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Executive summary

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. It was first prepared in 2018 and has proven successful assisting Little Athletics Queensland and individual centres to guide decision-making and seek grant funding. It was always planned to review and update the document after 5 years.

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). These 'mathematical-type' approaches can be useful when planning new facilities in greenfield sites. However, they are not necessarily an accurate approach for planning for existing facilities as they do not always reflect the popularity of a sport in a particular location given historical preferences (quite simply little 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 more broadly) is not straightforward. While a 5-lane 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, ongoing centre consultation continues and is supported by detailed discussions with Little Athletics Queensland officers and regular inspections of 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 acknowledges the six new centres that have been established (or re-established) since the 2018 Plan (and the 15 centres that have ceased operation). 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.



State-wide implementation (key recommendations)			
Action	Priority	Lead	LAQ's role
Liaise closely with key stakeholders from identified centres where the need (or potential need) for new homes have been identified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cassowary Coast <input type="checkbox"/> Mt Gravatt <input type="checkbox"/> Rosewood (pending ongoing tenancy concerns at the current location) <input type="checkbox"/> Centenary (longer-term) <input type="checkbox"/> Redlands (longer-term) 	High	LAQ Identified centres	Strategic direction
Prepare a list of potential new centres and include promotion and establishment processes in relevant staff work programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Caboolture-Morayfield <input type="checkbox"/> Caloundra West <input type="checkbox"/> Flagstone <input type="checkbox"/> Park Ridge-Chambers Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Springfield-Camira 	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 quickly became the key guiding document for facility-related decision-making for both Little Athletics Queensland and the centres. It linked capacity standards with existing and future demand and clearly identified those centres based at inappropriate facilities.

In essence, the original project addressed:

- what are the facilities like (condition and range) that centres are currently using?
- 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 became an important tool for facility managers (predominantly councils and education facilities), providing clarity and guidance relating to facility planning and development initiatives. The Plan also provides impetus for ongoing discussions between centres and their facility managers and ensures targeted resource allocation.

Given it has been more than 5 years since the original Plan was adopted, this document is a review and update to ensure currency.

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 2024, there are almost 30,000 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.

There are 85 LAQ centres spread across Queensland. These centres focus on delivering a little athletics program based on enjoyment, family involvement and encouraging participants to attempt every event. In contrast, in the QA system athletes tend to train and compete in their preferred events. In the north of the State, there is an alternate 'provider' of athletics - Athletics North Queensland (ANQ). ANQ clubs tend to provide a melded athletics program adopting facets of both LAQ (offering weekly competitions with athletes encouraged to participate in all events; providing for athletes as young as 4 years) and QA (providing formal coaching and pathways through to National Championships and beyond; providing opportunities for masters-aged athletes).

There are increasing numbers of little athletics centres being established as dual LAQ-QA organisations. This approach fosters an ethos of athletics-for-all and is well-supported by the two peak bodies.

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 to 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).

The Plan focuses on little athletics centres and their facilities.

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, QA and ANQ training and competition.

¹ 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. It is also home to the National Throws Centre of Excellence opened in early 2023. LAQ recognises the State Government's recent announcement that QSAC will be re-developed in order to host athletics for the Brisbane 2023 Olympic and Paralympic Games and looks forward to the two upgraded athletics facilities continuing to host a range of Little Athletics activities and carnivals post-development.

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

- LAQ
 - 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 and Barlow Park (Cairns) also host state-level (and above) events on



State-wide participation

In 2023 and 2024, there were 85 LAQ centres operating across the State. This represents participation of more than 13,300 little athletes. Additionally, QA report a 2023 athlete membership base of almost 17,000 (with at least 7,000 seeking a traditional synthetic facility for training and competition).

Participation in athletics (particularly junior athletics) is far greater than this number with more than 80,000 school students involved in athletics carnivals each year (yet not members of either peak association).

The Australian Sports Commission's AusPlay survey results for 2022-2023 indicate that in Queensland more than 80,000 children and 240,000 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 2018 and 2024, LAQ membership has remained (remarkably) steady. It is somewhat difficult to describe and interpret participation trends in little athletics - and subsequently what this means 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. Another increase was seen following the 2021 Olympics. Centres continue to plan for Olympic Games-related increases. As the Plan highlights, there are very few centres expecting further decreases in membership.

There is also potential that any recent membership decreases at centre level 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 contribute to a return to higher levels of participation. Further, there are centres trying to operate with limited facilities (only one long jump/triple jump pit, only one discus area etc) resulting in limited opportunities and programs taking longer to complete.

Importantly, LAQ is confident that the sport includes a range of quality products. Centre surveys undertaken by LAQ regularly highlight general satisfaction of the existing little athletics 'climate'. Not to rest on its laurels, LAQ is currently reviewing future product delivery such as centre environment, driving participation through schools and creating stronger links with local government. This review will go hand-in-hand with the State Facilities Plan as a key guiding package to ensure renewed enthusiasm and membership growth in the sport.



Forward planning

LAQ's 2020-2024 Strategic Plan highlights a range of key performance indicators under five strategic priorities:

- 1 - Leadership and innovation
- 2 - Physical activity places and spaces
- 3 - Growth and development
- 4 - Collaboration and partnerships
- 5 - Brand recognition.

The importance of ensuring appropriate facilities and a quality product can indirectly be attributed across the five priorities. Key strategies include:

- providing tailored, targeted programs and initiating alternative delivery models
- developing centres as leading 'Queensland Activity Precincts'
- applying social infrastructure best-practice planning and design principles in developing and modifying centres to maximise participation
- increasing the number of centres servicing the State.

A new Strategic Plan will be developed for 2025 and, importantly, it will work alongside this State Facilities Plan to lead growth in the sport.

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 was originally developed through direct contact with every one of the 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 for 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 others have less than 50, 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 centres are small enough that they can operate well with a single grass throws circle, single grass LJ/TJ approach and 5-lane track, while other very large centres may be based at World Athletics 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. Additionally, (from a child protection perspective) the provision of close amenities with clear line of sight is of key importance.

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 somewhat 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 councils 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	Minimum 5-lane 300m (with 100m straight or separate area)	Minimum 8-lane 300m (with 100m straight or separate area)	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 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 World Athletics. 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
- 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 World Athletics-certified facilities (such as 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 level 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, more than half of the 11 regional championship events are actually smaller than a number of weekly centre competitions. Centres such as Balmoral, Ipswich, Jimboomba, Toowong Harriers and University of the Sunshine Coast each have over 350 members whilst all four of the of the winter regional championships and the Central Coast and Downs and South West regional events attract 400 or fewer competitors. As a result, in most instances the facilities listed as hierarchy 1 facilities for centres of 300+ will be appropriate for many 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). However, moving forward LAQ has a preference for all regional events to be hosted at the premier (best-available) athletics venue within the region. In some instances, this venue may not be the ‘home’ of a little athletics centre (e.g. Mackay Aquatic and Recreation Complex Athletics Facility, QSAC, Sheldon College)

Regional-level facility expectations		
Facility requirements	Facility functions	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 8-lane 400m track <input type="checkbox"/> Four LJ/TJ approaches (potentially synthetic) <input type="checkbox"/> Up to four grass (or synthetic) HJ approaches <input type="checkbox"/> Two concrete SP circles <input type="checkbox"/> Two concrete DIS circles <input type="checkbox"/> Two grass (or synthetic) JAV approaches <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 10 pedestals <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen with large servery <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 200 car parking spaces (over 500 spaces required for the larger regional events) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> LAQ centre training and weekly competition <input type="checkbox"/> LAQ regional relays and championships <input type="checkbox"/> LAQ inter-centre events and carnivals <input type="checkbox"/> District and regional school events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> University of the Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs) <input type="checkbox"/> Glynis Nunn-Cearns Oval (Toowoomba) <input type="checkbox"/> University of Queensland (St Lucia)



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 World Athletics 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.



