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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Kilcoy Sport and Recreation Needs Analysis provides Council with information to inform strategic decision making for the development, enhancement and allocations of sport and recreation facilities in Kilcoy.

While the analysis focused on Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre, Hopetoun Sports Fields, Kilcoy Aquatic Centre, Kilcoy Golf Club, Kilcoy Tennis Club and Kilcoy Golf Club in accordance with the brief, 21 of Kilcoy's organisations and groups were invited to participate, with 13 (62%) electing to take part. Various communication channels were utilised to encourage participation including email, phone, press releases and social media.

To inform the final recommendations within the needs analysis, a combination of direct face-to-face and over the phone engagement with Council officers, facility managers and club committee members was conducted, along with consultation with associated state sporting organisations, a public survey, and a review of current sport and recreation trends including the use of Sport Australia's AusPlay national sports participation.

Sport Australia's AusPlay data provides the percentage of the adult and child population who participates in a sport (recreational and club) throughout Australia. This percentage can be applied to regional and local populations to indicate likely participation rates. The AusPlay participation data is available at national, state and local government level however the availability of statistically significant state and local government data depends on the extent of surveying completed within a population area. For this needs analysis, Queensland participation rates have been used where possible as a comparison to or indicator of Kilcoy's likely participation. Unfortunately, due to the population size, no participation data is available for the Somerset Regional Council area.

The analysis has reviewed the existing provision and capacity of sport and recreation facilities in Kilcoy along with exploring future needs. While the membership numbers collected as part of this analysis do not currently exceed or are expected to exceed facility capacity in most cases, other challenges exist.

For the large number of users of the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre, the lack of optimal space allocation which causes restricted scheduling flexibility, made worse by the building being unusable when temperatures are high, constrains the membership growth potential of all users. There is apparent growth potential for participation in fitness/gym, gymnastics, netball and basketball, along with other activities including cadets, martial arts, dancing, and after school programs. An upgrade and expansion of the facility has been recommended to overcome these issues and provide additional space for new and emerging activities.

The maintenance of healthy participation rates through facility improvements is recommended for Kilcoy Aquatic Centre, Kilcoy Golf Club and the largely self-sufficient Kilcoy Motorcycle Club.

In some instances, it is the low numbers of volunteers and members that present the most immediate challenges, leading to a possible underutilisation of facilities, a strain on remaining volunteers and the risk of club unviability. This is the case for Kilcoy Tennis Club, Kilcoy Bowls Club and the Kilcoy District Football Club at Hopetoun Sports Fields.

To assist Somerset Regional Council to make well-considered, strategic decisions for the development, enhancement and allocation of sport and recreation facilities in Kilcoy, specific recommendations have been made below.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

Facility	Summary	Rationale	Recommendation
Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre	Well used, high value, high outcome facility in need of facility upgrade and expansion	This recommendation is supported by apparent growth potential for participation in fitness/ gym, gymnastics, netball and basketball, along with other activities including cadets, martial arts, dancing, and after school programs. This existing participation stability and potential growth supports this recommendation, despite the facility's shortcomings. Community support for facility improvements was strongly indicated within the public survey.	Further targeted community consultation as part of a wider master plan that covers the entire community precinct (from Yowie Park to the Kilcoy High School) and generates detailed, staged, engineered and costed designs is recommended to progress the improvement and expansion of the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre.
Kilcoy Tennis Club	Tennis club at high risk	This recommendation is based on the very low membership, participation, committee member and volunteer numbers, supported by national trends indicating a decline in tennis participation. This is despite concerted efforts to deliver programs and attract participants with support from Tennis Queensland, and statewide participation indicating the potential for higher participation than there currently is.	Based on the club's changing circumstances over time, recommendations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediately support the Kilcoy and District Tennis Club to understand their facility occupancy requirements for minimum membership numbers, in accordance with their constitution, and insurance currency • Support the Kilcoy and District Tennis Club to deliver further initiatives which may attract active club volunteers via tennis participation • Assist the club, in the event of closure, to undertake all required governance and financial obligations, and ensure the best outcome for continued local tennis participation and facility security • Include tennis participation within considerations for the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre master plan

Facility	Summary	Rationale	Recommendation
Hopetoun Sports Fields	Rugby league club at some risk	This recommendation is based on the Kilcoy District Football Club's current change from a senior club to a junior club, driven by only a small group of volunteers. The strong competition presented by clubs in neighbouring communities presents a significant challenge to the committee to attract players from the small pool of local players (based on state participation trends). Wider Hopetoun Sports Field recommendations are supported by general consultation including the public survey.	<p>The recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Kilcoy District Football Club (Yowies) in their attempts to stabilise the club and build junior numbers • Given the likely low field use, explore carnival and event based one-off use opportunities and multi-use arrangements for emerging sports • Include the facility within a wider master plan with consideration given to LED lighting, irrigation, seating, vehicle access, parking, ticketing, crowd control, walking path surface, tree planting and unused infrastructure
Kilcoy Aquatic Centre	Swimming club at risk Opportunity to increase participation via facility upgrade	This recommendation is based on the recent decline in squad swimmers and non-functioning swimming club, despite there being indications of interest in swimming squad participation within the community, supported by statewide participation trends. General pool admissions show high pool usage, including hydrotherapy which is supported by local health services; however, this drops off significantly in the cooler months of the season (September and April) as the 25m pool is not heated.	<p>The recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage more closely with squad swimmers to gauge demand for a swimming club in Kilcoy (with the addition of heating to the 25m pool) and support the club to establish a sustainable governance structure • Include the facility within a wider master plan with consideration given to pool covers and 25m pool heating (short term), hydrotherapy chairs and lift, seating and tables (potentially portable grandstand seating) to accommodate carnivals and popular large events, and increased storage with exclusive storage space for the swimming club (provided the club will continue)

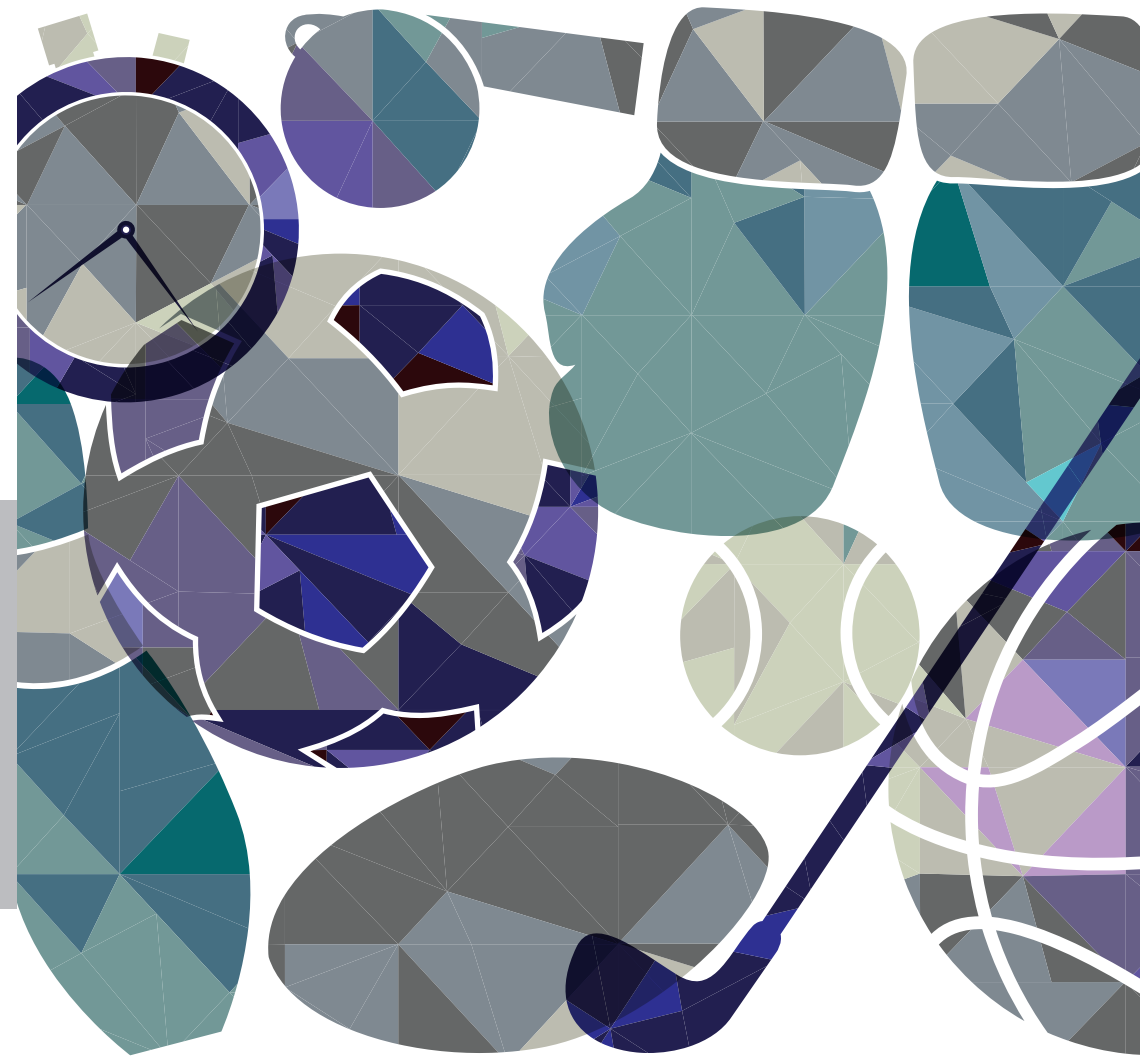
Facility	Summary	Rationale	Recommendation
Kilcoy Golf Club	Self sustainable, stable club, requiring sustainable water supply to retain participation	The golf club presents a strong, stable, self-sustainable position which is reliant on extensive volunteer contribution. However, the national downward trend in golf participation heightens the need for Kilcoy Golf Club to apply member attraction and retention initiatives.	It is recommended that further investigations be made into gaining access to treated effluent water through discussions with Council and Urban Utilities.
Kilcoy Bowls Club	Bowls club at medium term risk	Kilcoy Bowls Club membership exceeds what is indicated by national participation data. However, this recommendation is based on the national downward trend in bowls participation and the consequent closure of many bowls clubs throughout Queensland, coupled with the club's continuing decline in active volunteering members.	Based on the club's changing circumstances over time, recommendations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Kilcoy Bowls Club to deliver initiatives which may attract active club volunteers via community facility use • If required, support the club to consider possible multi-use opportunities • Longer term, if membership and volunteer numbers continue to decline, the club may require assistance to undertake all required governance and financial obligations to close the club, including the sale of the property
Kilcoy Motorcycling Club	Facility servicing regional catchment	This recommendation is based on the club's very high membership, with most members from Somerset, Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast council areas, but some members traveling from as far as Bundaberg, Gold Coast and Chinchilla to participate in weekend rides.	It is recommended that the sports tourism opportunities that the Kilcoy Motorcycling Club's high regional participation provides be fully considered and capitalised on.

3. INTRODUCTION

Kilcoy is a rural town on the D’Aguilar Highway in the Brisbane Valley, 70km north-west of central Brisbane. It is situated on the Kilcoy Creek near its entry to the northern end of the Somerset Dam.

Kilcoy is located in the Somerset Regional Council local government area which covers an area of 5,379sq kilometres and incorporates the former Shires of Esk and Kilcoy. The Council area also includes the main townships of Esk, Fernvale, Lowood and Toogoolawah.

Sport and recreation is important for ensuring healthy lifestyles for the people of Kilcoy and access to sport and recreation in fit-for-purpose facilities makes the township a more attractive place to live.



3.1 Purpose of the Needs Analysis

Through this project, Somerset Regional Council seeks to make well-considered, strategic decisions for the development, enhancement and allocation of sport and recreation facilities in Kilcoy.

The project brief required a review of the existing provision and capacity of recreation facilities within Kilcoy and investigation of future needs for the area's population. The brief required a specific analysis of the capacity of the existing Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre (KISC) and the immediate surrounding facilities, including:

- Hopetoun Sports Fields (cricket, touch football, rugby league, athletics, general recreation)
- Kilcoy Aquatic Centre (25m pool, learn to swim / hydrotherapy pool and toddler pool)
- Kilcoy Golf Club (9 holes)
- Kilcoy Tennis Club (3 hardcourts and 1 synthetic court)
- Kilcoy Bowls Club (8 lane grass green)

To ensure that the facility developments or upgrades that club volunteers want match with the absolute sport and recreation needs of a community, a rigorous approach was applied to gather and interrogate accurate and up-to-date data and verify it against the outcomes of community consultation.

The data-driven approach which has been applied provides evidence, baselines and benchmarks to support proposals for new or upgraded sport and recreation facilities. Without accurate data, Councils are unable to make informed decisions and leave themselves open to reactive and unplanned infrastructure delivery.

The development of this sport and recreation needs analysis for the township of Kilcoy has involved thorough community consultation in conjunction with detailed data analysis. Data sources gathered to compile this strategy include national participation benchmarks, local participation figures and expectations, population statistics and projections, an audit of the facilities that accommodate sport and recreation activities,

and facility usage information. Consultation included survey responses from clubs and the general public and face to face consultation with clubs.

This document identifies sport and recreation facility projects and club support initiatives which are supported by evidence of need.

As circumstances change for clubs from season to season, Council will be able to utilise the data generated by the needs analysis and evaluate actions under new scenarios.

3.2 Links to Council Strategies and Planning

The development of this needs analysis neatly aligns with Somerset Regional Council's Corporate Plan (2016–2021)¹ mission.

We, in partnership with the community, will realise our vision by:

- *Focusing on our customer's needs*
- *Planning for the future*
- *Utilising resources efficiently and effectively*
- *Using sound business practices*
- *Utilising the practice of continuous Improvement*

The undertaking of the needs analysis and implementation of recommendations also aligns with or progresses the following Corporate Plan (2016–2021) goals

- VIBRANT SOMERSET- An integrated and welcoming place with something for everyone
 - Make better use of existing infrastructure by encouraging connections to services with ample capacity
 - Carry out such works as are necessary to provide the required services to the community
 - Increase the local range of recreational opportunities by encouraging the construction and operation of regional facilities for regional visitors

- PROSPEROUS SOMERSET- A place that embraces economic opportunities
 - Expand and facilitate major events within the Region to enhance economic growth for our local communities, associations and businesses
 - Provide financial assistance grants to community organisations to support them in undertaking community service activities
 - Continue to develop infrastructure plans taking potential urban growth and economic development into consideration
- WELL PLANNED SOMERSET- A place where planning and design look to the future while respecting the past
 - Provide all towns with open space areas and access to recreational facilities that are safe and meet the needs of residents
- UNITED SOMERSET- An active place which values participation
 - Provide opportunities for community involvement, participation and input

¹ Somerset Regional Council Corporate Plan 2016–2021

4. KILCOY AND DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

The population of the Kilcoy Urban Centre (UCL) was 1,898 people in the 2016 census². For the purpose of this needs analysis, a larger population area has been used to more closely reflect the likely catchment area of sports clubs.

