

Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the Community Facilities and Planning's Community and Sport Newsletter. Community Facilities and Planning is one of the branches of the Community Services Department and is made up of three teams; Community Strategy and Planning; Major Venues; and Sport and Community Venues. In this edition we introduce you to the three teams and provide a brief overview of their roles in council. Future editions will provide snippets of information from each of these teams on a range of topics including community and sporting events, development and training opportunities, facility management and maintenance and much more.

Community Planning and Strategy

The role of Community Planning and Strategy is to work in partnership with government agencies, community groups and services to build stronger, safer and more resilient communities. The team is skilled in community engagement and enjoy facilitating discussions with our community to determine community needs. The team focuses on three key areas, Community Planning, Community Safety and Community Development.

Community Planning Officer's develop Council's social position and the strategies and plans of action that make our diverse and vibrant communities even stronger.

Community Planners strive to understand the needs and aspirations of the community through research, community engagement and collaborating with community service providers.

Council's Community Safety Officer works in partnership with the Queensland Police Service, other agencies and organisations, and community stakeholders with a common

goal of working towards preventing crime and promoting a safer community.



Community Development Officer's work directly with community groups across the region, maximising opportunities for cooperation, building relationships, providing advice, strategic planning and enhancing health and wellbeing. This team also assists community groups understand and manage community tenure over council owned and managed properties.

Sports and Community Venues

The Sport and Community Venues team consists of three streams - Sports Planning and Development, Sport and Recreation Venue Management and Aquatic Centres and Community Pools. Council recognises participation in sport and physical activity has important health, social and economic benefits. Being part of a team or club fosters individual and social cohesion, integration and both personal and community development.

The Sports Planning and Development team assists sport and recreation organisations by providing specialist advice on planning and development related topics. Sport and Recreation Officers responsibilities also include developing and contributing specialist knowledge to council reports, plans and strategies relating to current and

future sports facility developments and programs.

The Sport and Community Venues team is responsible for the management of the Nambour Showgrounds, Maroochydore Multi-Sports Complex, Meridan Fields Sporting complex, Landsborough Sports Complex, Queen Street Hall and the Caloundra Indoor Stadium. The team also acts as a council liaison point for the Maleny Showgrounds. These venues provide spaces for the community to participate in organised sport or passive recreation as well as acting as key sites that host state, national and international events. Large events held at these venues include World Roller Con Down Under, Northern University Games, AFL preseason training camps, national gymnastics titles, state level AFL and netball competitions, Queensland Garden Expo, Sunshine Coast Show, Caravan, Camping, Boating and Fishing Expo and the Queensland Special Olympics.



Aquatic facilities are highly valued community assets which contribute towards significant health, fitness and social benefits for the whole community. The Aquatic Centres and Community Pools team oversees the management of Council's nine aquatic facilities across the region, as well as overseeing agreements with four school/community pools which provide additional aquatic access opportunities.

Major Venues

The Major Venues Unit strives to deliver exceptional and diverse experiences that will excite, challenge and engage the community. The Major Venues Units oversees a range of sporting, community and performing arts venues that provide vibrant hubs which offer a range of cultural, community and commercial activities across the region. The team is responsible for the operation, management, liaison, planning and development of these facilities, as well as activating these spaces for engagement and participation in community, sporting and cultural life.



The venues are located across the Sunshine Coast and provide valuable community resources for the region. They accommodate a diverse range of activities including theatre, concerts, cinema, major national touring productions, cultural initiatives, recreation activities/events, program and workshops, school based activities, conferences, expos, meetings, and key community events such as school formals, weddings, graduations and eisteddfods. The Major Venues Unit consists of two key facilities, Lake Kawana Community Centre, and the Sunshine Coast Stadium. It also oversees the smaller community spaces of the Kawana Community Hall, Kawana Island Meeting Place, Beerwah and District Community Hall, Coolum Civic Centre, and Bellvista Community Space.

Upcoming Events

Bendigo Bank Connecting Communities

Information and Advice for the Not-for -Profit Sector

See separate flyer

When: Friday 4 March 2016

Where: Maroochy River Golf Club, Bli Bli Qld

RSVP (essential): by 24/02/2016

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Community funding

Major and Minor grant funding rounds are now open. Minors close on 7 March and Majors on 4 May 2016. Grants information sessions are being held at the following locations:

15/02/16 10am – 12pm	Eumundi School of Arts
15/02/16 5:30pm -7pm	Caloundra Committee of Services to the Ageing Hall
16/02/16 10am – 12pm	Maleny Community Centre
17/02/16 9:30am-11:30am	Beerwah Library
17/02/16 5pm-6:30pm	Lake Kawana Community Centre
18/02/16 10am-12pm	Buderim War Memorial Hall

For more information and to book, visit councils website:

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Grants-and-Funding>

Community Managed Halls

Consider one of the regions many community managed halls for your next function or meeting. Some of them have

been serving the Sunshine Coast community for more than 100 years.



Valdora Hall has a Car Boot Sale, Saturday 12 March from 7:00am. Live Music, Face Painting. Go along and support the hall and have a day of fun. Contact Karen 5446 6942.

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