State-level (and beyond) facility expectations		
Facility requirements	Facility functions	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 8-lane 400m track <input type="checkbox"/> Four LJ/TJ synthetic approaches <input type="checkbox"/> Two synthetic HJ fans <input type="checkbox"/> Two concrete SP circles <input type="checkbox"/> Two concrete DIS circles with permanent cages <input type="checkbox"/> Two synthetic JAV approaches <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting to at least 200 lux <input type="checkbox"/> Photofinish booth <input type="checkbox"/> Administration and announcing area <input type="checkbox"/> Officials' room <input type="checkbox"/> Both amenities and changing facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Large canteen <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 800 car parking spaces within walking distance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> LAQ centre, regional and state events <input type="checkbox"/> QA local shield meets, state championships, national series meets, national championships and area meets <input type="checkbox"/> District, regional and state school events <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-school carnivals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Barlow Park (Cairns) <input type="checkbox"/> Townsville Sports Reserve (Townsville) <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Coast Performance Centre



Key directions

Larger centres

In the 2023 and 2024 season, there are 14 centres with more than 300 members. While some of these centres have shown stable (or slight declining) membership, others continue to grow. Some of the growing centres have commenced interventions such as capping athlete numbers to ensure they continue to offer a quality product.

Clearly, LAQ is not keen on turning potential participants away and would prefer consideration of alternate delivery approaches. Large growing centres with no option of developing additional facilities may need to consider splitting their weekly competition by age groups across two time slots (or days); allowing a second centre to be established out of the existing venue; or consider opportunities for relocation to a larger venue.

LAQ are keen to continue to work with the growing centres facing programming issues to ensure suitable opportunities are available. Continued discussions will also be negotiated with facility managers (education providers and councils).

Continued focus on event facilities

It was pleasing to note that track upgrades, LJ/TJ approaches, suitable SP/DIS facilities and facility lighting were the top facility priorities noted in the survey results. The reality is that it is these track and field event areas where the actual sport of little 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 disc 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.

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.

There are opportunities for flexibility in facility planning and development. Innovative opportunities may include:

- shade inside the track area
- covered area for throws and/or long lengths of concrete to facilitate throws training
- constructing LJ/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.

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 six of the regional championships attracting less than 400 participants each, yet 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 8 of the 11 regions, hosting high-level events at these facilities is the preferred delivery option for LAQ.

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, 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.





Continued negotiations

It is imperative that both LAQ and individual centres form (and retain) strong working relationships with facility providers (generally local government or education settings). Generally, centres note positive experiences with councils where discussions regarding short- and long-term planning is commonplace. However, more than 40% of centres are currently based at school settings - and experiences in these settings are not always as favourable. Many schools in metropolitan areas are experiencing growth and often the only available land for new buildings to accommodate more students is on the playing fields. There are a number of centres that have been dislodged (or are soon to be impacted) through this process.

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.

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 highlight that in many instances facilities such as synthetic LJ/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 85 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 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 (2021 Census)	Considerations	Action
Forest Lake	22,480	Until 2016/17, this area 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	23,030	Large population base of young families. Within 10mins drive of a 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
Yeppoon	18,800	Previously hosted a centre. Competition from North Rockhampton	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider re-establishing a centre if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Dalby	12,080	Previously hosted a centre (folded in 2019). No competition from nearby centres	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider re-establishing a centre if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Goodna	10,400	Previously hosted a centre. Competition from Ipswich	No action required



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 2021 and 2046¹. The table below includes the location, projected population increases, key considerations and actions for each of these 10 locations.

Growth areas			
Location (local government authority)	Projected population increases (2021 to 2046)	Considerations	Action
Ripley ² (Ipswich City Council)	104,170	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. As a result, a new centre (Providence) has been approved for the 23/24 season based at South Ripley	Work closely with Providence as a new centre to ensure quality facilities and programs are provided
Rosewood (Ipswich City Council)	65,700	The centre based in Rosewood has significant capacity for expansion	No action required
Caloundra West - Baringa (Sunshine Coast Council)	62,070	The Caloundra Little Athletics Centre has a solid membership base (350+ members). 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 Caloundra West if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Springfield Lakes ² (Ipswich City Council)	49,420	LAQ has received requests for little athletics in the Springfield area. Initial discussions regarding a potential site have been conducted with Council	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Look to identify a group of keen volunteers suitable for establishing a centre
Landsborough (Sunshine Coast Council)	45,470	The centre based in Landsborough (Glasshouse District) has significant capacity for expansion	No action required
Coomera (Gold Coast City Council)	44,390	The Helensvale centre has been re-formed at Upper Coomera State College. This will meet demand for both the Helensvale and Coomera catchments moving forward	No action required
Flagstone (West) - New Beith ² (Logan City Council)	44,120	While this area is only 10-15mins from the centre at Jimboomba, further growth in this centre might be 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
Upper Caboolture (Moreton Bay Regional Council)	35,970	While there are centres based at Caboolture and Wamuran, it is expect that demand will be created for a new centre in Upper Caboolture-Morayfield	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider establishing a new centre in Upper Caboolture-Morayfield if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Morayfield (Moreton Bay Regional Council)	35,970	While there are centres based at Caboolture and Wamuran, it is expect that demand will be created for a new centre in Upper Caboolture-Morayfield	Continue to promote little athletics in the community. Consider establishing a new centre in Upper Caboolture-Morayfield if a group of keen volunteers emerge
Chambers Flat - Logan Reserve ² (Logan City Council)	28,200	This area is 15-20mins from centres such as Browns Plains, Beenleigh and Jimboomba	Monitor demand for a centre in this area in light of potential opportunities at Flagstone and Springfield and the existing centres

1 - Queensland Government population projections, 2023 edition

2 - IPSWICH-LOGAN GROWTH AREA

The Ipswich-Logan growth area (incorporating areas such as Ripley, Springfield, Flagstone, Chambers Flat and Yarrabilba) is projected to host an additional 225,000 residents by 2046. LAQ should convene catchment conversations with officers from Ipswich and Logan City Councils and existing centres to investigate expected demand and preferred locations for new centres. It will be important that any new centres draw from a current (and future) catchment with unmet demand rather than taking members from any existing centres.





Centre analysis preamble

The previous sections of the Plan have 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, they have 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.

Centre analysis format

The format for each individual centre analysis includes:

- membership considerations
 - membership - 2023/24 (summer centres) or 2023 (winter centres) membership data from LAQ registrations
 - membership trends - consideration of seasonal centre membership from LAQ registration data since 2018
- facilities usage
 - training and competition arrangements - provided by centres
- current facilities
 - existing event and ancillary facilities - provided by centres and previous inspections
- facility priorities
 - prioritised list of event and ancillary facility upgrades and new developments - these have been developed by considering priorities provided by centres balanced with facility inspection outcomes and membership analysis.

Three levels of priority have been presented in the Plan:

- 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 LJ/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.

Given the lead role that councils play as facility providers and funding support bodies (even for centres based at education facilities), summary pages of little athletics provision in a number of key growth councils have been included at the end of the centre-by-centre analysis.