The population of the Kilcoy Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) was 5,383 people in the 2016 census³. Expected population growth within the Somerset Regional Council area is 1.8%⁴. This annual population growth has been applied to estimate the 2019 (5,779) and 2031 (7,035) Kilcoy SA2 population for this needs analysis. The estimated 2019 population has been used because the membership data provided by clubs was for the 2019 season.

AusPlay provides national data on the number of people participating in sport and physical activity and how they participate. The 31 October 2019 Sport Australia release of the latest AusPlay results covering data collected in the 2018/19 financial year has been used to support this needs analysis⁵. Within this data, AusPlay separates adult (15+ years) and child participation (<15 years).

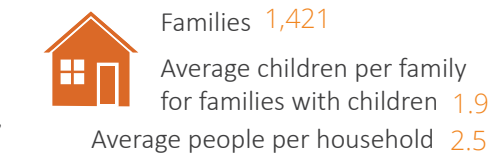
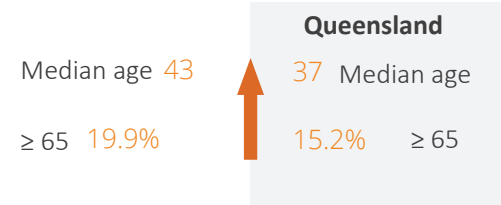
In order for the Kilcoy population to be compared to AusPlay data, the age distribution of the Kilcoy SA2 population was utilised⁶, finding that 80.8% of the 2016 census population were adults and 19.2% of the population

were children. In 2019, with the growth of 1.8% applied, this equates to an estimated 4,589 adults and 1,090 children. In 2031, with the growth of 1.8% applied, this equates to an estimated 5,684 adults and 1,351 children. These population estimates have been used throughout this needs analysis to compare Kilcoy's participation in sport to the AusPlay national participation data.

Similarly, where a sport or facility is determined to have an even wider catchment than Kilcoy SA2, the nearby Woodford State Suburb (SSC) population has been considered.⁷ The population of the Woodford SSC was 3,458 people in the 2016 census and the growth rate between the 2011 and 2016 census was 7% per year. The age distribution shows 87.7% adults and 12.3% children. This data estimates a 2019 Woodford SSC adult population of 3,715 and a child population of 521. In 2031, the estimated adult population is 8,367 and the child population is 1,174.

The combined Kilcoy SA2 and Woodford SSC population estimate for 2019 is 9,915 (8,304 adults and 1,611 children) and for 2031 is 16,575 (14,051 adults and 2,524 children).

Other interesting population statistics pertaining to the Kilcoy SA2 are:



Median weekly household income \$1,075

Median monthly mortgage repayments \$1,437

Median weekly rent \$270

Average motor vehicles per dwelling 2

17.5% of the labour force are employed in meat processing

2 ABS 2016 Census QuickStats https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/UCL315045?opendocument

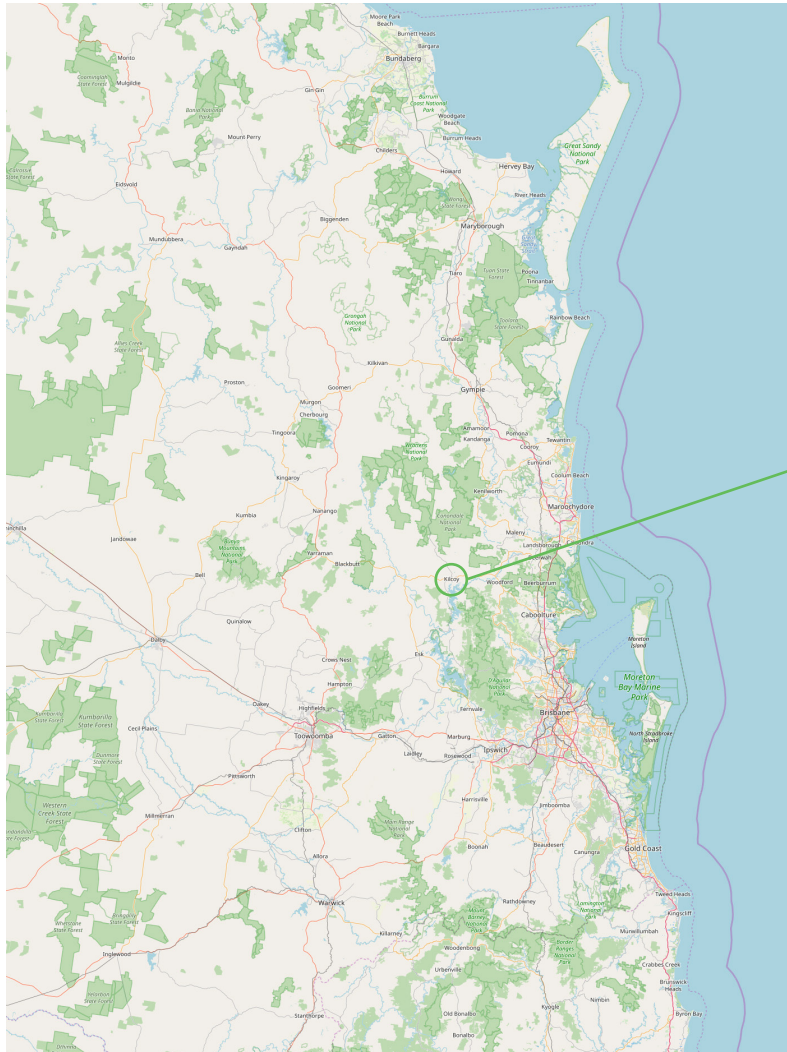
3 ABS 2016 Census QuickStats https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/313031370?opendocument

4 Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury, Queensland Regional Profiles: Resident Profile for Somerset (R) Local Government Area

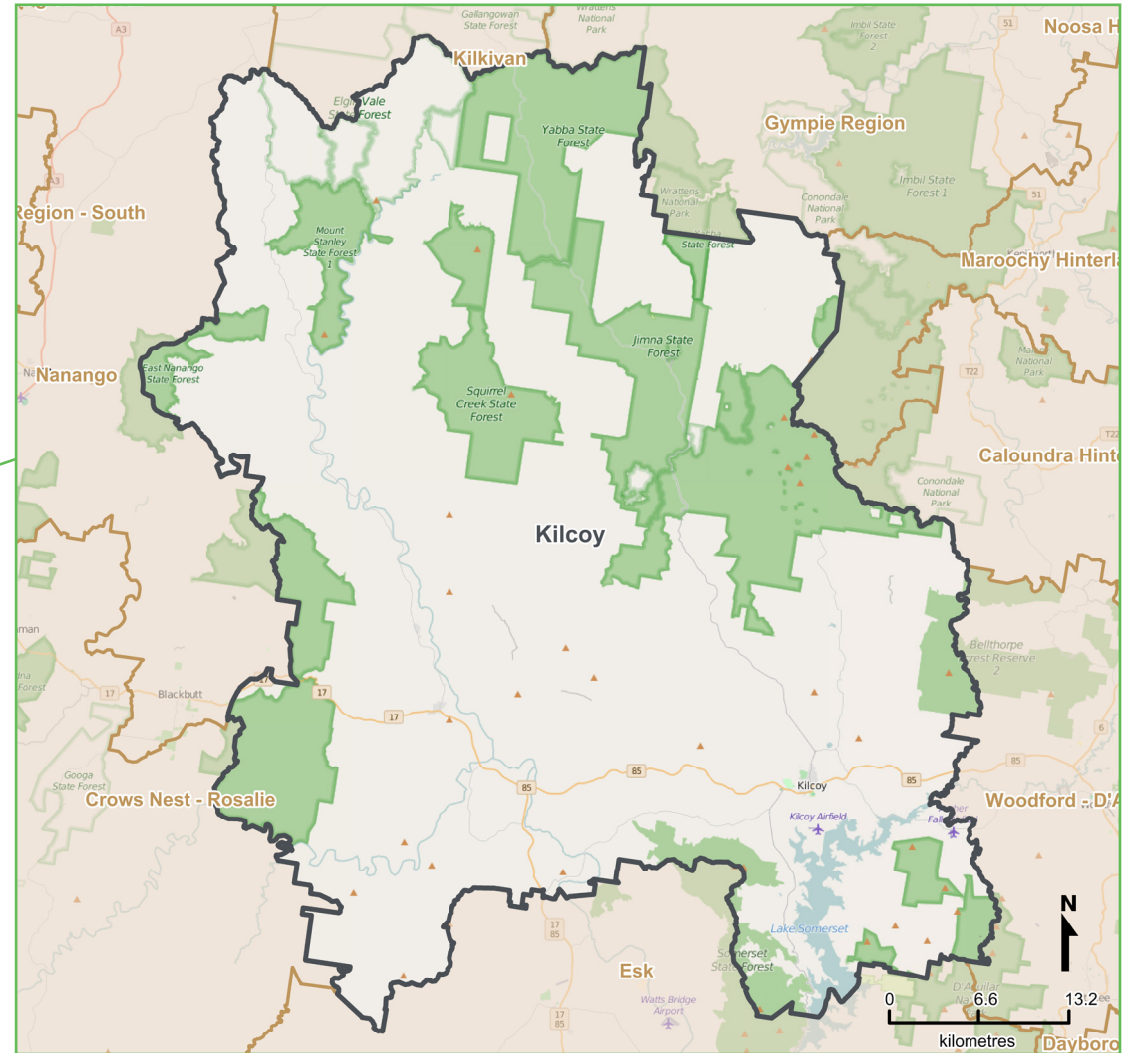
5 https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/_data/assets/excel_doc/0007/834190/AusPlay_National_data_tables_31_October_2019_revised_101219.xlsx

6 ABS 2016 Census QuickStats https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/313031370?opendocument

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This map shows the Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) that has been used in most cases as the likely catchment area for Kilcoy's sport and recreation participants.

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5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The community was engaged in a number of ways to inform this needs analysis.

Clubs

Schools

Community

Council

Community sports and recreation clubs and schools were asked to complete a survey designed to seek information about facility use, participation and facility improvement needs. 21 of Kilcoy's organisations and groups were invited to participate, with 13 (62%) electing to take part. Various communication channels were utilised to encourage participation including email, phone, press releases and social media. This data was matched with information made available from the Council's Sport and Recreation Officer.

Organisations who completed the club survey included:

- Kilcoy State School
- Kilcoy State High School
- Kilcoy Motorcycle Club Inc
- Kilcoy District Football Club Inc.
- Stanley Rivers Polocrosse Club
- Kilcoy Bowls Club
- Kilcoy Army Cadet
- Kilcoy Gymnastics Club Inc.
- Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre Manager

In order to gain a deeper understanding of facility improvement needs, club members and facility managers were consulted during a face-to-face meeting or over the phone. Clubs and facility managers who participated in this process included:

- Informal Basketball Group
- Kilcoy District Football Club Inc.
- Kilcoy Bowls Club
- Kilcoy Gymnastics Club Inc.
- Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre Manager
- Kilcoy District Tennis Association Incorporated.
- Kilcoy Golf Club Incorporated.
- Kilcoy Aquatic Centre Manager

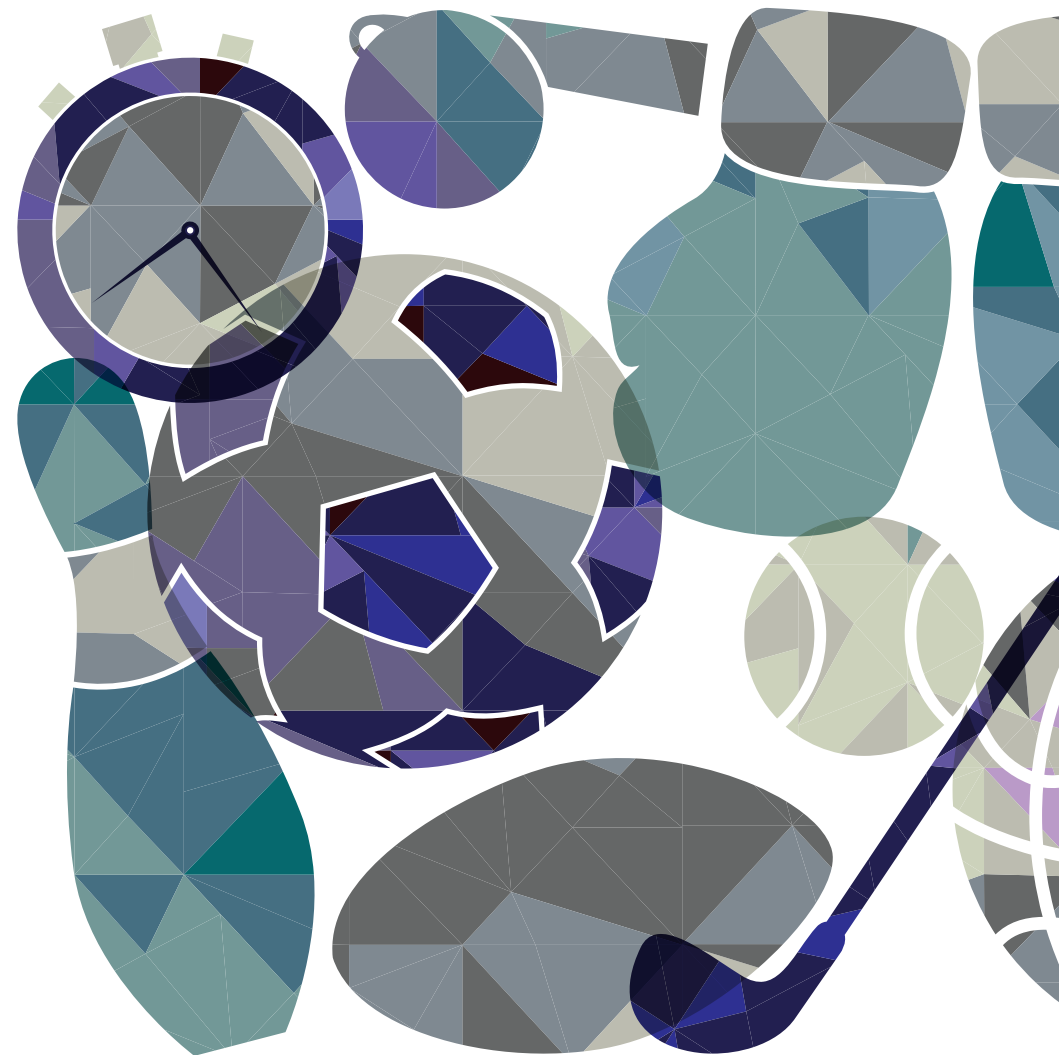
To seek a deeper understanding of the needs of clubs in Kilcoy the following state/national sporting organisations were also consulted:

- Gymnastics Queensland
- Tennis Queensland
- Golf Australia
- Fitness Australia
- Swimming Australia
- Motorcycling Queensland

The wider community were asked to complete a public survey to make Council aware of the community's participation in sport and recreation within Kilcoy. There were 236 responses to this survey. See Appendix 1 for the full survey report. 70.59% of the responses were from females, and the majority were from people aged over 35 years. 3.43% of respondents identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Most participants in the survey choose fitness/gym as the physical activity they participated in most often and most respondents participated in their activity in Kilcoy.

