one or two preferred high-level venues are used (e.g. Met West and South East) while others look to rotate the events around centres

There are venues across each region that generally meet the requirements for a hierarchy 2 facility (regional-level). In some instances, additional facilities such as port-a-loos are required to ensure a smoothly run event.

While regions have the ability to determine their preferred delivery models for regional events (relays and championships), the use of a synthetic facility (where it exists within the region) should not be down-played. For a number of athletes, regional-level events may be the pinnacle standard they attend. Athletes, parents and carers that do not usually have access to a synthetic facility expect something 'different' for events of this nature. Competing at a synthetic facility can be an exciting experience for many and can assist to ensure quality product delivery.

It is recognised that rotating events within a region allows for canteen sales to be shared and for the event to be moved around geographically. However, with synthetic facilities available in 10 of the 12 regions, hosting high-level events at these facilities should be a key consideration.

Individual approaches

Following on from a preference for higher-level events being conducted at synthetic facilities, centres should also continue to focus on centre-level demand rather than looking to develop additional facilities in order to host regional events. All planned upgrades should reflect centre requirements. For instance, if a small centre is running well with only one DIS circle and cage, resources should not be wasted to develop a second facility simply to be able to bid to host regional championships.

Also, if a centre has an innovative approach to facility provision that will meet their needs, than that should be considered. If a centre has a desire for well-shaded events spaces and has the room available, why not build shade structures and plant trees in the middle of the track (e.g. Browns Plains). Or a centre could build a solid roof structure over a number of throwing circles built close together to provide an all-weather SP and DIS facility.

Ultimately, centre resources are always likely to be stretched - so they should be used to develop facilities that will help to support existing members and to facilitate centre growth.

Flexible delivery

While sports such as cricket, netball and the various football codes all have set requirements for how competition should be delivered in Australia (e.g. set field dimensions, standard rules, set match times), there is far more flexibility in how little athletics is delivered and the facilities required. As identified in the Plan, one of the more attractive facets of little athletics is that it allows individual nuances to exist between centres

As noted above, there are opportunities for flexibility in facility planning and development. Innovative opportunities may include:

- ☐ shade within the track area
- covered area for throws and/or long lengths of concrete to facilitate throws training
- ☐ constructing □/TJ pits away from fencing to allow the full length of the pit to be used as a coaching area
- developing undercover areas for delivering game-based activities and technical work
- ensuring back straights are developed to allow an additional area for shorter sprints and hurdles races.

Continued negotiations

It is pleasing to note the high proportion of centres that have held discussions with their landlords (council and schools) regarding demand for facility upgrades and facility planning. Many respondents listed off the facilities that had been achieved (or that had been agreed to for future funding) through these discussions. Even better - very few centres noted negative experiences (other than being told there was no funding available in the current budget).

In those instances where negotiating with landlords proves problematic, there are a number of avenues that can be pursued:

- inviting councillors, council officers or key school administration staff to centre competitions so they can see first-hand the facility issues being raised
- adding a little more 'strength' to the discussions by including senior LAQ staff in negotiations.

Quality (well-planned) negotiations can go a long way to achieving facility upgrades in a timely manner.





Upgrades and sinking funds

Sporting organisations that manage specialist synthetic surfaces such as athletics tracks and hockey venues are becoming more proficient at setting up sinking funds to ensure that adequate resources are available for full resurfacing at the end of its useful life. While there are no centres that 'own' their facilities, all can take a more proactive approach to facility upgrades by budgeting for asset management.

Inspections and survey results clearly highlighted that in many instances facilities such as synthetic LI/TJ approaches and DIS cages are left to become unsafe and in poor condition before being replaced. The clear reality is that facility upgrades (as opposed to developing new facilities that more directly increase participation) are lower on both the local and State Government funding priority list. Establishing a sinking fund and budgeting for full replacement is a more appropriate method of ensuring quality facilities.

Centres would be far better off to budget for track upgrades, replacing sand in jump pits, replacing synthetic approaches or rebuilding cracked concrete circles and to seek funding for new developments such as lighting or constructing event facilities where they currently do not exist (e.g. developing synthetic approaches and DIS cages).

Missing links and growth areas

Missing links

While the 100 existing centres spread across the State represent a quality spread, there are a small number of well-populated areas that do not have a centre. It needs to be recognised that without a driving force (keen group of individuals) no centre can be 'sustainably' established.

The table below highlights well-populated areas where there is currently no little athletics centre. Importantly, the table only reflects those areas outside the Athletics North Queensland regions as there are many of these clubs are already providing avenues for junior athletics (not necessarily little athletics).

Missing links			
Location	Rounded population (2016 Census)	Considerations	Action
Forest Lake	22,900	Until 2016/17 hosted a centre with more than 200 members. The centre folded when key individuals stood down from the committee. Large population base of young families	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider re- establishing a centre if a group of keen volunteers emerge
North Lakes	21,700	Large population base of young families. Within 10mins drive of a very large centre at Deception Bay	Liaise closely with the Deception Bay and Strathpine centres to ascertain their thoughts on impacts to their membership base if a new centre was formed at North Lakes
Gatton	7,100	Previously hosted a centre. Competition from surrounding centres at Laidley, Mt Tarampa, Ropehill and Upper Lockyer	No action required
Chinchilla	6,600	Previously hosted a centre. Failed when key individuals stood down from the committee. No nearby centres	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider re- establishing a centre if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Oakey	4,700	Within 30mins drive of centres in Toowoomba and Highfields	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider establishing a centre if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Kilcoy	1,900	Within 30mins drive of a centre in Wamuran. Small population base and no current interest	No action required
Millmerran	1,600	Recent LAQ promotion through local schools, group of keen volunteers. 30mins drive to a centre in Pittsworth	If local enthusiasm continues and a strong committee can be formed, establish a new centre





Growth areas

In addition to a number of established communities where little athletics has no or little presence (missing links), LAQ must also look to the demand for new centres in projected growth areas. Queensland Treasury has published the projected 10 largest population increases between 2011 and 2036¹. The table below includes the location, projected population increases, key considerations and actions for each of these 10 locations.

In general terms, LAQ should look to promote little athletics opportunities throughout schools (and the wider community) in these growth areas. Programs such as FAST (fundamental athletics skills training) can be implemented to gauge interest in formalising a centre.

Growth areas			
Location	Projected population increases (2011 to 2036)	Considerations	Action
Ripley	101,700	The Ipswich Little Athletics Centre has almost 500 members. While only being located 10mins from Ripley, the Ipswich Centre does not have the capacity to meet expected demand generated from the population increases	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider establishing a centre if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Jimboomba	59,600	The Jimboomba Little Athletics Centre has almost 500 members. There is potential that the growth in surrounding areas may see the centre grow to a point of being unsustainable and begin to tarnish the quality product currently being delivered	Liaise closely with the Jimboomba centre to appreciate their thoughts on an appropriate capacity and whether additional nearby centres may be required. Growth in the southern end of the area may draw members to the centre at Beaudesert. It is also likely that new centres may be required at Flagstone (west of Jimboomba) and Yarrabilba (east of Jimboomba)
Coomera	54,700	Previous efforts by LAQ to establish a centre in this area did not draw a suitable group of committee volunteers	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider establishing a centre if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Rosewood	49,800	The centre based in Rosewood has significant capacity for expansion	No action required
Caloundra	44,000	The Caloundra Little Athletics Centre has a solid membership base. However, the centre is based at a shared facility where upgrade and development of additional facilities is unlikely	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider establishing a new centre in the Aura community (Caloundra South) if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Greenbank	43,900	The existing centre at Browns Plains and the proposed new centre at Flagstone will meet demand from population growth in this area	Establish a new centre at Flagstone
Southport	36,300	While much of this population increase is projected to be older adults, the existing centres across the Gold Coast will have the capacity to meet demand created from any young families	No action required
Springfield Lakes	34,800	While it is only a 10min drive to the centre at Goodna, the proposed population increases between Springfield Lakes and Bellbird Park-Brookwater (see below) will create demand for a new centre	If a centre is not re-established at Forest Lake, consider establishing a new centre in the Springfield-Springfield Lakes area
Deeragun (Townsville West)	34,200	The two centres currently based in Townsville are 20mins drive from this growth area. Each of these centres has significant capacity for growth	No action required
Bellbird Park- Brookwater	33,900	While it is only a 10min drive to the centre at Goodna, the proposed population increases between Springfield Lakes and Bellbird Park-Brookwater will create demand for a new centre	If a centre is not re-established at Forest Lake, consider establishing a new centre in the Springfield-Springfield Lakes area

 $[\]ensuremath{\text{1}}$ - Queensland Government population projections, 2015 edition





Centre analysis preamble

This section of the Plan has identified existing communities where appetite may exist to establish (or re-establish) a little athletics centre and future growth areas where a new centre may be required. Additionally, it has highlighted key state-wide considerations and trends (allowing flexible delivery of little athletics, continuing to focus on existing athletes and local-level facilities etc). However, the delivery of little athletics is largely a result of centre-level activity. Therefore, the key component of this project has been to understand facility demand at centre-level.

All 100 centres have been consulted throughout this project through survey, direct interview (or both). Additionally, the key findings and directions were presented and workshopped at the Little Athletics Queensland Conference (where 48 centres were represented).

Key directions drawn from centre-level consultation have been discussed with LAQ officers, while a number of the relocations and potential new centres were discussed with relevant council officers to ensure the Plan reflects local government preferred directions.