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Bundaberg

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 74
- Membership trend - increasing

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



Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches



Burrum & District

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 17
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Mid-week training
- Friday evening 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 cages)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

- 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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct an amenities block with adjoining storage
- Update LJ/TJ pits

Medium priority

- Lighting upgrades
- Provide shaded seating at key gathering areas
- Construct synthetic LJ/TJ and HJ approaches
- Construct a synthetic javelin approach





Eidsvold

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 17
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Tuesday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 250m-300m grass track
- 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- 1 grass LJ approach
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Access to school storage
- Access to school amenities

Facility priorities

High priority

- Repair the concrete discus circle
- Repair the LJ pit
- Construct a concrete SP circle



Gayndah

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 54
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Friday evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

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

Ancillary facilities

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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a larger storage facility

Low priority

- Upgrade the canteen facilities





Gladstone

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 144
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- University facility
- Wednesday afternoon training
- 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 with cages
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

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



Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct an amenities building
- Construct a synthetic HJ approach
- Construct shade at all event areas

Medium priority

- Construct a synthetic javelin approach
- Construct additional storage
- Replace the aging discus cage

Low priority

- Construct an office and canteen facility
- Develop a full synthetic facility



Hervey Bay

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 57
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

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

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

Ancillary facilities

- Two large storage sheds (one with awning)
- Canteen and amenities
- Unsealed car parking

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a new amenities facility
- Undertake canteen upgrades
- Erect a covered officials' area at the finish line

Medium priority

- Expand the club office area

Low priority

- Expand the covered area adjoining the canteen (and provide additional seating)





Isis District

Membership considerations

- 2017/18 season membership - 95
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

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

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

Ancillary facilities

- 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)

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



Maryborough

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 120
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Training Tuesday and Sunday afternoons
- Friday evening competition

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

Ancillary facilities

- Range of storage sheds
- Small clubhouse with awnings
- Refurbished canteen facility
- Public amenities
- Unsealed car parking
- Additional covered spectator seating
- Irrigation (via bore) for the track

Facility priorities

Low priority

- Upgrade the synthetic javelin approach





Monto

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 40
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

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

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 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

Ancillary facilities

- 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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Re-develop the track as a 400m facility (including top-dressing, levelling and irrigation)
- Re-build the LJ/TJ 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



West Bundaberg

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 163
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

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

Current facilities

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

- 2023 season membership - 98
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane grass 400m track
- 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

Ancillary facilities

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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct synthetic approaches for the LJ/TJ areas

Medium priority

- Develop a washing-up area in the canteen



Bargara District

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 188
- Membership trend - increasing

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

- Large storage shed
- Shared clubhouse that includes canteen, amenities and changerooms
- Unsealed car parking
- Grass spectators' hill

Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade the oval (top-dress)

Medium priority

- Upgrade the clubhouse interior (including kitchen and storage)
- Upgrade the amenities
- Establish additional car parking

Low priority

- Construct additional LJ/TJ pits
- Enhance security (cameras and security lighting)



Gin Gin

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 25
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Up to three mid-week training afternoons
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

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

Ancillary facilities

- Containers for storage
- Basic canteen within a small shed 'clubhouse' and awning
- Shared amenities (total 7 pedestals and shower)
- Unsealed car parking
- 7 shade covers



Facility priorities

High priority

- Replace the synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Construct a combined HJ-javelin synthetic approach
- Construct perimeter fencing

Medium priority

- Upgrade the canteen
- Concrete under the existing shade structures
- Upgrade the irrigation to an automated system
- Construct an awning at the front of the shed to provide a covered area

Low priority

- Install facility lighting
- Seal the car park





Gracemere

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 14
- Membership trend - decreasing

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



North Rockhampton

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 141
- Membership trend - increasing

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 LJ/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





Granite Belt

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 69
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Competition on Saturday afternoon

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



Highfields and District

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 102
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Training one Sunday each month
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 3 concrete SP circles
- 1 concrete DIS circle with cage
- venue is fully lit

Ancillary facilities

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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construction of a second discus circle with cage
- Construction of an additional LJ/TJ pit with synthetic approaches

Medium priority

- Provide shaded (and unshaded) seating in key gathering areas around the facility





Laidley

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 201
- Membership trend - increasing (after recent decreases)

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.



Roma and District

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 85
- Membership trend - increasing

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





Toowoomba

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 221
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Training offered up to 5 times 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
- Sealed car parking and nearby overflow parking (on vacant land)
- Two shelters overlooking the LJ/TJ pits and aluminium bench seating along the front straight
- Storage shed located at the finish line (also used as shelter for officials)

Facility priorities

High priority

- Continue to investigate opportunities to develop a public synthetic athletics facility in Toowoomba
- Upgrade the LJ/TJ pits
- Upgrade to the running track surface

Medium priority

- Construct an additional LJ/TJ pit with at least two synthetic approaches
- Construct two additional SP circles
- Provide lighting to the throws areas on the eastern side of the facility
- Undertake clubhouse upgrades (particularly enhancing all-abilities access)

Low priority

- Construct shade structures near the throws and LJ/TJ areas
- Develop a synthetic 'D' for javelin and HJ



Upper Lockyer

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 57
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Wednesday afternoon/evening competition

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct an additional storage shed
- Re-surface the synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Provide shaded areas

Medium priority

- Upgrade the amenities

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 lit

Ancillary facilities

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





Warwick

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 66
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

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

Ancillary facilities

- Storage shared with the school (used as basic canteen)
- Access to school amenities
- On-road car parking
- Spectator and marshalling shade sail areas
- Temporary container for additional storage

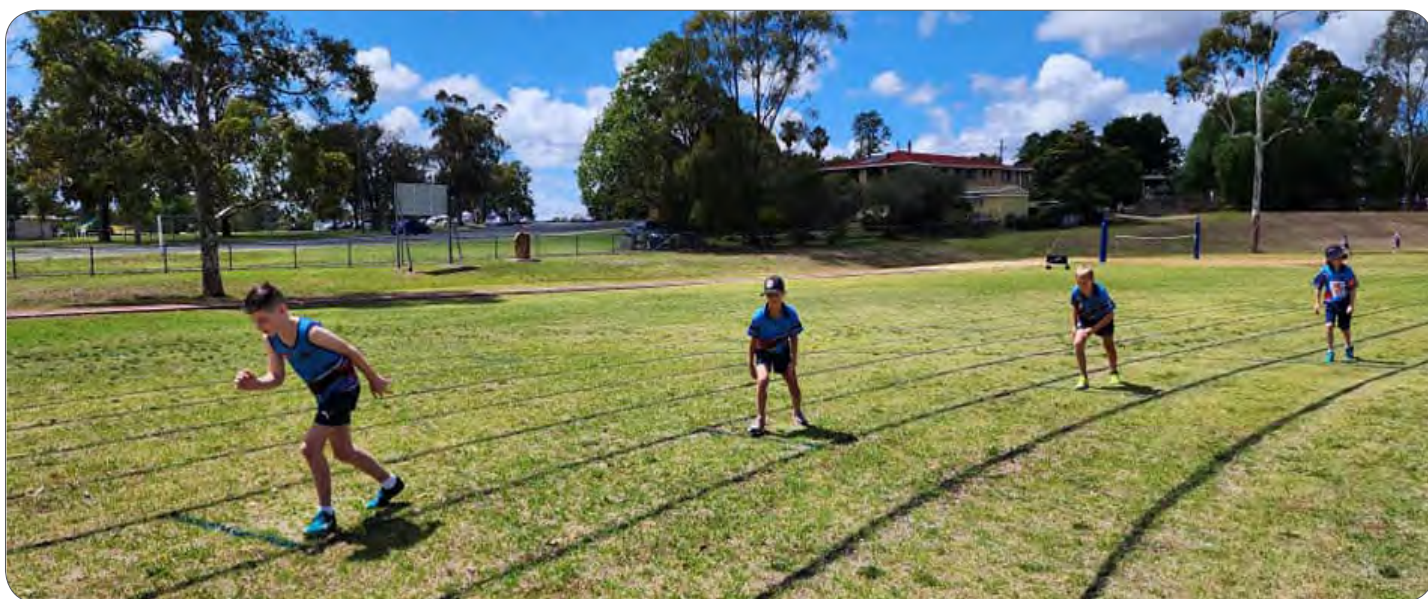
Facility priorities

Medium priority

- Replace the two discus nets

Low priority

- Construct an additional storage shed



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Charleville & District

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 24
- Membership trend - steady