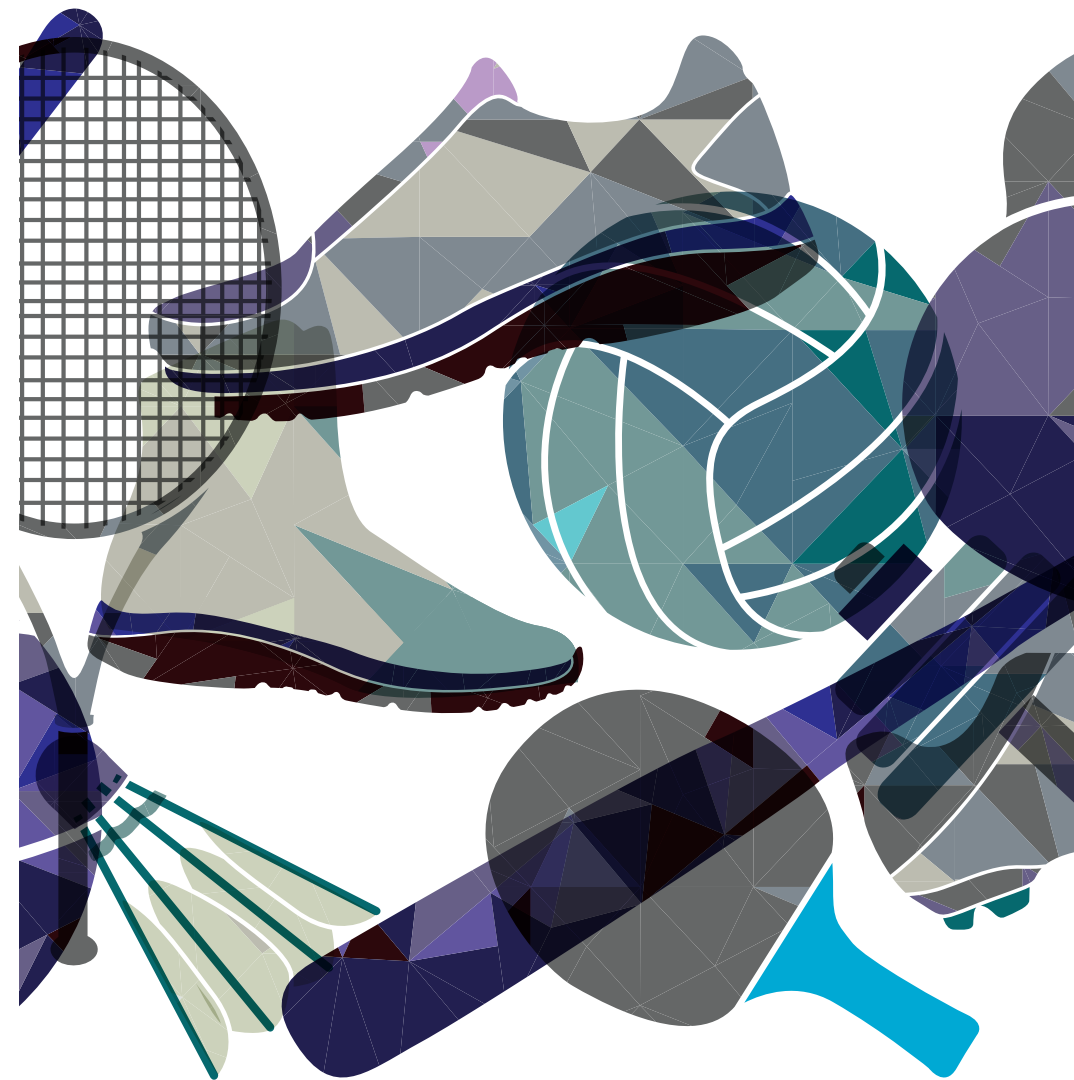
Answer Choices	Responses
Fitness/Gym	28.81%
Golf	12.71%
Netball	9.75%
Yoga	8.05%
Swimming	5.51%
Do not participate	3.81%



When asked “how many hours per week do you participate in all your chosen sport and recreation activities”, the average response was 8 hours, with a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 23 hours.

Most participants chose Other as their key barrier to participation but when analysed using the comments, most of the “Other” barriers were facility quality (specifically the lack of temperature control in the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre) and working hours. This graph shows the top 10 barriers indicated by survey respondents.

BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION



74.42% of respondents were members of a club, with the largest responses coming from members of Somerset Health and Fitness (86 respondents). 96.28% of respondents lived in Kilcoy. 52.17% said that the sport and recreation facilities available influence their decision to live in Kilcoy, however the eight respondents who didn't live in Kilcoy said they wouldn't move if facilities were improved.

When asked if they agree with the following statement "I find the Sport and Recreation facilities in Kilcoy to be of a sufficient standard." 30.39% said they disagree.

When asked if they agree with the following statement "I find the Sport and Recreation facilities in Kilcoy easily accessible." 43.63% said they agree.

Respondents were asked to describe any improvements to existing or additional sport and recreation facilities that would increase their participation or influence their reason for living in Kilcoy and why.

This question resulted in 409 themes raised within 204 responses. These themes related to the following facilities:

Facility	Sum of No. responses
Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre	309
General	45
Kilcoy Golf Club	26
Kilcoy Aquatic Centre	21
Toogoolawah	4
Hopetoun Sports Fields	2
RSL	1
Kilcoy Showground Reserve	1
Total	409

The top 10 themes raised in the public survey are presented below, with the lack of temperature control in the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre (KISC) the most raised theme.

Response theme	Percentage	No. responses
KISC air conditioning	46.1%	94
KISC floor space	25.5%	52
KISC opening hours	14.7%	30
KISC building upgrade	11.8%	24
KISC coffee shop	10.3%	21
Golf course water	7.4%	15
Nil/Satisfied	6.4%	13
KISC child care/area	5.4%	11
Pool opening hours	5.4%	11
KISC social area	4.9%	10

6. TRENDS IN SPORT, RECREATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Nation-wide trends in sport, recreation and physical activity have an impact on the development and provision of sport and recreation facilities and planning. The following reported trends can help to inform and shape Council's future planning and delivery of sport and recreation in Kilcoy.

6.1 Female Participation

The Australian Sports Commission's 2017 AusPlay survey reveals that participation in sport and physical activity among women and girls is strong and growing; 63% of Australian women aged 15 years and over participate in sport and physical activity at least three times a week, compared with 60% of men⁸. Female participation in club-based sport peaks between the ages of 9 and 14 years⁹. Adult female participation is focused primarily on non-organised physical activities rather than club sport, however this tendency is starting to change.

The public survey completed during preparation of this strategy (see "Community engagement" on page 10) indicated that fitness/gym were the most popular sport and recreation activities in which females participated.

Answer Choices	Responses
Fitness/Gym	35.42%
Netball	15.28%
Yoga	12.50%
Swimming	6.25%
Do not participate	4.17%
Walking	4.17%

This survey data does not confirm the participation trend in non-organised physical activities for women however walking was still a popular activity.

⁸ Australian Sports Commission (2017) AusPlay Focus: Women and Girls Participation. Commonwealth of Australia

⁹ Australian Sports Commission (2017) AusPlay Focus: Women and Girls Participation. Commonwealth of Australia

6.2 Child Participation

In 2016, almost 3.2 million (69%) children participated in some form of organised sport or physical activity outside of school hours. 2.5 million Australian children (54%) aged 0 to 14 were active at least once a week through organised sport/physical activity outside of school hours. Only 19% or 0.9 million children were active at least three times per week. Girls 9–11 years old are slightly more likely to participate in sport or physical activity (at least once a year) compared to boys of the same age¹⁰.

In the Kilcoy SA2 there were 1,034 children aged 0 to 14 years counted in the 2016 census¹¹ (19.2% of the population which is similar to Queensland's age distribution). With the 1.8% growth rate applied, there is estimated to be 1,090 children in 2019 and 1,351 in 2031. Using the AusPlay key national finding of 69% of children participating in some form of organised sport or physical activity outside of school hours, Kilcoy's 2019 outside of school hours participation is expected to be 752 children, and 932 by 2031.

The August 2019 state school enrolments¹² show 311 enrolments at Kilcoy State School, 124 at Mount Kilcoy State School and 413 at Kilcoy State High School.

Many of the clubs and facilities evaluated have a focus on senior participation, including Kilcoy Golf Club, Kilcoy Bowls Club, the informal basketball group and the netball delivered by Somerset Health and Fitness.

Kilcoy Gymnastics Club is primarily a junior club. It is expected that swimming pool admissions include a large proportion of children but this data was not available for inclusion in this needs analysis.

The tennis club has attempted to increase junior participation by offering junior coaching with limited success. The rugby league club has transitioned from a senior club to a junior club in 2020, requiring a merger with neighbouring communities to make up teams.

Kilcoy children travel outside of the region to Woodford for netball and rugby league. Soccer (or football) has Australia's highest child club participation at 13.4%¹³. Soccer is not played in Kilcoy, other than some indoor soccer activities delivered by Somerset Health and Fitness. This may be an emerging sport to consider in the future.



10 Australian Sports Commission (2016) AusPlay: Participation Data for the Sport Sector: Summary of Key National Findings. Commonwealth of Australia
 11 ABS 2016 Census QuickStats https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/313031370?opendocument
 12 August enrolments by school, Queensland Government Released November 2019 opendata@qed.qld.gov.au
 13 AusPlay survey results July 2018 - June 2019, SportAus

6.3 Adult Participation

Over 17 million Australians aged 15 years or over (87%) participated in a sport or physical activity in the last 12 months. 11.6 million Australians (59%) aged 15 or over participated in sport or non-sport related physical activity three or more times per week. Australian adults tend to play sports for longer durations than non-sport related physical activities. However they participate in non-sport related physical activities more often than sport. For adults up to middle-age, time pressure is by far the main barrier to participating in sport or physical activity. Poor health or injury then also become factors¹⁴.

Adults are well provided for by physical activity opportunities in Kilcoy. The public survey showed barriers relating to time pressures featuring highly. However facility quality (most specifically the lack of temperature control in the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre (detailed in “Other”)) also rated highly. Injury rated tenth within the list of barriers.

Answer Choices	Responses
Other	35.63%
Work commitments	30.63%
Family commitments	25%
Facility quality	25%
Lack of time - traditional programming is not flexible enough	20.63%
The cost of the sport/recreation is prohibitive	15%
I have no barriers	11.88%
Shift work - traditional programming is not flexible enough	11.25%
Distance from facility - travel time is prohibitive	8.75%
Injury	8.13%
My preferred sport/recreation is not offered	6.25%

14 Australian Sports Commission (2016) AusPlay: Participation Data for the Sport Sector: Summary of Key National Findings. Commonwealth of Australia

6.4 Ageing Population

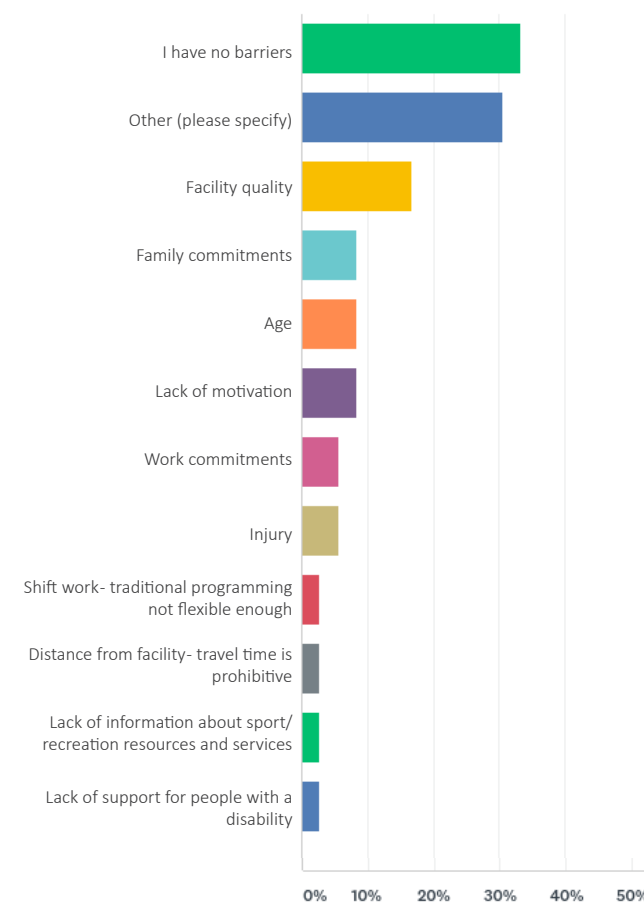
In 2016, 3.7 million Australians were aged 65 years and over, representing approximately 15% of the nation's total population. By 2056, this cohort is projected to grow to 22% of Australia's population (approximately 8.7 million)¹⁵. Long-term sport and physical activity behaviours have been linked to enhanced and lifelong physical, mental, and social wellbeing outcomes. An ageing population presents many significant challenges to local government, particularly across the areas of active participation of older persons in society¹⁶. Current AusPlay data indicates that seniors are more likely to remain active in self-organised physical activity (e.g. walking, swimming, cycling) than participate in organised sport. 2016/17 AusPlay data shows that only 44% of older Australians (those aged 65 years and over) participated in sufficient physical activity each week. Of these people, 40% said they were active through sport-related activities¹⁷.

In Kilcoy people aged 65 years and over made up 19.9% of the population in the 2016 census (1,071 people). This is a higher senior population proportion than the whole of Queensland, in which people aged 65 years and over make up 15.2% of the population.

Refreshingly the over 65 year olds who completed the survey mostly suggested there were no barriers to their participation. The "Other" barrier listed as an option in Question 6 included comments indicating the high temperature within the Kilcoy Indoor Sport Centre building was a barrier to participation.

The public survey was completed by a large number of Somerset Health and Fitness members, the main provider of physical activity for senior people in Kilcoy.