Centre analysis format

The format for each individual centre as	nalysis includes:
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- ☐ membership considerations
 - membership 2017/18 (summer centres) or 2017 (winter centres) membership data from LAQ registrations
 - membership trends consideration of seasonal centre membership from LAQ registration data since 2013
 - membership prediction centre perceptions
- facilities usage
- training and competition arrangements provided by centres
- current facilities
 - existing event and ancillary facilities provided by centres and inspections
- ☐ facility priorities
 - prioritised list of event and ancillary facility upgrades and new developments these have ben developed by considering priorities provided by centres balanced with facility inspection outcomes and membership analysis.

Four levels of priority have been presented in the Plan:

- ☐ Immediate
 - only one immediate priority recommendation has been included in the Plan and reflects an existing centre that does not have a venue to compete from for the start of the 2018/19 summer season
- ☐ High
 - should be undertaken as soon as resources allow (preferably within 3 years)
 - reflect upgrades where facilities have the potential to become a safety issue (e.g. converting badly worn grass LI/TJ approaches to synthetic, top-dressing and levelling grass tracks)
 - reflect need for new facilities where centre growth has been achieved (e.g. develop an additional discus circle and cage)

☐ Medium

- should be undertaken within 5 years
- reflect upgrades where ancillary facilities have become aged (e.g. canteen and amenities upgrades)
- reflect need for new preferred facilities to provide for participants, officials and spectators (e.g. develop shade at key gathering areas)
- ☐ Low
 - should be undertaken once all other recommendations are enacted and as funding becomes available
 - reflects ultimate facility development preferences (e.g. construct an amenities facility adjoining a school oval to save athletes walking to use the existing school amenities away from the oval, OR construct a clubhouse).

Importantly, the recommendations and priorities provided are designed as a flexible guide - changes in user (or facility landlord) priorities or earlier opportunities for funding may alter implementation.

The facility recommendations will allow centres and facility landlords (predominantly councils and education facilities) to focus facility planning and to seek grants and funding.











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Boyne Tannum

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 48
- Membership trend decreasing significantly (2014/15 membership was 130)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- □ Friday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 6-lane 300m grass track
- ☐ 1 grass and 1 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ grass areas for throws and high jump
- ☐ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Enclosed trailer for storage
- ☐ Additional storage shared with the school
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Grassed spectator hill

Facility priorities

The centre has been moved to three different homes in the past three seasons. Constant upheaval is impacting membership.

High priority

☐ Identify a preferred long-term home for the centre and secure appropriate tenure











Bundaberg

Membership considerations □ 2017/18 season membership - 46

- Membership trend - steady
- Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- ☐ School facility
- Sunday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- 1 concrete shot put circle
- 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Large shed incorporating administration area and simple canteen
- Access to school amenities
- Sealed car parking



High priority

☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches









Burrum & District

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 80
- Membership trend steady
- Membership prediction - steady (constant population base in the catchment)

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Mid-week training
- Friday evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a synthetic high jump approach Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

- Construct a synthetic javelin approach
- Provide shaded seating at key gathering areas

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is fully lit

- 9m x 6m shed with canteen
- Additional 6m x 3m storage shed
- Container
- Limited access to amenities (as they are located some distance from the little athletics facilities)
- Unsealed car parking
- No spectator facilities











Gayndah

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 35
- ☐ Membership trend steady after recent decreases
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (renewed local enthusiasm for little athletics, keen committee)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Top-dress and level the track
 - Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

☐ Investigate opportunities to realign (or relocate) the eastern discus circle to increase the size of the sector landing area

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is fully lit

- Large storage shed
- ☐ Shared clubhouse with canteen, amenities and social area
- ☐ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Large awning off the clubhouse provides covered views across the facility











Gladstone

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 102
- Membership trend decreasing (2016/17 membership was 154) that reflects recent economic downturn
- Membership prediction increase (local economy is now steady after the downturn and the strong committee has reinvigorated the centre)

Facilities usage

- University facility
- Mid-week training two afternoons each week
- Saturday morning competition



Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (one with a cage)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Two storage sheds
- Basic servery
- Access to university amenities
- Sealed and unsealed car parking
- Spectator's grass hill and one shaded area with a sail

Facility priorities

The centre is looking to secure long-term tenure at the existing Central Queensland University site.

High priority

- Upgrade water access and supply to allow irrigation Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Construct a synthetic javelin approach
- Investigate the feasibility of developing a full synthetic facility at the site as a regional home for athletics

Medium priority

- Upgrade the current sheds to incorporate a fully functioning canteen, amenities, office/meeting/first aid room and additional storage space
- Provide shaded seating in key gathering areas
- Light the venue to provide for night training and competition in cooler conditions
- Install a second discus cage and enhance the surfaces of the existing throws circles







Hervey Bay

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 92
- ☐ Membership trend increasing until 2016/17
- Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ As more detailed design begins to take place for the proposed athletics facility at the Fraser Coast Sports Precinct, ensure close liaison with Council to ensure that the centre's potential demand can be met to facilitate a relocation

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ synthetic high jump approach
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- □ 2 concrete discus circles (one with permanent cage)
- □ synthetic javelin approach
- □ venue is fully lit

- ☐ Large storage shed with awning
- □ Canteen and amenities
- □ Unsealed car parking







Isis District

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 104
- ☐ Membership trend slightly increasing
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Mid-week training once per week
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Construct an additional storage shed

Medium priority

- Construct at least one concrete circle for shot put and one for discus
- Develop lighting outside the competition venue (e.g. in the surrounding car park areas to increase perceptions of safety)

Low priority

☐ Develop a modern canteen facility at the venue

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ grass areas for throws and and high jump
- □ venue is fully lit

- ☐ 2 small storage sheds (at capacity)
- ☐ Shared canteen (poorly equipped and rarely used)
- ☐ Shared amenities
- ☐ Limited sealed and unsealed car parking
- ☐ Small grandstand with capacity of approximately 200 (rarely used)







Maryborough

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 132
- Membership trend steady
- Membership prediction increase (facility improvements, additional coaching opportunities)

Facilities usage ☐ Council facility

- Training Wednesday and Sunday afternoons
- Friday evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade the lighting to ensure all event areas are appropriately lit
- Formalise (seal and line mark) the car park. Look to expand the parking area where possible

Medium priority

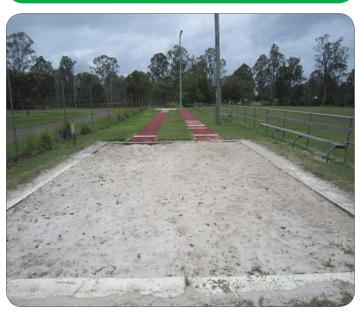
☐ Construct a new clubhouse incorporating amenities and change facilities

Current facilities

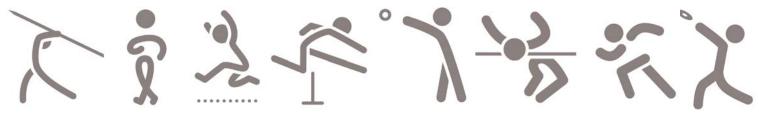
Event facilities

- 9-lane 400m grass track
- 3 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- synthetic high jump fan
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- grass areas for javelin
- venue is lit (but to a low standard)

- Storage sheds (somewhat small)
- Small clubhouse (9m x 6m lined shed)
- Aged canteen facility
- Public amenities
- Unsealed car parking
- Very small awning on the front of the canteen provides limited cover









Monto

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 37
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Mid-week training two afternoons each week
- Friday afternoon competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Re-develop the track as a 400m facility (including topdressing, levelling and irrigation)
- □ Re-build the LJ/Ū facilities. Develop a landing pit with deeper profile, appropriate sand and concrete edging. Construct synthetic approaches
- ☐ Re-use the old style playing field lights recently removed from the football field to light the athletics facilities

Medium priority

☐ Construct a permanent cage around the discus circle

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 3 8-lane 300m grass track (in very poor condition)
- ☐ 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches (in poor condition)
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with portable cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

- ☐ Shipping container for storage
- ☐ Amenities at the combined sports club facility (some distance from the athletics venue)
- ☐ No nearby access to canteen or clubhouse facilities
- □ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ No spectator facilities









West Bundaberg

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 150
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing
- ☐ Membership prediction increase

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training four afternoons each week
- ☐ Friday evening competition



Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m synthetic track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 synthetic high jump fans
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ 2 synthetic javelin approaches (on high jump fans)
- □ venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ Large storage shed
- ☐ Full-scale clubhouse incorporating canteen, amenities, social area, office and storage
- Sealed car parking (and unsealed overflow areas)
- Spectator mound along the front straight

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Expand the sealed car parking opportunities at the venue
- Provide shaded areas along the spectator mound

Medium priority

- ☐ Replace the synthetic surfaces
- Construct a new storage shed (to allow more of the existing storage shed to continue to function as an expanding gymnasium)









Agnes Water/1770

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 86
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (competition from other activities, limited population base)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- □ Saturday morning competition

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Construct synthetic approaches for the LI/TJ areas

Medium priority

Develop a washing-up area in the canteen

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane grass 400m track
- ☐ 3 grass □/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

- ☐ Storage sheds
- ☐ Canteen
- ☐ Clubhouse
- ☐ Amenities (2 pedestals)
 - Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Shaded spectators' area











Bargara

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 118
- ☐ Membership trend increasing (membership has grown from 56 in 2014)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (consolidate recent growth)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Sunday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane grass 400m track
- ☐ 2 synthetic and 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
 - 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (1 permanent cage and 1 temporary cage)
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- venue is not lit (minimal lighting provided by football but not designed for little athletics)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ 3 containers for storage (in poor condition)
- ☐ Shared clubhouse that includes canteen, amenities and changerooms
- □ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Grass spectators' hill