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



Chinchilla

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 91
- Membership trend - steady

Current facilities

Event facilities

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

Ancillary facilities

- Storage and amenities shared with school
- Sealed car park

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a synthetic LJ/TJ approach





Goondiwindi

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 63
- Membership trend - steady

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 re-constructed pit)



St George

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 49
- Membership trend - 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



Arana

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 400
- Membership trend - 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

Ancillary facilities

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



Aspley

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 269
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

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

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 10-lane 400m grass track
- 4 synthetic and 1 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- 3 concrete shot put circles
- 3 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- 2 synthetic javelin approaches
- 2 synthetic high jump fans

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

- Upgrade the lighting so that all event areas are appropriately lit for competition purposes
- Replace the irrigation system and water tank
- Replace the damaged synthetic on one of the HJ fans and one of the javelin approaches

Medium priority

- Convert a grass LJ approach to synthetic
- Refurbish the canteen
- Replace two damaged SP circles

Low priority

- Seal the grass car park
- Extend the canteen building





Bracken Ridge

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 257
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

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

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-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

- Two storage sheds
- Clubhouse incorporates canteen, storage and amenities
- Sealed car parking
- Shaded areas around the perimeter of the facility for spectators

Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade field lighting to LED
- Upgrade the existing amenities
- Repair inefficient irrigation

Medium priority

- Repair damaged discus cages
- Upgrade and light the oval to the west to allow javelin to be relocated away from the inside of the track

Low priority

- Upgrade the canteen



City North

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 345
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

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

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)

Ancillary facilities

- 2 storage sheds
- Sealed and unsealed car parking
- Very limited spectator seating

NOTE: the former shared clubhouse was destroyed in recent flooding events

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a new amenities building
- Construct a new canteen

Medium priority

- Construct a meeting area
- Extend the synthetic high jump fan
- Enhance the lighting in the LJ/TJ area

Low priority

- Construct an additional storage facility
- Install additional spectator seating





Redcliffe

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 120
- Membership trend - decreasing

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

- 2023/24 season membership - 358
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Training three afternoons 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

Ancillary facilities

- 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)

Facility priorities

High priority

- Re-surface the synthetic jump approaches (and repair tree root impacts)
- Upgrade the lighting to ensure appropriate lighting levels across all event areas

Medium priority

- Replace the clubhouse/storage facility





The Gap

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 215
- Membership trend - steady

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

- Enhance the lighting levels at the discus area
- Construct an additional storage shed

Medium priority

- Resurface and extend the synthetic HJ fan
- Replace the discus cages

Low priority

- Upgrade the field lighting to an LED system
- Re-surface the grass track



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Centenary

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 289
- Membership trend - increasing

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



Ipswich

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 504
- Membership trend - steady

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
- Photofinish building with recording room on lower level
- Additional amenities block with showers (aged and too small to meet demand)
- Sealed car parking
- Spectator hill

Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade the grass track surface
- Upgrade the LJ/TJ facilities to cope with weekly demand. Widen the approaches and the pits to make them each dual width
- Replace and expand the existing amenities facilities

Medium priority

- Upgrade the canteen facilities
- Upgrade the lighting on the eastern field (top field) to allow for additional throws areas
- Terrace the spectator hill (that becomes unsafe when wet)





Kenmore

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 224
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Training 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

- Light the facility to competition standard

Medium priority

- Construct a second discus circle with cage close to the main oval area



Providence

Membership considerations

- New centre commenced early in 2024

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Training available 4 mid-week afternoons and Sunday morning
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8 lane grass 400m track
- 1 grass LJ /TJ approach
- 1 grass shot put circle
- 1 grass discus circle (with portable cage)
- Grass areas for javelin and HJ
- Venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Access to school amenities, storage and gym
- Sealed car parking

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a throws cage
- Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Construct field lighting

Medium priority

- Construct a storage shed
- Construct perimeter fences and pathways
- Construct a strength and conditioning room

Low priority

- Construct additional spectator seating

Additionally, the Centre and school have submitted a State Government funding application to develop a full synthetic facility.





Rosewood

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 82
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Saturday morning competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 2 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 1 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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Address ongoing tenancy concerns with the school and/or identify an alternate location
- Construct a new discus facility with cage

Medium priority

- Construct a new shot put facility



Souths

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 46
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 6-lane 400m grass track
- 1 synthetic LJ/TJ approach
- 1 concrete shot put circle
- 1 concrete discus circle

Ancillary facilities

- Storage container
- Toilets
- Car parking
- Spectator areas

Facility priorities

High priority

- Resurface the existing LJ/TJ synthetic approach
- Construct a second synthetic LJ/TJ approach

Medium priority

- Upgrade the LJ/TJ pit

Low priority

- Construct a clubhouse with canteen facility





Toowong

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 432
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Training offered up to four times 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
- Storage container
- Container being used as a temporary canteen while clubhouse upgrades are undertaken
- Clubhouse that incorporates storage, canteen and amenities
- Sealed and on-road car parking
- Shaded perimeter for spectators

Facility priorities

High priority

- Complete clubhouse renovation
- Conversion of grass LJ/TJ approaches to synthetic

Medium priority

- Construct a second discus cage
- Erect a HJ mat storage shed

Low priority

- Construct a standalone amenities building



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North Mackay

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 142
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Mid-week training two afternoons each week
- 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

Medium priority

- Install seating options for athletes and spectators at key locations around the venue
- Resurface the concrete throwing circles

Low priority

- Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches



Ross River

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 131
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- School facility
- One-mid week training session each week
- Friday evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane grass 400m track
- 4 synthetic (grass) LJ/TJ approaches
- 1 grass and 1 concrete shot put circle
- 1 grass and 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- grass javelin and HJ areas
- venue is lit (with poor uniformity)

Ancillary facilities

- Canteen
- 2 storage sheds
- Access to school amenities

Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade LJ/TJ pits
- Upgrade track surface
- Upgrade lighting

Medium priority

- Construction of two additional SP facilities
- Replace the existing DIS cage

Low priority

- Replace synthetic grass LJ/TJ approaches with synthetic rubber





Townsville Central

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 157
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

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

Ancillary facilities

- Storage shed
- Amenities (leased from Townsville Tennis)
- Sealed car parking
- Grass spectators' hill

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct an amenities building

Medium priority

- Upgrade the throwing circles
- Construct an additional synthetic LJ/TJ facility

Low priority

- Identify a suitable meeting room option



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Ashmore

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 174
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

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

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 9-lane 400m grass track (110m straight)
- 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches (across 3 pits)
- 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

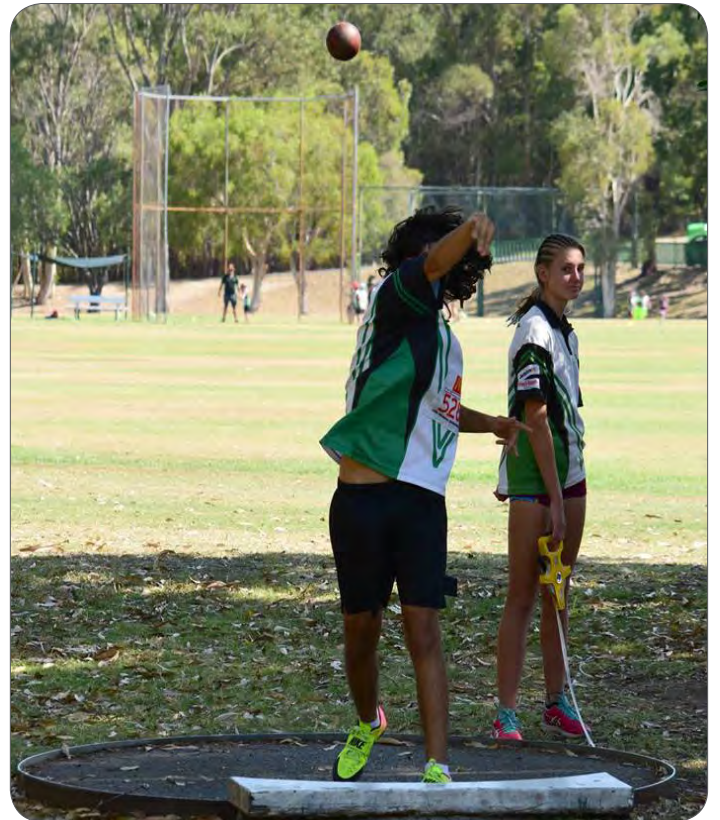
Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade the amenities (with all-abilities access)
- Resurface the concrete throws circles

Medium priority

- Construct a storage shed for the HJ mats (at oval level)
- Upgrade the LJ/TJ pits and approaches



Beaudesert & District

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 95
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Training on Tuesday 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

- 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

Investigate opportunities to relocate to an alternate venue that is not impacted by regular flooding.