Answer Choices	Responses
Fitness/Gym	33.33%
Golf	19.44%
Yoga	11.11%
Bowls	8.33%
Body building	5.56%
Pilates	5.56%



¹⁵ Australian Sports Commission (2017) Mature-Aged Sport and Physical Activity. Commonwealth of Australia

¹⁶ Australian Sports Commission (2017) Mature-Aged Sport and Physical Activity. Commonwealth of Australia

¹⁷ Australian Sports Commission (2017) Mature-Aged Sport and Physical Activity. Commonwealth of Australia

6.5 Individualised Activities

Individualised sport and fitness activities are increasingly attracting people away from formalised club-based sports, with more people fitting sport into their lives to achieve personal health objectives. Involvement in activities such as running, walking and gym memberships has risen notably over the past two decades, while membership numbers in many organised sports have remained stable or declined¹⁸.

A high percentage of responses received as part of the public survey (see “Community engagement” on page 10) confirmed this trend, with fitness/ gym being the most participated in sport.

People are looking for sport and physical activities that are perceived as time-efficient, have flexible scheduling of competition structures, provide opportunities for males and females to participate together and are affordable and accessible. Somerset Health and Fitness provides the majority of this at the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre however 14.5% of response themes in the public survey related to the opening hours of the facility. This is somewhat linked to the scheduling required to accommodate the high temperatures reached within the building but also the lack of 24 hour access to the gym.



6.6 Professionalisation of Sports Administration

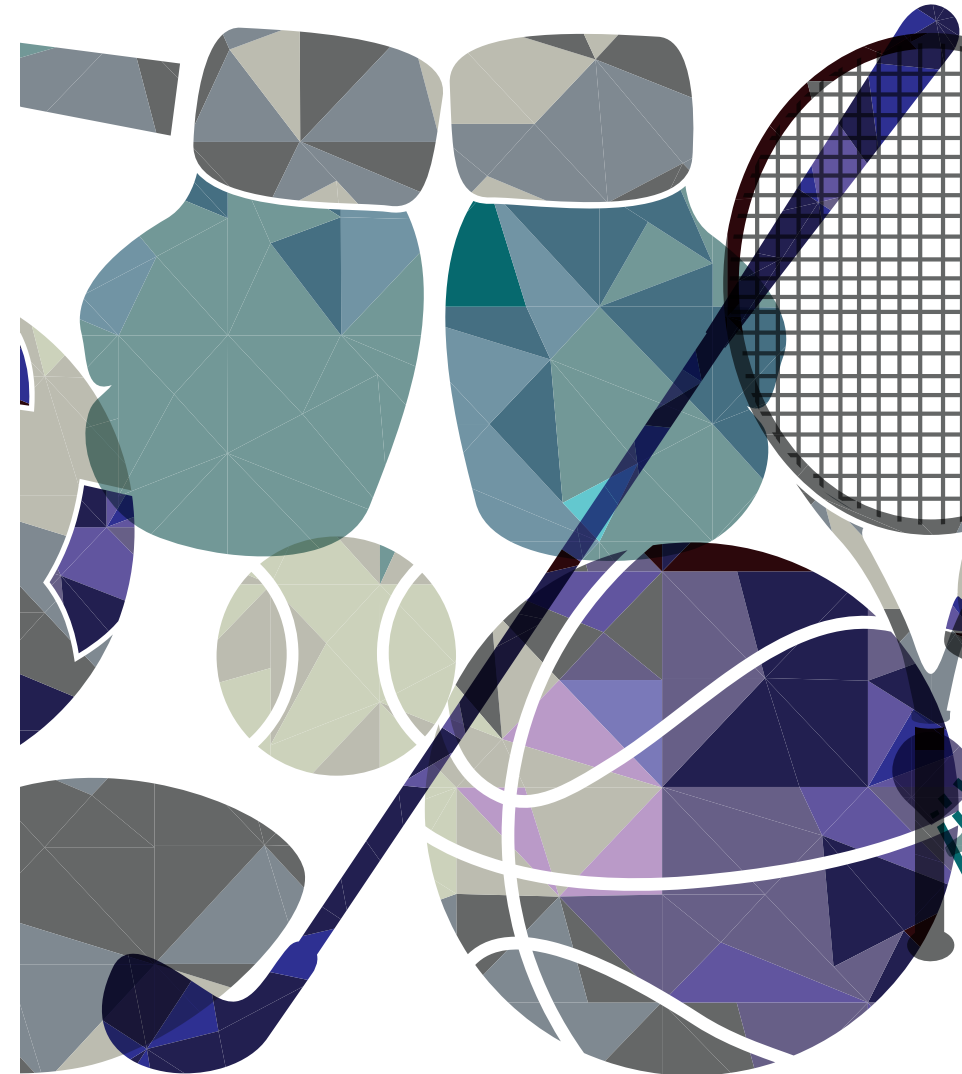
Traditionally, sporting clubs and associations have relied heavily on volunteers to provide services to members. Although sport consistently represents the largest category of formal volunteers¹⁹, the barriers to volunteering are growing rapidly. These include issues such as time pressures, increased bureaucracy of running voluntary sporting organisations, lack of support, appreciation or recognition, and the unfounded fear of being sued²⁰.

Whilst many sporting organisations would inevitably struggle without the consistent, significant support of their volunteers, clubs and associations must recognise that to continue offering high-quality services with a sole reliance on volunteers may be unsustainable. Indeed, the CSIRO has suggested that in time, loosely-organised community sports associations are likely to be replaced by organisations with corporate structures and more formal governance systems²¹.

The lack of available and willing volunteers is seen to be putting pressures on Kilcoy clubs that operate in a more traditionally governed style including Kilcoy Tennis Club, Kilcoy District Football Club, Kilcoy Bowls Club and Kilcoy Golf Club.

The more formal professionalised structure of Somerset Health and Fitness and the less formal structure of the informal basketball group achieve high participation without the pressures of low volunteering. Gymnastics is a sport that is typically more professional with employed coaches common for gymnastics clubs with high membership numbers. While the Kilcoy club are yet to achieve this model, it is worth considering for the future.

There will be a need for Somerset Regional Council to provide guidance, advice and support to clubs and associations struggling to adopt and implement traditional governance and operational models under the pressures of a low number of volunteers and participants.



¹⁹ Australian Bureau of Statistics (2011) Sports and Physical Recreation: A Statistical Overview, Australia (Cat. no. 4156.0)

²⁰ Griffith University (2008) Volunteers in Sport: Issues and Innovation

²¹ Australian Sports Commission (2013) The Future of Australian Sport: Megatrends Shaping the Sports Sector Over Coming Decades. CSIRO Futures, Commonwealth of Australia

6.7 Indigenous Participation

Children with Indigenous or Languages Other Than English parents and children living in regional areas have below average participation rates, but above-average participation frequencies²².

3.43% of respondents identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This response rate is aligned with the 3.3% Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in the Kilcoy SA2 area. No distinct participation trends for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people were shown within the survey data.

6.8 Persons with Disability Participation

2016/17 AusPlay data indicated that a total of 77.8% of those surveyed who had a disability or physical condition participated in sport or physical activity at least once in the previous 12 months. 68.9% participated at least once per week and 51.9% participated at least three times per week. Participation is significantly lower than for those people surveyed who did not have a disability or physical condition. For those with a disability, men are slightly more active than women on an annual and minimum three times per week basis²³.

Any facility improvements should include disability access, and where possible retrofitting and equipment should be provided to facilitate increased participation for people with a disability. The Kilcoy Aquatic Centre's hydrotherapy pool provides an example where this could be achieved.

6.9 Season Creep and Facility Sharing

In Australia's competitive sporting market, the overlap between the traditional summer and winter sporting seasons is increasing each year. Due to the logical co-location of sporting clubs which share the same playing space requirements (for example cricket and Australian football), in many cases, this results in significantly reduced availability of field space in the lead up to and early in each playing season. Facilities shared between sports encounter issues such as scheduling, line marking, storage of and access to goal posts, clubhouse access and overuse of playing fields.

In small regional towns, multi-user arrangements are often the only way that sports facilities can be viably provided. It is often not sustainable for one club with small numbers to have exclusive use of one facility. Multi-user arrangements within Council facilities are most successful when equitable, well documented user agreements are in place and Council plays a role in facilitating regular user group meetings.

6.10 Changes in Society and Employment

The fluctuation of the Australian and global economies and consistently high national unemployment rates are having an impact on the discretionary spend of families and individuals²⁴, potentially including the available disposable income for leisure, sport and recreation. There is a risk that this situation will have a negative impact on participation and membership levels. However, this risk is difficult to quantify given the important role that sport plays in the Australian lifestyle. In line with the professionalisation of sports administration,

²² Australian Sports Commission (2018) AusPlay Focus: Children's Participation in Organised Physical Activity Outside of School Hours. Commonwealth of Australia

²³ Australian Sports Commission (2017) AusPlay Survey Results July 2016–June 2017. Commonwealth of Australia

²⁴ <https://www.rba.gov.au>

clubs must appreciate the intrinsic value of their offering and actively mitigate against risks to their profitability by understanding the business nature of sports provision in Australia.

Changed working arrangements are resulting in the decline of the traditional weekend as a result of increased and unusual working hours by many workers, and there still exists a significant proportion of fly-in, fly-out working arrangements throughout Queensland. Additionally, growing numbers of young people, including students, are working part-time during evenings and weekends, in turn influencing leisure participation patterns.

Results from the public survey (see “Community engagement” on page 10) confirmed that the Kilcoy population faces similar changes and challenges, with work commitments, family commitments, lack of time cost and shift work featuring within the top eight barriers to participation.

Answer Choices	Responses
Other (please specify)	34.26%
Work commitments	24.07%
Facility quality	21.76%
Family commitments	20.37%
I have no barriers	17.13%
Lack of time- traditional programming is not flexible enough	15.74%
The cost of the sport/recreation is prohibitive	12.04%
Shift work - traditional programming is not flexible enough	9.72%

Changing family types and the multicultural nature of Australian society mean that different strategies need to be adopted to ensure equitable delivery of sport and recreation services.

6.11 Changes in Technology

New technologies are streamlining the operations of clubs and associations around Australia. Innovations such as digital online membership databases are reducing volunteer workloads, while the prolific growth of cloud computing is improving succession.

Online and other digital payment options, as well as hosted bookkeeping solutions, are transforming financial management. Advances in technology have resulted in massive changes in the way we receive media, communication and news. Social media can offer fantastic communication benefits for clubs and associations, whilst presenting a new set of challenges for administrators.

Emerging technologies in sport and recreation facility provision which may be useful within Kilcoy’s facilities include:

- Smart lighting systems that simplify switching and payment solutions
- A continued move towards LED lighting for participation spaces
- Use of recycled water for irrigation of participation spaces
- Online booking systems for greater access to participation spaces, including smart locking systems
- Installation of artificial playing surfaces (e.g. artificial or hybrid playing surfaces as a drought proof alternative to full turf)
- Optical cameras for security monitoring
- Opportunities to use playing field lighting poles and luminaires as data capture devices to measure soil moisture and other conditions to inform irrigation and scheduled maintenance
- Drone technology, including automated infrastructure monitoring

Further research on suitable new technologies may provide Somerset Regional Council with some appropriate solutions and ensure that clubs and associations are aware of advances that can improve facility use, management and viability.

6.12 Participation Summary

The following table summarises the sports participation of the facilities investigated within the needs analysis. The expected AusPlay participation is sourced from the most appropriate AusPlay tables (Queensland²⁵ or national²⁶ and club based participation or overall organised and non-organised participation).

	2019 Senior Membership	2019 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)	
Fitness/Gym	348	40	Growing	26.3%	1,207	1.1%	1,212
Netball	40	0	Growing	2.0%	92	6.0%	66
Basketball	50	0	Growing	0.7%	34	4.7%	52
Gymnastics	5	79	Growing	0.2%	10	5.2%	57
Rugby league	38	0*	Unstable	1.4%	66	5.2%	57
Swimming	23,000		Growing	14.8%	679	34.5%	376
Club swimming		78	Declining	0.5%	23	7.5%	82
Golf	130	9	Growing	3%	137	0.5%	5
Tennis	10	3	Declining	1.8%	83	8%	87
Bowls	58		Declining	0.7%	38		
Motor cycling	321	230	Growing	0.2%	10	0.1%	1

*Rugby league to begin junior membership in 2020

²⁵ AusPlay Qld data tables – July 2018 to June 2019 data

²⁶ AusPlay survey results July 2018 - June 2019, SportAus

7. FACILITIES

7.1 Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre

The Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre is located on Hope Street, Kilcoy within the 1.9ha freehold land area (-26.947358, 152.565533, Lot/Plan 305SP2946710) shared also by the Kilcoy Aquatic Centre and Yowie Park. The centre is less than 1km from the town centre.



7.1.1 Facility Attributes

Address	Hope Street, Kilcoy
Land area	1.9ha (shared with Kilcoy Aquatic Centre)
Tenure	Freehold (Council)
Lot Plan	305SP2946710
Latitude and Longitude	-26.947358, 152.565533
Distance from town	<1km
Facility inclusions	72m x 18.4m steel shed (>20 years old) Reception area, Exercise room, Office, Canteen, Toilets, Change rooms, Mezzanine with bar, 18.6m x 18.4m (342m ²) space for gymnastics 41.4m x 18.4m (762m ²) space including netted court and gym

The centre is housed within a 72m x 18.4m steel shed which is over 20 years old. The western end of the building is lined and fitted with a reception area, exercise room, office, canteen, toilets and change rooms. A stairwell (currently closed) leads to a mezzanine level previously used extensively as a viewing area and a gym with a large amount of fitness equipment previously located on the level.

The mezzanine level is mostly open space but includes a separate room equipped as a bar or servery. Council has currently prohibited use of the space due to safety reasons.²⁷

The shed is divided into two spaces used by Somerset Health and Fitness Pty Ltd and Kilcoy Gymnastics Club Inc., under the overall management of Somerset Health and Fitness Pty Ltd, contracted by Council.

Kilcoy Gymnastics Club Inc. uses the eastern end of the building and has an 18.4m x 18.6m (342m²) space. Somerset Health and Fitness Pty Ltd uses the remainder of the building (982m²). This space contains a netted multi-use court in the centre of the space used for netball, group exercise sessions, dancing and youth activities (including Kilcoy Army Cadets). The remainder of the space is used for cardio equipment (stationary bikes, ellipticals, cross trainers, treadmills etc) and strength equipment (mostly at the eastern end of the space).

Outside of the building on the southern side there is a concrete surface basketball court with new backboards, used by an informal group of basketballers on a regular basis.

There is also a shed with roller doors used for storage by Somerset Health and Fitness Pty Ltd and Kilcoy Gymnastics Club Inc. located outside the southern side of the building.

On the western end of the building is a donga used by the Kilcoy District Football Club Inc. for administration, meetings, storage and ticket sales during home games.