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Replace the existing storage containers (consider opportunities to construct a storage shed as a preferred outcome)
- Upgrade the track (install an irrigation system and topdress)

Medium priority

☐ Upgrade the canteen (including provision of hot water and additional storage)









Biloela

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 38
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (limited population base)

Facility priorities

Current facilities meet the existing and predicted future needs of the centre

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Sunday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane grass 400m track
- ☐ 3 rubber LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

- ☐ 2 containers for storage
- ☐ Access to the school amenities
- □ No canteen or clubhouse facility
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Terraced spectators' hill









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Membership considerations

- 2017 season membership 49
- Membership trend - slight decreases
- Membership prediction steady (rectify recent membership losses, football and rugby league are attracting more

Facilities usage ☐ Council facility

- Two mid-week training afternoons
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 6-lane grass 400m track
- 3 grass LJ/TJ approaches (carpet matting hard on
 - athlete's bodies)
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles
- grass javelin and high jump areas
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Containers for storage
- Basic canteen within a small shed 'clubhouse'
- Shared amenities (total 3 pedestals and shower)
- Unsealed car parking
 - 4 small shade covers



Facility priorities

High priority

- Replace the carpet mat LJ/TJ approaches with synthetic
- Upgrade the canteen (to meet council's health requirements)

Medium priority

Construct an awning at the front of the shed to provide a covered area





Gracemere

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 39
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction increasing (local population increases and targeted promotion)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Sunday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane grass 400m track
- ☐ 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- venue is partially lit (lights are not used for little athletics purposes)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Shed and 2 containers for storage
- □ Use of school amenities
- □ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ No spectators' facilities



Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Construct shaded seating areas at key gathering locations around the venue

Medium priority

Develop suitable lighting to allow for competitions in the evening

Low priority

☐ Construct amenities near to the oval









Moura

Membership considerations

- 2017 season membership 11
- Membership trend - steady
- Membership prediction - steady (fluctuating local population based around mining activity)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- Sunday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane grass track
- 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 1 concrete shot put circle (poorly located)
- 1 concrete discus circle (with cage) (poorly located)
- grass javelin and high jump areas
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ 2 containers for storage
- Use of school amenities
- Sealed on-road car parking
- No spectators' facilities (some natural shade from perimeter trees)

Facility priorities

High priority

- Top-dress and re-line the grass track Relocate the shot put and discus circles
- Establish a new javelin area with synthetic approach









North Rockhampton

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017 season membership 99
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (limited population changes, recent membership trends)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- □ Sunday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane grass 400m track (in poor condition)
- ☐ 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages) (one sector only has a very small landing area - 15m)
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Large shed
- □ Use of school amenities
- ☐ Unsealed on-road car parking
- □ Two sets of aged wooden tiered seating

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct synthetic approaches for LI/TJ
- Investigate the feasibility of developing a full synthetic athletics facility within the Rockhampton-Yeppoon area

Medium priority

 Construct shaded seating at key gathering areas around the venue











Yeppoon

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 68
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (local population and economy are stagnant, significant competition from other sports)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ One mid-week afternoon for training
- □ Saturday afternoon competition

Facility priorities

High priority

□ Investigate the feasibility of developing a full synthetic athletics facility within the Rockhampton-Yeppoon area

Medium priority

 Consider the demand for stand-alone clubhouse and storage buildings within the facility

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ grass track (8-lane 400m, 9-lane 200m, 10-lane 100m)
- ☐ 3 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

- ☐ Shed shared with the school
- ☐ Use of school amenities
- ☐ Small sealed school car park and unsealed on-road parking
- ☐ Small mound along the front straight
- Perimeter trees provide shade for the discus and shot put areas





Border Blues

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 42
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- Membership prediction steady (competition from local sports)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- Training and competition on Tuesday evenings

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 1 synthetic LJ/TJ approach (too short for older athletes)
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles (temporary boards)
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- ☐ track is fully lit (throws area is not lit)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Storage shed (at capacity)
- ☐ Shared access to a canteen
- ☐ Amenities and changerooms
- □ Sealed and unsealed car parking
- □ No spectator facilities



Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct permanent boards for the two shot put circles
- ☐ Re-build the LJ/TJ facility by lengthening the landing pit and extending the synthetic approach
- Provide covered seating at key gathering areas around the facility

Medium priority

- ☐ Construct a synthetic high jump fan
- ☐ Construct a synthetic javelin approach
- Provide lighting for the throws events areas

Low priority

☐ Construct an additional storage shed







Dalby

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 25
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2016/17 membership was 65)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- ☐ School facility
- ☐ Friday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ grass LJ/TJ approach
- ☐ grass areas for throws and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Shared storage
- ☐ Access to school amenities
- □ Unsealed car parking
- □ No spectator facilities

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Develop concrete throwing circles (one for shot put and one for discus)

Medium priority

□ Upgrade the LJ/TJ area (synthetic approach and reconstructed pit)









Highfields

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 153
- Membership trend - increasing
- Membership prediction - increase (significant local catchment population increases)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- Training three afternoons each week
- Saturday morning competition

Facility priorities

High priority

Investigate opportunities to develop concrete throwing circles. Consider opportunities off the playing surface of the rectangular field on Kratzke Road

Medium priority

Provide shaded seating in key gathering areas around the

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- grass areas for throws and high jump
- venue is fully lit

- Shared clubhouse, amenities and storage
- Sealed car parking
 - No spectator facilities







Laidley

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 108
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 220)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Storage bays within large storage complex
- ☐ Shared clubhouse, amenities and canteen
- □ Sealed car parking
- Spectator mounds along front and back straights

Facility priorities

The existing facilities all work well for the centre and provide a quality athletics venue.

There have been Council and community discussions regarding potential to develop a synthetic facility within the Lockyer Valley/ Ipswich area. If a formal feasibility study (or master plan) is prepared for this potential project, the centre will be involved in discussions. Depending on the preferred location of a facility of this nature, the centre may consider relocation.











Mt Tarampa

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017 season membership 71
- Membership trend fluctuating (2013/14 membership was 42 and 2016/17 membership was 120)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (local population growth, facility upgrades)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Occasional training
- ☐ Friday afternoon competition



Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 mat LJ/TJ approaches
- □ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with temporary cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and and high jump
- □ only the LJ/TJ facility has lighting

Ancillary facilities

- □ Two storage sheds
- □ Access to school amenities
- ☐ Unsealed on-road car parking
- □ No spectator facilities



Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ Construct a cage around the existing discus circle
- ☐ Construct a new discus circle (with cage) (to replace the facility lost with the recent track realignment)

Medium priority

- ☐ Construct a toilet within the little athletics facility
- Provide lighting across the facility to allow for training and competition in the cool of the evening





Pittsworth

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 19
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2013/14 membership was 61)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- Training and competition on Tuesday afternoons

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track (recently re-aligned and extended to 400m with irrigation installed)
- ☐ 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- □ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
 - venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Shared clubhouse, canteen, amenities and storage
- ☐ Sealed and unsealed car parking
- ☐ No spectator facilities

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Construct a ☐/TJ facility with a new pit and synthetic approaches











Roma

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 90
- ☐ Membership trend increasing (2013/14 membership was 28)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training one afternoon each week
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 rubber matting LJ/TJ approaches (in poor condition)
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages) (netting is beginning to wear)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Single bay storage shed
- ☐ Canteen
- ☐ Shared amenities
- □ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Small covered grandstand

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ Top-dress and level the track

Medium priority

☐ Replace the discus cages











Ropehill

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 83
- ☐ Membership trend increasing
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (continue recent trend)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Friday afternoon competition

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Construct an additional discus circle (with cage)

Medium priority

- ☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Top-dress and level the track (and cricket field)

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 10-lane 300m grass track
- ☐ 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

- □ Large storage shed
- ☐ Shared clubhouse and canteen
- ☐ Shared amenities
- □ Unsealed car parking
- □ No spectator facilities





Toowoomba Central

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 139
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing to 2016/17 before an increase
- Membership prediction increase (expansion of coaching opportunities)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training one mid-week evening each week
- ☐ Sunday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 9-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is lit (however the shot put and eastern discus sector are not lit)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Clubhouse incorporates canteen, storage and amenities
- □ Additional public amenities
- Sealed car parking and nearby overflow parking (on vacant land)
- ☐ Two shelters overlooking the □/TJ pits and aluminium bench seating along the front straight

Facility priorities

High priority

Construct new female toilets in a building extension.
 Convert the existing toilets to additional storage

Medium priority

- Provide additional spectator cover in front of the canteen and along the front straight
- Provide lighting to the throws areas on the eastern side of the facility









Toowoomba South

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 88
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2013/14 membership was 132)
- ☐ Membership prediction decrease (lack of 'home' venue)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Current facilities

After the 2016/17 season, the centre left their long-term home at the University of Southern Queensland given lack of access to suitable facilities. In the 2017/18 season, the centre conducted their competition at O'Quinn Street Park (the home of Toowoomba Central). The centre is actively seeking a new venue in Toowoomba (and nearby surrounds).

A new shed was constructed at Glynis Nunn-Cearns Oval to store the Toowoomba South equipment.