High priority

- Source a new storage container
- Replace discus netting

Medium priority

- Construct a synthetic HJ approach
- Construct a synthetic javelin approach

Low priority

- Construct a grandstand near the finish line
- Light the facility





Gold Coast

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 301
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Training on most afternoons
- 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

High priority

- Construction of a full synthetic facility to support the southern end of the Gold Coast
- Upgrade the lighting to meet necessary standards for night-time competition
- Construct perimeter fencing
- Construct a new clubhouse (including kitchen, amenities and gym)

Medium priority

- Construct a new storage shed



Helensvale

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 87
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Training on Tuesday afternoon
- Friday night (or Saturday afternoon) competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 5-lane 400m grass track
- 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete and 2 grass shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with 1 portable cage)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump

Ancillary facilities

- One small shed
- Access to school amenities
- Temporary use of school canteen

Facility priorities

High priority

- Undertake ground works to expand the track footprint
- Upgrade the LJ/TJ pit
- Erect field lighting to competition standard

Medium priority

- Construct 2 permanent discus cages
- Construct a large storage shed
- Finalise use arrangements of the school canteen

Low priority

- Establish an office space (uniform storage area)
- Install additional seating and shade along the back straight





Mudgeeraba

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 161
- Membership trend - 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

High priority

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



Ormeau

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 121
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Wednesday afternoons
- 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

- Construct a larger storage shed (small clubhouse) to provide a small canteen area, office space and larger equipment storage
- Connect water to the existing shed
- Construct an amenities building

Medium priority

- Remove goalposts to accommodate 8 lanes
- Relocate the LJ/TJ area





Runaway Bay

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 390
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- five afternoons/evenings of training each week
- Friday night competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

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

Ancillary facilities

- Large equipment shed
- Clubroom facility with canteen
- Amenities facility
- Small public amenities adjacent to the club shed
- On-road and sealed car parking
- No spectator facilities



Facility priorities

High priority

- Clubhouse and shed maintenance
- Re-surface the synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Construct a larger amenities facility

Medium priority

- Develop wet weather training facilities
- Construct a cover near the finish line

Low priority

- Develop spectator facilities



Tamborine Mountain

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 84
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- Council facility

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 6-lane grass 400m track
- 1 grass shot put circle
- 1 grass discus circle
- grass javelin and HJ areas
- venue is lit

Ancillary facilities

- Storage (shipping container)
- Canteen
- Access to sports club amenities
- Sealed parking

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a LJ/TJ area with synthetic approaches
- Construct concrete circles for shot put and discus (with a cage)

Medium priority

- Install a concrete apron around the shed
- Construct a larger storage facility





Tweed

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 246
- Membership trend - 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

- 1 equipment shed and 1 shipping container
- 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



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Algester

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 204
- Membership trend - steady

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

Medium priority

- Upgrade lighting to allow for training and competition



Balmoral

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 414
- Membership trend - increasing

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 LJ/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

- 2023/24 season membership - 21
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

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

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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade the LJ/TJ pits

Medium priority

- Upgrade the facility lighting
- Replace the aged seating



Browns Plains

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 147
- Membership trend - steady

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

High priority

- 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

- 2023/24 season membership - 384
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade the synthetic approaches
- Construct a new clubhouse (remove the existing)
- Upgrade the field lighting

Medium priority

- Replace the concrete throwing circles
- Enhance the field drainage network

Low priority

- Construct an indoor training (and gym) space

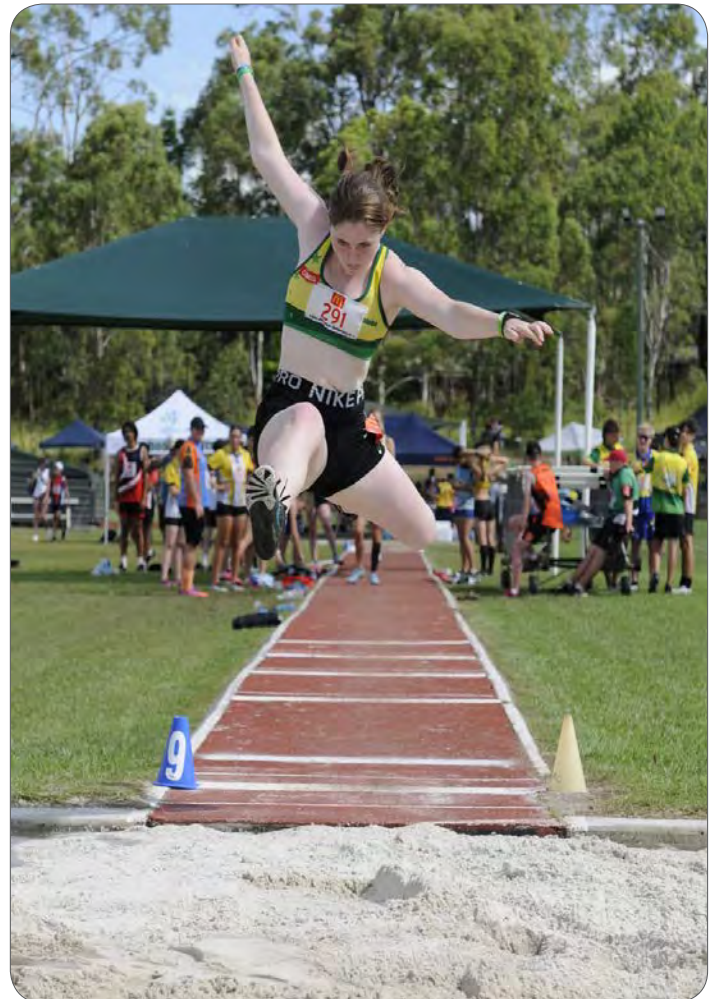
Current facilities

Event facilities

- 10-lane 400m grass track
- 3 synthetic and 2 carpet LJ/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)
- 2 synthetic javelin approaches
- 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
- Covered grandstand
- Small spectator hill with terracing



Mt Gravatt

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 172
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- No current venue

Current facilities

- No current venue

Facility priorities

High priority

- Identify a suitable long-term home for the centre. Consider both council and education facilities





Redlands

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 341
- Membership trend - increasing

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 cut-off 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

- 2023/24 season membership - 396
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Multiple training opportunities
- Friday evening competition

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
- Tiny tots area (8-lane 40m track)
- U6/U7 area (2 LJ pits, junior throws area and skills area)
- venue is lit

Ancillary facilities

- 4 equipment sheds
- Waterproof container (for emergency flood response)
- Clubhouse with canteen and amenities
- Unsealed car parking
- Perimeter shade for spectators

Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade the track surface
- Provide suitable fencing to prevent inappropriate vehicle access
- Provide additional throws areas