Users include:

- Somerset Health and Fitness Pty Ltd
 - Blue Ribbon Healthcare
 - Northside Allied Health
 - Save the Children Fund
 - Netball group
- Kilcoy Gymnastics Club Inc. (IA57161)
- Kilcoy Army Cadets
- Basketball group

More information on participation, usage, constraints and facility improvement needs can be found in a separate section for each user.

A number of significant issues for this facility have been identified by users, the public and by this needs analysis. These are summarised below but can be found in more detail within each users' section. The most significant issues for the facility are:

- Building condition
- Temperature control
- Space and layout
- Participation growth
- Users' aspirations
- Parking

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Due to the age and construction type of the building, a general refurbishment is required. This would include sealing the building to prevent leaf litter, dirt, rodents, reptiles etc. entering the building. Painting, refitting and potentially some lining will be required. A good example of a similar refurbishment of a shed used as a sports facility is the Morayfield Sports and Events Centre, albeit on a larger scale.

Of the 409 themes raised in the public survey, 94 raised the need for temperature control in the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre. Kilcoy Gymnastics Club enforce the rule to cancel sessions once the temperature reaches 36°C. Somerset Health and Fitness finds that cancellations occur once the temperature exceeds approximately 33°C and some providers stop delivering classes altogether during summer. Somerset Health and Fitness schedules all their activities to avoid the heat of the day, which limits the extent of programs they can offer. Existing fans are insufficient and add to the acoustic problems within the facility.

Using the data from Australian Cli-Mate²⁸ taken from the Kilcoy Post Office, in 2019, the temperature exceeded 36°C 18 days during the year, and exceeded 33°C 59 days during the year.

Floor space and concerns about space in the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre were raised 52 times within the public survey. This problem is caused by a number of issues, including:

- Increasing participation
- Aspirations to expand programs
- A lack of storage and an excess of equipment
- Layout and positioning
- Acoustics limiting the proximity of simultaneous classes
- Scheduling limitations



Front view of the Morayfield Sports and Events Centre
SOURCE: <https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/MSEC/Gallery>



Venue entrance of the Morayfield Sports and Events Centre
SOURCE: <https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/MSEC/Gallery>

The following solutions could be considered to improve the Kilcoy Indoor Sport Centre:

- Cosmetic improvements to provide an attractive, modern, sealed, clean space
- Addition of air conditioning or alternative temperature control measures to increase participation, increase opening hours and improve scheduling (24 hour restricted gym access should also be considered)
- An extension of the facility (potentially in stages), requiring earthworks to extend the pad and consequently mitigate against flooding. The extension and improvements would facilitate:
 - Relocation of the netted court from within the existing building, facilitating better internal layout
 - Increased netball participation with more courts available at more times
 - Improved basketball facilities
 - More flexible programming of group fitness sessions
 - Space for more court-based youth activities
 - Multi-use court marking to provide for a range of court sports and potentially continued tennis participation in the result of the tennis club's closure
- Increased gymnastics floor space to enable equipment to be laid out safely and to accommodate the required 32.5m lane for the vaulting equipment and run up²⁹
- Dedicated access to the gymnastics space by adding an external corridor
- Services for the gymnastics club including a small kitchenette and servery, unisex toilet/s and storage accommodated with the end of the external corridor
- An optional divided multi-use space which could house both the gymnastics floor and be hired (outside of gymnastics hours) for activities such as dancing or fitness
- A spectator area for gymnastics (to be designated)
- An overall increase in gym floor space with the removal of the netted court and use of the mezzanine level, providing the ability to add an area for socialising, cafe style dining and childcare
- The accommodation of storage and a more permanent ticket box and administration area to support Hopetoun Sports Fields
- Improved formalised parking
- Increased use of grassed areas surrounding the building via landscaping improvements

These details, including staging priorities, should be refined through further targeted community consultation, master planning, detailed design, engineering assessments and costings.

7.1.2 Recommendation

Further targeted community consultation as part of a wider master plan covering the entire community precinct (from Yowie Park to the Kilcoy High School) which generates detailed, staged, engineered and costed designs for the improvement and expansion of the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre.

7.1.3 Somerset Health and Fitness Pty Ltd

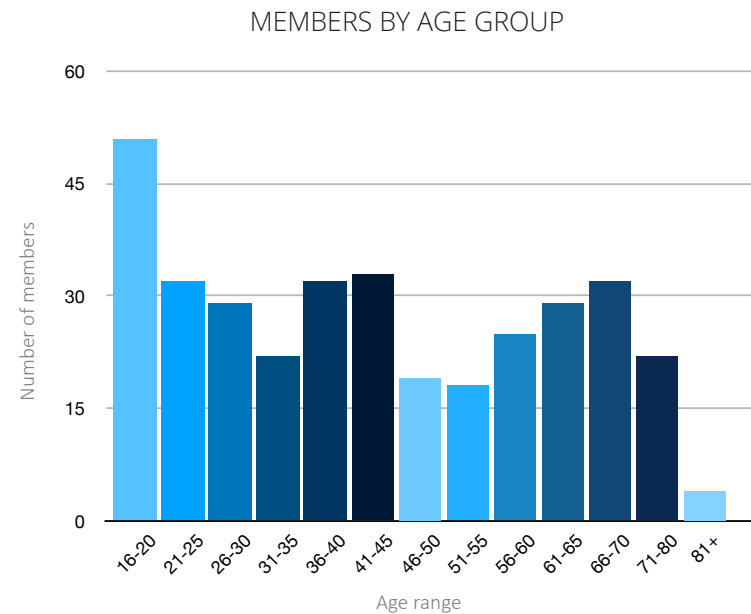
Somerset Health and Fitness Pty Ltd provides management of the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre <https://somersethealthandfitness.com.au/>. Open for 40 hours per week year round, the centre offers a full range of activities to its members including the use of cardio equipment (stationary bikes, ellipticals, cross trainers, treadmills etc), strength equipment and led group fitness and personal training. The 348 fitness club members include tennagers to seniors. These members have maintained over 1,600 uses per month for the past three financial years.

AusPlay's Focus on Older Australians' Participation in Sport and Physical Activity report (October 2018) showed that participation in organised sport and physical activity for older Australians follows a general pattern whereby they participate less as they age. It is worth comparing this trend to the Somerset Health and Fitness's members numbers, noting the peak in participation in 66 to 70 year olds, demonstrating the significant impact the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre is having on the health and fitness of older people within the Kilcoy community.

The centre also hosts external providers such as Blue Ribbon Healthcare, Northside Allied Health, Save the Children Fund and Kilcoy Army Cadets.

A senior indoor netball competition is run on a Monday night. There are an additional 40 netball players that use the facility.

Somerset Health and Fitness also runs a youth program for 40 children aged under 15, including after school and school holiday programs. This program delivers indoor soccer, athletics and boot camp.



AusPlay’s national participation data shows adult participation in fitness/ gym activities within a gym/fitness club/sports/leisure centre of 26.3% of the population, and a child gym participation at 1.1% of the population.³⁰ Based on Kilcoy’s current adult (4,589) and child (1,090) population, fitness/gym participation could be 1,207 adults and 12 children.

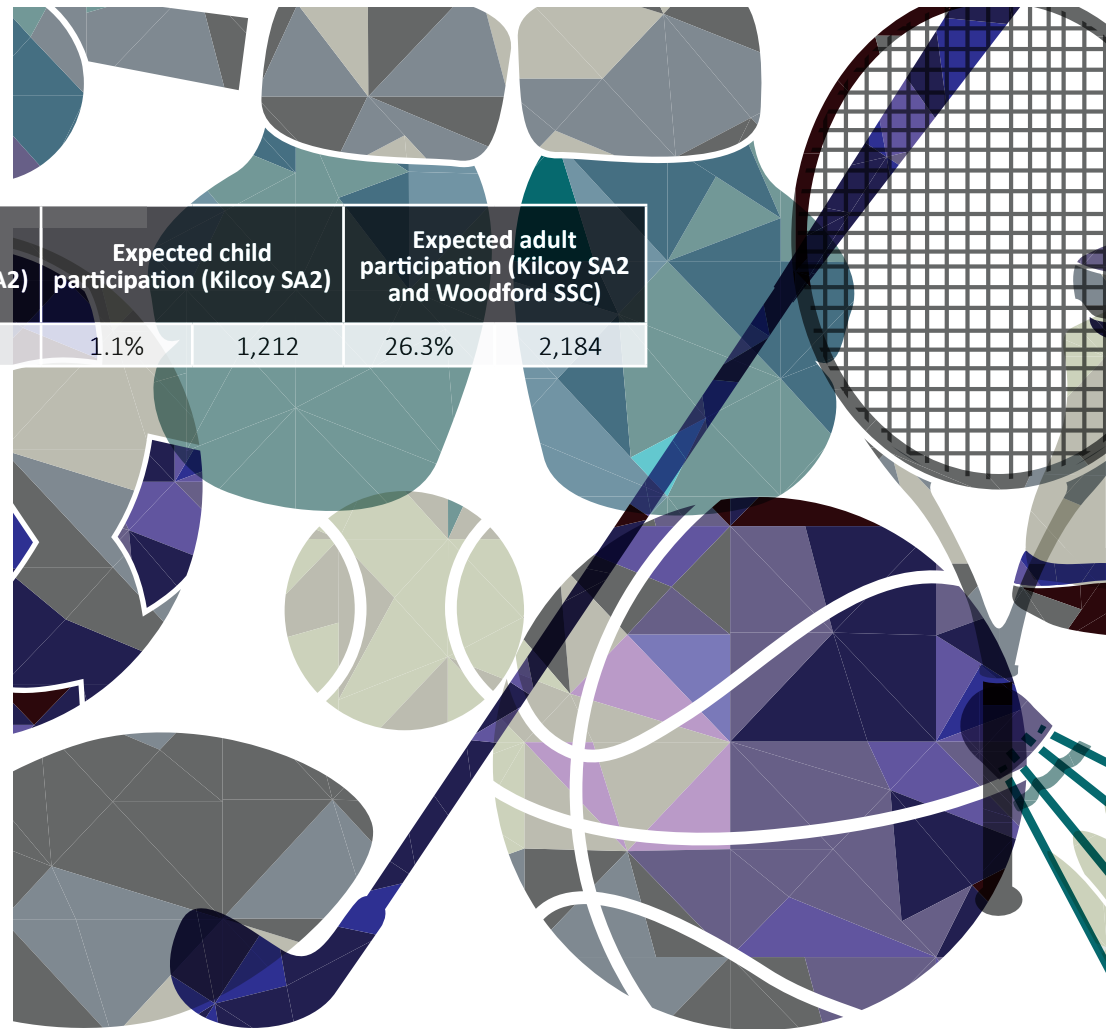
2019 Senior Membership	2019 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2 and Woodford SSC)	
348	40	Growing	26.3%	1,207	1.1%	1,212	26.3%	2,184

This provides an indication of the potential for Somerset Health and Fitness to increase its members from 348 members (7.6% of the population), if the facility can be improved to meet the community’s needs. The public survey indicated a high level of satisfaction in the services provided by Somerset Health and Fitness, despite the facility’s limitations.

The scope for greater facility utilisation increases further when the lack of a fitness centre in Woodford is considered. This would increase the adult population of the catchment area to 8,304.

Somerset Health and Fitness has already extended its child participation expectation by hosting activities wider than fitness and gym, targeting interest in popular youth sports like soccer and athletics (with expected club participation of 13.4% and 3.5% of the population respectively³¹), resulting in 40 participants.

Public survey responses relating to the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre were high. 309 of the 409 themes raised related to the centre. Of these responses, the top 10 (see table on page 29 and extended table in Appendix 1) would be addressed by a facility upgrade.



30 AusPlay survey results July 2018 - June 2019, SportAus
 31 AusPlay survey results July 2018 - June 2019, SportAus

Response theme	Percentage	No. responses
KISC air conditioning	46.1%	94
KISC floor space	25.5%	52
KISC opening hours	14.7%	30
KISC building upgrade	11.8%	24
KISC coffee shop	10.3%	21
KISC child care/area	5.4%	11
KISC social area	4.9%	10
KISC mezzanine floor use	4.4%	9
KISC manager acclaim	3.4%	7
Additional netball court	2.9%	6

The major challenges experienced in the operation of the centre include the lack of temperature control, floor space constraints and the deteriorating condition of the building. Fitness Australia were contacted to seek advice regarding the floor space per member ratio required however this information was unavailable. General advice suggests the following layout ratios:

- Cardio machines 20.1%
- Strength equipment 15.7%
- Group exercise 12.1%
- Functional training spaces 8.2%³²

With facility improvements, the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre appears to have excellent potential for increased participation in sport and recreation by the Kilcoy community, contributing positively to community wellbeing.



³² <https://www.ihrsa.org/improve-your-club/give-your-gym-a-makeover-by-rethinking-your-floor-space/>

7.1.4 Netball

AusPlay's national participation data shows an adult club participation of 2.0% of the population, and a child club participation at 6.0% of the population.³³ Based on Kilcoy's current adult (4,589) and child (1,090) population, netball participation could be 92 adults and 66 children. Currently, the Somerset Health and Fitness netball program, which is constrained to four teams able to fit within the Monday night time slot on one court, has 40 players.

Public survey results and communication with the centre manager indicate that senior netball participation could easily increase with facility improvements allowing for more netball court availability.

Using the existing national trend of 2.0% of the adult population playing club netball, and with a population increase of 1.8% to 5,684 adults, participation in netball would be expected to be approximately 114 adult club members by 2031. A similar calculation for children indicates an expected participation of 81 children by 2031.

It is likely that many junior netball players travel to neighbouring Woodford to play for the Warriors Netball Club³⁴ as part of the Caboolture Netball Association. This may constrain the ability to grow junior netball in Kilcoy.

2019 Senior Membership	2019 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)	Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)		
40	0	Growing	2.0%	92	6.0%	66

³³ AusPlay survey results July 2018 - June 2019, SportAus

³⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/Warriors-Netball-Club-133488246822336/>

³⁵ <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2016/03/22/1565867/why-filipinos-love-basketball>

³⁶ Ausplay 2019 Queensland Data

7.1.5 Basketball

The concrete outdoor basketball court situated on the south-east side of the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre is used informally by a group of approximately 50 Filipinos for as many as 10 hours per week all year round.

Kilcoy's large population of Filipinos is a result of Kilcoy Global Foods (<https://www.kilcoyglobalfoods.com/>) operating a meat processing factory employing approximately 1,400 people just outside of town. Filipino Temporary Skills Shortage (subclass 482) visa holders and immigrants make up a significant proportion of the labour force at the factory.

Basketball is the most popular sport in the Philippines³⁵, and this obsession with the sport is continued in Australia and Kilcoy.