Facility priorities

Immediate priority

☐ Secure access to a new venue that allows the centre to re-establish a 'home' facility. Toowoomba Regional Council has advised that there are no suitable council-managed facilities foreseeable in the new future. Focus on access to an education facility









Upper Lockyer

Membership considerations □ 2017/18 season membership - 41

- Membership trend - steady
- Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- Wednesday afternoon/evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- Light the venue for all athletics events (and football)
- Upgrade the track (top-dress, level and re-seed)

Medium priority

- Construct an additional storage shed
- Provide shaded seating in key gathering areas

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is not lit

- Large storage shed (at capacity)
- Access to canteen, amenities and showers
- Additional public amenities
- Sealed and unsealed car parking
- No spectator facilities







Warwick

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 61
- ✓ Membership trend fluctuating (2014/15 membership was 82 and 2016/17 membership was 35)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Sunday afternoon competition

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

☐ Construct an additional storage shed

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- □ 2 concrete shot put circles
- □ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

- ☐ Storage shared with the school
- □ Access to school amenities
- ☐ On-road car parking
- ☐ Spectator and marshalling shade sail areas







Charleville & District

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017 season membership 24
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2013 membership was 70)
- Membership prediction steady (small local population base)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- Sunday morning training and competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane grass track
- ☐ 1 grass LJ/TJ approach
- ☐ grass areas for all throws and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Shed and canteen shared with the school
- ☐ Use of school amenities
- ☐ Sealed car park
- ☐ Covered seating areas

Facility priorities

Current facilities meet the existing and predicted future needs of the centre









Dirranbandi & District

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 26
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Monday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 380m grass track with 10-lane straight
- ☐ 1 grass LJ/TJ approach
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Shed for storage
- ☐ Access to school amenities
- ☐ On-road car parking
- ☐ Shade sail area for spectators

Facility priorities

High priority

□ Upgrade the LJ/TJ area (synthetic approach and reconstructed pit)

Medium priority

☐ Construct a cage around the discus circle









Goondiwindi

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017 season membership 83
- ☐ Membership trend increasing
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (maintain recent growth)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Mid-week training afternoon
- □ Sunday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane grass track
- ☐ 1 grass LJ/TJ approach
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is partially lit (track events only)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Shed for storage
- ☐ Shared use of clubhouse, canteen and amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- Covered seating area

Facility priorities

Medium priority

 Upgrade the LJ/TJ area (synthetic approaches and reconstructed pit)











Mitchell & District

Membership considerations □ 2017 season membership - 53

- Membership trend - increasing (2014 membership was 13)
- Membership prediction steady (small local population base)

Facility priorities

Current facilities meet the existing and predicted future needs of

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- Mid-week training and competition on one evening

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane grass track
- Grass LJ/TJ approach
- 1 concrete shot put circle
- 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- grass javelin and high jump areas
- venue is not lit

- Storage shed
- Use of school amenities
- Sealed car parking
- Natural shade from perimeter trees











Mungindi

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 49
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (small local population base)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Mid-week competition afternoon

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a large storage shed (with quality security features)
- ☐ Upgrade the ☐ area (re-construct the pit and develop a synthetic approach)

Medium priority

☐ Construct concrete circles for shot put and discus

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 6-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 1 grass LJ approach
- grass areas for throws and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

- ☐ Small shed for storage (too small to hold equipment)
- Public amenities
- □ Unsealed car parking
- □ No spectator facilities











St George

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 32
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- ☐ School facility
- ☐ Sunday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 10-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Shed for storage shared with the school
- □ Use of school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Limited shaded areas

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Top-dress and level the track

Medium priority

☐ Provide shaded gathering areas at key locations









Texas

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 88
- ☐ Membership trend increasing
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (small local catchment)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Mid-week training afternoon
- ☐ Mid-week competition afternoon

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane grass track
- ☐ 3 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- $\hfill \square$ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Shed for storage shared with the school
- ☐ Use of school amenities
- □ Unsealed car parking
- No spectator facilities

Facility priorities

Immediate priority

Relocate from the school to the Sports Complex. This site has large undeveloped areas for field events, is irrigated throughout the year and includes spectator seating, amenities and canteen. The priorities listed below relate to the Sports Complex.

High priority

- \square Construct \square/TJ pits with synthetic approaches
- ☐ Construct a discus circle with cage and a shot put circle
- ☐ Construct a storage facility









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Met North

Arana

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 386
- $\hfill \square$ Membership trend decreasing (2013/14 membership was 462)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training on Sunday afternoon
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

 Upgrade the LJ/TJ facilities. Develop longer synthetic approaches (where possible) and new expanded pits

Medium priority

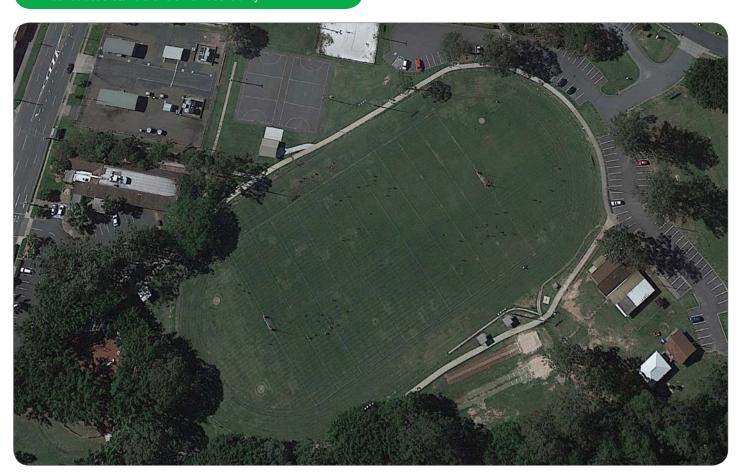
- ☐ Construct a larger full-facility canteen
- Construct a stand-alone amenities facility

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 grass and 3 concrete shot put circles
- □ 3 concrete discus circles
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- ☐ venue is fully lit

- ☐ Storage shed
- Small canteen
- Shared amenities
- □ Additional public amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- □ No spectator facilities







Aspley

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 208
- Membership trend increasing (2013/14 membership was 145)
- Membership prediction increase (strong community and social media presence, host regular school carnivals, expansion of coaching opportunities)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Training two mid-week evenings each week
- ☐ Saturday morning competition (September to December) and Friday evening competition (January to March)

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 10-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic and 1 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ 2 synthetic javelin approaches
- ☐ 2 synthetic high jump fans
- □ venue is fully lit (although lit to a low lighting level)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ 2 storage sheds
- ☐ Canteen
- ☐ Public amenities (aged and in poor condition)
- ☐ Unsealed car parking (and on-road parking)
- ☐ Well-treed perimeter provides shaded spectator areas

Facility priorities

High priority

- Replace the amenities with a larger modern facility capable of meeting carnival demand
- ☐ Upgrade the lighting so that all event areas are appropriately lit

Medium priority

 Construct a clubhouse to allow an indoor space for coaching staff and committee meetings









Bracken Ridge

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 289
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training two mid-week evenings each week
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 6-lane 400m grass track with 8-lane straight
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Storage shed (at capacity)
- ☐ Clubhouse incorporates canteen, storage and amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Shaded areas around the perimeter of the facility for spectators

Facility priorities

High priority

 Construct a new storage shed to accommodate new flop mats that need to be purchased

Medium priority

- ☐ Upgrade the existing amenities
- Upgrade the oval to the east to allow javelin to be relocated away from the inside of the track









City North

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 179
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2013/14 membership was 313)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (active promotion in local schools)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- Training two mid-week evenings each week
- ☐ Saturday afternoon competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Upgrade the □/TJ area by extending the short synthetic approach and lighting the area
- Extend the synthetic high jump fan and construct a platform for the mats

Medium priority

 Construct a stand-alone clubhouse to provide an area for indoor coaching and administration

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic and 3 grass LJ/TJ approaches (one of the synthetic approaches is only 20m long)
- ☐ 1 small synthetic fan for high jump
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- □ 2 concrete discus circles (one (with cage)) and an additional grass circle
- ☐ grass areas for javelin
- □ venue is lit (but does not include the LJ/TJ area)

- ☐ 2 storage sheds
- ☐ Shared clubhouse incorporates canteen, storage, meeting area and amenities
- ☐ Sealed and unsealed car parking
- □ Very limited spectator seating







Dayboro

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 33
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Mid-week competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Upgrade the LJ/TJ area by constructing a synthetic approach and replacing the sand in the pit
- ☐ Construct concrete circles for shot put and discus

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 4-lane 200m grass track with 6-lane 100m straight
- ☐ 1 grass LJ/TJ approach
- ☐ grass areas for throws and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

- □ Storage shed
- ☐ Access to school amenities
- □ On-road parking
- ☐ No spectator facilities





Redcliffe

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 173
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 258)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (impacts from winter sports extending their seasons to year-round)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- Training two mid-week evenings each week
- ☐ Friday evening competition



Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track with 10-lane straight
- ☐ 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- □ 2 concrete shot put circles
- □ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is fully lit (although the lighting infrastructure is aging)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Storage sheds
- ☐ Clubhouse incorporates canteen, storage, meeting area and amenities
- ☐ Separate amenities (in poor condition)
- ☐ Sealed and unsealed car parking
- Awning extension and perimeter trees provide shade for spectators



Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Refurbish the public toilet facility
- Upgrade the lighting to ensure appropriate lighting levels across all event areas
- ☐ Construct a synthetic javelin approach

Low priority

☐ Upgrade the canteen to meet modern expectations







Strathpine

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 234
- ☐ Membership trend fluctuating
- Membership prediction decreasing (competition from winter sports being made available year-round)

Facility priorities

Current facilities meet the existing and predicted future needs of the centre

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- Training two mid-week evenings each week
- ☐ Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 8 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- □ 1 synthetic fan for high jump
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 3 concrete discus circles
- ☐ 1 synthetic javelin approach
- □ venue is fully lit