Medium priority

- Construct a finish line storage facility
- Upgrade the facility entry and car park

Low priority

- Construct additional amenities





Sunnybank

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 105
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Training is provided two mid-week afternoons
- Saturday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 4 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 2 concrete shot put circles
- 1 concrete discus circle
- grass areas for HJ and 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

- Light the venue to provide for night training and competition
- Construct an additional storage facility
- Upgrade the LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

- Construct a second concrete discus circle
- Construct a 100m synthetic straight
- Construct a synthetic HJ approach



Wynnum Manly

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 265
- Membership trend - steady

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 cages (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

- Resurface the synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Update the amenities

Medium priority

- Upgrade the track turf surface
- Replace the discus cage

Low priority

- Construct a synthetic HJ approach ('D')
- Construct a full synthetic facility



Bli Bli

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 37
- Membership trend - decreasing

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

- 2023/24 season membership - 182
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- One training session is provided each week
- Friday afternoon competition

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 lit

Ancillary facilities

- Storage within the amenities building
- Temporary use of an adjoining hall
- Sealed car parking
- Spectators' hill and covered area
- Perimeter shade trees



Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a stand-alone storage facility
- Construct more all-abilities access infrastructure (e.g. pathways, sealed driveway)
- Construct a purpose-built clubhouse

Medium priority

- Construct additional synthetic approaches for LJ/TJ (that can also be used for HJ)
- Construct a synthetic HJ-javelin approach

Low priority

- Upgrade the canteen
- Upgrade the track surface





Caboolture

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 207
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

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

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- Separate 8-lane 100m straight track
- 5 synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- 4 concrete shot put circles
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is lit

Ancillary facilities

- Clubhouse with storage
- New canteen (under construction)
- Shared amenities facility
- Sealed car parking
- Spectators' hill

Facility priorities

High priority

- Complete the canteen project

Medium priority

- Provide shade structures in the LJ/TJ area
- Replace the security cameras

Low priority

- Replace the temporary security gates on the storage shed
- Provide underground power to the finish line



Caloundra

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 331
- Membership trend - increasing

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

- 2023/24 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
- Spectators' hill

Facility priorities

High priority

- 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

- 2023/24 season membership - 303
- Membership trend - decreasing (2014/15 membership was 503)
- Membership prediction - increase (provide high-level coaching, forward-thinking committee)

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Training three 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

High priority

- Upgrade the field lighting
- Upgrade the track turf surface

Medium priority

- Update the canteen





Glasshouse Districts

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 166
- Membership trend - 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

High priority

- Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

- Construct a full synthetic facility



Gympie

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 134
- Membership trend - decreasing

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- 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
- Canteen
- Multiple amenities buildings
- Sealed and unsealed car parking
- Large covered grandstand (in poor condition)
- 3 small grandstands

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct a new LJ/TJ facility with two synthetic approaches
- Construct a new discus/hammer circle and cage on the top oval

Medium priority

- Construct a synthetic track





Maleny

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 46
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Training one mid-week afternoon 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
- 2 concrete discus circles (with cages)
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Upgrade the existing throws circles and cages
- Construct a new concrete SP circle

Medium priority

- Upgrade the canteen to include a sink and access to water
- Construct a small amenities building near the centre shed
- Seal the car park

Low priority

- Construct a 6-lane synthetic straight
- Construct fielding lighting



Maroochy

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 105
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Training one mid-week evening each week
- 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 (each with cages)
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is lit (with LED)

Ancillary facilities

- Large storage shed with canteen
- Access to school amenities
- Sealed car parking
- Metal 'stage area' for spectators

Facility priorities

High priority

- Replace the LJ/TJ synthetic approaches
- Light discus area 2

Low priority

- Develop a covered play area





Nambour

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 135
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

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

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track with additional 12-lane sprint straight
- 2 synthetic 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

- Construct an additional synthetic LJ/TJ facility

Medium priority

- Upgrade the canteen



Nanango

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 51
- Membership trend - increasing

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

High priority

- Develop a new LJ/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

- 2023/24 season membership - 163
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

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

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 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

- 2023/24 season membership - 97
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Training is available two afternoons each week
- Competition is undertaken on Wednesday afternoons

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 300m grass track (8-lane 200m and 10-lane 100m)
- 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 (and adjoining tank)
- Access to school amenities
- Sealed car parking
- Perimeter trees provide shade for spectators

Facility priorities

High priority

- Develop a 400m grass track
- Lengthen the synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

Medium priority

- Construct an additional awning off the shed
- Extend the shed to provide additional storage

Low priority

- Construct lighting to allow for night training and competition
- Construct a synthetic high jump fan





University of the Sunshine Coast

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 379
- Membership trend - 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

High priority

- Update the track surface
- Construct a permanent cover over the grandstand seating

Medium priority

- Construct an additional storage area



Wamuran

Membership considerations

- 2023/24 season membership - 74
- Membership trend - decreasing

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

High priority

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





Cassowary Coast

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 58
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- Council facility
- Friday evening competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 370m 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

Facility priorities

High priority

- Investigate opportunities to relocate to a facility above regular flooding levels (and with room to accommodate a 400m track)
- Raise and top dress the grass track

Medium priority

- Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Raise the javelin area



Cooktown

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 105
- Membership trend - increasing

Facilities usage

- School facility

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 6-lane grass 300m track
- 2 grass LJ/TJ approaches
- 1 grass and 1 concrete shot put circle (both with cages)
- 1 concrete discus circle (with cage)
- grass javelin and HJ areas
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- Storage – small, single bay garage.
- Small under covered area
- Access to school amenities
- Sealed parking

Facility priorities

High priority

- Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches





Douglas Shire

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 61
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Training provided two afternoons each week
- Thursday afternoon competition



Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track (with 8-lane front straight)
- 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 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

High priority

- Erect a large storage shed that incorporates accessible toilets, office space and water cooler
- Construct a synthetic high jump fan



Marlin Coast

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 8
- Membership trend - decreasing

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 container



Facility priorities

Medium priority

- Construct a LJ/TJ pit
- Construct a storage shed





Tablelands

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 61
- Membership trend - steady

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 with cages
- grass areas for javelin and high jump
- venue is not lit

Ancillary facilities

- 2 storage sheds
- Small clubhouse
- Amenities building
- Unsealed car parking
- Mature trees provide areas of shade on the eastern side of the facility

Facility priorities

Medium priority

- Construct a permanent shade structure



Tully

Membership considerations

- 2023 season membership - 62
- Membership trend - steady

Facilities usage

- School facility
- Friday afternoon competition

Current facilities

Event facilities

- 8-lane 400m grass track
- 3 grass and 1 synthetic 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
- Access to school amenities
- On-road car parking
- Limited spectator facilities

Facility priorities

High priority

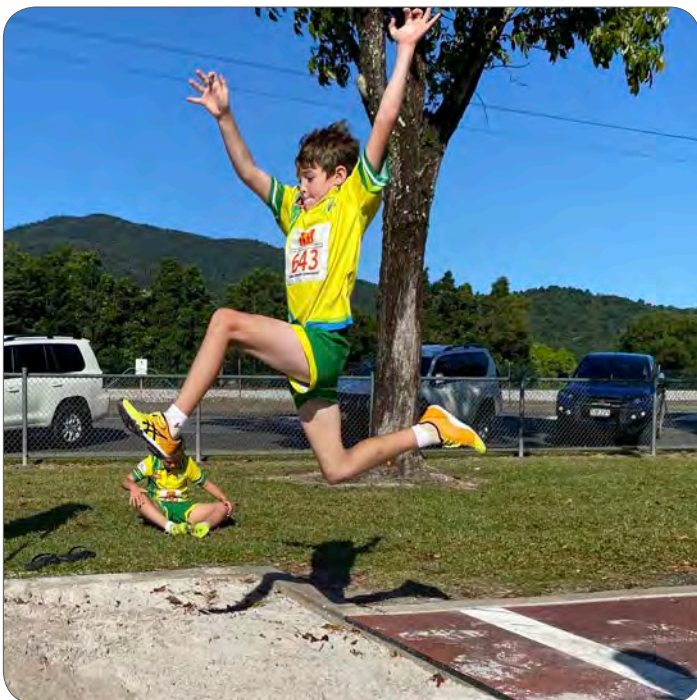
- Construct a permanent shade shelter
- Upgrade the surface of the track

Medium priority

- Construct a clubhouse
- Construct spectator seating
- Investigate opportunities to light the venue to allow for competition and training

Low priority

- Construct a full synthetic facility



Local government overview preamble

The following section presents a summary of facility priorities for centres located across the key growth councils in South East Queensland. This overview should be read in conjunction with the individual centre considerations.