AusPlay's Queensland participation data shows an adult club participation of 0.7% of the population, and the child organised activity participation at 4.7% of the population.³⁶ Based on Kilcoy's current adult (4,589) and child (1,090) population, basketball participation could be 34 adults and 52 children. Using the existing Queensland trend of 0.7% of the adult population playing club basketball, and with a population increase of 1.8% to 5,684 adults, participation in basketball would be expected to be approximately 42 adult members by 2031. A similar calculation for children indicates an expected participation of 64 children by 2031. However these figures are out of line with basketball participation in Kilcoy. Currently there are 50 adult participants which is 1.1% of the adult population.

Kilcoy's basketball group uses the courts every day for 2 to 3 hours, with mostly men (and some youth) playing up to four five-a-side games each night, depending on the weather and daylight. There is a small flood light attached to the side of the sports centre building which the manager occasionally turns on,

however it is not bright enough to play under. The group have been known to play their games using the lights of their cars³⁷.

The facility is used for training, and most of the players participate in two 15 member teams ((Beast Friends (black) and Cartel (yellow)) which play on a Saturday at the Morayfield Sports and Events Centre in the Filipino league.

The group doesn't pay to use the courts and are happy with the facility despite the basketball hoops not being at the standard height (the Kilcoy High School court's hoops are standard height and this is an alternative venue). The toilets in Yowie Park are used if necessary despite this being a 250m walk.

Communication with some members of the group indicated a willingness to pay for lights and they said that some bench seating would be a welcome addition to the facility.

Due to the group's informal nature, a user pays smart lighting solution may provide an opportunity to support continued and increasing use of the facility until an extension of the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre can be considered.



2019 Senior Membership	2019 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)	
50	0	Growing	0.7%	34	4.7%	52

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7.1.6 Kilcoy Gymnastics Club Inc.

The Kilcoy Gymnastics Club Inc. utilises the eastern end (18.4m x 18.6m) of the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre for nine hours per week between February and November.

AusPlay's national participation data shows an adult club participation of 0.2% of the population, and the child club participation at 5.2% of the population.³⁸ Based on Kilcoy's current adult (4,589) and child (1,090) population, gymnastics club participation is expected to be 10 adults and 57 children. However the Kilcoy Gymnastics Club's membership exceeds this number with 79 junior participants (and 5 adults). This is a reflection of the larger catchment area the club has, with the closest gymnastics club alternatives in Caboolture and the Sunshine Coast.

If the catchment area is extended to include both the Kilcoy SA2³⁹ and Woodford SSC populations⁴⁰, then the adult population would be 8,304 and the child population 1,611. For this new catchment area, gymnastics club participation is expected to be 16 adults and 84 children, which is closer to the actual participation experienced by the Kilcoy Gymnastics Club. Using this catchment area, existing participation and a population growth of 1.8% in Kilcoy and 7% in Woodford, the population by 2031 (14,051 adults and 2,524 children) could result in membership in the order of 28 adults and 131 children. However the very small decline in gymnastics participation reported by Roy Morgan (-0.4% between 2001 and 2016)⁴¹ and the reliance on heavy promotion into Woodford's growing population base needs to be considered, amongst the growth constraints of floor space and available coaches.

The growing gymnastics club is significantly disadvantaged by the limitations of the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre. While an equipment audit may provide some relief, it is clear that the 18.4m x 18.6m space currently available is insufficient to provide WAG (women's artistic gymnastics) to Level 5 safely and to specification. Consultation with Gymnastics Queensland has indicated that 25m is the ideal length for the vault run up, with about 1.5m for the vault and 6m for the landing area. This means that a lane of approximately



38 AusPlay Qld data tables – July 2018 to June 2019 data

39 ABS 2016 Census QuickStats https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/313031370?opendocument

40 ABS 2016 Census QuickStats https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/313031371?opendocument

41 <http://www.roymorgan.com/findings/7182-decline-in-competitive-sports-participation-australia-december-2016-201703200905>

32.5m is ideal to house the vault apparatus. Additionally a standard gymnastics floor is 12m x 12m, requiring an additional 2m safety buffer. Uneven bars and a beam is also required in the space in addition to other training equipment and non artistic equipment such as a trampoline.

Rings, pommel, parallel bars and horizontal bar are additional apparatus required to offer MAG (men's artistic gymnastics) activities (not currently offered by the club). It is worth noting that ceiling height is an important consideration for a gymnastics facility (allowing rings to hang, and trampoliners to jump safely), limiting the number of facilities which are suitable to house gymnastics. The ceiling height of the Kilcoy Indoor Sport Centre is ideal for gymnastics.

The current lack of space within the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre is a significant limitation for Kilcoy Gymnastics Club's growth and may make attracting coaches difficult. Additionally, the lack of temperature control also limits delivery, as activities are cancelled once the temperature reaches 36°C. The club has also had snakes enter the facility.

Consultation with gymnastics club members revealed challenges with building and toilet access, raising child supervision risks. Currently access must be gained through the cardio equipment located around the netted court. The club also does not have access to water in its section of the building. It is not possible for the club to host competitions as there is no longer room for spectators. Parking during activities also presents challenges, along with the limited storage and access to the external storage shed.

7.1.7 Kilcoy Army Cadets

The Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre has been recently used by the Kilcoy Army Cadets on a Friday night. There are 46 cadets, led by 4 volunteer leaders. While limited information was provided within the survey, the cadets leader suggested the need to ideally have four separate classroom spaces. The cadets would be more successfully accommodated by the suggested facility upgrade concept plan.

2019 Senior Membership	2019 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2 and Woodford SSC)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2 and Woodford SSC)	
5	79	Growing	0.2%	10	5.2%	57	0.2%	16	5.2%	84

7.2 Hopetoun Sports Fields

The Hopetoun Sports Fields, Seib Street, Kilcoy (-26.94866, 152.566491, Lot/Plan 10SP162934, 11.5ha) is a large freehold sports facility located within the wetland area beside Kilcoy Creek, 1km south of the main business centre of Kilcoy. It is adjacent to other significant community infrastructure including the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre, Kilcoy Aquatic Centre, Yowie Park and Kilcoy Visitor Information Centre and linked to a belt of freehold park development area and park reserves along the Kilcoy Creek, linking right through to the Kilcoy High School.



7.2.1 Facility Attributes

Address	Sieb Street, Kilcoy
Land area	11.5ha
Tenure	Leasehold (Council)
Lot Plan	10SP162934
Latitude and Longitude	-26.94866, 152.566491
Distance from town	1km
Facility inclusions	<p>2.8ha of flat symmetrical land, currently laid out in two irrigated rectangular fields (one lit) with central cricket pitch and rugby league goal posts</p> <p>Asymmetrical area of approximately 0.5ha, relatively flat, unprepared surface</p> <p>Clubhouse (2006) with canteen, toilets, change rooms, storage and an announcers' towers</p> <p>Tiered seating and awning</p> <p>Cricket nets</p> <p>Sealed walking path</p> <p>Camping pad</p>

Hopetoun Sports Fields includes approximately 2.8ha of flat symmetrical land, currently laid out in two irrigated rectangular fields (one lit) used for rugby league, and annually for athletics with an unused cricket pitch in the middle.

Rugby league goal posts are in place. There are “dug out” areas for home and away team marshalling. The area is fenced with a non-secure barrier fence. The area also includes an asymmetrical area of approximately 0.5ha, which is relatively flat but with an unprepared surface.

A clubhouse built in 2006, situated on a raised mound to mitigate against minor flooding, contains well appointed canteen, toilets, change rooms, storage and an announcers towers. Tiered seating and an awning extending between the clubhouse and the fields provides spectator viewing areas.

Cricket nets (which are currently unused) sit in the north of the site, closer to the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre.

A sealed walking path, embellished with tree planting, loosely bounds the site and connects with neighbouring park land. The path was mentioned in the public survey as needing repairs to its surface, along with a need for increased tree planting to provide shade.

A padded area on the east of the site is used for short stay self contained camping.

The rectangular playing field area can be used to land rescue helicopters and is equipped with a windsock.

The facility is primarily used for rugby league by the Kilcoy District Football Club Inc., otherwise known as the Kilcoy Yowies. No mentions were made about rugby league in the public survey however the potential to host touch football or soccer at the Hopetoun Sports Fields was. The facility is a significant community asset and has the potential to flexibly service existing and emerging field sports in the longer term. National growth in sports such as soccer (2.5% between 2001 and 2016⁴²) with high rates of club participation per population (13.4% of the national child population⁴³) only require a driver or two within the community to become established. Emerging sports such as ultimate disc (frisbie) and e-sports including drone racing may be future users of field space previously used for more traditional sports.

7.2.2 Kilcoy Yowies

Kilcoy District Football Club Inc., otherwise known as the Kilcoy Yowies, (IA32802) are the main users of Hopetoun Sports Fields.

The club is currently experiencing instability which the small group of volunteers who lead the club are trying to overcome. A historic handshake agreement was in place between neighbouring community Woodford’s Stanley River Rugby League Football Club and the Kilcoy District Football Club Inc. that

Woodford would provide rugby league for juniors and Kilcoy for seniors, both in the Sunshine Coast league district. This was not maintained and resulted in Kilcoy’s senior team numbers declining from a previous membership of 36 players (2019). In 2020 Kilcoy no longer has a senior team, with players now playing in Woodford or for other Sunshine Coast teams.

In preparation for the 2020 season, club leaders began discussions with community members from Blackbutt (55km away) and Yarraman (69km away) and a merger with the Blackbutt-Yarraman Rugby League Club (Timbertowners) has now seen an under 6, under 10 and possibly an under 11 or 12 team formed between the three communities. Training and home games will be rotated between the communities and they will play in the South Burnett league district. The club believes the numbers will grow as Kilcoy based players rejoin after previously playing in Woodford. Woodford currently fields three under 6 juniors teams, indicating the good numbers at this club.

AusPlay’s Queensland participation data shows an adult club participation of 1.4% of the population, and the child organised activity participation at 5.2% of the population. Based on Kilcoy’s current adult (4,589) and child (1,090) population, rugby league participation could be 66 adults and 57 children. Using the existing Queensland trend of 1.4% of the adult population playing club rugby league, and with

⁴² <http://www.roymorgan.com/findings/7182-decline-in-competitive-sports-participation-australia-december-2016-201703200905>

⁴³ AusPlay survey results July 2018 - June 2019, SportAus

a population increase of 1.8% to 5,684 adults, club rugby league participation is expected to be approximately 82 adult members by 2031. A similar calculation for children indicates an expected participation of 71 children by 2031. However these figures are out of line with Kilcoy District Football Club's membership, possibly entirely due to the strength of Woodford's Stanley River Rugby League Football Club. It should also be noted that the Roy Morgan sports participation report shows a decline of -2.1% per year across the 15 years from 2001 to 2016⁴⁴.

Rugby league is played at the local high school however this has not converted significantly to club leadership support, volunteers or player numbers. The school uses the western field at Hopetoun Sport Fields for two days for their athletics and cross country carnivals. The Yowies open the canteen for the event and profits are shared between the club and the school. The Yowies also sponsor the athletics cup each year within a 10 year commitment.

Previously, revenue has been generated through gate takings, canteen and bar at senior home games, however security and referee costs are high resulting in limited funds being generated.

To improve the facilities, the club has identified that more seating is required in the covered area, field top dressing and repairs to the irrigation system so that it covers all of the field is required, and to reduce electricity costs, the club would like to install a solar power system and replace the existing lights with LED.

The club uses a donga, situated between the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre and the Kilcoy Aquatic Centre. The building is used as an administration building, meeting room and storeroom (outside of 100 year flood risk area) and as a ticketing box to collect gate takings for home games. These functions should be considered within any future upgrades of the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre.

The perimeter of the grounds is currently not fenced, so gate takings are collected on a honesty basis. Facility access, thoroughfares and parking are problematic at times when trying to meet the needs of all users in the wider community precinct. These matters should be resolved with future master planning and a formalised facility user group.

2019/2020 Senior Membership	2019/2020 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)	
38/0	0/TBC	Unstable	1.4%	66	5.2%	57

7.2.3 Recommendations

The Kilcoy and District Football Club (Yowies) will require support in their attempts to stabilise the club and build junior numbers. Given the likely low field use, carnival and event based one-off use opportunities and multi-use arrangements for emerging sports should be explored.

Hopetoun Sport Fields should be included within a wider master plan with consideration given to LED lighting, irrigation, seating, vehicle access, parking, ticketing, crowd control, walking path surface, tree planting and unused infrastructure.

44 <http://www.roymorgan.com/findings/7182-decline-in-competitive-sports-participation-australia-december-2016-201703200905>

7.3 Kilcoy Aquatic Centre

The Kilcoy Aquatic Centre is located on the D'Aguilar Highway (or Hope Street), Kilcoy within the 1.9ha freehold land area (-26.947358, 152.565533, Lot/Plan 305SP2946710) shared also by the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre and Yowie Park. The centre is less than 1km from the town centre.

7.3.1 Facility Attributes

Address	D'Aguilar Highway (or Hope Street), Kilcoy
Land area	1.9ha (shared with Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre)
Tenure	Freehold (Council)
Lot Plan	305SP2946710
Latitude and Longitude	-26.947358, 152.565533
Distance from town	<1km
Facility inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 lane 25m x 13m competition pool Heated 3 lane 16m x 8m hydrotherapy, learn-to-swim, cool down pool 14m x 6m children's splash area Canteen and administration building Change rooms and toilets Storage Shade sails

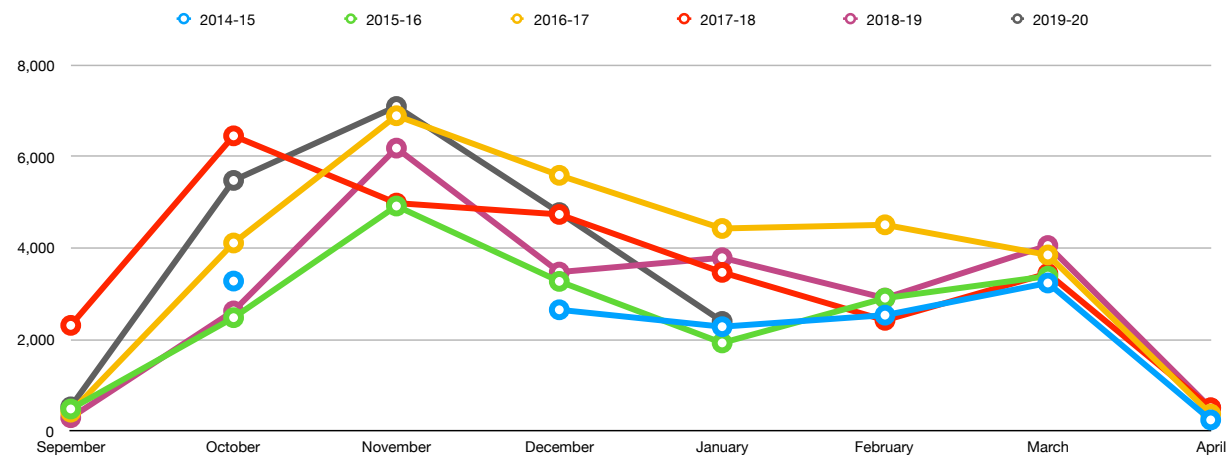
The facility includes a 6 lane 25m x 13m competition pool, a heated 3 lane 16m x 8m hydrotherapy, learn-to-swim, cool down pool, a 14m x 6m children's splash area, canteen and administration building, change rooms and toilets, and storage. Shade sails partially cover all three swimming pool areas plus a marshalling area. The centre was constructed in 2008. Previously the Kilcoy swimming pool was co-located with the tennis courts on Taylor Street.