- ☐ Storage shed
- ☐ Shared clubhouse incorporates canteen, storage, meeting area and amenities
- ☐ Sealed and unsealed car parking
- ☐ Limited spectator seating (small number of benches spread around the facility)









The Gap

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 258
- Membership trend decreasing (2013/14 membership was 387)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (regular small fluctuations tend to balance out across the years)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Training one mid-week evening each week
- ☐ Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 6 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
 - 1 synthetic fan for high jump
- 2 concrete shot put circles (and an additional grass circle)
- ☐ 3 concrete discus circles (two with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin
- □ venue is fully lit (but infrastructure is aged)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Storage shed
- ☐ Shared clubhouse incorporates canteen, storage, meeting area and amenities
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Tiered seating along the straight

Facility priorities

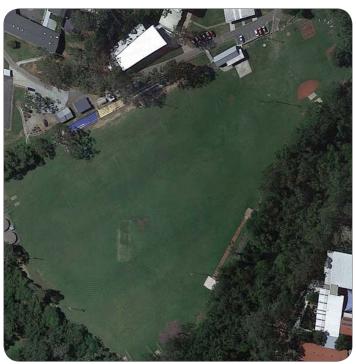
High priority

- ☐ Upgrade the dual lane □/TJ area by widening the synthetic approaches and the pits
- Construct an additional storage shed to house a buggy that can be used to move around the equipment

Medium priority

☐ Upgrade the lighting to a more modern system







Centenary

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 180
- Membership trend decreasing (2013/14 membership was 462)
- ☐ Membership prediction increasing (strong vibrant centre, impacts from Commonwealth Games)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Training one mid-week evening each week
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 6-lane 300m grass track with 100m straight
- ☐ 3 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 3 synthetic shot put circles
- ☐ 1 grass discus circle
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ Storage shed
- ☐ Canteen
- Shared access to a clubhouse that includes amenities, changerooms and meeting area
- □ Predominantly on-street car parking
- □ Very limited spectator facilities

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct a concrete discus circle (with cage)
- ☐ Construct at least 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ Construct a new storage facility with power

Medium priority

☐ Continue to investigate opportunities to relocate to a facility where a full 400m track can be developed











Colleges

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 55
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2013/14 membership was 102)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (recent move to a school venue that has quality facilities)

Facilities usage

- ☐ School facility
- Friday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 7-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ grass areas for discus, javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Large storage shed
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Grass spectators' hill around the perimeter of the facility

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Erect lighting across the facility
- ☐ Construct a concrete discus circle (with cage)

Medium priority

☐ Construct a canteen







Goodna

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 96
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 164)
- Membership prediction decrease (local demographic is aging, facilities are not appealing)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Replace the LJ/TJ synthetic approaches
- Top-dress and re-level the track (ensure levels create appropriate stormwater run-off)

Medium priority

☐ Construct a clubhouse

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track (track is only in fair condition)
- 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches (synthetic in poor condition)
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is fully lit

- ☐ Storage shed
- Small canteen (in demountable building)
- ☐ Modern amenities
- Sealed car parking
- Two small grandstands (primarily installed for rugby league but also useful for little athletics)





Ipswich

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 476
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (population growth in the catchment)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training one mid-week afternoon/evening
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track with 9-lane straight
- ☐ 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is fully lit (although lighting levels are not suitable for photofinish requirements)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Large building that incorporates storage, office, canteen, amenities and barbecue area
- Additional amenities block with showers (aged and too small to meet demand)
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Spectator hill

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Upgrade the LI/TJ facilities to cope with weekly demand.
 Widen the approaches and the pits to make them each
- Replace and expand the existing amenities facilities
- ☐ Terrace the spectator hill (that becomes unsafe when wet)

Medium priority

- ☐ Upgrade the canteen facilities
- ☐ Upgrade the lighting at the finish line so that it is appropriate for photofinish











Kenmore

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 182
- ☐ Membership trend fluctuating
- Membership prediction increase (continue recent membership growth)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- Training one mid-week afternoon and before competition on Saturday
- Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ Storage shed
- ☐ Clubhouse that incorporates canteen and storage
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Grandstand seating at the finish line

Facility priorities

High priority

 Construct a bore and install irrigation so that the track retains a quality surface across the summer months

Medium priority

Construct a covered area off the front of the canteen building









Rosewood

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 89
- □ Membership trend fluctuating (2014/15 membership was 73, 2016/17 membership was 122)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (facility enhancements, local promotion)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Training one mid-week afternoon each week
- □ Saturday morning competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct cages for the two discus circles (so that the centre can offer athletes the ability to use the turn technique)
- ☐ Install irrigation to improve the track surface

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Clubhouse that incorporates storage and canteen
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Shaded spectator areas along the front straight











Souths

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 89
- Membership trend decreasing (2013/14 membership was 183)
- Membership prediction steady (have struggled to attract members in recent years, venue hire costs are driving up registration costs)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- Friday evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 300m grass track
- ☐ 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- grass areas for throws and high jump
- □ venue is lit (although lighting levels are not suitable for the □/TJ facility)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Storage shed
- ☐ Shared canteen access
- ☐ Toilet and changerooms facility
- ☐ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Shaded perimeter for spectators

Facility priorities

JF O'Grady Memorial Park is heavily used and is not an appropriate venue for providing for the range of track and field event areas expected to develop a strong centre.

High priority

☐ Investigate opportunities to relocate to a more appropriate venue where long-term growth can be achieved









Toowong

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 174
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2013/14 membership was 255)
- Membership prediction steady (aiming to halt recent membership declines)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Training two mid-week afternoons each week
- ☐ Both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon competitions

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic and 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 synthetic high jump fan
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (one with cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin
- venue is fully lit (lighting levels are reducing as the infrastructure is aged)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ 2 storage sheds
- Clubhouse that incorporates storage, canteen and amenities
- ☐ Sealed and on-road car parking
- Shaded perimeter for spectators



Facility priorities

High priority

 Upgrade the lighting (to provide an enhanced venue for athletics and to encourage new user groups to the facility)

Medium priority

☐ Construct a synthetic javelin approach









North Queensland

North Mackay

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017 season membership 91
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2013 membership was 175)
- Membership prediction increasing (construction of a local synthetic facility generating additional interest)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Mid-week training
- □ Sunday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane grass 400m track
- ☐ 7 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 5 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 3 concrete discus circles (with cages) (cages are aging)
- grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Storage shed (too small for current demand)
- □ Canteen
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Access to grassed car parking
- □ No spectator facilities

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct an additional storage shed
- □ Upgrade the discus cages
- □ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

 Light the facility (to provide an alternate training and competition opportunity when it is cooler in the evening)

Low priority

 Install a small number of seating options for spectators at key locations around the venue









Townsville Central

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 82
- ☐ Membership trend increasing (2014 membership was 60)
- Membership prediction increasing (continued trend and Townsville hosting the State Championships is expected to create additional interest)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane grass 400m track
- ☐ 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Storage shed (this building is due for demolition given its poor current state)
- ☐ Canteen
- ☐ Leased 'meeting' room
- Very small toilet block (1 male and 1 female pedestal. In poor condition)
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Grass spectators' hill

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct a new storage facility (potentially a container located at an adjoining school)
- ☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

☐ Construct an amenities building (given the poor state of the existing facility)

Low priority

☐ Upgrade the meeting room facilities









Wulguru

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 58
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- Membership prediction increasing (concerted effort to improve the culture of the centre and the approachability of volunteers)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Saturday afternoon training and competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane grass 400m track (10-lane straight)
- ☐ 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (portable net)
- ☐ grass javelin and high jump areas
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

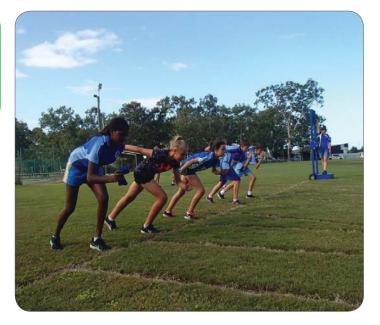
- ☐ Storage shed (shared with the school)
- ☐ Access to school canteen and hall
- Access to school amenities and changerooms (modern and clean)
- □ Sealed car parking
- Grass spectators' hill, shady surrounds and track-side undercover area



Facility priorities

Medium priority

 Construct a clubhouse and canteen facility (to create a central base for the centre)





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Ashmore

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 184
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 306)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (impacts from the Commonwealth Games and upcoming 2020 Olympic Games)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Training on Wednesday afternoon
- Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 3 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 3 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Area beneath the grandstand includes storage, clubhouse, amenities and large canteen
- □ Large sealed car parks
- □ Covered grandstand seating for spectators



Facility priorities

- ☐ Upgrade the □/TJ facilities. Replace all synthetic approaches and re-build pits
- ☐ Provide a tree root barrier and re-level the track where tree roots have impacted









Beaudesert & District

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 123
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 178)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- ☐ School facility
- ☐ Training on Wednesday afternoon
- □ Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 3 concrete discus circles (2 (with cages))
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- \square 1 shed and 2 containers for storage
- ☐ Small canteen
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Limited spectator areas (shade from perimeter trees)

Facility priorities

High priority

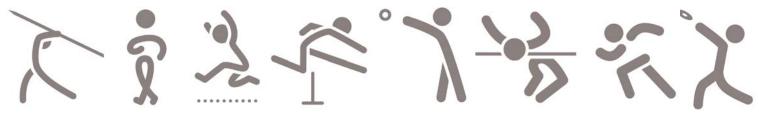
☐ Construct a new amenities block near the oval