Local government overview format

The format for each individual council analysis includes:

- population considerations
 - 2021 population
 - projected 2046 population
- facility provision
 - existing centre membership
 - projected 2046 membership
- facility planning and development considerations
 - summary of likely little athletics demand for the LGA
 - key facility priorities.

Predicting participation increases

Across the State, participation in Little Athletics has remained constant for many years (bearing in mind the inevitable Olympics-related peaks and troughs). Given this, it may seem a little nonsensical to be proposing a blanket 'growth factor' index for the centres located in urban areas (where residential increases are projected). However, for a number of reasons this growth (beyond population influences) appears to be a justifiable projection given a range of directives:

- 2024 is an Olympic year. While participation increases always occur in Olympic years, historically, LAQ have been unable to hold onto these new registrations given staff resourcing difficulties. This should not be such an issue in 2024
- LAQ are investing in two additional staff with key responsibility for development
- LAQ are investing in a new introductory schools program with a clear goal to transition participation from being school athletes to little athletics participants
- the adoption and widespread buy-in (including from councils) for the 2024 State Facilities Plan will enhance centre capacity and enable quality little athletics products.

Growth factor

LAQ have set a target for existing centres in urban areas to be at least 15% larger in registration over the next 22 years. While this may seem like a lofty challenge - this will only require a year-on-year increase of only 0.6%. With a larger development-specific workforce this increase is considered feasible. In addition, if substantial growth can be achieved moving forward, opportunity may exist to further expand the LAQ development workforce to ensure ongoing centre support and school-based promotional initiatives.



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Brisbane City Council - overview

Population considerations

Current population (2021)¹ - 1,242,825

Projected population (2046)² - 1,603,148

Significant population growth is expected across the Brisbane City LGA.

Facility provision

Thirteen centres operate within the Brisbane City LGA:

- Algester 204 members
- Aspley 269 members
- Balmoral 414 members
- Bracken Ridge 257 members
- Centenary 289 members
- City North 345 members
- Kenmore 224 members
- Mt Gravatt 172 members
- Souths 46 members
- Sunnybank 105 members
- The Gap 215 members
- Toowong Harriers 432 members
- Wynnum Manly 265 members.

2023 LGA membership (combined membership of centres)	LGA projected population change 0-14yrs 2021 to 2046	Projected membership with LGA 0-14yrs change	Projected membership after 2046 '15% growth factor' applied	Projected membership change to 2046
3,237	Increase 3%	3,334	3,833	+596

Facility planning and development considerations

While there is limited growth projected for the 0-14yrs age bracket across the Brisbane City LGA, significant membership change is expected. With 13 centres and more than 3,000 existing members, applying the growth factor target results in almost 600 more little athletes. While a number of centres have capacity to accommodate growth, a small number are already large. Additionally, centres such as Mount Gravatt (that do not currently have a suitable home) and Centenary (likely to lose field space at their current venue in the near future) require a long-term quality home.

It is proposed that much of the growth can be absorbed by existing clubs (particularly if centres such as Souths and Sunnybank grow and Mt Gravatt establishes a new long-term home). Geographically, there is an area in the Forest Lake-Richlands catchment that does not have direct access to a centre. However, proposed development within the Camira-Springfield area (within the Ipswich City LGA) will assist this provision.

1 2021 Census QuickStats, Australian Bureau of Statistics

2 Queensland Government Population Projections, 2023 edition: Australian Bureau of Statistics - Regional population by age and sex (medium series)



Key facility priorities - summary

- Algester
 - Upgrade lighting to allow for training and competition
- Aspley
 - Upgrade lighting so that all event areas are appropriately lit for competition purposes
- Balmoral
 - Upgrade the LJ/TJ facilities with complete synthetic re-build and expansion and construction of new pits
- Bracken Ridge
 - Upgrade field lighting to LED
- Centenary
 - Construct a concrete discus circle (with cage)
- City North
 - Construct a new amenities building
- Kenmore
 - Light the facility to competition standard
- Mt Gravatt
 - Identify a suitable long-term home for the centre. Consider both council and education facilities
- Souths
 - Resurface the existing LJ/TJ synthetic approach
- Sunnybank
 - Light the venue to provide for night training and competition
- The Gap
 - Enhance the lighting levels at the discus area
- Toowoong Harriers
 - Complete the clubhouse renovation
- Wynnum Manly
 - Resurface the synthetic LJ/TJ approaches



Gold Coast City Council - overview

Population considerations

Current population (2021)¹ - 625,087

Projected population (2046)² - 983,004

Significant population growth is expected across the Gold Coast City LGA including an additional 21,000 residents aged 0-14 years.

Facility provision

Six centres operate within the Gold Coast City LGA:

- Ashmore 224 members
- Gold Coast 379 members
- Helensvale 87 members
- Mudgeeraba 172 members
- Ormeau 119 members
- Runaway Bay 462 members.

2023 LGA membership (combined membership of centres)	LGA projected population change 0-14yrs 2021 to 2046	Projected membership with LGA 0-14yrs change	Projected membership after 2046 '15% growth factor' applied	Projected membership change to 2046
1,443	Increase 36%	1,962	2,257	+814

Facility planning and development considerations

There is significant population growth projected for the northern end of the Gold Coast with more than 44,000 new residents projected for the Coomera catchment. While this magnitude of growth would normally result in the need for a new centre, the Helensvale Centre has re-formed at Upper Coomera State College. This centre will address demand created in this area, while a number of the remaining centres based on the Gold Coast have capacity for additional members.

Key facility priorities - summary

- Ashmore
 - Upgrade the amenities (with all-abilities access)
- Gold Coast
 - Construction of a full synthetic facility
- Helensvale
 - Upgrade ground works to expand the track footprint
- Mudgeeraba
 - Upgrade the LJ/TJ facilities. Construct a new double-ended synthetic approach and a new pit
- Ormeau
 - Construct a larger storage shed (small clubhouse) to provide a small canteen area, office and larger equipment storage
- Runaway Bay
 - Re-surface the synthetic LJ/TJ approaches

1 2021 Census QuickStats, Australian Bureau of Statistics

2 Queensland Government Population Projections, 2023 edition: Australian Bureau of Statistics - Regional population by age and sex (medium series)



Ipswich City Council - overview

Population considerations

Current population (2021)¹ - 229,208

Projected population (2046)² - 529,064

Significant population growth is expected across the Ipswich City LGA. Of clear importance to Little Athletics, an additional 57,000 residents aged 0-14 years are projected by 2046.

Facility provision

Three centres operate within the Ipswich City LGA:

- Ipswich 484 members
- Providence 0 members (opening early 2024)
- Rosewood 68 members.