The public pool is open from the September school holidays to the Easter school holidays. The pool operates Monday to Friday from 6am to 6pm, Saturday from 9am to 5pm, Sunday from 10am to 5pm, and public holidays from 10am to 5pm (closed Christmas Day). Activities include learn-to-swim, squad and aqua aerobics. Pool parties are scheduled throughout the season.⁴⁵

The Council facility is operated by a contracted manager who employs a number of part time staff and coaches.

Pool activities are promoted on a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/KilcoyAquaticCentre/>)

The graph below shows Kilcoy Aquatic Centre's monthly patronage records.⁴⁶



2016/2017 has been the most well attended year in the five years of attendance records displayed, however with a record attendance in November 2019, the 2019/2020 year may also be high. The pool sees an average of 23,000 admissions per year. The pool's popularity is contributed to by the hosting of pool party events and use of the pool's inflatable which has been used every Friday night during the season for the last 11 years. The pool is used by five local schools for lessons and carnivals.⁴⁷

The AusPlay estimate for Australian adults participating in swimming is 14.8% of the adult population. For children this is 34.5% of the child population.⁴⁸ Based on Kilcoy's current adult (4,589) and child (1,090) population, there is likely to be 679

local adults and 376 local child users of the pool. AusPlay suggests that this should convert to club participation for adults at 0.5% of the population, and a club participation for children at 7.5% of the population.⁴⁹ Based on Kilcoy's current adult (4,589) and child (1,090) population, swimming club membership could be 23 adults and 82 children.

Discussions with the Kilcoy Aquatic Centre Manager revealed that swimming club membership has been as high as 140 members in the past. In 2019, there were 78 members. Currently there are only 5 members and this has been attributed to the lack of heating in the 25m pool, along with the restricted opening season. It was suggested that many competitive swimmers are traveling as far as

Caboilture to utilise heated facilities. The swimming club does not have dedicated space at the aquatic centre for storage or clubhouse. This is a change to what was previously in place at the old swimming pool.⁵⁰ Other than the pool manager, no volunteers were involved in consultation to represent the swimming club. It is suspected that willing volunteers to lead the organisation may also be an issue for the swimming club.

A number of themes were reported within the public survey regarding the pool with an extension of pool opening hours (season) being the most common response.

⁴⁶ Somerset Regional Council

⁴⁷ Pers. Comm. Kilcoy Aquatic Centre Manager

⁴⁸ Swimming State of Play Report, April 2019, SportAus, AusPlay

⁴⁹ AusPlay survey results July 2018 - June 2019, SportAus

⁵⁰ Pers. Comm. Kilcoy Aquatic Centre Manager

However as can be seen from the patronage figures above, attendance drops significantly in September and April (to 20% and 10% of the other months in the season) indicating that a longer season would need to be paired with heating and covering initiatives.

Feedback from Council Officers and the pool manager suggests that the absence of heating in the 25m pool is an impediment to maintaining and increasing pool patronage. Pool heating would bring the facility in line with facilities in other comparable rural communities and is considered a short-term priority for the site, enabling increased operating hours to be evaluated.

The pool manager suggested that pool entry fees and no access to pro rata fees may have been a deterrent to attendance.⁵¹ Fees were only mentioned once in the public survey. Admission is 20 cents more than neighbouring Woodford pool and the same fee is charged across all Somerset Regional Council pools.

Response theme	Percentage	No. responses
Pool opening hours	5.4%	11
Pool heating	2.0%	4
Pool shade	1.0%	2
Pool tables and seating	1.0%	2
Pool entry fees	0.5%	1
Pool staff qualifications	0.5%	1

The smaller heated pool within the facility is popular for hydrotherapy and supported by Allied Health practitioners.⁵² The significantly active senior population evidenced by participation at the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre is

expected to also be reflected in high pool use by seniors residents. These users, along with squad swimmers, would likely benefit the most from an extended opening season. Water therapy chairs and a lift are needed to support hydrotherapy pool use.⁵³

Facility improvements may include pool covers and 25m pool heating, hydrotherapy chairs and lift, seating and tables (potentially portable grandstand seating) to accommodate carnivals and popular large events, and increased storage with exclusive storage space for the swimming club if required.⁵⁴

AQUATIC CENTRE

Average Annual Admissions	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)	
23,000	Growing	14.8%	679	34.5%	376

SWIMMING CLUB

2019 Senior Membership	2019 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)	
	78*	Declining	0.5%	23	7.5%	82

* Note- Swimming Club membership down to 5 in 2020

⁵¹ Pers. Comm. Kilcoy Aquatic Centre Manager

⁵² Pers. Comm. Kilcoy Aquatic Centre Manager

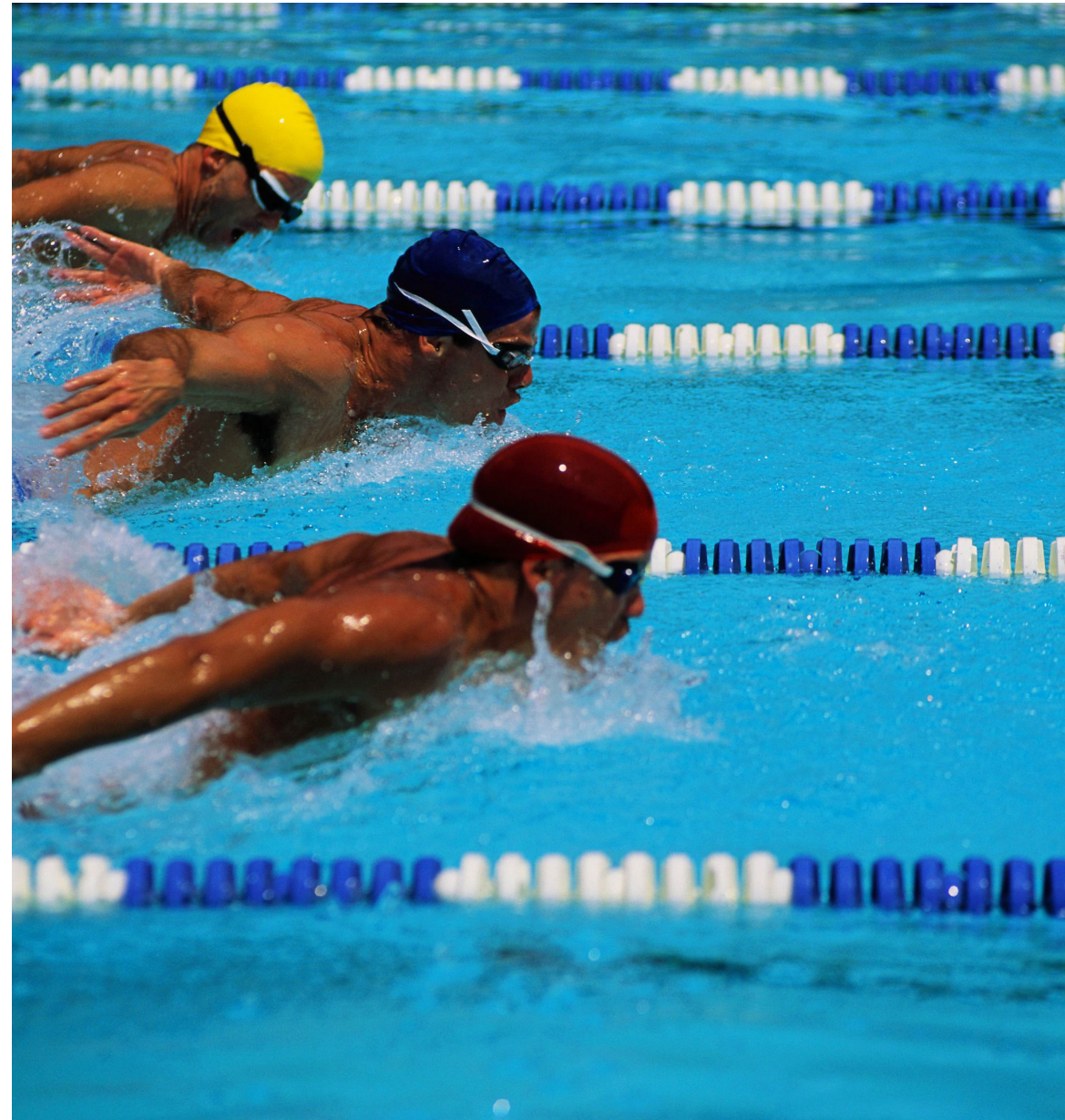
⁵³ Pers. Comm. Kilcoy Aquatic Centre Manager

⁵⁴ Pers. Comm. Kilcoy Aquatic Centre Manager

7.3.2 Recommendations

Further engagement is required with squad swimmers to gauge demand for a swimming club in Kilcoy and if necessary, support the club to establish a sustainable governance structure.

Include the Kilcoy Aquatic Centre within a wider master plan with consideration given to pool covers and 25m pool heating (short term), hydrotherapy chairs and lift, seating and tables (potentially portable grandstand seating) to accommodate carnivals and popular large events, and increased storage with exclusive storage space for the swimming club, if required.



7.4 Kilcoy Golf Club

Kilcoy's golf course is located at Carseldine St, Kilcoy (-26.937722, 152.557558 Lot/Plan 434CG3222 and 204SP197418), a short 2 minutes drive (1.1km) from the town centre. The freehold 35ha site owned by the Kilcoy Golf Club was established in 1964⁵⁵. The 9 hole, grass green and grass fairway, 3 hole loop course has a maximum course length of 5,454m. The facility also provides a putting green, short game / chipping area and practice nets.⁵⁶ The weatherboard clubhouse contains a bar, canteen, change rooms and toilets.

The audit undertaken by Golf Australia in August 2019 rated both the overall course and clubhouse in moderate condition.⁵⁷ The clubhouse contributes to the club's revenue from functions and venue hire.



7.4.1 Facility Attributes

Address	Carseldine St, Kilcoy
Land area	35ha
Tenure	Freehold (club)
Lot Plan	-26.937722, 152.557558
Latitude and Longitude	434CG3222 and 204SP197418
Distance from town	1.1km
Facility inclusions	9 hole, grass green and grass fairway, 3 hole loop course (max 5,454m) Putting green, short game / chipping area Practice nets Clubhouse (bar, canteen, change rooms and toilets)

The Kilcoy Golf Club (IA06850) is part of the Sunshine Coast and South Burnett District Golf Association. The club has both a website (<http://www.kilcoygold.com.au/>) and a facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/kilcoygoldclub/>) and both are informative and kept up to date.

With 130 adult members and 9 junior members in 2019⁵⁸ (2.8% of the Kilcoy adult population) and already 100 members in 2020 the Kilcoy Golf Club very closely achieves the expected adult club participation of 3% and slightly exceeds the expected junior participation of 0.5% of the population which is achieved by golf across Queensland⁵⁹. Using the existing Queensland participation of 3% of the adult population playing golf, and with a population increase of 1.8% to 5,684 adults, membership of Kilcoy Golf Club is expected to be approximately 169 adult members by 2031.

55 <http://www.kilcoygold.com.au/>

56 Sports Facility Auditor Report (15 December 2019), Golf Australia

57 Sports Facility Auditor Report (15 December 2019), Golf Australia

58 Pers. Comm. Kilcoy Golf Club

59 AusPlay Qld data tables – July 2018 to June 2019 data

Discussions with a representative from the club suggests a strong, and self sustainable position for the club, reliant on extensive volunteer contribution⁶⁰. As with all clubs, the reliance on a small number of very active volunteers is a risk, as the volunteers who have put in additional efforts to improve the club run out of energy. Club membership is slightly more than it has been in previous years.

AusPlay’s Golf State of Play Report shows a small downward trend in total participation between 2016 and 2018⁶¹, and this is reinforced by the Roy Morgan sports participation report showing a decline of-1.8% per year across the 15 years from 2001 to 2016.⁶² This downward trend heightens the need for Kilcoy Golf Club to apply member attraction and retention initiatives. Neighbouring communities (Toogoolawah and Woodford) both have golf courses, so other than the occasional drift of members from one community to the other, Kilcoy Golf Club’s membership catchment area is primarily local. Player numbers would be added to by travelling competition golfers who are members of other clubs.

Evidenced in public survey responses, discussions with a club representative and the Golf Queensland facility assessment⁶³ (see attached), access to a reliable and consistent water source is the club’s major challenge. In drought conditions experienced during 2019, the club was only able to sparingly irrigate the greens, decreasing the appeal of the facility to players, making player retention challenging.

The club would benefit greatly from access to treated effluent water which has been discussed with Council in the past.

7.4.2 Recommendation

It is recommended that further investigations be made into gaining access to treated effluent water through discussions with Council and Urban Utilities.