Medium priority

☐ Develop shade and seating at key gathering areas







Gold Coast

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 408
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 458)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (Commonwealth Games, upcoming 2020 Olympic Games and population growth)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Training on Wednesday afternoon (and additional squad training available 5-6 times each week)
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic and 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 4 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is lit (to a low level)

Ancillary facilities

- □ Brick equipment shed
- ☐ Central building incorporating clubhouse, amenities and canteen
- ☐ Small sealed car park
- ☐ Small seating area in front of the clubhouse

Facility priorities

- Construction of a full synthetic facility to support the southern end of the Gold Coast (commence with investigations for potential development within Pizzey Park)
- □ Upgrade the lighting to meet necessary standards for night-time competition











Helensvale

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 294
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 362)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construction of a larger storage shed
- ☐ Provision of lighting for the unlit discus and javelin area
- \square Re-grass the shot put landing area

Facilities usage

- School facility
- ☐ Training on Wednesday afternoon
- ☐ Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is lit (although bottom discus and javelin area requires lighting)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Two small sheds incorporating storage, office area and servery
- □ Access to school amenities
- Sealed car parking









Kyogle

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 69
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Tuesday evening training and competition



Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 380m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 1 grass discus circle
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Shipping container used for storage
- ☐ Small canteen suitable for serving (not preparation)
- □ Old amenities building
- ☐ Small unsealed car park
- □ Spectator grandstand seating



Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Upgrade the LJ/TJ facilities. Replace the synthetic approaches and re-build pits

Medium priority

 Upgrade the running track - look to expand to 400m and top-dress the surface

Low priority

□ Upgrade the amenities facility







Mudgeeraba

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 217
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 259)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training three afternoons each week
- □ Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic and 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete and 2 grass shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete and 1 grass discus circles (2 (with cages))
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Limited storage (2 small sheds, 1 of which floods regularly as is not used)
- ☐ Small canteen
- ☐ Small clubhouse
- Public amenities
- ☐ Small sealed car park
- ☐ Limited spectator facilities

Facility priorities

- ☐ Upgrade the □/TJ facilities. Construct a new double-ended synthetic approach and a new pit
- ☐ Construct a new equipment shed







Ormeau

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 74
- Membership trend decreasing (2016/17 membership was 88)
- Membership prediction increase (only been in operation for three years. Now have a greater committee presence and local population growth)

Facilities usage

- ☐ School facility
- ☐ One or two afternoons each week
- □ Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 1 synthetic and 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 concrete and 2 grass shot put circles
- ☐ 1 concrete and 2 grass discus circles (concrete has cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ Equipment shed
- ☐ Access to school amenities
- ☐ Sealed school car park
- ☐ Raised areas for spectators



Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Extend the storage shed to provide a larger base for the centre (including a small canteen area, office space and larger equipment storage)







Runaway Bay

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 249
- Membership trend - increasing (2014/15 membership was
- Membership prediction increase (Commonwealth Games

Facilities usage □ Council facility

- Wednesday afternoon training
- Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 3 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete and 1 grass shot put circle
- 2 concrete and 1 grass discus circle (concrete (with
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- Large equipment shed
- Clubroom facility with canteen
- Amenities facility
- Public amenities (at adjoining football facility) and porta-loos
- On-road and sealed car parking
- No spectator facilities

Facility priorities

- Construct an amenities building
- Replace the shot put circles
- Repair the discus cages
- Re-surface the synthetic LJ/TJ approaches











Tamborine Mountain

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 78
- ☐ Membership trend fluctuating (2013/14 membership was 95, 2014/15 membership was 28)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Friday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 228m grass track with 100m straight
- ☐ 1 concrete LJ/TJ approach
- ☐ grass areas for throws and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Equipment shed shared with the school
- □ Access to school amenities
- ☐ Sealed school car park

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Construct concrete circles for shot put and discus (one circle for each)

Medium priority

☐ Investigate relocation to the Tamborine Mountain Sports







Tweed

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 236
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- □ Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete and 2 grass shot put circles
- ☐ 3 concrete discus circles (2 with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- $\hfill \square$ $\hfill \hfill \hf$
- ☐ Small canteen
- ☐ Amenities block
- □ On-road and unsealed car parking
- □ Spectator hill with shade trees



Facility priorities

Medium priority

- ☐ Extend the storage shed
- Relocate the track to run parallel with the hill (as per the approved master plan)
- Upgrade the amenities







Algester

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 197
- Membership trend - steady
- Membership prediction increase (continued momentum from increase achieved from 2016/17)

Facilities usage ☐ Council facility

- Training on most afternoons
- Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 6-lane 300m grass track with 10-lane straight
- 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is lit (but lights are generally not used)

Ancillary facilities

- Multiple storage sheds
- Clubhouse with canteen and amenities
- On-road and unsealed car parks
- Covered area at the front of the clubhouse



Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Top-dress and re-surface the track









Balmoral

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 262
- Membership trend - steady
- Membership prediction slight decrease (ongoing competition from other sports starting/finishing their seasons during the little athletics season)

Facilities usage

- Council facility (managed Crown land)
- Tuesday night training
- Wednesday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 7-lane 400m grass track with 8-lane front and back straights
- 1 grass and 3 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete and 2 grass shot put circles 2 concrete and 2 grass discus circles
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- Large equipment shed (shared with other user groups)
- Shared clubhouse with changerooms and canteen (canteen is not used given its poor quality)
- Additional amenities
- On-road and sealed car parking
- Small awning outside the clubhouse



Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade the LI/TJ facilities with complete synthetic re-build and expansion and construction of new pits
- Clubhouse improvements canteen upgrade and construction of a training room

Medium priority

Track upgrade - top-dress and look to expand to 8-lanes if possible







Beenleigh

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 208
- Membership trend fluctuating (2014/15 membership of 206 and 2016/17 membership of 261)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training two mid-week afternoons each week
- □ Friday night competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- □ Track upgrade top-dress and re-turf the track and install irrigation to ensure a quality surface
- ☐ Fence the perimeter of the facility to limit inappropriate vehicle access

Medium priority

- ☐ Replace the LJ/TJ synthetic approaches
- ☐ Update the clubhouse include re-sealing the ceiling (to ensure protection of equipment) and expanding the canteen work area

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track with 9-lane 100m/200m options
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 4 concrete shot put circles
- □ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- ☐ most of the track and field event areas are lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Large equipment shed
- ☐ Clubhouse with amenities and canteen
- □ Sealed and unsealed car parking
- ☐ Spectators' hill area with aluminium bench seating











Browns Plains

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 172
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 210)
- Membership prediction increase (extra publicity efforts and wider scope of events offered)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Wednesday afternoon training
- □ Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 10-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Combined building includes storage, canteen and amenities
- □ Sealed and unsealed car parking
- ☐ Mature trees around the track perimeter and within the infield provide shaded areas

Facility priorities

- ☐ Light the facility to provide for evening training activities
- ☐ Replace the shot put and discus circles
- ☐ Construct an additional amenities facility to meet demand













Jimboomba

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 471
- Membership trend fluctuating (2014/14 membership of 479 and 2016/17 membership of 515)
- Membership prediction increase (population growth in nearby Greater Flagstone and Yarrabilba)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training four mid-week afternoons and across the weekend
- ☐ Friday night competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a synthetic javelin approach to ensure a safe surface
- Construct a clubhouse with storage up above the regular flooding levels
- ☐ Formalise the terrace spectator seating areas

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 11-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 3 synthetic and 2 carpet □/TJ approaches
- ☐ synthetic and grass high jump approaches
- ☐ 5 concrete shot put circles
- 5 concrete discus circles (with cages) (one also used as a hammer cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin
- most of the track and field event areas are lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Three equipment sheds
- Two demountable amenities blocks and an additional old brick amenities building
- Clubhouse and canteen (within a shed facility)
- □ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Small spectator hill with terracing





Mt Gravatt

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 215
- Membership trend fluctuating (2014/15 membership of 231 and 2016/17 membership of 188)
- Membership prediction increase (impact from Commonwealth Games, offering quality products, wellregarded centre)

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Sunday morning training
- Saturday afternoon competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct an amenities building to service the oval (and avoid the athletes entering into the school area and being out-of-sight from the oval)
 Construct an additional shed to allow the centre to
- purchase additional equipment

Medium priority

Consider re-positioning the existing discus facilities and replacing the cages

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 3 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Equipment shed
- Clubhouse with canteen
- Access to school amenities
- On-road and sealed car parking
- Undercover area and terraces for spectators









Redlands

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 206
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 299)
- Membership prediction increase (potential move to a new venue)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- Training is provided two afternoons mid-week and Saturday morning
- ☐ Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track with 10-lane straight
- ☐ 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- ☐ all concrete throwing circles are no longer accessible given recent school building works portable circles in use for the 2018/19 season
- ☐ track is lit to a low level

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Combined building includes storage, canteen and administration
- ☐ Access to the school amenities
- □ Predominantly on-road car parking
- Covered terraces along the front straight provide for spectators

Facility priorities

The centre is keen to investigate opportunities to relocate to a more suitable venue where long-term tenure can be arranged and where over-use can be avoided. Growth in the school has resulted in the development of a new building that has required almost one third of previously available field space being lost (including all throwing circles). Throwing events are now being undertaken on the main oval increasing potential for injury from wayward implements. Additionally, building works have cutoff passing foot traffic at the canteen resulting in a significant decline in takings.

Centre representatives are in negotiations with landlords at a number of alternate sites.