2023 LGA membership (combined membership of centres)	LGA projected population change 0-14yrs 2021 to 2046	Projected membership with LGA 0-14yrs change	Projected membership after 2046 '15% growth factor' applied	Projected membership change to 2046
552	Increase 105%	1,131	1,300	+748

Facility planning and development considerations

There is significant population growth forecast for the Ipswich City LGA leading to the number of little athletics members projected to more than double between 2023 and 2046. Additionally, there is significant population growth expected across the western side of the Logan City LGA (immediately east of the Ipswich City LGA). Considered together, this outlines the importance of further provision to meet likely demand.

A brand new centre (Providence) has recently commenced at South Ripley. Further, this Plan recommends the development of new centres in Camira-Springfield (Ipswich City LGA), Park Ridge-Chambers Flat and Flagstone (both Logan City LGA). These proposed new centres would be expected to address demand in this key Ipswich-Logan growth area.

Key facility priorities - summary

- Ipswich
 - Upgrade the grass track surface
- Providence
 - Construct a throws cage
- Rosewood
 - Address ongoing tenancy concerns with the school and/or identify an alternate location
- New centre
 - Establish a new centre in the Springfield-Camira catchment

1 2021 Census QuickStats, Australian Bureau of Statistics

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Logan City Council - overview

Population considerations

Current population (2021)¹ - 345,098

Projected population (2046)² - 539,900

Significant population growth is expected across the Logan City LGA. Although the majority of growth is expected in the number of people aged over 25 years, an additional 30,000 residents aged 0-14 years is also projected.

Facility provision

Four centres operate within the Logan City LGA:

- Beenleigh 28 members
- Browns Plains 147 members
- Jimboomba 358 members
- Springwood 462 members.

2023 LGA membership (combined membership of centres)	LGA projected population change 0-14yrs 2021 to 2046	Projected membership with LGA 0-14yrs change	Projected membership after 2046 '15% growth factor' applied	Projected membership change to 2046
995	Increase 38%	1,369	1,574	+579

Facility planning and development considerations

With more than 570 additional little athletics members projected across the Logan City LGA by 2046, and adjoining growth areas immediately to the west within the Ipswich City LGA, careful planning is required to ensure expected demand is met. It is likely that at least one (preferably two) new centres will be required within Logan City LGA.

While centres at Springwood, Browns Plains and Beenleigh service the northern catchment, only Jimboomba services the central, southern and western sides of the LGA. As two of the larger centres in the State, there is limited opportunity for expansion at Jimboomba nor Springwood. The development of new centres at Park Ridge-Chambers Flat and Flagstone would provide a more realistic geographical spread and address key growth areas.

Key facility priorities - summary

- Beenleigh
 - Upgrade the LJ/TJ pits
- Browns Plains
 - Light the facility to training standards
- Jimboomba
 - Upgrade the synthetic approaches
- Springwood
 - Upgrade the track surface
- New centres
 - Establish a new centre in the Park Ridge-Chambers Flat catchment
 - Establish a new centre in the Flagstone catchment

1 2021 Census QuickStats, Australian Bureau of Statistics

2 Queensland Government Population Projections, 2023 edition: Australian Bureau of Statistics - Regional population by age and sex (medium series)





Moreton Bay Regional Council - overview

Population considerations

Current population (2021)¹ - 476,340

Projected population (2046)² - 796,515

Significant population growth is expected across the Moreton Bay Regional LGA. Although the majority of growth is expected in the number of people aged over 25 years (with many more older residents over 65 years forecast), an additional 40,000 residents aged 0-14 years is also projected.

Facility provision

Seven centres operate within the Moreton Bay Regional LGA:

- Arana 419 members
- Bribie District 179 members
- Caboolture 201 members
- Deception Bay 263 members
- Redcliffe 149 members
- Strathpine 390 members
- Wamuran 120 members.

2023 LGA membership (combined membership of centres)	LGA projected population change 0-14yrs 2021 to 2046	Projected membership with LGA 0-14yrs change	Projected membership after 2046 '15% growth factor' applied	Projected membership change to 2046
1,721	Increase 41%	2,419	2,782	+1,061

Facility planning and development considerations

With more than 1,000 additional little athletics members projected across the Moreton Bay Regional LGA by 2046, future centre planning is required to meet demand. While there is scope for additional members at a number of the existing centres, an additional centre in Upper Caboolture-Morayfield is likely to be required to meet growth in that catchment.

Key facility priorities - summary

- Arana
 - Upgrade the LJ/TJ facilities. Develop longer approaches and new expanded pits
- Bribie District
 - Construct a stand-alone storage facility
- Caboolture
 - Complete the canteen project
- Deception Bay
 - Upgrade the field lighting to competition standard
- Redcliffe
 - Refurbish the public toilet facility
- Strathpine
 - Replace the synthetic jumps approaches (and repair tree root impacts)
- Wamuran
 - Upgrade the field lighting to ensure all event areas are lit
- New centre
 - Establish a new centre in the Caboolture-Morayfield catchment

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2 Queensland Government Population Projections, 2023 edition: Australian Bureau of Statistics - Regional population by age and sex (medium series)



Sunshine Coast Council - overview

Population considerations

Current population (2021)¹ - 342,541

Projected population (2046)² - 545,523

Significant population growth is expected across the Sunshine Coast LGA. Although much of this growth is expected in the number of people aged over 65 years, an additional 23,000 residents aged 0-14 years is also projected.

Facility provision

Seven centres operate within the Sunshine Coast LGA:

- Bli Bli 55 members
- Caloundra 352 members
- Glasshouse Districts 201 members
- Maleny 60 members
- Maroochy 149 members
- Nambour 91 members
- University of the Sunshine Coast 368 members.

2023 LGA membership (combined membership of centres)	LGA projected population change 0-14yrs 2021 to 2046	Projected membership with LGA 0-14yrs change	Projected membership after 2046 '15% growth factor' applied	Projected membership change to 2046
1,276	Increase 38%	1,765	2,030	+754

Facility planning and development considerations

With more than 750 additional little athletics members projected across the Sunshine Coast LGA by 2046, future centre planning is required. There is capacity for growth in most centres. However, with more than 62,000 new residents projected for Caloundra West - and the existing Caloundra centre already in excess of 350 members (and based at a shared facility with little room for expansion) an additional centre in the Caloundra West catchment is likely to be required to meet demand.

Key facility priorities - summary

- Bli Bli
 - Upgrade the amenities to modern expectations (including all-abilities access)
- Caloundra
 - Construct a new amenities building
- Glasshouse Districts
 - Construct synthetic LJ/TJ approaches
- Maleny
 - Upgrade the existing throws circles and cages
- Maroochy
 - Replace the LJ/TJ approaches
- Nambour
 - Construct an additional synthetic LJ/TJ facility
- University of the Sunshine Coast
 - Upgrade the synthetic track surface
- New centre
 - Establish a new centre in the Caloundra West catchment

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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 (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 potential demand for five new centres to meet population- and growth-generated demand through until 2046. 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 recently employed additional development-related staff. This will ensure that resources exist to implement the Plan, to continue to provide support for existing centres considering facility upgrades and development, and to drive establishment of new centres. As the peak body for little athletics in the State, the key facility development roles for LAQ will include:

- continued centre support to ensure appropriate tenure arrangements at existing facilities
- assisting centres where the need for a new long-term home has been identified
- establishing new centres where service delivery gaps have been highlighted.

Individual facility development such as construction of synthetic LJ/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 the need (or potential need) for new homes have been identified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cassowary Coast <input type="checkbox"/> Mt Gravatt <input type="checkbox"/> Rosewood (pending ongoing tenancy concerns at the current location) <input type="checkbox"/> Centenary (longer-term) <input type="checkbox"/> Redlands (longer-term) 	High	LAQ Identified centres	Strategic direction
Encourage 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Caboolture-Morayfield <input type="checkbox"/> Caloundra West <input type="checkbox"/> Flagstone <input type="checkbox"/> Park Ridge-Chambers Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Springfield-Camira 	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)	High	LAQ Centre committees	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	Medium	LAQ	Partner





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