2019 Senior Membership	2019 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)	Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)
130	9	Growing	3%	5

60 Pers. Comm. Kilcoy Golf Club

61 Golf State of Play Report, April 2019, Sport Australia, AusPlay

62 <http://www.roymorgan.com/findings/7182-decline-in-competitive-sports-participation-australia-december-2016-201703200905>

63 Sports Facility Auditor Report (15 December 2019), Golf Australia

7.5 Kilcoy Tennis Club

The tennis courts in Kilcoy are at 23 Taylor Street (-26.939109, 152.568285, Lot/Plan 289CG3882). The reserve land situated at the back of the Kilcoy State High School is held in trust by the Council. The Kilcoy District Tennis Association Incorporated understands they have a peppercorn lease due to expire in 2025 and have a record of the lease amongst the club's documents.⁶⁴

7.5.1 Facility Attributes

Address	23 Taylor Street, Kilcoy
Tenure	Reserve (peppercorn lease from Council)
Lot Plan	289CG3882
Latitude and Longitude	-26.939109, 152.568285
Distance from town	900m
Facility inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three lit hard courts One lit synthetic grass court Clubhouse including canteen and meeting room Male/female toilet block Informal car parking space within the land area Old pool administration and amenities building



The facility consists of four lit courts (three hard courts and one synthetic grass court), a clubhouse including canteen and meeting room and a male/female toilet block. There is significant informal car parking space within the land area on the old swimming pool site. The old pool administration and amenities building also sits within the lot plan area. It is believed to be unused.⁶⁵

Kilcoy District Tennis Association Incorporated. (IA07848) currently has no financial members and is run by a committee of two (President and Secretary). Despite this, there is still social tennis being held on Tuesday mornings with 8 to 10 players attending and junior tennis on Wednesday where a club coach (the President) facilitates children's activities for \$2 per child. Only a few children attend. There is a very occasional court hire for \$2 per hour.⁶⁶

The club is suffering from a serious lack of interest, resulting in a lack of volunteers and participants. This was confirmed by the the public survey which contained no comments at all about tennis. Regular fixtures were last held in 2018 with 25 to 30 members participating.⁶⁷

The previous committee almost closed the club and intended to give their funds to another local

club. In order to "save" tennis for the community, the current committee stepped forward, but have not been successful in growing interest, despite membership only being \$15 per person. The club is currently using its remaining funds to continue to operate but with no substantial revenue being earned, these funds will eventually run out.⁶⁸

There is evidence to support the club's efforts to promote and host activities. Some of these activities have attracted some interest but no conversion to club membership. Promotion has included newspaper advertisements, posters and social media. There are various web pages, a Facebook place and a Facebook page that promote the club. The Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/KilcoyTennis>) declares a club name change to Kilcoy Tennis Club (from Kilcoy Junior Tennis) on the 20 February 2020 in an attempt to broaden the audience. The Facebook page contains a number of posts promoting tennis coaching with a number of different coaches, and social tennis. A highly qualified (now Kilcoy based coach) attempted to promote tennis within the local community but had no success due to the lack of interest.⁶⁹

Previously the club had been affiliated with Tennis Queensland (TQ). This has resulted in significant

support with TQ providing activity delivery frameworks and a significant amount of equipment. These efforts have unfortunately not converted to membership so the value of the \$1,400 affiliate fee is now being questioned.⁷⁰

Kilcoy State High School pays \$600 per year to hire the courts.⁷¹ Survey responses from the school did not indicate that the schools were currently offering tennis as a school sport, however the tennis club do see some type of school activities taking place on the courts.⁷²

A professional tennis coach not associated with the club uses the courts to coach school age children Wednesday and Thursday morning before school. As the coach is older than retirement age, his ability to continue this activity may be limited.⁷³

While Sport Australia's Tennis State of Play report shows a slight downward trend in overall adult tennis participation between 2016 (4.7%) and 2018 (4.3%)⁷⁴ and the Roy Morgan sports participation report shows a decline of -2.8% per year across the 15 years from 2001 to 2016⁷⁵, this does not explain the level of decline and low membership experienced by the Kilcoy club. The tipping point phenomenon (the point at which a series of small changes or incidents

65 Pers. Comm. Kilcoy Tennis Club

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74 Sport Australia's Tennis State of Play report April 2019

75 <http://www.roymorgan.com/findings/7182-decline-in-competitive-sports-participation-australia-december-2016-201703200905>

becomes significant enough to cause a larger, more important change), may be at play.

AusPlay's Queensland participation data shows an adult club participation of 1.8% of the population, and the child organised activity participation at 8% of the population.⁷⁶ Based on Kilcoy's current adult (4,589) and child (1,090) population, tennis participation could be 83 adults and 87 children. Using the existing Queensland trend of 1.8% of the adult population playing club tennis, and with a population increase of 1.8% to 5,684 adults, membership of Kilcoy Tennis Club is expected to be approximately 102 adult members by 2031. A similar calculation for children indicates an expected participation of 107 children by 2031. However these figures are out of line with Kilcoy District Tennis Association membership.

Neighbouring communities (Toogoolawah and Woodford) both have tennis facilities, so other than the occasional drift of members from one community to the other, Kilcoy Tennis Club's membership catchment area is primarily local. Recent media also reports planned upgrades to other tennis courts in the Somerset Regional Council area (Toogoolawah, Moore and Esk).⁷⁷

The tennis club acknowledges they are not in a position to expect support for facility improvements with such low membership and participation. The club President is currently paid an honorarium to keep the facilities maintained (mostly weed control on the court). The club has previously used a Council grant to fix the lights, seating and nets. The three hard courts are cracking, showing signs of age and water damage. It was suggested that the site may have been impacted by flood waters however the Kilcoy 1 in 100 YR Flood Event Map⁷⁸ shows the facilities well out of the 1 in 100 year flood area.

The Kilcoy Tennis Club situation is one of high risk and Council should be aware of this club's limited ability to maintain insurance for activities at the facility, and to fulfil their obligations as lessee on this trust land.

2019 Senior Membership	2019 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)	
10	3	Declining	1.8%	83	8%	87

7.5.2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Kilcoy and District Tennis Club be supported by Council to understand their facility occupancy requirements for minimum membership numbers and insurance currency.

The club will also require support to deliver initiatives which may attract active club volunteers via tennis participation. Tennis Queensland have indicated a willingness to provide this support.

The club may require assistance in the event of closure, to undertake all required governance and financial obligations, and ensure the best outcome for continued local tennis participation and facility security.

Tennis participation should be considered within plans for the Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre expansion.

⁷⁶ AusPlay Qld data tables – July 2018 to June 2019 data

⁷⁷ <https://m.thechronicle.com.au/news/council-courts-plans-to-upgrade-sports-facilities/3953915/>

⁷⁸ <https://www.somerset.qld.gov.au/our-services/flood-studies>

7.6 Kilcoy Bowls Club

The lawn bowling greens and clubhouse is situated at 11 Royston Street, Kilcoy (-26.945561, 152.566693, Lot/Plan 3RP64318 with access via Lot/Plan 2RP102601). The club is owned by Kilcoy Bowls Club Inc. (IA14592).

7.6.1 Facility Attributes

Address	11 Royston Street, Kilcoy
Land area	4,445m ² in lot 3
Tenure	Freehold
Lot Plan	3RP64318 and 2RP102601
Latitude and Longitude	-26.945561, 152.56669
Distance from town	
Facility inclusions	Eight lane irrigated natural grass green, lit in 2018 Clubhouse includes a bar, kitchen, dining area and eight ball table

The facility includes an eight lane irrigated natural grass green which was lit in 2018. The clubhouse includes a bar, kitchen, dining area and eight ball tables. The club generates revenue from monthly meal nights catering for about 100 people, and this activity has led to a large increase in social membership. Wakes are also held at the facility, catering for up to 200 people. Solar panels and LED lights have been installed to reduce costs.

The club is well supported by a large number of as many as 20 volunteers as well as part time paid staff on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. Volunteer numbers are however declining with membership decline, putting a strain on the existing volunteers to deliver revenue raising initiatives.

Member bowls is played by ladies on Tuesday mornings and men at 11:30am on Saturdays.

Total club membership in 2019 was 146 people. Of those, 58 are bowlers (40 male and 18 female), mostly over 50 years, which is a slightly higher membership than expected based on AusPlay's Queensland participation. This data shows an adult club participation of 0.7% of the population, and the child organised activity participation at 0% of the population.⁷⁹ Based on Kilcoy's current adult population (4,589), bowls participation is expected to be 30 adults.

Using the existing Queensland participation trend of 0.7% of the adult population playing club bowls, and with a population increase of 1.8% to 5,684 adults, membership of Kilcoy Bowls Club would be approximately 38 adult members by 2031. However the declining participation in the sport of bowls must also be considered. The Roy Morgan report suggests a decline of -1.9% per year across the 15 years from 2001 to 2016. Kilcoy Bowls Club reports a decline in membership from approximately 130 members five years ago to 58 members today (-14.9% per year). The club has counteracted this membership decline with increases in social membership and revenue raising initiatives such as the meal nights.

Neighbouring communities (Toogoolawah and Woodford) both have bowls facilities, so other than the occasional drift of members from one community to the other, Kilcoy Bowls Club's membership catchment area is primarily local. Positive relationships exist with potential local competitors the RSL and Kilcoy Golf Club and some facility sharing has taken place between the golf and bowls clubs in the past.

The club would like to increase its membership and have attempted participation initiatives such as barefoot bowling and night bowling (Thursdays and Fridays) with little success. Wednesday night bowling will be trialled however the facility is shared with Kilcoy Eight Ball Association Inc (IA56812) on Wednesday nights. Local schools were contacted at the start of 2020, with no response. The club loans their large chocolate wheel to other local clubs and was not taking advantage of this advertising opportunity.

There were no comments relating to bowls within the public survey.

The club schedules an annual maintenance period to allow the grass greens to recover and to conduct green works. Irrigation (using town water) is conservatively applied to reduce costs and water use. The installation of tanks or a bore has been ruled out.

Required facility upgrades include the kitchen, particularly the oven, and modernisation and expansion of the bar area. Ideally, the cold room could be moved back to the store room, so that the bar could also be moved.

While higher membership numbers than the national participation trend, and revenue earning and cost saving initiatives put the Kilcoy Bowls Club in a healthy situation currently, ageing and declining membership (experienced by most bowls clubs Australia wide) poses a threat. It would be a benefit to ensure the club is supported during likely future challenges brought about by decreasing membership and volunteers. Multi-use or facility sharing put in place by city based bowls club to assist their survival may not be as accessible in a small rural community such as Kilcoy however potential future uses by youth clubs or growth sports and activities may present opportunities to active the bowls club site.

2019 Senior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)	
58	Declining	0.7%	38

7.6.2 Recommendations

The Kilcoy Bowls Club may need support to deliver initiatives which may attract active club volunteers via community facility use.

If required, support for the club to consider possible multi-use opportunities would be valuable.

Longer term, if membership and volunteer numbers continue to decline the club may require assistance to undertake all required governance and financial obligations to close the club, including the sale of the property.

7.7 Other clubs

While not within the scope of this needs analysis, information regarding the Kilcoy Motorcycle Club and the Stanley Rivers Polocrosse Club have been provided as a result of both clubs completing a club survey.

7.7.1 Kilcoy Motorcycle Club

The Kilcoy Motorcycle Club Inc. (IA00855) utilise a track on the corner of Neurum Road and Runges Road, Glenfern (-26.94992,152.60507, Lot/Plan 1SP134321), a 4.8ha Recreation Reserve located on the outer edge of the Somerset Regional Council area 5.7km from Kilcoy. The trustee is Somerset Regional Council (title reference 49102374) and it is presumed that Kilcoy Motorcycle Club has a lease agreement with the Council.

The club had very high membership numbers of 321 seniors and 230 juniors (in 2019). The club hosts a round of the South East Qld Junior Motocross Series⁸⁰ annually (with other communities Warwick, Kingaroy and Toowoomba in 2019). The event has grown to become larger than the Sunshine State Motocross Series⁸¹, averaging about 290 junior riders per round and is allocated to clubs annually by application⁸². The club uses the facility for 30 event days per year and approximately 10 hours per event, restricted by allowed operational hours and the required track preparation hours. In 2019 Council provided approval for 37 events. This was extended to 38 in 2020. Club days have grown in popularity to become larger than the regional series. Club events are now regularly drawing over 300 riders with participants coming from as far as Far North Queensland.

With such large membership and event participation numbers, the venue can clearly be classified as a regional venue however Motorcycling Queensland have advised that the venue is not large enough to support a national level event⁸³.

The club's regional status is reinforced by AusPlay's national participation data which shows an adult club participation of 0.2% of the population, and a child club participation at 0.1% of the population⁸⁴. Based on Kilcoy's current adult (4,589) and child (1,090) population, motor cycling participation could be 10 adults and 1 child.

While participation in sports like motorcycling, specifically motocross is expected to be higher in rural areas, the rural location of the Kilcoy track does not fully explain the high level of participation. If the club is considered to have a wider, regional catchment area then the membership number makes more sense.

In 2016 the Somerset Regional Council area had a population of 24,597 and children aged 0-14 years made up 20.5% of the population⁸⁵ with a growth rate of 1.8%. In 2016 the Moreton Bay Regional Council area had a population of 425,302 and children aged 0-14 years made up 21% of the population⁸⁶ with a growth rate of 2.4%. With the two local government population areas combined the estimated population for 2019 was 482,614 with 381,395 adults and 101,219 children.

80 <https://www.facebook.com/SEQjuniormx/>

81 <https://www.facebook.com/Sunshine-State-MX-Series-2216370365248347/>

82 Pers. Comm. Motorcycling Queensland

83 <https://www.facebook.com/SEQjuniormx/>

84 AusPlay survey results July 2018 - June 2019, SportAus

85 ABS 2016 Census QuickStats https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/LGA36580?opendocument

86 ABS 2016 Census QuickStats https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/LGA35010?opendocument

If the combined population of Somerset and Moreton Bay Regional Council areas is considered to be the catchment area for Kilcoy Motorcycle Club then the expected participation for adults (at 0.2%) would be 763 and for children (at 0.1%) 101, closer to the actual participation.

The reality is that most members are from Somerset, Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast but members also travel as far as Bundaberg, Gold Coast and Chinchilla to participate in weekend rides.⁸⁷

The clubhouse and toilet block at the club's facility are still functional but both require an upgrade. The clubhouse is in need of a refurbishment to keep it in line with health standards and the toilet block needs a refurbishment to improve the quality of the facility. A work skills program is expected to spend 9 weeks at the facility in 2020 to carry out necessary improvements including clubhouse and toilet upgrades and shade shelter installation.⁸⁸

The club's high participation provides potential sports tourism opportunities to the Somerset Regional Council area and will already be delivering some economic benefit to the region.

7.7.2 Stanley Rivers Polocrosse Club

Stanley Rivers Polocrosse Club uses the Kilcoy Showgrounds Reserve as their home grounds and utilises the show ring, Ken & Mary Nunn Pavilion Kiosk and Amenities, the club's own booth, and the cattle yards.

The club runs an annual carnival at the Kilcoy Showgrounds Reserve and the facility mostly meets members' needs.

Extra catering equipment is installed in the Ken & Mary Nunn Pavilion Kiosk to facilitate the annual carnival. The club would benefit from external lighting on the Ken & Mary Nunn Pavilion along with permanent cooking facilities.

The fencing around the show ring requires painting and at the time of the club survey, the club reported that this maintenance task was "already in the pipeline".

No participation data was supplied by the club.

2019 Senior Membership	2019 Junior Membership	Trend	Expected adult participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected child participation (Kilcoy SA2)		Expected adult participation (Moreton R and Somerset R)		Expected child participation (Moreton R and Somerset R)	
321	230	Growing	0.2%	10	0.1%	1	0.2%	763	0.1%	101

⁸⁷ Pers. Comms. Kilcoy Motorcycle Club

⁸⁸ Pers. Comms. Kilcoy Motorcycle Club