Springwood

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 338
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership of 394)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (provision of lighting to provide additional avenues for activities)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
 - I Two mid-week training afternoons
- ☐ Saturday morning competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Light the venue to provide for night training and (potential) competition
- Provide suitable fencing to prevent inappropriate vehicle access
- Formalise the car park (include suitable drainage)

Medium priority

 $\hfill \square$ Provide appropriate path links around the venue

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 synthetic high jump approaches
 - 5 concrete shot put circles
- □ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ 1 synthetic javelin approach
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ 3 equipment sheds
- ☐ Clubhouse with canteen and amenities
- □ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Perimeter shade for spectators









Sunnybank

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 117
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 161)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Training is provided on Sunday afternoons
- Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 1 synthetic high jump approach and additional grass areas
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle
- ☐ grass areas for javelin
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ Storage shed
- □ Access to the school amenities
- ☐ On-road car parking
- Perimeter shade trees

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct an additional storage facility
- ☐ Light the venue to provide for night training and competition

Medium priority

Ascertain the potential for constructing a second discus area









Wynnum Manly

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 272
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (local population growth young families)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ One mid-week training afternoon each week
- ☐ Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- ☐ front straight is lit to a low level

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Large shed incorporating storage and small servery
- □ Access to school amenities
- ☐ Sealed, unsealed and on-road parking
- □ Perimeter shade for spectators



Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Support the College in its endeavours to construct a full synthetic facility

Medium priority

- ☐ Light the venue to provide for night training and competition
- ☐ Investigate options for an additional storage shed







Bli Bli

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 51
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 82)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (local population growth)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Training one mid-week afternoon each week
- □ Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with temporary cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is partly lit (low levels and does not cover all event areas)

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Large storage shed and additional storage within the main building
- Main building incorporating canteen, amenities and additional storage
- ☐ Sealed car parking
- Spectators' hill, awning extension on the main building and picnic settings for spectators

Facility priorities

High priority

 Upgrade the amenities to modern expectations (including access for people with a disability)

Medium priority

- ☐ Fit out the storage shed with shelving and racking
- ☐ Top-dress the outer lanes of the track









Bribie District

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 155
- ☐ Membership trend 2017/18 was the first season of operation for this new centre
- Membership prediction increase (had a very successful first season and word-of-mouth promotion is expected to see growth)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- Training is provided one mid-week afternoon each week
- □ Friday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 grass shot put circles
- ☐ 2 grass discus circles (with temporary cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Storage within the amenities building
- Clubhouse incorporating canteen and additional amenities
- $\ \square$ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Spectators' hill and covered area
- □ Perimeter shade trees

Facility priorities

- ☐ Light the venue to provide for night training and competition
- ☐ Construct two concrete shot put facilities
- ☐ Construct two concrete discus facilities (with cages)
- ☐ Construct a new LJ/TJ facility with two synthetic approaches
- ☐ Construct a stand-alone storage facility











Caboolture

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 282
- Membership trend - increasing (2014/15 membership was
- Membership prediction increase (local population growth, strong centre)

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Raise the canteen above regular flood levels

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Training (at least) two mid-week afternoons each week
- Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 10-lane 400m grass track
- 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
 - 4 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is partly lit (low levels and does not cover all event areas)

Ancillary facilities

- Large storage shed
- Clubhouse
- Separate canteen building
- Shared amenities facility
- Sealed car parking
- Spectators' hill











Caloundra

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 236
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 263)
- □ Membership prediction increase (impact from Commonwealth Games)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training one mid-week afternoon and Saturday afternoon each week
- ☐ Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track with additional 10-lane 100m straight
- ☐ 3 grass LJ/TJ approaches (2 additional tiny tots/U6 approaches to separate pit)
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 wooden discus circles (with temporary cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ Brick storage facility
- ☐ Clubhouse with small canteen and very limited amenities
- Sealed car parking



Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Construct a new amenities building
- ☐ Construct a concrete discus circle and cage

Medium priority

Construct synthetic approaches to the existing LJ/TJ pits











Cooloola Coast

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 16
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 77)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (population growth)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Training is provided two afternoons mid-week
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 9-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ grass areas for throws and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ 2 containers
- □ Access to the school amenities
- □ On-road car parking
 - 3 Spectators' hill

Facility priorities

- Construct a covered area for marshalling, spectators and volunteers
- ☐ Provide access to water at the oval
- Construct a concrete discus circle and a concrete shot put circle on the oval











Deception Bay

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 403
- Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 503)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (provide high-level coaching, forward-thinking committee)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Training four mid-week afternoons each week
- ☐ Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 7-lane 400m grass track
- □ 2 recently replaced synthetic and 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- □ grass areas for high jump
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- □ synthetic javelin approach
- □ venue is lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Clubhouse incorporating storage and canteen
- □ Separate amenities building
- □ Sealed and unsealed car parking
- ☐ Perimeter spectators' hill with mature shade trees

Facility priorities

- ☐ Construct a full synthetic facility
- **Medium priority**
- ☐ Construct terracing around the spectators' hill area
- Update the amenities facilities









Glasshouse Districts

Membership considerations □ 2017/18 season membership - 184

- Membership trend - steady
- Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Training two mid-week afternoons each week
- Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- grass areas for high jump and javelin
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- □ venue is lit

Ancillary facilities

- Storage shed
- Canteen and amenities building
- Unsealed car parking

Facility priorities

- ☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- **Medium priority**
- Construct a full synthetic facility
- Construct a clubhouse









Gympie

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 216
- Membership trend - increasing (2014/15 membership was
- Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage □ Council facility

- Training is provided two mid-week afternoons each week
- Friday night competition



Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 3 grass LJ/TJ approaches (and additional 'mini' pit)
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (one (with cage))
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- Large storage shed
- Multiple amenities buildings
- Sealed and unsealed car parking
- Large covered grandstand (in poor condition)



Facility priorities

High priority

Construct a new LJ/TJ facility with two synthetic approaches Construct two new discus/hammer cages around existing circles









Maleny

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership 39
- Membership trend - steady
- Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage □ School facility

- Training two mid-week afternoons each week
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 6-lane 400m grass track
- 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- grass areas for high jump and javelin
- 1 synthetic shot put circle
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Large storage shed with awning and servery
- Access to school amenities
- Unsealed car parking
 - Spectators' hill



Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Upgrade the canteen to include a sink and access to water

Medium priority

☐ Construct terracing around the spectators' hill

Low priority

Construct a small amenities building near the centre shed to avoid the need to access the school facilities









Maroochy

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 106
- ☐ Membership trend increasing (2014/15 membership was 59)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (strong committee, targeted promotion)

Facilities usage

- ☐ School facility
- ☐ Training is provided before competition on Friday afternoons
- ☐ Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (one (with cage))
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is partially lit (some field event areas and sections of the track are not lit)

Ancillary facilities

- $\hfill \square$ Large storage shed with canteen
- □ Access to school amenities
- $\ \square$ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Metal 'stage area' for spectators

Facility priorities

- ☐ Light all of the track and field event areas
- ☐ Top-dress the track











Nambour

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 96
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ PCYC facility
- ☐ Training one mid-week afternoon each week
- ☐ Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track with additional 12-lane sprint
- ☐ 1 synthetic and 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with removable nets)
- ☐ grass areas for high jump and javelin
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Two storage sheds
- ☐ Basic canteen within one of the sheds
- □ Access to PCYC amenities
- ☐ Sealed and unsealed car parking
- ☐ Spectators' hill

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Top-dress and re-level the track

Medium priority

☐ Upgrade the canteen to allow for food preparation and ensure a more extensive (and healthy) menu

Low priority

☐ Construct a clubhouse











Nanango

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 76
- ☐ Membership trend new centre in 2017/18
- ☐ Membership prediction increase (word-of-mouth promotion and continued success from first season)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Training and competition are undertaken on Wednesday afternoons

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 1 grass LJ/TJ approach
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ Large storage shed with awning
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- □ Perimeter trees provide shade for spectators

Facility priorities

- ☐ Develop a new ☐/TJ facility with two synthetic approaches and new pit
- Construct a second concrete shot put circle and a second concrete discus circle











Noosa

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 175
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 264)
- Membership prediction steady (losing members to yearround football programs)

Facilities usage

- ☐ Council facility
- ☐ Training at least twice each week
- ☐ Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 3 8-lane 400m grass track with 9-lane straight
- ☐ 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with temporary cages) and additional mini discus area
- ☐ grass areas for high jump and javelin
- □ venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Large storage shed (shared)
- ☐ Canteen
- □ Public amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Terraced spectator area

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Construct a permanent discus cage

Medium priority

☐ Investigate development of a full synthetic facility

Low priority

 (If a full synthetic facility is not achieved) construct a high jump fan with javelin approach











South Burnett

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017/18 season membership 62
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 96)
- ☐ Membership prediction increase

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- Training and competition are undertaken on Wednesday afternoons

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 grass and 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- □ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ Large storage shed with awning
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- Perimeter trees provide shade for spectators

Facility priorities

- \square Develop a synthetic high jump fan
- Establish an appropriate javelin area (with synthetic approach)
- ☐ Construct lighting to allow for night training and competition













University of the Sunshine Coast

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 436
- ☐ Membership trend fluctuating (2014/15 membership was 378 and 2016/17 membership was 521)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ University facility
- Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m synthetic track
- 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ Full synthetic D
- ☐ 2 concrete and 2 grass shot put circles
- 3 concrete discus circles (one permanent and two temporary cages)
- additional grass javelin area
- □ venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Multiple storage sheds and storage rooms
- □ Clubhouse with canteen and amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Uncovered grandstand seating and spectators' hill



Facility priorities

- ☐ Construct a permanent cover over the grandstand seating
- ☐ Construct a second permanent discus cage











Wamuran

Membership considerations

- □ 2017/18 season membership 38
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2014/15 membership was 95)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is lit (but to a poor standard)

Ancillary facilities

- High quality sports club facility incorporating storage, amenities, canteen and social area
- □ Sealed car parking
- Covered spectator areas and perimeter trees provide shade for spectators

Facility priorities

- Upgrade the field lighting to ensure all track and field areas are appropriately lit
- ☐ Investigate opportunities to develop a discus cage









Tropical North

Cairns

Membership considerations

2017 season membership - 11 (while this is a large 'club' for junior athletics the vast majority of members are being registered as Athletics North Queensland rather than through Little Athletics Queensland)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Mid-week training four afternoons/evenings each week
- Friday evening competition (occasional Sunday morning competition)

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m synthetic track
- □ 8 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 synthetic high jump areas
- ☐ 4 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ 2 synthetic javelin approaches
- □ venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Sheds for storage
- □ Access to canteen
- \square Multiple amenities and changerooms
- □ Large sealed car parking
- 2,000 undercover spectator seating (total capacity for 9,000 spectators)

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Replace the two existing cages with IAAF-approved hammerdiscus cages

Medium priority

Construct a stand-alone administration and meeting area within the facility











Cassowary Coast

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 52
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2014 membership was 72)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Friday evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Investigate opportunities to develop a full synthetic facility to allow for all-weather competition. (Currently, eight or more weeks of competition are washed out every season)

Current facilities

Event facilities

- □ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 6 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- □ Large storage shed with awning
- ☐ Shared canteen and amenities
- Large unsealed car parking











Douglas Shire

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 37
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2013 membership was 64)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (limited population base to draw from and looking to maintain membership stability from 2016)

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- ☐ Wednesday afternoon competition
- local high school coach provides training opportunities two afternoons each week



Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track (with 10-lane front straight)
- ☐ 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- $\hfill \square$ Large storage shed shared with the school
- ☐ Additional small standalone storage shed
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Limited spectator facilities (although mature trees provide areas of shade)



Facility priorities

- □ Erect a large storage shed (9m x 9m) with small servery□ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ Establish a water point near the storage sheds (so that water for drinking does not need to be carried in each week)







Marlin Coast

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017 season membership 78
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- Sunday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 5 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 2 concrete shot put circles
- □ 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Storage shed with awning
- □ Access to school amenities
- □ Sealed car parking
- ☐ Limited spectator facilities (although mature trees provide areas of shade)

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

☐ Investigate the feasibility of lighting the facility to provide an opportunity for evening training and/or competition











Mulgrave

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 80
- □ Membership trend fluctuating (2014/15 membership was 120 and 2016/17 membership was 17)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady (small catchment area)

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- ☐ Training two afternoons each week
- ☐ Sunday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 3 8-lane 400m grass track (with 10-lane front straight)
- ☐ 4 synthetic and 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 3 concrete shot put circles
- ☐ 3 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Large storage shed
- ☐ Clubhouse with canteen and meeting/training room
- □ Council amenities and showers
- □ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Grandstand and perimeter shade for spectators





Facility priorities

High priority

- Light the facility to allow for evening training and competition during the hotter months
- ☐ Upgrade the throws cage to ensure safety

Medium priority

 Upgrade the existing canteen (more appropriate storage and enhance layout for serving)







Ravenshoe

Membership considerations

- ☐ 2017 season membership 7
- ☐ Membership trend steady
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ Council facility
- □ Occasional mid-week training
- ☐ Sunday afternoon competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- ☐ Amenities drainage requires upgrade (as it cannot cope with increased load during carnivals)
- Replace the existing throws circles as they are aging

Medium priority

 Construct additional shot put and discus circles (to meet demand for carnivals)

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 370m grass track
- ☐ 3 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- ☐ Large storage shed
- ☐ Clubhouse with canteen
- ☐ Amenities block with showers
- □ Unsealed car parking
- ☐ Covered area attached to clubhouse









Tablelands

Membership considerations

- 2017 season membership 68
- Membership trend increasing (2013 membership was 31)
- Membership prediction steady (not a high profile sport in

Facilities usage □ Council facility

- Mid-week training one afternoon each week
- Sunday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 3 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (one with a cage)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- 2 storage sheds
- Small clubhouse
- Access to public amenities
- Unsealed car parking
- Mature trees provide areas of shade on the eastern side of the facility



Facility priorities

Medium priority

- Develop shaded seating at key gathering points across the
- Construct an extension to the storage shed to house necessary maintenance equipment











Tully

Membership considerations

- □ 2017 season membership 26
- ☐ Membership trend decreasing (2013 membership was 60)
- ☐ Membership prediction steady

Facilities usage

- □ School facility
- Friday afternoon competition

Facility priorities

High priority

☐ Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

☐ Investigate opportunities to light the venue to allow for evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- ☐ 8-lane 400m grass track
- ☐ 4 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- ☐ 1 concrete shot put circle
- ☐ 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- ☐ grass areas for javelin and high jump
- □ venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- $\hfill \square$ Large storage shed shared with the school
- ☐ Access to school amenities
- ☐ On-road car parking
- ☐ Limited spectator facilities (although mature trees provide areas of shade)







This State Facilities Plan represents an opportunity for LAQ, the little athletics community, facility landlords, State and Federal Government to maintain and build upon the quality of little athletics (and athletics) infrastructure through clear planning and considered decision-making.

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

The Plan has identified limited need for new venues to meet current demand (maximum of four new centres) and highlighted a likely maximum of five new facilities to meet population-generated demand through until 2036. Individual centre recommendations are included under the relevant region and LAQ will continue to work closely with facility landlords and centres to assist further prioritise these actions.

Importantly, LAQ has been provided with an easily-edited spreadsheet of the findings and directions for each centre. This will ensure that they can continue to provide support and focus for centres considering facility upgrades and development, can regularly update the State's facilities state-of-play and highlight where service and facility gaps remain. As the peak body for little athletics in the State, the key facility development roles for LAQ will include:

		continued	centre	support	to ensure	e appropriate	tenure arrang	gements at	existing fa	acilities
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□ assisting centres where relocations have been identified

establishing new centres where service delivery gaps have been highlighted.

Individual facility development such as construction of synthetic LI/TJ approaches or lighting upgrades will continue to be led by centres (reflective of the priorities included in this Plan) with LAQ providing support such as identifying avenues for funding and preferred contractors.

The recommendations presented in the implementation plan below are higher-level directives required to ensure the Plan gains traction within the little athletics community as the guiding tool for facility-related decision-making. Priorities are assigned for each action. A high priority recommendation should be undertaken as soon as resources allow while medium (within 5 years) and low priorities (in the next 5-10 years) have longer timeframes attached to them.

The information provided is designed as a flexible guide - changes in user priorities or earlier opportunities for funding may alter implementation.



State-wide implementation			
Action	Priority	Lead	LAQ's role
Ensure that the State Facilities Plan becomes a standing item at the Annual Conference. Discuss key outcomes and identify future actions of note (e.g. establishment of new centres, major developments such as construction of synthetic facilities)	High	LAQ	Strategic direction
Ensure that the State Facilities Plan becomes a standing item at LAQ Board meetings $$	High	LAQ	Strategic direction
Communicate and promote the facility hierarchy and preferred facility standards to little athletics and government stakeholders	High	LAQ	Provider
Liaise closely with key stakeholders from identified centres where potential relocations have been identified. Boyne Tannum Centenary (longer-term) Hervey Bay Redlands Souths Texas Toowoomba South	High	LAQ Identified centres	Strategic direction
Prepare a simple facility development plan template that centres can complete to guide facility planning and development. Encourage the centres to use the State Facilities Plan as a guiding tool and for facility planning to become a standing agenda item at centre committee meetings	High	LAQ	Provider
Prepare a list of potential new centres and include promotion and establishment processes in relevant staff work programs. Aura (Caloundra South) Chinchilla Coomera Flagstone Forest Lake (or Springfield-Springfield Lakes) Millmerran Oakey Ripley Yarrabilba	High	LAQ New centre committees	Provider Strategic direction Partner
Where new centres are forecast, liaise closely with relevant council officers to ensure suitable locations (including opportunities at local education facilities) are investigated	High	LAQ Councils	Strategic direction Partner
Encourage new centres to use the centre-level facility benchmarks (hierarchy 1) as a guide to facility requirements. LAQ staff to work closely with all new committees and landlords (generally councils and education facilities) to ensure suitable facility planning and development is undertaken	High	LAQ New centre committees Councils	Strategic direction Partner
Assist centres in facility management negotiations to ensure appropriate tenure arrangements are established where they do not currently exist	High	LAQ	Strategic direction Partner
Continue to support centres seeking grants to achieve facility priorities identified in the State Facilities Plan (e.g. letters of support, providing references to preferred facility construction contractors, reviewing construction quotes, reviewing grant applications)	Partner Strategic direction		
Continue to provide information to centres regarding external funding opportunities	High	LAQ	Provider
Encourage centre committees to prepare facility renewal plans (and appropriate budgets) in association with landlords	Medium	LAQ Centre committees	Partner Strategic direction
Complete an internal review of the State Facilities Plan within five years	Medium	LAQ	Provider Strategic direction
Develop case studies of innovative facility developments (e.g. covered throwing circles) and share with little athletics stakeholders	Partner		
Complete a complete (external) review of the State Facilities Plan within ten years	Low	LAQ	Provider Strategic direction





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